

## Jackknife Estimates for Parameter Changes in the Weibull Distribution

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### Abstract

We shall propose several estimators for the shape and scale parameters in the Weibull distribution based upon the complete or truncated samples when both parameters are functions of a known exposure level and study properties for proposed several estimators

### 1. Introduction

In 1930, a Swedish engineer, Wallori Weibull, began to apply the "weakest link" theory to strength of materials using a Gumbel extreme - value distribution which came to be called the Weibull distribution because of its wide application in reliability engineering and statistical inference ( see Bain & Engelhart(1987), Saunders & Mann(1985), and Saunders & Woo(1989)). Here we shall consider an application of the Weibull distribution to the strength of materials when its shape and scale parameters are functions of a known exposure level  $t$ , which often occurs in the engineering and physical phenomena.

The purpose of this work is to estimate the shape and scale parameters in the Weibull distribution when both parameters change a function of an environment dosage, say  $t$ .

First, we shall give this estimation problems for the Weibull model with a known shape parameter on the base of the complete samples by the maximum likelihood and jackknife methods or the truncated samples. Next, estimators for the case when both the shape and scale parameters in the Weibull distribution are unknown will be found by the maximum likelihood method on the base of the complete samples. However, the expectations and variances of these estimators can't be given.

### 2. The Weibull Distribution

We shall consider the Weibull distribution with the p.d.f.

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$$f(x; \alpha(t), \beta(t)) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha(t)}{\beta(t)} \left\{ \frac{x}{\beta(t)} \right\}^{\alpha(t)-1} \exp \left\{ - \left\{ \frac{x}{\beta(t)} \right\}^{\alpha(t)} \right\}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha(t)$  and  $\beta(t)$  are positive for  $t > 0$ , denoted by  $X \sim WEI(\beta(t), \alpha(t))$ .

We shall estimate the parameters when  $\alpha(t)$  and  $\beta(t)$  are polynomials of  $t$  ;

$$\alpha(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_r t^r, \text{ and}$$

$$\beta(t) = b_0 + b_1 t + \dots + b_r t^r, \quad t > 0 \text{ and } a_i > 0, b_i > 0, \text{ for all } i = 0, 1, \dots, r.$$

## 2.1 The shape parameter is known

### 2.1.A The complete samples

Assume  $X_{1i}, \dots, X_{n_j}$  be a simple random samples taken from  $X_j \sim WEI(\beta(t), \alpha(t))$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r+1$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}$  are independent,  $t_i \neq t_k$  for  $i \neq k$ . We assume that the shape parameter  $\alpha(t)$  is known constant  $\alpha_0$ .

The likelihood functions are given by, for  $j = 1, \dots, r+1$ ,

$$L(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r | t_j) = a_0^{n_j} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k \right\}^{-\alpha_0 \cdot n_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n_j} x_{ij}^{\alpha_0-1} \cdot \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \left( x_{ij} / \sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k \right)^{\alpha_0} \right\}$$

from which we find  $\partial \log L((b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r | t_j) / \partial b_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, r$  and  $j = 1, \dots, r+1$ .

Setting the derivatives equal to zero, with simplification yield the following equations :

$$\sum_{k=0}^r b_k t_j^k = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} x_{ij}^{\alpha_0} / n_j \right\}^{1/\alpha_0}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r+1.$$

Hence, from these linear equations, the MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(1)}$  for  $b_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, r$ , are

$$\hat{b}_j^{(1)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \left( \sum_{m=1}^{n_j} X_{mi}^{\alpha_0} / n_j \right)^{1/\alpha_0}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]},$$

where  $\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^r \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 & \dots & t_2^r \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ 1 & t_{r+1} & t_{r+1}^2 & \dots & t_{r+1}^r \end{vmatrix}.$

The expectations and variances of these MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(1)}$  for  $b_j$  can be obtained by

$$E(\hat{b}_j^{(1)}) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot \det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, (1/n_i)^{1/\alpha_0} \cdot t_i^k \cdot \Gamma(n_i + 1/\alpha_0) / \Gamma(n_i), t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} VAR(\hat{b}_j^{(1)}) = & \frac{1}{\det^2 [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]} \\ & \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{r+1} (1/n_k)^{2/\alpha_0} \beta^2(t_k) \{ \Gamma(n_k + 2/\alpha_0) / \Gamma(n_k) - \Gamma^2(n_k + 1/\alpha_0) / \Gamma^2(n_k) \} \\ & \cdot \det^2 [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]_{i \neq k}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]_{i \neq k}$  is a minor determinant eliminated k-row and j-column in the determinant,  $\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]$ , and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma function.

