## Nonuniform Berry-Esseen bound for self-normalized series

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**Abstract** In this paper, we shall obtain nonuniform Berry-Esseen bounds in the central limit theorem for self-normalized series. We establish the exponential Berry-Esseen bounds for the probability of the self-normalized series under the condition that the third moment is finite.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of independent random variables with  $\mathbb{E}X_i = 0$  and  $0 < \mathbb{E}X_i^2 < \infty$  for  $i \ge 1$ . Let  $b \in (0, 1)$  be the discount factor. The random power series  $S_b$  can be defined as

$$S_b = X_0 + bX_1 + b^2 X_2 + \dots$$

From the financial point of view,  $X_i$  stands for the (random) money that we will get at *i*-th year of a contract, for example a coupon bond and  $S_b$  is the present value of the cash flow. In the literature,  $S_b$  is also called the perpetuities (see [2], [9], [10]) for more detail.

The study of this quantity has drawn much of interest and it has a long history for more than 50 years. Let us mention some remarkable results for the simplest case that the random variables  $X_i$ 's are independent, identically distribution (i.i.d). In 1971, Gerber [8] provided a Berry-Esseen bound for the following central limit theorem as  $b \to 1^-$ ,

$$\sqrt{1-b^2}S_b \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^2),$$

where  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}X_1^2$ .

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In 1974, Lai [13] proved the strong law of large number

$$\frac{X_b}{1-b} \xrightarrow{a.s} 0.$$

The law of iterated logarithm

$$\limsup_{b \to 1^{-1}} \sqrt{\frac{1 - b^2}{\log \log(1/(1 - b^2))}} S_b = \sqrt{2}\sigma$$

was proved by Gaposhkin [7] in 1965.

Recently, Iksanov consider a generalization with stochastic discount rates and provide the analogue versions of the above results.

In this paper, we are interested in the self-normalized series (denote by  $S_b/V_b$ )

$$\frac{X_0 + bX_1 + b^2 X_2 + \dots}{\sqrt{X_0^2 + b^2 X_1^2 + b^4 X_2^2 + \dots}}$$

with  $V_b^2 = X_0^2 + b^2 X_1^2 + b^4 X_2^2 + \dots$ 

Self-normalized series can be seen as an extension of self-normalized sum, defined as

$$\frac{S_n}{V_n} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}},$$

where again the random variables  $X_i$ 's are i.i.d with mean zero and finite variance.

The self-normalized sum is also an attractive research direction both in Probability and Statistics, (see [15, Self-normalized limit theorem: A survey, Probability Surveys]) for more detail.

From the distribution of  $S_n/V_n$ , one can make a suitable change of variable to deduce the distribution of the classical Student *t*- statistics and also the studentized *t*-statistics. This research direction has been studied extensively with many interesting and nice results: Nonuniform Berry-Esseen bound [12, Wang and Jing], Cramér type large (moderate) deviation [11, Jing, Shao and Wang], the law of iterated logarithm [11, Jing, Shao and Wang], Donsker type functional central limit theorem [3, Csörgő, Szyszkowicz and Wang]. It is also interesting to consider some questions for the self-normalized series model. In 2006, Fu and Huang [6] confirmed the self-normalized law of iterated logarithm.

The purpose of this paper is to establish a nonuniform Berry-Esseen bound for the self-normalized series  $S_b/V_b$ . In other words, we wish to obtain a bound for

$$\delta_b(x) := |\mathbb{P}(S_b/V_b \le x) - \Phi(x)|.$$

Our main result is the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of independent, symmetric random variables with  $\mathbb{E}\left(|X_j|^3\right) < \infty$  for all j = 1, 2, ... Set  $B_b^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b^{2j} \mathbb{E} X_j^2, L_{3b} = B_b^{-3} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b^{3j} \mathbb{E} |X_j|^3$ .

