

ON THE NUMBER OF l -OVERLAPPING SUCCESS RUNS OF LENGTH k UNDER q - SEQUENCE OF BINARY TRIALS

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Abstract: Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a $\{0, 1\}$ -valued Bernoulli trials with a geometrically varying success probability. The probability mass function, first and second moments of the number of l -overlapping success runs of length k in X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are obtained. The new distribution generalizes, Type I and Type II q -binomial distributions which were recently studied in the literature.

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1. Introduction

The distribution of the number of success runs has been widely studied in the literature under various assumptions on binary sequences. See, e.g. [1]-[7].

Let $\{X_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of Bernoulli trials such that the trials of subsequences after the $(i-1)$ st zero until the i -th zero are independent with failure probability

$$q_i = 1 - \theta q^{i-1}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \quad 0 < \theta < 1, \quad 0 < q \leq 1. \quad (1.1)$$

Charalambides [8] studied discrete q - distributions under the above mentioned Bernoulli scheme. In particular, he has obtained the pmf of the number Z_n of successes in X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n as

$$P(Z_n = s) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q \theta^s \prod_{i=1}^{n-s} (1 - \theta q^{i-1}), \quad s = 0, 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[n]_{s,q}}{[s]_q!}$$

and $[n]_{s,q} = [n]_q [n-1]_q \times \dots \times [n-s+1]_q$, $[s]_q = \frac{1-q^s}{1-q}$, $[s]_q! = [1]_q [2]_q \times \dots \times [s]_q$. Note that q -binomial distribution converges to the usual binomial distribution as $q \rightarrow 1$.

According to the nonoverlapping enumeration scheme, the distribution of the number of success runs of length k in n trials follows a Type I binomial distribution of order k which reduces to the well-known binomial distribution when $k = 1$. Recently, Yalcin and Eryilmaz [9] and Yalcin [10] introduced and studied q -geometric distribution of order k and q -binomial distribution of order k under q -sequence of binary trials.

In this study, we consider a new generalization of a q -binomial distribution of order k . Let $N_{n,k,l}^q$ denote the number of l -overlapping success runs of length k in n Bernoulli trials under q -sequence of binary trials. For example, let $n = 15$ and the trials be

Outcomes: 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0

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Then, the number of $l = 2$ overlapping success run of length $k = 3$ is $N_{15,3,2}^q = 6$ and the corresponding success runs are

$$1\ 2\ 3, 5\ 6\ 7, 6\ 7\ 8, 10\ 11\ 12, 11\ 12\ 13, 12\ 13\ 14.$$

For $l = 1$ and $k = 3$, the corresponding success runs are

$$1\ 2\ 3, 5\ 6\ 7, 10\ 11\ 12, 12\ 13\ 14$$

and hence $N_{15,3,1}^q = 4$.

The distribution of random variable $N_{n,k,l}^q$ reduces

- to the distribution of $N_{n,k,l}$ (Makri and Philippou [4]) when $q \rightarrow 1$
- to the distribution of $M_{n,k}$ (Yalcin [10]) when $l = k - 1$
- to the distribution of $M_n^{(k)}$ (Ling [3]) when $q \rightarrow 1$ and $l = k - 1$
- to the distribution of $N_{n,k}$ (Yalcin and Eryilmaz [9]) when $l = 0$
- to the distribution of $N_n^{(k)}$ (Hirano [1] and Philippou and Makri [2]) when $q \rightarrow 1$ and $l = 0$.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, probability mass function (pmf) of $N_{n,k,l}^q$ is obtained. First and second moments of introduced distribution are also derived.

2. Distribution and the first two moments of $N_{n,k,l}^q$

We first prove the following lemma which will be useful in the sequel.

LEMMA 1. For $0 < q \leq 1$, define

$$A_q(r, s, t) = \sum_B \dots \sum q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \dots + (r-1)y_r},$$

where

$$B = \{\mathbf{y} : y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_r = s, c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_r = t, y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_r \geq 0\},$$

$$c_j = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{y_j - l}{k - l} \right], & \text{if } y_j \geq k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)$, $[x]$ denotes the integer part of x and y_i 's ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$) are all integers. Then $A_q(r, s, t)$ obeys the following recurrence relation

$$A_q(r, s, t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^s q^{(r-1)j} A_q(r-1, s-j, t-d_j), & \text{if } r > 1, s \geq 0, t \geq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } \left(r = 1, s \geq k, t = \frac{s-l}{k-l} \right) \text{ or} \\ 0, & \left(r = 1, 0 \leq s < k, t = 0 \right) \\ & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where

$$d_j = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{j-l}{k-l} \right], & \text{if } j \geq k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$j = 0, 1, \dots, s$.

