

AN A.S. INVARIANCE PRINCIPLE FOR LACUNARY SERIES $f(n_k x)$

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1. Introduction

Let $f(x)$ ($-\infty < x < +\infty$) be a measurable function such that

$$(1.1) \quad f(x+1) = f(x), \quad \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0.$$

It is well known that if $f(x)$ is smooth enough and the sequence $\{n_k\}$ of integers grows rapidly then the sequence $f(n_k x)$ of functions ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) behaves like a sequence of independent random variables. A typical result in this direction (see [5], [8]) is that if f satisfies (1.1) and the Lipschitz condition and

$$(1.2) \quad n_{k+1}/n_k \rightarrow \infty$$

then $f(n_k x)$ obeys the central limit theorem and the law of the iterated logarithm (CLT and LIL in the sequel). Here (1.2) is best possible in the sense that it cannot be weakened to

$$(1.3) \quad n_{k+1}/n_k \geq q > 1$$

even with a large q . This is shown by the example of ERDŐS and FORTET (see [5])

$$f(x) = \cos 2\pi x + \cos 2\pi m x, \quad n_k = m^k - 1$$

for which both the central limit theorem and the law of iterated logarithm fail to hold. On the other hand, there exist many sequences $\{n_k\}$ satisfying (1.3) but not (1.2) such that $f(n_k x)$ satisfies the CLT and LIL. E.g. $n_k = 2^k$ is such a sequence (see [4]). It was Gaposhkin who characterized all the sequences $\{n_k\}$ (among the sequences obeying (1.3)) such that $f(n_k x)$ obeys the CLT. Let us say that a sequence $\{n_k\}$ of integers belongs to class

B_2 if there is a constant C such that the number of solutions of the equation $n_k \pm n_l = \nu$ ($k > l$) is at most C for any integer $\nu > 0$;

D_m if the (set-theoretic) union of the sequences $\{n_k\}$, $\{2n_k\}$, ..., $\{mn_k\}$, considered as a single sequence, belongs to class B_2 ;

D_∞ if $\{n_k\}$ belongs to class D_m for all integers $m = 1, 2, \dots$.

GAPOSHKIN showed (see [3]) that if $\{n_k\}$ belongs to D_∞ (and satisfies (1.3)) then $f(n_k x)$ obeys the CLT for all sufficiently smooth f ; on the other hand, if $\{n_k\}$ does not belong to D_∞ (but satisfies (1.3)) then there exists a trigonometric polynomial f such that $f(n_k x)$ fails to obey the CLT.

The purpose of the present paper is to extend (the positive half of) Gaposhkin's theorem and to prove an a.s. invariance principle for the sequence $f(n_k x)$ under

the assumption that $\{n_k\}$ satisfies (1.3) and belongs to D_∞ . Our method (which differs from that of Gaposhkin) makes use of martingale tools; in fact, it is a combination of the methods of [1—2], [6]. In [2], § 3 an a.s. invariance principle was proved for $f(n_k x)$ assuming a condition for $\{n_k\}$ (the so called A^* condition) which is slightly more stringent than D_∞ . The present improvement (which is now best possible) is obtained by utilizing ideas from [6].

Our main result is the following:

THEOREM 1. *Let $f(x)$ ($-\infty < x < +\infty$) satisfy (1.1) and the Lipschitz condition. Assume that $\{n_k\}$ satisfies (1.3) and belongs to class D_∞ . Assume finally that there exists a constant $C_1 > 0$ such that for any $M \geq 0$, $N \geq N_0$ we have*

$$(1.4) \quad \int_0^1 \left(\sum_{j=M+1}^{M+N} f(n_j x) \right)^2 dx \leq C_1 N.$$

Let $S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k x)$. Then the sequence $\{S_N, N \geq 1\}$ can be redefined on a new probability space (without changing its distribution) together with a Wiener-process $\zeta(t)$ such that

$$(1.5) \quad S_N = \zeta(\tau_N) + o(N^{1/2-\lambda}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is an absolute constant and τ_N is an increasing sequence of random variables such that $\tau_N/b_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s. where

$$(1.6) \quad b_N = \int_0^1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k x) \right)^2 dx.$$

Condition (1.4) in Theorem 1 cannot be omitted as it is shown by the example $f(x) = \cos 2\pi x - \cos 4\pi x$, $n_k = 2^k$ (cf. [5]).

Actually, the proof of Theorem 1 will yield the following result which gives some information about what happens if we replace D_∞ by D_m in Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists an $m = m(\varepsilon, f)$ with the property that if we replace the condition $\{n_k\} \in D_\infty$ by $\{n_k\} \in D_m$ in Theorem 1 then the statement remains valid with the modification that for the random variable τ_N in (1.5) we have*

$$(1.7) \quad 1 - \varepsilon \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tau_N}{b_N} \leq \overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tau_N}{b_N} \leq 1 + \varepsilon \quad \text{a.s.}$$

instead of $\tau_N/b_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s.

In other words, if $\{n_k\}$ belongs to D_m with a large m ("large" here depends also on f) then the conclusion of Theorem 1 remains "almost" valid.

