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Tests for departure from normality. Empirical results for the distributions of b_2 and $\sqrt{b_1}$

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SUMMARY

This paper is a preliminary to a detailed survey of the relative powers of a number of omnibus and directional tests of nonnormality. The probability integrals of $\sqrt{b_1}$ and b_2 , the standardized third and fourth moment statistics, are found for random samples from a normal distribution. Main attention is given to b_2 . Extensive computer simulation and curve fitting have been used to provide charts of probability levels out to the 0.1% point, for $20 \le n \le 200$. For $\sqrt{b_1}$, the parameters of Johnson's symmetrical S_U approximation are tabled for values of n between 8 and 1000. An illustration is given of two 'omnibus' tests applying the charts and table, involving the joint use of $\sqrt{b_1}$ and b_2 .

Some key words: Testing for departure from normality; Omnibus tests; Directional tests; Skewness and kurtosis; Third and fourth moment statistics; Simulation.

1. Introduction

The earliest work on testing for departure from normality was based on the distributions of the standardized 3rd and 4th moments,

$$\sqrt{b_1} = m_3/m_2^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad b_2 = m_4/m_2^2$$

in random samples of n observations from a univariate normal population, where for a sample x_1, \ldots, x_n of mean m_1 , we define $m_r = \sum (x_i - m_1)^r/n$. The null hypothesis distributions used were approximate and apart from Geary's (1947a, b) work for very small samples, approximation has been more and more uncertain the smaller is n and the further it is taken out into the tails of the distributions. For example, Pearson (1965) gave only 5 and 1% points for $\sqrt{b_1}$ with $n \ge 25$ and b_2 with $n \ge 50$.

The paper of Shapiro & Wilk (1965) has stimulated fresh interest in the subject. Their test criterion, W, is based on an entirely new principle involving the ratio of two estimates of variance and makes no direct use of the sample third and fourth moments. Computer simulations by Shapiro, Wilk & Chen (1968) and Chen (1971), using samples from a wide variety of nonnormal populations suggested that their criterion compared favourably as regards power with a number of alternative tests, including two-tail tests using $\sqrt{b_1}$ and b_2 separately. The test criterion, W, in fact, seems to provide what might be termed a very good 'omnibus' test. The original test covered the range $3 \le n \le 50$. Shapiro & Francia (1972) have shown

how the test may be extended on certain assumptions to larger samples, using an analogous criterion W'. Here, if $x_{(i)}$ are the ordered observations,

$$W' = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_{(i)} \right\}^2 / \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \overline{x})^2 \right\},$$

where the b_i depend only on the expected values of the normal order statistics (Harter, 1961; Pearson & Hartley, 1972, Table 9).

It has seemed to us that a rather fuller, comparative investigation would be valuable, involving also the power of 'directional' tests; these it may be appropriate to use if, as will sometimes be the case, prior knowledge suggests, for example, that if a population is not normal it is likely to be skew with the longer tail of its distribution in a specified direction. To carry out this survey it has been necessary to derive as reliable an approximation as possible to the probability integrals of $\sqrt{b_1}$ and b_2 , for samples as small as n=20, and going out not merely to the 1% but to the 0·1% points. Some work on these lines involving computer simulations had already been published by one of us (D'Agostino & Tietjen, 1971).

The present paper is primarily concerned with outlining the procedure leading to the two charts, Figs. 1 and 2, from which an empirical probability integral for b_2 can be derived for $20 \le n \le 200$. A brief statement is also included on the approximation to the distribution of $\sqrt{b_1}$ already described elsewhere. Finally we illustrate the combined use of these two statistics in two 'omnibus' tests comparable with those based on W and W'.

Work, now almost complete, will provide a critical study of the relative power of a variety of 'omnibus' and 'directional' tests of departure from normality for samples of 20, 50 and 100 using fresh simulation samples, drawn mainly from the same populations as were considered by Shapiro *et al.* (1968) and Chen (1971).

