

# A Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund type strong law of large numbers for non-negative random variables with multidimensional indices

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## Abstract

In this paper a Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund type strong law of large numbers is proved for non-negative random variables with multidimensional indices, furthermore we give its an application for multi-index sequence of non-negative random variables with finite variances.

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## 1. Introduction

The Kolmogorov theorem and the Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund theorem are two famous theorems on the strong law of large numbers for  $X_n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) sequence of independent identically distributed random variables (see e.g. LOËVE [8]). By Kolmogorov theorem, there exists a constant  $b$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n/n = b$  almost surely if and only if  $E|X_1| < \infty$ , where  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$ . If the latter condition is satisfied then  $b = E X_1$ . By Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund theorem, if  $0 < r < 2$  then

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$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n - bn)/n^{1/r} = 0$  almost surely if and only if  $E|X_1|^r < \infty$ , where  $b = 0$  if  $0 < r < 1$ , and  $b = EX_1$  if  $1 \leq r < 2$ .

ETEMADI [1] proved that the Kolmogorov theorem holds for identically distributed and pairwise independent random variables, furthermore KRUGLOV [7] extended the Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund theorem for pairwise independent case if  $r < 1$ .

Several papers are devoted to the study of the strong law of large numbers for multi-index sequence of random variables (see e.g. GUT [4], KLESOV [5, 6], FAZEKAS [2], FAZEKAS, TÓMÁCS [3]). For example, Theorem 3.1 of FAZEKAS, TÓMÁCS [3] extends Theorem 2 of KRUGLOV [7] for multi-index case.

In this paper the main result is Theorem 3.1, which is a Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund type strong law of large numbers for non-negative random variables with multidimensional indices. It is a generalization of Theorem 3.1 of FAZEKAS, TÓMÁCS [3] in case  $\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \infty$ . Furthermore we give an application (see Theorem 4.1) for multi-index sequence of non-negative random variables with finite variances. A special case of this result gives Theorem of PETROV [9].

## 2. Notation

Let  $\mathbb{N}^d$  be the positive integer  $d$ -dimensional lattice points, where  $d$  is a positive integer. For  $\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,  $\mathbf{n} \leq \mathbf{m}$  is defined coordinate-wise,  $(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}] = (n_1, m_1] \times (n_2, m_2] \times \cdots \times (n_d, m_d]$  is a  $d$ -dimensional rectangle and  $|\mathbf{n}| = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_d$ , where  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$ ,  $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_d)$ .  $\sum_{\mathbf{n}}$  will denote the summation for all  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . We also use  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and  $\mathbf{2} = (2, 2, \dots, 2) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . Denote the integer part of  $x$  real number by  $[x]$ .

We shall say that  $\lim_{\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \infty} a_{\mathbf{n}} = 0$ , where  $a_{\mathbf{n}}$  ( $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) are real numbers, if for all  $\delta > 0$  there exists  $\mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{N}^d$  such that  $|a_{\mathbf{n}}| < \delta \forall \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}$ .

We shall assume that random variables  $X_{\mathbf{n}}$  ( $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) are defined on the same probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .  $E$  and  $\text{Var}$  stand for the expectation and the variance.

Remark that a sum or a minimum over the empty set will be interpreted as zero (i.e.  $\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in H} a_{\mathbf{n}} = \min_{\mathbf{n} \in H} a_{\mathbf{n}} = 0$  if  $H = \emptyset$ ).

## 3. The result

The following result is a generalization of Theorem 3.1 of FAZEKAS, TÓMÁCS [3] in case  $\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X_{\mathbf{n}}$  ( $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) be a sequence of non-negative random variables, let  $b_{\mathbf{n}}$  ( $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) be a sequence of non-negative numbers,  $B_{\mathbf{n}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \leq \mathbf{n}} b_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $S_{\mathbf{n}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \leq \mathbf{n}} X_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 < r \leq 1$ . If*

$$B_{\mathbf{n}} - B_{\mathbf{m}} \leq c(|\mathbf{n}| - |\mathbf{m}|) \quad \forall \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^d, \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{m}, |\mathbf{n}| - |\mathbf{m}| \geq K \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{n}} - B_{\mathbf{n}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{n}|^{1/r} \right) < \infty \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \tag{3.2}$$

then

$$\lim_{\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_{\mathbf{n}} - B_{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{n}|^{1/r}} = 0 \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\delta > 0$ ,  $1 < \alpha < \left(\frac{\delta}{2c} + 1\right)^{1/3d}$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{\delta}{2} \left(\frac{\delta}{2c} + 1\right)^{-1/r}$ , which imply

$$\varepsilon \alpha^{3d/r} + c(\alpha^{3d} - 1) < \delta. \tag{3.3}$$

Let  $k_n = [\alpha^n]$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and  $\mathbf{k}_n = (k_{n_1}, k_{n_2}, \dots, k_{n_d})$ , where  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$ . It follows from the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{n}} - B_{\mathbf{n}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{n}|^{1/r} \right) \\ & \geq \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{h}|} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{h}} - B_{\mathbf{h}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{h}|^{1/r} \right) \\ & \geq \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1}|} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right) \\ & = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1} - \mathbf{k}_n|}{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1}|} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and condition (3.2) that