Therefore, by taking limits for these expressions, the MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(1)}$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, r$ , are asymptotically unbiased and MSE-consistent.

By definition of the jackknife technique, we can obtain the jackknife estimators of  $\hat{b}_j^{(1)}$ , for every  $j=0, 1, \dots, r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} J(\hat{b}_j^{(1)}) = & \frac{1}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]} \det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \\ & (n \cdot n_i + n - n_i) \left( \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{n_i} X_{mi}^{\alpha_0} / n_i \right)^{1/\alpha_0} - (n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{n_i} \left\{ \left( \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{n_i} X_{mi}^{\alpha_0} - X_{ki}^{\alpha_0}}{(n_i - 1)} \right)^{1/\alpha_0} \right. \\ & \left. t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_{r+1}$ .

The expectations of these jackknife estimators  $J(\hat{b}_j^{(1)})$  can be obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} E(J(\hat{b}_j^{(1)})) = & \frac{1}{n \cdot \det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]} \sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot \det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \\ & t_i^k \cdot \{ (n \cdot n_i + n - n_i)(n_i)^{-1/\alpha_0} \Gamma(n_i + 1/\alpha_0) / \Gamma(n_i) \\ & - n_i(n - 1)(n_i - 1)^{-1/\alpha_0} \Gamma(n_i + 1/\alpha_0 - 1) / \Gamma(n_i - 1), \\ & t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r \} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as using limit formula in Gradshteyn et al(1980),  $\lim n^{b-a} \Gamma(n+a) / \Gamma(n+b) = 1$ , the jackknife estimators  $J(\hat{b}_j^{(1)})$ ,  $j=0, \dots, r$ , are asymptotically unbiased estimators for  $b_j$ .

### 2.1.B The truncated sample

For given  $t_i \neq t_k$  for every  $i \neq k$ .  $1, 2, \dots, r+1$ , let  $X_{1i}, \dots, X_{k_j}, \dots, X_{n_j}$  be the truncated random samples taken from  $X_j \sim WEI(\beta(t), \alpha_0)$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_{r+1}$  be independent, where  $X_{1i}, \dots, X_{k_j}$  are dead items or items of failures and  $X_{k+1j}, \dots, X_{n_j}$  are alive items or runouts,  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ .

The likelihood functions are given by, for  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ ,

$$L(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r | t_j) = \alpha_0^{k_j} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^r b_m \cdot t_j^m \right\}^{-\alpha_0 \cdot k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{k_j} x_{ij}^{\alpha_0-1} \cdot \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \left( x_{ij} / \sum_{m=0}^r b_m \cdot t_j^m \right)^{\alpha_0} \right\}$$

from which we find  $\partial \log L((b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r | t_j) / \partial b_i$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, r$  and  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ , Setting the derivatives equal to zero, with simplification yield the following equations :

$$\sum_{m=0}^r b_m t_j^m = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n_j} x_{ij}^{\alpha_0} / k_j \right\}^{1/\alpha_0}, \quad j=1, \dots, r+1.$$

Hence, the MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(2)}$  for  $b_j$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, r$ , are

$$\hat{b}_j^{(2)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \left( \sum_{m=1}^{n_j} X_{mi}^{\alpha_0} / k_i \right)^{1/\alpha_0}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]}.$$

If we assume  $k_j - 1$  follows a poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda_j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ , and  $k_j$ 's are independent, then the expectations and variances of these MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(2)}$  for  $b_j$  can be obtained by

$$E(\hat{b}_j^{(2)}) = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^r b_m \cdot \det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, t_i^m A(\lambda_j; 1/\alpha_0) \exp(-\lambda_j) \cdot \Gamma(n_j + 1/\alpha_0) / \Gamma(n_j), t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} VAR(\hat{b}_j^{(2)}) &= \frac{1}{\det^2 [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]} \\ &\cdot \sum_{m=1}^{r+1} \beta^2(t_m) \exp(-\lambda_m) \det^2 [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]_{i \neq m} \\ &\quad \{ A(\lambda_m; 2/\alpha_0) \Gamma(n_m + 2/\alpha_0) / \Gamma(n_m) - A^2(\lambda_m; 1/\alpha_0) \Gamma^2(n_k + 1/\alpha_0) / \Gamma^2(n_k) \}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A(x; a) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} x^y / (y! \cdot (y+1)^a)$ ,  $x > 0$ .

From this expectations and variances, the truncated MLE's  $\hat{b}_j^{(2)}$  for  $b_j$  are asymptotically unbiased and MSE-consistent if  $n_j = \lambda_j$  for every  $j$ .

