

On the Max-Sum Equivalence in Presence of Negative Dependence and Heavy Tails*

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Abstract. In this paper, following [1], the equivalence of the tail probabilities for the maximum and the sum with heavy-tailed summands under the negative dependence structure is investigated. Applications to some risk models with financial and insurance risks are provided. The Monte-Carlo simulation study illustrates the results.

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1. Introduction

Assume that X_1, \dots, X_n are real-valued random variables (r.v.s) with corresponding distributions F_1, \dots, F_n . Denote $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ and $S_{(n)} = \max\{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$. Motivated by the paper of Li and Tang [1] (see also [2]), the aim of this note is to investigate the equivalence among the quantities $P(S_n > x)$, $P(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} > x)$, $P(S_{(n)} > x)$ and $\sum_{k=1}^n P(X_k > x)$ under some dependence assumption on X_1, \dots, X_n with nonidentical distributions. Comparing with previous results (see, e.g., [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9]), we aim to restrict some

conditions to the (heavy-tailed) distribution of $X_{(n)} := \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. The assumption that the r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n are nonidentically distributed is important for insurance mathematics, because the result can be applied to some risk models with insurance and financial risks. Namely, set $X_k = \theta_k \xi_k$, where ξ_k , $k = 1, \dots, n$, are real-valued r.v.s, which represent the successive net losses for an insurance company, or can be understood as the total claim amount minus the total premium income within year k , and θ_k , $1 \leq k \leq n$, are nonnegative r.v.s which stand for the discount factor from year k to year 0. In such a model, the r.v.s ξ_k and θ_k are called the insurance risk and

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financial risk, respectively (see Section 2), and $P(S_{(n)} > x) =: \psi(x, n)$ represents the finite-time ruin probability by year n with initial capital $x > 0$. The obtained below asymptotic relations are important not only from the theoretical point of view, but also they can be used in practice as a numerical tool allowing to approximate the ruin probability $\psi(x, n)$ by the tail distribution of the maximal random variable $X_{(n)}$. A small Monte-Carlo simulation study in Section 3 illustrates this approximation.

Throughout the paper all limit relationships hold for x tending to ∞ . For two positive functions $a(x)$ and $b(x)$, we write $a(x) \sim b(x)$ if $\lim a(x)/b(x) = 1$; write $a(x) \lesssim b(x)$ if $\limsup a(x)/b(x) \leq 1$; write $a(x) \gtrsim b(x)$ if $\liminf a(x)/b(x) \geq 1$ and write $a(x) = o(b(x))$ if $\lim a(x)/b(x) = 0$.

Recall some important classes of heavy-tailed distributions used in the paper. A d.f. $F = 1 - \bar{F}$ is said to belong to the class dominatedly varying-tailed distributions, denoted by \mathcal{D} , if $\limsup \bar{F}(yx)/\bar{F}(x) < \infty$ for any $0 < y < 1$. A slightly smaller class is the consistently varying-tailed distribution class, denoted by \mathcal{C} . A d.f. F is said to belong to the class \mathcal{C} , if $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \bar{F}(yx)/\bar{F}(x) = 1$. A d.f. F belongs to the class of long-tailed distributions, denoted by \mathcal{L} , if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \bar{F}(x+y)/\bar{F}(x) = 1$ for any $y \in \mathbb{R}$. The following proper inclusion relationship between the forementioned classes holds:

$$\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{L}.$$

For more details on heavy-tailed distributions, see [10].

Furthermore, for a d.f. F , denote its upper Matuszewska index by

$$J_F^+ := - \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log F_*(y)}{\log y}$$

with $\bar{F}_*(y) := \liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{F}(yx)}{\bar{F}(x)}$ for $y > 1$.

Another important parameter is $L_F := \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \bar{F}_*(y)$. The following assertions are equivalent: (i) $F \in \mathcal{D}$; (ii) $L_F > 0$; (iii) $J_F^+ < \infty$. It also holds that $F \in \mathcal{C}$ if and only if $L_F = 1$. For more details, see [11] (Chapter 2.1).

