



Information matrices for composite type distributions

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Abstract:

- Composite type distributions are being increasingly used to model insurance data. Yet no expressions seem to be available for observed information matrices. In this paper, we give expressions for the matrices for two-piece, three-piece and m -piece composite distributions in their most general forms. Expressions for a number of particular cases and a simulation study showing practical use are also given.

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1. Introduction

Composite type distributions have attracted much attention for modeling insurance data lately. Nearly all of the proposed models are made up of two pieces. The most general two-piece composite distribution has its probability density and cumulative distribution functions specified by

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \frac{f_1(x)}{F_1(\theta)}, & x \leq \theta, \\ \frac{\Phi}{1 + \Phi} \frac{f_2(x)}{1 - F_2(\theta)}, & \theta < x, \end{cases}$$

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and

$$(1.2) \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \frac{f_1(x)}{F_1(\theta)}, & x < \theta, \\ \frac{\Phi}{1 + \Phi} \left[1 + \Phi \frac{F_2(x) - F_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \right], & \theta < x, \end{cases}$$

respectively, where f_1, f_2 are smooth and valid probability density functions, F_1, F_2 are the corresponding cumulative distribution functions and $\Phi > 0$.

Various particular cases of (1.1) and (1.2) have been studied in the literature: Cooray and Ananda [9], Scollnik [33], Teodorescu [35], Lee [18], Pigeon and Denuit [31], Eliazar and Cohen [13], Pak [29], Bee [3], Cooray and Cheng [10], Luckstead and Devadoss [22], Luckstead *et al.* [23] and Mutali and Vernic [26] considered lognormal and Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Teodorescu and Vernic [37], Aminzadeh and Deng [1] and Gencturk *et al.* [14] considered exponential and Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Cooray [8], Teodorescu and Panaitescu [36], Scollnik and Sun [34], Calderin-Ojeda [6] and Deng and Aminzadeh [12] considered Weibull and Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Cooray *et al.* [11] considered Weibull and inverse Weibull distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Teodorescu and Vernic [38] considered the Pareto distribution for f_2 ; Nadarajah and Bakar [27, 28] considered the lognormal distribution for f_1 ; Maghsoudi *et al.* [25] considered Weibull and inverse transformed gamma distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Calderin-Ojeda [5] considered Weibull and Burr distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Calderin-Ojeda and Kwok [7] considered the Stoppa distribution for f_1 ; Kim *et al.* [16] and Park and Baek [30] considered lognormal and generalized Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Maghsoudi and Abu Bakar [24] considered transformed gamma and inverse transformed gamma distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Aminzadeh and Deng [2] considered inverse gamma and Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Kim *et al.* [17] considered gamma and generalized Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; Benatmane *et al.* [4] considered Rayleigh and Pareto distributions for f_1 and f_2 , respectively; and so on. Liu and Ananda [19, 20] studied an exponentiated version of (1.1) and (1.2). Grün and Miljkovic [15] provided a comprehensive analysis on two-piece composite distributions. Liu and Ananda [21] proposed an exponentiated version of inverse gamma-Pareto composite distribution.

Yet we are aware of no work giving the observed information matrix for the general form of composite distributions. Even the particular cases mentioned in the cited papers do not appear to have derived the observed information matrices. Observed information matrices are important for tests of hypothesis and interval estimation.

Observed information matrices are commonly computed numerically. This can be prone to errors especially for composite type distributions because they involve continuity and differentiability conditions at θ . The aim of this paper is to derive explicit expressions for the observed information matrices for the most general two-piece, three-piece and m -piece composite distributions. These expressions are given in Sections 2, 3 and 4. Some particular cases of these expressions when f_1 is taken to correspond to exponential and Weibull distributions are given in the supplementary file. A simulation study showing practical use of the expressions in Section 4 is described in Section 5.

m -piece composite distributions when $m > 2$ can be useful models for portfolio losses when the portfolio consists of more than two assets behaving differently. Examples could include portfolios consisting of losses relating to food, energy and metals.

All of the differentiation was performed manually. The correctness of differentiation was verified numerically. Mathematica code implementing the expressions in Sections 2 to 4 can be obtained from the corresponding author.

