

Doubly Non-Central Generalized Beta Distributions

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Abstract: - The doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 and type 2 distributions have been derived by using two independent non-central gamma variables with different scale parameters. These distributions generalize several well known central and non-central beta distributions. The doubly non-central generalized beta densities are much more flexible than many exiting beta models and can assume a large variety of shapes. Several properties of these distributions have been studied.

Key-Words: - Beta distribution; confluent hypergeometric function; gamma distribution; Humbert’s confluent hypergeometric function; non-central distribution.

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1 Introduction

The two-parameter univariate beta distribution is one of the most frequently used distributions and has been studied extensively in the scientific literature. Since the beta distribution features two shape parameters, there is high shape flexibility for various combinations of parameter values. For basic properties, the reader may consult Bury [1], Chapter 14], and Johnson Kotz and Balakrishnana [2], Chap. 24]. Also, Some relevant studies can be found in Kala [3] and Liu and Miao [4].

The beta distribution can be used to model the distribution of measurements whose values lie between zero and one. This distribution can also be used to represent proportion or probability outcomes. In Bayesian analysis, this distribution is taken as a conjugate prior in binomial sampling models. The well known uniform distribution is a special case of the beta distribution. The distribution of the order statistic from a uniform distribution on (0, 1) is beta. Further, several test statistics are functions of beta variables.

It is well know that if X_1 and X_2 are independent standard gamma random variables with respective shape parameters a and b , then the random variable $U = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$ has a standard beta distribution (type 1) with two parameters, denoted by $U \sim B1(a, b)$.

If independent random variables X_1 and X_2 have two parameter gamma distributions, $X_1 \sim Ga(a, \theta_1)$ and $X_2 \sim Ga(b, \theta_2)$, with densities

$$f_{X_1}(x_1; a, \theta_1) = \frac{\exp(-x_1/\theta_1) x_1^{a-1}}{\theta_1^a \Gamma(a)},$$

$$x_1 > 0, \quad a > 0, \quad \theta_1 > 0 \quad (1)$$

and

$$f_{X_2}(x_2; b, \theta_2) = \frac{\exp(-x_2/\theta_2) x_2^{b-1}}{\theta_2^b \Gamma(b)},$$

$$x_2 > 0, \quad b > 0, \quad \theta_2 > 0, \quad (2)$$

then the density function of $U = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$ has the form

$$f_{GB1}(u; a, b; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^a u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1}}{B(a, b) [1 - (1-\lambda)u]^{a+b}},$$

$$0 < u < 1, \quad (3)$$

where $\lambda = \theta_2/\theta_1$ and $B(a, b)$ is the usual beta function.

The above distribution was first derived by Libby and Novic [5]. Chen and Novic [6] called this distribution a G3B distribution and studied several of its properties.

It is interesting to note that through the addition of a single scale-like parameter, a distribution is provided that can take on a wide range of values for the mean, variance, skewness, and kurtosis.

One can easily check that for $\lambda = 1$ the density (3) reduces to a standard beta type 1 density and for $\lambda = 2$ it slides to a beta type 3 density studied by Cardeño, Nagar and Sánchez [7], Gupta and Nagar [8], Nagar and Ramirez-Vanegas [9, 10], and Nagar and Tabares-Herrera [11].

The density of the quotient $V = X_1/X_2$, where X_1 and X_2 are independent and follow two parameter gamma distributions defined by (1) and (2), can be obtained directly from the density of U . Since, we have $V = U/(1 - U)$, we can obtain the density of V from (3) as

$$f_{GB2}(v; a, b; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^a v^{a-1}}{B(a, b) (1 + \lambda v)^{a+b}}, \quad v > 0. \quad (4)$$

It is easy to observe that for $a = \nu_1/2$, $b = \nu_2/2$ and $\lambda = \nu_1/\nu_2$ with $\nu_1 > 0, \nu_2 > 0$, the GB2 in (4) becomes a Snedecor $F(\nu_1, \nu_2)$ distribution while for $\lambda = 1$, it is simply a standard type 2 beta distribution (inverted beta distribution). Also, for $a = 1$, the GB2 distribution slides to a Lomax distribution. In general, $(\lambda b/a)V$ has a Snedecor $F(2a, 2b)$ distribution and the distribution of λV is standard beta type 2.

