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## Determination of variable sampling plans based on weighted expansion factor for a non-normal lomax process

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### Abstract

This article deals with designing procedure of Lomax variable sampling plans by utilizing weighted factor for a heavy tailed non-normal family. Variable sampling plans are preferred because of its efficiency in sample size and also used when the nature of the quality characteristic is measurable. If the underlying distribution is non-normal then the standard normal procedures could not be used. In many industrial situations, the quality characteristics does not follow a normal or Gaussian pattern. Hence to develop new sampling plans, an attempt has been made by assuming a heavy tailed Lomax distribution. The selection of variable sampling plans based on AQL, LQL and minimum tangent angle technique using Lomax distribution has been designed using weighted factor method. Tables are constructed and illustration is given for easy selection of sampling plans.

**Keywords:** Heavy tailed, minimum tangent angle, Lomax distribution, variable sampling plans, weighted expansion factor, non normal process

### 1. Introduction

Even though variable sampling plans have wide range of advantages in sampling plan literature, the main aspect to be considered while employing variable sampling plans is that the distribution of the quality characteristic must be known. In many quality contro sections mostly the underlying distribution of the quality characteristic is assumed to be normal. But in industries there may be a chance for the distribution to be non-normal. It is always not possible to determine the parameters when the process is non-normal. However the procedure for non normal processes has been suggested by authors like, Zimmer and Burr <sup>[1]</sup>, Owen <sup>[2]</sup> and Takagi <sup>[3]</sup>. In this paper a heavy tailed distribution namely Lomax distribution is used to determine the parameters of the sampling plans. It is a special case of generalised Pareto distribution. A Lomax distribution is also called as pareto distribution of second kind is a heavy tailed probability distribution used in life testing and reliability estimation. A heavy tailed distribution generally has a positive and huge kurtosis. Taking advantage of skewness and kurtosis, in this article sampling plans are determined.

In this article another approach to determine the sampling plans is by using minimum tangent angle. The smaller the value of the  $\tan \theta$ , closer is the angle  $\theta$  approaches zero, and the chord length AB in Figure.1 approaches to AC and the ideal condition is reached. It can be understood that whenever the angle is minimised, then the abstract OC curve tends to ideal OC curve. Hence by using this advantage Lomax VSP are developed using minimum angle technique. Devaarul and Jemmy Joyce <sup>[4]</sup> have developed reliability sampling plans based on minimum angle technique. Soundararajan & Christina <sup>[5]</sup> have developed single sampling variables plans based on the minimum angle. Bush et.al <sup>[6]</sup> have considered two points on the Operating Characteristic curve as (AQL,  $1-\alpha$ ) and (IQL, 0.5) for minimizing consumer's risk. Bander Al-Zahrani and Mashail Al-Harbi <sup>[7]</sup> considered the estimation problem of the probability  $S = P(Y < X)$  for Lomax distribution based on general progressive censored data. Artur J. Lemonte and Gauss M. Cordeiro <sup>[8]</sup> proposed a new five-parameter continuous distribution, called McDonald Lomax distribution that extends the Lomax distribution and some other distributions.

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Geetha and Vijayaraghavan [9] developed a procedure for determining the parameters of a certain plan to protect both consumer and producer. Wolfgang [10] discussed variable sampling plans based on generalised Pareto distribution. Montgomery [11] observed the effect of normality in variable sampling plans and the methods to detect normality. Jemmy Joyce, Devaarul and Rebecca Edna [12] proposed mixed sampling plans based on the tangent angle, AQL and LQL. Lomax [13] has introduced this distribution in the analysis of business failure data.

For any quality characteristic there exists an upper specification limit or lower specification limit or both for determination of parameters. Hence variable sampling plans based on upper and lower specification limits have been developed. Also the parameters for known standard deviation and unknown standard deviation are developed. Variable sampling plans for non normal process had been developed based on the procedure given by Takagi [3]. For any non normal process the skewness and kurtosis plays a vital role. Hence these plans were developed by using the expansion factor which is a function of skewness and kurtosis of the underlying distribution.

**2. Formulation of the sampling plans**

A random variable, ‘X’ is said to follow the Lomax distribution, if the probability density function (pdf) of t is as follows:

$$f(x, \alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-(\alpha+1)}, \quad x > 0, (\alpha, \lambda) > 0 \tag{1}$$

The cumulative distribution function (cdf) of Lomax distribution is given by,

$$F(x, \alpha, \lambda) = 1 - \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-\alpha}, \quad x > 0, (\alpha, \lambda) > 0 \tag{2}$$

where  $\lambda$  is the scale parameter and  $\alpha$  is the shape parameter.

**2.1 Determination of Parameters**

The statistics  $Y = \bar{X} \pm kS$  are asymptotically normally distributed with the means

$$\mu_y = \mu \pm k\sigma \tag{3}$$

And the variances

$$\sigma_y^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \left[1 + (k^2 / 4)(\beta_2 - 1) \pm k\beta_1\right] \tag{4}$$

Where  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  represent the skewness and kurtosis of the underlying distribution.

The underlying distribution is a Lomax distribution where  $\lambda$  is the scale parameter and  $\alpha$  is the shape parameter.

