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## Abstract.

In this paper we deal with Cauchy distribution with the density

$$f(x|\theta, \xi) = \xi \pi^{-1} \{\xi^2 + (x - \theta)^2\}^{-1}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

where  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$  and  $\xi > 0$ .

We first consider  $\xi=1$ . Based on a random sample of size  $n$  from  $f(x|\theta, 1)$  we consider the problem of testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  versus the alternative  $H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0$  for some constant  $\theta_0$ . We propose the test with the acceptance region derived from inverting the shortest confidence interval (C. I.) for  $\theta_0$  and check if this test is unbiased.

We secondly consider  $\theta=0$ . This time we consider the problem of testing  $H_0: \xi = \xi_0$  versus  $H_1: \xi \neq \xi_0$  for some constant  $\xi_0$ . We again propose the test with acceptance region derived from inverting the C. I. for  $\xi_0$  and check if this test is unbiased.

# §1. Introduction.

In this paper we deal with Cauchy distribution whose density is given as follows:

$$(1) \quad f(x|\theta, \xi) = \xi \pi^{-1} \{ \xi^2 + (x-\theta)^2 \}^{-1} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

provided that  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$  and  $\xi > 0$ .

Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be the defining property. We first consider the density  $f(x|\theta) \doteq f(x|\theta, 1)$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from the density  $f(x|\theta)$ . We find in Section 2 the confidence interval (C. I.) for the location parameter  $\theta$  with the shortest length using Lagrange's method. In Section 3 we consider the problem of testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  versus the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0$  for some constant  $\theta_0$ . We propose the test with the acceptance region derived from inverting the shortest C. I. for  $\theta_0$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a real number such that  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . When  $n=2m+1$  with  $m$  a nonnegative integer, we show that our test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ . But, when  $n=2m$ , because we use conventional method to get the C. I. for  $\theta$ , we cannot show unbiasedness of our test. (However, for large  $m$  our test becomes almost unbiased as the test in case of  $n=2m+1$  shows.)

In the second half We consider the density  $f(x|\xi) \doteq f(x|0, \xi)$ . Based on a random sample of size  $n$  from the density  $f(x|\xi)$  we find in Section 4 the C. I. for the scale parameter  $\xi$ . In Section 5 we consider the problem of testing  $H_0: \xi = \xi_0$  versus  $H_1: \xi \neq \xi_0$  for some constant  $\xi_0$ . Again we propose the test with acceptance region derived from inverting the C. I. for  $\xi_0$ . When  $n=2m+1$ , we show that our test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ . But, in the same reason as that for  $\theta$  our test is not unbiased when  $n=2m$ . (However, for large  $m$  our test becomes almost unbiased as the test in case of  $n=2m+1$  shows.)

## §2. The Interval Estimation for $\theta$ .

In this section we deal with the density

$$(2) \quad f(x|\theta) \triangleq f(x|\theta, 1) = \pi^{-1} \{1 + (x - \theta)^2\}^{-1}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

where  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ . We find the shortest C. I. for  $\theta$  using Lagrange's method.

Let  $n = 2m + 1$  with  $m$  a nonnegative integer, until (15). Let  $X_{(i)}$  be the  $i$ -th smallest observation of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . We estimate  $\theta$  by  $Y = X_{(m+1)}$ . To get the shortest C. I. for  $\theta$  we first find the density of  $Y$ . Let  $F(x|\theta)$  be the cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.) of  $X$ . Then, by (2) we get

$$(3) \quad F(x) \triangleq F(x|\theta) = \pi^{-1} \tan^{-1}(x - \theta) + 2^{-1}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Hence, the density of  $Y$  is of form

$$(4) \quad g_Y(Y|\theta) = k(F(Y))^m (1 - F(Y))^m f(Y|\theta), \quad \text{for } -\infty < Y < \infty$$

where

$$(5) \quad k = \Gamma(2m+2) / (\Gamma(m+1))^2.$$

Let  $\alpha$  be a real number such that  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be real numbers such that  $r_1 < r_2$ . To find the shortest C. I. for  $\theta$  at confidence coefficient  $1 - \alpha$  we want to minimize  $r_2 - r_1$  under the condition that

