

## GENERAL DISTRIBUTION THEORY OF THE CONCOMITANTS OF ORDER STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

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Let  $(X_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be  $n$  independent rv's from some bivariate distribution. If  $X_{r:n}$  denotes the  $r$ th ordered  $X$ -variate, then the  $Y$ -variate  $Y_{[r:n]}$  paired with  $X_{r:n}$  is termed the concomitant of the  $r$ th order statistics. The exact and asymptotic distribution theory of  $Y_{[r:n]}$  and of its rank are studied. The results obtained are applied to a prediction problem in a Round Robin tournament.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $(X_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be  $n$  independent random variables from some bivariate distribution. If we arrange the  $X$ -variates in ascending order as

$$X_{1:n} \leq X_{2:n} \leq \dots \leq X_{n:n},$$

then the  $Y$ -variates paired with these order statistics are denoted by

$$Y_{[1:n]}, Y_{[2:n]}, \dots, Y_{[n:n]},$$

and termed the *concomitants* of the order statistics. These concomitants are of interest in selection and prediction problems based on the ranks of the  $X$ 's. For example, when  $k$  ( $< n$ ) individuals having the highest  $X$ -scores are selected, we may wish to know the behavior of the corresponding  $Y$ -scores.

Under the assumption that  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$  are linearly related apart from an independent error term, the small-sample theory of concomitants has been studied extensively by O'Connell (1974). The asymptotic distribution theory of the concomitants, in the case when the paired variates  $(X_i, Y_i)$  have a bivariate normal distribution, has been investigated by David and Galambos (1974). Their results depend heavily on the assumption of linearity between  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ . In this paper, the general distribution theory of the concomitants and of their ranks is studied when the  $(X_i, Y_i)$  are from an arbitrary absolutely continuous bivariate distribution. The results obtained are applied to a prediction problem in a Round Robin tournament.

**2. Distribution of the concomitants.** For convenience, the following notation concerning the distributions of random variables will be adopted throughout this paper.

$F_W(\omega)$ —cdf of a random variable  $W$ .

$f_W(\omega)$ —pdf of a random variable  $W$ .

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$f(y|x)$ —conditional pdf of  $Y_1$  given  $X_1 = x$ .  
 $f_{r_1, \dots, r_k:n}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ —joint pdf of the  $k$  ordered  $X$ -variates  $X_{r_1:n}, X_{r_2:n}, \dots, X_{r_k:n}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) with  $1 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_k \leq n$ .

Let  $(X_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be  $n$  independent random variables having a common bivariate cdf  $F(x, y)$  and pdf  $f(x, y)$ . It is also assumed that  $f(x, y)$  is continuous although this assumption is needed only in proving the asymptotic results in Sections 2 and 3. Since  $(X_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are independent and identically distributed random variables, the conditional pdf of  $Y_{[r:n]}$  given  $X_{r:n} = x$  is  $f_{Y_{[r:n]}}(y | X_{r:n} = x) = f(y|x)$ . Hence

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} f_{X_{r:n}, Y_{[r:n]}}(x, y) &= f(y|x)f_{r:n}(x), \quad \text{and} \\ f_{Y_{[r:n]}}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y|x)f_{r:n}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

More generally, for  $1 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_k \leq n$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} f_{Y_{[r_1:n]}, \dots, Y_{[r_k:n]}}(y_1, \dots, y_k) \\ = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^k f(y_i | x_i) f_{r_1, \dots, r_k:n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_k. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise we can also show that, for  $r < s$ ,

$$(2.3) \quad f_{X_{s:n}, Y_{[r:n]}}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y|t)f_{r,s:n}(t, x) dt.$$

By (2.2) and (2.3), we can easily show the following:

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} E(Y_{[r:n]}) &= E[E(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{r:n})]; \\ \text{Var}(Y_{[r:n]}) &= E[\text{Var}(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{r:n})] + \text{Var}[E(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{r:n})]; \\ \text{Cov}(Y_{[r:n]}, Y_{[s:n]}) &= \text{Cov}[E(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{r:n}), E(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{s:n})] \quad (r \neq s); \\ \text{Cov}(X_{s:n}, Y_{[r:n]}) &= \text{Cov}[X_{s:n}, E(Y_1 | X_1 = X_{r:n})]. \end{aligned}$$