(i) If 
$$|x| \le (5L_{3b}^{1/3})^{-1}$$
, we have

$$\delta_b(x) \le A\left((1+x^2)L_{3b} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|b^j X_j| > B_b/(6|x|))\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right).$$
(1.1)

(ii) If  $|x| > (5L_{3b}^{1/3})^{-1}$ , we have

$$\delta_b(x) \le \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}|x|}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right). \tag{1.2}$$

Under the assumption  $\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3 < \infty$ , by applying Markov's inequality for  $|x| \leq (5L_{3b}^{1/3})^{-1}$ , we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of independent, symmetric random variables with  $\mathbb{E}\left(|X_j|^3\right) < 1$  $\infty$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  Then for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\delta_b(x) \le A \min\{(1+|x|^3)L_{3b}, 1\} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right).$$

Before proving the main result, we need some the following technical lemmas.

## 2 Some technical lemmas

**Lemma 1** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be a sequence of independent, symmetric random variables with  $\mathbb{E}\left(|X_n|^3\right) < 1$  $\infty$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ 

(i) For all  $n \ge 1$  and x > 0 such that  $(1 + x^3)L_{3b} \le \frac{1}{125}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(S_b > x(V_b^2 + B_b^2)/(2B_b)\right) = (1 - \Phi(x))\exp(r_{1b}(x)) + \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2}\right)r_{2b}(x), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $|r_{1b}(x)| \leq 14x^3 L_{3b}$  and  $|r_{2b}(x)| \leq A(1+x^2)L_{3b}\exp(14x^3 L_{3b})$ . (ii) For  $n \geq 1$  and  $x \geq 1$  satisfying  $x^3 L_{3b} \leq \frac{1}{125}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > x(V_b^2 + B_b^2)/(2B_b)) = (1 - \Phi(x))(1 + r_{3b}(x)),$$
(2.2)

where  $|r_{3b}(x)| \le Ax(1+x^2)L_{3b}\exp(14x^3L_{3b}).$ 

Proof Set

$$h = \frac{x}{B_b}, \quad \eta_j = b^j X_j - \frac{h}{2} (b^{2j} X_j^2 - b^{2j} \sigma_j^2).$$

Then the left-hand side of (2.1) is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > x(V_b^2 + B_b^2)/(2B_b)) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \eta_j > xB_b\right).$$
(2.3)

Next, we apply the conjugate method which was first introduced by Esscher [4] and improved by Feller [5]. Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  be independent random variables with  $\xi_i$  having distribution function defined by

$$V_j(u) = \mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_j)\mathbf{1}(\eta_j \le u))/\mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_j))$$
 for  $j = 1, 2, ...$ 

We also define

$$M_b^2(h) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{Var}(\xi_j)$$

and

$$G_b(t) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\xi_j - \mathbb{E}\xi_j)}{M_b(h)} \le t\right), \quad R_b(h) = \frac{xB_b - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\xi_j}{M_b(h)}.$$

By the well-known equation  $\int_0^\infty \exp(-sx) \,\mathrm{d}\, \Phi(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) (1 - \Phi(s))$  and using inverse Laplace transform, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \eta_j > xB_b\right) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j)\right) \int_{xB_b}^{\infty} \exp(-hu) d\mathbb{P}(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \xi_j \le u)$$

$$= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j)\right) \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-hxB_b - hM_b(h)v) dG_b(v + R_b(h))$$

$$= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j)\right) e^{-x^2} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-hM_b(h)v) d(G_b(v + R_b(h)) - \Phi(v))\right)$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-hM_b(h)v) d\Phi(v) \right)$$

$$= I_0(h) \exp(-x^2) \left(\exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)(1 - \Phi(x)) + I_1(h) + I_2(h) + I_3(h)\right),$$
(2.4)

where

$$\begin{split} I_0(h) &= \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \exp(h\eta_j), \\ I_1(h) &= \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-hM_b(h)v) \mathrm{d}(G_b(v+R_b(h)) - \varPhi(v+R_b(h))), \\ I_2(h) &= \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-hM_b(h)v) \mathrm{d}(\varPhi(v+R_b(h)) - \varPhi(v)), \\ I_3(h) &= \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-hM_b(h)v - \exp(-xv)) \mathrm{d}\varPhi(v). \end{split}$$
  
