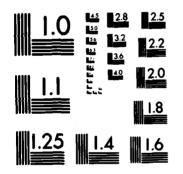
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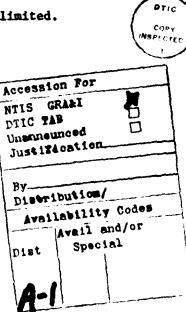
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#### ABSTRACT

Suppose one is able to observe sequentially a series of independent observations  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$ , such that  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{\nu-1}$  are i.i.d. with known density  $f_0$  and  $X_{\nu}, X_{\nu+1}, \ldots$ , are i.i.d. with density  $f_{\theta}$  where  $\nu$  is unknown. Define

$$R_{n}^{\{\theta\}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \prod_{i=k}^{n} \frac{f_{\theta}(X_{i})}{f_{0}(X_{i})}$$

It is known that rules which call for stopping and raising an alarm the first time n that  $R_n^{\{\theta\}}$  or a mixture thereof exceeds a prespecified level A are optimal methods of detecting that the density of the observations is not  $f_0$  any more.

Practical applications of such stopping rules require knowledge of their operating characteristics, whose exact evaluation is difficult. Here are presented asymptotic  $(A + \infty)$  expressions for the expected stopping times of such stopping rules (a) when  $\nu = \infty$  and (b) when  $\nu = 1$ . We assume that the densities  $f_{\theta}$  form an exponential family and that the distribution of  $\log(f_{\theta}(X_1)/f_0(X_1))$  is (strongly) non-lattice.

Monte Carlo studies indicate that the asymptotic expressions are very good approximations even when the expected sample sizes are small.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

Suppose one accumulates independent observations from a certain process. Initially, the process is at State #0. At some unknown point in time something occurs (e.g., a "breakdown") which puts the process in State #1, and consequently the stochastic behavior of the observations changes. It is of interest to declare that a change took place (to "raise an alarm") as soon as possible after its occurrence, subject to a restriction on the rate of false detections. It is assumed that the aforementioned observations are the only information one has about the process, and the problem is to construct a good detection scheme.

Practical examples of this problem arise in areas such as health, quality control, ecological monitoring, etc. For instance, consider surveillance for congenital malformations in newborn infants. Under normal circumstances, the percentage of babies born with a certain type of malformation has a known value,  $\mathbf{R}_0$ . Should something occur (such as an environmental change, the introduction of a new drug to the market, etc.) the percentage may increase. (e.g., the thalidomide episode of the 1960'o). One would want to raise an alarm as quickly as possible after a change would have taken place, subject to an acceptable rate of false alarms. Generally, the problem arises wherever surveillance is being done.

A solution to the problem depends on what is known in advance about the distributions of the observations. Let  $f_0$  denote the density of observations with respect to a  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$  when the process is in State #0, let  $f_A$  denote the density of observations with respect

to  $\mu$  when the process is in State #1, and let  $\nu$  denote the unknown point in time when the first observation from State #1 is made. Thus one has a sequence of independent observations  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$ , such that  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{\nu-1}$  are i.i.d. with density  $f_0$  and  $X_{\nu}, X_{\nu+1}, \ldots$ , are i.i.d. with density  $f_{\theta}$  where  $1 \leq \nu \leq \infty$  is unknown. It will be assumed here that  $f_0, f_{\theta}$  belong to an exponential family of distributions and that  $f_0$  is known.

Solutions for the problem which are in current use are known as CUSUM procedures. For a survey see, for instance, Johnson and Leone (1962). (See also Weatherall and Haskey (1976).) Lorden (1971) proved a first-order asymptotic optimality property of a certain class of procedures for reacting to a change in distribution. When  $f_{\theta}$  is known, this class includes most of the standard appropriate CUSUM techniques as special cases. When  $f_{\theta}$  is unknown, Lorden (1971) suggests a firstorder asymptotically optimal procedure. (Asymptotic operating characteristics of this and related procedures are given in Pollak and Siegmund (1975). Further refinements can be obtained using results of Lai and Siegmund (1977).)

Shiryayev (1963, 1978) solved the problem in a Bayesian framework in the case that  $f_A$  is known.

An optimal solution in a classical framework is presented in Pollak (1983). Asymptotic operating characteristics of this and related procedures are the subject under study here.

Without loss of generality, let the assumed exponential family be defined by

$$f_{y}(x) = e^{yx - \psi(y)}, \quad y \in \Omega$$

where  $\Omega$  is an interval on the real line,  $0 = \psi(0) = \psi'(0)$ . Let F be a probability measure on  $\Omega$  with  $F({0}) = 0$ . Let  $0 < A < \infty$ . Define

$$\begin{split} R_n^{\{y\}} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \prod_{i=k}^n \frac{f_y(X_i)}{f_0(X_i)} = \sum_{k=1}^n e^{y\sum_{i=k}^n X_i - (n-k+1)\psi(y)} \\ R_n^F &= \int R_n^{\{y\}} dF(y) \\ N_A^{\{y\}} &= \min\{n | R_n^{\{y\}} \ge A\} \\ N_A^F &= \min\{n | R_n^F \ge A\} \end{split}$$

Raising an alarm at time  $N_A^{\{\theta\}}$  is an optimal procedure when the value  $\theta$  (of the parameter of the distribution after a change occurred) is known and raising an alarm at time  $N_A^F$  has optimality properties when  $\theta$  is unknown (Pollak (1983)).

In order to evaluate and compare between procedures one needs to formalize a restriction on false detections as well as to formalize an expression for the speed of detection of a change after its occurrence. The restriction on false detections is usually formalized as a requirement that the expected number of observations until a false alarm (assuming that  $v = \infty$ ) exceed a prespecified value B. This suggests a need for evaluating  $E(N_A^{\{y\}}|v=\infty)$ ,  $E(N_A^F|v=\infty)$ . The quality of a procedure with regard to the speed of detection of a change after its occurrence is often measured by the supremum (or essential supremum) of the expected number of observations that it takes to detect a change after its occurrence, given that no false alarms have previously been raised (see Lorden (1971), Pollak and Siegmund (1975)). This suggests a need for evaluating  $E(N_A^{\{0\}} - v|v = 1, \theta)$ ,  $E(N_A^F - v|v = 1, \theta)$ . These

operating characteristics are difficult to compute. For simulations see Roberts (1966).

In this article, asymptotic expressions  $(A \rightarrow \infty)$  for these operating characteristics are presented. Monte Carlo studies indicate that these expressions are very good approximations even when the expected samples sizes are small.

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### II. THE AVERAGE RUN LENGTH WHEN $v = \infty$

Denote by  $P_{v}^{(y)}$ ,  $E_{v}^{(y)}$  the probability, expectation respectively when  $1 \leq v \leq \infty$ ,  $X_1, \ldots, X_{v-1}$  are i.i.d. with density  $f_0$  and are independent of  $X_v, X_{v+1}, \ldots$ , which are i.i.d. with density  $f_y$ . Let  $P_0, E_0$  denote probability, expectation respectively when  $v = \infty$ . Let F be a probability measure on  $\Omega$  with  $F(\{0\}) = 0$ . Denote

$$Z_{i}^{\{y\}} = \log \frac{f_{y}(X_{i})}{f_{0}(X_{i})} = yX_{i} - \psi(y)$$

$$I(\theta) = E_{1}^{(\theta)} Z_{1}^{\{\theta\}} = E_{0}Z_{1}^{\{\theta\}} e^{Z_{1}^{\{\theta\}}}$$

$$M_{B}^{y} = \min\{n | \Sigma_{i=1}^{n} Z_{1}^{\{y\}} \ge B\}, M_{B}^{y} = \infty \text{ if no such n exists}$$

$$C_{0}^{y} = 1/\lim_{B \to \infty} E_{1}^{(y)} e^{-\left[\sum_{i=1}^{M_{B}^{y}} Z_{i}^{y} - B\right]}$$

$$C_{0}^{F} = 1/f(1/C_{0}^{y}) dF(y) .$$

The computations of  $C_0^y$  and  $C_0^F$  are applications of renewal theory and have been calculated in other contexts. (See Siegmund (1975), Lai and Siegmund (1977), Theorem 6.2 of Woodroofe (1982).)

THEOREM 1. (i)  $E_0 N_A^{\{y\}} \ge A$  for all  $y \in \Omega$ . If  $I(y) < \infty$ , then for any  $A_0 > 0$  there exists a constant  $0 < C_y < \infty$  such that  $E_0 N_A^{\{y\}} \le C_y (A_0)^A$  whenever  $A \ge A_0$ .

(ii) If  $y \in \Omega$ ,  $I(y) < \infty$  and the  $P_1^{\{y\}}$ -distribution of  $\log(f_y(X_1)/f_0(X_1))$  is non-lattice, then

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$$E_0 N_A^{\{y\}} = A C_0^y (1 + o(1))$$

where  $o(1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $A \rightarrow \infty$ .

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THEOREM 2. Suppose that the  $P_1^{(y)}$ -distribution of  $X_1$  is strongly nonlattice (see Stone (1965)) for all  $y \in \Omega$ . Then

(i)  $E_0 N_A^F \ge A$ . If  $F(\{y | I(y) < \infty\}) = 1$ , then for any  $A_0 > 0$ there exists a constant  $0 < C_F^{A_0} < \infty$  such that  $E_0 N_A^F \le C_F^{A_0}$  whenever  $A \ge A_0$ .

(ii) If  $F(\{y | I(y) < \infty\}) = 1$ , then

$$E_0 N_A^F = A C_0^F (1 + o(1))$$
,

where  $o(1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $A \rightarrow \infty$ .

#### III. PROOFS

The proof of Theorems 1 and 2 is based on the observation that (under  $P_0$ )  $R_n^F$  - n is a martingale with zero expectation with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$ , so that for stopping times N which are well-behaved  $E_{\Omega}N = E_{\Omega}R_{N}^{F}$ . The proof becomes an analysis of the asymptotic behavior bon of E<sub>0</sub>R<sup>F</sup>. NA For any m, r

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(1) 
$$R_{m+r}^{F} = f e^{\sum_{i=m+1}^{m+r} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} m \sum_{i=k}^{m} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y)$$

$$k=1$$

$$+ f \sum_{k=m+1}^{m+r} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{m+r} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y) .$$

Make note of the following three observations: (I) Since  $E_{0}Z_{4}^{\{y\}} < 0$ , the first expression on the right side of equation (1) becomes negligible as r becomes large. (II) The second expression on the right side of equation (1) when regarded as a process in r has the same stochastic  $P_0$ -behavior as the original process  $R_n^F$ . (III) If the value of  $R_m^F$  is large, the process  $R_n^F$  behaves approximately like the first expression on the right side of (1) for n = m + r closely following m.

The idea of the proof can now be described as follows. Let c be a large constant, and let A be much larger than c. Regard the stopping time  $N_A^{\star}$  which at first tells one to continue sampling until  $N_{A/c}^{F}$ . If "soon" thereafter  $R_{n}^{F} \ge A$ , let  $N_{A}^{*} = N_{A}^{F}$ . If not, forget the first  $\aleph^F_{A/c}$  obse vations and reapply  $\aleph^F_{A/c}$  to the sequence of observations wing  $N_{A/c}^F$ . Repeat this until the first time that  $R_n^F \ge A$ 

"soon" after  $N_{A/c}^{F}$ . This first time defines  $N_{A}^{\star}$ . By virtue of observation (I) it will be shown that the asymptotics of  $E_0 R_{N_A}^{F}$  are the same as those of  $E_0 R_{N_A}^{F}$ .

