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DISTRIBUTION (Statistical Research Report No. 10, 1977).

A disadvantage of the program in section 4 of the Research Report, is that routine 4 on p. 12 gives "Error" display when $\lambda = 0$. The following modified version of the program avoids this disadvantage. The program description on pp. 12-13 is still valid.

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Program on HP 67 calculator for $G_{\mu, \nu}^f; \mu$ when not both μ and ν are odd.

1	f LBL A	36	STO 5	71	RCL 6	107	+
2	h $x \gtrsim y$	37	h y^x	72	x	108	STO 3
3	h CF 0	38	h $x \lesssim y$	73	f LBL 5	109	f LBL 6
4	2	39	h F? 0	74	1	110	h RC I
5	÷	40	GTO 3	75	STO+5	111	STO-0
6	STO A	41	RCL A	76	STO+7	112	RCL 9
7	g FRAC	42	1	77	f DSZ	113	x
8	f x=0	43	+	78	GTO 3	114	RCL 3
9	h SF 0	44	STO 5	79	f LBL 2	115	÷
10	h $x \gtrsim y$	45	RCL 6	80	h $x \gtrsim y$	116	RCL 6
11	2	46	RCL A	81	STO E	117	x
12	÷	47	h y^x	82	RCL C	118	h ST I
13	STO B	48	STO 4	83	f LBL C	119	RCL 8
14	h F? 0	49	RCL D	84	f x≠0	120	RCL C
15	h RTN	50	x	85	GTO 1	121	÷
16	g FRAC	51	RCL B	86	RCL 4	122	STO÷2
17	h N!	52	1	87	h RTN	123	1
18	h RTN	53	-	88	f LBL 1	124	STO+3
19	f LBL B	54	h ST I	89	ENTER	125	STO+8
20	STO C	55	f x=0	90	2	126	STO+9
21	h $x \gtrsim y$	56	GTO 2	91	÷	127	-
22	RCL A	57	f LBL 3	92	STO C	128	EEX
23	h ST I	58	h $x \gtrsim y$	93	CHS	129	5
24	x	59	STO-4	94	g e^x	130	÷
25	STO 6	60	RCL 5	95	STO 2	131	RCL 2
26	RCL B	61	x	96	RCL 4	132	RCL 0
27	+	62	RCL 7	97	STO 0	133	x
28	STO÷6	63	÷	98	x	134	STO+1
29	1	64	h F? 0	99	STO 1	135	g $x > y$
30	STO 4	65	GTO 4	100	RCL E	136	GTO 6
31	STO 7	66	STO+4	101	h ST I	137	RCL 1
32	RCL 6	67	RCL D	102	RCL 5	138	h RTN
33	-	68	x	103	STO 9		
34	STO D	69	GTO 5	104	1		
35	RCL B	70	f LBL 4	105	STO 8		
				106	RCL A		

Abstract.

A routine for computing the cumulative eccentric Fisher distribution is developed in the case when at least one of the degrees of freedom is even. Programs on the Hewlett-Packard calculators HP-25 and HP-67 are included.

1. Some relations between distribution functions.

1 A. Let $b_n(x;p)$ and $B_n(x;p)$ denote the binomial probabilities

$$(1) \quad b_n(x;p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$(2) \quad B_n(x;p) = \sum_{j=0}^x b_n(j;p)$$

with $x=0,1,\dots,n$ and $n=0,1,2,\dots$.

