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ABSTRACT

Computer simulations were conducted to study the behavior of three conditional differential item functioning (DIF) statistics in the detection of true or asymptotic DIF. The statistics included the standardized difference in proportion-correct (STD), the Mantel-Haenszel common odds-ratio (MH) and the root mean weighted squared difference in proportion-correct (RMWSD). The simulated tests were based on actual administrations of the ACT Assessment to certain focal and base examinee populations. Sample sizes of examinees were varied while true DIF and test length remained fixed. Results of these simulations showed that the MH and STD statistics were preferred as DIF indicators for sample sizes greater than 250.

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In the fall of 1988, several members of the American College Testing Program's Test Development Division conducted computer simulations to study the behavior of three conditional differential item functioning (DIF) statistics, in terms of DIF or item bias detection. The statistics selected for inclusion in this study were the standardized difference in proportion-correct (Dorans & Kulick, 1986), Mantel-Haenszel common odds-ratio (Holland & Thayer, 1986; Mantel & Haenszel, 1959), and the root mean weighted squared difference in proportion-correct (Dorans & Kulick, 1986).

Item bias statistics which condition on some examinee ability measure are thought to be better measures of DIF than those statistics that use the simple unconditional difference in proportion-correct values, sometimes referred to as impact. The unconditional impact does not take into account underlying differences in ability distributions between populations or groups of interest. The conditional procedures, on the other hand, reflect proportion-correct differences only between examinees with comparable ability in each population or group. These DIF statistics have been used by other testing programs and services to detect or flag test items on tests where DIF might be problematic. The statistics were defined as follows.

The populations or groups of interest were referred to as the focal (\underline{F}) group and the base (\underline{B}) group. Then \underline{s} indexed each observed score category of a k-item test, or $s=0,1,\ldots,k$. Then

 $N_{\overline{F}_{S}}$ = the number of examinees in the \overline{F} group at score \underline{s} , $N_{\overline{B}_{S}}$ = the number of examinees in the \underline{B} group at score \underline{s} ,

 N_{g} = the total number of examinees in \underline{F} and \underline{B} at score \underline{s} ,

$$\omega_{F_s} = N_{F_s} / \sum_{s=0}^{k} N_{F_s}$$
, the relative frequency of \underline{F} at \underline{s} ,

$$\omega_{B_s} = N_{B_s} / \sum_{s=0}^{k} N_{B_s}$$
, the relative frequency of B at s, and

$$\omega_s = \frac{k}{s} / \frac{\Sigma}{s=0} N_s$$
, the total relative frequency of \underline{F} and \underline{B} at \underline{s} .

Also R_{F_s} and R_{B_s} were the numbers of examinees (i.e., absolute frequency) in \underline{F} and \underline{B} respectively at \underline{s} who answered the item correctly. The proportion-correct values for each group at s were given by

$$P_{F_s} = R_{F_s}/N_{F_s}$$
, and

$$P_{B_s} = R_{B_s}/N_{B_s}$$
.

The STD Statistic

The standardized difference in proportion-correct was defined as

$$STD = \sum_{s=0}^{k} \omega_{F_{s}} (P_{F} - P_{B}) . \qquad (1)$$

The signed difference, $(P_F^{}_s^{}_B)$, was weighted by the relative frequency of \underline{F} because $\omega_F^{}$ provided the greatest weight to differences at those score levels most frequently observed in the focal group.

The MH Statistic

If W_F and W_B were the absolute frequencies of incorrect responses to this item in F and B, respectively at S, and N_S was the total number of responses at S, then the Mantel-Haenszel common odds-ratio was

$$MH = \frac{\sum_{s=0}^{k} R_{B_s} W_{F_s/N_s}}{k}.$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^{k} R_{F_s} W_{B_s/N_s}$$

If Q_F and Q_B were defined as $(1 - P_F)$ and $(1 - P_B)$ respectively, then this index also could be written as

$$MH = \frac{\sum_{s=0}^{k} P_{B_{s}} Q_{F_{s}} \frac{N_{B_{s}} N_{F_{s}}}{N_{s}}}{\sum_{s=0}^{k} P_{F_{s}} Q_{B_{s}} \frac{N_{B_{s}} N_{F_{s}}}{N_{s}}}$$

or even as a function of several relative weights or densities,

$$MH = \frac{\sum_{s=0}^{k} P_{B_{s}} Q_{F_{s}}}{\sum_{s=0}^{k} P_{F_{s}} Q_{B_{s}}} \frac{\sum_{s=0}^{\omega_{B_{s}} \cdots \omega_{S}} W_{s}}{\sum_{s=0}^{\omega_{B_{s}} \cdots \omega_{S}} W_{s}} . \qquad (2)$$

The RMWSD Statistic

And finally, the root mean weighted squared difference in proportioncorrect was defined as

$$RMWSD = \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{k} \omega_{F_{s}} \left(P_{F_{s}} - P_{B_{s}} \right)^{2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} . \tag{3}$$

Asymptotic DIF Indices

These conditional item bias or DIF statistics are limited by the use of a manifest ability measure, the observed test score, which suffers from several drawbacks. First, the observed test score contains some measurement error which, according to the underlying model adopted to describe an examinee's true ability, is a function of the test's reliability or a function of this true but latent examinee ability. Because the observed test score was used in this study as the conditional ability measure and because this test score measure was discrete and finite, examinees from each group with different true but latent abilities could have been classified into the same score category, thereby violating to some degree the conditional approach to assessing DIF. A second problem is that, in practice, the observed test response data are based on available sample sizes from each group. These sample sizes may be quite small for some minority groups of interest whereas the latent ability distributions may be based on populations of very large (e.g., infinite) sizes. A third problem is that the observed test score consists of the sum of each individual's item scores. Thus if one or more of the test items is biased or favors one group over another, the observed test score may be biased as well.

In studying or comparing the performance of several DIF statistics in research settings, it was useful to define some measures of asymptotic DIF at the latent variable level based on the distributions of latent ability, so that these problems could be eliminated. Then, the performance capabilities of the item bias statistics could be compared to the true DIF indices which served as a true reference for DIF identification. The purpose of the present study was to compare the performances of three conditional DIF statistics under computer-simulated test-taking conditions in identifying test items with various degrees of DIF.

These true DIF indices are called asymptotic DIF indices. They were constructed as follows. Each of the DIF statistics, as given by equations (1), (2), and (3), was redefined by (a) replacing the manifest ability measure, \underline{s} , with a latent ability measure, θ , (b) allowing θ to be open and continuous on the real line such that $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, (c) replacing the summation operators with integration operations, and (d) allowing the finite samples of the groups or populations to approach infinity. In addition the relative frequencies at the discrete scores, \underline{s} , were replaced by densities of θ in \underline{F} , \underline{B} and the combined distribution. These arbitrary density functions of θ were denoted by $g_{\underline{F}}(\theta)$, $g_{\underline{B}}(\theta)$ and $g^*(\theta)$, respectively. The combined group density could be written as

$$g^*(\theta) = \alpha g_F(\theta) + (1 - \alpha)g_{\theta}(\theta),$$

where a mixing weight or proportion, α , was defined as $0 \le \alpha \le 1$.

For the purposes of this study, the definition of asymptotic DIF was made by replacing the proportions-correct and -incorrect at each score category or, P_B , Q_F , P_F , and Q_B , with probability functions of the latent ability measure, θ . It was assumed that the success probabilities, $P_R(\theta)$

and $P_{F}(\theta)$, were defined by the three-parameter logistic item response function with known item parameters for each group and for each item, or generally by

$$P(\theta) = c + \frac{(1-c)}{1+e^{-1.7a(\theta-b)}}$$
.

The Asymptotic STD Index

The STD index was measured on the p-value or proportion-correct scale. It indicated, on average, how members of \underline{F} differed from comparable members of \underline{B} . The STD statistic for any item of a \underline{k} -item test was computed in practice by equation (1). Negative values of STD indicated that the item favored \underline{B} while positive values of STD indicated that the item favored \underline{F} . Values of STD near zero indicated no DIF.

An asymptotic value of STD was defined by

$$\underset{+}{\text{STD}}(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[P_{F}(\theta) - P_{B}(\theta) \right] g_{F}(\theta) d\theta . \qquad (4)$$

The Asymptotic MH Index

The MH statistic could be interpreted as an odds-ratio. It indicated how much more (or less) likely it was that a comparable member of \underline{B} answered the item correctly than a comparable member of F.

The MH defined in (2) was an estimate of the common odds-ratio across the $\underline{\mathbf{k}} + 1$ levels of the 2 x 2 tables (i.e., group by response). The MH statistic had a value at or near 1.0 if there was no item bias present between $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$. If the item favored $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$, MH was less than 1.0. If the item favored $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$, MH was greater than 1.0.

An asymptotic measure of the MH index was defined by

$$MH(\theta) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{B}(\theta) Q_{F}(\theta) \frac{g_{B}(\theta) g_{F}(\theta)}{g^{*}(\theta)} d\theta}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{F}(\theta) Q_{B}(\theta) \frac{g_{B}(\theta) g_{F}(\theta)}{g^{*}(\theta)} d\theta}.$$
(5)

The Asymptotic RMWSD Index

The RMWSD statistic given in (3) was a nondirectional DIF indicator, thought to be capable of detecting cases of nonuniform item bias or situations where DIF favored one group at one part of the ability range but favored the other group at another part of the ability range.

An asymptotic value of RMWSD was defined by

$$RMWSD(\theta) = \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[P_{F}(\theta) - P_{B}(\theta) \right]^{2} g_{F}(\theta) d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{6}$$

Obtaining Item Parameters

Three tests from previously administered forms of the ACT Assessment Program (AAP) were used to obtain item parameter estimates on several different comparison groups of examinees. The first test used was form number 29B of the Mathematics Usage test (Test A). The groups of examinees randomly selected from a national population of test-takers were 2000 white or Caucasian examinees who were designated as the base (B) group and 2000 black examinees who were designated as the focal (F) group. The second test was AAP form number 27F of

the Social Studies Reading Test (Test B). The examinee groups were again randomly selected to yield 2000 white or Caucasian students (\underline{B}) and 2000 black students (\underline{F}). The third test was AAP form number 29C of the Mathematics Usage Test (Test C). For this test 2000 members of \underline{B} were chosen from the national sample of males and 2000 members of \underline{F} from the national sample of females.

Item parameter estimates were obtained from the $\underline{N}=4000$, $\underline{k}=40$, Test A item responses via the joint maximum likelihood method from the LOGIST (Wingersky, Barton & Lord, 1982) computer program and from the $\underline{N}=4000$, $\underline{k}=52$, Test B and $\underline{N}=4000$, $\underline{k}=40$, Test C responses via the marginal maximum likelihood method of the BILOG (Mislevy & Bock, 1984) computer program. These item parameter estimates are listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 for Tests A, B, and C, respectively.