We will establish some inequalities before estimating  $I_j(h)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3.$ 

It follows from Jensen's inequality that  $\sigma_j^3 \leq \mathbb{E}|X_j|^3$ . Combining this and the assumption  $(1+x^3)L_{3b} \leq \frac{1}{125}$ , we have

$$b^{j}\sigma_{j}h = \frac{b^{j}\sigma_{j}x}{B_{b}} \le \left(x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_{j}|^{3}\right)^{1/3} \le \frac{1}{5}.$$
(2.5)

Thus

$$h\eta_j = -\frac{1}{2}h^2(b^j X_j - h^{-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}b^{2j}\sigma_j^2 h^2 \le \frac{13}{25}.$$
(2.6)

From (2.5), the symmetry assumption and  $\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3 < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathbb{E}(\eta_{j}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1}))| = \left| \mathbb{E}\left( \left( b^{j}X_{j} - \frac{h}{2}(b^{2j}X_{j}^{2} - b^{2j}\sigma_{j}^{2}) \right) \mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1}) \right) \right| \\ & \leq \mathbb{E}(|b^{j}X_{j}|\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) + \frac{h}{2}\mathbb{E}((b^{j}X_{j})^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) \\ & + \frac{h}{2}\mathbb{E}((b^{j}\sigma_{j})^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) \\ & \leq h^{2}\mathbb{E}(|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) + \frac{h^{2}}{2}\mathbb{E}(|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) \\ & + \frac{h^{2}}{2}\mathbb{E}(|b^{j}\sigma_{j}|^{3}b^{2j}\sigma_{j}^{2}h^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) \\ & \leq 2h^{2}\mathbb{E}(|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})). \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.7)$$

Similarly, we also have

$$|\mathbb{E}(\eta_j^2 \mathbf{1}(|b^j X_j| \le h^{-1}) - b^{2j} \sigma_j^2)| \le \frac{3}{2} h\left(\mathbb{E}|b^j X_j|^3 + h b^{4j} \sigma_j^4\right),$$
(2.8)

$$\mathbb{E}(|\eta_j|^3 \mathbf{1}(|b^j X_j| \le h^{-1})) \le 6\mathbb{E}\left(|b^j X_j|^3 \mathbf{1}(|b^j X_j| \le h^{-1})\right) + 2h^3 b^{6j} \sigma_j^6.$$
(2.9)

We have

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(n\eta_{j}) = \mathbb{E} \left( \exp(h\eta_{j}) \mathbf{1} (|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1}) \right) + \mathbb{E} \left( \exp(h\eta_{j}) \mathbf{1} (|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1}) \right) \\
= \mathbb{E} \left( \left( 1 + h\eta_{j} + \frac{1}{2} (h\eta_{j})^{2} \right) \mathbf{1} (|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1}) \right) + \mathbb{E} \left( \exp(h\eta_{j}) \mathbf{1} (|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1}) \right) \\
+ \mathbb{E} \left( \left( \exp(h\eta_{j}) - 1 - h\eta_{j} - \frac{1}{2} (h\eta_{j})^{2} \right) \mathbf{1} (|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1}) \right) \\
= 1 + \frac{1}{2} h^{2} b^{2j} \sigma_{j}^{2} + l_{1j} (h) \\
= \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} h^{2} b^{2j} \sigma_{j}^{2} + l_{2j} (h) \right),$$
(2.10)

$$\left(\mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j)\right)^{-1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}h^2 b^{2j} \sigma_j^2 + l_{3j}(h), \qquad (2.11)$$

where

$$l_{1j}(h) = -\mathbb{P}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1}) + h\mathbb{E}(\eta_{j}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \le h^{-1})) + \frac{1}{2}h^{2}\mathbb{E}(\eta_{j}^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \le h^{-1}) - b^{2j}\sigma_{j}^{2}) \\ + \mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_{j})\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})) + \mathbb{E}\left((\exp(h\eta_{j}) - 1 - h\eta_{j} - \frac{1}{2}(h\eta_{n})^{2})\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \le h^{-1})\right).$$