We extend these definitions in two directions:

$$i) \quad \underline{x=0,1,\dots,[n] ; 0 \leq n < \infty .}$$

We still use (1) and (2) as definitions.

$$ii) \quad \underline{n-x = 0,1,2,\dots ; 0 \leq x < \infty .}$$

$b_n(x;p)$ and $B_n(x;p)$ are defined by

$$b_n(x;p) = b_n(n-x;1-p)$$

$$B_n(x;p) = 1 - B_n(n-x-1;1-p).$$

The following relations are easily verified:

$$(3) \quad B_{n+1}(x;p) = B_n(x;p) - p b_n(x;p)$$

$$(4) \quad b_{n+1}(x;p) = \frac{n+1}{n+1-x} (1-p) b_n(x;p)$$

$$(5) \quad B_n(x+1;p) = B_n(x;p) + b_n(x+1;p)$$

$$(6) \quad b_{n+1}(x+1;p) = \frac{n+1}{x+1} p b_n(x;p) .$$

1 B. For the Poisson probability

$$b(x; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad x=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

we have

$$(7) \quad b(x+1; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{x+1} b(x; \lambda).$$

1 C. Let $K_{\mu, \nu}(g)$ be the central cumulative distribution of the ratio between chi-squares with μ and ν degrees of freedom, and let

$$H_{\mu, \nu}(g) = 1 - K_{\mu, \nu}(g).$$

We have

$$(8) \quad K_{\mu, \nu}(g) = H_{\nu, \mu}\left(\frac{1}{g}\right)$$

$$(9) \quad H_{\mu, \nu}(g) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)} \int_g^\infty \frac{t^{\frac{\mu}{2}-1}}{(1+t)^{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}}} dt.$$

Substituting $z = \frac{t}{1+t}$ in (9) gives

$$(10) \quad H_{\mu, \nu}(g) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)} \int_{\frac{g}{1+g}}^1 z^{\frac{\mu}{2}-1} (1-z)^{\frac{\nu}{2}-1} dz.$$

By partial integration we get

$$(11) \quad H_{\mu, \nu}(g) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\mu}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{2}+1\right)} \left(\frac{g}{1+g}\right)^{\frac{\mu}{2}-1} \left(\frac{1}{1+g}\right)^{\frac{\nu}{2}} + H_{\mu-2, \nu+2}(g).$$

(10) gives

$$(12) \quad H_{2, \mu+\nu-2}(g) = \left(\frac{1}{1+g}\right)^{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1}.$$

When μ is even, we get

$$(13) \quad H_{\mu, \nu}(g) = B_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{2} - 1; \frac{g}{1+g} \right)$$

by solving the difference equation (11) with the initial condition (12).

When ν is even, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mu, \nu}(g) &= K_{\nu, \mu} \left(\frac{1}{g} \right) = 1 - B_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} - 1; \frac{1}{1+g} \right) \\ &= B_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{2} - 1; \frac{g}{1+g} \right), \end{aligned}$$

so that (13) is valid in this case too.

1 D. Let $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$ be the cumulative eccentric Fisher distribution with μ and ν degrees of freedom and eccentricity λ . We will assume that either μ or ν is even. Then we have

$$G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda) = EK_{\mu+2I, \nu} \left(f \frac{\mu}{\nu} \right),$$

where I is Poisson distributed with $EI = \frac{\lambda}{2}$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda) &= EK_{\mu+2I, \nu} \left(f \frac{\mu}{\nu} \right) = \\ &= EH_{\nu, \mu+2I} \left(\frac{\nu}{f\mu} \right) = EB_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1+I} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} - 1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} b(i; \frac{\lambda}{2}) B_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1+i} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} - 1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Letting

$$(14) \quad a_i = b(i; \frac{\lambda}{2}) B_{\frac{\mu+\nu}{2}-1+i} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} - 1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right), \quad i=0, 1, \dots,$$

