

## Statistics 583, Problem Set 4 Solutions

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1. Suppose that  $F$  is a continuous distribution function on  $R^+ = (0, \infty)$ , and that  $X_i \sim F_i$  where  $1 - F_i(x) = (1 - F(x))^{\exp(\theta z_i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  for some numbers  $z_1, \dots, z_N$  and  $\theta \in R$ .
  - (a) Find the locally most powerful rank test of  $H : \theta \leq 0$  versus  $K : \theta > 0$ .
  - (b) Describe how you would carry out your test when  $N = 5$  and  $z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = 0$ ,  $z_4 = z_5 = 1$ .
  - (c) Describe how you would carry out your test when  $N = 400$ ,  $z_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 150$ ,  $z_i = 1$  for  $i = 151, \dots, 400$ .

**Solution:** (a) From example 6.3.5.2 with  $\Delta_i = \exp(\theta z_i)$  it follows that, with  $\underline{d} = \underline{r}^{-1}$ ,

$$P_\theta(\underline{R} = \underline{r}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{\exp(\theta z_{d_i})}{\sum_{j=i}^N \exp(\theta z_{d_j})}$$

and hence

$$\log P_\theta(\underline{R} = \underline{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \theta z_{d_i} - \log \sum_{j=i}^N \exp(\theta z_{d_j}).$$

Therefore we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log P_\theta(\underline{R} = \underline{r}) \Big|_{\theta=0} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ z_{d_i} - \frac{\sum_{j=i}^N z_{d_j}}{N-i+1} \right\} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=i}^N \frac{1}{N-i+1} z_{d_j} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} - \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{i \leq j} \frac{1}{N-i+1} \right) z_{d_j} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} - \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{j \leq i} \frac{1}{N-j+1} \right) z_{d_i} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{j \leq i} \frac{1}{N-j+1} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} \left( 1 - \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{N-j+1} \right) \\
&\equiv \sum_{i=1}^N z_{d_i} a_N(i) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^N z_i a_N(r_i) \equiv S_N(\underline{r})
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
a_N(i) &= 1 - \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{N-j+1} = 1 - \sum_{N-i+1}^N \frac{1}{k} \\
&\doteq 1 + \log\left(1 - \frac{i}{N+1}\right) \\
&= - \left( -\log\left(1 - \frac{i}{N+1}\right) - 1 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the test of  $H : \theta \leq 0$  versus  $K : \theta > 0$  is “reject  $H$  if  $S_N(\underline{R}) > k_\alpha$ ” where  $k_\alpha$  is determined so that  $P_0(S_N(\underline{R}) > k_\alpha) = \alpha$ .

(b) When  $N = 5$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $n = 2$ , and  $z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = 0$ ,  $z_4 = z_5 = 1$ , then the test becomes “reject  $H$  if  $S_N(\underline{R}) > k_\alpha$  where now

$$S_N(\underline{r}) = \sum_{i=4}^5 a_5(r_i) = \sum_{j=1}^2 a_5(q_j)$$

where the  $a_5(i)$  are given by

$$(a_5(1), a_5(2), a_5(3), a_5(4), a_5(5)) = (.8, .55, .2166\dots, -.2833\dots, -1.2833\dots).$$

Equivalently, we reject if  $\tilde{S}_N < \tilde{k}_\alpha$  where

$$\tilde{S}_N(\underline{r}) = \sum_{i=4}^5 b_N(r_i) = \sum_{j=1}^2 b_N(q_j)$$

and

$$b_N(i) \equiv \sum_{k=N-i+1}^N \frac{1}{k}.$$

Here  $(b_5(1), b_5(2), b_5(3), b_5(4), b_5(5)) = (.2, .45, .7833, 1.2833, 2.2833)$ . The null distribution of the test statistic  $\tilde{S}_5$  has equal mass .10 on each of the  $\binom{5}{3} = 10$  points corresponding to observing

$$\underline{q} = (q_1, q_2) = (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5),$$

namely

$$\tilde{S}_5(q) = .65, .9833, 1.4833, 2.4833, 1.233, 1.733, 2.733, 2.066, 3.0666, 3.5666;$$

ordering these gives the following table:

Table 1:

$\underline{q}$	(1,2)	(1,3)	(2,3)	(1,4)	(2,4)	(3,4)	(1,5)	(2,5)	(3,5)	(4,5)
$S_5(q)$	.65	.9833	1.233	1.4833	1.733	2.066	2.4833	2.733	3.0666	3.5666

We reject  $H$  if  $\tilde{S}_5$  is “too small” relative to this distribution. Thus if  $\underline{Q} = (3, 5)$  is observed and  $\alpha = 1/5$ , then we would reject  $H$ .

