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# Chover-Type Laws of the Iterated Logarithm for Kesten-Spitzer Random Walks in Random Sceneries Belonging to the Domain of Stable Attraction

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Let  $X = \{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of real valued random variables,  $S_0 = 0$  and  $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma(x), x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a sequence of real valued random variables which are independent of  $X$ 's. Denote by  $K_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \sigma(\lfloor S_k \rfloor)$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) Kesten-Spitzer random walk in random scenery, where  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  means the unique integer satisfying  $\lfloor a \rfloor \leq a < \lfloor a \rfloor + 1$ . It is assumed that  $\sigma$ 's belong to the domain of attraction of a stable law with index  $0 < \beta < 2$ . In this paper, by employing conditional argument, we investigate large deviation inequalities, some sufficient conditions for Chover-type laws of the iterated logarithm and the cluster set for random walk in random scenery  $K_n$ . The obtained results supplement to some corresponding results in the literature.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $X = \{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of real valued random variables,  $S_0 = 0$  and  $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma(x), x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a sequence of  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued random variables which are independent of  $X$ 's. We refer to  $S = \{S_k, k \geq 0\}$  as the *random walk* and  $\sigma$  as the *random scenery*. Then the process  $K = \{K_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is defined by

$$K_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \sigma(\lfloor S_k \rfloor), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  means the unique integer satisfying  $\lfloor a \rfloor \leq a < \lfloor a \rfloor + 1$ , called a *random walk in random scenery* (RWRS, in short), sometimes also referred to as the *Kesten-Spitzer random walk in random scenery*; see Kesten and Spitzer [1]. An interpretation is as follows. If a random walker has to pay  $\sigma(x)$  units at any time he/she visits the site  $x$ , then  $K_n$  is the total amount he/she pays by time  $n$ .

RWRS was first introduced by Kesten and Spitzer [1] and Borodin [2, 3] in order to construct new self-similar stochastic processes. Kesten and Spitzer [1] proved that when

the random walk and the random scenery belong to the domains of attraction of different stable laws of indices  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 2$ , respectively, then there exists  $\delta > 1/2$  such that  $\{n^{-\delta} K_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}, t \geq 0\}$  converges weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to a continuous  $\delta$ -self-similar process with stationary increments,  $\delta$  being related to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  by  $\delta = 1 - \alpha^{-1} + (\alpha\beta)^{-1}$ . The limiting process can be seen as a mixture of  $\beta$ -stable processes, but it is not a stable process. When  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and for arbitrary  $\beta$ , the sequence  $\{n^{-1/\beta} K_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}, t \geq 0\}$  converges weakly, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , to a stable process with index  $\beta$  (see Castell et al. [4]). Bolthausen [5] (see also Deligiannidis and Utev [6]) gave a method to solve the case  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 2$  and, especially, he proved that when  $S$  is a recurrent  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ -random walk, the sequence  $\{(n \log n)^{-1/2} K_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}, t \geq 0\}$  satisfies a functional central limit theorem. More recently, the case  $S$  one- or two-dimensional random walks and  $\beta \in (0, 2)$  was solved in Castell et al. [4]; the authors prove that the sequence  $\{n^{-1/\beta} (\log n)^{1/\beta-1} K_{\lfloor nt \rfloor}, t \geq 0\}$  converges weakly to a stable process with index  $\beta$ . Finally for any arbitrary transient random walk, it can be shown that the sequence  $\{n^{-1/2} K_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is asymptotically normal (see for instance Spitzer [7] page 53).

Among others, we can cite strong approximation results [8–10], laws of the iterated logarithm [11–13], limit theorems for correlated sceneries or walks [14–17], large and moderate deviations results [18–22], and ergodic and mixing properties (see the survey [23]).

The problem we investigate in the present paper has already been studied in Lewis [24] in the case that random sceneries  $\sigma$ 's satisfy  $\mathbb{E}[\sigma(0)] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[\sigma^2(0)] = 1$ , and the random walk  $S$  (which can be  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -valued) satisfies some mild conditions. Lewis [24] established the following LIL:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|V_{2,n}^{-1} K_n|}{\sqrt{2 \log \log n}} = 1 \quad \text{a.s.}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\xi_n(x)$  is the number of visits of the random walk to the point  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  in the time interval  $[0, n]$ , i.e.,

$$\xi_n(x) := \# \{0 \leq k \leq n : [S_k] = x\} = \sum_{k=0}^n I\{[S_k] = x\}, \quad (3)$$

$$n \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Here and in the sequel, the following notation is used: for  $a > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$V_{a,n} = \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n^a(x)] \right)^{1/a}. \quad (4)$$