It is easy to see (cf. [2], Lemmas (2.1), (2.2) and their proofs) that Theorem 1 implies Donsker's invariance principle (functional CLT) and the functional LIL for $f(n_k x)$. These limit theorems need not be valid under the conclusion of Theorem 2 but even under Theorem 2 we can state at least that $f(n_k x)$ obeys Donsker's invariance principle and the functional LIL "approximately". Roughly speaking, the smaller the ε in (1.7) is, the more precisely $f(n_k x)$ satisfies the above mentioned limit theorems. (For precise details of this statement via " ε -limit theorems" see [2], § 4.)

Let us say that a rational number $r > 0$ is of order k if in the reduced form $r = p/q$ the greater of p and q is k . The following lemma is easy to prove (cf. the proof of Lemma (3.1) in [2]):

LEMMA (1.1). *The (set-theoretic) union of the sequences $\{n_k\}$, $\{2n_k\}$, ..., $\{mn_k\}$ satisfies the Hadamard gap condition if and only if for any subsequences n_{k_i} , n_{l_i} and any rational number $r > 0$ of order $\leq m$ the relations*

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_{k_i}}{n_{l_i}} = r, \quad \frac{n_{k_i}}{n_{l_i}} \neq r \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots)$$

are impossible.

The condition of Lemma (1.1) is satisfied e.g. if

a) $n_{k+1}/n_k > m \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$

b) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} n_{k+1}/n_k = \alpha$ where α is a rational number of order $> m$.

Since the Hadamard gap condition implies condition B_2 , in examples a), b) the sequence $\{n_k\}$ belongs to D_m . For examples for sequences D_∞ see [3] or [2], § 3.

It follows from example a), Theorem 2 and our remarks above that if $\{n_k\}$ satisfies (1.3) with a large q then $f(n_k x)$ almost satisfies the CLT, the LIL and their functional versions (this was also proved in [2], § 4). Example b) shows that the same conclusion holds if n_{k+1}/n_k tends to a rational number of great order (e.g. to a rational number very close to an integer).

2. Two preparatory lemmas

In what follows, $\|f\|$ and $\|f\|_\infty$ will denote the L_2 and L_∞ norm of f , resp. For two numerical sequences a_n, b_n the relation $a_n \sim b_n$ means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n/b_n = 1$.

LEMMA (2.1). *Let $g(x)$ ($-\infty < x < +\infty$) be a measurable function such that*

$$g(x-1) = g(x), \quad \int_0^1 g(x) dx = 0.$$

Then for any real $a < b$ and $\lambda > 0$ we have

$$\left| \int_a^b g(\lambda x) dx \right| \leq \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_0^1 |g(x)| dx.$$

This is Lemma (3.2) of [1].

For the formulation of the next lemma we notice that if f satisfies (1.1) and the Lipschitz α condition then

$$(2.1) \quad \|f - s_n(f)\|_\infty \leq An^{-\alpha/2}$$

where A is a positive constant and $s_n(f)$ denotes the n -th partial sum of the Fourier-series of f . (See [9], p. 64.)

LEMMA (2.2). Let $f(x)$ satisfy (1.1) and the Lipschitz α condition and let $1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_N$ be a sequence of positive numbers satisfying (1.3). Then, if $N \geq N_0$ where N_0 depends on $f(x)$ and q , we have for any real a

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^{a+1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k x) \right)^2 dx \leq C_2 (\|f\|^3 + \|f\|^2 + \|f\|) N$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \int_0^1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k x) \right)^4 dx \leq C_3 N^2$$

where C_2 depends on q and on the numbers A, α in (2.1) and C_3 depends on $f(x)$ and q .

In view of the remark preceding Lemma (2.2), relation (2.2) follows from Lemma (3.3) of [1]; on the other hand, by Lemma (3.4) of [1] we have for $N \geq N_0$

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N f(n_k x) = \xi_1 + \xi_2$$

where ξ_1 and ξ_2 are random variables (functions) on $[0, 1]$ such that, if P denotes the Lebesgue measure, then we have

$$(2.5) \quad P(|\xi_1| \geq y \sqrt{N}) \leq C_4 e^{-C_5 y} \quad (y \geq 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\xi_2\|_\infty \leq 1$$

where C_4 and C_5 depend on $f(x)$ and q . (As a matter of fact, Lemma (3.4) of [1] assumes $\|f - s_n(f)\| \leq An^{-\alpha}$ instead of (2.1) and states correspondingly $\|\xi_2\| \leq 1$ instead of $\|\xi_2\|_\infty \leq 1$ but the proof there applies with trivial changes in the present case too.) Evidently (2.4) and (2.5) imply (2.3).

3. Main lemma

We first approximate the functions $f(n_k x)$ by step-functions $\varphi_k(x)$ as follows. By assumption, $f(x)$ satisfies in $[0, 1]$ the Lipschitz α condition for some $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Let now $2^l \leq n_k < 2^{l+1}$, put $p = \left[l + \frac{20}{\alpha} \log k \right]$ and let $\varphi_k(x)$ denote the function in $[0, 1]$ which is constant in the intervals $[i2^{-p}, (i+1)2^{-p}]$ ($0 \leq i \leq 2^p - 1$) and these constant values coincide with the respective values of $f(n_k x)$ at the points $i2^{-p}$ ($0 \leq i \leq 2^p - 1$). By the Lipschitz α condition we have

$$(3.1) \quad |f(n_k x) - \varphi_k(x)| \leq C \left(\frac{n_k}{2^p} \right)^\alpha \leq C \left(\frac{2^{l+1}}{2^{l+(20/\alpha)\log k - 1}} \right)^\alpha \leq C \cdot 2^{-20 \log k} \leq Ck^{-10}.$$