(c) When  $N = 400$ ,  $m = 150$ ,  $n = 250$ , then it’s quite reasonable to use the approximate scores  $\tilde{b}_N(i) \equiv -\log(1 - i/(N + 1))$  and the test becomes “reject  $H$  if  $\overline{B}_n \equiv n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n b_N(Q_j) < k_\alpha$ ” where  $k_\alpha$  is chosen so that

$$P_0(\overline{B}_n < k_\alpha) = \alpha \quad \text{approximately.}$$

But here the null distribution of  $\overline{B}_n$  is the same as the distributon of the sample mean in sampling without replacement from an urn containing balls with the

numbers  $b_N(1), \dots, b_N(N)$  written on the balls. Since  $\bar{b}_N \rightarrow 1$  and  $n\text{Var}(\bar{B}_n) \rightarrow \lambda$ , by problem 4.3(ii) and since the Noether condition holds by problem 4.3(iii), it follows from the WWHN finite sampling CLT that

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{B}_n - 1) \rightarrow_d N(0, \lambda)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus the test becomes “reject  $H$  if  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{B}_n - 1)/\sqrt{m/N} < -z_\alpha$ ” where  $P(Z < -z_\alpha) = \Phi(-z_\alpha) = \alpha$ .

2. Let  $U_{m,n} \equiv T(\mathbb{F}_m, \mathbb{G}_n)$  where  $T(F, G) = \int FdG = P(X \leq Y)$  is the Mann-Whitney functional and  $\mathbb{F}_m$  and  $\mathbb{G}_n$  are the empirical df's of  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  i.i.d. with df  $F$ ,  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  i.i.d. with df  $G$ .

(a) Show that

$$mnU_{m,n} + n(n+1)/2 = W_{m,n} \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n Q_j = \sum_{j=1}^n R_{m+j}.$$

(b) Show that  $EU_{m,n} = P(X \leq Y) = \int FdG$  and that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\sqrt{mn}U_{m,n}) &= (n-1) \int (1-G)^2 dF + (m-1) \int F^2 dG - (N-1) \left( \int FdG \right)^2 + \int FdG \\ &= (n-1)\text{Var}[1-G(X)] + (m-1)\text{Var}[F(Y)] + \int FdG(1 - \int FdG). \end{aligned}$$

(c) When  $F = G$  use the results of A and B to compute  $E_{(F,F)}W_{m,n}$  and  $\text{Var}_{(F,F)}(W_{m,n})$ . (This should agree with calculations for the Wilcoxon rank sum form of the statistic under the null hypothesis via finite sampling calculations.)

**Solution:** (a) Using empirical distribution function notation,  $N\mathbb{H}_N = m\mathbb{F}_m + n\mathbb{G}_n$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} mnU_{m,n} &= \int m\mathbb{F}_m d(n\mathbb{G}_n) = \int N\mathbb{H}_N d(n\mathbb{G}_n) - \int n\mathbb{G}_n d(n\mathbb{G}_n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n N\mathbb{H}_N(Y_j) - \sum_{j=1}^n n\mathbb{G}_n(Y_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n R_{m+j} - \sum_{j=1}^n j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n R_{m+j} - n(n+1)/2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The expectation is easy:

$$E(U_{m,n}) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq Y_j) = P(X_1 \leq Y_1) = \int FdG.$$

