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## Parameter Estimation in Cosine Regression

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A problem arising in nuclear reactor measurements is studied: Parameters and zero points of the function  $a_2 \cos(a_1(x - a_3))$  are estimated on the basis of observations within an subinterval of the cosine half-period. The precision of the estimates is described by asymptotic formulas and extensive tables.

Исследуется проблема возникающая в связи с обработкой реакторных измерений: оценивать параметры и нулевые точки функции  $a_1 \cos(a_2(x - a_3))$  на основе наблюдений из некоторого подинтервала полупериода функции косинус. Точность оценок описана асимптотическими формулами и детальными таблицами.

Vyšetřuje se problém, který vzniká při vyhodnocování reaktorových měření: odhad parametrů a nulových bodů funkce  $a_2 \cos(a_1(x - a_3))$  na základě pozorování z nějakého podintervalu kosinové půlperiody. Přesnost odhadů je popsána asymptotickými vzorci a podrobnými tabulkami.

### 1. Introduction

Consider the function

$$f(x; a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1 \cos(a_2(x - a_3)),$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are unknown parameters satisfying

$$a_1 > 0, \quad a_2 > 0, \quad 0 \leq a_2 a_3 \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The origin  $x = 0$  is thus placed between the left endpoint and middle-point of cosine half-wave; Fig. 1.

The parameters  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  and zero-points  $H^\pm = a_3 \pm \frac{\pi}{2a_2}$  are to be estimated by means of observations

$$y_i = f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3) + \varepsilon_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N,$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent random variables, normally distributed with zero expect-

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tations and variances  $\sigma_i^2$ , and  $x_i$  are equidistant dividing points of some subinterval  $[c, d]$  of the cosine half-period  $\left[ a_3 - \frac{\pi}{2a_2}, a_3 + \frac{\pi}{2a_2} \right]$ .

The variances  $\sigma_i^2$  of observational errors  $\varepsilon_i$  are supposed to be of one of the following two types,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(I)} \quad \sigma_i^2 &= \sigma^2 a_1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \\ \text{(II)} \quad \sigma_i^2 &= \sigma^2 f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma^2$  is a known constant or another unknown parameter.

For estimators  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3$  of the parameters, we shall take the solutions of the system of equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^N w_i (y_i - f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3)) \frac{\partial f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3)}{\partial a_j} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3,$$

where we put  $w_i \equiv 1$  in the case I and  $w_i = 1/y_i$  in the case II. The estimators of zero-points are then  $\hat{H}^\pm = \hat{a}_3 \pm \pi/2\hat{a}_2$ . The estimators introduced are thus the modified maximum likelihood estimators.

For  $N \rightarrow \infty, a_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , we shall derive in both cases I and II expressions for variances and covariances of the asymptotic normal distribution of suitably normalized estimators  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3$  and  $\hat{H}^\pm$ , respectively. The expressions depend on  $a_1, a_2, a_3, c, d$  only through the two quantities

$$\gamma = -2a_2(c - a_3)/\pi, \quad \delta = 2a_2(d - a_3)/\pi,$$

which makes possible their tabulation.

Notice that  $\gamma$  [or  $\delta$ , respectively] is the coordinate of the point  $c$  [ $d$ ] in a scale with the origin in the midpoint of the cosine half-period and with the  $+1$  coordinate in its left end- [right end-] point; Fig. 1.

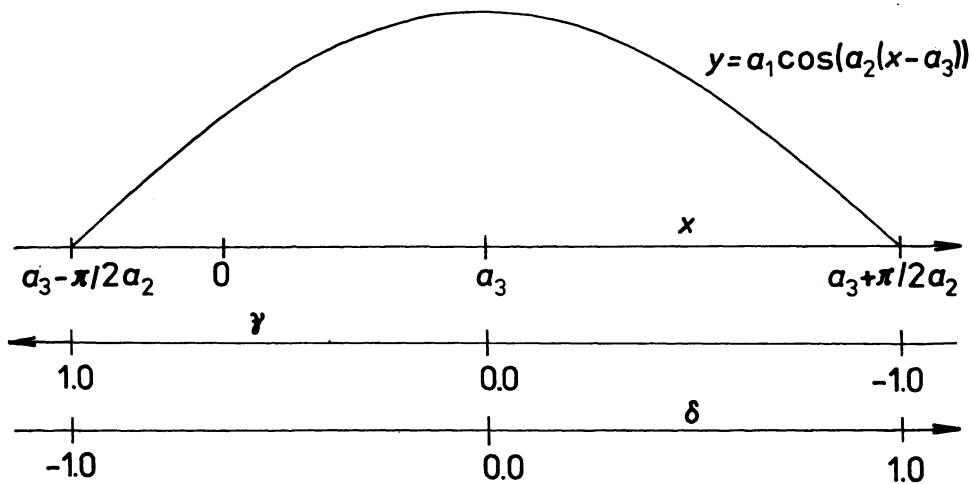


Fig. 1.

## 2. An Application

The described estimation problem is encountered in reactor physics experiments, viz. in axial measurements of the neutron flux density distribution, where mainly the parameters  $a_2, H^+, H^-$  (buckling, upper and lower extrapolated height) are of special interest.

The case II with  $\sigma^2 = 1$  corresponds to a situation, when the only source of errors is the Poissonian type of variables  $y_i$  (as pulse rates); in the case II with  $\sigma^2 > 1$ , additional random errors cause a  $\sigma^2$ -fold enlargement of Poissonian variances. The case I corresponds to a situation, when random errors with constant variance fully predominate over Poissonian ones. In reactor measurements,  $N$  is usually of the order of magnitude  $10^1 \sim 10^2$ ,  $a_1$  of the order  $10^3 \sim 10^4$ ,  $a_2$  of  $10^{-1}$  (cm $^{-1}$ ),  $a_3$  of  $10^1$  (cm),  $\sigma^2$  of  $10^0 \sim 10^1$ .