The presence of the parameter λ allows three-parameter generalized beta distributions to take a much wider variety of shapes than the standard beta distributions and therefore GB1 and GB2 distributions are more flexible than standard beta distributions and have been used in statistical modeling and applications. The first is used in several statistical models, e.g. in fitting utility functions (Libby and Novic [5]), in Bayesian analysis with binomial sampling (Chen and Novic [6]) etc., while the second is used in the analysis of carcinogenesis data, in the study of system availability or in measuring information in predictive distributions. Systematic studies of these distributions including problem of parameter estimation was done by Pham-Gia and Duong [12]. While defining the three-parameter generalized beta distributions, Libby and Novic [5] have also given their multivariate (bivariate) generalizations. The non-central counterpart of Libby and Novic's bivariate beta distribution is given in Gupta, Orozco-Castañeda and Nagar [13]. Sarabia and Castillo [14] have proposed several bivariate extensions of Libby and Novic's three-parameter generalized beta type 1 distribution. Also, for some pertinent and interesting generalizations of beta models, the reader is referred to Chen and Singh [15], Gómez-Déniz and Sarabia [16] and Alshkaki [17]. For a systematic treatment of matrix variate beta distribution the reader is referred to Gupta and Nagar [18].

Although in recent years, several generalizations of beta distribution have been developed to achieve more flexibility, not much work has been done in the area of non-central beta distributions (Johnson, Kotz and Balakrishna [2], Nagar and Ramirez-Vanegas [9, 10], Firmino et al. [19], Nadarajah [20]).

The non-central beta densities are usually obtained by using non-central gamma variables. The random variable X is said to have a non-central gamma distribution with parameters $\kappa (> 0)$, $\theta (> 0)$ and $\delta (\geq 0)$, denoted by $X \sim \text{Ga}(\kappa, \theta, \delta)$, if its p.d.f. is given by

$$\{\theta^\kappa \Gamma(\kappa)\}^{-1} \exp\left(-\delta - \frac{x}{\theta}\right) x^{\kappa-1} {}_0F_1\left(\kappa; \frac{\delta x}{\theta}\right),$$

where $x > 0$ and ${}_0F_1(c; z)$ is defined as

$${}_0F_1(c; z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(c)z^i}{\Gamma(c+i) i!}.$$

For $\delta = 0$, the non-central gamma distribution reduces to a gamma distribution.

If independent random variables X_1 and X_2 have non-central gamma distributions, $X_1 \sim \text{Ga}(a, \theta_1, \delta_1)$ and $X_2 \sim \text{Ga}(b, \theta_2, \delta_2)$, then $U = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$ follows a doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 distribution. Likewise, the quotient $V = X_1/X_2$ follows a doubly non-central generalized beta type 2 distribution. For $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ these distributions reduce to standard doubly non-central beta distributions.

In this article, we will derive and study doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 and 2 distributions. Since, the distributions defined in this article have increased number of parameters guaranteeing more flexibility than many existing beta models, they can serve as an alternative to many beta distributions and can be applied in various real-life problems.

2 Some Definitions and Preliminary Results

In this section, we give some definitions and preliminary results that have been used in subsequent sections. Throughout this work, we will use the Pochhammer symbol $(a)_n$ defined by $(a)_n = a(a+1) \cdots (a+n-1) = (a)_{n-1}(a+n-1)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and $(a)_0 = 1$. The integral representations of the confluent hypergeometric function and the Gauss hypergeometric function are given as (Luke [21]):

$${}_1F_1(a; c; z) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a)} \times \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{c-a-1} \exp(zt) dt, \quad (5)$$

and

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a)} \times \int_0^1 \frac{t^{a-1} (1-t)^{c-a-1}}{(1-zt)^b} dt, \quad (6)$$

respectively, where $\text{Re}(a) > 0$ and $\text{Re}(c-a) > 0$. Using power series expansion of $\exp(zt)$ in (5) and $(1-zt)^{-a}$ in (6), the series expansions of ${}_1F_1(a; c; z)$ and ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$ are obtained as

$${}_1F_1(a; c; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k z^k}{(c)_k k!}$$

and

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k z^k}{(c)_k k!}, \quad |x| < 1.$$