2. General two-piece composite distribution

Suppose that the body and tail are described probability density functions f_1 and f_2 , respectively. Then the probability density and cumulative distribution functions of the most general two-piece composite distribution are (1.1) and (1.2), respectively. Suppose f_1 and f_2 are parameterized by Ω_1 and Ω_2 , respectively. Conditions for continuity and differentiability at θ ensure that $\theta = \theta(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ and $\Phi = \Phi(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) = \frac{f_1(\theta)[1 - F_2(\theta)]}{F_1(\theta)f_2(\theta)}$. If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from (1.1)-(1.2) then the

log-likelihood function of (Ω_1, Ω_2) is

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) &= \sum_{x_i \leq \theta} \log f_1(x_i) + \sum_{\theta < x_i} \log f_2(x_i) - a [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] \\ &\quad + (n - a) \{\log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)]\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{x_i \leq \theta\}.$$

Given the facts that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} I\{x \geq \theta\} = \Delta(\theta)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} I\{x < \theta\} = -\Delta(\theta)$$

(see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indicator_function), where $\Delta(\cdot)$ denotes the Dirac-delta function, we obtain the first order partial derivatives as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_1} &= \sum_{x_i \leq \theta} \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) [\log f_1(x_i) - \log f_2(x_i)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \{\log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)]\} \\ &\quad - a \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] + (n - a) \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_2} &= \sum_{\theta < x_i} \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) [\log f_1(x_i) - \log f_2(x_i)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \{\log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)]\} \\ &\quad - a \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] + (n - a) \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the observed information matrix is

$$(2.1) \quad \mathbf{J} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} &= \sum_{x_i \leq \theta} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_1(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]^2}{[f_1(x_i)]^2} + 2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) [\log f_1(x_i) - \log f_2(x_i)] \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1^2} [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \{ \log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)] \} \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] - 2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \\
&- a \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1^2} (1 + \Phi) - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - a \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_1} F_1(\theta) - \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} [f_1(\theta)]^2}{[F_1(\theta)]^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} - a \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \\
&+ (n - a) \left[\frac{1}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - \frac{1}{\Phi^2} \right] \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2 + (n - a) \left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \\
&+ (n - a) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_1} [1 - F_2(\theta)] + [f_2(\theta)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1}}{[1 - F_2(\theta)]^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} + (n - a) \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1^2},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} &= \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) [\log f_1(x_i) - \log f_2(x_i)] \\
&- \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \{ \log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)] \} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \\
&- \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] \\
&- \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \\
&- a \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} (1 + \Phi) - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2}}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - a \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_2} F_1(\theta) - [f_1(\theta)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2}}{[F_1(\theta)]^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \\
&- a \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \\
&+ (n - a) \left[\frac{1}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - \frac{1}{\Phi^2} \right] \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} + (n - a) \left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \\
&+ (n - a) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_2} [1 - F_2(\theta)] + [f_2(\theta)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2}}{[1 - F_2(\theta)]^2} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2^2} &= \sum_{x_i > \theta} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2^2} f_2(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]^2}{[f_2(x_i)]^2} + 2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta) [\log f_1(x_i) - \log f_2(x_i)] \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_2^2} [\log(1 + \Phi) + \log F_1(\theta)] - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \{ \log \Phi - \log(1 + \Phi) - \log[1 - F_2(\theta)] \} \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 + \Phi} + \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] - 2 \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] \\
&- a \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2^2} (1 + \Phi) - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - a \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_2} F_1(\theta) - \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} [f_1(\theta)]^2}{[F_1(\theta)]^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} - a \frac{f_1(\theta)}{F_1(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \\
&+ (n - a) \left[\frac{1}{(1 + \Phi)^2} - \frac{1}{\Phi^2} \right] \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2 + (n - a) \left(\frac{1}{\Phi} - \frac{1}{1 + \Phi} \right) \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \\
&+ (n - a) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(\theta)}{\partial \Omega_2} [1 - F_2(\theta)] + [f_2(\theta)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2}}{[1 - F_2(\theta)]^2} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Omega_2} + (n - a) \frac{f_2(\theta)}{1 - F_2(\theta)} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial \Omega_2^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

