

Large deviations and moderate large deviations for
general renewal processes

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Let

$$\{(\tau_i, \xi_i); i = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

be a sequence of i.i.d. random vectors,

$$\mathbf{P}(\tau_1 > 0) = 1.$$

Put *for* $n \geq 1$

$$T_n := \tau_1 + \dots + \tau_n, \quad S_n := \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n.$$

We study large deviations (LD) and moderate large deviations (MLD) for the renewal process

$$Z(t) := S_{\eta(t)}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\eta(t) := \min\{m \geq 0 : T_{m+1} \geq t\}.$$

[\mathbf{C}_0]. (Cramér condition) *For some* $\delta > 0$

$$\mathbf{E}e^{\delta(\tau+|\xi|)} < \infty.$$

Put

$$A(\mu, \nu) := \ln \mathbf{E}e^{\mu\tau + \nu\xi},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\leq 0} := \{(\mu, \nu) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : A(\mu, \nu) \leq 0\}.$$

The second deviation (rate) function for a vector (τ, ξ) :

$$D(u, \alpha) := \sup_{(\mu, \nu) \in \mathcal{A}_{\leq 0}} \{\mu u + \nu \alpha\}.$$

See in [1] (Borovkov A.A., Mogulskii A.A. Siberian Math. J.—1996).

The deviation (rate) function for general renewal process $Z(t)$:

$$G(\alpha) := \inf_{0 \leq u \leq 1} \{D(1-u, \alpha) + u\lambda_{\tau+}\}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\lambda_{\tau+} := \sup\{\lambda : \mathbf{E}e^{\lambda\tau} < \infty\}$.

See [2] (Mogulskii A.A., to appear),

[3] (Borovkov A.A., to appear)

Two conditions:

(I).

$$\ln \mathbf{P}(\tau \geq t) \sim \lambda_{\tau+}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty;$$

(II).

$$\lambda_{\tau+} \geq \mu_{\tau+}$$

where

$$\mu_{\tau+} := \sup_{(\mu, \nu) \in \mathcal{A}_{\leq 0}} \mu.$$

Theorem 1. (Local LD for $Z(T)$)

Under (I) or (II) we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{T}Z(T) - \alpha\right| < \varepsilon\right) = -G(\alpha).$$

Corollary 1. *For any Borel set $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ we have*

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{1}{T}Z(T) \in B\right) \leq - \inf_{\alpha \in [B]} G(\alpha),$$

$$\underline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{1}{T}Z(T) \in B\right) \geq - \inf_{\alpha \in (B)} G(\alpha),$$

where $[B]$, (B) is the closure, the interior of a set B , respectively.

In the domain of moderate large deviations similar results for $Z(T)$ are obtained.

In the lattice case $\mathbf{P}((\tau, \xi) \in \mathbb{Z}^2) = 1$, the sharp asymptotics of large, moderate large and normal deviation probabilities for $Z(n)$ has been studied:

$$\mathbf{P}(Z(n) = k) \sim ?$$

$[\overline{\mathbf{C}}_0]$.

$$\lambda_{\tau+} > \mu_{\tau+} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_{\leq 0} \subset (\mathcal{A}_{< \infty}),$$

where $\mathcal{A}_{< \infty} := \{(\mu, \nu) : A(\mu, \nu) < \infty\}$,
and $(\mathcal{A}_{< \infty})$ is the interior of $\mathcal{A}_{< \infty}$.

Theorem 2. *Under condition $[\overline{\mathbf{C}}_0]$ we have*

$$\mathbf{P}(Z(n) = k) \sim \frac{C(\alpha)}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-nG(\frac{k}{n})},$$

where $k = k_n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\frac{k}{n} \rightarrow \alpha$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and the function $C(\alpha)$ is known in an explicit form.

If

$$|k - an| = o(n^{2/3}), \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then

$$\mathbf{P}(Z(n) = k) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(k-an)^2}{2n\sigma^2}},$$

where $a := \frac{\mathbf{E}\xi}{\mathbf{E}\tau}$, $\sigma^2 := \frac{\mathbf{E}(\xi - a\tau)^2}{\mathbf{E}\tau}$.

Put

$$z_T(t) := \frac{1}{x} Z(tT), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

where a function $x = x_T > 0$ is such that $x \sim T$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Large deviation principle (extended) for $\{z_T(\cdot); T > 0\}$ was obtained:

$$\ln \mathbf{P}(z_T(\cdot) \in B) \sim -T \inf_{f \in B} I(f).$$

The definition of the extended LDP see in [4] (Borovkov A.A., Mogulskii A.A. Siberian Math. J.—2010).

Let \mathbb{V} be the metric space of function $f = f(t); 0 \leq t \leq 1, f(0) = 0$, with finite variation $\text{Var}(f) < \infty$. Let $\rho = \rho(f, g)$ be the metric $\rho_{\mathbb{V}} = \rho_{\mathbb{V}}(f, g)$ (see [5] Borovkov A.A., Mogulskii A.A. Theory Probab. Appli. (2011-2013)).

Denote

$$g_{\pm} := \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(\pm\alpha)}{\alpha}.$$

For

$$f = f_a + f_s^+ - f_s^- \in \mathbb{V}, \quad f_s^+(0) = f_s^-(0) = 0$$

put

$$I(f) := \int_0^1 G(f'_a(t)) dt + g_+ f_s^+(1) + g_- f_s^-(1).$$

The properties of $I(f)$ see in

[6] (Borovkov A.A., Mogulskii A.A., Siberian Math. J.—2011) and

[7] (Mogulskii A.A., Siberian Adv. Math.—2012.)

Theorem 3. (Local LDP for $\zeta_T(\cdot)$) *If*

$$\lambda_{\tau+} \geq \mu_{\tau+},$$

then for any $f \in \mathbb{V}$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}(z_T(\cdot) \in (f)_\varepsilon) = -I(f),$$

where

$$(f)_\varepsilon := \{g \in \mathbb{V} : \rho(f, g) < \varepsilon\}.$$

For a Borel set $B \subset \mathbb{V}$ put

$$I(B) := \inf_{f \in B} I(f), \quad I(B+) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} I((B)_\varepsilon).$$

Theorem 4. (Extended LDP for $\zeta_T(\cdot)$)

If

$$\lambda_{\tau+} \geq \mu_{\tau+},$$

then

$$\overline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}(z_T(\cdot) \in B) \leq -I(B+);$$

$$\underline{\lim}_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln \mathbf{P}(z_T(\cdot) \in B) \geq -I((B)).$$

In the domain of moderate large deviations similar results for $z_T(\cdot)$ are obtained.

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