

# Bayes Estimation for the Parameter $\theta$ of Burr Type *XII* Distribution

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**Abstract:** - We consider in this article that  $n$  independent items having lifetimes  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from Burr type *XII* distribution with parameter  $\theta$ . Assuming conjugate prior for  $\theta$  (Gamma prior) and squared error loss, we computed Bayes estimates of the scale parameter  $\theta$  using the following sampling planes; complete sample, type *I* censoring, partial ordering *I*, type *II* censoring, and partial ordering *II*. By using the simulation method, we compare the sampling mentioned above.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Burr system of distribution was introduced by Irving W. Burr (1942). Some applications of the Burr system of distribution are n Reliability and engineering, simulation modeling, and more. These distributions have been used as models in a variety of applied fields such as Business (e.g. Rodriguez and Taniguchi), Economics and Engineering (e.g. McDonald and Richards), and Medicine (Wingo). Burr chose to work with the cumulative distribution function (CDF)  $F(x)$  satisfying the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(1 - y) g(x, y), \quad y = F(x)$$

that generate the Pearson system.

The Pearson system was originated by Pearson between 1880 and 1900. For every member of Pearson's family, the probability density function  $p(x)$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{a + x}{c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2}$$

For Burr families, different choices of  $g(x, y)$  generate various solutions of  $F(x)$ , for example, if  $g(x, y) = g(x)$ , then

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \text{EXP}(-\int_{-\infty}^x g(u)du)}$$

The solution  $F(x)$  of Burr *XII* is

$$F_x(x) = 1 - (1 + x^c)^{-\theta}, \quad x > 0.$$

Burr *XII* was studied by many authors, Shah considered the estimation of the parameters of this distribution by several methods. He compared his results through simulation. Also, he derived the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$  and  $c$ . Al-Hussaini gave a characterization of the Burr *XII* distribution. Wingo derived a maximum likelihood method for fitting the Burr *XII* distributions to life test data.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from Burr *XII* distribution with probability density function given by

$$f(x|\theta, c) = \frac{c\theta x^{c-1}}{(1+x^c)^{\theta+1}}$$

Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be a future sample from the same population but with outlier observation of the type  $\theta_0\theta$  where  $\theta_0$  known. Assuming conjugate prior to  $\theta$ , namely  $G\left(\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$ , and noninformative prior to  $c$ , they predicted the minimum  $Y_{(1)}$  and the maximum  $Y_{(n)}$  of the future samples using squared error loss function.

## II. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Assuming conjugate prior (Gamma prior) and squared error loss function, we computed Bayes estimator of the parameter  $\theta$  using the following plans:

1. Complete sample, where we observed all lifetimes of the  $n$  items.
2. Type *I* censoring, where we observed the failure times in the interval  $(0, t_0]$  such that  $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$  where  $t_0$  is fixed.
3. Partial ordering *I*, where we observed the failure times in the interval  $(0, t_0]$  such that  $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$  and the number of failures in the interval  $(t_0, t_1]$  where  $t_0, t_1$  are fixed.
4. Type *I* censoring, where we observe the first  $r$  failure  $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$ .
5. Partial ordering *II*, where we obtain the number of failures observed in the interval  $(0, t_0]$ . And obtain the number of failures in the interval  $(t_0, t_1]$  where  $t_0, t_1$  are fixed.

### III. BAYES ESTIMATION FOR THE PARAMETER $\theta$ OF BURR TYPE XII DISTRIBUTION, WHEN $c$ IS KNOWN

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables (*iid rv's*) from Burr XII distribution with parameters  $\theta$  and  $c$ . The probability density function of  $X$  is given by

$$f(x|\theta, c) = \frac{c\theta x^{c-1}}{(1+x^c)^{\theta+1}}, \quad x \geq 0, c > 0, \theta > 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\theta$  and  $c$  are positive parameters.

The distribution function is

$$F_x(x) = 1 - (1+x^c)^{-\theta}, \quad x > 0.$$

We like to derive Bayes' estimator of  $\theta$  using different priors with respect to squared error loss under several sampling plans.