The Humbert's confluent hypergeometric function

Ψ_2 is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_2[a; c_1, c_2; z_1, z_2] &= \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{r+s}}{(c_1)_r (c_2)_s} \frac{z_1^r z_2^s}{r! s!}, \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_r}{(c_1)_r} \frac{z_1^r}{r!} {}_1F_1(a+r; c_2; z_2) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_s}{(c_2)_s} \frac{z_2^s}{s!} {}_1F_1(a+s; c_1; z_1), \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where $|z_1| < \infty$ and $|z_2| < \infty$. The integral representation of Φ_1 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_2[a; c_1, c_2; z_1, z_2] &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t) t^{a-1} {}_0F_1(c_1; tz_1) {}_0F_1(c_2; tz_2) dt, \\ &|z_1| < \infty, \quad |z_2| < \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where $\text{Re}(a) > 0$. For properties and further results on these functions the reader is referred to Luke [21] and Srivastava and Karlsson [22].

3 Doubly Non-Central Generalized Beta Distributions

In this section, doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 and 2 densities are derived and different shapes of these densities are shown graphically.

Theorem 3.1. *Let X_1 and X_2 be independent random variables, $X_1 \sim \text{Ga}(a, \theta_1, \delta)$ and $X_2 \sim \text{Ga}(b, \theta_2, \mu)$. Then, $U = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$ follows a doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 distribution with the pdf*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{NCGBI}}(u; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu) &= \frac{\lambda^a \exp[-(\delta + \mu)]}{B(a, b)} \frac{u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1}}{[1 - (1-\lambda)u]^{a+b}} \\ &\times \Psi_2 \left[a+b; a, b; \frac{\delta \lambda u}{1 - (1-\lambda)u}, \frac{\mu(1-u)}{1 - (1-\lambda)u} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where $0 < u < 1$ and $\lambda = \theta_2/\theta_1$.

Proof. Using independence, the joint pdf of X_1 and X_2 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K \exp \left[- \left(\frac{x_1}{\theta_1} + \frac{x_2}{\theta_2} \right) \right] x_1^{a-1} x_2^{b-1} \\ \times {}_0F_1 \left(a; \frac{\delta x_1}{\theta_1} \right) {}_0F_1 \left(b; \frac{\mu x_2}{\theta_2} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where $x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0, a > 0, b > 0, \theta_1 > 0, \theta_2 > 0, \delta \geq 0, \mu \geq 0$, and

$$K = [\theta_1^a \theta_2^b \Gamma(a) \Gamma(b) \exp(\delta + \mu)]^{-1}.$$

Now, making the transformation $U = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$, and $S = X_1 + X_2$ with the Jacobian $J(x_1, x_2 \rightarrow u, s) = s$ in (10), the joint density of U and S is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} K u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1} \exp \left[- \frac{\{1 - (1-\lambda)u\} s}{\theta_2} \right] s^{a+b-1} \\ \times {}_0F_1 \left(a; \frac{\delta u s}{\theta_1} \right) {}_0F_1 \left(b; \frac{\mu(1-u)s}{\theta_2} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where $0 < u < 1$ and $s > 0$. Finally, integrating (11) with respect to s by using (8), we obtain the marginal density of U . \square

If the density of U is given by (9), then we will write $U \sim \text{NCGBI}(a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$.

The graphs of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 density function for different values of parameters are shown in Figure 1.

Theorem 3.2. *Let X_1 and X_2 be independent random variables, $X_1 \sim \text{Ga}(a, \theta_1, \delta)$ and $X_2 \sim \text{Ga}(b, \theta_2, \mu)$. Then, $V = X_1/X_2$ follows a doubly non-central generalized beta type 2 distribution with the pdf*

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{NCGB2}}(v; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu) &= \frac{\lambda^a \exp[-(\delta + \mu)]}{B(a, b)} \frac{v^{a-1}}{(1 + \lambda v)^{a+b}} \\ &\times \Psi_2 \left[a+b; a, b; \frac{\delta \lambda v}{1 + \lambda v}, \frac{\mu}{1 + \lambda v} \right], \quad v > 0, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where $\lambda = \theta_2/\theta_1$.

The above density will be denoted by $V \sim \text{NCGB2}(a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$.

The graphs of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 2 density function for different values of parameters are shown in Figure 2.