Applying the elementary inequality  $\left|e^{x}-1-x-\frac{x^{2}}{2}\right| \leq \frac{|x|^{3}e^{|x|}}{6}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and noting that  $\exp(xh\eta_{j} \leq 2)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , we get

$$\begin{split} |l_{1j}(h)| &\leq h|\mathbb{E}\left(\eta_{j}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1})\right) + \frac{1}{2}h^{2}|\mathbb{E}(\eta_{j}^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1}) - b^{2j}\sigma_{j}^{2})| \\ &+ \frac{1}{3}h^{3}\mathbb{E}\left(|\eta_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1})\right) + 3\mathbb{P}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1}) \\ &\leq 2h^{3}\mathbb{E}\left(|\eta_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > h^{-1})\right) + \frac{3}{4}h^{3}\left(\mathbb{E}|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3} + hb^{4j}\sigma_{j}^{4}\right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{3}h^{3}6\mathbb{E}\left(|\eta_{j}|^{3}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| \leq h^{-1})\right) + 2h^{3}b^{6j}\sigma_{j}^{6} \\ &\leq 7h^{3}\mathbb{E}|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3}, \end{split}$$

$$|l_{2j}(h)| \leq 2|l_{1j}(h)| \leq 14h^{3}\mathbb{E}|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3},$$
  
 $|l_{3j}(h)| \leq 2|l_{1j}(h)| \leq 14h^{3}\mathbb{E}|b^{j}X_{j}|^{3}.$   
It is proved by Wang and Jing [12] that

$$|\mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j)) - hb^{2j}\sigma_j^2| \le 16h^2 \mathbb{E}|b^j X_j|^3,$$
(2.12)

$$|\mathbb{E}(\eta_j^2 \exp(h\eta_j)) - b^{2j} \sigma_j^2| \le 30h \mathbb{E}|b^j X_j|^3,$$
(2.13)

$$\mathbb{E}(|\eta_j|^3 \exp(h\eta_j)) \le 30\mathbb{E}|b^j X_j|^3.$$
(2.14)

It follows from (2.5)-(2.14) that

$$\mathbb{E}\xi_j = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j))}{\mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_j))} = hb^{2j}\sigma_j^2 + l_{4j}(h), \qquad (2.15)$$

where

$$l_{4j}(h) = \left(\frac{1}{\mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_j))} - 1\right) \mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j)) + \mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j)) - hb^{2j}\sigma_j^2$$

Thus, by (2.5),(2.11),(2.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |l_{4j}(h)| &\leq \left| \left( \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}(\exp(h\eta_j))} - 1 \right) \mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j)) \right| + |\mathbb{E}(\eta_j \exp(h\eta_j)) - hb^{2j}\sigma_j^2| \\ &\leq |(l_{3j}(h) - \frac{1}{2}h^2b^{2j}\sigma_j^2)(hb^{2j}\sigma_j^2 + 16h^2b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3)| + 16h^2b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3 \\ &\leq 22h^4b^{5j}\sigma_j^2\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3 + 224h^5b^{6j}(\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3)^2 + 16h^2b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3 + \frac{1}{2}h^3b^{4j}\sigma_j^4 \\ &\leq 20h^2b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$\operatorname{Var}(\xi_j) = \frac{\mathbb{E}(\eta_j^2 \exp(h\eta_j))}{(\mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j))^2} - (\mathbb{E}\xi_j)^2 = b^{2j}\sigma_j^2 + l_{5j}(h), \qquad (2.16)$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}|\xi_j|^3 = \mathbb{E}(|\eta|^3 \exp(h\eta_j)) / \mathbb{E}\exp(h\eta_j) \le 34b^{3j} \mathbb{E}|X_j|^3,$$
(2.17)

where  $|l_{5j}(h)| \leq 41hb^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3$ . It follows  $|l_{5j}(h)| \leq 41hb^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_j|^3$  and the assumption  $(1+x^3)L_{3b} \leq 1/125$ , it is easy to obtain that

$$M_b^2(h) = B_b^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} l_{5j}(h) > \frac{2}{3}B_b^2.$$
 (2.18)