The asymptotic distribution of the concomitants can also be easily obtained. For convenience, instead of working with variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , we shall work with uniform variables  $F_X(X_1), \dots, F_X(X_n)$ . Thus, without loss of generality, at this point and throughout the next section, the  $X$ 's are assumed to be uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $1 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_k \leq n$  be sequences of integers such that, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $r_i/n \rightarrow \lambda_i$  with  $0 < \lambda_i < 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ). Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(Y_{[r_1:n]} \leq y_1, \dots, Y_{[r_k:n]} \leq y_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k \Pr(Y_i \leq y_i | X_i = \lambda_i).$$

**PROOF.** Suppose  $r_i/n \rightarrow \lambda_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $0 < \lambda_i < 1$ . Then  $(X_{r_1:n}, \dots, X_{r_k:n})'$  converges in probability to  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)'$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\prod_{i=1}^k \Pr(Y_i \leq y_i | X_i = x_i)$  is a bounded continuous function of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , it follows from (2.2) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(Y_{[r_1:n]} \leq y_1, \dots, Y_{[r_k:n]} \leq y_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k \Pr(Y_i \leq y_i | X_i = \lambda_i).$$

**3. Distribution of the rank of the concomitants.** Let  $R_{[r:n]}$  denote the rank

of  $Y_{[r:n]}$ . Let

$$I(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$(3.1) \quad R_{[r:n]} = \sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_{[r:n]} - Y_i).$$

The distribution of  $R_{[r:n]}$  and the expected value of  $R_{[r:n]}$  are obtained by David, O'Connell and Yang (1976). For completeness and easier reference, we shall state the results here.

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Pr (R_{[r:n]} = s) \\ &= n \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \binom{n-1}{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} \binom{n-s}{r-1-k} \\ & \times \Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} Y_i \leq Y_n, X_i \leq X_n, i = 1, 2, \dots, k; \\ Y_i \leq Y_n, X_i > X_n, i = k + 1, \dots, s - 1; \\ Y_i > Y_n, X_i \leq X_n, i = s, \dots, s - 1 + (r - k - 1); \\ Y_i > Y_n, X_i > X_n, i = s + (r - k - 1), \dots, n - 1 \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that (3.2) continues to hold if  $(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  form a set of exchangeable pairs of random variables. This fact will be used in Section 4.

We shall obtain the asymptotic distribution of  $R_{[r:n]}$  by first determining the asymptotic moments of  $R_{[r:n]}/n$ . From (3.1), as in David and Galambos (1974),

$$\begin{aligned} R_{[r:n]}^k &= [\sum_{i=1}^n I(Y_{[r:n]} - Y_i)]^k \\ &= \sum^* I(Y_{[r:n]} - Y_{i_1}) \cdots I(Y_{[r:n]} - Y_{i_k}) + O(n^{k-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum^*$  denotes the summation over all  $(i_1, \dots, i_k)$  with distinct components and  $Y_{i_l} \neq Y_{[r:n]}$  for  $l = 1, \dots, k$ . Therefore,

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} E \left[ \left( \frac{R_{[r:n]}}{n} \right)^k \right] &= \frac{1}{n^k} \sum^* \Pr (Y_{i_1} \leq Y_{[r:n]}, Y_{i_2} \leq Y_{[r:n]}, \dots, Y_{i_k} \leq Y_{[r:n]}) \\ &+ O \left( \frac{1}{n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(X_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are i.i.d. random vectors, we may write

