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1. Summary and Introduction

Let $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ and $y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_m$ be the ordered results of two random samples from populations having continuous cumulative distribution functions $F(x)$ and $G(x)$ respectively. Let $S_n(x) = k/n$ where k is the number of observations of X which are less than or equal to x and $S'_m(x) = j/m$ where j is the number of observations of Y which are less than or equal to x .

The statistics

$$d_r = \max_{x \leq x_r} |S_n(x) - S'_m(x)|$$

and

$$d'_r = \max_{\substack{x \leq \max(x_r, y_r) \\ r \leq \min(m, n)}} |S_n(x) - S'_m(x)|$$

can be used to test the hypothesis $F(x) = G(x)$. For example, using d_r we would reject the hypothesis if the observed d_r , i.e., the maximum absolute deviation between the two step functions below the r th observation of a given sample, is significantly large.

2. Distribution of d_r

Denote by m_1 the number of observed values of Y which are less than x_1 , by m_2 the number of values of Y which are between x_1 and x_2 , ..., by m_r the number of values of Y which are between x_{r-1} and x_r and by M the number of values of Y which are greater than x_r . If the hypothesis $F(x) \equiv G(x)$ is true, the probability of the occurrence of a set of $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r, M$ can be shown to be

$$\Pr(m_1, \dots, m_r, M) = \frac{\binom{M+n-r}{M}}{\binom{m+n}{m}}$$

which depends only on M , i.e., for any given M the probability of the occurrence of any set of $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$ is always $\binom{M+n-r}{M} / \binom{m+n}{m}$. Thus, for any given M , the probability that $d_r \leq a$ can be found by counting the number of sets of $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$ which give values of $d_r \leq a$. Denote this number of sets by $K_{r,M}(a)$, then

$$\Pr(d_r \leq a) = \sum_{M=0}^m K_{r,M}(a) \frac{\binom{M+n-r}{M}}{\binom{m+n}{m}}.$$

The method of counting $K_{r,M}(a)$ is essentially the same as in [§5]. As an illustration, suppose $m=n$, then $S_m(x)$ and $S'_m(x)$ can only differ by multiples of $\frac{1}{m}$. For any integer c and any given M , we count the number of sets of $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$ such that $d_r \leq \frac{c}{m}$.

Denote by $V_{ij}(c)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2c$, the number of sets of possible $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_i$ such that $d_i \leq \frac{c}{m}$. Then it is evident

that these $V_{ij}(c)$ satisfy the following difference equations

$$V_{ik}(c) = \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} V_{i-1,j}(c) \quad \begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, \dots, r \\ k = 1, 2, \dots, 2c \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ll} V_{0k}(c) = 1 & k \geq c, k = 1, 2, \dots, 2c \\ V_{0j}(c) = 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{array}$$

Hence,

$$K_{r,M}\left(\frac{c}{M}\right) = V_{r, M-M-r+c+1}(c).$$

3. Distribution of d_r^1

If $r \leq n$, then a test based on the number of observations of one sample which are less than or equal to the r th observation of another sample becomes a one-sided test. To avoid this, we may use the statistic d_r^1 . In this case

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(d_r^1 \leq a) &= \Pr(d_r \leq a, x_r > y_r) + \Pr(d_r \leq a, x_r < y_r) \\ &= \sum_{M=0}^{m-r} K_{r,M}(a) \frac{\binom{M+n-r}{M}}{\binom{m+n}{m}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{N=0}^{n-r} K_{r,N}(a) \frac{\binom{N+m-r}{N}}{\binom{m+n}{m}} \end{aligned}$$

where $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r, N$ have the same meaning as $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r, M$.

If $m = n$, then

$$\Pr(d'_r \leq a) = 2 \sum_{M=0}^{m-r} K_{r,M}(a) \frac{\binom{M+m-r}{M}}{\binom{2m}{m}}.$$

We note that:

(a) If $r = m = n$, then both distributions of d_m and d'_m reduce to Massey's distribution [5].

(b) If $r = 1$, then d_r reduces to a special case of Gumbel and Schelling's exceedances problems [2].

Table I and II give the probabilities of d_r and d'_r respectively for $m = n$.