We are now estimate  $I_j(h), 0 \le j \le 3$ . For  $I_0(h)$ , using (2.10) we have

$$I_0(h) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}h^2 B_b^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} l_{2j}(h)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} l_{2j}(h)\right).$$
 (2.19)

By (2.15)–(2.19), the Berry-Esseen bound and Taylor expansion, we have

$$I_1(h) \le \sup_x |G_n(v) - \Phi(v)| \le \frac{A}{M_b^3(h)} \sum_{j=1}^\infty \mathbb{E}|\xi_j - \mathbb{E}\xi_j|^3 \le AL_{3b},$$
(2.20)

$$I_2(h) \le \sup_x |\Phi(v + R_n(h)) - \Phi(v)| \le \frac{A}{M_b(h)} \sum_{j=1}^\infty |l_{4j}(h)| \le Ax^2 L_{3b}.$$
 (2.21)

By applying the mean value estimate to  $I_3(h)$  [see Petrov [14], page 227], we have

$$I_{3}(h) \leq \frac{1}{x} \left| \frac{M_{b}(h)}{B_{b}} - 1 \right| \max\left\{ 1, \frac{B_{b}^{2}}{M_{b}^{2}} \right\}$$
  
$$\leq \frac{3}{2x} \left| \frac{M_{b}^{2}(h) - B_{n}^{2}}{B_{b}(M_{b}(h) + B_{n})} \right|$$
  
$$\leq AL_{3b}.$$
  
(2.22)

Combining (2.3), (2.4) and (2.19)-(2.22), we get

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > x(V_b^2 + B_b^2)/(2B_b)) = \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)\exp(r_{1b}(x))\left(\exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)(1 - \Phi(x)) + I_1(h) + I_2(h) + I_3(h)\right)$$
$$= (1 - \Phi(x))\exp(r_{1b}(x)) + \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)r_{2b}(x),$$

where  $r_{1b}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} l_{2j}(h)$  and  $r_{2b}(x) = \exp(r_{1b}(x))(I_1(h) + I_2(h) + I_3(h)).$ Thus

$$|r_{1b}(x)| = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |l_{2j}(h)| \le 14x^3 L_{3b},$$

and

$$|r_{2b}(x)| = \exp(|r_{1b}(x)|)(|I_1(h)| + |I_2(h)| + |I_3(h)|) \le A(1+x^2)L_{3b}\exp(14x^3L_{3b}).$$

We thus have completed the proof of Lemma 2.1(i).

(ii) By the same proof of period via proof of period 2.1(1). (iii) By the same proof as part (i), we also see that in the case  $n \ge 1$  and  $x \ge 1$  satisfying  $x^3 L_{3b} \le 1/125$ , (2.1) holds. Hence, the proof of (2.2) obtains by using the inequalities  $e^t \le 1 + te^t$  and  $1 - \Phi(t) \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$  for t > 0.

**Lemma 2** Let  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \ldots$  be i.i.d. Rademacher random variables, that is,  $\mathbb{P}(\varepsilon_j = \pm 1) = 1/2$ . Then for any  $x \ge 1$  and any sequence  $a_1, a_2, \ldots$  satisfying  $|a_j| \le B_b/(6x)$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_j^2 > \frac{4}{9}B_b^2$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j \varepsilon_j > x \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j^2\right)^{1/2}\right) \le (1 - \Phi(x)) \left(1 + Ax(1 + x^2) L_{3b}^* \exp(2x^3 L_{3b}^*)\right),$$
(2.23)

where  $L_{3b}^* = B_b^{-3} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_j|^3$ .

The proof of Lemma 2 follows very similar lines to those of Lemma 1, so we omit it.

**Lemma 3** Let  $\{a_i, i \ge 1\}$  be any sequence of real numbers. Set  $A_{\infty}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^2$  and  $T_{\infty} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_i a_i$ . Then, for all x > 0

$$\mathbb{P}(T_{\infty} > xA_{\infty}) \le \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

where  $\{\varepsilon_i, i \geq 1\}$  is i.i.d Rademacher random variables.

