

Appendix. Proof of relation (3) for $\alpha \leq 0.05$.

For the arguments, we will need the following result that follows from Lemma 1 Bakirov (1989) and its proof.

Lemma 1 *Let $g(s)$, $s \in (0, 1]$ be a continuously differentiable function such that*

$$g(s) > 0, \quad g'(s) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } s \in (0, 1], \quad (\text{A.1})$$

and let $f(s)$, $s \in (0, 1]$ be a continuous function such that

$$f(s)(s - s_0) \geq 0 \quad \text{for some } s_0 \in [0, 1), \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\int_0^1 f(s) ds > 0. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Then $\int_0^1 f(s)g(s)ds > 0$.

For completeness, we provide the proof of Lemma 1 below.

Proof of Lemma 1. It suffices to show that $\int_\epsilon^1 f(s)g(s)ds > 0$ for all $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$. It is easy to see that from conditions (A.2) and (A.3) it follows that $\int_\epsilon^1 f(s)ds > 0$ for all $\epsilon \in [0, 1)$. This, together with (A.1), implies, using integration by parts, that

$$\int_\epsilon^1 f(s)g(s)ds = g(\epsilon) \int_\epsilon^1 f(s)ds + \int_\epsilon^1 g'(s) \int_x^1 f(s)ds dx > 0 \quad (\text{A.4})$$

for all $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$. The proof is complete.

Proof of relation (3) for $\alpha \leq 0.05$. Denote $R = \frac{qcv^2}{cv^2 + q - 1}$.

As in Bakirov (1989), we have

$$P(|t| > cv) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{R}s^{q/2} ds}{\sqrt{\left(\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k + 1} - R\right) \prod_{k=1}^q (x_k + s)}},$$

where $x_k = R\sigma_k^2$ and, using multiplication of all σ_k , $k = 1, \dots, q$, by a constant,

$$\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k + 1} = R. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Let $z = \max_{1 \leq k \leq q} x_k$. Fixing all x_k , except $x_i = z$ and $x_j = y$ and considering $x_j = y$ as a function of z , one obtains that the derivative of the probability $P(|t| > x)$ with respect to z at the point $x = (x_1, \dots, x_q)$ is given by (see Bakirov (1989))

$$M = \frac{y - z}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{L(z, y, P(x, s))}{\sqrt{1 - s}} U(x, s) ds, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where

$$L(z, y, v) = \frac{A + Bs}{(z + s)(y + s)} - \frac{2s(A + \frac{1+s}{2}B)}{(z + s)^2(y + s)^2v}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$U(x, s) = \frac{s^{q/2-1}\sqrt{R}}{\sqrt{P(x, s) \prod_{k=1}^q (x_k + s)}}, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

$$P(x, s) = \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{(x_k + 1)(x_k + s)}, \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$A = yz - 1, \quad B = y + z + 2. \quad (\text{A.10})$$

As in Bakirov (1989), from condition (A.5) it follows that $(z + s)(y + s)P(x, s) \geq sR$, and, therefore, the following estimate holds:

$$\frac{2\pi M}{y - z} \geq \int_0^1 \frac{U(x, s)}{(z + s)(y + s)\sqrt{1 - s}} \left(A + Bs - \frac{2(A + \frac{1+s}{2}B)}{R} \right). \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Define the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(s, y, z, R) &= \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \left(A + Bs - \frac{2(A + \frac{1+s}{2}B)}{R} \right) \exp \left[R \frac{\ln(s) - s}{2(1+z)} \right] \\ g^*(s, y, z, R) &= \frac{U(x, s)s^\alpha}{(z+s)(y+s)} \exp \left[-R \frac{\ln(s) - s}{2(1+z)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

According to (A.11), thus,

$$\frac{2\pi M}{y-z} \geq \int_0^1 f^*(s, y, z, R) g^*(s, y, z, R) ds \quad (\text{A.12})$$

(the above-defined functions f^* and g^* differ from the functions $f(s) = \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}}(A + Bs - 2(A + \frac{1+s}{2}B)/R)$ and $g(s) = U(x, s)s^\alpha/((z+s)(y+s))$ in Bakirov (1989) by the additional factors $e^{R(\ln(s)-s)/(2(1+z))}$ and $e^{-R(\ln(s)-s)/(2(1+z))}$, respectively).

