
ESTIMATION PROPERTIES AND APPLICATION OF EXPONENTIAL PERKS DISTRIBUTION

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ABSTRACT

This study proposed a new extension of perks distribution by adding one shape and one scale parameter to the perk's distribution using the exponential G-family proposed by Bourguignon (2014). This study has derived some expressions for its basic statistical properties such as moments, moment generating function, the characteristics function, reliability analysis, quantile function and the distribution of order statistics. Some plots of the distribution and the reliability function were generated and interpreted appropriately. The model parameters have been estimated using the method of maximum likelihood estimation. The performance of the model has also been tested by simulated data. The distribution compared to some existing generalizations of the Perks distribution. The likelihood approach is used to estimate the parameters. The efficiency and consistency of these estimators are validated by Monte Carlo simulation analysis, which shows that bias, variance, and root mean square error (RMSE) all decline with increasing sample sizes. Applying the EPD to a real-world dataset; the daily COVID-19-related mortality in China, validates its applicability. According to Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics, the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), and other well-known competing models, the EPD exhibits better goodness-of-fit in both situations. The findings demonstrate that the EPD is a reliable and adaptable technique for modeling positively skewed lifetime and survival data, with special potential for use in reliability analysis, medical research, and epidemiology.

KEYWORDS: Exponentiated Perks distribution, Weibull distribution, Maximum Likelihood, Monte Carlo, weibull distribution, Quartile function.

INTRODUCTION

A probability distribution is a statistical function that describes all the possible values and likelihoods that a random variable can take within a given range. This range will be bounded between the minimum and maximum possible values. However, where the possible value is likely to be plotted on the probability distribution depends on several factors. These factors include the distribution's mean (average), standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis Hayes (2024). Alshanbariet al. (2023) Generators of distributions is not a new thing, the idea can be traced right from the development of family of exponentiated G by Gupta and Kundu (1999) which needed an additional parameters to the distribution.

The Exponential distribution is used in Poisson processes and gives a description of the time between events. It is applied mostly in life testing experiments. It has memoryless property with a constant failure rate which makes the distribution unsuitable for real life problems and hence creating a vital problem in statistical modeling and applications. Besides the applications of Exponential distribution and its attractive properties, its usage has been limited in modeling real life situations due to the fact that it has a constant failure rate Lemonte (2013) One other problem with exponential distribution is in its memoryless property, this is because the memoryless assumption is hardly obtained in real life situations. Adegoke et al. (2018) proposed

The Perks distribution has several applications in the field of actuarial science. Haberman and Renshaw (2011) and Richards (2008) have shown that this distribution is a good fit for pensioner mortality data. The parametric mortality projection is well-described by the Perks distribution, according to Haberman and Renshaw (2011).

If a random variable X has exponential distribution with parameter $\lambda > 0$, then, the CDF and PDF are given by

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \quad (1)$$

And

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad (2)$$

where, $x > 0$, $\lambda > 0$, and λ is the scale parameter.

2 The Perks Distribution, PD

Perks distribution was developed by Perks (1932) and it is an extension or modification of the Gompertz-Makeham distribution. The CDF and the PDF of a random variable T following perks distribution are define as:

$$G(x) = 1 - \frac{1 + \beta}{1 + \beta e^{\theta x}} \quad (3)$$

And

$$g(x) = \beta \theta e^{\theta x} \frac{1 + \beta}{(1 + \beta e^{\theta x})^2} \quad (4)$$

3 The exponential G. family of distribution

The Exponential-G family of distributions proposed by Bourguignon et al. (2014)

With the CDF and the PDF defined as follows:

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ -\lambda \left[\frac{G(x)}{1 - G(x)} \right] \right\} \quad (5)$$

And

$$f(x) = \lambda g(x) (1 - G(x))^{-2} \exp \left\{ -\lambda \left[\frac{G(x)}{1 - G(x)} \right] \right\} \quad (6)$$

4 The Exponential-Perks Distribution.

The CDF of the EPD can be obtained by substituting equation (3) in (5)

