

Asymptotic results for jump probabilities associated to the multiple scan statistic

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Abstract The concept of pattern arises in many applications comprising experimental trials with two or more possible outcomes in each trial. A binary scan of type r/k is a special pattern referring to success–failure strings of fixed length k that contain at least r-successes, where r, k are positive integers with $r \le k$. The multiple scan statistic $W_{t,k,r}$ is defined as the enumerating random variable for the overlapping moving windows occurring until trial t which include a scan of type r/k. In the present work, we consider a sequence of independent binary trials with not necessarily equal probabilities of success and develop upper bounds for the probability of the event that the multiple scan statistic will perform a jump from ℓ to $\ell + 1$ (where ℓ is a nonnegative integer) in a finite time horizon.

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