For $\delta = \mu = 0$, the densities in (9) and (12) slide to generalized beta type 1 and generalized beta type 2 densities, respectively. For $\mu = 0$, the densities in (9) and (12) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{NCGBI}}(u; a, b; \lambda; \delta, 0) &= \frac{\lambda^a \exp(-\delta)}{B(a, b)} \frac{u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1}}{[1 - (1-\lambda)u]^{a+b}} \\ &\times {}_1F_1 \left(a+b; a; \frac{\delta \lambda u}{1 - (1-\lambda)u} \right), \quad 0 < u < 1 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{NCGB2}}(v; a, b; \lambda; \delta, 0) &= \frac{\lambda^a \exp(-\delta)}{B(a, b)} \frac{v^{a-1}}{(1 + \lambda v)^{a+b}} \\ &\times {}_1F_1 \left(a+b; a; \frac{\delta \lambda v}{1 + \lambda v} \right), \quad v > 0, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

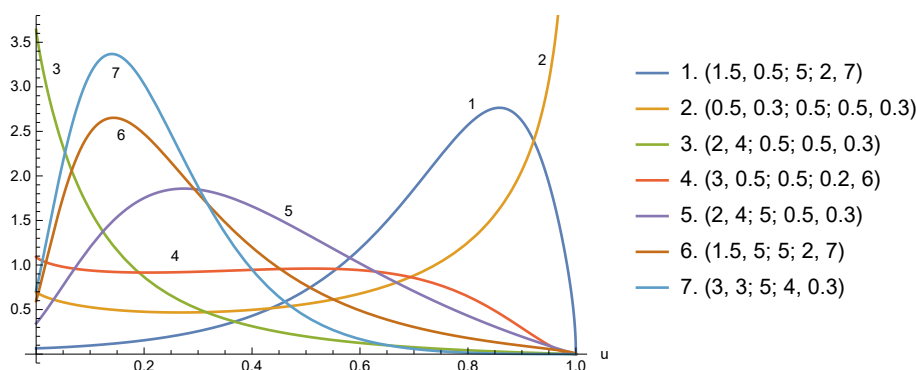


Figure 1: Graph of the density function $f_{NCGB1}(u; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$ for different values of $(a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$

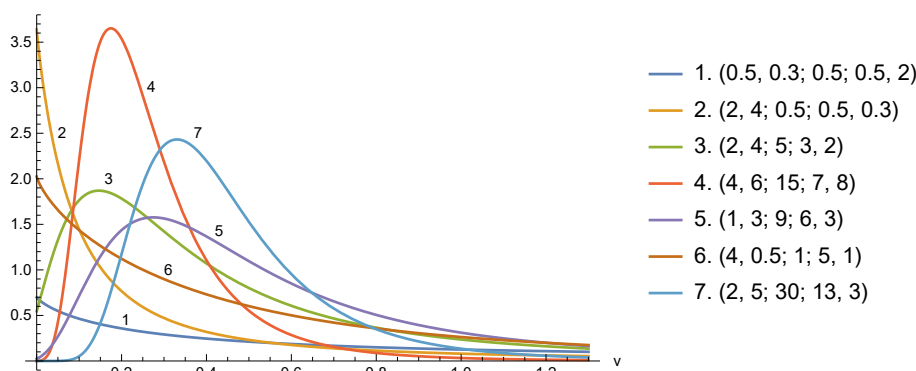


Figure 2: Graphs of the density function $f_{NCGB2}(v; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$ for different values of $(a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$

respectively, where ${}_1F_1$ is the confluent hypergeometric function.

The distributions defined by densities (13) and (14) will be designated by $NCGB1(a, b; \lambda; \delta)$ and $NCGB2(a, b; \lambda; \delta)$. In Figure 3 and Figure 4 graphs of $NCGB1$ and $NCGB2$ density functions are given for different values of their parameters. Here one can appreciate the wide range of forms that result from the densities (13) and (14).

From the density of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 variable, it can be shown that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{u^{a-1}(1-u)^{b-1}}{[1-(1-\lambda)u]^{a+b}} \times \Psi_2 \left[a+b; a, b; \frac{\delta\lambda u}{1-(1-\lambda)u}, \frac{\mu(1-u)}{1-(1-\lambda)u} \right] du = \exp(\delta + \mu)\lambda^{-a}B(a, b)$$