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ -\lambda \left[\frac{\beta(e^{\theta x} - 1)}{1 + \beta} \right] \right\} \quad (7)$$

While substituting G(x) and g(x) in (6) gives the pdf of the Exponential perks distribution as

$$\text{Pdf} = \frac{\lambda(\beta \theta e^{\theta x})}{1 + \beta} \exp \left\{ -\lambda \left[\frac{\beta(e^{\theta x} - 1)}{1 + \beta} \right] \right\} \quad (8)$$

5 Properties of EPD

The moment

$$\mu = E[T^n] = \int_0^\infty t^n f(t) dt \quad (9)$$

$$\int_0^\infty t^n f(t) dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda \beta \theta e^{\theta t}}{1 + \beta} e^{-\lambda \beta \left(\frac{e^{\theta t} - 1}{1 + \beta} \right)} dt \quad (10)$$

$$\text{let } u = e^{\theta t}, \text{ so } dt = \frac{du}{\theta u} \quad t = \frac{\ln u}{\theta}$$

$$\mu = \int_1^\infty \left(\frac{\ln u}{\theta}\right)^n \exp\left[\frac{-\lambda\beta(u-1)}{1+\beta}\right] du \quad (11)$$

moment generating function

$$\text{mgf}(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f(t) dt \quad (12)$$

$$M_x = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{\lambda\beta\theta e^{\theta t}}{1+\beta} e^{-\lambda\beta\left(\frac{e^{\theta t}-1}{1+\beta}\right)} dt \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Let } y = e^{\theta x}, x = \frac{\ln y}{\theta} \text{ and } dx = \frac{dy}{\theta},$$

$$M_x = \int_1^\infty \left(\frac{\ln y}{\theta}\right) \frac{\lambda\beta\theta y}{1+\beta} \exp\left[-\frac{\lambda\beta(y-1)}{1+\beta}\right] \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{\lambda\beta}{1+\beta} \int_1^\infty y^{\frac{t}{\theta}} \exp\left[-\lambda\beta\frac{(y-1)}{1+\beta}\right] dy$$

$$M_x = \frac{\lambda\beta}{1+\beta} \exp\left(\frac{\lambda\beta}{1+\beta}\right) \left(\frac{1+\beta}{\lambda\beta}\right)^{\frac{t}{\theta}+1} \Gamma\left(\frac{t}{\theta}+1\right) \quad (14)$$

Survival function

This is the probability that an entity or a person won't malfunction after a specified amount of time. Therefore, is given by:

$$S(t) = 1 - F(t) \quad (9)$$

$$s(t) = 1 - \left[1 - e^{\left\{-\lambda\frac{\beta(e^{\theta t}-1)}{1+\beta}\right\}}\right] = e^{\left\{-\lambda\frac{\beta(e^{\theta t}-1)}{1+\beta}\right\}} \quad (10)$$

Hazard Function

This refers to the probability or tendency that a given component or system may die over certain period of time. Mathematically,

$$h(t) = \frac{f(t)}{s(t)} = \frac{\lambda\beta\theta e^{\theta t}}{1+\beta} e^{\left[\frac{-\lambda\beta(e^{\theta t}-1)}{1+\beta}\right]} / e^{\left[\frac{-\lambda\beta(e^{\theta t}-1)}{1+\beta}\right]} \quad (11)$$

Quantile Function

$$Q_u = F^{-1}$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = u, \text{ so that } u = 1 - \exp\left\{\frac{-\lambda\beta(e^{\theta t}-1)}{1+\beta}\right\}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{\theta} \ln\left[1 - \frac{1+\beta}{\lambda\beta} \ln(1-u)\right] \quad (12)$$