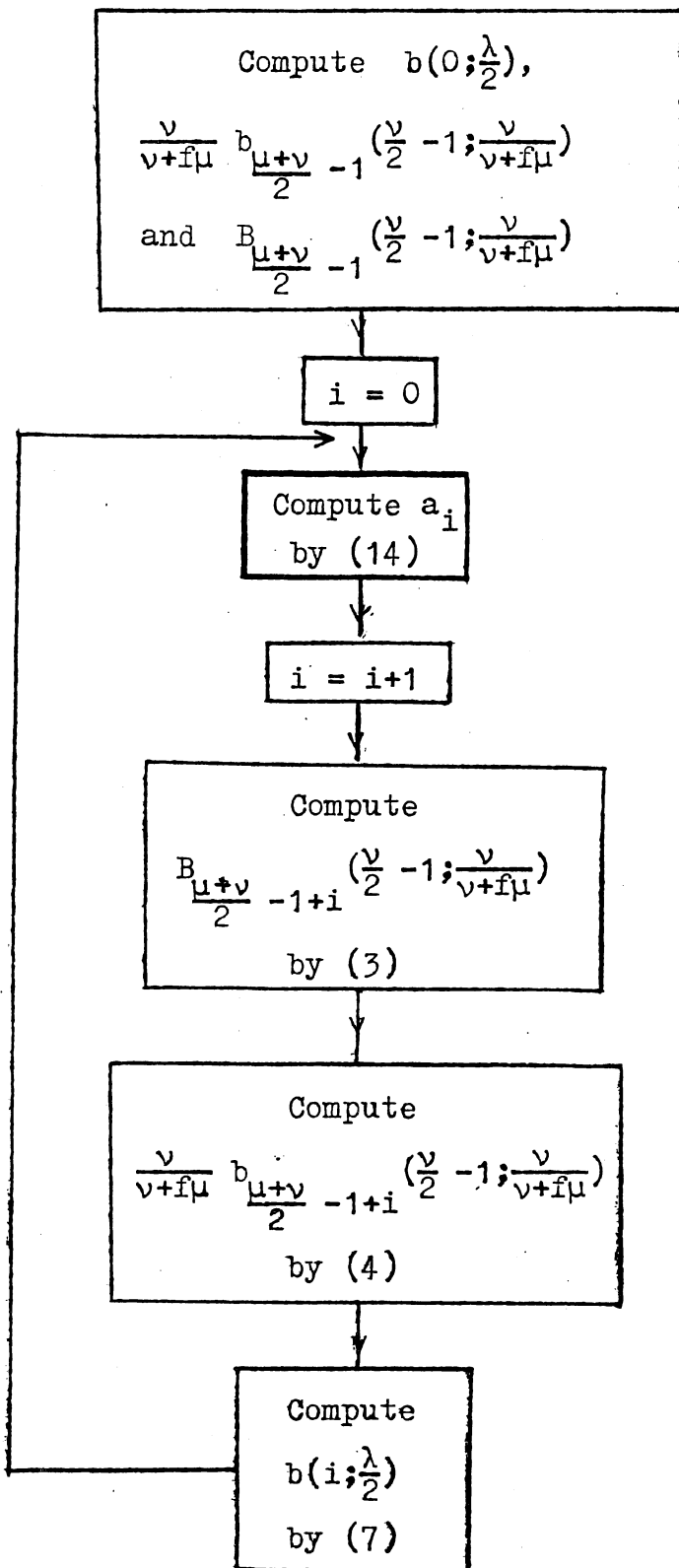
we have

$$(15) \quad G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i.$$

2. How to compute $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$.

2 A. To compute $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$, we compute the a_i 's successively, adding them, until they start decreasing (they may first increase) and become insignificantly small.

2 B. We suggest the following routine for computing the a_i 's:



2 C. To compute $\frac{v}{v+fu} b_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ and $B_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ there are several ways to go. We suggest the following:

Case i). u is even.

Start with

$$B_{\frac{v}{2}-1}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu}) = 1$$

$$\frac{v}{v+fu} b_{\frac{v}{2}-1}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu}) = (\frac{v}{v+fu})^{\frac{v}{2}};$$

then compute $B_{\frac{v}{2}-1+j}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ and $\frac{v}{v+fu} b_{\frac{v}{2}-1+j}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ recursively, using (3) and (4), until $j = \frac{u}{2}$.

Case ii). v is even.

Start with

$$B_{\frac{u}{2}}(-1; \frac{v}{v+fu}) = 0$$

$$b_{\frac{u}{2}}(0; \frac{v}{v+fu}) = (\frac{fu}{v+fu})^{\frac{u}{2}};$$

then compute $B_{\frac{u}{2}+j}(j; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ and $\frac{v}{v+fu} b_{\frac{u}{2}+j}(j; \frac{v}{v+fu})$ recursively, using (3), (5), and (6), until $j = \frac{v}{2}-1$.

