

**LARGE-SAMPLE APPROXIMATION
TO THE MEAN, VARIANCE AND
COVARIANCE OF ORDER STATISTICS
FROM BURR TYPE II-DISTRIBUTION**

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ABSTRACT

In this paper derivation of exact and approximated moments (mean and variance) of the i th order statistics $X_{i:n}$ from burr type II distribution are considered . An approximate formula for the covariance of two order statistics $X_{i:n}$, $X_{j:n}$ from this distribution is also derived . The method used for approximation is series approximation by David and Johnson (1954) . Some basic characteristics and properties of burr type II distribution are also considered . The results obtained here for burr type II distribution are a generalization of the results for logistic distribution given by Arnold and etal (1992).

INTRODUCTION

Evaluation of the exact moments of the i th order statistic X_i from the probability density function requires numerical integration for many $F(x)$ of interest . However, the i th order statistic from any continuous distribution is a function of the i th order statistics from the uniform

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distribution because of the probability – integral transformation . Letting U_i denote the i th order statistic from a uniform distribution over the interval $(0,1)$. This functional relation can be denoted by

$$X_{i:n} = F^{-1}(U_{i:n}) , \quad (1.1)$$

Since the moments of U_i were easily evaluated , an approximation to the moments of a function in terms of some function of these moments would enable one to approximate the moments of X_i for any specified continuous F_x . Such an approximation to the moments of any function in terms of the moments of the argument is referred to as series approximation . David and Johnson (1954) have given series approximations for the first four cumulant & cross - cumulant of order statistics. These series approximations are given in inverse powers of $n + 2$ merely for the simplicity and computational ease. Clark and Williams (1958) have developed series approximations similar to those of David and Johnson (1954) by making use of the exact expressions of the central moments of uniform order statistics where the k th central moments is of order $\{(n + 2)(n + 3)...(n + k)\}^{-1}$ instead of in inverse powers of $(n + 2)$. These developments have been discussed in great detail by David (1981) and Arnold , Balakrishnan and Nagaraga (1992). As pointed out by the last two authors that series approximation can be used in case of distributions with $F^{-1}(u)$ being available explicitly or not. Application to the Logistic and Normal distributions were considered by Arnold ,Balakrishnan and Nagaraga (1992).

SERIES APPROXIMATION

Letting U_i denote the i th order statistic from a uniform distribution over the interval $(0,1)$. This functional relation can be denoted by

$$X_{i:n} = F^{-1}(u_{i:n}) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$(X_{i:n}, X_{j:n}) \stackrel{d}{=} (F^{-1}(u_{i:n}), F^{-1}(u_{j:n})), \quad (2.2)$$

Upon expanding $F^{-1}(U_{i:n})$ in a Taylor series around the point $E(U_{i:n}) = i/(n+1) = p_i$,

we get a series expansion for $X_{i:n}$ from (2.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i:n} = & F^{-1}(p_i) + F^{-1(1)}(p_i)(u_{i:n} - p_i) + \frac{1}{2}F^{-1(2)}(p_i)(u_{i:n} - p_i)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{6}F^{-1(3)}(p_i)(u_{i:n} - p_i)^3 + \frac{1}{24}F^{-1(4)}(p_i)(u_{i:n} - p_i)^4 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where $F^{-1(1)}(p_i)$, $F^{-1(2)}(p_i)$, $F^{-1(3)}(p_i)$, $F^{-1(4)}(p_i)$, ... are the successive derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ evaluated at $u = p_i$.

Now by taking expectation on both sides of (2.3) and using the expressions of the central moments of uniform order statistics [however, written in inverse powers of $n+2$ by David and Johnson (1954) for computational ease and algebraic simplicity], we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{i:n} \approx & F^{-1}(p_i) + \frac{p_i q_i}{2(n+2)} F^{-1(2)}(p_i) \\ & + \frac{p_i q_i}{(n+2)^2} \left[\frac{1}{3}(q_i - p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_i) + \frac{1}{8} p_i q_i F^{-1(4)}(p_i) \right] \\ & + \frac{p_i q_i}{(n+2)^3} \left[-\frac{1}{3}(q_i - p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_i) + \frac{1}{4} \{(q_i - p_i)^2 - p_i q_i\} F^{-1(4)}(p_i) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{6} p_i q_i (q_i - p_i) F^{-1(5)}(p_i) + \frac{1}{48} p_i^2 q_i^2 F^{-1(6)}(p_i) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

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where $q_i = 1 - p_i = (n - i + 1) / (n + 1)$.