$$(6) \quad P_\theta[r_1 < Y - \theta < r_2] = 1 - \alpha.$$

But, it follows by a variable transformation  $W = F(Y)$  that

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{the left hand side of (6)} &= P_\theta[r_1 + \theta < Y < r_2 + \theta] \\ &= P_\theta[F(r_1 + \theta) < W < F(r_2 + \theta)] = 1 - \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we want to minimize  $r_2 - r_1$  under the condition (7). To do so we use Lagrange's method. Let  $\lambda$  be a real number and define

$$(8) \quad L = L(r_1, r_2; \lambda) = r_2 - r_1 - \lambda \left\{ \int_{F(r_1+\theta)}^{F(r_2+\theta)} h_w(w) dw - 1 + \alpha \right\}$$

where  $h_w(w)$  is the density of  $W$  given by

$$(9) \quad h_w(w) = kw^m(1-w)^m, \quad \text{for } 0 < w < 1$$

where  $k$  is given by (5). The right hand side of (9) is the probability density function (p.d.f.) of Beta distribution  $\text{Beta}(m+1, m+1)$  with  $(m+1, m+1)$  degrees of freedom. Then, by Lagrange's method we have that

$$(10) \quad \begin{cases} \partial L / \partial r_1 = -1 + \lambda h_w(F(r_1+\theta))f(r_1+\theta|\theta) = 0 \\ \partial L / \partial r_2 = 1 - \lambda h_w(F(r_2+\theta))f(r_2+\theta|\theta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

By (10) we get

$$(11) \quad h_w(F(r_1+\theta))f(r_1+\theta|\theta) = h_w(F(r_2+\theta))f(r_2+\theta|\theta) (= \lambda^{-1}), \quad \forall \theta.$$

Taking

$$(12) \quad F(r_1+\theta) = \beta(a/2) \quad \text{and} \quad F(r_2+\theta) = 1 - \beta(a/2)$$

where  $\beta(a/2)$  is given by

$$(13) \quad \begin{cases} \beta(a/2) \\ \int_0^{\beta(a/2)} h_w(w) dw = a/2 \end{cases}$$

we obtain by (3) that  $r_1 = -r_2 = -r$  where

$$(14) \quad r = F^{-1}(1 - \beta(a/2)) - \theta = \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta(a/2))\pi].$$

We also have that  $h_w(F(-r+\theta))=h_w(F(r+\theta))$  and  $f(-r+\theta|\theta)=f(r+\theta|\theta)$  with  $r$  given by (14). Thus, (11) and (7) are satisfied for  $r_1=-r_2=-r$  with  $r$  given by (14). Therefore, the shortest C. I. for  $\theta$  at confidence coefficient  $1-\alpha$  is given by

$$(15) \quad (Y-r, Y+r) = (Y - \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta(\alpha/2))\pi], Y + \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta(\alpha/2))\pi]).$$

Let  $n=2m$ . This time we estimate  $\theta$  by  $Y \approx X_{(m)}$ . In the similar way to the above we get the density of  $Y$  as follows:

$$(16) \quad g_Y(Y|\theta) = k_1 (F(Y))^{m-1} (1-F(Y))^m f(Y|\theta), \quad \text{for } -\infty < Y < \infty$$

where

$$(17) \quad k_1 = \Gamma(2m+1) / \{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(m+1)\}.$$

Putting  $W=F(Y)$  we minimize  $r_2-r_1$  under the condition (7). However, since the density of  $W$  is now of form

$$(18) \quad h_1(w) = k_1 w^{m-1} (1-w)^m, \quad \text{for } 0 < w < 1$$

which is the p.d.f. of the Beta( $m, m+1$ ) distribution with  $k_1$  defined by (17), it is difficult to get exact values for  $F(r_i+\theta)$ ,  $i=1, 2$  which satisfy

$$(19) \quad h_1(F(r_1+\theta))f(r_1+\theta|\theta) = h_1(F(r_2+\theta))f(r_2+\theta|\theta).$$