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum^* \Pr (Y_{i_1} \leq Y_{[r:n]}, Y_{i_2} \leq Y_{[r:n]}, \dots, Y_{i_k} \leq Y_{[r:n]}) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_k \neq l} \Pr (Y_{i_1} \leq Y_l, Y_{i_2} \leq Y_l, \dots, Y_{i_k} \leq Y_l, \\ & \quad \text{rank}(X_l) = r) \\ &= n(n-1) \cdots (n-k) \Pr (Y_1 \leq Y_n, Y_2 \leq Y_n, \dots, Y_k \leq Y_n, \\ & \quad \text{rank}(X_n) = r) \\ &= n(n-1) \cdots (n-k) \Pr (Y_1 \leq Y_n, Y_2 \leq Y_n, \dots, Y_k \leq Y_n, \\ & \quad (r-1)X_i' \leq X_n, (n-r)X_i' > X_n) \\ &= n(n-1) \cdots (n-k) \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \Pr (X_i < X_n, Y_i \leq Y_n, \\ & \quad i = 1, \dots, l; X_i > X_n, Y_i \leq Y_n, i = l + 1, \dots, k; \\ & \quad \text{and exactly } r - 1 - l \text{ of } X_{k+1}, \dots, X_{n-1} \text{ are } < X_n). \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.3) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E \left[ \left( \frac{R_{[n:r]}}{n} \right)^k \right] &= \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)}{n^k} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [F(x, y)]^l \\
 (3.5) \quad &\times [F_Y(y) - F(x, y)]^{k-l} f(y|x) dy \} f_{r-l:n-k}(x) dx \\
 &+ O \left( \frac{1}{n} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $n, r \rightarrow \infty$  with  $r/n \rightarrow \lambda$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , for any fixed  $k$  and  $0 \leq l \leq k$ ,  $X_{r-l:n-k}$  converges in probability to  $\lambda$ . Clearly, for  $l \leq k$  the inner integral in (3.5) is a bounded continuous function of  $x$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{R_{[r:n]}}{n} \right)^k \right] \\
 (3.6) \quad &= \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [F(\lambda, y)]^l [F_Y(y) - F(\lambda, y)]^{k-l} f(y|x = \lambda) dy \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [F_Y(y)]^k f(y|x = \lambda) dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

(3.6) leads immediately to the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\{r\}$  be a sequence of integers such that, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $r/n \rightarrow \lambda$  with  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Then for  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ ,*

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr (R_{[r:n]} \leq na) = \Pr (Y \leq F_Y^{-1}(a) | X = \lambda).$$

**PROOF.** Since the limit obtained in (3.6) is the  $k$ th moment of a random variable  $F_Y(W)$ , where  $W$  is the conditional random variable  $Y | X = \lambda$ , the boundedness of  $F_Y(W)$  implies that its moments uniquely determine its distribution. Equation (3.7) now follows from (3.6).

Theorem 3.1 leads to the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *If  $\{r\}$  and  $\{s\}$  are two sequences of integers such that  $r/n$  and  $s/n$  converge to  $\lambda_r$  and  $\lambda_s$  respectively as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $0 < \lambda_r < \lambda_s < 1$ , then for  $0 \leq a \leq 1$  and any choice  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ),*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr (\text{rank}(Y_i) \leq na | r \leq \text{rank}(X_i) \leq s) \\
 = \frac{1}{\lambda_s - \lambda_r} \int_{\lambda_r}^{\lambda_s} \Pr (Y \leq F_Y^{-1}(a) | X = \lambda) d\lambda.
 \end{aligned}$$

**PROOF.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr (\text{rank}(Y_i) \leq na | r \leq \text{rank}(X_i) \leq s) \\
 (3.9) \quad &= \frac{n}{s-r+1} \sum_{j=r}^s \Pr (\text{rank}(X_i) = j) \Pr (\text{rank}(Y_i) \leq na | \text{rank}(X_i) = j) \\
 &= \frac{n}{s-r+1} \sum_{j=r}^s \frac{1}{n} \Pr (R_{[j:n]} \leq na).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we let  $s/n \rightarrow \lambda_s$  and  $r/n \rightarrow \lambda_r$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then by (3.7), for large  $n$ ,

$$(3.10) \quad \sum_{j=r}^s \Pr (R_{[j:n]} \leq na) \frac{1}{n} \sim \sum_{j=r}^s \Pr \left( Y \leq F_Y^{-1}(a) | X = \frac{j}{n} \right) \frac{1}{n}.$$

Recognizing that the right-hand side of (3.10) is a Riemann sum to the integral

$$\int_{\lambda_r}^{\lambda_s} \Pr(Y \leq F_Y^{-1}(a) | X = \lambda) d\lambda,$$

and letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , (3.9) and (3.10) yield (3.8). This completes the proof.