Item parameter estimates from the three calibrations of each \underline{F} group (a_F, b_F, c_F) were rescaled to the respective \underline{B} group (a_F^*, b_F^*, c_F^*) by the family of simple linear transformations,

$$a_F^* = a_F/A$$
,

$$b_F^* = b_F \cdot A + B$$

$$c_*^k = c^k$$

with

$$A = SD(b_B)/SD(b_F)$$
 and

$$B = (\overline{b_B}) - A \bullet (\overline{b_F}) .$$

Asymptotic DIF Results

Using the item parameters given in Tables 1-3, the asymptotic DIF indices were calculated from the integral expressions given by equations (4), (5), and (6). The density functions for each group and each test were arbitrarily set as follows: (a) Test A, $\theta_F \sim N(-.5, 1.0)$, $\theta_B \sim N(.0, 1.0)$; (b) Test B, $\theta_F \sim N(-.5, 1.0)$, $\theta_B \sim N(.0, 1.0)$; (c) Test C, $\theta_F \sim N(.0, 1.0)$, $\theta_B \sim N(.0, 1.0)$. Two values of α , the mixing parameter for the combined density function, $g^*(\theta)$, were used in the evaluation of the theoretical or asymptotic value of MH, as given in equation (5). These values of α were .50 and .09, which represented mixing ratios of 1:1 and 1:10, respectively. Note that varying α only affected the asymptotic value of MH, because only this index required the use of the combined or mixed density function of θ . Tables 4, 5, and 6 give the values of these asymptotic DIF indices under the conditions described above.

The evaluation of these asymptotic DIF values revealed few problematic or "biased" test items. Using a completely arbitrary set of criteria, items were deemed to be biased if any one of the following conditions was met:

- (i) $|\sup_{\theta}(\theta)| \ge .10$,
- (ii) $MH(\theta) \ge 2.0$, or $MH(\theta) \le .5$,
- (iii) $\underset{\bullet}{\text{RMWSD}}(\theta) \ge .10$.

The item statistics satisfying these criteria are in boldface in Tables 4, 5, and 6.

Results from Test A

Table 4 shows that four items from MA29B were identified as being biased by at least one of the asymptotic or asymptotic DIF indices. These included items 5, 7, 19, and 29. Figures 1-4 illustrate the comparison plots of the item characteristic curves (ICCs) between $P_B(\theta)$ and $P_F(\theta)$ with the known item parameters given in Table 1. Several types of item bias or DIF are represented by these figures. Each of the DIF indices was capable of detecting uniform bias or situations in which the direction of the bias remained constant throughout most of the ability range. The root mean weighted squared difference in proportion-correct additionally was supposed to be able to detect "cross-over" effects of nonuniform bias, as depicted in Figure 4 for item number 29. Therefore, an item identified as showing DIF through the RMWSD index was biased either uniformly, nonuniformly or both. The source of this bias was not revealed in the statistic, nor was the direction of the bias identified.

The indices also differed in the weighting functions or ability distributions used in their computation. Items 5 and 7 (Figures 1 and 2, respectively) yielded the greatest group differences at the lower portion of the ability range, where significant frequencies from the \underline{F} group ability distribution gave more weight to these differences. Consequently, the standardized difference in proportion-correct and the root mean weighted squared difference in proportion-correct identified these items as biased. Item 29 was a classic nonuniform bias case where the ICC cross-over occurred

near the center of the combined \underline{F} and \underline{B} groups. Subsequently, the RMWSD(0) index identified the item as biased while the directional indices did not. (See Figure 4). Item 5 was labeled as a biased test item as long as the definition of item bias included the stipulation that bias can only occur "where the \underline{F} ability is distributed." On the other hand, item 19 had the greatest ICC differences at the upper end of the ability scale where there were fewer \underline{F} examinees. The results from Table 4 illustrate these facts. Test A showed quite a variety of the types of item bias or DIF that can occur.

Results from Test B

Table 5 shows that five items from Test B were identified as biased test items according to at least one of the criteria defined previously. However, there were many items within the last reading passage of the test that were quite close to the .10 criterion for the $\text{STD}(\theta)$ and $\text{RMWSD}(\theta)$ indices, and all of the signs of the $\text{STD}(\theta)$ index indicated that the \underline{F} group was disadvantaged. Because these items appeared in the last reading passage, it was hypothesized that a speededness effect was probably present. Figures 5-9 show the F and B comparisons of the ICCs of items 23, 34, 44, 47, and 50.

Results from Test C

Table 6 shows that only three items (numbers 4, 18 and 28) from Test C were identified as biased according to the criteria. This situation was a bit different from the previous test results in that it was expected that the $\text{STD}(\theta)$

and $MH(\theta)$ results should have agreed more closely with each other due to the fact that the \underline{F} and \underline{B} ability distributions were the same. This was

true, as the only item (item 4) to be identified as uniformly biased in favor of \underline{B} , was so identified by both $\underline{STD}(\theta)$ and $\underline{MH}(\theta)$. The other index, $\underline{RMWSD}(\theta)$, appears to have been much more liberal, identifying items not selected by either $\underline{STD}(\theta)$ or $\underline{MH}(\theta)$. And neither of the remaining two items exhibited the ICC cross-over that was observed in Test A (See Figures 11-12). Item 4 had some cross-over (see Figure 10) but this occurred at very low ability values, less than -2.50.

Conditions for the Test Simulations

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the performance of the DIF statistics as defined by equations (1), (2), and (3) under simulated testing conditions with the results from the evaluation of asymptotic DIF as obtained from equations (4), (5), and (6). Test simulation for each of the three tests (A, B, and C) was achieved in the following steps:

- (1) Random samples of θ of size N_F and N_B were chosen from $g_F(\theta)$ and $g_R(\theta)$ in the mixing ratio of α .
- (2) Given the sampled value of θ and the item parameters of the appropriate test (i.e., A, B, or C), P(θ) was calculated by the three-parameter logistic item response function and compared against a uniform deviate, U, between zero and one. A response to that item, y_{ij}, was made according to the assignment,

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, .0 \le P(\theta) \le U \\ 0, U < P(\theta) \le 1.0 \end{cases}$$

(3) The item responses were then used to compute the DIF statistics

given by equations (1), (2), and (3).

- (4) The DIF statistics were compared to the asymptotic DIF indices in two ways: (a) a rank correlation coefficient was computed between each statistic's value and the theoretical value for the <u>k</u> items on the test; (b) the statistic's "yes-no" performance was tallied as flagging or not flagging an item as biased according to a given, arbitrary criterion.
- (5) All of these steps (1)-(4) were repeated or replicated 100 times.

The sample sizes and ratios between \underline{F} and \underline{B} included nine conditions, six for the α = .50 or 1:1 ratio and three for the α = .09 or 1:10 ratio. These were 2000:2000, 1000:1000, 500:500, 250:250, 100:100, 50:50, 200:2000, 100:1000, and 50:500.

Test Simulation Results

The average rank correlations between the DIF estimates and their asymptotic values for the nine sample size ratios for tests A, B, and C, are given in Tables 7, 8, and 9, respectively. These tables show that the MH and STD estimates correlated fairly highly with their respective asymptotic counterparts for large (> 1000) samples and that these correlations gradually fell off as the samples became smaller. The RMWSD estimates, on the other hand, did not correlate highly with RMWSD(θ), even for large (N = 2000) samples.

Tables 10 and 11 show the average DIF estimates and average standard deviations respectively, of the estimates across items for each test. The asymptotic DIF average across items is shown in the first row of Table 10. The RMWSD statistic overestimated RMWSD(θ), even for large samples, as seen in Table 10. The average RMWSD values were greater than the asymptotic values, increasing as the sample sizes decreased (i.e., the RMWSD estimator overestimated the asymptotic values even more). Variability also increased, as sample size decreased (see Table 11), which led to the eventual collapse of the relationship between the ranks of the estimates and the asymptotic value.

The MH estimator began to underestimate the asymptotic MH value for large sample sizes and then gradually progressed to the overestimation of MH(0) as these sample sizes decreased. On the other hand, the STD estimator operated similarly to the RMWSD estimator in that it began to overestimate STD(0) for large samples and continued to overestimate the asymptotic value as the sample sizes decreased. The magnitude of this overestimation increased as the sample size decreased. However, the STD statistic performed somewhat better than the RMWSD estimator, again as evidenced by the rank correlation coefficients in Tables 7, 8, and 9.

The variability of the DIF estimates was also of interest in these simulations. Table 12 summarizes the average standard deviations of the DIF estimates by test and by sample size. The variance of some of these estimates was certainly a function of their magnitude. The variance of the MH estimator increased as MH increased (i.e., as item bias increased in the direction of \underline{B}) and decreased as MH decreased or approached zero (i.e., as item bias increased in the direction of \underline{F}). However, overall these tests were unbiased in that they contained few biased items so this effect was probably minimized. Table 11 shows that variability increased as sample sizes decreased. This was true for all three DIF estimators and for all three tests.

The amount of increase in variability can be assessed (between adjacent sample sizes, \underline{n}_1 and \underline{n}_2 , from two designs which provide some variability, σ_1^2 and σ_2^2 on some measure) by evaluating the relative efficiency of the two designs, where

relative efficiency =
$$\frac{n_2 \sigma_2^2}{n_1 \sigma_1}$$
.

Relative efficiency indicates the trade-off between using a smaller sample size (say, $\underline{n}_2 < \underline{n}_1$) in a design and observing an expected increase in variability, $\sigma_2^2 > \sigma_1^2$. If the variance increases by the same ratio as the decrease in sample size, then the relative efficiency between design 1 and design 2 would be 1.0, implying that no unusual relative loss in precision was observed by using a sample of \underline{n}_2 as opposed to \underline{n}_1 . When the relative efficiency is greater than 1.0, it implies that the variability for design 2 has increased beyond the \underline{n}_2 : \underline{n}_1 ratio and that the smaller sample, \underline{n}_2 , is no longer as efficient in obtaining the σ_2^2 : σ_1^2 variance ratio.

Table 12 gives the average relative efficiencies, averaged over items, between adjacent sample sizes for the α = .50 mixing proportion for each DIF estimator. This table indicates that, up until samples of size 250, the relative efficiency of the designs remained around 1.0 for each DIF estimator. However, it deteriorated badly for MH as the sample dropped to 100 from 250 and even worse between 100 and 50 (i.e., the rate of deterioration accelerated for MH). The STD statistic also suffered a drop in relative efficiency in going from 250 to 100 (except for Test B) but then suffered no further loss in going from 100 to 50. The RMWSD estimator remained relatively efficient regardless of the sample sizes used.