**2.1.1 Mean of the Lomax distribution**

$$\mu_L = \frac{\lambda}{\alpha - 1} \text{ for } \alpha > 1, \tag{5}$$

**2.1.2 Variance of the Lomax distribution**

$$\sigma_L^2 = \frac{\lambda^2 \alpha}{(\alpha - 1)^2 (\alpha - 2)} \text{ for } \alpha > 2, \tag{6}$$

**2.1.3 Skewness of the Lomax distribution**

$$\beta_1 = \frac{2(1 + \alpha)}{\alpha - 3} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha - 2}{\alpha}} \text{ for } \alpha > 3 \tag{7}$$

**2.1.4 Kurtosis of the Lomax distribution**

$$\beta_2 = \frac{3(\alpha^3 + 9\alpha^2 - 24\alpha - 4)}{\alpha(\alpha - 3)(\alpha - 4)} \text{ for } \alpha > 4 \tag{8}$$

**3. Variable sampling plans using Lomax distribution indexed through AQL and LQL**

In this section variable sampling plans indexed through AQL and LQL are determined.

**Step 1:** Select a random sample  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

**Step 2:** From the sample identify the underlying distribution.

**Step 3:** Determine the skewness and kurtosis of the distribution.

**Step 4:** Find the expansion factor  $e_U$  which is a function of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ .

**Step 5:** If  $U$  is specified determine the corresponding expansion factor  $e_U$  using the formula:

$$e_U = 1 + \left( \frac{k_U^2}{4} \right) \left[ \frac{3(\alpha^3 + 9\alpha^2 - 24\alpha - 4)}{\alpha(\alpha - 3)(\alpha - 4)} - 1 \right] + \left[ k_U \left( \frac{2(1 + \alpha)}{\alpha - 3} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha - 2}{\alpha}} \right) \right] \tag{9}$$

**Step 6:** If  $L$  is specified determine the corresponding expansion factor  $e_L$  using the formula:

$$e_L = 1 + \frac{k_L^2}{4} (\beta_2 - 1) - k_L \beta_1 \tag{10}$$

**3.1. Algorithm for selection of variable sampling plans when U is specified**

**Step 1:** The scale parameter  $\lambda$  and shape parameter  $\alpha$  of Lomax distribution are determined using past experience in the production process.

**Step 2:** Draw a random sample of  $n$  items say  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  from a lot of size  $N$ .

**Step 3:** Determine the Skewness ( $\beta_1$ ) and Kurtosis ( $\beta_2$ ) from the observed data.

**Step 4:** Now obtain the corresponding mean  $\bar{x}$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

**Step 5:** If  $\bar{x} + k\sigma \leq U$ , accept the lot or otherwise reject it. (when  $\sigma$  is known).

**Step 6:** In case of unknown  $\sigma$ , if  $\bar{x} + kS \leq U$ , accept the lot or otherwise reject it.

**3.2 Designing procedure of the variable sampling plans using the expansion factor (U specified)**

The OC function for unknown-sigma plan for a situation when  $U$  is specified is

$$P_a(p) = \Pr [\bar{x} + k_U S \leq U \mid p] \tag{11}$$

$$K_{L_U(p)} = \frac{\sqrt{n_U} (k_U - K_p^*)}{\sqrt{e_U}} \tag{12}$$

where  $K_p^*$  is defined as

$$K_p^* = \frac{U - \mu}{\sigma} \tag{13}$$

The  $n_U$  and  $k_U$  values for unknown sigma plans are

$$n_U = e_U \left[ \frac{K_\alpha + K_\beta}{K_{p_1}^* - K_{p_2}^*} \right]^2 \tag{14}$$

$$k_U = \frac{K_\alpha K_{p_2}^* + K_\beta K_{p_1}^*}{K_\alpha + K_\beta} \tag{15}$$

Where  $K_\alpha$  and  $K_\beta$  are the standardised deviates exceeded with the probabilities  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively.

The  $n'_U$  and  $k'_U$  values for known sigma plans are

$$n'_U = \frac{n_U}{e_U} \quad \text{and} \quad k'_U = k_U \tag{16}$$

**3.3 Algorithm for selection of variable sampling plans when L is specified**

**Step 1:** The scale parameter  $\lambda$  and shape parameter  $\alpha$  of Lomax distribution are determined using past experience in the production process.

**Step 2:** Draw a random sample of  $n$  items say  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  from a lot of size  $N$ .

**Step 3:** Determine the Skewness ( $\beta_1$ ) and Kurtosis ( $\beta_2$ ) from the observed data.

**Step 4:** Now obtain the corresponding mean  $\bar{x}$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

**Step 5:** If  $\bar{x} - k\sigma \geq L$ , accept the lot or otherwise reject it. (When  $\sigma$  is known).

**Step 6:** In case of unknown  $\sigma$ , if  $\bar{x} - kS \geq L$ , accept the lot or otherwise reject it.

**3.4 Designing procedure of the variable sampling plans using the expansion factor (L specified)**

In a similar way when L is specified the OC function for unknown-sigma plan is

$$P_a(p) = \Pr \left[ \bar{X} - k_L S \geq L \mid p \right] \tag{17}$$

$$\text{Also } K_{L_L(p)} = \frac{\sqrt{n_L} (k_L + K_{1-p}^*)}{\sqrt{e_L}} \tag{18}$$

where  $K_{1-p}^*$  is defined as

$$K_{1-p}^* = \frac{L - \mu}{\sigma}, 1 - p = \Pr (X > L) = \Pr (Z^* > K_{1-p}^*) \tag{19}$$

