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We develop three new models from the baseline Burr type X with two parameters distribution (BX) using the beta-G, gamma-G and Weibull-G families of distributions. Burr type X distribution is chosen because the probability density function (pdf) and the cumulative distribution function (cdf) are of closed form. As a consequence of this, it can be used very conveniently even for censored data. Unlike Weibull, Generalized Exponential and gamma distributions, BX has a nonmonotone hazard function, which is suitable for the applications for right skewed data. Thus, the new models are attractive in terms of flexibility in dealing with right skewed, left skewed and approximately symmetric data.

These three new distributions are known as beta Burr type X distribution (BBX), gamma Burr type X distribution (GBX) and Weibull Burr type X distribution (WBX). For each of the new distributions, the probability density function and failure rate function are found to be more flexible in accommodating different shapes. The new distributions have numerous sub-models as special cases and the expansions of pdf and cdf for each are obtained. We derived several mathematical properties of BBX, GBX and WBX distributions which include the quantile function,  $r^{th}$  moment, moment generating function, mean deviation, Rényi entropy and order statistics. The maximum likelihood method is employed for the estimation of the parameters of BBX, GBX and WBX distributions. Simulation studies are carried out for varying sample sizes and parameter values to assess the performance of BBX, GBX and WBX distributions. Real data sets are used to illustrate the flexibility of BBX, GBX and WBX distributions. From the results, each distribution has provided a better fit than its sub-models and non-nested models based on the criteria such as the Akaike information criterion (AIC), corrected Akaike information criterion (CAIC), Bayesian information criterion (BIC), Hannan-Quinn information criterion (HQIC) and Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic ( $K - S$ ). From

the real data analyses, WBX is found to fit left skewed and approximately symmetric data best while GBX fits the right skewed data best.



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Kami membangunkan tiga model baharu dari garis dasar taburan Burr jenis X dengan dua parameter (BX) menggunakan keluarga taburan beta-G, gamma-G dan Weibull-G. Taburan Burr jenis X dipilih kerana fungsi ketumpatan kebarangkalian (pdf) dan fungsi taburan kumulatif (cdf) adalah berbentuk tertutup. Akibat daripada ini, ia boleh digunakan dengan mudah walaupun untuk data tertapis. Tidak seperti taburan Weibull, Eksponen Teritlak dan gamma, BX mempunyai fungsi bahaya bukan-senada, yang sesuai untuk kegunaan bagi data pencong kekanan. Oleh itu, model baru ini menarik dari segi fleksibiliti dalam menangani data pencong ke kanan, pencong ke kiri dan data yang menghampiri simetri.

Ketiga-tiga taburan baharu ini dikenali sebagai taburan beta Burr jenis X (BBX), taburan gamma Burr jenis X (GBX) dan taburan Weibull Burr jenis X (WBX). Bagi setiap satu taburan ini, fungsi ketumpatan kebarangkalian dan fungsi kadar kegagalan didapati lebih fleksibel dalam menampung bentuk-bentuk berlainan. Taburan-taburan baharu ini mempunyai banyak sub-model sebagai kes-kes khas dan pengembangan pdf dan cdf untuk setiap satu diperolehi. Kami menerbitkan beberapa sifat matematik taburan BBX, GBX dan WBX yang termasuk fungsi kuantil, momen ke  $r$ , fungsi penjana momen, sisihan min, entropi Rényi dan statistik tertib. Kaedah kebolehjadian maksimum digunakan untuk anggaran parameter taburan BBX, GBX dan WBX. Kajian simulasi dijalankan untuk pelbagai saiz sampel dan nilai-nilai parameter untuk menilai prestasi taburan BBX, GBX dan WBX. Set data sebenar digunakan untuk menggambarakan fleksibiliti taburan BBX, GBX dan WBX. Daripada keputusan, setiap taburan telah memberi penyesuaian yang lebih baik daripada sub-model dan model bukan-tersarang berdasarkan kriteria seperti kriteria maklumat Akaike ( $AIC$ ), kriteria maklumat Akaike diperbetulkan ( $CAIC$ ), kriteria maklumat Bayesian ( $BIC$ ) dan kriteria maklumat Hannan-Quinn ( $HQIC$ ) dan Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistik ( $K - S$ ). Dari-



pada analisis data sebenar, WBX adalan penyuaian terbaik dengan data pencong bagi pencong ke kiri dan data hampir simetri manakala GBX adalah penyuaian terbaik bagi data pencong ke kanan.



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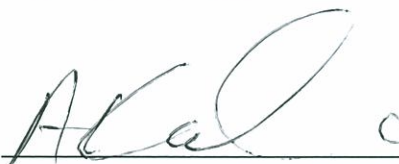
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

pdf	probability density function
cdf	cumulative distribution function
BX	Burr type X
BBX	beta Burr type X
GBX	gamma Burr type X
WBX	Weibull Burr type X
MLE	maximum likelihood estimation
$Qf$	quantile function
$\mu_r$	The $r^{th}$ Non - Central Moments
mgf	Moment Generating Function
i.i.d	independent and identically distribution
$AIC$	Akaike information criterion
$AICC$	corrected Akaike information criterion
$BIC$	Bayesian information criterion
$HQIC$	Hannan-Quinn information criterion
$K - S$	Kolmogorov Smirnov test

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION AND BASIC DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 Introduction

Statistical distributions are very useful for describing and predicting real-world phenomena. Many distributions have been developed to be fit to models. Some statisticians are interested in seeking families of lifetime distributions, such as exponential, Weibull, gamma, beta, and others. Several life distributions may exhibit increasing failure rates, for example the Weibull and Burr type X distributions, increasing linear failure rates, decreasing failure rates, or constant failure rates. Some distributions are bathtub shaped. The distributions hazard function shape has an important role in deciding whether the respective distribution can be fit to a given data set. In recent years, many attempts have been made to generalize lifetime distributions to make them more flexible and also to achieve new distributions with more parameters. Subsequently, the most important generalized distributions used in the present work are defined.