2. Empirical cumulative distribution function for b_2 in normal samples

Because we could not derive the true mathematical distribution of b_2 , it was clear that the foundation of our investigation must be some very extensive computer simulations; these were particularly necessary in the lower, abrupt tails of the distributions and, to a lesser extent, in the fine, upper tails. For a large stretch of the central portion less extensive simulation showed that use might be made of curves of the Johnson S_U or Pearson systems, as most appropriate, having the correct first four moments. The simulations were for samples of size n=20(5)50, 100, 200. Full details will be given in a Report issued by the Mathematics Department of Boston University, but we give in Table 1 a summary of the simulations involved. Several points should be noted:

- (a) At n = 20 the point $\beta_1(b_2) = 3.019$, $\beta_2(b_2) = 8.540$, falls into the Johnson S_B area; we did not attempt to provide a 4-moment graduating curve because here the simulation results were sufficiently numerous and smooth for a graduating curve to be drawn with the help of a spline.
- (b) For n=25(5)50, S_U curves were drawn having the correct first four moments, the parameters being determined as suggested by Johnson (1965). While failing at the lower tail and to a lesser extent at the upper tail of the cumulative distribution curve, $P=F(b_2|n)$, they fitted the simulation points very well in the main central position.
- (c) To draw a smooth curve, combining the simulation and S_U data, needed the exercise of personal judgement which clearly, in places, must have involved some error.

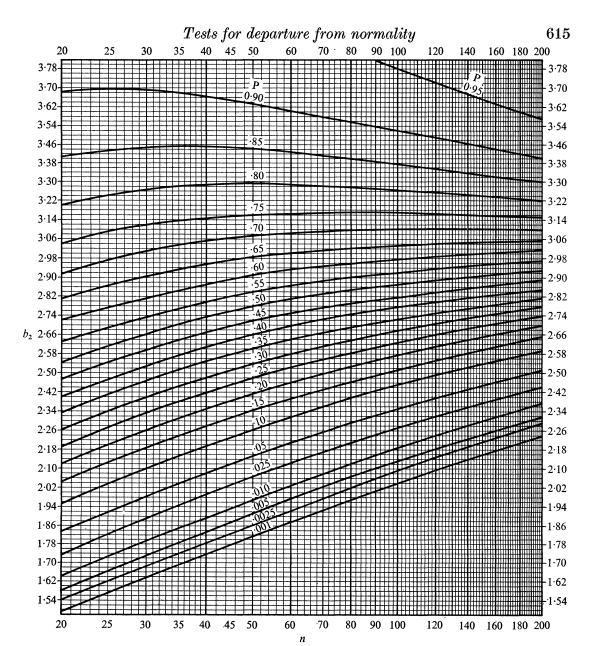


Fig. 1. Empirical probability integral, P, of the distribution of b_2 in samples of n observations from a normal population.

- (d) For n=100 and 200, Type IV Pearson curves with the correct first four moments provided better fits than S_U curves to the available simulation points. The drawing of these Pearson curves involved the use of the standardized percentage points, now given to 4 decimal places in Table 32 of Pearson & Hartley (1972); to these D. E. Amos & S. L. Daniel, in an unpublished Sandia Laboratory report, have added the extreme points at P=0.001 and 0.999.
- (e) To ease the splining, some intermediate points on the $P = F(b_2|n)$ curves were obtained using 5-point Lagrangian interpolation, for which appropriate coefficients are provided by Pearson & Hartley (1972, Table 69).

