

On Asymptotic Testing of the Parameters of Two Pareto Distributions

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Abstract—Considering two independent Pareto distributions we have obtained the asymptotic tests for the parameters in this article. After getting the distribution of the sum of the transformed variables, the conditional distribution of complete sufficient statistic of interest has been obtained by fixing the sum of the transformed variables. This conditional distribution is used to obtain the tests for testing. (i) one parameter is larger than the other and (ii) equality of both parameters. Further the power functions of the asymptotic tests have been derived and some power points have been presented.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Let U and V be independently distributed Pareto distributions with probability density function (p.d.f)

$$f_U(u; \theta_1) = \begin{cases} \frac{c\theta_1^c}{u^{c+1}}; & \theta_1 < u < b, \quad c > 0, \text{ known} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

$$f_V(v; \theta_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{c\theta_2^c}{v^{c+1}}; & \theta_2 < v < b, \quad c > 0, \text{ known} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

The Uniformly Most Powerful (UMP) test for testing one-sided and two-sided hypothesis of uniform distribution (and hence generalized uniform) is available in the literature (see Lehmann). Uniform distribution being a particular case of non-regular family of distributions, Bhatt [7] has obtained UMP test for testing this general family. Also Bhatt and Patel [8], have obtained UMPI test and confidence bounds. Generally for regular family adequate amount of literature is available for testing such as Engelhardt et al [2], Keating et al [4], Handa et al [6], Al-Shah et al [5], Bayond et al [1], all have studied comparison of two regular distributions, but Bhatt and Patel [9], have studied power function distributions. In this article we have studied the asymptotic tests for testing the parameters of two Pareto distributions. Asymptotic UMPI tests have been derived in section 3 after obtaining necessary asymptotic conditional distributions in section 2. The power functions has been obtained in section 4

and has been tabulated for some points of the power function.

II. ASYMPTOTIC CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS

Let U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n and V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n be two independent random samples from (1.1) and (1.2) respectively. Let U_{n_1} and V_{n_2} lowest order statistic for random samples on U and V respectively.

Since $F_U(u) = 1 - \left(\frac{\theta_1}{u}\right)^c$ and $F_V(v) = 1 - \left(\frac{\theta_2}{v}\right)^c$ are distribution functions of U and V respectively. The corresponding p.d.f. of U_{n_1} and V_{n_2} are

$$f_{U_{n_1}}(u) = n_1 \left[\frac{\theta_1}{u} \right]^{c(n_1+1)} \frac{c}{u} \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$f_{V_{n_2}}(v) = n_2 \left[\frac{\theta_2}{v} \right]^{c(n_2+1)} \frac{c}{v} \quad (2.2)$$

Making transformations

$$S_1 = n_1 c \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta_1}{u_{n_1}} \right)^{c+1} \right)$$

and

$$S_2 = n_2 c \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta_2}{u_{n_2}} \right)^{c+1} \right)$$

$$H_1 : \theta_2 > \theta_1$$

or may be interested in testing equality of parameters, that is

$$H_2 : \theta_2 = \theta_1$$

It is easy to see that H_1 is equivalent to H'_1

$$H'_1 : \epsilon_1 > \epsilon_{10}$$

where $\epsilon_{10} = \frac{cn\theta_0}{\theta_1\theta_2}$, $n_1 = n_2 = n$, $\theta_0 = \theta_2 - \theta_1$

and H_2 is equivalent to H'_2

$$H'_2 : \epsilon_1 = 0, n_1 = n_2 = n$$

Using the monotonicity of likelihood, the usual asymptotic level α UMPI test for H_1 is

$$\phi_1 = \phi(w_1/t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } w_1 > c^* \text{ for fixed } t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where c is given by

$$c^* = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{10}} \log \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha(1 - e^{-\epsilon_{10}t})} \right], \text{ for fixed } s_2 \text{ and fixed } \epsilon_{10} \quad (3.2)$$

Further the asymptotic UMPI level α test for testing H'_2 is

$$\phi_2 = \phi(w_1/t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } c_1^* < w_1 < c_2^* \text{ for fixed } t \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

where c_1^* and c_2^* are given by

$$(1 - \alpha)[1 - e^{-\epsilon_{10}t}] = e^{-\epsilon_{10}c_1^*} - e^{-\epsilon_{10}c_2^*} \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\epsilon_{10}(1 - e^{-\epsilon_{10}t}) + e^{-\epsilon_{10}c_2^*}(\epsilon_{10}c_2^* + 1) - e^{-\epsilon_{10}c_1^*}(\epsilon_{10}c_1^* + 1) = \alpha \quad (3.5)$$

IV. THE POWER FUNCTIONS

In this section we discuss the asymptotic power points.

The asymptotic UMPI test at level α for testing $H_1 : \theta_2 > \theta_1$ has been obtained in (3.1) and its power function is $\beta_{\phi_1}(\epsilon_1)$,

(2.1) and (2.2) transforms to

$$f_{S_1}(s_1) = \left(1 - \frac{s_1}{cn_1} \right)^{cn_1-1} ds_1 \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$f_{S_2}(s_2) = \left(1 - \frac{s_2}{cn_2} \right)^{cn_2-1} ds_2 \quad (2.4)$$

respectively. Taking limit as $n_1 \rightarrow \infty$ and $n_2 \rightarrow \infty$ S_1 and S_2 are asymptotically distributed as exponential $E(0,1)$, where p.d.f. of $E(\mu, \sigma)$

$$f_X(x; \mu, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}(x-\mu)}, & \mu < x < b, 0 < \sigma \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Since U and V are independently distributed S_1 and S_2 are independently distributed. As S_1 and S_2 are independently distributed as $E(0,1)$, $W_1 = \eta_1 S_1$, $W_2 = \eta_2 S_2$ and $T = W_1 + W_2$ then the conditional distribution of W_1 given T has p.d.f. as

$$f_{W_1/t}(w_1/t) = \frac{\epsilon_1 e^{-\epsilon_1 w_1}}{1 - e^{-\epsilon_1 t}}; w_1 < t \quad (2.6)$$

Where

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{\eta_1} - \frac{1}{\eta_2}, \eta_1 = \frac{\theta_1}{cn_1}, \eta_2 = \frac{\theta_2}{cn_2} \quad (2.7)$$

which can be shown by taking the joint p.d.f. of W_1 and W_2 and making the transformation $T = W_1 + W_2$, so that we get the marginal distribution of T as

$$f_T(t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{\eta_1}} - e^{-\frac{t}{\eta_2}}}{\eta_1 - \eta_2}; 0 < t, \eta_1 \neq \eta_2$$

Using this marginal distribution the conditional distribution of W_1 given $T = t$ has p.d.f. given in (2.6)

III. ASYMPTOTIC TESTS

Someone may be interested in testing the hypothesis that one parameter is larger than the other, that is

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