3. General three-piece composite distribution

Suppose that the lower tail, middle part and the upper tail are described probability density functions f_1 , f_2 and f_3 , respectively. Then the probability density and cumulative distribution functions of the most general three-piece composite distribution are

$$(3.1) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \frac{f_1(x)}{F_1(\theta_1)}, & x \leq \theta_1, \\ \frac{\Phi_2}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \frac{f_2(x)}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)}, & \theta_1 < x \leq \theta_2, \\ \frac{\Phi_3}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \frac{f_3(x)}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)}, & \theta_2 < x \end{cases}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \frac{F_1(x)}{F_1(\theta_1)}, & x \leq \theta_1, \\ \frac{1}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \left[1 + \Phi_2 \frac{F_2(x) - F_2(\theta_1)}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right], & \theta_1 < x \leq \theta_2, \\ \frac{1}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} \left[1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3 \frac{F_3(x) - F_3(\theta_2)}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right], & \theta_2 < x, \end{cases}$$

respectively. Suppose f_1 , f_2 and f_3 are parameterized by Ω_1 , Ω_2 and Ω_3 , respectively. Conditions for continuity and differentiability at θ_1 , θ_2 ensure that $\theta_1 = \theta_1(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3)$, $\theta_2 = \theta_2(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3)$, $\Phi_2 = \Phi_2(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3) = \frac{f_1(\theta_1)[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]}{F_1(\theta_1)f_2(\theta_1)}$ and $\Phi_3 = \Phi_3(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3) = \frac{f_1(\theta_1)f_2(\theta_2)[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]}{F_1(\theta_1)f_2(\theta_1)f_3(\theta_2)}$. If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from (3.1)-(3.2) then the log-likelihood function of $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\log L(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3) &= \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \log f_1(x_i) - a \log F_1(\theta_1) - n \log(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) \\
&+ b \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + \sum_{\theta_1 < x_i \leq \theta_2} \log f_2(x_i) + c \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&+ \sum_{\theta_2 < x_i} \log f_3(x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{x_i \leq \theta_1\},$$

$$b = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{\theta_1 < x_i \leq \theta_2\}$$

and

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{\theta_2 < x_i\}$$

with $a + b + c = n$. The first order partial derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_1} &= \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{af_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \\ &\quad - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_1} \{\log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]\} \\ &\quad + b \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{\frac{f_2(\theta_2) \partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - \frac{f_2(\theta_1) \partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_1} \{\log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)]\} + c \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{\frac{f_3(\theta_2) \partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_2} &= \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{af_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \\ &\quad - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_2} \{\log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]\} \\ &\quad + b \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{\frac{f_2(\theta_2) \partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_1) \partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i \leq \theta_2} \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_2} \{\log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)]\} + c \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{\frac{f_3(\theta_2) \partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_3} &= \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_3} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{a f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \\
&\quad - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)}{1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} \\
&\quad + b \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} + c \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\theta_2 < x_i} \frac{\frac{\partial f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3}}{f_3(x_i)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the observed information matrix is