Let us show, using Lemma 1 that

$$\int_0^1 f^*(s, y, z, R) g^*(s, y, z, R) ds > 0. \quad (\text{A.13})$$

Clearly, condition (A.2) is satisfied for f^* if $R \geq 2$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ln g^*(s, y, z, R)}{\partial s} &= \frac{\frac{q}{2} - 1 + \alpha}{s} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{1}{x_k + s} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{(x_k+1)(x_k+s)^2}}{P(x, s)} - \frac{1}{y+s} - \\ \frac{1}{z+s} - \frac{R(1-s)}{2s(1+z)} &\geq \frac{1}{2s} \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k + s} - \frac{1-\alpha}{s} + \frac{1}{2(z+s)} - \frac{1}{y+s} - \frac{1}{z+s} - \frac{R(1-s)}{2s(1+z)} \end{aligned}$$

since $\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k(z+s)}{(x_k+1)(x_k+s)^2} \geq P(x, s)$ and $\sum_{k=1}^q \left(\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{x_k+s} \right) = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+s}$. Now note that $\frac{x}{x+s}$ is a convex function of s , so that it is uniformly larger than its tangent at the point $s = 1$, i.e.

$$\frac{x}{x+s} \geq \frac{x}{x+1} + (1-s) \frac{x}{(x+1)^2} \quad \text{for all } s \in [0, 1]. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

Therefore, $\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+s}$ is a convex function of s , so that it is uniformly larger than its tangent at the point $s = 1$, i.e.

$$\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+s} \geq \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+1} + (1-s) \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{(x_k+1)^2} \quad \text{for all } s \in [0, 1].$$

Also, $\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k(z+1)}{(x_k+1)^2} \geq \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+1} = R$, so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^q \frac{x_k}{x_k+s} \geq R + (1-s) \frac{R}{1+z}.$$

Using the last inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ln g^*(s, y, z, R)}{\partial s} &\geq \frac{R}{2s} + \frac{R}{2(1+z)} \frac{1-s}{s} - \frac{1-\alpha}{s} - \frac{1}{y+s} - \frac{1}{2(s+z)} - \frac{R}{2(1+z)} \frac{1-s}{s} \\ &\geq \frac{R}{2s} - \frac{1-\alpha}{s} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{2(s+z)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

From (A.15) it follows that conditions (A.1) are satisfied for g^* if

$$R \geq 4 - 2\alpha + \frac{1}{1+z}. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial f^*(s, y, z, R)}{\partial y} = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z, R) ds,$$

where

$$\tilde{f}(s, z, R) = \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \left(z - \frac{1+2z}{R} + s \left(1 - \frac{1}{R} \right) \right),$$

$$\tilde{g}(s, z, R) = \exp \left[R \frac{\ln(s) - s}{2(1+z)} \right].$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, z, R) ds &= \left(z - \frac{1+2z}{R} \right) \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1.5-\alpha)} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{R} \right) \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(2.5-\alpha)} = \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(2.5-\alpha)} \left[\left(z - \frac{1+2z}{R} \right) (1.5-\alpha) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{R} \right) (1-\alpha) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.17})$$

the functions $\tilde{f}(s, z, R)$ and $\tilde{g}(s, z, R)$ satisfy conditions of Lemma 1 and, thus, $\partial f^*(s, y, z, R)/\partial y > 0$ for

$$R > \frac{5 - 4\alpha + 2(3 - 2\alpha)z}{2 - 2\alpha + (3 - 2\alpha)z}. \quad (\text{A.18})$$

Obviously, (A.18) is satisfied if

$$R > \frac{5 - 4\alpha}{2 - 2\alpha}. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

From the above we conclude that, under (A.19), inequality (A.3) holds if

$$\int_0^1 f^*(s, 0, z, R) ds = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z, R) ds > 0, \quad (\text{A.20})$$

where $\tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) = \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \frac{-(R+z)+(R-1)(2+z)s}{R}$. We have that the functions \tilde{f}_1 and \tilde{g} satisfy the conditions of Lemma 1 if

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) ds > 0, \quad (\text{A.21})$$

that is, for

$$\frac{(-2 - z + R(2 + z))\Gamma(2 - \alpha)}{\Gamma(2.5 - \alpha)} - \frac{(R + z)\Gamma(1 - \alpha)}{\Gamma(1.5 - \alpha)} > 0 \quad (\text{A.22})$$

or, equivalently,

$$(-2 - z + R(2 + z))(1 - \alpha) - (R + z)(1.5 - \alpha) > 0. \quad (\text{A.23})$$

Condition (A.23) is satisfied if

$$R > \frac{4 - 4\alpha + (5 - 4\alpha)z}{1 - 2\alpha + (2 - 2\alpha)z}. \quad (\text{A.24})$$

Clearly, (A.24) implies (A.19).

