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Vėrinių multiaibių statistikos dispersijos efektyvūs įverčiai

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Abstract: The variance of a linear statistics on multisets of necklaces is explored. The upper and lower bounds with optimal constants are obtained.

Keywords: Tur'an–Kubilius inequality, polynomials over finite field, additive function.

Summary: Nagrinėjama tiesinės statistikos, apibrėžtos atsitiktinių vėrinių multiaibėje, dispersija. Gauti tikslūs viršutiniai ir apatinieji įverčiai.

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1 Introduction and results

Let $(P, \# \cdot \#)$ be an initial set of weighted objects and

$$\pi(j) := \#\{p \in P : \|p\| = j\} < \infty$$

for every $j = 1, 2, \dots$. Examine the set G with the extended weight function $\# \cdot \#$ of multisets comprised of $p \in P$. Namely, $a \in G$ if $a = \{p_1, \dots, p_r\}$ and $\#a\# = \#p_1\# + \dots + \#p_r\#$ including the empty multiset $\#$ of weight 0. Then

$$m(n) := \left| \zeta_n \right| := \left| \left\{ a \in \zeta : \|a\| = n \right\} \right| = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{N}_0^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \binom{\pi(j) + k_j - 1}{k_j},$$

where $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{k}^-) = \mathbf{l}k_1 + \dots + \mathbf{n}k_n$ if $\mathbf{k}^- = (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in N_0^n$ and $n \in N_0 := \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$.

In the present paper, we deal with the multisets for which $m(n) = q^n$, where $q \geq 2$ is an arbitrary natural number. If q is a prime power, then may be interpreted as $F_q^*[t]$, the set of monic polynomials over a finite field F_q . Then P is the subset of irreducible polynomials. For an arbitrary such q , there exist combinatorial constructions, called multisets of necklaces satisfying $m(n) = q^n$ (see, [1, Example 2.12, p. 43]). For multisets, we have the following relations

$$\pi(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} q^{n/d} \mu(d), \quad q^n = \sum_{d|n} d \pi(d), \quad (1)$$

where in the summations, d runs over natural divisors of n and $\mu(d)$ stands for the Möbius function. The equalities are equivalent to the formal power series relation

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n x^n = \frac{1}{1-qx} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1-x^j)^{-\pi(j)}.$$

Take an $a \in G_n$ uniformly at random, that is, sample it with probability $\nu_n(\{a\}) = q^{-n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\nu_0(\{\#\}) = 1$. If $k_j(a) \geq 0$ is the number of elements π in $a \in G_n$ of weight j , then $\mathbf{k}(a) = \mathbf{k}_1(a), \dots, \mathbf{k}_n(a)$ is the structure vector of $a \in G_n$ satisfying $\mathbf{l}(\mathbf{k}(a)) = \mathbf{n}$. Its distribution is

$$\nu_n(\bar{\mathbf{k}}(a) = \bar{\mathbf{s}}) = \mathbf{1}\left\{\mathbf{1}(\bar{\mathbf{s}}) = n\right\} q^n \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \binom{\pi(j) + s_j - 1}{s_j}, \quad (2)$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{s}} = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ and $\mathbf{1}\{\cdot\}$ stands for the indicator function.

We are interested in the distribution with respect to ν_n of the linear statistics

$$h(\bar{\mathbf{c}}) := h(\bar{\mathbf{c}}, a) = c_1 k_1(a) + \dots + c_n k_n(a), \quad \bar{\mathbf{c}} = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (3)$$

The number of components in a is such a function, namely, it equals $\mathbf{k}_1(a) + \dots + \mathbf{k}_n(a)$. We refer to [1] for more sophisticated examples.

The present paper is devoted to the variance of $h(\bar{\mathbf{c}})$ which is a sum of dependent random variables (r.v.s) as the relation $h(\bar{\mathbf{j}}, a) = \mathbf{1}(\bar{\mathbf{k}}(a)) = n$ for each $a \in G_n$ shows. Estimating it, we propose an approach to overcome technical obstacles stemming from dependence.