Alternatively, compute $B_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{u}{2}-1; \frac{fu}{fu+v})$ and $\frac{fu}{fu+v} b_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{u}{2}-1; \frac{fu}{fu+v})$ as described in case i), and use that

$$B_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+fu}) = B_{\frac{u+v}{2}-1}(\frac{u}{2}-1; \frac{fu}{fu+v})$$

$$\frac{v}{v+f\mu} b_{\frac{\mu+v}{2}-1} \left(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+f\mu}\right) = \frac{\frac{f\mu}{f\mu+v} b_{\frac{\mu+v}{2}-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{2}-1; \frac{f\mu}{f\mu+v}\right)}{f} .$$

2 D. The following theorem (Sverdrup (1976)) gives an upper bound for the inaccuracy we get by adding only a finite number of a_i 's .

Theorem: Let $m > \frac{\lambda}{2}$. Then

$$(16) \quad \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} a_i < a_m \frac{\frac{\lambda}{2}}{m - \frac{\lambda}{2}} .$$

Proof: By (3) we see that $B_{n+1}(x;p) < B_n(x;p)$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} a_i &= \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} b(i; \frac{\lambda}{2}) B_{\frac{\mu+v}{2}-1+i} \left(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+f\mu}\right) < \\ &B_{\frac{\mu+v}{2}-1+m} \left(\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+f\mu}\right) \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{\lambda}{2})^i}{i!} e^{-\lambda} = \\ a_m \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{\lambda}{2})^{i-m}}{i(i-m)} &< a_m \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2m}\right)^{i-m} = a_m \frac{\frac{\lambda}{2}}{m - \frac{\lambda}{2}} . \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Suppose that we want the inaccuracy to be less than a fixed ϵ . By the theorem, this could be achieved by adding the a_i 's until

$$a_i < \left(\frac{i}{\lambda} - 1\right) \epsilon .$$

2 E. Sverdrup (1976) describes how a program for the cumulative eccentric Fisher distribution can also be used to computations on the eccentric chi-square and Student distribution. He also gives programs on HP-25.

Guenther (1975) gives a computational routine for the cumulative eccentric Fisher distribution when the cumulative central Fisher distribution is pre-programmed.

3. Programs on HP-25 calculator.

3 A. Program for $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$ when μ is even.

1	STO 3	17	STO-2	33	f: $x \geq y$
2	CHS	18	STO 5	34	GTO 19
3	$g e^x$	19	RCL 0	35	RCL 4
4	STO 4	20	STO-5	36	RCL 5
5	RCL 2	21	1	37	\times
6	RCL 2	22	STO+6	38	STO+7
7	RCL 1	23	RCL 2	39	f PAUSE
8	RCL 0	24	RCL 6	40	RCL 3
9	\times	25	$+$	41	RCL 6
10	$+$	26	$+$	42	RCL 1
11	\div	27	RCL 1	43	f INT
12	STO-1	28	g FRAC	44	-
13	RCL 2	29	\times	45	$+$
14	f y^x	30	STO \times 0	46	STO \times 4
15	STO 0	31	RCL 6	47	GTO 19
16	1	32	RCL 1		

Set: f REG, f, STO 0, $\frac{\mu}{2}$, STO 1, $\frac{\nu}{2}$, STO 2, $\frac{\lambda}{2}$, R/S .

Observe the number shown by pause until it starts decreasing and becomes insignificantly small. R/S, RCL 7 gives $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$.