$$\mathbf{J} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \frac{2\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} \\
&+ \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_1(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]^2}{[f_1(x_i)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \left[\frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \right] F_1(\theta_1) - a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} - n \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2 \right]}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + 2 \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] \\
&+ \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \Phi_2 - b \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&- \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]^2}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&+ 2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] + c \frac{\Phi_3 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1^2} - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{\Phi_3^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c \left[f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]^2}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \log F_1(\theta_1) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2}}{F_1(\theta_1)} + \frac{a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] + \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \Phi_2 - b \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] + \frac{c \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \Phi_3 - c \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_3^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c [f_3(\theta_2)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \log F_1(\theta_1) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_3} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3}}{F_1(\theta_1)} + \frac{a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_1} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] + \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \Phi_2 - b \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \right] \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \right]}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_1} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] + \frac{c \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \Phi_3 - c \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c [f_3(\theta_2)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3}}{f_3(x_i)},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\left[\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \right] F_1(\theta_1) - a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} \\
&\quad + \frac{2\partial b}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] + \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \Phi_2 - b \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]^2}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&\quad - 2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&\quad + 2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] + c \frac{\Phi_3 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2^2} - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \right)^2}{\Phi_3^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2^2} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c \left[f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]^2}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i \leq \theta_2} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2^2} f_2(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2} \right]^2}{[f_2(x_i)]^2},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \log F_1(\theta_1) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_3} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3}}{F_1(\theta_1)} + \frac{a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_2} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \frac{n \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - n \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_2} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2} - \frac{f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_2} - f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] + \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \Phi_2 - b \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \right] \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \right]}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} + \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_2(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_2}}{f_2(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_2} + \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2}}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \right] + \frac{c \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \Phi_3 - c \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c [f_3(\theta_2)]^2 \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3}}{f_3(x_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_3^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \\
&\quad \frac{\left[\frac{\partial a}{\partial \Omega_3} f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} + a \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} + a f_1(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \right] F_1(\theta_1) - a [f_1(\theta_1)]^2 \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad \frac{n \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \right) (1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3) - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + \frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)^2 \right]}{(1 + \Phi_2 + \Phi_3)^2} \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 b}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \{ \log \Phi_2 - \log [F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)] \} + 2 \frac{\partial b}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_2} - f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3}}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \right] \\
&+ \frac{b \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \Phi_2 - b \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)^2}{\Phi_2^2} \\
&\quad \frac{b \left[\frac{\partial f_2(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} - \frac{\partial f_2(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \right]}{F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{b \left[f_2(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} - f_2(\theta_1) \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \right]^2}{[F_2(\theta_2) - F_2(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_2} \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_2(x_i) + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \sum_{\theta_1 \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_2(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \{ \log \Phi_3 - \log [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] \} \\
&+ 2 \frac{\partial c}{\partial \Omega_3} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3}}{\Phi_3} + \frac{f_3(\theta_2)}{1 - F_3(\theta_2)} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \right] + c \frac{\Phi_3 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3^2} - \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_3}{\partial \Omega_3} \right)^2}{\Phi_3^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \log f_3(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{c \left[\frac{\partial f_3(\theta_2)}{\partial \Omega_3} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} + f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3^2} \right] [1 - F_3(\theta_2)] + c \left[f_3(\theta_2) \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \right]^2}{[1 - F_3(\theta_2)]^2} \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \Omega_3} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_2) \frac{\frac{\partial f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3}}{f_3(x_i)} + \sum_{\theta_2 < x_i} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3^2} f_3(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_3(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_3} \right]^2}{[f_3(x_i)]^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

4. General m -piece composite distribution

Suppose every piece of the distribution is described by f_i, F_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then the probability density and cumulative distribution functions of the most general m -piece composite distribution are

$$(4.1) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \zeta \frac{f_1(x)}{F_1(\theta_1)}, & x \leq \theta_1, \\ \zeta \phi_i \frac{f_i(x)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})}, & \theta_{i-1} < x < \theta_i, \\ \zeta \phi_m \frac{f_m(x)}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})}, & \theta_{m-1} < x \end{cases}$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} \zeta \frac{F_1(x)}{F_1(\theta_1)}, & x \leq \theta_1, \\ \zeta \left[\sum_{j=1}^i \phi_j + \phi_i \frac{F_i(x) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \right], & \theta_{i-1} < x < \theta_i, \\ \zeta \phi_m \left[\sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \phi_j + \phi_m \frac{F_m(x) - F_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \right], & \theta_{m-1} < x, \end{cases}$$

respectively, where θ_i , $i = 2, \dots, m-1$ mark the section boundaries and $\zeta = 1/(1 + \phi_2 + \dots + \phi_m)$. We take $\phi_1 = 1$. Suppose f_i are parameterized by Ω_i . Conditions for continuity and differentiability at θ_i ensure that $\theta_i = \theta_i(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ and

$$\phi_i = \phi_i(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} f_j(\theta_j) [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]}{F_1(\theta_1) \prod_{j=2}^i f_j(\theta_{j-1})}.$$

Let

$$a_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{x_i \leq \theta_1\},$$

$$a_m = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{\theta_{m-1} < x_i\}$$

and

$$a_j = \sum_{i=1}^n I\{\theta_{j-1} \leq x_i \leq \theta_j\}$$

for $j = 2, \dots, m-1$. Note that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m = n$. If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from (4.1)-(4.2) then the log-likelihood function of $(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m) &= n \log \zeta - a_1 \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\ &\quad - a_m \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \log f_1(x_i) + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[a_i \log \phi_i + \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i \leq \theta_i} \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + a_m \log \phi_m + \sum_{\theta_{m-1} < x_i} \log f_m(x_i). \end{aligned}$$