PROOF. For $r > 1$, consider the values that y_r can take, it can be written

$$\begin{aligned} A_q(r, s, t) &= \sum_{B_0} \dots \sum_{B_1} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(r-2)y_{r-1}} + q^{r-1} \sum_{B_1} \dots \sum_{B_2} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(r-2)y_{r-1}} \\ &\quad + q^{2(r-1)} \sum_{B_2} \dots \sum_{B_3} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(r-2)y_{r-1}} + \dots + q^{s(r-1)} \sum_{B_s} \dots \sum_{B_s} q^{y_2+2y_3+\dots+(r-2)y_{r-1}} \\ &= A_q(r-1, s, t-d_0) \\ &\quad + q^{r-1} A_q(r-1, s-1, t-d_1) + \dots + q^{s(r-1)} A_q(r-1, 0, t-d_s) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^s q^{(r-1)j} A_q(r-1, s-j, t-d_j), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_j = \{\mathbf{y} : y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{r-1} = s - j, c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_{r-1} = t - d_j, y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_{r-1} \geq 0\}$$

for $j = 0, 1, \dots, s$ such that $B = \cup_{j=0}^s B_j$. The other parts of recurrence are obvious. ■

THEOREM 1. Let $N_{n,k,l}^q$ denote the number of l -overlapping success runs of length k in n Bernoulli trials under q -sequence of binary trials. Then, for $0 < q \leq 1$, the probability mass function of $N_{n,k,l}^q$ is given by

$$P\{N_{n,k,l}^q = x\} = \sum_{i=0}^{\nu_n(x)} \theta^{n-i} \prod_{j=1}^i (1 - \theta q^{j-1}) A_q(i+1, n-i, x),$$

$x = 0, 1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n-l}{k-l} \right\rfloor$, where

$$\nu(x) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ n - (x(k-l) + l), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and $A_q(r, s, t)$ is defined as in Lemma 1.

PROOF. Let S_n denote the total number of zeros (failures) in n trials. Then

$$P\{N_{n,k,l}^q = x\} = \sum_i P\{N_{n,k,l}^q = x, S_n = i\}.$$

The joint event $\{N_{n,k,l}^q = x, S_n = i\}$ can be described with the following binary sequence which consists of i zeros.

$$\underbrace{1\dots 10}_{y_1} \underbrace{1\dots 10}_{y_2} \dots \underbrace{01\dots 10}_{y_i} \underbrace{01\dots 1}_{y_{i+1}},$$

where $y_j \geq 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, i+1$,

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{i+1} &= n - i \\ c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_{i+1} &= x \end{aligned}$$

and c_j s are defined as Eq. (2.1).

It is clear that i can take the values at least 0 and at most $\nu(x)$. Under the model (1.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P\{N_{n,k,l}^q = x\} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\nu(x)} \sum_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^{i+1} y_j = n-i \\ \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} c_j = x \\ y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_{i+1} \geq 0}} \cdots \sum (\theta q^0)^{y_1} (1 - \theta q^0) (\theta q)^{y_2} (1 - \theta q) \times \cdots \times (\theta q^{i-1})^{y_i} (1 - \theta q^{i-1}) (\theta q^i)^{y_{i+1}} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\nu(x)} \theta^{n-i} \prod_{j=1}^i (1 - \theta q^{j-1}) \sum_{\substack{\sum_{j=1}^{i+1} y_j = n-i \\ \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} c_j = x \\ y_1 \geq 0, \dots, y_{i+1} \geq 0}} \cdots \sum q^{y_2 + 2y_3 + \cdots + (i-1)y_i + iy_{i+1}} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\nu(x)} \theta^{n-i} \prod_{j=1}^i (1 - \theta q^{j-1}) A_q(i+1, n-i, x). \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

As a special case, the pmf of the $N_{12,3,2}^q$ is given for different parameters settings in Table 1.