For the variance, we first calculate

$$\begin{aligned} E[mnU_{m,n}]^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n E1_{[X_i \leq Y_j, X_k \leq Y_l]} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n E1_{[X_i \leq Y_j]} + \sum_{i \neq k} \sum_{j=1}^n P(X_i \leq Y_j, X_k \leq Y_j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j \neq l} P(X_i \leq Y_j, X_i \leq Y_l) + \sum_{i \neq k} \sum_{j \neq l} P(X_i \leq Y_j, X_k \leq Y_l) \\ &= mnP(X_1 \leq Y_1) + m(m-1)nP(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_2 \leq Y_1) \\ &\quad + mn(n-1)P(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_1 \leq Y_2) \\ &\quad + m(m-1)n(n-1)P(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_2 \leq Y_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X_1 \leq Y_1) = \int FdG,$$

$$P(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_2 \leq Y_1) = EP(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_2 \leq Y_1 | Y_1) = \int F^2(x)dG(x),$$

$$P(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_1 \leq Y_2) = EP(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_1 \leq Y_2 | X_1) = \int (1 - G(x-))^2 dF(x),$$

and

$$P(X_1 \leq Y_1, X_2 \leq Y_2) = P(X_1 \leq Y_1)^2 = \left( \int FdG \right)^2.$$

It follows by algebra that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(mnU_{m,n}) &= E(mnU_{m,n})^2 - \{E(mnU_{m,n})\}^2 \\
&= mn \int FdG + m(m-1)n \int F^2dG \\
&\quad + mn(n-1) \int (1-G(x-))^2dF(x) \\
&\quad + m(m-1)n(n-1) \left\{ \int FdG \right\}^2 - (mn \int FdG)^2 \\
&= m(m-1)n \left\{ \int F^2dG - \left( \int FdG \right)^2 \right\} \\
&\quad + mn(n-1) \left\{ \int (1-G(x-))^2dF(x) - \left( \int FdG \right)^2 \right\} \\
&\quad - mn \int FdG \left( 1 - \int FdG \right).
\end{aligned}$$

By noting that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int FdG = P(X \leq Y) &= 1 - P(X > Y) \\
&= 1 - \int G(x-)dF(x) = \int (1-G(x-))dF(x),
\end{aligned}$$

this yields the claimed variance formula (to within a left limit):

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(\sqrt{mn}U_{m,n}) &= (m-1)\text{Var}(F(Y)) + (n-1)\text{Var}(1-G(X-)) \\
&\quad + \int FdG \left( 1 - \int FdG \right).
\end{aligned}$$

(c) When  $F = G$  continuous we find that

$$E(U_{mn}) = \int FdF = 1/2,$$

and, since now  $\text{Var}[F(Y)] = \text{Var}[G(X)] = 1/12$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(\sqrt{mn}U_{m,n}) &= (m-1)\frac{1}{12} + (n-1)\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \\
&= (N-2)\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} = (N+1)\frac{1}{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence from part (a) it follows that

$$E\left(\sum_{j=1}^n Q_j\right) = n(n+1)/2 + mnE(U_{m,n}) = n(N+1)/2$$

and

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n Q_j\right) = mn \text{Var}(\sqrt{mn}U_{m,n}) = mn(N+1)\frac{1}{12}$$

both of which agree with the finite sampling calculations of problem 2.(a) of problem set 3.

3. Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_+$  is the class of distribution functions  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , and consider the functional  $T(F)$  defined for a fixed  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  by

$$T(F) \equiv e_F(x_0) \equiv E_F(X - x_0 | X > x_0) = \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1 - F(t)) dt}{1 - F(x_0)}.$$

This functional is the *mean residual life* functional.

- (a) For what collection of df's  $F_0$  is  $T$  weakly continuous at  $F_0$ ? For what collection of df's  $F_0$  is  $T$  continuous at  $F_0$  with respect to the Kolmogorov metric?  
 (b) Find the influence function of  $T(F)$ .

**Solution:** (a) Suppose that  $F_n \rightarrow_d F$ , and write

$$T(F) = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} (x - x_0) 1_{(x_0, \infty)}(x) dF(x)}{1 - F(x_0)}.$$