(Here and in the sequel, C will denote positive constants, not always the same, depending (at most) on $f(x)$ and q .) Let us now divide the set of positive integers into disjoint blocks $I_1, J_1, I_2, J_2, \dots$ in such a way that I_k contains $[k^{1/2}]$ integers, J_k contains $[k^{1/4}]$ integers ($k=1, 2, \dots$). Let

$$(3.2) \quad T_k = \sum_{v \in I_k} f(n_v x), \quad D_k = \sum_{v \in J_k} \varphi_v(x).$$

Then by (3.1)

$$(3.3) \quad |D_k - T_k| \leq C \sum_{v \in I_k} v^{-10} \leq C \sum_{v=[(k-1)^{1/2}]^2}^{\infty} v^{-10} \leq Ck^{-4}$$

and thus using $|D_k| \leq Ck^{1/2}$, $|T_k| \leq Ck^{1/2}$ and the mean value theorem we get

$$(3.4) \quad |D_k^2 - T_k^2| \leq C, \quad |D_k^4 - T_k^4| \leq C.$$

Now we formulate our

MAIN LEMMA. *We have*

$$(3.5) \quad |E(D_k | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1})| \leq Ck^{-2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

$$(3.6) \quad E(D_k^2 | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}) \sim d_N \quad \text{a.s. as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(3.8) \quad ED_k^4 \leq Ck \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

where $d_N = \sum_{k=1}^N ED_k^2$. Also, $CN^{3/2} \leq d_N \leq CN^{3/2}$ for $N \geq N_0$.

PROOF. We begin with the proof of (3.5). Let \mathcal{F}_{k-1} denote the σ -field generated by D_1, \dots, D_{k-1} . In view of (3.3) it suffices to show that

$$(3.9) \quad |E(T_k | \mathcal{F}_{k-1})| \leq Ck^{-2}.$$

Let $b = \bar{b}(k)$ denote the largest integer of the block I_{k-1} , let l be an integer such that $2^l \leq n_b < 2^{l+1}$ and put $w = \left[l + \frac{20}{\alpha} \log b \right]$. From the definition of φ_k it follows that every φ_v , $1 \leq v \leq b$ takes a constant value on each interval of the form

$$(3.10) \quad [i2^{-w}, (i+1)2^{-w}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2^w - 1)$$

and thus every set $\{D_1 = a_1, \dots, D_{k-1} = a_{k-1}\}$ where a_1, \dots, a_{k-1} are constants, can be obtained as an union of intervals of the form (3.10). In other terms, \mathcal{F}_{k-1} is purely atomic and each of its atoms is a union of intervals of the form (3.10). Hence to prove (3.9) it suffices to show that

$$(3.11) \quad \left| 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} T_k dx \right| \leq Ck^{-2} \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2^w - 1).$$

Let $c = c(k)$ denote the smallest integer of the block I_k . By (1.3) we have

$$\sum_{v \in I_k} \frac{1}{n_v} \leq \sum_{j=c}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n_j} \leq \frac{1}{n_c} (1 + q^{-1} + q^{-2} + \dots) = \frac{q}{q-1} \frac{1}{n_c}$$

and

$$\frac{n_b}{n_c} \leq q^{-(c-b)} = q^{-[(k-1)^{1/4}] - 1} \leq q^{-(k-1)^{1/4}}.$$

Hence applying Lemma (2.1) and using the trivial relation $b \cong 2k^{3/2}$ we get

$$(3.12) \quad \left| 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} T_k dx \right| = \left| 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} \sum_{v \in I_k} f(n_v x) dx \right| \cong \\ \cong 2^w C \sum_{v \in I_k} \frac{2}{n_v} \cong C \frac{2^w}{n_c} \cong C \frac{2^{l+(20/\alpha)\log b}}{n_c} \cong C \frac{n_b}{n_c} b^{20/\alpha} \cong C q^{-(k-1)^{1/4}} k^{30/\alpha} \cong C k^{-2}$$

and thus (3.11) is proved.

To prove (3.6) it suffices to show (in view of (3.4)) that $E(T_k^2 | \mathcal{F}_{k-1}) \cong Ck^{1/2}$ and since \mathcal{F}_{k-1} is atomic and each of its atoms is a union of intervals of the form (3.10), the last relation will follow if we show that

$$2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} T_k^2 dx \cong Ck^{1/2} \quad (0 \cong i \cong 2^w - 1, k \cong k_0).$$

The integral on the left hand side is equal to

$$(3.13) \quad 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} \left(\sum_{v \in I_k} f(n_v x) \right)^2 dx = \int_i^{i+1} \left(\sum_{v \in I_k} f(m_v t) \right)^2 dt$$

where $m_v = 2^{-w} n_v$. Evidently $m_{v+1}/m_v \cong q > 1$ for all the v 's appearing here. If $c = c(k)$ denotes the smallest integer of I_k as above, then the smallest of the m_v 's is $m_c = n_c/2^w$ which is at least 1 (in fact it is $\cong Ck^2$ by a part of the estimate (3.12)). Hence by Lemma (2.2) the integral on the right side of (3.13) is $\cong Ck^{1/2}$ for $k \cong k_0$ which was to be proved.