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be the Bernoulli random variables with geometrically varying success probability. For $i = 1, k-l+1, 2(k-l)+1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n-k}{k-l} \rfloor (k-l)+1$, let E_i be the event that " $X_1 X_2 \cdots X_{i+k-1} = 1$ " and for $i = 2, \dots, n-k+1$ and $j = 0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor$, let $E_{i,j}$ be the event that " $X_{i-j(k-l)-1} = 0, X_{i-j(k-l)} \cdots X_{i+k-1} = 1$ ". Next A_1, A_2, A_3 be a partition of the index set $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n-k+1\}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= \{1\}, \\
 A_2 &= \left\{ k-l+1, 2(k-l)+1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n-k}{k-l} \right\rfloor (k-l)+1 \right\}, \\
 A_3 &= I - (A_1 \cup A_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

In the following Theorem, we obtain an expression for the expected value of the random variable $N_{n,k,l}^q$.

THEOREM 2. Let $N_{n,k,l}^q$ be a random variable as in Theorem 1. Then for $n \leq k-1$, $E(N_{n,k,l}^q) = 0$ and for $n \geq k > l \geq 0$,

$$E(N_{n,k,l}^q) = \theta^k + \sum_{i \in A_2} \theta^{i+k-1} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-k+1} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\nu_{i,j}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,j}} = s) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s+1})^{k+j(k-l)},$$

where $\nu_{i,j} = i - j(k-l) - 2$ and $P(Z_y = s)$ is defined as Eq. (1.2)

PROOF. Let us define random variables Y_i , $1 \leq i \leq n-k+1$, as follows:

$$Y_1 = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } E_1 \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for $i \in A_2$,

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } E_i \cup \bigcup_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,j} \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and for $i \in A_3$,

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \bigcup_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,j} \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In this case $N_{n,k,l}^q$ can be written by using Y s as $N_{n,k,l}^q = \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} Y_i$. Therefore, expected value of $N_{n,k,l}^q$ is obtained by

$$E(N_{n,k,l}^q) = P(Y_1 = 1) + \sum_{i \in A_2} P(Y_i = 1) + \sum_{i \in A_3} P(Y_i = 1), \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$P(Y_1 = 1) = \theta^k, \quad (2.3)$$

for $i \in A_2$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_i = 1) &= P\left(E_{i,0} \cup E_{i,1} \cup \dots \cup E_{i, \lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \cup E_i\right) \\ &= P(E_{i,0}) + P(E_{i,1}) + \dots + P\left(E_{i, \lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor}\right) + P(E_i) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P(E_{i,j}) &= P(X_{i-j(k-l)-1} = 0, X_{i-j(k-l)} \dots X_{i+k-1} = 1) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\nu_{i,j}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,j}} = s) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s+1})^{k+j(k-l)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \right\rfloor, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$P(E_i) = P(X_1 \dots X_{i+k-1} = 1) = \theta^{i+k-1}. \quad (2.6)$$

Hence, substituting Eqs. (2.5)-(2.6) in Eq. (2.4), for $i \in A_2$

$$P(Y_i = 1) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\nu_{i,j}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,j}} = s) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s+1})^{k+j(k-l)} + \theta^{i+k-1}. \quad (2.7)$$

Furthermore for $i \in A_3$, $P(Y_i = 1)$ can be similarly obtained as

$$P(Y_i = 1) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\nu_{i,j}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,j}} = s) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,j}-s+1})^{k+j(k-l)}. \quad (2.8)$$

The proof is completed by using Eqs. (2.3), (2.7) and (2.8) in Eq. (2.2).

THEOREM 3. Let $N_{n,k,l}^q$ be a random variable as in Theorem 1. Then for $n \leq k-1$, $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)^2 = 0$ and $n \geq k > l \geq 0$,

