

ORDER STATISTICS OF GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION

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Abstract:-

This paper mainly studies the order statistics of geometric distribution. The paper deduces the joint frequency function and conditional joint frequency function of the order statistics, and, obtain and prove some important propositions of order statistics of geometric distribution. Certain propositions are different from and also similar to corresponding propositions of exponential distribution.

Index Terms:-*Geometric distribution, order statistics, exponential distribution, joint frequency function, identical distribution*

I. INTRODUCTION

Geometric distribution has already been applied to more fields, and it has an extremely important position especially in some fields such as information engineering, electronic engineering, control theory and economics. It is well known that exponential distribution plays quite an important role in the statistical analysis of reliability. However in discrete life case, geometric distribution play the role of exponential distribution in continuous life case, so the study on geometric distribution becomes more and more important. [1] first proposed that the characteristics of geometric distribution might be described by order statistics. [2] made the further study on order statistics of geometric distribution. [3] Obtained certain characterizations of exponential and geometric distributions. [4] studied a characterization of the geometric distribution. [5] Proved a characterization of the geometric distribution. [6] gave a note on characterizations of the geometric distribution. [7] Obtained some results for type I censored sampling from geometric distributions. [8] gave and proved two characterizations of geometric distributions. [9] Compared some characterizations of the geometric with exponential random variables. [10] Made statistical analysis for geometric distribution based on records. [11] Got a generalization of the geometric distribution. [12] Gives a generalization of geometric distribution. [13] proved characterizations of the geometric distribution via residual lifetime. Although both geometric distribution and exponential distribution have no memory, properties of their order statistics make an obvious difference because of their individual differences. This paper obtains and proves some propositions of order statistics of geometric distribution, and certain propositions are different from and also similar to corresponding propositions of exponential distribution.

II. THE RESULTS AND PROOFS

random variable X is said to have a geometric distribution with parameter p if its frequency function is $P(X=k) = pq^{k-1}$ for $k=1, 2, \dots$. This work was supported in part by the Key Scientific Research Program of Colleges and Universities of Henan Province of China under Grant 16A110001 and Grant 18A110009.C. He is with the School of Mathematics and Statistics, Anyang Normal University, Anyang 455000, China (Email: chaobing5@163.com.)

where $0 < p < 1$ and $q = 1 - p$. We will sometimes write $X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$. Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. geometric random variables. We arrange X_i 's in ascending order, and some of X_i 's are taken as the same group whose values are equal. Therefore X_i 's are divided into finite group. Then we define Y_i to be the number of variables included by the i -th group and $X(i)$ the common value of the i -th group random variables with $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $D_i = X(i) - X(i-1)$ with $X(0) = 0$.

Proposition 1: Based on above symbols defined, the following are consequence of X_i 's:

(i) The joint frequency function of $X(1), X(2), \dots, X(r)$ is

$P(X(1)=k_1, X(2)=k_2, \dots, X(r)=k_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r p k_i^{n-1} q^{k_i-1} \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} p k_j^{n-1} q^{k_j-1} \prod_{j=i+1}^r p k_j^{n-1} q^{k_j-1}$ where $p k_i = P(X=k_i)$ and $p k_r = P(X > k_r)$, if $r=n$, then $p k_r = 0$, and $1 \leq k_1 \leq k_2 \leq \dots \leq k_r$.

(ii) **Conditional** $Y_1=m_1, Y_2=m_2, \dots, Y_{r-1}=m_{r-1}$,

$D_r \sim \text{Geo}(1 - q^{n-m_1-m_2-\dots-m_{r-1}})$, where $m_1+m_2+\dots+m_{r-1} \leq n-1$.

(iii) **Conditional** $Y_1=m_1, Y_2=m_2, \dots, Y_{r-1}=m_{r-1}$, the frequency function of Y_r is $P(Y_r=m_r | Y_1=m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1}=m_{r-1}) = (n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}m_r)(pq)^{m_r n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}-1-q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}}}$, (3)

where $m_1+m_2+\dots+m_{r-1} \leq n$.

