



# Inference about the Marshal-Olkin Bivariate Burr Type III Distribution under Random Left Censoring

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**Abstract.** In this paper, a Marshal-Olkin bivariate model based on Burr *III* distribution is considered under random left censoring. The maximum likelihood estimator of the unknown parameters is obtained using the direct method and Expectation Conditional Maximization algorithm. We also obtained the Fisher information matrices. To discuss the properties of the estimators obtained iteratively, a simulation study is carried out. A real data set is used to illustrate the theoretical results.

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## 1 Introduction

Burr (1942) has developed a system of twelve types of distribution functions based on generating the Pearson differential equation. From the system of Burr distributions, the Burr XII distribution is widely used. The inverse distribution of Burr XII is Burr III. It is more flexible and includes a variety

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of distributions with varying degrees of skewness and kurtosis. The Burr III distribution with two parameters  $c$  and  $k$  which is denoted by  $BIII(c, k)$  has been used in a variety of setting for the purpose of statistical modeling. The probability density function and the cumulative distribution function of  $BIII(c, k)$  are given by, respectively

$$\begin{aligned} f_{BIII}(x; c, k) &= kc x^{-c-1} (1 + x^{-c})^{-k-1}, \quad x > 0, c > 0, k > 0, \\ F_{BIII}(x; c, k) &= (1 + x^{-c})^{-k}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  and  $k$  are the shape parameters. Various fields of science used the Burr *III* distribution.

The modeling of lifetime is an important aspect of statistical work in a variety of scientific and technological fields. Many time the life/failure data of interest is bivariate in nature. Any study on twins or on failure data recorded twice on the same system naturally leads to bivariate data. For example, Hougaard et al. (1992) studied data on lifelength of Danish twins and Lin et al. (1999) considered a data on patients of colon cancer where the paired data consist of the time from treatment to recurrence of the cancer and the time from treatment to death. Paired data could consist of blindness in the left/right eye, failure time of the left/right kidney or age at death of parent/child in a genetic study. So, In many practical situation, bivariate lifetime data arise frequently, and in these situations it is important to consider different bivariate models that could be used to model such bivariate lifetime data. In the recent years, bivariate lifetime data are often used to model reliability and survival data. For example, Sarhan and Balakrishnan (2007) studied Marshall and Olkin bivariate exponential distribution, Al-Khedhairi and El-Gohary (2008) presented a new class of bivariate Gompertz distributions, Kundu and Gupta (2009) proposed the bivariate generalized exponential distribution, Kundu and Dey (2009) studied an EM algorithm for computing maximum likelihood estimators of the parameters of the bivariate Weibull distribution in the case of complete data, Nandi and Dewan (2010) have considered the maximum likelihood estimators of parameters of bivariate Weibull distribution under random censoring and El-Sherpieny et al. (2013) have introduced a new bivariate generalized Gompertz distribution, Mirhosseini et al. (2015) proposed new absolutely continuous bivariate generalized exponential distribution, Asimit et al. (2016) used EM algorithm to estimate singular Marshall-Olkin bivariate Pareto distribution, Dey et al.

(2018) studied an EM algorithm for absolute continuous bivariate Pareto distribution, Azizi and Sayyareh (2019) presented estimating the Parameters of the Bivariate Burr Type III Distribution by EM Algorithm and Azizi et al (2019) have considered inference about the bivariate new extended Weibull distribution based on complete and censored data.

In many reliability and life-testing studies, the observed failure time data of items are often not wholly available. Lowering the expense and period associated with the tests is important in statistical tests with censored data. Among the censoring method, statistics of random left censored data is a new research field. Random left censoring is a situation when an item under study is lost or removed randomly from the experiment before its failure. In other words, some subjects in the study have not experienced the event of interest at the start of the study. In such cases, the exact survival time (or time to event of interest) of the subjects is unknown; therefore they are called random left censored observations. For some further examples, one may refer to Nandi and Dewan (2010) , Mitra and Kundu(2008), Balakrishnan (1989), Balakrishnan and Varadan (1991), Lee et al. (1980), etc. In bivariate lifetime distributions one or both components of the paired data could be subject to random censoring.

In this paper, we study the maximum likelihood estimators of the parameters of Marshal-Olkin bivariate Burr *III* distribution under random left censoring. In section 2 we state the joint distribution function and joint density of Burr *III* distribution. In section 3 we write the likelihood function under random left censoring and discuss the problem of computing the maximum likelihood estimators of the unknown parameters of Marshal-Olkin bivariate Burr *III* distribution based on a random sample. The observed Fisher information matrix is in section 4. The findings of the numerical experiments are reported in section 5. One real data set is analysed in section 6 and we conclude in section 7. Fisher's information matrices are given in the appendix.

## 2 Marshal-Olkin Bivariate Burr *III* Distribution

Consider the Burr *III* distribution ( $BIII(c, k)$ ) with shape parameters  $c > 0$  and  $k > 0$ . Suppose  $W_1, W_2, W_3$ , respectively, are independent  $BIII(c, k_1)$ ,  $BIII(c, k_2)$  and  $BIII(c, k_3)$ , random variables. Let  $X_1 = \max(W_1, W_3)$  and  $X_2 = \max(W_2, W_3)$ . Then the pair  $(X_1, X_2)$  has Marshal-Olkin bivariate Burr *III* distribution, (*MOBBIII*), with shape parameters  $c, k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$

is expressed as  $MOBBIII(c, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ , see Azizi and Sayyareh (2019).

Note that if  $\max(W_1, W_2, W_3) = U_3$ , then two random variable  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are equal. For example, suppose a system has two components. Each component is subject to individual independent stress say  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  respectively. The system has an overall stress  $U_3$  which has been transmitted to both the components equally, independent of their individual stresses. Therefore, the observed stress at the two components are  $X_1 = \max(W_1, W_3)$  and  $X_2 = \max(W_2, W_3)$  respectively. Now suppose the overall stress,  $W_3$ , is greater than individual stress  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , then  $X_1 = X_2 = W_3$ .

The joint distribution function of  $(X_1, X_2)$  can be written as follows:

$$F(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1 + k_3)F_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2) & \text{if } x_1 < x_2 \\ F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1)F_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2 + k_3) & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \\ F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1 + k_2 + k_3) & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

where  $F_{BIII}(\cdot)$  is the cumulative distribution function of the Burr III distribution.

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The following quantities are required to express the likelihood explicitly

$$\int_0^{x_2} f(x_1, u) du = \begin{cases} f_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1 + k_3)[F_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2) - F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_2)] & \text{if } x_1 < x_2 \\ f_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1)F_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2 + k_3) & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \\ f_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1)F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_2 + k_3) & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\int_0^{x_1} f(\nu, x_2) d\nu = \begin{cases} F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1 + k_3)f_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2) & \text{if } x_1 < x_2 \\ f_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_2 + k_3)[F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1) - F_{BIII}(x_2; c, k_1)] & \text{if } x_1 > x_2 \\ F_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_1 + k_3)f_{BIII}(x_1; c, k_2) & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

Suppose the pair  $(X_1, X_2)$  is subject to random left censoring by pair of random variables  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  which independent from  $(X_1, X_2)$ . We observe  $(T_1, \delta_1, T_2, \delta_2)$  where  $T_1 = \max(X_1, Y_1)$ ,  $\delta_1 = I(X_1 > Y_1)$  and  $T_2 = \max(X_2, Y_2)$ ,  $\delta_2 = I(X_2 > Y_2)$ . Therefore, if  $X_i < Y_i$ ,  $X_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  is censored.