To prove (3.8) it suffices to remark that, by Lemma (2.2), we have $ET_k^4 \cong Ck$ which, together with (3.4), implies (3.8).

We now turn to the proof of (3.7). We proceed in three steps.

a) Let $\mathcal{L}_1 \subset \mathcal{L}_2 \subset \dots$ be any increasing sequence of σ -fields such that D_k is \mathcal{L}_k measurable. Then the relations

$$(3.14) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N D_k^2 \sim d_N \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and

$$(3.15) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{L}_{k-1}) \sim d_N \quad \text{a.s.}$$

are equivalent. Indeed, the sequence $H_k = D_k^2 - E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{L}_{k-1})$ is a square integrable martingale difference sequence (and consequently orthogonal) with $EH_k^2 \cong \cong 4ED_k^4 \cong Ck$ by Minkowski's inequality and (3.8). Hence the Rademacher—Mensov convergence theorem implies the a.s. convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^\infty k^{-3/2} H_k$ and thus by the Kronecker lemma we have

$$(3.16) \quad \frac{1}{N^{3/2}} \sum_{k=1}^N H_k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

By condition (1.4) of the theorem $ET_k^2 \cong Ck^{1/2}$ for $k \cong k_0$ hence by (3.4) $ED_k^2 \cong$

$\cong Ck^{1/2}$ and thus $d_N \cong CN^{3/2}$ for $N \cong N_0$. Also, by Lemma (2.2), $ET_k^2 \cong Ck^{1/2}$ for $k \cong k_0$, hence by (3.4) $ED_k^2 \cong Ck^{1/2}$ and $d_N \cong CN^{3/2}$. (We thus proved the last statement of the main lemma.) Therefore (3.16) implies $\sum_{k=1}^N H_k = o(d_N)$ which really shows that (3.14) and (3.15) are equivalent.

b) We now prove (3.7) in the special case when f is a trigonometric polynomial:

$$(3.17) \quad f = \sum_{k=1}^m (a_k \cos 2\pi kx + b_k \sin 2\pi kx).$$

By a) it suffices to show (3.14) or, what is the same,

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N (D_k^2 - ED_k^2) = o(d_N) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

By (3.4) and $d_N \cong CN^{3/2}$, (3.18) will follow from

$$(3.19) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N (T_k^2 - ET_k^2) = o(N^{3/2}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Let us express the left side of (3.19) as a trigonometric polynomial, using (3.17). By (3.17),

$$f(n_v x) = \sum_{j=1}^m (a_j \cos 2\pi j n_v x + b_j \sin 2\pi j n_v x)$$

and thus

$$(3.20) \quad T_k = \sum_{v \in I_k} f(n_v x) = \sum (c_l \cos 2\pi \lambda_l x + d_l \sin 2\pi \lambda_l x)$$

where all the λ_i 's are of the form tn_v , $1 \leq t \leq m$, $v \in I_k$. Denoting by N_m the (set-theoretic) union of the sequences $\{n_k\}$, $\{2n_k\}$, ..., $\{mn_k\}$, this means that all the λ_i 's belong to N_m . Also, for the coefficients c_l , d_l in (3.20) we have

$$(3.21) \quad |c_l| \leq \bar{M}, \quad |d_l| \leq \bar{M}$$

where \bar{M} depends only on $f(x)$ and $\{n_k\}$. Indeed, the trigonometric sums $f(n_v x)$ and $f(n_\mu x)$, $v < \mu$ can overlap (i.e. contain a term with the same frequency) only if $n_\mu \cong mn_v$ i.e. overlapping is impossible if $\mu - v \cong p$ where p is the smallest integer such that $q^p > m$. This remark shows that $|c_l| \leq pM_1$, $|d_l| \leq pM_1$ where $M_1 = \max(|a_1|, |b_1|, \dots, |a_m|, |b_m|)$ and hence (3.21) is valid.

We notice also that the trigonometric sums in (3.20) are pairwise non-overlapping for $k \cong k_0$. This follows from the fact that the largest λ_l in T_{k-1} is mn_b and the smallest λ_l in T_k is n_c where b and c are the largest integer of the block I_{k-1} and the smallest integer of the block I_k , resp. By the separation of I_{k-1} and I_k by the block J_{k-1} of length $[(k-1)^{1/4}]$ and because of (1.3) we have $mn_b < n_c$ for $k \cong k_0$.

Squaring (3.20) and using well known trigonometric identities we get

$$(3.22) \quad T_k^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum (c_l^2 + d_l^2) + \sum (e_i \cos 2\pi \varrho_i x + f_i \sin 2\pi \varrho_i x)$$

where $|e_i| \leq \bar{M}^2$, $|f_i| \leq \bar{M}^2$ and the q_i 's are the numbers of the form $\lambda_s \pm \lambda_r$ with the λ 's appearing in (3.20). Hence summing (3.22) for $M+1 \leq k \leq M+N$ (but not collecting the terms with equal frequencies) we get that

$$(3.23) \quad \sum_{k=M+1}^{M+N} T_k^2 = B + \sum (r_i \cos 2\pi\theta_i x + s_i \sin 2\pi\theta_i x)$$