$$E(N_{n,k,l}^q)^2 = E(N_{n,k,l}^q) + 2(I_1 + I_2),$$

where

$$I_1 = \sum_{r=2}^{n-k+1} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-k-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\eta_{1,r,j}} P(Z_{\eta_{1,r,j}} = s) \theta^k (1 - \theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j}-s}) (\theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j}-s+1})^{k+j(k-l)} + \sum_{r \in A_2} \theta^{r+k-1},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 = & \sum_{i=2}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} \sum_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} \left[\sum_{s_1=0}^{\nu_{i,t_1}} \sum_{s_2=0}^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,t_1}} = s_1) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} - s_1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} - s_1 + 1})^{k+t_1(k-l)} \right. \right. \right. \\
& \times P(W_{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} = s_2) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} + \eta_{i,r,t_2} - (s_1 + s_2) + 1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} + \eta_{i,r,t_2} - (s_1 + s_2) + 2})^{k+t_2(k-l)} \left. \left. \left. \right) \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \delta \sum_{s_1=0}^{\nu_{r,t_1}} P(Z_{\nu_{r,t_1}} = s_1) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{r,t_1} - s_1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{r,t_1} - s_1 + 1})^{r+k-i+t_1(k-l)} \right\} \\
& + \sum_{i \in A_2} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} \sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} P(Z_{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} = s) \theta^{i+k-1} (1 - \theta q^{\eta_{i,r,t_2} - s}) (\theta q^{\eta_{i,r,t_2} - s + 1})^{k+t_2(k-l)} \\
& + \sum_{i \in A_2} \sum_{\substack{r \in A_2 \\ r > i}} \theta^{r+k-1},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \frac{r-i+t_1(k-l)}{k-l} \text{ is integer} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$\nu_{i,j} = i - j(k-l) - 2$, $\eta_{i,r,j} = r - i - k - j(k-l) - 1$. Also $P(Z_a = s_1)$ and $P(W_b = s_2)$ are pmf of the q -binomial distribution (see Eq. (1.2)) with a and b trials and initial success probability θ and θq^{a-s_1+1} , respectively. Note that $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ is already obtained in Theorem 2.

PROOF. It is clear that

$$(N_{n,k,l}^q)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} Y_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} Y_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} Y_i Y_r$$

and one can also write

$$E(N_{n,k,l}^q)^2 = E(N_{n,k,l}^q) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} E(Y_i Y_r). \quad (2.9)$$

Last term in RHS of Eq. (2.9) is obtained by

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} E(Y_i Y_r) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} P(Y_i Y_r = 1) \\
&= \sum_{r=2}^{n-k+1} P(Y_1 Y_r = 1) + \sum_{i=2}^{n-k} \sum_{r=i+1}^{n-k+1} P(Y_i Y_r = 1),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(Y_1 Y_r = 1) \\
= & \begin{cases} P \left\{ E_1 \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,j} \cup E_r \right) \right\}, & r \in A_2 \\ P \left\{ E_1 \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,j} \right) \right\}, & r \in A_3 \end{cases} \\
= & \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-k-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\eta_{1,r,j}} P(Z_{\eta_{1,r,j}} = s) \theta^k (1 - \theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j} - s}) (\theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j} - s + 1})^{k+j(k-l)} + \theta^{r+k-1}, & r \in A_2 \\ \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-k-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \sum_{s=0}^{\eta_{1,r,j}} P(Z_{\eta_{1,r,j}} = s) \theta^k (1 - \theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j} - s}) (\theta q^{\eta_{1,r,j} - s + 1})^{k+j(k-l)}, & r \in A_3, \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(Y_i Y_r = 1) = \begin{cases} P \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,t_1} \cup E_i \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,t_2} \cup E_r \right) \right\}, & i, r \in A_2 \\ P \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,t_1} \cup E_i \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,t_2} \right) \right\}, & \begin{matrix} i \in A_2 \\ r \in A_3 \end{matrix} \\ P \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,t_1} \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,t_2} \cup E_r \right) \right\}, & \begin{matrix} i \in A_3 \\ r \in A_2 \end{matrix} \\ P \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{i,t_1} \right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-2}{k-l} \rfloor} E_{r,t_2} \right) \right\}, & i, r \in A_3 \end{cases} \\
 = \begin{cases} \left\{ \sum_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} P(E_{i,t_1} \cap E_{r,t_2}) \right) + \delta P \left(E_{r, \frac{r-i+t_1(k-l)}{k-l}} \right) \right\} \right. \\ \quad \left. + \sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} P(E_i \cap E_{r,t_2}) + P(E_i \cap E_r) \right\}, & \begin{matrix} i \in A_2 \\ r \in A_2 \end{matrix} \\ \left\{ \sum_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} P(E_{i,t_1} \cap E_{r,t_2}) \right) + \delta P \left(E_{r, \frac{r-i+t_1(k-l)}{k-l}} \right) \right\} \right. \\ \quad \left. + \sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} P(E_i \cap E_{r,t_2}) \right\}, & \begin{matrix} i \in A_2 \\ r \in A_3 \end{matrix} \\ \left\{ \sum_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i-2}{k-l} \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\sum_{t_2=0}^{\lfloor \frac{r-i-k-1}{k-l} \rfloor} P(E_{i,t_1} \cap E_{r,t_2}) \right) + \delta P \left(E_{r, \frac{r-i+t_1(k-l)}{k-l}} \right) \right\} \right\}, & \begin{matrix} i \in A_3 \\ r \in A_2 \cup A_3 \end{matrix} \end{cases} \\
 P(E_i \cap E_r) = \theta^{r+k-1}, \\
 P(E_i \cap E_{r,t_2}) = \sum_{s=0}^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} P(Z_{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} = s) \theta^{i+k-1} (1 - \theta q^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}-s}) (\theta q^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}-s+1})^{k+t_2(k-l)}, \\
 P(E_{i,t_1} \cap E_{r,t_2}) = \sum_{s_1=0}^{\nu_{i,t_1}} \sum_{s_2=0}^{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} P(Z_{\nu_{i,t_1}} = s_1) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1}-s_1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1}-s_1+1})^{k+t_1(k-l)} \\
 \quad \times P(W_{\eta_{i,r,t_2}} = s_2) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} + \eta_{i,r,t_2} - (s_1+s_2)+1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{i,t_1} + \eta_{i,r,t_2} - (s_1+s_2)+2})^{k+t_2(k-l)}, \\
 P \left(E_{r, \frac{r-i+t_1(k-l)}{k-l}} \right) = \sum_{s_1=0}^{\nu_{r,t_1}} P(Z_{\nu_{r,t_1}} = s_1) (1 - \theta q^{\nu_{r,t_1}-s_1}) (\theta q^{\nu_{r,t_1}-s_1+1})^{r+k-i+t_1(k-l)},$$

