Transformations with Improved Chi-Squared Approximations

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1 Introduction

In statistical inference it is basic to obtain the sampling distribution of a statistic. However, we often encounter the situation where the exact distribution cannot be obtained in a closed form, or even if it is obtained, the exact distribution is of no use because of its complexity. To overcome this situation, various approximations of the quantiles as well as the distribution function have been studied. The one to which we restrict attention is that of using asymptotic approximations, especially asymptotic expansions.

In this paper, we consider a nonnegative statistic $S$ whose limiting distribution is a chi-squared distribution $\chi_f^2$ with $f$ degrees of freedom and suppose that a nonnegative statistic $S$ has an asymptotic expansion

$$F(x) = P(S \leq x) = G_f(x) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}(x) + O(n^{-2}),$$

where $n$ is a positive number, typically a sample size, $k$ is a positive integer, $G_{f+2j}(\cdot)$ is the distribution function of $\chi_{f+2j}^2$ and coefficients $a_j$’s satisfy the relation $\sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j = 0$. Some examples of the statistic $S$ are as follows: For $k = 1$, the likelihood ratio test statistic (see Hayakawa (1977)); for $k = 2$, Lawley-Hotelling trace criterion and Bartlett-Nanda-Pillai trace criterion, which are test statistics for multivariate linear hypothesis under normality (see Anderson (1984) and Siotani, Hayakawa and Fujikoshi (1985)); for $k = 3$, the score test statistic (see Harris (1985)) and Hotelling’s $T^2$-statistic under nonnormality (see Kano (1995) and Fujikoshi (1997b)).

In order to obtain an approximated quantile of statistic $S$, we consider a monotone function $T = T(S)$ satisfying

$$P(T \leq u_{\alpha}) = 1 - P(S \leq b(u_{\alpha})) = P(T(S) \leq u_{\alpha}) = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-2}),$$

For such a monotone function $T$, it holds that
where $u_\alpha$ is the upper $\alpha$ point of $\chi_j^2$ and $b(\cdot)$ is the inverse function of $T$. We shall propose methods to use $b(u_\alpha)$ as an approximated upper $\alpha$ point of $S$.

The transformation $T = T(S)$ satisfying property (1.2) is called the Bartlett correction or a Bartlett type correction and have been investigated by many researchers (e.g., Cordeiro and Ferrari (1991), Kakizawa (1996), Fujikoshi (1997a), Fujisawa (1997), Cordeiro and Ferrari (1998), Cordeiro, Ferrari and Cysneiros (1998), Fujikoshi (2000), and Aoshima, Enoki and Ito (2003)). In this paper, we shall consider new transformations given by a different approach from others. It may be observed that new transformations, proposed in this paper, give a significant improvement to chi-squared approximations. Further, we shall also consider error bounds for the remainder term in (1.2) and for approximated quantiles. These would lead a broad application with a wide class of statistics.

This paper is organized as in the following way. In Section 2, we propose new monotone transformations which are given by a different approach from others. Numerical examples of some test statistics are demonstrated to observe an improvement brought by the proposed transformations beyond the competitors. In Section 3, we give a method to obtain an uniform or non-uniform error bound for an improved $\chi^2$-approximation. Further, we introduce some applications.

2 Transformations with improved chi-squared approximations

For a nonnegative statistic $S$ whose asymptotic distribution is $\chi_j^2$, we assume that the distribution function can be expanded as in (1.1). Then, we consider a monotone transformation $T = T(S)$ based on the Bartlett correction or a Bartlett type correction. That is, we consider a monotone function $T = T(S)$ satisfying property (1.2). The following lemma was given by Cordeiro and Ferrari (1991).

Lemma 2.1 Suppose that a nonnegative statistic $S$ has an asymptotic expansion (1.1). If the transformation $T = T(S)$ can be expanded as

$$T = S - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{k} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{a_j}{\prod_{t=0}^{f+2\ell-1} S^i} \right) + O_p(n^{-2}),$$

(2.1)

then property (1.2) is satisfied.

Some monotone transformations that hold (2.1) have been proposed (e.g., Fujikoshi (2000) for $k = 2$, Cordeiro, Ferrari and Cysneiros (1998) and Aoshima, Enoki and Ito (2003) for $k = 3$ and Kakizawa (1996) for a general $k$). However, these transformations are not always oriented to a theoretical background except for having (2.1) and the monotoneity. In this section, we propose new transformations that have not only (2.1) and the monotoneity but also a certain theoretical background. Moreover, we introduce some applications with proposed transformations.
2.1 New transformations

Let $x_{\alpha}$ and $u_{\alpha}$ be the upper $\alpha$ points of $F$ and $G_{f}$, respectively. Then, we note that

$$x_{\alpha} = F^{-1}(G_{f}(u_{\alpha})). \quad (2.2)$$

Now we define that

$$T^{*} = G_{f}^{-1}(F(S)).$$

From (2.2), since it follows for all $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ that

$$P(T^{*} \leq u_{\alpha}) = P(S \leq F^{-1}(G_{f}(u_{\alpha})))$$

$$= P(S \leq x_{\alpha})$$

$$= 1 - \alpha,$$

we claim that

$$T^{*} \sim \chi_{f}^{2}.$$ 

It is easy to see that $T^{*}$ can be expanded as (2.1). On the other hand, from the property of the distribution function, $T^{*}$ holds the monotoneity. Further, we note that the upper $\alpha$ point of $S$ is exactly obtained from $T^{*}$. Therefore, we can say that $T^{*}$ is an exact transformation to a chi-squared distribution $\chi_{f}^{2}$. If $F(x)$ is completely known, $T^{*}$ is available. As far as $F(x)$ is available in a form (1.1), we have to replace $F(x)$ with

$$\tilde{F}(x) = G_{f}(x) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_{j} G_{f+j}(x). \quad (2.3)$$

However, $\tilde{F}(x)$ does not hold the monotoneity. Now, we modify $\tilde{F}(x)$ so as to hold the monotoneity and construct a transformation with its modified function. Yanagihara and Tonda (2003) proposed an adjustment to $\tilde{F}(x)$ as follows:

$$F_{YT}(x) = d^{-1} \left\{ \tilde{F}(x) + \frac{1}{4n^{2}} \int_{0}^{x} G_{f}'(t) \{a(t)\}^{2} dt \right\}, \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$d = \lim_{x \to \infty} \left\{ \tilde{F}(x) + \frac{1}{4n^{2}} \int_{0}^{x} G_{f}'(t) \{a(t)\}^{2} dt \right\}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$a(x) = \{G_{f}'(x)\}^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_{j} G_{f+j}(x) \right\}$$

$$= a_{0} + \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_{j} \frac{x^{i}}{\Pi_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(j + \ell)}.$$ \quad (2.6)

