

# POWER FUNCTION OF THE LIKELIHOOD RATIO TEST WHEN RANGE DEPENDS UPON THE PARAMETER

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## SUMMARY

Hogg, R.V. [1] obtained the null distribution of likelihood ratio test statistics for testing the hypothesis  $H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots \theta_k = \theta_0 \text{ given})$  and  $H_o : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots \theta_k)$  for certain non-regular densities given by

$$f(x, \theta_i) = g(x)/h(\theta_i) \text{ for } a \leq x \leq \theta_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $h(\theta_i) = \int_a^{\theta_i} g(x) dx$

The non-null distributions of the likelihood ratio test statistics for testing  $H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots \theta_k = \theta_0 \text{ given})$  for any  $k$  and  $H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots \theta_k)$  for  $k=2, 3$  and  $4$  have been obtained and conjectured for any  $k$ . These results hold true if the range of  $x$  is  $\{a, b(\theta)\}$ , where  $b(\theta)$  is a strictly monotone decreasing continuous function of  $\theta$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The asymptotic distribution of the likelihood ratio test statistic depends essentially on the regularity conditions, as shown by Wilks [3], which are necessary to establish the asymptotic normality of maximum likelihood estimator. These conditions are not satisfied when the range depends upon the parameters. As for example, the density function given by

$$(1) \quad f(x, \theta) = g(x)/h(\theta) \text{ for } a \leq x \leq \theta \\ = 0 \quad \text{otherwise,}$$

where  $h(\theta) = \int_a^{\theta} g(x) dx$  is a monotone continuous function of  $\theta$ , does not satisfy the regularity conditions. Hogg R.V. [1] and Kendall and

Stuart [2] have derived the likelihood ratio test statistics  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  for testing

$$(i) \quad H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_k = \theta_0 \text{ given}) \text{ and}$$

$$(ii) \quad H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_k)$$

respectively, considering the  $k$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots$ ) mutually independent populations having density functions  $f(x, \theta_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ . It has been shown by them that under the respective null hypothesis  $(-2 \log l_t)$  is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $2(k-t+1)$  degrees of freedom, for  $t=1, 2$ .

Let  $x_{ij}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, n_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ ) be independent observations from the population given by the density function  $f(x, \theta_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ , and  $x_{(i)}$  be the largest value of the  $i$ th sample. The likelihood ratio test statistics  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  can be written as

$$(2) \quad l_1 = \prod_{i=1}^k \{h(x_{(i)})/h(\theta_0)\}^{n_i}$$

and

$$(3) \quad l_2 = \prod_{i=1}^k \{h(x_{(i)})/h(m)\}^{n_i},$$

$$\text{where } m = \max. (x_{(1)}, x_{(2)}, \dots, x_{(k)})$$

Moreover, we note that the density function of  $y_i = h(x_{(i)})$  (see Hogg [1]) can be shown to be

$$(4) \quad n_i \phi_i y_i^{-n_i-1} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y_i \leq h(\theta_i) = \phi_i$$

and

$$0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

The purpose of this paper is to obtain the exact non-null distribution of  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ . It is shown that the non-null distribution of  $-2 \log \frac{l_1}{G}$ , where  $G$  is given by

$$(5) \quad G = \prod_{i=1}^k \{h(\theta_i)/h(\theta_0)\}^{n_i}$$

is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $2k$  degrees of freedom. This result has been proved by Kendall and Stuart [2] for  $k=1$  explicitly, and its extension for any  $k$  is immediate. The non-null distribution of  $l_2$  is obtained for  $k=2, 3$  and 4 only and conjectured for any  $k$ . These

results hold true even if the range of  $x$  is  $(\theta_i, b(\theta_i))$  where  $b(\theta)$  is strictly a monotone decreasing continuous function of  $\theta$ . This has been established for the null case by Kendall and Stuart [2].

