

PROPERTIES OF POLYKAYS OF DEVIATES¹

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1. Introduction and summary. The purpose of this paper is to present formulae and to examine fundamental properties of polykays of deviates which are here called d -statistics. In particular, formulae for d -statistics in terms of polykays having no unit subscripts are presented, relations involving the d -statistics are derived, and application is made to finite moment formulae involving the sample mean.

2. Notation. The term polykay, following Tukey [9], [10], is used to denote a quantity whose expected value is a product of cumulants [4]. Other terms are generalized k -statistic [11], l -statistic [6], and multiple k -statistic [8]. Following MacMahon [7], any partition of p may be represented by $p_1^{\pi_1} \cdots p_s^{\pi_s}$ where $p_1 > p_2 > \cdots > p_s$. Using P to represent the partition, we may say that the weight of P is $p = \sum p_i \pi_i$ and that the order of P is the number of parts $\sum \pi_i = \pi$. Then the augmented monomial symmetric function [3] is represented by $[P]$ and the average augmented monomial symmetric function, which Tukey [9] indicated by $\langle p_1^{\pi_1} \cdots p_s^{\pi_s} \rangle$, may be represented by $M'_P = [P]/n^{(\pi)}$. The combinatorial coefficient, the number of ways in which the partition can be formed from p distinguishable units, is represented by $C(P) = p!/(p_1!)^{\pi_1} \cdots (p_s!)^{\pi_s} \pi_1! \cdots \pi_s!$. For a specified P with $k_P = k_P(x_1, \cdots, x_n) = k_P(x)$, [11] we define

$$(2.1) \quad d_P = k_P(x - k_1)$$

and for a finite population as n becomes N , k_P becomes K_P , and d_P becomes D_P we have

$$(2.2) \quad D_P = K_P(x - K_1).$$

For the purpose of this paper it is convenient to use P to denote a partition with no unit parts and P' to represent any partition of p . Then π is used to indicate the order of either P or P' , unless the orders of both appear in the same equation in which case π' indicates the order of P' . Then the general partition of any number q can be written $Q = P1^r$ where r may be zero.

3. Formulae for d_{P1^r} . In case $r = 0$, Tukey has shown [10] that $k_P(x - k_1) = k_P(x)$. Hence we have

$$(3.1) \quad d_P = k_P.$$

We next find expressions for d_{P1^r} in terms of k 's. One method is to express $k_P k_1^r$ as a linear sum of polykays, see page 5 of [11], the values of x being replaced by $x - k_1$, to give linear relations between the d 's. Thus from $k_P k_1 = (1/n)k_{P\oplus 1}$

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+ k_{p_1} , $p > 0$ we get $d_{p_1} = -(1/n)k_{P \oplus 1}$ where $k_{P \oplus 1}$ is the sum of the functions which result from adding unity in turn to each element of the specified P . Thus if $P = p_1 p_2$, $k_{P \oplus 1} = k_{p_1+1, p_2} + k_{p_1, p_2+1}$. In this way, using $k_{P \oplus 1 \oplus 1} = k_{P \oplus 2} + k_{P \oplus 11}$ we get

$$d_{p_1^2} = (1/n^2)[k_{P \oplus 2} + k_{P \oplus 11}] - (1/n)k_{p_2}$$

where $k_{P \oplus 2}$ is the sum of the π k -functions having subscripts which result from adding 2 in turn to each of the π parts of the specified P , and $k_{P \oplus 11}$ represents the sum of the $\pi^{(2)}$ k -functions which result from adding the ordered pairs of unit elements in turn to the subsets of the p_i having 2 elements, the remaining subscripts being the other p_i . Thus if P has 3 parts, and the unit elements are indicated by a, b , the ordered pairs of elements are a, b and b, a ; and $k_{P \oplus 11}$ features $3^{(2)} = 6$ k -functions

$$k_{P \oplus 11} = k_{p_1+a, p_2+b, p_3} + k_{p_1+a, p_2, p_3+b} + k_{p_1, p_2+a, p_3+b}$$

+ 3 additional terms in which the a and b are interchanged.

Continuing in this way we get, for $r = 3, 4, \dots$ formulae which are special cases of the general formula

$$(3.2) \quad d_{P^{1r}} = \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \sum_T (-1/n)^{r-\tau} [\prod (t_i - 1)] C(T) k_{P \oplus U, T}$$

in which u is any integer satisfying $0 \leq u \leq r$, $t = r - u$, the inner summation is over all unit-free partitions T (for all t), τ is the order of T , and the first summation is over all partitions U (for all u) of order $v \leq \pi$. Finally $k_{P \oplus U, T}$ is itself the sum of the $\binom{\pi}{v} v! = \pi^{(v)}$ k -functions having subscripts which are formed by adding the $v!$ permutations of the v parts of U to each of the $\binom{\pi}{v}$ subsets of P containing v elements, and then adjoining the remaining $\pi - v$ parts of P and the τ parts of T .