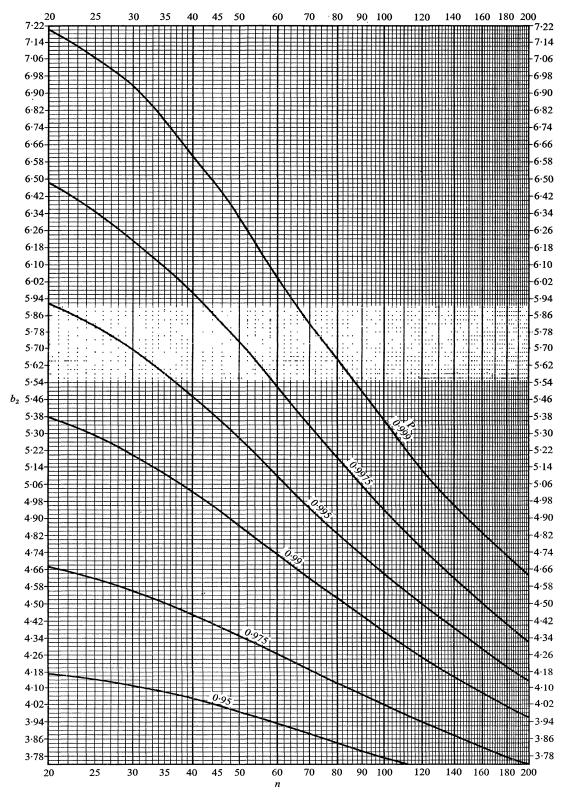


Fig. 2. Empirical probability integral, P, of the distribution of b_2 in samples of n observations from a normal population.

(f) Note, as shown in Table 1, that for n=30, 100 and 200 there were no simulations in the central portions of the cumulative curves, because in the last two cases the amount of machine time that would have been involved seemed prohibitive. But as the Pearson curves fitted the upper tail simulation points excellently and slid smoothly into the curves indicated by the lower tail simulations, it was assumed that they might be used in the central portion.

	Lower tail		Central portion	Upper tail		
Sample size	Range covered by simulation	$\stackrel{ ightharpoonup}{ ext{No. of}}$ samples	$\mathbf{No.}\ \mathbf{of}$ samples	Range covered by simulation	No. of samples	
20	$P \leqslant 0.0176$	110,000	20,000	$P \geqslant 0.9967$	110,000	
25	$P \leqslant 0.0120$	55,000	20,000	$P \geqslant 0.9965$	55,000	
30	$P \leqslant 0.0072$	55,000	\mathbf{None}	$P \geqslant 0.9956$	55,000	
					or more	
35	$P \leqslant 0.00415$	40,000	10,000	$P \geqslant 0.9978$	40,000	
40	$P \leqslant 0.01$	50,000	10,000	$P \geqslant 0.90$	50,000	
45	$P \leqslant 0.0106$	40,000	10,000	$P \geqslant 0.9966$	40,000	
50	$P \leqslant 0.0137$	52,000	24,000	$P \geqslant 0.9916$	39,000	
100	$P \leqslant 0.0181$	40,000	\mathbf{None}	$P \geqslant 0.9896$	40,000	
200	$P \leqslant 0.0127$	16,000	\mathbf{None}	$P \geqslant 0.9857$	16,000	

Table 1. Summary table of simulations for the distribution of b,

3. METHOD OF COMPUTATION

The computer used was the IBM 360, model 50, at Boston University. The simulation required the generation of normal deviates. This was accomplished by first generating a uniform deviate using the IBM subroutine RANDU and then transforming this to normality using an approximation due to Hastings [Abramowitz & Stegun, 1964, p. 933, formula (26·2·23)]. It is believed that this method should be more than adequate to provide the normal deviates required.

Where for b_2 , and later for $\sqrt{b_1}$, the simulation frequencies in the central portion of the distributions have not been actually recorded, the complete simulation was nevertheless carried out. Where the samples were large, only the observations in the extreme tails of the b_2 and $\sqrt{b_1}$ distributions were ordered in most cases. This resulted in a great saving in computer time since it meant that only a small fraction of the sampling distribution had to be manipulated.

4. Derivation of cumulative probability curves

From the nine cumulative probability curves, each for a different value of n, values of b_2 were read off corresponding to $P=0.001,\,0.0025,\,0.005,\,0.01,\,0.025,\,0.05,\,0.10,\,0.25,\,0.50,\,0.75,\,0.90,\,0.95,\,0.975,\,0.99,\,0.995,\,0.9975$ and 0.999. As a check on smoothness, first differences of b_2 were taken in the n direction, for n=20(5)50, at each of these 17 P-values. A few irregularities were then removed where this seemed justifiable on re-examination of the original $P=F(b_2|n)$ curves.