Hence, we use conventional values for  $F(r_i+\theta)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . Those are

$$(20) \quad F(r_1+\theta) = \beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2) \text{ and } F(r_2+\theta) = 1 - \beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)$$

where  $\beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2)$  and  $\beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)$  are respectively determined by

$$(21) \quad \int_0^{\beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2)} h_1(w) dw = \alpha/2 = \int_0^{\beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)} k_1 w^m (1-w)^{m-1} dw.$$

Thus, by (3)  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are respectively given by

$$(22) \quad \begin{cases} r_1 = F^{-1}(\beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2)) - \theta = -\tan[(2^{-1} - \beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2))\pi], \\ r_2 = F^{-1}(1 - \beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)) - \theta = \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2))\pi]. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the C. I. for  $\theta$  at confidence coefficient  $1-\alpha$  is

$$(23) \quad (Y - r_2, Y - r_1) \doteq (Y - \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2))\pi], Y + \tan[(2^{-1} - \beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2))\pi]).$$

In the next section we check if the tests with the acceptance regions derived from inverting the C. I.'s (15) for  $n=2m+1$  and (23) for  $n=2m$  are unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ .

### §3. Two-Sided Test for $\theta$ .

In this section we consider the problem of testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  versus the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0$  for some constant  $\theta_0$ . We propose the two-sided tests with the acceptance regions derived from inverting the (shortest) C. I.'s for  $\theta_0$  obtained in Section 2. When  $n=2m+1$ , we show that our test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ . When  $n=2m$ , our test is not unbiased because of usage of conventional method for constructing the C. I. for  $\theta$ .

Let  $n=2m+1$ . As in Section 2 we define  $Y \doteq X_{(m+1)}$ . By inverting the shortest C. I. (15) for  $\theta_0$  our test is to reject  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (-\infty, \theta_0 - r] \cup [\theta_0 + r, +\infty)$  and to accept  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (\theta_0 - r, \theta_0 + r)$  where  $r$  is given by (14). Now, we show that this test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ .

Let  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  be real numbers depending on  $\theta_0$  such that  $y_1^0 < y_2^0$ . Define  $\psi(\theta)$  by

$$(24) \quad \psi(\theta) \doteq P_\theta[Y < y_1^0 \text{ or } y_2^0 < Y] = 1 - \int_{y_1^0}^{y_2^0} g_Y(Y|\theta) dY$$

where  $g_Y(Y|\theta)$  is defined by (4).

To get unbiased size- $\alpha$  test with the acceptance region  $(y_1^0, y_2^0)$  we choose  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  which satisfy

$$(25) \quad \psi(\theta_0) = 1 - P_{\theta_0} [Y_1^0 < Y < Y_2^0] = \alpha$$

and minimize  $\psi(\theta)$  at  $\theta = \theta_0$ ; namely

$$(26) \quad \left. \frac{d\psi(\theta)}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} = g_Y(Y_2^0 | \theta_0) - g_Y(Y_1^0 | \theta_0) = 0.$$

We consider the test with the acceptance region  $(\theta_0 - r, \theta_0 + r)$ . Since from the construction the equality (11) with  $r_1 = -r$ ,  $r_2 = r$  and  $\theta = \theta_0$  is satisfied, it follows from (4) and (9) that  $g_Y(\theta_0 - r | \theta_0) = g_Y(\theta_0 + r | \theta_0)$ ; (26) is satisfied for  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  replaced by  $\theta_0 - r$  and  $\theta_0 + r$ , respectively. (25) with  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  replaced by  $\theta_0 - r$  and  $\theta_0 + r$ , respectively is the same as (6) except for  $\theta$ ,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  replaced by  $\theta_0$ ,  $-r$  and  $r$ , respectively. Therefore, our test with the acceptance region  $(\theta_0 - r, \theta_0 + r)$  is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ .

Let  $n = 2m$ . As in Section 2 we define  $Y = X_{(m)}$ . Again, by inverting the C. I. (23) for  $\theta_0$  our test is to reject  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (-\infty, \theta_0 + r_1] \cup [\theta_0 + r_2, +\infty)$  and to accept  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (\theta_0 + r_1, \theta_0 + r_2)$  where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are given by (22). In this case our test depends on the conventional values for  $F(r_i | \theta)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Hence, we have that  $g_Y(\theta_0 + r_1 | \theta_0) \neq g_Y(\theta_0 + r_2 | \theta_0)$ . Furthermore, (25) with  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  replaced by  $\theta_0 + r_1$  and  $\theta_0 + r_2$ , respectively is the same as (6) except for  $\theta$  replaced by  $\theta_0$ . Thus, our test is of size  $\alpha$ , but is not unbiased. However, for large  $m$  our test becomes almost unbiased as the test in the case of  $n = 2m + 1$  shows.

In the next two sections we deal with the scale parameter  $\xi$ . In Section 4 we obtain the C. I. for  $\xi$  and in Section 5 we check if two-sided test with acceptance region derived from inverting the C. I. for  $\xi_0$  is unbiased.

#### §4. The Interval Estimation for $\xi$ .

In this section we consider the density (1) with  $\theta = 0$ ;

$$(27) \quad f(x | \xi) = f(x | 0, \xi) = \xi \pi^{-1} \{\xi^2 + x^2\}^{-1}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

provided that  $\xi > 0$ .



Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from the population with density  $f(x|\xi)$ . Again, we first consider the case of  $n=2m+1$  with  $m$  a nonnegative integer and secondly the case of  $n=2m$ . Putting  $\xi^* = \ln \xi$  we have

$$f(x|\xi) = \pi^{-1} e^{-\xi^*} \{1 + e^{2(\ln|x| - \xi^*)}\}^{-1}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Thus, letting  $Z = \ln|X|$  and  $Z_{(i)}$  be the  $i$ -th smallest observation of  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  we estimate  $\xi^*$  by  $Y = Z_{(m+1)}$  when  $n=2m+1$  and by  $Y = Z_{(m)}$  when  $n=2m$ , respectively. We find the C. I.'s for  $\xi$  according to these estimates.

We beforehand derive the distribution of  $Z$ . Since  $x = e^z$  for  $x > 0$ ;  $x = -e^z$  for  $x < 0$ ;  $z = -\infty$  for  $x = 0$ , by a variable transformation  $Z = \ln|X|$  the density of  $Z$  is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} q_Z(z) &\doteq q_Z(z|\xi) = f(e^z|\xi) |de^z/dz| + f(-e^z|\xi) |d(-e^z)/dz| \\ (28) \quad &= 2\pi^{-1} \frac{e^{z-\xi^*}}{1+e^{2(z-\xi^*)}}, \quad -\infty < z < \infty \end{aligned}$$

where  $-\infty < \xi^* < \infty$ . Since  $q_Z(2\xi^* - z) = q_Z(z)$ ,  $q_Z(z)$  is symmetric about  $z = \xi^*$  and the unimodal function with the mode  $\xi^*$ .

Now, we let  $n=2m+1$  until (37). We estimate  $\xi^*$  by  $Y = Z_{(m+1)}$ . Letting  $Q_Z(z)$  be the c.d.f. of  $Z$  we obtain by (28) that

$$(29) \quad Q_Z(z) \doteq Q_Z(z|\xi) = 2\pi^{-1} \tan^{-1}(e^{z-\xi^*}), \quad \text{for } -\infty < z < \infty.$$

The p.d.f.  $g_Y(Y|\xi)$  of  $Y$  is derived as follows:

$$(30) \quad g_Y(Y|\xi) = k(Q_Z(Y))^m (1 - Q_Z(Y))^m q_Z(Y), \quad \text{for } -\infty < Y < \infty.$$

Let  $\alpha$  be a real number such that  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be real numbers such that  $0 < r_1 < r_2$ . To find the C. I. for  $\xi$  at confidence coefficient  $1-\alpha$  we want to find  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  under the condition that

$$(31) \quad P_{\xi}[r_1 e^Y < \xi < r_2 e^Y] = 1 - \alpha.$$

But, it follows by a variable transformation  $W=Q_Z(Y)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{the left hand side of (31)} = P_{\xi}[-\ln r_2 < Y - \xi^* < -\ln r_1] \\ (32) \quad & = P_{\xi}[Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) < W < Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)] = 1 - \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we want to find  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  which minimize  $Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) - Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)$  under the condition (32). To do so we use Lagrange's method. Let  $\lambda$  be a real number and define

$$\begin{aligned} L &= L(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1), Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2); \lambda) \\ (33) \quad & = Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) - Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) - \lambda \left\{ \frac{Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)}{Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)} h_W(w) dw - 1 + \alpha \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $h_W(w)$  is defined by (9). Then, by Lagrange's method we have that

$$(34) \quad \begin{cases} \partial L / \partial Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) = 1 - \lambda h_W(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)) = 0 \\ \partial L / \partial Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) = -1 + \lambda h_W(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)) = 0 \end{cases}$$