The  $n_L$  and  $k_L$  values for unknown sigma plans are

$$n_L = e_L \left[ \frac{K_\alpha + K_\beta}{K_{1-p_1}^* - K_{1-p_2}^*} \right]^2 \tag{20}$$

$$-k_L = \frac{K_\alpha K_{1-p_2}^* + K_\beta K_{1-p_1}^*}{K_\alpha + K_\beta} \tag{21}$$

Where  $K_\alpha$  and  $K_\beta$  are the standardised deviates exceeded with the probabilities  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively.

The  $n'_L$  and  $k'_L$  values for known sigma plans are

$$n'_L = \frac{n_L}{e_L} \text{ and } k'_L = k_L \tag{22}$$

**4. Construction of tables**

**Table 1**

- (i) The values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are chosen at fixed intervals.
- (ii) When U is specified the corresponding values of  $K_{p_1}^*$  and  $K_{p_2}^*$  are obtained from equation 13 (for  $p=p_1$  and  $p=p_2$ ).
- (iii) The values of  $n_U$  and  $k_U$  for unknown sigma plans are obtained using equations 14 & 15.
- (iv) Similarly the  $n'_u$  and  $k'_u$  values of known sigma plans are obtained using equation 16.

**Table 2**

- (i) The values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are chosen.
- (ii) When L is specified the corresponding values of  $K_{1-p_1}^*$  and  $K_{1-p_2}^*$  are obtained from equation 19 (for  $p=p_1$  and  $p=p_2$ ).
- (iii) The values of  $n_L$  and  $k_L$  for unknown sigma plans are obtained using equations 20 & 21. Similarly the  $n'_L$  and  $k'_L$  values of known sigma plans are obtained using equation 22.

**Table 3**

- (i) When U is specified the values of  $n_U, k_U, n'_u$  and  $k'_u$  are obtained using the equations 14, 15 & 16 for known values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .
- (ii) The probability of acceptance are obtained using equation 11 for the values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .
- (iii) The corresponding minimum tangent angle is calculated using equation 23.

**Table 4**

- (i) When L is specified the values of  $n_L, k_L, n'_L$  and  $k'_L$  are obtained using the equations 20, 21 & 22 for known values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .
- (ii) The probability of acceptance are obtained using equation 17 for the values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .
- (iii) The corresponding minimum tangent angle is calculated using equation 23.

