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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Correlation Statistics

In this article results are given on the large-sample behaviour of normal order statistics. These are then used to demonstrate that two correlation statistics for testing normality, introduced at about the same time by Shapiro and Francia (1972) and by De Wet and Venter (1972), have the same asymptotic distribution, given and tabulated by De Wet and Venter (1972).

A correlation statistic for goodness-of-fit is one based on the usual correlation coefficient for pairs of random variables.

The definition is extended to give a "correlation" between order statistics \( X_{1n} \leq X_{2n} \leq \cdots \leq X_{nn} \) of a random sample of size \( n \) and a suitable set of constants \( t_{in}, i=1,2,\ldots,n \). The correlation statistic \( r_n(X,t) \) is then defined by

\[
 r_n(X,t) = \frac{\sum_i (X_{in} - \bar{X})(t_{in} - \bar{t})}{\left( \sum_i (X_{in} - \bar{X})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_i (t_{in} - \bar{t})^2 \right)^{1/2}}
\]

where the sums are for \( i \) from 1 to \( n \) and where \( \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i X_{in} \) and \( \bar{t} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i t_{in} \). The set \( \{X_{in}; i=1,2,\ldots,n\} \) will be referred to as an order sample; it will also be referred to simply as \( X \), or \( X' \), where \( X' \) is the row vector \( (X_{1n},X_{2n},\ldots,X_{nn}) \).

Suppose the test of fit is a test of the null hypothesis \( H_0: X \) comes from the distribution \( F(x;\theta) \), where \( \theta \) is a vector of parameters.

In many test situations, such as a test for normality, the components of \( \theta \) are location and scale parameters, \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) respectively. Suppose
then that the distribution is written $F(x; \alpha, \beta)$. Let $\{W_{i\pi}, i=1,2,\ldots,n\}$ be the order statistics from a random sample of size $n$ from $F(x;0,1)$, let $E$ denote expectation, and let $m^*_{i\pi} = E(W_{i\pi})$ (the $m^*_{i\pi}$'s will usually be known, or known with reasonable accuracy). We now note that $X_{i\pi}$ can be written $\alpha + \beta W_{i\pi}$; so if we assume that $W_{i\pi}$ is close to its expectation $m^*_{i\pi}$ — which will generally be true — we have the representation

\[(1) \quad X_{i\pi} \sim \alpha + \beta m^*_{i\pi}.\]

In other words, the $X_{i\pi}$'s should be roughly linearly related to the $m^*_{i\pi}$'s.

To investigate $H_0$ with $\alpha$ and $\beta$ unknown it is therefore natural to use a measure of how well the linear relation (1) holds. By choosing $t_{i\pi}$ to be $m^*_{i\pi}$ we obtain an obvious test statistic $r(X, m^*)$. Another procedure for testing $H_0$ was introduced by Shapiro and Wilk (1965). The test statistic is based on a comparison of the estimate $\hat{\beta}$ of the slope in (2), obtained by generalized least-squares, with the estimate of $\beta$ obtained from the sample variance.

1.2 Test for Normality

Consider the case where we wish to test whether the ordered sample $X$ comes from a Normal distribution, with unknown mean $\mu$ and unknown variance $\sigma^2$, written $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then the $W_{i\pi}$ will be order statistics from $N(0,1)$; let these be called $Z_{1\pi} < Z_{2\pi} < \cdots < Z_{n\pi}$, let $m^*_{i\pi} = E(Z_{i\pi})$, and let $m$ be the column vector $(m^*_{1\pi}, m^*_{2\pi}, \ldots, m^*_{n\pi})'$. 
Let $v_{ij}$ be the covariance between $Z_{in}$ and $Z_{jn}$, that is,

$$v_{ij} = E(Z_{in} - m_{in})(Z_{jn} - m_{jn}),$$

and let $V$ be the matrix with entries $v_{ij}, i,j=1,\ldots,n$. We now have

$$E(X_{in}) = \mu + \sigma m_{in},$$

that is, $\alpha = \mu$ and $\beta = \sigma$. The generalized least-squares estimate of $\beta$ is then

$$\hat{\beta} = m'V^{-1}X/(m'V^{-1}m)$$

and the test statistics proposed by Shapiro and Wilk is

$$W = \frac{\hat{\beta}^2R^4}{(S^2C^2)}$$

where $S^2 = \sum (X_{in} - \bar{X})^2$, $\bar{X} = \sum X_{in}/n$, and $R^2$ and $C^2$ are respectively the constants $m'V^{-1}m$ and $m'V^{-1}V^{-1}m$. The constants $R^2$ and $C^2$ are inserted to make $0 \leq W \leq 1$ and clearly $S^2/(n-1)$ is the sample variance estimate of $\beta^2$.

The use of this statistic is limited by the need to tabulate the coefficient vector $a' = m'V^{-1}/C$; this was done by Shapiro and Wilk (1965), using both exact and approximate methods, for $n \leq 50$. For larger values of $n$, Shapiro and Francia (1972) proposed the statistic

$$W' = (m'X)^2/(m'mS^2);$$
this can be seen to be equal to the correlation statistic \( r_n^2(X,m) \), that is, the simple correlation between \( X \) and \( m \). The statistic \( W' \) may be regarded as a large sample version of \( W \) because of the fact that, for large \( n \), we may write (nonrigorously) \( W_n^{-1} \approx 2m \) (Stephens, 1975); then \( W' \approx W \) for large \( n \). \( W' \) is simpler than \( W \) but is still difficult to calculate because of the need to evaluate the \( m_{in} \); also no rigorous asymptotic theory exists for \( W \) or \( W' \).