4. Applications

The statistics d_r and d'_r are useful for situations where the sample sizes are known, but the information beyond a certain ordered observation, say x_r , is unavailable. In life testing, one often wishes, by drawing two samples, to detect whether the mean life in one population is larger than that of another. If the observations become available in order of magnitude, then we can stop the experiment whenever at least r observations of each sample have occurred and reach a decision by the use of d'_r . Evidently, by doing so, it would be possible, in many cases, to reduce both the average time needed and/or the average number of items destroyed.

As an illustration, we give a numerical example as follows:

Suppose fuses are produced by two different methods. One is interested in detecting whether the mean current needed to blow the fuses produced by the

first method is different from that produced by the second. This can be considered as testing whether two populations are the same. To this end, one then may put, say, 40 fuses produced by the first method and another 40 by the second on a test. Suppose one arranges the test in such a way that every fuse in the 2 samples is subjected to the same current so that the weakest blows first, then the second, etc. Let us choose in advance that $r = 6$ and $\alpha = .05$. Let $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$ denote the ordered observed current needed to blow the fuses in the first sample and $y_1 < y_2 < \dots$ those in the second. Suppose that the actual combined outcomes are as follows: $x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 y_1 x_5 x_6 x_7 y_2 x_8 x_9 y_3 x_{10} x_{11} x_{12} \dots$ then the experiment may be terminated when the observation x_{12} has occurred and reject the null hypothesis using the statistic d_6^1 , since for $m = n = 40$, $\Pr(d_6^1 \geq 9) = .0451$ from Table II. In this particular experiment, only 20% of the fuses are destroyed in reaching a decision.

It, perhaps, should be remarked that if we define

$$D_r = \max_{x \geq x_{n-r+1}} |S_n(x) - S_m^1(x)|$$

$$D_r^1 = \max_{\substack{x \geq (x_{n-r+1}, y_{m-r+1}) \\ r \leq \min(m, n)}} |S_n(x) - S_m^1(x)|$$

then the distribution of D_r , and D_r^1 are identical with those of d_r and d_r^1 . Thus, in a test, if the information below a certain ordered observation is unavailable, or if the observations become available in this order:

$x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1$ and $y_m, y_{m-1}, \dots, y_1$, then D_r or D_r' would be the appropriate statistic to use.

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Table I

Probability of $d_r \leq c/m$

m	r	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	2	.50000	.95000	1.00000									
4	2	.45714	.81429	.98571	1.00000								
	3	.28571	.81429	.98571	1.00000								
5	2	.43651	.85714	.96032	.99603	1.00000							
	3	.25397	.73810	.96032	.99603	1.00000							
	4	.15873	.67857	.93651	.99603	1.00000							
6	2	.42424	.84091	.94372	.98701	.99892	1.00000						
	3	.23810	.70130	.92857	.98701	.99892	1.00000						
	4	.13853	.60390	.89827	.98701	.99892	1.00000						
	5	.08658	.55519	.87229	.97944	.99892	1.00000						
7	2	.41608	.83042	.93240	.97931	.99592	.99971	1.00000					
	3	.22844	.67920	.90793	.97348	.99592	.99971	1.00000					
	4	.12821	.56643	.85897	.97348	.99592	.99971	1.00000					
	5	.07459	.53854 41776	.82634	.96300	.99592	.99971	1.00000					
	6	.04662	.44843	.80186	.95280	.99359	.99971	1.00000					

Table I (continued)

r	c											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8	2	.41026	.82308	.92424	.97319	.99277	.99876	.99992	1.00000			
	3	.22191	.66434	.89378	.96232	.99068	.99876	.99992	1.00000			
	4	.12183	.54336	.83294	.95649	.99068	.99876	.99992	1.00000			
	5	.06838	.45315	.78291	.94367	.99068	.99876	.99992	1.00000			
	6	.03978	.39021	.75245	.92968	.98718	.99876	.99992	1.00000			
	7	.02486	.35874	.73007	.91880	.98345	.99806	.99992	1.00000			
9	2	.40588	.81765	.91810	.96833	.98992	.99757	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	3	.21719	.65362	.88355	.95352	.98548	.99685	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	4	.11748	.52756	.81473	.94272	.98322	.99685	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	5	.06450	.43149	.75376	.92236	.98322	.99685	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	6	.03620	.35985	.70769	.90539	.97869	.99685	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	7	.02106	.30987	.68005	.89058	.97314	.99572	.99963	.99998	1.00000		
	8	.01316	.28488	.65981	.87982	.96870	.99443	.99942	.99998	1.00000		