**Table 1:** Values of  $n_U, k_U, n'_U$  and  $k'_U$  for the upper specification limit U

| $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $K_{p_1}^*$ | $K_{p_2}^*$ | $\beta_1$ | $\beta_2$ | $e_U$   | $n_U$ | $k_U$  | $n'_U$ | $k'_U$ |
|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.005 | 0.01  | 4.3205      | 3.6171      | 2.0304    | 6.2458    | 29.1747 | 505   | 3.9251 | 17     | 3.9251 |
| 0.006 | 0.02  | 4.1449      | 2.9181      | 2.0459    | 6.3733    | 24.1072 | 137   | 3.4553 | 6      | 3.4553 |
| 0.007 | 0.03  | 3.9956      | 2.5076      | 2.0615    | 6.5039    | 21.2460 | 82    | 3.1592 | 4      | 3.1592 |
| 0.008 | 0.04  | 3.8655      | 2.2152      | 2.0774    | 6.6377    | 19.2689 | 61    | 2.9379 | 3      | 2.9379 |
| 0.009 | 0.05  | 3.7502      | 1.9876      | 2.0935    | 6.7749    | 17.7707 | 49    | 2.7595 | 3      | 2.7595 |
| 0.01  | 0.02  | 3.6579      | 2.9291      | 2.1431    | 7.2081    | 24.3372 | 392   | 3.2483 | 16     | 3.2483 |
| 0.01  | 0.03  | 3.6635      | 2.5081      | 2.1601    | 7.3601    | 21.9557 | 141   | 3.0141 | 6      | 3.0141 |
| 0.01  | 0.04  | 3.6692      | 2.2097      | 2.1773    | 7.5162    | 20.4241 | 82    | 2.8489 | 4      | 2.8489 |
| 0.01  | 0.05  | 3.6748      | 1.9783      | 2.1948    | 7.6764    | 19.3325 | 58    | 2.7212 | 3      | 2.7212 |
| 0.01  | 0.06  | 3.6804      | 1.7892      | 2.2125    | 7.8410    | 18.5074 | 44    | 2.6174 | 2      | 2.6174 |
| 0.01  | 0.07  | 3.6860      | 1.6292      | 2.2304    | 8.0101    | 17.8598 | 36    | 2.5299 | 2      | 2.5299 |
| 0.01  | 0.08  | 3.6915      | 1.4906      | 2.2486    | 8.1839    | 17.3386 | 31    | 2.4544 | 2      | 2.4544 |
| 0.02  | 0.03  | 2.9402      | 2.5071      | 2.2671    | 8.3626    | 20.4997 | 936   | 2.6967 | 46     | 2.6967 |
| 0.02  | 0.04  | 2.9416      | 2.2028      | 2.2859    | 8.5464    | 18.8156 | 295   | 2.5263 | 16     | 2.5263 |
| 0.02  | 0.05  | 2.9429      | 1.9677      | 2.3049    | 8.7354    | 17.6102 | 159   | 2.3948 | 9      | 2.3948 |
| 0.02  | 0.06  | 2.9442      | 1.7762      | 2.3242    | 8.9299    | 16.6924 | 105   | 2.2877 | 6      | 2.2877 |
| 0.02  | 0.07  | 2.9455      | 1.6146      | 2.3438    | 9.1301    | 15.9648 | 77    | 2.1974 | 5      | 2.1974 |
| 0.02  | 0.08  | 2.9467      | 1.4749      | 2.3637    | 9.3363    | 15.3716 | 61    | 2.1194 | 4      | 2.1194 |
| 0.02  | 0.09  | 2.9478      | 1.3520      | 2.3839    | 9.5488    | 14.8778 | 50    | 2.0508 | 3      | 2.0508 |
| 0.02  | 0.1   | 2.9489      | 1.2422      | 2.4044    | 9.7676    | 14.4607 | 43    | 1.9896 | 3      | 1.9896 |
| 0.03  | 0.04  | 2.5033      | 2.1929      | 2.4253    | 9.9933    | 18.8422 | 1675  | 2.3289 | 89     | 2.3289 |
| 0.03  | 0.05  | 2.5027      | 1.9537      | 2.4465    | 10.2260   | 17.4717 | 497   | 2.1941 | 28     | 2.1941 |
| 0.03  | 0.06  | 2.5019      | 1.7595      | 2.4680    | 10.4660   | 16.4292 | 255   | 2.0847 | 16     | 2.0847 |
| 0.03  | 0.07  | 2.5012      | 1.5962      | 2.4899    | 10.7138   | 15.6023 | 163   | 1.9925 | 10     | 1.9925 |
| 0.03  | 0.08  | 2.5003      | 1.4554      | 2.5121    | 10.9696   | 14.9267 | 117   | 1.9130 | 8      | 1.9130 |
| 0.03  | 0.09  | 2.4995      | 1.3317      | 2.5347    | 11.2338   | 14.3626 | 90    | 1.8431 | 6      | 1.8431 |
| 0.03  | 0.1   | 2.4986      | 1.2215      | 2.5577    | 11.5068   | 13.8839 | 73    | 1.7807 | 5      | 1.7807 |
| 0.03  | 0.11  | 2.4976      | 1.1222      | 2.5811    | 11.7891   | 13.4723 | 61    | 1.7245 | 5      | 1.7245 |
| 0.03  | 0.12  | 2.4966      | 1.0319      | 2.6048    | 12.0810   | 13.1150 | 52    | 1.6733 | 4      | 1.6733 |
| 0.03  | 0.13  | 2.4955      | 0.9491      | 2.6290    | 12.3831   | 12.8024 | 46    | 1.6263 | 4      | 1.6263 |
| 0.03  | 0.14  | 2.4944      | 0.8728      | 2.6536    | 12.6958   | 12.5272 | 41    | 1.5829 | 3      | 1.5829 |
| 0.04  | 0.05  | 2.1732      | 1.9304      | 2.6787    | 13.0197   | 18.9213 | 2750  | 2.0367 | 145    | 2.0367 |
| 0.04  | 0.06  | 2.1711      | 1.7328      | 2.7042    | 13.3554   | 17.6477 | 787   | 1.9247 | 45     | 1.9247 |
| 0.04  | 0.07  | 2.1690      | 1.5672      | 2.7302    | 13.7035   | 16.6426 | 394   | 1.8307 | 24     | 1.8307 |
| 0.04  | 0.08  | 2.1668      | 1.4250      | 2.7566    | 14.0645   | 15.8247 | 246   | 1.7499 | 16     | 1.7499 |
| 0.05  | 0.09  | 1.9200      | 1.3005      | 2.7836    | 14.4393   | 13.6756 | 305   | 1.5718 | 22     | 1.5718 |