where B is a constant, $|r_i| \leq \bar{M}^2$, $|s_i| \leq \bar{M}^2$ and the θ_i 's are the numbers of the form $\lambda_s \pm \lambda_r$ where λ_s and λ_r are from the same T_k , $M+1 \leq k \leq M+N$. Since the T_k 's are non-overlapping for $k \geq k_0$ and N_m satisfies condition B_2 , there is a constant C_1 such that at most C_1 of the θ_i 's can be equal. Hence collecting the terms with equal frequency on the right hand side of (3.23) we get

$$(3.24) \quad \sum_{k=M+1}^{M+N} T_k^2 = B + \sum (u_j \cos 2\pi j x + v_j \sin 2\pi j x)$$

where the sum on the right hand side is finite and $|u_j| \leq C_1 \bar{M}^2$, $|v_j| \leq C_1 \bar{M}^2$. Also, the number of terms on the right hand side of (3.20) is $\leq mk^{1/2}$, hence in the second sum of (3.22) is $\leq m^2 k$ and on the right side of (3.23), (3.24) is $\leq \sum_{k=M+1}^{M+N} m^2 k \leq m^2 N(M+N) \leq m^2 [(M+N)^2 - M^2]$. The number B in (3.24) is evidently equal to the expectation of $\sum_{k=M+1}^{M+N} T_k^2$ (since the integral of the trigonometric sum on the right hand side is 0). Hence (3.24) implies

$$\begin{aligned} E \left(\sum_{k=M+1}^{M+N} (T_k^2 - ET_k^2) \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum (u_j^2 + v_j^2) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} C_1^2 \bar{M}^4 m^2 ((M+N)^2 - M^2) = C_2 ((M+N)^2 - M^2). \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Gal—Koksma law of large numbers (see [6], p. 134) for the variables $T_k^2 - ET_k^2$, we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^N (T_k^2 - ET_k^2) = O(N \log^3 N) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and thus (3.19) is proved.

c) Let now f be any function satisfying (1.1) and the Lipschitz α condition and fix an $\varepsilon > 0$. Since the Fourier series of f converges uniformly to f (even (2.1) is valid) we can write $f = f_1 + f_2$ where f_1 is a suitable partial sum of the Fourier series of f (hence it is a trigonometric polynomial) and $\|f_2\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$. (Evidently f_1 and f_2 also satisfy (1.1) and they are also Lipschitz α functions.) In the same way as we constructed the step-function $\varphi_k(x)$ from $f(n_k x)$, we can construct $\varphi_k^{(1)}(x)$ and $\varphi_k^{(2)}(x)$ from $f_1(n_k x)$ and $f_2(n_k x)$, resp. Then we have

$$T_k = T_k^{(1)} + T_k^{(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad D_k = D_k^{(1)} + D_k^{(2)}$$

where

$$T_k^{(1)} = \sum_{v \in I_k} f_1(n_v x), \quad T_k^{(2)} = \sum_{v \in I_k} f_2(n_v x)$$

$$D_k^{(1)} = \sum_{v \in I_k} \varphi_v^{(1)}(x), \quad D_k^{(2)} = \sum_{v \in I_k} \varphi_v^{(2)}(x).$$

Evidently (3.3), (3.4) hold for the D_k, T_k 's with superscripts, too:

$$(3.25) \quad |D_k^{(i)} - T_k^{(i)}| \leq Ck^{-4}, \quad |(D_k^{(i)})^2 - (T_k^{(i)})^2| \leq C,$$

$$|(D_k^{(i)})^4 - (T_k^{(i)})^4| \leq C \quad i = 1, 2.$$

If $b = b(k)$ is the largest integer of I_{k-1} , $2^l \leq n_b < 2^{l+1}$, $w = \left[l + \frac{20}{\alpha} \log b \right]$ then, as we showed, every φ_v , $1 \leq v \leq b$ and therefore also D_{k-1} , takes a constant value on each interval of the form (3.10). In other words, if \mathcal{G}_{k-1} denotes the σ -field generated by the intervals (3.10), then D_{k-1} is \mathcal{G}_{k-1} measurable. Since $\varphi_v^{(1)}$ and $\varphi_v^{(2)}$ are step-functions with the same intervals of constancy as φ_v , not only D_{k-1} but also $D_{k-1}^{(1)}$ and $D_{k-1}^{(2)}$ are \mathcal{G}_{k-1} measurable.

Let $d_N^{(1)} = \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^{(1)})^2$. Since f_1 is a trigonometric polynomial, the relation

$$(3.26) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N (D_k^{(1)})^2 \sim d_N^{(1)} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

is exactly what we proved in b). As we remarked above, $D_k^{(1)}$ is \mathcal{G}_k measurable and hence by the equivalence statement of a) (3.26) implies

$$(3.27) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N E((D_k^{(1)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \sim d_N^{(1)} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

We now prove two simple estimates

$$(3.28) \quad E((D_k^{(1)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

$$(3.29) \quad E((D_k^{(2)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \leq C\epsilon k^{1/2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

which, together with (3.27), will easily lead to our aim (3.7).