Similarly, by taking expectation on both sides of the series expansion for $X_{i:n}^2$ obtained from (2.3) and then subtracting from it the approximation of the $\mu_{i:n}^2$ obtained from Eqs. (2.4), an approximate formula for the variance of $X_{i:n}$ can be derived as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{i:n} \approx & \frac{p_i q_i}{n+2} \{F^{-1(1)}(p_i)\}^2 + \frac{p_i q_i}{(n+2)^2} [2(q_i - p_i)F^{-1(1)}F^{-1(2)}(p_i) \\
 & + p_i q_i \{F^{-1(1)}(p_i)F^{-1(3)}(p_i) + \frac{1}{2} \{F^{-1(2)}(p_i)\}^2\}] \\
 & + \frac{p_i q_i}{(n+2)^3} [-2(q_i - p_i)F^{-1(1)}(p_i)F^{-1(2)}(p_i) \\
 & + \{(q_i - p_i)^2 - p_i q_i\} [2F^{-1(1)}(p_i)F^{-1(3)}(p_i) + \frac{3}{2} \{F^{-1(2)}(p_i)\}^2] \\
 & + p_i q_i (q_i - p_i) \left\{ \frac{5}{3} F^{-1(1)}(p_i)F^{-1(4)}(p_i) + 3F^{-1(2)}(p_i)F^{-1(3)}(p_i) \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} p_i^2 q_i^2 [F^{-1(1)}(p_i)F^{-1(5)}(p_i) + 2F^{-1(2)}(p_i)F^{-1(4)}(p_i) \\
 & + \frac{5}{3} \{F^{-1(3)}(p_i)\}^2]. \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding similarly and taking expectation on both sides of the series expansion for $X_{i:n} X_{j:n}$ obtained from (2.3) and then subtracting

from it the approximation for $\mu_{i:n}\mu_{j:n}$ obtained from (2.4), an approximate formula can be derived for the covariance of $X_{i:n}$ and $X_{j:n}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{i,j:n} \approx & \frac{p_i q_j}{n+2} F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{p_i q_i}{(n+2)^2} [(q_i - p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) \\
 & + (q_j - p_j) F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} p_i q_i F^{-1(3)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) + \frac{1}{2} p_j q_j F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} p_i q_j F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j)] \\
 & + \frac{p_i q_j}{(n+2)^3} [-(q_i - p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) \\
 & - (q_j - p_j) F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j) \\
 & + \{ (q_i - p_i)^2 - p_i q_i \} F^{-1(3)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) \\
 & + \{ (q_j - p_j)^2 - p_j q_j \} F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{3}{2} (q_i - p_i)(q_j - p_j) + \frac{1}{2} p_j q_i - 2 p_i q_j \} F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{5}{6} p_i q_i (q_i - p_i) F^{-1(4)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{5}{6} p_j q_j (q_j - p_j) F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(4)}(p_j) \\
 & + \{ p_i q_j (q_i - p_i) + \frac{1}{2} p_i q_i (q_j - p_j) \} F^{-1(3)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j) \\
 & + \{ p_i q_j (q_j - p_j) + \frac{1}{2} p_j q_j (q_i - p_i) \} F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{1}{8} p_i^2 q_i^2 F^{-1(5)}(p_i) F^{-1(1)}(p_j) + \frac{1}{8} p_j^2 q_j^2 F^{-1(1)}(p_i) F^{-1(5)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} p_i^2 q_i q_j F^{-1(4)}(p_i) F^{-1(2)}(p_j) + \frac{1}{4} p_i p_j q_j^2 F^{-1(2)}(p_i) F^{-1(4)}(p_j) \\
 & + \frac{1}{12} \{ 2 p_i^2 q_j^2 + 3 p_i p_j q_i q_j \} F^{-1(3)}(p_i) F^{-1(3)}(p_j)], \tag{2.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Fortunately, the evaluation of the derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ is not difficult even in case of distributions with $F^{-1}(u)$ not existing in an explicit form.

In this case, by noting that

$$F^{-1(1)}(u) = \frac{d}{du} F^{-1}(u) = \frac{dx}{du} = \frac{1}{(du/dx)} = \frac{1}{f(x)} = \frac{1}{f(F^{-1}(u))}, \quad (2.7)$$

which is simply the reciprocal of the pdf of the population evaluated at $F^{-1}(u)$, one may derive the higher - order derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ without great difficulty by successively differentiating the expression of $F^{-1(1)}(u)$ in (2.7).