The first order partial derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_1} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1} - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} a_1 f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \log \phi_i + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_i} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \log \phi_m + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_m} - \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_i} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i} - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} a_1 f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i \leq \theta_i} \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \log \phi_i + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \log \phi_m + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m} - \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \Omega_m} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} a_1 f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_i + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_m + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m} - \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i) + \sum_{\theta_{m-1} < x_i} \frac{\frac{\partial f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{f_m(x_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

for $i = 2, \dots, m-1$. Hence, the observed information matrix is

$$\mathbf{J} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_2} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_2 \partial \Omega_m} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1^2} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1^2} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} + \frac{\left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2 a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_1} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_1} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]^2}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\ &\quad + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_1}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]^2}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\ &\quad + 2 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} + \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_1} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1^2} f_1(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1} \right]^2}{[f_1(x_i)]^2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \log \phi_i + 2 \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \phi_i - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{\phi_i^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} < x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - 2 \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \log \phi_m + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \phi_m - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \right)^2}{\phi_m^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i} - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_i} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_i} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] \\
&+ \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_i}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&+ a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \log \phi_i + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i} + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \phi_i - \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i^2} \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} < x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} \right] \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \log \phi_m + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \phi_m - \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m^2} \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i)
\end{aligned}$$

for $2 \leq i \leq m-1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_m} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_m} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] \\
&+ \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_m}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&+ a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&+ \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \frac{\frac{\partial f_1(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_1}}{f_1(x_i)} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_i + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i} + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \phi_i - \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i^2} \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} < x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_m + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \phi_m - \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_1} \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m^2} \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1 \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{f_m(x_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

for $2 \leq i \leq m-1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_i^2} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i^2} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} + \frac{\left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \right)^2 a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i^2} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} - f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_i} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i^2} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_i} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]^2}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&\quad + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i^2} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_i}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]^2}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&\quad - 2 \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} + 2 \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i \leq \theta_i} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i^2} f_i(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i} \right]^2}{[f_i(x_i)]^2} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \log \phi_i + 2 \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \phi_i - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \right)^2}{\phi_i^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} < x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - 2 \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \log \phi_m + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \phi_m - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \right)^2}{\phi_m^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i)
\end{aligned}$$

for $2 \leq i \leq m-1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_j} - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_j} a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_j} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_j}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_j} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_j}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_j} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_j} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_j} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_j} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] \\
&+ \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_j} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_j}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&+ a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_j} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_j} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_j} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i \leq \theta_i} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} f_i(x_i) - \frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_j}}{[f_i(x_i)]^2} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \log \phi_i + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_j}}{\phi_i} + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \phi_i - \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_j}}{\phi_i^2} \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_j} + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_j}}{f_i(x_i)} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_j}}{f_i(x_i)} \right] \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \log \phi_m + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_j}}{\phi_m} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_j} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \phi_m - \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_j}}{\phi_m^2} \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_j} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i)
\end{aligned}$$

for $2 \leq i < j \leq m-1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \log [F_1(\theta_1)] - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_m} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_m} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] \\
&+ \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_m}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&+ a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right] \left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_i(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_i}}{f_i(x_i)} \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left(\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_i + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i} + \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \phi_i - \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i^2} \right) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} \leq x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \log \phi_m + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m} + \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \phi_m - \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_i} \frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m^2} \\
&- \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i \partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{f_m(x_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