**Table 2:** Values of  $n_L, k_L, n'_L$  and  $k'_L$  for the Lower Specification limit L

| $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $K_{1-p_1}^*$ | $K_{1-p_2}^*$ | $\beta_1$ | $\beta_2$ | $e_L$   | $n_L$ | $k_L$  | $n'_L$ | $k'_L$ |
|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.005 | 0.01  | -4.3205       | -3.6171       | 2.0304    | 6.2458    | 13.2357 | 229   | 3.9251 | 17     | 3.9251 |
| 0.006 | 0.02  | -4.1449       | -2.9181       | 2.0459    | 6.3733    | 9.9690  | 57    | 3.4553 | 6      | 3.4553 |
| 0.007 | 0.03  | -3.9956       | -2.5076       | 2.0615    | 6.5039    | 8.2202  | 32    | 3.1592 | 4      | 3.1592 |
| 0.008 | 0.04  | -3.8655       | -2.2152       | 2.0774    | 6.6377    | 7.0621  | 22    | 2.9379 | 3      | 2.9379 |
| 0.009 | 0.05  | -3.7502       | -1.9876       | 2.0935    | 6.7749    | 6.2166  | 17    | 2.7595 | 3      | 2.7595 |
| 0.01  | 0.06  | -3.6464       | -1.8010       | 2.1098    | 6.9157    | 5.5629  | 14    | 2.6091 | 3      | 2.6091 |
| 0.01  | 0.03  | -3.6635       | -2.5081       | 2.1601    | 7.3601    | 8.9343  | 57    | 3.0141 | 6      | 3.0141 |
| 0.01  | 0.04  | -3.6692       | -2.2097       | 2.1773    | 7.5162    | 8.0184  | 32    | 2.8489 | 4      | 2.8489 |
| 0.01  | 0.05  | -3.6748       | -1.9783       | 2.1948    | 7.6764    | 7.3875  | 22    | 2.7212 | 3      | 2.7212 |
| 0.01  | 0.06  | -3.6804       | -1.7892       | 2.2125    | 7.8410    | 6.9256  | 17    | 2.6174 | 2      | 2.6174 |
| 0.01  | 0.07  | -3.6860       | -1.6292       | 2.2304    | 8.0101    | 6.5742  | 13    | 2.5299 | 2      | 2.5299 |
| 0.01  | 0.08  | -3.6915       | -1.4906       | 2.2486    | 8.1839    | 6.3003  | 11    | 2.4544 | 2      | 2.4544 |
| 0.02  | 0.03  | -2.9402       | -2.5071       | 2.2671    | 8.3626    | 8.2721  | 378   | 2.6967 | 46     | 2.6967 |
| 0.02  | 0.04  | -2.9416       | -2.2028       | 2.2859    | 8.5464    | 7.2659  | 114   | 2.5263 | 16     | 2.5263 |
| 0.02  | 0.05  | -2.9429       | -1.9677       | 2.3049    | 8.7354    | 6.5708  | 59    | 2.3948 | 9      | 2.3948 |
| 0.02  | 0.06  | -2.9442       | -1.7762       | 2.3242    | 8.9299    | 6.0583  | 38    | 2.2877 | 6      | 2.2877 |
| 0.02  | 0.07  | -2.9455       | -1.6146       | 2.3438    | 9.1301    | 5.6641  | 27    | 2.1974 | 5      | 2.1974 |
| 0.02  | 0.08  | -2.9467       | -1.4749       | 2.3637    | 9.3363    | 5.3521  | 21    | 2.1194 | 4      | 2.1194 |
| 0.02  | 0.09  | -2.9478       | -1.3520       | 2.3839    | 9.5488    | 5.0998  | 17    | 2.0508 | 3      | 2.0508 |
| 0.02  | 0.1   | -2.9489       | -1.2422       | 2.4044    | 9.7676    | 4.8929  | 14    | 1.9896 | 3      | 1.9896 |
| 0.03  | 0.04  | -2.5033       | -2.1929       | 2.4253    | 9.9933    | 7.5459  | 671   | 2.3289 | 89     | 2.3289 |
| 0.03  | 0.05  | -2.5027       | -1.9537       | 2.4465    | 10.2260   | 6.7360  | 191   | 2.1941 | 28     | 2.1941 |
| 0.03  | 0.06  | -2.5019       | -1.7595       | 2.4680    | 10.4660   | 6.1394  | 95    | 2.0847 | 16     | 2.0847 |
| 0.03  | 0.07  | -2.5012       | -1.5962       | 2.4899    | 10.7138   | 5.6801  | 59    | 1.9925 | 10     | 1.9925 |

