

Mean Residual Lifetime Function for Generalized Gamma Distribution (Prentice)

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

$$f(x; \beta, \sigma, \lambda) = \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma x \Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} [\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} x)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}]^{\lambda^{-2}} \exp[-\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} x)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}] \quad (1)$$

where β, σ, λ are parameters of GG, $\Gamma(\lambda^{-2})$ 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:

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

The numerator of equation 2 can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^\infty t f(t) dt &= \int_x^\infty t \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma t \Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} [\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}]^{\lambda^{-2}} \exp[-\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}] dt \quad (3) \\ &= \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma \Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} \int_x^\infty [\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}]^{\lambda^{-2}} \exp[-\lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}] dt \end{aligned}$$

Let $u = \lambda^{-2} (e^{-\beta} t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}$, then, by differentiating both sides with respect to t , we can obtain by

$$\begin{aligned} du &= \lambda^{-2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \right) e^{-\beta} (te^{-\beta})^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}-1} dt \quad (4) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \lambda} \right) e^{-\beta} (te^{-\beta})^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}-1} dt \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \lambda} \right) e^{-\frac{\lambda \beta}{\sigma}} (t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

We can also express dt in terms of du :

$$dt = (\lambda\sigma)e^{\frac{\lambda\beta}{\sigma}}t^{-\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}+1}du \quad (5)$$

Now, we can rewrite the integral 3 as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^\infty tf(t) &= \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma\Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} \int_x^\infty [\lambda^{-2}(e^{-\beta}t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}]^{\lambda^{-2}} \exp[-\lambda^{-2}(e^{-\beta}t)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}] dt \quad (6) \\ &= \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma\Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} \int_{u(x)}^\infty u^{\lambda^{-2}} e^u (\lambda\sigma) e^{\frac{\lambda\beta}{\sigma}} t^{(-\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}+1)} du \\ &= \frac{|\lambda|}{\sigma\Gamma(\lambda^{-2})} \int_{u(x)}^\infty u^{\lambda^{-2}} u^{-\frac{\lambda+\sigma}{\lambda}} e^u e^{-\beta} \lambda^{(1-\frac{2(\lambda+\sigma)}{\lambda})} \sigma du \\ &= C_1 \int_{u(x)}^\infty u^{\frac{1-\lambda\sigma}{\lambda^2}-1} e^u du \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

where $C_1 = \frac{\lambda^{(1-\frac{2(\lambda+\sigma)}{\lambda})}|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\lambda^{-2})}e^{-\beta}$, $u(x) = \lambda^{-2}(e^{-\beta}x)^{\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}}$

The integral part of equation 6 is known as the upper incomplete gamma function,

$$\Gamma(x, a) = \int_x^\infty t^{a-1} \exp(-t) dt \quad (7)$$

which is defined as $\Gamma((u(x), \frac{1-\lambda\sigma}{\lambda^2}))$.

Since the survival function can be written as:

$$S(x) = \Gamma(u(x); \lambda^{-2}) \quad (8)$$

where $\Gamma(u(x); \lambda^{-2})$ is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) for the particular case of the gamma distribution with mean and variance equal to λ^{-2}

Thus,

We can express MRL for GG distribution (Prentice) as:

$$m(x) = C_1 \frac{\Gamma((u(x), \frac{1-\lambda\sigma}{\lambda^2}))}{\Gamma(u(x); \lambda^{-2})} - x \quad (9)$$