

An Extended Exponentiated Exponential Distribution and its Properties

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we introduce an extension of the exponentiated exponential (EE) distribution which offers a more flexible model for lifetime data. This model is generated by compound distribution with mixing exponential model. Several statistical and reliability properties of the proposed distribution are explored as the geometric extreme stability, sufficient conditions for the shape behavior of the density and hazard rate functions, the moments and mean residual life time. Estimation of unknown parameters using the maximum likelihood are obtained. Moreover, an application to a real data set is presented for illustrative purposes.

Keywords

Exponentiated Exponential Distribution, Compound distribution, Geometric extreme stability, AIC, BIC, Likelihood ratio test, P-P plot, mean residual life

1. INTRODUCTION

The two parameter EE distribution introduced by Ahuja and Nash [2] and further, studied by Gupta and Kundu[6]. This distribution has shape and scale parameters like Gamma and Weibull distributions. Moreover it has better fit than Weibull and Gamma in many cases, Raja and Mir[15]. The applications of the EE distribution have been widespread, we mention: models to determine bout criteria for analysis of animal behavior, Yeates et al. [21]; software reliability growth models for vital quality metrics, Subburaj et al. [11]; models for episode peak and duration for eco-hydro-climatic applications, Biondi et al.[5]; and cure rate modeling, Kannan et al. [8]. An absolutely continuous random variable (rv) is said to have The EE distribution if its survival function (sf) and its probability density function (pdf) are given by,

$$\bar{F}(x) = 1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha, \quad (1)$$

$$f(x) = \alpha\beta e^{-\beta x} (1 - e^{-\beta x})^{\alpha-1} \quad (2)$$

respectively, for $x > 0, \alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$. We write $X \sim EE(\alpha, \beta)$, here α is the shape parameter and β is the scale parameter. In the particular case $\alpha = 1$, it represents the exponential family. therefore, all three families, Gamma, Weibull and the EE are generalization of the exponential family but in different ways.

Many authors derived other properties of the (EE) distribution, Gupta and Kundu [7], Raqab [16], Zheng [22], Shirke et al. [18],9 Abdel-Hamid and Al-Hussaini [1], Kundu and Pradhan [10] and Aslam et al. [4]. Some generalizations of the EE distribution are discussed in Nadarajah and Kotz [13]. On the other hand, Marshall-Olkin [12] defined a technique of generalization for a given probability distribution increasing the number of parameters by one. The new parameter results a flexibility in the distribution and known as the Marshall-Olkin extended distribution. Assume that X is a rv with a given a survival function (sf) $\bar{F}(x)$, the Marshall-Olkin extension of the original family is defined to be the family of distributions with sf as:

$$\bar{G}(x) = \frac{\lambda \bar{F}(x)}{1 - \bar{\lambda} \bar{F}(x)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \lambda > 0, \bar{\lambda} = 1 - \lambda. \quad (3)$$

In this article, we introduce a new variant of the Marshall-Olkin extended family of distributions by selecting in 3 the EE distribution with sf 1 which yields

$$\bar{G}(x) = \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}, \quad x > 0, \alpha > 0, \lambda > 0, \beta > 0. \quad (4)$$

We refer to the distribution with sf given by 4 as Marshall-Olkin extended EE distribution with parameters (α, β, λ) and will be denoted by $MOEEE$ distribution. The aim of this article is to reveal some statistical properties of the $MOEEE$ distribution. These properties include: (i) expressing this proposed distribution as a compounding process with exponential mixing model; (ii) shapes of the density function; (iii) moments and quantiles; (iv) shapes of the hazard rate function; finally, (v) utilizing maximum likelihood estimation, the proposed distribution is fitted to random real data.

2. COMPOUNDING

Let $\bar{G}(x|\theta)$ be the conditional sf of a continuous rv X given a continuous rv Θ . Let Θ follows a distribution with the pdf $m(\theta)$. A distribution with the sf

$$\bar{G}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{G}(x|\theta)m(\theta)d\theta, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

is called a compound distribution with mixing density $m(\theta)$. Compound distributions provide a useful tool to get new class of distributions in terms of existing ones. The following theorem shows that

the MOEEE distribution can be expressed by the compounding distribution.

