

Exponential Inequalities for a WOD Sequence

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Abstract — In this paper, we give exponential inequalities for the sequence of WOD random variables.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Since Wang [2] introduced the concept of WOD random variable, many scholars have shown great interest in it and achieved many meaningful results. See, for example, Shen [3] established the Bernstein type inequality for WOD random variables and gave some applications, Wang and Cheng [4] presented some basic renewal theorems for a random walk with widely dependent increments and gave some applications. He [5] provided the asymptotic lower bounds of precise large deviations with nonnegative and dependent random variables.

II. DEFINITION OF A WOD SEQUENCE

Definition 1[1] For the random variables $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$, if there exists a finite real sequence $\{g_U(n), n \geq 1\}$ satisfying for each $n \geq 1$ and for all $x_i \in (-\infty, \infty), 1 \leq i \leq n$

$$P(X_1 > x_1, X_2 > x_2 \cdots, X_n > x_n) \leq g_U(n) \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x_i),$$

then we say that the $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ are widely upper orthant dependent (WUOD, in short); if there exists a finite real sequence $\{g_L(n), n \geq 1\}$ satisfying for each $n \geq 1$ and for all $x_i \in (-\infty, \infty), 1 \leq i \leq n$

$$P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2 \cdots, X_n \leq x_n) \leq g_L(n) \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq x_i),$$

then we say that the $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ are widely lower orthant dependent (WLOD, in short); if they are both WUOD and WLOD, then we say that the $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ are widely

orthant dependent (WOD, in short), $g_U(n), g_L(n), n \geq 1$ are called dominating coefficients.

Lemma 1[1] Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of WOD random variables

(1) If $\{f_n(\cdot), n \geq 1\}$ are all nondecreasing (or all nonincreasing), then $\{f_n(X_n), n \geq 1\}$ are still WOD;

(2) For each $n \geq 1$ and any $s \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$E \exp \left\{ s \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right\} \leq g(n) \prod_{i=1}^n E \exp \{ s X_i \},$$

where $g_n = \max \{ g_U(n), g_L(n) \}$.

Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random variables and $\{c_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive number. Define $1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} X_{1,i,n} &= -c_n I(X_i < -c_n) + X_i I(-c_n \leq X_i \leq c_n) + c_n I(X_i > c_n), \\ X_{2,i,n} &= (X_i - c_n) I(X_i > c_n), \\ X_{3,i,n} &= (X_i + c_n) I(X_i < -c_n). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

It is easy to check that $X_{1,i,n} + X_{2,i,n} + X_{3,i,n} = X_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1$ and $X_{1,1,n}, X_{1,2,n}, \dots, X_{1,n,n}$ are bounded by c_n for each fixed $n \geq 1$. If $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ are WOD random variables, then $\{X_{1,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$,

$\{X_{2,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, $\{X_{3,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ are also WOD random variables for each fixed $n \geq 1$ by Lemma 1.

Lemma 2[1] Let $p \geq 1$ and $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of WOD random variables with $E |X_n|^p < \infty$ for each $n \geq 1$. Assume further that $EX_n = 0$ for each $n \geq 1$ when $p \geq 2$. Then there exist positive constant $C_1(p)$ and $C_2(p)$ depending only on p such that

$$E \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right|^p \leq [C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)] \sum_{i=1}^n E |X_i|^p$$

$$1 \leq p \leq 2,$$

and

$$E \left| \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right|^p \leq C_1(p) \sum_{i=1}^n E |X_i|^p + C_2(p)g(n) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n E |X_i|^2 \right)^{p/2} \quad p \geq 2.$$

III. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 1 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of WOD random variables with $EX_n = 0$ for each $n \geq 1$, if there exist a sequence of positive numbers $\{c_n, n \geq 1\}$ such that $|X_i| \leq c_i$ for each $i \geq 1$, then for any $t > 0, n \geq 1$,

$$E \exp\left\{t \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right\} \leq g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tc_i} EX_i^2\right\}.$$

Proof. It is easy to check that for all $x \in R$, $e^x \leq 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{|x|}$. Thus, by $EX_i = 0$, and $|X_i| \leq c_i$ for each $i \geq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ee^{tX_i} &\leq 1 + tEX_i + \frac{1}{2}t^2 E[X_i^2 e^{t|X_i|}] = 1 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 E[X_i^2 e^{t|X_i|}] \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 e^{tc_i} EX_i^2 \leq \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}t^2 e^{tc_i} EX_i^2\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

for any $t > 0$, by Lemma 1, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} E \exp\left\{t \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right\} &\leq g(n) \prod_{i=1}^n Ee^{tX_i} \\ &\leq g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{tc_i} EX_i^2\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of WOD random variables and $\{X_{1,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ be defined by (1). Then for any $t > 0$ and $n \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} E \exp\left\{t \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right\} \\ \leq g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} \sum_{i=1}^n EX_i^2\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. It is easily seen that $\{X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ are still WOD random variables with $|X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}| \leq 2c_n$ for each $1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1$, by Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \exp\left\{t \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right\} \\ \leq g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})^2\right\} \\ \leq g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} \sum_{i=1}^n EX_i^2\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of WOD random variables and $\{X_{1,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ be defined by (1). Define $B_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n EX_i^2, n \geq 1$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\varepsilon \leq \frac{eB_n^2}{2c_n}$ and $n \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\}, \\ P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \leq -\varepsilon\right) &\leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\}, \\ P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq 2g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Markov's inequality and Corollary 1, we have that for $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \geq \varepsilon\right) \\ \leq e^{-t\varepsilon} E \exp\left\{t \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right\} \\ \leq e^{-t\varepsilon} g(n) \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} \sum_{i=1}^n EX_i^2\right\} \\ = g(n) \exp\left\{-t\varepsilon + \frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} B_n^2\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Taking $t = \frac{\varepsilon}{eB_n^2}$, and noting that $2tc_n \leq 1$, so