Various authors have suggested other values for \( t_{in} \) to be used in \( r_n^2(X,t) \); in particular, De Wet and Venter (1972) have proposed \( t_{in} = H_{in} = \phi^{-1}(i/(n+1)) \) for the normal test where the function \( \phi^{-1}(\cdot) \) is defined as follows. Let \( \phi(u) = e^{-u^2/2}/(2\pi)^{1/2} \), and let

\[
\phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} \phi(u) du ;
\]

then if \( y = \phi(z) \), \( z = \phi^{-1}(y) \).

In addition, De Wet and Venter (1972) establish the following asymptotic result:

\[
2n(1-r_n(X,H)) - a_n \xrightarrow{D} \sum_{i=3}^{\infty} (Y_i^2 - 1)i^{-1},
\]

where \( X \) represents an ordered random sample from a normal distribution, \( a_n \) is the constant

\[
a_n = E[2n(1-r_n(X,H))]
\]
and the \( Y_i \) are independent \( N(0,1) \) variates. They provide tables for this asymptotic distribution, and also values of \( a_n \).

It is well-known that \( m_{in} \approx H_{in} \) except for extreme values and De Wet and Venter imply that the asymptotic distribution of \( r_n^2(X,m) \) is the same as that of \( r_n^2(X,H) \). Since \( W \) and \( W' \) have become well established as tests of normality, and have good power properties, it would be valuable to have rigorous asymptotic theory.

In this article we first give, in Theorem 1, approximations for \( m_{in} \), together with expressions for the error in the approximations. These should have some independent interest, but in Theorem 2 they are used to show that \( r_n^2(X,m) \) does indeed have the same asymptotic properties as \( r_n^2(X,H) \). The theorems are given in Section 2, and the proofs appear in Sections 3 and 4.

1.3 Notation

In addition to the notation established above, it will be convenient to list further definitions which will be required in the later sections. From now on, \( X \) will refer to an ordered random sample from \( N(\mu, \sigma^2) \), and vector \( Z \), with components \( Z_{in}, i=1, \ldots, n \), will be a similar vector from \( N(0,1) \). Then let \( U_i, i=1, \ldots, n \) be defined by \( U_i = \Phi(Z_{in}) \); vector \( U \) with components \( U_i, i=1, \ldots, n \) will then be a vector of order statistics from the uniform distribution with limits 0,1, written \( U(0,1) \); the dropping of the second subscript \( n \) in component \( U_i \) is done to facilitate the printing of the algebraic calculations in Section 3 and 4, and related quantities will likewise be simplified in notation. Thus we define \( V_i = -\log(U_i) \); note that \( V_1 > V_2 > \cdots > V_n \) are order
statistics from a standard exponential distribution. Let \( \psi(\cdot) \) be the function defined by
\[
Z_{i\in n} = \phi^{-1}(U_i) = \phi^{-1}\{\exp(-V_i)\} = \psi(V_i),
\]
i = 1, \ldots, n.

Set \( Y(u) \equiv \psi'(\log u^{-1}) \), and let \( s_i = E(V_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1/v) \); also define \( p_i^0 = e^{-s_i} \).

The end of a proof will be marked by \( \| \).
2. TWO THEOREMS

2.1 An Approximation for \( m_{in} \).

Let \( z_{in}, m_{in}, V_i \) and \( s_i \) for \( i = 1, \ldots, n \), be as defined in Section 1.3. We have

**THEOREM 1**: The mean \( m_{in} \) of \( z_{in} \) is given by

\[
m_{in} = \Phi^{-1}(\exp(-s_i)) + R_{in}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor
\]

where

\[
|R_{in}| \leq C \left( \log(n/i) \right)^{-3/2}
\]

and \( C \) is a constant independent of \( i \) and \( n \).

**REMARKS**. (1) \( m_{in} = -m_{jn} \), where \( j = n+1-i \), so the theorem covers \( 1 \leq i \leq n \).

(2) For \( i \) far enough away from \( 1 \), \( e^{-s_i} \approx i/(n+1) \); the theorem then gives \( m_{in} \approx \Phi^{-1}(i/(n+1)) = H_{in} \) above, a familiar approximation for \( m_{in} \). Blom (1958) introduced the idea of using exponential order statistics, although he expanded \( z_{in} \) about \( \log(i/(n+1)) \) and restricted his attention to the case of \( i \) fixed as \( n \to \infty \).

(3) A crude expression for the error term when \( H_{in} \) is used to approximate \( m_{in} \) was stated by David and Johnson (1956) but this requires \( i/n \) to be bounded away from both 0 and 1. Lemma 6 below shows that
when $H_{in}$ is used to approximate $m_{in}$ the error term is of order $i^{-1}(\log(n/i))^{-1/2}$, $1 \leq i \leq [(n+1)/2]$. Thus $\phi^{-1}(\exp(-s_i))$ provides a better approximation, at least asymptotically.

2.2 The next theorem establishes the equivalence of the asymptotic distributions for $r_n(Z,m)$ and $r_n(Z,H)$.

**THEOREM 2:** With $r_n(Z,m)$ and $r_n(Z,H)$ defined as in Section 1.1,

$$n[r_n(Z,m) - r_n(Z,H)] \to 0$$

in probability.