The proofs of (3.28) and (3.29) are the same, we prove e.g. (3.29). In view of (3.25) it suffices to show

$$E((T_k^{(2)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \leq C\epsilon k^{1/2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

and since \mathcal{G}_{k-1} is atomic with atoms of the form (3.10), the last inequality is equivalent to

$$(3.30) \quad 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} (T_k^{(2)})^2 dx \leq C\epsilon k^{1/2} \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2^w - 1, k \geq k_0).$$

Here the left-hand side can be written as

$$(3.31) \quad 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} (T_k^{(2)})^2 dx = 2^w \int_{i2^{-w}}^{(i+1)2^{-w}} \left(\sum_{v \in I_k} f_2(n_v x) \right)^2 dx = \int_i^{i+1} \left(\sum_{v \in I_k} f_2(m_v t) \right)^2 dt$$

where $m_v = n_v/2^v$. Exactly in the same way as in the case of the second integral in (3.13), the numbers m_v are all greater than 1 and they satisfy $m_{v+1}/m_v \geq q > 1$. Let us also observe that since f_1 is a partial sum of the Fourier series of f i.e. $f_2 = f - s_k(f)$ with a certain k , (2.1) is inherited for f_2 with the same A, α . Since $\|f_2\| \equiv \|f_2\|_\infty \equiv \varepsilon$, an application of Lemma (2.2) gives that the last integral in (3.31) is at most $C\varepsilon k^{1/2}$ for $k \geq k_0$ and thus (3.30) is valid.

To deduce (3.7) from (3.27), (3.28), (3.29) let us first integrate (3.29) to get $E(D_k^{(2)})^2 \equiv C\varepsilon k^{1/2}$ for $k \geq k_0$. On the other hand, by assumption (1.4) of the theorem we have $ET_k^2 \equiv Ck^{1/2}$ for $k \geq k_0$ and thus (3.4) implies $ED_k^2 \equiv Ck^{1/2}$. We thus get $E(D_k^{(2)})^2/ED_k^2 \equiv C\varepsilon$ ($k \geq k_0$) whence we obtain, using $D_k = D_k^{(1)} + D_k^{(2)}$ and Minkowski's inequality,

$$1 - C\sqrt{\varepsilon} \equiv E(D_k^{(1)})^2/ED_k^2 \equiv 1 + C\sqrt{\varepsilon} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

and consequently

$$(3.32) \quad (1 - C\sqrt{\varepsilon})d_N < d_N^{(1)} < (1 + C\sqrt{\varepsilon})d_N \quad (N \geq N_0).$$

Summing up (3.29) for $k=1, 2, \dots, N$ and using $d_N \geq CN^{3/2}$ we obtain

$$(3.33) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N E((D_k^{(2)})^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \equiv C\varepsilon d_N \quad (N \geq N_0).$$

Also, (3.28), (3.29) and Schwarz's inequality imply $|E(D_k^{(1)}D_k^{(2)} | \mathcal{G}_{k-1})| \equiv C\sqrt{\varepsilon}k^{1/2}$ whence

$$(3.34) \quad \left| \sum_{k=1}^N E(2D_k^{(1)}D_k^{(2)} | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \right| \equiv C\sqrt{\varepsilon}d_N \quad (N \geq N_0).$$

Adding (3.27), (3.33), (3.34) and using $D_k = D_k^{(1)} + D_k^{(2)}$ and (3.32) we see that

$$(1 - C\sqrt{\varepsilon})d_N \equiv \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \equiv (1 + C\sqrt{\varepsilon})d_N$$

a.s. for sufficiently large N which implies, since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \sim d_N \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Since D_k is \mathcal{G}_k measurable, the last relation implies (3.14) and (3.7) by the equivalence statement of a). Hence the proof of the main lemma is complete.

REMARK 1. In the proof of the lemma above, the assumption $\{n_k\} \in D_\infty$ was used only in the proof of (3.7); relations (3.5), (3.6), (3.8) are valid under the mere assumption (1.3). We also see that if f is a trigonometric polynomial of order m :

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^m (a_k \cos 2\pi kx + b_k \sin 2\pi kx)$$

then for the validity of (3.7) it suffices to assume $\{n_k\} \in D_m$ instead of $\{n_k\} \in D_\infty$ (see step b) of the proof of (3.7)). Together with step c), this shows that if $\{n_k\} \in D_m$

and $\|f - s_m(f)\|_\infty = \varepsilon_0$ then instead of (3.7) we have

$$(3.35) \quad (1 - C\sqrt{\varepsilon_0}) d_N \leq \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \leq (1 + C\sqrt{\varepsilon_0}) d_N$$

a.s. for sufficiently large N where \mathcal{G}_k is the σ -field defined above. Since D_k is \mathcal{G}_k measurable and by step a) we have (under (1.3))

$$\sum_{k=1}^N D_k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | \mathcal{L}_{k-1}) = o(d_N) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

for any increasing sequence \mathcal{L}_k of σ -fields such that D_k is \mathcal{L}_k measurable, (3.35) implies

$$(1 - C\sqrt{\varepsilon_0}) d_N \leq \sum_{k=1}^N E(D_k^2 | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}) \leq (1 + C\sqrt{\varepsilon_0}) d_N$$

a.s. for sufficiently large N . In other words, if $\{n_k\} \in D_m$ for a large m (here "large" depends also on f) then (3.7) is satisfied "approximately".