Table I (continued)

m	r	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10	2	.40248	.81347	.91331	.96440	.98744	.99637	.99921	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	3	.21362	.64551	.87580	.94653	.98086	.99466	.99897	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	4	.11431	.51602	.80128	.93192	.97610	.99383	.99897	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	5	.06183	.41650	.73309	.90525	.97378	.99383	.99897	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	6	.03395	.34065	.67739	.88049	.96836	.99383	.99897	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	7	.01952	.28409	.63587	.86262	.96121	.99228	.99897	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	8	.01108	.24464	.61101	.84804	.95164	.99020	.99861	.99989	.99999	1.00000		
	9	.00693	.22491	.59483	.83759	.94987	.98849	.99818	.99983	.99999	1.00000		
15	2	.39272	.80172	.89962	.95259	.97920	.99159	.99690	.99898	.99990	.99993	.99999	1.00000
	3	.20383	.62328	.85472	.92635	.96571	.98547	.99447	.99815	.99947	.99987	.99998	1.00000
	4	.10611	.48591	.76593	.90199	.95254	.97933	.99203	.99735	.99926	.99994	.99997	1.00000
	5	.05544	.38006	.68171	.85097	.94046	.97372	.98990	.99671	.99913	.99982	.99997	1.00000
	6	.02909	.29843	.60791	.81327	.92114	.96902	.98828	.99632	.99908	.99982	.99997	1.00000
	7	.01534	.23544	.51425	.77033	.90032	.96232	.98728	.99617	.99908	.99982	.99997	1.00000
	8	.00814	.18683	.48977	.73200	.88009	.95482	.98578	.99617	.99908	.99982	.99997	1.00000
	9	.00436	.14935	.44362	.69904	.86242	.94774	.98378	.99582	.99908	.99982	.99997	1.00000
10	10	.00236	.12055	.40521	.67192	.84825	.94159	.98135	.99515	.99898	.99982	.99997	1.00000

Table I (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	.38808	.79626	.89313	.94674	.97476	.98868	.99519	.99808	.99928	.99975	.99992	.99998
3	.19939	.61316	.84525	.91681	.95784	.97989	.99100	.99624	.99854	.99948	.99983	.99995
4	.10260	.47286	.75053	.88858	.94070	.97047	.98627	.99410	.99767	.99916	.99973	.99992
5	.05289	.36526	.66048	.83900	.92417	.96103	.98143	.99186	.99674	.99883	.99963	.99990
6	.02733	.28268	.58122	.78559	.89854	.95116	.97672	.98969	.99580	.99853	.99954	.99988
7	.01414	.21923	.51231	.73418	.86907	.93937	.97236	.98773	.99512	.99829	.99948	.99987
8	.00734	.17043	.45256	.68657	.83906	.92458	.96661	.98607	.99153	.99813	.99945	.99986
9	.00382	.13287	.40080	.64319	.81020	.90909	.96046	.98417	.99114	.99804	.99944	.99986
10	.00200	.10393	.35605	.60405	.78336	.89401	.95397	.98198	.99011	.99802	.99944	.99986
20	.38359	.79103	.88687	.94096	.97024	.98549	.99316	.99688	.99863	.99942	.99976	.99991
3	.19520	.60360	.83640	.90768	.94998	.97393	.98693	.99370	.99708	.99870	.99944	.99977
4	.09940	.46086	.73634	.87616	.92922	.96122	.97963	.98974	.99504	.99771	.99899	.99957
5	.05065	.35211	.64144	.82088	.90888	.94809	.97170	.98525	.99265	.99651	.99842	.99932
6	.02583	.26922	.55808	.76114	.87750	.93498	.96350	.98045	.99001	.99515	.99776	.99902
7	.01318	.20600	.48576	.70332	.84110	.91690	.95526	.97550	.98724	.99369	.99705	.99870
8	.00673	.15775	.42312	.64937	.80340	.89530	.94486	.97055	.98442	.99220	.99631	.99836
9	.00344	.12092	.34041	.59969	.76628	.87193	.93244	.96472	.98164	.99072	.99559	.99803
10	.00176	.09278	.32189	.55418	.73062	.84800	.91867	.94868	.97355	.98930	.99490	.99773