Since, under $H_0$, $Z_{in} = (X_{in} - \mu)/\sigma$, it follows that $r_n(X,m) \equiv r_n(Z,m)$ and $r_n(X,H) \equiv r_n(Z,H)$. Thus Theorem 2 asserts that the Shapiro-Francia and the De Wet-Venter correlation statistics have the same null asymptotic distributions.

In the next two sections we give the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2.
3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

3.1 Throughout the section we suppose $1 \leq i \leq [(n+1)/2]$. In this paragraph the first steps in the proof are given. These steps motivate a series of lemmas which are required to complete the proof. To begin, we expand $Z_{in}$ about $s_i = \sum_{\nu=i}^{n} 1/\nu$. This gives, using the notation $Z_{in} = \Phi^{-1}(e^{-V_i}) \equiv \Psi(V_i)$,

$$Z_{in} = \Psi(s_i) + (V_i - s_i)\Psi'(s_i) + \frac{1}{2}(V_i - s_i)^2 \Psi''(\theta_i)$$

where $\theta_i$ lies between $s_i$ and $V_i$. Taking expectations gives

$$m_{in} = E(Z_{in}) = \Psi(s_i) + E\frac{1}{2}(V_i - s_i)^2 \Psi''(\theta_i).$$

We need to evaluate $E(V_i - s_i)^2 \Psi''(\theta_i)$. Recall that $U_i = \exp(-V_i)$, and let $g_{in}(u)$ be the density of $U_i$; we have

$$g_{in}(u) = n(n-1)u^{i-1}(1-u)^{n-i}, 0 < u < 1.$$ 

Also with $p_i^0 = \exp(-s_i)$, we define $h_{in}$ by:

$$h_{in} = \begin{cases} 
  p_i^0[1+\lambda(i-1)^{-1/2}\log n] & \text{for } i > 1+\lambda^2\log n, \\
  p_i^0(1+\lambda^3i^{-1}\log n) & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 1+\lambda^2\log n,
\end{cases}$$

with $\lambda = 10$. Then
\[ I = E(V_1 - s_i)^2 \psi''(\theta_i) = \int_0^1 \gamma(u) du = I_1 + I_2, \]

where \( \gamma(u) = (\log u^{-1} - s_i)^2 \psi''(\theta_i) \vartheta_1(u) \), and

\[ I_1 = \int_0^{h_{in}} \gamma(u) du \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = \int_{h_{in}}^1 \gamma(u) du. \]

I must now be evaluated by evaluating \( I_1 \) and \( I_2 \). To do this, a series of lemmas is needed. A key result in the proof of Theorem 1 is Lemma 1.

**Lemma 1.** The function \( Y(u) = \psi''(\log u^{-1}) \) is monotonic increasing and positive for \( 0 \leq u \leq 0.5 \); also

\[ Y(u) < (|\phi^{-1}(u)|)^{-3} \quad \text{for} \quad \phi^{-1}(u) < 0; \]

\[ Y(u) < 16 \quad \text{for} \quad \phi^{-1}(u) \leq 1. \]

**Corollary:**

\[ Y(u) \leq 32(1+|\phi^{-1}(u)|^3)^{-1} \quad \text{for} \quad \phi^{-1}(u) \leq 1, \quad \text{that is, for} \quad 0 \leq u \leq \phi(1) = .84. \]

**Proof of Lemma 1.** It is easily shown that \( Y(u) = A(u)B(u) \) where

\[ A(u) = u(\phi(\phi^{-1}(u)))^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad B(u) = 1+u^{-1}(u)[\phi(\phi^{-1}(u))]^{-1}. \]

We therefore prove that \( Y(u) \) is monotonic by proving that both \( A(u) \) and \( B(u) \) are monotonic.
Monotonicity of $A(u)$. Let $u = \phi(x)$, and let $A(u) \equiv A_1(x)$. Since $\frac{du}{dx} > 0$, $A(u)$ is monotonic increasing if $A_1'(x) > 0$. We have $A_1(x) = \phi(x)/\phi(x)$; thus $A_1'(x) = C(x)/\phi(x)$, where $C(x) = \phi(x) + x\phi(x)$.

It is easily shown that $\lim_{x \to -\infty} C(x) = 0$; also $C'(x) = \phi(x)$, using the fact that $\phi'(x) = -x\phi(x)$; thus $C'(x) > 0$, and $C(x)$ is positive and monotonic increasing for all $x$. Hence $A_1'(x)$ is positive, so $A(u)$ is monotonic increasing for all $x$.

Monotonicity of $B(u)$. Let $B(u) \equiv B_1(x)$. Define the function $D(x) = (1+x^2)\phi(x) + x\phi'(x)$. We have $D'(x) = 2C(x) > 0$; also $\lim_{x \to -\infty} D(x) = 0$, so $D(x)$ is positive and monotonic increasing for all $x$. Now $B_1(x) = 1+x\phi(x)/\phi(x) = C(x)/\phi(x)$; then $B_1'(x) = \{C'(x) + xC(x)/\phi(x)\} / \phi(x) = \{(1+x^2)\phi(x) + x\phi(x)\} / \phi(x) = D(x)/\phi(x)$. Thus $B_1'(x) > 0$; hence $B'(u) > 0$ and so $B(u)$ is monotonically increasing for all $x$.