## 2. NON-NULL DISTRIBUTION OF $l_1$

The likelihood ratio test statistic for testing  $H_0(\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_k = \theta_0)$  given by (2) can be rewritten as

$$(6) \quad l_1 = G l_{1,0}$$

where  $G$  is given by (5) and

$$l_{1,0} = \prod_{i=1}^k w_i^{n_i} \text{ with } w_i = y_i / h(\theta_i),$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , which are independently distributed with the density functions

$$(7) \quad n_i w_i^{n_i-1} \text{ for } 0 \leq w_i \leq 1$$

and 0 otherwise

It is easy to see from Hogg [1] and Kendall and Stuart [2 p. 237] that  $-2 \log l_{1,0}$  is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $2k$  degrees of freedom. Hence,  $-2 \log \frac{l_1}{G}$  is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $2k$  degrees of freedom.

## 3. POWER FUNCTION OF $l_2$

### 3.1. Power Function when $k=2$

Let  $k=2$  in (3), then  $l_2$  will be given by

$$(8) \quad \frac{y_1^{n_1} y_2^{n_2}}{y^{n_1+n_2}}$$

where  $y = \max. (y_1, y_2)$  and  $y_i = h(x_{(i)})$

Let  $\alpha_{12} = \phi_1 / \phi_2$  and

$$L(n_1, n_2, c; \alpha_{12}) = P(l_2 \leq c)$$

$$(9) \quad = P[(y_1/y_2)^{n_1} \leq c \text{ when } y_2 \geq y_1] + \\ P[(y_2/y_1)^{n_2} \leq c \text{ when } y_1 \geq y_2]$$

because the event  $l_2 \leq c$  is the union of two mutually exclusive cases

$$y_1^{n_1} \leq c y_2^{n_1}, \text{ when } y_2 \geq y_1$$

and

$$y_2^{n_2} \leq c y_1^{n_2} \text{ when } y_1 \geq y_2$$

From (9) it is obvious that

$$(10) \quad L(n_1, n_2, c; \alpha_{12}) = L(n_2, n_1, c; \alpha_{21})$$

Hence, we shall obtain  $L(n_1, n_2, c; \alpha_{12})$  when

$$\alpha_{12} \leq 1 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \phi_1 \leq \phi_2$$

Let us denote the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2 = c$  by  $f(c)$  then

$$(11) \quad f(c) = f_1(c) = f_2(c)$$

where

$$(12) \quad f_1(c) = \frac{d}{dc} P \left[ y_2^{n_1} \leq c y_2^{n_1}, \text{ when } y_2 \geq y_1 \right]$$

and

$$(13) \quad f_2(c) = \frac{d}{dc} P \left[ y_2^{n_2} \leq c y_1^{n_2}, \text{ when } y_1 \geq y_2 \right]$$

The joint density function of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  is

$$(14) \quad \frac{n_1 n_2}{\phi_1 \phi_2} y_1^{n_1-1} y_2^{n_2-1} \quad \text{for } 0 < y_i \leq \phi_i, i=1, 2.$$

and  $0$  otherwise

From (14), we get the density function of  $v_1 = \frac{y_1}{y_2}$  as

$$(15) \quad \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \alpha_{21}^{n_1} v_1^{n_1-1} \quad \text{for } 0 < v_1 \leq \alpha_{12},$$

$$\frac{n_1 n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \alpha_{12}^{n_2} v_1^{-n_2-1} \quad \text{for } \alpha_{12} < v_1 \leq \infty$$

and  $0$  otherwise

From (15) it is easy to see that

$$(16) \quad f_1(c) = \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \alpha_{21}^{n_1} \quad \text{for } 0 < c \leq \alpha_{12}^{n_1}$$

$$= \frac{n_2}{n_1 + n_2} \alpha_{12}^{n_2} c^{-1 - \frac{n_2}{n_1}} \quad \text{for } \alpha_{12}^{n_1} > c \leq 1$$

and

$$(17) \quad f_2(c) = \frac{n_1}{n_1 + n_2} \alpha_{12}^{n_2} \quad \text{for } 0 < c \leq 1$$