To fill in gaps it was found easiest to plot b_2 against $\log n$, and the abscissa-scale in Figs. 1 and 2 is a single-cycle logarithmic one. There was still a long gap between n=50 and 100, and between n=100 and 200; to avoid bridging this entirely by splining we proceeded as follows. Since Pearson curves with the correct first four moments appeared to give a good fit

at n = 50, 100 and 200 in the range 0.02 < P < 0.98, the seventeen percentage points were also calculated at:

\boldsymbol{n}	${f Mean}$	S.D.	$\sqrt{\beta_1}$	$oldsymbol{eta_2}$	
75	2.92105	0.512340	1.409913	7.493339	
150	2.96026	0.380586	1.091706	5.825808	

With an adjustment at the tails suggested by the curves with neighbouring values of n, the resulting points (b_2, P) lay almost exactly on the curves which had already been obtained using the spline. This result seemed to justify a very reasonable confidence in the adequacy of the procedure on which Figs. 1 and 2 were built, although we make no claim to perfection. The most likely errors are in the very high P curves, but here the curves are so far separated that errors become of less importance.

Finally, it will be noted that we have inserted curves on the charts for P = 0.15, 0.20, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.80 and 0.85. The appropriate values were obtained by interpolation between the 17 standard values, using the 5-point Lagrangian tables referred to above.

To judge the significance of a single b_2 value the curves are clearly more than adequate, but it is also possible to obtain from them reasonable approximations to the probability integral, P, given b_2 . The following examples illustrate this point.

Example 1. Suppose that n = 82 and $b_2 = 2.17$, what is pr $(b_2 \le 2.17 | n = 82)$?

Put a rule vertically along the grid line in Fig. 1 for n = 82. Then use of a horizontal rule, if possible transparent, shows that this vertical cuts four P-curves as follows:

Plot b_2 as ordinate against P as abscissa on finely squared paper. Join the four points with the help of a 'French curve'; it is found that pr $(b_2 \le 2 \cdot 17) = 0 \cdot 0160$. Any adequate table of the normal probability integral shows that $X(b_2) = -2 \cdot 14$.

Example 2. Again, suppose n = 82 and $b_2 = 4.621$. What is pr $(b_2 \ge 4.621 | n = 82)$? From Fig. 2 we obtain the following:

$$P$$
 0.975 0.990 0.995 0.9975 b_2 4.11 4.51 4.81 5.15

Again, after plotting and joining the four points with a smooth curve, we find

$$pr(b_2 \le 4.621) = 0.992, \quad pr(b_2 \ge 4.621) = 0.008.$$

Hence from tables of the normal probability integral the equivalent normal deviate is $X(b_2) \simeq 2.41$.

Of course if the (b_2, n) point falls in one of the extreme regions of the figures, i.e. between the 0.001 and 0.0025 or between the 0.9975 and 0.999 curves, this graphical interpolation will be less accurate, but in any case the extreme (P, b_2) curves are not here too reliable.

5. The probability integral of $\sqrt{b_1}$

We recapitulate here an approximation using a symmetrical Johnson S_U curve which was first suggested by one of us (Pearson, 1965) and more fully investigated by the other (D'Agostino, 1970). In the latter paper comparisons were made between the fraction of

values of $|\sqrt{b_1}|$ in 20,000 simulated normal samples falling beyond the two-tailed 0·01, 0·02, 0·05, 0·10 and 0·20 points derived from the S_U distribution having the correct first four moments. The sample sizes taken were n = 8, 10, 15 and 20. The agreement was good, the fractions, α , never differing by more than 0·002 at n = 20.

