

A LIMIT THEOREM FOR TESTING WITH RANDOMLY CENSORED DATA

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1. Introduction

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables (r.v.'s) and Y_1, \dots, Y_n be independent r.v.'s., independent of X_1, \dots, X_n . Let

$$F(x) = P(X_i > x), \quad x \geq 0$$

$$G_i(y) = P(Y_i > y), \quad y \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n .$$

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$$\delta_i = [X_i < Y_i], \quad Z_i = \min(X_i, Y_i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n .$$

Here, $[A]$ denotes indicator of event A . The X_i 's are true survival times, the Y_i 's are censoring times and one observes $\{(\delta_i, Z_i), 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. This is the so-called random censoring model where often one is interested in making inferences about F or about some function of F based on $\{(\delta_i, Z_i), 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. In order to describe the specific problems to be considered here we need the following definitions. In all of these definitions $F(0) = 1$.