Then, $F_{YT}(x)$ is monotone and $\lim_{x \to \infty} F_{YT}(x) = 1$. With a monotone function $F_{YT}(x)$, we propose a new transformation:

$$T_{1} = G_{f}^{-1}(F_{YT}(S)). \quad (2.7)$$
Theorem 2.1 Suppose that a nonnegative statistic $S$ can be expanded as in (1.1). Then, for a monotone transformation $T_1 = T_1(S)$ defined by (2.7) with (2.4), it holds that

$$P(T_1 \leq x) = G_f(x) + O(n^{-2}).$$

**Proof.** As for a function $\tilde{F}(x)$ defined by (2.3), note that $d = 1 + O(n^{-2})$ in (2.5). Hence, we have that $F_Y(x) = F(x) + o(n^{-1})$. Therefore, since $T_1$ can be expanded as in (2.1), we get the desired result from Lemma 2.1. \[\blacksquare\]

Next, we consider another adjustment to $\tilde{F}(x)$:

$$F_*(x) = \int_{0}^{x} G_f'(t) \exp\left(\frac{1}{n}a(t) - \frac{1}{n^2}p(t)\right) dt,$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.8)

where $a(x)$ is given by (2.6) and $p(x)$ is a polynomial such that $k+1 \leq \deg[p(x)] < \infty$ and $p(x) \to +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$. Then, $F_*(x)$ is monotone and $F_*(x) = F(x) + o(n^{-1})$. With a monotone function $F_*(x)$, we propose another new transformation:

$$T_2 = G_f^{-1}(F_*(S)).$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.9)

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose that a nonnegative statistic $S$ can be expanded as in (1.1). Then, for a monotone transformation $T_2 = T_2(S)$ defined by (2.9) with (2.8), it holds that

$$P(T_2 \leq x) = G_f(x) + O(n^{-2}).$$

**Proof.** The claim is proved similarly to Theorem 2.1. \[\blacksquare\]

We can see the superiority of $T_2$ in the following case. Suppose that a nonnegative statistic $S$ can be expanded as

$$F(x) = P(S \leq x) = G_f(x) + \frac{1}{n}h_1(x)G'_f(x) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^{r-1}}h_{r-1}(x)G'_f(x) + O(n^{-r}),$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.10)

where $h_i(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $i \times k$ without constant term. The form (1.1) is the case when $r = 2$. Then, we consider a monotone transformation $T = T(S)$ satisfying

$$P(T \leq x) = G_f(x) + O(n^{-r}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (2.11)

For such a monotone function $T$, it holds that

$$P(S \leq b(u_{\alpha})) = P(T(S) \leq u_{\alpha}) = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-r}),$$

where $u_{\alpha}$ is the upper $\alpha$ point of $\chi^2_f$ and $b(\cdot)$ is the inverse function of $T$. In this situation, Kakizawa (1996) proposed a transformation satisfying (2.11). However, his method requires a quite complex calculation to come to a transformation. Now, let us apply transformation $T_2$ to this case as follows: Let

$$a_i(x) = \left(\frac{d}{dx} h_i(x) G'_f(x)\right) / G'_f(x).$$
Note that \(a_i(x)\) is a polynomial of degree \(i \times k\). We have that

\[
F'(x) = G'_f(x) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{n} a_1(x) + \frac{1}{n^2} a_2(x) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^{r-1}} a_{r-1}(x) + O(n^{-r}) \right\}.
\]

Define \(F_*(x)\) by

\[
F_*(x) = \int_0^x G'_f(t) \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{n} a(t) - \frac{1}{2n^2} \{a(t)\}^2 + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{r-1}}{(r-1)n^{r-1}} \{a(t)\}^{r-1} - \frac{1}{n^r} p(t) \} \, dt,
\]

where

\[
a(x) = a_1(x) + \frac{1}{n} a_2(x) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n^{r-2}} a_{r-1}(x),
\]

and \(p(x)\) is a polynomial such that \((r-1)k\) \(\leq \deg[p(x)] < \infty\) and \(p(x) \rightarrow +\infty\) as \(x \rightarrow +\infty\). Then, \(F_*(x)\) is monotone and by using the relation \(\exp(x-x^2/2+\cdots+(-1)^{r}x^{r-1}/(r-1)) = 1 + x + O(x^r)\), we obtain \(F_*(x) = F(x) + O(n^{-r})\).

**Theorem 2.3** Suppose that a nonnegative statistic \(S\) can be expanded as in (2.10). Then, for a monotone transformation \(T_2 = T_2(S)\) defined by (2.9) with (2.12), it holds that

\[
P(T_2 \leq x) = G_f(x) + O(n^{-r}).\]

In order to prove Theorem 2.3, we give the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2** Suppose that a nonnegative statistic \(S\) has an asymptotic expansion (2.10). Let \(b(x)\) be the inverse function of the transformation \(T = T(S)\) such that \(b(x) = x + O(n^{-1})\). If and only if \(b(x)\) is coincident with Cornish-Fisher expansion, \(F^{-1}(G_f(x))\), up to the order \(O(n^{-r+1})\), then property (2.11) is satisfied.

**Proof.** Let \(\tilde{b}(x)\) be the one formed by the terms of \(F^{-1}(G_f(x))\) up to the order \(O(n^{-r+1})\). Then,

\[
F(b(x)) = F \left( F^{-1}(G_f(x)) - (F^{-1}(G_f(x)) - \tilde{b}(x)) \right)
\]

\[
= F \left( F^{-1}(G_f(x)) - F' \left( F^{-1}(G_f(x)) \right) (F^{-1}(G_f(x)) - \tilde{b}(x)) \right) + \cdots
\]

\[
= G_f(x) + O(n^{-r}).
\]

On the other hand,

\[
F(b(x)) = F(\tilde{b}(x)) + F'(\tilde{b}(x))(b(x) - \tilde{b}(x)) + \frac{1}{2} F''(\tilde{b}(x))(b(x) - \tilde{b}(x))^2 + \cdots.
\]

It is easy to see that \(\tilde{b}(x) = x + O(n^{-1})\). Noting that \(b(x) = x + O(n^{-1})\), we get \(b(x) - \tilde{b}(x) = O(n^{-1})\). From (2.13) and (2.14), we obtain the desired result.