The repeated applications of  $N_{A/c}^{F}$  (conditional on their existence) will be shown to be approximately independent of each other. By virtue of observations (I) and (II), it will be shown that  $E_{0}R_{A}^{F}$  is approximately equal to

(2)  $E_0 \left( \frac{R_n^F}{N_A} \right) \frac{R_n^F}{N_A} \ge A$  "soon" after the first application of  $\frac{N_{A/c}^F}{N_A}$ .

Letting  $m = N_{A/c}^{F}$  in equation(1), note that the first expression on the right side of equation (1) is equal to  $R_{A/c}^{F} \times W$  where  $\sum_{\substack{x \in N_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r \\ i = N_{A/c}^{F} + r}} \sum_{\substack{x \in V_{A/c}^{F} + r}$ 

$$dF_{1}(y) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{A/c}^{F}} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{N_{A/c}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y)/R_{A/c}^{F}$$

By virtue of observation (III) it will be shown that  $\{R_n^F > A \text{ "soon"} after the first application of <math>N_{A/c}^F\}$  is approximately equal to  $\{R_{A/c}^F, W_{A/c}, r \ge A \text{ for some } 1 \le r < \infty\}$ . Let  $H_1 = \min\{r \mid R_{A/c}^F, W_{A/c}, r \ge A\}$ ,

 $H_1 = \infty$  if no such r exists. It follows from (2) that

Conditional on  $\mathfrak{Z}(X_1, \ldots, X_r)$ ,  $W_{A/c}$  is a  $P_0$ -martingale (with unit N\_{A/c} N\_{A/c}^F + r expectation with respect to  $\mathfrak{Z}(X_r, \ldots, X_r)$ ). Therefore the  $N_{A/c}^F + 1 \qquad N_{A/c}^F + r$ numerator in (3) is equal to  $E_0 R_F^F$ .

Results of Lai and Siegmund (1977) yield that, with  $K(y) = 1/C_0^y$ ,

$$P_{0}(H_{1} < \infty | \mathfrak{J}(X_{1}, \dots, X_{N_{A/c}}^{F})) = P_{0}(W_{N_{A/c}}^{F} + r \ge A/R_{N_{A/c}}^{F})$$
for some  $1 \le r < \infty | \mathfrak{J}(X_{1}, \dots, X_{N_{A/c}}^{F}))$ 

$$\underbrace{approximately}_{A/R_{A/c}} \frac{f K(y) dF_{1}(y)}{A/R_{A/c}^{F}}.$$

Therefore

(4) 
$$P_0(H_1 < \infty)$$
   

$$= A^{-1} \int K(y) R_{A/c}^F dF_1(y) = A^{-1} \int K(y) E_0(R_{A/c}^F dF_1(y)) = A^{-1} \int K(y) E_0(R_{A/c}^F dF_1(y)) = A^{-1} \int K(y) E_0 N_{A/c}^F dF(y) = \frac{E_0 R_{A/c}^F}{A} \int K(y) dF(y) dF(y) = \frac{E_0 R_{A/c}^F}{A} \int K(y) dF(y) = \frac{E_0 R_{A/$$

where the equality (4) follows from the definition of  $dF_1(y)$  and the

fact that  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{i=k} - n$  is a  $P_0$ -martingale (with zero expectation) with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$ . It now follows from (3) that

$$E_0 N_A^F = E_0 R_{N_A^F}^F$$
 approximately A/f K(y) dF(y)

which is the heart of the content of Theorem 2.

The turning of these heuristic arguments into a rigorous proof requires the ten lemmas presented in the sequel. The method involved is linear and nonlinear renewal theory (cf. Feller (1971), Stone (1965), Woodroofe (1976), Lai and Siegmund (1977)). For a survey see Woodroofe (1982).

PROOF OF THEOREM 1(i), THEOREM 2(i). Note that under  $P_0$  both  $R_n^{\{y\}} - n$ and  $R_n^F - n$  are martingales with zero expectation with respect to  $\mathcal{F}(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ . Denote

$$\pi_{A}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}} = \min\left\{n \mid \max_{k=1,\ldots,n} \exp\left\{\frac{n}{\sum_{i=k}^{n} Z_{i}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}\right\} \ge A\right\}$$

$$\pi_{A}^{F} = \min\left\{n \mid \max_{k=1,\ldots,n} f \exp\left\{\sum_{i=k}^{n} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}\right\} dF(y) \ge A\right\}$$

It is well known that  $E_0 \pi_A^{\{y\}} < \infty$ ,  $E_0 \pi_A^F < \infty$  (cf. Lorden (1971)). Since  $N_A^{\{y\}} \leq \pi_A^{\{y\}}$  and  $N_A^F \leq \pi_A^F$  it follows that  $E_0 N_A^{\{y\}} < \infty$  and  $E_0 N_A^F < \infty$ . Hence  $E_0(R_{N_A^{\{y\}}}^{\{y\}} - N_A^{\{y\}})$  and  $E_0(R_{N_A}^F - N_A^F)$  exist. Since  $|R_n^{\{y\}}| < A$ ,  $|R_n^F| < A$  on  $\{N_A^{\{y\}} > n\}$ ,  $\{N_A^F > n\}$  respectively, it is easy to see that

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \int_{\{N_A^{\{y\}} > n\}} |R_n - n| dP_0 = 0 , \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} \int_{\{N_A^F > n\}} |R_n^F - n| dP_0 = 0 .$$

Hence by the martingale optional stopping theorem (cf. Chow, Robbins, Siegmund (1971), Theorem 2.3 (p. 23))  $E_0(R_{N_A}^{\{y\}} - N_A^{\{y\}}) = 0$  and

$$E_{0}(R_{A}^{F} - N_{A}^{F}) = 0. \text{ Therefore, } E_{0} N_{A}^{\{y\}} \ge A \text{ and } E_{0} N_{A}^{F} = E_{0} R_{A}^{F} \ge A.$$

This completes the proof of the first parts of Theorem 1(i) and Theorem 2(i).

For the second part of Theorem 1(i), let  $S_0 = 0$  and define  $S_i$  recursively for  $i \ge 1$  by

$$S_{i} = \min\{n \mid n > S_{i-1}, \sum_{j=S_{i-1}+1}^{n} Z_{j}^{\{y\}} \notin (0, \log A)\}$$

Then  $\pi_A^{\{y\}} \leq \Sigma_{i=1}^C S_i$  where  $C = \min\{i \mid \Sigma_{j=S_{i-1}+1} Z_j^{\{y\}} \in [\log A, \log(2A)]\}$ . By Wald's lemma,

$$E_0 \pi_A^{\{y\}} \leq E_0 S_1 / P_0 (\sum_{j=1}^{J} Z_j^{\{y\}} \in [\log A, \log (2A)]).$$

Now

$$P_{0} \begin{pmatrix} S_{1} \\ \Sigma \\ j=1 \end{pmatrix} Z_{j}^{\{y\}} \in \log A, \log (2A) \} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\{S_{1}=n, C=1\}} f_{0}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}) dx_{1} \cdots dx_{n}$$

$$\geq (1/(2A)) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\{S_{1}=n, C=1\}} f_{y}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}) dx_{1} \cdots dx_{n}$$

$$= (1/(2A)) P_{1}^{(y)} \begin{pmatrix} S_{1} \\ \Sigma \\ j=1 \end{pmatrix} Z_{j}^{\{y\}} \in [\log A, \log (2A)]$$

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As  $A \rightarrow \infty$ , lim sup  $E_0 S_1 < \infty$ , and, by the renewal theorem lim inf  $P_1^{(y)} (\sum_{j=1}^{S_1} Z_j^{\{y\}} \in [\log A, \log (2A)]) > 0$ ,

from which Theorem 1(i) now follows.

To prove the second part of Theorem 2(i), choose  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  in the interior of  $\Omega$  such that  $F([\omega_1, \omega_2]) > 0$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $\omega_1 > 0$ . Denote:  $\Gamma_0 = 0$ ,  $\Gamma_i = \min\{n \mid \sum_{j=\Gamma_{i-1}+1}^{n} z_j^{\{\omega_1\}} \le 0$  or  $\int_{\omega_1}^{\omega_2} \exp\{\sum_{j=\Gamma_{i-1}+1}^{n} z_j^{\{y\}}\} dF(y) \ge A\}$ ,  $Y = \min\{i \mid \int_{\omega_1}^{\omega_2} \exp\{\sum_{j=\Gamma_{i-1}+1}^{n} z_j^{\{y\}}\}$ 

dF(y)  $\geq A$ . Clearly  $N_A^F \leq \Sigma_{i=1}^Y \Gamma_i$ . Hence

(5) 
$$E_0 \frac{R_F^F}{N_A^F} = E_0 N_A^F \le E_0 \Gamma_1 E_0 Y$$
.

Now

(6) 
$$E_0 \Gamma_1 \leq E_0 \min\{n \mid \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j^{\{\omega_1\}} \leq 0\} < \infty .$$

In a manner similar to Theorem 1 of Pollak (1983) one can show that

(7) 
$$AP_{0}(Y=1) \xrightarrow{A\to\infty} \int_{\omega_{1}}^{\omega_{2}} (1/C_{0}^{y})P_{1}^{(y)} (\sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{i}^{\{\omega_{1}\}} > 0, n=1,2,\ldots)dF(y) .$$

Therefore for given  $A_0$  there exists a constant  $C_F^{A_0}$  such that if  $A \ge A_0$  then

(8) 
$$P_0(Y=1) \ge E_0 \Gamma_1 / (AC_F^{A_0})$$
.

Note that

(9) 
$$E_0 Y = 1/P_0 (Y=1)$$
.

Now (5), (6), (8), and (9) complete the proof of Theorem 2(1).

PROOF OF THEOREM 1(ii), THEOREM 2(ii). Let  $A > C_A > 0$  be fixed. Define:  $L_0 = 0$ . For j=1,2,..., define:

$$L_{j} = \min \left\{ n | n > L_{j-1}, \int_{\substack{i=L_{j-1}+1}}^{n} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{n} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y) \ge \frac{A}{C_{k}} \right\}$$

$$N_{j} = L_{j} - L_{j-1}$$

$$V_{j,n} = \left\{ \int_{\substack{i=L_{j}+1}}^{n} e^{\sum_{i=L_{j}+1}^{i} z_{i}^{(y)}} L_{j} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{j}} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y) \text{ if } n > L_{j} \right\}$$

$$V_{j,n} = \left\{ \int_{\substack{i=L_{j-1}+1\\j \in \sum_{k=L_{j-1}+1}}^{n} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{j}} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y) \text{ if } n > L_{j} \right\}$$

$$H_{j} = \min\{n | n \ge L_{j}, V_{j,n} \ge A\}$$

$$= \circ \text{ if no such n exists}$$

$$H_{j} = H_{j} \land L_{j+1}$$

$$J = \min\{j | V_{j,M_{j}} \ge A\}$$

$$R_{j,n} = \int_{\substack{i=L_{j-1}+1\\k \in L_{j-1}+1}}^{n} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{j}} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y) \text{ for } n > L_{j-1}$$

$$dP_{j}(y) = \sum_{k=L_{j-1}+1}^{L_{j}} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{j}} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y) / \int_{\substack{i=L_{j-1}+1\\k \in L_{j-1}+1}}^{L_{j}} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{j}} z_{i}^{(y)}} dF(y)$$

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 $1(\theta)$  = indicator function of the set  $\theta$ 

$$\tau_{A}^{F} = \min\{n | f \exp\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} dF(y) \ge A, n \ge 1\}$$
$$= \infty \text{ if no such } n \text{ exists}$$
$$I_{A}^{F} - AP_{0}(\tau_{A}^{F} < \infty)$$
$$K(y) = 1/C_{0}^{y}$$
$$G_{F} = f K(y) dF(y) .$$

By Theorem 3 of Pollak (1983),  $I_A^F \neq G_F$  as  $A \neq \infty$ .