THEOREM 1. Suppose that the conditional sf of a continuous rv X given a continuous rv $\Theta = \theta$ is given by:

$$\bar{G}(x|\theta) = \exp\left(\theta\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}\right)\right)$$

and let Θ have an exponential distribution with the pdf,

$$m(\theta) = \theta e^{-\lambda\theta}$$

then the compound distribution of X is the MOEEE (α, β, λ) .

PROOF. For all $x > 0, \beta, \theta, \lambda > 0$, the unconditional sf of X is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{G}(x|\theta)m(\theta)d\theta \\ &= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left(-\theta\left(\frac{1}{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} - \bar{\lambda}\right)\right)d\theta \\ &= \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

which is the sf of the MOEEE (α, β, λ) distribution. \square

In the next section we will show that the MOEEE distribution is geometric extreme stable.

3. GEOMETRIC EXTREME STABLE

For independent identical distributed (*iid*) rv's X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N with sf(4) and N is independent of the X_i 's with geometric (p) distribution, then $U_N = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N), V_N = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$, have the distribution in the same family with $0 < \alpha = p \leq 1$ and $\alpha = 1/p \geq 1$ respectively. The following theorem shows that MOEEE distribution geometric minimum and maximum stable.

THEOREM 2. The MOEEE distribution is geometric extreme stable

PROOF. let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N be a sequence of iid rv's. Suppose N is independent of the X_i 's with geometric distribution :

$$P_r(N = n) = (1 - p)^{n-1}p, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and let

$$U_N = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N), V_N = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}(x) &= P_r(U_N > x) \\ &= P_r(X_1 > x, X_2 > x, \dots, X_N > x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{F}^n(x)(1 - p)^{n-1}p \\ &= \frac{p\bar{F}(x)}{1 - (1 - p)\bar{F}(x)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= P_r(V_N < x) \\ &= P_r(X_1 < x, X_2 < x, \dots, X_N < x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{F}^n(x)(1 - p)^{n-1}p \\ &= \frac{pF(x)}{1 - (1 - p)F(x)}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\bar{H}(x) = \frac{\bar{F}(x)}{1 - (1 - p)\bar{F}(x)}$$

Now suppose that

$$\bar{F}(x) = \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha},$$

which is the sf of the MOEEE, then

$$\bar{G}(x) = \frac{p\lambda(1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha)}{p\lambda + (1 - p\lambda)(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}$$

So U_N is geometric minimum stable. Also we have ,

$$\bar{H}(x) = \frac{\lambda/p(1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha)}{\lambda/p + (1 - \lambda/p)(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}$$

Hence V_N is geometric maximum stable. Therefore the family of MOEEE distribution with sf(4) is geometric extreme stable. \square

4. DENSITY, QUANTILES, MOMENTS

The pdf of the MOEEE with sf(4) is given by

$$g(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta\lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^{\alpha-1}e^{-\beta x}}{(\bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha + \lambda)^2}, \quad x > 0. \quad (5)$$

The MOEEE distribution having exponential, EE and Marshall-Olkin extended exponential (MOEE) distributions as sub-models:

- (1) If $\alpha = 1$, we have the MOEE distribution, Singh et al [19].
- (2) If $\lambda = 1$ we get the EE distribution, Gupta and Kundu [6].
- (3) If $\lambda = 1, \alpha = 1$ we get the exponential distribution.

The following theorem gives simple conditions under which the pdf(6) is decreasing or unimodal.

THEOREM 3. The pdf of the MOEEE (α, β, λ) is decreasing (unimodal) if $0 < \alpha < 1$ ($\alpha > 1$) independent for λ, β .