Thus

$$T(F_n) = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} (x - x_0) 1_{(x_0, \infty)}(x) dF_n(x)}{1 - F_n(x_0)} \tag{1}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\int_0^{\infty} (x - x_0) 1_{(x_0, \infty)}(x) dF(x)}{1 - F(x_0)} = T(F) \tag{2}$$

by the Helly-Bray lemma if  $x_0$  is a continuity point of  $F$  and if  $x$  is uniformly integrable with respect to the sequence  $F_n$ :

$$\limsup_n E_{F_n} \{X 1_{[X \geq \lambda]}\} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $F_n \rightarrow F$  with respect to the Kolmogorov metric  $d_K$ , then  $F_n \rightarrow F$ , so the previous argument goes through under the same assumptions, but (2) may continue to hold even when  $F$  is discontinuous at  $x_0$ . To see this, note that  $d_K(F_n, F) \rightarrow 0$  implies that  $F_n(x_0) \rightarrow F(x_0)$  (even if  $F$  is discontinuous at  $x_0$ ), while the numerator of  $T(F_n)$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1 - F_n(t)) dt &= \int_{x_0}^M (1 - F_n(t)) dt + \int_M^{\infty} (1 - F_n(t)) dt \\ &\rightarrow \int_{x_0}^M (1 - F(t)) dt + \epsilon = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1 - F(t)) dt + 2\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

by using  $d_K(F_n, F) \rightarrow 0$  and uniform integrability.

(b) First note that with  $F_t \equiv (1-t)F + tG$  we have both

$$\frac{d}{dt}(1 - F_t(x_0))\Big|_{t=0} = -(G - F)(x_0)$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1 - F_t(y)) dy \Big|_{t=0} = - \int_{x_0}^{\infty} (G - F)(y) dy.$$

Thus by the product rule we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} T(F_t) \Big|_{t=0} &= - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (G - F)(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} + \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1 - F(y)) dy}{(1 - F(x_0))^2} (G - F)(x_0) \\ &= e_F(x_0) \frac{(G - F)(x_0)}{1 - F(x_0)} - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (G - F)(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $G = \delta_x = 1_{[x, \infty)}$  yields the influence function for  $T$  at  $F$ :

$$\begin{aligned} IC(x; T, F) &= e_F(x_0) \frac{(1_{[x, \infty)}(x_0) - F(x_0))}{1 - F(x_0)} - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1_{[x, \infty)}(y) - F(y)) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} \\ &= e_F(x_0) \frac{(1_{[0, x_0]}(x) - F(x_0))}{1 - F(x_0)} - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} (1_{[0, y]}(x) - F(y)) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} \\ &= \begin{cases} e_F(x_0) - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} 1 - F(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} & x \leq x_0 \\ \frac{-F(x_0)}{1 - F(x_0)} e_F(x_0) - \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} 1_{[0, y]}(x_0) - F(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} & x > x_0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq x_0 \\ \frac{-F(x_0)}{1 - F(x_0)} e_F(x_0) - \frac{\int_{x_0}^x -F(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} - \frac{\int_x^{\infty} 1_{[0, y]}(x_0) - F(y) dy}{1 - F(x_0)} & x > x_0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq x_0 \\ \frac{(x - x_0) - e_F(x_0)}{1 - F(x_0)} & x > x_0 \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{[(x - x_0) - e_F(x_0)] 1_{(x_0, \infty)}(x)}{1 - F(x_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$E_F[IC^2(X; T, F)] = \frac{Var(X - x_0 | X > x_0)}{1 - F(x_0)}.$$

4. Let  $F$  be a distribution function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with finite second moments, and let  $\rho(F)$  be the correlation coefficient

$$\rho(F) = \frac{\text{Cov}_F(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}_F(X)\text{Var}_F(Y)}}.$$

Assume that  $|\rho(F)| < 1$ .