ESTIMATION OF PARAMETERS

The parameters are estimated using the maximum likelihood method as follows: The likelihood function is:

$$L(\theta, \lambda, \beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda \beta \theta e^{\theta x}}{1 + \beta} \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda \beta (e^{\theta x} - 1)}{1 + \beta} \right]$$

$$L(\lambda, \beta, \theta) = \ln L(\lambda, \beta, \theta) = n \ln \lambda + n \ln \beta + n \ln \theta + \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x - n \ln(1 + \beta) - \frac{\lambda \beta}{1 + \beta} \sum_{i=1}^n (e^{\theta x} - 1)$$

1. With respect to λ

$$\frac{dl}{d\lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda}$$

2. With respect to β

3. With respect to θ

Simulation Results

The simulation results are presented in the following Tables and the graphical display in Figure shows the mean estimates, bias, variance, and RMSE for each parameter across different sample sizes. The simulation results reveal several important patterns regarding the performance

of the MLEs for the EPD parameters.

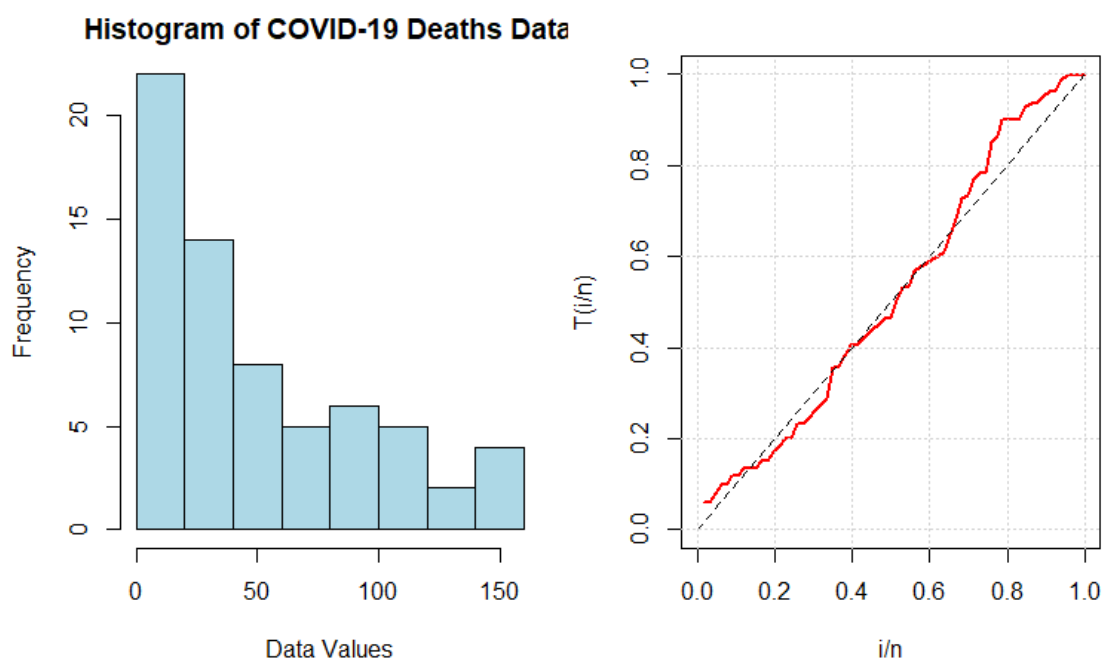
Sample Size	Parameter	Mean Estimate	Bias	Variance	RMSE
25	λ	2.8577	0.3577	6.3399	2.5432
	β	2.7529	2.7529	0.5853	0.7668
	θ	1.0889	0.2889	0.4132	0.7048
50	λ	2.6985	0.1985	2.9722	1.7354
	β	2.7642	0.0642	0.2856	0.5382
	θ	0.9437	0.1437	0.1757	0.4431
75	λ	2.7717	0.608	0.5391	0.7368
	β	2.7608	0.0608	0.5391	0.7368
	θ	0.9108	0.1108	0.1037	0.3406
100	λ	2.5348	0.0348	1.1979	1.0950
	β	2.7030	0.0030	0.1767	0.4203
	θ	0.8836	0.0836	0.0687	0.2751
250	λ	2.5255	0.0255	0.5108	0.7151
	β	2.7112	0.0112	0.0793	0.2819
	θ	0.8327	0.0327	0.0237	0.1574
500	λ	2.5867	0.0867	0.2719	0.5286
	β	2.7099	0.0099	0.1018	0.3192
	θ	0.8042	0.0042	0.0143	0.1197