#### 1.1.1 Beta Distribution

A random variable  $Y$  is said to have standard beta distribution with parameter  $v, \omega$  if the pdf is:

$$\phi(y) = \frac{y^{v-1}(1-y)^{\omega-1}}{\beta(v, \omega)} \quad 0 < y < 1, v > 0, \omega > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\beta(v, \omega) = \int_0^1 t^{v-1}(1-t)^{\omega-1} dt$  denote the beta function. Many authors have proposed generalizations of the probability density function. Libby and Novick (1982) considered a generalized beta function whose pdf is defined as:

$$\phi(y) = \frac{c^v y^{(v-1)} (1-y)^{(\omega-1)}}{\beta(v, \omega) [1 - (1-c)y]^{(\omega+v)}} \quad 0 < y < 1, v, \omega, c > 0. \quad (1.2)$$

McDonald (1984) proposed two generalized beta distributions, namely generalized beta of the first kind (GB1) and the generalized beta of second kind (GB2). The pdf of GB1 and GB2 respectively are:

$$GB1 : \phi(y) = \frac{c y^{(cv-1)}}{\beta(v, \omega) b^{cv}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^c\right]^{(\omega-1)} \quad 0 \leq y \leq b, v, \omega, c, b > 0. \quad (1.3)$$

$$GB2 : \phi(y) = \frac{c}{\beta(v, \omega) b^{cv}} \frac{y^{(cv-1)}}{[1 - (\frac{y}{b})^c]^{\omega+c}} \quad y \geq 0, v, \omega, c, b > 0. \quad (1.4)$$

Gordy (1998) proposed a new generalized beta distribution called the confluent hypergeometric distribution. The pdf is given as:

$$\phi(y) = \frac{y^{v-1} (1-y)^{\omega-1} e^{-\gamma y}}{\beta(v, \omega) {}_1F_1(v; v+\omega; -\gamma)} \quad 0 < y < 1, v, \omega > 0, -\infty < \gamma < \infty \quad (1.5)$$

where

$${}_1F_1(v; v+\omega, -\gamma) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(v)_k (-\gamma)^k}{(\omega)_k k!}$$

and

$$(u)_k = u(u+1)(u+2)\dots(u+k-1).$$

Nadarajah and Kotz (2006c) proposed and studied four new generalizations of the standard beta distribution. The first generalization is called a compound beta distribution. This method is based on the characteristic that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent gamma random variables, then the ratio  $\frac{X}{X+Y}$  has the pdf of the standard beta if  $X$  and  $Y$  have the pdfs for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , respectively as follows,

$$\phi(x, a, b) = \frac{x^{(a-1)} (1+x)^{-(a+b)}}{\beta(a, b)}, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\phi(y, v, \omega) = \frac{y^{(v-1)} (1+y)^{-(v+\omega)}}{\beta(v, \omega)}. \quad (1.7)$$

They considered the distribution of  $W = \frac{X}{X+Y}$  and the pdf is given by:

$$\phi(w) = \frac{C(1-w)^{b-1}}{w^{b+1}(1-2w)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (a+b)_k B(k+b-\beta, a)}{k!} \\ \times \left( \frac{1-2w}{w} \right)^k \left[ (2b+k)w - b - k \right] a, b, \alpha, \beta > 0,$$

where  $C$  is a constant and is given by:

$$C = \frac{{}_3F_2(\beta, 1-\alpha, b-\beta; \beta-1, b+a-\beta; 1)}{\beta B(a, b) B(\alpha, \beta)}.$$

The second beta distribution generalization is called power beta. It is similar to the first method except the pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$  for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$  respectively are as follows,

$$\phi(x, a, \beta) = \frac{x^{(a-1)} e^{\left(\frac{-x}{\beta}\right)}}{\beta^a \Gamma(a)}, \quad (1.8)$$

$$\phi(y, b, \beta) = \frac{y^{(b-1)} e^{\left(\frac{-y}{\beta}\right)}}{\beta^b \Gamma(b)} \quad \beta > 0, \quad (1.9)$$

They considered the distribution of  $W = \frac{X^c}{X^c + Y^c}$  when  $c > 0$ . The pdf of  $w$  is given by:

$$\phi(w) = \frac{w^{-(1+\frac{b}{c})} (1-w)^{\left(\frac{b}{c}-1\right)}}{bc B(a, b)} \left\{ b {}_2F_1\left(b, a+b; b+1; -\left(\frac{1-w}{w}\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)}\right) \right. \\ \left. - \left(\frac{1-w}{w}\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)} {}_2F_1\left(b+1, a+b+1; b+2; -\left(\frac{1-w}{w}\right)^{\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)}\right) \right\} a, b > 0.$$

The third generalization is the hypergeometric beta distribution and its pdf is:

$$\phi(y) = \frac{\omega \beta(v, \omega) y^{(v+\omega-1)} {}_2F_1(1-\gamma, v; v+\omega; y)}{\beta(v, \omega + \gamma)} \quad 0 < y < 1 \quad v, \gamma, \omega > 0, \quad (1.10)$$

where



$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k y^k}{(c)_k k!} \quad a, b, c > 0$$

denotes the ascending factorial. The last generalization is the trigonometric beta (TB) distribution as it involves trigonometric functions. The authors proposed four pdfs for the TB distribution, two of which involve the cosine function and the other two involve the sine function.

