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Fourth moment of random determinants

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NRR's formula on fourth determinant moment

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Theorem. (1989 | Dembo A.[2])

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General fourth determinant moment

Theorem. (5/2022 | B. D..[3])

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where $\mu_2 = m_2 - m_1^2$, $\mu_3 = m_3 - 3m_1 m_2 + 2m_1^3$ and $\mu_4 = m_4 - 4m_1 m_3 + 6m_1^2 m_2 - 3m_1^4$.

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Theorem. (7/2022 | B. D.[4])

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1 Introduction

2 General fourth moment
- Preliminaries
- Marked tables
- Structure of marked tables
- Decomposition over even marked tables
- Covering technique

3 Gram fourth moment

4 Sixth moment (current work)

Definitions II:

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Corollary. Denote $\pi \in T_n$ a permutation of order n and $\sigma \in T_n^\times$ a *marked permutation* formed from π by marking **at most one** of its numbers, then

$$\det A = \sum_{\pi \in T_n} \operatorname{sgn} \pi \prod_{i=1}^{n} X_{i\pi(i)} = \sum_{\sigma \in T_n^\times} \operatorname{sgn} \sigma \prod_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i\sigma(i)},$$

where $\operatorname{sgn} \sigma = \operatorname{sgn} \pi$ and $Y_{i\sigma(i)} = m_1$ if i is marked and $Y_{i\sigma(i)} = Y_{i\pi(i)}$ otherwise.

Marked tables

Definition. We say t is a *marked table* k by n if its rows are marked permutations. $T^{\times}_{k,n}$ is the set of all such tables. We define weight of its i-th column as $\mathbb{E}\prod_{j=0}^{k} Y_{i\sigma_j(i)}$ and the weight $w(t)$ of the whole table t as the product of weights of all of its columns. Also $\operatorname{sgn} t$ will be the product of signs of permutations of rows.

3	×	1	4	5	2	7	8	9
3	2	1	9	4	6	×	5	8
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Example: $t \in T^{\times}_{4,9}$ with $w(t) = m_1^3 \mu_3 \mu_4^2$

Proposition.

$$f_k(n) = \sum_{t \in T_{k,n}^{\times}} w(t) \operatorname{sgn} t.$$

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Corollary. $f_k(n) = \sum_{r=0}^{k} f_k^{[r]}(n)$

Column types

Let a, b denote different numbers selected from $\{1, 2, 3, \ldots, n\}$. Up to permutation of rows, the only ways how the columns of 4 by n tables with nonzero weight could look like are the following:

Type:	4-column	2-column	$\times^1$-column	$\times^2$-column	$\times^4$-column
	a	a	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$
	a	a	a	$\times$	$\times$
	a	b	a	a	$\times$
	a	b	a	a	$\times$
Weight:	μ_4	1	$m_1\mu_3$	m_1^2	m_1^4

Definition. Let $S^r_{4,n} \subseteq T^r_{4,n}$ be the subset of those tables with nonzero weight which lack $\times^1$ columns.

Definition. $s_4^{[r]}(n) = \sum_{t \in S^r_{4,n}} w(t) \operatorname{sgn} t, \quad S_4^{[r]}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} s_4^{[r]}(n).$

Proposition.

$$F_4(t) = \sum_{r=0}^{4} (1 + m_1 \mu_3 t)^{4-r} S_4^{[r]}(t)$$
$$= (1 + m_1 \mu_3 t)^4 S_4^{[0]}(t) + (1 + m_1 \mu_3 t)^2 S_4^{[2]}(t) + S_4^{[4]}(t).$$

Proof. Creating $t \in T^r_{4,n}$ from $t' \in S^{r-s}_{4,n-s}$ by adding s $\times^1$-columns,

$$f_4^{[r]}(n) = \sum_{s=0}^{r} \binom{4-r+s}{s} \binom{n}{s}^2 s!^2 m_1^s \mu_3^s s_4^{[r-s]}(n-s)$$

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Example: $n = 9$, $r = 4$, $s = 2$

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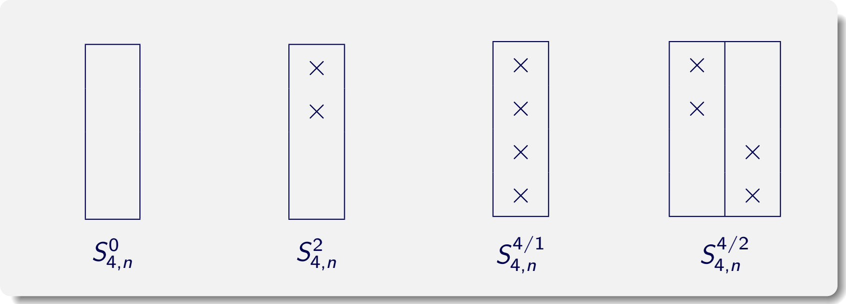
Table types