PROOF. The first derivative of $g(x)$ is given by,

$$g'(x) = \frac{\alpha\lambda\beta^2(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{(e^{\beta x} - 1)^2(\bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha + \lambda)^2} \phi(x), \quad x > 0 \quad (6)$$

where

$$\phi(x) = \frac{e^{\beta x}(-\bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha - \lambda) + \alpha(-\bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha + \lambda)}{(\bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha + \lambda)}$$

If $\phi(0) = (-\lambda + \lambda\alpha)/\lambda = (\alpha - 1) \leq 0$, and $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ then $\phi(x) \leq 0$ for all $x > 0$, and hence, $g'(x) \leq 0$ for all $x > 0$ i.e., $g(x)$ is decreasing. For $\alpha > 1, \phi(0) = (\alpha - 1) \geq 0$, then $\phi(x) \geq 0$ for all $x > 0$, and hence, $g'(x) \geq 0$ for all $x > 0$ i.e., $g(x)$ is increasing. Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$,

therefore the pdf of MOEEE first increase and then decreases to zero and hence it has a mode given by,

$$\alpha(\lambda - 1)u^{\alpha+1} - (\lambda - 1)(1 + \alpha)u^\alpha + \alpha\lambda u + \lambda(1 - \alpha) = 0$$

where $u = 1 - e^{-\beta x_{mode}}$. □

Figure 1 below shows the pdf curves for the MOEEE distribution for selected values of the parameters α, β and λ .

If X has MOEEE distribution then the r th moment of X can be

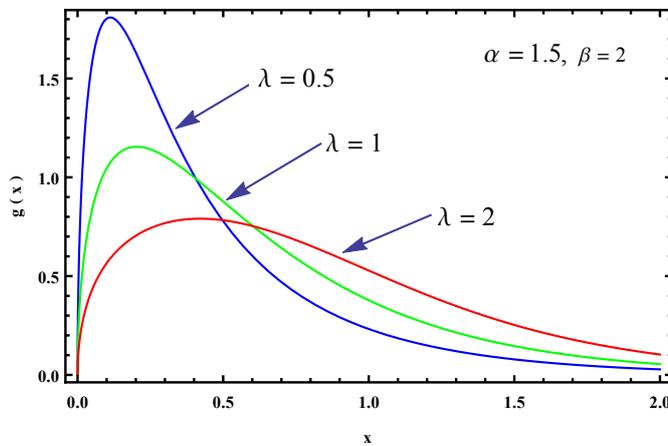
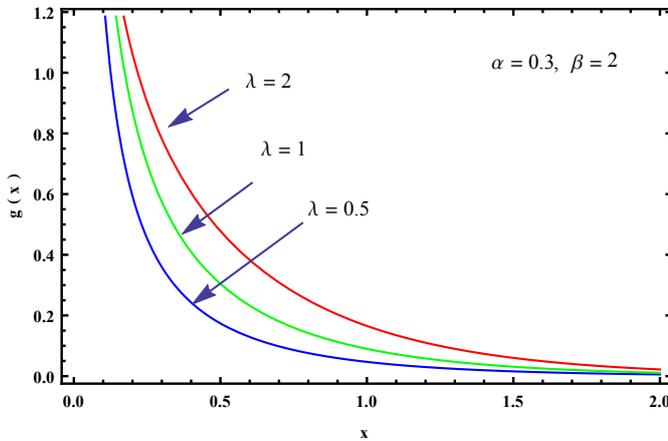


Fig. 1: The pdf of the MOEEE distribution for selected values of the parameters λ, α and β .

written as

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^r) &= r \int_0^\infty x^{r-1} \bar{G}(x) dx \\ &= r \int_0^\infty x^{r-1} \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} dx \\ &= \frac{r(-1)^{r-1}}{\beta^r} \int_0^1 (\ln(1 - u))^{r-1} \frac{1 - u^\alpha}{(1 - \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda}u^\alpha)(1 - u)} du \end{aligned}$$