It is well-known (see, for example, Renyi (1970, p. 164) that for $x < 0$,

$$(4) \quad 1 - x^{-2} < |x| \phi(x)/\phi(x) < 1;$$

thus, for $x < 0$, $A_1(x) \equiv \phi(x)/\phi(x) < 1/|x|$, and $B_1(x) \equiv 1 + x\phi(x)/\phi(x) < x^{-2};$ hence $Y(u) \equiv B_1(x)A_1(x) < 1/|x|^3 \equiv |\phi^{-1}(u)|^{-3}$ for $u < 0.5$, that is, for $x < 0$. For $0.5 < u < \phi(1)$, that is, for $0 < x < 1$, $Y(u)$ is increasing, so for the second inequality we evaluate $Y(u)$ at $u = \phi(1)$; the value is approximately 15.6. This completes the proof of Lemma 1.
LEMA 2: There is a K, independent of i, such that for all n > K,

\[ h_{in} \leq \phi(1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \right]. \]

PROOF OF LEMMA 2. We have

\[ \sum_{\nu=i}^{n-1} \nu^{-1} < \int_{i-1}^{n-1} x^{-1} dx = \log \left( \frac{n-1}{i-1} \right) < \sum_{\nu=i-1}^{n-2} \nu^{-1}; \]

so

\[ e^{-1/n} \left( \frac{i-1}{n-1} \right) < p_i^0 = e^{-s_1} < \frac{i}{n+1} < \frac{i}{n}. \]

From the definition of \( h_{in} \) the lemma follows. ||

LEMA 3: For a constant \( c_0 \) \((0 < c_0 < 1)\), there is a constant \( \gamma(c_0) \)
such that for \( 0 < u < \gamma(c_0) < \frac{1}{2}, \)

\[-\left( -\log(2\pi u^2) \right)^{1/2} < \phi^{-1}(u) < -(c_0\log(2\pi u^2))^{1/2}.\]

PROOF OF LEMMA 3. By (4) we have

\[ \phi(z) |z|^{-1}(1-z^{-2}) < \phi(z) < \phi(z) |z|^{-1}; \]

set \( v = -\log(2\pi u^2) \) and \( z = -(c_0v)^{1/2}; \) then
\[ u^{-1} \phi\{-c_0 v^{1/2}\} > \frac{\phi\{-c_0 v^{1/2}\}}{u(c_0 v^{1/2})} \{1-(c_0 v)^{-1}\} \]

\[ = \{1-(c_0 v)^{-1}\}/\{(uv/2\pi)^{1-c_0 v^{1/2}}\} \]

\[ = h(u,c_0), \text{ say}. \]

Now \( h(u,c_0) \to \infty \text{ as } u \to 0 \) so there is a constant \( \gamma_0(c_0) \) such that \( h(u,c_0) > 1 \text{ for } 0 < u < \gamma_0(c_0). \) Similarly

\[ u^{-1}\phi(-v^{1/2}) < u^{-1}\phi(-v^{1/2})/v^{1/2} \]

\[ = v^{-1/2} \]

\[ < 1, \text{ provided } u < (2\pi e)^{-1/2}. \]

Thus, if \( \gamma(c_0) = \min\{\gamma_0(c_0), (2\pi e)^{-1/2}\} \), we have for \( 0 \leq u \leq \gamma(c_0), \)

\( u^{-1}\phi(-v^{1/2}) < 1 \text{ and } u^{-1}\phi\{-c_0 v^{1/2}\} > 1. \) Lemma 3 follows at once. ||

**Lemma 4:** With \( p_{1}^0 \) and \( h_{in} \) defined as in Section 3.1, there is a \( K' \)

such that for \( n > K' \)

\[ |\phi^{-1}(h_{in})| \geq C|\phi^{-1}(p_{1}^0)|, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor \]

where \( C \) is independent of \( i \) and \( n \).

**Proof of Lemma 4.** By Lemma 3, when \( h_{in} < \gamma(c_0) \) with \( c_0 \) fixed

\( (0 < c_0 < 1) \) but otherwise arbitrary — for example, \( c_0 \) can be 0.5 —
\[ |\phi^{-1}(h_{in})| > \{ -c_0 \log(2\pi \text{h}_{in}^2) \}^{1/2} \]

\[
\begin{cases} 
1/2 \left[ -2 \log(p_1^0 (2\lambda^3) i^{-1} (\log n) \sqrt{2\pi}) \right]^{1/2}, 1 \leq i \leq 1 + \lambda^2 \log n \\
1/2 \left[ -2 \log(p_1^0 (1 + \lambda(i-1)^{-1/2} (\log n)^{1/2}) \sqrt{2\pi}) \right]^{1/2}, 1 + \lambda^2 \log n < i \leq \frac{n}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} 
\end{cases}
\]

Using (5) we obtain

\[
\begin{cases} 
1/2 |\phi^{-1}(p_1^0)| \left[ 1 - \frac{\log((2\lambda^3) \log n)}{\log(n(1 + \lambda^2 \log n)^{-1/2})} \right]^{1/2}, 1 < i < 1 + \lambda^2 \log n \\
1/2 |\phi^{-1}(p_1^0)| (1 - \log 2 / \log 4)^{1/2}, 1 + \lambda^2 \log n < i \leq n(32\pi)^{-1/2} 
\end{cases}
\]

and so

\[ |\phi^{-1}(h_{in})| > c_1 |\phi^{-1}(p_1^0)| \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n(32\pi)^{-1/2} \text{ and } h_{in} < \gamma(c_0). \]