It is therefore natural to investigate limit behavior of RWRS  $K_n$  when the sceneries  $\sigma$ 's do not have finite second moment. For the sake of convenience, we are summarizing here the main assumptions we are making on the sceneries  $\sigma$ 's. Assume that the sceneries  $\sigma$ 's belong to the domain of attraction of a stable law  $G_\beta$  ( $0 < \beta < 2$ ); that is,  $\sigma$ 's satisfy that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( n^{-1/\beta} \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma(k) \leq x \right) = G_\beta(x), \quad (5)$$

where  $G_\beta$  is a stable distribution of index  $0 < \beta < 2$ , with characteristic function

$$\exp \{ -|\theta|^\beta (A_1 + i A_2 \operatorname{sgn} \theta) \} \quad (6)$$

for some  $0 < A_1 < \infty$ ,  $|A_1^{-1} A_2| \leq \tan(\pi/2)\beta$ . From the known characterization of the domain of attraction of a stable law  $G_\beta$  (Feller [25], II, Chap. 17) it follows that, for  $0 < \beta < 2$ , (5) and (6) are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\sigma(0) \geq x) &\sim \frac{c_{1,1}}{x^\beta}, \\ \mathbb{P}(\sigma(0) \leq -x) &\sim \frac{c_{1,2}}{x^\beta} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  for suitable constants  $c_{1,1}$  and  $c_{1,2}$ . Note that (5) and (6) imply

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma(0)] = 0 \quad \text{if } \beta > 1. \quad (8)$$

For  $\beta = 1$  we impose an additional condition (stronger than (5) and (6)), namely, that for some positive constant  $c_0$ ,

$$|\mathbb{E}[\sigma(0) I(|\sigma(0)| \leq \rho)]| \leq c_0 < \infty \quad \forall \rho > 0. \quad (9)$$

It is well known that LILs for heavy tailed random variables are different from those for random variables attracted to the normal law. We have to use power norming and the resulting limit theorem is called Chover-type LIL (see Chover [26]). The main results of this paper read as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma(x), x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables satisfying (5) and (9), and  $X = \{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with a common distribution  $F$  and independent of  $\sigma$ 's. Assume that  $F$  is supported on  $[0, \infty)$ , absolutely continuous, and  $1 - F(x) \sim c_{1,1} x^{-\alpha}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ . Then*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |V_{\beta,n}^{-1} K_n|^{1/\log \log n} = e^{1/\beta} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (10)$$

Theorem 1 gives the following information about the maximal growth rate of RWRS  $K_n$ .

**Corollary 2.** *We have for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , with probability one,*

$$|K_n| > V_{\beta,n} (\log n)^{(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \quad (11)$$

*for at most finitely many  $n$*

and

$$|K_n| > V_{\beta,n} (\log n)^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta} \quad \text{for infinitely many } n. \quad (12)$$

**Remark 3.** It follows from Corollary 2 that the maximal growth rate of  $K_n$  is of the order  $V_{\beta,n} (\log n)^{1/\beta}$ . Equation (10) is equivalent to (11) and (12). In fact, (11) implies that

$$\log(V_{\beta,n}^{-1} |K_n|) - \left( \frac{(1+\varepsilon)}{\beta} \right) \log \log n \leq 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (13)$$

for all large  $n$ . Letting  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , it yields that the limit superior on left-hand side of (10) is less than  $e^{1/\beta}$ . Equation (12) implies that

$$\log(V_{\beta,n}^{-1} |K_n|) - \left( \frac{(1-\varepsilon)}{\beta} \right) \log \log n \geq 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (14)$$

for infinitely many  $n$ . Letting  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , it yields that the limit superior on left-hand side of (10) is greater than  $e^{1/\beta}$ . Moreover, from the proof of Theorem 1 below, the upper bound of (10) does not need the assumptions that  $F$  is supported on  $[0, \infty)$  and absolutely continuous.

Complementary to Theorem 1 we have the following clustering statement, which gives additional information about the path behavior of RWRS  $K_n$ .