### 3 Maximum Likelihood Estimation

In this section we address the problem of computing the maximum likelihood estimators (MLEs) of the unknown parameters of *MOBBIII* distribution based on a random sample. In order to write down the likelihood, we note that, when  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = 1$ , both failure times are observed and the contribution to the likelihood is  $f(t_1, t_2)$ . When  $\delta_1 = 1 - \delta_2 = 1$ , first component fails at  $t_1$  and the second component is censored (fails before  $t_2$ ) and the contribution to the likelihood is  $\int_0^{t_2} f(t_1, x_2) dx_2$ . Similarly, when  $1 - \delta_1 = \delta_2 = 1$ , first component is censored (fails before  $t_1$ ) and the second component fails at  $t_2$  and the contribution to the likelihood is  $\int_0^{t_1} f(x_1, t_2) dx_1$ . Finally, when  $1 - \delta_1 = 1 - \delta_2 = 1$ , both failure times are censored and the contribution to the likelihood is  $F(t_1, t_2)$ . Hence, the likelihood function, based on  $(T_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, T_{2i}, \delta_{2i})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \prod_{i=1}^n L(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n [f(t_{1i}, t_{2i})]^{\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}} \left[ \int_0^{t_{2i}} f(t_{1i}, x_2) dx_2 \right]^{\delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i})} \\ &\quad \left[ \int_0^{t_{1i}} f(x_1, t_{2i}) dx_1 \right]^{(1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i}} [F(t_{1i}, t_{2i})]^{(1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i})} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $I_0$ ,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , denote the following sets

$$I_0 = \{i | t_{1i} = t_{2i} = t_i\} \quad I_1 = \{i | t_{1i} < t_{2i}\} \quad I_2 = \{i | t_{1i} > t_{2i}\}$$

Let  $L_k(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) \equiv L_k(c, k_1, k_2, k_3; t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i})$  is the contribution from  $I_k$  to the likelihood function,  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , they are given in Appendix A explicitly. Based on the above notation the likelihood function becomes

$$L = \prod_{i \in I_0} L_0(t_i, \delta_{1i}, \delta_{2i}) \prod_{i \in I_1} L_1(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) \prod_{i \in I_2} L_2(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) \quad (1)$$

Let  $n_0$ ,  $n_1$ , and  $n_2$ , respectively, denote the number of elements in the sets  $I_0$ ,  $I_1$ , and  $I_2$  and  $n_{ij}$  be the number of pairs for which  $(\delta_1, \delta_2) = (i, j)$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$ . Then,

$$n = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 n_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad n_k = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 n_{ij}^k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2$$

where  $n_{ij}^k$  denotes the number of individuals in  $I_k$  with  $(\delta_1, \delta_2) = (i, j)$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

We need to maximize (1) with respect to the four unknown parameters. The contribution to the pseudo-likelihood from  $I_0$  is;

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i \in I_0} L_0(t_i, \delta_{1i}, \delta_{2i}) &= \prod_{i \in I_0} \left[ \frac{k_3}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3} f(t_i; c, k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \right]^{\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}} \\ &\quad \left[ f(t_i; c, k_1) F(t_i; c, k_2 + k_3) \right]^{\delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i})} \\ &\quad \left[ F(t_i; c, k_1 + k_3) f(t_i; c, k_2) \right]^{(1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i}} \\ &\quad \left[ F(t_i; c, k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \right]^{(1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i})} \\ &= \prod_{i \in I_0} \left[ k_3 c t_i^{-c-1} (1 + t_i^{-c})^{-k_1 - k_2 - k_3 - 1} \right]^{\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}} \\ &\quad \left[ k_1 c t_i^{-c-1} (1 + t_i^{-c})^{-k_1 - k_2 - k_3 - 1} \right]^{\delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i})} \\ &\quad \left[ k_2 c t_i^{-c-1} (1 + t_i^{-c})^{-k_1 - k_2 - k_3 - 1} \right]^{(1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i}} \\ &\quad \left[ (1 + t_i^{-c})^{-k_1 - k_2 - k_3} \right]^{(1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i})} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

so; the pseudo log-likelihood from  $I_0$  is given as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I_0} \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i} &\left[ \log k_3 + \log c - (c+1) \log t_i - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) \right] \\ &+ \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left[ \log k_1 + \log c - (c+1) \log t_i - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) \right] \\ &+ (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left[ \log k_2 + \log c - (c+1) \log t_i - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) \right] \\ &- (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left[ (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

The contribution to the pseudo-likelihood from  $I_1$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i \in I_1} L_1(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) &= \prod_{i \in I_1} [f(t_{1i}; c, k_1 + k_3) f(t_{2i}; c, k_2)]^{\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}} \\
&\quad [f(t_{1i}; c, k_1 + k_3) [F(t_{2i}; c, k_2) - F(t_{1i}; c, k_2)]]^{\delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i})} \\
&\quad [F(t_{1i}; c, k_1 + k_3) f(t_{2i}; c, k_2)]^{(1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i}} \\
&\quad [F(t_{1i}; c, k_1 + k_3) F(t_{2i}; c, k_2)]^{(1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i})} \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

Further, the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_1$  is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i} &\left[ \log(k_1 + k_3) + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \log k_2 + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad + \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left[ \log(k_1 + k_3) + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \log [(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \right] \\
&\quad - (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left[ (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - \log k_2 - \log c + (c+1) \log t_{2i} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad - (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left[ (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c-1}) + k_2 \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the contribution to the pseudo-likelihood from  $I_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i \in I_2} L_2(t_{1i}, \delta_{1i}, t_{2i}, \delta_{2i}) &= \prod_{i \in I_2} [f(t_{1i}; c, k_1) f(t_{2i}; c, k_2 + k_3)]^{\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}} \\
&\quad [f(t_{1i}; c, k_1) F(t_{2i}; c, k_2 + k_3)]^{\delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i})} \\
&\quad [f(t_{2i}; c, k_2 + k_3) [F(t_{1i}; c, k_1) - F(t_{2i}; c, k_1)]]^{(1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i}} \\
&\quad [F(t_{1i}; c, k_1) F(t_{2i}; c, k_2 + k_3)]^{(1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i})} \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Further, the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_2$  is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I_2} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left[ \log k_1 + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1+1) \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \log(k_2+k_3) + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2+k_3+1) \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& \quad - \delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i}) \left[ k_1 \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) - \log(k_2+k_3) - \log c + (c+1) \log t_{2i} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + (k_2+k_3+1) \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& \quad + (1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left[ \log(k_2+k_3) + \log c - (c+1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2+k_3+1) \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \log [(1+t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1+t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}] \right] \\
& \quad - (1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i}) \left[ k_1 \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) + (k_2+k_3) \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the pseudo-log-likelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell = & M_0 \log c + M_1 \log k_1 + M_2 \log k_2 \\
& + M_{13} \log(k_1+k_3) + M_{23} \log(k_2+k_3) + n_{11}^0 \log k_3 \\
& - k_1 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1+t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1-\delta_{2i}+\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& - k_2 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1+t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} (1-\delta_{1i}+\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& - k_3 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1+t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& - (c+1) \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i}+\delta_{2i}-\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log t_i + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} (\delta_{1i} \log t_{1i} + \delta_{2i} \log t_{2i}) \right] \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i}+\delta_{2i}-\delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1+t_i^{-c}) \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} [\delta_{1i} \log(1+t_{1i}^{-c}) + \delta_{2i} \log(1+t_{2i}^{-c})] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i}) \log [(1+t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1+t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \log [(1+t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1+t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}], \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$n = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 n_{ij}, \quad n_k = \sum_{i=0}^1 \sum_{j=0}^1 n_{ij}^k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= n_{11}^0 + n_{10}^0 + n_{01}^0 + 2n_{11}^1 + n_{10}^1 + n_{01}^1 + 2n_{11}^2 + n_{10}^2 + n_{01}^2 \\ M_1 &= n_{10}^0 + n_{11}^2 + n_{10}^2; \quad M_2 = n_{01}^0 + n_{11}^1 + n_{01}^1 \\ M_{13} &= n_{11}^1 + n_{10}^1; \quad M_{23} = n_{11}^2 + n_{01}^2. \end{aligned}$$