To reinforce this work, further simulations were undertaken. Table 2 shows comparisons at the 1% point and further out. It will be seen that except at the 0·1% point the S_U and simulation figures never differ by more than 0·01 in terms of $\sqrt{b_1}$ as unit. In Table 3 we present results covering the full range of the distribution for samples with n=100. Here the body of

Table 2. Comparison of simulation and S_U approximation percentage points of $\sqrt{b_1}$ in the tails of its sampling distribution

$\mathbf{No.\ of}$												
samples	11,	250	21,	000	15,	000	15,	000	23,	000	10,000	(8,000)
n	2	0	2	5	3	0	3	5	5	0	10	00
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α	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$
0.010	1.15	1.15	1.07	1.06	0.98	0.98	0.93	0.92	0.78	0.79	0.56	0.57
0.005	1.30	1.30	$1 \!\cdot\! 22$	1.20	1.11	1.12	1.04	1.04	0.88	0.89	0.65	0.64
0.0025	1.44	1.45	1.35	1.34	1.23	1.24	$1 \cdot 17$	1.16	0.98	0.99	0.71	0.70
0.0010	1.61	1.65	1.47	1.52	1.41	1.41	1.33	$1 \cdot 32$	1.09	1.12	0.80	0.79

The necessarily symmetrical distributions have been 'doubled over' so that the frequencies so obtained are divisible by twice the number of samples. As the sampling frequencies were recorded at values of $\sqrt{b_1}$ increasing by units of 0·01, an interpolation process was needed to estimate the position of the percentage points.

Table 3. Comparison of simulation and S_U approximation for upper tail probabilities, Q, of $\sqrt{b_1}$ in samples of n = 100

Q = 1 - P					Q = 1 - P					Q = 1 - P		
$\sqrt{b_1}$	N	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	$\sqrt{b_{1}}$	N	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	$\sqrt{b_1}$	N	\mathbf{Sim}	$S_{\it U}$	
0.02		0.460	0.465	0.30	8,000	0.1007	0.1001	0.58	10,000	0.0085	0.0088	
0.06		0.398	0.397	0.34	8,000	0.0733	0.0743	0.62	21,000	0.0060	0.0059	
0.10		0.334	0.332	0.38		(0.0533)	0.0541	0.66	21,000	0.0044	0.0039	
0.14	8,000	$\{0.274$	0.272	0.42		0.0384	0.0388	0.70		0.0025	0.0026	
0.18		0.221	0.219	0.46	10,000	0.0266	0.0273	0.74		(0.0017)	0.0017	
0.22		0.172	0.172	0.50		0.0193	0.0190	0.78	19,000	$\{0.0012$	0.0011	
0.26		0.134	0.132	0.54		0.0128	0.0130	0.82		0.0008	0.0007	

N = number of samples of n = 100 drawn from a normal population. The observed numbers of samples giving $\sqrt{b_1}$ below a given negative value and above the corresponding positive value were added and the sum divided by 2N to obtain the simulation estimate of Q.

the table gives the values of Q = 1 - P, where P is the probability integral, for simulation samples and for the S_U distribution, with $\sqrt{b_1} = 0.02(0.04)0.82$. Remembering that (a) the standard errors of the simulation estimates are such that true differences may be obscured, and (b) for a given sample size, the simulation values are to some extent correlated, we consider that these results are such as to justify the use of the S_U approximation.

The approximation is represented by the transformation

$$X(\sqrt{b_1}) = \delta \sinh^{-1}(\sqrt{b_1/\lambda}),\tag{1}$$

where X is a standardized normal deviate, with zero mean and unit standard deviation. The parameters δ and $1/\lambda$ are functions of the variance and $\beta_2(\sqrt{b_1})$ in samples from a normal population which, in turn, are simply functions of the sample size n. To avoid reference to tables of $\sinh^{-1}x$, D'Agostino (1970) presented the parameters in a form involving a natural logarithm. However, in our Table 4 we provide what we believe to be an adequate table of δ and $1/\lambda$ for n = 8(1)50(2)100(5)250(10)500(20)1000.

6. Two 'omnibus' tests for departure from normality based on both
$$\sqrt{b_1}$$
 and b_2 , $20 \leqslant n \leqslant 200$

Two 'omnibus' tests suggest themselves, both depending on the fact that, under the null hypothesis, $\sqrt{b_1}$ and b_2 are independent and also that the charts and table given in §§ 4 and 5 above enable us to obtain approximately either

- (a) standardized normal equivalent deviates, $X(\sqrt{b_1})$ and $X(b_2)$ or
- (b) the probability integrals $P(\sqrt{b_1})$ and $P(b_2)$, corresponding on the null hypothesis to any observed couplet $\sqrt{b_1}$, b_2 .