using (16) and (17) in (11) we get the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2 = c$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (18) \quad f(c) &= (n_1 \alpha_{12}^{n_2} + n_2 \alpha_{21}^{n_1}) / (n_1 + n_2) \text{ for } 0 < c \leq \alpha_{12}^{n_1} \\
 &= n_2 \alpha_{12}^{n_2} \left( 1 + c^{-1 - \frac{n_2}{n_1}} \right) / (n_1 + n_2), \text{ for } \alpha_{12}^{n_1} < c \leq 1 \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 (19) \quad L(n_1, n_2, c; \alpha_{12}) &= c \left( n_1 \alpha_{12}^{n_2} + n_2 \alpha_{21}^{n_1} \right) / (n_1 + n_2) \\
 & \hspace{15em} \text{for } 0 < c \leq \alpha_{12}^{n_1} \\
 &= 1 - [n_1 / (n_1 + n_2)] \alpha_{12}^{n_2} c^{-\frac{n_2}{n_1}} \\
 & \hspace{15em} \text{for } \alpha_{12}^{n_1} < c \leq 1 \\
 &= 1 \hspace{15em} \text{for } c > 1 \\
 &= 0 \hspace{15em} \text{for } c < 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Power Function when K=3.

Let  $k=3$  in (3), then  $l_2$  will be given by

$$(20) \quad \frac{n_1 n_2 n_3}{y_1 y_2 y_3} / y^{n_1 + n_2 + n_3}$$

where  $y = \max(y_1, y_2, y_3)$

and  $y_i = h(x_{(i)})$

Let  $\alpha_{ij} = \phi_i / \phi_j, N_i = \sum_{j=1}^i n_j, N_0 = 0,$

$$B_2 = \alpha_{12}^{n_1}, \quad B_3 = \alpha_{13}^{n_1} \alpha_{23}^{n_2}.$$

$$(21) \quad A_{i,3} = \prod_{j=1}^3 \alpha_{ij}^{n_j} \quad i=1, 2, 3$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned}
 &L(n_1, n_2, n_3, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{23}) \\
 &= P(l_2 \leq c) \\
 (22) \quad &= P[y_2 y_3 \leq c \quad y_1^{n_2 + n_3} \quad \text{when } y_1 \geq (y_2, y_3)] \\
 &+ P[y_1 y_3 \leq c \quad y_2^{n_1 + n_3} \quad \text{when } y_2 \geq (y_1, y_3)] \\
 &+ P[y_1 y_2 \leq c \quad y_3^{n_1 + n_2} \quad \text{when } y_3 \geq (y_1, y_2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

because the event  $l_2 \leq c$  is the union of the three mutually exclusive events given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 : y_2 y_3 &\leq c \frac{n_2 n_3}{y_1} && \text{when } y_1 \geq (y_2, y_3) \\
 A_2 : y_1 y_3 &\leq c \frac{n_1 n_3}{y_2} && \text{when } y_2 \geq (y_1, y_3) \\
 A_3 : y_1 y_2 &\leq c \frac{n_1 n_2}{y_3} && \text{when } y_3 \geq (y_1, y_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

(23) and

Let the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2=c$  be denoted by  $f(c)$  then

$$(24) \quad f(c) = f_1(c) + f_2(c) + f_3(c)$$

where 
$$f_i(c) = \frac{d}{dc} P(A_i),$$
  

$$i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Moreover, it is easy to see from (22) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (25) \quad L(n_1, n_2, n_3, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{23}) \\
 = L(n_{i_1}, n_{i_2}, n_{i_3}, c; \alpha_{i_1 i_2}, \alpha_{i_1 i_3}, \alpha_{i_2 i_3})
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  is any permutation of  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

Hence, we shall obtain  $L(n_1, n_2, n_3, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{23})$  when  $\phi_1 \leq \phi_2 \leq \phi_3$  i.e.  $\alpha_{12} \leq 1, \alpha_{13} \leq 1$  and  $\alpha_{23} \leq 1$ .