We need to maximize the pseudo-log-likelihood equation w.r.t.  $c$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ . We denote the first derivatives of the pseudo-log-likelihood function as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial c} &= \frac{M_0}{c} + (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} + (k_1 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \\ &\quad + (k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} + k_2 \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \\ &\quad + k_1 \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log t_i \\ &\quad - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} [\delta_{1i} \log t_{1i} + \delta_{2i} \log t_{2i}] + \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{1i} \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} + \frac{\delta_{2i} \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_1} &= \frac{M_1}{k_1} + \frac{M_{13}}{k_1 + k_3} \\
&\quad - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}, \\
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_2} &= \frac{M_2}{k_2} + \frac{M_{23}}{k_2 + k_3} \\
&\quad - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) - \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\}, \\
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_3} &= \frac{n_{11}^0}{k_3} + \frac{M_{23}}{k_2 + k_3} + \frac{M_{13}}{k_1 + k_3} \\
&\quad - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.1 ECM Alghorithm

In this case we suggest EM algorithm to compute the MLEs of the unknown parameters. We treat this problem as missing value problem. Assume that for the bivariate random vector  $(X_1, X_2)$ , there is an associated random vector  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  as follows:

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_1 > W_3 \\ 3 & \text{if } W_1 < W_3 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_2 = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } W_2 > W_3 \\ 3 & \text{if } W_2 < W_3 \end{cases}$$

- If  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}) \in I_0$ , then  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2 = 3$ .
- If  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}) \in I_1$ ,  $\Delta_1$  is unknown and  $\Delta_2$  is known and the possible values of  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  are  $(1, 2)$  or  $(3, 2)$ ,
- If  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}) \in I_2$ , then  $\Delta_1$  is known and  $\Delta_2$  is unknown the possible values of  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  are  $(1, 2)$  or  $(1, 3)$  with non-zero probability.

Now we provide the E-step and M-step of the ECM algorithm. In the E-step we treat the observations belong to  $I_0$  as complete observation and keep them intact. If the observation belong to  $I_1$  or  $I_2$ , we treat it as a missing observation. If  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}) \in I_1$ , we form the pseudo-observation by dividing  $(x_1, x_2, \mu_1(\gamma))$  and  $(x_1, x_2, \mu_2(\gamma))$ , respectively. Here  $\gamma = (c, k_1, k_2, k_3)$  and the fractional mass  $\mu_1(\gamma), \mu_2(\gamma)$  assigned to the pseudo-observation is the conditional probability that the random vector  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  takes the values  $(1, 2)$  and  $(3, 2)$ , respectively, given  $X_1 < X_2$ . Similarly, if  $(x_{1i}, x_{2i}) \in I_2$ , we form the pseudo-observation of the form  $(x_1, x_2, \nu_1(\gamma))$  and  $(x_1, x_2, \nu_2(\gamma))$ . Here the fractional mass  $\nu_1(\gamma)$  or  $\nu_2(\gamma)$  assigned to the pseudo-observation is the conditional probability that the random vector  $(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  takes the values  $(1, 2)$  and  $(1, 3)$ , respectively, given  $X_2 < X_1$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} P(W_1 < W_3 < W_2) &= \frac{k_2 k_3}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)(k_1 + k_3)}, \\ P(W_3 < W_1 < W_2) &= \frac{k_2 k_1}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)(k_1 + k_3)}, \\ P(W_2 < W_3 < W_1) &= \frac{k_1 k_3}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)(k_2 + k_3)}, \\ P(W_3 < W_2 < W_1) &= \frac{k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)(k_2 + k_3)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(\gamma) &= P(W_1 < W_3 < W_2 | X_1 < X_2) = \frac{k_3}{K_1 + k_3} \\ \mu_2(\gamma) &= P(W_3 < W_1 < W_2 | X_1 < X_2) \frac{k_1}{k_1 + k_3}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_1(\gamma) &= P(W_2 < W_3 < W_1 | X_1 > X_2) = \frac{k_3}{k_2 + k_3}, \\ \nu_2(\gamma) &= P(W_3 < W_2 < W_1 | X_1 > X_2) = \frac{k_2}{k_2 + k_3}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

From now on, we write  $\mu_1(\gamma), \mu_2(\gamma), \nu_1(\gamma)$  and  $\nu_2(\gamma)$  as  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$ , respectively.

In order to identify all parameters uniquely, we write the E-step of the algorithm as follows. We form a pseudo-likelihood by replacing the log-likelihood contribution of the observed  $(T_1, \delta_1, T_2, \delta_2)$  by its expected value. The log-

likelihood function of the pseudo-data has three parts corresponding to contributions from the sets  $I_0, I_1, I_2$ .

The contribution to the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in I_0} \left[ \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log c + \log k_3 - (c+1) \log t_i - (k+1) \log(1+t_i^{-c}) \right\} \right. \\ & \quad + \delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log c + \log k_1 - (c+1) \log t_i - (k+1) \log(1+t_i^{-c}) \right\} \\ & \quad \left. + (1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log c + \log k_2 - (c+1) \log t_i - (k+1) \log(1+t_i^{-c}) \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i}) \left\{ k \log(1+t_i^{-c}) \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Further, given the order  $U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , the contribution to the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_1$  is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \log \prod_{i \in I_1} L(c, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log \left[ [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{1i}, c, k_3)f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)]\mu_1 \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1)f(t_{1i}, c, k_3)f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)]\mu_2 \right] \right\} \\ & + \delta_{1i}(1-\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{1i}, c, k_3)[F(t_{2i}, c, k_2) - F(t_{1i}, c, k_2)]]\mu_1 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1)f(t_{1i}, c, k_3)[F(t_{2i}, c, k_2) - F(t_{1i}, c, k_2)]]\mu_2 \right\} \\ & + (1-\delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{1i}, c, k_3)f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\} \\ & + (1-\delta_{1i})(1-\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{1i}, c, k_3)F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are defined as (6);

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left\{ \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_2 + \log k_3 - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \mu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_2 + \log k_1 - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \mu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \left[ \log c + \log k_3 - (c + 1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \log[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \right] \mu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left[ \log c + \log k_1 - (c + 1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \log[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \right] \mu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \log c + \log k_2 - (c + 1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + k_2 \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

and given the order  $U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , the contribution to the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_2$  is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \prod_{i \in I_1} L(c, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left\{ \log \left[ [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1) F(t_{1i}, c, k_3) f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \mu_1 \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) f(t_{1i}, c, k_3) f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \mu_2 \right] \right\} \\
& + \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1) F(t_{1i}, c, k_3) [F(t_{2i}, c, k_2) - F(t_{1i}, c, k_2)]] \mu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) f(t_{1i}, c, k_3) [F(t_{2i}, c, k_2) - F(t_{1i}, c, k_2)]] \mu_2 \right\} \\
& + (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \log [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) F(t_{1i}, c, k_3) f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\} \\
& + (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) F(t_{1i}, c, k_3) F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are defined as (6);

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left\{ \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_2 + \log k_3 - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \mu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_2 + \log k_1 - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \mu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \left[ \log c + \log k_3 - (c + 1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \log[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \right] \mu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left[ \log c + \log k_1 - (c + 1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \log[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \right] \mu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log c + \log k_2 - (c + 1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ (k_1 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + k_2 \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

and given the order  $U_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , the contribution to the pseudo-log-likelihood from  $I_2$  is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \prod_{i \in I_2} L(c, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & \sum_{i \in I_2} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left\{ \log \left[ [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{2i}, c, k_3)f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \nu_1 \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1)f(t_{2i}, c, k_3)F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \nu_2 \right] \right\} \\
& + \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [f(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(x_{2i}, c, k_3)F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\} \\
& + (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \log [F(t_{2i}, c, k_3)f(t_{2i}, c, k_2)[F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) - F(t_{2i}, c, k_1)]] \nu_1 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + [F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)f(t_{2i}, c, k_3)[F(t_{1i}, c, k_1) - F(t_{2i}, c, k_1)]] \nu_2 \right\} \\
& + (1 - \delta_{1i})(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log [F(t_{1i}, c, k_1)F(t_{2i}, c, k_3)F(t_{2i}, c, k_2)] \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  are defined as (7) ;