**Proof of Theorem 2.3.** Since \(F_*(x) = F(x) + O(n^{-r})\), Theorem 2.3 is proved by Lemma 2.2.
2.2 Applications

Here, we shall give the transformations (2.7) and (2.9) for some statistics and examine the accuracy of the approximations to the true percentage point $x_{\alpha}$ of $S$. In Example 2.1, we conducted simulation experiments as follows: For parameters given in advance, the approximate percentage point was calculated for each monotone transformation. By using these percentage points, we conducted the Monte Carlo simulation with 100,000 ($= R$, say) independent trials for a test statistic. Let $s_{r}$ ($r = 1, \ldots, R$) be an observed value of $S$ and $p_{r} = 1$ (or 0) if $s_{r}$ is (or is not) larger than the approximate percentage point. On the other hand, let $s_{[1]} \leq s_{[2]} \leq \cdots \leq s_{[R]}$ be the ordered values of $s_{r}$ and let us define $s_{[(1-\alpha)R]}$ as an observed value of $x_{\alpha}$. We briefly write it $x_{\alpha}$. Let $\overline{p} = 100 \sum_{r=1}^{R} p_{r}/R$ which estimates the test size (100$\alpha$%) with its estimated standard error $s(\overline{p}) = 100 \sqrt{(\overline{p}/100)(1-\overline{p}/100)/R}$. Table 2.1 gives values of the approximate percentage point for each monotone transformation together with the value of $x_{\alpha}$. As for the actual test sizes, Table 2.2 gives values of $\overline{p}$ ($s(\overline{p})$), on the first (second) line in each cell, for each monotone transformation. In Example 2.2, we have considered a case that the asymptotic expansion of $S$ is obtained up to the order $O(n^{-2})$.

Example 2.1 Let $S = (n-q)s_{h}^{2}/s_{\epsilon}^{2}$ be a test statistic for testing the equality of means of $q$ nonnormal populations $\Pi_{i}$ ($i = 1, \ldots, q$) with common variance. Here, $s_{h}^{2}$ and $s_{\epsilon}^{2}$ are the sums of squares due to the hypothesis and the error, respectively, based on the sample of the size $n_{i}$ from $\Pi_{i}$. Let $\rho_{i} = \sqrt{n_{i}/n}$, where $n$ is the total sample size. Assume that $\rho_{i} = O(1)$ as $n_{j}$'s tend to infinity. Let $\kappa_{3}$ and $\kappa_{4}$ be the third and the fourth cumulants of the standardized variate. Then, under a general condition, an asymptotic expansion for the null distribution of $S$ was given by Fujikoshi, Ohmae and Yanagihara (1999) in the form (1.1) with $k = 3$, $f = q-1$ and the coefficients given by

$$a_{0} = \frac{1}{4}(q-1)(q-3) - d_{1}\kappa_{3}^{2} + d_{2}\kappa_{4}, \quad a_{1} = -\frac{1}{2}(q-1)^{2} + 3d_{1}\kappa_{3}^{2} - 2d_{2}\kappa_{4},$$

$$a_{2} = \frac{1}{4}(q^{2}-1) - 3d_{1}\kappa_{3}^{2} + d_{2}\kappa_{4}, \quad a_{3} = d_{1}\kappa_{3}^{2},$$

where

$$d_{1} = \frac{5}{24} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{q} n_{j}^{2} - q^{2} \right) + \frac{1}{12}(q-1)(q-2), \quad d_{2} = \frac{1}{8} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{q} n_{j} - q \right) - \frac{1}{4}(q-1).$$

We examined performance of our new transformations under the following two nonnormal models:

(i) $\chi^{2}$ distribution with 4 degrees of freedom;

(ii) Gamma distribution with shape parameter 3 and scale parameter 1/3.

Table 2.1 gives the true percentage point $x_{\alpha}$ and the approximate percentage points $t_{E}(u)$, $t_{AEI}(u)$, $t_{K}(u)$, $t_{1}(u)$ and $t_{2}(u)$ for the case $q = 3$. Here, $u$ denotes the upper 5$\%$ point of $\chi_{2}^{2}$, $t_{E}(u)$ is computed on the basis of the Cornish-Fisher expansion up to the order $O(n^{-1})$, and $t_{AEI}(u)$, $t_{K}(u)$, $t_{1}(u)$ and $t_{2}(u)$ are computed on the basis of Aoshima, Enoki and Ito (2003),
Kakizawa (1996), (2.7) and (2.9) respectively. Note that the Cornish-Fisher expansion yields the percentage point $x_\alpha$ of $S$ in the same form up to the order $O(n^{-1})$. It means that the transformations $T$ aim to find an improvement of approximations to $x_\alpha$ in the terms of $O(n^{-2})$. Table 2.2 gives the actual test sizes denoted by

$$
\alpha_1 = P(T > u), \quad \alpha_2 = P(T > t_E(u)), \quad \alpha_3 = P(T > t_{AEI}(u)), \\
\alpha_4 = P(T > t_K(u)), \quad \alpha_5 = P(T > t_1(u)), \quad \alpha_6 = P(T > t_2(u))
$$

for the case $q = 3$. For new transformation (2.9), we consider the following case:

$$a(x) = a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{3} a_j \frac{x^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)}, \quad p(x) = \begin{cases} 2(a(x))^2 & \text{in (i)} \\
-\frac{4}{5}a(x) + \frac{8}{5}(a(x))^2 & \text{in (ii)} \end{cases}$$

Table 2.1 The percentage points when $q = 3$

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<td>7.367 6.945 7.177 7.231 7.143 7.378</td>
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Table 2.2 The actual test sizes when $q = 3$

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100,000 replications
From Tables 2.1-2.2, we can see that transformation (2.9) gives most significant improvement for the approximate percentage point among the others. Note that transformation (2.9) is severely affected by the function \( p(x) \). As for an optimum choice of \( p(x) \), it is under investigation. Note that the value of \( t_1(u) \) is close to \( t_{AE1}(u) \) or \( t_K(u) \). It seems that transformation (2.7) does not make a significant difference from the predecessors.