Until further notice, we will assume that the support of F is contained in a compact interval [a,b],  $0 < a < b < \infty$ , I(b)  $< \infty$ .

LEMMA 1. For arbitrary  $0 < \eta < 1$ , and arbitrary probability measure  $\phi$  whose support is contained in [a,b],  $0 < a < b < \infty$ , there exists  $B_0 > 0$  independent of  $\phi$  such that if  $B \ge B_0$  then

(10) 
$$1-\eta < \frac{I^{\Psi}}{G_{\phi}} < 1+\eta$$
.

PROOF. This is the content of Theorem 1 of Pollak (1983).

LEMMA 2. For arbitrary  $0 < \eta < 1$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  there exists  $A_1 = A_1(\eta, \varepsilon)$  and  $C = C(\eta, \varepsilon)$  such that if  $A \ge A_1$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$P_{0}\left(1-\eta < \frac{P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty \mid \mathbf{3}_{L_{j}})}{\frac{G_{F_{j}} R_{j,L_{j}}}{A}} < 1+\eta\right) > 1-\varepsilon$$

PROOF.

(11) 
$$P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty | \mathfrak{Z}_{L_{j}}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } R_{j,L_{j}} \geq A \\ F_{j} \\ I_{A}/R_{j,L_{j}} \\ R_{j,L_{j}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } R_{j,L_{j}} < A \end{cases}$$

In a manner analogous to Theorem 1 of Pollak (1983b), replacing  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  by a, b respectively in (7), one gets the confergence in (7) to be uniform in measures F whose support is contained in [a,b]. Therefore, the constant  $C_{F_J}^{A_0}$  in Theorem 2(i) can be replaced by a constant C(A<sub>0</sub>) which is independent of F<sub>j</sub> (it is only dependent on a,b). Hence for  $\Delta > 0$ 

$$P_0(R_{j,L_i} > \Delta A/C_A) \leq \frac{E_0 R_{j,L_i}}{\Delta A/C_A} \leq \frac{C(A_0)}{\Delta}$$

Choosing  $\Delta$  to be large enough, Lemma 1 in conjunction with (11) complete the proof of Lemma 2.

LEMMA 3. For any  $\varepsilon^{\pm} > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if one chooses  $C_A = C$  and if  $A \ge C$ , then

$$\mathbf{E}_{0}\left[\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}}; \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}} \geq \delta \frac{\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{A}}}\right] \leq \varepsilon^{\star} \frac{\mathbf{A}}{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{A}}} \quad .$$

PROOF. Let X be distributed as  $X_i$  under  $P_0$ .

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}_{0} \left\{ \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}}; \ \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{j},\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}} &\geq \delta \left[ \frac{\int_{a}^{b} e^{bX} \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}^{-1}}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{1}}^{\Sigma} + \mathbf{e}^{\sum_{\mathbf{j}=\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{l}} Z_{\mathbf{j}}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}} \right] dF(\mathbf{y}); \\ & \int_{a}^{b} e^{bX} \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{j}}^{-1}}{\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{1}}^{\Sigma} + \mathbf{e}^{\sum_{\mathbf{i}=\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{l}} Z_{\mathbf{j}}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}} \right] dF(\mathbf{y}) \geq \delta \left[ \frac{C_{\mathbf{A}}}{A} \right] \\ & \leq \mathbf{E}_{0} \left\{ e^{bX} \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{A}{C_{\mathbf{A}}} \right]; \ e^{bX} \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{A}{C_{\mathbf{A}}} \right] \geq \delta \left[ \frac{A}{C_{\mathbf{A}}} \right] \right\} \\ & = \left[ \mathbf{1} + \frac{A}{C_{\mathbf{A}}} \right] \mathbf{E}_{0} \left[ e^{bX}; \ e^{bX} \geq \frac{\delta}{\mathbf{1} + C_{\mathbf{A}}/A} \right] \end{split}$$

This can be made to be less than  $\epsilon^*A/C_A$  by choosing  $\delta$  to be large enough.

LEMMA 4. Let  $\mathbb{U} \sim \mathbb{U}(0,1)$  be independent of  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $Q_{\varepsilon,A} = (R_{j,L_j} > \gamma_{\varepsilon,A}^{(1)}) \cup (R_{j,L_j} = \gamma_{\varepsilon,A}^{(1)}, U > \gamma_{\varepsilon,A}^{(2)})$  where  $\gamma_{\varepsilon,A}^{(1)}, \gamma_{\varepsilon,A}^{(2)}$  are defined by  $P_0(Q_{\varepsilon,A}) = \varepsilon$ . Then for  $\lambda > 0$  there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $E_0(R_{j,L_j}; Q_{\varepsilon,A})/E_0R_{j,L_j} < \lambda$  uniformly for all  $A, C_A$  such that  $A > C_A$ .

**PROOF.** Choose  $\varepsilon^* < \lambda$ . Let  $\delta$  be as in Lemma 3. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfy  $\varepsilon \delta + \varepsilon^* < \lambda$ . Then

$$E_{0}(R_{j},L_{j}; Q_{\varepsilon,A}) = E_{0}\left(R_{j,L_{j}}; \left(\left(R_{j,L_{j}} < \delta \frac{A}{C_{A}}\right) \cup \left(\delta \frac{A}{C_{A}} \leq R_{j,L_{j}}\right)\right) \cap Q_{\varepsilon,A}\right)$$
$$\leq \varepsilon \cdot \delta \frac{A}{C_{A}} + \varepsilon^{*} \frac{A}{C_{A}} < \lambda \frac{A}{C_{A}} < \lambda E_{0} R_{j,L_{j}}.$$

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LENMA 5. For arbitrary  $0 < \eta < 1$  there exist  $A_2 = A_2(\eta)$  and  $C = C(\eta)$  such that if  $A \ge A_2$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$(1-\eta) \frac{G_{p}}{A/E_{0}R_{j,L_{j}}} < P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty) < (1+\eta) \frac{G_{p}}{A/E_{0}R_{j,L_{j}}}$$
.

PROOF. Choose  $0 < \alpha < \eta$ . By Lemma 4, one can choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that whenever  $A > C_A$ 

(12) 
$$\frac{E_0(R_{j,L_j}; Q_{\epsilon,A})}{G_F E_0 R_{j,L_j}} < n-\alpha,$$

where  $Q_{\epsilon,A}$  is as defined in Lemma 4. By Lemma 2, there exist  $A_1$  and C such that if  $A > \max(A_1, C)$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$K_{\varepsilon} = \left\{ 1 - \alpha < \frac{P_0(H_j < \infty | \mathcal{J}_{L_j})}{\frac{G_{F_j} R_{j,L_j}}{A}} < 1 + \alpha \right\}$$

has a  $P_0$ -probability  $P_0(K_{\varepsilon}) \ge 1-\varepsilon$ . Note that since  $P_0(Q_{\varepsilon,A}) \ge P_0((K_{\varepsilon})^c)$ , for any set  $S \le (K_{\varepsilon})^c \cap (Q_{\varepsilon,A})^c$  there exists a set  $S^* \le Q_{\varepsilon,A} \cap K_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $P_0(S) \le P_0(S^*)$ . Obviously  $R_{j,L_j}$  on  $S^*$  is larger than  $R_{j,L_j}$  on S, and therefore

(13) 
$$\mathbf{E}_{0}(\mathbf{R}_{j,L_{j}}; (\mathbf{K}_{\varepsilon})^{c}) \leq \mathbf{E}_{0}(\mathbf{R}_{j,L_{j}}; \mathbf{Q}_{\varepsilon,A})$$

Also note that because of the martingale property of  $\sum_{k=L_{j-1}+1}^{n} \exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{n} z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} - (n - L_{j-1}) \text{ under } P_{0}(\text{given } \mathcal{J}_{L_{j-1}}, \text{ for } n > L_{j-1}),$ 

it follows that

(14) 
$$\begin{split} E_{0} R_{j,L_{j}} G_{F_{j}} &= E_{0} R_{j,L_{j}} \int K(y) dF_{j}(y) \\ &= E_{0} \int K(y) \sum_{\substack{\Sigma \\ k=L_{j-1}+1}}^{L_{j}} exp \begin{cases} L_{j} \\ \Sigma \\ i=k \end{cases} dF(y) \\ &= E_{0}(L_{j} - L_{j-1}) \int K(y) dF(y) \\ &= E_{0} R_{j,L_{j}} G_{F} . \end{split}$$

Therefore, by (12), (13), and (14),

$$P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty) = E_{0} \left[ P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty | \mathfrak{Z}_{L_{j}}); K_{\varepsilon} \cup (K_{\varepsilon})^{c} \right]$$

$$\leq (1 + \alpha) E_{0} R_{j, L_{j}} G_{F_{j}}/A + E_{0} \left[ R_{j, L_{j}}/A; (K_{\varepsilon})^{c} \right]$$

$$\leq (1 + \alpha) E_{0} R_{j, L_{j}} G_{F}/A + E_{0}(R_{j, L_{j}}/A; Q_{\varepsilon, A})$$

$$< (1 + \alpha) E_{0} R_{j, L_{j}} G_{F}/A + (\eta - \alpha) E_{0} R_{j, L_{j}} G_{F}/A$$

$$= (1 + \eta) \frac{G_{F}}{A/E_{0} R_{j, L_{j}}} .$$

Likewise,

$$P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty) \geq E_{0}(P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty | \mathfrak{Z}_{L_{j}}); K_{\varepsilon})$$

$$> (1 - \alpha)E_{0}(R_{j}, L_{j} G_{F_{j}}/A; K_{\varepsilon})$$

$$\geq (1 - \alpha)E_{0}(R_{j}, L_{j} G_{F_{j}}/A) - E_{0}\left[R_{j}, L_{j}/A; (K_{\varepsilon})^{c}\right]$$

$$\geq (1 - \alpha)E_{0}R_{j}, L_{j} G_{F}/A - E_{0}(R_{j}, L_{j}/A; Q_{\varepsilon}, A)$$

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$$(1 - \alpha) E_0 R_{j,L_j} G_F / A - (n - \alpha) E_0 R_{j,L_j} G_F / A$$
  
=  $(1 - n) \frac{G_F}{A / E_0 R_{j,L_j}}$ .