In the sequel, the expectations and variances with respect to ν_n will be denoted by E_n and V_n while, when the probability space (Ω, F, P) is not specified, we will respectively use the notation E and V . The summation indexes i, j, l, k, m, m^1 and m^2 will be natural numbers.

Theorem 1 If $\bar{\mathbf{c}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then

$$V_n h(\bar{\mathbf{c}}) = \sum_{\substack{j, k \in \mathbb{N}_n}} c_j^2 \pi(j) k q^{jk} - \sum_{\substack{i, l, j, k \in \mathbb{N}_n \\ i+l+j+k > n}} c_i c_j \pi(i) \pi(j) q^{il-jk}. \quad (4)$$

The sketch of the proof is given at the beginning of Section 2.

It is known [1] that, for a fixed j , the r.v. $k_j(a)$ converges in distribution to the r.v. γ_j distributed according to the negative binomial law $\text{NB}(\pi(j), q^{-j})$. If $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots\}$ are mutually independent, define the statistics $Y_n = c_1\gamma_1 + \dots + c_n\gamma_n$. We shall see that the first sum on the right-hand side in (4) is close to VY_n ; therefore, estimating $V_n h(\bar{c})$, we use the following quadratic forms:

$$B_n(\bar{c}) := \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} c_j^2 \pi(j) k q^{jk}, \quad R_n(\bar{c}) = \sum_{m \leq n} m q^{2m} \left(\sum_{j \leq m} c_j \pi(j) \right)^2.$$

Theorem 2 If $n \geq 2$, then

$$V_n h(\bar{c}) \leq B_n(\bar{c}) + \frac{1}{2} R_n(\bar{c}). \quad (5)$$

The inequality becomes an equality for

$$c_j = c_j^* := \frac{3}{\pi(j)} \sum_{d|j} d q^d \mu\left(\frac{j}{d}\right) - (2n+1)j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n. \quad (6)$$

Corollary 1 If $n \geq 2$ and $\bar{c} \neq \bar{0}$, then

$$V_n h(\bar{c}) < \frac{3}{2} B_n(\bar{c}) < \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{q-1}{q} n q^n \right) VY_n. \quad (7)$$

The inequalities are trivial for functions proportional to $h(\bar{j}, a) = n$ if $a \in G_n$ because of $V_n h(\bar{j}) = 0$ then. A shift of $\bar{c}$ eliminates this inconvenience. Observe that either of $B_n(\bar{c} - t\bar{j})$ and $R_n(\bar{c} - t\bar{j})$ attain their minimums in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ at

$$t = t_c := \frac{2}{(n+1)n} \sum_{m \leq n} m q^m \sum_{j \leq m} c_j \pi(j).$$

Theorem 3 If $n \geq 3$, then

$$B_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) - \frac{1}{3} R_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) \leq V_n h(\bar{c}) \leq B_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) - \frac{1}{2} R_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}).$$

Both inequalities are sharp.

Corollary 2 If $n \geq 3$ and $\bar{c} \neq a\bar{j}$ for every $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{3}{2} B_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) \leq V_n h(\bar{c}) < \frac{3}{2} B_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}).$$

The proofs of the last two theorems presented in Section 2 are built upon the ideas and auxiliary results obtained in [4], [2] and [5].

2 Proofs

We firstly recall known facts about random multisets which can be found in [3] and [1, Section 2.3]. Let $\bar{y}^{(x)} = (y_1^{(x)}, y_2^{(x)}, \dots)$ be the infinite dimensional vector of independent r.v.s having the negative binomial distributions $\text{NB}(\pi(j), x^j)$, namely,

$$P(y_j^{(x)} = m) = \binom{\pi(j) + m - 1}{m} (1 - x^j)^{\pi(j)} x^{jm}, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