Now the joint density function of  $y_1, y_2$  and  $y_3$  is given by

$$(26) \quad \frac{n_1 n_2 n_3}{\phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3} \frac{y_1^{n_1-1} y_2^{n_2-1} y_3^{n_3-1}}{y_1 y_2 y_3}$$

and 
$$0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$
 for  $0 < y_i \leq \phi_i, i=1, 2, 3$

From (26), after deriving the joint density function of

and 
$$v_2 = y_2/y_1$$
  

$$v_3 = y_3/y_1$$

we get  $f(c)$  from it as

$$(27) \quad f_1(c) = (n_1/N_3) \alpha_{12}^{\alpha_{12}} \alpha_{13}^{\alpha_{13}} (-\log c) \quad \text{[for } 0 < c \leq 1.$$

Similarly after deriving the joint density function of

$$v_4 = \frac{1}{v_2}$$

and

$$v_5 = \frac{v_3}{v_2}$$

we get  $f_2(c)$  from it as

$$(28) \quad f_2(c) = \frac{n_2}{N_2} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_2} \right) A_{2,3} + \frac{n_1 n_2}{N_3^2} (A_{2,3} - A_{1,3})$$

for  $0 < c \leq B_2$

$$= \frac{n_1 n_2}{N_3^2} \left( c^{-\frac{N_3}{N_1}} - 1 \right) A_{1,3}$$

for  $B_2 < c \leq 1$

= 0 otherwise

Lastly, after deriving the joint density function of

$$v_6 = \frac{1}{v_3}$$

and

$$v_7 = \frac{v_2}{v_3}$$

we get  $f_3(c)$  from it as

$$(29) \quad f_3(c) = \frac{N_3 - N_2}{N_3} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_3} \right) A_{3,3} + \frac{(N_1 + N_2)(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} (A_{3,3} - A_{2,3})$$

+  $\frac{N_1(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} (A_{2,3} - A_{1,3})$

for  $0 < c \leq B_3$

$$= \frac{(N_1 + N_2)(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} \left\{ \left( \frac{c}{B_2} \right)^{-\frac{N_3}{N_2}} - 1 \right\} A_{2,3}$$

+  $\frac{N_1(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} (A_{2,3} - A_{1,3})$

for  $B_3 \leq c \leq B_2$

$$= \frac{N_1(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} \left( c^{-\frac{N_3}{N_1}} - 1 \right) A_{1,3}$$

for  $B_2 \leq c \leq 1$

Using (27), (28) and (29) in (24) we get the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2 = c$  as

(30)  $f(c)$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{N_i - N_{i-1}}{N_3} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_i} \right) A_{i,3}$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^3 \{ (N_i/N_3)^2 - (N_{i-1}/N_3)^2 - (N_i/N_3) + (N_{i-1}/N_3) \} A_{i,3}$$

for  $0 \leq c \leq B_3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{N_i - N_{i-1}}{N_3} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_i} \right) A_{i,3} \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^2 \{ (N_i/N_3)^2 - (N_{i-1}/N_3)^2 - (N_i/N_3) + (N_{i-1}/N_3) \} A_{i,3} \\
 &+ \frac{N_2(N_3 - N_2)}{N_3^2} \left( \frac{c}{B_2} \right)^{-\frac{N_3}{N_2}} A_{2,3} \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{for } B_3 < c \leq B_2 \\
 &= (N_1/N_3)(-\log c)A_{1,3} + \{ (N_1/N_3)^2 - (N_1/N_3) \} A_{1,3} \\
 &+ \frac{N_1(N_3 - N_1)}{N_3^2} c^{-\frac{N_3}{N_1}} A_{1,3} \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{for } B_2 < c \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

and

= 0 otherwise

From (35) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &L(n_1, n_2, n_3, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{23}) = \\
 (31) \quad &(-\log c) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^3 (N_i - N_{i-1}) A_{i,3} \right\} + \frac{c}{N_3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^3 (N_i - N_{i-1}) (\log B_i) A_{i,3} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{N_3} \sum_{i=1}^3 (N_i^2 - N_{i-1}^2) A_{i,3} \right\} \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{for } 0 < c \leq B_3 \\
 &\frac{(-c \log c)}{N_3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^2 (N_i - N_{i-1}) A_{i,3} \right\} + \frac{c}{N_3} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^2 (N_i - N_{i-1}) A_{i,3} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. (\log B_i) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{N_3} \sum_{i=1}^2 (N_i^2 - N_{i-1}^2) A_{i,3} \right\} + 1 - \frac{N_2^2}{N_3^2} A_{2,3} B_2^{\frac{N_3}{N_2}} c^{1 - \frac{N_3}{N_2}} \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{for } B_3 \leq c \leq B_2 \\
 &(-c \log c) \frac{N_1}{N_3} A_{1,3} + \frac{N_1^2}{N_3^2} A_{1,3} + 1 - \frac{N_1^2}{N_3^2} A_{1,3} c^{1 - \frac{N_3}{N_1}} \\
 &\hspace{15em} \text{for } B_2 \leq c \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3.3 Power Function when k=4.