There was another way to assess the performance of these statistics. Based on the DIF criteria given previously on page 10, an item was identified as either biased or not biased and, in the case of MH or STD, if biased it was either biased in favor of \underline{F} or \underline{B} . Based on 100 simulations of the test, the number of times that each item was labeled as biased is listed in Tables 13-15 (Test A for MH, STD, and RMWSD), Tables 16-18 (Test B for MH, STD, and RMWSD) and Tables 19-21 (Test C for MH, STD, and RMWSD). For the directional statistics (MH and STD), the item could have been labeled as either biased in favor of \underline{F} , in favor of \underline{B} , or unbiased. The first number given in the columns of Tables 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 20 lists the number of times the item was found to be biased in favor of \underline{F} while the second number gives the number of times the item was found to be biased in the \underline{B} direction. The single number in each column in Tables 15, 18, and 21 gives the number of times that the RMWSD estimator classified an item as biased, regardless of direction.

The averages at the bottom of each column in Tables 13-21 represent the average number of biased test items on the test, averaged over 100 replications of simulated test administrations. These numbers should be compared to the number of actually biased items on the test, as defined by the evaluation of the asymptotic index and the criteria given on page 10. Recall that such "biased" test items are so indicated in boldface in Tables 4-6.

For example, according to Table 4, there was only one item on Test A that was biased in favor of \underline{F} according to the MH index with $\alpha = .50$ (item number 19), while no items were actually biased in favor of \underline{B} , according to the MH criterion. Therefore, the true or "asymptotic" numbers, 1/0, can be compared with those averages at the bottom of the first six columns in Table 13 in order to evaluate the performance of the MH estimator over 100 replications. In this example, the true 1/0 numbers were fairly well approximated by the

2000:2000, 1000:1000 and 500:500 sample sizes. For the α = .09 or 1:10 mix, two items were classified as being biased, one in each direction, so that the averages in Table 13 for this mixing ratio could be compared against a 1/1 standard.

Table 14 shows the performance of the STD statistic in estimating $STD(\theta)$ on Test A, which identified two items as biased (see Table 4 again), or 1/1. The STD statistic held up fairly well through sample sizes of 2000:2000, 1000:1000, and 500:500. However, its performance for sample sizes under 100 was markedly poorer than the MH estimator in the \underline{F} direction. For example for samples as small as 50:50, MH identified 6.6 items as biased for \underline{F} while STD identified 18.4. However, the reverse was true in the \underline{B} direction (5.9 for MH, compared with 1.9 for STD). In fact MH had a tendency to "even out" the bias classifications for \underline{F} and \underline{B} regardless of sample size, while STD tended to classify more items as biased in favor of \underline{F} as the samples became smaller.

This same tendency occurred despite the test form. See Tables 16, 17

(Test B) and Tables 19, 20 (Test C). The RMWSD estimator grossly

overestimated the number of biased items, regardless of test form, sample size

or group composition (see Tables 15, 18 and 21).

In evaluating the performances of the MH and STD estimators, one should also consider and assess the bias identification process at each individual item level. For example for Test A, items 5, 7 and 19 were all problematic to some extent, regardless of the exact size of the asymptotic DIF parameter. For MH, these items were identified as problematic 46%, 34%, and 92% of the time, respectively, for samples as small as 250:250. These figures became 57%, 46%, and 76% for samples of 100:100.

The same "hit rates" for these three items for STD were 74%, 56%, and 52% for 250:250 and 56%, 73%, and 56% for 100:100. False positive rates were

observed by looking at truly unbiased items (for example items 6, 12 and 20). The MH estimator classified these three items as biased (in either direction) 0%, 0%, and 0% for samples of 250:250 and 10%, 12%, and 13% for samples of 100:100. The STD statistic classified the same three items as biased 0%, 0%, and 2% of the time at 250:250 and 29%, 29%, and 21% at the smaller 100:100 ratio. As for the performance of the RMWSD estimator, its false positive error rates were so large, even for samples of 2000:2000, as to render it virtually useless for these sample sizes used in the simulations.

Summary of Results

The results of three testing simulations, each test replicated 100 times, can be summarized as follows:

- (1) MH tended to underestimate $MH(\theta)$ slightly for samples of size 2000 but began to overestimate $MH(\theta)$ as the sample sizes decreased;
- (2) STD tended to overestimate $\underset{\rightarrow}{\text{STD}}(\theta)$ regardless of the sample size and this tendency increased, as did the magnitude of overestimation, as the sample size decreased;
- (3) RMWSD overestimated RMWSD(θ) even for the largest samples;
- (4) MH and STD identified the truly biased test items at similar rates for samples greater than or equal to about 250;
- (5) for smaller samples, the STD estimator tended to misclassify more items as biased in favor of F than did MH;

- (6) RMWSD identified nearly all items as biased, even for samples as large as 500 to 1000;
- (7) all DIF estimators exhibited increased variability as sample sizes decreased but STD and RMWSD showed more stable relative efficiency as the sample size of the experimental conditions dropped.

Conclusions

Of the three conditional DIF statistics studied in this series of simulations, only two, the MH and STD indices, are viable, useful candidates in the detection of DIF. The RMWSD statistic showed an unacceptable Type I error rate or tendency to classify items as DIF items when, in fact, they were not. The high Type I error rate for RMWSD was evident even for large sample sizes (e.g., 2000:2000). For sample sizes greater than or equal to 250, both the MH and STD statistics performed reasonably well in detecting asymptotic DIF and minimizing error rates. An unexpected finding in these simulations was the tendency for MH to yield unbiased results for moderate sample sizes of examinees (e.g., 500 to 250) but to show underestimates of $MH(\theta)$ for large sample sizes and overestimates of $MH(\theta)$ for small sample sizes of examinees. In contrast, the STD statistic consistently overestimated $STD(\theta)$. These results were true for a fixed (i.e., finite) test length. This study did not pursue the question of consistency as both sample sizes of examinees and test items increased simultaneously. Thus, for whatever statistical reasons, MH produces a "nice unbiased-like" result for moderate sample sizes and moderate test lengths. This may yield enough of an advantage to suggest its use over that of STD.

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TABLE 1

Item parameter estimates for the Focal (black) and Base (white) groups: Test A

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Item #	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>
1	.447	.397	-1.818	-2.237	.056	.139
2	2.037	1.495	623	565	.113	.096
3	.431	.537	-1.342	-1.116	.056	.139
4	.717	.644	160	250	.056	.139
5	1.077	.458	.364	.945	.296	.139
6	1.032	1.145	527	502	.099	.088
7	.928	1.261	798	469	.056	.023
8	.480	.574	906	435	.056	.139
9	.821	.857	.070	103	.081	.066
10	1.218	.732	.437	278	.357	.139
11	.606	.584	072	154	.056	.139
12	1.631	.964	.075	178	.201	.063
13	.251	.315	421	.234	.056	.139
14	1.197	.920	.376	.241	.112	.061
15	.853	1.290	181	104	.000 .142	.057
16	1.375	1.074	.121 049	187 .067	.142	.093
17 18	1.874 2.165	1.471 1.336	049 077	.095	.083	.091
19	1.146	1.036	.721	1.330	.025	.009
20	.950	1.346	042	.092	.000	.071
21	1.218	.839	.211	.161	.134	.004
22	.491	.555	923	572	.056	.139
23	2.165	1.382	.509	.495	.166	.190
24	1.538	1.065	.680	.700	.177	.209
25	1.470	1.206	189	.003	.009	.000
26	1.986	1.445	.606	.670	.234	.254
27	.771	.742	.813	.898	.163	.207
28	1.190	.700	.522	.624	.118	.021
29	1.675	.615	.453	.225	.216	.139
30	1.014	.457	1.213	1.110	.242	.103
31	1.044	.700	.539	.639	.108	.034
32	.650	1.440	2.226	1.495	.219	.310
33	1.396	1.311	.648	.757	.124	.126
34	1.254	1.390	.509	.725	.109	.118
35	1.393	.940	.745	.801	.118	.111
						.147
						.102
						.209
						.173
40	1.791	1.459	1.142	1.288	.160	.231
35 36 37 38 39 40	1.393 1.758 1.309 2.085 2.165 1.791	1.290 1.694 1.243 1.223 1.459	.745 1.184 .839 .919 .946 1.142	.801 1.170 .925 .916 1.140 1.288	.118 .134 .056 .192 .171 .160	

TABLE 2

Item parameter estimates for the Focal (black) and Base (white) groups: Test B

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Item #		a	r		r	C
item #	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>B</u>
1	.809	.898	086	.202	.155	.218
2	.639	.680	-1.300	-1.184	.298	.190
3	.844	.505	406	-1.041	.392	.178
4	.856	.474	2.954	2.821	.411	.429
5	.887	.771	.711	1.015	.180	.191
6	.952	.618	.442	.524	.241	.236
7	1.174	.785	1.222	1.168	.352	.365
8	.676	.465	.255	.247	.176	.121
9	1.664	1.171	1.406	1.490	.417	.366
10	.978	.719	332	891	.311	.149
11	1.114	.911	177	449	.324	.197
12	.475	.677	.611	.791	.346	.334
13	1.761	1.262	164	299	.239	.186
14	.920	.755	126	524	.300	.158
15	.475	.420	035	253	.220	.171
16	.879	.750	.614	.272	.147	.086
17	.688	.639	588	960	.301	.231
18	1.066	1.065	.429	.440	.320	.371
19	.721	.967	-1.783	-1.541	.232	.231
20	.911	.850	-1.094	-1.141	.314	.286
21	.738	.640	371	626	.375	.299
22	.672	.730	.477	.674	.259	.290
23	.998	.977	251	.508	.164	.223
24	.795	.607	.369	.389	.180	.220
25	1.044	.852	1.039	1.233	.217	.198
26	.901	.716	.216	.249	.106	.079
27	1.349	1.242	1.521	1.589	.352	.407
28	.743	.760	229	.292	.165	.226
29	.571	.571	-1.355	-1.323	.196	.174
30	.485	.355	.284	.123	.176	.236
31	.746	.597	.231	.671	.135	.120
32	.531	.634	.928	1.032	.216	.290
33	.569	.478	108	.107	.129	.194
34	.938	.766	.354	078	.158	.207
35	.890	.745	.510	.391	.260	.230
36	.701	.432	.930	1.018	.157	.095
36 3 7				1.833		.156
	.444	.415	1.733		.089	
38	.604	.562	.264	.492	.177	.244
3 9	.729	•586	.580	.795	.113	.136
40 41	.689	.495	.992	1.548	.064	.117
41	.619	.705	1.770	1.780	.139	.180