## 3. The Results

**Case I:** Denote

$$\begin{aligned} f_{rst}(x) &= (\pi x)^r \sin^s \pi x \cos^t \pi x ; \\ g_1 &= f_{100} + f_{010} , & g_2 &= f_{101} - f_{010} , \\ g_3 &= f_{001} , & g_4 &= f_{300} - 3f_{210} - 6f_{101} + 6f_{101} , \\ g_5 &= f_{200} - 2f_{110} - 2f_{001} , & g_6 &= f_{100} - f_{010} . \end{aligned}$$

For  $-1 \leq -\gamma < \delta \leq 1$  put

$$\begin{aligned} h_j &= h_j(\gamma, \delta) = \begin{cases} g_j(\gamma) + g_j(\delta) , & j = 1, 2, 4, 6, \\ g_j(\gamma) - g_j(\delta) , & j = 3, 5 ; \end{cases} \\ h &= h(\gamma, \delta) = 4h_1h_4h_6 + 12h_2h_3h_5 - 4h_3^2h_4 - 3h_1h_5^2 - 12h_2^2h_6 ; \\ k &= k(\gamma, \delta) = 2\pi(\gamma + \delta)/h , \end{aligned}$$

and further,

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= k(4h_4h_6 - 3h_5^2) , & b_{12} &= 12k(h_3h_5 - 2h_2h_6) , \\ b_{22} &= 48k(h_1h_6 - h_3^2) , & b_{13} &= 2k(3h_2h_6 - 2h_3h_4) , \\ b_{33} &= 4k(h_1h_4 - 3h_2^2) , & b_{23} &= 12k(2h_2h_3 - h_1h_5) ; \\ b_{\pm} &= 4k\{h_1h_4 - 3h_2^2 + 3\pi^2(h_1h_6 - h_3^2) \mp 3\pi(2h_2h_3 - h_1h_5)\} . \end{aligned}$$

The following result holds true:

For  $N \rightarrow \infty, a_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , the distribution of the random vector

$$(N^{1/2} a_1^{-1/2} (\hat{a}_1 - a_1) , N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{-1} (\hat{a}_2 - a_2) , N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2 (\hat{a}_3 - a_3))$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters  $(0, 0, 0)$  and  $\sigma^2 B$ , where  $B$  is the matrix of elements  $b_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ ,  $b_{ji} = b_{ij}$ . The distribution of the random variable

$$N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2 (\hat{H}^+ - H^+) , \text{ or } N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2 (\hat{H}^- - H^-) ,$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters

0 and  $\sigma^2 b^+$ , or 0 and  $\sigma^2 b^-$ , respectively

**Case II:** Denote

$${}^*f_{rst}(x) = \left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)^r \sin^s \frac{\pi x}{2} \cos^t \frac{\pi x}{2},$$

$$F_1(x) = \int_0^{x/2} \frac{u}{\cos u} du, \quad F_2(x) = \int_0^{x/2} \frac{u^2}{\cos u} du,$$

$$F_3(x) = \ln \operatorname{tg} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi x}{4} \right);$$

$${}^*g_1 = {}^*f_{010}, \quad {}^*g_2 = {}^*f_{101} - {}^*f_{010}, \quad {}^*g_3 = {}^*f_{001},$$

$${}^*g_4 = F_2 - {}^*f_{210} - 2{}^*f_{101} + 2{}^*f_{010},$$

$${}^*g_5 = F_1 - {}^*f_{110} - {}^*f_{001}, \quad {}^*g_6 = F_3 - {}^*f_{010};$$

for  $-1 \leq -\gamma < \delta \leq 1$  put

$${}^*h_j = {}^*h_j(\gamma, \delta) = \begin{cases} {}^*g_j(\gamma) + {}^*g_j(\delta), & j = 1, 2, 4, 6 \\ {}^*g_j(\gamma) - {}^*g_j(\delta), & j = 3, 5; \end{cases}$$

$${}^*h = {}^*h_1^*h_4^*h_6 + 2{}^*h_2^*h_3^*h_5 - {}^*h_3^2^*h_4 - {}^*h_1^*h_5^2 - {}^*h_2^*h_6,$$

$${}^*k = \pi(\gamma + \delta)/2^*h,$$

and further,

$${}^*b_{11} = {}^*k({}^*h_4^*h_6 - {}^*h_5^2), \quad {}^*b_{12} = {}^*k({}^*h_3^*h_5 - {}^*h_2^*h_6),$$

$${}^*b_{22} = {}^*k({}^*h_4^*h_6 - {}^*h_3^2), \quad {}^*b_{13} = {}^*k({}^*h_2^*h_5 - {}^*h_3^*h_4),$$

$${}^*b_{33} = {}^*k({}^*h_1^*h_4 - {}^*h_2^2), \quad {}^*b_{23} = {}^*k({}^*h_2^*h_3 - {}^*h_1^*h_5);$$

$${}^*b_{\pm} = {}^*k \left\{ {}^*h_1^*h_4 - {}^*h_2^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4} ({}^*h_1^*h_6 - {}^*h_3^2) \mp \pi ({}^*h_2^*h_3 - {}^*h_1^*h_5) \right\}.$$

Now, we have:

For  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $a_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , the distribution of the random vector

$$(N^{1/2}a_1^{-1/2}(\hat{a}_1 - a_1), \quad N^{1/2}a_1^{1/2}a_2^{-1}(\hat{a}_2 - a_2), \quad N^{1/2}a_1^{1/2}a_2(\hat{a}_3 - a_3))$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters (0, 0, 0) and  $\sigma^2 {}^*B$ , where  ${}^*B$  is the matrix of elements  ${}^*b_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ ,  ${}^*b_{ij} = {}^*b_{ji}$ . The distribution of the random variable

$$N^{1/2}a_1^{1/2}a_2(\hat{H}^+ - H^+), \quad \text{or} \quad N^{1/2}a_1^{1/2}a_2(\hat{H}^- - H^-),$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters

0 and  $\sigma^2 {}^*b^+$  or 0 and  $\sigma^2 {}^*b^-$ , respectively.