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I_2} \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i} \left\{ \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_1 + \log k_3 - (k_1 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \nu_1 + \left[ 2 \log c + \log k_1 + \log k_2 \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_1 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) - (k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) - (c + 1) \log(t_{1i} t_{2i}) \right] \nu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \left[ \log c + \log k_3 - (c + 1) \log t_{2i} - (k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \log[(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}] \right] \nu_1 + \left[ \log c + \log k_2 - (c + 1) \log t_{2i} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - (k_2 + k_3 + 1) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) + \log[(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}] \right] \nu_2 \right\} \\
& \quad + \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \log c + \log k_1 - (c + 1) \log t_{1i} - (k_1 + 1) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (k_2 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right\} \\
& \quad + (1 - \delta_{1i}) (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ k_1 \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + (k_2 + k_3) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
N_0 &= n_{11}^0 + n_{10}^0 + n_{01}^0 + 2n_{11}^1 + n_{10}^1 + n_{01}^1 + 2n_{11}^2 + n_{10}^2 + n_{01}^2 \\
N_1 &= n_{10}^0 + \mu_2(n_{11}^1 + n_{10}^1) + (n_{11}^2 + n_{10}^2) \\
N_2 &= n_{01}^0 + n_{11}^1 + n_{01}^1 + \nu_2(n_{11}^2 + n_{01}^2) \\
N_3 &= n_{11}^0 + \mu_1(n_{11}^1 + n_{10}^1) + \nu_1(n_{11}^2 + n_{01}^2),
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

hence, the pseudo-log-likelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& N_0 \log c + N_1 \log k_1 + N_2 \log k_2 + N_3 \log k_3 \\
& - k_1 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& - k_2 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
& - k_3 \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(c+1) \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log t_i + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} (\delta_{1i} \log t_{1i} + \delta_{2i} \log t_{2i}) \right] \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} [\delta_{1i} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \delta_{2i} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \log [(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \log [(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}].
\end{aligned}$$

In order to implement the M-step of the EM algorithm, we need to maximize the pseudo-log-likelihood equation w.r.t.  $c$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ . We denote the first derivatives of the pseudo-log-likelihood function as

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_1} &= \frac{N_1}{k_1} - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}, \\
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_2} &= \frac{N_2}{k_2} - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\}, \\
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial k_3} &= \frac{N_3}{k_3} - \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial c} = & \frac{N_0}{c} + (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} + (k_1 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \\
& + (k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} + k_2 \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \\
& + k_1 \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log t_i \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} [\delta_{1i} \log t_{1i} + \delta_{2i} \log t_{2i}] + \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{1i} \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} + \frac{\delta_{2i} \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

where  $N_0, N_1, N_2$  and  $N_3$  are defined in equation (2).

## 4 Observed Fisher Information Matrix

In this section, we present the observed Fisher information matrix obtained using the idea of Louis (1982), which is used when the EM algorithm is applied to obtain the MLEs in the case of incomplete data problem. The observed information matrix can then be inverted to obtain the asymptotic covariance matrix of the MLEs determined from the EM algorithm. Let  $S$  denote the derivative vector and  $H$  the Hessian matrix of the pseudo-log-likelihood function defined in (1). The observed Fisher information matrix is given by  $H - SS^T$ .

Since the Marshal-Olkin bivariate Burr Type III is a regular family, the usual asymptotic normality result holds in this case, i.e.

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \underline{\theta}) \rightarrow N_4(0, I^{-1})$$

here  $I$  is the expected Fisher information matrix and  $\underline{\theta} = (c, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ . The  $(1 - p)$  100 % approximate confidence intervals for the unknown parameters  $c$  and  $k_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  is given by  $\hat{c} \pm z_{\frac{p}{2}} \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{c})}$  and  $\hat{k}_i \pm z_{\frac{p}{2}} \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{k}_i)}, i = 1, 2, 3$  respectively, where  $z_{\frac{p}{2}}$  is the  $\frac{p}{2}$ -th upper percentile of the standard Normal distribution.

## 5 Numerical Experiments

In this section, we present simulation studies of maximum likelihood estimators using the direct method and the *EM* algorithm for different sample sizes and different parameter values for censored data. The results of this section obtained using *R* software. For conducting the experiment, we assume that the pair of orginal random variables  $(X_1, X_2)$  is distributed as MOBBIII( $c, k_1, k_2, k_3$ ) and we assume that the pair of censoring variables  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  is distributed as MOBBIII( $c, k_1^*, k_2^*, k_3^*$ ). Note that in this case

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1 < Y_1) &= \frac{k_1^* + k_3^*}{k_1 + k_3 + k_1^* + k_3^*}, \\ P(X_2 < Y_2) &= \frac{k_2^* + k_3^*}{k_2 + k_3 + k_2^* + k_3^*}, \end{aligned}$$

since both pairs  $(X_1, X_2)$  and  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  have the same parameter  $c$ , this ensures that the percentage of censoring does not depend on  $c$ .

We used the Fisher's information matrix whose given in the appendix, to construct asymptotic confidence intervals for the direct method and the *EM* algorithm method.

In these simulation studies, four different cases are considered as follows,

**case 1:**  $c = 0.6, k_1 = 1.0, k_2 = 1.2, k_3 = 1.3, 1.4, 1.5$  and  $c^* = 1.5, k_1^* = 0.3$  and  $k_2^* = 0.4$  and  $K_3^* = 0.5$  (The results of this case in the tables 1 - 2 Provided).

**case 2:**  $c = 0.6, k_1 = 1.5, k_2 = 2.5, k_3 = 2, 3.5, 5$  and  $c^* = 1.2, k_1^* = 0.5$  and  $k_2^* = 0.8$  and  $k_3^* = 1$  (The results provided in tables 3 - 4).

**case 3:**  $c = 0.6, k_1 = 1.5, k_2 = 1.5, k_3 = 1.5$  and  $c^* = 0.6, k_1^* = k_2^* = k_3^* = 0.5$  And  $k_1^* = k_2^* = k_3^* = 1.0$  (The results provided in table 5)

**case 4:**  $c = 0.8, k_1 = 1.0, k_2 = 1.1, k_3 = 1.0, 1.2, 1.4$  and  $c^* = 1.2, k_1^* = 0.2$  and  $k_2^* = 0.3$  and  $k_3^* = 0.3$  (The results provided in shapes 1 - 2).

Percentage of censorship with change  $k_3$  changes. Mark the censoring percentage of the variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  with  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , respectively. In **case 1** the vector  $(S_1, S_2)$  values  $(26, 26)$ ,  $(25, 26)$  and  $(24, 25)$  and in **case 2** the values  $(30, 28)$ ,  $(23, 23)$  and  $(18, 19)$ . In **case 3**, taking into account the values of the parameters  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 1.5$  and  $k_2^* = k_3^* = 0.5, 1.0$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  equally 25 and 40 % are censored.

The average estimate, mean squared error, length of confidence intervals and coverage probability obtained from the maximum likelihood method represent by  $(ML)$ ,  $(MSE)$ ,  $(LCI)$  and  $(CP)$ , respectively and the average estimate, mean squared error, length of confidence intervals and coverage probability obtained from  $EM$  algorithm method represent by  $(EMML)$ ,  $(EMMSE)$ ,  $(EMLCI)$  and  $(EMCP)$ , respectively, for sample size  $n = 20, 50, 100, 250$  for 1000 simulations.

Some of the salient features of the numerical experiments based on Tables 1 - 6 are given below.