#### 1. The case of the complete sample

The likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\underline{x}|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta) \\ &= \frac{c^n \theta^n (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{c-1}}{[\prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i^c)]^{\theta+1}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Assume  $\theta$  has prior  $G(\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta})$  i.e.,

$$\pi(\theta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}, \quad \theta, \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

Let

$$H(\underline{x}, \theta) = f(\underline{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta) \quad (3)$$

then

$$H(\underline{x}, \theta) = \frac{c^n \theta^{n+\alpha-1} \beta^\alpha e^{-\theta\beta} (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{c-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) [\prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i^c)]^{\theta+1}} \quad (4)$$

And the posterior of  $\theta$  given  $\underline{x}$  is,

$$\pi(\theta|\underline{x}) = \frac{H(\underline{x}, \theta)}{\int_0^\infty H(\underline{x}, \theta) d\theta} \quad (5)$$

then equation (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta|\underline{x}) &= \frac{\theta^{n+\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n+\alpha)} [\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c)]^{n+\alpha} e^{-\theta(\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c))} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

so

$$(\theta|\underline{x}) \sim G(n+\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c)}).$$

Under squared error loss, the Bayes estimator of the parameter  $\theta$  of Burr XII distribution is the mean of the posterior of  $\theta$  and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_1 = E(\theta|\underline{x}) &= \int_0^\infty \theta \pi(\theta|\underline{x}) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\alpha+n}{\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c)} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

when  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 0$ , equation (7) becomes

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{n}{\sum \ln(1+x_i^c)}$$

i.e., the same as the MLE.

#### Estimation of Reliability

Reliability is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} R &= P(X < t) = 1 - P(X \leq t) \\ &= 1 - F_x(t) \\ &= 1 - [1 - (1+t^c)^{-\theta}] \\ &= (1+t^c)^{-\theta}, \quad t > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Under square error loss, the Bayes estimator of reliability is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_1 &= E[(1+t^c)^{-\theta}|\underline{x}] \\ &= \int_0^\infty (1+t^c)^{-\theta} \pi(\theta|\underline{x}) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+\alpha)} [\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c)]^{n+\alpha} \int_0^\infty \theta^{n+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta(\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c) + \ln(1+t^c))} d\theta \\ &= \left[ \frac{\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c)}{\beta + \sum \ln(1+x_i^c) + \ln(1+t^c)} \right]^{n+\alpha} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

#### 2. The case of type I censoring

Instead of observing the complete sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , suppose that we observe the failure items  $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$  in the interval  $(0, t_0]$ . Then the conditional pdf of the observed sample is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(\underline{y}|\theta, R=r) &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \prod_{i=1}^r f(y_i) [1 - F(t_0)]^{n-r} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \frac{c^r \theta^r (\prod_{i=1}^r y_i)^{c-1}}{(\prod_{i=1}^r (1+y_i^c))^{\theta+1}} (1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta(n-r)}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$0 \leq Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r, \theta > 0$ , where  $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$ .

Now, the posterior pdf can be calculated as the follows

$$\pi(\theta|\underline{y}) = \frac{L(\underline{y}|\theta) \pi(\theta)}{\int_0^\infty L(\underline{y}|\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta} [\beta + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (n-r) \ln(1 + t_0^c)]^{r+\alpha}}{(1 + t_0^c)^{\theta(n-r)} (\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + y_i^c))^\theta \Gamma(\alpha + r)} \quad (11)$$

Under squared error loss, the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  is the posterior mean given by

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = E(\theta | \underline{y}) = \int_0^\infty \theta \pi(\theta | \underline{y}) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\alpha + r}{\beta + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (n-r) \ln(1 + t_0^c)} \quad (12)$$

when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , then equation (12) becomes

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{r}{\sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (n-r) \ln(1 + t_0^c)}$$

i. e., the same as MLE.

The Bayes estimator of reliability is

$$\hat{R}_2 = E[(1 + t^c)^{-\theta} | \underline{y}]$$

$$= \int_0^\infty (1 + t^c)^{-\theta} \pi(\theta | \underline{y}) d\theta$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\beta + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (n-r) \ln(1 + t_0^c)}{\beta + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (n-r) \ln(1 + t_0^c) + \ln(1 + t^c)} \right]^{r+\alpha} \quad (13)$$

### 3. The case of partial ordering I

Assume that we observe the lifetime of the units which failed in the interval  $(0, t_0]$  and obtain the number of failures in the interval  $(t_0, t_1]$ . Let  $\underline{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$ , the conditional joint probability density function (jpdf) of the observed sample is given by

$$L(\underline{y} | \theta)$$

$$= f(r, k) f(\underline{y} | R = r, K = k, \theta)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k! (n-r-k)!} [F(t_0)]^r [F(t_1) - F(t_0)]^k [1 - F(t_1)]^{n-r-k} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{f(y_i)}{F(t_0)}$$

$$= \frac{n! [(1+t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1+t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k [(1+t_1^c)^{-\theta(n-r-k)} c^r \theta^r (\prod_{i=1}^r y_i)^{c-1}]}{(n-r-k)! k! (\prod_{i=1}^r (1+y_i^c))^{\theta+1}}$$