**Example 2.2** Let \( X_1, \ldots, X_n \) be independently and identically distributed as \( N_p(\mu, \Sigma) \). Let \( \overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} X_j \) and \( S = \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (X_j - \overline{X})(X_j - \overline{X})' \) where \( \nu = n - 1 \geq p \). Then, Hotelling’s \( T^2 \)-statistic is defined by

\[
T^2 = n(\overline{X} - \mu)'S^{-1}(\overline{X} - \mu).
\]

The statistic is used for testing hypotheses about the mean vector \( \mu \) and for obtaining confidence regions for the unknown \( \mu \). Let us put \( S = T^2 \). Then, an asymptotic expansion for the distribution of \( S \) was given by Siotani (1971) as follows:

\[
F(x) \equiv P(S \leq x) = G_p(x) + \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{j=0}^{2} a_{1j} G_{p+2j}(x) + \frac{1}{\nu^2} \sum_{j=0}^{4} a_{2j} G_{p+2j}(x) + O(\nu^{-3}),
\]

where

\[
a_{10} = -\frac{p^2}{4}, \quad a_{11} = -\frac{p}{2}, \quad a_{12} = \frac{1}{4} p(p+2), \quad a_{20} = \frac{1}{96} p(3p^3 - 8p^2 + 8), \quad a_{21} = \frac{p^3}{8},
\]

\[
a_{22} = -\frac{1}{16} p(p+2)(p^2 - 6), \quad a_{23} = -\frac{7}{24} p(p+2)(p+4), \quad a_{24} = \frac{1}{32} p(p+2)(p+4)(p+6).
\]

Let

\[
a_1(x) = a_{10} + \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{1j} \frac{x^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(p+2\ell)} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2(x) = a_{20} + \sum_{j=1}^{4} a_{2j} \frac{x^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(p+2\ell)}.
\]

Let \( \tilde{F}_1(x) \) be the one formed by the terms of \( F(x) \) up to the order \( O(n^{-i}) \). We examined performance of our new transformation (2.9) with the following setup:

1. \( a(x) = a_1(x) \), \( p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{a(x)\}^2 \);
2. \( a(x) = a_1(x) \), \( p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{a(x)\}^2 - \frac{1}{3\nu} \{a(x)\}^3 + \frac{1}{4\nu^2} \{a(x)\}^4 \);
3. \( a(x) = a_1(x) + \frac{1}{\nu} a_2(x) \), \( p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{a(x)\}^2 \);
4. \( a(x) = a_1(x) + \frac{1}{\nu} a_2(x) \), \( p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{a(x)\}^2 - \frac{1}{3\nu} \{a(x)\}^3 + \frac{1}{4\nu^2} \{a(x)\}^4 \).

Under the setup (1), (2), (3) or (4), we note for \( F_*(x) \) defined by (2.8) that \( F_*(x) = \tilde{F}_1(x) + o(n^{-i}) \), \( F_*(x) = \tilde{F}_1(x) + o(n^{-4}) \), \( F_*(x) = \tilde{F}_2(x) + o(n^{-i}) \) and \( F_*(x) = \tilde{F}_2(x) + o(n^{-4}) \), respectively.

Table 2.3 gives the true percentage point \( x_{\alpha} \), the approximate percentage points \( t_E, t_1, t_21, t_22, \tilde{t}_E, \tilde{t}_21 \) and \( \tilde{t}_{22} \) in the case \( \alpha = 0.05 \), and values of \( F(x) \) at each percentage point. Here, \( t_E \) (\( \tilde{t}_E \)) and \( t_1 \) are computed on the basis of the Cornish-Fisher expansion up to the order \( O(n^{-1}) \)
Comparing the available parameter approximations respectively, and \( t_{21}, t_{22}, \tilde{t}_{21} \) and \( \tilde{t}_{22} \) are computed on the basis of new transformation (2.9) under the setups (1), (2), (3) and (4), respectively. By using the fact \( (\nu - p + 1)/(\nu p)\) is distributed as \( F \)-ratio distribution with the parameter \( (p, \nu - p + 1) \), we obtained the exact value of \( x_{\alpha} \) and \( F(x) \) at each percentage point.

Table 2.3 The percentage points when \( \alpha = 0.05 \)

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In Table 2.3, there are several cases in which the values of \( t_{21}, t_{22}, \tilde{t}_{21}, \tilde{t}_{22} \) are not available. This is due to the fact that \( \operatorname{lim}_{x \to \infty} F_{*}(x) < 0.95 \). From Table 2.3, when the term of \( O(n^{-2}) \) is obtained, we can observe that the transformations give a significant improvement. Comparing \( t_{21} \) with \( t_{22} \), it seems that \( t_{22} \) does not necessarily improve the approximation of \( t_{21} \). On the other hand, comparing \( \tilde{t}_{21} \) with \( \tilde{t}_{22} \), we can see an excellent improvement in \( \tilde{t}_{22} \). In general, the distance \( |F_{*}(x) - \tilde{F}(x)| \) does not necessarily mean an improvement on the approximation to the percentage point. However, in the present situation that a theoretical determination of \( p(x) \) has not been developed, it may be a clue to choose a function \( p(x) \) such that \( |F_{*}(x) - \tilde{F}(x)| \) becomes
3 Accuracy of improved chi-squared approximations

Suppose that a statistic $S$ has an asymptotic $\chi^2$-approximation as some parameter $n$ tends to infinity. In this case, it is of considerable interest to construct improved $\chi^2$-approximations for the statistic $S$. A typical approach is to consider a monotone transformation $T = T(S)$ based on the Bartlett correction or a Bartlett type correction. For a Bartlett type correction, we introduced several transformations in the previous section. In this section, our aim is to obtain an error bound for an improved $\chi^2$-approximation.

We write (1.1) as

$$P(S \leq x) = G_f(x) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}(x) + R_k(x),$$

(3.1)

where $R_k(x) = O(n^{-2})$. For (3.1), Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001) proposed an error bound for an improved $\chi^2$-approximation. We shall improve their result and give an extension to a non-uniform bound. Numerical examples of some test statistics are demonstrated to observe an improvement in Theorem 4.1 of Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001).

3.1 Uniform error bound

For the remainder term $R_k(x)$ in (3.1), we assume that there exists a positive constant $c_k$ such that

$$|R_k(x)| \leq c_k/n^2.$$  

(3.2)

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose that there exists a positive, increasing function $b(x)$ defined on $[0, +\infty)$ such that, a positive, increasing function $p(x)$ which is bounded above by a polynomial and for some nonnegative constants $B_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3 : 0 < B_1 \leq 1$, $B_2 < B_1/4$, the following conditions are satisfied for all $x > 0$:

