

Mean Residual Lifetime Function for Generalized Gamma Distribution

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The PDF of the generalized gamma (GG) distribution is:

$$f(x; a, b, k) = \frac{bx^{bk-1}}{\Gamma(k)a^{bk}} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right) \quad (1)$$

where a, b, k are parameters of GG, $\Gamma(k)$ is Gamma function.

We can represent Mean Residual Lifetime (MRL) function, $m(x)$, for a specific distribution using the survival function, $S(x)$, and its pdf:

$$m(x) = \frac{\int_x^\infty tf(t)dt}{S(x)} - x \quad (2)$$

The numerator of equation 2 can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^\infty tf(t)dt &= \int_x^\infty t \frac{bt^{bk-1}}{\Gamma(k)a^{bk}} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^b\right) dt \\ &= \frac{b}{\Gamma(k)} \int_x^\infty \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^{bk} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^b\right) dt \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Let $u = \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^b$, then we can obtain $du = \frac{b}{a} \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^{b-1} dt$

Thus, the new limit for u become $u = \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b$ when $t = x$ and $u \rightarrow \infty$, when $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Make a substitution to simplify the integral 3:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^\infty tf(t)dt &= \frac{b}{\Gamma(k)} \int_x^\infty \left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^{bk} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)^b\right) dt \\ &= \frac{b}{\Gamma(k)} \int_{\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b}^\infty u^k \exp(-u) du \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The integral part of equation 4 is known as the upper incomplete gamma function, which is defined as $\Gamma(k+1, \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b)$.

Thus,

$$\int_x^\infty t f(t) dt = b \frac{\Gamma(k+1, (\frac{x}{a})^b)}{\Gamma(k)} \quad (5)$$

Since the survival function of GG can be represented as:

$$S(x) = \frac{\Gamma(k, (b^{\frac{1}{bk}} a - 1t)^b)}{\Gamma(k)} \quad (6)$$

We can express MRL for GG distribution as:

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \frac{\int_x^\infty t f(t) dt}{S(x)} - x \\ &= b \frac{\Gamma(k+1, (\frac{x}{a})^b)}{\Gamma(k, (b^{\frac{1}{bk}} a - 1t)^b)} - x \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$