The Performance of Estimators for Generalization of Crack Distribution

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Abstract—In this research, we propose a new four parameter family of distributions called Generalized Crack distribution. We generalize the family three parameter Crack distribution. The Generalized Crack distribution is a mixture of two parameter Inverse Gaussian distribution, Length-Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution, Twice Length-Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution, and adding one more weight parameter \( q \). It is a special case for \( p + q + r = 1 \), where \( \lambda > 0, \theta > 0, 0 \leq p \leq 1.0 \leq q \leq 1 \) and \( p + q + r = 1 \) is the weighted parameter. We investigate the properties of Generalized Crack distribution including first four moments, parameters estimation by using the maximum likelihood estimators and method of moment estimation. Evaluate the performance of the estimators by using bias. The results of simulation are presented in numerically and graphically.

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1. Introduction

The lifetime distribution provides an advantages and applied information to users or practitioners to protect damages of medical, finance, manufacturing, systems, industry, and machines that occur after the lifetime is terminated. The serious injury or death may be happened if the user not know the lifetime of their items, machines or systems.

The well known lifetime distributions in survival analysis are Birnbaum–Saunders (BS), Inverse Gaussian (IG), Length Biased Inverse Gaussian (LB) and Crack distributions (CR), Exponential, Log-Normal, Extreme Value, Weibull.

The distribution is widely used to be the lifetime distributions in many field. The distributions had been studied for long time. For Inverse Gaussian distribution [1-3], Shuster (1968) [4] used the tables of the Standard Normal distribution and logarithms to get the exact probabilities for an Inverse Gaussian distribution. Chhikara and Folks (1989) [5] provided the relationship among Inverse Gaussian distribution and \( \chi^2 \) and \( F \) distributions applied with the Sampling Theory. They also mentioned that the Inverse Gaussian distribution describes the distribution of the time it takes a Brownian motion while the normal distribution express the distance traveled at time fixed by the standard Brownian motion. Chaubey et al. (2014) [6] proved that under the scale transformation, the likelihood ratio test for one sided hypotheses in the Inverse Gaussian family is the uniformly most powerful invariant test.

The length biased in version of the Inverse Gaussian distribution was studied in [7] and [8], Patil and Rao (1977) [9] proposed the special weighted distribution of length biased in version of the Inverse Gaussian distribution.


In this research, we propose a new four parameter family of distributions that generalizes the family three parameter Crack distribution and investigate the properties including to first four moments, parameter estimation by using the maximum likelihood estimators and method of moment estimation and evaluate the performance of the estimators by using bias.

The article is organized as follows. We first review the probability distribution function (pdf) of IG and LB and introduced you to know about Twice Length-Biased Inverse Gaussian (LB\(^2\)) distributions. Theoretical results about Generalization Crack distribution (GCR) are given in section 3. After that, Numerical results are shown in section 4. Finally, conclusions and discussion are reported in section 5.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Inverse Gaussian Distribution

The probability distributions with support of \( X \) on \((0, \infty)\). A random variable \( X \) has the Inverse Gaussian distribution, if the probability density function is
\[ f_{IG}(x; \mu, \beta) = \frac{\beta}{2\pi x^2} \exp\left\{ -\frac{\beta(x-\mu)^2}{2\mu^2 x^2} \right\}; x > 0, \]

where parameter \( \mu > 0 \) is the mean and \( \beta > 0 \) is the scale parameter of the distribution. We say that the probability density function above is the classical parametrization of the Inverse Gaussian distribution.

For the new parametrization of the Inverse Gaussian distribution, which is a two-parameter family of continuous probability distributions with density function as follows

\[ f_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta) = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi x^2} \exp\left\{ -\frac{(x-\theta\lambda)^2}{2\theta^2} \right\}; x > 0. \]

The relationship between classical parameters \( \alpha, \beta \) and new parameters \( \lambda, \theta \) can be written as follows

\[ \lambda = \frac{\beta}{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \frac{\mu^2}{\beta^2}; \quad \mu = \lambda \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \lambda^2 \theta. \]

Let random variable \( Y \) have \( IG(\lambda, \theta) \) distribution. Then we get

\[ E[Y] = \lambda \theta \quad \text{and} \quad E[Y^2] = \lambda \theta^2(\lambda + 1). \]

### 2.2 Length-Biased Inverse Gaussian Distribution

Let \( X \) be a non-negative random variable having the continuous probability density function \( f(\cdot) \) with a finite first moment \( E[X] \). We say that \( Y \) with probability density function \( h(\cdot) \) has the length biased distribution associated with \( X \), if its probability density function is given by the formula

\[ h(x) = \frac{xf(x)}{E[X]}, x > 0 \]

From (1) and (2), then we get the Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution in term of new parametrization is given by the following formula

\[ f_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta \sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\theta}{x} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \lambda \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} \right)^2 \right\}; x > 0. \]

We denote this distribution as \( LB(\lambda, \theta) \) with mean \( \theta(\lambda + 1) \).