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Item #	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>
42	1.146	.838	1.559	1.861	.123	.154
43	.754	.777	.703	1.169	.162	.237
44	.638	.477	225	559	.156	.228
45	.839	.776	.127	.126	.174	.298
46	.800	.763	1.436	1.666	.160	.275
47	.687	.759	1.088	1.397	.182	.341
48	.968	.967	.893	1.156	.117	.235
49	.944	.700	.858	.853	.010	.156
50	.862	.485	.872	.708	.181	.226
51	.821	.701	1.316	1.344	.112	.206
52	.737	1.007	2.263	2.214	.079	.112

TABLE 3

Item parameter estimates for the Focal (females) and Base (males) groups: Test C

		a		b		c
Item #	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>
1	.759	.723	-1.192	974	.128	.17
2	.628	.609	.026	075	.198	.11
3	•975	.897	861	685	.099	.07
4	.755	.844	420	-1.085	.214	.15
5	.878	.813	335	270	.302	.21
6	.872	.894	.014	139	.221	.22
7	1.108	1.228	.121	131	.185	.22
8	.750	.832	454	311	•077	.10
9	•502	.761	.665	.238	.203	.23
10	.861	1.024	.134	162	.218	.16
11	1.276	1.173	.223	.247	.212	.19
12	.881	1.030	383	.029	.166	.25
13	.617	.708	.023	290	.151	.15
14	1.315	1.386	322	106	.070	.11
15	1.322	1.264	.210	010	.126	.15
16	.824	.804	.021	.031	.188	.12
17	.887	.965	.018	.206	.098	.10
18	1.039	1.199	086	.272	.096	.1.
19	1.010	1.073	.373	.402	.110	.13
20	1.305	1.060	088	.083	.098	.08
21	.62 9	.935	.449	.402	.102	.14
22	.958	1.122	.475	.894	.145	.19
23	1.044	1.595	.604	.680	.214	.2
24	1.062	1.187	.579	.577	.092	.08
25	1.118	1.214	.105	.299	.058	.00
26	1.429	1.512	•526	.666	.209	.2
27	.743	.666	1.692	1.646	.249	.2
28	.791	.957	1.150	.672	.132	.10
29	1.167	.911	.845	.678	.147	.13
30	.805	.934	.605	.670	.079	.0
31	.922	1.153	1.199	.997	.155	.20
32	.791	1.126	1.679	1.127	.140	.13
33	1.056	1.483	1.428	1.378	.167	.10
34	.598	.790	1.833	1.902	.112	. 1
35	1.057	1.114	.796	.935	.122	.1
36	1.470	1.913	.945	1.109	.155	.19
37	1.477	1.383	1.303	1.109	.208	.2
38	1.134	1.063	.908	1.028	.142	.14
39	1.307	1.125	1.279	1.197	.084	.09
40	1.034	.612	1.781	1.412	.159	.09

TABLE 4 Asymptotic DIF for Test A

Item #	ŞTΩ(θ)	$\alpha = 3.50$	$\alpha^{+}=0.09$	кмұѕД(ө
1	054	1.341	1.365	.063
2	.028	.777	.808	.048
3	015	1.106	1.085	.022
4	070	1.349	1,388	.077
5	153	1.995	2.011	.171
6	.012	.952	.936	.023
7	.102	.572	•543	.126
8	.038	.845	.840	.042
9	027	1.177	1.159	.034
10	015	1.142	1.089	.080
11	065	1.324	1.348	.068
12	.003	1.003	.993	.059
13	.029	.893	.886	.031
14	014	1.095	1.091	.034
15	.004	1.016	.980	.050
16	034	1.260	1.227	.064
17	.055	.686	.697	.062
18	.025	.775	.829	.081
19	.095	•358	.363	.126
20	.009	.950	.942	.041
21	.050	.763	.754	.058
22	.018	.921	.920	.021
23	045	1.272	1.293	.065
24	049	1.271	1.296	.062
25	.055	.645	.662	.072
26	022	1.098	1.115	.039
27	027	1.115	1.134	.031
28	.037	.793	.802	.058
29	060	1.301	1.338	.106
30	.004	1.001	.987	.044
31	.030	.827	.836	.046
32	071	1.407	1.403	.079
33	.013	.904	.920	.023
34	.041	.744	.763	.056
35	020	1.108	1.129	.042
36	031	1.242	1.238	.039
37	008	1.018	1.058	.033
38	043	1.266	1.266	.059
39	009	1.034	1.055	.048
40	062	1.380	1.423	.070
True Total	1/1	1/0	1/1	. 4

True Total 1/1 (F/B)

TABLE 5
Asymptotic DIF for Test B

Item #	ŠTĎ(θ)	MH(θ) α = .50	$\alpha^{+} = 0.09$	RM¥SD(0)
1	.022	.876	.893	.037
2	.049	.758	.746	.059
3	.011	.928	.944	.030
4	055	1.275	1.255	.059
5	.018	.883	.908	.037
6	022	1.069	1.099	.047
7	046	1.227	1.219	.052
8	.002	.960	.983	.032
9	.039	.857	.852	.041
10	029	1.178	1.167	.048
11	.011	.973	.955	.036
12	.061	.781	.774	.065
13	010	1.056	1.058	.038
14	004	1.049	1.028	.036
15	006	1.025	1.027	.009
16	034	1.225	1.199	.050
17	027	1.168	1.157	.031
18	036	1.165	1.174	.039
19	.008	.9 9 7	.951	.037
20	.006	.957	.963	.006
21	001	1.009	1.006	.012
22	.011	.940	.950	.018
23	.113	.529	.567	.142
24	049	1.206	1.241	.060
25	.019	.897	.9 07	.027
26	.006	.951	.968	.025
27	052	1.239	1.246	.054
28	.059	.730	.754	.072
29	.012	.936	.934	.013
30	078	1.344	1.382	.086
31	.061	.716	.739	.074
32	025	1.101	1.110	.028
33	016	1.030	1.062	.039
34	129	1.853	1.861	.135
35	012	1.058	1.055	.019
36	008	1.020	1.039	.032
37	058	1.313	1.340	.059
38	019	1.056	1.080	.033
39	011	1.016	1.048	.035
40	026	1.082	1.144	.057
41	019	1.094	1.107	.021
42	033	1.215	1.246	.042

(table continues)

Item #	ŞTD(0)	$\alpha^{+}=$,50	MH(θ) α = .09	RM¥SQ(0)
43	.003	.935	.975	.048
44	095	1.481	1.530	.107
45	086	1.436	1.476	•094
46	088	1.485	1.539	.093
47	093	1.444	1.504	.102
48	068	1.336	1.412	.082
49	081	1.495	1.548	.088
50	121	1.678	1.728	-130
51	097	1.634	1.686	•099
52	010	1.051	1.082	.020
True Total (F/B)	1/2	0/0	0/0	5

TABLE 6
Asymptotic DIF for Test C

Item #	ŞTD(θ)	→ mH(θ)	RM¥SD(⊖
1	.030	.812	.032
2	.022	.903	.026
3	.051	.706	.056
4	110	2.025	.119
5	.053	.743	.056
6	033	1.190	.035
7	081	1.577	.087
8	.017	.914	.023
9	068	1.360	.084
10	037	1.217	.059
11	.012	•935	.015
12	.047	.774	.059
13	063	1.366	.067
14	.040	.766	.054
15	074	1.545	.082
16	.035	.836	.038
17	.043	.795	.048
18	.087	.6 07	-100
19	002	1.011	.006
20	.055	.721	.065
21	016	1.079	.047
22	.064	.723	.083
23	.003	.987	.037
24	.010	.946	.019
25	.055	.7 17	.062
26	.017	.914	.032
27	•005	•977	.010
28	097	1.629	.108
29	04 0	1.238	.051
30	.038	.812	.045
31	054	1.318	.059
32	081	1.537	.099
33	.020	.894	.034
34	.015	.917	.024
3 5	.018	•907	.028
36	.014	.921	.046
37	028	1.161	.043
38	.014	.928	.024
39	037	1.292	.042
40	058	1.379	.077
Frue Total			
(F/B)	0/1	0/1	3

*Note: The value of $MH(\theta)$ did not change for different α values because $g_F(\theta)$ and $g_B(\theta)$ were identical.

TABLE 7

Average Rank Correlation Coefficients for Test A

Sample Size F/B	<u>MH</u>	STD	RMWSI
2000:2000	.95	.95	.57
1000:1000	.91	•90	.40
500:500	.84	.83	.22
250:250	.74	.72	.08
100:100	•55	.51	.01
50:50	.41	.37	.01
200:2000	.81	.80	.17
100:1000	.70	.69	.07
50:500	.56	•55	.03

TABLE 8

Average Rank Correlation Coefficients for Test B

F/B	<u>MH</u>	STD	RMWSI
2000:2000	.93	.93	.52
1000:1000	.89	.89	.41
500:500	.82	.81	.28
250:250	•70	.68	.16
100:100	•51	.52	.05
50:50	.37	.44	05
200:2000	.78	.78	.30
100:1000	.67	.67	.18
50:500	.54	•54	.10

TABLE 9

Average Rank Correlation Coefficients for Test C

Sample Size F/B	<u>MH</u>	STD	RMWSI
2000:2000	.95	.94	.66
1000:1000	.91	.90	.45
500:500	.85	.84	.30
250:250	.76	.75	.12
100:100	.59	.59	.04
50:50	.42	.46	.05
200:2000	.82	.81	.19
100:1000	.71	.70	.12
50:500	.60	•59	.06

TABLE 10
Average (Across Items) DIF by Test

		Test A			Test B		Test C		
Sample Size Ratio (F:B)	МН	STD	RMWSD	МН	STD	RMWSD	МН	STD	RMWSD
+ ω(α=.50)	1.043	006	.059	1.110	020	.053	1.052	003	.052
2000:2000	1.021	.000	.095	1.026	.001	.109	1.016	.000	.094
1000:1000	1.025	.000	.122	1.029	.001	.144	1.045	.000	.122
500:500	1.032	.001	.165	1.037	.004	.195	1.051	.001	.165
2 50: 250	1.045	.004	.230	1.050	.011	.265	1.066	.004	.236
100:100	1.101	.026	.365	1.103	.043	.398	1.118	.039	.389
50:50	1.280	.089	.468	1.270	.110	.497	1.291	.125	.512
→ ∞(α=.09)	1.049	006	.059	1.127	020	.053	1.052	003	.052
200:2000	1.037	.000	.182	1.045	.001	.201	1.056	.000	.184
100:1000	1.061	.000	.242	1.066	.002	.268	1.077	.000	.246
50:500	1.111	.001	.308	1.111	.004	.340	1.120	.001	.319