Table 1 & 2 show numerical values of biases for the MLE, jackknife estimator, and the truncated MLE for  $b_j$ 's when  $n_1 = 5(5)25$ ,  $n_2 = 5(5)25$   $r = 1$  and  $a_0 = 1/2$  and 2. Throughout the numerical values of Table 1 & 2, the jackknife technique is more useful in the bias reduction than the MLE and truncated MLE.

### 2.2 The shape parameter is unknown

Here the estimators for the case when both the shape and scale parameters in the Weibull distribution are unknown will be found by maximum likelihood method on the base of the complete samples.

The likelihood functions are given by, for  $j = 1, \dots, r + 1$ ,

$$L(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r | t_j) = \left\{ \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k \right\} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k \right\}^{-\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} \right\}^{n_j} \prod_{i=1}^{n_j} x_{ij}^{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k - 1} \cdot \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \left( x_{ij} / \sum_{m=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^m \right)^{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} \right\},$$

from which we find  $\partial \log L(b_0, \dots, b_r, a_0, \dots, a_r | t_j) / \partial b_i$ ,  $\partial \log L(b_0, \dots, b_r, a_0, \dots, a_r | t_j) / \partial a_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$  and  $j = 1, \dots, r + 1$ .

Setting the partial derivatives equal to zero, with simplification yield the following equations (see Saunders & Mann(1985)) :

$$f_j(a_0, \dots, a_r) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_j} X_{ij}^{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} \log X_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_j} X_{ij}^{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k}} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{\log X_{ij}}{n_j} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{X_{ij}}{n_j} \right\}^{1 / \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r + 1.$$

Let  $a_0 + a_1 t_j + \dots + a_r t_j^r = A_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r + 1$ . Then  $f_j(A_j) = 0$ .

It has been shown in Bain & Engelhart(1987) that the roots  $\widehat{A}_1, \widehat{A}_2, \dots, \widehat{A}_{r+1}$  are unique solutions of these equations. The Newton procedures for solving the equations  $f_1(\widehat{A}_1) = f_2(\widehat{A}_2) = \dots = f_{r+1}(\widehat{A}_{r+1}) = 0$  are to determine successive approximations ( see Stummel & Hamer1980) ;  $j = 1, \dots, r + 1$ .

$$\widehat{A}_j^{(t)}, \text{ where } \widehat{A}_j^{(t+1)} = \widehat{A}_j^{(t)} - f_j(\widehat{A}_j^{(t)}) / f_j'(\widehat{A}_j^{(t)}), \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \dots.$$

Then the MLE's  $\hat{a}_j^{(3)}$  and  $\hat{b}_j^{(3)}$  for  $a_j$  and  $b_j$ ,  $j=0, \dots, r$ , are

$$\hat{a}_j^{(3)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \hat{A}_j, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]},$$

$$\hat{b}_j^{(3)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \left( \sum_{m=1}^{n_i} X_{mi} \sum_{k=0}^r a_i^{(3)k} t_i^k / n_i \right)^{1/\sum_{k=0}^r a_i^{(3)k} t_i^k}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]}.$$

Next we shall consider estimation of the shape and scale parameters in the Weibull model on the base of the truncated samples in (2.1.B).

The likelihood functions can be obtained by,  $j=1, 2, \dots, r+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_r, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r | t_j) &= k_j \cdot \log \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k \right\} - k_j \cdot \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \log \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k - 1 \right\} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k_i} \log x_{ij} \right\} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \left\{ x_{ij} / \sum_{m=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^m \right\}^{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k}, \end{aligned}$$

from which we find  $\partial \log L(b_0, \dots, b_r, a_0, \dots, a_r | t_j) / \partial b_i$ ,  $\partial \log L(b_0, \dots, b_r, a_0, \dots, a_r | t_j) / \partial a_i$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, r$  and  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ .

Setting the partial derivatives equal to zero, with simplication yield the following equations(see Saunders & Mann(1985)) :

$$g_j(a_0, \dots, a_r) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_i} X_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k \log X_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_i} X_{ij} \sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \frac{\log X_{ij}}{k_j} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^r b_k \cdot t_j^k = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \frac{X_{ij}}{k_j} \right\}^{1/\sum_{k=0}^r a_k \cdot t_j^k}, \quad j=1, \dots, r+1.$$

Let  $a_0 + a_1 t_j + \dots + a_r t_j^r = B_j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ . By the same method of the complete case in (2.2), we can obtain unique solutions  $\hat{B}_j$ 's of  $g_j(\hat{B}_j) = 0$ ,  $j=1, \dots, r+1$ . Then the MLE's  $\hat{a}_j^{(4)}$  and  $\hat{b}_j^{(4)}$  for  $a_j$  and  $b_j$ , respectively,  $j=0, \dots, r$ , are

$$\hat{a}_j^{(3)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \hat{B}_j, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]},$$

and

$$\widehat{b}_j^{(3)} = \frac{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^{j-1}, \left( \sum_{m=1}^{n_i} X_{mi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^{(i)} t_i^k / k_i \right)^{1/\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^{(i)} t_i^k}, t_i^{j+1}, \dots, t_i^r]}{\det [t_i^0, \dots, t_i^r]}$$

These estimators can be considered applications of the Weibull distribution as numerical results by use of the computer method.