A new technique to generalized family of beta class distribution was introduced by Eugene et al. (2002) who used the logit of beta distribution. The beta class cdf is given by:

$$\Phi(y, v, \omega) = \int_0^{F(y)} \frac{1}{\beta(v, \omega)} t^{v-1} (1-t)^{\omega-1} dt, \quad v, \omega > 0, \quad (1.11)$$

where  $F(y)$  is the cdf of any continuous random variable and the pdf corresponding to the cdf is:

$$\phi(y, v, \omega) = \frac{f(y)}{\beta(v, \omega)} [F(y)]^{v-1} [1 - F(y)]^{\omega-1}. \quad (1.12)$$

Alexander et al. (2012) provided a generalized beta distribution called generalized beta generated. The pdf of the new generalized beta is:

$$\phi_{gB}(y, v, \omega, c) = \frac{c}{\beta(v, \omega)} (t)^{v c - 1} (1 - t^c)^{\omega - 1} \quad 0 < t < 1, \quad v, \omega, c > 0. \quad (1.13)$$

### 1.1.2 Gamma Distribution

A random variable  $Y$  has a gamma distribution if its pdf is given as:

$$\phi(y, v, \omega) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(v) \omega^v} y^{(v-1)} e^{-\left(\frac{y}{\omega}\right)} \quad y > 0, \quad v, \omega > 0. \quad (1.14)$$

Amoroso (1925) proposed a generalization of the gamma distribution and obtained the following density function:

$$\phi(y, v, \omega, p) = \frac{P}{\Gamma(v)\omega^v} y^{(vp-1)} e^{-(\frac{y}{\omega})^p} \quad y > 0, v, \omega, p > 0. \quad (1.15)$$

Stacy (1962) proposed another generalization of a gamma distribution, which is a special case of Amoroso's generalization and the pdf is given by:

$$\phi(y, v, \omega, p, d) = \frac{P}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{p})\omega^v} y^{(v-1)} e^{-(\frac{y}{\omega})^p} \quad y > 0, v, \omega, p, d > 0. \quad (1.16)$$

Stacy's generalization has many special cases, such as Chi-square, gamma, Weibull, exponential, and Chi distributions. Gupta et al. (1998) proposed and studied a new gamma distribution generalization called the exponentiated gamma distribution. The general form of their exponentiated gamma distribution is defined as:

$$G_v(y) = [\Phi(y)]^v, \quad (1.17)$$

where  $v$  is the exponentiated parameter. The pdf of the exponentiated distribution is defined as:

$$g_v(y) = v[\Phi(y)]^{v-1} \phi(y). \quad (1.18)$$

The cdf of the exponentiated gamma distribution can be written as:

$$\Phi(y, c) = [1 - e^{y(y+1)}]^c, \quad y > 0, c > 0. \quad (1.19)$$

Agarwal and Al-Saleh (2001) provided another gamma distribution generalization whose pdf is defined as:

$$\phi(y, m, n, c, \delta) = \frac{c^{m-\delta} y^{(m-1)} e^{-(cy)}}{\Gamma_\delta(m, n) (\frac{y+n}{c})^\delta} \quad y \geq 0, m, n, c > 0, \delta = \eta - 1, \eta \geq 0, \quad (1.20)$$

where

$$\Gamma_{\delta}(m, n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^{(m-1)} e^{-(y)}}{(y+n)^{\delta}} dy.$$

They showed that failure rate can be monotonic or bathtub shaped. Nadarajah and Kotz (2006b) proposed a generalization of the gamma distribution by using Gupta et al. (1998) method. This is called the generalized gamma distribution and its cdf is given as:

$$\Phi(y) = [\Psi_1(m, y)]^v \quad y > 0, v > 0, m > 0, \quad (1.21)$$

where  $\Psi_1(.,.)$  is the incomplete gamma function and defined as:

$$\Psi_1(m, y) = \frac{\psi(m, y)}{\Gamma(m)},$$

with

$$\psi(m, y) = \int_0^y t^{m-1} e^{-t} dt,$$

is the incomplete gamma function and

$$\Gamma(m) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{m-1} e^{-t} dt,$$

is the complete gamma function.

