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#### Abstract

Renz [14], Ouchti [12], El Machkouri and Ouchti [4] and Mourrat [13] have established some tight bounds on the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem for martingales. In the present paper a modification of the methods, developed by Bolthausen [1] and Grama and Haeusler [7], is applied for obtaining exact rates of convergence in the central limit theorem for martingales with differences having conditional moments of order  $2 + \rho, \rho > 0$ . Our results generalise and strengthen the bounds mentioned above.

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#### 1. Introduction

Assume that we are given a sequence of martingale differences  $(\xi_i, \mathcal{F}_i)_{i=0,\dots,n}$ , defined on some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$ , where  $\xi_0 = 0$  and  $\{\emptyset, \Omega\} = \mathcal{F}_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{F}_n \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  are increasing  $\sigma$ -fields. Set

$$X_0 = 0, \qquad X_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i, \quad k = 1, ..., n.$$
 (1)

Then  $X = (X_k, \mathcal{F}_k)_{k=0,\dots,n}$  is a martingale. Let  $\langle X \rangle$  be its conditional variance:

$$\langle X \rangle_0 = 0, \qquad \langle X \rangle_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{E}[\xi_i^2 | \mathcal{F}_{i-1}], \quad k = 1, ..., n.$$
 (2)

Define

$$D(X_n) = \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}} \left| \mathbf{P}(X_n \le x) - \Phi(x) \right|,$$

where  $\Phi(x)$  is the distribution function of the standard normal random variable. Denote by  $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}}$  convergence in probability. According to the basic results of martingale central limit theory (see the

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