Registers:

$$0 \quad \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} b_{\frac{\nu}{2}-1+j} \left(\frac{\nu}{2}-1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu}\right)$$

$$1 \quad \frac{\mu}{2} - \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu}$$

$$2 \quad \frac{\nu}{2} - 1$$

$$3 \quad \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$4 \quad b\left(j - \frac{\mu}{2}; \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$$

$$5 \quad B_{\frac{\nu}{2}-1+j} \left(\frac{\nu}{2}-1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu}\right)$$

$$6 \quad j$$

$$7 \quad \sum_{i=0}^{j-\frac{\mu}{2}} a_i$$

As the present program has a more convenient input than the program in 3 B, we recommend the present one to be used when both μ and ν are even.

For the same reason the present program is preferable in the sentral case when μ is odd and ν is even, by using the relation

$$G_{\mu, \nu}(f) = 1 - G_{\nu, \mu}\left(\frac{1}{f}\right).$$

3 B. Program for $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$ when ν is even.

1	STO 4	17	GTO 26	33	STO+4
2	f y^x	18	-	34	STO+1
3	RCL 2	19	+	35	RCL 0
4	g e^x	20	1	36	RCL 4
5	+	21	+	37	+
6	STO+6	22	RCL 5	38	+
7	1	23	STO-6	39	RCL 3
8	STO-1	24	x	40	x
9	RCL 3	25	GTO 06	41	RCL 2
10	-	26	STO-1	42	RCL 1
11	x	27	RCL 6	43	+
12	STO 5	28	STO+7	44	STO x 6
13	RCL 4	29	f PAUSE	45	x
14	RCL 0	30	RCL 5	46	STO x 5
15	RCL 1	31	STO-6	47	GTO 27
16	g $x < 0$	32	1		

Set: f REG, $\frac{\nu}{2}-1$, STO 0, STO 1, $\frac{\lambda}{2}$, STO 2, $\frac{fu}{f\mu+\nu}$, STO 3, $\frac{u}{2}$, R/S .

Observe the number shown by pause until it starts decreasing and becomes insignificantly small. R/S, RCL 7 gives $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$.

Registers:

0 $\frac{\nu}{2}-1$

1 $\frac{\nu}{2}-1-j; i$

$$2 \quad \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$3 \quad \frac{f\mu}{v+f\mu}$$

$$4 \quad \frac{\mu}{2} + i$$

$$5 \quad \frac{v}{v+f\mu} b(0; \frac{\lambda}{2}) b_{\frac{\mu}{2}+j} (j; \frac{v}{v+f\mu}); \frac{v}{v+f\mu} b(i; \frac{\lambda}{2}) b_{\frac{\mu+v}{2}-1+i} (\frac{v}{2}-1; \frac{v}{v+f\mu})$$

$$6 \quad b(0; \frac{\lambda}{2}) B_{\frac{\mu}{2}+j} (j; \frac{v}{v+f\mu}); a_i$$

$$7 \quad \sum_{k=0}^i a_k$$

3 C. Example. $\mu = 4, v = 6, f = 4.5337, \lambda = 4$.

The following numbers are observed by pause:

0.12857, 0.24305, 0.22541, 0.13701, 0.06153, 0.02182,
0.00637, 0.00158, 0.00034, 0.00006, 0.00001, $1.67 \cdot 10^{-6}$.

R/S, RCL 7 gives $G_{\mu, v}(f; \lambda) = 0.82576$. By (16) the inaccuracy is less than $\frac{2}{11-2} \cdot 1.67 \cdot 10^{-6} = 3.70 \cdot 10^{-7}$.