- $b(x) \geq B_1 x$,
- $|b(x) - x| \leq p(x) \exp(B_2 x)/n$,
- $G'_f(x)|b(x) - x^2 - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^m}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(f+2\ell)}| \leq B_3/n^2$,

where $a_j$'s are the same as in (3.1). If $P(S \leq x)$ can be written in the form (3.1) with (3.2), then

$$|P(T(S) \leq x) - G_f(x)| \leq \tilde{c}/n^2,$$

(3.6)

where $T$ is the inverse function to $b(x)$ and $\tilde{c}$ is a positive constant depending on $f$, $p(x)$, $B_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$ and $c_k$ in (3.2).
Proof. Since $G_f(x)$ is smooth for all $x > 0$, we can write

$$G_f(b(x)) = G_f(x) + G'_f(b(x) - x) + \frac{1}{2} G''_f(x') (b(x) - x)^2,$$

(3.7)

where $x' \in (b(x) \land x, b(x) \lor x)$. It is known for $j \geq 1$ that

$$G_{f+2j}(x) = G_f(x) - 2G'_f(x) \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^m}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(f+2\ell)}.$$

(3.8)

Note that in (3.1), it is necessary that $\sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j = 0$. By using (3.1), (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain

$$P(T(S) \leq x) = P(S \leq b(x))$$

$$= G_f(x) + G'_f(x) \left( b(x) - x - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^m}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(f+2\ell)} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} G''_f(x') (b(x) - x)^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G'_{f+2j}(x'')(b(x) - x) + R_k(b(x)),$$

(3.9)

where $x'' \in (b(x) \land x, b(x) \lor x)$.

Now we construct a uniform bound for $G''_f(x')(b(x) - x)^2$. Note that when $f \neq 2$,

$$G''_f(x) = (2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2))^{-1}(-\frac{x}{2} + f - 1) x^{f/2 - 2} e^{-x/2}.$$

(3.10)

We shall employ below the following inequality: For any positive numbers $p$ and $q$, we have

$$|p - q| \leq \max\{p, q\}.$$

We consider two cases.

Case 1: $b(x) \leq x$.

Then $x' \in (b(x), x)$. When $f \geq 4$, we obtain from (3.3), (3.4) and (3.10) that

$$\sup_{b(x) \leq x} |G''_f(x')(b(x) - x)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^{2f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x > 0} \left[ \left\{ p(x) \right\}^2 x^{f/2 - 2} e^{-\left( \frac{B}{2} - 2B_2 \right) x} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \right]$$

$$\equiv c_{11}/n^2.$$

(3.11)

When $f = 1, 3$, we obtain similarly to (3.11) that

$$\sup_{b(x) \leq x} |G''_f(x')(b(x) - x)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{B^{f/2 - 2}}{n^{2f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x > 0} \left[ \left\{ p(x) \right\}^2 x^{f/2 - 2} e^{-\left( \frac{B}{2} - 2B_2 \right) x} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \right]$$

$$\equiv c_{12}/n^2.$$

When $f = 2$, since

$$G''_f(x) = -\frac{1}{2^{f+1} \Gamma(f/2)} e^{-x/2},$$

(3.12)
we obtain from (3.3) and (3.4) that
\[
\sup_{b(x)\leq x} |G_f''(x')|(b(x) - x)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x>0} \left\{ \left[ p(x) \right]^2 e^{-\left(\frac{B_1}{2} - 2B_2\right)x} \right\} \\
\equiv c_{13}/n^2.
\] (3.13)

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have \( c_{11}, c_{12}, c_{13} < \infty \).

Case 2: \( b(x) > x \).

Then \( x' \in (x, b(x)) \). When \( f \neq 2 \), we obtain from (3.3), (3.4) and (3.10) that
\[
\sup_{b(x)\geq x} |G_f''(x')|(b(x) - x)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x>0} \left\{ \left[ p(x) \right]^2 e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2B_2\right)x} \right\} \\
\equiv c_{21}/n^2.
\] (3.14)

When \( f = 2 \), we obtain similarly to (3.13) and (3.14) that
\[
\sup_{b(x)\geq x} |G_f''(x')|(b(x) - x)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x>0} \left\{ \left[ p(x) \right]^2 e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2B_2\right)x} \right\} \\
\equiv c_{22}/n^2.
\]

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have \( c_{21}, c_{22} < \infty \). Since \( c_{21} \leq c_{11}, c_{12} \) and \( c_{22} \leq c_{13} \), by defining that
\[
c_1 = \begin{cases} 
  c_{11} & f \geq 4 \\
  c_{12} & f = 1, 3 \\
  c_{13} & f = 2 
\end{cases}
\]
we obtain that
\[
\sup_{x>0} |G_f''(x')|(b(x) - x)^2 \leq c_1/n^2.
\] (3.15)

By using (3.8), we can obtain similarly to (3.15) that when \( f \geq 2 \),
\[
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}'(x'')(b(x) - x) \right| = |b(x) - x| \left| 2 \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} G_{f+2m}'(x'') \right| \\
\leq \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} p(x)(x'')^{\frac{f}{2} - 1} e^{-\frac{x''}{2} + B_2x} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{-x'' + f + 2m - 2}{\Pi_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(f + 2\ell)} (x'')^{m-1} \right| \\
= \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} p(x)(x'')^{\frac{f}{2} - 1} e^{-\frac{x''}{2} + B_2x} \left| a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \frac{(x'')^j}{\Pi_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f + 2\ell)} \right| \\
\leq \frac{1}{n^{2}2^{f/2+1}\Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x>0} \left\{ p(x)x^{\frac{f}{2} - 1} e^{-\left(\frac{B_1}{2} - B_2\right)x} \left| a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \frac{x^j}{\Pi_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f + 2\ell)} \right| \right\} \\
\equiv c_{31}/n.
\] (3.16)
When $f = 1$, we obtain similarly to (3.15) and (3.16) that
\[
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_{j} G_{f+2j}'(x'')(b(x) - x) \right| \\
\leq \frac{B_{1}^{f/2-1}}{n2^{f} \mathit{1}^{2} \Gamma(f/2)} \sup_{x>0} \left[ p(x) x^{\frac{f}{2}-1} e^{-\left(\frac{B_{1}}{2} - B_{2}\right) x} \left\{ |a_{0}| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_{j}| \frac{x^{j}}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{g-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\} \right] \\
\equiv c_{31}/n.
\]

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have $c_{31}, c_{32} < \infty$. By defining that
\[
c_{3} = \begin{cases} 
  c_{31} & f \geq 2 \\
  c_{32} & f = 1
\end{cases},
\]
we obtain that
\[
\sup_{x>0} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_{j} G_{f+2j}'(x'')(b(x) - x) \right| \leq c_{3}/n. \tag{3.17}
\]
Combining (3.2), (3.5), (3.15) and (3.17) with (3.9), we obtain (3.6) with
\[
\tilde{c} = B_{3} + \frac{1}{2} c_{1} + c_{3} + c_{k}.
\]
This brings our proof to the end. \[\blacksquare\]

**Remark 3.1** It is clear that a positive function $b(x)$ that satisfies (3.3)-(3.5) may not be increasing. Therefore, we have to require the existence of an increasing function $b(x)$ in Theorem 3.1. Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001) showed the existence of the required function $b(x)$.