- i) The average estimates of the parameters  $c$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  from the direct method for all  $k_3$  choices are close to the correct values of the parameters.
- ii) The mean square error of the estimators decreases with increasing in sample size.
- iii) The average length of confidence interval length for large  $n$  for all parameters is significantly shorter than the average confidence interval length for smaller  $n$ .
- iv) By increasing  $k_3$  as the correlation parameter, the mean square error and the length of confidence interval of parameters  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  increases.
- v) The mean square error, the length of confidence interval, and the coverage probability increase with a percentage of censorship from 25 to 40 % increased.
- vi) It is observed that the mean square error, the length of confidence interval and the coverage probability in the second method ( $EM$  algorithm) for the parameters  $c$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ , is more satisfactory than the estimates in the first method.

Also, according to the results obtained from simulation results in the Figures 1 - 2, it can be said that the average estimation of parameters  $c$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  for all  $k_3$  choices are close to the correct values of the parameters. The results also show; increasing the sample size reduces the mean square error. It is observed that the mean square error of the maximum likelihood estimates in the second method ( $EM$  algorithm) for the parameters  $c$ ,  $k_1$  and

Table 1. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for n=20, 50 and case 1.

		$(S_1, S_2)$	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1$	$k_2 = 1.2$	$k_3$
$n$	$k_3$						
	20						
		<i>MLE</i>	0.4003	1.1059	1.2614	1.3482	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0464	0.2690	0.2346	0.2196	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.26	1.55	1.65	1.73	
		<i>CP</i>	20	89	89	93	
1.3	(26, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.4811	1.3184	1.6779	1.4794	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0288	0.1328	0.1113	0.2903	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.28	1.87	2.12	1.75	
		<i>EMCP</i>	45	94	86	95	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3929	1.1047	1.2609	1.4519	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0489	0.2716	0.2317	0.2336	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.25	1.58	1.67	1.82	
		<i>CP</i>	18	89	90	92	
1.4	(25, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.4820	1.3660	1.7297	1.5983	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0299	0.1013	0.1319	0.1093	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.28	1.96	2.21	1.87	
		<i>EMCP</i>	58	98	91	93	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3813	1.0700	1.3216	1.5607	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0525	0.2319	0.3224	0.2770	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.25	1.61	1.69	1.89	
		<i>CP</i>	12	88	88	92	
1.5	(24, 25)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.7404	1.0414	1.1259	1.3289	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0887	0.1036	0.1334	0.1271	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.34	1.52	1.47	1.52	
		<i>EMCP</i>	58	99	94	92	
	50						
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3895	1.0303	1.2763	1.3218	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0472	0.0775	0.1121	0.0870	
		<i>LCI</i>	(0.31, 0.47)	(0.56, 1.49)	(0.75, 1.80)	(0.78, 1.86)	
		<i>CP</i>	22	91	91	93	
1.3	(26, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6711	0.9792	1.1176	1.2060	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0198	0.0377	0.0587	0.0466	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.20	0.90	0.89	0.91	
		<i>EMCP</i>	60	98	94	95	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3836	1.0296	1.2781	1.4242	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0486	0.0772	0.1167	0.0933	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.16	0.95	1.07	1.13	
		<i>CP</i>	19	90	90	93	
1.4	(25, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6716	0.9875	1.1243	1.2771	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0201	0.0384	0.0597	0.0562	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.20	0.92	0.90	0.95	
		<i>EMCP</i>	59	98	92	94	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3780	1.0303	1.2796	1.5262	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0510	0.0817	0.1183	0.1008	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.15	0.97	1.07	1.18	
		<i>CP</i>	14	92	91	93	
1.5	(24, 25)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6729	0.9970	1.1302	1.3461	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0206	0.0385	0.0600	0.0686	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.20	0.94	0.91	0.98	
		<i>EMCP</i>	59	99	95	93	

Table 2. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for  $n=100, 250$  and case 1.

		$(S_1, S_2)$	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1$	$k_2 = 1.2$	$k_3$
$n$	$k_3$						
100							
1.3	(26, 26)	<i>MLE</i>	0.3858	1.0370	1.2705	1.2943	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0467	0.0422	0.0525	0.0420	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.11	0.65	0.74	0.75	
		<i>CP</i>	22	92	92	94	
1.4	(25, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6592	0.9710	1.1217	1.2002	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0098	0.0202	0.0315	0.0293	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.13	0.63	0.62	0.64	
		<i>EMCP</i>	64	97	94	95	
1.5	(24, 25)	<i>MLE</i>	0.3798	1.0351	1.2680	1.3950	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0492	0.0425	0.0536	0.0457	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.11	0.67	0.75	0.79	
		<i>CP</i>	20	92	91	93	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6598	0.9785	1.1274	1.2697	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0100	0.0201	0.0315	0.0383	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.14	0.65	0.63	0.67	
		<i>EMCP</i>	64	98	93	94	
250							
1.3	(26, 26)	<i>MLE</i>	0.3855	1.0361	1.2688	1.4961	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0416	0.0431	0.0555	0.0498	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.11	0.69	0.75	0.83	
		<i>CP</i>	17	93	93	93	
1.4	(25, 26)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6609	0.9874	1.1334	1.3401	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0101	0.0204	0.0312	0.0490	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.14	0.67	0.62	0.69	
		<i>EMCP</i>	63	97	96	94	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3796	1.0358	1.2548	1.3978	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0488	0.0170	0.0224	0.0178	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.7	0.43	0.47	0.50	
		<i>CP</i>	22	94	92	94	
1.5	(24, 25)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6562	0.9759	1.1184	1.2598	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0056	0.0084	0.0171	0.0277	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.11	0.40	0.29	0.42	
		<i>EMCP</i>	69	98	94	94	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3739	1.0374	1.2553	1.4972	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0413	0.0175	0.0230	0.0200	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.7	0.43	0.4	0.52	
		<i>CP</i>	20	95	94	94	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6571	0.9843	1.1243	1.3299	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0057	0.0082	0.0165	0.0378	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.10	0.42	0.39	0.43	
		<i>EMCP</i>	63	98	95	97	

Table 3. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for n=20, 50 and case 2.

		$(S_1, S_2)$	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1.5$	$k_2 = 2.5$	$k_3$
$n$	$k_3$						
	20						
2	(30, 28)	<i>MLE</i>	0.2953	1.5963	2.7442	2.0979	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0943	0.5291	1.0261	0.5836	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.23	2.50	4.28	3.33	
		<i>CP</i>	8	88	92	92	
	(23, 23)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6880	1.3834	2.1057	1.7808	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0538	0.1782	0.5511	0.2056	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.35	1.98	2.65	2.09	
		<i>EMCP</i>	65	97	82	93	
	3.5	<i>MLE</i>	0.2664	1.5929	2.7519	3.6480	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.1123	0.6090	1.1913	1.2146	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.32	3.37	5.79	7.05	
		<i>CP</i>	9	90	76	67	
5	(18, 19)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6542	1.4107	2.1265	2.7777	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0194	0.0850	0.4215	0.5046	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.23	1.72	2.03	2.09	
		<i>EMCP</i>	65	98	76	67	
	2	<i>MLE</i>	0.2452	1.5749	2.7223	5.2145	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.1266	0.7522	1.3631	2.1795	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.33	3.42	5.46	9.7	
		<i>CP</i>	6	83	83	90	
	3.5	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6585	1.4994	2.1686	3.7190	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0201	0.1122	0.4277	1.9743	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.22	2.02	2.19	3.77	
		<i>EMCP</i>	64	99	86	49	
	50						
2	(30, 28)	<i>MLE</i>	0.2945	1.5334	2.6492	2.0394	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0938	0.1828	0.3737	0.2197	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.14	1.48	2.39	1.91	
		<i>CP</i>	11	97	82	94	
	(23, 23)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6306	1.3266	2.1558	1.8077	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0085	0.0812	0.2246	0.0893	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.18	1.01	1.37	1.09	
		<i>EMCP</i>	71	97	82	94	
	3.5	<i>MLE</i>	0.2654	1.5327	2.6504	3.5748	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0923	0.2305	0.4803	0.4481	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.18	2.10	3.44	4.0	
		<i>CP</i>	10	93	80	68	
5	(18, 19)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6369	1.4360	2.2027	2.7732	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0089	0.0692	0.2221	0.6324	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.14	1.30	1.50	1.56	
		<i>EMCP</i>	68	98	83	69	
	2	<i>MLE</i>	0.2440	1.5235	2.6381	5.1187	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.1269	0.2850	0.5727	0.7624	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.26	2.86	4.41	8.01	
		<i>CP</i>	14	87	84	96	
	3.5	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6379	1.4994	2.2106	3.3717	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0088	0.0757	0.2407	1.7767	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.17	1.56	1.63	2.51	
		<i>EMCP</i>	67	99	86	59	

Table 4. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for  $n=100, 250$  and case 2.