### 2.3 Crack Distribution

The Crack distribution is constructed by adding the weight parameter \( p \) and including the two parameter of Inverse Gaussian distribution and two parameter of Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution. The formula is show as follows

\[ f_{CR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p) = pf_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta) + (1 - p)f_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta) \]

where \( \lambda > 0, \theta > 0 \) and \( 0 \leq p \leq 1 \). The probability density function of three-parameter Crack distribution is given by the following formula

\[ f_{CR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p) = \frac{1}{\theta\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\theta}{x} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \lambda \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} \right)^2 \right\} \right] \phi \left( \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} - \lambda \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} \right); x > 0. \]

where \( \lambda > 0, \theta > 0 \) and \( 0 \leq p \leq 1 \). We denote this distribution as \( CR(\lambda, \theta, p) \).

The cumulative distribution function of three-parameter Crack distribution is

\[ F_{CR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p) = \phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} \right) - 1 - 2pe^{\lambda x} \left[ 1 - \phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} \right) \right]; x > 0, \]

where \( \phi(x) \) is the standard normal distribution function.

The connection of the probability density functions of Inverse Gaussian distribution, Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution, Birnbaum–Saunders distribution with the Crack distribution is

\[ f_{CR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p) = \begin{cases} f_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = 1, \\ f_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = \frac{1}{2}, \\ f_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = 0, \end{cases} \]

where \( \lambda > 0, \theta > 0 \) and \( 0 \leq p \leq 1 \).

### 2.4 Twice Length-Biased Inverse Gaussian Distribution

Let random variable \( X \) have \( LB(\lambda, \theta) \) distribution and \( T \) have \( IG(\lambda, \theta) \) distribution. According to formula (2), a non-negative random variable \( Y \) with density function \( h(\cdot) \) has the length biased distribution associated with \( X \), if its density function is given by the formula

\[ f_{LB^2}(x) = \frac{x f_{LB}(x)}{E(X)} = \frac{x f_{IG}(x)}{E(T)} = \frac{x^2 f_{CR}(x)}{E(T)E(X)}. \]

The Twice Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution, which we consider in this article, is a two-parameter family of continuous probability distributions with density function as

\[ f_{LB^2}(x) = \frac{x^2 f_{LB}(x)}{E(T)E(X)} = \frac{x^2 \phi \left( \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} - \lambda \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \left[ 1 - 2pe^{\lambda x} \left[ 1 - \phi \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} - \lambda \sqrt{\frac{x}{\theta}} \right) \right] \right]}{\lambda \theta^2(\lambda + 1)}. \]

We denote this distribution as \( LB^2(\lambda, \theta) \).
3. Generalization Crack Distribution

3.1 The Probability Distribution Function

The Generalized CR lifetime distribution depends on four parameters. This distribution contains as special cases the four well-known aforementioned distributions, namely, the Crack distribution, the Birnbaum–Saunders distribution, the Inverse Gaussian distribution, and the Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution.

The Generalized Crack distribution is formed by adding one more weight parameter $q$ in the formula of Crack distribution and including the two parameter of Inverse Gaussian distribution, two parameter of Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution and two parameter of Twice Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution as follows

\[
 f_{GCR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p, q) = pf_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta) + qf_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta) + rf_{LBZ}(x; \lambda, \theta),
\]

Where $\lambda > 0, \theta > 0, 0 \leq p \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$ and $p + q + r = 1$.

The Probability density function of Generalized Crack distribution is given by

\[
 f_{GCR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p, q) = pf_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta) + qf_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta) + rf_{LBZ}(x; \lambda, \theta)
\]

\[
 = p \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} x^{\lambda-1} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right)
\]

\[
 + \frac{q}{\theta} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} x^{\lambda-1} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right)
\]

\[
 + \frac{r}{2\pi} (\lambda + 1) \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right)
\]

where $\lambda > 0, \theta > 0, 0 \leq p \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$ and $p + q + r = 1$.

We denote this distribution as $GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q)$.

