

Let  $f(n)$  denote the total number of decision patterns for  $n$  means. Clearly,

$$(2.4) \quad f(n) = f_0(n) + f_1(n),$$

since  $s_0$  and  $s_1$  are the only possible first steps.

Since  $f(n)$  depends only on  $f_0(n)$  and  $f_1(n)$ , equations (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3), together with the boundary conditions

$$(2.5) \quad f_0(1) = f_0(2) = f_1(2) = 1,$$

will lead to (1.1).

Using standard techniques for solving difference equations, it can be shown that<sup>3</sup>

$$(2.6) \quad f_e(k) = \frac{2e+1}{e+k} \binom{2k-2}{k+e-1}.$$

This result can be verified by substituting (2.6) into equations (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), and (2.5). It follows immediately that

$$f(n) = f_0(n) + f_1(n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}.$$

## PERCENTILES OF THE $\omega_n$ STATISTIC<sup>1</sup>

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If  $n$  points are selected independently from a uniform distribution on a unit interval there arise  $n+1$  subintervals, each of expected length  $1/(n+1)$ . If  $L_k$  is the length of the  $k$ th interval from the left, then

$$\omega_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \left| L_k - \frac{1}{n+1} \right|.$$

The distribution function of  $\omega_n$  is 0 for  $x < 0$ , 1 for  $x > n/(n+1)$ , and for  $0 \leq x \leq n/(n+1)$

$$F_n(x) = b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + b_1 x + b_0 + 1,$$

where

$$b_k = \sum_{q=0}^r (-1)^{q+k+1} \binom{n+1}{q+1} \binom{q+k}{q} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-q}{n+1}^{n-k},$$

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