Next, we recall some concepts of negative dependence, which were introduced by [12] and [13]. R.v.s Y_1, \dots, Y_n are said to be upper negatively dependent (UND) if, for all x_1, \dots, x_n ,

$$P(\bigcap_{k=1}^n \{Y_k > x_k\}) \leq \prod_{k=1}^n P(Y_k > x_k). \quad (1)$$

Similarly, r.v.s Y_1, \dots, Y_n are said to be lower negatively dependent (LND) if, for all x_1, \dots, x_n ,

$$P(\bigcap_{k=1}^n \{Y_k \leq x_k\}) \leq \prod_{k=1}^n P(Y_k \leq x_k). \quad (2)$$

R.v.s Y_1, \dots, Y_n are said to be negatively dependent (ND) if both (1) and (2) hold for all x_1, \dots, x_n . Y_1, \dots, Y_n are pairwise negatively dependent (or negatively quadrant dependent, according to [14]), if

$$P(Y_i > x_i, Y_j > x_j) \leq P(Y_i > x_i)P(Y_j > x_j) \quad (3)$$

for all $x_i, x_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $i \neq j$, $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. It can be shown that (3) is equivalent to

$$P(Y_i \leq x_i, Y_j \leq x_j) \leq P(Y_i \leq x_i)P(Y_j \leq x_j)$$

for all $x_i, x_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $i \neq j$, $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Clearly, for any pairwise ND variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &P(\max\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} > x) \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n P(Y_k > x)(1 - \sum_{j=1}^n P(Y_j > x)). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Denote the distribution of $\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ by G_n , $T_n := X_1^+ + \dots + X_n^+$ and $x^+ := \max\{x, 0\}$.

Proposition 1. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be pairwise ND real-valued r.v.s with corresponding distributions F_1, \dots, F_n . If $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$, then

$$P(S_{(n)} > x) \leq P(T_n > x) \lesssim \frac{1}{L_{G_n}} \bar{G}_n(x). \quad (5)$$

Furthermore, if $G_n \in \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D}$, then

$$P(S_{(n)} > x) \leq P(T_n > x) \lesssim \bar{G}_n(x).$$

Proof. $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$ implies that $\sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k(x) > 0$ for all x and, using (4),

$$\bar{G}_n(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k(x). \quad (6)$$

For any $0 < v < 1$ and $x > 0$ write

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_n > x) &\leq P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k^+ > (1-v)x\}\right) \\ &+ P\left(T_n > x, \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{X_k^+ \leq (1-v)x\}\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k((1-v)x) \\ &+ P(T_n > x, \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{X_i^+ > x/n\}, \\ &\quad \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{X_k^+ \leq (1-v)x\}) \\ &=: I_1(x) + I_2(x). \end{aligned}$$

We have that $I_1(x) \lesssim L_{G_n}^{-1} \bar{G}_n(x)$, because, by $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\limsup \frac{I_1(x)}{L_{G_n}^{-1} \bar{G}_n(x)} \\ &\leq \limsup \frac{I_1(x)}{\bar{G}_n((1-v)x)} \limsup \frac{\bar{G}_n((1-v)x)}{L_{G_n}^{-1} \bar{G}_n(x)} \end{aligned}$$

for any $0 < v < 1$. As for $I_2(x)$, we have

$$I_2(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(T_n > x, X_i^+ > \frac{x}{n}, \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{X_k^+ \leq (1-v)x\}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(T_n - X_i^+ > vx, X_i^+ > \frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{j \neq i} \{X_j^+ > \frac{vx}{n-1}\}, X_i^+ > \frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbb{P}\left(X_j^+ > \frac{vx}{n-1}, X_i^+ > \frac{x}{n}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \neq i} \bar{F}_j\left(\frac{vx}{n-1}\right) \bar{F}_i\left(\frac{x}{n}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used that X_1^+, \dots, X_n^+ are pairwise ND. Hence, by (6) and $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$, we obtain

$$I_2(x) \lesssim \bar{G}_n\left(\frac{vx}{n-1}\right) \bar{G}_n\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = o\left(\bar{G}_n(x)\right).$$