for $2 \leq i \leq m-1$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \Omega_m^2} &= \frac{n}{\zeta} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \Omega_m^2} - \frac{n}{\zeta^2} \left(\frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \Omega_m} \right)^2 - \frac{\partial^2 a_1}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \log F_1(\theta_1) - \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_1(\theta_1)}{F_1(\theta_1)} \\
&+ \frac{\left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \right)^2 a_1 [f_1(\theta_1)]^2}{[F_1(\theta_1)]^2} \\
&- \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m^2} a_1 f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial \Omega_m} f_1(\theta_1) + \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m} a_1 \frac{\partial f_1(\theta_1)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_1(\theta_1)} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \log [F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})] \\
&- 2 \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{f_i(\theta_i)}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} - f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m}}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&- \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m^2} f_i(\theta_i) + \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_i)}{\partial \Omega_m} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m^2} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial f_i(\theta_{i-1})}{\partial \Omega_m} \right]}{F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})} \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} a_i \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_i) - \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_i(\theta_{i-1}) \right]^2}{[F_i(\theta_i) - F_i(\theta_{i-1})]^2} - \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \log [1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})] + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} \\
&+ a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m^2} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) + \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial f_m(\theta_{m-1})}{\partial \Omega_m}}{1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})} + a_m \frac{\left[\frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} f_m(\theta_{m-1}) \right]^2}{[1 - F_m(\theta_{m-1})]^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_1) \log f_1(x_i) \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 a_i}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \log \phi_i + 2 \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_i} + a_i \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \phi_i - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \right)^2}{\phi_i^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \sum_{x_i \leq \theta_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \sum_{\theta_{i-1} < x_i} \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) - 2 \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\partial \theta_{i-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{i-1}) \Delta(x_i - \theta_i) \log f_i(x_i) \right] \\
&+ \frac{\partial^2 a_m}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \log \phi_m + 2 \frac{\partial a_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \frac{\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m}}{\phi_m} + a_m \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \phi_m - \left(\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial \Omega_m} \right)^2}{\phi_m^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \log f_m(x_i) \\
&- 2 \frac{\partial \theta_{m-1}}{\partial \Omega_m} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta(x_i - \theta_{m-1}) \frac{\frac{\partial f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m}}{f_m(x_i)} + \sum_{\theta_{m-1} < x_i} \frac{\frac{\partial^2 f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m^2} f_m(x_i) - \left[\frac{\partial f_m(x_i)}{\partial \Omega_m} \right]^2}{[f_m(x_i)]^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

5. A simulation study

In this section, we perform a simulation study to show the practical value of the expressions in the paper. We used the following scheme:

- (i) simulate a sample of size 1000 from the m -piece composite distribution in Section 4 with each piece described by an exponential distribution and $\theta_j = j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$;
- (ii) estimate the maximum likelihood estimates for the distribution;
- (iii) compute the information matrix given in Section 4;
- (iv) compute the information matrix numerically using the package numDeriv in R (R Development Core Team [32]);
- (v) take the squared sum of elementwise differences of the two matrices in steps (iii) and (iv);
- (vi) repeat steps (i) to (v) 100 times;
- (vii) draw a boxplot of the 100 squared sums of elementwise differences of the two matrices;
- (viii) repeat steps (i) to (vii) for $m = 2, 5, 10, 50$.

Figure 1 shows the boxplots. Figure 2 shows the boxplots when the lognormal distribution was used to model each piece in step (i). Figure 3 shows the boxplots when the Pareto distribution was used to model each piece in step (i).

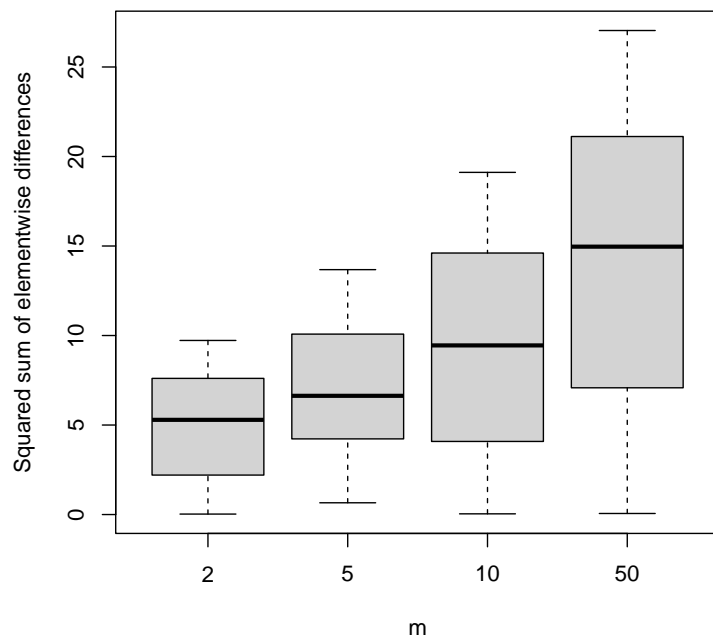


Figure 1: The squared sum of elementwise differences versus m when each piece was modeled by the exponential distribution.