When \( n > K \), by Lemma 2, \( h_{in} \leq \Phi(1) \), and by (5)

\[ n(32\pi)^{-1/2} < i \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} (n+1) \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (32\pi)^{-1/2} < p_1^0 < \frac{1}{2} \]

\[ \Rightarrow h_{in} > \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2\pi}}. \]

For \( \gamma(c_0) \leq h_{in} \leq \Phi(1) \), there is a \( c_2 \), independent of \( i \) and \( n \), such that \( c_2 < p_1^0 < \frac{1}{2} \). From these results taken together, there must be a \( c_3 \) and \( c_4 \), both independent of \( i \) and \( n \), such that with \( n > K \),
\[ |\phi^{-1}(h^n)\phi^{-1}(p^n)\phi^{-1}(p^n)| \quad \text{for } (32\pi)^{-1/2} n < i \leq \frac{1}{2}(n+1), \]
\[ c_4 |\phi^{-1}(p^n)| \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq (32\pi)^{-1/2} n, \gamma(c_0) \leq h^n \leq \phi(1). \]

This completes the proof of Lemma 4. 

**Lemma 5:** For \( 1 \leq i \leq \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \) and \( k \) a fixed positive integer, \[
\int_{\phi(1)}^{1} (1-u)^{-k} g_{in}(u)du = o(n^{-m})
\]

where \( m \) is an arbitrary positive real number.

**Proof of Lemma 5.** Let \[
f_{in}(u) = \frac{(n-1)^i}{(i-1)!} u^{i-1} e^{-(n-1)u}, \quad u \geq 0.
\]

Lemma 3 of Stigler (1969, p. 774) gives the result that for any \( \varepsilon > 0 \), there is an \( M \) depending only on \( \varepsilon \) such that \( g_{in}(u) \leq Mf_{in}(u) \) for all \( u \geq 0 \) and \( i \leq (1-\varepsilon)n \). Therefore

\[
\int_{\phi(1)}^{1} (1-u)^{-k} g_{in}(u)du = \frac{n(n-1)\ldots(n-k+1)}{(n-i)\ldots(n-i-k+1)} \int_{\phi(1)}^{1} g_{i}(n-k)(u)du
\]

\[
< 3^k M \int_{\phi(1)}^{1} f_{i}(n-k)(u)du \mbox{ for } n > 4k
\]

\[
< C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} n\phi(1)\right) \int_{\phi(1)}^{1} \frac{(n-k-1)^i}{(i-1)!} u^{i-1} e^{u(n-k-1)/2}du
\]

\[
< C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} n\phi(1)\right) 2^i
\]

\[
= o(n^{-m}) \quad \text{as} \quad 2^i \leq e^{(n+1)\log 2}/2 \leq e^{4(n+1)}, \quad e^{-n\phi(1)/2} < e^{-0.42n}.
\]
This completes the proof of Lemma 5. ||

3.3 We continue with the proof of Theorem 1. We assume $n > \max(K, K')$.

From (2) in Section 3.1 we have

$$I_1 = \int_0^{h_{in}} (\log u^{-1} - s_i)^2 \varphi''(\theta_i) g_{in}(u) du$$

$$\leq C[1 + \varphi^{-1}(p_i)]^{-1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n} \nu^{-2}$$

using Lemmas 1 and 4, and the fact that $E(V_i - s_i)^2 = \xi_i \nu^{-2}$. Also

$I_2 = I_{21} + I_{22}$ where

$$I_{21} = \int_{h_{in}}^{\phi(1)} (\log u^{-1} - s_i)^2 \varphi''(\theta_i) g_{in}(u) du$$

and

$$I_{22} = \int_{\phi(1)}^{1} (\log u^{-1} - s_i)^2 \varphi''(\theta_i) g_{in}(u) du.$$  

By Lemma 1, we can write

(6)  $$I_{21} \leq 16 \xi_i^2 \int_{h_{in}}^{\phi(1)} g_{in}(u) du,$$

using the fact that $\log u^{-1} < s_i$ throughout the range of the integral.

To evaluate the integral in (6) we use an argument given in Lemma 4 of Stigler (1969). (The lemma as stated, however, has a condition missing. Using the notation of Stigler (1969), let $(i-1) < \lambda^2 \log n$, $h(u) = 1$, $k = 0$, 

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and consider \( A_n' \),

\[
\int_{Y_n'} \frac{f_{in}}{u} \, du = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} e^{-\frac{(n-1)\gamma}{n}} \frac{((n-1)\gamma)^j}{j!} - e^{-\frac{(n-1)\gamma}{n}} \approx e^{-\lambda(i-1)\log n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}.
\]

Suppose \( i = \log(\log n) \); the right hand side will not then be \( o(n^{-m}) \) for any \( m > 0 \). The condition \( b_n / \log n \to \infty \) is also necessary. It is to avoid this difficulty that we define \( h_{in} \) over two regions for \( i \). By (5), for \( i > 1 + \lambda^2 \log n \), we have

\[
h_{in} = p_i^0 [1 + \frac{(i-1)(\log(n)/(i-1))^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n}}]
\]

\[
> \frac{1}{i-1} [1 + \frac{(i-1)(\log(n)/(i-1))^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n}}]
\]

\[
> \frac{1}{n} [1 + \frac{(i-1)(\log(n)/(i-1))^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n}}]^{1/2} = h_{in}^* \text{ for } n > K'',
\]

where \( K'' \) is an appropriate constant.