**Modification:** Our formulation of results corresponds to a situation, when in each of the considered intervals  $[c, d]$ , there is the same number  $N$  of points of measurements. If, on the contrary, there is the same step  $\Delta$  of the  $x_i$ -values in each

of the intervals considered (i.e., there are  $N \cong (d - c)/\Delta$  points of measurements in the interval  $[c, d]$ ) then the following formulation is more natural.

Denote  $\Delta = x_{i+1} - x_i$ ; further put

$$c = \frac{2}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} b,$$

where  $b$  denotes any of the symbols  $b_{ij}, *b_{ij}, b^\pm, *b^\pm$ , with the same convention for  $c$ .

In the case I, we have: For  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $a_1 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
the distribution of the random vector

$$(\Delta^{-1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{-1/2} (\hat{a}_1 - a_1), \Delta^{-1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{-3/2} (\hat{a}_2 - a_2), \Delta^{-1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{1/2} (\hat{a}_3 - a_3))$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters  $(0, 0, 0)$  and  $\sigma^2 C$ , where  $C = (c_{ij}), 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq 3$ .

The distribution of the random variable

$$\Delta^{-1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{1/2} (\hat{H}^+ - H^+), \text{ or } \Delta^{-1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{1/2} (\hat{H}^- - H^-),$$

is asymptotically normal with parameters

$$0 \text{ and } \sigma^2 c^+, \text{ or } 0 \text{ and } \sigma^2 c^-, \text{ respectively.}$$

In the case II, the same holds true, with  $C, c^\pm$  replaced by  $*C, *c^\pm$ .

#### 4. Derivation of Results

From general theorems on (modified) maximum likelihood estimates (e.g., [1]) it follows that for large  $N$  and  $a_1$ , the distribution of  $(\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3)$  is approximately normal with parameters  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  and  $\sigma^2 a_1 (F^T F)^{-1}$  in the case I, or  $\sigma^2 (F^T W F)^{-1}$  in the case II, respectively, where

$$F = \left( \frac{\partial f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3)}{\partial a_j} \right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 3,$$

$$W = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{1}{f(x_i; a_1, a_2, a_3)} \right\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N.$$

In the case I we have

$$(F^T F)_{11} = \sum_{i=1}^N \cos^2(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T F)_{22} = a_1^2 \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_3)^2 \sin^2(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T F)_{33} = a_1^2 a_2^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sin^2(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T F)_{12} = -a_1 \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_3) \sin(a_2(x_i - a_3)) \cos(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(FTF)_{13} = a_1 a_2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sin(a_2(x_i - a_3)) \cos(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(FTF)_{23} = -a_1^2 a_2 \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_3) \sin^2(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

Obviously, for any of the functions considered here, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(x_i) \cong \frac{N}{d-c} \int_c^d \varphi(x) dx = \frac{2a_2 N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \int_{-\pi\gamma/2a_2}^{\pi\delta/2a_2} \varphi(y) dy,$$

where  $y = x - a_3$ .

With the help of formulas (where we write  $a$  instead of  $a_2$ )

$$\int \cos^2 ay \, dy = \frac{1}{2} y + \frac{1}{4a} \sin^2 ay$$

$$\int y^2 \sin^2 ay \, dy = \frac{1}{6} y^3 - \frac{1}{4a^2} y \cos^2 ay - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2a} y^2 - \frac{1}{4a^3} \right) \sin 2ay$$

$$\int \sin^2 ay \, dy = \frac{1}{2} y - \frac{1}{4a} \sin 2ay$$

$$\int y \sin ay \cos ay \, dy = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{4a^2} \sin 2ay - \frac{1}{2a} y \cos 2ay \right)$$

$$\int \sin ay \cos ay \, dy = -\frac{1}{4a} \cos 2ay$$

$$\int y \sin^2 ay \, dy = \frac{1}{4} y^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{4a^2} \cos 2ay + \frac{1}{2a} y \sin 2ay \right)$$

we get

$$(FTF)_{11} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\pi\gamma + \pi\delta + \sin \pi\gamma + \sin \pi\delta)$$

$$(FTF)_{22} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \cdot \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2} \{ (\pi\gamma)^3 + (\pi\delta)^3 - 3(\pi\gamma)^2 \sin \pi\gamma - \\ - 3(\pi\delta)^2 \sin \pi\delta - 6\pi\gamma \cos \pi\gamma - 6\pi\delta \cos \pi\delta + 6 \sin \pi\gamma + 6 \sin \pi\delta \}$$

$$(FTF)_{33} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot a_1^2 a_2^2 (\pi\gamma + \pi\delta - \sin \pi\gamma - \sin \pi\delta)$$

$$(FTF)_{12} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{a_1}{a_2} (\pi\gamma \cos \pi\gamma + \pi\delta \cos \pi\delta - \sin \pi\gamma - \sin \pi\delta)$$