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1} - \mathbf{k}_n|}{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1}|} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right) < \infty. \tag{3.4}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} > 0$ , so  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) > \frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}$  except for finitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This implies that there exists  $\mathbf{N}_0 \in \mathbb{N}^d$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}\right)^d & < \prod_{i=1}^d \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha^{n_i+1}} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\alpha^{n_i+1} - 1 - \alpha^{n_i}}{\alpha^{n_i+1}} \\ & \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{[\alpha^{n_i+1}] - [\alpha^{n_i}]}{[\alpha^{n_i+1}]} = \frac{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1} - \mathbf{k}_n|}{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1}|} \quad \forall \mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \geq \mathbf{N}_0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}\right)^d \sum_{\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_0} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_0} \frac{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1} - \mathbf{k}_n|}{|\mathbf{k}_{n+1}|} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1})} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By this inequality and (3.4), it follows that

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_0} \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1}]} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right) < \infty. \quad (3.5)$$

If  $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_0$  then there exists  $\mathbf{m}_n \in \mathbb{N}^d$  such that  $\mathbf{m}_n \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1}]$  and

$$\mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{m}_n} - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r} \right) = \min_{\mathbf{k} \in (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{k}_{n+1}]} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{k}} - B_{\mathbf{k}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{k}|^{1/r} \right).$$

Therefore, by (3.5) we have

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_0} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{m}_n} - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r} \right) < \infty. \quad (3.6)$$

By the Borel–Cantelli lemma, (3.6) implies that there exist  $\mathbf{N}_1 \in \mathbb{N}^d$  and  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathbf{N}_1 \geq \mathbf{N}_0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1$  and

$$\frac{|S_{\mathbf{m}_n}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}|}{|\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r}} \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_1, \forall \omega \in A. \quad (3.7)$$

Henceforward let  $\omega \in A$  be fixed.

If  $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_1$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{k}_{n+1}, \mathbf{k}_{n+2}]$ , then by  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{m}_n, \mathbf{m}_{n+2}]$ , (3.7) and

$$|\mathbf{m}_{n+2}|^{1/r} \geq |\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r} \geq |\mathbf{m}_n|$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{S_{\mathbf{t}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{t}}}{|\mathbf{t}|^{1/r}} &\geq \frac{S_{\mathbf{m}_n}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_{n+2}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{n+2}|^{1/r}} \\ &= \frac{S_{\mathbf{m}_n}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}}{|\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r}} \frac{|\mathbf{m}_n|^{1/r}}{|\mathbf{m}_{n+2}|^{1/r}} - \frac{B_{\mathbf{m}_{n+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}}{|\mathbf{m}_{n+2}|^{1/r}} \\ &\geq -\varepsilon - \frac{B_{\mathbf{m}_{n+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_n}}{|\mathbf{m}_n|}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

If  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \geq \mathbf{N}_0$  and  $\mathbf{m}_n = (\mathbf{m}_n^{(1)}, \mathbf{m}_n^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n^{(d)})$  then

$$[\alpha^{n_i}] < \mathbf{m}_n^{(i)} \leq [\alpha^{n_i+1}].$$

On the other hand  $\mathbf{m}_n^{(i)} \in \mathbb{N}$ , hence we get

$$\alpha^{n_i} < \mathbf{m}_n^{(i)} \leq \alpha^{n_i+1}. \quad (3.9)$$

This inequality implies

$$|\mathbf{m}_{n+2}| - |\mathbf{m}_n| > \prod_{i=1}^d \alpha^{n_i+2} - \prod_{i=1}^d \alpha^{n_i+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\alpha^d - 1) \prod_{i=1}^d \alpha^{n_i+1} \\
 &> (\alpha^d - 1)\alpha^{n_1} \quad \forall \mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \geq \mathbf{N}_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n = \infty$ , therefore  $\alpha^n \geq K(\alpha^d - 1)^{-1}$  except for finitely many values of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence there exists  $\mathbf{N}_2 \in \mathbb{N}^d$  such that  $\mathbf{N}_2 \geq \mathbf{N}_1$  and

$$|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}| - |\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}| > (\alpha^d - 1) \frac{K}{\alpha^d - 1} = K \quad \forall \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2.$$