Then the pdf of the posterior is

$$\pi(\theta | \underline{y}) = \frac{L(\underline{y} | \theta) \pi(\theta)}{\int_0^\infty L(\underline{y} | \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta} \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{[(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}}{[1 + t_1^c]^{\theta(n-r-k)} [\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c)]^\theta \int_0^\infty \frac{[(1+t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1+t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}}{[(1+t_1^c)^{\theta(n-r-k)} (\prod_{i=1}^r (1+y_i^c))^\theta]^\theta} d\theta}$$

Now

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{[(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}}{[(1 + t_1^c)^{\theta(n-r-k)} (\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c))^\theta]^\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^\infty [(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta} d\theta$$

$$+ (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta[\beta + (n-r-k) \ln(1+t_1^c) + \sum \ln(1+y_i^c)]} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{r+\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j (1 + t_1^c)^{-j\theta} (1 + t_0^c)^{-(k-j)\theta} e^{-\theta[\beta + (n-r-k) \ln(1+t_1^c) + \sum \ln(1+y_i^c)]} d\theta$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \int_0^\infty \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta A_j} d\theta$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \frac{\Gamma(r + \alpha)}{A_j^{r+\alpha}} \quad (16)$$

where

$$A_j = \beta + (n-r-k) \ln(1 + t_1^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (k-j) \ln(1 + t_0^c)$$

Therefore, equation (15) becomes

$$\pi(\theta | \underline{y}) = \frac{[(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}}{[1 + t_1^c]^{\theta(n-r-k)} [\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c)]^\theta \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \frac{\Gamma(r+\alpha)}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}}$$

Under squared error loss, the Bayes estimate of the parameter  $\theta$  is the posterior mean given by

$$\hat{\theta}_3 = E(\theta | \underline{y}) = \int_0^\infty \theta \pi(\theta | \underline{y}) d\theta$$

$$= (r + \alpha) \frac{\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha+1}}}{\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} \quad (18)$$

(14) and the Bayes estimate of R is

$$\hat{R}_3 = \int_0^\infty [1 + t^c]^{-\theta} \pi(\theta | \underline{y}) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{[(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^k \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}}{[1 + t_1^c]^{\theta(n-r-k)} [\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c)]^\theta \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \frac{\Gamma(r+\alpha)}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r + \alpha) \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j (1 + t_1^c)^{-j\theta} (1 + t_0^c)^{-(k-j)\theta}}{[1 + t_1^c]^{\theta(n-r-k)} [\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c)]^\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r + \alpha) \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta B_j} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(r + \alpha) \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} \int_0^\infty \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \theta^{r+\alpha-1} e^{-\theta B_j} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{B_j^{r+\alpha}}}{\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{A_j^{r+\alpha}}} \quad (20)$$

where

$$A_j = \beta + (n-r-k) \ln(1 + t_1^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + (k-j) \ln(1 + t_0^c)$$

$$B_j = \beta + (n + j - r - k) \ln(1 + t_1^c) + (k - j) \ln(1 + t_0^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + \ln(1 + t^c)$$

4. Case of type II censoring

Observe the first  $r$  failures  $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$ . The posterior distribution is

$$\pi(\theta|y) = \frac{f(y|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\int_0^\infty f(y|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\pi(\theta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta\beta}, \quad \theta, \alpha, \beta > 0$$

$$f(y|\theta)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \prod_{i=1}^r f(y_i) [1 - F(y_r)]^{n-r} \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \frac{c^r \theta^r (\prod_{i=1}^r y_i)^{c-1} (1 + y_r^c)^{-\theta(n-r)}}{(\prod_{i=1}^r (1 + y_i^c))^{\theta+1}}, \quad 0 \leq Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_r$$

therefore,

$$\pi(\theta|y) = \frac{\theta^{r+\alpha-1} (1 + y_r^c)^{-\theta(n-r)} e^{-\theta\beta} [\beta + (n-r) \ln(1 + y_r^c)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(r+\alpha) [\prod (1 + y_i^c)]^\theta + \sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta A_{jl}}}{A_{jl}^\alpha}}$$

Under squared error loss, the Bayes estimator of the parameter  $\theta$  is the posterior mean and is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_4 = E(\theta|y) = \int_0^\infty \theta \pi(\theta|y) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\beta + (n-r) \ln(1 + y_r^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c)}{r + \alpha} \quad (24)$$