where $0 < x \leq q^{-1}$. Then $\gamma_j^{(q^{-1})} = \gamma_j$ which has been introduced in Introduction. For convenience, we extend $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{a})$ to $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{a}) := (\mathbf{k}_1(\mathbf{a}), \dots, \mathbf{k}_n(\mathbf{a}), 0, \dots)$ and use infinite dimensional vectors. Set $\theta^{(x)} = 1y_1^{(x)} + \dots + ny_n^{(x)} + (n+1)y_{n+1}^{(x)} + \dots$. The latter r.v. is well defined if $0 < x < q^{-1}$, since the condition of the Boreli–Cantelli lemma is satisfied:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(y_j^{(x)} \neq 0) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - (1 - x^j)^{\pi(j)}) < \infty.$$

Lemma 1 If $\bar{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_j, s_j + 1, \dots) \in \mathbb{N}_0^\infty$ and $0 < x < q^{-1}$, then

$$v_n(\bar{k}(a) = s) = P(y^{(x)} = s | \theta^{(x)} = n).$$

Proof. Actually, this is Lemma 2.2 in [3] stated there for $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$. The details remain the same in the more general case.

Lemma 2 For a functional $\Psi: \mathbb{N}_0^\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $E|\Psi(\bar{y}^{(x)})| < \infty$, we have

$$E\Psi(y^{(x)}) = (1 - qx) \left(\Psi(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \Psi(\bar{k}(a)) q^n x^n \right), \quad 0 < x < q^{-1}.$$

Proof. Apply Lemma 1 in the double averaging as follows:

$$E\Psi(y^{(x)}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E \left(\Psi(y^{(x)}) | \theta^{(x)} = n \right) P(\theta^{(x)} = n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n \Psi(\bar{k}(a)) P(\theta^{(x)} = n).$$

Proof of Theorem 1. It is straightforward. Applying the last lemma for the relevant Ψ , one can easily find the needed mixed moments of $\mathbf{k}_j(\mathbf{a})$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, and further, the variance of the linear combination $h(\mathbf{a})$.

To prove Theorems 2 and 3, we will apply the following lemmas concerning particular matrices and quadratic forms.

Lemma 3 Let $U = ((u_{ij}))$, $i, j \leq n$, be the symmetric matrix with the entries

$$u_{ij} = 1\{i + j > n\} (ij)^{-1/2}.$$

The spectrum of U is the set $\{1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots, (-1)^{n-1}/n\}$. The eigenvectors corresponding to the first three eigenvalues are proportional to $\bar{c}_r = c_{r1}, \dots, c_{rn}$, where $r = 1, 2, 3$ and, for $j \leq n$,

$$e_{1j} = \sqrt{j}, \quad e_{2j} = (3j - 2n - 1)\sqrt{j}, \quad e_{3j} = (10j^2 - 6(2n + 1)j + 3n^2 + 3n + 2)\sqrt{j}.$$

Proof. This is the byproduct of works [4] and [2].

Afterwards, let $\bar{e}_r, 1 \leq m \leq n$, be the orthogonal basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$ comprised of the eigenvectors of U and $\bar{x}'$ means the transposed vector $\bar{x}$.

Lemma 4 If $b_m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $1 \leq m \leq n$ and $n \geq 2$, then

$$-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} mb_m^2 \leq \sum_{\substack{1 \leq m_1, m_2 \leq n \\ m_1 + m_2 > n}} b_{m_1} b_{m_2} \leq \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} mb_m^2 \quad (9)$$

If $n \geq 3$ and

$$\sum_{m \leq n} mb_m = 0, \quad (10)$$

then

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq m_1, m_2 \leq n \\ m_1 + m_2 > n}} b_{m_1} b_{m_2} \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} mb_m^2 \quad (11)$$

Moreover, each bound in (9) and (11) are achieved, respectively, for $b_m = e_{rm}/\sqrt{m}$, where $r = 2, 1, 3$ and e_{rm} have been defined in Lemma 3.

Proof. Inequalities (9) are seen from Lemma 3 after the substitution $b_m = x_m/\sqrt{m}$, $m \leq n$ since the extreme eigenvalues are 1 and 1/2.