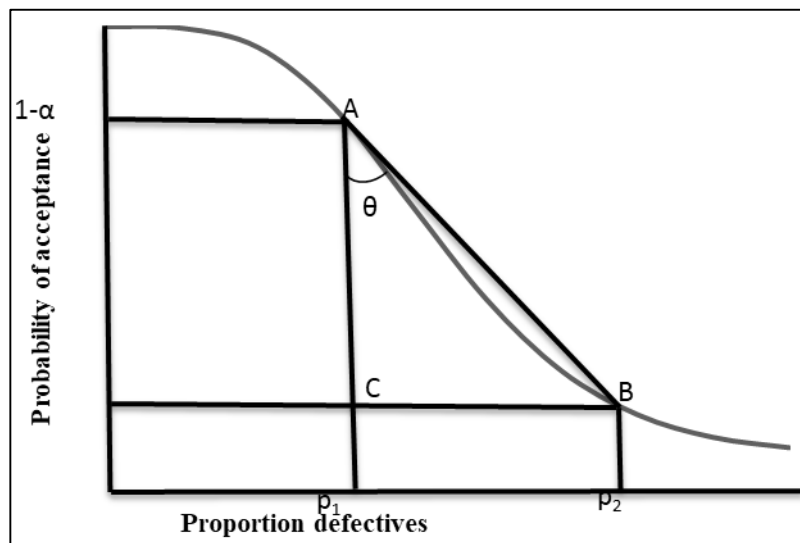
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|------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|------|--------|-----|--------|
| 0.03 | 0.08 | -2.5003 | -1.4554 | 2.5121 | 10.9696 | 5.3154 | 42   | 1.9130 | 8   | 1.9130 |
| 0.03 | 0.09 | -2.4995 | -1.3317 | 2.5347 | 11.2338 | 5.0193 | 32   | 1.8431 | 6   | 1.8431 |
| 0.03 | 0.1  | -2.4986 | -1.2215 | 2.5577 | 11.5068 | 4.7748 | 25   | 1.7807 | 5   | 1.7807 |
| 0.03 | 0.11 | -2.4976 | -1.1222 | 2.5811 | 11.7891 | 4.5703 | 21   | 1.7245 | 5   | 1.7245 |
| 0.03 | 0.12 | -2.4966 | -1.0319 | 2.6048 | 12.0810 | 4.3978 | 18   | 1.6733 | 4   | 1.6733 |
| 0.03 | 0.13 | -2.4955 | -0.9491 | 2.6290 | 12.3831 | 4.2512 | 15   | 1.6263 | 4   | 1.6263 |
| 0.03 | 0.14 | -2.4944 | -0.8728 | 2.6536 | 12.6958 | 4.1260 | 13   | 1.5829 | 3   | 1.5829 |
| 0.04 | 0.05 | -2.1732 | -1.9304 | 2.6787 | 13.0197 | 8.0096 | 1164 | 2.0367 | 145 | 2.0367 |
| 0.04 | 0.06 | -2.1711 | -1.7328 | 2.7042 | 13.3554 | 7.2380 | 323  | 1.9247 | 45  | 1.9247 |
| 0.04 | 0.07 | -2.1690 | -1.5672 | 2.7302 | 13.7035 | 6.6461 | 157  | 1.8307 | 24  | 1.8307 |
| 0.04 | 0.08 | -2.1668 | -1.4250 | 2.7566 | 14.0645 | 6.1772 | 96   | 1.7499 | 16  | 1.7499 |
| 0.05 | 0.09 | -1.9200 | -1.3005 | 2.7836 | 14.4393 | 4.9252 | 110  | 1.5718 | 22  | 1.5718 |

**5. Designing Procedure by Minimum Angle Method**

Whenever the angle is minimized, then the abstract OC curve tends to ideal OC curve which leads to best sampling plans. Generally a portion of the abstract OC curve is compared with the ideal OC curve in minimum angle technique. The approach of minimum angle method by considering the tangent of the angle between the lines joining the points (AQL, 1-α) & (LQL, β) is shown in Figure 1.

Here 
$$\tan \theta = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{P_a(p_1) - P_a(p_2)} \tag{23}$$

Thus when the two points on the OC curve such as AQL and LQL are known, the minimum values of the angle tanθ could be calculated. This minimum angle provides a better sampling plan with good discriminating power. It minimizes the angle between the abstract and ideal OC curves. For a minimum tanθ, the angle θ approaches to zero as the chord AB approaches to AC, hence the ideal condition is reached. This approach minimizes both producers and consumers risk simultaneously. Thus both are benefitted by choosing these plans. The minimum angle method of Lomax variable sampling plans are presented in Table 3 and Table 4. The parameters of Lomax variable sampling plans are chosen from Table 3 and Table 4 corresponding to the minimum angle.



**Fig 1: Minimum Tangent Angle**

**5.1 Illustration**

For a production process, when U is specified we are provided with (0.02,0.95), (0.06,0.1). Also the process was observed to follow a heavy tailed Lomax distribution with the corresponding β<sub>1</sub>=2.3242 and β<sub>2</sub>=8.9299. Determine the corresponding sampling plan and the minimum tangent angle.

*Solution:* Since the production process has β<sub>1</sub>=2.3242 and β<sub>2</sub>=8.9299 from table 1, it can be observed that n<sub>U</sub>=105 and k<sub>U</sub>=2.2877. Hence the required plan is (105,2.2877) and from table 3 it has the minimum tangent angle θ=1.1040. The above plan is for known standard deviation and for unknown standard deviation, n'<sub>U</sub>=6, k'<sub>U</sub>=2.2877 and hence the required plan is (6, 2.2877). On the other hand if L is specified then from table 2, n<sub>L</sub>=38 and k<sub>L</sub>=2.2877, the required plan is (38,2.2877) and from table 4 it has the minimum tangent angle θ =14.76. The above plan is for known standard deviation and for unknown standard deviation, n'<sub>L</sub>=6, k'<sub>L</sub>=2.2877 and hence the required plan is (6, 2.2877).