**4. Application to a prediction problem in a Round Robin tournament.** Suppose we have a Round Robin tournament among  $q$  teams,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_q$ , with the tournament to be replicated  $n$  times. In each tournament, every team  $A_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ) plays every other team once, making a total of  $\frac{1}{2}q(q - 1)n$  matches. It is also assumed that ties are forbidden.

Let  $\delta_{ij\alpha}$  be a characteristic random variable corresponding to the outcome of the match between  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  in the  $\alpha$ th replication. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ij\alpha} &= 1 && \text{if } A_i \rightarrow A_j && i, j = 1, 2, \dots, q; i \neq j, \\ &= 0 && \text{if } A_j \rightarrow A_i && i, j = 1, 2, \dots, q; i \neq j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_i \rightarrow A_j$  denotes  $A_i$  defeating  $A_j$ . We assume that there is no replication effect, and that all  $\frac{1}{2}nq(q - 1)$  matches are independent. The probability  $\pi_{ij}$  of  $A_i$  defeating  $A_j$  is  $\Pr(\delta_{ij\alpha} = 1) = \pi_{ij}$  and of  $A_i$  being defeated by  $A_j$  is  $\Pr(\delta_{ij\alpha} = 0) = 1 - \pi_{ij} = \pi_{ji}$ . The total scores  $a_i$  of team  $A_i$  after  $n$  replications is given by  $a_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{i\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha=1, j \neq i}^n \delta_{ij\alpha}$ , where  $a_{i\alpha}$  denotes the score of  $A_i$  in the  $\alpha$ th replication.

Suppose further that the  $q$  teams  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_q$ , are of similar caliber. We are interested in the following problem: If after the first  $m$  ( $m < n$ ) replications of the tournament, team  $A_i$  has rank  $r$ , then what is the probability that it will have rank  $s$  after  $n$  replications? In other words, we wish to find, using obvious notation,

$$(4.1) \quad \Pr(\text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{i\alpha}) = s | \text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^m a_{i\alpha}) = r)$$

for  $1 \leq i, r, s \leq q$ .

Since the  $q$  teams are of similar caliber,  $\pi_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, q; i \neq j$ ), and for each  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $(a_{1\alpha}, a_{2\alpha}, \dots, a_{q\alpha})$  form a set of exchangeable variates (cf. Trawinski and David (1963)). Further, clearly for fixed  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ )  $a_{i\alpha}$  ( $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are  $n$  independent binomial  $B(\frac{1}{2}, q - 1)$  variates,  $E(a_{i\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2}(q - 1)$ ,  $\text{Var}(a_{i\alpha}) = \frac{1}{4}(q - 1)$ , and the common correlation between  $a_{i\alpha}$  and  $a_{j\alpha}$  ( $i \neq j$ ) is  $-1/(q - 1)$ . Let for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} U_i &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^m 2(a_{i\alpha} - \frac{1}{2}(q - 1))/(m(q - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ V_i &= \sum_{\alpha=m+1}^n 2(a_{i\alpha} - \frac{1}{2}(q - 1))/(m(q - 1))^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, clearly,  $(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q)$  and  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_q)$  are two independent sets of exchangeable random variables. Also let

$$(4.2) \quad T_i = U_i + V_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q.$$

Then (4.1) can be written as

$$\Pr(\text{rank}(T_i) = s | \text{rank}(U_i) = r).$$

By (3.2), and the exchangeability of  $(T_1, U_1), \dots, (T_q, U_q)$  we now have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(\text{rank}(T_i) = s | \text{rank}(U_i) = r) &= q \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \binom{q-1}{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} \binom{q-s}{r-1-k} \cdot \\
 (4.3) \quad \Pr &\left[ \begin{array}{l} U_i + V_i \leq U_q + V_q, U_i \leq U_q, i = 1, \dots, k; \\ U_i + V_i \leq U_q + V_q, U_i > U_q, i = k + 1, \dots, s - 1; \\ U_i + V_i > U_q + V_q, U_i \leq U_q, i = s, \dots, s - 1 + (r - k - 1); \\ U_i + V_i > U_q + V_q, U_i > U_q, i = s + (r - k - 1), \dots, q - 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= q \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \binom{q-1}{s-1} \binom{s-1}{k} \binom{q-s}{r-1-k} P_n^*(s, k) \quad (\text{say}).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the independence of replications and the multivariate central limit theorem that as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $m/n \rightarrow \lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda < 1$ ),  $(U_1, \dots, U_q, V_1, \dots, V_q)$ , converges in distribution to  $(X'_1, \dots, X'_q, Z'_1, \dots, Z'_q)'$  which has a multivariate