Zografos and Balakrishnan (2009) introduced and studied a new generalized gamma distribution for univariate continuous distribution (generalized gamma type 1) using a particular case of Stacy's generalized gamma distribution. The cdf of the family of distributions generated by gamma random variables can be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(y, m) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m)} \int_0^{-\log[1-\Phi(y)]} t^{m-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(m)} I_{-\log[1-\Phi(y)]}^{(m)}, m > 0,\end{aligned}\quad (1.22)$$

The pdf corresponding to the cdf is given by:

$$\phi(y, m) = \frac{\phi(y)}{\Gamma(m)} \left\{ -\log[1-\Phi(y)] \right\}^{m-1}, y > 0, m > 0. \quad (1.23)$$

Cordeiro and de Castro (2011) also proposed and studied a generalized gamma distribution called exponentiated generalized gamma distribution. The pdf of this new distribution is given as:

$$\phi(y, v, \omega, c, k) = \frac{v c \left(\frac{y}{\omega}\right)^{vk-1} e^{-\left(\frac{y}{\omega}\right)^c} \left[ \Psi_1\left(k, \left(\frac{y}{\omega}\right)^c\right) \right]^{v-1}}{\omega \Gamma(k)}, y > 0, v, c, \omega, k > 0. \quad (1.24)$$

Ristić and Balakrishnan (2012) introduced an alternative to the family defined by Zagrofose and Balakrishnan. The pdf of the new generalized gamma distribution (generalized gamma type 2) is given by:

$$\phi(y, \delta) = \frac{\phi(y) \left\{ -\log[\Phi(y)] \right\}^{\delta-1}}{\Gamma(\delta)}, y > 0, \delta > 0. \quad (1.25)$$

The cdf corresponding to the pdf is given by:

$$\Phi(y, \delta) = 1 - \frac{\gamma\left\{\delta, -\log[\Phi(y)]\right\}}{\Gamma(\delta)}, y > 0, \delta > 0, \quad (1.26)$$

where  $\gamma\{.,.\}$  is incomplete gamma function.

### 1.1.3 Weibull Distribution

Swedish Physicist Waloddi Weibull (1939) introduced the Weibull distribution (Johnson and Kotz, 1994). A random variable  $Y$  has the Weibull distribution with three parameters  $a, b, c$  if the pdf is:

$$\phi(y, a, b, c) = \frac{c}{b} \left( \frac{y-a}{b} \right)^{c-1} e^{-\left(\frac{y-a}{b}\right)^c} \quad y \geq a, \quad a, b, c > 0, \quad (1.27)$$

where  $a$  is location parameter, or shift parameter,  $b$  is scale parameter, and  $c$  is the shape parameter. The two-parameter Weibull distribution is obtained when  $a = 0$  and we shall refer to it as the standard Weibull. Its pdf is:

$$\phi(y, b, c) = \frac{c}{b} \left( \frac{y}{b} \right)^{c-1} e^{-\left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^c} \quad y \geq 0, \quad b, c > 0. \quad (1.28)$$

A different form in which the two-parameter Weibull distribution can be written is:

$$\phi(y, \eta, b) = b \eta^b y^{b-1} e^{-(\eta y)^b} \quad y \geq 0, \quad \eta, b > 0. \quad (1.29)$$

Mudholkar and Srivastava (1993) proposed a generalized form of the standard Weibull distribution by introducing an additional shape parameter (exponentiated Weibull). The cdf is given by:

$$\Phi(y, b, \eta, k) = \left[ 1 - e^{-(\eta y)^b} \right]^k \quad y \geq 0, \quad \eta, b, k > 0. \quad (1.30)$$

The pdf of exponentiated Weibull is:

$$\phi(y, \eta, b, k) = k b \eta^b y^{b-1} e^{-(\eta y)^b} \left[ 1 - e^{-(\eta y)^b} \right]^{k-1} \quad y \geq 0, \quad k, \eta, b > 0. \quad (1.31)$$

A new technique was proposed by Marshall and Olkin (1997) to generalize the standard Weibull distribution by adding one parameter  $a > 0$ . The new technique is the extended Weibull distribution and its cdf is given by:

$$\Phi(y, a, b, \eta) = 1 - \frac{a e^{-(\eta y)^b}}{1 - (1 - a)e^{-(\eta y)^b}} \quad \eta, a, b > 0. \quad (1.32)$$

A new generalized Weibull distribution, i.e. the modified Weibull distribution was introduced by Lai et al. (2003) . The cdf of the modified Weibull distribution is:

$$\Phi(y, \eta, v, b) = 1 - e^{-(\eta y^b e^{vy})} \quad y \geq 0, \quad \eta, v, b > 0. \quad (1.33)$$

Mudholkar et al. (1996) proposed another generalization called the generalized Weibull family. The cdf of this new model is given by

$$\Phi(y, \eta, v, b) = 1 - [1 - v (\eta y)^b]^{\frac{1}{v}} \quad y \geq 0, \quad \eta, b > 0, -\infty < v < \infty. \quad (1.34)$$

Xie et al. (2002) proposed and study a new generalization of the standard Weibull distribution and named it Weibull extension. They extended the modified Weibull proposed by Lai et al. (2003). The cdf of the new model is given by:

$$\Phi(y, v, \omega, \eta) = 1 - e^{\eta v (1 - e^{(\frac{y}{v})^\omega})} \quad y \geq 0, \quad v, \omega, \eta > 0. \quad (1.35)$$

A further generalized Weibull family was introduced and assessed by Haghighi and Nikulin (2006). This is the generalized power Weibull family and its cdf and pdf are respectively:

$$\Phi(y, \eta, \omega, \vartheta) = 1 - e^{\left\{1 - [1 + (\eta y)^\omega]^{\vartheta-1}\right\}} \quad y \geq 0, \quad \eta, \omega, \vartheta > 0, \quad (1.36)$$

and

$$\phi(y, \eta, \omega, \vartheta) = \vartheta \omega \eta^\omega [1 + (\eta x)^\omega]^{\vartheta} e^{\left\{1 - [1 + (\eta y)^\omega]^{\vartheta-1}\right\}}. \quad (1.37)$$