TABLE 11

Average (Across Items) DIF Standard Deviations by Test

Cample Circ		Test A			Test B		Test C			
Sample Size Ratio (F:B)	МН	STD	RMWSD	МН	STD	RMWSD	МН	STD	RMWSD	
2000:2000	.079	.014	.012	.077	.016	.014	.079	.014	.011	
1000:1000	.116	.020	.016	.106	.022	.019	.113	.019	.016	
500:500	.166	.028	.022	.159	.032	.027	.161	.028	.021	
250:250	.246	.041	.033	.237	.047	.035	.236	.040	.032	
100:100	.451	.072	.051	.432	.077	.051	.444	.073	.052	
50:50	1.031	.098	.069	.958	.103	.066	1.044	.106	.069	
200:2000	.190	.031	.023	.181	.033	.024	.194	.032	.024	
100:1000	.291	.044	.032	.273	.047	.033	.289	.045	.032	
50:500	.463	.063	.043	.449	.070	.046	.431	.063	.043	

TABLE 12

Average Relative Efficiency of DIF Estimates Between Adjacent Sample Sizes

pre: - t		Test A	1		Test	8		Test C		
Efficiency Ratio	МН	STD	RMWSD	МН	STD	RMWSD	мн	STD	RMWSD	
1000 2000	1.09	1.10	.93	.97	.97	1.00	1.02	1.03	.96	
500 1000	1.04	1.00	.99	1.12	1.09	1.01	1.05	1.03	.94	
250 500	1.16	1.10	1.13	1.14	1.10	.89	1.09	1.10	1.14	
$\frac{100}{250}$	1.42	1.24	1.03	1.37	1.07	.85	1.44	1.32	1.08	
50 100	2.88	.95	.93	2.64	.90	.86	3.22	1.07	.90	

TABLE 13

DIF Identification (F/B) for the MH Statistic: Test A

		Sample Size Ratio (F:B)												
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250: 250	100: 100	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50 50					
1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/8	1/16	7/26	0/0	1/2	1/					
2	0/0	1/0	3/0	11/0	21/2	39/6	2/0	6/0	14/					
3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	11/8	0/0	0/1	2/					
4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4	1/18	3/21	0/1	0/9	1/					
5	0/35	0/39	0/43	0/46	0/57	0/58	0/48	0/49	0/5					
6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	10/0	11/10	0/0	1/0	7/					
7	19/0	23/0	37/0	34/0	46/0	41/1	50/0	47/0	54/					
8	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	7/0	21/8	0/0	3/0	8/					
9	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/3	2/19	0/0	0/1	1/					
10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/4	9/14	0/0	0/2	0/					
11	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/15	7/20	0/1	0/7	2/1					
12	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	8/4	17/8	0/0	0/0	2,					
13	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	2/0	17/6	0/0	2/0	9/					
14	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	8/16	0/0	2/0	2,					
15	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	5/3	14/7	0/0	2/1	6,					
16	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	1/8	13/20	0/0	0/4	1,					
17	0/0	6/0	5/0	12/0	30/1	32/2	4/0	17/0	21,					
18	0/0	1/0	1/0	5/0	22/2	27/8	2/0	2/0	10					
19	100/0	97/0	95/0	92/0	76/0	71/0	91/0	83/0	73.					
20	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	9/4	17/7	0/0	1/0	10.					
21	0/0	0/0	1/0	5/0	16/1	32/3	3/0	10/0	15.					
22	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/1	19/10	0/0	3/0	5					
23	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/4	1/14	3/26	0/1	0/5	2/					
24	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4	0/13	5/17	0/0	0/6	2/					
25	0/0	1/0	12/0	26/0	29/0	33/2	13/0	18/0	31,					
26	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/4	9/17	0/0	0/0	1					
27	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	11/19	0/0	0/0	1.					
28	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	14/0	30/9	1/0	5/0	10					
29	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/11	6/29	0/1	0/4	2/:					
30	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/4	14/15	0/0	0/0	2					
31	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	3/0	25/9	1/0	1/0	10					
32	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/5	1/15	4/22	0/0	0/10	0/					
33	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	6/5	20/9	0/0	0/0	6					
34	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0	23/1	20/6	0/0	9/0	12					
35	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/7	10/18	0/0	0/2	3/					
36	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1	2/7	12/18	0/1	0/10	2/					
37	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	5/3	14/20	0/1	1/4	4/					
38	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/14	5/26	0/0	0/5	2/.					
39	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	3/5	11/19	0/0	0/2	2					
40	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/4	1/13	6/28	0/3	0/10	1/:					
VE.	1.2/	1.3/	1.4/	2.0/	3.7/	6.6/	1.7/	2.2/	2.0					
er est	.4	.4	•5	.9	2.6	5.9	.6	1.0	2.					

TABLE 14

DIF Identification (F/B) for the STD Statistic: Test A

				Sample	Size Rat	io (F:B)		-	
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250 : 250	100: 100	50 : 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50: 500
1	0/0	0/2	0/3	0/15	8/8	54/0	0/5	0/10	1/15
2	0/0	0/0	1/0	9/0	40/0	79/0	1/0	4/0	11/0
3	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/1	19/3	65/1	0/0	0/3	3/9
4	0/0	0/5	0/3	0/17	5/25	30/6	0/8	0/17	3/18
5	0/100	0/97	0/91	0/74	2/56	16/31	0/91	0/83	0/75
6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	28/1	62/2	1/0	1/0	11/2
7	78/0	59/0	62/0	56/0	73/0	92/0	63/0	66/0	60/0
8	0/0	1/0	5/0	15/0	33/0	73/1	5/0	12/0	22/1
9	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/4	8/4	44/3	0/0	1/3	1/13
10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	16/7	55/3	0/0	3/6	6/14
11	0/1	0/5	0/9	0/13	7/19	31/8	0/9	0/23	5/21
12	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	26/3	54/3	0/0	0/1	4/4
13	0/0	1/0	3/0	15/1	41/3	62/1	8/0	18/0	26/2
14	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	12/2	28/3	0/0 0/0	2/1 2/2	3/10 10/1
15	0/0	0/0 0/0	0/0	1/0 0/4	19/ 6 8/8	60/3 40/6	0/0	1/4	2/12
16 17	0/0 0/0	7/0	0/0 5/0	19/0	48/0	68/0	9/0	17/0	23/0
18	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	32/1	58/1	0/0	3/0	13/0
19	14/0	27/0	34/0	52/0	56/0	65/0	30/0	46/0	42/0
20	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	18/3	57/3	0/0	1/0	12/1
21	0/0	2/0	7/0	12/0	39/0	61/0	8/0	17/0	21/0
22	0/0	0/0	1/0	6/0	43/2	66/2	1/0	7/0	14/2
23	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/8	3/8	26/12	0/1	0/5	3/14
24	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/11	4/13	31/9	0/1	0/9	2/19
25	0/0	0/0	4/0	18/0	31/0	62/0	7/0	13/0	22/0
26	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/3	8/10	34/3	0/0	1/1	6/5
27	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	4/9	29/7	0/1	0/2	4/15
28	0/0	0/0	2/0	6/0	34/0	55/2	4/0	9/0	13/0
29	0/0	0/1	0/3	0/10	6/15	24/8	0/7	0/18	2/28
30	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/1	16/5	52/6	0/0	6/0	7/3
31	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/0	20/0	48/1	4/0	3/0	14/0
32	0/2	0/3	0/13	0/16	5/24	21/17	0/15	0/26	0/29
33	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	11/9	44/1	0/0	0/0	9/3
34	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0	29/3	44/2	3/0	13/0	13/2
35	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	6/5	30/4	0/0	0/1	3/10
36	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	6/0	24/5	0/0	0/5	3/4
37	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	6/0	23/9	0/0	1/0	1/4
38	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/6	4/17	20/12	0/2	1/9	2/14
39	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	10/4	25/3	0/0	2/1	5/7
40	0/0	0/3	0/6	0/11	1/9	23/8	0/5	0/20	1/28
AVE.	.9/	1.0/	1.2/	2.4/	7.8/	18.4/	1.4/	2.5/	4.0/
per	1.0	1.2	1.4	2.0	2.8	1.9	1.5	2.5	3.8
Test									

				Sample	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
	2000:	1000:	500:	250:	100:	50:	200:	100:	50:
Item #	2000	1000	500	250	100	50	2000	1000	500
1	40	94	100	100	100	100	9 9	100	100
2	5	51	95	100	100	100	9 9	100	100
3	11	86	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
4	61	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
5	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
6	3	60	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
7 8	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8	45	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
9	4	77	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
10 11	52 47	98 96	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100	100
12	47	75	98	100	100	100	100	100 100	100 100
13	57	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
14	0	67	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
15	11	75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
16	9	76	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
17	33	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
18	43	82	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
19	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
20	5	80	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
21	17	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
22	17	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
23	13	86	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
24	21	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
25	53	92	98	100	100	100	99	100	100
26	6	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
27	13	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
28	13	84	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
29	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
30	22	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
31	6	78	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
32	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
33 34	2 26	69 83	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100
34 35	1	66	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
36	11	82	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
30 37	0	57	97	100	100	100	100	100	100
38	29	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
39	1	80	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
40	46	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
AVE.	12.1	34.2	39.8	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
per Test									

TABLE 16

Bias Identification (F/B) for the MH Statistic: Test B

			Sample Size Ratio (F:B)								
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500 : 500	250: 250	100: 100	50 : 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50 500		
1	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	8/1	23/5	0/0	7/0	9/:		
2	0/0	1/0	5/0	9/0	25/0	30/6	10/0	15/0	32/0		
3	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	10/0	22/7	1/0	1/0	12/		
4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/9	4/13	0/0	0/2	0/		
5	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	8/1	22/5	0/0	2/0	10/		
6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/3	14/5	0/0	0/0	1/		
7	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/4	5/15	0/0	0/1	0/		
8	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	15/6	0/0	1/0	7/		
9	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	12/0	13/6	1/0	2/0	5/		
10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	2/3	9/21	0/0	1/0	5/		
11	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	8/1	18/5	0/0	2/0	14/		
12	0/0	0/0	2/0	6/0	14/0	30/2	2/0	6/0	14/		
13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/1	14/8	1/0	3/0	9/		
14	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/1	10/14	0/0	0/0	7/		
15	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/4	14/11	0/0	0/0	2/		
16	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/7	7/12	0/0	0/0	0/1		
17	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	13/14	0/0	0/0	4/		
18	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	6/15	0/0	0/1	3/		
19	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	17/7	35/19	1/0	6/0	11/		
20	0/0	0/0	1/0	2/0	13/3	28/9	0/0	6/1	16/		
21	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	9/1	15/4	0/0	0/0	4/		
22	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	6/0	14/6	0/0	0/0	9/		
23	76/0	67/0	63/0	70/0	53/0	57/1	50/0	54/0	55/		
24	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/3	6/8	0/0	0/1	0/ 7/		
25	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	4/3	18/4	0/0 0/0	6/0 2/0	3/		
26	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0 0/0	6/1	17/5 6/16	0/0	0/1	0/		
27	0/0 0/0	0/0 1/0	0/0 3/0	7/0	1/7 25/0	33/1	7/0	10/0	25/		
28		0/0	0/0	2/0	17/3	24/10	1/0	3/0	11/		
29 30	0/0 0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1//3	3/17	0/0	0/2	1/		
31	0/0	0/0	6/0	12/0				16/0			
32	0/0	0/0		0/0	2/9			0/1	1/		
33	0/0	0/0				12/9		1/0	1/		
34	0/2	0/5	0/17	0/19		1/44			0/2		
35	0/2	0/0	0/1/	0/0	1/3	11/20	0/0	0/0	5/		
36	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	3/2	16/8		0/0	5/		
37	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/5	11/21		0/2	1/1		
38	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	15/9		0/1	0/		
39	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	6/0	16/11	0/0	0/0	6/		
40	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	5/5	11/21		0/1	2/		
41	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0		17/15		1/1	0/		
42	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1		9/25		0/4	0/1		
43	0/0	0/0	0/0		7/1				6/		