**Theorem 4.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 1, with probability one, every point in the interval  $(1, e^{1/\beta}]$  is a cluster point of the sequence:*

$$\left\{ |V_{\beta,n}^{-1} K_n|^{1/\log \log n} : n \geq 1 \right\}. \quad (15)$$

Throughout this paper, we use the notations:  $a_n = o(b_n)$  if  $a_n/b_n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $a_n \sim b_n$  if  $\lim a_n/b_n = 1$  and  $a_n \asymp b_n$  if  $c_{1,2} \leq \liminf a_n/b_n \leq \limsup a_n/b_n \leq c_{1,3}$ . Let i.o. mean infinitely often, a.s. mean almost surely,  $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$  mean expectation, and  $\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\cdot]$  mean conditional expectation given  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{F}$ . An unspecified positive and finite constant will be denoted by  $c$ , which may not be the same in each occurrence. More specific constants in Section  $i$  are numbered as  $c_{i,1}, c_{i,2}, \dots$ . The sign  $[\cdot]$  sometimes denotes the integer part and at other times denotes usual brackets; it will be clear from the context. Since we shall deal with index  $n$  which ultimately tends to infinity, our statements, sometimes without further mention, are valid only when  $n$  is sufficiently large.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we investigate some technical results necessary for our argumentation. We will first present a version of the Borel-Cantelli lemma to sums of conditional probabilities (see, e.g., Theorem 2.8.5 in Stout [27]).

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $\{E_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of arbitrary events and  $\{\mathcal{G}_n, n \geq 1\}$  be an increasing sequence of  $\sigma$ -fields such that  $E_n \in \mathcal{G}_n$  for each  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$[E_n \text{ i.o.}] = \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(E_n \mid \mathcal{G}_{n-1}) = \infty \right], \quad (16)$$

that is,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(E_n \mid \mathcal{G}_{n-1}) < \infty$  implies that  $E_n$  occur at most finitely often and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(E_n \mid \mathcal{G}_{n-1}) = \infty$  implies that  $E_n$  occur infinitely often.

We will need the following large deviation inequalities for RWRS, which may be of independent interest.

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $\{\sigma(x), x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables satisfying (5) and (9), and  $\{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of arbitrary random variables and independent of  $\sigma$ 's. Let  $\{t_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of positive numbers such that  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &< \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n^\beta \mathbb{P}(|K_n| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n^\beta \mathbb{P}(|K_n| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

*Proof.* We denote by  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(X_1, X_2, \dots)$  the  $\sigma$ -field generated by the random walk and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}_n(x) &= \xi_n(x) \sigma(x) I(|\sigma(x)| \leq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)), \\ n &\geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

By (7), for all  $u > 0$  and  $0 < \beta < 2$ ,

$$c_{2,1} u^{-\beta} \leq \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(0)| > u) \leq c_{2,2} u^{-\beta}. \quad (19)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)) \\ = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x) \mid \mathcal{F}) \right] \\ \leq c_{2,3} t_n^{-\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

By (19), for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[(\tilde{\eta}_n(x))^2] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\xi_n^2(x) \sigma^2(x) I(|\sigma(x)| \leq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x))] \\ &= \xi_n^2(x) \int_0^{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)} u \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| \geq u) du \\ &\leq c_{2,4} \xi_n^2(x) \int_0^{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)} u^{1-\beta} du \\ &\leq c_{2,5} t_n^{2-\beta} V_{\beta,n}^{2-\beta} \xi_n^\beta(x). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

It follows that

$$\mathbb{E}[(\tilde{\eta}_n(x))^2] \leq c_{2,5} t_n^{2-\beta} V_{\beta,n}^{2-\beta} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n^\beta(x)]. \quad (22)$$

On the other hand, if  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\xi_n(x) |\sigma(x)| I(|\sigma(x)| \leq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x))] \\ &= \xi_n(x) \int_0^{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)} \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| > u) du \\ &\leq c_{2,6} \xi_n(x) \int_0^{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)} u^{-\beta} du \leq c_{2,7} t_n^{1-\beta} V_{\beta,n}^{1-\beta} \xi_n^\beta(x) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; if  $\beta = 1$ , by (9),

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)] \leq \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)]] \leq c_{2,8} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n(x)] \quad (24)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; and, if  $\beta \in (1, 2)$ , by (8) and (19),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\xi_n(x) |\sigma(x)| I(|\sigma(x)| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x))] \\ &= \xi_n(x) \int_{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| > u) du \\ &\leq c_{2,9} \xi_n(x) \int_{t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)}^{\infty} u^{-\beta} du \\ &\leq c_{2,10} t_n^{1-\beta} V_{\beta,n}^{1-\beta} \xi_n^\beta(x) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence, by (23)-(25) and making use of the fact that  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{F}}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)]]$ , we have

$$(t_n V_{\beta,n})^{-1} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)]| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (26)$$