*Proof* For any u > 0, by Markov's inequality, we have

$$\mathbb{P}(T_{\infty} > xA_{\infty}) \le \exp(-uxA_{\infty})\mathbb{E}\exp(uT_{\infty}) = \exp(-uxA_{\infty})\prod_{i=1}^{\infty}\cosh(ua_i)$$
$$\le \exp(-uxA_{\infty})\prod_{i=1}^{\infty}\exp\left(\frac{u^2a_i^2}{2}\right) = \exp(-uxA_{\infty} + u^2A_{\infty}^2/2)$$

The proof of Lemma 3 is complete by choosing  $u = -xA_{\infty}^2$ .

**Lemma 4** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be independent, symmetric random variables. Then for any  $x \ge 0$  and  $n \ge 1$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > xV_b) \le \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right).$$

Proof Similarly, in [12, Lemma 43], we assume that  $\{X_j, j \ge 1\}$  are defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which also supports a sequence of independent Rademacher random variables  $\{\varepsilon_j, j \ge 1\}$  independent of  $\{X_j, j \ge 1\}$ . By the symmetry of  $X_j$  and independence  $X_j$  and  $\varepsilon_j$ , we have that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > xV_b) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} X_j \varepsilon_j > xV_b\right)$$
$$= \int \int \dots \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j \varepsilon_j > x \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j^2\right)^{1/2}\right) \mathrm{d}F_1(x_1) \mathrm{d}F_2(x_2) \dots$$
$$\leq \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \text{ (by Lemma 3).}$$

This ends the proof of the lemma.

**Lemma 5** Let  $X_1, X_2, ...$  be independent random variables. Then for  $x \ge 1, y \ge 0$  and  $k \ge 1$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > xV_b, |b^k X_k| > y) \le \mathbb{P}(|b^k X_k| > y) \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j \neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^j X_j > (x^2 - 1)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j \neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{2j} X_j^2\right)^{1/2}\right).$$

*Proof* We observe that, for any real number a, then

$$ab^{k}X_{k} - \frac{x}{2}(b^{2k}X_{k}^{2} + a^{2}) = -\frac{x}{2}\left(b^{k}X_{k} - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{2} - \frac{xa^{2}}{2} + \frac{a^{2}}{2x}$$
$$\leq \frac{a^{2}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{x} - x\right).$$

Thus, we get that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{b} > xV_{b}, |b^{k}X_{k}| > y) = \mathbb{P}\left(S_{b} > \inf_{a>0} \frac{x}{2a}(V_{b}^{2} + a^{2}), |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
= \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{a>0}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (ab^{j}X_{j} - \frac{x}{2}b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}) - \frac{x}{2}a^{2}\right) > 0, |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
= \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{a>0}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} (ab^{j}X_{j} - \frac{x}{2}b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}) + ab^{k}X_{k} - \frac{x}{2}b^{2k}X_{k}^{2} - \frac{x}{2}a^{2}\right) > 0, |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{a>0}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} (ab^{j}X_{j} - \frac{x}{2}b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}) + \frac{a^{2}}{2}(\frac{1}{x} - x)\right) > 0, |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{j}X_{j} > \inf_{a>0} \frac{x}{2a}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{2j}X_{j}^{2} + a^{2}(1 - \frac{1}{x^{2}})\right), |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{j}X_{j} > (x^{2} - 1)^{1/2}\left(\sum_{j=1, j\neq k}^{\infty} b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}\right)^{1/2}, |b^{k}X_{k}| > y\right) \\
= \mathbb{P}(|b^{k}X_{k}| > y)\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{j}X_{j} > (x^{2} - 1)^{1/2}\left(\sum_{j\neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}\right)^{1/2}\right). \tag{2.24}$$

The lemma is proved.