$$(FTF)_{13} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot a_1 a_2 (\cos \pi\gamma - \cos \pi\delta)$$

$$(FTF)_{23} \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot a_1^2 \{ (\pi\gamma)^2 - (\pi\delta)^2 - 2\pi\gamma \sin \pi\gamma + 2\pi\delta \sin \pi\delta - \\ - 2 \cos \pi\gamma + 2 \cos \pi\delta \}$$

i.e.,

$$F^T F \cong \frac{N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} h_1 & \frac{1}{4} \frac{a_1}{a_2} h_2 & \frac{1}{2} a_1 a_2 h_3 \\ \times & \frac{1}{24} \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2} h_4 & \frac{1}{8} a_1^2 h_5 \\ \times & \times & \frac{1}{2} a_1^2 a_2^2 h_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\times$  stands for symmetrical elements. Hence, we get

$$(F^T F)^{-1} \cong \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \frac{a_2}{a_1} b_{12} & \frac{1}{a_1 a_2} b_{13} \\ \times & \frac{a_2^2}{a_1^2} b_{22} & \frac{1}{a_1^2} b_{23} \\ \times & \times & \frac{1}{a_1^2 a_2^2} b_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

i.e.,

$$\sigma^2 a_1 (F^T F)^{-1} \cong \frac{\sigma^2}{N} D B D,$$

$$\text{where } D = \text{diag} \{a_1^{1/2}, a_1^{-1/2} a_2, a_1^{-1/2} a_1^{-1}\}.$$

The vector  $N^{1/2} D^{-1}(\hat{a}_1 - a_1, \hat{a}_2 - a_2, \hat{a}_3 - a_3)$  is thus approximately normally distributed with covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 B$ , which is our assertion about  $\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3$ .

For  $N$  and  $a_1$  large,  $\hat{H}^\pm - H^\pm$  and its linear approximation  $(\hat{a}_3 - a_3) \mp \frac{\pi}{2 a_2^2} (\hat{a}_2 - a_2)$  are asymptotically equally distributed, and so are  $N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2 (\hat{H}^\pm - H^\pm)$  and  $N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2 (\hat{a}_3 - a_3) \mp \frac{\pi}{2} N^{1/2} a_1^{1/2} a_2^{-1} (\hat{a}_2 - a_2)$

the latter distribution being normal with parameters 0 and

$$\sigma^2 \left( b_{33} \mp \pi b_{23} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} b_{22} \right) = \sigma^2 b^\pm,$$

which is exactly our assertion on  $\hat{H}^\pm$ .

**In the case II,** we have

$$(F^T W F)_{11} = a_1^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T W F)_{22} = a_1 \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_3)^2 \sin^2(a_2(x_i - a_3)) \cos^{-1}(a_2(x_i - a_3))$$



$$(F^T W F)_{33} = a_1 a_2^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sin^2 (a_2 (x_i - a_3)) \cos^{-1} (a_2 (x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T W F)_{12} = - \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - a_3) \sin (a_2 (x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T W F)_{13} = a_2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sin (a_2 (x_i - a_3))$$

$$(F^T W F)_{23} = - a_1 a_2 \sum_{i=1}^N \sin^2 (a_2 (x_i - a_3)) \cos^{-1} (a_2 (x_i - a_3)).$$

With the help of formulas

$$\int \cos ay \, dy = \frac{1}{a} \sin ay$$

$$\int y^2 \sin^2 ay \cos^{-1} ay \, dy = \int y^2 \cos^{-1} ay \, dy - \frac{1}{a} y^2 \sin ay + \\ + \frac{2}{a^3} \sin ay - \frac{2}{a^2} y \cos ay$$

$$\int \sin^2 ay \cos^{-1} ay \, dy = \frac{1}{a} \ln \operatorname{tg} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{ay}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{a} \sin ay$$

$$\int y \sin ay \, dy = \frac{1}{a^2} \sin ay - \frac{1}{a} y \cos ay$$

$$\int \sin ay \, dy = - \frac{1}{a} \cos ay$$

$$\int y \sin^2 ay \cos^{-1} ay \, dy = \int y \cos^{-1} ay \, dy - \frac{1}{a} y \sin ay - \frac{1}{a^2} \cos ay$$

we get

$$(F^T W F)_{11} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{a_1} \left( \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right)$$

$$(F^T W F)_{22} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{a_1}{a_2^2} \left\{ \int_0^{\pi\gamma/2} u^2 \cos^{-1} u \, du + \int_0^{\pi\delta/2} u^2 \cos^{-1} u \, du - \right. \\ \left. - \left( \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} \right)^2 \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} - \left( \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right)^2 \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} - \pi\gamma \cos \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} - \pi\delta \cos \frac{\pi\delta}{2} + \right. \\ \left. + 2 \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right\}$$

$$(F^T W F)_{33} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} a_1 a_2^2 \left\{ \ln \operatorname{tg} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi\gamma}{4} \right) + \ln \operatorname{tg} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi\delta}{4} \right) - \right. \\ \left. - \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} - \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right\}$$

$$(F^T W F)_{12} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \cdot \frac{1}{a_2} \left( \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} \cos \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \cos \frac{\pi\delta}{2} - \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} - \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right)$$

$$(F^T W F)_{13} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} a_2 \left( \cos \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right)$$

$$(F^T W F)_{23} \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} a_1 \left\{ \int_0^{\pi\gamma/2} u \cos^{-1} u \, du - \int_0^{\pi\delta/2} u \cos^{-1} u \, du - \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} \sin \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \sin \frac{\pi\delta}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi\gamma}{2} + \cos \frac{\pi\delta}{2} \right\},$$