(iv) **Conditional** $Y_1=m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2}=m_{r-2}, X_{r-1}=k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1}=m_{r-1}$, variables $X(r)$ and Y_r are independent.

(v) The joint frequency function of Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_r is $P(Y_1=m_1, \dots, Y_r=m_r) = n! m_1! \dots m_r! p^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i} q^{n-1-m_1-\dots-m_r} (1-q^{n-m_1})(1-q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}}) \dots (1-q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}-m_r})$, (4) especially $P(X_i = X_j \text{ for } i=j, i, j=1, 2, \dots, n) = n! p^n q^{n-1-2n} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1-q^i)$. (5)

(vi) **Conditional** $Y_1=m_1, \dots, Y_r=m_r$, variables D_1, \dots, D_r are independent and $D_i \sim \text{Geo}(1 - q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{i-1}})$, $i=1, 2, \dots, r$, especially conditional $X_i = X_j$ ($i=j, i, j=1, 2, \dots, n$), $D_i \sim \text{Geo}(1 - q^{n-i+1})$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$. Proof: (i) For convenience, we can define the events B = the values of X_i 's are only k_1, \dots, k_r or more than k_r , C_i = at least one of X_i 's takes value k_i , where $i=1, \dots, N$.

Set $A_i = B C_i$ with $i=1, \dots, N$. It is easy to check that

A_i = the values of X_i 's are only $k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}, k_{i+1}, \dots, k_r$ or more than k_r .

By applying properties of probability and combinatorial arguments, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{(1)} = k_1, \dots, X_{(r)} = k_r, N \geq r) \\ &= P(B \cap C_i) = P(B - \bigcap_{i=1}^r C_i) = P(B - \bigcup_{i=1}^r \overline{B C_i}) = P(B) - P(\bigcup_{i=1}^r \overline{B C_i}) = P(B) - P(\bigcup_{i=1}^r A_i) \\ &= P(B) - \sum_{i=1}^r P(A_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} P(A_i A_j) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq r} P(A_i A_j A_k) + \dots + (-1)^r P(A_1 \dots A_r) \\ &= (\sum_{i=1}^r p k_i + \bar{p} k_r)^n - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{r-1} \leq r} (\sum_{j=1}^{r-1} p k_{i_j} + \bar{p} k_r)^n - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{r-2} \leq r} (\sum_{j=1}^{r-2} p k_{i_j} + \bar{p} k_r)^n. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The joint frequency function of $(X_{(1)}, Y_1), \dots, (X_{(r)}, Y_r)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_{(1)} = k_1, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, X_{(r)} = k_r, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r) \\
 &= \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} [P(X = k_1)]^{m_1} \dots [P(X = k_r)]^{m_r} [P(X > k_r)]^{m_{r+1}} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} (pq^{k_1-1})^{m_1} \dots (pq^{k_r-1})^{m_r} \left(\sum_{k=k_r+1}^{\infty} pq^{k-1} \right)^{m_{r+1}} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} p^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i} q^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i k_i + m_{r+1} k_r - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i}, \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $m_1 + \dots + m_{r+1} = n$ and $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_r$.

From Equation (6), one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_{(r)} = k_r, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | X_{(1)} = k_1, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\
 &= \frac{P(X_{(1)} = k_1, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, X_{(r)} = k_r, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r)}{P(X_{(1)} = k_1, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1)} \\
 &= \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} \left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{m_r} (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k_r - k_{r-1}},
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_{(r)} = k_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\
 &= \sum_{m_r=1}^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}} \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k_r - k_{r-1}} \\
 &= (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k_r - k_{r-1} - 1} \left[\left(\frac{p}{q} + 1 \right)^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}} - 1 \right] \\
 &= (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}) (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k_r - k_{r-1} - 1},
 \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_{(r)} - X_{(r-1)} = k, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\
 &= (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}) (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k-1}. \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the right of Equation (7) has nothing to do with k_{r-1} , hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(X_{(r)} - X_{(r-1)} = k, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\
 &= (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}) (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is to say: Conditional $Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, D_r \sim \text{Geom}(1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})$.