### 2.3 An example

The random data of size 30(35) generated by the Weibull distribution with the shape parameter 3.53(1.93) and the scale parameter 1.12(1.30) when the given time is 1(2) are the following ;

time  $t=1$  and WEI(3.53, 1.12) ;

0.28377	1.04073	1.09710	1.13564	1.24619	1.55693	0.46712	1.36307	0.83292	1.17392
1.01126	0.93986	1.57909	1.06920	0.97780	1.18065	0.66854	1.17879	0.93925	1.33254
0.99796	1.25192	1.62951	0.95682	0.69183	1.47483	1.57735	1.45404	1.97065	0.72120

time  $t=2$  and WEI(1.93, 1.30) ;

0.10553	1.13667	1.25180	1.33341	1.58034	2.37459	0.26261	1.86191	0.75632	1.41676
1.07849	0.94331	2.43677	1.19420	1.01412	1.43164	0.50591	1.42752	0.94219	1.78635
1.05269	1.59366	2.58095	0.97468	0.53862	2.15058	2.43186	2.09547	3.65402	0.58118
0.79479	0.59421	1.00052	1.01866	0.36339					

Then the MLE's of parameters,  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $b_0$  and  $b_1$  in the Weibull model can be numerically evaluated based on the random data by equation (2.2.1) and (2.2.2) through Newton and Raphson method as follows ;

$$\widehat{a}_0 = 5.10739, \quad \widehat{a}_1 = -1.64408, \quad \widehat{b}_0 = 0.90430, \quad \widehat{b}_1 = 0.13074$$

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Table 1.1 Biases of estimators for scale in the Weibull distribution with a known shape (1/2) ( $n_1 = \lambda_1, n_2 = \lambda_2, b_0 = 1, b_1 = 2, t = 1, t_2 = 2$ ).

size		PA	BIAS		
$n_1$	$n_2$		MLE	JE	TMLE
5	5	$b_0$	0.20000	-0.02500	0.53620
		$b_1$	0.40000	-0.05000	0.10724
	10	$b_0$	0.70000	-0.14148	2.14352
		$b_1$	-0.10000	0.08148	-0.53478
	15	$b_0$	0.86667	-0.21905	2.46763
		$b_1$	-0.26667	0.10655	-0.85902
	20	$b_0$	0.95000	-0.23738	2.67344
		$b_1$	-0.35000	0.11738	-1.06485
25	$b_0$	0.99999	-0.24862	2.79016	
	$b_1$	-0.39999	0.12363	-1.18125	
10	5	$b_0$	-0.40000	0.14444	1.39257
		$b_1$	0.70000	-0.15555	2.03688
	10	$b_0$	0.10000	-0.00555	0.21475
		$b_1$	0.20000	-0.01111	0.42949
	15	$b_0$	0.26667	-0.03047	0.53890
		$b_1$	0.03333	0.01047	0.10533
	20	$b_0$	0.35000	-0.04007	0.74469
		$b_1$	-0.04999	0.01784	-0.10045
25	$b_0$	0.39999	-0.04525	0.86142	
	$b_1$	-0.09998	0.02144	-0.21718	