Let  $\alpha_{ij} = \phi_i / \phi_j, A_{i,4} = \prod_{j=1}^4 \alpha_{ij}^{n_j}$



$$B_i = \prod_{j=1}^i \alpha_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$B_5 = 0, \quad N_i = \sum_{j=1}^i n_j,$$

$$N_0 = 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

and

$$L(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{34}) \\ = P(l_2 \leq c)$$

(32)

$$= P[y_2 \leq c \mid y_1 \geq (y_2, y_3, y_4)] \\ + P[y_1 \leq c \mid y_2 \geq (y_1, y_3, y_4)] \\ + P[y_1 \leq c \mid y_3 \geq (y_1, y_2, y_4)] \\ + P[y_1 \leq c \mid y_4 \geq (y_1, y_2, y_3)]$$

because the event  $l_2 \leq c$  is the union of four mutually exclusive events given by

$$A_1 : y_2 \leq c \mid y_1 \geq (y_2, y_3, y_4) \\ A_2 : y_1 \leq c \mid y_2 \geq (y_1, y_3, y_4) \\ A_3 : y_1 \leq c \mid y_3 \geq (y_1, y_2, y_4)$$

(33) and

$$A_4 : y_1 \leq c \mid y_4 \geq (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

Let us denote the density function  $f(c)$  of  $l_2$  at

$$l_2 = c \text{ as } \\ (34) \quad f(c) = f_1(c) + f_2(c) + f_3(c) + f_4(c)$$

where

$$f_i(c) = \frac{d}{dc} P(A_i), \\ i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

Moreover, it is easy to see from (32) that

$$(35) \quad L(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{34}) \\ = L(n_{i_1}, n_{i_2}, n_{i_3}, n_{i_4}, c; \dots) \\ \alpha_{i_1 i_2}, \alpha_{i_1 i_3}, \alpha_{i_1 i_4}, \alpha_{i_2 i_3}, \alpha_{i_2 i_4}, \alpha_{i_3 i_4}$$

where  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4$  is any permutation of  $(1, 2, 3, 4)$

Hence, we shall obtain

$$L(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{34})$$

when  $\phi_1 \leq \phi_2 \leq \phi_3 \leq \phi_4,$

i.e.,  $\alpha_{ij} \leq 1, i, j=1, 2, 3, 4$   
 $i < j$

Proceeding in the same way as in section (3.1) and (3.2) we get

(36)

$$f_1(c) = \frac{n_1}{2N_4} (-\log c)^2 A_{1,4}$$

for  $0 < c \leq 1$

(37)

$$f_2(c) = \frac{n_1 n_2}{N_4^2} \left( \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right) A_{1,4}$$

$$+ \frac{n_2}{N_4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_2} \right)^2 - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \log \left( \frac{c}{B_2} \right) + \frac{N_1^2}{N_4^2} \right\} A_{2,4}$$

for  $0 < c \leq B_2$

$$= \frac{n_1 n_2}{N_4^2} \left( \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right) A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 N_1^2}{N_4^2} c^{-\frac{N_4}{N_1}}$$

for  $B_2 < c < 1$

(38)

$$f_3(c) = \frac{n_1 n_3}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right\} A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 n_3}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_2} - \frac{N_1}{N_4} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \right\} A_{2,4}$$

$$+ \frac{n_3}{N_4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( \log \frac{c}{B_3} \right)^2 - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \log \frac{c}{B_3} + \frac{N_2^2}{N_4^2} \right\} A_{3,4}$$

for  $0 < c \leq B_3$

$$= \frac{n_1 n_3}{N_4^2} \left( \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right) A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 n_3}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_2} - \frac{N_1}{N_4} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \right\} A_{2,4}$$