- (a) Give an example of a sequence of bivariate distributions  $\{F_n\}$  satisfying  $F_n \rightarrow F$ , but  $\rho(F_n) \rightarrow 1$ .  
 (b) Find a collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of distribution functions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  so that  $\rho$  is weakly continuous on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Solution:** (a) Without loss of generality we may suppose that  $F$  is a bivariate distribution function with zero means,  $E_F(X) = E_F(Y) = 0$ . Let  $F_n = (1 - n^{-1})F + n^{-1}\delta_{(a_n, b_n)}$  with  $(a_n, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Note that  $F_n$  has marginal distribution functions  $F_{n,X} = (1 - n^{-1})F_X + n^{-1}\delta_{a_n}$ ,  $F_{n,Y} = (1 - n^{-1})F_Y + n^{-1}\delta_{b_n}$  respectively where  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$  are the marginal df's of  $F$ . Thus we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}_{F_n}(X, Y) &= E_{F_n}(XY) - E_{F_n}(X)E_{F_n}(Y) \\ &= (1 - n^{-1})\text{Cov}_F(X, Y) + n^{-1}a_nb_n - (n^{-1}a_n)(n^{-1}b_n) \\ &= (1 - n^{-1})\text{Cov}_F(X, Y) + n^{-1}(1 - n^{-1})a_nb_n, \\ \text{Var}_{F_n}(X) &= E_{F_n}(X^2) - (E_{F_n}(X))^2 = (1 - n^{-1})\text{Var}_F(X) + n^{-1}(1 - n^{-1})a_n^2, \\ \text{Var}_{F_n}(Y) &= E_{F_n}(Y^2) - (E_{F_n}(Y))^2 = (1 - n^{-1})\text{Var}_F(Y) + n^{-1}(1 - n^{-1})b_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $a_n = b_n = n$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}_{F_n}(X, Y) &= n + o(n) = n(1 + o(1)), \\ \text{Var}_{F_n}(X) &= n + o(n) = n(1 + o(1)), \\ \text{Var}_{F_n}(Y) &= n + o(n) = n(1 + o(1)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we find that

$$\rho(F_n) = \frac{\text{Cov}_{F_n}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}_{F_n}(X)\text{Var}_{F_n}(Y)}} = \frac{n(1 + o(1))}{n(1 + o(1))} \rightarrow 1$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\rho$  is weakly discontinuous at every  $F$ .

- (b) Consider the following collection of distributions on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ : for some  $r > 2$  and  $M < \infty$

$$\mathcal{F}_{r,M} \equiv \{F : E_F|X|^r \leq M, E_F|Y|^r \leq M\}.$$

Then  $\rho$  is weakly-continuous on  $\mathcal{F}_{r,M}$  at any  $F$  with  $\text{Var}_F(X) > 0$  and  $\text{Var}_F(Y) > 0$ . Here is a proof: let  $\{F_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}_{r,M}$  satisfy  $F_n \rightarrow_d F$ . Then with  $(X_n, Y_n) \sim F_n$  and  $(X, Y) \sim F$  we have  $(X_n, Y_n) \rightarrow_d (X, Y)$ , and by a Skorokhod construction

there exist  $(X_n^*, Y_n^*) =_d (X_n, Y_n)$  and  $(X^*, Y^*) =_d (X, Y)$  defined on a common probability space and satisfying  $(X_n^*, Y_n^*) \rightarrow_{a.s.} (X^*, Y^*)$ . But because  $\{F_n \subset \mathcal{F}_{r,M}, X_n^2, Y_n^2, \text{ and } |X_n Y_n|\}$  are all uniformly integrable: since  $r > 2$ ,

$$EX_n^2 1_{[X_n^2 \geq \lambda]} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^{r-2}} E|X_n|^r \leq \frac{M}{\lambda^{r-2}}$$

so

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} EX_n^2 1_{[X_n^2 \geq \lambda]} \leq \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{\lambda^{r-2}} = 0$$

and similarly for  $\{Y_n^2\}$ , so the uniform integrability of  $|X_n Y_n|$  follows by Cauchy-Schwarz. The same holds true for the  $(X_n^*, Y_n^*)$  pairs since the uniform integrability only depends on the (marginal) distributions. Thus by Vitali's theorem it follows that

$$EX_n^s = EX_n^* s \rightarrow EX^* s = EX^s$$

and

$$EY_n^s = EY_n^* s \rightarrow EY^* s = EY^s$$

for  $s = 1, 2$ , while Vitali also yields

$$EX_n Y_n = EX_n^* Y_n^* \rightarrow EX^* Y^* = EXY.$$

Therefore

$$Var_{F_n}(X_n) \rightarrow Var_F(X), Var_{F_n}(Y_n) \rightarrow Var_F(Y), \quad (3)$$

and

$$Cov_{F_n}(X_n, Y_n) \rightarrow Cov_F(X, Y). \quad (4)$$

Since we have assumed that  $Var_F(X) > 0$  and  $Var_F(Y) > 0$ , (3) and (4) yield

$$\rho(F_n) = \frac{Cov_{F_n}(X_n, Y_n)}{\sqrt{Var_{F_n}(X_n) \cdot Var_{F_n}(Y_n)}} \rightarrow \frac{Cov_F(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var_F(X) \cdot Var_F(Y)}} = \rho(F);$$

i.e.  $\rho$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{F}_{r,M}$  at any  $F$  with positive variances.

