## SMALL DEVIATIONS OF SERIES OF INDEPENDENT POSITIVE RANDOM VARIABLES WITH WEIGHTS CLOSE TO EXPONENTIAL

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Let  $\xi, \xi_0, \xi_1, \ldots$  be independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) positive random variables. The present paper is a continuation of the article [1] in which the asymptotics of probabilities of small deviations of series  $S = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a(j)\xi_j$  was studied under different assumptions on the rate of decrease of the probability  $\mathbb{P}(\xi < x)$  as  $x \to 0$ , as well as of the coefficients  $a(j) \ge 0$  as  $j \to \infty$ . We study the asymptotics of  $\mathbb{P}(S < x)$ as  $x \to 0$  under the condition that the coefficients a(j) are close to exponential. In the case when the coefficients a(j) are exponential and  $\mathbb{P}(\xi < x) \sim bx^{\alpha}$  as  $x \to 0$ , b > 0,  $\alpha > 0$ , the asymptotics  $\mathbb{P}(S < x)$ is obtained in an explicit form up to the factor  $x^{o(1)}$ . Originality of the approach of the present paper consists in employing the theory of delayed differential equations. This approach differs significantly from that in [1].

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