Thus, by (22) and (26),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{\eta}_n(x) \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \right) \\
& \leq \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} (\tilde{\eta}_n(x) - \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)]) \geq \frac{t_n V_{\beta,n}}{2} \right) \\
& \leq 4 (t_n V_{\beta,n})^{-2} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{E} [(\tilde{\eta}_n(x) - \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\eta}_n(x)])^2] \\
& \leq 4 (t_n V_{\beta,n})^{-2} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{E} [\tilde{\eta}_n(x)^2] \leq c_{2,11} t_n^{-\beta}.
\end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Noting that we can rewrite  $K_n$  as

$$K_n = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \xi_n(x) \sigma(x), \tag{28}$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(K_n \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) & \leq \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(|\sigma(x)| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \xi_n^{-1}(x)) \\
& + \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{\eta}_n(x) \geq t_n V_{\beta,n} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

It follows from (20), (27), and (29) that

$$\mathbb{P}(K_n \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) \leq c_{2,12} t_n^{-\beta}. \tag{30}$$

By replacing  $\sigma(x)$  with  $-\sigma(x)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(-K_n \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) \leq c_{2,13} t_n^{-\beta}. \tag{31}$$

This, together with (30), yields

$$\mathbb{P}(|K_n| \geq t_n V_{\beta,n}) \leq c_{2,14} t_n^{-\beta}. \tag{32}$$

It yields the right-hand side of (17).

To verify the left-hand side of (17), we denote by  $A_x$  and  $B_x$  the events  $\{|\xi_n(x)\sigma(x)| \geq (1 + \varepsilon)t_n V_{\beta,n}\}$  and  $\{|\sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}, y \neq x} \xi_n(y)\sigma(y)| < \varepsilon t_n V_{\beta,n}\}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , respectively. By (19) and some conditional argument, we have

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(A_x) \asymp t_n^{-\beta} \longrightarrow 0. \tag{33}$$

On the other hand, by (28),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(B_x) & \geq \mathbb{P}(|K_n| \leq \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) t_n V_{\beta,n}) \\
& - \mathbb{P}(|\xi_n(x)\sigma(x)| \geq \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) t_n V_{\beta,n}).
\end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

This, together with (20) and (32), yields that

$$\mathbb{P}(B_x) \longrightarrow 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{35}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(|K_n| > t_n V_{\beta,n}) & \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} (A_x \cap B_x) \mid \mathcal{F} \right) \right] \\
& = \mathbb{E} \left[ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{x=-M}^M (A_x \cap B_x) \mid \mathcal{F} \right) \right] \\
& \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{x=-M}^M \mathbb{P}(A_x \cap B_x \mid \mathcal{F}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \sum_{-M \leq x < y \leq M} \mathbb{P}((A_x \cap B_x) \cap (A_y \cap B_y) \mid \mathcal{F}) \right\} \right] \\
& \geq \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(A_x B_x) - \sum_{-\infty \leq x < y \leq \infty} \mathbb{P}(A_x A_y) \\
& = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(A_x) \mathbb{P}(B_x) - \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(A_x) \right)^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Thus, by (33)-(36),

$$\mathbb{P}(|K_n| > t_n V_{\beta,n}) \geq c_{2,15} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{P}(A_x) \geq c_{2,16} t_n^{-\beta}. \tag{37}$$

It yields the left-hand side of (17). The proof of Lemma 6 is completed.  $\square$

We will also need the following two technical results.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. nonnegative random variables with a common distribution  $F$ . Assume that  $F$  is absolutely continuous and  $1 - F(x) \sim c_{2,17} x^{-\alpha}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ . Then, for all  $r > 0$ ,

$$S_n \geq n^{1/\alpha} (\log n)^{-r} \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{38}$$