And the Bayes estimator of reliability is

$$\hat{R}_4 = \int_0^\infty [1 + t^c]^{-\theta} \pi(\theta|y) d\theta$$

$$= \left[ \frac{\beta + (n-r) \ln(1 + y_r^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c)}{\beta + (n-r) \ln(1 + y_r^c) + \sum \ln(1 + y_i^c) + \ln(1 + t^c)} \right]^{r+\alpha}$$

5. The case of partial ordering II

Assume that we obtain  $k_1$  be the number of failures observed in the interval  $(0, t_0]$  and obtain  $k_2$  be the number of failures observed in the interval  $(t_0, t_1]$  *mi. e.*,

$$k_1 = \text{number of observed in } (0, t_0]$$

$$k_2 = \text{number of observed in } (t_0, t_1]$$

$$k_3 = n - k_1 - k_2.$$

Let

$$p_1 = P(x \leq t_0) = F_x(t_0) = 1 - (1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta}$$

$$p_2 = P(t_0 < x \leq t_1) = F_x(t_1) - F_x(t_0) = (1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}$$

$$p_3 = P(x > t_1) = 1 - P(x \leq t_1) = 1 - F_x(t_1) = (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}$$

The likelihood function is given by

$$L(k_1, k_2 | \theta) = \frac{n!}{k_1! k_2! k_3!} [1 - (1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta}]^{k_1} [(1 + t_0^c)^{-\theta} - (1 + t_1^c)^{-\theta}]^{k_2} [1 + t_1^c]^{-\theta k_3} \quad (26)$$

Then the posterior of  $\theta$  is given by

$$\pi(\theta|x) = \frac{H(x, \theta)}{\int_0^\infty H(x, \theta) d\theta} = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} (-1)^{j+l} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta A_{jl}}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l}}{A_{jl}^\alpha}} \quad (27)$$

where

$$A_{jl} = \beta + (l + k_3) \ln(1 + t_1^c) + (j + k_2 - l) \ln(1 + t_0^c)$$

Under squared error loss, the Bayes estimator of the parameter  $\theta$  of Burr XII distribution is the mean of the posterior of  $\theta$  is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_5 = E(\theta|y) = \int_0^\infty \theta \pi(\theta|y) d\theta = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l}}{A_{jl}^{\alpha+1}}}{\sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l}}{A_{jl}^\alpha}} \quad (28)$$

And the Bayes estimator of reliability is

$$\hat{R}_5 = \int_0^\infty [1 + t^c]^{-\theta} \pi(\theta|y) d\theta = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l}}{[A_{jl} + \ln(1 + t^c)]^\alpha}}{\sum_{j=0}^{k_1} \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \frac{(-1)^{j+l}}{A_{jl}^\alpha}} \quad (29)$$

IV. CONCLUSION

To compare between the five different sampling plans by MSE we take

Case (1): Complete sample.

Case (2): Type I censoring.

Case (3): Partial ordering I.

Case (4): Type I censoring.

Case (1): Partial ordering II.

where  $c$  known and  $\theta$  unknown.

To compare the results obtained in each sampling plan, we take (1)  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 3$  (2)  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 6$  and generate a value of  $\theta$  from Gamma distribution and then generate random sample of size 10, 20, 40 from Burr XII when  $c = 2$  and generated  $\theta = 0.6414, 0.3417$ . We repeated the simulation 1000 times. For each sampling plan we computed Bayes estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$ ,  $\hat{R}$  of  $R$ , and MSE for each. Stopping  $t_0 = 2, t_1 = 5$ , and  $t = 3$  for reliability.

The following notation were used

$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_i$  means of Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  in the  $i$ -th sampling plan. *i. e.*,

$$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_i = \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{j=1}^{1000} \hat{\theta}_{ij}$$

and

$$MSE = \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{j=1}^{1000} (\hat{\theta}_{ij} - \theta_{(given)})^2$$

$\bar{\hat{R}}_i$  mean of Bayes estimator of  $R$  in the  $i$ -th sampling plan. *i. e.*,

$$\bar{\hat{R}}_i = \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{j=1}^{1000} \hat{R}_{ij}$$

and

$$MSE = \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{j=1}^{1000} (\hat{R}_{ij} - R_{(given)})^2$$

The results are given in tables (1) - (4). We write *case (i) < case(j)* to mean MSE of the estimator in *case (i) < MSE of the estimator in case(j)*. Prior to  $\theta$  is  $G(\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta})$ .