		$(S_1, S_2)$	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1.5$	$k_2 = 2.5$	$k_3$
	$n$	$k_3$					
	100						
2	(30, 28)	<i>MLE</i>	0.2926	1.5441	2.6367	1.9917	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0947	0.0936	0.1878	0.1077	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.10	1.04	1.64	1.31	
		<i>CP</i>	12	90	82	93	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6256	1.3071	2.1344	1.7990	
	(23, 23)	<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0054	0.0720	0.2079	0.0784	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.15	0.83	1.12	0.91	
		<i>EMCP</i>	72	97	84	94	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.2641	1.5425	2.6223	3.5122	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0829	0.1183	0.2175	0.2106	
3.5	(23, 23)	<i>LCI</i>	0.12	1.42	2.16	2.54	
		<i>CP</i>	11	94	82	69	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6308	1.4162	2.1808	2.7536	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0057	0.0508	0.1887	0.6284	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.15	1.08	1.22	1.28	
	(18, 19)	<i>EMCP</i>	71	98	85	70	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.2430	1.5391	2.6064	5.0278	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.1155	0.1400	0.2559	0.3584	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.22	2.43	3.75	6.89	
		<i>CP</i>	15	90	85	96	
5	(18, 19)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6306	1.4745	2.1938	3.6994	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0055	0.0539	0.1996	1.8294	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.14	1.28	1.34	2.61	
		<i>EMCP</i>	68	99	86	60	
	(30, 28)		250				
		<i>MLE</i>	0.2927	1.5443	2.6083	1.9934	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0945	0.0378	0.0780	0.0401	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.06	0.66	1.03	0.83	
		<i>CP</i>	12	92	85	94	
	(23, 23)	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6236	1.3040	2.1195	1.7849	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0024	0.0518	0.1750	0.0608	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.10	0.59	0.69	0.66	
		<i>EMCP</i>	76	97	86	94	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.2643	1.5359	2.5895	3.5075	
	(23, 23)	<i>MSE</i>	0.0796	0.0447	0.0865	0.0860	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.08	0.87	1.29	1.53	
		<i>CP</i>	11	96	83	70	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6275	1.4276	2.1606	2.7328	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0025	0.0252	0.1502	0.6206	
	(18, 19)	<i>EMLCI</i>	0.10	0.69	0.86	0.90	
		<i>EMCP</i>	73	98	86	72	
		<i>MLE</i>	0.2430	1.5332	2.5766	5.0162	
		<i>MSE</i>	0.1074	0.0511	0.1025	0.1453	
		<i>LCI</i>	0.16	1.66	2.60	4.75	
	(18, 19)	<i>CP</i>	15	95	85	97	
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6280	1.4767	2.1703	3.6814	
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0026	0.0223	0.1506	1.8175	
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.09	0.81	1.08	2.03	
		<i>EMCP</i>	68	99	86	63	

Table 5. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for n=100, 250 and case 3.

<i>n</i>	$(S_1, S_2)$	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1.5$	$k_2 = 1.5$	$k_3 = 1.5$
20	(25, 25)					
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3495	1.6110	1.6469	1.5668
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0658	0.3878	0.4452	0.3318
		<i>LCI</i>	(0.22, 0.48)	(0.49, 2.83)	(0.51, 2.87)	(0.44, 2.66)
		<i>CP</i>	8	78	77	89
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.7108	1.2058	1.3779	1.4664
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0591	0.2244	0.1928	0.1184
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.34	1.52	1.79	1.75
		<i>EMCP</i>	61	82	81	90
	(40, 40)					
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3217	1.6196	1.6582	1.5610
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0896	0.4205	0.4935	0.3615
		<i>LCI</i>	0.31	3.24	2.88	2.57
		<i>CP</i>	6	82	71	87
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.7265	1.3853	1.2346	1.3636
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0784	0.1781	0.2681	0.1700
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.36	1.86	1.58	1.72
		<i>EMCP</i>	56	84	74	90
50	(25, 25)					
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3476	1.5669	1.5896	1.5199
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0657	0.1520	0.1668	0.1223
		<i>LCI</i>	0.15	1.43	1.34	1.33
		<i>CP</i>	10	80	85	90
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6653	1.1619	1.3760	1.4942
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0177	0.1744	0.0861	0.0526
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.21	0.89	1.10	1.13
		<i>EMCP</i>	62	82	89	91
	(40, 40)					
		<i>MLE</i>	0.3199	1.5672	1.5947	1.5203
		<i>MSE</i>	0.0892	0.1585	0.1756	0.1344
		<i>LCI</i>	0.18	1.90	1.64	1.57
		<i>CP</i>	8	85	77	91
		<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6700	1.2993	1.2973	1.3702
		<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0199	0.1081	0.1134	0.0712
		<i>EMLCI</i>	0.23	1.1	1.05	1.09
		<i>EMCP</i>	65	87	81	91

Table 6. Average estimates, mean squared errors, average length of the confidence interval and coverage probability for n=100, 250 and case 3.

<i>n</i>	( $S_1, S_2$ )	AVE	$c = 0.6$	$k_1 = 1.5$	$k_2 = 1.5$	$k_3 = 1.5$
100	(25, 25)					
	<i>MLE</i>	0.3447	1.5629	1.5824	1.4890	
	<i>MSE</i>	0.0656	0.0772	0.0766	0.0616	
	<i>LCI</i>	0.10	1.01	0.93	0.93	
	<i>CP</i>	12	82	87	92	
	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6548	1.1548	1.3796	1.4892	
	<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0086	0.1518	0.0485	0.0273	
	<i>EMLCI</i>	0.14	0.60	0.77	0.79	
	<i>EMCP</i>	63	85	90	95	
	(40, 40)					
	<i>MLE</i>	0.3173	1.5675	1.5897	1.4861	
	<i>MSE</i>	0.0802	0.0819	0.0839	0.0658	
	<i>LCI</i>	0.12	1.35	1.13	1.08	
	<i>CP</i>	10	87	80	92	
	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6605	1.2946	1.3004	1.3681	
	<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0099	0.0776	0.0744	0.0432	
	<i>EMLCI</i>	0.16	0.77	0.72	0.77	
	<i>EMCP</i>	66	89	82	93	
250	(25, 25)					
	<i>MLE</i>	0.3445	1.5658	1.5577	1.4933	
	<i>MSE</i>	0.0654	0.0341	0.0326	0.0232	
	<i>LCI</i>	0.07	0.64	0.58	0.59	
	<i>CP</i>	13	83	90	93	
	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6543	1.3423	1.3455	1.3863	
	<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0052	0.0376	0.0373	0.0222	
	<i>EMLCI</i>	0.11	0.48	0.46	0.46	
	<i>EMCP</i>	68	86	92	97	
	(40, 40)					
	<i>MLE</i>	0.3174	1.5727	1.5678	1.4913	
	<i>MSE</i>	0.0799	0.0370	0.0360	0.0249	
	<i>LCI</i>	0.08	0.83	0.68	0.67	
	<i>CP</i>	12	88	82	92	
	<i>EMMLE</i>	0.6584	1.3171	1.3183	1.3563	
	<i>EMMSE</i>	0.0059	0.0478	0.0474	0.0310	
	<i>EMLCI</i>	0.13	0.49	0.47	0.48S	
	<i>EMCP</i>	67	90	84	93	

$k_2$ , it is more satisfactory than the maximum likelihood estimates in the first method.