$P(Z_a = s_1)$ and $P(W_b = s_2)$ are pmf of the q -binomial distribution with initial success probability θ and θq^{a-s_1+1} . ■

$E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ and $Var(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ are given for different values of n, k, l, q and θ in Tables 2-3 and some related figures are also given in Figs. 2-3 for $n = 10$. From these tables and figures, it can be seen that:

- When l increases, both $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ and $Var(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ increase
- When k increases, both $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ and $Var(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ decrease
- When θ or q increases, $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ increases and $Var(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ is non-monotone.

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TABLE 1. Probability mass function of $N_{12,3,2}^q$

x	$q = 0.5, \theta = 0.5$	$q = 0.5, \theta = 0.8$	$q = 0.8, \theta = 0.5$
0	0.8594	0.4526	0.7668
1	0.0733	0.1169	0.1243
2	0.0343	0.0888	0.0570
3	0.0166	0.0694	0.0270
4	0.0082	0.0550	0.0130
5	0.0041	0.0438	0.0062
6	0.0020	0.0350	0.0030
7	0.0010	0.0312	0.0016
8	0.0005	0.0215	0.0004
9	0.0002	0.0172	0.0003
10	0.0002	0.0687	0.0002

TABLE 2. $E(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ for different values of θ, q, n, k and l

n	l	k	(θ, q)				
			(0.2, 0.5)	(0.5, 0.2)	(0.5, 0.5)	(0.5, 1)	(0.8, 0.5)
8	0	2	0.05509	0.34237	0.41692	1.22265	1.64504
	1	3	0.00948	0.16504	0.18209	0.52734	1.10233
	2	4	0.00177	0.08212	0.08608	0.22265	0.85677
	3	5	0.00034	0.03907	0.03996	0.08984	0.54280
	4	5	0.00041	0.05860	0.05968	0.12499	0.97420
10	0	2	0.05510	0.34348	0.42003	1.55566	1.78102
	1	3	0.00948	0.16702	0.18471	0.69433	1.24823
	2	4	0.00177	0.08310	0.08734	0.30566	0.96948
	3	5	0.00034	0.04102	0.04204	0.13183	0.67952
	4	5	0.00041	0.06153	0.06279	0.18749	1.21949
12	0	2	0.05510	0.34375	0.42083	1.88890	1.86823
	1	3	0.00948	0.16752	0.18537	0.86107	1.34169
	2	4	0.00177	0.08335	0.08765	0.38891	1.04167
	3	5	0.00034	0.04151	0.04256	0.17358	0.76707
	4	5	0.00041	0.06226	0.06357	0.24999	1.37657