(iii) Firstly, it can be obtained that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\
 &= \sum_{k_r=k_{r-1}+1}^{\infty} \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} (q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})^{k_r - k_{r-1}} \\
 &= \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} \left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{m_r} \frac{q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}}{1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}} \\
 &= P(Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1),
 \end{aligned}$$

therefore, conditional $Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}$, the frequency function of Y_r is

$$P(Y_r = m_r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}) = \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m_r} \frac{q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}}{1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}}.$$

(iv) Since

$$\begin{aligned} & P(X_{(r)} = k_r, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}) \\ &= P(X_{(r)} = k_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}) \\ &\quad \times P(Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-2} = m_{r-2}, X_{(r-1)} = k_{r-1}), \end{aligned}$$

hence, conditional $Y_1 = m_1, \dots, X_{r-1} = k_{r-1}, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}$, variables $X_{(r)}$ and Y_r are independent.

(v) Define $A = \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} (pq^{-1})^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i}$, it can be obtained that

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r) &= \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=k_1+1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{k_r=k_{r-1}+1}^{\infty} A q^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i k_i + m_{r+1} k_r} \\ &= A \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=k_1+1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{k_r=k_{r-1}+1}^{\infty} q^{\sum_{i=1}^{r-1} m_i k_i + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}) k_r} \\ &= A \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=k_1+1}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{k_{r-1}=k_{r-2}+1}^{\infty} q^{\sum_{i=1}^{r-2} m_i k_i} \frac{q^{(n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-2}) k_{r-1}}}{1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}} \\ &= \frac{A q^{n + (n - m_1) + \dots + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1})}}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})} \sum_{k_1=1}^{\infty} q^{n k_1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} \frac{p^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i} q^{n + (n - m_1) + \dots + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}) - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i}}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})}, \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$P(Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r) = \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} \frac{p^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i} q^{n + (n - m_1) + \dots + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}) - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i}}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})},$$

where $m_1 + \dots + m_{r+1} = n$.

The other solution is as follows.

It is easy to check that

$$P(X_1 = \dots = X_l < \min \{X_{l+1}, \dots, X_{l+m}\}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (pq^{k-1})^l (q^k)^m = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^l \frac{q^{l+m}}{1 - q^{l+m}},$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, n \geq r) \\ &= P(Y_1 = m_1) P(Y_2 = m_2, N \geq 2 | Y_1 = m_1) \dots P(Y_r = m_r, N \geq r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_{r-1} = m_{r-1}, N \geq r-1) \\ &= \binom{n}{m_1} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m_1} \frac{q^n}{1 - q^n} \binom{n - m_1}{m_2} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m_2} \frac{q^{n - m_1}}{1 - q^{n - m_1}} \dots \binom{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}{m_r} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m_r} \frac{q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}}{1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}} \\ &= \frac{n!}{m_1! \dots m_{r+1}!} \frac{p^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i} q^{n + (n - m_1) + \dots + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}) - \sum_{i=1}^r m_i}}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_r = 1$ above, it follows that

$$P(X_i \neq X_j \text{ for } i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n) = P(Y_1 = 1, \dots, Y_n = 1) = n! p^n q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - q^i}.$$