The general proof of (3.2) is based on a combinatorial argument. From the expansion of $k_{P^{1r-1}k_1}$ we get

$$(3.3) \quad d_{P^{1r}} = (-1/n)d_{P \oplus 1, 1^{r-1}} - [(r - 1)/n]d_{P^{21^{r-2}}}.$$

The value of d_{P^1} is obtained by placing $r = 1$ in (3.3), the value of d_{P^2} by applying (3.3) to the first term on the right and placing $r = 2$, etc. The general term of $d_{P^{1r}}$ has u of the r units, which may be selected in $\binom{r}{u}$ ways and may be collected into U in $C(U)$ ways, combined with the parts of P . The remaining $r - u = t$ units may be collected to form T in $C(T)$ ways. Hence the combinatorial factors of the formula. From (3.3) it is seen that a factor of $(-1/n)$ appears when a unit is combined with a non-unit and a factor of $-(r - 1)/n$ when a unit is combined with each of the $(r - 1)$ other units in a group of r units. In forming the factor associated with the collection of t_i units into a partition part, there is a factor of $-(t_i - 1)/n$ followed by $t_i - 2$ factors of $(-1/n)$. Hence the factor associated with t_i is $(-1/n)^{t_i-1}(t_i - 1)$ and the factor associated with T is $(-1/n)^{t-\tau} \prod (t_i - 1)$. Since the corresponding factor associated with $P \oplus U$ is

TABLE 1
Value of $\binom{r}{u} [\prod (t_i - 1)] C(T)$

$t = r$ $- u$	T	τ	$C(T)$	$\frac{C(T)}{\prod (t_i - 1)}$	$\binom{r}{u} [\prod (t_i - 1)] C(T)$							
					$r = 1$	$r = 2$	$r = 3$	$r = 4$	$r = 5$	$r = 6$	$r = 7$	$r = 8$
0	0	0	1	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	1	1	1		1	3	6	10	15	21	28
3	3	1	1	2			2	8	20	40	70	112
4	4	1	1	3				3	15	45	105	210
	2 ²	2	3	3				3	15	45	105	210
5	5	1	1	4					4	24	84	224
	3 ²	2	10	20					20	120	420	1120
6	6	1	1	5						5	35	140
	4 ²	2	15	45						45	315	1260
	3 ²	2	10	40						40	280	1120
	2 ³	3	15	15						15	105	420
7	7	1	1	6							6	48
	5 ²	2	21	84							84	672
	4 ³	2	35	210							210	1680
	3 ² 2	3	105	210							210	1680
8	8	1	1	7								7
	6 ²	2	28	140								140
	5 ³	2	56	448								448
4	4 ²	2	35	315								315
	4 ² 2	3	210	630								630
	3 ² 2	3	280	1120								1120
	2 ⁴	4	105	105								105

* $\prod (t_i - 1)$ is taken as 1 when $t = 0$ to extend the notation to this case.

$(-1/n)^u = (-1/n)^{r-t}$, we have $(-1/n)^{r-t} (-1/n)^{t-\tau} \prod (t_i - 1) = (-1/n)^{r-\tau} \prod (t_i - 1)$ as indicated in (3.2).

The values of $\prod (t_i - 1) C(T)$ are presented in Table 1 for values of T through weight 8 as are the values of $\binom{r}{u} [\prod (t_i - 1)] C(T)$. The values of r and τ are also featured so that the values of $(-1/n)^{r-\tau}$ can be written easily.

The formulae for d_{P1^r} , $r \leq 8$, are implicit in Table 1. In order to condense the more explicit form for a specific r , the roman numeral for the integer u is used to indicate the sum for each partition of the integer weighted with $C(U)$. Thus $k_{P\oplus II}$ is $k_{P\oplus 2} + k_{P\oplus 11}$ so $k_{P1^2} = (1/n^2)k_{P\oplus II} - (1/n)k_{P2}$. For $r = 5$ we have

$$(3.4) \quad d_{P1^5} = (-1/n^5)k_{P\oplus V} + (10/n^4)k_{P\oplus III,2} + (20/n^4)k_{P\oplus II,3} \\ + (15/n^4)k_{P\oplus I,4} - (15/n^3)k_{P\oplus I,22} + (4/n^4)k_{P5} - (20/n^3)k_{P32}.$$