*Proof.* Let  $M_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ ,  $\bar{F}(x) = 1 - F(x) = P(X_1 > x)$ , and  $\bar{F}^*$  be the inverse of  $\bar{F}$ . Let  $U, U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be i.i.d. random variables with the distribution of  $U$  uniform over  $(0, 1)$  and  $M_n^* = \max\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$ . Let  $\theta > 1$  be a constant which will be chosen later on and  $n_k = \lfloor \theta^k \rfloor$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . By making use of the fact that  $F(X_n)$  is a uniform  $(0, 1)$  random variable, we have  $M_n^* \stackrel{d}{=} F(M_n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . On the other hand,  $\bar{F}^*(y) \sim c_{2,18} y^{-1/\alpha}$ ,  $0 < y \leq 1$ . Thus, since  $X_i$ 's are nonnegative,  $\bar{F}$  and  $\bar{F}^*$  are nonincreasing:

$$\begin{aligned}
P(S_{n_k} \leq n_k^{1/\alpha} (\log n_k)^{-r}) & \leq P(M_{n_k} \leq n_k^{1/\alpha} (\log n_k)^{-r}) \\
& \leq P(\bar{F}^*(\bar{F}(M_{n_k})) \leq \bar{F}^*(c_{2,19} n_k^{-1} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r})) \\
& = P(\bar{F}(M_{n_k}) \geq c_{2,19} n_k^{-1} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r}) \\
& = P(1 - M_{n_k}^* \geq c_{2,19} n_k^{-1} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r}) \\
& = P(M_{n_k}^* \leq 1 - c_{2,19} n_k^{-1} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left( P \left( U \leq 1 - c_{2,19} n_k^{-1} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r} \right) \right)^{n_k} \\
&\leq \exp \left( -c_{2,19} (\log n_k)^{\alpha r} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

By making use of Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} n_k^{-1/\alpha} (\log n_k)^r S_{n_k} \geq 1 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{40}$$

To each  $n$ , there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n_k \leq n \leq n_{k+1}$ . Thus, by (40),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1/\alpha} (\log n)^r S_n \\
&\geq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{n_k \leq n \leq n_{k+1}} n^{-1/\alpha} (\log n)^r S_n \\
&\geq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( n_k^{1/\alpha} n_{k+1}^{-1/\alpha} \right) n_k^{-1/\alpha} (\log n_k)^r S_{n_k} \geq \theta^{-1/\alpha} \\
&\quad \text{a.s.}
\end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Letting  $\theta \downarrow 1$ , (38) is proved. The proof of Lemma 7 is completed.  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** Let  $\{\sigma(x), x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables satisfying (5) and (9), and  $\{X_i, i \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of arbitrary random variables and independent of  $\sigma$ 's. Let  $\{a_n, n \geq 1\}$  be a nondecreasing sequences of positive integers such that  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $W_n = \sum_{x=-a_n}^{a_n} \xi_n(x) \sigma(x)$  and  $\gamma_n = (\sum_{x=-a_n}^{a_n} \mathbb{E}[\xi_n^\beta(x)])^{1/\beta}$ . Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\gamma_n^{-1} W_n|^{1/\log \log n} \leq e^{1/\beta} \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{42}$$

*Proof.* Let  $n_0 = 0$  and  $n_k = \inf\{n : \gamma_n \geq 2^k\}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). Since  $\gamma_n$  is increasing and  $\gamma_n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $2^k \leq \gamma_{n_k} < 2^{k+1}$ . Noting

$$\gamma_n \leq \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \xi_n^2(x) \right)^{1/2} \leq \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \xi_n(x) \right)^{2/\beta} = n^{2/\beta}, \tag{43}$$

we have

$$n_k \geq \gamma_{n_k}^{\beta/2} \geq 2^{\beta k/2}. \tag{44}$$

For the sake of convenience, we denote  $u_k = \gamma_{n_k} (\log n_{k-1})^{(1+\varepsilon)/\beta}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \in [-a_n, a_n]\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\eta_n(x) = \eta_n(k, x) \\
&= \begin{cases} \xi_n(x) \sigma(x) I(\sigma(x) \leq u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) & \text{if } 0 < \beta \leq 1, \\ \xi_n(x) \min\{\sigma(x), u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)\} & \text{if } 1 < \beta < 2, \end{cases} \tag{45}
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\widetilde{W}_n = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{S}_n} \eta_n(x)$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k$ . By (19) and (44),

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) > u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x) \mid \mathcal{F}) \leq c_{2,20} k^{-(1+\varepsilon)} \gamma_{n_k}^{-\beta} \xi_{n_k}^\beta(x). \tag{46}$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{x=-a_{n_k}}^{a_{n_k}} \mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) > u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) \leq c_{2,21} k^{-(1+\varepsilon)}. \tag{47}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
&\min\{\sigma(x), u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)\} \\
&= \sigma(x) I(\sigma(x) \leq u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) \\
&\quad + u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x) I(\sigma(x) > u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)),
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

following the same argument as the proof of (29), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&u_k^{-1} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} |\mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_n \mid \mathcal{F}]| \\
&\leq u_k^{-1} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} \sum_{x=-a_n}^{a_n} |\mathbb{E}[\eta_n(x) \mid \mathcal{F}]| \rightarrow 0
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for  $0 < \beta < 2$ . On the other hand, by (22) and noting

