

Inference on quantile processes with a finite number of clusters

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- If X is a stochastic process, then $X \sim gX$ does not make sense. What now?

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If **(AN)** holds and $P(X_j(u) = -X_j(u')) = 0$ for all $u, u' \in \mathcal{U}$ and $1 \leq j \leq q$, then

$$P(T(\hat{\delta} - \delta \mathbf{1}_q) > T^{1-\alpha}(\hat{\delta} - \delta \mathbf{1}_q, \mathcal{G})) \rightarrow P(T(X) > T^{1-\alpha}(X, \mathcal{G})) \leq \alpha$$

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Under slightly strengthened conditions,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\bar{p} \leq \alpha/2) \leq \alpha$$

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