The probability generating function of the Freund-Ansari-Bradley statistic

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Abstract

We derive a expression for the probability generating function of the distribution-free Freund-Ansari-Bradley scale statistic From this generating function we show how to systematically compute the exact null distribution and the moments of the statistic within the computer algebra system Mathematica. Finally, we give a table with critical values which extends the existing tables

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Introduction

In this article we derive a expression for the probability generating function of the distribution-free Freund-Ansari-Bradley statistic which is abbreviated as the FAB statistic Statistically equivalent versions of this statistic were introduced by Freund and Ansari and Ansari and Ansari and Ansari and Bradley a  We implemented this generating function in the computer algebra system Mathematica for computing the distribution of the test statistic very quickly. We also show how to use the generating function for computing higher moments of the test statistic In the
rst appendix we present the Mathematica code for expanding the generating function in the second appendix we give a table with critical values for the balanced cases which extends the existing tables from $N \leq$ 20 to $N < 80$. For general details about the FAB statistic we refer to Gibbons and Chakraborti \cdots

Several methods have been developed for computing the null distribution of the FAB statistic Ansari and Bradley  and Kannemann derive recurrence relations based on a twodimensional generating function of Euler transl Other methods are general methods for computing null distributions of linear two-sample rank tests and hence do not use the speci
c characteristics of the FAB statistic Examples of these methods include the Pagano and Tritchler approach based on characteristic functions and fast \mathbf{F} Fourier transforms and the networks and t algorithm developed by Mehta et al For a short description of these methods we refer to Good We give an alternative method based on the two-dimensional generating function in Van de Wiel This last method is fast and although not trivial very intuitive We use exact expressions and do not deal with rounding errors as some recursive methods do

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and your product from the independent from continuous and the continuous distribution function function functio tions Thus we may and will assume that ties do not occur We consider the combined sample X- -Xm- Y- -Yn N mn The Freund-Ansari-Bradley test is a two-sample scale test The corresponding test statistic is defined by:

$$
A_N = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \left| \left(\ell - \frac{N+1}{2} \right) \right| Z_\ell,
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where α is the three statistic in the combined sample is an α -compared sample is an α -compared sample is an otherwise. Thus, for this statistic the rank scores are

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a(\ell) = \left| \left(\ell - \frac{N+1}{2} \right) \right| , \tag{2}
$$

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Duran compares the FAB statistic with other scale statistics like the Mood scale statistic the Siegel-Tukey statistic and the Klotz statistic for details about these test statistics see Gib- \mathbf{I} asymptotically equivalent in terms of Pitman asymptotic relative eciency The Mood statistic and Klotz statistic are more existence is not light-l Siegel-Tukey statistic and FAB statistic are more ecient for heavy-tailed distributions The FAB statistic attains much less values than the Mood and Klotz statistic This is both a computational advantage and a potential disadvantage regarding the number of signi
cance levels for small sample sizes

The probability generating function

From (2) we see that for N even the rank scores are of the form $i = \frac{1}{2}$, $i = 1, \ldots \frac{1}{2}$. We will find it to be convenient that the scores are integers and therefore we introduce adjusted FAB scores

$$
a'(\ell) = \begin{cases} \left| \left(\ell - \frac{N+1}{2} \right) \right| + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } N \text{ is even} \\ \left| \left(\ell - \frac{N+1}{2} \right) \right| & \text{if } N \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}
$$
(3)

 $\ell = 1, \ldots, N.$ We define the adjusted FAB test statistic A_N as A_N with the FAB scores replaced by the adjusted FAB scores. The statistic A'_N is, of course, statistically equivalent to A_N . For N even, we may split the set of adjusted scores $\{a'(1),\ldots,a'(N)\}$ into two sets of Wilcoxon scores $\{1,\ldots,\frac{1}{2}N\}$, which is the main idea behind our approach. With the aid of this observation we found the following theorem for the case N even:

Theorem 3.1 Under H₀, $N = m + n$ even and $m \leq n$ the probability generating function of the FreundAnsariBrad ley statistic is

$$
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr(A_N = k) x^k = \frac{1}{q^{\frac{m}{2}} {N \choose m}} \sum_{i=0}^{m} c(i) c(m - i) \left[\frac{N}{i} \right]_q \left[\frac{N}{m - i} \right]_q,
$$
\n(4)

where
$$
\begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_q = 1
$$
, $\begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^r (1 - q^i)}{\prod_{i=1}^s (1 - q^i) \prod_{i=1}^{r-s} (1 - q^i)}$ for $s > 0$ and $c(i) = q^{\frac{i}{2}(i+1)}$.

Proof: Assume, without loss of generalisation, that $m \leq n$. We define R_i as the rank score in the i i antaŭ internacionalisto de la corresponding to Xi-lea estas la corresponding de la corresponding de la cor ال اللّا اللّا اللّا اللّا اللّا عنه اللّا عنه اللّا اللّا عنه اللّا عنه اللّا اللّا اللّا اللّا اللّا اللّا ا equiprobable Let T a be the
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W_{i,N/2-i} = \sum_{j=1}^{i} R_{u_j} \text{ and } W_{m-i,N/2-m+i} = \sum_{j=1}^{m-i} R_{u_{i+j}}.
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We need to prove the conditional independence of $W_{i,N/2-i}$ and $W_{m-i,N/2-m+i}$, given C_i . Let rs the class of rst the contract the contract the contract of the contract the contract of a contract of the c let Ka be the class of rs for which the second half equals the second half of a We note that the event $r = a$ is equivalent to $r \in K_1(a) \cap r \in K_2(a)$. There are $\binom{N/2}{i}\binom{N/2}{m-i}$ configurations in C_i . They are equiprobable under H_0 , so

$$
\Pr(r = a | r \in C_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{N/2}{i} \binom{N/2}{m-i}} & \text{if } a \in C_i \\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin C_i. \end{cases} \tag{5}
$$

Under H_0 we have,

$$
\Pr(r \in K_1(a)|r \in C_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\#(r:r \in K_1(a)\cap r \in C_i)}{\#(r:r \in C_i)} = \frac{\binom{N/2}{m}}{\binom{N/2}{i}\binom{N/2}{m-i}} = \frac{1}{\binom{N/2}{i}} & \text{if } a \in C_i\\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin C_i, \end{cases}
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$$
\Pr(r \in K_2(a)|r \in C_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{N/2}{m-i}} & \text{if } a \in C_i\\ 0 & \text{if } a \notin C_i. \end{cases}
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\Pr(r \in K_1(a) \cap r \in K_2(a)|r \in C_i) = \Pr(r = a|r \in C_i) \n= \Pr(r \in K_1(a)|r \in C_i) \Pr(r \in K_2(a)|r \in C_i).
$$
\n(7)

Let r_i^- be a configuration of i - κ s and $N/2 - i$ - S s and let r_i^- be a configuration of $m - i$ - κ s and $N/2 = m + i \cup s$. For $j = 1, 2$.

$$
\Pr(r \in K_j(a)|r \in C_i) = \widetilde{\Pr}(r_i^j = a_j),\tag{8}
$$

is the jurisdiction and the guration and the symbol Probability and probability of the probability of the proba measure on the space with configurations of length *I*V, whereas IT denotes the probability ineasure on the space with configurations of length $N/2$. The statistics $W_{i,N/2-i}$ and $W_{m-i,N/2-m+i}$ are functions of r_i^- and r_i^- , respectively. Because of equality (8) we may regard $W_{i,N/2-i}$ and $W_{m-i,N/2-m+i}$ as functions of all r's for which $r \in C_i$. Since equation (7) tells us that, given $r \in C_i$, the events $\{r \in K_1(a)\}$ and $\{r \in K_2(a)\}$ are independent, we conclude that $W_{i,N/2-i}$ and $W_{m-i,N/2-m+i}$ are also independent, given C_i .