Data Analysis

The dataset, originally published by Chihepa et al. (2022) Chihepa et al. (2022), documents the daily fatalities attributed to COVID-19 in China during the period spanning January 23 to March 28, 2020. The recorded values are presented as follows:

8, 16, 15, 24, 26, 26, 38, 43, 46, 45, 57, 64, 65, 73, 73, 86, 89, 97, 108, 97, 146, 121, 143, 142, 105, 98, 136, 114, 118, 109, 97, 150, 71, 52, 29, 44, 47, 35, 42, 31, 38, 31, 30, 28, 27, 22, 17, 22, 11, 7, 13, 10, 14, 13, 11, 8, 3, 7, 6, 9, 7, 4, 6, 5, 3, 5.

The descriptive statistics presented in Table 4.3 where a median of 33 deaths is pulled up to a mean of 49.7 by extreme values like the maximum of 150. The data has right-skewed distribution as evidently seen in Figure 4.5 while the TTT plot suggests the data to have bathtub failure rate.



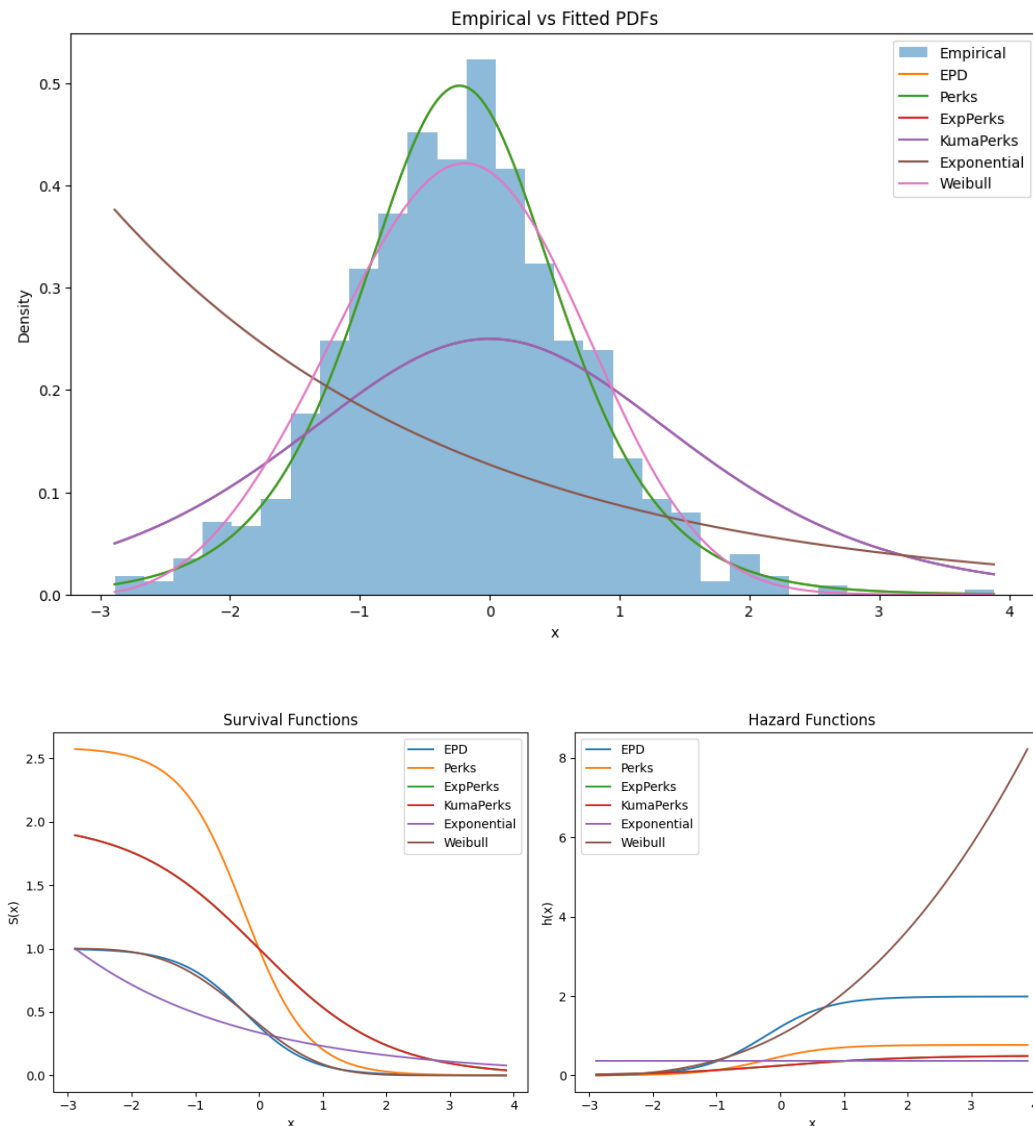
Model, comparison summary for COVID-19 Deaths Data