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E}[\eta_n^2(x) \mid \mathcal{F}] \\
&\leq 2\mathbb{E}[\xi_{n_k}^2(x) \sigma^2(x) I(\sigma(x) \leq u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) \mid \mathcal{F}] \\
&\quad + 2u_k^2 \mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) \geq u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x) \mid \mathcal{F}),
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

we have for  $n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k$  and  $0 < \beta < 2$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[(\eta_n(x))^2 \mid \mathcal{F}] \leq c_{2,22} u_k^{2-\beta} \xi_{n_k}^\beta(x). \tag{51}$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{S}_{n_k}} \mathbb{E}[(\eta_{n_k}(x))^2 \mid \mathcal{F}] \leq c_{2,23} u_k^{2-\beta} \gamma_{n_k}^\beta. \tag{52}$$

From Newman and Wright [28], we call a finite collection of random variables  $Z_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , which is associated if any two coordinatewise nondecreasing functions  $f_1, f_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $F_i = f_i(Z_1, \dots, Z_m)$  have finite variance for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\text{cov}(F_1, F_2) \geq 0$ ; an infinite collection is associated if every finite subcollection is associated. It is not difficult to demonstrate that independent variables are always associated. Moreover, given  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\eta_n(x) - \mathbb{E}[\eta_n(x) \mid \mathcal{F}]$  are nonincreasing functions on  $\sigma$  and are also associated variables by Esary et al. [29]. Consequently, by Theorem 2 of Newman and Wright [28] and (52),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} (\widetilde{W}_n - \mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_n \mid \mathcal{F}])^2 \mid \mathcal{F} \right] \\
&\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ (\widetilde{W}_{n_k} - \mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_{n_k} \mid \mathcal{F}])^2 \mid \mathcal{F} \right] \\
&\leq \sum_{x \in \mathcal{S}_{n_k}} \mathbb{E}[(\eta_{n_k}(x))^2 \mid \mathcal{F}] \leq c_{2,23} u_k^{2-\beta} \gamma_{n_k}^\beta.
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u_k^{-2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} (\widetilde{W}_n - \mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_n | \mathcal{F}])^2 \mid \mathcal{F} \right] \\ \leq c_{2,24} k^{-(1+\varepsilon)}. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} W_n \geq u_k \right) &\leq \sum_{x=-a_{n_k}}^{a_{n_k}} \mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) \xi_{n_k}(x) > u_k) \\ &+ \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} \widetilde{W}_n \geq u_k \right) \leq \sum_{x=-a_{n_k}}^{a_{n_k}} \mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) \\ &> u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) + \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{P} \left( \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} (\widetilde{W}_n - \mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_n | \mathcal{F}]) \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. \geq 2^{-1} u_k \mid \mathcal{F} \right) \right] \leq \sum_{x=-a_{n_k}}^{a_{n_k}} \mathbb{P}(\sigma(x) > u_k \xi_{n_k}^{-1}(x)) \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[ u_k^{-2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} (\widetilde{W}_n - \mathbb{E}[\widetilde{W}_n | \mathcal{F}])^2 \mid \mathcal{F} \right] \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Thus, by (47), (54), (55) and making use of Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} W_n \gamma_{n_k}^{-1} (\log n_{k-1})^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \leq c_{2,25} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (56)$$

By replacing  $\sigma(x)$  with  $-\sigma(x)$ , following the same argument, we have that (56) also holds if  $W_n$  is replaced with  $-W_n$ . It yields

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} |W_n| \gamma_{n_k}^{-1} (\log n_{k-1})^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \leq c_{2,26} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (57)$$

Therefore, by (57),

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |W_n| \gamma_n^{-1} (\log n)^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \\ \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} |W_n| \gamma_n^{-1} (\log n)^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \\ \leq c_{2,27} \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{n_{k-1} < n \leq n_k} |W_n| \gamma_{n_k}^{-1} (\log n_{k-1})^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \\ \leq c_{2,28} \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

It follows that

$$\log(|W_n| \gamma_n^{-1}) - \left( \frac{1+2\varepsilon}{\beta} \right) \log \log n \leq 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (59)$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , we obtain (49). The proof of Lemma 8 is completed.  $\square$