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				Sample :	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250: 250	100: 100	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50: 500
44	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/6	0/7	5/26	0/1	0/9	0/14
45	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/2	0/8	2/25	0/1	0/6	1/11
46	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/3	0/26	0/29	0/0	0/11	0/17
47	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/6	1/15	2/23	0/0	0/10	0/16
48	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1	2/14	9/19	0/1	0/9	1/13
49	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4	0/18	4/27	0/2	0/9	0/27
50	0/0	0/0	0/8	0/9	0/21	2/41	0/6	0/11	0/25
51	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/12	0/24	4/38	0/11	0/27	0/25
52	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	5/12	21/19	0/0	1/8	3/11
AVE.	.8/	.7/	.8/	1.3/	3.3/	7.6/	.8/	1.2/	3.3/
per Test	.0	.1	.3	.7	3.1	7.2	.4	1.6	3.2

TABLE 17

DIF Identification (F/B) for the STD Statistic: Test B

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				Sample	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
	2000:	1000:	500:	250:	100:	50:	200:	100:	50:
Item #	2000	1000	500	250	100	50	2000	1000	500
1	0/0	0/0	7/0	18/0	44/3	70/0	4/0	19/1	14/2
2	8/0	20/0	29/0	37/0	72/0	86/0	25/0	26/0	38/1
3	0/0	0/0	5/0	14/0	53/1	79/2	1/0	5/1	22/1
4	0/0	0/1	0/5	3/3	14/9	44/4	0/3	0/6	4/27
5	0/0	0/0	3/0	12/0	28/3	51/3	3/0	8/1	19/5
6	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	17/2	56/2	0/0	5/2	8/5
7	0/0	0/0	0/2	2/7	15/8	48/1	0/3	1/7	5/18
8	0/0	0/0	0/0	15/0	36/1	70/0	0/1	7/1	13/5
9	0/0	2/0	15/0	24/0	57/0	66/1	5/0	23/0	33/1
10	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/2	26/1	61/2	0/0	2/0	7/8
11	0/0	0/0	1/0	14/0	38/0	76/0	7/0	10/0	27/4
12	23/0	29/0	36/0	48/0	62/1	86/1	30/0	36/0	35/0
13	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	29/1	60/1	1/0	5/0	15/8
14	0/0	0/0	0/0	9/0	32/1	63/2	2/0 2/0	4/0 5/0	13/5 14/2
15	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	2/0 0/0	11/0 0/1	33/5 10/6	69/1 37/3	2/0 0/0	0/1	1/14
16 17	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/1	30/1	71/2	0/0 0/1	3/0	8/5
18	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	30/4	53/2	0/1	3/5	6/13
19	0/0	0/0	1/0	6/0	48/0	86/0	0/0	5/0	15/2
20	0/0	0/0	2/0	11/0	47/0	86/0	1/0	9/0	17/4
21	0/0	0/0	2/0	6/0	45/2	76/1	1/0	4/0	13/3
22	0/0	0/0	5/0	17/0	38/2	66/1	4/0	12/3	20/2
23	95/0	92/0	84/0	86/0	85/0	91/0	81/0	72/0	75/0
24	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/3	10/7	40/2	0/2	0/4	2/15
25	0/0	0/0	0/0	12/0	27/4	55/0	2/0	14/0	18/1
26	0/0	0/0	0/0	8/1	27/0	59/2	1/0	6/0	8/1
27	0/0	0/0	0/5	0/11	10/9	47/6	0/1	1/13	4/16
28	11/0	2 0 /0	36/0	35/0	58/1	86/0	32/0	34/0	41/1
29	0/0	0/0	5/0	17/0	56/1	89/0	2/0	9/0	16/2
30	0/0	0/3	0/5	0/12	14/9	51/8	0/7	0/17	4/20
31	10/0	21/0	36/0	43/0	63/1	74/0	27/0	34/0	44/2
32	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/2	22/6	47/6	0/1	2/2	6/11
33	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	26/4	55/1	1/0	6/2	8/4
34	0/74	0/54	0/58	0/41	0/28	20/14	0/53	0/61	0/48
35	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/1	25/4	53/3	1/0	4/1	10/6
36	0/0	0/0	0/0	8/0	29/3	39/5	0/0 0/4	3/1 0/9	10/9
37	0/0 0/0	0/1 0/0	0/2 1/0	0/7 4/0	3/9 20/3	29/6 60/4	1/0	6/4	4/16 5/8
38 39	0/0	0/0	1/0	1/0	20/3 26/1	38/3	0/0	2/0	11/7
39 40	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	7/9	36/3 29/7	0/0	1/2	5/9
41	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2	9/5	38/6	0/0	3/2	4/11
42	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	6/6	21/8	0/0	0/2	1/8
43	0/0	0/0	1/0	4/0	25/3	52/4	0/0	1/1	20/8
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				Sample	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250: 250	100: 100	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50 : 500
44	0/3	0/9	0/14	0/22	14/13	44/9	0/17	0/30	0/31
45	0/1	0/8	0/10	0/14	9/13	35/8	0/17	0/23	2/27
46	0/2	0/13	0/18	0/20	0/26	19/12	0/26	0/23	1/25
47	0/4	0/13	0/21	0/20	10/20	23/7	0/18	0/43	1/34
48	0/0	0/1	0/6	0/11	9/12	34/7	0/4	0/15	3/20
49	0/0	0/3	0/8	0/17	0/16	19/12	0/7	0/15	0/31
50	0/47	0/45	0/44	0/35	1/24	21/17	0/44	0/43	1/53
51	0/6	0/13	0/21	0/29	4/20	13/15	0/25	0/38	0/27
52	0/0	0/ 0	0/0	0/0	1/21	15/8	0/0	1/0	2/2
AVE.	1.5/	1.8/	2.7/	4.9/	14.0/	27.5/	2.3/	3 .9 /	6.6/
per Test	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.0	2.3	3.8	5.8

TABLE 18

DIF Identification for the RMWSD Statistic: Test C

				Sample S	ize Rati	o (F:B)			
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250: 250	100:	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50: 500
	····								
1	69	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2	98	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
3	64	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
4	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
5 6	47.	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	53	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
7	83	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
8	49	99	100	10 0	100	100	100	100	100
9	100	9 9	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
10	33	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
11	61	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
12	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
13	18	84	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
14	50	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
15	66	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
16	36	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
17	44	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
18	55	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
19	63	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
20	41	9 9	100	100	100	100	99	100	100
21	55	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2 2	68	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
23	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
24	53	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
25	47	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
26	13	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
27	87	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
28	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
29	61	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
30	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
31	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
32	58	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
33	57	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
34	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
35	41	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
36	34	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
37	68	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
38	54	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
39	29	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
40	39	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
41	31	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
42	14	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
44	53	74	100	100	TOO	100	100	100	100

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				Sample S	Size Rat	io (F/B)			
Item #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250: 250	100: 100	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	50: 500
44	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
45	87	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
46	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
47	9 5	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
48	71	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
49	79	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
50	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
51	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
52	4	74	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
AVE.	32.9	50.9	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0	52.0
er Test									

TABLE 19

DIF Identification (F/B) for the MH Statistic: Test C

				Sample	Size Rat				
	2000:	1000:	500:	250:	100:	50:	200:	100:	50:
Item #	2000	1000	500	250	100	50	2000	1000	500
1	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	15/3	19/4	0/0	4/0	6/0
2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/1	21/6	0/0	1/0	5/1
3	0/0	0/0	0/0	10/0	21/2	30/4	8/0	8/0	24/0
4	0/60	0/62	0/63	0/63	0/54	3/54	0/57	0/51	0/60
5	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	18/1	31/4	3/0	6/0	19/0
6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/10	6/23	0/0	0/2	0/6
7	0/0	0/1	0/11	0/21	0/30	2/32	0/19	0/22	0/31
8	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	6/1	16/7	0/0	1/0	13/1
9	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/11	2/20	0/0	0/8	0/10
10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	2/7	11/16	0/0	0/3	4/10
11	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	4/3	9/12	0/0	1/0	7/2
12	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	13/1	20/9	1/0	6/0	12/0
13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4	0/15	4/21	0/1	0/0	0/15
14	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	14/1	19/7	1/0	8/0	17/0
15	0/0	0/1	0/4	0/16	0/34	1/37	0/7	0/19	0/32
16	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	7/1	12/11	0/0	0/0	9/0
17	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	8/0	35/3	1/0	3/0	10/1
18	0/0	0/0	11/0	21/0	46/0	37/1	18/0	28/0	37/0
19	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	3/3	15/16	0/0	1/0	3/0
20	0/0	0/0	1/0	9/0	15/1	22/9	4/0	7/0	19/0
21	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/7	8/15	0/0	1/0	2/6
22	0/0	0/0	2/0	1/0	21/0	23/2	1/0	11/0	19/1
23	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/3	5/13	0/0	0/0	4/3
24	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	10/3	9/13	0/0	0/0	4/2
25	0/0	0/0	3/0	5/0	19/0	32/4	1/0	10/0	14/1
26	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	4/0	17/8	0/0	11/0	2/4
27	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/4	15/11	0/0	0/0	2/1
28	0/0	0/3	0/6	0/13	0/20	0/39	0/13	0/20	0/28
29	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/13	7/28	0/0	0/4	0/8
30	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	6/1	26/6	0/0	3/0	14/0
31	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/7	4/26 4/28	0/1 0/7	0/7	1/9
32	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/7	0/19			0/17	0/20
33 34	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	10/2 8/1	18/3 21/5	0/0 0/0	2/0 1/0	2/1 6/5
34 35	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	7/0	21/3	0/0	0/0	3/3
35 36	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	8/1	21/9 19/8	0/0	0/0	6/3
36 37	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/5	13/18	0/0	0/0	0/6
3 <i>7</i> 38	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	7/3	13/16	0/0	0/3	5/2
36 39	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/12	8/26	0/0	0/4	1/12
40	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4	1/19	7/36	0/4	0/4	0/16
VE.	.0/	.0/	.2/	.7/	2.9/	5.8/	.3/	1.0/	2.7/
er 'est	.6	.7	.9	1.4	3.0	6.1	1.1	1.7	2.8