SOME BASIC CHARACTERISTICS AND PROPERTIES OF BURR TYPE II DISTRIBUTION

The probability density function (pdf) of Burr type II variable X , introduced by Burr (1942), is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{re^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^{r+1}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad (3.1)$$

$$-\infty < r < \infty$$

and the corresponding cumulative distribution function (cdf) is

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{(1+e^{-x})^r}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad (3.2)$$

The pdf and cdf of Burr type II have been graphed in figs. 3.1 and 3.2 respectively for several values of the shape parameter r .

The hazard function of Burr type II variable X is given by

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1-F(x)} = \frac{re^{-x}[(1+e^{-x})^r - 1]}{(1+e^{-x})^{2r+1}} \quad (3.3)$$

its graph is shown in Fig. (3.3).

The moment generating function of X is

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = r \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-x(1-t)}}{(1+e^{-x})^{r+1}} dx$$

Substituting $u = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= r \int_0^1 u^{r+t-1} (1-u)^{1-t-1} du \\ &= r B(r+t, 1-t) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+t)\Gamma(1-t)}{\Gamma(r)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Hence, the cumulant generating function of X is obtained as

$$K_X(t) = \ln M_X(t) = \ln \Gamma(r+t) + \ln \Gamma(1-t) - \ln \Gamma(r) \quad (3.5)$$

The cumulants of X may be derived from (3.5) upon differentiating with respect to t and setting t to zero. For example, we obtain the mean and variance of Burr type II distribution as

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in increasing order of magnitude. Then the density function of $X_{i:n}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is

$$f_{i:n}(x_i) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)(n-i)!} [F(x_i)]^{i-1} [1-F(x_i)]^{n-i} f(x_i), \quad -\infty < x_i < \infty \quad (4.1)$$

then the moment generating function of $X_{i:n}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is

$$M_{i:n}(t) = E(e^{tx_i}) = \frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x(1-t)}}{(1+e^{-x})^{r(i+1)}} [1-(1+e^{-x})^{-r}]^{n-i} dx$$

Expanding $\{1 - (1 + e^{-x})^{-r}\}^{n-i}$ binomially, the above equation can be written as

$$M_X(t) = \frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x(1-t)}}{(1+e^{-x})^{r(n-k)}} dx \quad (4.2)$$

Substituting $u = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ in the integral in (4.2), we obtain

$$M_X(t) = \frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \int_0^1 u^{r(n-k)+t-1} (1-u)^{1-t-1} du$$

$$M_x(t) = \frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} B[(r(n-k)+t), (1-t)] \quad (4.3)$$

$$= \frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{\Gamma(r(n-k)+t) \cdot \Gamma(1+t)}{\Gamma(r(n-k)+1)} \quad (4.4)$$

where $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ are the usual complete beta and gamma functions respectively. If

we denote the single moments $E(X^*_{i:n})$ by $\alpha^*_{i:n}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $k \geq 1$, then from the expression of the moment generating function in (4.4) we obtain the following

$$\alpha^*_{i:n} = \frac{1}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{1}{n-k} [\psi(r(n-k)) - \Gamma'(1)] \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$\alpha^{*(2)}_{i:n} = \frac{1}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{1}{n-k} [\Psi[r(n-k)] + \Psi^2[r(n-k)] - \Gamma'(1)] \quad (4.6)$$

where

$$\Psi(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \ln \Gamma(z) = \frac{\Gamma'(z)}{\Gamma(z)}$$

$$\Psi'(z) = \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \ln \Gamma(z) = \frac{\Gamma''(z)}{\Gamma(z)} - \Psi^2(z)$$

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are the digamma and trigamma functions respectively . Thus from (4.5), (4.6) one may compute the variance of $X_{i:n}$, the i th order statistics as

$$E_{i:n} = Var(X_{i:n}) = \frac{1}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{1}{n-k} [\Psi[r(n-k)] + \Psi^2[r(n-k)] - \Gamma'(1)] - \left\{ \frac{1}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{1}{n-k} [\Psi(r(n-k)) - \Gamma'(1)] \right\}^2 \quad (4.7)$$