First test. Having found $P(b_2|n)$ by the procedure described in § 4, the corresponding standardized normal deviate is obtainable from any appropriate tables of the normal function, i.e. $X(\sqrt{b_1})$ is found from equation (1) and Table 4, if necessary applying the small correction suggested by Table 2 for n < 30.

Then if the hypothesis of population normality is true

$$\chi^2(\nu=2) = X^2(\sqrt{b_1}) + X^2(b_2) \tag{2}$$

will be distributed as a χ^2 having 2 degrees of freedom, and significance may be examined in the usual way.

Second test. This was first suggested by one of us (Pearson, 1938, p. 137) and further illustrated by Neyman & Pearson (1938, pp. 51-7). If u and v are two independent random variates having densities under the null hypothesis denoted by $p(u|H_0)$ and $p(v|H_0)$, we put

$$q_1 = \begin{cases} 2 \int_U^\infty p(u|H_0) \, du & \text{if } U \text{ is above its median,} \\ 2 \int_{-\infty}^U p(u|H_0) \, du & \text{if } U \text{ is below its median,} \end{cases}$$

where U is the observed value of u. Also we use a similar definition for v and q_2 ; then under the null hypothesis

$$\chi^2(\nu = 4) = -2\log(q_1 q_2) \tag{3}$$

will be distributed as a χ^2 having 4 degrees of freedom.

If $u = \sqrt{b_1}$ and $v = b_2$, then q_2 is found as in §4 and q_1 from the $X(\sqrt{b_1})$ provided by Table 4. It follows that equation (3) provides an alternative test based jointly on the two beta criteria. These two tests are bound to produce very similar answers. Neyman & Pearson (1938, p. 54, fig. 4) showed how close together the critical contours were in the normalized $X(\sqrt{b_1})$, $X(b_2)$ space, when the test level was $\alpha = 0.05$. We have found a very similar position for $\alpha = 0.01$ and 0.20.

Any further comparative discussion of these tests and of others, both 'omnibus' and