Cooray (2006) also proposed a generalized Weibull family, which is the odd Weibull

family. The pdf is given by:

$$\phi(y, \eta, \nu, \vartheta) = \frac{\nu \vartheta \eta y e^{(\eta y)^\nu} [e^{(\eta y)^\nu} - 1]^{\vartheta-1}}{y} \left\{ 1 + [e^{(\eta y)^\nu} - 1]^\vartheta \right\}^{-2} \quad y \geq 0, \eta, \nu, \vartheta > 0. \quad (1.38)$$

Alzaatreh et al. (2013) introduced and studied a Weibull generalization named the Weibull-X family of distributions by using a new technique. Its cdf is:

$$\Phi(y) = \int_0^{W(G(y))} r(y) dy, \quad (1.39)$$

where  $r(y)$  is the standard Weibull distribution,  $W(G(y)) = -\log[1 - G(y)]$  and  $G(y)$  is any random distribution.

More recently, Bourguignon et al. (2014) proposed a Weibull generalization called the Weibull - G family of distributions by using the same technique as Alzaatreh et al. (2013) as in (1.39). If  $W(G(y)) = \frac{G(y)}{1-G(y)}$ , the cdf of the Weibull-G family is:

$$\Phi(y, \Theta) = \int_0^{\frac{G(y, \Theta)}{1-G(y, \Theta)}} r(y) dy, \quad (1.40)$$

when  $r(y)$  is the standard Weibull distribution.

## 1.2 Basic Definitions

In this section, important functions are defined, such as the density, cumulative distribution, survival, hazard rate, cumulative hazard rate, and reversed hazard rate functions. Each of these functions describes the distribution of a random variable.

### 1.2.1 The Density Function

The density function or probability density function (pdf) of continuous random variables satisfies  $\phi(y) \geq 0 \forall y$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(y) dy = 1.$$

### 1.2.2 The Cumulative Distribution Function

The cumulative distribution function (cdf) is also called the failure distribution. It is denoted by  $\Phi(y)$  and can be derived using the density function as follows:

$$\Phi(y) = P_r(Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \phi(x) dx.$$

### 1.2.3 The Survival Function

The survival function or reliability function denoted by  $R(y)$  is complementary to the cumulative distribution function. It can be found using the density function or cumulative distribution function as follows:

$$R(y) = 1 - \Phi(y) = P_r(Y > y) = \int_y^{\infty} \phi(x) dx.$$

### 1.2.4 The Hazard Rate Function

The hazard rate function or rate function of  $Y$  is denoted by  $h(y)$  and is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} h(y) &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_r(y < Y < y + \Delta y | Y > y)}{\Delta y} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(y + \Delta y) - \Phi(y)}{\Delta y R(y)} = \frac{\phi(y)}{R(y)} = \frac{\phi(y)}{1 - \Phi(y)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, when  $\Delta y$  is very small and satisfies  $h(y) \geq 0 \forall y$ ,

$$\int_0^{\infty} h(y) dy = \infty$$



### 1.2.5 The Cumulative Hazard Rate Function

The cumulative or integrated hazard rate function denoted by  $H(y)$  is a significant function. Recently, many distributions have been generated using this function and it can be derived using the hazard rate function, survival function, or cumulative distribution function. It is given by:

$$H(y) = \int_0^y h(x) dx$$
$$H(y) = -\log(R(y)) = -\log(1 - \Phi(y))$$

### 1.3 Useful Functions

This section presents some brief notes on gamma and special gamma functions, whose derivations will be used throughout this thesis. The primary reason the gamma function is useful in such contexts is the prevalence of type  $\phi(u)e^{-\phi(u)}$  expressions, which describe processes that decay exponentially in time or space. Integrals of such expressions can occasionally be solved in terms of the gamma function when no elementary solution exists. The gamma function, denoted by  $\Gamma(\cdot)$ , is defined as:

$$\Gamma(v) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{v-1} e^{-u} du ; v > 0$$

That is, if  $v$  is a positive integer one has

$$\Gamma(v) = (v-1)!$$

#### 1.3.1 Incomplete Gamma Functions

In mathematics, the upper incomplete gamma function  $\Gamma(v, y)$ , and lower incomplete gamma function  $\gamma(v, y)$ , are types of special functions that arise as solutions to various mathematical problems such as certain integrals. The upper incomplete gamma function is defined as:

$$\Gamma(v, y) = \int_y^{\infty} u^{v-1} e^{-u} du. \quad (1.41)$$

The lower incomplete gamma function is defined as:

$$\gamma(v, y) = \int_0^y u^{v-1} e^{-u} du. \quad (1.42)$$

Furthermore, both higher and lower incomplete gamma ratios denoted by  $\Gamma_v(y)$  and  $\gamma_v(y)$ , respectively, can be defined as:

$$\Gamma_v(y) = \frac{\Gamma(v, y)}{\Gamma(v)},$$

and

$$\gamma_v(y) = \frac{\gamma(v, y)}{\Gamma(v)},$$

where

$$\Gamma(v) = \Gamma(v, y) + \gamma(v, y).$$

### 1.3.2 The Digamma Function

The logarithmic derivative of the gamma function is known as the digamma (or psi) function,  $\psi(\cdot)$ , which is defined by:

$$\psi(v) = \frac{d}{dv} \ln \Gamma(v) = \frac{\Gamma'(v)}{\Gamma(v)}.$$

## 1.4 Relevant Facts

This section presents a number of basic relevant facts pertaining to this thesis. Most of these facts were presented by Hogg and Craig (1995), among others.