By (34) we get

$$(35) \quad h_W(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)) = h_W(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)) \quad (= \lambda^{-1}), \quad \forall \xi.$$

Taking

$$Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) = \beta(\alpha/2) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) = 1 - \beta(\alpha/2)$$

where  $\beta(\alpha/2)$  is given by (13), we obtain by (29) that

$$(36) \quad \begin{cases} r_1 = [\tan\{2^{-1}\pi(1 - \beta(\alpha/2))\}]^{-1} \\ r_2 = [\tan\{2^{-1}\pi\beta(\alpha/2)\}]^{-1} \end{cases}$$

and furthermore (35) and (32) are satisfied for  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  given by (36). Therefore, the C. I. for  $\xi$  is given by

$$(37) \quad (r_1 e^Y, r_2 e^Y) = ([\tan\{2^{-1}\pi(1-\beta(\alpha/2))\}]^{-1} e^Y, [\tan\{2^{-1}\pi\beta(\alpha/2)\}]^{-1} e^Y).$$

We now consider the case of  $n=2m$ . In this case we estimate  $\xi^*$  by  $Y=Z_{(m)}$ . Then, the p.d.f. of  $Y$  is given by

$$(38) \quad g_Y(y|\xi) = k_1 (Q_Z(y))^{m-1} (1-Q_Z(y))^m q_Z(y), \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty$$

where  $k_1$  is given by (17). To find the C. I. for  $\xi$  at confidence coefficient  $1-\alpha$  we want to find  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  with  $0 < r_1 < r_2$  under the condition that

$$(39) \quad P_{\xi}[r_1 e^Y < \xi < r_2 e^Y] = 1-\alpha.$$

But, it follows by a variable transformation  $W=Q_Z(Y)$  that

$$\text{the left hand side of (39)} = P_{\xi}[-\ln r_2 < Y - \xi^* < -\ln r_1]$$

$$(40) \quad = P_{\xi}[Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) < W < Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)] = 1-\alpha.$$

Hence, we want to find  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  which minimize  $Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) - Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)$  under the condition (40). Going through the similar process to (33) through (35), we get

$$(41) \quad h_1(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1)) = h_1(Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)) \quad (= \lambda^{-1}), \quad \forall \xi$$

where  $h_1(w)$  is the density of  $W$  given by (18). However, again it is difficult to get exact values of  $Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$  which satisfy (41) (and furthermore  $q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) = q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2)$ ). Hence, we use conventional values for  $Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . Those are

$$(42) \quad Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_2) = \beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_1) = 1 - \beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)$$

where  $\beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2)$  and  $\beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2)$  are respectively determined by (21).

Thus, by (29) we obtain

$$(43) \quad \begin{cases} r_1 = [\tan\{2^{-1}\pi(1-\beta_{m+1, m}(\alpha/2))\}]^{-1}, \\ r_2 = [\tan\{2^{-1}\pi\beta_{m, m+1}(\alpha/2)\}]^{-1}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the C. I. for  $\xi$  is

$$(44) \quad (r_1 e^Y, r_2 e^Y)$$

where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are given by (43).

#### §5. Two-Sided Test for $\xi$ .

In this section we consider the problem of testing the hypothesis  $H_0: \xi = \xi_0$  versus the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: \xi \neq \xi_0$  for some constant  $\xi_0$ . We propose the test with the acceptance region derived from inverting the C. I. for  $\xi_0$ . Let  $n$  be the size of the random sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . When  $n=2m+1$  with  $m$  a nonnegative integer, we show that this test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ . When  $n=2m$ , our test is of size  $\alpha$ , but cannot be unbiased because we use the conventional device to determine the C. I. for  $\xi$ . However, it will be almost unbiased for large  $m$ .