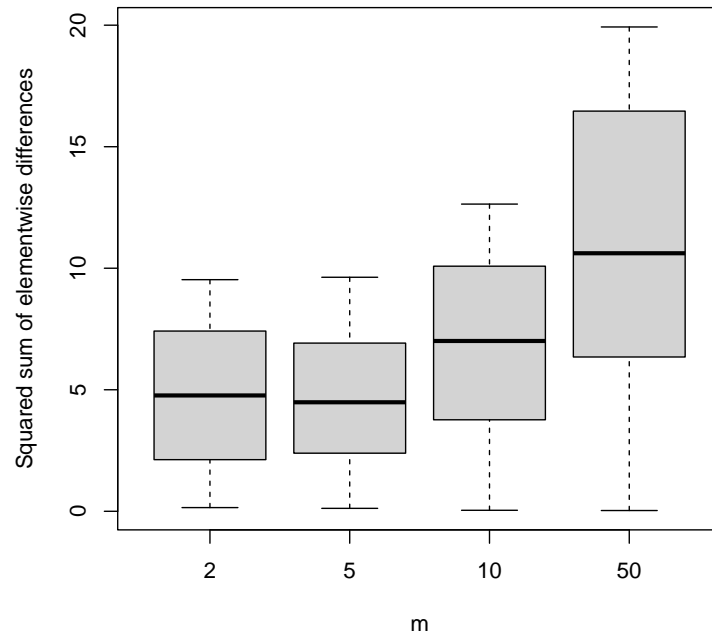


Figure 2: The squared sum of elementwise differences versus m when each piece was modeled by the lognormal distribution.

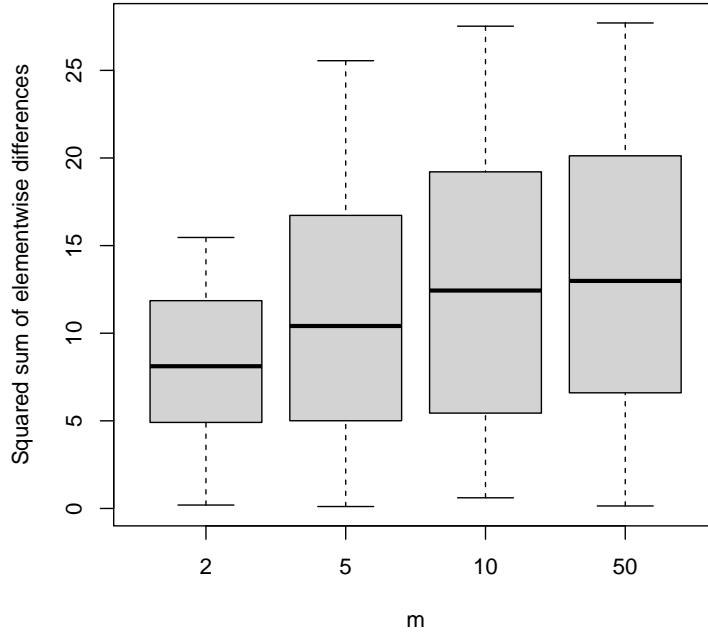


Figure 3: The squared sum of elementwise differences versus m when each piece was modeled by the Pareto distribution.

We can see that the squared sum of elementwise differences is significant whatever m is. The magnitude of the squared sum increases with increasing values of m . This is expected because of: i) numerical errors; ii) the increasing number of boundaries in the composite distribution as m increases; iii) the increasing number of conditions on continuity; iv) the increasing number of conditions on differentiability. The differences appear as large as 25 when $m = 50$. Hence, the expressions in the paper should be trusted (over numerical derivatives) for accurate computation of the information matrices and hence for accurate modeling of insurance data especially when m is large.

For simplicity, we have chosen the exponential, lognormal and Pareto distributions to describe each piece of the composite distribution. But the results were similar when other distributions were considered. In particular, the squared sum of elementwise differences were significant for any m and always increased with increasing values of m .

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