If $G_n \in \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D}$, then substitute vx in the above proof with $\ell(x)$, where $\ell(x)$ is a positive function satisfying $\ell(x) \rightarrow \infty$, $\ell(x) = o(x)$, and

$$\bar{G}_n(x - \ell(x)) \sim \bar{G}_n(x) \quad (7)$$

by $G_n \in \mathcal{L}$ (see [8], [15]). In this case, the estimate for $I_2(x)$ remains the same, i.e. $I_2(x) = o(\bar{G}_n(x))$, whereas for $I_1(x)$, due to (7), it holds $I_1(x) \lesssim \bar{G}_n(x)$. ■

In the case where the left-tail is asymptotically dominated by the right-tail, the lower bound can be obtained as well.

Proposition 2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be pairwise ND r.v.s. (i) If $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$ and $F_i(-x) = o(\bar{F}_i(x))$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, then

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{(n)} > x) \geq \mathbb{P}(S_n > x) \gtrsim L_{G_n} \bar{G}_n(x). \quad (8)$$

(ii) If $G_n \in \mathcal{C}$ and $F_i(-x) = o(\bar{F}_i(x))$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, then

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{(n)} > x) \geq \mathbb{P}(S_n > x) \gtrsim \bar{G}_n(x). \quad (9)$$

(iii) If $G_n \in \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D}$ and $F_i(A) = 0$ for some finite $A < 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, then relations in (9) hold.

Proof. (i) For any $v > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbb{P}(S_n > x) \\
 &\geq \mathbb{P}\left(S_n > x, \bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k > (1+v)x\}\right) \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_n > x, X_k > (1+v)x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbb{P}(S_n > x, X_i > (1+v)x, X_j > (1+v)x) \\
 &=: I_3(x) - I_4(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, since X_1, \dots, X_n are pairwise ND, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_4(x) &\leq \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbb{P}(X_i > x, X_j > x) \\
 &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X_i > x)\right)^2 = o\left(\bar{G}_n(x)\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

according to (6).

As for $I_3(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3(x) &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_n - X_k > -vx, X_k > (1+v)x) \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbb{P}(S_n - X_k > -vx) + \bar{F}_k((1+v)x) - 1) \\
 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k((1+v)x) - \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}(S_n - X_k \leq -vx) \\
 &=: I_{31}(x) - I_{32}(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, $I_{31}(x) \gtrsim L_{G_n} \bar{G}_n(x)$. For term $I_{32}(x)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{32}(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n (-X_i) \geq vx\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{i=1, i \neq k}^n \left\{-X_i \geq \frac{v}{n-1}x\right\}\right) \\
 &\leq n \sum_{i=1}^n F_i\left(-\frac{v}{n-1}x\right) \\
 &= o(1) \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{F}_i\left(\frac{v}{n-1}x\right) \\
 &\sim o(1) \bar{G}_n\left(\frac{v}{n-1}x\right) \\
 &= o(\bar{G}_n(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

by $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$.

(ii) Use $L_{G_n} = 1$.

(iii) Again, replacing vx in the proof of assertion (i) by the function $\ell(x)$ given in (7), we have $I_{31}(x) \gtrsim \bar{G}_n(x)$, $I_4(x) = o(\bar{G}_n(x))$, and

$$\begin{aligned} I_{32}(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n (-X_i) \geq \ell(x) \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{P} \left(\bigcup_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \left\{ -X_i \geq \frac{\ell(x)}{n-1} \right\} \right) \\ &\leq n \sum_{i=1}^n F_i \left(-\frac{\ell(x)}{n-1} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for large x by the assumption of proposition. This ends the proof. ■

Using Proposition 1 and Proposition 1 (iii), we obtain:

Corollary 1. *Let X_1, \dots, X_n be nonnegative pairwise ND r.v.s. If $G_n \in \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D}$, then*

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{(n)} > x) = \mathbb{P}(S_n > x) \sim \bar{G}_n(x).$$