### 1.4.1 The Quantile Function

The quantile function is one way to determine a probability function. The quantile function  $Qf$  of the distribution is defined as the inverse of the cumulative distribution function. The quantile function takes the form below:

$$y = Qf(p) = \{y : P_r(Y \leq y)\} = p = \Phi^{-1}(y).$$

The quantile function is essential for the generation of observations in simulation studies. It also helps find the Moors kurtosis and Bowley skewness of any distribution when the distribution does not have moments or has a large skewness value.

### 1.4.2 Kurtosis

Kurtosis is an essential measure of a distribution/s shape. It is a measure of the relative peakiness of its frequency curve or flatness relative to a normal distribution. Thus, the central moment of the kurtosis ( $\mu_n$ ) and the cumulants ( $\tau_n$ ) of  $X$  are

$$\mu_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k \mu_1^k \mu_{n-k},$$

and

$$\tau_n = \mu_n - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k-1} (-1)^k \tau_k \mu_{n-k},$$

respectively, where  $\tau_1 = \mu_1$ ,  $\tau_2 = \mu_2 - \mu_1^2$ ,  $\tau_3 = \mu_3 - 3\mu_2\mu_1 + 2\mu_1^3$ , and  $\tau_4 = \mu_4 - 4\mu_3\mu_1 - 3\mu_2^2 + 12\mu_2\mu_1^2 - 6\mu_1^4$ . Pearson's measure of kurtosis ( $K_u$ ) is determined as:

$$K_u = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2}, \quad (1.43)$$

where  $\mu_2$ ,  $\mu_4$  are the second and fourth central moments from the mean. Based on these values, distributions with  $K_u > 3$  are called leptokurtic, those with  $K_u < 3$  are called platykurtic, while distributions with  $K_u = 3$  are called mesokurtic. The last case

is similar to the bell shape of a normal distribution. Another measure of kurtosis that is not dependent on the central moment is based on the quantile function of Moors kurtosis (Moors, 1988).

This measure is based on the octile of the distribution and is less sensitive to outlier data. It is defined as:

$$M_u = \frac{Qf(1/8) + Qf(3/8) + Qf(7/8) - Qf(5/8)}{Qf(3/4) - Qf(1/4)}. \quad (1.44)$$

### 1.4.3 Skewness

The skewness of a distribution is defined as the lack of symmetry. In a symmetrical distribution, the mean, median and mode are equal to each other, and the ordinate at the mean divides the distribution into two equal parts such that one part is a mirror image of the other. Karl Pearsons measure of skewness is based upon the means divergence from the mode in a skewed distribution. Pearsons measure of skewness is given by:

$$S_k = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^{(3/2)}}, \quad (1.45)$$

where  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$  are the second and third central moments. When the distribution is symmetric about the mean, then  $\mu_3 = 0 \implies S_k = 0$ . Similar to a normal distribution, it has a skewness of zero, meaning the shape is symmetric. It can also be noted that the measure of skewness  $S_k$  may take on negative or positive values depending on whether  $\mu_3$  is negative or positive, respectively. Hence, distributions with  $S_k > 0$  are said to be positively skewed distributions, while those with  $S_k < 0$  are said to be negatively skewed. Another measure of skewness is the Bowley skewness (Kenney and Keeping, 1954), which is based on quartiles and is one of the earliest skewness measures. It is defined by:

$$S_k = \frac{Qf(3/4) + Qf(1/4) - 2Qf(1/2)}{Qf(3/4) - Qf(1/4)}. \quad (1.46)$$

### 1.4.4 The Non - Central Moments

The symbol  $\mu_r$  refer to the  $r^{th}$  non - central moment (or the moment about the origin ) of a continuous random variable  $Y$  having a distribution  $\phi(y)$  , for  $r \geq 1$ . The  $r^{th}$  non -

central moment is given by:

$$\mu_r = E(Y^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^r \phi(y) dy,$$

the first moment about zero is called the mean, and it is a measure of central tendency denoted by  $\mu$ .

#### 1.4.5 Moment Generating Function

The term  $M_Y(t)$  refers to moment generating function (mgf) of a continuous random variable  $y$  with pdf  $\phi(y)$ . It is given by:

$$M_Y(t) = E(e^{tY}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} \phi(y) dy = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^r \phi(y) dy = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_r t^r}{r!}.$$

#### 1.4.6 Mean Deviation

The amount of scatter in a population is measured to some extent by the totality of deviations from the mean and median. The mean deviation from the mean and median can be used to measure a population variation. The mean deviation from the mean is a robust statistic as it is more resilient to outliers in a data set than standard deviation. In standard deviation, the distance from the mean is squared. Hence, on average, large deviations are weighted more heavily, and thus outliers can heavily influence it. In the mean deviation from the mean, the magnitude of a small number of outliers distances is irrelevant. The mean deviation from the median is a measure of statistical dispersion. It is a more robust estimator of scale than sample variance or standard deviation. It thus behaves better with a distribution without a mean or variance such as the Cauchy distribution.