LEMMA 6. For arbitrary  $\eta > 0$  there exist  $A_3 = A_3(\eta)$  and  $C = C(\eta)$ such that if  $A \ge A_3$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$1 - \eta < \frac{E_0(V_{j,H_j}|H_j < \infty)}{A/G_p} < 1 + \eta$$

**PROOF.** Note that  $E_0(V_{j,H_j}; H_j < \infty) = E_0 R_{j,L_j}$  and so  $E_0(V_{j,H_j}|_{H_j} < \infty) = E_0 R_{j,L_j} / P_0(H_j < \infty)$ . An application of Lemma 5 completes the proof of Lemma 6.

LEMMA 7. For arbitrary  $0 < \eta < 1$  there exist  $A_4 = A_4(\eta)$  and  $C = C(\eta)$  such that if  $A \ge A_4$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$1 - \eta < \frac{E_0^{(V_{j,M_j} \mid V_{j,M_j} \ge A)}}{A/G_{p}} < 1 + \eta$$
.

PROOF. Let A be large enough.

(15) 
$$E_0(V_{j,M_j}|V_{j,M_j} \ge A) = \frac{E_0(V_{j,M_j}; V_{j,M_j} \ge A)}{P_0(V_{j,M_j} \ge A)}$$

Clearly,  $E_0(V_{j,M_j}; V_{j,M_j} \ge A) \le E_0(V_{j,M_j}; H_j < \infty), P_0(V_{j,M_j} \ge A)$  $\le P_0(H_j < \infty), \text{ and } P_0(V_{j,M_j} \ge A) = P_0(H_j < \infty) - P_0(L_{j+1} < H_j < \infty). \text{ Denote}$ 

$$Q_{G}(\cdot) = \int_{a}^{b} P_{1}^{(y)}(\cdot) dG(y).$$
 For  $x > 0$ 

$$P_{0}(x+L_{j} < H_{j} < \infty) = E_{0}P_{0}(x+L_{j} < H_{j} < \infty | \mathcal{Z}_{L_{j}})$$

$$\leq E_{0}Q_{F_{j}}(\tau_{A/R_{j},L_{j}}^{F_{j}} > x) R_{j,L_{j}}/A$$

$$= o(1) E_{0} R_{j,L_{j}}/A = o(1) P_{0}(H_{j} < \infty) ,$$

where  $o(1) \neq 0$  as  $x \neq \infty$  uniformly in  $\Im_{L_j}$ , A for fixed  $C_A = C$ . Also,  $P_0(L_{j+1} \leq L_j + x) = P_0(L_1 \leq x) = \sum_{n=1}^{x_j} P_0(R_n > A/C_A) \leq x^2 C_A/A$ . So, for x > 0

$$P_0^{(L_{j+1} \leq H_j < \infty)} \leq P_0^{(x \leq L_{j+1} \leq H_j < \infty)} + P_0^{(L_{j+1} \leq x \leq H_j < \infty)}$$
$$+ P_0^{(L_{j+1} \leq H_j \leq x)}$$
$$\leq 2P_0^{(x \leq H_j < \infty)} + P_0^{(L_{j+1} \leq x)}$$
$$\leq o(1) P_0^{(H_j < \infty)} + x^2 C_A^{/A} .$$

Since (by Lemma 5 and Theorem 2(i))  $P_0(H_j < \infty)$  is of the order of magnitude of  $1/C_A$ , choosing A,  $C_A$  large enough will cause  $P_0(L_{j+1} < H_j < \infty)/P_0(H_j < \infty)$  to be arbitrarily small, i.e.,  $P_0(V_{j,M_j} \ge A)/P_0(H_j < \infty)$  to be arbitrarily close to 1. Similarly,  $E_0(V_{j,M_j}; V_{j,M_j} < A, H_j < \infty) = E_0 Q_{F_j} \left( \tau_{A/R_{j,L_j}}^{F_j} > N_1 \right) R_{j,L_j}$ 

=  $o(1) P_0(H_j < \infty) \cdot A$ ,

where  $o(1) \neq 0$  as  $A \neq \infty$ . Therefore, choosing large  $C_A$  and very large A one can get  $E_0(V_{j,M_j}; V_{j,M_j} \ge A)/E_0(V_{j,H_j}; H_j < \infty)$  to be arbitrarily close to 1. Hence, one can make

(16) 
$$\frac{E_0(V_{j,M_j}; V_{j,M_j} \ge A)}{P_0(V_{j,M_j} \ge A)} / \frac{E_0(V_{j,H_j}; H_j < \infty)}{P_0(H_j < \infty)}$$

be arbitrarily close to 1. Lemma 7 now follows from (15), (16), and Lemma 6.

LEMMA 8. For arbitrary  $0 < \eta < 1$  there exist  $A_5 = A_5(\eta)$  and  $C = C(\eta)$ such that if  $A \ge A_5$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$1 - \eta < \frac{E_0 V_{J,M_J}}{A/G_F} < 1 + \eta$$

PROOF. Denote  $V_{0,M_0} = V_{-1,M_{-1}} = 0$ .

$$-\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \begin{cases} v_{j,M_{j}} dP_{0} \\ V_{i,M_{j}} \leq A, i=0, \dots, j-2; v_{j-1,M_{j-1}} \geq A, v_{j,M_{j}} \geq A \end{cases}$$

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$$\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \begin{cases} v_{j,M_{j}} dP_{0} \\ v_{i,M_{i}} < A, i=0,...,j-2; v_{j-1,M_{j-1}} \ge A, v_{j,M_{j}} \ge A \end{cases}$$
$$= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} P_{0} \{ v_{i,M_{i}} < A, i=0,...,j-2; v_{j-1,M_{j-1}} \ge A \} = 1 .$$

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$$\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} P_0(V_{i,M_1} < A, i = -1, 0, \dots, j-2; V_{j-1,M_{j-1}} \ge A, V_{j,M_j} \ge A)$$
$$\leq \left[ \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} P_0(V_{i,M_1} < A, i = -1, 0, \dots, j-3) \right] P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, V_{2,M_2} \ge A)$$
$$= [1 + E_0 J] P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, V_{2,M_2} \ge A) \quad .$$

Denote:  $J_{odd} = \min\{n \mid n \text{ odd}, V_{n,M_n} \ge A\}, J_{even} = \min\{n \mid n \text{ even}, V_{n,M_n} \ge A\}.$ Since  $J = \min\{J_{odd}, J_{even}\} \le J_{odd} + J_{even}$ ,

(21) 
$$E_0 J \leq E_0 J_{odd} + E_0 J_{even} \leq \frac{4}{P_0 (V_{1,M_1} \geq A)}$$

Therefore, because of (17)-(21), it only remains to show that  $P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \geq A, V_{2,M_{2}} \geq A) \text{ can be made to be sufficiently small.}$ (22)  $P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \geq A, V_{2,M_{2}} \geq A) = P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \geq A, R_{2,M_{1}} < \frac{A}{C_{A}}, V_{2,M_{2}} \geq A)$   $+ P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \geq A, R_{2,M_{1}} \geq \frac{A}{C_{A}}, V_{2,M_{2}} \geq A) \cdot P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \geq A, R_{2,M_{1}} \geq \frac{A}{C_{A}}, V_{2,M_{2}} \geq A)$ 

Suppose that  $A/C_A \ge A_0$  where  $A_0$  is a constant, as in Theorem 2(1). Note that on  $\{R_{2,M_1} < A/C_A\}$ 

$$E_{0}(R_{2,L_{2}}|R_{2,M_{1}}, V_{1,M_{1}} > A)$$

$$= E_{0}\left\{ \int \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} M_{1} & \sum_{i=k}^{L_{2}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} & L_{2} & \sum_{i=k}^{L_{2}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} \\ \sum & e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} + \sum & e^{\sum_{i=k}^{L_{2}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \\ k=L_{1}+1 & k=M_{1}+1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\cdot dF(y)|R_{2,M_{1}}, V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A \right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{R_{2,M_1}}{C_A} + \frac{E_0R_{2,L_2}}{C_A}$$

$$\leq \frac{A}{C_A} \left( 1 + C(A_0) \right) ,$$

where  $C(A_0)$  is a constant as in the proof of Lemma 2. Therefore,

(23) 
$$P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A, R_{2,M_{1}} < \frac{A}{C_{A}}, V_{2,M_{2}} \ge A)$$

$$\leq P_{0}(V_{2,M_{2}} \ge A | V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A, R_{2,M_{1}} < \frac{A}{C_{A}})P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A)$$

$$\leq E_{0} \left( \frac{R_{2,L_{2}}}{A} | V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A, R_{2,M_{1}} < \frac{A}{C_{A}} \right) P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A)$$

$$\leq \frac{1 + C(A_{0})}{C_{A}} P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A) \quad .$$

Now for any x > 0

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$$P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, R_{2,M_1} \ge \frac{A}{C_A}, V_{2,M_2} \ge A)$$
  
 $\le P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, R_{2,M_1} \ge \frac{A}{C_A}, M_1 \le L_1 + x)$   
 $+ P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, R_{2,M_1} \ge \frac{A}{C_A}, M_1 > L_1 + x)$   
 $\le P_0(R_{2,M_1} \ge \frac{A}{C_A}, M_1 \le L_1 + x) + P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, M_1 > L_1 + x)$   
(25)  $P_0(R_{2,M_1} \ge \frac{A}{C_A}, M_1 \le L_1 + x) \le \sum_{n=1}^{x} P_0(R_n^F \ge \frac{A}{C_A}) \le \frac{x^2}{A/C_A}$ ,

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and as in the proof of Lemma 7,

(26) 
$$P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A, M_1 > L_1 + x) \le P_0(L_1 + x < H_j < \infty) = o(1) P_0(H_j < \infty)$$
,

where  $o(1) \neq 0$  as  $x \neq \infty$  uniformly in  $\Im_L$ , large A, for fixed  $C_A = C$ . Now (17)-(26) in conjunction with Lemma 5 and Lemma 7 and its proof complete the proof of Lemma 8.

LEMMA 9. Let  $\lambda > 0$ . There exist  $C = C(\lambda)$  and  $A_6 = A_6(\lambda)$  such that if  $A \ge A_6$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$  then

(27) 
$$E_0 \int \sum_{\substack{k=L_J+1 \\ k=L_J}}^{M_J} exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{M_J} Z_i^{\{y\}}\} dF(y) \leq \lambda A .$$

The sum in (27) is understood to be zero if  $M_J = L_J$ .

PROOF. It is enough to prove that under the conditions described

(28) 
$$E_0(R_{2,M_1}|V_{1,M_1} \ge A) \le \lambda A$$
,

for then

And the second

$$E_{0} \int \sum_{k=L_{J}+1}^{M_{J}} \exp\{\sum_{i} z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} dF(y)$$

$$\leq E_{0} \int \sum_{k=L_{J}+1}^{M_{J}} \exp\{\sum_{i} z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} dF(y)$$

$$+ E_{0} \sum_{k=L_{J}+1}^{M_{J}} \exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{M_{J}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} dF(y)$$

$$+ E_{0} \sum_{k=L_{J}+1}^{M_{J}} \exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{M_{J}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}\} dF(y)$$

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where J and J are as in the proof of Lemma 8.