Remark 1. Note that class \mathcal{D} is closed under max operation, i.e. if $F_k \in \mathcal{D}$ for all $k = 1, \dots, n$, then $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$ (the inverse statement obviously does not hold). Moreover, the constant L_{G_n} appearing in Propositions 1 and 1 can be estimated from below as follows:

$$L_{G_n} \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{L_{F_k}} \right)^{-1} > 0, \quad (10)$$

where $L_{F_k} := \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \liminf \frac{\bar{F}_k(xy)}{\bar{F}_k(x)}$. To show this, for any $y > 0$ write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{G}_n(xy)}{\bar{G}_n(x)} &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k > xy\})}{\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k > x\})} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\mathbb{P}(X_k > xy)}{\mathbb{P}(X_k > x)}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{L_{G_n}} &= \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \limsup \frac{\bar{G}_n(xy)}{\bar{G}_n(x)} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \limsup \frac{\bar{F}_k(xy)}{\bar{F}_k(x)} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{L_{F_k}} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

or (10). Hence, $L_{G_n} > 0$, which is equivalent to $G_n \in \mathcal{D}$.

Remark 2. The statement of Corollary 1 holds if $F_k \in \mathcal{C}$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$ and r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n are nonnegative pairwise ND. To see that $G_n \in \mathcal{C}$, note that for any x, y it holds

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\bar{G}_n(xy)}{\bar{G}_n(x)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k > xy\})}{\mathbb{P}(\bigcup_{k=1}^n \{X_k > x\})} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k(xy) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mathbb{P}(X_i > xy, X_j > xy)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k(x)} \\ &\geq \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ \frac{\bar{F}_k(xy)}{\bar{F}_k(x)} \right\} - \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \bar{F}_i(xy) \bar{F}_j(xy)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \bar{F}_k(x)} \end{aligned}$$

by pairwise ND property. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \liminf \frac{\bar{G}_n(xy)}{\bar{G}_n(x)} \\ &\geq \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \liminf \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ \frac{\bar{F}_k(xy)}{\bar{F}_k(x)} \right\} \\ &\quad - \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \limsup \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{F}_j(xy) \\ &\geq \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ \lim_{y \nearrow 1} \liminf \frac{\bar{F}_k(xy)}{\bar{F}_k(x)} \right\} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

2. The Model with Financial and Insurance Risk

In this section we consider the model with financial and insurance risk, mentioned in Section 1, i.e. we study the question when the conditions of the propositions above are satisfied for the $X_k = \theta_k \xi_k$. Lemma 2 below gives a simple condition for X_1, \dots, X_n to be upper or lower negatively dependent.

Lemma 1 *Assume that ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n are independent, almost surely positive r.v.s, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ are UND (LND, pairwise ND) r.v.s, independent of $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$. Then $\theta_1 \xi_1, \dots, \theta_n \xi_n$ are UND (LND, pairwise ND, respectively).*

Proof. Assume that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ are UND r.v.s. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}(\theta_1 \xi_1 > x_1, \dots, \theta_n \xi_n > x_n) \\ &= \int_{(0, \infty)} \dots \int_{(0, \infty)} \mathbb{P} \left(\theta_1 > \frac{x_1}{y_1}, \dots, \theta_n > \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right) \\ &\quad dF_{\xi_1}(y_1) \dots dF_{\xi_n}(y_n) \\ &\leq \int_{(0, \infty)} \dots \int_{(0, \infty)} \mathbb{P} \left(\theta_1 > \frac{x_1}{y_1} \right) \dots \mathbb{P} \left(\theta_n > \frac{x_n}{y_n} \right) \\ &\quad dF_{\xi_1}(y_1) \dots dF_{\xi_n}(y_n) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\theta_1 \xi_1 > x_1) \dots \mathbb{P}(\theta_n \xi_n > x_n). \end{aligned}$$

The cases of LND and pairwise ND are analogous. ■

We obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 3. Assume that ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n are independent, almost surely positive r.v.s from \mathcal{D} . Assume also that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$ are pairwise ND r.v.s, independent of ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n , such that $P(\theta_i \in [a, b]) = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and some $0 < a \leq b < \infty$. Then relations (5) and (8) hold.