First, let $R \geq \tilde{R} = (5 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 3.618$ and let $\alpha = (4 - R_0)/2 + 1/(2(1 + z)) = 3/4 - \sqrt{5}/4 + 1/(2(1 + z)) \approx 0.191 + 1/(2(1 + z))$. Condition (A.16) is trivially satisfied. It is easy to check that inequality (A.22) and, thus, (A.19), are satisfied for $z > \tilde{z} = \frac{-\tilde{R}^2 + 6\tilde{R} - 6}{\tilde{R}^2 - 4\tilde{R} + 3} = (3 + \sqrt{5})/(1 + \sqrt{5}) \approx 1.618$. We conclude that (A.13) holds for $R \geq \tilde{R}$ and $z > \tilde{z}$.

Let us now show that (A.13) is also satisfied for $R \geq \tilde{R}$ and $0 \leq z \leq \tilde{z}$.

We first make the following observation. Let z_0 and z_1 be such that $0 \leq z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ and let $R_0 \leq R$. Then

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z, R) ds = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0) \frac{\tilde{g}(s, z, R)}{\tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0)} ds.$$

Since

$$\frac{\partial \ln \frac{\tilde{g}(s, z, R)}{\tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0)}}{\partial s} = \frac{R}{2(1+z)} \left(\frac{1}{s} - 1 \right) - \frac{R_0}{2(1+z_1)} \left(\frac{1}{s} - 1 \right) \geq 0 \quad (\text{A.25})$$

from Lemma 1 it follows that it suffices to show that $\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0$ to be able to conclude that $\int_0^1 f_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}(s, z, R) ds > 0$. In addition,

$$\frac{\partial f_1(s, z, R)}{\partial z} = \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \frac{-1 + (R-1)s}{R}$$

and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{-1 + (R-1)s}{R} \right) \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} ds &= \frac{(R-1)\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(2.5-\alpha)} - \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1.5-\alpha)} = \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1.5-\alpha)} \left(R(1-\alpha) - 2.5 + \alpha \right) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

if (A.19) holds. Consequently, under condition (A.19), by Lemma 1,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\partial \tilde{f}(s, z, R)}{\partial z} \tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0) ds \geq 0$$

and it suffices to show $\int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, z_0, R) \tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0$ to conclude that, for all $z \in [z_0, z_1]$, inequality (A.20) and, therefore, (A.13) holds.

Finally, note that

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{f}(s, z_0, R)}{\partial R} = \frac{s^{-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \frac{z + s(2+z)}{R^2} \geq 0$$

so that it, under (A.19), it suffices to show

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, z_0, R_0) \tilde{g}(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0 \quad (\text{A.26})$$

to conclude that for all $z \in [z_0, z_1]$ and $R \geq R_0$, inequality (A.13) is satisfied.

It is easy to check that conditions (A.16) and (A.19) are satisfied for all $R \geq \tilde{R}$ and $z \geq 0$ if $\alpha = 5/2 - \tilde{R}/2 = (5 - \sqrt{5})/4 \approx 0.691$.

From the above discussion we conclude that, in order to show that (A.13) holds for $R \geq \tilde{R}$ and $0 \leq z \leq \tilde{z}$, it suffices to check that, for a sufficiently small Δ and all $1 \leq m \leq \tilde{z}/\Delta + 1$, $\mathcal{I}(m, \Delta) = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, (m-1)\Delta, \tilde{R})\tilde{g}(s, m\Delta, \tilde{R})ds > 0$.

Using numerical computation, one can check that, for $\Delta = 0.1$ and all $1 \leq m \leq \tilde{z}/\Delta + 1$, $\mathcal{I}(m, \Delta) > \mathcal{I}(0, \Delta) \approx 0.0076 > 0$. This implies that (A.13) is satisfied for $R \geq \tilde{R}$ and $0 \leq z \leq \tilde{z}$, and, therefore, for all $z \geq 0$.

From the above arguments it follows that it remains to consider the case where $x_i = R/(k-R)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $x_i = 0$, $i = k+1, \dots, n$ for some $1 \leq k \leq n$. That is, as in Bakirov (1989), we need to compare the quantities

$$\Phi_k = \Phi_k(R) = P\left(|T_k| > \sqrt{\frac{R(k-1)}{k-R}}\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{s^{k/2-1} ds}{\sqrt{(z_k+s)^{k-1}(1-s)}}, \quad R < k \leq n \quad (\text{A.27})$$

where $z_k = \frac{R}{k-R}$. We have that

$$\Phi'_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 f_1^*(s, z_k, R)g(s, z_k, R)ds,$$