After the same substitution, we further examine the quadratic form with the matrix U . Condition (10) reckons the subspace of vectors $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ satisfying $x_1 + \dots + x_j\sqrt{j} + \dots + x_n\sqrt{n} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{e}'_1 = 0$. This subspace is spanned over the first eigenvector. In other words, under (10), only the form values obtained in the subspace $L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ spanned over the vectors $\bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_n$ count. Hence

$$\max_{\bar{x} \in L} \bar{x} \square^2 \bar{x} \cup \bar{x}' \leq \max_{2 \leq r \leq n} (-1)^{r-1} / r = 1/3.$$

Returning to b_m , from this we obtain inequality (11).

Proof of Theorem 2. After grouping the summands, expression (4) can be rewritten as follows:

$$V_n h(\bar{c}) = b_n(\bar{c}) - \sum_{\substack{1 \leq m_1, m_2 \leq n \\ m_1 + m_2 > n}} \left(q^{-m_1} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} c_i \pi(i) \right) \left(q^{-m_2} \sum_{j \leq m_2} c_j \pi(j) \right).$$

Now evidently estimate (5) follows from Lemma 4 with

$$b_m = q^m \sum_{j|m} c_j \pi(j), \quad m \leq n.$$

Moreover, it becomes an equality if we take $c_j = c_j^*$ satisfying

$$q^m \sum_{j|m} c_j^* \pi(j) = 3m - 2n - 1,$$

which by the Möbius inversion formula and (1) may be rewritten as (6).

To *prove* the first assertion of Corollary 1, it suffices to estimate the inner sum in $R_n(\bar{c})$, namely,

$$\left(\sum_{j|m} c_j \pi(j) \right)^2 \leq \sum_{j|m} \frac{c_j^3 \pi(j)}{j} \cdot \sum_{j|m} j \pi(j) = \sum_{j|m} \frac{c_j^3 \pi(j)}{j} \cdot qm.$$

Further, using the expression of VY_n , we just estimate the remainder:

$$VY_n - B_n(\bar{c}) = \sum_{j \leq m} c_j^3 \pi(j) \sum_{\substack{k \leq j \\ k > n/j}} k q^{-jk} \leq n q^n \sum_{j \leq m} \frac{c_j^3 \pi(j)}{j} \frac{q^j}{(q^j - 1)^2} \frac{q^j - 1}{q^j} \leq n q^{n-1} (q - 1) VY_n.$$

Plugging both estimates into (5), we obtain the first inequality in Corollary 1 with $\leq$ instead of $<$. In fact, we obtained the strict inequality since Cauchy's inequality applied in the last step is strict if $\bar{c}$ is not proportional to $\bar{j}$, and in this exceptional case, $Vh(\bar{c}) = 0$.

Proof of Theorem 3. Observe that $V_n h(\bar{c}) = V_n h(\bar{c} - t\bar{n}) - V_n h(\bar{c} - t\bar{j})$ for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence the right-hand inequality follows from (5) applied for the shifted statistics.

To get the lower bound of variance, we combine (4) and (11). We start with

$$V_n h(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) - B_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}) = \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \leq n \\ m_1 + m_2 > n}} \bar{b}_{m_1} \bar{b}_{m_2},$$

where

$$\bar{b}_m = q^m \sum_{j|m} (c_j - t_c j) \pi(j)$$

and $m \leq n$. By the definition of t_c the latter sequence satisfies condition (10). Hence by (11),

$$\sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \leq n \\ m_1 + m_2 > n}} \bar{b}_{m_1} \bar{b}_{m_2} \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m \leq n} m \bar{b}_m^2 = \frac{1}{3} R_n(\bar{c} - t_c \bar{j}).$$

This and (4) imply the lower bound. Moreover, the latter is sharp since Lemma 4 assures this by a choice of a particular sequence $\bar{b}_m$, $m \leq n$.

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