Let  $n=2m+1$ . As in Section 4 we let  $Z = \ln|X|$  and  $Z_{(i)}$  be the  $i$ -th smallest observation of  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$ . Let  $\xi_0^* = \ln \xi_0$  and define  $Y = Z_{(m+1)}$ . By inverting the C. I. (37) for  $\xi_0$  our test is to reject  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (-\infty, \xi_0^* - \ln r_2] \cup [\xi_0^* - \ln r_1, +\infty)$  and to accept  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (\xi_0^* - \ln r_2, \xi_0^* - \ln r_1)$  where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are given by (36). Now, we show that this test is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ .

Let  $y_1^0$  and  $y_2^0$  be real numbers depending on  $\xi_0$  such that  $y_1^0 < y_2^0$ . Define  $\psi(\xi)$  by

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(\xi) &= P_{\xi}[Y < y_1^0 \text{ or } y_2^0 < Y] \\ &= 1 - \int_{y_1^0}^{y_2^0} g_Y(y|\xi) dy \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_Y(Y|\xi)$  is given by (30). To get unbiased size- $\alpha$  test with acceptance region  $(Y_1^0, Y_2^0)$  we choose  $Y_1^0$  and  $Y_2^0$  which satisfy

$$(46) \quad \psi(\xi_0) = 1 - P_{\xi_0}[Y_1^0 < Y < Y_2^0] = \alpha$$

and minimize  $\psi(\xi)$  at  $\xi = \xi_0$ ; namely

$$(47) \quad \left. \frac{d\psi(\xi)}{d\xi} \right|_{\xi=\xi_0} = \xi_0^{-1} g_Y(Y_2^0 | \xi_0) - \xi_0^{-1} g_Y(Y_1^0 | \xi_0) = 0$$

Let  $Y_1^* = \xi_0^* - \ln r_2$  and  $Y_2^* = \xi_0^* - \ln r_1$ . Then, since  $Q_Z(Y_1^* | \xi_0) = \pi^{-1} \sin\{\pi\beta(\alpha/2)\} = \pi^{-1} \sin\{\pi(1-\beta(\alpha/2))\} = Q_Z(Y_2^* | \xi_0)$ , and since, from construction and (35),  $h_w(Q_Z(Y_1^*)) = h_w(Q_Z(Y_2^*))$ , we obtain by (30) and (9) that  $g_Y(Y_1^* | \xi_0) = g_Y(Y_2^* | \xi_0)$ . Therefore,  $(Y_1^*, Y_2^*)$  satisfies (47). On the other hand, (46) with  $Y_1^0$  and  $Y_2^0$  replaced by  $Y_1^*$  and  $Y_2^*$ , respectively is the same as (40) except for  $\xi$  replaced by  $\xi_0$ . Therefore, our test with the acceptance region  $(Y_1^*, Y_2^*)$  is unbiased and of size  $\alpha$ .

Let  $n=2m$ . As in Section 4 we define  $Y=Z_{(m)}$ . Again, by inverting the C. I. (44) for  $\xi_0$  our test is to reject  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (-\infty, \xi_0^* - \ln r_2] \cup [\xi_0^* - \ln r_1, +\infty)$  and to accept  $H_0$  if  $Y \in (\xi_0^* - \ln r_2, \xi_0^* - \ln r_1)$  where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are determined by (43). In this case our test depends on the conventional values for  $Q_Z(\xi^* - \ln r_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . So, we have  $g_Y(\xi_0^* - \ln r_2 | \xi_0) \neq g_Y(\xi_0^* - \ln r_1 | \xi_0)$ . Furthermore, (46) with  $Y_1^0$  and  $Y_2^0$  replaced by  $\xi_0^* - \ln r_2$  and  $\xi_0^* - \ln r_1$ , respectively is the same as (40) except for  $\xi$  replaced by  $\xi_0$ . Thus, our test is still of size- $\alpha$ , but is not unbiased. However, for large  $m$  our test becomes almost unbiased as the test in case of  $n=2m+1$  shows.