where

$$f_1^*(s, z, R) = \tilde{f}_1^*(s, z, R)\tilde{g}_1^*(s, z, R),$$

$$\tilde{f}_1^*(s, z, R) = \frac{s^{1-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \left(z + z^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{R}\right) - (z+s) \ln \left(1 + \frac{z}{s}\right) \right),$$

$$\tilde{g}_1^*(s, z, R) = \exp \left[R \frac{\ln(s) - s}{2(1+z)} \right],$$

$$g_1^*(s, z, R) = \frac{s^{k/2-2+\alpha}}{(z+s)^{(k+1)/2}} \exp \left[-R \frac{\ln(s) - s}{2(1+z)} \right].$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial[\ln g_1^*(s, z_k, R)]}{\partial s} = \frac{k-4+2\alpha}{2s} - \frac{k+1}{2(z_k+s)} - \frac{R}{2s(z_k+1)} + \frac{R}{2(z_k+1)} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha - 5/2}{s} + \frac{k+1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{z_k + s} \right] - \frac{R}{2s(z_k + 1)} = \\ & \frac{\alpha - 5/2}{s} + \frac{(k+1)z_k}{2s(z_k + s)} - \frac{R}{2(z_k + 1)s} + \frac{R}{2(z_k + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using again (A.14), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial[\ln g_1^*(s, z_k, R)]}{\partial s} & \geq \frac{\alpha - 5/2}{s} + \frac{k+1}{2s} \left[\frac{z_k}{z_k + 1} + (1-s) \frac{z_k}{(z_k + 1)^2} \right] - \\ \frac{R}{2(z_k + 1)s} + \frac{R}{2(z_k + 1)} & = \frac{\alpha - 5/2}{s} + \frac{k+1}{2s} \left[\frac{R}{k} + (1-s) \frac{R}{k(z_k + 1)} \right] - \frac{(1-s)R}{2(z_k + 1)s}. \end{aligned}$$

Evidently, the last expression is nonnegative for $R \geq 5 - 2\alpha$.

As in Bakirov (1989), we have that

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1^*(s, z, R) \geq \frac{\Gamma(0.5)\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\Gamma(2.5-\alpha)} h(z),$$

where $h(z) = 2(1-\alpha) \left[z + z^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{R}\right) - (1+z) \ln(1+z) \right] - z^2/2$. It is not difficult to check that, for $R \geq \tilde{R}_1 = 3.7$ and $\alpha = 5/2 - \tilde{R}_1/2 = 0.65$,

$$h''(z) = -1 + 4(1-\alpha) \left(1 - \frac{1}{R}\right) - \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+z} \geq 0$$

for

$$z \geq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{4(1-\alpha) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\tilde{R}_1}\right) - 1} - 1 \approx 31.38.$$

Since the function $\tilde{g}_1^*(s, z, R)$ is nondecreasing, from Lemma 1 we conclude that

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1^*(s, z, R) > 0$$

for all $z \geq 32$ and $R \geq \tilde{R}_1$.

Let now z_0 and z_1 be such that $0 \leq z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ and $R_0 \leq R$. Using (A.25), we conclude, as before that it suffices to show that

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}_1(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0$$

for all $0 \leq z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ and $R_0 \leq R$ to be able to conclude that

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R) \tilde{g}_1(s, z, R) ds > 0 \quad (\text{A.28})$$

for all $0 \leq z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$ and $R_0 \leq R$.

In addition, since

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_1^*(s, z, R)}{\partial R} = \frac{s^{1-\alpha} z^2}{R^2 \sqrt{1-s}} > 0$$

we conclude that (A.28) is satisfied if

$$\mathcal{I}(z) = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}_1(s, z, R_0) \tilde{g}_1(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0$$

for all $0 \leq z_0 \leq z \leq z_1$.

Finally, we note that it suffices to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}''(z_0) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{f}_1(s, z_0, R_0)}{\partial z^2} \tilde{g}_1(s, z_1, R_0) ds = \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{s^{1-\alpha}}{\sqrt{1-s}} \left(2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{R_0} \right) - \frac{1}{z_0 + s} \right) \tilde{g}_1(s, z_1, R_0) ds > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.29})$$

to be able to conclude that

$$\mathcal{I}(z) > \mathcal{I}(z_0) + \mathcal{I}'(z_0)(z - z_0).$$

Since, as is easy to see, $\mathcal{I}(0) = \mathcal{I}'(0) = 0$, from the above discussion we conclude that, in order to show that (A.28) holds for $R \geq \tilde{R}_1$ and $0 \leq z \leq \tilde{z}$, it suffices to check that, for a sufficiently small Δ and all $1 \leq m \leq \tilde{z}/\Delta + 1$,

$$\mathcal{I}(m, \Delta) = \int_0^1 \left(2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\tilde{R}} \right) - \frac{1}{(m-1)\Delta + s} \right) \tilde{g}_1(s, m\Delta, \tilde{R}) ds > 0.$$