Let

$$\bar{D}_k = D_k - E(D_k | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}).$$

Then for the \bar{D}_k 's the main lemma implies the following

LEMMA (3.2). *We have*

$$(3.36) \quad E(\bar{D}_k | \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{k-1}) = 0$$

$$(3.37) \quad E(\bar{D}_k^2 | \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/2} \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

$$(3.38) \quad \sum_{k=1}^N E(\bar{D}_k^2 | \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{k-1}) \sim d_N \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$(3.39) \quad E\bar{D}_k^4 \leq Ck \quad (k \geq k_0)$$

where $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{k-1}$ denotes the σ -field generated by $\bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1}$.

PROOF. We have $|\bar{D}_k - D_k| \leq Ck^{-2}$ (see (3.5)), $|D_k| \leq Ck^{1/2}$, $|\bar{D}_k| \leq Ck^{1/2}$ and hence by the mean value theorem

$$(3.40) \quad |\bar{D}_k^2 - D_k^2| \leq C, \quad |\bar{D}_k^4 - D_k^4| \leq C.$$

The second relations of (3.40) and (3.8) evidently imply (3.39), furthermore (3.6) and the first relation of (3.40) imply $E(\bar{D}_k^2 | D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/2}$ from which (3.37) follows by taking conditional expectations of both sides with respect to $\bar{\mathcal{F}}_{k-1}$ (which is contained in the σ -field generated by D_1, \dots, D_{k-1}). In step a) of the proof of (3.7) we saw that (3.7) is equivalent to $\sum_{k=1}^N D_k^2 \sim d_N$ a.s.; now the first relation of (3.40) and $d_N \geq CN^{3/2}$ show that also $\sum_{k=1}^N \bar{D}_k^2 \sim d_N$ a.s. is an equivalent statement. Finally, the martingale argument of step a) and (3.39) show that $\sum_{k=1}^N \bar{D}_k^2 \sim d_N$ implies (3.38).

REMARK 2. The main lemma concerns the “long” block sums D_k and T_k . Defining the “short” block sums

$$(3.41) \quad T'_k = \sum_{v \in J_k} f(n_v x), \quad D'_k = \sum_{v \in J_k} \varphi_v(x)$$

an analogous statement holds for these sums:

$$\begin{aligned} |E(D'_k | \mathcal{F}'_{k-1})| &\leq Ck^{-2}, \quad E((D'_k)^2 | \mathcal{F}'_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/4}, \\ \sum_{k=1}^N E((D'_k)^2 | \mathcal{F}'_{k-1}) &\sim d'_N \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad E(D'_k)^4 \leq Ck^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{F}'_{k-1} denotes the σ -field generated by D'_1, \dots, D'_{k-1} and $d'_N = \sum_{k=1}^N E(D'_k)^2$. Also, $CN^{5/4} \leq d'_N \leq CN^{5/4}$ for $N \geq N_0$. The analogue of Lemma (3.2) also holds for the centered sums $\bar{D}'_k = D'_k - E(D'_k | \mathcal{F}'_{k-1})$.

4. Conclusion of the proof

Using the main lemma and Lemma (3.2) we can complete the proofs of Theorem 1, 2 in a standard way, following [1] or [6]. We prove here Theorem 1; the proof of Theorem 2 is the same (see Remark 1 after the proof of the main lemma). Let

$$V_N = \sum_{k=1}^N E(\bar{D}_k^2 | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1}),$$

then $V_N \sim d_N$ a.s. by (3.38). Also, using (3.39) and $d_N \leq CN^{3/2}$ (see the main lemma) we see that the sum $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k^{-3/2} E\bar{D}_k^4$ is convergent. By Beppo Levi's theorem this implies the a.s. convergence of the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} d_k^{-3/2} E(\bar{D}_k^4 | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1})$$

and since the general term of the series

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{V_k^{3/4}} \int_{x^2 > V_k^{3/4}} x^2 dP(\bar{D}_k < x | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1})$$

can be majorized by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{V_k^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^4 dP(\bar{D}_k < x | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1}) &= \frac{1}{V_k^{3/2}} E(\bar{D}_k^4 | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1}) \sim \\ &\sim \frac{1}{d_k^{3/2}} E(\bar{D}_k^4 | \bar{D}_1, \dots, \bar{D}_{k-1}), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that the series (4.1) is also a.s. convergent. Thus we can apply Theorem (4.4) of [7] to the martingale difference sequence \bar{D}_k with $f(x) = x^{3/4}$ and we get

that there exists a Wiener-process $\zeta(t)$ such that

$$(4.2) \quad \bar{D}_1 + \dots + \bar{D}_k = \zeta(V_k) + o(V_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

with an absolute constant $\eta > 0$. (Strictly speaking, we first have to redefine the sequence \bar{D}_k on a new, larger probability space and $\zeta(t)$ will be defined over this new space; in the sequel, however, we will speak as if (4.2) were valid for the original sequence. This little inaccuracy essentially simplifies the formulas (we do not have to use stars or superscripts for the "redefined" variables) and does not cause any trouble.) Replacing $\bar{D}_1 + \dots + \bar{D}_k$ with $T_1 + \dots + T_k$ on the left hand side of (4.2), we commit an error $O(1)$ (since $|\bar{D}_k - T_k| \leq |\bar{D}_k - D_k| + |D_k - T_k| = O(k^{-2})$ by (3.3) and (3.5)); hence (4.2) and $V_k \sim d_k$ a.s. imply

$$(4.3) \quad T_1 + \dots + T_k = \zeta(V_k) + o(d_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

(In what follows η will denote positive absolute constants, possibly different at different places.) We also remark that by replacing the left hand side of (4.3) by $T_1 + T'_1 + \dots + T_k + T'_k$ (T'_i are the short block sums defined in (3.41)) we only add a term which is $o(d_k^{1/2-\eta})$, so it does not bother the right side of (4.3). (Indeed, (4.3) has the exact analogue

$$(4.4) \quad T'_1 + \dots + T'_k = \zeta(V'_k) + o(d_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

for the short block sums where $V'_k = \sum_{j=1}^k E(\bar{D}_j^2 | \bar{D}'_1, \dots, \bar{D}'_{j-1})$, $d'_k = \sum_{j=1}^k E(D_j^2)$, cf.

