

# On a Nonparametric Two-Sample Test for Scale

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## § 1. Introduction

Lehmann [1] has proposed to use the following test statistic  $W_{m,n}$  for testing the hypothesis  $H$  that the continuous distributions  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are equal, or even the wider hypothesis  $H'$  that  $F$  and  $G$  differ only in location, against the alternative hypothesis that the random variable  $Y$  with the *c. d. f.*  $G(y)$  is more spread out than the random variable  $X$  with the *c. d. f.*  $F(x)$ .

Let

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m; Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \quad (1)$$

be the two independent random samples with the continuous *c. d. f.*  $F(x)$  and  $G(y)$ , respectively and  $W_{m,n}$  be the proportion of quadruple  $X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l$  for which  $|Y_l - Y_k| > |X_j - X_i|$  holds. Where  $1 \leq i < j \leq m, 1 \leq k < l \leq n$ . The null hypothesis is rejected when the sample value of  $W_{m,n}$  is too large. Then it is shown that this test is unbiased against the alternative for which  $F(x_1) = G(y_1), F(x_2) = G(y_2)$  implies  $|x_1 - x_2| < |y_1 - y_2|$ , and consistent against the alternative that  $P(|Y - Y'| > |X - X'|) > \frac{1}{2}$  holds where  $X, X'; Y, Y'$  are independently distributed with the *c. d. f.*  $F(x)$  and  $G(y)$  respectively. Thus this Lehmann's test has the desirable properties—unbiasedness and consistency—. However  $W_{m,n}$  is not completely distribution free, that is, its distribution depends upon the form of the initial distribution even under the null hypothesis. Its variance is not independent of  $F(x)$ , though its mean is the form  $E(W_{m,n} | F=G) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

From the above-mentioned we cannot utilize the Lehmann's statistic  $W_{m,n}$  for the standpoint of the practical applications. Now we are interested in the another statistic for testing the null hypothesis  $H$  that  $F=G$  against the alternative  $H_1$  that the  $Y$ 's are more spread out than the  $X$ 's. We denote the event by  $(Y < X, X < Y')$  that the two  $X$ 's lie between the two  $Y$ 's when two  $X$ 's and two  $Y$ 's are drawn at random from (1). And we define  $Q_{m,n}$  as follows:

$$Q_{m,n} = \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \{\text{the number of } (X, X'; Y, Y') \text{ for which } (Y < X, X' < Y')\} \quad (2)$$

Then our test procedure is to reject  $H$  if  $Q_{m,n}$  is too large. In this paper we investigate some statistical properties of the test statistic  $Q_{m,n}$  and the asymptotic efficiency of the test by  $Q_{m,n}$  will be calculated in the parametric normal case.

## § 2. Some properties of $Q_{m,n}$ .

In this section the statistical properties of  $Q_{m,n}$ —the expectation, the variance, and the asymptotic distribution—are discussed.

(a) The expressions of  $Q_{m,n}$ .

$Q_{m,n}$  can be expressed in a form of the ranks of one of two samples. Let  $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_m$  be the ranks of the  $m$   $X$ 's among the combined sample of size  $m+n$ . Then it may be seen that the following identity holds.

$$Q_{m,n} = \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} (r_i - i)(n - r_i + j) \quad (3)$$

From this it follows by easy computation that

$$Q_{m,n} = \frac{m}{2} \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \left\{ s_r^2 - (m-1) \left( r - \frac{m+n+1}{2} \right)^2 2(n+1)C + \text{const} \right\} \quad (3')$$

Ignoring constant additive and multicative terms in (3'), we obtain

$$Q'_{m,n} = s_r^2 - (m-1) \left( r - \frac{m+n+1}{2} \right)^2 - 2(n+1)C \quad (3'')$$

where

$$s_r^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (r_i - r)^2, \quad r = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m r_i$$

$$C = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (r_i - r) \left( i - \frac{m+1}{2} \right)$$

As has been given in (3''),  $Q_{m,n}$  depends only on the ranks of the  $X$ 's. Therefore we can consider the test by  $Q_{m,n}$  as what is called the rank test. From the another point of view,  $Q_{m,n}$  can be also expressed in the following form that is convenient for the use of the theory of Lehmann [1] and Hoeffding [7]. Suppose

$$D(x_i, x_j; y_k, y_l) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } y_k < x_i, y_l < y_i \\ 0 & \text{other wise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $i < j, k < l$ .

Then  $Q_{m,n}$  may be rewritten as follows

$$Q_{m,n} = \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k < l} D(x_i, x_j; y_k, y_l) \quad (5)$$

consisting of  $\binom{m}{2} \binom{n}{2}$  terms.