i.e.,

$$F^T W F \cong \frac{2N}{\pi(\gamma + \delta)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a_1} *h_1 & \frac{1}{a_2} *h_2 & a_2 *h_3 \\ \times & \frac{a_1}{a_2^2} *h_4 & a_1 *h_5 \\ \times & \times & a_1 a_2^2 *h_6 \end{bmatrix},$$

hence

$$(F^T W F)^{-1} \cong \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 *b_{11} & a_2 *b_{12} & \frac{1}{a_2} *b_{13} \\ \times & \frac{a_2^2}{a_1} *b_{22} & \frac{1}{a_1} *b_{23} \\ \times & \times & \frac{1}{a_1 a_2^2} *b_{33} \end{bmatrix},$$

i.e.,

$$\sigma^2 (F^T W F)^{-1} \cong \frac{\sigma^2}{N} D^* B D, \text{ where } D \text{ means the same as in the case I.}$$

The vector  $N^{1/2} D^{-1}(\hat{d}_1 - a_1, \hat{d}_2 - a_2, \hat{d}_3 - a_3)$  is thus approximately normally distributed with variance matrix  $\sigma^2 *B$ .  $\hat{H}^\pm$  is handled as in case I.

## 5. Description of the Tables

The variances (of the asymptotic normal distribution)  $b_{11}, b_{22}, b_{33}, b^+, b^-$ , covariances  $b_{12}, b_{13}, b_{23}$  and standard deviations  $\sqrt{b_{11}}, \sqrt{b_{22}}, \sqrt{b_{33}}, \sqrt{b^+}, \sqrt{b^-}$  are given in Table 1, for pairs  $(\gamma, \delta)$  within the range  $-1.0 \leq \gamma \leq 1.0, -1.0 \leq \delta \leq 1.0, -\gamma < \delta$ , with the step 0.2 in both variables. The rows of Tab. 1 are headed by pairs  $\gamma \geq \delta$  only, the values for pairs  $\gamma < \delta$  being found by means of the relations

$$\begin{aligned} b_{ij}(x, y) &= b_{ij}(y, x), & \text{for } (i, j) &= (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), \\ b_{ij}(x, y) &= -b_{ij}(y, x), & \text{for } (i, j) &= (1, 3), (2, 3), \\ b^+(x, y) &= b^-(y, x). \end{aligned}$$

TABLE 1.

$\gamma$	$\delta$	$b_{11}$	$b_{22}$	$b_{33}$	$b_{12}$	$b_{13}$	$b_{23}$
1.0	1.0	2.47	1.86	2.00	9.32-1	0.00	0.00
1.0	0.8	2.39	2.83	2.53	1.28	-3.44-1	-9.12-1
1.0	0.6	2.20	4.80	4.47	1.52	-6.82-1	-3.07
1.0	0.4	1.95	9.28	1.06+1	1.13	-3.47-1	-8.52
1.0	0.2	2.50	2.08+1	3.05+1	-2.22	3.84	-2.39+1
1.0	0.0	9.95	5.67+1	1.02+2	-1.93+1	2.77+1	-7.49+1
1.0	-0.2	6.86+1	2.01+2	4.21+2	-1.12+2	1.65+2	-2.90+2
1.0	-0.4	6.03+2	1.07+3	2.46+3	-7.96+2	1.21+3	-1.62+3
1.0	-0.6	9.18+3	1.17+4	2.83+4	-1.04+4	1.61+4	-1.82+4
1.0	-0.8	6.81+5	7.23+5	1.78+6	-7.02+5	1.10+6	-1.13+6
0.8	0.8	2.40	4.37	2.61	1.85	0.00	0.00
0.8	0.6	2.29	7.61	3.94	2.45	-5.41-1	-2.50
0.8	0.4	2.01	1.52+1	9.92	2.53	-8.12-1	-9.68
0.8	0.2	2.13	3.62+1	3.42+1	-9.46-1	2.59	-3.27+1
0.8	0.0	9.53	1.08+2	1.43+2	-2.53+1	3.19+1	-1.21+2
0.8	-0.2	9.50+1	4.49+2	7.66+2	-1.98+2	2.64+2	-5.83+2
0.8	-0.4	1.34+3	3.31+3	6.73+3	-2.09+3	2.99+3	-4.71+3
0.8	-0.6	5.56+4	8.93+4	2.03+5	-7.04+4	1.06+5	-1.35+5
0.6	0.6	2.34	1.38+1	4.04	3.74	0.00	0.00
0.6	0.4	2.16	2.96+1	8.47	4.98	-9.43-1	-9.53
0.6	0.2	1.87	7.84+1	3.79+1	2.14	7.49-1	-4.88+1
0.6	0.0	9.26	2.84+2	2.35+2	-3.95+1	4.03+1	-2.52+2
0.6	-0.2	1.88+2	1.75+3	2.18+3	-5.56+2	6.32+2	-1.95+3
0.6	-0.4	9.05+3	3.69+4	6.12+4	-1.82+4	2.35+4	-4.75+4
0.4	0.4	2.29	7.10+1	8.22	9.05	0.00	0.00
0.4	0.2	1.92	2.31+2	3.69+1	1.10+1	-1.47	-7.31+1
0.4	0.0	9.11	1.27+3	5.04+2	-8.14+1	5.86+1	-7.77+2
0.4	-0.2	9.42+2	2.32+4	1.80+4	-4.61+3	4.10+3	-2.04+4
0.2	0.2	2.26	1.15+3	3.10+1	3.76+1	0.00	0.00
0.2	0.0	9.03	1.89+4	1.96+3	-3.09+2	1.15+2	-5.91+3