$$+ \frac{n_3 N_2^2}{N_4^2} (c/B_2)^{-\frac{N_4}{N_2}} A_{2,4}$$

for  $B_3 < c \leq B_2$

$$= \frac{n_1 n_3}{N_4^2} \left( \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right) A_{1,4} + \frac{n_3 N_1^2}{N_4^2} c^{-\frac{N_4}{N_1}} A_{1,4}$$

for  $B_2 < c \leq 1$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (39) \quad f_4(c) &= \frac{n_1 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right\} A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_2} - \frac{N_1}{N_4} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \right\} A_{2,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_3 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_3} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} - \frac{N_3}{N_4} \right\} A_{3,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_4}{N_4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( \log \frac{c}{B_4} \right)^2 - \frac{N_3}{N_4} \log \frac{c}{B_3} + \frac{N_3^2}{N_4^2} \right\} A_{4,4} \\
 &\hspace{25em} \text{for } 0 < c \leq B_4 \\
 &= \frac{n_1 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right\} A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_2} - \frac{N_1}{N_4} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \right\} A_{2,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_3 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_3} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} - \frac{N_3}{N_4} \right\} A_{3,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_4 N_3^2}{N_4^2} \left( \frac{c}{B_3} \right)^{-\frac{N_4}{N_3}} A_{3,4} \\
 &\hspace{25em} \text{for } B_4 < c \leq B_3 \\
 &= \frac{n_1 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right\} A_{1,4} + \frac{n_2 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log \frac{c}{B_2} - \frac{N_1}{N_4} - \frac{N_2}{N_4} \right\} A_{2,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_4 N_2^2}{N_4^2} \left( \frac{c}{B_2} \right)^{-\frac{N_4}{N_2}} A_{2,4} \\
 &\hspace{25em} \text{for } B_3 < c \leq B_2 \\
 &= \frac{n_1 n_4}{N_4^2} \left\{ \log c - \frac{N_1}{N_4} \right\} A_{1,4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n_4 N_1^2}{N_4^2} c^{-\frac{N_4}{N_1}} A_{1,4} \\
 &\hspace{25em} \text{for } B_2 < c \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (36), (37), (38) and (39) in (34) we get the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2 = c$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (40) \quad f(c) &= \left[ \sum_{r=0}^2 \sum_{i=1}^j \left\{ \left( \frac{N_i}{N_4} \right)^{r+1} - \left( \frac{N_{i-1}}{N_4} \right)^{r+1} - \left( \frac{N_i}{N_4} \right)^r + \left( \frac{N_{i-1}}{N_4} \right)^r \right\} A_{i,k} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_i} \right)^2 / (2-r)! \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{(N_4 - N_j) N_j^2}{N_4^2} A_{j,4} \left( \frac{c}{B_j} \right)^{-\frac{N_4}{N_j}} \\
 &\hspace{25em} \text{for } B_{j+1} < c \leq B_j \quad j=1,2,3,4
 \end{aligned}$$

from (40) we get

$$(41) L(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, c; \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}, \alpha_{14}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{24}, \alpha_{34})$$

$$= \left[ c \sum_{p=0}^2 \sum_{i=1}^j \left\{ \left( \frac{N_i}{N_4} \right)^{p+1} - \left( \frac{N_{i-1}}{N_4} \right)^{p+1} \right\} A_{i+4} \left( -\log \frac{c}{B_i} \right)^{2-p} / (2-p)! \right]$$

$$+ 1 - (N_j/N_4)^3 A_{j-4} B_j \frac{N_4}{N_j} c^{1 - \frac{N_4}{N_j}}$$

for  $B_{j+1} < c \leq B_j, j=1, 2, 3, 4$

From this we can conjecture the density function of  $l_2$  at  $l_2=c$  for any  $k$  as

$$(42) \left[ \sum_{r=0}^{k-2} \sum_{i=1}^j \{ N_i/N_k \}^{r+1} - (N_{i-1}/N_k)^{r+1} - (N_i/N_k)^r + (N_{i-1}/N_k)^r \} A_{i,k} \right]$$