It can be seen by looking at all the cases; Increasing the sample size reduces the mean square error and length of confidence interval, because large amounts of  $n$  lead to better inference. Also, in all cases, the mean square error using the *EM* algorithm is less than the direct method, which states that the *EM* algorithm is more accurate. It is also observed; the confidence intervals created using the Louis (1982) method include the actual value of the parameters. Changing the values of  $k_3$  as a correlation parameter changes the results. As  $k_3$  increases, the mean square error and length of the confidence interval of the parameters  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  increase, which is expressed by increasing  $k_3$  the correlation of the variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  increases, so the accuracy of the results decreases. The results state; the mean square error, the length of confidence interval, and the coverage probability increase with a percentage of censorship from 25 to 40 % increased; because the lower percentage of censorship lead to more observations and better inference.

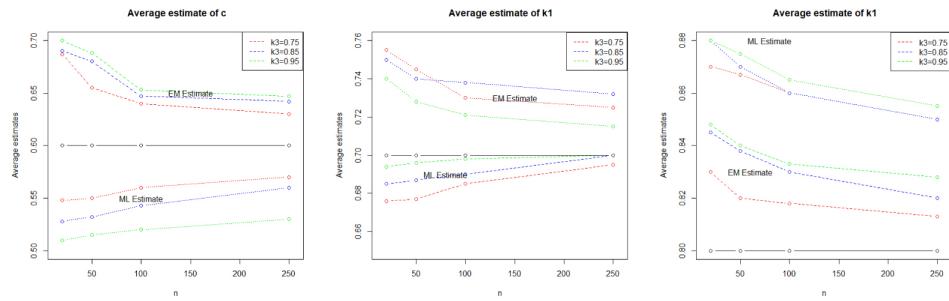
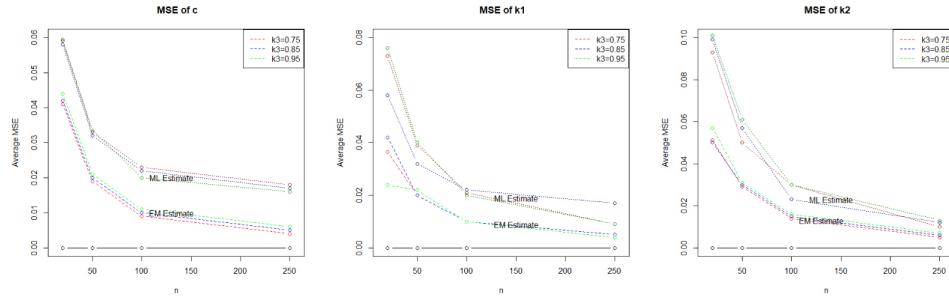


Figure 1. Average estimates  $c$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$

## 6 Data Analysis

The data set that analyzed in this section, are from the American Football (National Football League) matches played on three consecutive weekends in 1986. It has been originally published in ‘Washington Post’ and it is also available in Csorgo and Welsh (1989). Kundu and Gupta (2010), Jamalizadeh and Kundu (2013), and Balakrishna and Shiji (2014) analyzed this data. In this bivariate data set,  $X_1$  represents the ‘game time’ to the first



**Figure 2.** Mean squared errors  $c$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$

points scored by kicking the ball between goal posts, and  $X_2$  represents the ‘game time’ to the first points scored by moving the ball into the end zone. The variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have the following structure: (i)  $X_1 < X_2$  means that the first score is a field goal, (ii)  $X_1 = X_2$  means the first score is a converted touchdown, (iii)  $X_1 > X_2$  means the first score is an unconverted touchdown or safety. In this case the ties are exact because no ‘game time’ elapses between a touchdown and a point-after conversion attempt. It should be noted that the possible scoring times are restricted by the duration of the game but it has been ignored similarly as in Csorgo and Welsh (1989).

Before analyzing the data using proposed EM algorithm and censoring scheme, we fit the Burr III distribution to  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $\max(X_1, X_2)$ , separately. The MLEs of the parameters of the Burr III distribution for  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $\max(X_1, X_2)$  are (1.090, 5.152), (0.959, 5.244) and (0.952, 5.239), respectively. The Kolmogorov - Smirnov distances between the fitted distribution and the empirical distribution function and the corresponding p values (in brackets) for  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $\max(X_1, X_2)$  are 0.186 (0.11), 0.196 (0.09) and 0.192 (0.10), respectively. Based on the p values Burr III distribution can be used for analyzing  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $\max(X_1, X_2)$ .

Now we fit the *MOBBIII* model under the assumptions that all the four parameters are unknown. To start the EM algorithm we need some initial guesses of the unknown parameters. For  $c$ , we suggest to take the average values of 1.090, 0.959 and 0.952, i.e. 0.996. Assuming the initial guess of  $c$  as 0.996, solving three equations in three unknowns for  $k$ 's, we get the initial guess values of  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  as 1.079, 2.257 and 3.731, respectively.

The data  $(X_1, X_2)$  consists of 42 data points. We assume that the pair  $(X_1, X_2)$  has  $\text{MOBBIII}(\hat{c}, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2, \hat{k}_3)$ . The pair of censoring random vari-

**Table 7.** Point estimate, Standard Error and confidence interval for real data set.

$(S_1, S_2)$	$AVE$	$c$	$k_1$	$k_2$	$k_3$
(15, 15)	$MLPE$	0.5824	0.9423	2.1526	3.3574
	$MLSE$	0.0427	0.1152	0.3745	0.4852
	$MLCI$	(0.38, 0.68)	(0.63, 1.12)	(1.35, 2.95)	(2.65, 4.05)
	$EMPE$	0.8127	0.9785	1.8427	3.0485
	$EMSE$	0.0374	0.0896	0.2349	0.3964
	$EMLCI$	(0.69, 0.91)	(0.45, 1.49)	(1.35, 2.2.35)	(2.34, 3.74)
(30, 30)	$MLPE$	0.4702	0.6601	2.0202	3.5145
	$MLSE$	0.0601	0.1776	0.5196	0.6569
	$MLCI$	(0.35, 0.59)	(0.31, 1.02)	(1.00, 3.04)	(2.22, 4.80)
	$EMPE$	0.8270	0.7227	1.4048	2.9941
	$EMSE$	0.0764	0.3417	0.3342	0.4979
	$EMLCI$	(0.67, 0.97)	(0.05, 1.39)	(0.75, 2.06)	(2.02, 3.97)

ables  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  has MOBBIII  $(c^*, k_1^*, k_2^*, k_3^*)$ . In order to ensure that  $P(X_1 < Y_1) = P(X_2 < Y_2) = 0.15$ , we take  $(k_1^*, k_2^*, k_3^*) = (0.34, 0.52, 0.50)$  and  $(\hat{c}, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2, \hat{k}_3) = (0.80, 1.61, 2.27, 3.18)$  which is the estimates of  $c, k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$  for complete data. In a similar way,  $(k_1^*, k_2^*, k_3^*) = (1.04, 1.33, 1.00)$  ensures that  $P(X_1 < Y_1) = P(X_2 < Y_2) = 0.30$ .

We have used the proposed ECM algorithm to estimate the unknown parameters and the initial estimates used for  $c, k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$ , in both the cases. The point estimates and the corresponding confidence intervals for 15 % and 30 % censoring are reported in Table 7.