TABLE 20

DIF Identification (F/B) for the STD Statistic: Test C

				Sample	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
.	2000:	1000:	500:	250:	100:	50:	200:	100:	50:
Item #	2000	1000	500	250	100	50	2000	1000	500
1	0/0	0/0	0/0	6/0	40/0	88/0	0/0	2/0	4/0
2	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/0	40/3	75/0	1/0	4/0	15/3
3	0/0	0/0	1/0	12/0	52/1	84/0	8/0	8/0	22/0
4	0/75	0/74	0/71	0/66	1/29	38/8	0/66	0/59	0/59
5	0/0	1/0	6/0	16/0	50/1	84/0	9/0	12/0	30/1
6	0/0	0/0 0/22	0/1	0/3	14/7	59/2	0/1	0/5	0/16
7 8	0/13 0/0	0/22	0/31 0/0	0/33 3/1	4/17 28/0	45/5	0/33 0/0	0/39	0/44
9	0/0	0/5	0/0	0/19	6/16	72/1 35/0	0/0	4/1 0/27	18/2 0/34
10	0/0	0/0	0/18	0/19	9/4	53/0	0/17	0/2/	5/18
11	0/0	0/0	1/0	3/0	28/2	66/1	1/0	4/0	$\frac{3}{14}$
12	0/0	1/0	3/0	13/0	41/2	84/0	7/0	15/0	20/0
13	0/0	0/1	0/11	0/19	7/15	52/2	0/14	0/23	2/29
14	0/0	0/0	1/0	5/0	40/0	82/0	1/0	8/0	17/0
15	0/0	0/13	0/13	0/23	1/25	38/5	0/17	0/31	0/38
16	0/0	0/0	3/0	3/0	33/2	73/2	2/0	7/0	19/1
17	0/0	0/0	2/0	8/0	39/1	79/0	4/0	12/1	20/1
18	19/0	22/0	31/0	47/0	75/0	87/0	39/0	47/0	50/0
19	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	21/3	60/3	0/0	2/0	6/4
20	0/0	1/0	5/0	15/0	50/0	79/1	7/0	11/0	24/0
21	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2	15/7	51/2	0/0	2/2	6/14
22	0/0	4/0	15/0	26/0	59/0	77/0	14/0	31/0	34/1
23	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/1	24/3	63/2	0/0	1/2	10/€
24	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0	29/0	58/2	0/0	1/0	8/2
25	0/0	1/0	5/0	11/0	58/0	76/1	10/0	16/0	22/
26	0/0	0/0	1/0	4/1	32/1	58/1	0/0	4/0	9/5
27	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	19/7	50/4	0/0	3/3	7/5
28	0/32	0/37	0/49	0/40	1/21	23/14	0/37	0/44	0/39
29	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/6	14/6	37/3	0/2	0/10	0/14
30	0/0	0/0		8/0	43/0	65/0	3/0	10/0	20/0
31	0/0	0/0		0/7	7/9		0/9	0/17	2/19
32	0/2	0/8	0/16	0/18	1/19			0/32	0/26
33	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	31/1		1/0	6/0	12/0
34	0/0	0/0		4/1		42/4	1/0	3/1	14/5
35 36	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0		4/0	22/2		1/0		8/2
36 37	0/0 0/0	0/0	1/0 0/0	6/0 0/1	19/3 8/6		0/0 0/0		9/2
3 <i>1</i> 38	0/0	0/0		1/0	23/2			0/5 3/1	$\frac{1}{7}$
3 9	0/0	0/0			3/5		0/0	0/2	1/8
40	0/0	0/0	0/4	0/15	5/16	27/7	0/8	0/13	2/20
VĒ.	.2/		.8/		10.1/				
er Cest	1.2	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.4	1.2	2.2	3.3	4.3

TABLE 21

DIF Identification for the RMWSD Statistic: Test C

				Sample :	Size Rat	io (F:B)			
[tem #	2000: 2000	1000: 1000	500: 500	250 : 250	100: 100	50: 50	200: 2000	100: 1000	5 0
1	3	50	99	100	100	100	99	100	10
2	12	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
3	11	59	99	100	100	100	98	100	10
4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
5	23	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
6	6	87	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
7	90	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
8	0	73	99	100	100	100	100	100	10
9	85	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
10	23	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
11	1	70	9 9	100	100	100	100	100	10
12 13	18 61	81 95	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	10 10
14	3	56	99	100	100	100	100	100	10
15	82	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
16	12	87	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
17	24	83	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
18	94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
19	2	67	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
20	35	80	100	100	100	99	100	100	10
21	11	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
22	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
23	9	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
24	0	69	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
25	2 7	88	99	100	100	100	100	100	10
26	9	86	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
27	10	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
28	98	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
29	24	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
30	8	91	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
31 32	34	97	100	100	100	100	100	100 100	10
33	92	100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100	10 10
34	6 12	88 88	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
35	11	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
36	26	91	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
37	11	91	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
38	12	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
39	11	79	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
40	66	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	10
E.	12.5	34.5	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.

FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #5 of Test A

Figure 2. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #7 of Test A

Figure 3. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #19 of Test A

Figure 4. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #29 of Test A

Figure 5. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #23 of Test B

Figure 6. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #34 of Test B

Figure 7. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #44 of Test B

Figure 8. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #47 of Test B

Figure 9. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #47 of Test B

Figure 10. ICCs of F(females) and B(males) for Item #4 of Test C

Figure 11. ICCs of F(females) and B(males) for Item #18 of Test C

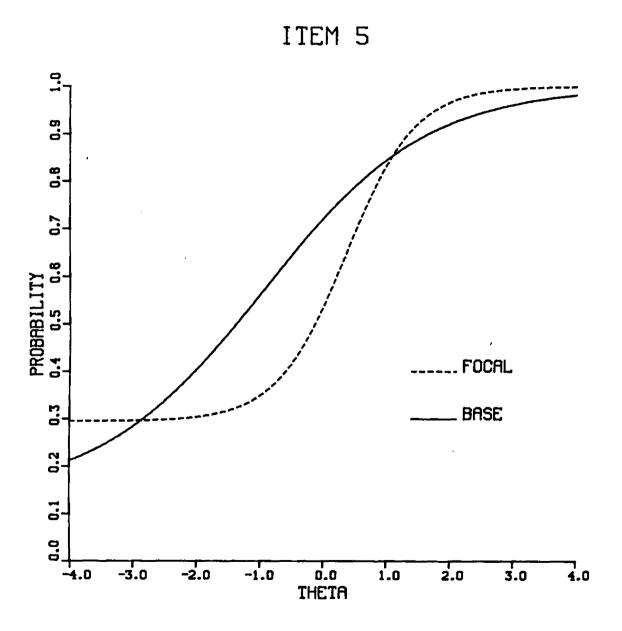


Figure 1. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #5 of Test A

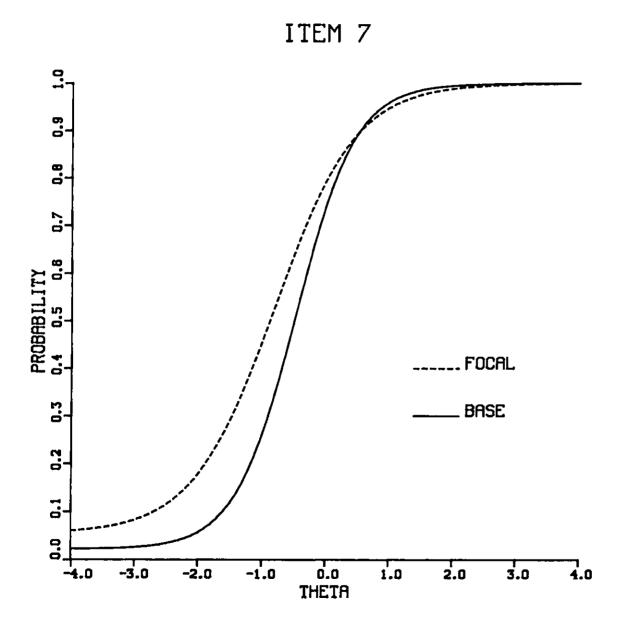


Figure 2. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #7 of Test A

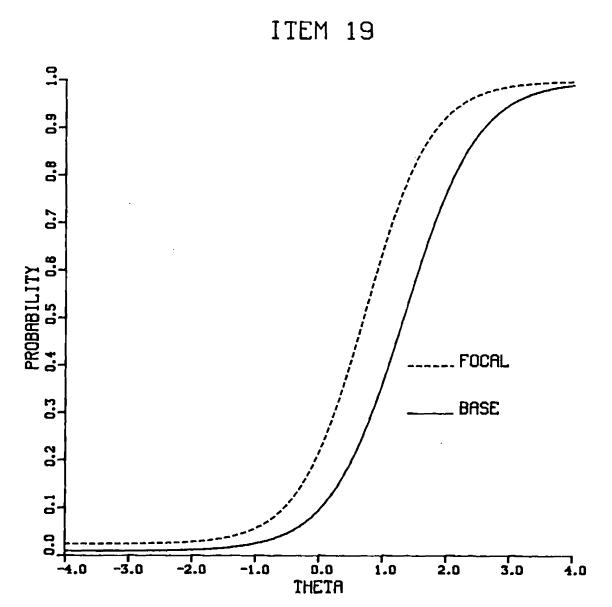


Figure 3. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #19 of Test A

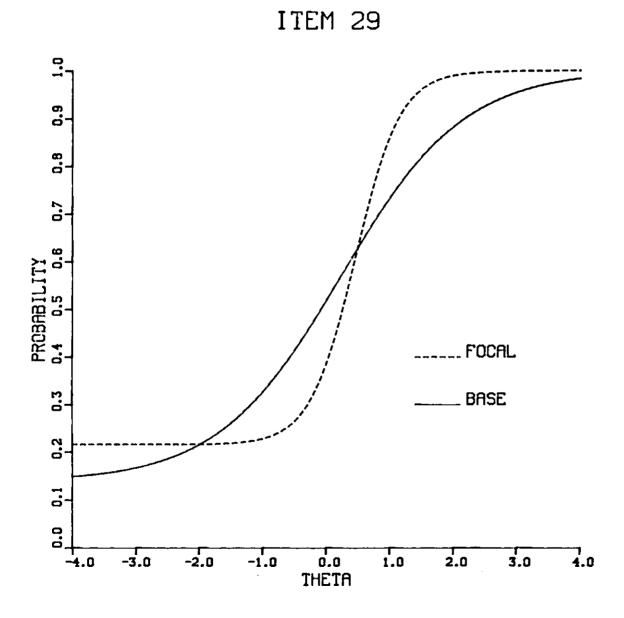


Figure 4. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #29 of Test A

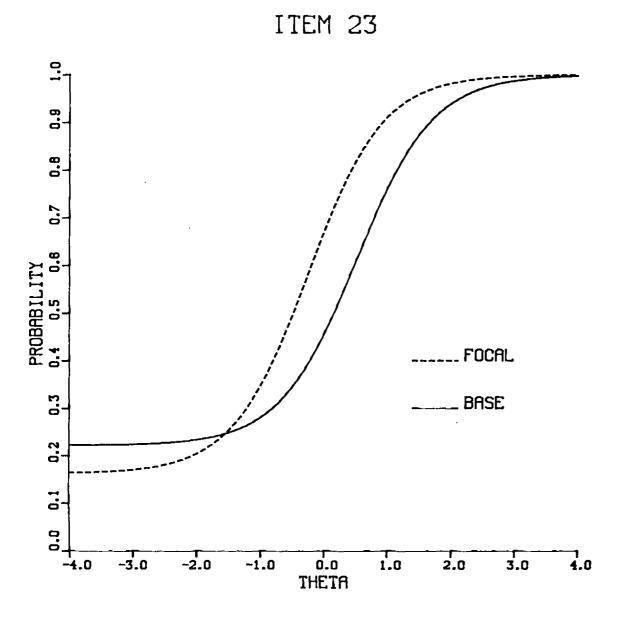


Figure 5. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #23 of Test B

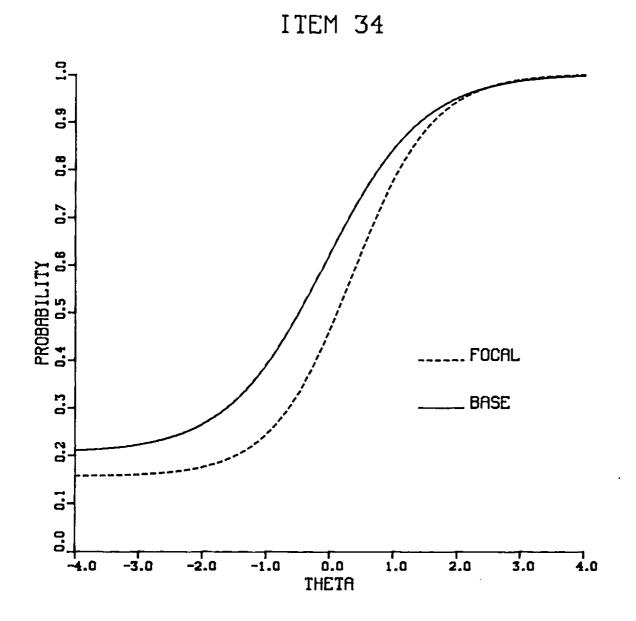


Figure 6. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #34 of Test B



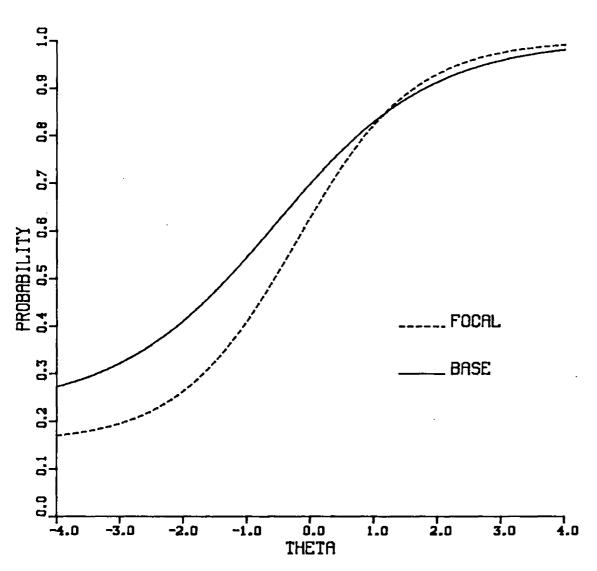


Figure 7. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #44 of Test B

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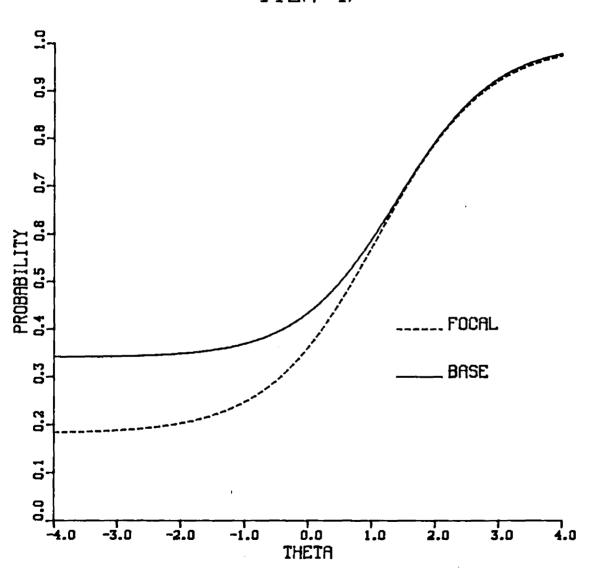


Figure 8. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #47 of Test B

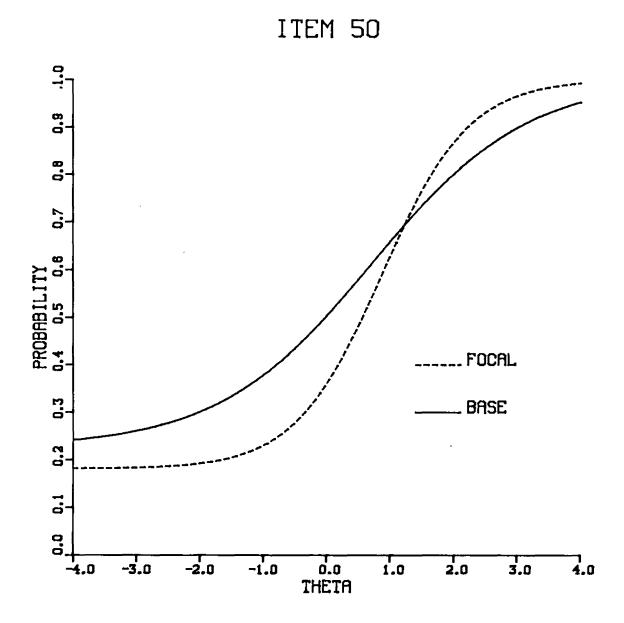


Figure 9. ICCs of F(blacks) and B(whites) for Item #50 of Test 8

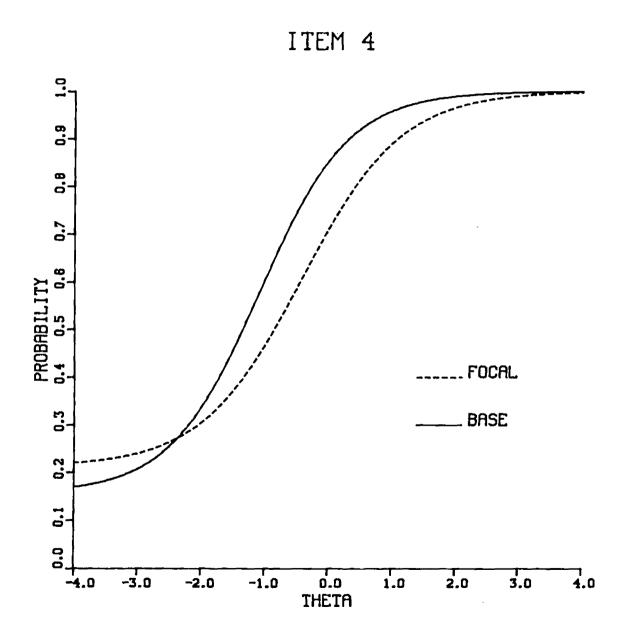


Figure 10. ICCs of F(females) and B(males) for Item #4 of Test C

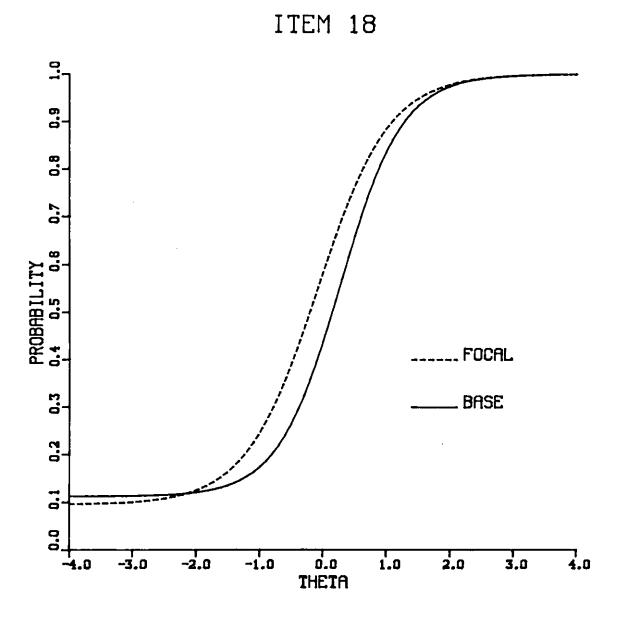


Figure 11. ICCs of F(females) and B(males) for Item #18 of Test C

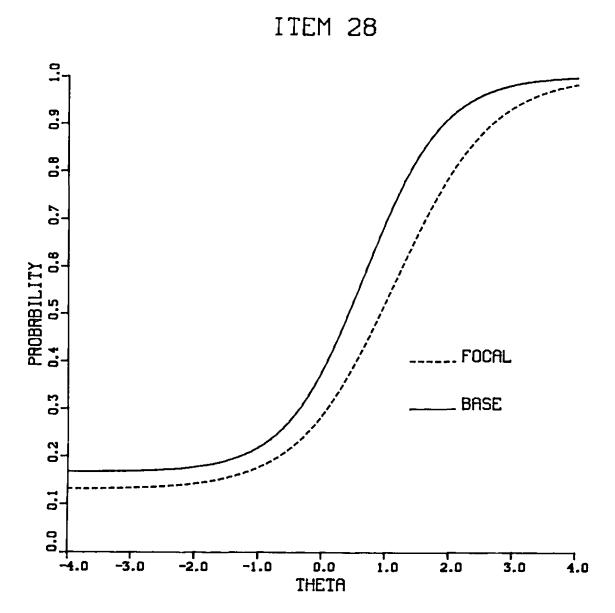


Figure 12. ICCs of F(females) and B(males) for Item #28 of Test C

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