Since $(1 - t)^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^\infty t^i$ for $|t| < 1$, then for $\lambda > 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^r) &= \frac{r(-1)^{r-1}}{\beta^r} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda}\right)^k \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 u^{k\alpha+j} (1 - u^\alpha) (\ln(1 - u))^{r-1} du \\ &= \frac{r(-1)^{r-1}}{\beta^r} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda}\right)^k \\ &\quad \times \int_0^1 (u^{k\alpha+j} - u^{k\alpha+\alpha+j}) (\ln(1 - u))^{r-1} du \\ &= \frac{r}{\beta^r} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda}\right)^k \\ &\quad \times \int_0^\infty ((1 - e^{-y})^{k\alpha+j} - (1 - e^{-y})^{k\alpha+\alpha+j}) y^{r-1} e^{-y} dy \end{aligned}$$

using the fact that $(1 - e^{-y})^i = \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{(-i)_m}{m!} (e^{-y})^m$ where, $(-i)_m = (-1)^m (i - l + 1)_l$ and $(n)_l = n(n + 1) \dots (n + l - 1)$ then we get,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^r) &= \frac{1}{\beta^r} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda}\right)^k \left\{ \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{(-(\alpha j + k))_m}{m!(m + 1)^r} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{l=0}^\infty \frac{(-(\alpha j + \alpha + k))_l}{l!(l + 1)^r} \Gamma(r + 1) \right\} \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the median X_{median} and the q^{th} quantile X_q of the MOEEE distribution are given respectively by :

$$G(x) = 1 - \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} = 1/2,$$

then $X_{median} = 1/\beta \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}})^{1/\alpha}}\right)$, to get the X_q , we have,

$$G(x) = 1 - \frac{\lambda - \lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{\lambda + \bar{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} = q,$$

then $X_q = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - (\frac{\lambda q}{\lambda q + \bar{\lambda}})^{1/\alpha}}\right)$ Also, we can obtain the quantiles and the median of the MOEEE, EE and the exponential distributions as special cases of that of the MOEEE distribution as follows,

- (1) For $\alpha = 1$, we have the median and the quantiles of the MOEE distribution as $X_{median} = 1/\beta \ln(1 + \lambda)$ and $X_q = 1/\beta \log\left(1 - \frac{\lambda q}{q - 1}\right)$, Singh et al[19].
- (2) For $\lambda = 1$, we have the median and the quantiles of the EE distribution as, $X_{median} = 1/\beta \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - (\frac{1}{2})^{1/\alpha}}\right)$ and $X_q = 1/\beta \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - q^{1/\alpha}}\right)$, Gupta and Kundu [6].
- (3) For $\alpha = \lambda = 1$, we have the median and the quantiles of the exponential distribution as, $X_{median} = 1/\beta \ln 2$ and $X_q = 1/\beta \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - q}\right)$.

5. HAZARD RATE FUNCTION AND MEAN RESIDUAL LIFE

A basic quantity, foundational in survival analysis, is the hazard function. this function is particularly useful in determining the appropriate failure distributions utilizing qualitative information about the mechanism of failure and for describing the way in which the chance of experiencing the event changes with time. The hazard rate function (*hrf*) of the *MOEEE* distribution is given by

$$r(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - e^{-\beta x})^{\alpha-1}e^{-\beta x}}{[(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha - 1][(\lambda - 1)(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha - \lambda]} \quad (8)$$

Note that for all $\alpha > 0$, we have,

$$r(0) = \begin{cases} \infty & 0 < \alpha < 1, \text{ for all } \lambda, \\ \beta & \alpha = 1, \lambda = 1, \\ 0 & \alpha > 1, \text{ for all } \lambda \end{cases}$$

and,

$$r(\infty) = \beta \text{ for all } \lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$$

The following theorem describe the behavior of $r(x)$.

THEOREM 4. For any β, λ the *MOEEE* distribution has unimodal *hrf* if $\alpha > 1$ and decreasing *hrf* if $0 < \alpha < 1$. Also, if $\alpha = 1$ then the *hrf* is decreasing for $\lambda < 1$, increasing $\lambda > 1$ and constant for $\lambda = 1$ for all $x > 0$.