The mean deviation from the mean and mean deviation from the median are respectively defined by:

$$D(\mu) = E(Y - \mu)$$

$$D(M) = E(Y - M)$$

where  $\mu = E(Y)$  and  $M = \text{median}(Y)$ . The measures  $D(\mu)$  and  $D(M)$  can be found using the following relationships:

$$D(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y - \mu| \phi(y) dy = 2\mu[\Phi(\mu)] - 2\mu + 2 \int_{\mu}^{\infty} y \phi(y) dy, \quad (1.47)$$

or

$$D(\mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y - \mu| \phi(y) dy = 2\mu[\Phi(\mu)] - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} y \phi(y) dy. \quad (1.48)$$

The  $D(M)$  is found by:

$$D(M) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y - M| \phi(y) dy = -\mu + 2 \int_M^{\infty} y \phi(y) dy. \quad (1.49)$$

These will be explained later in more detail.

### 1.4.7 Rényi Entropy

Rényi entropy is a measure of the variation or uncertainty of random variables. It is a very popular entropy measure in many fields of science, such as engineering, theory of communication and probability. The Rényi entropy for a random variable with any pdf of distribution can be determined from the definition:

$$I_R(\rho) = \frac{1}{1-\rho} \log \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi^\rho(y) dy \quad \rho > 0, \quad \rho \neq 1. \quad (1.50)$$

Statistical entropy is a probabilistic measure of uncertainty (or ignorance) about the outcome of a random experiment. It is also a measure of the reduction in that uncertainty. Abundant entropy and information is induced, among which the Rényi entropy has been developed and used in various disciplines and contexts (Rényi, 1961). Information-theoretic principles and methods have become integral parts of probability and statistics and are applied in various branches of statistics and related fields. Rényi

entropy tends toward Shannon entropy, as  $\rho \Rightarrow 1$ .

#### 1.4.8 Order Statistics

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  denote  $n$  independent and identically distribution (iid) random samples from a distribution function  $\Phi(y)$ . Let variables  $Y_i$  be the arrangement of the sample value from the smallest to the largest and denoted as  $Y_{1:n} \leq Y_{2:n} \leq \dots \leq Y_{n:n}$ , called corresponding order statistics. Here the  $Y_{1:n}$  is the first order statistics denoting the smallest of  $Y_i$ s

$$Y_{1:n} = \min Y_{i:n} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$Y_{2:n} = \text{The second smallest of } Y_{i:n} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and  $Y_{n:n}$  is the  $n^{th}$  order statistics denoting the largest of  $Y_i$ s

$$Y_{n:n} = \max Y_{i:n} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

The  $r^{th}$  value of this order statistics is called the  $r^{th}$  order statistics of the sample. The cdf of the  $Y_{r:n}$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{r:n}(y) &= P_r(Y_{r:n} \leq y) \\ &= \sum_{i=r}^n C_i^n [\Phi(y)]^i [1 - \Phi(y)]^{n-i}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.51)$$

From (1.51) we can find the cdfs of the  $Y_{1:n}$  and  $Y_{n:n}$  as follows,

$$\Phi_{1:n}(y) = 1 - [1 - \Phi(y)]^n \quad -\infty < y < \infty,$$

$$\Phi_{n:n}(y) = [1 - \Phi(y)]^n \quad -\infty < y < \infty.$$

The pdf for  $Y_{r:n}$  is given by:

$$\phi_{r:n}(y) = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} [\Phi(y)]^{r-1} [1 - \Phi(y)]^{n-r} \phi(y) . \quad (1.52)$$

Substituting  $r = 1$  in (1.52) gives the pdf of the  $X_{1:n}$  as the sample minimum:

$$\phi_{1:n}(y) = n \phi(y) [1 - \Phi(y)]^{n-1} .$$

Substituting  $r = n$  in (1.52) gives the pdf of the  $Y_{n:n}$  as the sample maximum:

$$\phi_{n:n}(y) = n \phi(y) [\Phi(y)]^{n-1} .$$

## 1.5 Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

There are several different methods of estimating model parameters. Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) is one of the most widely used methods for estimating statistical model parameters. With a given statistical model, when MLE is applied on a data set, the method is able to estimate the parameters of the model. In other words, for a fixed data set with a given statistical model, the maximum likelihood approach selects a set of model parameter values that maximize the likelihood function. This method directly maximizes the agreement of the chosen model with the observed data. For discrete random variables MLE maximizes the probability of the observed data under the conditions of distribution (Sijbers et al., 1998). In applying the approach of maximum likelihood estimation, the first step is to determine the joint density function for all observations. The mathematical definition of MLE is presented below:

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be an iid sample with pdf  $\phi(y_i; \vartheta)$ , where  $\vartheta$  is a  $(k \times 1)$  vector of parameters that characterize  $\phi(y; \vartheta)$ . The joint density of the sample is, by independence, equal to the product of the marginal densities as:

$$\phi(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n; \vartheta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi(y_i; \vartheta) .$$

Then the likelihood function denoted by  $l(\phi)$  is defined as the joint density treated as a function of parameter  $\vartheta$ :



$$l(\phi) = \phi(\vartheta | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \phi(y_i; \vartheta).$$