A similar argument can be made when P is null to get

$$(3.5) \quad d_{1^r} = \sum (-1/n)^{r-\rho} [\prod (r_i - 1)] C(R) k_R$$

where R is a partition of r of order ρ and r_i is one of its parts. Actually (3.5) is a special case of (3.2) with P null, U null, and $T = R$. Thus from (3.5) or from

the last block of entries in the $r = 5$ column of Table 1,

$$(3.6) \quad d_{15} = (4/n^4)k_5 - (20/n^3)k_{32}.$$

Coefficients for the explicit expansions of all d -statistics of weight 8 or less are given in Table 2. For any Q' , $d_{Q'}$ may be written

$$d_{Q'} = \sum (-1/n)^{\chi' - \chi} a_{Q', Q} k_Q.$$

The numerical coefficients $a_{Q', Q}$ and the orders χ' , χ are given in Table 2. Values of Q' appear in the left column and the corresponding unit-free partitions, Q , appear in the top row.

4. Some relations involving d -statistics. The recursion formula (3.3) with $P = p$ is useful in determining or checking expansions such as those of Table 2 since an element of d_{P1^r} can be obtained from the corresponding column or entries of $d_{p+1, 1^{r-1}}$ and $d_{p21^{r-2}}$. Also when P is null, (3.3) becomes

$$(4.1) \quad d_{1^r} = [-(r - 1)/n]d_{21^{r-2}}$$

and this is useful in relating the last two rows in each of the subdivisions of Table 2. Also we see that if $d_{P, 1^r}$ indicates those terms of d_{P1^r} in which no one of the r units is combined with the P

$$(4.2) \quad d_{P, 1^r} = \sum (-1/n)^{r-\rho} [\prod (r_i - 1)] C(R) k_{PR}$$

so that, for these terms, the P may be neglected in computation. Thus the coefficient of k_{2^4} in the expansion of d_{2^4} is the coefficient of k_{2^2} in the expansion of d_{1^4} .

In Section 3 we see that multiplication of k_P by k_1 gives $k_{P\oplus 1}$ with a coefficient of $1/n$ and k_{P1} with a coefficient of 1. Application of the combinatorial argument using these results then gives $k_1^r = \sum (1/n)^{r-\rho} C(R') k_{R'}$ and with $k_1 = 0$ we have

$$(4.3) \quad \sum (1/n^{r-\rho}) C(R') d_{R'} = 0.$$

If we substitute $D_{R'}$ for $d_{R'}$ in (4.3) and eliminate all partitions with unit parts we get

$$(4.4) \quad \sum_{R'} (1/n^{r-\rho}) C(R') D_{R'} = \sum_R A(R) C(R) K_R$$

where R does not have unit parts and $A(R) = A_{r_1} \cdots A_{r_p}$ with

$$A_r = \sum_{j=0}^{r-2} (-1)^j \binom{r}{j} (1/n)^{r-j-1} (-1/N)^j + (-1/N)^{r-1} (N - 1).$$

The combinatorial proof is based on the fact that the coefficient of K_r determined from the contributions of all $D_{r-j, 1^j}$ terms is A_r , that the coefficient of $K_{r_1 r_2}$, with r_1 and r_2 composed of distinct units, is $A_{r_1} A_{r_2}$, etc.

Wishart [11] used α for $A_2 = 1/n - 1/N$. Abdel-Aty [1] used α and gave,

$$(4.5) \quad A_r = \alpha^{r-1} - \alpha^{r-2}/N + \cdots + (-1)^{r-2} \alpha/N^{r-2}$$

TABLE 2

Orders χ, χ' and numerical coefficients $a_{Q', Q}$ of k_Q in the expansion of $d_{Q'} = d_{P1^r}$,
 $r > 0$ and $2 \leq q \leq 8$

$q = 2$			$q = 3$			$q = 4$				$q = 5$			
Q		2	Q		3	Q		4	2^2	Q		5	32
	χ	1		χ	1		χ	1	2		χ	1	2
Q'	χ'		Q'	χ'		Q'	χ'			Q'	χ'		
11	2	1	21	2	1	31	2	1	—	41	2	1	—
			1 ³	3	2	21 ²	3	1	1	31 ²	3	1	1
						1 ⁴	4	3	3	2 ² 1	3	—	2
										21 ³	4	1	5
										1 ⁵	5	4	20