The variances  $*b_{11}$ ,  $*b_{22}$ ,  $*b_{33}$ ,  $*b^+$ ,  $*b^-$ , covariances  $*b_{12}$ ,  $*b_{13}$ ,  $*b_{23}$  and standards deviations  $\sqrt{*b_{11}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*b_{22}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*b_{33}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*b^+}$ ,  $\sqrt{*b^-}$  are given in Table 2, for pairs  $(\gamma, \delta)$  in the range  $-0.8 \leq \gamma \leq 0.8$ ,  $-0.8 \leq \delta \leq 0.8$ ,  $-\gamma < \delta$ , with the step 0.2. The rows of Tab. 2 are again headed by pairs  $\gamma \geq \delta$  only; for pairs  $\gamma < \delta$ , the same relations as above are utilized, with  $b$  replaced by  $*b$ .

The standard deviations  $\sqrt{c_{11}}$ ,  $\sqrt{c_{22}}$ ,  $\sqrt{c_{33}}$ ,  $\sqrt{c^+}$ ,  $\sqrt{c^-}$  and  $\sqrt{*c_{11}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*c_{22}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*c_{33}}$ ,  $\sqrt{*c^+}$ ,  $\sqrt{*c^-}$  are given in Table 3, for the same pairs  $(\gamma, \delta)$  as in Tab. 1 or Tab. 2, respectively. (For pairs  $\gamma < \delta$ , the same relations as in Tab. 1 are utilized, with  $b$  replaced by  $c$  or  $*c$ , respectively.)

TABLE 1. (Continuation)

$b^+$	$b^-$	$\sqrt{b_{11}}$	$\sqrt{b_{22}}$	$\sqrt{b_{33}}$	$\sqrt{b^+}$	$\sqrt{b^-}$	$\gamma$	$\delta$
6.60	6.60	1.57	1.37	1.41	2.57	2.57	1.0	1.0
1.24+1	6.64	1.55	1.68	1.59	3.52	2.58	1.0	0.8
2.60+1	6.69	1.48	2.19	2.12	5.10	2.59	1.0	0.6
6.03+1	6.76	1.40	3.05	3.26	7.77	2.60	1.0	0.4
1.57+2	6.84	1.58	4.57	5.53	1.25+1	2.62	1.0	0.2
4.78+2	6.91	3.15	7.53	1.01+1	2.19+1	2.63	1.0	0.0
1.83+3	6.98	8.28	1.42+1	2.05+1	4.28+1	2.64	1.0	-0.2
1.02+4	7.04	2.46+1	3.27+1	4.96+1	1.01+2	2.65	1.0	-0.4
1.15+5	7.08	9.58+1	1.08+2	1.68+2	3.38+2	2.66	1.0	-0.6
7.13+6	7.06	8.25+2	8.50+2	1.33+3	2.67+3	2.66	1.0	-0.8
1.34+1	1.34+1	1.55	2.09	1.63	3.66	3.66	0.8	0.8
3.06+1	1.49+1	1.51	2.76	1.99	5.53	3.86	0.8	0.6
7.79+1	1.71+1	1.42	3.90	3.15	8.83	4.14	0.8	0.4
2.26+2	2.07+1	1.46	6.02	5.85	1.50+1	4.55	0.8	0.2
7.90+2	2.70+1	3.09	1.04+1	1.19+1	2.81+1	5.20	0.8	0.0
3.71+3	4.06+1	9.75	2.12+1	2.77+1	6.09+1	6.37	0.8	-0.2
2.97+4	8.26+1	3.65+1	5.75+1	8.20+1	1.72+2	9.09	0.8	-0.4
8.46+5	4.08+2	2.36+2	2.99+2	4.50+2	9.20+2	2.02+1	0.8	-0.6
3.81+1	3.81+1	1.53	3.72	2.01	6.18	6.18	0.6	0.6
1.11+2	5.15+1	1.47	5.44	2.91	1.06+1	7.17	0.6	0.4
3.84+2	7.81+1	1.37	8.85	6.16	1.96+1	8.84	0.6	0.2
1.73+3	1.44+2	3.04	1.69+1	1.53+1	4.16+1	1.20+1	0.6	0.0
1.26+4	3.93+2	1.37+1	4.19+1	4.67+1	1.12+2	1.98+1	0.6	-0.2
3.02+5	3.03+3	9.51+1	1.92+2	2.47+2	5.49+2	5.51+1	0.6	-0.4
1.83+2	1.83+2	1.51	8.42	2.87	1.35+1	1.35+1	0.4	0.4
8.38+2	3.78+2	1.39	1.52+1	6.08	2.89+1	1.95+1	0.4	0.2
6.08+3	1.20+3	3.02	5.56+1	2.24+1	7.80+1	3.46+1	0.4	0.0
1.39+5	1.13+4	3.07+1	1.52+2	1.34+2	3.73+2	1.06+2	0.4	-0.2
2.87+3	2.87+3	1.50	3.39+1	5.57	5.36+1	5.36+1	0.2	0.2
6.72+4	3.01+4	3.00	1.38+2	4.43+1	2.59+2	1.73+2	0.2	0.0

All values in Tab. 1, 2, 3 are tabulated with 3 valid digits in floating decimal form:  $p_0 . p_1 p_2 \pm q$  means  $p_0 . p_1 p_2 \times 10^{\pm q}$ .

**The use of the tables:** The precision of estimates obtained from the interval of measurement  $[c, d]$  and of those obtained from the interval  $[c', d']$  can be compared merely by the ratios of tabulated standard deviations for corresponding  $(\gamma, \delta)$  and  $(\gamma', \delta')$ .