 $On \{A/C_A \leq R_{1,L_1} < A\}$ 

(29) 
$$E_0(R_{2,M_1}; V_{1,M_1} \ge A) = E_0(R_{2,M_1}; H_1 \le L_2)$$
.

Let x > 1. Note that  $\{H_1 \leq L_2\} = \{H_1 \leq L_1 + x < L_2\} \cup \{H_1 \leq L_2 \leq L_1 + x\}$   $\cup \{L_1 + x < H_1 < L_2\} \cup \{L_1 + x < H_1 = L_2\}$ . We will analyze the expectation in (29) on each of these four events separately. Note that  $R_{2,H_1} < A/C_A$   $\leq R_{2,L_1}$  on  $\{H_1 < L_2\}$ . (30)  $E_0(R_{2,H_1}; H_1 \leq L_1 + x < L_2) \leq E_0(R_{2,H_1}; H_1 \leq L_1 + x) \leq E_0(R_{2,L_1} + x) = x$ . (31)  $E_0(R_{2,H_1}; H_1 \leq L_2 \leq L_1 + x) \leq E_0(R_{2,L_2}; H_1 \leq L_2 \leq L_1 + x) \leq E_0(R_{2,L_1} + x) = x$ .

(32) 
$$E_0(R_2, H_1; L_1 + x < H_1 < L_2) \leq (A/C_A) P_0(L_1 + x < H_1 < \infty)$$
.

(Later we will let x be large and will evaluate (32) as in the proof of Lemma 7.) Denote:  $\Xi_{k,x} = \{(L_1+x) \lor (k-1) < H_1-L_2\}$ . Given  $L_1, X_1, \dots, X_{L_1}$ :

(33) 
$$E_0(R_{2,H_1}; L_1+x < H_1 = L_2) = E_0 \int \sum_{k=L_1+1}^{\infty} \exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{H_1} Z_i^{\{y\}}\} 1(\Xi_{k,x}) dF(y)$$
.

(34) 
$$E_0 f \exp\{\sum_{i=k}^{H_1} Z_i^{\{y\}}\} 1(E_{k,x}) dF(y)$$

$$= \int \int \exp\{-\frac{k-1}{\sum_{i=L_{1}+1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \exp\{\frac{H_{1}}{\sum_{i=L_{1}+1}^{k} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} 1(\Xi_{k,x}) dP_{0} dF(y)$$
  
=  $\int E_{L_{1}+1}^{(y)} \exp\{-\frac{k-1}{\sum_{i=L_{1}+1}^{k} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} 1(\Xi_{k,x}) dF(y)$ 

$$= \int \mathbf{E}_{L_{1}+1}^{(\mathbf{y})} \mathbf{E}_{L_{1}+1}^{(\mathbf{y})} (\exp\{-\sum_{i=L_{1}+1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}\}_{1}^{i}(\Xi_{k,\mathbf{x}}) | \mathbf{X}_{L_{1}+1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{k-1}^{i}) dF(\mathbf{y})$$
  
$$= \int \mathbf{E}_{L_{1}+1}^{(\mathbf{y})} \exp\{-\sum_{i=L_{1}+1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}\}_{L_{1}+1}^{p(\mathbf{y})}(\Xi_{k,\mathbf{x}} | \mathbf{X}_{L_{1}+1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{k-1}^{i}) dF(\mathbf{y})$$

= 
$$\int E_0 P_{L_1+1}^{(y)}(\Xi_{k,x}|X_{L_1+1},\ldots,X_{k-1})dF(y)$$
.

Let  $\psi(a) > h > 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ ,  $j_0 = (\log A) \overset{1+\varepsilon_0}{=} 0$ . For large enough A there exists  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that for all  $j > j_0 P_0(\Sigma_{i=L_1+1} X_i > (j-1)h/b)$   $< \exp\{-\varepsilon_1 j\}$ . On  $\{\Sigma_{i=L_1+1} X_i \leq (j-1)h/b\}$ : for  $n \geq j-1 + L_1$ ,  $V_{1,n} \leq \exp\{j(h-\psi(a)\} f \exp\{y\Sigma_{i=L_1+j}^n - (n-j-L_1+1)\psi(y)\}dF_1(y)R_{1,L_1}$ . Let  $k = L_1+j$ . Let  $H_{1,k} = \min\{n|n \geq k, V_{1,n} \geq A\}$ .  $E_{L_1+1}^{(y)}(H_{1,k} - k)$   $\geq (j-1)(\psi(a) - h)/\psi(y)b)$ . So, for large enough A, for  $a \leq y \leq b$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  such that for all  $j \geq j_0 P_{L_1+1}^{(y)}(H_{1,k} - k < \frac{1}{2}(j-1))\psi(a) - h)/(\psi'(b)b) \leq \exp\{-\varepsilon_2 j\}$  for all  $a \leq y \leq b$  (see Pollak and Siegmund (1975) for an example of the considerations involved). Since  $L_2 \leq \min\{n|f_a^b \exp\{y \sum_{i=k}^n X_i - (n-k_1)\psi(y)\}dF(y) \geq A/C_A\}$ , there exists  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  such that for all  $j \geq j_0 P_{L_1+1}^{(y)}(L_2-k > \frac{1}{2}(j-1))\psi(a)-h)/(\psi'(b)b)$   $\leq \exp\{-\varepsilon_3 j\}$  for all  $a \leq y \leq b$  if A is large enough. Therefore, for  $j \geq j_0$ ,  $k = L_1+j$ , if A is large enough,

and so

(36) 
$$E_0(R_{2,H_1}: L_1 + x < H_1 = L_2) \le j_0 + \sum_{j=j_0}^{\infty} (\exp\{-\varepsilon_1 j\} + \exp\{-\varepsilon_2 j\} + \exp\{-\varepsilon_3 j\}).$$

By letting x be large enough - such as  $(\log A)^{1+\epsilon_0}$  - one gets by virtue of (30) - (36) that  $E_0(R_{2,M_1}; V_{1,M_1} \ge A)/A$  is arbitrarily small for large enough A, from which (28) follows.

LEMMA 10. Let  $\lambda > 0$ . There exists  $C = C(\lambda)$  and  $A_7 = A_7(\lambda)$  such that if  $A \ge A_7$  and one chooses  $C_A = C$ , then

$$0 \leq \mathrm{ER}^{\mathrm{F}}_{\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{A}}} - \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{J},\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{j}}} \leq \lambda \mathrm{A} \ .$$

PROOF. Clearly,

(37) 
$$R_{N_{A}^{\bigstar}} = V_{J,M_{J}} + \begin{cases} M_{J} \Sigma_{i}^{\downarrow J} Z_{i}^{\downarrow J} & J^{-1} \\ \Sigma e^{i=k} & dF(y) + \Sigma V_{j,M_{J}} \\ k=L_{J}^{+1} & j=1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 9, it suffices to show that  $E_0 \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} v_{j,M_J} < \lambda A$  for appropriately chosen C. Let  $J_{odd}$  and  $J_{even}$  be as in the proof of Lemma 8.

(33) 
$$E_0 \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} v_{j,M_J} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_0 (v_{j,M_J}; j \le J - 1)$$
  
 $= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_0 (v_{j,M_j}; j \le J - 1)$   
 $= E_0 \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} v_{j,M_j}$   
 $= E_0 \sum_{j=1}^{J-1} v_{j,M_j} + E_0 \sum_{j=2}^{J-1} v_{j,M_j}$ 

$$\leq E_{0} \frac{\int_{odd}^{-1} V_{j,M_{j}} + E_{0} \int_{j=2}^{2} V_{j,M_{j}}}{\int_{even}^{-1} V_{j,M_{j}}}$$

$$= E_{0} \frac{\int_{odd}^{-2} V_{j,M_{j}} + E_{0} \int_{j=2}^{2} V_{j,M_{j}}}{\int_{odd}^{-2} V_{j,M_{j}}} + E_{0} \int_{j=2}^{2} V_{j,M_{j}}$$

$$= E_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} | V_{1,M_{1}} < A) E_{0}(J_{odd} - 2 + J_{even} - 2)$$

$$\leq E_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} | V_{1,M_{1}} < A) (E_{0} J_{odd} + E_{0} J_{even})$$

$$\leq E_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} | V_{1,M_{1}} < A) \frac{4}{P_{0}(V_{1,M_{1}} \ge A)} .$$

Now

(39) 
$$E_0(V_{1,M_1}; V_{1,M_1} < A) = E_0 V_{1,M_1} - E_0(V_{1,H_1}; H_1 < \infty)$$
  
+  $E_0(V_{1,H_1}; H_1 < \infty) - E_0(V_{1,M_1}; V_{1,M_1} \ge A)$ 

$$= E_0^{R_{1,L_1}} - E_0^{R_{1,L_1}} + E_0^{(V_{1,H_1}; H_1 < \infty)}$$

$$\cdot \left[1 - \frac{E_0^{(V_{1,M_1}; V_{1,M_1} \ge A)}}{E_0^{(V_{1,H_1}; H_1 < \infty)}}\right]$$

$$= (E_0^{R_{1,L_1}}) \circ (1) ,$$

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where o(1) + 0 as  $A + \infty$  as in the proof of Lemma 7. Since (as in the proof of Lemma 7)  $P_0(V_{1,M_1} \ge A)/P_0(H_1 < \infty) \Rightarrow 1$  as  $A \Rightarrow \infty$ , (38) and (39) with Theorem 2(i) and Lemma 5 complete the proof of Lemma 10.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2(11). Since (see (37))  $R_{N_A^{\bigstar}}^F \ge V_{J,M_J} \ge A$ , it follows that  $N_A^{\bigstar} \ge N_A^F$  and so

(40)  $E_0 N_A^F \leq E_0 N_A^{\star} = E_0 R_A^F$ .