**Remark 3.2** It should be noted that the error bound given by (3.6) is sharper than Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001).

**Remark 3.3** Note that an increasing function $b(x)$ that satisfies (3.3)-(3.5) is coincident with the Cornish-Fisher expansion for the quantile of $S$ up to the order $O(n^{-1})$.

### 3.2 Non-uniform error bound

For the remainder term $R_{k}(x)$ in (3.1), we assume that there exists a positive function $C_{k}(x)$ such that
\[
|R_{k}(x)| \leq C_{k}(x)/n^{2}, \quad C_{k}(x) \to 0 \quad (x \to \infty). \tag{3.18}
\]

**Theorem 3.2** Suppose that there exists a positive and unbounded, increasing function $b(x)$ defined on $[0, +\infty)$ such that, for a positive, increasing function $p(x)$ which is bounded above by a polynomial, for some nonnegative constants $B_{i}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$: $0 < B_{1} \leq 1$, $\max\{2, f/2 + k\} B_{2} <$
and for a positive function $B(x) : B(x) \to 0 \ (x \to \infty)$, (3.3), (3.4) and the following condition are satisfied for all $x > 0$:

$$G_f'(x) \left| b(x) - x - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^m}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1} (f + k + \ell)} \right| \leq B(x)/n^2,$$

where $a_j$'s are the same as in (3.1). If $P(S \leq x)$ can be written in the form (3.1) with (3.18), then

$$|P(T(S) \leq x) - G_f(x)| \leq \tilde{C}(x)/n^2, \quad \tilde{C}(x) \to 0 \ (x \to \infty),$$

where $T$ is the inverse function to $b(x)$ and $\tilde{C}(x)$ is a positive function depending on $f$, $B(x)$ and $C_k(x)$ in (3.18).

**Proof.** From (3.4), we obtain for all $x > 0$ that

$$b(x) \leq x + \frac{1}{n} p(x) \exp(B_2 x) \leq \left\{ x + \frac{1}{n} p(x) \right\} \exp(B_2 x).$$

First we construct a non-uniform bound for $G_f''(x')$ in (3.9). Similarly to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we consider two cases.

**Case 1:** $b(x) \leq x$.

Then $x' \in (b(x), x)$. When $f \geq 4$, we obtain from (3.10) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} x^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{11}(x).$$

When $f = 1, 3$, we obtain similarly to (3.22) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} \{b(x)\}^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{12}(x).$$

When $f = 2$, we obtain from (3.12) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 + 1 \Gamma(f/2)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \equiv C_{13}(x).$$

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have $\{C_{11}(x) + C_{12}(x) + C_{13}(x)\}(b(x) - x)^2 \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$.

**Case 2:** $b(x) > x$.

Then $x' \in (x, b(x))$. When $f \geq 4$, we obtain similarly to (3.22) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} \{b(x)\}^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{b(x)/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{21}(x).$$

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have $\{C_{11}(x) + C_{12}(x) + C_{13}(x)\}(b(x) - x)^2 \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$. 

First we construct a non-uniform bound for $G_f''(x')$ in (3.9). Similarly to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we consider two cases.

**Case 1:** $b(x) \leq x$.

Then $x' \in (b(x), x)$. When $f \geq 4$, we obtain from (3.10) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} x^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{11}(x).$$

When $f = 1, 3$, we obtain similarly to (3.22) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} \{b(x)\}^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{x/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{12}(x).$$

When $f = 2$, we obtain from (3.12) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 + 1 \Gamma(f/2)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \equiv C_{13}(x).$$

By the hypotheses of theorem, we have $\{C_{11}(x) + C_{12}(x) + C_{13}(x)\}(b(x) - x)^2 \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$.

**Case 2:** $b(x) > x$.

Then $x' \in (x, b(x))$. When $f \geq 4$, we obtain similarly to (3.22) that

$$|G_f''(x')| \leq \frac{1}{2/f/2 \Gamma(f/2)} \{b(x)\}^{f-2}e^{-\frac{1}{2}b(x)} \max\{b(x)/2, f/2 - 1\} \equiv C_{21}(x).$$
When $f = 1,3$, we obtain similarly to (3.24) that
\begin{align*}
|G'_f(x')| &\leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} x^{f - 1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \max\{b(x)/2, f/2 - 1\} \\
&\equiv C_{22}(x).
\end{align*}

When $f = 2$, we obtain similarly to (3.23) that
\begin{align*}
|G''_f(x')| &\leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2+1} \Gamma(f/2)} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \\
&\equiv C_{23}(x).
\end{align*}

By the hypotheses of theorem and (3.21), we have \( \{C_{21}(x) + C_{22}(x) + C_{23}(x)\}(b(x) - x)^2 \to 0 \) as \( x \to \infty \). Let
\begin{align*}
C_1(x) &= \begin{cases}
C_{11}(x) & f \geq 4 \\
C_{12}(x) & f = 1,3 \\
C_{13}(x) & f = 2
\end{cases}, \\
C_2(x) &= \begin{cases}
C_{21}(x) & f \geq 4 \\
C_{22}(x) & f = 1,3 \\
C_{23}(x) & f = 2
\end{cases}.
\end{align*}

By defining that
\begin{align*}
\tilde{C}_1(x) &= \begin{cases}
C_1(x) & b(x) \leq x \\
C_2(x) & b(x) > x
\end{cases},
\end{align*}
we obtain for all \( x > 0 \) that
\begin{equation}
|G'_f(x')| \leq \tilde{C}_1(x), \quad \tilde{C}_1(x)(b(x) - x)^2 \to 0 \quad (x \to \infty). \tag{3.25}
\end{equation}

Next we construct a non-uniform bound for \( \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G'_{f+2j}(x'') \) in (3.9). Similarly to (3.25), we consider two cases.

Case 1: \( b(x) \leq x \).

When \( f \geq 2 \), by referring to (3.16), we obtain
\begin{align*}
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G'_{f+2j}(x'') \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} (x'')^{f - 1} e^{-\frac{x''}{2}} \left\{ |a_0| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_j| \frac{(x'')^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} x^{f - 1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left\{ |a_0| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_j| \frac{x^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\} \\
&\equiv C_{31}(x).
\end{align*}

When \( f = 1 \), we obtain
\begin{align*}
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G'_{f+2j}(x'') \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} (b(x))^ {f - 1} e^{-\frac{b(x)}{2}} \left\{ |a_0| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_j| \frac{x^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\} \\
&\equiv C_{32}(x).
\end{align*}
Case 2: $b(x) > x$.