$$g(n) \exp\left\{-t\varepsilon + \frac{t^2}{2} e^{2tc_n} B_n^2\right\} \leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\}.$$

since $\{-X_{1,i,n}, n \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of WOD random variables, so

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \leq -\varepsilon\right) \\ = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (-X_{1,i,n} - E(-X_{1,i,n})) \geq \varepsilon\right) \\ \leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

then

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq 2g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2eB_n^2}\right\}.$$

Corollary 2 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of identically distributed WOD random variables and $\{X_{1,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ be defined by (1). Then for any

$$\varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that } \varepsilon \leq \frac{eEX_1^2}{2c_n},$$

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \geq n\varepsilon\right) \leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{2eEX_1^2}\right\},$$

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \leq -n\varepsilon\right) \leq g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{2eEX_1^2}\right\},$$

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n})\right| \geq n\varepsilon\right) \leq 2g(n) \exp\left\{-\frac{n\varepsilon^2}{2eEX_1^2}\right\}.$$

Theorem 3 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of identically distributed WOD random variables and $\{X_{q,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ $q = 2, 3$, be defined by (1).

Assume that there exists a $\delta > 0$ satisfying

$$\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} Ee^{tX_1} \leq M_\delta < \infty, \text{ where } M_\delta \text{ is a positive constant}$$

depending only on δ . Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $t \in (0, \delta]$,

$$P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{q,i,n} - EX_{q,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]2M_\delta e^{-tc_n}}{\varepsilon^2 nt^2}.$$

Proof. For $q = 2$, by Markov's inequality and Lemma2, we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{2,i,n} - EX_{2,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq \frac{E\left|\sum_{i=1}^n (X_{2,i,n} - EX_{2,i,n})\right|^2}{\varepsilon^2 n^2} \\ &\leq \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]nE(X_{2,1,n} - EX_{2,1,n})^2}{\varepsilon^2 n^2} \\ &\leq \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]EX_{2,1,n}^2}{\varepsilon^2 n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it remains only to estimate $EX_{2,1,n}^2$. Here, we will adopt the method in [6, Lemma4]. By that, it is easy to find that

$$EX_{2,1,n}^2 \leq \frac{2M_\delta}{t^2} e^{-tc_n},$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{2,i,n} - EX_{2,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]2M_\delta e^{-tc_n}}{\varepsilon^2 nt^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For $q = 3$, the proof is similar to the case for $q = 2$ and is omitted.

Corollary 3 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of identically distributed WOD random variables with $Ee^{\delta|X_1|} < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$. Let

$\{X_{q,i,n}, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$ $q = 2, 3$, be defined by (1), Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{q,i,n} - EX_{q,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]2Ee^{\delta|X_1|}}{\varepsilon^2 n\delta^2} e^{-\delta\varepsilon_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof It is easily seen that

$$\sup_{|t| \leq \delta} Ee^{tX_1} \leq Ee^{\delta|X_1|} = M_\delta < \infty, \text{ which implies the desired}$$

results immediately from Theorem3.

Theorem 4 Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of identically distributed WOD random variables with $Ee^{\delta|X_1|} < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$, and $\{c_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$0 < c_n \leq \left(\frac{enEX_1^2}{8\delta}\right)^{1/3} \text{ for some } n \geq n_0,$$

where n_0 is a positive integer. Define

$$\varepsilon_n = \sqrt{2\delta eEX_1^2 c_n/n}. \text{ Then for } n \geq n_0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - EX_i) \right| \geq 3\varepsilon_n\right) &\leq 2\left(g(n) + \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]Ee^{\delta|X_1|}}{\delta^3 eEX_1^2 c_n}\right) e^{-\delta\varepsilon_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof It is easy to check that $2\varepsilon_n c_n \leq eEX_1^2$ and $n\varepsilon_n^2 / 2eEX_1^2 = \delta c_n$. It follows from Corollary2 and Corollary3 that

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - EX_i) \right| \geq 3\varepsilon_n\right) &\leq P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{1,i,n} - EX_{1,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon_n\right) \\ &+ P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{2,i,n} - EX_{2,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon_n\right) \\ &+ P\left(\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (X_{3,i,n} - EX_{3,i,n}) \right| \geq \varepsilon_n\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2g(n)\exp\left\{-\frac{n\varepsilon_n^2}{2eEX_1^2}\right\} \\ &+ \frac{4[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]Ee^{\delta|X_1|}}{\varepsilon_n^2 n\delta^2} e^{-\tilde{\alpha}_n} \\ &= 2\left(g(n) + \frac{[C_1(p) + C_2(p)g(n)]Ee^{\delta|X_1|}}{\delta^3 eEX_1^2 c_n}\right) e^{-\tilde{\alpha}_n}. \end{aligned}$$

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