### 3. Proofs

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $\tau \in (0, 1/\alpha)$  be two arbitrary constants. Let  $\mathcal{S}_n$ ,  $W_n$ , and  $\gamma_n$  be defined as in Lemma 8 with  $a_n = n^{1/\alpha} (\log n)^{1/\alpha+\tau}$ . By Chover's law of the iterated logarithm (see Chover [26] and Qi and Cheng [30]) we have  $S_n = o(a_n)$  a.s. Thus, for any sample point  $\omega$  for which it holds, there exists  $N_0 = N_0(\omega)$  such that for all  $n \geq N_0$  and  $|x| \geq \text{Card}(\mathcal{S}_n)$ , where  $\text{Card}(\mathcal{S}_n)$  is the number of integers belonging to  $\mathcal{S}_n$ ,  $\xi_n(x)(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^n I[S_i = x](\omega) = 0$ . It follows that, for all  $n \geq N_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \notin \mathcal{S}_n} \sigma(x) \xi_n(x) &= 0 \quad \text{a.s.}, \\ \sum_{x \notin \mathcal{S}_n} \xi_n^\beta(x) &= 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

By (28) and (60), we have that  $K_n = W_n$  a.s. and  $V_{\beta,n} = \gamma_n$  a.s. Hence, to prove (10), by (28), it suffices to prove that, for all  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |W_n| \gamma_n^{-1} (\log n)^{-(1+\varepsilon)/\beta} \leq c_{3,1} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (61)$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |W_n| \gamma_n^{-1} (\log n)^{-(1-\varepsilon)/\beta} \geq c_{3,2} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (62)$$

By (42), (61) holds. Thus, it remains to prove (62). Let  $\mathcal{T}_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \in [0, a_n]\}$ . Let  $\theta > 1$  be a constant. For  $k \geq 1$ , let  $m_k = e^{k^\theta}$  and  $n_k = \inf\{n : n \in \{m_1, m_2, \dots\}, \gamma_n \geq e^{k^\theta}\}$ . Since  $\gamma_n$  is increasing and  $\gamma_n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have that  $n_k$ 's are well-defined,  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$  and  $e^{k^\theta} \leq \gamma_{n_k} < e^{(k+1)^\theta}$ . Noting  $n^\beta \sim (\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_n} \xi_n(x))^\beta \leq \gamma_n^\beta$  if  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $n \sim \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_n} \xi_n(x) \leq \gamma_n^\beta$  if  $1 < \beta < 2$ , we have, for  $0 < \beta < 2$ ,

$$n_k \leq \gamma_{n_k}^{(\beta \vee 1)} \leq e^{(\beta \vee 1)(k+1)^\theta}. \quad (63)$$

For  $k \geq 1$ , we denote  $\lambda_{1,k} := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta(x)]$ ,  $\lambda_{2,k} := \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}}} \mathbb{E}[\xi_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta(x)]$ , and  $\nu_k := \lambda_{1,k}^{1/\beta} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta}$ . Denote by  $C_x$ ,  $D_x$ , and  $E_x$  the events  $C_x = \{|\sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)| \geq (1+\varepsilon)\nu_k\}$ ,  $D_x = \{|\sum_{y \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(y) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(y)| < \varepsilon \nu_k\}$ , and  $E_k = \{|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)| \geq \nu_k\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{\sigma(x), x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}}\} \cup \mathcal{F}$ . Then,  $E_k \in \mathcal{G}_k$ . By (19) and (63),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{P}(C_x \mid \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) &\geq c_{3,3} (\log n_{2k+1})^{-1+\varepsilon} \\ &\geq c_{3,4} k^{-(1-\varepsilon)\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

Similar to (36), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(E_k | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) &\geq \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} (C_x \cap D_x) | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}\right) \\ &\geq \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{P}(C_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \left\{ \mathbb{P}(D_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{P}(C_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

Similar to (33) and (35), we have  $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{P}(C_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mathbb{P}(D_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \rightarrow 1$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}$ , respectively. Thus, by (64) and (65), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(E_k | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) &\geq c_{3,5} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{P}(C_x | \mathcal{G}_{k-1}) \\ &\geq c_{3,6} k^{-(1-\varepsilon)\theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