When $f \geq 2$, we obtain similarly to (3.26) that

$$
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}'(x'') \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} \left\{ b(x) \right\}^{f-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left\{ |a_0| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_j| \frac{\left\{ b(x) \right\}^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\}
$$

$$
\equiv C_{41}(x).
$$

When $f = 1$, we obtain similarly to (3.27) that

$$
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}'(x'') \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^{f/2} \Gamma(f/2)} x^{f-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \left\{ |a_0| + \sum_{j=1}^{k} |a_j| \frac{\left\{ b(x) \right\}^j}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{j-1}(f+2\ell)} \right\}
$$

$$
\equiv C_{42}(x).
$$

By the hypotheses of theorem and (3.21), we have $\{C_{31}(x) + C_{32}(x) + C_{41}(x) + C_{42}\}|b(x) - x| \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$. Let

$$
C_3(x) = \begin{cases} C_{31}(x) & f \geq 2 \\ C_{32}(x) & f = 1 \end{cases}, \quad C_4(x) = \begin{cases} C_{41}(x) & f \geq 2 \\ C_{42}(x) & f = 1 \end{cases}.
$$

By defining that

$$
\tilde{C}_2(x) = \begin{cases} C_3(x) & b(x) \leq x \\ C_4(x) & b(x) > x \end{cases},
$$

we obtain for all $x > 0$ that

$$
\left| \sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j G_{f+2j}'(x'') \right| \leq \tilde{C}_2(x), \quad \tilde{C}_2(x)|b(x) - x| \to 0 \quad (x \to \infty).
$$

(3.28)

We define

$$
\tilde{C}(x) = B(x) + \frac{n^2}{2} \tilde{C}_1(x)(b(x) - x)^2 + n \tilde{C}_2(x)|b(x) - x| + C_k(b(x)).
$$

(3.29)

Then, by the hypotheses of theorem, (3.25) and (3.28), we have $\tilde{C}(x) \to 0$ as $x \to \infty$. Therefore, by combining (3.18), (3.19), (3.25) and (3.28) with (3.9), we obtain (3.20) with (3.29).

Remark 3.4 It should be noted that the error bound given by (3.20) is sharper than (3.6).

Remark 3.5 Note that an increasing function $b(x)$ that satisfies (3.3), (3.4) and (3.19) is coincident with the Cornish-Fisher expansion for the quantile of $S$ up to the order $O(n^{-1})$.

Remark 3.6 For a constant $c_k$ and a function $C_k(x)$ defined by (3.2) and (3.18), respectively, if $\sup_{x>0} C_k(x) < c_k$, then $\sup_{x>0} \tilde{C}_k(x) < \bar{c}_k$, where $\bar{c}_k$ and $\tilde{C}_k(x)$ are defined by (3.6) and (3.20), respectively. Therefore, we can obtain a smaller uniform bound.
3.3 Applications

Here, we examine Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 numerically. For Theorem 3.1, we compare with Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001). We conducted simulation experiments as follows: For parameters given in advance, error bounds for the remainder term of type (3.2) or (3.18) were calculated. We referred to Fujikoshi (1993) for a calculation of (3.2). For a calculation of (3.18), we referred to Fujikoshi (1988, 1993) and obtained non-uniform bounds of type $\frac{c}{1+x^2}$ with a constant $c$. Here, we set $\ell = 1$. By using these error bounds and giving some constants and functions, we calculated error bounds of type (3.6) or (3.20). Tables 3.1 and 3.3 present values of the uniform bound (3.2) on the first line in each cell and values of the uniform bound (3.6) given by Theorem 3.1 (Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi 2001) on the third (second) line in each cell. As for non-uniform bounds, Tables 3.2 and 3.4 give values of the error bound (3.20) given by Theorem 3.2 ((3.18)) on the second (first) line in each cell. As for non-uniform bounds, we consider a case $x = u_\alpha$, the upper $\alpha$ point of $\chi_1^2$.

**Example 3.1** We consider the case when $S = \chi_1^2/Y$ with $Y = \chi_2^2/n$ where $\chi_1^2$ and $Y$ are independent. An asymptotic expansion for the distribution of $S$ was given by Siotani (1956) in the form (3.1) with

$$k = 2, \quad a_0 = \frac{1}{4} f(f - 2), \quad a_1 = -\frac{1}{2} f^2, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{4} f(f + 2).$$

Then, a uniform bound for the remainder term, of type (3.2), can be obtained (see, e.g., Fujikoshi (1993) and Shimizu and Fujikoshi (1997)). Therefore, we can apply Theorem 3.1 to this case.

Let

$$b(x) = x + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^m}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(f + 2\ell)} = x - \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \left( \frac{f}{2} - 1 \right) x - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right\}.$$

Note that for $n \geq (f/2 - 1)$, $b(x)$ is monotone. We examine Theorem 3.1 and compare with Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001). On Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001), we set constants $D_i$ as follows:

$$D_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{f}{2} - 1 \right), \quad D_2 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & f = 2 \\ \frac{1}{f} - 1 & f > 2 \end{cases}, \quad D_3 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} & f = 2 \\ \frac{1}{f} - 1 & f > 2 \end{cases}, \quad D_4 = 0,$$

where $a$ is a constant that satisfies $\frac{1}{a(f-2)} - \frac{1}{a(f-2)} \log \frac{1}{a(f-2)} + 1 = 0$. On the other hand, we set constants and a function in Theorem 3.1 as follows:

$$B_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{f}{2} - 1 \right), \quad B_2 = B_3 = 0, \quad p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2} & f = 2 \\ \max\{\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{f}{2} + 1, \frac{f}{2} - 1\} & f > 2 \end{cases}.$$
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Table 3.2 Non-uniform error bounds at $x = u_{\alpha}$

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Further we consider non-uniform error bounds at $x = u_{\alpha}$. An error bound for the remainder term of type (3.18) can be obtained (see, e.g., Fujikoshi (1988, 1993) and Ulyanov, Fujikoshi and Shimizu (1999)). Therefore, Theorem 3.2 is also applicable to this case.