In examples which follow, we always assume the model with a fixed step of  $x_t$ -values (and hence, with the number of measurement points proportional to the length of the interval of measurements) and the case I ( $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma^2 a_1$ ). The most

TABLE 2.

$\gamma$	$\delta$	$*b_{11}$	$*b_{22}$	$*b_{33}$	$*b_{12}$	$*b_{13}$	$*b_{23}$
0.8	0.8	2.09	2.19	1.41	1.30	0.00	0.00
0.8	0.6	2.03	4.71	2.83	1.86	-5.28-1	-2.10
0.8	0.4	1.77	1.05+1	8.45	1.76	-6.00-1	-8.02
0.8	0.2	2.05	2.58+1	2.90+1	-1.53	2.93	-2.60+1
0.8	0.0	8.77	7.53+1	1.11+2	-2.08+1	2.72+1	-8.99+1
0.8	-0.2	7.08+1	2.90+2	5.22+2	-1.38+2	1.88+2	-3.88+2
0.8	-0.4	7.99+2	1.87+3	3.87+3	-1.21+3	1.75+3	-2.69+3
0.8	-0.6	5.15+4	8.17+4	1.86+5	-6.49+4	9.78+4	-1.23+5
0.6	0.6	2.18	1.02+1	2.99	3.23	0.00	0.00
0.6	0.4	2.03	2.41+1	7.41	4.39	-9.03-1	-8.67
0.6	0.2	1.77	6.73+1	3.46+1	2.07	5.04-1	-4.40+1
0.6	0.0	8.88	2.36+2	2.07+2	-3.57+1	3.72+1	-2.16+2
0.6	-0.2	1.56+2	1.37+3	1.75+3	-4.49+2	5.16+2	-1.54+3
0.6	-0.4	6.44+3	2.59+4	4.32+4	-1.29+4	1.67+4	-3.34+4
0.4	0.4	2.23	6.33+1	7.26	8.55	0.00	0.00
0.4	0.2	1.87	2.15+2	3.56+1	1.04+1	-1.38	-7.01+1
0.4	0.0	8.95	1.18+3	4.78+2	-7.79+1	5.67+1	-7.29+2
0.4	-0.2	8.44+2	2.05+4	1.60+4	-4.11+3	3.66+3	-1.81+4
0.2	0.2	2.24	1.12+3	3.01+1	3.71+1	0.00	0.00
0.2	0.0	8.99	1.86+4	1.94+3	-3.06+2	1.14+2	-5.82+3

precise estimates are then those obtained from the entire cosine halfperiod,  $\gamma = 1.0$ ,  $\delta = 1.0$ . If we choose their standard deviations for units, then we can find from Table 3 that for the interval  $\gamma = 0.8$ ,  $\delta = 0.2$ , which is twice shorter, the standard deviation of the estimator  $\hat{a}_2$  is 6.2 times larger, the standard deviation of  $\hat{a}_3$  is 5.9 times larger; for the interval  $\gamma = 0.8$ ,  $\delta = -0.4$ , the length of which is 1/5 of the cosine half-period, the standard deviation of  $\hat{a}_2$  is 94 times larger, that of  $\hat{a}_3$  129 times larger.

The precision of estimates depends substantially not only upon the length of the interval of measurement, but also upon its location; e.g., the standard deviation of the estimate  $\hat{H}^+$  obtained from the interval  $\gamma = 0.8$ ,  $\delta = -0.4$  is 19 times

TABLE 2. (Continuation)

$*b^+$	$*b^-$	$\sqrt{*b_{11}}$	$\sqrt{*b_{22}}$	$\sqrt{*b_{33}}$	$\sqrt{*b^+}$	$\sqrt{*b^-}$	$\gamma$	$\delta$
6.82	6.82	1.45	1.79	1.19	2.61	2.16	0.8	0.8
2.11+1	7.85	1.42	2.17	1.68	4.59	2.80	0.8	0.6
5.95+1	9.09	1.33	3.24	2.91	7.71	3.02	0.8	0.4
1.74+2	1.09+1	1.43	5.08	5.38	1.32+1	3.30	0.8	0.2
5.79+2	1.39+1	2.96	8.67	1.05+1	2.41+1	3.72	0.8	0.0
2.46+3	2.00+1	8.42	1.70+1	2.28+1	4.96+1	4.48	0.8	-0.2
1.69+4	3.84+1	3.83+1	4.33+1	6.22+1	1.30+2	6.20	0.8	-0.4
7.75+5	3.31+2	2.27+2	2.86+2	4.31+2	8.80+2	1.82+1	0.8	-0.6
2.83+1	2.83+1	1.48	3.20	1.73	5.32	5.32	0.6	0.6
9.40+1	3.95+1	1.43	4.90	2.72	9.70	6.29	0.6	0.4
3.39+2	6.25+1	1.33	8.20	5.88	1.84+1	7.90	0.6	0.2
1.47+3	1.11+2	2.98	1.54+1	1.44+1	3.83+1	1.05+1	0.6	0.0
9.99+3	2.91+2	1.25+1	3.71+1	4.18+1	1.00+2	1.70+1	0.6	-0.2
2.12+5	2.08+3	8.03+1	1.64+2	2.08+2	4.61+2	4.56+1	0.6	-0.4
1.63+2	1.63+2	1.49	7.93	2.70	1.28+1	1.28+1	0.4	0.4
7.86+2	3.45+2	1.37	1.47+1	5.96	2.80+1	1.86+1	0.4	0.2
5.67+3	1.09+3	2.99	3.43+1	2.19+1	7.53+1	3.30+1	0.4	0.0
1.23+5	9.89+3	2.91+1	1.43+2	1.26+2	3.51+2	9.95+1	0.4	-0.2
2.79+3	2.79+3	1.50	3.35+1	5.49	5.28+1	5.28+1	0.2	0.2
6.61+4	2.95+4	3.00	1.36+2	4.40+1	2.57+2	1.72+1	0.2	0.0

larger than of that obtained from the interval (of the same length)  $\gamma = -0.4$ ,  $\delta = 0.8$ .