Table I (continued)

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 .38039	.78851	.88382	.93811	.96793	.98361	.99203	.99617	.99821	.99918	.99963	.99994
2 .00319	.59901	.83218	.90327	.94607	.97086	.98472	.99221	.99614	.99814	.99913	.99960
3 .09790	.45521	.72965	.87031	.92365	.95655	.97606	.98722	.99339	.99668	.99838	.99924
4 .04962	.34605	.72363	.81244	.90164	.94169	.96659	.98148	.99007	.99484	.99741	.99874
5 .02517	.25940	.54759	.74992	.86770	.92678	.95669	.97524	.98633	.99270	.99623	.99812
6 .01277	.20022	.47403	.68948	.82829	.90623	.94661	.96869	.98228	.99031	.99489	.99740
7 .00648	.15239	.41049	.63311	.78741	.88163	.93389	.96198	.97803	.98776	.99342	.99660
8 .00329	.11604	.35572	.58144	.74735	.85523	.91899	.95439	.97402	.98543	.99221	.99602
9 .00167	.08840	.30821	.53369	.70817	.82735	.90161	.94461	.96875	.98234	.99025	.99482

Table II

Probability of $d_p' \leq c/m$

c	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0	1											
1	2	.140000	.900000	1.000000								
2	3	.2657	.77143	.97143	1.000000							
3	4	.31746	.71429	.92063	.99206	1.000000						
4	5	.19048	.64286	.92063	.99206	1.000000						
5	6	.12698	.64286	.92063	.99206	1.000000						
6	7	.30303	.68182	.88745	.97403	.99784	1.000000					
7	8	.17316	.58442	.85714	.97403	.99784	1.000000					
8	9	.10390	.52597	.85714	.97403	.99784	1.000000					
9	10	.06926	.52597	.85714	.97403	.99784	1.000000					
10	11	.29371	.66084	.86480	.95862	.99184	.99942	1.000000				
11	12	.16317	.55070	.81585	.94697	.99184	.99942	1.000000				
12	13	.09324	.47203	.78788	.94697	.99184	.99942	1.000000				
13	14	.05594	.42483	.78788	.94697	.99184	.99942	1.000000				
14	15	.03730	.42483	.78788	.94697	.99184	.99942	1.000000				

Table II (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	.28718	.64615	.84848	.91639	.98555	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
3	.15664	.52867	.76717	.92463	.98135	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
4	.08702	.44056	.74281	.91298	.98135	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
5	.04973	.37762	.71733	.91298	.98135	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
6	.02828	.33986	.71733	.91298	.98135	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
7	.01989	.33986	.71733	.91298	.98135	.99751	.99984	1.00000				
2	.28235	.63529	.83620	.93665	.97984	.99515	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
3	.15204	.51312	.76709	.90703	.97096	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
4	.08293	.41983	.71181	.88544	.96643	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
5	.04607	.34986	.67133	.87413	.96643	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
6	.02633	.29988	.64829	.87413	.96643	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
7	.01644	.26989	.64829	.87413	.96643	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			
8	.01053	.26989	.64829	.87413	.96643	.99371	.99926	.99996	1.00000			

Table II (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10	.27864	.62594	.82663	.92879	.97487	.99274	.99842	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
9	.14861	.50155	.75161	.89307	.96172	.98933	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
8	.08002	.40510	.68926	.86384	.95220	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
7	.04365	.31144	.63955	.84300	.94755	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
6	.02425	.27617	.60317	.83218	.94755	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
5	.01386	.23674	.58248	.83218	.94755	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
4	.00831	.21307	.58248	.83218	.94755	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
3	.00554	.21307	.58248	.83218	.94755	.98766	.99794	.99978	.99999	1.00000		
2	.26820	.60345	.79923	.90517	.95840	.98318	.99380	.99795	.99941	.99985	.99997	1.00000
1	.13946	.47069	.70945	.85270	.93142	.97094	.98894	.99629	.99894	.99975	.99995	.99999
	.07276	.36837	.63148	.80397	.90509	.95865	.98406	.99463	.99853	.99968	.99995	.99999
	.03811	.28943	.56419	.76009	.88099	.94744	.97979	.99341	.99826	.99965	.99995	.99999
	.02006	.22850	.50617	.72137	.85979	.93805	.97655	.99264	.99816	.99965	.99995	.99999
	.01062	.18145	.45702	.68715	.84224	.93096	.97455	.99234	.99816	.99965	.99995	.99999
	.00566	.14516	.41515	.66003	.82875	.92646	.97375	.99234	.99816	.99965	.99995	.99999
	.00305	.11725	.38017	.63798	.81978	.92454	.97375	.99234	.99816	.99965	.99995	.99999
10	.00166	.09593	.35340	.62247	.81558	.92454	.97375	.99234	.99816	.99965	.99995	.99999