The expectation and the variance of  $Q_{m,n}$  are obtained from the expression (5) and

also the asymptotic distribution of  $Q_{m,n}$  is shown by the theory of Lehmann.

(b) The expectation and variance.

We denote the expectation and variance of the statistic  $T$  by  $E(T)$  and  $V(T)$ , respectively, and by  $E(T|S)$  and  $V(T|S)$  in the case that they are consider under the condition  $S$ . Then we get

$$E(Q_{m,d}) = \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k < l} E\{D(X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l)\} = P(Y < X, Y' < X') (= \theta)$$

Though some combinatory calculation leads to the evaluation of  $\theta$  under the null hypothesis, yet we express  $\theta$  in a integral form by the distribution as it is more important to reseach the behaviour of  $E(Q_{m,n})$  under the alternative. Let be

$$\max(Y, Y') = Z, \quad \min(Y, Y') = Z'$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y < X, Y' < X') &= 2 \int \cdots \int_{\substack{x, x' < z \\ z, z' > z'}} dF(x) dF(x') dG(z) dG(z') \\ &= 2 \int \int_{z' < z} \{F(z) - F(z')\} dG(z') dG(z) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

If  $F=G$ , we get  $\theta = \frac{1}{6}$  from (6) after some computation. That is

$$E(Q_{m,n} | F=G) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z \{F(z) - F(z')\}^2 dF(z') dF(z) = \frac{1}{6} \quad (7)$$

The behaviour of  $E(Q_{m,n})$  under the alternative will be discussed in the section.

In order to calculate  $V(Q_{m,n})$ , we may accept the same method as Sundrum [4]. Then  $Q_{m,n}^2$

$$Q_{m,n}^2 = \binom{m}{2}^{-2} \binom{n}{2}^{-2} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{k < l} D(X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l)^2$$

is consisted of  $\binom{m}{2}^2 \binom{n}{2}^2$  terms and it's expectation can be grouped in the following nine classes of terms, involving the expectation terms shown for each class.

term	number of term	expectation
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, j, k, l)$	1	$\theta$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, m, k, l)$	$2(m-2)$	$r$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, j, k, f)$	$2(n-2)$	$s$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(m, n, k, l)$	$\frac{1}{2}(m-2)(n-3)$	$t$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, j, f, g)$	$\frac{1}{2}(m-3)(n-2)$	$u$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, m, k, f)$	$4(m-2)(n-2)$	$v$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(m, n, k, f)$	$(m-2)(m-3)(n-2)$	$a$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(i, m, f, g)$	$(m-2)(n-2)(n-3)$	$b$
$D(i, j, k, l) D(m, n, f, g)$	$\frac{1}{4}(m-2)(m-3)(n-3)(n-2)$	$\theta^2$

where  $D(i, j, k, l)$  stands for  $D(X_i, X_j, Y_k, Y_l)$ , etc.

Collecting terms together and simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(Q_{m,n}) = & \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \left\{ (a-\theta^2)m^2n + (b-\theta^2)mn^2 + (4v+6\theta^2-5a-5b)mn \right. \\
 & + \left( \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{2}{3}\theta^2 - 2a \right) m^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{3}{2}\theta^2 - 2b \right) n^2 + \left( 2r - \frac{5}{2}t + 10a + 6b - 8v - \frac{15}{2}\theta^2 \right) m \\
 & \left. + \left( 2s - \frac{5}{2}u + 6a - 8v - \frac{15}{2}\theta^2 \right) n + (\theta + 3t + 3u + 16v + 9\theta^2 - 4r - 4s - 12a - 12b) \right\} \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

For evaluating the parameters occurring in the above expression, it is convenient to express them in terms of the probabilities of a certain ordered arrangement of a given number of  $X$ 's and  $Y$ 's drawn at random from the respective population. In the following, we express, for example, the event by  $(xyxy)$  that when two  $X$ 's and  $Y$ 's are drawn at random from (1) and arranged in order of magnitude, they have the indicated arrangement. Then we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta &= P(yxxy) \\
 r &= P(yxxxxy) \\
 s &= \frac{1}{3} \{ P(yxxyy) + P(yxyxy) \} \\
 t &= P(yxxxxxy) \\
 u &= \frac{2}{3} P(yyxxyy) \\
 v &= \frac{1}{3} \{ P(yxxxxxy) + P(yyxxyy) \} + \frac{1}{9} \{ P(yxxyxy) + P(yxyxxy) \} \\
 a &= \frac{1}{3} \{ P(yxxxxxy) + P(yyxxyy) \} + \frac{1}{6} \{ P(yxxyxy) + P(yxxxxy) + P(yxyxxy) \} \\
 b &= \frac{2}{3} P(yyxxyy) + \frac{2}{9} \{ P(yxxyxy) + P(yxyxxy) \} + \frac{1}{18} P(yxyxxy)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the null case these probabilities can be evaluated easily as follows.