For \( 1 \leq i \leq 1 + \lambda^2 \log(n) \) we have

\[
h_{in} = p_i^0 [1 + 3i - 1 - \log n] > 0.45i^3(n-1)^{-1} \log n \text{ for } n > K''',
\]

where \( K''' \) is an appropriate constant.

using the fact that \( p_i^0 > (i - \frac{1}{2})/(n + \frac{1}{2}) \). Thus for \( i > 1 + \lambda^2 \log n \),
noting that \( \lambda = 10 \) and \( f_{in}(u) \) is decreasing for \( u > (i-1)/(n-1) \),
we find
\[
\int_{h_{in}}^{\phi(1)} g_{in}(u) du \leq M \int_{h_{in}}^{1} f_{in}(u) du \\
< C_n \left[ \frac{1+\lambda(\log(n)/(i-1))^{1/2}}{i-1} e^{-\lambda((i-1)\log n)^{1/2}} \right] \\
= o(n^{-2})
\]

since \((1+a/r)^r \leq \exp[a-(a^2/(12r))], 0 \leq a \leq r.\)

For \(1 \leq i \leq 1+\lambda^2 \log n\), we have, using \(w_n = 0.45\lambda^3(n-1)^{-1} \log n\),

\[
\int_{h_{in}}^{\phi(1)} g_{in}(u) du \leq M \int_{h_{in}}^{\phi(1)} f_{in}(u) du \\
\leq M \int_{w_n}^{\infty} f_{in}(u) du \\
\leq M \{\exp(-0.225\lambda^3 \log n)\} \frac{\Gamma(i)}{(i-1)!} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{u^{i-1} e^{-u(n-1)/2} du}{(i-1)!} \\
\leq M \exp[-(0.225\lambda^3 - (1+\lambda^2) \log 2) \log n] \\
= o(n^{-2}).
\]

Hence

\[I_{21} = o(n^{-1} \log n)^2\]

and, writing \(u^* = e^{-\theta i}\),

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\[ I_{22} \leq s_1^2 \int_0^1 \frac{u^* (1-u^*)}{\Phi(1) \Phi(\Phi^{-1}(u^*))} \left( (1-u^*) + \frac{u^* (1-u^*) \Phi^{-1}(u^*)}{\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(u^*))} \right) (1-u)^2 g_1(u) du \]

since \( p_1^0 < u^* < u \) and hence \((1-u^*)^{-1} < (1-u)^{-1} \).

Note that (4) holds for \( x > 0 \) with \( \Phi(x) \) replaced by \( 1-\Phi(x) \).

We apply (4) with \( x = \Phi(u^*) \); this allows us to bound the term in \( I_{22} \) involving \( u^* \) irrespective of whether \( u^* < \frac{1}{2} \) or \( u^* > \frac{1}{2} \).

Thus by Lemma 5, we have

\[ I_{22} \leq C s_1^2 n^{-3} . \]

Finally by equation (5) and Lemma 3, we obtain

\[ |\Phi^{-1}(p_1^0)| > |\Phi^{-1}(\frac{i}{n})| > C\{\log(n)^{1/2}, 1 \leq i \leq \left[\frac{1}{2}(n+1)\right] . \]

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.
4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

4.1 Another series of lemmas is needed for the proof of Theorem 2. Let $p_i = i/(n+1)$ and for a vector $a = (a_1, \ldots, a_n)'$, define the norm $\| \cdot \|$ by

$$\|a\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$ 

**Lemma 6:** The following inequalities hold:

$$|m_{i\in H_{i\in}}| \leq c^{-1}(1+H_{i\in})^{-1} \leq c'i^{-1}(\log(n/i))^{-1/2}, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \rfloor$$

where $c, c'$ are constants, independent of $i$ and $n$.

**Proof of Lemma 6:** By Theorem 1,

$$|m_{i\in H_{i\in}}| = |\phi^{-1}(p_i^0) + \phi^{-1}(p_i) + R_{i\in}|$$

and

$$\phi^{-1}(p_i^0) - \phi^{-1}(p_i) = [s_i - \log((n+1)i^{-1})]p_i / \phi(\phi^{-1}(p_i)) +$$

$$\frac{1}{2}p_i^0 [s_i - \log((n+1)i^{-1})] \psi''(\theta^*)$$

where

$$\log((n+1)/i) \leq \theta^* \leq s_i.$$
Now

\[ s_i > \log\{(n+1)/i\} \]

and

\[ s_i = \sum_{v=i+1}^{n+1} v^{-1}i^{-1-(n+1)} < \int_{1}^{n+1} x^{-1}dx + i^{-1-(n+1)} \]

so

\[ 0 < s_i - \log\{(n+1)/i\} < i^{-1} \]

By (4) and the fact that \( \psi''(\theta) \) is decreasing (see Lemma 1), we have

\[ |m_{in} - H_{in}| \leq ci^{-1}(1+H_{in})^{-1} \]

\[ \leq c'i^{-1}(\log(n/i))^{-1/2} \text{ by Lemma 3.} \]

This completes the proof of Lemma 6. ||

**LEMMA 7**: The norm of vector \( m-H \) satisfies

\[ ||m-H|| < c(\log n)^{-1/2}, \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant independent of } n. \]

**PROOF OF LEMMA 7**: From Lemma 6 we can write
\[ \|m-H\|^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{[(n+1)/2]} (m_{in} - H_{in})^2 \]

\[ \leq c' \sum_{i=1}^{[(n+1)/2]} i^{-2(\log(n/1))^{-1}} < c'' n^{-1} \int_2^n (\log x)^{-1}dx \]

\[ \leq c (\log n)^{-1} , \]

where \( c, c', c'' \) are constants independent of \( n \).