Denote  $J^* = \max\{j \mid L_j = N_A^F \text{ and } V_{j-1,L_j} < A, \text{ or } L_{j-1} < N_A^F\}.$ 

$$R_{A}^{F} = V + \begin{cases} N_{A}^{F} & \Sigma_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}} & J^{*}-1 \\ \Sigma & e & dF(y) + \Sigma & V \\ k=L_{J^{*}}+1 & J^{*} & J^{*} & J^{*} \end{cases}$$

Since  $V_{j,M_j} < A$  for  $j \leq J^*-1$  and since

$$\begin{split} & \mathbb{E}_{0}(\Sigma_{j=1}^{J^{\star}-1} \vee K_{A}^{F}; N_{A}^{\star} > N_{A}^{F}) = \mathbb{E}_{0}(\Sigma_{j=1}^{J^{\star}-1} \vee K_{J}, N_{A}^{\star}; N_{A}^{\star} > N_{A}^{F}), \text{ it follows (since } \\ & \mathbb{M}_{J} = N_{A}^{\star}) \text{ that} \end{split}$$

which in turn is bounded as in Lemma 10 (see (38), (39) above) by A o(1).

$$E_{0} \int_{k=L_{J^{k}}+1}^{N_{A}^{F}} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y) = E_{0} \left[ \int_{k=L_{J^{k}}+1}^{N_{A}^{F}} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y); \right]$$

$$+ E_{0} \left[ \begin{cases} N_{A}^{F} & e^{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \\ \sum_{k=L_{J}^{\#+1}} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \\ N_{A}^{F} & N_{A}^{\#} \end{cases} \right] \cdot \\ E_{0} \left[ \begin{cases} N_{A}^{F} & e^{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \\ \sum_{k=L_{J}^{\#+1}} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \\ dF(y); & N_{A}^{F} < N_{A}^{\#} \end{cases} \right] < \frac{A}{C_{A}} = \frac{A}{C} \cdot \end{cases}$$

for large enough A, by virtue of Lemma 9,

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$$E_{0} \begin{cases} N_{A}^{F} & \sum_{k=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{1}^{\{y\}} \\ \sum & e^{\sum_{k=1}^{H} z_{1}^{\{y\}}} dF(y); N_{A}^{F} = N_{A}^{*} \end{cases}$$
$$= E_{0} \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} M_{J} & \sum_{i=k}^{M_{J}} z_{1}^{\{y\}} \\ \sum & e^{i=k} & dF(y); N_{A}^{F} = N_{A}^{*} \end{cases}$$
$$\leq E_{0} \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} M_{J} & \sum_{i=k}^{M_{J}} z_{1}^{\{y\}} \\ \sum & e^{i=k} & dF(y); \end{pmatrix} \\ \sum & e^{i=k} & dF(y) \end{cases}$$
$$\leq d(C) ,$$

Hence, for large enough A,  $E_0(R_{N_A}^F - V_{M_A}) \leq 2A/C$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 2/(C\varepsilon)$ . Since  $R_{M_{A}}^{F} - V \ge 0$ , it follows that  $P_{0}(R_{M_{A}}^{F} - V \xrightarrow{J^{*}} \lambda A) \le 2/(\lambda C) = \varepsilon$ . Hence, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by

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choosing C to be large enough  $\lambda$  would be arbitrarily small, and  $P_{0}(R_{A}^{F} - V_{J^{*},N_{A}^{F}} \ge \lambda A) \le \varepsilon$  for all large enough A. I.e., for large enough A,

$$\varepsilon \geq P_0(V_{J^*,N_A^F} \leq R_{N_A^F}^F - \lambda A) \geq P_0(V_{J^*,N_A^F} \leq (1-\lambda)A) \quad .$$

Let  $N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**}$  denote  $N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{*}$  when one chooses  $C_{(1-\lambda)A} = (1-\lambda)C_A^{*}$ . It follows that for large enough A, with  $C_A = C$  as above,

$$P_0(N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{\star\star} \leq N_A^F) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

Therefore, if C was chosen to be large enough,

$$(41) \quad E_{0}N_{A}^{F} = E_{0}(N_{A}^{F}; N_{A}^{F} \ge N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**}) + E_{0}(N_{A}^{F}; N_{A}^{F} < N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**})$$

$$\geq E_{0}(N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**}; N_{A}^{F} \ge N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**}) + E_{0}(N_{A}^{F}; N_{A}^{F} < N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**})$$

$$= E_{0}N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**} - E_{0}(N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**} - N_{A}^{F}; N_{A}^{F} < N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**})$$

$$\geq E_{0}N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**} - \varepsilon[E_{0}R_{1,L_{1}}^{*} + E_{0}N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**}]$$

$$\geq (1 - 2\varepsilon)E_{0}N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**} ,$$

for all large enough A. Since  $\varepsilon$  and  $\lambda$  can be arbitrarily small, the fact that  $E_0 N_{(1-\lambda)A}^{**} = E_0 R_{N_{(1-\lambda)A}}^F$  coupled with (40), (41), Lemma 10, (1- $\lambda$ )A and Lemma 8 complete the proof of Theorem 2(ii) for the case where the support of F is contained in [a,b],  $0 < a < b < \infty$ .

If  $(0,\infty) \subseteq \Omega$ , a = 0, and/or  $b = \infty$ : If one replaces dF by  $dF_n^{*} = 1(\frac{1}{n}, n)dF$ , then  $N_A^{F} \leq N_A^{F}$  (letting  $N_A^{F}$  have the obvious meaning,

despite  $F_n^*$  not being a probability distribution) and so  $E_0 N_A^F \leq A C_0^F (1+o(1))$ , where  $o(1) \neq 0$  as  $A \neq \infty$ , and  $C_0^F$  is the constant in Theorem 2(ii) (as described after the statement of the theorem).

For arbitrary  $\alpha > 0$  define  $F_{n,\alpha} = (1+\alpha)F_n^*$ .

$$E_{0} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/n & N_{A}^{F} & \sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} \\ \Sigma & e^{i=k} & dF(y) + \int_{n}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} \\ R & E_{0} N_{A}^{F} \left( \int_{0}^{1/n} dF(y) + \int_{n}^{\infty} dF(y) \right) \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$P_{0}\left\{\int_{0}^{1/n} \frac{N_{A}^{F} \sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} dF(y)} + \int_{n}^{\infty} \frac{N_{A}^{F} \sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\Delta} dF(y)} \ge \lambda A\right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{\int_{0}^{1/n} dF(y) + \int_{n}^{\infty} dF(y)}{\lambda} \frac{E_{0}N_{A}^{F}}{A},$$

which, for any  $\lambda > 0$ , can be made arbitrarily small by taking n to be large enough. Now for  $\lambda$  sufficiently small

$$P(N_{A}^{F} \leq N_{A}^{F}, \alpha) = P_{0} \left\{ N_{A}^{F} \leq N_{A}^{F}, \alpha; \int_{0}^{1/n} \frac{N_{A}^{F}}{\sum e} \sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} dF(y) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{n}^{\infty} \frac{N_{A}^{F}}{k=1} \sum_{e}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} dF(y) \ge \lambda A \right\} \\ \left. \leq P_{0} \left\{ \int_{0}^{1/n} \frac{N_{A}^{F}}{\sum e} \sum_{i=k}^{N_{A}^{F}} z_{i}^{\{y\}} dF(y) \right\} \right\}$$

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$$+ \int_{n}^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{N} \sum_{i=k}^{N} z_{i}^{\{y\}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{\sum_{i=k}^{N} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} dF(y) \ge \lambda A} \right] \quad .$$

In other words, for arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $P_0(N_A^F \ge N_A^{F_{n,\alpha}}) > 1 - \varepsilon$  for large enough n and A. It is easy to see that  $E_0(N_A^{F_{n,\alpha}} - N_A^F|N_A^{F_{n,\alpha}} \ge N_A^F)$  $\le E_0N_A^{F_{n,\alpha}}$ . Hence  $E_0N_A^F \ge E_0N_A^{F_{n,\alpha}}(1-\varepsilon)$ .

Letting  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$  completes the proof of Theorem 2(ii) for (a,b)  $\subseteq (0,\infty)$ .

If  $w = \sup\{y | y \in \Omega\} < \infty$  and  $I(y) \to \infty$  as  $y \to w$ , a similar proof is valid, letting b approach w instead of  $\infty$ .

The proof for  $(a,b) \subseteq (-\infty,\infty)$  is similar.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1(ii). The proof of Theorem 2(ii) can easily be adjusted to be a proof of Theorem 1(ii). In the general nonarithmetic case, Stone's (1965) results can be replaced by the standard renewal theorem. (There is no need for uniformity of the renewal-theoretic results as the support of the mixing measure  $F = \delta_{\{\theta\}}$  in this case is made up of one point.) The details are omitted.

## IV. THE AVERAGE RUN LENGTH WHEN v = 1

Define

$$C_{2}^{\mathbf{y},\theta} = E_{1}^{(\theta)} \log \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{K} z_{1}^{i} y_{i}} \right)$$

$$C_{3}^{\mathbf{y},\theta} = \lim_{\mathbf{B}\to\infty} E_{1}^{(\theta)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{B}}} z_{1}^{\{y\}} - \mathbf{B} \right)$$

$$C_{1}^{\mathbf{y},\theta} = C_{3}^{\mathbf{y},\theta} - C_{2}^{\mathbf{y},\theta}$$

$$C_{2}^{\theta}, \mathbf{F} = -\frac{1}{2} \log \left[ 2\pi (\mathbf{F}'(\theta))^{2} / \psi''(\theta) \right]$$

$$C_{4}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \log \mathbf{I}(\theta) - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_{1}^{\theta}, \mathbf{F} = C_{2}^{\theta}, \mathbf{F} + C_{3}^{\theta}, \theta - C_{2}^{\theta}, \theta - C_{4}^{\theta}.$$

The computation of  $C_3^{\mathbf{y},\theta}$  is an application of renewal theory. The calculation of  $C_2^{\mathbf{y},\theta}$  seems to be feasible only with the aid of Monte Carlo.

THEOREM 3. If  $y, \theta \in \Omega$ ,  $0 < y \psi'(\theta) - \psi(y) < \infty$ , and the  $P_1^{\{\theta\}}$ -distribution of  $\log(f_y(X_1)/f_0(X_1))$  is non-lattice, then

$$E_{1}^{(\theta)} N_{A}^{\{y\}} = \frac{1}{y\psi'(\theta) - \psi(y)} [\log A + C_{1}^{y,\theta} + o(1)]$$

where  $o(1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $A \rightarrow \infty$ .

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THEOREM 4. Suppose F'(y) = dF(y)/dy exists, is positive, and is continuous in an open neighborhood of  $\theta \in \Omega$ . Then

$$E_{1}^{(\theta)} N_{A}^{F} = \frac{1}{I(\theta)} \left[ \log A + \frac{1}{2} \log \log A + C_{1}^{\theta} + o(1) \right]$$

where  $o(1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $A \rightarrow \infty$ .

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PROOF OF THEOREM 4, THEOREM 3. For the proof of Theorem 4, assume (without loss of generality) that  $\theta > 0$ . Consider first the case where F is concentrated on  $[\theta_0, \theta_1]$  where  $0 < \theta_0 < \theta < \theta_1 < \infty$  are such that  $y\psi'(\theta) - \psi(y) > 0$  for  $\theta_0 \leq y \leq \theta_1$  and F has a derivative F' which is positive and continuous on  $[\theta_0, \theta_1]$ . For  $\theta_0 \leq y \leq \theta_1$  denote

$$W^{n,y} = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{n} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} Z_i^{\{y\}}}$$

Note that  $W^{n,y}$  converges a.s.  $P_1^{(\theta)}$  as  $n \neq \infty$  to a random variable  $W_{y,\theta}$ . Since  $\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (W^{n+1,y} - W^{n,y}) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \exp\{-y \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i - n \psi(y)\} \xrightarrow[m \to \infty]{a.s. P_1^{(\theta)}} 0$ uniformly in  $y \in [\theta_0, \theta_1]$ , it follows that  $W_{y,\theta}$  is a.s.  $P_1^{(\theta)}$ 

continuous in  $y \in [\theta_0, \theta_1]$ , and  $W^{n,y} \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} W_{y,\theta}$  uniformly in  $y \in [\theta_0, \theta_1]$ . Note that

$$R_{n}^{F} = \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Z_{i}^{\{y\}}} W^{n,y} dF(y)$$

The proof of Theorem 4 now follows the proof of the asymptotic formula for the expected sample size of power one tests, based on non-linear renewal theory (cf. Lai, Siegmund (1977)). The details presented here follow the proof presented in Woodroofe (1982) Section 6.3. With minor modifications, the proof is the same.