The set of adjusted FAB scores consists of two identical sets of Wilcoxon scores. When i scores of the mist set are assigned to the Λ s, we know that $m = i$ scores of the second set are assigned to the X's, $0 \le i \le m$. The sum of the scores assigned to X's equals A'_N and it also equals the sum of $W_{i,N/2-i}$ and $W_{m-i,N/2-m+i}$. Therefore, $#(A'_N = k) = \sum_{i=0}^m #(W_{i,N/2-i} + W_{m-i,N/2-m+i} = k)$. Let H_Z be a generating function for the number of ways a statistic Z can reach a certain value. Then

$$
H_{A'_{N}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} # (A'_{N} = k) x^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m} # (W_{i, \frac{N}{2} - i} + W_{m-i, \frac{N}{2} - m + i} = k) x^{k}
$$

$$
= \sum_{i=0}^{m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} # (W_{i, \frac{N}{2} - i} + W_{m-i, \frac{N}{2} - m + i} = k) x^{k} = \sum_{i=0}^{m} H_{W_{i, \frac{N}{2} - i} + W_{m-i, \frac{N}{2} - m + i}} \qquad (9)
$$

$$
= \sum_{i=0}^{m} H_{W_{i, \frac{N}{2} - i}} H_{W_{m-i, \frac{N}{2} - m + i}},
$$

where in the last step we used that w_i $\frac{1}{2} - i$ and w_i $m - i$, $\frac{1}{2} - m + i$ are independent The generating function $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}^{(0)})$ can easily be defined from the generating function of the equivalent mann- $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}^{(0)})$ statistic $M_{a,b}$. We know that $W_{a,b} = M_{a,b} + \frac{1}{2} a (a+1)$ and from Andrews (1970, Ch. 3) and David and Barton pp - we know that

$$
H_{M_{a,b}} = \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{bmatrix}_q.
$$

Therefore

$$
H_{W_{a,b}} = c(a) \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{bmatrix}_q.
$$
 (10)

Substituting (10) into (9) with $(a, b) = (i, \frac{1}{2} - i)$ and $(a, b) = (m - i, \frac{1}{2} - m + i)$ gives us $H_{A_N'}$. We complete our proof by remarking that for N even, $A_N = A_N - \frac{m}{2}$.

Theorem 3.2 Under H₀, $N = m + n$ odd and $m \leq n$ the probability generating function of the Freund-Ansari-Bradley statistic is

$$
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr(A_N = k) x^k = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{m}} \sum_{j=0}^{1} \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} c(i) c(m-j-i) \left[\frac{\frac{N-1}{2}}{i} \right]_q \left[\frac{\frac{N-1}{2}}{m-j-i} \right]_q \tag{11}
$$

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Proof: The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1, but now we deal with two identical sets of Wilcoxon scores and one score that is equal to zero. This problem is solved by summing over a variable j that equals to be present and that equals the society shows that equals and that existence of the for $j=0$ we obtain all possible values of A'_N with m scores in the two identical sets and for $j=1$ we obtain all possible values of A_N with $m-1$ scores in the two identical sets. $\qquad \qquad \Box$

Moments of the FAB statistic

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$$
V(q) = d(q) \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} r \\ t \end{bmatrix}_q,
$$

where $a(q)$ is a finite sum of terms of the form $c \, q^*$, where c and z are rational. If we denote the κ underivative of $f(q)$ by $f^{(n)}(q)$ then we see that

$$
V^{(k)}(q) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-i} \sum_{i=0}^{k} {k \choose k-i-j, i, j} d^{(k-i-j)}(q) \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}^{(i)}_q \begin{bmatrix} r \\ t \end{bmatrix}^{(j)}_q \tag{12}
$$