Table (1)

$\alpha = 2, \beta = 3, c = 2, \theta = 0.6414, t_0 = 2, \text{ and } t_1 = 5$										
$n$	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_1$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_2$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_3$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_4$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_5$	MS
1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0
	7	4	3	1	0	5	9	6	2	4
	9	9	7	7	7	5	7	1	3	2
	2	1	3	2	9	4	0	2	7	1
2	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	6	0	6	0	5	0	6	0	6	0
	5	1	1	4	9	5	5	1	1	3
	2	3	4	5	3	2	0	1	2	8
	1	5	1	2	8	1	3	6	4	2
3	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	6	0	5	0	5	0	6	0	6	0
	4	0	9	5	9	4	5	0	0	2
	5	9	1	1	1	9	2	8	1	1
	8	1	8	5	1	1	1	5	5	4

$n = 10$ : *case 2 < case 5 < case 1 < case 3 < case 4*

$n = 20$ : *case 1 < case 4 < case 5 < case 2 < case 3*

$n = 30$ : *case 4 < case 1 < case 5 < case 3 < case 2*

Table (2)

$\alpha = 2, \beta = 3, c = 2, \theta = 0.6414, t = 3, R = 0.2283, t_0 = 2, \text{ and } t_1 = 5$										
$n$	$\bar{\hat{R}}_1$	MS	$\bar{\hat{R}}_2$	MS	$\bar{\hat{R}}_3$	MS	$\bar{\hat{R}}_4$	MS	$\bar{\hat{R}}_5$	MS
1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
	0	6	2	4	5	9	5	8	1	5
	3	2	2	7	3	0	1	8	6	1
	5	2	3	9	7	3	0	2	8	5
2	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
	1	4	6	6	9	5	6	9	0	5
	3	1	1	0	8	3	3	2	0	2
	8	8	5	3	3	7	2	5	1	5
3	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
	1	4	6	8	2	4	3	5	4	7
	3	0	6	3	3	5	8	1	5	2
	5	1	1	1	5	2	5	1	8	4

$n = 10$ : *case 2 < case 5 < case 1 < case 4 < case 3*

$n = 20$ : *case 1 < case 5 < case 3 < case 2 < case 4*

$n = 30$ : *case 1 < case 3 < case 4 < case 5 < case 2*

Table (3)

$\alpha = 2, \beta = 6, c = 2, \theta = 0.3417, t_0 = 2, \text{ and } t_1 = 5$										
$n$	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_1$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_2$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_3$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_4$	MS	$\bar{\hat{\theta}}_5$	MS
1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0
	4	0	4	0	6	1	5	0	6	0
	0	1	6	1	3	2	3	5	2	9
	5	1	5	9	8	5	6	2	2	1
2	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0
	5	0	4	0	2	2	5	0	3	1
	6	5	9	3	1	7	1	4	0	8
	3	0	8	7	5	3	2	1	0	0
3	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0
	2	4	5	0	1	5	4	0	2	4

	0	3	2	4	8	3	1	1	4	1
	1	9	5	5	8	2	0	0	7	8

$n = 10$ : case 1 < case 2 < case 4 < case 3  
 < case 5  
 $n = 20$ : case 2 < case 4 < case 1 < case 5  
 < case 3  
 $n = 30$ : case 4 < case 2 < case 5 < case 1  
 < case 3

Table (4)

$\alpha = 2, \beta = 6, c = 2, \theta = 0.3417, t = 3, R = 0.4553, t_0 = 2, \text{ and } t_1 = 5$										
$n$	$\widehat{R}_1$	$MS$	$\widehat{R}_2$	$MS$	$\widehat{R}_3$	$MS$	$\widehat{R}_4$	$MS$	$\widehat{R}_5$	$MS$
1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
	1	3	8	0	6	0	1	1	8	0
	0	1	8	8	0	1	6	0	2	6
	5	2	9	0	5	3	4	3	3	5
2	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
	2	2	8	0	4	0	1	2	7	0
	1	9	6	7	9	1	3	0	0	5
	9	4	2	2	7	7	4	9	9	1
3	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
	2	2	7	0	3	0	0	4	6	0
	5	3	4	7	6	7	0	7	8	4
	5	5	3	5	4	1	1	1	1	1

$n = 10$ : case 3 < case 5 < case 2 < case 4  
 < case 1  
 $n = 20$ : case 3 < case 5 < case 2 < case 1  
 < case 4  
 $n = 30$ : case 5 < case 3 < case 2 < case 1  
 < case 4

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