Thus, from Eqs. (4.5) and (4.7), one may compute the means and variances of order statistics either by using the extensive tables of digamma and trigamma function prepared by Davis (1935) and Abramowitz and stegun (1965) or by using the algorithms given by Bernardo (1976) and Schneider (1978). We note here that the moment generating function in (4.4) may be used to obtain higher - order single moments also by involving polygamma functions. From (4.4) we obtain the cumulant generating function of $X_{i:n}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$):

$$K_{i:n}(t) = \ln M_{i:n}(t) = \ln \left[\frac{r}{B(i, n-i+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n-i}{k} (-1)^{n-i-k} \frac{1}{\Gamma[r(n-k)+1]} [\Gamma^r[r(n-k)+t] \Gamma(1-t) - \Gamma[r(n-k)+t] \Gamma'(1-t)] \right] \quad (4.8)$$

APPLICATION TO BURR TYPE II DISTRIBUTION

Approximate formulae for the mean and variance of the i th order statistic $X_{i:n}$, and the covariance

of two order statistics $X_{i:n}$ and $X_{j:n}$ from burr type II distribution is now derived using series approximation described in section 2 Eqs (2.4) , (2.5) and (2.6) . The evaluation of the derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ is rather straight forward in case of burr type II distributions with $F^{-1}(u)$ being available explicitly given by Equ. (3.2) . Then

$$x = F^{-1}(u) = r \ln u - \ln(1-u^r), \quad (5.1)$$

We then obtain the sixth derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ as follows

$$F^{-1(0)}(u) = \frac{r}{u} + \frac{r u^{-1}}{(1-u^r)}, \quad (5.2)$$

$$F^{-1(2)}(u) = \frac{-r}{u^2} + \frac{r u^{r-2} [u^r + r - 1]}{(1-u^r)^2}, \quad (5.3)$$

$$F^{-1(3)}(u) = \frac{2r}{u^3} + \frac{1}{(1-u^r)^3} \{ r^3 (u^{r-3} + u^{2r-3}) + 3r^2 (u^{2r-3} - u^{r-3}) + 2r (u^{r-3} - 2u^{2r-3} + u^{3r-3}) \}, \quad (5.4)$$

$$F^{-1(4)}(u) = \frac{-6r}{u^4} + \frac{1}{(1-u^r)^4} [r^4 (u^{r-4} + 4u^{2r-4} + u^{3r-4}) + 6r^3 (u^{3r-4} - u^{r-4}) + 11r^2 (u^{r-4} - 2u^{2r-4} + u^{3r-4}) + 6r (3u^{2r-4} - u^{r-4} - 3u^{3r-4} + u^{4r-4})], \quad (5.5)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1(5)}(u) = & \frac{24r}{u^5} + \frac{1}{(1-u)^5} [r^5(u^{r-5} + 1)u^{2r-5} + 1)u^{3r-5} + u^{4r-5}) \\
 & -10r^4(u^{r-5} + 3u^{2r-5} - 3u^{3r-5} - u^{4r-5}) \\
 & + 35r^3(u^{r-5} - u^{2r-5} - u^{3r-5} + u^{4r-5}) \\
 & - 50r^2(u^{r-5} - 3u^{2r-5} + 3u^{3r-5} - u^{4r-5}) \\
 & + 24r(u^{r-5} - 4u^{2r-5} + 6u^{3r-5} - 4u^{4r-5} + u^{5r-5})], \tag{5.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1(6)}(u) = & \frac{-120r}{u^6} + \frac{1}{(1-u)^6} [r^6(u^{r-6} + 26u^{2r-6} + 66u^{3r-6} + 26u^{4r-6} + u^{5r-6}) \\
 & - 15r^5(u^{r-6} + 10u^{2r-6} - 10u^{4r-6} - u^{5r-6}) + 85r^4(u^{r-6} + 2u^{2r-6} - 6u^{3r-6} + 2u^{4r-6} + u^{5r-6}) \\
 & - 225r^3(u^{r-6} - 2u^{2r-6} + 2u^{4r-6} - u^{5r-6}) \\
 & + r^2 [274(u^{r-6} - 4u^{2r-6} + 6u^{3r-6} - 4u^{4r-6} + u^{5r-6}) - 120u^{6r-6}] \\
 & - 120r(u^{r-6} - 5u^{2r-6} + 10u^{3r-6} - 10u^{4r-6} + 5u^{5r-6} - u^{6r-6})], \tag{5.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

The above six derivatives of $F^{-1}(u)$ of burr type II distribution are the generalization of those of the logistic distribution obtained by Arnold, Balakrishnan and Nagaraja (1992). Setting $(r = 1)$ in Eqs (2.5) through (2.7), we obtain their results.

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