Since $a(q)$ is a linite sum of terms of the form c q^* , where c and z are rational, it is straightforward to compute a_{val} for ℓ arbitrary large. The two other terms in the right hand side of (12) are polynomials, so we may take the limit $q \to 1$ and we find the following expression for the kth derivative of values of the state of the

$$
V^{(k)}(1) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-i} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{k-i-j, i, j} d^{(k-i-j)}(1) \lim_{q \to 1} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q^{(i)} \lim_{q \to 1} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ t \end{bmatrix}_q^{(j)} \tag{13}
$$

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$$
\lim_{q \to 1} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q^{(i)}
$$

with the aid of the computer algebra package Mathematica. We used his method for computing moments of the FAB statistic

Example

As an illustration we compute the mean for the case N even. In this case $k = 1$, so after expanding $\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v}$

$$
V'(1) = d(1) \lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{g}^{r} \left(\lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{q}^{r} \right]_{q} + d(1) \lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{g}^{r} \right]_{q} \lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{q}^{r} \right]_{q}^{r} + d'(1) \lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{g}^{r} \right]_{q} \lim_{q \to 1} \left[\int_{q}^{r} \right]_{q} \tag{14}
$$

In this case $d(q) = {N \choose m}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}i(i+1)+\frac{1}{2}(m-i)(m-i+1)-\frac{m}{2}}$, so $d(1) = {N \choose m}^{-1}$ and $d'(1) = {N \choose m}^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}i(i+1))$ 2×1 is a set of \mathbb{R}^n $(1) + \frac{1}{2}(m - i)(m - i + 1) - \frac{m}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} {N \choose m}^{-1} (2i^2 + m^2 - 2im)$. From the example in Di Bucchianico \mathbf{v} and the extract that the extract of \mathbf{v}

$$
\lim_{q \to 1} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q = \binom{r}{s}
$$
 and
$$
\lim_{q \to 1} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q' = \frac{1}{2} \binom{r}{s} (r - s)s.
$$

The same equations hold for s replaced by t. In equation (4) we see that $r = \frac{1}{2}$, $s = i$ and $t = m - t$, bubstituting in (14) icaves us after some labour

$$
V'(1) = \frac{mN\left(\frac{N}{i}\right)\left(\frac{N}{m-i}\right)}{4\binom{N}{m}}
$$
\n(15)

The last thing we have to do is summing over i and we get the mean μ_{A_N} for N even:

$$
\mu_{A_N} = \sum_{i=0}^{m} \frac{m N(\frac{N}{i}) \binom{N}{m-i}}{4 \binom{N}{m}} = \frac{m N}{4},\tag{16}
$$

where we use the fact that $\sum_{i=0}^{m} \binom{\frac{n}{2}}{i} \binom{\frac{n}{2}}{m-i} =$ $= \binom{N}{m}$ whi which is a special case of the Chu-VanderMonde rormula For a complete proof: see (Unu 1505, transl. 1959) or Klordan (1979). . –

Example of a higher moment

We give $E\ A_N^*$, the fitth moment of the FAB statistic for N even. It took su seconds to compute this moment on a SunSparc 10.