4. Program on HP-67 calculator for $G_{\mu, \nu}(f; u)$ when not both μ and ν are odd.

1	f LBL A	36	STO 5	71	RCL 6	106	+
2	h $x \geq y$	37	h y^x	72	x	107	STO 3
3	h CF 0	38	h $x \leq y$	73	f LBL 5	108	f LBL 6
4	2	39	h F? 0	74	1	109	h RCL I
5	+	40	GTO 3	75	STO+5	110	STO-0
6	STO A	41	RCL A	76	STO+7	111	RCL 9
7	g FRAC	42	1	77	f DSZ	112	x
8	f x=0	43	+	78	GTO 3	113	RCL 3
9	h SF 0	44	STO 5	79	f LBL 2	114	+
10	h $x \geq y$	45	RCL 6	80	h $x \leq y$	115	RCL 6
11	2	46	RCL A	81	STO E	116	x
12	+	47	h y^x	82	RCL C	117	h STO I
13	STO B	48	STO 4	83	f x \neq 0	118	RCL 8
14	h F? 0	49	RCL D	84	GTO C	119	RCL C
15	h RTN	50	x	85	RCL 4	120	+
16	g FRAC	51	RCL B	86	h RTN	121	STO+2
17	h N!	52	1	87	f LBL C	122	1
18	h RTN	53	-	88	ENTER	123	STO+3
19	f LBL B	54	h STO I	89	2	124	STO+8
20	STO C	55	f x=0	90	+	125	STO+9
21	h $x \leq y$	56	GTO 2	91	STO C	126	-
22	RCL A	57	f LBL 3	92	CHS	127	EEX
23	h STO I	58	h $x \leq y$	93	g e^x	128	5
24	x	59	STO-4	94	STO 2	129	+
25	STO 6	60	RCL 5	95	RCL 4	130	RCL 2
26	RCL B	61	x	96	STO 0	131	RCL 0
27	+	62	RCL 7	97	x	132	x
28	STO+6	63	+	98	STO 1	133	STO+1
29	1	64	h F? 0	99	RCL E	134	g $x > y$
30	STO 4	65	GTO 4	100	h STO I	135	GTO 6
31	STO 7	66	STO+4	101	RCL 5	136	RCL 1
32	RCL 6	67	RCL D	102	STO 9	137	h RTN
33	-	68	x	103	1		
34	STO D	69	GTO 5	104	STO 8		
35	RCL B	70	f LBL 4	105	RCL A		

This program may be used if either μ or ν is even.

The program is normally recorded on a magnetic card. It is executed by the following routine:

1. Enter both sides of the magnetic card.
2. Set: μ , ENTER, ν , A . If none of them are even, ERROR will appear.
3. Set: f , ENTER, λ , B .
 $F_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$ is then calculated. This step may be repeated for new values of f and λ .
4. To repeat the calculations for new values of λ only, just enter the new value of λ at C . This saves especially much time because it is not necessary to calculate new values of the central fisher distribution.

The calculations are interrupted when $a_i < \left(\frac{i}{2} - 1\right) \epsilon$. The value of ϵ is set to 10^{-5} which should give at least 4 significant decimals, but this may be changed to 10^{-n} by replacing 5 step 128 by n .

The following registers are used:

A $\frac{\mu}{2}$

B $\frac{\nu}{2}$

C $\lambda; \frac{\lambda}{2}$

D $\frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu}$

E $\frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu} b_{\frac{\mu}{2} + 1 + i} \left(i; \frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu}\right); \frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu} b_{\frac{\nu}{2} + i} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} - 1; \frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu}\right)$

I $\frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu} b_{\frac{\mu + \nu}{2} + j} \left(j; \frac{\nu}{\nu + f\mu}\right)$

$$0 \quad B_{\frac{\nu+\mu}{2}+j} \left(j; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right)$$

$$1 \quad F_{\mu, \nu}(f; \lambda)$$

$$2 \quad b\left(j; \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$$

$$3 \quad \frac{\mu}{2}+1+j$$

$$4 \quad B_{\frac{\mu}{2}+1+i} \left(i; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right); \quad B_{\frac{\nu}{2}+i} \left(\frac{\nu}{2}-1; \frac{\nu}{\nu+f\mu} \right)$$

$$5 \quad \frac{\mu}{2}+1+i; \quad \frac{\nu}{2}+i$$

$$6 \quad \frac{f\mu}{\nu+f\mu}$$

$$7 \quad i+1$$

$$8 \quad j+1$$

$$9 \quad \frac{\nu+\mu}{2}+j$$

Register C, 0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and the protected registers may be used freely without destroying the intermediate answers, but the others may not.

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