TABLE 3. $Var(N_{n,k,l}^q)$ for different values of θ, q, n, k and l

n	l	k	(θ, q)				
			(0.2, 0.5)	(0.5, 0.2)	(0.5, 0.5)	(0.5, 1)	(0.8, 0.5)
8	0	2	0.07342	0.44446	0.60066	2.04772	2.26448
	1	3	0.01035	0.23177	0.25033	0.61644	1.42630
	2	4	0.00191	0.12226	0.12588	0.25120	1.32089
	3	5	0.00037	0.05317	0.05407	0.10521	0.66825
	4	5	0.00061	0.14111	0.14252	0.24268	2.39907
10	0	2	0.08553	0.45503	0.68776	3.31330	3.09906
	1	3	0.01090	0.24494	0.27380	1.29621	2.10510
	2	4	0.00192	0.12894	0.13359	0.41536	1.88385
	3	5	0.00037	0.06278	0.06381	0.16523	1.17570
	4	5	0.00061	0.16908	0.17082	0.40429	4.25853
12	0	2	0.09760	0.45946	0.76340	4.42100	3.84258
	1	3	0.01145	0.24924	0.28704	2.02928	2.71397
	2	4	0.00195	0.13111	0.13700	0.78160	2.37884
	3	5	0.00037	0.06616	0.06731	0.25575	1.65544
	4	5	0.00061	0.17900	0.18093	0.59765	6.00807