$$
E A_N^5 = \frac{m P(m, n)}{3072 (m + n - 3) (m + n - 1)}
$$
 with

 \cdots \cdots $3m^{11} + m^{10}$ $(-12 + 21n) + m^9$ $(-111 - 62n + 63n^2) +$ m^8 $(480 - 705 n - 120 n^2 + 105 n^3) + m^7$ $(1320 + 2118 n - 1855 n^2 - 90 n^3 + 105 n^4) +$ m^6 (-6720 + 7804 n + 3420 n² - 2585 n³ + 20 n⁴ + 63 n⁵) the contract of m^5 $(-4560 - 24216 n + 17804 n^2 + 2098 n^3 - 2005 n^4 + 78 n^5 + 21 n^6) +$ $m⁴$ (38400 – 31296 n – 30416 n² + 19752 n³ – 248 n⁴ – 811 n⁵ + 48 n⁶ + 3 n⁷) + m^3 $(-10368 + 105120n - 62896n^2 - 13264n^3 + 10672n^4 - 822n^5 - 125n^6 + 10n^7) +$ m^2 (-73728 + 27968 $n + 90752n^2 - 50512n^3 + 1472n^4 + 2204n^5 - 260n^6 + 5n^7$) + $m \left(55296 - 133888 n + 64192 n^2 + 20768 n^3 - 14384 n^4 + 1832 n^5 - 36 n^6 - 2 n^7\right) +$ $10890 n - 00100 n^2 + 28044 n^2 - 3204 n^2 - 32 n^2 + 10 n^2$

 $\overline{\ }$ $\overline{\ }$ sketch of the proof. Genera generating function with coefficients equal to the fell-mand side of the equality and with summing variable m . Then use the convolution theorem to spilt the sum into a product of two sums. Finally- use the binomial theorem to obtain the desired result

Computer algebra

This section contains the text of the Mathematica package we used for computing the distribution of the FAB statistic by using Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 . We also give a small example.

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and the contract of the contra The contribution of these cases to the sum is equal. The Mathematica functions Expand and Simplify are used to compute the full polynomial which represents the distribution of the FAB statistic. The following example gives the distribution of the FAB statistic for $m = n = 4$.

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With the aid of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 we were able to extend the existing tables of critical values. Ansari and Bradley (1960) give critical values for $N \leq 20$. We give tables for $n = m, N \leq 80$. For practical reasons we did not print the unbalanced cases Anyone interested in critical values for an unbalanced case may contact the author

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8	19	- 20	22	23	25	$39\,$	41	42	44	- 45
9	25.5	26.5	28.5	30.5	32.5	48.5	50.5	52.5	54.5	55.5
10	- 33	34	36	- 38	40	60	62	64	66	- 67
11	40.5	42.5	44.5	46.5	49.5	71.5	74.5	76.5	78.5	80.5
12	- 49	51	54	57	60	84	87	90	93	95
13	$59.5\,$	61.5	64.5	67.5	70.5	98.5	101.5	104.5	107.5	109.5
14	- 70	72	76	79	83	113	117	120	124	126
15	81.5	83.5	88.5	91.5	95.5	129.5	133.5	136.5	141.5	143.5
16	- 93	97	101	105	110	146	- 151	155	159	163
17	106.5	110.5	115.5	119.5	124.5	164.5	169.5	173.5	178.5	182.5
18	- 121	125	130	- 135	141	183	189	194	199	203
19	136.5	140.5	146.5	151.5	157.5	203.5	209.5	214.5	220.5	224.5
20	- 152	156	163	169	- 175	225	231	237	244	248
21	169.5	173.5	180.5	186.5	193.5	247.5	254.5	260.5	267.5	271.5
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24	225	231	240	247	256	320	329	336	345	351
25	$245.5\,$	252.5	261.5	269.5	278.5	346.5	355.5	$363.5\,$	372.5	379.5
26	- 267	274	284	292	302	374 384		392	402	409
27	289.5	296.5	307.5	315.5	326.5	402.5	413.5	421.5	432.5	439.5
28	- 313	$321\,$	331	341 352		432	443	453	463	471
29	337.5	345.5	356.5		366.5 378.5	462.5	474.5	484.5	495.5	503.5
30	363	371	383	393	406	494	507	517	529	537
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36	534	544	560	574	590	706	722	736	752	762
37	565.5	576.5	593.5	607.5	624.5	744.5	761.5	775.5	792.5	803.5
38	598	610	627	642	659	785	$802\,$	817	834	846
39	631.5	643.5	661.5	677.5	695.5	825.5	843.5	859.5	877.5	889.5
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Table 1: Left and right critical values for the Freund-Ansari-Bradley test, $n = m$.

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