Remark 2 at the end of § 3. Now it is sufficient to observe that the analogue of (3.37) to the 'primed' variables \bar{D}'_k i.e. $E(\bar{D}'_k^2 | \mathcal{F}'_{k-1}) \leq Ck^{1/4}$ implies $V'_k = O(k^{5/4})$ and thus $d'_k \leq Ck^{5/4}$ and the standard estimate $\zeta(t) = o(t^{1/2} \log t)$ show that the right hand side of (4.4) is $o(k^{5/8} \log k) + o(k^{5/8-\eta})$ which is dominated by the remainder term $o(d_k^{1/2-\eta}) = o(k^{3/4-3\eta/2})$ in (4.3) if η is small enough.) Hence (4.3) implies

$$T_1 + T'_1 + \dots + T_k + T'_k = \zeta(V_k) + o(d_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

which can be rewritten as

$$(4.5) \quad S_{N_k} = \zeta(V_k) + o(d_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where $S_N = \sum_{v=1}^N f(n_v x)$ and $N_k = \sum_{i=1}^k ([i^{1/2}] + [i^{1/4}]) \sim \frac{2}{3} k^{3/2}$. Since $CN^{3/2} \leq d_N \leq CN^{3/2}$ the remainder term in (4.5) can be also written as $o(N_k^{1/2-\eta})$. Hence if we define a sequence τ_n of random variables by

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{cases} \tau_0 = 0 \\ \tau_{N_k} = V_k \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \\ \tau_n \text{ is linear in the intervals } N_k \leq n \leq N_{k+1} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots \quad (N_0 = 0) \end{cases}$$

then (4.5) simply says that the relation

$$(4.7) \quad S_N = \zeta(\tau_N) + o(N^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

is valid for the indices $N=N_k$. To get (4.7) for general N it suffices to show

$$(4.8) \quad \max_{N_k \leq N \leq N_{k+1}} |S_N - S_{N_k}| = o(N_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and

$$(4.9) \quad \max_{N_k \leq N \leq N_{k+1}} |\zeta(\tau_N) - \zeta(\tau_{N_k})| = o(N_k^{1/2-\eta}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

The first relation is trivial since

$$\begin{aligned} |S_N - S_{N_k}| &= \left| \sum_{v=N_k+1}^N f(n_v, x) \right| \leq C(N - N_k) \leq C(N_{k+1} - N_k) = \\ &= C([(k+1)^{1/2}] + [(k+1)^{1/4}]) \sim Ck^{1/2} \leq CN_k^{1/2-\eta}. \end{aligned}$$

To see (4.9) let us note that

$$\tau_{N_k} = V_k = O(k^{3/2}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and

$$\max_{N_k \leq N \leq N_{k+1}} |\tau_N - \tau_{N_k}| = \tau_{N_{k+1}} - \tau_{N_k} = V_{k+1} - V_k = O(k^{1/2}) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

by (3.37) and thus Lemma (3.6) of [1] (with $r=3/2, s=1/2$) shows the left side of (4.9) is $O(k^{1/4} \log k) = O(N_k^{1/2-\eta})$ a.s. Hence (4.7) is proved and it remains to show that $\tau_N/b_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s. where b_N is defined in (1.6). To this end we notice that $\tau_N/e_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s. where e_N is the numerical sequence defined (in analogy with (4.6)) by

$$\begin{cases} e_0 = 0 \\ e_{N_k} = d_k \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \\ e_n \text{ is linear in the intervals } N_k \leq n \leq N_{k+1} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots \end{cases}$$

(This follows trivially from the piecewise linearity of τ_n and e_n and the relation $V_k/d_k \rightarrow 1$ a.s. which is identical with (3.38).) Since $N_k \sim \frac{2}{3}k^{3/2}$ and $e_{N_k} = d_k \cong Ck^{3/2}$ we have $e_n \cong Cn$ and thus the remainder term in (4.7) can also be written as $o(e_N^{1/2-\eta})$. Hence (4.7) and $\tau_n \sim e_n$ a.s. imply that the distribution of $S_N/\sqrt{e_N}$ tends to the standard normal distribution. Since the L_4 norm of $S_N/\sqrt{e_N}$ remains bounded (this follows from the second relation of Lemma (2.2) and $e_n \cong Cn$), the second moment of $S_N/\sqrt{e_N}$ converges to the second moment of the standard normal distribution, i.e. to 1. In other words, $ES_N^2/e_N \rightarrow 1$ and since here $ES_N^2 = b_N$ (see (1.6)), we see that the sequences e_N and b_N are asymptotically equal. Thus $\tau_N/e_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s. implies $\tau_N/b_N \rightarrow 1$ a.s. and this completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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