

NOTE

CORRECTION TO MINIMAX TESTS AND THE NEYMAN-PEARSON LEMMA FOR CAPACITIES

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The proof of Theorem 4.1 (*Annals of Statistics* 1 251-263) contains an error, which was brought to our attention by Werner Goller. The set functions F and G , as defined there (page 258), do not in general satisfy (4') and (4) respectively. The definition of F has to be modified as follows (continuity of G is irrelevant).

Define for $t < s$ and compact B :

$$(*) \quad F(t, s; B) = u_1((B \cap A_t) \cup A_s) - u_1(A_s).$$

For general B , put $F(t, s; B) = \sup F(t, s; C)$, where C ranges over the compacts $C \subset B$. Then F satisfies (2), (3'), (4'), (5'); of these, (2), (4') and (5') are immediate, and (3') follows from a well-known inequality for 2-monotone functions: if $K_i \subset A_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, then $u(\bigcap A_i) - u(\bigcap K_i) \leq \sum (u(A_i) - u(K_i))$.

LEMMA. *If either $B = A_z$ or $B = C \cap A_z$, with C compact, then (*) still holds.*

PROOF. We only give the proof for one typical case: $B = C \cap A_z$, $t \leq z \leq s$. Let $K \subset A_z$ be compact, then

$$\begin{aligned} F(t, s; B) &\geq \sup_K u_1((C \cap K) \cup A_s) - u_1(A_s) \\ &\geq \sup_K u_1((C \cup A_s) \cap K) - u_1(A_s) \\ &= u_1((C \cup A_s) \cap A_z) - u_1(A_s), \end{aligned}$$

by u_1 -capacitability of Borel sets, and this lower bound happens to coincide with the upper bound furnished by (*).

The proof now proceeds as in the paper until the middle of page 259, where continuity of F is used to show that $\tilde{Q}_0 \geq \tilde{u}_1^* \geq \tilde{u}_1^J$ implies $Q_0 \geq u_1^J$; the first part of the above Lemma now gives $Q_0(A_i) \geq u_1^J(A_i) \geq \alpha[v_0(A_i) - v_0(A_{t_n})]$, hence $Q_0(A_i) = v_0(A_i)$.

The calculations after the definition of Q_1 (page 259 lower third) have to be changed as follows.

Let B be any compact set and $J = (t_0, \dots, t_n)$ be such that $(t_{k-1} - t_0)/t_k \geq \alpha$ for $k > 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(B \cap A_0) - Q_1(B \cap A_\infty) &\geq \sum_1^n [Q_1(B \cap A_{t_{i-1}}) - Q_1(B \cap A_{t_i})] + [Q_1(B \cap A_{t_n}) - Q_1(B \cap A_\infty)] \\ &\geq \sum_1^n t_{i-1} [Q_0(B \cap A_{t_{i-1}}) - Q_0(B \cap A_{t_i})] + t_n Q_0(B \cap A_{t_n}) \\ &\geq \sum_1^n (t_i - t_{i-1}) Q_0(B \cap A_{t_i}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \sum_1^n (t_i - t_{i-1}) u_1^J(B \cap A_{t_i}) \\
&= \sum_{1 \leq i < k \leq n} \frac{t_i - t_{i-1}}{t_k} F(t_{k-1}, t_k; B \cap A_{t_i}) \\
&= \sum_1^n \frac{t_{k-1} - t_0}{t_k} F(t_{k-1}, t_k; B) \\
&\geq \alpha \sum_{k=2}^n F(t_{k-1}, t_k; B) \\
&\geq \alpha F(t_1, t_n; B) \\
&\geq \alpha [u_1(B \cap A_{t_1}) - u_1(B \cap A_{t_n})].
\end{aligned}$$

The remainder of the proof (from the bottom line of page 259 on) is the same.

The remark after the proof of Lemma 2.2 (page 253) should read: "... if u satisfies (1), (2), (3'), (4') and $1 + u(A \cap B) \geq u(A) + u(B)$"