**Table 3:** The values of the sample size  $n$ , acceptance constant  $k$ ,  $\min \tan \theta$  for the known and unknown sigma when  $U$  is specified, given values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .

| $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $\beta_1$ | $\beta_2$ | $n_U$ | $k_U$  | $n'_U$ | $k'_U$ | $P_a(p_1)$ | $P_a(p_2)$ | $\tan \theta$ |
|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 0.01  | 0.02  | 2.1431    | 7.2081    | 392   | 3.2483 | 16     | 3.2483 | 0.9999     | 0.9983     | 6.3597        |
| 0.01  | 0.07  | 2.2304    | 8.0101    | 36    | 2.5299 | 2      | 2.5299 | 0.9999     | 0.9484     | 1.1646        |
| 0.01  | 0.08  | 2.2486    | 8.1839    | 31    | 2.4544 | 2      | 2.4544 | 0.9999     | 0.9320     | 1.0306        |
| 0.02  | 0.03  | 2.2671    | 8.3626    | 936   | 2.6967 | 46     | 2.6967 | 0.9984     | 0.9939     | 2.2490        |
| 0.02  | 0.04  | 2.2859    | 8.5464    | 295   | 2.5263 | 16     | 2.5263 | 0.9984     | 0.9862     | 1.6432        |
| 0.02  | 0.05  | 2.3049    | 8.7354    | 159   | 2.3948 | 9      | 2.3948 | 0.9984     | 0.9754     | 1.3086        |
| 0.02  | 0.06  | 2.3242    | 8.9299    | 105   | 2.2877 | 6      | 2.2877 | 0.9984     | 0.9621     | 1.1040        |
| 0.02  | 0.07  | 2.3438    | 9.1301    | 77    | 2.1974 | 5      | 2.1974 | 0.9984     | 0.9468     | 0.9693        |
| 0.02  | 0.08  | 2.3637    | 9.3363    | 61    | 2.1194 | 4      | 2.1194 | 0.9984     | 0.9299     | 0.8758        |
| 0.02  | 0.09  | 2.3839    | 9.5488    | 50    | 2.0508 | 3      | 2.0508 | 0.9984     | 0.9118     | 0.8084        |
| 0.02  | 0.1   | 2.4044    | 9.7676    | 43    | 1.9896 | 3      | 1.9896 | 0.9984     | 0.8929     | 0.7583        |
| 0.03  | 0.04  | 2.4253    | 9.9933    | 1675  | 2.3289 | 89     | 2.3289 | 0.9938     | 0.9858     | 1.2493        |
| 0.03  | 0.05  | 2.4465    | 10.2260   | 497   | 2.1941 | 28     | 2.1941 | 0.9938     | 0.9746     | 1.0415        |
| 0.03  | 0.06  | 2.4680    | 10.4660   | 255   | 2.0847 | 16     | 2.0847 | 0.9938     | 0.9608     | 0.9072        |
| 0.03  | 0.07  | 2.4899    | 10.7138   | 163   | 1.9925 | 10     | 1.9925 | 0.9938     | 0.9448     | 0.8158        |
| 0.03  | 0.08  | 2.5121    | 10.9696   | 117   | 1.9130 | 8      | 1.9130 | 0.9938     | 0.9272     | 0.7510        |
| 0.03  | 0.09  | 2.5347    | 11.2338   | 90    | 1.8431 | 6      | 1.8431 | 0.9938     | 0.9085     | 0.7037        |
| 0.03  | 0.1   | 2.5577    | 11.5068   | 73    | 1.7807 | 5      | 1.7807 | 0.9938     | 0.8890     | 0.6684        |
| 0.03  | 0.11  | 2.5811    | 11.7891   | 61    | 1.7245 | 5      | 1.7245 | 0.9937     | 0.8691     | 0.6418        |
| 0.03  | 0.12  | 2.6048    | 12.0810   | 52    | 1.6733 | 4      | 1.6733 | 0.9937     | 0.8489     | 0.6215        |
| 0.03  | 0.13  | 2.6290    | 12.3831   | 46    | 1.6263 | 4      | 1.6263 | 0.9937     | 0.8287     | 0.6061        |
| 0.03  | 0.14  | 2.6536    | 12.6958   | 41    | 1.5829 | 3      | 1.5829 | 0.9937     | 0.8086     | 0.5944        |
| 0.04  | 0.05  | 2.6787    | 13.0197   | 2750  | 2.0367 | 145    | 2.0367 | 0.9851     | 0.9732     | 0.8409        |
| 0.04  | 0.06  | 2.7042    | 13.3554   | 787   | 1.9247 | 45     | 1.9247 | 0.9850     | 0.9584     | 0.7517        |
| 0.04  | 0.07  | 2.7302    | 13.7035   | 394   | 1.8307 | 24     | 1.8307 | 0.9850     | 0.9415     | 0.6898        |
| 0.04  | 0.08  | 2.7566    | 14.0645   | 246   | 1.7499 | 16     | 1.7499 | 0.9849     | 0.9229     | 0.6456        |
| 0.05  | 0.09  | 2.7836    | 14.4393   | 305   | 1.5718 | 22     | 1.5718 | 0.9726     | 0.9033     | 0.5773        |

**Table 4:** The values of the sample size  $n$ , acceptance constant  $k$ ,  $\min \tan \theta$  for the known and unknown sigma when  $L$  is specified, given values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .

| $p_1$ | $p_2$ | $\beta_1$ | $\beta_2$ | $n_L$ | $k_L$  | $n'_L$ | $k'_L$ | $P_a(p_1)$ | $P_a(p_2)$ | $\tan \theta$ |
|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 0.01  | 0.02  | 2.1601    | 7.3601    | 57    | 3.0141 | 16     | 3.0141 | 1.0000     | 0.9998     | 44.6171       |
| 0.01  | 0.07  | 2.2304    | 8.0101    | 13    | 2.5299 | 2      | 2.5299 | 1.0000     | 0.9957     | 14.0255       |
| 0.01  | 0.08  | 2.2486    | 8.1839    | 11    | 2.4544 | 2      | 2.4544 | 1.0000     | 0.9936     | 10.9807       |
| 0.02  | 0.03  | 2.2671    | 8.3626    | 378   | 2.6967 | 46     | 2.6967 | 1.0000     | 0.9998     | 53.8184       |
| 0.02  | 0.04  | 2.2859    | 8.5464    | 114   | 2.5263 | 16     | 2.5263 | 1.0000     | 0.9993     | 31.2491       |
| 0.02  | 0.05  | 2.3049    | 8.7354    | 59    | 2.3948 | 9      | 2.3948 | 1.0000     | 0.9985     | 20.5500       |
| 0.02  | 0.06  | 2.3242    | 8.9299    | 38    | 2.2877 | 6      | 2.2877 | 1.0000     | 0.9972     | 14.7600       |
| 0.02  | 0.07  | 2.3438    | 9.1301    | 27    | 2.1974 | 5      | 2.1974 | 1.0000     | 0.9955     | 11.2952       |
| 0.02  | 0.08  | 2.3637    | 9.3363    | 21    | 2.1194 | 4      | 2.1194 | 1.0000     | 0.9933     | 9.0586        |
| 0.02  | 0.09  | 2.3839    | 9.5488    | 17    | 2.0508 | 3      | 2.0508 | 1.0000     | 0.9907     | 7.5284        |
| 0.02  | 0.1   | 2.4044    | 9.7676    | 14    | 1.9896 | 3      | 1.9896 | 1.0000     | 0.9875     | 6.4329        |
| 0.03  | 0.04  | 2.4253    | 9.9933    | 671   | 2.3289 | 89     | 2.3289 | 0.9998     | 0.9993     | 21.0783       |
| 0.03  | 0.05  | 2.4465    | 10.2260   | 191   | 2.1941 | 28     | 2.1941 | 0.9998     | 0.9984     | 14.9314       |
| 0.03  | 0.06  | 2.4680    | 10.4660   | 95    | 2.0847 | 16     | 2.0847 | 0.9998     | 0.9971     | 11.2646       |
| 0.03  | 0.07  | 2.4899    | 10.7138   | 59    | 1.9925 | 10     | 1.9925 | 0.9998     | 0.9953     | 8.9259        |
| 0.03  | 0.08  | 2.5121    | 10.9696   | 42    | 1.9130 | 8      | 1.9130 | 0.9998     | 0.9930     | 7.3480        |
| 0.03  | 0.09  | 2.5347    | 11.2338   | 32    | 1.8431 | 6      | 1.8431 | 0.9998     | 0.9901     | 6.2332        |
| 0.03  | 0.1   | 2.5577    | 11.5068   | 25    | 1.7807 | 5      | 1.7807 | 0.9998     | 0.9868     | 5.4155        |
| 0.03  | 0.11  | 2.5811    | 11.7891   | 21    | 1.7245 | 5      | 1.7245 | 0.9998     | 0.9831     | 4.7968        |
| 0.03  | 0.12  | 2.6048    | 12.0810   | 18    | 1.6733 | 4      | 1.6733 | 0.9998     | 0.9789     | 4.3168        |
| 0.03  | 0.13  | 2.6290    | 12.3831   | 15    | 1.6263 | 4      | 1.6263 | 0.9998     | 0.9744     | 3.9363        |
| 0.03  | 0.14  | 2.6536    | 12.6958   | 13    | 1.5829 | 3      | 1.5829 | 0.9998     | 0.9695     | 3.6293        |
| 0.04  | 0.05  | 2.6787    | 13.0197   | 1164  | 2.0367 | 145    | 2.0367 | 0.9992     | 0.9983     | 10.6554       |
| 0.04  | 0.06  | 2.7042    | 13.3554   | 323   | 1.9247 | 45     | 1.9247 | 0.9992     | 0.9969     | 8.3999        |
| 0.04  | 0.07  | 2.7302    | 13.7035   | 157   | 1.8307 | 24     | 1.8307 | 0.9992     | 0.9949     | 6.8790        |
| 0.04  | 0.08  | 2.7566    | 14.0645   | 96    | 1.7499 | 16     | 1.7499 | 0.9992     | 0.9923     | 5.8108        |
| 0.05  | 0.09  | 2.7836    | 14.4393   | 110   | 1.5718 | 22     | 1.5718 | 0.9982     | 0.9893     | 4.4643        |

**6. Conclusion**

In this paper the parameters of a nonnormal heavy tailed Lomax distribution were obtained using the weighted expansion factor. The parameters for both known and unknown standard deviation were obtained. A procedure for minimizing the angle between the AQL and LQL values. This makes the consumer and producer to easily select the apt variable sampling plans. Lomax

distribution was used as a heavy tailed failure distribution for minimizing the angle between the points. Similarly for any non normal distribution this method could be employed and hence the minimum tangent angle also could be obtained.

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