The relevance of the probability density functions of Crack distribution, Inverse Gaussian distribution, Birnbaum–Saunders distribution, Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution, Twice Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution with the Generalized Crack distribution is

\[
 f_{GCR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p, q) = \begin{cases} 
 f_{CR}(x; \lambda, \theta), & q = 1-p, r = 0 \\
 f_{IG}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = 1, q = 0, r = 0 \\
 f_{BS}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{2}, r = 0 \\
 f_{LB}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = 0, q = 1, r = 0 \\
 f_{LBZ}(x; \lambda, \theta), & p = 0, q = 0, r = 1 
\end{cases}
\]

where $\lambda > 0, \theta > 0, 0 \leq p \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$ and $p + q + r = 1$.

Note that the connection between Generalized Crack distribution, Inverse Gaussian distribution, Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution and Twice Length Biased Inverse Gaussian distribution distributions can be illustrate in alternative way.

Let $X_1$, $X_2$ and $X_3$ are independent random variables such that $X_1$ has $IG(\lambda, \theta)$ distribution, $X_2$ has $LB(\lambda, \theta)$ distribution and $X_3$ has $LB^2(\lambda, \theta)$ distribution, $0 \leq p \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$ and $p + q + r = 1$.

Consider the new random variable $X$ such that

\[
 X = \begin{cases} 
 X_1 & \text{with probability } p, \\
 X_2 & \text{with probability } q, \\
 X_3 & \text{with probability } r 
\end{cases}
\]

then $X$ follows the $GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q)$ distribution. This is the reason why we say that $X$ is a mixture of $X_1$, $X_2$ and $X_3$.

3.2 The First Four Moments

The moment generating function of $X \sim GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q)$ is

\[
 \phi_{GCR}(t) = e^{\lambda t - \frac{\theta t^2}{2}} \left[ p + \frac{q}{\sqrt{1-2\theta t}} \left( \frac{r}{(\lambda + 1)(1-2\theta t)} \right) \right]
\]

Proof: Let $X$ be a $GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q)$ distributed random variable; then

\[
 \phi_{GCR}(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f_{GCR}(x; \lambda, \theta, p, q) \, dx
\]

\[
 = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \left[ p \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} x^{\lambda-1} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right) \right. \\
 + \frac{q}{\theta} \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} x^{\lambda-1} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right) \\
 + \frac{r}{2\pi} (\lambda + 1) \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\theta} - \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\theta}} \right)^2 \right) \left. \right] \, dx
\]

Therefore

\[
 \phi_{GCR}(t) = p e^{\lambda t - \frac{\theta t^2}{2}} \left[ \left( \frac{\lambda}{\theta} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{r}{(\lambda + 1)(1-2\theta t)} \right) \right]
\]

\[
 = e^{i(\lambda t - \frac{\theta t^2}{2})} \left[ p + \frac{q}{\sqrt{1-2\theta t}} \left( \frac{r}{(\lambda + 1)(1-2\theta t)} \right) \right]
\]

Where $t < \sqrt{\frac{2\theta}{\lambda}}$

Hence, the first four moments of $X$ is given by

\[
 E(X) = q\theta + \frac{r\theta}{2(\lambda + 1)} \left( \frac{\lambda + 1}{\lambda + 1} \right) + \lambda \theta \left( p + q + r \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right) \right)
\]

\[
 E(X^2) = 3q\theta^2 + \frac{2q\theta^2}{2(\lambda + 1)} \left( \frac{\lambda + 1}{\lambda + 1} \right) + \lambda \theta^2 \left( p + q + r \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right) \right)
\]

\[
 + \lambda^2 \theta \left( p + q + r \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right) \right) + 2\lambda \theta \left( q\theta + \frac{r\theta}{2(\lambda + 1)} + \frac{2r\theta}{2(\lambda + 1)} \right) \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right)
\]
Proof Let \( X \) be a \( GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q) \) distributed random variable; then
\[
\phi_{\text{oc}}(it) = E[e^{itX}] = \int e^{itx} f_{\text{oc}}(x, \lambda, \theta, p, q) \, dx
\]
\[
= \int e^{itx} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\lambda)^2}{2\theta^2}} \, dx
\]
\[
= e^{-\frac{it\lambda^2}{2\theta^2}} \int e^{itx} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\lambda)^2}{2\theta^2}} \, dx
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= e^{-\frac{it\lambda^2}{2\theta^2}} \int e^{itx} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\lambda)^2}{2\theta^2}} \, dx
\]
Where \( t \in \mathbb{R} \)