Table 4. Coefficients in normalizing transformation for $\sqrt{b_1}$

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n	δ	1/λ	n	δ	1/λ	n	δ	1/λ
8	5.563	0.3030	62	3.389	1.0400	260	5.757	1.1744
9	4.260	0.4080	64	3.420	1.0449	270	5.853	1.1761
10	3.734	0.4794	66	3.450	1.0495	280	5.946	1.1779
			68	3.480	1.0540	290	6.039	1.1793
11	3.447	0.5339	70	3.510	1.0581	300	6.130	1.1808
12	3.270	0.5781						
13	3.151	0.6153	72	3.540	1.0621	310	6.220	1.1821
14	3.069	0.6473	74	3.569	1.0659	320	6.308	1.1834
15	3.010	0.6753	76	3.599	1.0695	330	6.396	1.1846
			78	3.628	1.0730	340	$6 \cdot 482$	1.1858
16	2.968	0.7001	80	3.657	1.0763	350	6.567	1.1868
17	2.937	0.7224						
18	2.915	0.7426	82	3.686	1.0795	360	6.651	1.1879
19	2.900	0.7610	84	3.715	1.0825	370	6.733	1.1888
20	2.890	0.7779	86	3.744	1.0854	380	6.815	1.1897
			88	3.772	1.0882	390	6.896	1.1906
21	2.884	0.7934	90	3.801	1.0909	400	6.976	1.1914
22	2.882	0.8078						
23	2.882	0.8211	92	3.829	1.0934	410	7.056	1.1922
24	2.884	0.8336	94	3.857	1.0959	420	$7 \cdot 134$	1.1929
25	2.889	0.8452	96	3.885	1.0983	430	7.211	1.1937
			98	3.913	1.1006	440	7.288	1.1943
26	2.895	0.8561	100	3.940	1.1028	450	7.363	1.1950
27	2.902	0.8664						
28	2.910	0.8760	105	4.009	1.1080	460	$7 \cdot 438$	1.1956
29	2.920	0.8851	110	4.076	1.1128	470	7.513	1.1962
30	2.930	0.8938	115	$4 \cdot 142$	$1 \cdot 1172$	480	$7 \cdot 586$	1.1968
			120	4.207	$1 \cdot 1212$	490	7.659	1.1974
31	2.941	0.9020	125	4.272	1.1250	500	7.731	1.1979
32	2.952	0.9097						
33	2.964	0.9171	130	4.336	1.1285	520	7.873	1.1989
34	2.977	0.9241	135	4.398	1.1318	540	8.013	1.1998
35	2.990	0.9308	140	$4 \cdot 460$	1.1348	560	8.151	1.2007
			145	4.521	1.1377	580	8.286	1.2015
36	3.003	0.9372	150	4.582	1.1403	600	8.419	1.2023
37	3.016	0.9433						
38	3.030	0.9492	155	4.641	1.1428	620	8.550	1.2030
39	3.044	0.9548	160	4.700	$1 \cdot 1452$	640	8.679	1.2036
4 0	3.058	0.9601	165	4.758	$1 \cdot 1474$	660	8.806	1.2043
			170	4.816	1.1496	680	8.931	1.2049
41	3.073	0.9653	175	4.873	1.1516	700	9.054	1.2054
42	3.087	0.9702						
43	3.102	0.9750	180	4.929	1.1535	720	9.176	1.2060
44	3.117	0.9795	185	4.985	1.1553	740	9.297	1.2065
45	3.131	0.9840	190	5.040	1.1570	760	9.415	1.2069
			195	5.094	1.1586	780	9.533	1.2073
46	3.146	0.9882	200	5.148	1.1602	800	9.649	1.2078
47	3.161	0.9923						
48	3.176	0.9963	205	5.202	1.1616	820	9.763	1.2082
49	3.192	1.0001	210	5.255	1.1631	840	9.876	1.2086
50	3.207	1.0038	215	5.307	1.1644	860	9.988	1.2089
			220	5.359	1.1657	880	10.098	1.2093
52	3.237	1.0108	225	5.410	1.1669	900	10.208	1.2096
54	3.268	1.0174						
56	3.298	1.0235	230	5.461	1.1681	$\boldsymbol{920}$	10.316	1.2100
58	3.329	1.0293	235	5.511	1.1693	940	10.423	1.2103
6 0	3.359	1.0348	240	5.561	1.1704	960	10.529	1.2106
			245	5.611	$1 \cdot 1714$	980	10.634	1.2109
			250	5.660	$1 \cdot 1724$	1000	10.738	1.2111
			$X(\sqrt{b_1}$	$\delta = \delta \sinh \theta$	$a^{-1}(\sqrt{b_1/\lambda})$			

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'directional' will be left to a second communication. We shall here merely give a brief example.

Example 3. Suppose that in a sample of n=82 observations it is found that $\sqrt{b_1}=0.506$ and $b_2=4.621$. Is there evidence of departure from normality in the population sampled? Proceeding as suggested, we find, with P denoting the probability integral, for

$$\begin{split} u &= \sqrt{b_1}, \quad P = 0.0271, \quad X = 1.9247, \quad q_1 = 0.0542 = 2P(\sqrt{b_1}); \\ v &= b_2, \quad P = 0.992, \quad X = 2.41, \quad q_2 = 0.0165 = 2\{1 - P(b_2)\}; \\ \chi^2(\nu = 2) &= 9.51, \quad \text{pr} \ (\chi^2 \geqslant 9.51 \big| \nu = 2) = 0.0086, \quad \text{from (2)}; \\ \chi^2(\nu = 4) &= 14.10, \quad \text{pr} \ (\chi^2 \geqslant 14.10 \big| \nu = 4) = 0.0070 \quad \text{from (3)}. \end{split}$$

The values corresponding to b_2 are obtained from Example 2.

The observed point $(\sqrt{b_1}, b_2)$ is therefore just outside the 1% critical contour of both 'omnibus' tests and the difference in significance probabilities is consistent with the close proximity and crossing over of the critical contours in the $X(\sqrt{b_1})$, $X(b_2)$ plane.

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