Table II (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	.26334	.59252	.78631	.89348	.94956	.97735	.99038	.99616	.99856	.99950	.99984	.99995
3	.13543	.45708	.69050	.83363	.91568	.95978	.98201	.99248	.99709	.99896	.99966	.99990
4	.06977	.35320	.60709	.77715	.88141	.94093	.97254	.98820	.99533	.99832	.99946	.99985
5	.03601	.27345	.53471	.72513	.84835	.92205	.96287	.98372	.99349	.99766	.99925	.99979
6	.01863	.21216	.47199	.67771	.81727	.90393	.95344	.97938	.99161	.99706	.99908	.99976
7	.00966	.16501	.41753	.63473	.78857	.88706	.94472	.97546	.99024	.99658	.99897	.99974
8	.00502	.12871	.37041	.59598	.76243	.87180	.93701	.97215	.98907	.99626	.99890	.99973
9	.00262	.10073	.32968	.56125	.73899	.85841	.93054	.96958	.98828	.99609	.99888	.99973
10	.00137	.07914	.29454	.53039	.71837	.84708	.92546	.96781	.98065	.99603	.99888	.99973
2	.25870	.58207	.77374	.88192	.94047	.97098	.98632	.99376	.99725	.99883	.99952	.99981
3	.13170	.44449	.67279	.81536	.89995	.94787	.97386	.98739	.99415	.99739	.99889	.99954
4	.06709	.33966	.58509	.75233	.85844	.92244	.95925	.97947	.99009	.99542	.99798	.99915
5	.03420	.25974	.50914	.69395	.81775	.89618	.94341	.97050	.98530	.99301	.99684	.99864
6	.01745	.19878	.44338	.64035	.77873	.86996	.92701	.96089	.98003	.99030	.99552	.99805
7	.00891	.15226	.38644	.59128	.74172	.84434	.91053	.95101	.97448	.98739	.99410	.99740
8	.00455	.11673	.33711	.54641	.70685	.81962	.89430	.94110	.96885	.98440	.99263	.99673
9	.00233	.08958	.29438	.50543	.67412	.79599	.87856	.93138	.96328	.98144	.99118	.99607
10	.00119	.06882	.25734	.46801	.64349	.76899	.86348	.90360	.95789	.97859	.98979	.99546

Table II (continued)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	.25645	.57702	.76765	.87621	.93586	.96763	.98407	.99235	.99641	.99836	.99927	.99968
2	.17994	.43853	.66436	.80654	.89214	.94172	.96943	.98442	.99228	.99628	.99826	.99921
3	.06586	.33341	.57487	.74061	.84730	.91310	.95212	.97444	.98677	.99336	.99577	.99848
4	.03339	.25358	.49756	.67961	.80328	.88338	.93318	.96297	.98014	.98969	.99482	.99748
5	.01694	.19294	.43082	.62363	.76095	.85356	.91337	.95049	.97265	.98540	.99247	.99625
6	.00860	.14626	.37319	.57241	.72071	.82419	.89321	.93739	.96455	.98063	.98978	.99480
7	.00436	.11184	.32341	.52560	.68267	.79564	.87308	.92396	.95606	.97551	.98685	.99320
8	.00222	.08521	.28061	.48327	.64740	.76874	.85391	.91114	.94804	.97086	.98443	.99216
9	.00113	.05496	.24324	.44375	.61307	.74161	.83380	.89688	.93852	.96468	.98051	.98964