### 3.4 The Method of Moment Estimation

Let \( X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \) be a sample from \( GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q) \) distribution and \( X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \) be the sample values. Denote the sample noncentral moments as
\[
m_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i
\]
\[
m_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2
\]
\[
m_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^3
\]
\[
m_4 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^4
\]
Then the equations for the Method of Moments are:
\[
E(X) = m_1
\]
\[
E(X^2) = m_2
\]
\[
E(X^3) = m_3
\]
\[
E(X^4) = m_4
\]
where \( E(X), E(X^2), E(X^3), \) and \( E(X^4) \) as functions of the parameters \( \lambda, \theta, p, \) and \( q \) in section III.B. Unfortunately, the Method of Moments equations cannot be solved in closed form so, we used MatLab to solve the system of nonlinear algebraic equations numerically. We used function \texttt{lsqnonlin} to solved the the system of nonlinear algebraic equations numerically of the equations for the Method of Moments.

### 3.5 The Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Let \( f(x | \theta) \) be a probability density function (p.d.f.) where \( \theta \) is a vector of parameters. Let \( X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \sim f(x | \theta) \). The likelihood function can be written as:
\[
L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i | \theta)
\]
The maximum Likelihood Estimator (M.L.E.), \( \hat{\theta} \) is the value of \( \theta \) that maximizes \( L(\theta; x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \).

Let \( X \sim GCR(\lambda, \theta, p, q) \), the likelihood equations are:

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} = n \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \theta^{2}} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda} x_i + \frac{r}{\lambda + 1} x_i^2 \right) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0
\]

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \theta^{2}} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda} x_i + \frac{r}{\lambda + 1} x_i^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda x_i\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0
\]

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial q} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \theta^{2}} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda} x_i + \frac{r}{\lambda + 1} x_i^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda x_i\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0
\]

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial p} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial \theta^{2}} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda} x_i + \frac{r}{\lambda + 1} x_i^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda x_i\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = 0
\]

4. Numerical Results

4.1 Simulation Study

A simulation study is performed to evaluate the performance of MME and MLE estimator for the Generalized Crack Random Number that generate by the Composition method. To compare two methods of point estimation including with MME and MLE, we consider the bias of estimators. The simulations were carried out in R statistical software and MATLAB. For each point estimation method, we use all combinations of \( n = 100, 500, 1000, 5000 \). and the combination of parameter \( \lambda, q = 1, 2 \) and \( p, q = 1, 3 \). The results were report to investigate the behavior of estimators by using bias. We report the results of the estimated parameter for both MME and MLE in Table I and report the estimated bias of four parameters in Table II as follows.

From Table I shows the MME and MLE estimators \( \hat{\lambda}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{p} \) and \( \hat{q} \), we can see that the performance of estimators of parameter \( \lambda, \theta, p \) and \( q \) are good for large sample sizes which are 1000 and 5000 but the small sample sizes which are 100 and 500 are poor for both method MME and MLE.

Table II. The bias of \( \hat{\lambda}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{p} \) and \( \hat{q} \). We can see that the method of moment estimators has generally overestimate; almost every estimated value except \( \lambda \) and \( q \) for all combinations. While the MLE provided the different results, the parameters \( \lambda \) still overestimate but parameter \( q \) was underestimate.

When the sample sizes increase, the simulated bias corresponds to the theoretical background as it is a decreasing function of sample sizes \( n \). That is, when sample sizes increase, the amount of the bias decreases and tends to zero. From Table II when we increase sample sizes from 100 to 5000 in each combination, bias of each estimation is decreasing when sample sizes increase.

5. Discussion

This research contains new contributions as the following:

1. Motivating hopeful practitioners to protect the industrial or financial damages before the lifetime expired. It may also protect lives safe due to the fact that workers who do not know the lifetime of the equipment or items that need to be used in the work may cause direct and indirect damage. The lifetime distribution with the high performance of parameter estimate can prevent damage.

2. Improving statistical knowledge about lifetime distribution.

6. Conclusion

This new Crack Lifetime distribution is useful in many areas for example Engineering, Physics, Economics and Statistics. In this research, we propose a new four parameter family of distributions that generalizes the family three parameter Crack distribution called Generalized Crack distribution. In addition, we investigate the properties including to first four moments, parameter estimation by using the maximum likelihood estimators and method of moment estimation and evaluate the performance of the estimators by using bias. Since in this situation, the MLE estimator has the performance better than MME so, we recommended to use MLE estimator for the Generalized Crack distribution.

Table II shows the The bias of \( \hat{\lambda}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{p} \) and \( \hat{q} \).
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