

# The Conditional Central Limit Question For Superlinear Processes

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Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the integers and  $J$  a countable set; let  $F_j$ ,  $j \in J$ , be distribution functions with means 0 and unit variances; let  $\xi_{i,j}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $j \in J$ , be independent random variables defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ ; and suppose  $\xi_{i,j} \sim F_j$  are identically distributed for each  $j$ . Next let  $c_{i,j}$  be a square summable array and consider processes of the form

$$X_k = \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_{i,j} \xi_{k-i,j} = \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i \leq k} c_{k-i,j} \xi_{i,j}. \quad (1)$$

Here  $X_k$  converges *w.p.1* and in  $L^2(P)$  by the Three Series Theorem and defines a strictly stationary process. We will call  $X_k$  a *superlinear process*, as it is the sum (superposition) of linear processes. Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  be the sigma algebra generated by  $\xi_{i,j}$ ,  $i \leq 0$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$ ,  $\sigma_n^2 = E(S_n^2)$ , suppose that  $\sigma_n \rightarrow \infty$ , and let  $F_n$  be a regular conditional distribution function for  $S_n/\sigma_n$  given  $\mathcal{F}_0$ ,

$$F_n(\omega; z) = P\left[\frac{S_n}{\sigma_n} \leq z \mid \mathcal{F}_0\right](\omega).$$

Necessary and sufficient conditions are given for the convergence in probability of  $F_n$  to the standard normal distribution  $\Phi$ . The conditions resemble the Lindeberg Feller Conditions and involve an interesting interplay between the coefficients  $c_{i,j}$  and the distribution functions  $F_j$ .