By choosing  $\theta > 1$  small enough such that  $(1 - \varepsilon)\theta < 1$ , and making use of Lemma 5,

$$\mathbb{P}(E_k \text{ i.o.}) = 1. \quad (67)$$

By the definitions of  $m_k$  and  $n_k$ , we have that

$$\frac{\gamma_{n_{2k}}}{\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}} \leq \frac{e^{(2k)^\theta}}{e^{(2k+1)^\theta}} \leq e^{-(2k)^{\theta-1}} \rightarrow 0, \quad (68)$$

and that there exist integers  $j < l$  such that  $n_{2k-1} = m_j$  and  $n_{2k} = m_l$ . It follows that

$$\frac{n_{2k-1} (\log n_{2k-1})^{2\alpha\tau}}{n_{2k}} = \frac{j^{2\alpha\tau\theta} e^{j^\theta}}{e^{l^\theta}} \rightarrow 0. \quad (69)$$

By Lemma 7, we have almost surely  $S_n > n^{1/\alpha} (\log n)^{-\tau}$  for all large  $n$ . This, together with (60), (68), and (69), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{2,k} &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \xi_{n_{2k-1} (\log n_{2k-1})^{2\alpha\tau}}^\beta(x) \right] \leq \gamma_{n_{2k}}^\beta \\ &= o(\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

Since  $\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta = \lambda_{1,k} + \lambda_{2,k}$ , by (70), we have  $\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta \sim \lambda_{1,k}$ . Thus, (67) remains true when  $\lambda_{1,k}$  is replaced with  $\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}^\beta$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)\right| \geq \gamma_{n_{2k+1}} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta} \text{ i.o.}\right) &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

By (68), (70) and following the same argument as the proof of (32),

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)\right| \geq c_{3,7} \gamma_{n_{2k+1}} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)\right| \geq c_{3,8} \lambda_{2,k} \frac{\gamma_{n_{2k+1}}}{\lambda_{2,k}} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta}\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)\right| \geq c_{3,9} e^{(2k)^{\theta-1}} \lambda_{2,k}\right) \\ &\leq c_{3,10} e^{-\beta(2k)^{\theta-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

Thus, by making use of Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x)\right| \geq c_{3,7} \gamma_{n_{2k+1}} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta} \text{ i.o.}\right) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

Noting

$$\begin{aligned} W(n_{2k+1}) &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k+1}} \setminus \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_{n_{2k-1}}} \sigma(x) \xi_{n_{2k+1}}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

by (71) and (73),

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}\left(|W(n_{2k+1})| \geq c_{3,11} \gamma_{n_{2k+1}} (\log n_{2k+1})^{(1-\varepsilon)/\beta} \text{ i.o.}\right) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

This yields (62). The proof of Theorem 1 is completed.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 4.* Fix  $0 < \lambda \leq 1/\beta$ . Let  $\nu = 1/\beta\lambda$  and  $n_k = e^{k^\nu}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). It is enough to prove that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(V_{n_k}^{-1} |K_{n_k}|\right)^{1/\log \log n_k} = e^\lambda \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (76)$$

To prove (76), it suffices to prove that, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , with probability one,

$$V_{n_k}^{-1} |K_{n_k}| > (\log n_k)^{(1+\varepsilon)\lambda} \quad (77)$$

for at most finitely many  $k$

and

$$V_{n_k}^{-1} |K_{n_k}| > (\log n_k)^{(1-\varepsilon)\lambda} \quad \text{for infinitely many } k. \quad (78)$$

By Lemma 6,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left( V_{n_k}^{-1} |K_{n_k}| > (\log n_k)^{(1+\varepsilon)\lambda} \right) &\leq c_{3,12} (\log n_k)^{-(1+\varepsilon)\beta\lambda} \\ &\leq c_{3,13} k^{-(1+\varepsilon)}. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

By making use of Borel-Cantelli lemma, we obtain (77).

It remains to prove (78). For the case  $\lambda = 1/\beta$ , following the same lines as the proof of (62), we have that there exists a subsequence of the subsequence  $\{e^k, k \geq 1\}$  such that (78) holds. For the case  $0 < \lambda < 1/\beta$ , we have  $\nu > 1$ . For  $k \geq 1$ , let  $m_k = \inf\{n : n \in \{n_1, n_2, \dots\}, V_n \geq e^k\}$ . Following the same lines as the proof of (62), we have, with probability one,

$$V_{m_k}^{-1} |K_{m_k}| > (\log m_k)^{(1-\varepsilon)\lambda} \quad \text{for infinitely many } k. \quad (80)$$

On the other hand,  $\{m_k\}$  is a subsequence of the subsequence  $\{n_k\}$ . Thus, we obtain (78) again. The proof of Theorem 4 is completed.  $\square$

## Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

## Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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