$$N_{2q} \left( \mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho^* \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \rho^* & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \tau \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho^* \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \rho^* & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

distribution, where  $\rho^* = -1/(q - 1)$  and  $\tau = (1 - \lambda)/\lambda$ . Furthermore, since the  $X'_i$  are equicorrelated normal variates,  $X'_i$  may be generated as follows (e.g., Gupta (1963)):

$$X'_i = (-\rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} X_0 + (1 - \rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} X_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q,$$

where  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q$  are i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  variates,  $X_0$  is also  $N(0, 1)$ , and  $E(X_i X_0) = -(-\rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}/(1 - \rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Likewise,  $Z'_i$  may be written as follows:

$$Z'_i = \tau^{\frac{1}{2}} ((-\rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_0 + (1 - \rho^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q.$$

Hence as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $m/n \rightarrow \lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda < 1$ ), we have

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} P_n^*(s, k) = \Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} Y_i \leq Y_q, X_i \leq X_q, i = 1, \dots, k; \\ Y_i \leq Y_q, X_i > X_q, i = k + 1, \dots, s - 1; \\ Y_i > Y_q, X_i \leq X_q, i = s, \dots, s - 1 + (r - k - 1); \\ Y_i > Y_q, X_i > X_q, i = s + (r - k - 1), \dots, q - 1 \end{array} \right]$$

where  $Y_i = X_i + \tau^{\frac{1}{2}} Z_i$ . Clearly, the  $(X_i, Y_i)$  are independent and have a bivariate normal distribution with correlation  $\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Hence the limiting values of (4.1) as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  with  $m/n \rightarrow \lambda$  ( $0 < \lambda < 1$ ) is given by (3.2) with  $n = q$  and  $F(x, y), f(x, y)$  being respectively the cdf and pdf of bivariate normal variates  $(X_i, Y_i)$ . Therefore, Tables 1 and 2 constructed in David, O'Connell and Yang (1976) can be used here. For example, for  $\lambda = 0.5$  and  $q = 9$ , from the column for  $\rho = 0.7$  of Table 1, we have, for sufficiently large  $m$  and  $n$  with  $m/n = 0.5$ ,

$$\Pr(\text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{i\alpha}) = 9 | \text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^m a_{i\alpha}) = 9) \sim 0.4404.$$

The case when one of the team is superior and the others continue to be equal is also considered. Supposed team  $A_q$  is the superior team, then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{qj} &= \pi \quad (> \frac{1}{2}) & j = 1, 2, \dots, q-1, \\ \pi_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} & i, j = 1, 2, \dots, q-1; i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, only the problem of predicting the rank of the superior team  $A_q$  is studied. The development is similar to that of the null case considered above. Interested readers are referred to Yang (1976). However, for illustration, the approximate values of  $P_q = \Pr(\text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{q\alpha}) = q | \text{rank}(\sum_{\alpha=1}^m a_{q\alpha}) = q)$  for  $q = 3(2)9$ ,  $n = 10$ ,  $m/n = 0.5$  and  $\pi = 0.5(0.05)0.8$  are included here. The following are the computed  $P_q$  values:

$\pi$	0.5	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75	0.80
$P_3$	0.644	0.760	0.854	0.923	0.967	0.989	0.997
$P_5$	0.539	0.710	0.847	0.935	0.980	0.996	0.999
$P_7$	0.483	0.694	0.858	0.952	0.989	0.998	0.999
$P_9$	0.446	0.690	0.873	0.966	0.995	0.999	0.999

It is interesting to note that  $P_q$  is a decreasing function of  $q$  for  $\pi = 0.5, 0.55$  and increasing function of  $q$  for  $\pi = 0.65(0.05)0.8$ .

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