Whereas the relative precision of two estimates (of the same parameter) obtained from two different intervals depends only on values of  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ , the absolute precision depends on  $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta$  (or  $N$ ),  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  as well. E.g., the standard deviation of the estimate  $\hat{a}_2$  obtained from the interval  $\gamma = \delta = 0.8$  is approximately  $1.32 \cdot \sigma \Delta^{1/2} a_1^{-1/2} a_2^{3/2}$ .

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TABLE 3.

$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\sqrt{c_{11}}$	$\sqrt{c_{22}}$	$\sqrt{c_{33}}$	$\sqrt{c^+}$	$\sqrt{c^-}$
1.0	1.0	8.86-1	7.70-1	7.98-1	1.45	1.45
1.0	0.8	9.19-1	1.00	9.46-1	2.09	1.53
1.0	0.6	9.35-1	1.38	1.33	3.21	1.63
1.0	0.4	9.42-1	2.05	2.20	5.24	1.75
1.0	0.2	1.15	3.33	4.03	9.13	1.91
1.0	0.0	2.52	6.01	8.07	1.74+1	2.10
1.0	-0.2	7.39	1.27+1	1.83+1	3.81+1	2.36
1.0	-0.4	2.53+1	3.37+1	5.11+1	1.04+2	2.73
1.0	-0.6	1.21+2	1.37+2	2.12+2	4.27+2	3.36
1.0	-0.8	1.47+3	1.52+3	2.38+3	4.76+3	4.74
0.8	0.8	9.77-1	1.32	1.02	2.31	2.31
0.8	0.6	1.02	1.86	1.34	3.73	2.60
0.8	0.4	1.03	2.84	2.29	6.43	3.01
0.8	0.2	1.16	4.80	4.67	1.20+1	3.63
0.8	0.0	2.75	9.26	1.07+1	2.51+1	4.64
0.8	-0.2	1.00+1	2.18+1	2.85+1	6.27+1	6.57
0.8	-0.4	4.61+1	7.26+1	1.03+2	2.17+2	1.15+1
0.8	-0.6	4.21+2	5.33+2	8.03+2	1.64+3	3.60+1
0.6	0.6	1.11	2.71	1.46	4.50	4.50
0.6	0.4	1.17	4.34	2.33	8.42	5.72
0.6	0.2	1.22	7.90	5.49	1.75+1	7.88
0.6	0.0	3.14	1.74+1	1.58+1	4.28+1	1.24+1
0.6	-0.2	1.73+1	5.28+1	5.90+1	1.42+2	2.50+1
0.6	-0.4	1.70+2	3.43+2	4.41+2	9.80+2	9.83+1
0.4	0.4	1.35	7.52	2.56	1.21+1	1.21+1
0.4	0.2	1.43	1.57+1	6.26	2.98+1	2.00+1
0.4	0.0	3.81	4.50+1	2.83+1	9.84+1	4.36+1
0.4	-0.2	5.48+1	2.72+2	2.40+2	6.66+2	1.89+2
0.2	0.2	1.90	4.28+1	7.02	6.76+1	6.76+1
0.2	0.0	5.36	2.45+2	7.90+1	4.62+2	3.08+2

TABLE 3. (Continuation)

$\sqrt{^*c_{11}}$	$\sqrt{^*c_{22}}$	$\sqrt{^*c_{33}}$	$\sqrt{^*c^+}$	$\sqrt{^*c^-}$	$\gamma'$	$\delta$
9.12-1	1.13	7.49-1	1.65	1.65	0.8	0.8
9.60-1	1.46	1.13	3.09	1.89	0.8	0.6
9.68-1	2.36	2.12	5.62	2.20	0.8	0.4
1.14	4.05	4.29	1.06+1	2.63	0.8	0.2
2.64	7.74	9.38	2.15+1	3.32	0.8	0.0
8.67	1.75+1	2.35+1	5.10+1	4.61	0.8	-0.2
3.57+1	5.46+1	7.85+1	1.64+2	7.82	0.8	-0.4
4.05+2	5.10+2	7.69+2	1.57+3	3.25+1	0.8	-0.6
1.08	2.33	1.26	3.87	3.87	0.6	0.6
1.14	3.91	2.17	7.74	5.02	0.6	0.4
1.19	7.32	5.25	1.64+1	7.05	0.6	0.2
3.07	1.58+1	1.48+1	3.95+1	1.08+1	0.6	0.0
1.58+1	4.68+1	5.28+1	1.26+2	2.15+1	0.6	-0.2
1.43+2	2.87+2	3.71+2	8.22+2	8.14+1	0.6	-0.4
1.33	7.10	2.40	1.14+1	1.14+1	0.4	0.4
1.41	1.51+1	6.14	2.89+1	1.91+1	0.4	0.2
3.77	4.33+1	2.76+1	9.50+1	4.16+1	0.4	0.0
5.18+1	2.56+2	2.26+2	6.27+2	1.77+2	0.4	-0.2
1.89	4.22+1	6.92	6.67+1	6.67+1	0.2	0.2
5.35	2.43+2	7.86+1	4.59+2	3.06+2	0.2	0.0