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1. An engineer admits that the times to failure (in hours) of compressors used in process plants are continuous i.i.d. r.v. with unknown constant failure rate  $\lambda$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ). She simultaneously observed five process plants for 8760 hours and three compressors were replaced during that period. (1.5)

Compute a 90% confidence interval for the expected time to failure of such a compressor.

• **Failure time**

$T =$  failure time of a compressor  $\sim$  exponential( $\lambda$ ),  $\lambda > 0$  (UNKNOWN)

[The exponential distribution is the only continuous distribution with constant failure rate.]

• **Censored data**

Since the test lasted for  $t_0 = 8760$  hours and any compressor is replaced (as soon as it fails), we are dealing with a Type I/item censored testing with replacement.

• **Confidence interval for  $\lambda$**

If we take into account that

- $CI_{(1-\alpha) \times 100\%}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{Table 5.16}}{=} \left[ \frac{F_2^{-1}(\alpha/2)}{\chi_{(2r)}^2}; \frac{F_2^{-1}(1-\alpha/2)}{\chi_{(2r+2)}^2} \right] = [\lambda_L; \lambda_U]$ ,
- $(1 - \alpha) \times 100\% = 90\%$ ,  $n = 5$  (five process plants were observed),  $r = 3$  (replacements, i.e., failures during the test),
- and the cumulative total time in a Type I/item censored test with replacement equals  $\tilde{t} \stackrel{\text{Def. 5.17}}{=} n \times t_0 = 5 \times 8760 = 43800$ ,

then we get

$$CI_{90\%}(\lambda) = \left[ \frac{F_2^{-1}(0.05)}{\chi_{(2 \times 3)}^2}; \frac{F_2^{-1}(0.95)}{\chi_{(2 \times 3 + 2)}^2} \right] \stackrel{\text{tables}}{=} \left[ \frac{1.635}{2 \times 43800}; \frac{15.51}{2 \times 43800} \right]$$

• **Confidence interval for  $E(T)$**

$E(T) = 1/\lambda$  is a decreasing function of  $\lambda > 0$ , thus

$$CI_{95\%}(1/\lambda) = \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_U}; \frac{1}{\lambda_L} \right] \approx \left[ \frac{2 \times 43800}{15.51}; \frac{2 \times 43800}{1.635} \right] \approx [5647.969; 53577.982].$$

2. Consider an upper one-sided  $\bar{X}$ -chart, with control limits  $LCL = -\infty$  and  $UCL = \mu_0 + \gamma \times \sigma_0 / \sqrt{n}$ , for monitoring a normally distributed quality characteristic  $X$ . (1.5)

Derive,  $\xi(\delta, \theta)$ , the probability that this chart triggers a signal in the presence of a shift in the expected value and the standard deviation with magnitudes  $\delta = \sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0)/\sigma_0$  and  $\theta = \sigma/\sigma_0$  (respectively).

Obtain  $\xi(\gamma, \theta)$  and comment on this result.

- **Quality characteristic and control statistic**

$$X \sim \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$\bar{X}_N =$  mean of the  $N^{\text{th}}$  random sample of size  $n$

$\bar{X}_N \sim \text{normal}(\mu = \mu_0 + \delta \sigma_0 / \sqrt{n}, \sigma^2 / n = (\theta \sigma_0)^2 / n)$ , where  $\delta = \sqrt{n}(\mu - \mu_0) / \sigma_0$  ( $\delta \geq 0$ ) and  $\theta = \sigma / \sigma_0$  ( $\theta \geq 1$ ) represents a shift in the expected value and in the standard deviation  $\sigma$  (respectively).

- **Control limits of the upper one-sided  $\bar{X}$ -chart**

$$LCL = -\infty, \quad UCL = \mu_0 + \gamma \sigma_0 / \sqrt{n}$$

- **Requested probability**

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\mu(\delta, \theta) &= P(\bar{X}_N \notin [LCL, UCL] \mid \delta, \theta) \\ &= 1 - \left[ \Phi\left(\frac{UCL - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{LCL - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) \right] \\ &\stackrel{LCL = -\infty}{=} 1 - \Phi\left[\frac{(\mu_0 + \gamma \sigma_0 / \sqrt{n}) - (\mu_0 + \delta \sigma_0 / \sqrt{n})}{\frac{\theta \sigma_0}{\sqrt{n}}}\right] \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\gamma - \delta}{\theta}\right), \quad \delta \geq 0, \quad \theta \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- **Particular case of  $\xi_\mu(\delta, \theta)$ ; comment**

Since

$$\xi_\mu(\gamma, \theta) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\gamma - \gamma}{\theta}\right) = 1 - \Phi(0) = 0.5, \quad \theta \geq 1,$$

we can add that, in the presence of a (large) shift in the expected value with magnitude  $\delta = \gamma$ , the RL of the upper one-sided  $\bar{X}$ -chart is a geometric r.v. with parameter 0.5, regardless of the value of  $\theta$ . Hence, in this particular case, this chart is insensitive to any changes in the standard deviation of the normally distributed quality characteristic  $X$ .

3. An upper one-sided CUSUM chart for Poisson output has been set with no head start,  $LCL = 0$ ,  $UCL = 1$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 0.25$  and reference value  $k = 1$ . (1.0)

Calculate the probability that this chart triggers a false alarm after the collection of the first sample.

- **Upper one-sided CUSUM chart for Poisson output**

$$Z_N = \begin{cases} 0, & N = 0 \\ \max\{0, Z_{N-1} + (Y_N - k)\}, & N \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases} \quad (\text{control statistic})$$

$$LCL = 0, \quad UCL = 1, \quad k = 1 \text{ (reference value)}, \quad u = 0 \text{ (initial value of } Z_N, \text{ no head-start)}$$

- **In-control run length and requested probability**

It is represented by  $RL^u(\theta = 0)$ , [has a phase-type distribution,] and

$$\begin{aligned} P[RL^0(0) > 1] &\stackrel{\text{Table 10.3}}{=} \underline{e}_0^\top \times [\mathbf{Q}(0)] \times \underline{1} \\ &= \text{sum of the entries of the 1st. line of } \mathbf{Q}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $UCL = x = k = 1$  and  $\lambda_0 = 0.25$ , we have:  $\underline{e}_0^\top = [1 \quad 0]$ ;  $\underline{1} = [1 \quad 1]^\top$ ; according to (10.8) and (10.10)

$$\mathbf{Q}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} F_{Poi(\lambda_0)}(k) & P_{Poi(\lambda_0)}(k+1) \\ F_{Poi(\lambda_0)}(k-1) & P_{Poi(\lambda_0)}(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{Poisson(0.25)}(1) & P_{Poi(0.25)}(1+1) \\ F_{Poi(0.25)}(1-1) & P_{Poi(0.25)}(1) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[RL^0(0) > 1] &= F_{Poisson(0.25)}(1+1) \\ &\stackrel{\text{table}}{=} 0.9978. \end{aligned}$$