**Lemma 8:** The norm of vector \( H \) satisfies

\[ n-5 \log n \leq \|H\|^2 \leq n+1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 24 . \]

**Proof of Lemma 8:** For the second inequality

\[ \|H\|^2 \leq (n+1) \int_0^1 [\phi^{-1}(u)]^2 du = n+1 . \]

For the first inequality

\[ \|H\|^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{[(n+1)/2]} [\phi^{-1}(i/(n+1))]^2 \]

\[ \geq 2(n+1) \int_0^{1/2} [\phi^{-1}(u)]^2 du \]

\[ = (n+1) [l-2 \int_{-\infty}^{\phi^{-1}(1/(n+1))} u^2 \phi(u) du] \]

\[ = (n+1) [1-2|\phi^{-1}(1/(n+1))|\phi[\phi^{-1}(1/(n+1))]^{-2(n+1)^{-1}}] \]
\[ \geq n-3-2[\Phi(1/(n+1))]^2-2[\Phi^{-1}(1/(n+1))]^2-1 \] by (4)

\[ \geq n-5 \log n \] by Lemma 3 and the fact that \[ |\Phi^{-1}(1/(n+1))| > 1.73 \]

for \( n \geq 24. \) \|

**Lemma 9:** The normalised vectors for \( m \) and \( H \) satisfy

\[ \left\| \frac{m}{||m||} - \frac{H}{||H||} \right\| \leq \sqrt{2} \left\| H \right\|^{-1} \left\| m-H \right\|. \]

**Corollary:**

\[ 0 < \left\| m \right\| \left\| H \right\| - \sum_{i=1}^{n} H_{i}m_{i}m_{i} \leq \left\| m-H \right\|^{2} \left\| m \right\| / \left\| H \right\|. \]

**Proof of Lemma 9 and Corollary:** This is the same as that given by Sarkadi (1975, p. 447) for a similar result. It depends on the fact that if \( \{a_i\} \) and \( \{b_i\} \) are both increasing sequences of \( n \) real numbers, then \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i \geq 0 \) if either \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i = 0 \) or \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i = 0 \). In particular \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i > 0 \).

\[ \cos(\theta/2) \]

Then in the sketch, with \( w \) representing the angle between \( m \) and \( H \),

\[ \left\| \frac{m}{||m||} - \frac{H}{||H||} \right\| \cos(w/2) \]

\[ \leq \text{"length of any line from top of } \frac{H}{||H||} \text{ to a point on } m \]

\[ \leq \left\| \frac{H}{||H||} - \frac{m}{||m||} \right\| = \left\| H \right\|^{-1} \left\| m-H \right\|. \]
Also, geometrically, the fact that $\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i h_i \geq 0$ means that $w \leq \pi/2$ and $\cos w \geq 2^{\sigma}$. More formally,

$$\cos(w/2) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{m}{\|m\|} + \frac{H}{\|H\|} \right]$$

$$= 2^{-1/2} \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i h_i}{\|m\|\|H\|} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\geq 2^{-1/2} \cdot \text{Lemma 9 follows at once}$$

**Lemma 10**: The components of $m$ and $H$ satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |H_{in}| |m_{in} - H_{in}| \leq c \log(n).$$

**Proof of Lemma 10**: By Lemma 6

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |H_{in}| |m_{in} - H_{in}| \leq c \sum_{i=1}^{[(n+1)/2]} |H_{in}| i^{-1} (1 + |H_{in}|)^{-1} i^{-1} \leq c' \sum_{i=1}^{[(n+1)/2]} i^{-1}.$$

**Lemma 11**: The following inequality holds:

$$E|Z_{in}^{-\phi}(p_i^0)| \leq c i \log(n/i)^{-1/2}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2}(n+1) \right\rfloor$$

where $c$ is a constant independent of $i$ and $n$.

**Proof of Lemma 11**: The formal proof of this Lemma follows the same steps as those used to establish Theorem 1. In this case we expand only to the first term.
\[ Z_{\text{in}} = \phi^{-1}(p_1^0) + (V_i - s_i)\psi'(\theta_i) \]

where \( \psi'(v) = -e^{-v}/\phi(\phi^{-1}(e^{-v})) \) and \( \theta_i \) is between \( V_i \) and \( s_i \).