Testing whether the two marginals have the same distributions or not, can be carried out as follows;

$$H_0 : k_3 = 0 \quad H_1 : k_3 \neq 0$$

Under the assumption  $H_0$ , the likelihood function of observations is written as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_{H_0}(c, k_1, k_2) = & (2n_1 + 2n_2) \log c + n_2 \log k_1 + n_1 \log k_2 \\ & - (c+1) \left[ \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log x_{1i} + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log x_{2i} \right] \\ & - (k_1 + 1) \sum_{i \in I_2 \cup I_2} \log(1 + x_{1i}^{-c}) - (k_2 + 1) \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log(1 + x_{2i}^{-c}),\end{aligned}$$

we need to maximize the pseudo-log-likelihood equation w.r.t.  $c$ ,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ ;

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell_{H_0}}{\partial c} = & \frac{(2n_1 + 2n_2)}{c} + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log x_{1i} + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log x_{2i} \\ & - (k_1 + 1) \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{\ln x_{1i} x_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + x_{1i}^{-c}} - (k_2 + 1) \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \frac{\ln x_{2i} x_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + x_{2i}^{-c}}, \\ \frac{\partial \ell_{H_0}}{\partial k_1} = & \frac{n_2}{k_1} - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log(1 + x_{1i}^{-c}), \\ \frac{\partial \ell_{H_0}}{\partial k_2} = & \frac{n_1}{k_2} - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \log(1 + x_{2i}^{-c}).\end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 3 of Self and Liang (1987), it follows that;

$$2(\ell(\hat{c}, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2, \hat{k}_3) - \ell_{H_0}(\hat{c}, \hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2, 0)) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\chi_1^2.$$

The value of the test statistic is 18.85. and the  $p = 0.00$ , hence we reject the null hypothesis. This observation also shows that the proposed MOBBIII may be used for analyzing this bivariate data set.

## 7 Conclusions

In this paper we have considered the MLEs of the four parameters of Marshal-Olkin Bivariate Burr III distribution when both components of the bivariate variable are subject to random censoring. The maximum likelihood estimator of the unknown parameters is obtained using the direct method and Expectation Conditional Maximization algorithm. We have looked at the

pseudo-likelihood with information on ordering of  $U_1, U_2$  and  $U_3$  missing and treated this problem as missing value problem. The existence and uniqueness of the MLEs is studied graphically. The simulation results indicate that ECM algorithm performs very well for different sample sizes and also for various levels of random censoring that we have studied. We have also constructed the asymptotic confidence intervals using the idea of Louis (1982) and observed that the asymptotic confidence intervals give accurate results and hence can be used for testing purposes. In data analysis section, for obtaining MLEs of unknown parameters we needed to obtain the MLEs of complete data by using complex calculations, only the results are reported in this paper.

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## Appendix A: Fisher Information Matrix

The observed Fisher information matrix elements for the censored data for the *MOBBIII* distribution is as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{11} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial c^2} = \frac{M_0}{c^2} + B_1, \\
I_{22} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_1^2} = \frac{M_1}{k_1^2} + \frac{M_{13}}{(k_1 + k_3)^2} - B_2, \\
I_{33} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_2^2} = \frac{M_2}{k_2^2} + \frac{M_{23}}{(k_2 + k_3)^2} - B_3, \\
I_{44} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_3^2} = \frac{n_{11}^0}{k_3^2} + \frac{M_{13}}{(k_1 + k_3)^2} + \frac{M_{23}}{(k_2 + k_3)^2}, \\
I_{12} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial c \partial k_1} = -\sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{[(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}]} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{[(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}]} \right\} \\
I_{13} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial c \partial k_2} = -\sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i} \delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}]} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{[(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}]} \right\} \\
I_{14} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_1 \partial k_2} = -\sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \\
I_{23} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_1 \partial k_3} = 0, \quad I_{23} = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_2 \partial k_3} = 0, \quad I_{34} = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial k_2 \partial k_3} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Where  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$  and  $B_3$  are defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_1 = & (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln^2 t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} + (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_0} \left\{ \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + (k_1 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln^2 t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} + (k_1 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_1} \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + (k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln^2 t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} + (k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_2} \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + k_2 \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln^2 t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} + k_2 \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + k_1 \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln^2 t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} + k_1 \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln^2 t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} + \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{1i} \ln^2 t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \right] + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{1i} \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \right]^2 \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{2i} \ln^2 t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right] + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{2i} \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right]^2 \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln^2 t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2(k_2+1)(\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c})^2 (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
 & - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln^2 t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2(k_2+1)(\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c})^2 (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i} (1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\}^2 \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln^2 t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1(k_1+1)(\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c})^2 (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-2}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \\
 & - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln^2 t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1(k_1+1)(\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c})^2 (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-2}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}^2 \\
 B_2 = & \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln^2 (1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln^2 (1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\} \\
 & - \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i}) \delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln (1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln (1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_3 = & \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln^2(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln^2(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\}^2
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

In this section, the Fisher information matrix is observed using the Louis method (1982) obtained. This method is used when the *EM* algorithm is used to obtain the maximum likelihood estimates for censored data. The observed Fisher information matrix to obtain the variance-covariance matrix the estimates obtained from the *EM* algorithm are inverted. Suppose  $S$  is the first derivative vector and  $H$  is the Hessein matrix. The Fisher information matrix will be calculated as  $H - SS^T$ . Vector Components  $S = (S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4)^T$  using  $N_0$ ,  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N_3$  are as follows;

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1 &= \frac{N_0}{c} + h_1(c, k_1, k_2, k_3), & S_2 &= \frac{N_1}{k_1} - h_2(c, k_1) \\
S_3 &= \frac{N_2}{k_2} - h_3(c, k_2), & S_4 &= \frac{N_3}{k_3} - h_4(c)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
h_1(c, k_1, k_2, k_3) = & (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_0} \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} + (k_1 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_1} \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} \\
& + (k_2 + k_3) \sum_{i \in I_2} \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} + k_2 \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \\
& + k_1 \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} - \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log t_i \\
& - \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} [\delta_{1i} \log t_{1i} + \delta_{2i} \log t_{2i}] + \sum_{i \in I_0} (\delta_{1i} + \delta_{2i} - \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \frac{\ln t_i t_i^{-c}}{1 + t_i^{-c}} \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1 \cup I_2} \left[ \frac{\delta_{1i} \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{1i}^{-c}} + \frac{\delta_{2i} \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c}}{1 + t_{2i}^{-c}} \right] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{k_2 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1} - k_2 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2-1}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\} \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{k_1 \ln t_{1i} t_{1i}^{-c} (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1} - k_1 \ln t_{2i} t_{2i}^{-c} (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1-1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_2(c, k_1) = & \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{2i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) \Big] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_2} (1 - \delta_{1i})\delta_{2i} \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - \ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}}{(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_1} - (1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_1}} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h_3(c, k_2) = & \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right. \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} (1 - \delta_{1i} + \delta_{1i}\delta_{2i}) \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \Big] \\
& + \sum_{i \in I_1} \delta_{1i}(1 - \delta_{2i}) \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - \ln(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})(1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}}{(1 + t_{2i}^{-c})^{-k_2} - (1 + t_{1i}^{-c})^{-k_2}} \right\}, \\
h_4(c) = & \left[ \sum_{i \in I_0} \log(1 + t_i^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_1} \log(1 + t_{1i}^{-c}) + \sum_{i \in I_2} \log(1 + t_{2i}^{-c}) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hessian Matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{11} &= -\frac{N_0}{c^2} - B_1, & H_{12} &= -I_{12}, & H_{13} &= -I_{13} \\
H_{22} &= -\frac{N_1}{k_1^2} + B_2, & H_{14} &= -I_{14}, & H_{23} &= 0, \\
H_{33} &= -\frac{N_2}{k_2^2} + B_3, & H_{24} &= 0, & H_{44} &= -\frac{N_3}{k_3^2}
\end{aligned}$$

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