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1. To bound  $\delta_b(x)$ , it suffices to consider x > 0 since we can simply apply result to  $-X_j$  when x < 0. For  $0 < x \le 1$ , (1.1) was proved by Bentkus, Bloznelis and Götze [1]. We consider the case where  $1 \le x \le (5L_{3b}^{1/3})^{-1}$ . By applying the elementary inequality  $2B_bV_b \le B_b^2 + V_b^2$  and Lemma 1(ii), we have

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > xV_b) \ge \mathbb{P}(2B_b S_b > x(V_b^2 + S_b^2)) \ge (1 - \Phi(x))(1 - Ax(1 + x^2)L_{3b}).$$
(2.25)

Combining this and the inequality  $1 - \Phi(x) \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}x} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$  for  $x \ge 0$  implies that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b \le xV_b) - \Phi(x) \le (1 - \Phi(x))Ax(1 + x^2)L_{3b} \le A(1 + x^2)L_{3b} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right).$$

Hence, to prove (1.1), it suffices to show that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b > xV_b) \le (1 - \Phi(x)) + A\left((1 + x^2)L_{3b} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|b^j X_j| > B_b/(6x)) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)\right).$$
(2.26)

Set

$$Y_j = b^j X_j \mathbf{1}(|b^j X_j| \le B_b/(6x)), \quad S_b^* = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j, \quad V_b^{*2} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j^2.$$

For  $x \ge 1$ , it follows from Lemma 4 and Lemma 5 that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{b} > xV_{b}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(S_{b} > xV_{b}, |b^{k}X_{k}| > \frac{B_{b}}{6x}\right) + \mathbb{P}(S_{b}^{*} > xV_{b}^{*}) \\
\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(|b^{k}X_{k}| > \frac{B_{b}}{6x}\right) \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j \neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{j}X_{j} > (x^{2} - 1)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{j \neq k, j=1}^{\infty} b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}\right)^{1/2}\right) + \mathbb{P}(S_{b}^{*} > xV_{b}^{*}) \\
\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(|b^{k}X_{k}| > \frac{B_{b}}{6x}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^{2} - 1}{2}\right) + \mathbb{P}(S_{b}^{*} > xV_{b}^{*}) \\
\leq e \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(|b^{k}X_{k}| > \frac{B_{b}}{6x}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^{2}}{2}\right) + \mathbb{P}(S_{b}^{*} > xV_{b}^{*}).$$
(2.27)

Denote  $F_j(x)$  to be distribution function of  $X_j$  for  $j \ge 1$ . Using the assumption  $|x| \le (5L_{3b}^{1/3})^{-1}$ , the inequalities  $e^t \le 1 + te^t$  and  $e^t \ge 1 + t$  for  $t \ge 0$ , we have for  $i \ge 1$ ,

$$\prod_{\substack{j\neq i,j=1}}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}(\exp(2x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}|Y_{j}|^{3})) \leq \prod_{\substack{j\neq i,j=1}}^{\infty} \left(1 + 2x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}\mathbb{E}|Y_{j}|^{3}e^{2/125}\right)$$
$$\leq \prod_{\substack{j\neq i,j=1}}^{\infty} \exp(4x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}\mathbb{E}|Y_{j}|^{3})$$
$$\leq \exp(4x^{3}L_{3b})$$
$$\leq 2.$$
(2.28)

We will now bound  $\mathbb{P}(S_b^* > xV_b^*)$ . Similarly in the proof of Lemma 3, we assume that  $\{Y_j, j \ge 1\}$  are defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  which also supports a sequence of independent Rademacher

random variables  $\{\varepsilon_j, j \ge 1\}$  independent of the sequence  $\{Y_j, j \ge 1\}$ . By symmetry of  $X_j$ , we have that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b^* > xV_b^*) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j\varepsilon_j > xV_b^*\right)$$

$$\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_j\varepsilon_j > xV_b^*, V_b^{*2} > \frac{4}{9}B_b^2\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(V_b^{*2} \le \frac{4}{9}B_b^2\right).$$
(2.29)