Using series expansion (7) of the Humbert's confluent hypergeometric function Ψ_2 , it can easily be

shown that

$$f_{NCGB1}(u; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) f_{NCGB1}(u; a+r, b; \lambda; 0, \mu) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(s, \mu) f_{NCGB1}(u; a, b+s; \lambda; \delta, 0) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) p(s, \mu) f_{GB1}(u; a+r, b+s; \lambda), \quad (15)$$

where $p(x; \delta) = \exp(-\delta)\delta^x/x!$, $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ is the Poisson density. Thus, from (15), it is clear that the density $f_{NCGB1}(u; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu)$ is a mixture of central/non-central generalized beta type 1 densities. Similarly, one can show that the non-central beta type 2 density is a mixture of central/non-central generalized beta type 2 densities. That is

$$f_{NCGB2}(v; a, b; \lambda; \delta, \mu) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) f_{NCGB2}(v; a+r, b; \lambda; 0, \mu)$$

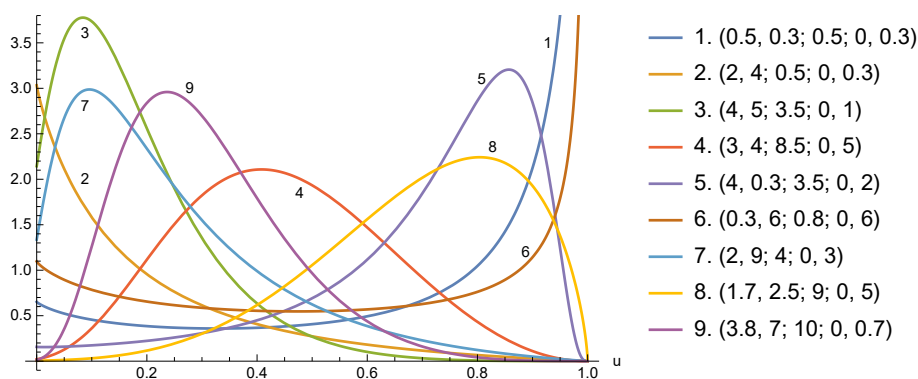


Figure 3: Graphs of the density function $f_{NCGB1}(u; a, b; \lambda; 0, \mu)$ for different values of $(a, b; \lambda; 0, \mu)$

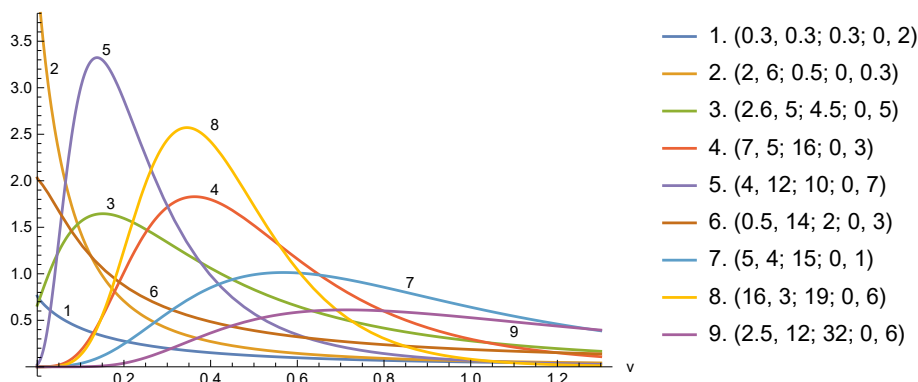


Figure 4: Graphs of density function $f_{NCGB2}(v; a, b; \lambda; 0, \mu)$ for different values of $(a, b; \lambda; 0, \mu)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(s, \mu) f_{NCGB2}(v; a, b + s; \lambda; \delta, 0) \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) p(s, \mu) f_{GB2}(v; a + r, b + s; \lambda). \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

4 Expected Values

Using the series representation of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 density function given in (15), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) p(s, \mu) \mathbb{E}_{GB1} \left[\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t} \right], \quad (17)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbb{E}_{GB1} \left[\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t} \right] \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{u^h(1-u)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)u]^t} f_{GB1}(u; a+r, b+s; \lambda) du \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