$$r = \frac{1}{10}, \quad s = t = \frac{1}{15}, \quad u = x = \frac{2}{45}, \quad a = b = \frac{1}{30}$$

Substituting these values into (8), we find the variance of  $Q_{m,n}$  for the null case.

$$V(Q_{m,n} | F=G) = \frac{(m+n+1)(2mn+3m-n-2)}{90mn(m-1)(n-1)} \quad (9)$$

(c) The asymptotic distribution of  $Q_{m,n}$ .

Considering the expression of  $Q_{m,n}$  in the form (5), we notice the following two facts: (i)  $D(x_i, x_j; y_k, y_l)$  is a real valued symmetric function of  $(x_i, x_j)$  and  $(y_k, y_l)$  (ii)  $E(D) = \theta$ ,  $V(D) < \infty$ . Thus  $Q_{m,n}$  is a  $U$ -statistic that has been studied by Hoeffding [7] and Lehmann [1]. The asymptotic distribution of the extended  $U$ -statistic is researched by Lehmann [1], Weger [5], and Fraser [6] and it is shown that they are asymptotically normally distributed. Stating by the form of Weger in our case, we get the following theorem.

## THEOREM.

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be the independently distributed random variables from the distributions  $F(x)$  and  $G(y)$  respectively. A function  $D(x_i, x_j; y_k, y_l)$  is symmetric in the  $x$ 's alone and in the  $y$ 's alone as defined already. Futher

$$\begin{aligned} E\{D(X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l)\} &= \theta \\ V\{D(X_i, Y_j; Y_k, X_l)\} &< \infty \\ Q_{m,n} &= \binom{m}{2}^{-1} \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \sum D(X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l) \end{aligned}$$

where the summation is extended over all subscripts  $1 \leq i < j \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq k < l \leq n$ . Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  where  $m/n = c$ ,  $\left(\frac{mn}{m+n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (Q_{m,n} - \theta)$  is asymptotically normally distributed.

## § 3. The symmetrical case.

In § 2 we have investigated the general expression of  $E(Q_{m,n})$  and  $V(Q_{m,n})$  and futher under the null hypothesis obtained their numerical value. In this section it is our purpose to get the more detailed properties of  $Q_{m,n}$ . Now we assume that the *c. d. f.*  $F$  and  $G$  are symmetric and have the same median zero without the loss of generality. Then the expression of  $\theta$  is as follows from (6).

$$\theta = 2 \iint_{z' < z} \{F(z) - F(z')\}^2 dG(z) dG(z')$$

by nothing the identity

$$F(x) - F(z') = (F(x) - G(x)) + (G(x) - G(z')) + (G(z') - F(z'))$$

and (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{1}{6} + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{F(z) - G(z)\}^2 dG(z) \\ &\quad + 4 \iint_{z' < z} \{F(z) - G(z)\} \{G(z) - G(z')\} dG(z') dG(z) \\ &\quad + 4 \iint_{z' < z} \{F(z) - G(z)\} \{G(z') - F(z')\} dG(z') dG(z) \\ &\quad + 4 \iint_{z' < z} \{G(z) - G(z')\} \{G(z') - F(z')\} dG(z') dG(z) \end{aligned}$$

Considering the third and the fifth members in the right side of the above identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (F-G)G^2 dG + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (G-F)dG + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (G-F)G^2 dG - 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(G-F)dG \\ &= 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (G-F)(1-2G)dG \end{aligned}$$

Next let

$$D_1 = \{(z', z) \mid -z \leq z' \leq z, 0 \leq z < \infty\}, \quad D_2 = \{(z, z) \mid z' \leq z \leq z', -\infty < z' \leq 0\}$$

and

$$R(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (G-F) dG$$

, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the fourth member} &= 4 \iint_{D_1} + 4 \iint_{D_2} \\ &= 4 \int_0^{\infty} \{F(z) - G(z)\} \{R(z) - R(-z)\} dG(z) + 4 \int_{-\infty}^0 \{G(z) - F(z)\} \{R(z) - (-z)\} dG(z) \end{aligned}$$

However,  $F$  and  $G$  are symmetric and have median 0 from the assumption, so that the value of the above integral vanishes. Therefore we have

$$\theta = \frac{1}{6} + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (F-G)^2 dG + 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (G-F)(1-2G) dG$$

THEOREM.