$q = 6$						$q = 7$					
Q		6	42	3^2	2^3	Q		7	52	43	32^2
	χ	1	2	2	3		χ	1	2	2	3
Q'	χ'					Q'	χ'				
51	2	1	—	—	—	61	2	1	—	—	—
41 ²	3	1	1	—	—	51 ²	3	1	1	—	—
321	3	—	1	1	—	421	3	—	1	1	—
31 ³	4	1	3	2	—	3 ² 1	3	—	—	2	—
2 ² 1 ²	4	—	2	2	—	41 ³	4	1	3	2	—
21 ⁴	5	1	9	8	3	321 ²	4	—	1	3	1
1 ⁶	6	5	45	40	15	2 ³ 1	4	—	—	—	3
						31 ⁴	5	1	6	11	3
						2 ² 1 ³	5	—	2	6	8
						21 ⁵	6	1	14	35	35
						1 ⁷	7	6	84	210	210

$q = 8$								
Q		8	62	53	4 ²	42 ²	3 ²	2 ⁴
	χ	1	2	2	2	3	3	4
Q'	χ'							
71	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
61 ²	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
521	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
431	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
51 ³	4	1	3	2	—	—	—	—
421 ²	4	—	1	2	1	—	—	—
3 ² 1 ²	4	—	—	2	2	—	1	—
32 ² 1	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
41 ⁴	5	1	6	8	3	3	—	—
321 ³	5	—	1	4	3	3	5	—
2 ³ 1 ²	5	—	—	—	—	3	6	1
31 ⁵	6	1	10	24	15	15	20	—
2 ² 1 ⁴	6	—	2	8	6	15	28	3
21 ⁶	7	1	20	64	45	90	160	15
1 ⁸	8	7	140	448	315	630	1120	105

and this has been used by Barton and David [2]. A generalization of (4.4) based on

$$k_P k_1^r = \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \sum_{T'} (1/n)^{r-\rho} C(T') k_{P \oplus U, T'}$$

is

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \sum_{T'} (1/n)^{r-\tau'} C(T') D_{P \oplus U, T'} = \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \alpha^u \sum_T A(T) C(T) K_{P \oplus U, T}$$

where α^u results from

$$\sum \binom{u}{j} (1/n)^{u-j} (-1/N)^j = (1/n - 1/N)^u.$$

5. Moment formulae involving the sample mean. With the formulae of Section 4 available it is possible to write down, almost by inspection, some general moment formulae involving the sample mean. Using the formula for $k_1^r, K_R]_{K_1=0} = D_R$, and (4.3) we have

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} M(1^r) &= E_N(k_1 - K_1)^r = E_N(k_1 - K_1)^r]_{K_1=0} = E_N(k_1^r]_{K_1=0} \\ &= E_N[\sum (1/n^{r-\rho}) C(R') k_{R'}]_{K_1=0} = \sum (1/n^{r-\rho}) C(R') D_R \\ &= \sum A(R) C(R) K_R. \end{aligned}$$

Special cases of a less compact form of the formula were given by Wishart [11] and Abdel-Aty [1]. An interesting proof for the general case was given by Barton and David [2]. The methods above make possible easy generalization. Thus with $r - u = t$

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} E_N[k_P(k_1 - K_1)^r] &= E_N k_P k_1^r]_{K_1=0} \\ &= E_N \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \sum_{T'} (1/n^{r-\tau'}) C(T') k_{P \oplus U, T'}]_{K_1=0} \\ &= \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \sum_{T'} (1/n^{r-\tau'}) C(T') D_{P \oplus U, T'} \\ &= \sum_U \binom{r}{u} C(U) \alpha^u \sum_T A(T) C(T) K_{P \oplus U, T}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} M(P1^r) &= \sum_{u=0}^r \binom{r}{u} \alpha^u C(U) \sum A(T) C(T) K_{P \oplus U, T} \\ &\quad - K_P \sum A(R) C(R) K_R \\ &= \sum_{u=1}^r \binom{r}{u} \alpha^u C(U) \sum A(T) C(T) K_{P \oplus U, T} \\ &\quad - \sum A(R) C(R) \{K_P K_R - K_{PR}\}. \end{aligned}$$

With $r = 0$ this gives $M(P) = 0$ as expected while $r = 1$ gives $M(P1) = K_{P\oplus 1}$. This formula (5.3) is more general than $M(p1^r)$ for which Wishart [11] wrote the special cases $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

A chief advantage of the use of polykays is in estimation. Thus the estimate of $M(1^r)$ is given by (5.1) with K_R replaced by k_R . The estimate in (5.2) is also immediately obtained. So is the estimate of the result (5.3) with the exception of the last term which requires the expansion of $K_P K_R$. Combinatorial methods for obtaining such products and a considerable body of results are available in a paper by Dwyer and Tracy [5].

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