From Table 3.1, we can see a significant improvement to Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001). Non-uniform bounds in this example are defined in the case $n > 10$. Therefore,
when \( n = 10 \) in Table 3.2, the error bound is not available. We can see that error bounds \( \hat{c} \) and \( \hat{C}(x) \) tend to enlarge as \( f \) becomes large. Especially, non-uniform bounds \( \hat{C}(x) \) at \( x = u_{\alpha} \) have a tendency to be small as \( \alpha \) is small. That is, Theorem 3.2 improves uniform bounds more successfully in the tail part of the distribution of \( S \). A non-uniform bound of type (3.18) proposed by Fujikoshi (1988) does not necessarily improve the uniform bound of type (3.2) (see Fujikoshi (1988)). In fact, from Table 3.1, we can see the phenomenon. On the other hand, we observe in Table 3.2 that Theorem 3.2 improves uniform bounds in most cases.

**Example 3.2** Suppose that, for a \( p \)-variate normal population \( N_{p}(\mu, \Sigma) \), where \( \mu \) and \( \Sigma \) are unknown, we wish to construct a set of simultaneous confidence intervals on \( \alpha'\mu \) with a given length \( 2\ell \) for all \( \alpha, \alpha'\alpha = 1 \). A solution to this problem, given by Hyakutake and Siotani (1987), is as follows: First, take a pilot sample \( X_{1}, \ldots, X_{m} \) of a given size \( m \) and compute

\[
\overline{X} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} X_{j}, \quad S = \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (X_{j} - \overline{X})(X_{j} - \overline{X})',
\]

where \( \nu = m - 1 \geq p \). Then, define the total sample size as

\[
N = \max\{m + p^{2}, [c \cdot \text{tr}(TS)] + 1\},
\]

where \( c \) is a positive constant, \( [a] \) stands for the greatest integer less than a real number \( a \), and \( T \) is a given positive definite matrix which is assumed to be symmetric. Next, take an additional sample \( X_{m+1}, \ldots, X_{N} \) of size \( N - m \) and construct the basic random variate \( Z \) in the following way:

Choosing \( p \) matrices \( A_{j} : p \times N = [a_{1}^{(j)}, \ldots, a_{m}^{(j)}, a_{m+1}^{(j)}, \ldots, a_{N}^{(j)}], j = 1, \ldots, p \), satisfying that

1. \( a_{1}^{(j)} = \cdots = a_{m}^{(j)} \equiv a_{0}^{(j)} \) (say) \( (j = 1, \ldots, p) \);
2. \( A_{j}1_{N} = e_{j} \), where \( 1_{N} : N \times 1 = (1, 1, \ldots, 1)' \) and \( e_{j} : p \times 1 = (0, \ldots, 0, 1, 0, \ldots, 0)' \);
3. \( AA' = \frac{1}{c} T^{-1} \otimes S^{-1} \), where \( A : p^{2} \times N = [A_{1}', A_{2}', \ldots, A_{p}']' \) and \( \otimes \) denotes the direct product.

Define a new random vector \( Z \) by

\[
Z : p \times 1 = [\text{tr}(A_{1}X'), \text{tr}(A_{2}X'), \ldots, \text{tr}(A_{p}X')]',
\]

where \( X : p \times N = [X_{1}, \ldots, X_{m}, X_{m+1}, \ldots, X_{N}] \). Now, by using the statistic

\[
S = \frac{c}{2p} (Z - \mu)'T(Z - \mu),
\]

taking \( T = I_{p} \) and choosing \( c \) as \( c = 2px_{\alpha}/\ell^{2} \) with \( x_{\alpha} \) the upper \( \alpha \) point of \( S \), the solution is obtained as follows:

\[
\alpha'\mu \in [\alpha'Z \pm \ell] \quad \text{for all} \quad \alpha \text{ such that } \alpha'\alpha = 1.
\]

When \( p = 1, 2 \), we can evaluate the distribution of \( S \) exactly. For \( p \geq 3 \), the exact treatment of the distribution of \( S \) becomes complicated. Hyakutake and Siotani (1987) gave an asymptotic expansion of \( S \) in the form (1.1) with \( k = 2, f = p, n = \nu \) and the coefficients given by

\[
a_{0} = -\frac{1}{4}(2p^{2} + p - 2), \quad a_{1} = \frac{1}{2}(p^{2} - 2), \quad a_{2} = \frac{1}{4}(p + 2).
\]
Then, a uniform bound for the remainder term, of type (3.2), can be obtained (see, e.g., Fujikoshi (1993), Mukaihata and Fujikoshi (1993) and Shimizu and Fujikoshi (1997)). Therefore, we can apply Theorem 3.1 to this case. Let

\[ b(x) = x + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{j} \sum_{m=1}^{j} \frac{x^{m}}{\prod_{\ell=0}^{m-1}(p+2\ell)} \]
\[ = x + \frac{1}{2p} \{(2p^{2}+p-2)x + x^{2}\}. \]

Note that \( b(x) \) is monotone. On Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001), we set constants \( D_{i} \) as follows:

\[ D_{1} = 1, \quad D_{2} = \frac{2p^{2}+p-2}{2p}, \quad D_{3} = \frac{1}{2p^{2}+p-2}, \quad D_{4} = 0. \]

On the other hand, we set constants and a function in Theorem 3.1 as follows:

\[ B_{1} = 1, \quad B_{2} = B_{3} = 0, \quad p(x) = \frac{1}{2p} \{(2p^{2}+p-2)x + x^{2}\}. \]

Similarly to Example 3.1, we also consider non-uniform error bounds at \( x = u_{\alpha} \).

Let

\[ \sigma = \frac{1}{p} \text{tr}(\Sigma S^{-1}). \]

In order to obtain error bounds for the remainder term, of type (3.2) or (3.18), by using a method by Fujikoshi (1993), it is necessary to evaluate the exact moments of \( \sigma^{\pm 1} \). It is difficult to obtain those in general \( p \), however, Mukaihata and Fujikoshi (1993) gave the ones in the case \( p = 2 \). Here, we examine Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 in the case \( p = 2 \).

**Table 3.3** Uniform error bounds when \( p = 2 \)

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<td>0.0214</td>
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<td>1.7015</td>
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<td>0.0150</td>
<td>0.0080</td>
<td>0.0050</td>
<td>0.0025</td>
<td>0.0012</td>
<td>0.0005</td>
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**Table 3.4** Non-uniform error bounds at \( x = u_{\alpha} \) when \( p = 2 \)

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From Table 3.3, we can see a significant improvement to Theorem 4.1 in Ulyanov and Fujikoshi (2001). Non-uniform bounds in this example are defined in the case \( n > 11 \). Therefore, when \( n = 10 \) in Table 3.4, the error bound is not available. From Tables 3.3-3.4, we can see a similar tendency to Example 3.1 for error bounds \( \tilde{c} \) and \( \tilde{C}(x) \).
References