$$\left( -\log (c/B_i) \right)^{k-2-r} / (k-2-r)! \left[ \right]$$

$$+ \{ (N_k - N_j) N_j^{k-2} / N_k^{k-1} \} A_{j,k} (B_j/l_2)^{N_j} \frac{N_4}{N_j}$$

for  $B_{j+1} < c \leq B_j \quad j=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

where  $B_{k+1}=0, \quad \alpha_{ij} = \phi_i / \phi_j, \quad i, j=1, 2, \dots, k$

$$B_i = \prod_{j=1}^i \alpha_{ji}, \quad A_{ik} = \prod_{j=1}^k \alpha_{ij}^{n_j}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$N_i = \sum_{j=1}^i n_j, \quad N_0=0 \text{ and } 0 < \phi_1 \leq \phi_2 \leq \phi_3 \leq \dots \leq \phi_k.$$

Hence, the power function of  $l_2$  for any  $k$  is conjectured as

$$(43) \left[ c \sum_{p=0}^{k-2} \sum_{i=1}^j \{ (N_i/N_k)^{p+1} - (N_{i-1}/N_k)^{p+1} \} A_{i,k} \right]$$

$$\left( -\log (c/B_i) \right)^{k-2-p} / (k-2-p)! \left[ \right]$$

$$+ 1 - (N_j/N_k)^{k-1} A_{j,k} B_j \frac{N_k/N_j}{c} c^{1 - (N_k/N_j)}$$

for  $B_{j+1} < c \leq B_j, j=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

We have  $P_r(B_{k+1}=0)=0$  for  $C(\log c)^j \rightarrow 0$  as  $C \rightarrow 0$  for any non-negative integer number  $j$  and  $P_r(B_1=1)=1$

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We consider the density function

$$(44) \quad f(x, \theta_i) = g(x)/k(\theta_i) \quad \text{for } \theta_i \leq x \leq b(\theta_i)$$

$$\text{where } k(\theta_i) = \int_{\theta_i}^{b(\theta_i)} g(x) dx, \text{ and } b(\theta_i) \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, k)$$

are strictly monotone decreasing function of  $\theta$ . Hogg [1] has given the likelihood ratio test for testing  $H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_k = \theta_0 \text{ given})$

$$(45) \quad l_3 = \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \{k(t_i)/k(\theta_0)\}^{n_i}$$

where  $x_{ij}, j=1, 2, \dots, n_i$  are independent observations from  $f(x, \theta_i), i=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

$$\text{let } t_i = \min_j [\min_j(x_{ij}), b(\max_j x_{ij})], \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k$$

According to Hogg [1]; we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(t \geq r) &= P\{\min_j x_{ij} \geq r, \max_j x_{ij} \leq b(r)\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{k(\theta_i)}\right)^{n_i} \left(\int_r^{b(r)} g(x) dx\right)^{n_i} = \left[\frac{k(r)}{k(\theta_i)}\right]^{n_i} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it is essay to see that the density function of

$$y_i = k(t_i)$$

is given by

$$(46) \quad n_i \phi_i^{-n_i} y_i^{n_i-1} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y_i \leq \phi_i = k(\theta_i)$$

and 0 otherwise

This is the same density function as considered in the preceding sections and hence  $l_3$  can be written as

$$(47) \quad l_3 = G_1 l_{1,0}$$

$$\text{where } G_1 = \prod_{i=1}^k [k(\theta_i)/k(\theta_0)]^{n_i},$$

$$l_{1,0} = \prod_{i=1}^k w_i^{n_i} \text{ and } w_i = y_i/\phi_i$$

Hence, noting section 2, we get the distribution of

$$-2 \log (l_3/G_1) \text{ as } x^2$$

with  $2k$  degrees of freedom.

Similarly, if we require  $k$  to be greater than one, we can show that the non-central distribution of  $l_4$ , the likelihood ratio test for testing the hypothesis  $H_0 : (\theta_1 = \theta_2 \dots = \theta_k)$  is the same as that obtained in section 3, for

$$l_4 = \prod_{i=1}^4 (y_i/y)^{n_i} = l_2,$$

where  $y = \max (y_i, \dots, y_k)$

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