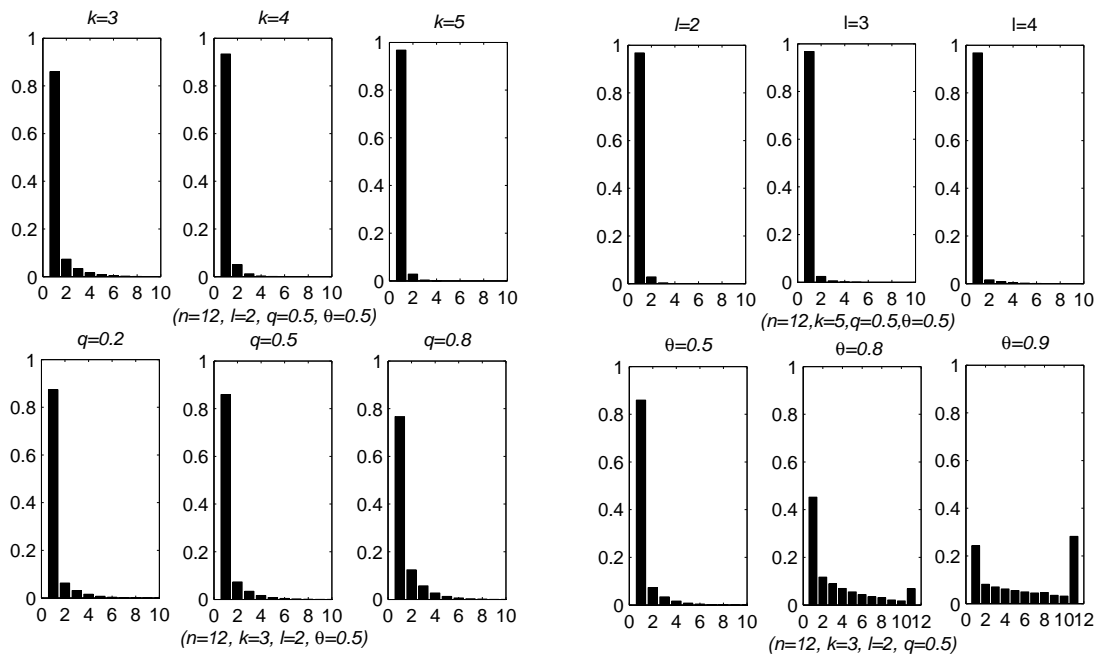


FIGURE 1. Probability mass function of $N_{12,k,l}^q$ for different settings

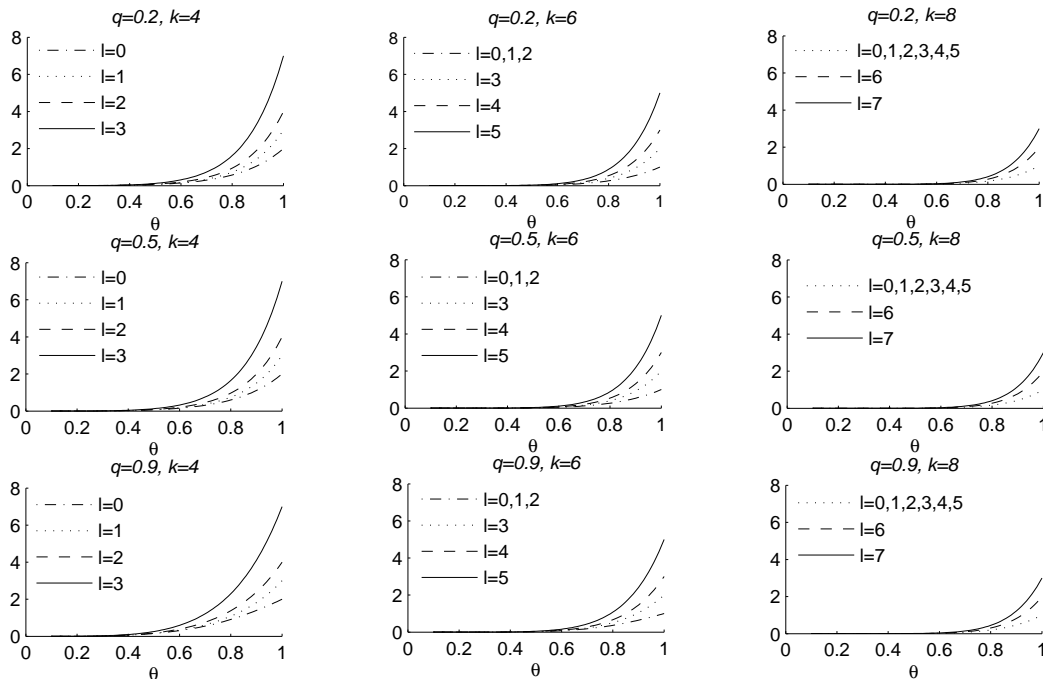


FIGURE 2. $E(N_{10,k,l}^q)$ for different values of θ, q, k and l

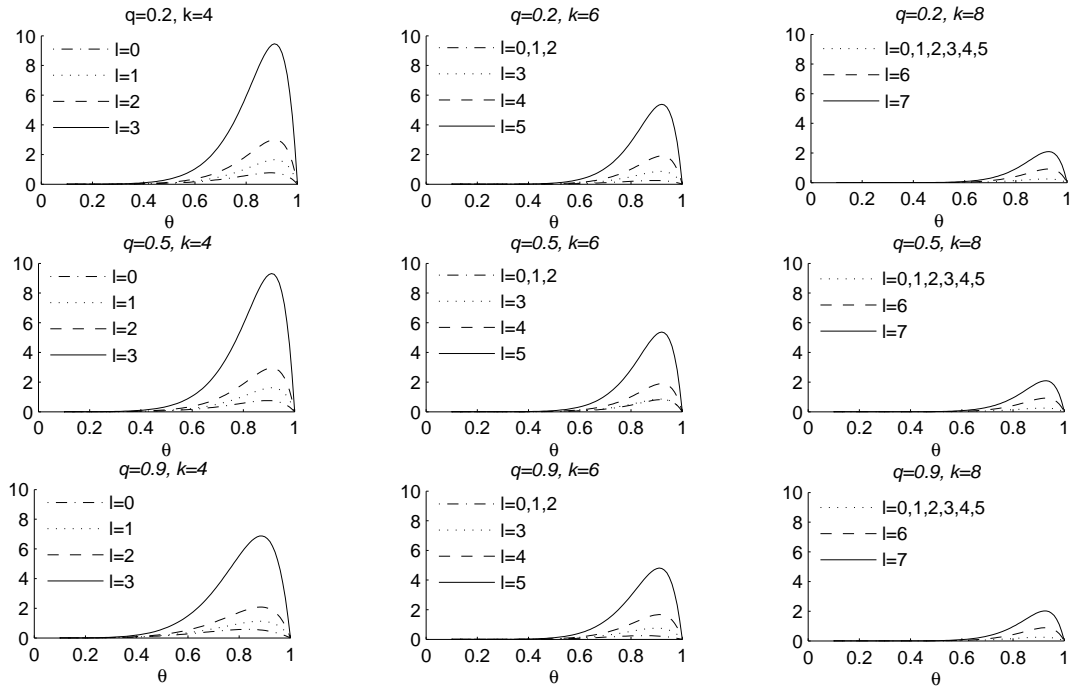


FIGURE 3. $Var(N_{10,k,l}^q)$ for different values of θ, q, k and l