It follows from (2.28) and Lemma 2 that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_{j}\varepsilon_{j} > xV_{b}^{*}, V_{b}^{*2} > \frac{4}{9}B_{b}^{2}\right) \\
= \int \int \dots_{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_{j}^{2}} \frac{4}{9}B_{b}^{2}||y_{j}| \leq B_{b}/(6x), j=1,2,..} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_{j}\varepsilon_{j} > x\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_{j}^{2}\right)^{1/2}\right) dF_{1}(y_{1})dF_{2}(y_{2})... \\
\leq (1 - \Phi(x)) \int \int \dots_{|y_{j}| \leq B_{b}/(6x), j=1,2,..} \\
\times \left(1 + Ax(1 + x^{2})B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_{j}|^{3} \exp(2x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |y_{j}|^{3})\right) dF_{1}(y_{1})dF_{2}(y_{2})... \\
\leq (1 - \Phi(x)) \left(1 + Ax(1 + x^{2})B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\left(|Y_{j}|^{3} \exp(2x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Y_{j}|^{3})\right)\right) \\
\leq (1 - \Phi(x)) \left(1 + Ax(1 + x^{2})B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbb{E}|Y_{j}|^{3}\left(\prod_{j\neq i, j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\exp(2x^{3}B_{b}^{-3}\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Y_{j}|^{3})\right)\right) \\
\leq (1 - \Phi(x)) + A(1 + x^{2})L_{3b}\exp\left(\frac{-x^{2}}{2}\right).$$
(2.30)

We will next bound  $\mathbb{P}\left(V_b^{*2} \leq \frac{4}{9}B_b^2\right)$ . Firstly, we note that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\left(b^{2j} X_j^2 \mathbf{1}\left(|b^j X_j| > \frac{B_b}{6x}\right)\right) \le \frac{6x}{B_b} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}|b^j X_j|^3 \le \frac{6}{125} B_b^2.$$
(2.31)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}Y_j^2 = B_b^2 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}(b^{2j}X_j^2 \mathbf{1}(|b^j X_j| > B_b/(6x))).$$
(2.32)

Then for any t > 0, by using (2.31), (2.32), the inequalities  $1 + |x| \le e^{|x|}$ ,  $e^x \le 1 + x + 1/2x^2e^{|x|}$ ,  $\operatorname{Var}(Y_j^2) \le \mathbb{E}Y_j^4 \le b^{3j}E|X_j|^3B_b/(6x)$  and Markov's inequality, we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}\left(V_{b}^{*2} \leq \frac{4}{9}B_{b}^{2}\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\mathbb{E}Y_{j}^{2} - Y_{j}^{2}) > \frac{5}{9}B_{b}^{2} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}(b^{2j}X_{j}^{2}\mathbf{1}(|b^{j}X_{j}| > B_{b}/(6x)))\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\mathbb{E}Y_{j}^{2} - Y_{j}^{2}) > \frac{1}{2}B_{b}^{2}\right) \\ &\leq e^{-t/2}\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\exp(tB_{b}^{-2}(\mathbb{E}Y_{j}^{2} - Y_{j}^{2})) \\ &\leq e^{-t/2}\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}t^{2}B_{b}^{-4}\operatorname{Var}(Y_{j}^{2})\exp\left(\frac{tx^{-2}}{36}\right)\right) \\ &\leq e^{-t/2}\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{t^{2}b^{3j}\mathbb{E}|X_{j}|^{3}}{6xB_{b}^{3}}\left(\frac{tx^{-2}}{36}\right)\right) \\ &\leq e^{-t/2}\prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{t^{2}}{6x}L_{3b}\left(\frac{tx^{-2}}{36}\right)\right). \end{split}$$

Choosing  $t = 4x^2(1 + x^{-2}\log L_{3b}^{-1/2})$ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}\left(V_b^{*2} \le \frac{4}{9}B_b^2\right) \le AL_{3b}\exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2}\right).$$
(2.33)

Combining (2.29), (2.30) and (2.33), we get

$$\mathbb{P}(S_b^* > xV_b^*) \le (1 - \Phi(x)) + A(1 + x^2)L_{3b} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2}\right).$$
(2.34)

Then (2.26) implies from (2.27) and (2.34). The proof of Theorem 1.1 is thus completed.

(ii) The proof of (1.2) implies from the inequality  $1 - \Phi(x) \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$  for x > 0 and Lemma 4.

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