

Title : An Efficiency Comparison of Testing the Homogeneity of Variances in Two Populations Using Nonparametric Statistics

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this research is to compare the efficiency of the Fligner-Killeen test, Ansari-Bradley test, and Moses test for testing homogeneity of variances between two populations, considering their ability to control the probability of type I error and power of a test, when data are normal distribution, beta distribution, and Weibull distribution. Sample sizes were (10,10), (20,20), (30,30), (20,10), (30,15), and (40,20), with variance ratios of 1, 1.5, 2.25, and 3.375 at a significance level of 0.05. This research used 40,000 simulations for each scenario.

The simulation results indicated that, when the data were normal distribution, beta distribution, and Weibull distribution, Fligner-Killeen test, Ansari-Bradley test, and Moses test can control the estimation of the probability of type I error in all cases. Furthermore, when considering the estimation of the test power, it was found that most Fligner-Killeen test provided the highest power estimate when the data were normal distribution. However, when sample size were small, the Ansari-Bradley test provided the highest power estimate for both equal and unequal sample sizes, when the data is Weibull distribution, Fligner-Killeen test provides the highest power estimate in all cases, when the data is beta distribution, Ansari-Bradley test provided high power estimate for equal sample sizes, while for unequal sample sizes, Fligner-Killeen test generally provides the highest power estimate.