

Two-sided bounds for L_p -norms of combinations of products of independent random variables

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The answer to Wojciechowski's question is positive even in the more general case of vector coefficients.

Theorem (Latała 2013)

Let X, X_1, X_2, \dots be an i.i.d. sequence of nonnegative nondegenerate r.v.'s such that $\mathbb{E}X = 1$. Then there exists a constant c that depends only on the distribution of X such that for any v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \|\cdot\|)$,

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It turns out that L_1 -bounds may be extended to L_p for $p > 0$. Positivity of X is not needed. Namely we have

Theorem (Latała, Nayar, Tkocz, Damek)

Let $p > 0$ and X, X_1, X_2, \dots be an i.i.d. sequence of r.v.'s $\mathbb{P}(|X| = t) < 1$ for all t . Then there exist constants $0 < c_{p,X} \leq C_{p,X} < \infty$ which depend only on p and the distribution of X such that for any vectors v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \| \cdot \|)$,

$$c_{p,X} \sum_{i=0}^n \|v_i\|^p \mathbb{E}|R_i|^p \leq \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n v_i R_i \right\|^p \leq C_{p,X} \sum_{i=0}^n \|v_i\|^p \mathbb{E}|R_i|^p.$$

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Let $p > 0$ and X_1, X_2, \dots be independent r.v.'s with finite p -th moments, $|X_i|$ non degenerate, satisfying some “uniform behavior” assumptions. Then for any vectors v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \| \cdot \|)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} c(X_1, X_2, \dots) \sum_{i=0}^n \|v_i\|^p \mathbb{E}|R_i|^p &\leq \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n v_i R_i \right\|^p \\ &\leq C(X_1, X_2, \dots) \sum_{i=0}^n \|v_i\|^p \mathbb{E}|R_i|^p, \end{aligned}$$

where $c(X_1, X_2, \dots)$, $C(X_1, X_2, \dots)$ are positive constants that depend only on the “uniform behavior” and they are quite explicit.

Example

Assumption $\mathbb{P}(|X| = t) < 1$ for all t is crucial since for any $p > 0$ by the Khintchine inequality,

$$\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \prod_{l=1}^k \varepsilon_l \right|^p = \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k \right|^p \sim_p \left(\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k \right|^2 \right)^{p/2} = n^{p/2}.$$

Here ε_l are i.i.d symmetric random variables taking values $1, -1$.
 $\mathbb{E}|\varepsilon_l|^p = 1, v_j = 1, .$

$$nC_{p,X} \leq \mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n R_i \right\|^p \leq nC_{p,X}$$

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Corollary

Suppose that $(n_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is an increasing sequence of positive integers such that $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq 3$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n_k}{n_{k+1}} < \infty$. Then for any coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} c_p \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k|^p \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\bar{R}_k(t)|^p dm(t) &\leq \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \bar{R}_k(t) \right|^p dm(t) \\ &\leq C_p \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k|^p \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\bar{R}_k(t)|^p dm(t), \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < c_p \leq C_p < \infty$ are constants depending only on p and the sequence (n_k) .

Dechamps condition $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n_k}{n_{k+1}}\right)^2 < \infty$. Anyway $n_k \asymp (k!)^\alpha$

We expect that the assumptions on the growths of n_k may be weakened to $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq C_p$, but we are able to show it only for $p = 1$.

Theorem (Latała, Nayar, Tkocz)

There exist constants $C_1 < 1.2 \cdot 10^9$ and $c_1 > 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ such that if $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq C_1$ then for any vectors v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \| \cdot \|)$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \|v_k\| \geq \int_{\mathbb{T}} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^n v_k \bar{R}_k \right\| dm \geq c_1 \sum_{k=0}^n \|v_k\|.$$

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Recently Buraczewski, Damek and Zienkiewicz showed that if additionally $\mathbb{E}(X^{p+\varepsilon} + \|B\|^{p+\varepsilon}) < \infty$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$ then

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$$\mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{i=0}^n v_i R_i \right|^p \leq v_n^p \mathbb{E} R_n^p + 2^p \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} v_k \mathbb{E} R_k \left(\sum_{i=k+1}^n v_i R_i \right)^{p-1} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_i^p \mathbb{E} R_i^p \right).$$

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To finish the proof we observe that

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Ideas of the proof - lower bound

Proofs of lower bounds are much more involved. They are also based on some induction. For $p \leq 1$ we have

Proposition

Let $0 < p \leq 1$ and independent nonnegative r.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots satisfy $\mathbb{E}X_i^p = 1$, $\mathbb{E}X_i^{p/2} \leq \lambda < 1$ and $\mathbb{E}(X_i^p - 1)\mathbf{1}_{\{1 \leq X_i^p \leq A\}} \geq \delta$. Then for any vectors v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ and any integer $k \geq 1$ we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n v_i R_i \right\|^p \geq \varepsilon_0 \|v_0\|^p + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\varepsilon_1}{k} - c_i \right) \|v_i\|^p,$$

where $\varepsilon_0 = \delta/8$, $\varepsilon_1 = \delta^3/8$, $c_i = 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$,

$$c_i = \Phi \sum_{j=k}^i \lambda^j \text{ for } i \geq k \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi = \frac{2^8 A}{1 - \lambda} \lambda^{k-2}.$$

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Theorem

Let $0 < p \leq 1$ and X_1, X_2, \dots satisfy assumptions (10)-(12). Then for any vectors v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n in a normed space $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ we have

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