(vi) From Equations (4) and (6), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & P(X_{(1)} = k_1, \dots, X_{(r)} = k_r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r) \\ &= \frac{P(X_{(1)} = k_1, \dots, X_{(r)} = k_r, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r)}{P(Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}}) q^{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i k_i + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_r) k_r - [n + (n - m_1) + \dots + (n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1})]}}{(1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n - m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n - m_1 - \dots - m_{r-1}})}, \end{aligned}$$

where $m_1 + \dots + m_r \leq n$ and $1 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_r$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(D_{(1)} = y_1, \dots, D_{(r)} = y_r | Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r) \\
&= \frac{P(X_{(1)} = y_1, X_{(2)} = y_1 + y_2, \dots, X_{(r)} = y_1 + \dots + y_r, Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r)}{P(Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r, N \geq r)} \\
&= (1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n-m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}}) \\
&\quad \times q^{[m_1 y_1 + m_2(y_1 + y_2) + \dots + m_r(y_1 + \dots + y_r) + (n-m_1-\dots-m_r)(y_1 + \dots + y_r)] - [n + (n-m_1) + \dots + (n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1})]} \\
&= (1 - q^n)(1 - q^{n-m_1}) \dots (1 - q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}}) \\
&\quad \times q^{[n y_1 + (n-m_1) y_2 + \dots + (n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}) y_r] - [n + (n-m_1) + \dots + (n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1})]} \\
&= [(1 - q^n)(q^n)^{y_1-1}] [(1 - q^{n-m_1})(q^{n-m_1})^{y_2-1}] \dots [(1 - q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}})(q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{r-1}})^{y_r-1}],
\end{aligned}$$

where $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_r \leq n$.

Hence, conditional $Y_1 = m_1, \dots, Y_r = m_r$, variables D_1, \dots, D_r are independent and

$$D_i \sim Geo(1 - q^{n-m_1-\dots-m_{i-1}}), i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Let $m_1 = m_2 = \dots = m_r = 1$ above, it follows that conditional $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

$$D_i \sim Geo(1 - q^{n-i+1}), i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

The proof is complete.

Proposition 2: Suppose that Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are independent with $Y_i \sim Geo(1 - q^i), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then conditional $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j)$,

$$X_{(n-k+1)} \text{ and } \sum_{i=k}^n Y_i \text{ have an identical distribution.}$$

Proof: Conditional $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j)$, variables Y_i and $D_{(n+1-i)}$ have an identical distribution, hence

$$\sum_{i=k}^n Y_i \text{ and } \sum_{i=k}^n D_{(n+1-i)} \text{ have an identical distribution.}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=k}^n D_{(n+1-i)} &= \sum_{i=k}^n (X_{(n+1-i)} - X_{(n-i)}) \\
&= X_{(n+1-k)}.
\end{aligned}$$

From the above, it follows that

$$X_{(n-k+1)} \text{ and } \sum_{i=k}^n Y_i \text{ have an identical distribution.}$$

The proof is complete. ■

Corollary 1: Suppose that Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_k are i.i.d. geometric variables with $k < n$, then $X_{(n-l)} - X_{(n-k)}$ given $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j)$ and $Z_{(k-l)}$ given $Z_i \neq Z_j (i \neq j)$ are identically distributed.

Proof: it is easy to check that

$$X_{(n-l)} = \sum_{i=l+1}^n Y_i \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(n-k)} = \sum_{i=k+1}^n Y_i,$$

hence,

$$X_{(n-l)} - X_{(n-k)} = \sum_{i=l+1}^k Y_i.$$

Since

$$Z_{(k-l)} \text{ and } \sum_{i=l+1}^k Y_i \text{ have an identical distribution,}$$

therefore,

$$X_{(n-l)} - X_{(n-k)} \text{ and } Z_{(k-l)} \text{ are identically distributed.}$$

The proof is complete. ■

Corollary 2: X_n given $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j)$ and $\sum_{i=l+1}^k Y_i$ have an identical distribution.

Corollary 3: conditional $X_i \neq X_j (i \neq j)$, variables $X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ and $\max (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ have an identical distribution.

III. CONCLUSION

The current work concerns the order statistics of geometric distribution. The joint frequency function and conditional joint frequency function of the order statistics has been obtained by applying properties of probability and combinatorial arguments. Several propositions of order statistics are very fresh, interesting and attractive. Results indicate that certain propositions are different from and also similar to corresponding propositions of exponential distribution. According to the theoretical conclusions of this paper, further topics will include the parameter estimation on the basis of observation data.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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