This yields

\[ E[Z_{\text{in}} \cdot \phi^{-1}(p_1^0)] = E[V_i - s_i] |\psi'(\theta_i)|. \]

By Lemma 1, \( \psi'(v) = -e^{-v}[\phi(\phi^{-1}(e^{-v}))]^{-1} \) is increasing in \( v \) and is negative. Hence, \( |\psi'(\theta)| \) is decreasing as \( \theta \) increases and by (4)

\[
|\psi'(\log u^{-1})| \leq \begin{cases} 
|\phi^{-1}(u)|^{-1} & \text{for } |\phi^{-1}(u)| < 1 \\
4 & \text{for } |\phi^{-1}(u)| \leq 1.
\end{cases}
\]

Therefore

\[ |\psi'(\log u^{-1})| < 8(1 + |\phi^{-1}(u)|), \phi^{-1}(u) \leq 1, \text{ that is, for } 0 \leq u \leq \phi(1). \]

Now

\[
E[|V_i - s_i| |\psi'(\theta_i)|] = \int_0^{h_{\text{in}}} + \int_{h_{\text{in}}}^{\phi(1)} + \int_{\phi(1)}^1 |\log u^{-1} - s_i| |\psi'(\theta_i)| g_{\text{in}}(u) du.
\]

These integrals can be evaluated exactly as before, yielding the upper bound

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\[ c' \mathbb{E}\{ \| V_{\text{in}} - s_i \| / (1 + \phi^{-1}(p_i)) \} + o(n^{-2}) , \]

which in turn is bounded by

\[ c \{ i \log(n/i) \}^{-1/2} . \]

**Lemma 12:** The norm of vector \( m \) satisfies

\[ 0 \leq 1 - n^{-1} \| m \|^2 \leq cn^{-1} \log n \text{ for all } n , \]

where \( c \) is a constant independent of \( n \).

**Proof of Lemma 12:**

\[ (\mathbb{E}\{ |z_{\text{in}}|^2 \})^2 \leq \mathbb{E}\{ z_{\text{in}}^2 \} . \]

So

\[ n^{-1} \| m \|^2 \leq n^{-1} \sum_{i} \mathbb{E}\{ z_{\text{in}}^2 \} = 1 . \]

Also

\[ n^{-1} \| m \|^2 = n^{-1} \| H \|^2 + n^{-1} \| m - H \|^2 + 2n^{-1} \sum_{i} H_{\text{in}}(m_{\text{in}} - H_{\text{in}}) \]

\[ \geq 1 - 6n^{-1} \log n - c(n \log n)^{-1} - c'n^{-1} \log n , \]

By Lemmas 7, 8, and 10.
**Lemma 13:** The norms of vectors $m$ and $H$ satisfy

$$n^{1/2} \left| \|m\|^{-1} - \|H\|^{-1} \right| \leq cn^{-1} \log n,$$

where $c$ is a constant independent of $n$.

**Proof of Lemma 13:** We have

$$\left| \|m\| - \|H\| \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} (m_{in} - h_{in})^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_{in} (m_{in} - h_{in}) \right| / (\|m\| + \|H\|)$$

$$\leq cn^{-1/2} \log n$$ by Lemmas 7, 8, 10 and 12.

**4.2.** We can now turn to the major proof.

**Proof of Theorem 2:** We have

$$n \{ r_n(Z, m) - r_n(Z, H) \} = S_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{in} \left[ M_n^{-1} - H_n^{-1} \right]$$

where

$$M_n^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_{in}^2, \quad H_n^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_{in}^2, \quad S_n^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Z_{in} - \bar{Z})^2$$

and

$$\bar{Z} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{in}.$$ 

As $S_n^2 \xrightarrow{a.s.} 1$, $n \{ r_n(Z, m) - r_n(Z, H) \} \xrightarrow{p} 0$ if and only if
\[ A_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{\text{in}}(m_{\text{in}} M^{-1} - H_{\text{in}} K^{-1}) \rightarrow 0. \]

Now

\[ A_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \{Z_{\text{in}} - \phi^{-1}(p_i^0)\} (m_{\text{in}} M^{-1} - H_{\text{in}} K^{-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \{\phi^{-1}(p_i^0) - H_{\text{in}}\} (m_{\text{in}} M^{-1} - H_{\text{in}} K^{-1}) \]

\[ + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \{H_{\text{in}} m_{\text{in}} - ||m|| ||H||\} \]

\[ = B_n + C_n + D_n, \text{ say}. \]

Using Markov's inequality \( B_n \rightarrow 0 \) if \( E|B_n| \rightarrow 0 \). By Lemmas 6, 11, 12 and 13, we have

\[ E|B_n| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \{E|Z_{\text{in}} - \phi^{-1}(p_i^0)|\} (m_{\text{in}} M^{-1} - H_{\text{in}} \rightarrow + |H_{\text{in}}||M^{-1} - K^{-1}|) \]

\[ \leq c \left \lfloor \frac{(n+1)}{2} \right \rfloor \left \lfloor i \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{-1/2} \left \lfloor c^{-1} \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{-1/2} + \left \lfloor \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{1/2} n^{-1} \log n \]

\[ < c (\log n)^{-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \]

By the proof of Lemma 6,

\[ C_n \leq c \left \lfloor \frac{(n+1)}{2} \right \rfloor \left \lfloor i^{-1} \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{-1/2} \left \lfloor c^{-1} i^{-1} \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{-1/2} \]

\[ + \left \lfloor \log(n/i) \right \rfloor^{1/2} n^{-1} \log n \]

\[ \leq c (\log n)^{-1}. \]
Finally, by the corollary to Lemma 9, and Lemmas 7, 8, and 12,

\[ D_n \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty. \]

This completes the proof of Theorem 2. \|
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Approximations For Expected Values Of Normal Order Statistics With An Application To Goodness-Of-Fit

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