One difference is that Woodroofe's  $u_n(\tilde{Y}_n)$  now has  $\pi(ds)$ replaced by  $W^{n,s} \pi(ds)$ . Note that the upper bound on the newly defined  $u_n(\tilde{Y}_n)$  is not uniform in  $W^{n,s}$ , One must show that (13) and (14) of Section 4 of Woodroofe (1982) are nevertheless satisfied. One can dispense with (14) by noting that  $W^{n,s} \ge 1$ . To show that (13) is satisfied, it more than suffices to prove the existence of a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

(42) 
$$E_{1}^{(\theta)} \left( \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} W_{y,\theta} dF(y) \right)^{\alpha} < \infty$$

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Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\Lambda = \min\{n \mid |\tilde{X}_m - \psi'(\theta)| \le \varepsilon$  for all  $m \ge n\}$ . Suppose that  $\varepsilon$  is small enough so that there exists  $\beta > 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} z_i^{\{y\}} \ge \beta n$ if  $n \ge \Lambda$  for all  $\theta_0 \le y \le \theta_1$ . There exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $|\psi(\theta - y) + \psi(y) - \psi(\theta)| < \gamma$  for all  $\theta_0 \le y \le \theta_1$ . There exists a constant  $\delta > 0$ such that  $P_1^{(\theta)}(\Lambda = \lambda) \le \exp\{-\delta\lambda\}$ . Choose  $1 > \alpha > 0$  such that  $\alpha\gamma - \delta(1 - \alpha) < 0$ . Now

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{1} \\ \theta_{0} \end{cases} W_{y,\theta} dF(y) = \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{A} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} + \sum_{k=A+1}^{\infty} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} \right] dF(y) \\ \leq \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{A} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} z_{i}^{\{y\}}} + \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta}} \right] dF(y) ,$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}_{1}^{(\theta)} \left[ \int_{\mathbf{k}=2}^{\mathbf{A}} e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{i}=1}^{\mathbf{k}-1} z_{\mathbf{i}}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}} dF(\mathbf{y}) \middle| \mathbf{A} = \lambda \right] &\leq \frac{\mathbf{E}_{1}^{(\theta)} \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} \frac{\lambda}{\sum} e^{-\sum_{\mathbf{i}=1}^{\mathbf{k}-1} z_{\mathbf{i}}^{\{\mathbf{y}\}}}{\mathbf{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} (\mathbf{A} = \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathbf{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} (\mathbf{A} = \lambda)} \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} \frac{\lambda}{\sum} e^{\left[\psi(\theta - \mathbf{y}) + \psi(\mathbf{y}) - \psi(\theta)\right](\mathbf{k}-1)} dF(\mathbf{y})}{\mathbf{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} (\mathbf{A} = \lambda)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\mathbf{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} (\mathbf{A} = \lambda)} \frac{1}{\gamma} e^{\gamma \lambda} \quad . \end{split}$$

By Jensen's inequality,

$$E_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} W_{y,\theta} dF(y) \right\}^{\alpha} = E_{1}^{(\theta)} E_{1}^{(\theta)} \left[ \left[ \int_{\theta_{0}}^{\theta_{1}} W_{y,\theta} dF(y) \right]^{\alpha} \right]^{\alpha} \right]$$
$$\leq \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{P_{1}^{(\theta)} (\lambda=\lambda)} \frac{1}{\gamma} e^{\gamma\lambda} + \frac{2-e^{-\beta}}{1-e^{-\beta}} \right\}^{\alpha} P_{1}^{(\theta)} (\Lambda=\lambda) \quad .$$

The inequality (42) now follows because

$$\sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{P_{1}^{(\theta)}(\Lambda = \lambda)} \frac{1}{\gamma} e^{\gamma \lambda} \right]^{\alpha} P_{1}^{(\theta)}(\Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{1}{\gamma^{\alpha}} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} e^{\alpha \gamma \lambda} (P_{1}^{(\theta)}(\Lambda = \lambda))^{1-\alpha}$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{\gamma^{\alpha}} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} e^{\lambda (\alpha \gamma - (1-\alpha)\delta)}$$

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To complete the proof of Theorem 4 for the case that F is concentrated on  $[\theta_0, \theta_1]$  as above, one need only show that (16) of Woodroofe (1982), Section 4, holds. For this, following Woodroofe's (1982 Section 6.3) proof, it suffices to note that

$$P_{0}(N_{A}^{F} \leq (\log A)/(2I(\theta))) = \frac{(\log A)/(2I(\theta))}{\sum_{i=1}} P_{0}(R_{1}^{F} \neq A)$$
$$\leq \frac{(\log A)/(2I(\theta))}{\sum_{i=1}} \frac{1}{A}$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{(I(\theta))^{2}} \frac{(\log A)^{2}}{A}$$

and hence

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$$P_1^{(\mathbf{y})}(N_{\mathbf{A}}^{\mathbf{F}} \leq (\log A)/(2I(\theta))) \leq \frac{\exp\{(3/4)A\}}{(I(\theta))^2} \frac{(\log A)^2}{A} + o\left(\frac{1}{\log A}\right) = o\left(\frac{1}{\log A}\right)$$

which is equivalent to (16) of Woodroofe (1982), Section 4.

For the general proof of Theorem 4, let F be a measure on the real line. There exist constants  $0 < \xi < I(\theta)/2$ ,  $\omega > 0$ , and  $0 < \theta_0 < \theta < \theta_1 < \infty$  such that  $y\psi'(\theta) - \psi(y) > 0$  for  $y \in [\theta_0, \theta_1]$ ,  $\max\{y\psi'(\theta-\omega) - \psi(y), y\psi'(\theta+\omega) - \psi(y)\} < \xi$  for  $y \notin [\theta_0, \theta_1]$ , and F(y) has a derivative F'(y) for  $\theta_0 \leq y \leq \theta_1$  which is positive and continuous for  $\theta_0 \leq y \leq \theta_1$ . Since  $P_1^{(\theta)}(N_A^F \geq (2 \log A)/I(\theta))$  is arbitrarily small when A is large enough, and since for all x > 0  $E_1^{(\theta)}(N_A^F | N_A^F > x) \leq x + (2 \log A)/I(\theta)$  for large enough A, it suffices to show that

(44) 
$$(\log A)P_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \max_{n=1,\ldots,(2 \log A)/I(\theta)} \int_{R-[\theta_{0},\theta_{1}]}^{u} \sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{y\sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} - (n-k+1)\psi(y)} dF(y) \ge \frac{3A}{\log A} \right\} \xrightarrow{A \to \infty} 0$$

The remainder of the proof is therefore an analysis of this expression.

Let 
$$-\infty < \theta_0^* < 0 < \theta_1 < \theta_1^* < \infty$$
 be such that  
 $-\zeta = \max\{y\psi'(\theta) - \psi(y) | y \in (\theta_0^*, \theta_1^*)\} < 0$ .

In the same manner which lead to (42) above, it can be shown that there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\Gamma = E_{1}^{(\theta)} \left( \begin{cases} \sum_{\substack{\Sigma \\ F^{-}[\theta_{0}^{\star}, \theta_{1}^{\star}]}^{\infty} \\ R^{-}[\theta_{0}^{\star}, \theta_{1}^{\star}] \end{cases} k=1 \end{cases} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{\omega} \sum_{j=1}^{\omega} \frac{1}{j} - k\psi(y) \\ dF(y) \\ dF$$

and hence by Jensen's inequality

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(45) (log A) 
$$P_1^{(\theta)} \begin{cases} \max_{n=1,\ldots,(2 \log A)/I(\theta)} \int \mathbb{R} - [\theta_0^{\star}, \theta_1^{\star}] \\ \prod_{\substack{x \in I \\ k=1}} y \sum_{i=k}^n X_i - (n-k+1)\psi(y) \\ dF(y) \ge \frac{A}{\log A} \end{cases}$$

$$\leq (\log A) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \log A \end{pmatrix} / I(\theta) \\ \Sigma & P_1^{(\theta)} (\int \sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{y \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_i - (n-k+1)\psi(y)} dF(y))^{\alpha}$$

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$$\geq \left(\frac{A}{\log A}\right)^{\alpha}$$

$$\leq \frac{2 \log A}{I(\theta)} \frac{1}{(A/\log A)^{\alpha}}$$
$$\longrightarrow 0 .$$

A → ∞

For large enough A

(46)  

$$n=1,\ldots,(2\log A)/I(\theta) \begin{cases} n & y\Sigma_{1=k}^{n} X_{1}-(n-k+1)\psi(y) \\ \Sigma & e^{-1} \\ k=1 \end{cases}$$

$$(\theta_{0}^{*}, \theta_{1}^{*}]-[\theta_{0}, \theta_{1}]$$

$$(1\left(\frac{1}{n-k+1}, \frac{n}{\Sigma}, X_{1}] \in (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega), \psi^{*}(\theta+\omega))\right) dF(y)$$

$$\leq \max_{n=1,\ldots,(2\log A)/I(\theta)} \int \sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{\xi(n-k+1)} dF(y)$$

$$\leq \max_{n=1,\ldots,(2\log A)/I(\theta)} \int \frac{e^{\xi(n+1)}}{\xi}$$

$$= \frac{e^{\xi}}{\xi} A^{2\xi/I(\theta)}$$

$$\leq \frac{A}{\log A} .$$

Let  $\eta > 0$  be such that  $P_1^{(\theta)}(\Sigma_{i=1}^k X_i/k \in (\psi'(\theta - \omega), \psi'(\theta + \omega))) \le \exp\{-\eta k\}$  for all k. Let  $\lambda > 0$  be such that  $E_1^{(\theta)}[\Sigma_{i=1}^k (X_i - \psi'(\theta))]^4 \le \lambda k^2$  for all k. For large enough A and for  $n \le (2 \log A)/I(\theta)$ 

$$P_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \int_{\theta_{1}}^{\theta_{1}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} e^{y \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} - (n-k+1)\psi(y)} \right.$$
$$\left. \cdot \left. 1 \left( \frac{1}{n-k+1} \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} \in (\psi'(\theta-\omega), \psi'(\theta+\omega)) \right) > \frac{A}{\log a} \right\}$$

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$$\leq \mathbb{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{n}{2} & e^{\theta}_{1}^{1} \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} \\ & \cdot 1 \left\{ \frac{1}{n-k+1} \prod_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} \in (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega),\psi^{*}(\theta+\omega)) \right\} > \frac{A}{\log A} \right\} \\ \leq \mathbb{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max_{k=1,\dots,n} e^{\theta}_{1}^{*} \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_{i} \\ & \cdot 1 \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_{i} \in (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega),\psi^{*}(\theta+\omega)) \right\} > \frac{A}{\log A} \right\} \\ \leq \frac{n}{k+1} \mathbb{P}_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^{k} (X_{i}-\psi^{*}(\theta)) \\ & \cdot 1 \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_{i} \notin (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega),\psi^{*}(\theta+\omega)) \right\} > \frac{1}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \log A \\ & - \frac{2}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \log \log A - k\psi^{*}(\theta) + \log(I(\theta)/2) \right\} \\ \leq \frac{n \wedge (\log A)^{1/4}}{k+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \frac{1}{\log A} - \frac{2}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \log \log A - k\psi^{*}(\theta) + \log(I(\theta)/2) \right\} \\ \leq \frac{n \wedge (\log A)^{1/4}}{k+1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \log A - \frac{2}{\theta_{1}^{*}} \log \log A - k\psi^{*}(\theta) + \log(I(\theta)/2) \right\}^{2} \\ + e^{-\eta (\log A)^{3/4}} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\eta}} . \end{array}$$

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It follows that

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(47) (log A) 
$$P_{1}^{(\theta)} \left\{ \max_{k=1,\ldots,(2\log A)/I(\theta)} \int_{\theta_{1}}^{\theta_{1}^{*}} \sum_{e}^{n} y \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i}^{-(n-k+1)\psi(y)} \right.$$
  
 $\cdot \left. 1 \left\{ \frac{1}{n-k+1} \sum_{i=k}^{n} X_{i} \in (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega),\psi^{*}(\theta+\omega)) \right\} dF(y) > \frac{A}{\log A} \right\}$   
 $\overline{A^{+\infty}} = 0$ .