Proof. Note that the conditions of the proposition imply

$$G_n(x) = P(\max\{\theta_1 \xi_1, \dots, \theta_n \xi_n\} \leq x) \in \mathcal{D}, \quad (11)$$

since, by Remark 1, $P(\max\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\} \leq x) \in \mathcal{D}$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup \frac{P(\max\{\theta_1 \xi_1, \dots, \theta_n \xi_n\} > xy)}{P(\max\{\theta_1 \xi_1, \dots, \theta_n \xi_n\} > x)} \\ & \leq \limsup \frac{P(b \max\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\} > xy)}{P(a \max\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\} > x)} \\ & = \limsup \frac{P(\max\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\} > xya/b)}{P(\max\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\} > x)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to apply Lemma 2 and Propositions 1–1. ■

Finally note that, in the case $H_k(x) := P(\xi_k \leq x) \in \mathcal{D}$ and $P(\theta_k \in [a, b]) = 1$, the constant L_{F_k} appearing in (10) can be estimated by the constants defined through the function $\overline{H}_{k*}(y) = \liminf_{\substack{P(\xi_k > xy) \\ P(\xi_k > x)}} y, y \geq 1$. It is easy to see that

$$L_{F_k} \geq \lim_{y \searrow 1} \overline{H}_{k*}(y) \overline{H}_{k*}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right).$$

3. Numerical Simulations

In this section we perform some numerical simulations in order to check the accuracy of the asymptotic relations obtained in Corollary 1. We compare the tail probabilities $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$ for several values of x , assuming that r.v.s X_k are distributed according to the common Pareto law with parameters $\kappa, \beta > 0$:

$$F(x; \kappa, \beta) = 1 - \left(\frac{\kappa}{\kappa+x}\right)^\beta, \quad x \geq 0, \quad (12)$$

which belongs to the class $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{D}$. We assume that $\{(X_{2k-1}, X_{2k}), k \geq 1\}$ are independent replications of (X_1, X_2) with the joint distribution

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{X_1, X_2}(x, y) = \max\{\alpha F(x)F(y) \\ & + (1 - \alpha)(F(x) + F(y) - 1), 0\}, \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

with parameter $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ (see eq. (4.2.7) in [16]). Since $P(X_1 > x, X_2 > y) \leq \alpha \overline{F}(x) \overline{F}(y)$ for all x, y , X_1 and X_2 are ND r.v.s. Hence, by construction, X_1, \dots, X_n (n – even) are nonnegative pairwise ND r.v.s. Moreover, according to Remark 1, $G_n \in \mathcal{C}$.

For our simulations we choose parameters $\kappa = 1, \beta = 2$ and $\alpha = 0.5$. We set $n = 10$ and $x = 100, 500, 1000, 2000$. The procedure of the computation

of $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$ in Corollary 1 consists of the following steps:

- Step 1.** Assign a value for the variable x and set $m = k = 0$;
- Step 2.** Generate the dependent r.v.s X_1, \dots, X_n from (12) and (13);
- Step 3.** Calculate the sum value and the maximal value of X_1, \dots, X_n : $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$;
- Step 4.** Compare the two values S_n and $X_{(n)}$ with x : if $S_n > x$, then $m = m + 1$, and if $X_{(n)} > x$, then $k = k + 1$;
- Step 5.** Repeat step 2 through step 4, $N = 2 \times 10^6$ times;
- Step 6.** Calculate the estimates of the two tail probabilities $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$ as, respectively, m/N and k/N .

For specific values of x , the simulated values of $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$ are presented in Table 1 below. It can be found from the table, that, the larger x becomes, the smaller the difference between the simulated values of $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$ is. Therefore, the approximate relationship in Corollary 1 is reasonable.

Table 1. Comparison between the empirical values of $P(S_n > x)$ and $\overline{G}_n(x)$

x	$P(S_n > x)$	$\overline{G}_n(x)$
100	0.002060	0.001524
500	0.000125	0.000118
1000	0.000013	0.000013
2000	0.000004	0.000004

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