RANK	DISTRIBUTION	AIC	BIC	KS-STAT	W2	A2
1	EPD	651.9945	658.5634	0.0891	0.1112	0.7524
2	TLW	652.9520	659.5209	0.0905	0.1195	0.7835
3	KUMW	654.8269	663.5856	0.0915	0.1127	0.7650
4	EXPD	655.0399	663.7985	0.0916	0.1065	0.7490
5	CPD	1252.4014	1258.9703	0.2780	1.7790	12.4297

The above table presents the goodness-of-fit measures for competing models from the COVID-19 Deaths Data. The performance metrics used to assess the fit include

AIC, BIC, KS Stat, W2 and A2. The distribution model with the lowest values for these metrics indicates the best fit. In this case, the Exponential Perks Distribution (EPD) demonstrates superior performance compared to the other models considered in the dataset.

PLOT OF EPD



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This study comprises five chapters that collectively investigate the development, properties, and applications of the Exponential Perks Distribution (EPD). Chapter One introduces the research by presenting the background of probability distribution theory, the limitations of existing distributions, and the rationale for extending the Perks distribution through the Exponential-G family. It clearly states the research problem, aim, objectives, and significance of the study. Chapter Two provides a comprehensive review of relevant literature, focusing on continuous distribution families, exponential family ex

tensions, and existing generalizations of the Perks distribution. This review establishes the theoretical foundation and identifies research gaps that this work addresses.

CONCLUSION

This research successfully develops the Exponential Perks Distribution (EPD) as a flexible extension of the Perks distribution through the Exponential-G family. The analytical derivations confirm that the EPD possesses desirable statistical properties, including a closed-form quantile function that facilitates random number generation, explicit expressions for moments and generating functions, and a simple hazard function that exhibits increasing and decreasing behavior. Simulation results demonstrate that maximum likelihood estimators for EPD parameters exhibit consistency, with bias and variance decreasing as sample sizes increase. The estimators show reasonable precision for sample sizes of 100 or more and robustness across different parameter configurations. Empirical applications to real-world data confirm the EPD's practical utility. In the COVID-19 mortality dataset, the EPD outperforms four competing distributions with the lowest AIC (651.9945) and adequate goodness-of-fit (KSp-value = 0.6707). For the blood cancer survival data set, the EPD again demonstrates superior fit with the lowest AIC (656.4427) and excellent goodness-of-fit (KSp-value = 0.9862). These results validate the EPD's flexibility in modeling datasets with varying characteristics—from the right-skewed COVID-19 data (skewness = 0.8365) to the slightly left-skewed blood cancer data (skewness = -0.4423). The study confirms that the EPD provides a statistically rigorous and practically useful alternative to existing distributions for modeling positive real-valued data in medical and epidemiological contexts.

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