and $f_{GB1}(u; a+r, b+s; \lambda)$ is the generalized beta type 1 density with parameters $a+r, b+s$ and λ . Now, substituting for f_{GB1} in (18) and evaluating the resulting integral by using (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbb{E}_{GB1} \left[\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^{a+r}}{B(a+r, b+s)} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{a+h+r-1}(1-u)^{b+k+s-1}}{[1-(1-\lambda)u]^{a+b+r+s+t}} du \\
 &= \frac{\lambda^{a+r} B(a+h+r, b+k+s)}{B(a+r, b+s)} {}_2F_1(a+h+r, \\
 &\quad a+b+r+s+t; a+b+h+k+r+s; 1-\lambda). \quad (19)
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, substituting (19) in (17), the expression for the expected value of $\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{U^h(1-U)^k}{[1-(1-\lambda)U]^t} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta) p(s, \mu) \frac{\lambda^{a+r} B(a+h+r, b+k+s)}{B(a+r, b+s)} \\
 &\quad \times {}_2F_1(a+h+r, a+b+r+s+t; \\
 &\quad \quad a+b+h+k+r+s; 1-\lambda).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, substituting $k = t = 0$ in the above expression, the h -th moment of U is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(U^h) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \frac{\lambda^{a+r} B(a+h+r, b+s)}{B(a+r, b+s)} \\ &\times {}_2F_1(a+h+r, a+b+r+s; \\ &a+b+h+r+s; 1-\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Substituting $h = 1$ and $h = 2$ in (20) and simplifying, we obtain the first and second order moments of the random variable U which has a doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(U) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \frac{\lambda^{a+r}(a+r)}{a+b+r+s} \\ &\times {}_2F_1(a+1+r, a+b+r+s; \\ &a+b+1+r+s; 1-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(U^2) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \frac{\lambda^{a+r}(a+r)(a+r+1)}{(a+b+r+s)(a+b+r+s+1)} \\ &\times {}_2F_1(a+2+r, a+b+r+s; \\ &a+b+2+r+s; 1-\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Using the series representation of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 2 density function given in (16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t} \right] &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \mathbb{E}_{\text{GB2}} \left[\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\text{GB2}} \left[\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t} \right] &= \int_0^1 \frac{v^h}{(1+\lambda v)^t} f_{\text{GB2}}(v; a+r, b+s; \lambda) dv \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

and $f_{\text{GB2}}(v; a+r, b+s; \lambda)$ is the generalized beta type 2 density with parameters $a+r, b+s$ and λ . Now, substituting f_{GB2} in (22) and evaluating the resulting

integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{\text{GB2}} \left[\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t} \right] &= \frac{\lambda^{a+r}}{B(a+r, b+s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^{a+h+r-1}}{(1+\lambda v)^{a+b+r+s+t}} dv \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{-h} B(a+h+r, b+s+t-h)}{B(a+r, b+s)}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Finally, substituting (23) in (21), the expression for the expected value $\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t}$ is derived as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{V^h}{(1+\lambda V)^t} \right] &= \lambda^{-h} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \frac{B(a+h+r, b+s+t-h)}{B(a+r, b+s)}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $t = 0$ in the above expression, we obtain the h -th moment of V as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(V^h) &= \lambda^{-h} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \frac{B(a+h+r, b+s-h)}{B(a+r, b+s)}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Further, substituting $h = 1$ and $h = 2$ in (24) and simplifying, the first and the second order moments of the doubly non-central generalized beta type 2 variable is obtained as

$$\mathbb{E}(V) = \lambda^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \frac{a+r}{b+s-1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(V^2) &= \lambda^{-2} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} p(r, \delta)p(s, \mu) \\ &\times \frac{(a+r)(a+r+1)}{(b+s-1)(b+s-2)}. \end{aligned}$$

5 Discussion and Conclusion

By using the traditional method of transformation of variables, we have obtained probability density functions of doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 and type 2 distributions. These probability density functions have been expressed in terms of the well known Humbert's confluent hypergeometric function Ψ_2 . The doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 and type 2 distributions are generalizations of Libby and Novic's three-parameter beta distributions, beta type 3 distribution, standard non-central beta distributions, and doubly non-central beta distributions. Numerous properties of proposed distributions have also

been studied. It has also been shown graphically, that doubly non-central generalized beta densities can assume a broad variety of shapes surpassing many existing beta models. Further, infinite mixture representations of doubly non-central generalized beta densities facilitate us to compute cumulative distribution function, moment generating function, and other results in amicable forms.

Further, results such as probability density functions of sum, difference, product and quotient of two independent random variables both having doubly non-central generalized beta type 1 distribution can also be derived. These probability density functions will involve the first hypergeometric function of Appell (see Nagar and Ramirez-Vanegas [10], Nadarajah [20]).

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