Assume that the continuous c. d. f.  $F$  and  $G$  are symmetric and have the same median, then we have

$$\theta = \frac{1}{6} + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{F(z) - G(z)\} dG(z) + 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{G(z) - F(z)\} \{1 - 2G(z)\} dG$$

and under the alternative that  $Y$  is more spread out than  $X$ —this means that  $G(z) \geq F(z)$  for all  $z < 0$  and  $G(z) \leq F(z)$  for all  $z > 0$ , strictly inequality for some interval of  $z$ —, we have

$$\theta > \frac{1}{6}$$

As the first part of this theorem has been proved already, we now prove the second part. Under the alternative we have from the assumption that

$$G(z) - F(z) \geq 0, \quad 1 - 2G(z) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq z < \infty$$

, so that we can get

$$\int_0^{\infty} (G-F)(1-2G) dG > 0$$

Similarly we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 (G-F)(1-2G) dG > 0 \quad \text{for } -\infty < z \leq 0$$

Combining the both results we get  $\theta > \frac{1}{6}$ .

It follows the next theorem by Lehmann [1] that our test is consistent.

THEOREM (Lehmann).

If  $t_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a test statistic for testing  $\theta = \theta_0$  against  $\theta > \theta_0$  for each  $n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} E\{t_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)\} &= \theta \\ V\{t_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)\} &\rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

, then the test with  $t_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) > \theta_0 + C_n$  as the critical region is consistent for the alternative  $\theta > \theta_0$ .

#### § 4. Asymptotic efficiency.

In general, let  $T_n$  (and  $T_n^*$ ) be a one-sided test statistic for testing  $\theta = \theta_0$  which is a function of  $n$  sample  $X$  from the c. d. f.  $F(X; \theta)$ . Let the mean of  $T_n$  (and  $T_n^*$ ) be  $\mu_n(\theta)$  ( $\mu_n^*(\theta)$ ) and the variance  $\sigma_n(\theta)$  ( $\sigma_n^*(\theta)$ ). Moreover suppose that  $T_n$  (and  $T_n^*$ ) is asymptotically normally distributed. Then the asymptotic efficiency of  $T_n$  against  $T_n^*$  is defined by Mood [3] to be

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma_n(\theta_0)} \left( \frac{d\mu_n(\theta)}{d\theta} \right)_{\theta_0} \middle/ \frac{1}{\sigma_n^*(\theta_0)} \left( \frac{d\mu_n^*(\theta)}{d\theta} \right)_{\theta_0} \right\} \quad (10)$$

Now we compute the efficiency of the test by  $Q_{m,n}$  relative to the standard  $F$  test by using

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{2}\right\}, \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \quad \sigma > 1$$

On differentiating  $E(Q_{m,n})$  with regard to  $\sigma$  and introducing  $\sigma=1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{dE(Q)}{d\sigma} \right)_{\sigma=1} &= 2 \iint_{z' < z} \{F(z) - F(z')\}^2 (z'^2 - 1) dF(z') dF(z) \\ &\quad + 2 \iint_{z' < z} \{F(z) - F(z')\} (z^2 - 1) dF(z') dF(z) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (z^2 - 2) \{ (1 - F(z))^3 + F(z)^3 \} dF(z) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$V(Q_{m,n} | \sigma=1) = \frac{m+n}{45mn} + 0 \left( \frac{1}{m^2} \right)$$

For the  $F$  test we have  $\mu^*(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$  and the variance under the null hypothesis is  $\frac{2(m+n)}{mn}$ .

Substituting these results into (10), we find the asymptotic efficiency to be

$$\lim \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{45mn}{m+n}} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \middle/ \sqrt{\frac{2mn}{m+n}} \right\} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2}}$$

Therefore it is shown that our test has the asymptotic efficiency 87% against  $F$  test in the normal case.

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received in June that the problem of the same category has been discussed on the next titled paper by B. V. Sukhatme [8] "On certain two-sample nonparametric tests for variance."

He proposed in [8] the following test statistic

$$T = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_i^m \sum_j^n \phi(X_i, X_j)$$

where  $\phi(X, Y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if either } 0 < X < Y \text{ or } Y < X < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

To use this statistic for testing variance is similar to use Mann-Whitney's statistic with regard to the nonparametric two-sample test for location, where Mann-Whitney's statistic is the proportion of the number of  $(X_i, X_j)$  with  $X_i < X_j$ . It may safely be said that our statistic is the extension of B. V. Sukhatme's  $T$ -statistic for testing scale parameter as well as Lehmann's statistic is the extension of Mann-Whitney's statistic for testing the location parameter, where Lehmann's statistic is the proportion of the number of  $(X_i, X_j; Y_k, Y_l)$  for which both  $X$  lie the same side of both  $Y$ .

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