This inequality implies by (3.1), that

$$B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}} \leq c(|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}| - |\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|) \quad \forall \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2. \tag{3.10}$$

Using (3.9) we have

$$\frac{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|} \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\alpha^{n_i+3}}{\alpha^{n_i}} = \alpha^{3d} \quad \forall \mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d) \geq \mathbf{N}_2. \tag{3.11}$$

Hence (3.8), (3.10), (3.11) and (3.3) imply, that if  $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+1}, \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+2}]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{S_{\mathbf{t}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{t}}}{|\mathbf{t}|^{1/r}} &\geq -\varepsilon - \frac{B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|} \geq -\varepsilon - c \left( \frac{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|} - 1 \right) \\
 &\geq -\varepsilon - c(\alpha^{3d} - 1) \geq -\varepsilon \alpha^{3d/r} - c(\alpha^{3d} - 1) > -\delta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

If  $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2$  and  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+1}, \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+2}]$ , then by  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}, \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}]$ ,  $|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|^{1/r} \geq |\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|$ , (3.7), (3.11), (3.10) and (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{S_{\mathbf{t}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{t}}}{|\mathbf{t}|^{1/r}} &\leq \frac{S_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|^{1/r}} \\
 &= \frac{S_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|^{1/r}} \frac{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|^{1/r}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|^{1/r}} + \frac{B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|^{1/r}} \\
 &\leq \frac{S_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|^{1/r}} \frac{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|^{1/r}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|^{1/r}} + \frac{B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}} - B_{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}}}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|} \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \alpha^{3d/r} + c \left( \frac{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}+2}|}{|\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{n}}|} - 1 \right) \leq \varepsilon \alpha^{3d/r} + c(\alpha^{3d} - 1) < \delta.
 \end{aligned}$$

This inequality and (3.12) imply

$$\frac{|S_{\mathbf{t}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{t}}|}{|\mathbf{t}|^{1/r}} < \delta \quad \forall \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2, \mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+1}, \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+2}]. \tag{3.13}$$

If  $\mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{N}_2+1} + \mathbf{1}$ , then there exists  $\mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{N}_2$  such that  $\mathbf{t} \in (\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+1}, \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{n}+2}]$ . Hence (3.13) implies

$$\frac{|S_{\mathbf{t}}(\omega) - B_{\mathbf{t}}|}{|\mathbf{t}|^{1/r}} < \delta \quad \forall \mathbf{t} \geq \mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{N}_2+1} + \mathbf{1}.$$

Therefore the statement is proved. □

## 4. An application for multi-index sequence of non-negative random variables with finite variances

In this section we give an application of Theorem 3.1. In case  $d = r = 1$ , this result gives Theorem of PETROV [9].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $X_{\mathbf{n}}$  ( $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ) be a sequence of non-negative random variables with finite variances,  $S_{\mathbf{n}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \leq \mathbf{n}} X_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 < r \leq 1$ . If*

$$\mathbb{E} S_{\mathbf{n}} - \mathbb{E} S_{\mathbf{m}} \leq c(|\mathbf{n}| - |\mathbf{m}|) \quad \forall \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^d, \mathbf{n} \geq \mathbf{m}, |\mathbf{n}| - |\mathbf{m}| \geq K \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{\text{Var } S_{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{n}|^{1+2/r}} < \infty, \quad (4.2)$$

then

$$\lim_{\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_{\mathbf{n}} - \mathbb{E} S_{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{n}|^{1/r}} = 0 \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

*Proof.* With notation  $b_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbb{E} X_{\mathbf{k}}$  and  $B_{\mathbf{n}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \leq \mathbf{n}} b_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbb{E} S_{\mathbf{n}}$ , (4.1) implies (3.1). On the other hand, if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then the Chebyshev inequality and (4.2) imply

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|} \mathbb{P} \left( |S_{\mathbf{n}} - B_{\mathbf{n}}| > \varepsilon |\mathbf{n}|^{1/r} \right) \leq \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|} \frac{\text{Var } \frac{S_{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{n}|^{1/r}}}{\varepsilon^2} = \varepsilon^{-2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{\text{Var } S_{\mathbf{n}}}{|\mathbf{n}|^{1+2/r}} < \infty.$$

Therefore (3.2) holds. Hence, using Theorem 3.1, we have that the statement is true.  $\square$

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