In a similar fashion one gets that

(48) 
$$(\log A) P_{1}^{(\theta)} \begin{cases} \max_{k=1, \dots, (2\log A)/I(\theta)} \int_{\theta_{0}^{*} k=1}^{\theta_{0}} \sum_{i=k}^{n} \sum_{i=k}^{y} \sum_{i=k}^{n} \sum_{i=k}^{x} \sum_{i=k}^{(n-k+1)\psi(y)} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n-k+1} \sum_{i=k}^{n} x_{i} \in (\psi^{*}(\theta-\omega), \psi^{*}(\theta+\omega))\right) dF(y) > \frac{A}{\log A} \end{cases}$$
  
 $\xrightarrow{A \to \infty} 0$ .

Formulas (45)-(48) account for (44) and so the proof of Theorem 4 is complete.

The proof of Theorem 3 follows along similar lines. The details are omitted.

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## V. MONTE CARLO

A Monte Carlo study was made for the normal model with unit variance. Letting  $f_{\theta}$  denote the density of the N( $\theta$ ,1) distribution, simulations of  $N_{A}^{\{\theta\}}$ ,  $R_{A}^{\{\theta\}}$  were made for  $\theta$  = .4, .8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.6, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0 and  $\overline{A}$  = 10, 20, 30, 100 using  $X_{i} \sim N(0,1)$  random numbers. For each of the 36 combinations of and A, 10,000 realizations were obtained. The results show the asymptotic formulae (derived in the previous sections) to give a very good picture of  $E_{0}N_{A}^{\{\theta\}}$  even for surprisingly low values of A.

As expected, the Monte Carlo estimate of  $E_0(R_{A}^{\{0\}} - N_A^{\{0\}})$  was zero: in only one of the 36 cases did  $(R_{A}^{\{0\}} - N_A^{\{0\}})$  exceed two (Monte Carlo) standard deviations of  $R_{A}^{\{0\}} - N_A^{\{0\}} - N_A^{\{0\}}$ ) exceed two (Monte (1977) lead one to conjecture that the linear correlation coefficient between  $N_A^{\{0\}}$  and  $R_{A}^{\{0\}}$  is asymptotically ( $A \rightarrow \infty$ ) zero. The Monte Carlo  $N_A^{\{0\}}$  results support this conjecture - the highest Monte Carlo correlation between  $N_A^{\{0\}}$  and  $R_{A}^{\{0\}}$  was .0234. (In 28 of the 36 cases the correlation between  $N_A^{\{0\}}$  and  $R_{A}^{\{0\}}$  was not significantly different from zero at a  $N_A^{\{0\}}$  and  $R_{A}^{\{0\}}$  was not significantly different from zero at a significantly different from zero at a 1% level of significance.) Therefore, estimates of  $E_0 N_A^{\{0\}}$  were made using a linear combination  $\alpha_{A,0} N_A^{\{0\}} + (1 - \alpha_{A,0}) R_{A}^{\{0\}}$ , where  $\alpha_{A,0}$  was chosen to minimize  $\alpha^2$  Var  $N_A^{\{0\}} + (1-\alpha)^2$  Var  $R_{A}^{\{0\}}$  (the variances being Monte Carlo variances). The results are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Values of  $E_{0N_{A}}^{\{\theta\}}$  predicted by asymptotic theory (TH) and estimated by Monte Carlo (MC)

| A   |    |          | 10            |          | 20            | 3      | 0                  | 10   | 00            |
|-----|----|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------------------|--|---------------|
| θ   |    | EONA (0) | S.D.<br>of MC | EONA (0) | S.D.<br>of MC | EONA   | S.D.<br>of MC      | E <sub>0</sub> N <sub>A</sub> <sup>{0}</sup> | S.D.<br>of MC |
|     | тн | 12.62    |               | 25.24    |               | 37.86  |                    | 126.21                                       | *             |
| .4  | мс | 13.01    | .03           | 25.57    | .05           | 38.20  | .08                | 126.44                                       | .27           |
| .8  | тн | 15.91    |               | 31.82    |               | 47.73  |                    | 159.09                                       | *             |
| •0  | мс | 16.51    | .07           | 32.32    | .14           | 48.58  | .22                | 159.61                                       | .68           |
| 1.0 | TH | 17.85    |               | 35.69    |               | 53.54  |                    | 178.45                                       | *             |
| 1.0 | мс | 18.44    | .09           | 36.23    | .21           | 54.53  | .30                | 178.25                                       | .95           |
| 1.2 | ТН | 20.00    |               | 40.00    |               | 60.00  | *                  | 200.01                                       | *             |
| 1.2 | мс | 20.98    | .13           | 40.59    | .27           | 60.56  | .40                | 200.71                                       | .40           |
| 1.6 | тн | 25.05    |               | 50.09    |               | 75.14  | *                  | 250.47                                       | *             |
| 1.0 | мс | 26.62    | .20           | 52.65    | .42           | 76.00  | .60                | 248.27                                       | 1.91          |
| 2.0 | TH | 31.21    |               | 62.42    |               | 93.62  | *                  | 312.08                                       | *             |
| 2.0 | мс | 34.54    | .32           | 65.52    | .58           | 93.93  | .84                | 315.47                                       | 2.74          |
| 2.5 | ТН | 40.72    |               | 81.44    |               | 122.16 |                    | 407.20                                       | *             |
| 2.5 | мс | 48.27    | .46           | 89.65    | .87           | 128.39 | 1.22               | 406.78                                       | 3.91          |
| 2.0 | TH | 52.52    |               | 105.04   |               | 157.56 | , _ <del>, ,</del> | 525.21                                       | *             |
| 3.0 | мс | 72.75    | .71           | 127.08   | 1.25          | 180.15 | 1.80               | 533.15                                       | 5.23          |
|     | тн | 83.93    |               | 167.87   |               | 251.80 |                    | 839.35                                       |               |
| 4.0 | мс | 189.58   | 1.86          | 315.25   | 3.10          | 428.10 | 4.30               | 1099.02                                      | 10.96         |

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(In Table 1, TH represents the theoretical value one would expect for  $E_0 N_A^{\theta}$  using Theorem 1(11); MC represents the estimated based on the Monte Carlo trials. The (Monte Carlo) standard deviation of this estimate is given under the heading of "S.D. of MC." The starred cells in Table 1 are those where TH - MC did not exceed 2 (Monte Carlo) standard deviations of TH.)

| θ   | 10  | 20   | 30   | 100  |
|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| .4  | .97 | . 99 | .99  | 1.00 |
| .8  | .96 | .98  | .98  | 1.00 |
| 1.0 | .97 | .99  | .98  | 1.00 |
| 1.2 | .95 | .99  | .98  | 1.00 |
| 1.6 | .94 | .94  | .99  | 1.01 |
| 2.0 | .90 | .95  | 1.00 | .99  |
| 2.5 | .84 | .91  | .95  | 1.00 |
| 3.0 | .72 | .83  | .87  | .99  |
| 4.0 | .44 | .53  | .59  | .76  |

TABLE 2: Ratios of asymptotic theory predictions of  $E_0 N_A^{\{\theta\}}$  to Monte Carlo estimates (TH/MC)

The results show a surprisingly good fit, even for low values of A (as long as  $\theta$  is not too large). (Table 2 presents the ratio between the theoretical value of TH and the Monte Carlo estimate MC.) It seems clear that for most practical purposes the asymptotic formula could be safely applied. (Shewhart control charts using "30 limits" - often used in practice - have a P<sub>0</sub>-expected stopping time of 741.)

For an indication of how well one may expect the formula of Theorem 4 to fit, see Pollak and Siegmund (1975). One would expect the formula presented there to hold as well as the formulae presented here, provided that  $E_1^{(\theta)} N_A^F$  is large enough for the distribution of  $\log[1 + \sum_{k=1}^{k} \exp\{-\sum_{i=1}^{k} Z_i^{\{\theta\}}\}]$  to have approximately reached its limiting distribution.

## VI. REMARKS

1. In Theorems 1, 3, 4 if  $I(\theta) = \infty$ , it is possible to show that  $E_0 N_A^{\{\theta\}} / A + \infty$  as  $A \to \infty$  and  $E_1^{(\theta)} N_A^F / \log A \to 0$  as  $A \to \infty$ .

2. Using the method involved in showing the validity of Remark 1, one can show that Theorem 2 remains valid with  $F(\{y | I(y) < \infty\}) > 0.$ 

3. It seems reasonable to conjecture that Theorem 2 remains valid if the  $P_1^{(y)}$ -distribution of  $X_1$  is just assumed to be non-lattice. The proof given above for Theorem 2 breaks down because the uniformity of a renewal-theoretic convergence used in the proof of Lemma 1 need not exist if the strongly non-lattice assumption is dropped.

4. In the lattice case, even a version of Theorem 1 seems to be difficult to formulate. Despite  $X_1$ 's being lattice,  $R_n$  is not, and the proof presented here - which conditions on  $N_{A/C}^{\{0\}}$  - does not yield an expression for the non-lattice part of the asymptotic  $P_0$ -distribution of log  $R_{\{0\}}^{\{0\}}$  - log A.

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Suppose one is able to observe sequentially a series of independent observations  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$ , such that  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_{\nu-1}$  are i.i.d. with known density  $f_0$  and  $X_{\nu}, X_{\nu+1}, \ldots$ , are i.i.d. with density  $f_{\theta}$  where  $\nu$  is unknown. Define

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{n}}^{\{\boldsymbol{\Theta}\}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}=1}^{\mathbf{n}} \prod_{\mathbf{i}=\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{n}} \frac{\mathbf{f}_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{i}})}{\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{O}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{i}})}$$

It is known that rules which call for stopping and raising an alarm the first time n that  $R_n^{\{\theta\}}$  or a mixture thereof exceeds a prespecified level A are optimal methods of detecting that the density of the observations is not  $f_0$  any more.

Practical applications of such stopping rules require knowledge of their operating characteristics, whose exact evaluation is difficult. Here are presented asymptotic  $(A + \infty)$  expressions for the expected stopping times of such stopping rules (a) when  $\nu = \infty$  and (b) when  $\nu = 1$ . We assume that the densities  $f_{\theta}$  form an exponential family and that the distribution of  $\log(f_{\theta}(X_i)/f_0(X_i))$  is (strongly) non-lattice.

Monte Carlo studies indicate that the asymptotic expressions are very good approximations even when the expected sample sizes are small.