Using numerical computation, one can check that, for $\Delta = 0.1$ and all $1 \leq m \leq \tilde{z}/\Delta + 1$, $\mathcal{I}(m, \Delta) > \mathcal{I}(0, \Delta) \approx 0.012 > 0$. This implies that (A.13) is satisfied for $R \geq \tilde{R}_1$ and $0 \leq z \leq \tilde{z}$, and, therefore, for all $z \geq 0$.

Using Lemma 1 we conclude that (A.27) is increasing in $R < k \leq n$ for all $R \geq \tilde{R}_1$. This also implies that

$$P\left(|T_{q-1}| > \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{R}_1(q-1)}{q - \tilde{R}_1}}\right) > P\left(|T_{14}| > \sqrt{\frac{13\tilde{R}_1}{14 - \tilde{R}_1}}\right) \approx 0.0503$$

for all $q \geq 15$. Since, as we discussed before, (A.13) is satisfied for all $z \geq 0$ if $R \geq \tilde{R}$, where $\tilde{R} = (5 + \sqrt{5})/2 < \tilde{R}_1 = 3.7$, in view of (A.12), this completes the proof of the theorem for all $q \geq 14$.

Let us now show that (A.13) is satisfied for $5 \leq q \leq 13$ and $R \geq \tilde{R}(q) = \frac{q(5-2\alpha)}{q+1}$, where $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}(q) = \frac{-2+5q-\sqrt{4+5q^2}}{4q}$.

Note that condition (A.5) implies that $\max_{1 \leq k \leq q} x_k/(x_k + 1) \geq R/q$, and, therefore, since $s/(s+1)$ is increasing in $s \geq 0$, $z = \max_{1 \leq k \leq q} z_k \geq R/(q-R) = z_{min}$. Consequently, conditions (A.16) and (A.19) are satisfied if and $R \geq \tilde{R}(q)$.

For $\alpha = 2 - \tilde{R}(q)/2 + 1/(2(1+z))$, condition (A.16) and (A.22) are satisfied for $R \geq \tilde{R}(q)$ and $z > \frac{-\tilde{R}^2(q)+6\tilde{R}(q)-6}{\tilde{R}^2(q)-4\tilde{R}(q)+3} = \tilde{z}(q)$. This implies that (A.13) holds for $R \geq \tilde{R}(q)$ and $z > \tilde{z}(q)$.

In view of the above arguments, for completion of the proof, it remains to check that, for $5 \leq q \leq 13$, (A.26) is satisfied with $z_0 = z_0(q) = \tilde{R}(q)/(q - \tilde{R}(q))$, $z_1 = \tilde{z}(q)$, $\alpha = \tilde{\alpha}(q)$ and $R_0 = \tilde{R}(q)$.

Numerical calculations shows that, indeed, for $5 \leq q \leq 13$, with the above-defined α , z_0 , z_1 and R_0 ,

$$I(q) = \int_0^1 \tilde{f}(s, z_0(q), \tilde{R}(q)) \tilde{g}(s, \tilde{z}(q), \tilde{R}(q)) ds \geq I(13) > 0. \quad (\text{A.30})$$

We have that $\tilde{R}(5) = 3.19648$, $\tilde{R}(6) = 3.25462$, $\tilde{R}(7) = 3.29873$, $\tilde{R}(8) = 3.33333$, $\tilde{R}(9) = 3.36119$, $\tilde{R}(10) = 3.38409$, $\tilde{R}(11) = 3.40325$, $\tilde{R}(12) = 3.41951$ and $\tilde{R}(13) = 3.43349$.

Numerical calculations show that

$$P\left(|T_{q-1}| > \sqrt{\frac{R(q)(q-1)}{q-R(q)}}\right) \geq P\left(|T_5| > \sqrt{\frac{4R(5)}{5-R(5)}}\right) \approx 0.056$$

for $5 \leq q \leq 13$. Consequently, the theorem holds for all $q \geq 5$. The proof is complete.

References

- BAKIROV, N. (1989): “The Extrema of the Distribution Function of Student’s Ratio for Observations of Unequal Accuracy are Found,” *Journal of Soviet Mathematics*, 44, 433–440.