The MLE of  $\vartheta$  is that value that maximizes  $l(\phi)$ . In other words, it is the value that makes the observed data the most probable. Rather than maximizing this product, which can be quite tedious, it is often considered that the logarithm is an increasing function so it will be equivalent to the maximized log likelihood denoted by:

$$L(\phi) = \log l(\phi) :$$

$$L(\phi) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(\phi(y_i; \vartheta)).$$

## 1.6 Goodness-of-Fit Statistics for Model Selection

In model selection, we assume there can be any kind of data, such as real or generated data and a set of models. It is also assumed that statistical inference is model-based. Classically, it is assumed there is at least a single correct (or even true) best model, which suffices as the sole model for making inferences from the data. Although the identity (and parameter values) of that model is unknown, it can be estimated, sometimes very well. Therefore, classical inference often involves a data-based search over the model set for (i.e., the selection of) that single correct model but with estimated parameters. Then the inference is based on the fitted selected model as if it was the only model considered. Model selection uncertainty is ignored. This is considered justified because after all, the single best model has been found. However, many selection methods (e.g., classical stepwise selection) are not even based on an explicit criterion of what a best model is, see Burnham and Anderson (2004).

It is thought that the first step to improve inference under model selection would be to establish a selection criterion, such as the Akaike information criterion (*AIC*), corrected Akaike information criterion (*AICC*), Bayesian information criterion (*BIC*) and Hannan-Quinn information criterion (*HQIC*). However, first step is to establish a philosophy about models and data analysis and then find a suitable model selection criterion. In fact, all *AIC*, *AICC*, *BIC*, and *HQIC* depend on the log-likelihood function evaluated by the maximum likelihood estimates ( $\hat{l}$ ). The following formulas present the method of calculating all above-mentioned efficiency measures:

$$AIC = -2l + 2k, \quad AICC = AIC + \frac{2k(k+1)}{n-k-1},$$

and

$$BIC = -2l + k \log(n), \quad HQIC = 2 \log \left\{ \log(n) [n - 2l] \right\},$$

where  $l$  denotes the log-likelihood function evaluated by the maximum likelihood estimates,  $k$  is the number of parameters, and  $n$  is the sample size. In order to quantify the performance of the current distribution, we adopt the goodness-of-fit statistic for discriminating both the empirical and fitted densities. We use the Kolmogorov-Smirnov ( $K-S$ ) test along with the corresponding P-value. The best distribution corresponds to smallest value of  $AIC, AICC, BIC, HQIC$  and ( $K-S$ ) values.

### 1.7 Scope of the Study

The focus of this study is on the generalization of the Burr type X distribution with two parameters by adding one or two parameters to the baseline distribution. The mathematical properties of these new distributions are derived. Simulation studies are carried out to evaluate the performance of the estimators. Real data sets are used to illustrate the flexibility and potentiality of the models. This study has a number of advantages. For one, new distributions with new parameters are presented, and owing to their flexibility it is possible to apply these new distributions in the different fields of science. Moreover, the new distributions have several sub-models. The new models offer better fit (for various data sets) compared to the sub-models based on various criteria. The real data sets used do not involve censored observation.

### 1.8 Objectives of the Study

The most significant goal in this research is to generate three distributions in different ways for the Burr type X distribution. Thus, the objectives of this thesis are as follows:

1. Introduce three new distributions: Beta Burr type X (BBX), Gamma Burr type X (GBX) and Weibull Burr type X (WBX).
2. Investigate and study the statistical properties of the three new distributions.
3. Estimate the unknown parameters in these distributions by using maximum likelihood estimation.

4. Perform simulation studies with different sample sizes and parameter values to assess the performance of models.
5. Application of real data sets to illustrate how the proposed new distributions fit the data sets better than their sub-models and non-nested models.

## 1.9 Organization of Thesis

The thesis is divided into seven Chapters. Following this introductory chapter is Chapter 2, which presents an overview of baseline distribution and also works related to this research. This chapter presents the history of Burr type X distribution and related research for the three families beta-G , gamma-G and Weibull-G.

Chapter 3 deals with some facts about beta-G family. We develop and define the pdf and cdf of beta Burr type (BBX) distribution and we plot the pdf and hazard rate function. Then, we provide a useful expansion for the pdf of BBX model. Accordingly, we provide several mathematical properties such as limit behavior, quantile function etc. The maximum likelihood method is used to estimate the distribution parameters. Finally, algorithm and Monte Carlo simulation study is carried out to assess the performance of the maximum likelihood estimators the conclusion.

In Chapter 4 we introduce the pdf and cdf of gamma-G family and using this to develop the gamma Burr type X (GBX) distribution. A comprehensive mathematical properties of GBX model is provided like limit behavior, moment etc. Then the method of maximum likelihood is used for estimating the GBX parameter. A Monte Carlo simulation study is used to assess the performance of the maximum likelihood estimators.

In Chapter 5 the development of Weibull Burr type X (WBX) distribution is introduced. The pdf and hazard functions are also plotted. Then the expansion of pdf and cdf are provided. Several mathematical properties of WBX distribution such as moment and, Rényi entropy etc. are obtained. The parameters are estimated using the maximum likelihood method. A Monte Carlo simulation study is achieved to assess the performance the maximum likelihood estimators.

In Chapter 6 the usefulness of the new three models is illustrated by using to the three real data sets. Then, we compare the results to the baseline distribution. Lastly, a brief conclusion is given about the three models and data sets.

Chapter 7 presents the overall summary of the current study, the conclusion and future work.

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