It is interesting to note that the hypothesis  $\{F_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}_{r,M}$  cannot be weakened to  $\{F_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}_{2,M}$  (and hence it can also not be weakened to the still larger class  $\mathcal{F}_{2,\infty}$ ). Here is a counterexample. Let  $F$  be a d.f. on  $R^2$  with  $EX = 0 = EY$  and  $EX^2 = 1 = EY^2$ , and  $\rho(F) < 1$  where  $(X, Y) \sim F$ . Let  $M > 1$  be a big number, and consider the class

$$\mathcal{F}_{2,M} = \{F \text{ on } R^2 : E_F X^2 \leq M, E_F Y^2 \leq M\}.$$

Let  $a_n, b_n > 0$ ; we will specify them in terms of  $M$  shortly. Consider the sequence of d.f.'s  $\{F_n\} \subset \mathcal{F}_{2,M}$  defined by

$$F_n(x, y) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)F(x, y) + \frac{1}{2n}\delta_{(a_n, b_n)} + \frac{1}{2n}\delta_{(-a_n, -b_n)}.$$

Then for any bounded and continuous function  $\psi : R^2 \rightarrow R$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \psi dF_n &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \int \psi dF + \frac{1}{2n}\psi(a_n, b_n) + \frac{1}{2n}\psi(-a_n, -b_n) \\ &\rightarrow \int \psi dF, \end{aligned}$$

so  $F_n \rightarrow_d F$ . Furthermore, with  $(X_n, Y_n) \sim F_n$ ,

$$EX_n = (1 - 1/n)EX = 0, EY_n = 0,$$

$$EX_n^2 = (1 - 1/n)EX^2 + \frac{a_n^2}{n} = (1 - 1/n)M + \frac{a_n^2}{n} = M$$

if  $a_n^2 = n\{M - (1 - 1/n)\}$ . Similarly,

$$EY_n^2 = (1 - 1/n)EY^2 + \frac{b_n^2}{n} = M$$

if  $b_n^2 = n\{M - (1 - 1/n)\}$ . With these choices of  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ ,

$$Cov(X_n, Y_n) = (1 - 1/n)Cov(X, Y) + \frac{a_n b_n}{n},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(F_n) &= \frac{Cov(X_n, Y_n)}{\sqrt{Var(X_n)Var(Y_n)}} \\ &= \frac{(1 - 1/n)Cov(X, Y) + M - (1 - 1/n)}{\sqrt{M^2}} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\rho(F) + M - 1}{M} \neq \rho(F). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\rho(F)$  is not continuous on  $\mathcal{F}_{2,M}$ .

5. Consider the collection  $\mathcal{F}_0$  of distribution functions  $F$  on  $R^+$  with  $0 < E_F X < \infty$  and  $E_F X^2 < \infty$ . Let  $T(F) \equiv \sigma(F)/\mu(F)$  for  $F \in \mathcal{F}_0$  where  $\sigma^2(F) = Var_F(X)$  and  $\mu(F) = E_F(X)$ . This is the *coefficient of variation of  $F$* . Find the influence function of  $T(F)$ .

**Solution:**  $T(F) = \sqrt{\sigma^2(F)}/\mu(F)$  where we already know that

$$\dot{\mu}(F; G - F) = \frac{d}{dt}\mu(F_t)|_{t=0} = \int (x - \int x dF) dG(x)$$

and

$$\dot{\sigma}^2(F; G - F) = \int \{(x - \mu_F)^2 - \sigma_F^2\} dG(x).$$

Thus, by the product rule for differentiation,

$$\dot{T}(F; G - F) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma(F)}{\mu(F)} \frac{1}{\sigma^2(F)} \dot{\sigma}^2(F; G - F) - \frac{\sigma^2(F)}{\mu^2(F)} \frac{1}{\sigma(F)} \dot{\mu}(F; G - F),$$

and

$$IC(x; T, F) = \frac{1}{2} T(F) \left\{ \left( \frac{x - \mu_F}{\sigma_F} \right)^2 - 1 \right\} - T^2(F) \left( \frac{x - \mu_F}{\sigma_F} \right).$$