size		PA	BIAS			
$n_1$	$n_2$		MLE	JE	TMLE	
15	5	$b_0$	-0.60000	0.18036	-1.78159	
		$b_1$	0.80000	-0.18393	2.23131	
	10	$b_0$	-0.09999	0.02190	-0.17424	
		$b_1$	0.30000	-0.02762	0.62399	
	15	$b_0$	0.06666	-0.00238	0.14991	
		$b_1$	0.13333	-0.00476	0.29983	
	20	$b_0$	0.15000	-0.01070	0.35570	
		$b_1$	0.05000	0.00253	-0.02268	
	25	$b_0$	0.19999	-0.01474	0.47240	
		$b_1$	0.01001	0.00581	-0.02268	
	20	5	$b_0$	-0.70000	0.19685	-2.02842
			$b_1$	0.85000	-0.19843	2.35473
10		$b_0$	-0.20000	0.03178	-0.42118	
		$b_1$	0.35000	-0.03441	0.74746	
15		$b_0$	-0.03333	0.00685	-0.09702	
		$b_1$	0.18333	-0.01023	0.42330	
20		$b_0$	0.05000	-0.00131	0.10876	
		$b_1$	0.10000	-0.00262	0.21752	
25		$b_0$	0.09999	-0.00507	0.22549	
		$b_1$	0.05001	0.00069	0.10078	
25		5	$b_0$	-0.75999	0.20668	-2.16854
			$b_1$	0.87999	-0.20751	2.42485
	10	$b_0$	-0.25999	0.03684	-0.56127	
		$b_1$	0.37999	-0.03826	0.81750	
	15	$b_0$	-0.09332	0.01114	-0.23711	
		$b_1$	0.21333	-0.01301	0.49334	
	20	$b_0$	-0.00998	0.00287	-0.03132	
		$b_1$	0.12999	-0.00509	0.28756	
	25	$b_0$	0.04000	-0.00083	0.08641	
		$b_1$	0.08000	-0.00166	0.17082	

Table 1.2 Biases of estimators for scale in the Weibull distribution with a known shape (2) ( $n_1 = \lambda_1$ ,  $n_2 = \lambda_2$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $b_1 = 2$ ,  $t = 1$ ,  $t_2 = 2$ ).

size		PA	BIAS			
$n_1$	$n_2$		MLE	JE	TMLE	
5	5	$b_0$	-0.02465	0.00252	0.11168	
		$b_1$	-0.04929	0.00505	0.22336	
	10	$b_0$	-0.08581	0.01940	0.49360	
		$b_1$	0.01187	-0.00880	-0.15856	
	15	$b_0$	-0.10642	0.02368	0.57806	
		$b_1$	0.32468	-0.01157	-0.24302	
	20	$b_0$	-0.11675	0.02580	0.61165	
		$b_1$	0.04280	-0.01279	-0.27662	
	25	$b_0$	-0.12296	0.02713	0.63356	
		$b_1$	0.04901	-0.01351	-0.29852	
	10	5	$b_0$	0.04875	-0.01551	-0.34662
			$b_1$	-0.08601	0.01659	0.45251
10		$b_0$	-0.01241	0.00058	0.03529	
		$b_1$	-0.02483	0.00117	0.07059	
15		$b_0$	-0.03301	0.00336	0.11976	
		$b_1$	-0.00423	-0.00119	-0.01387	
20		$b_0$	-0.04334	0.00446	0.15335	
		$b_1$	0.00609	-0.00202	-0.04746	
25		$b_0$	-0.04956	0.00504	0.17525	
		$b_1$	0.01231	-0.00240	-0.06936	
15		5	$b_0$	0.07347	-0.01954	-0.44798
			$b_1$	-0.09835	0.01986	0.50319
	10	$b_0$	0.01230	-0.00244	-0.01660	
		$b_1$	-0.03719	0.00303	0.12127	
	15	$b_0$	-0.00829	0.00025	0.01840	
		$b_1$	-0.01659	0.00051	0.03680	
	20	$b_0$	-0.01862	0.00118	0.05199	
		$b_1$	-0.00625	-0.00029	0.00321	
	25	$b_0$	-0.02484	0.00165	0.07390	
		$b_1$	-0.00455	-0.00066	-0.01869	

size		PA	BIAS		
$n_1$	$n_2$		MLE	JE	TMLE
20	5	$b_0$	0.08587	-0.02142	-0.48829
		$b_1$	-0.10456	0.02155	0.52334
	10	$b_0$	0.02470	-0.00356	-0.10637
		$b_1$	-0.04339	0.00382	0.14142
	15	$b_0$	0.00410	-0.00076	-0.02191
		$b_1$	-0.02279	0.00113	0.05696
	20	$b_0$	-0.00622	-0.00014	0.01168
		$b_1$	-0.01245	0.00028	0.02336
	25	$b_0$	-0.01244	0.00056	0.03358
		$b_1$	-0.00624	-0.00008	0.00146
25	5	$b_0$	0.09332	-0.02256	-0.51457
		$b_1$	-0.10829	0.02263	0.53648
	10	$b_0$	0.03215	-0.00412	-0.13266
		$b_1$	-0.04711	0.00426	0.15457
	15	$b_0$	0.01156	-0.00126	-0.04819
		$b_1$	-0.02652	0.00145	0.07010
	20	$b_0$	0.00122	-0.00032	-0.01459
		$b_1$	-0.01618	0.00056	0.03650
	25	$b_0$	-0.00498	0.00009	0.00730
		$b_1$	-0.00997	0.00018	0.01461