Definition. We define tables $S_{4,n}^{r/s} \subseteq S_{4,n}^{r}$ such that their r marks occupy s columns. Accordingly, we define

$$s_4^{[r/s]}(n) = \sum_{t \in S_{4,n}^{r/s}} w(t)\,\mathrm{sgn}(t) \qquad \text{and} \qquad S_4^{[r/s]}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!^2} s_4^{[r/s]}(n).$$



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Proof. Let $t' \in S_{4,n}^0$ have c of 4-columns and thus $n-c$ of 2-columns. Its weight is μ_4^c. From this t', we create $t \in S_{4,n}^2$ by covering two pairs of numbers in either 4-column or 2-column.

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6 ways   2 ways

The contribution of t' to $\sum_{t \in S_{4,n}^{[2]}} w(t) \operatorname{sgn} t$ is then

$$6cm_1^2\mu_4^{c-1} + 2(n-c)m_1^2\mu_4^c = m_1^2(6-2\mu_4)\frac{\partial \mu_4^c}{\partial \mu_4} + 2m_1^2 n\mu_4^c. \quad \blacksquare$$

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Corollary. $F_4(t)$

Proof. Let $t' \in S_{4,n}^{[4/1]}$ have c of 4-columns and thus $n-c-1$ of 2-columns as now one column is a $\times^4$-column. The weight of t' is $m_1^4\mu_4^c$. From this t', we create $t \in S_{4,n}^{[4/2]}$ by **swapping** its two $\times$ marks with pair of numbers in either 4-column or 2-column. By symmetry, each table in $S_{4,n}^{[4/2]}$ is counted twice.

$$S_{4,n}^{4/2} \leftarrow S_{4,n}^{4/1} : \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \times & a \\ \times & a \\ a & \times \\ a & \times \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \times & a \\ \times & a \\ \times & a \\ \times & a \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \times & a \\ \times & a \\ b & \times \\ b & \times \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \times & a \\ \times & a \\ \times & b \\ \times & b \end{array}$$

The contribution of t' to double of $\sum_{t \in S_{4,n}^{[4/2]}} w(t) \operatorname{sgn} t$ is then

$$6cm_1^4\mu_4^{c-1} + 2(n-c-1)m_1^4\mu_4^c = (6-2\mu_4)\frac{\partial(m_1^4\mu_4^c)}{\partial\mu_4} + 2nm_1^4\mu_4^c - 2m_1^4\mu_4^c. \quad \blacksquare$$

Paired marked tables

Definition. We say t is a *paired marked table* k by n (k even) if for $i = 1, \dots, k/2$, its $(2i-1)$-th and $2i$-th row are marked permutations of selection $C_i \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots n\}$. Similarly, $T^{\times}_{k,n,p}$ is the set of all such tables and $S^{\times}_{k,n,p}$ the subset of those lacking $\times^1$ columns and having nonzero weight. We define generating functions of those subsets accordingly.

Proposition.

$$f_k(n,p) = \sum_{t \in T^{\times}_{k,n,p}} w(t) \operatorname{sgn} t,$$

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- $S_4^{[0]}(t,\omega) = G_4(t,\omega)$.

Corollary.

For any distribution of X_{ij} with $m_1 = 0$ and $\mu_2 = 1$ (μ_q as before),

$$F_4(t,\omega) = \frac{e^{t(\mu_4-3)}}{(1-t)^2(1-\omega-t)}\left[(1+m_1\mu_3 t)^4 + \frac{6m_1^2 t\,(1+m_1\mu_3 t)^2}{1-t} + \frac{m_1^4 t\,(1+7t+4t^2)}{(1-t)^2} + \frac{\omega m_1^2 t}{1-\omega-t}\left(\frac{2\,(1+m_1\mu_3 t)^2}{1-t} + \frac{m_1^2\,(1+5t+2t^2)}{(1-t)^2}\right) + \frac{2t^2\omega^2 m_1^4}{(1-\omega-t)^2(1-t)^2}\right].$$

Sixth moment

Theorem (12/2022 | B. D., Lv Zelin, Potechin Aaron[5])

For any disribution X_{ij} with $m_1 = 0$ and $m_2 = 1$,

$$F_6(t) = \frac{(1+m_3^2 t)^{10} e^{t\left(m_6 - 15m_4 - 10m_3^2 + 30\right)}}{48\,(1+3t-m_4 t)^{15}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1+n)(2+n)(4+n)!\,t^n}{(1+3t-m_4 t)^{3n}}.$$

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- **Corollary:** Explicit formula for $f_6(n)$ and its asymptotics.

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Gram Sixth moment

Conjecture (6/2023 | B. D.)

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As of 28 June, we know only the special case $m_1 \neq 0$, $\mu_3 = 0$.

Thank you for your attention!

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