PROOF. The proof is similar to that of theorem 3. \square

Figure 2 shows the *hrf* curves for the *MOEEE* distribution for selected values of the parameters α, β and λ .

Another ageing property for *MOEEE* distribution is the mean residual life (*mrl*), was introduced by Watson and Wells [20] to analyse burn-in problems, has been studied by reliability, statisticians, survival analysts and others. Its defined simply as the expected value of the remaining lifetime beyond an age t . If X is *MOEEE* *rv* with *sf*(4), The residual life *rv* at age t , denoted by $X_t = X - t | X > t$. The *mrl* is defined formally as,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &= E(X - t | X > t) = \frac{1}{\bar{G}(t)} \int_t^\infty \bar{G}(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha}{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha} \int_t^\infty \frac{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha}{1 - \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta x})^\alpha} dx \\ &= 1/\beta \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha}{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha} \int_{1-e^{-\beta t}}^1 \frac{1 - u^\alpha}{(1 - \frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda}u^\alpha)(1 - u)} du \\ &= \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha}{\beta(1 - (1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda}\right)^k \\ &\quad \times \int_{1-e^{-\beta t}}^1 u^{k\alpha+j}(1 - u^\alpha) du \\ &= 1/\beta \frac{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda}(1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha}{1 - (1 - e^{-\beta t})^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda-1}{\lambda}\right)^k \psi_{kj}(t) \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\psi_{kj}(t) = \frac{\alpha}{(k\alpha + j + 1)(k\alpha + \alpha + j + 1)} + \frac{(1 - e^{-\beta t})^{k\alpha + \alpha + j + 1}}{k\alpha + \alpha + j + 1} - \frac{(1 - e^{-\beta t})^{k\alpha + j + 1}}{k\alpha + j + 1} \quad (9)$$

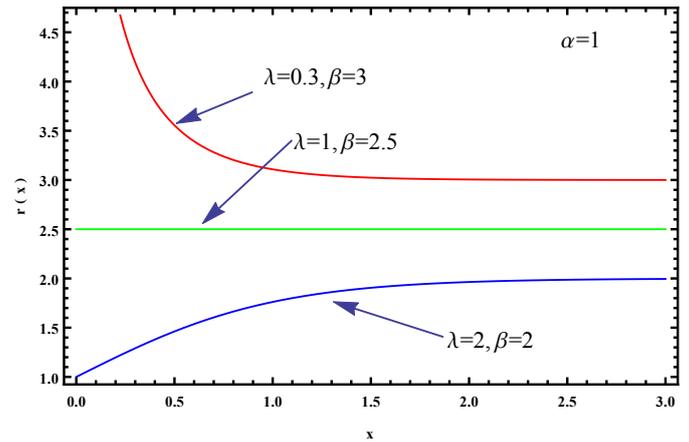
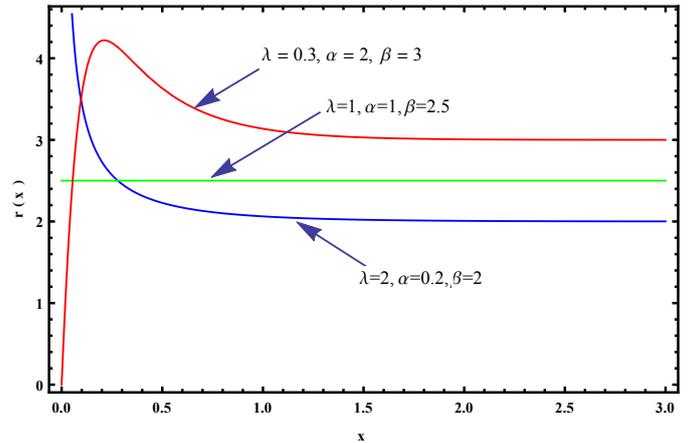


Fig. 2: The *hrf* of the *MOEEE* distribution for selected values of the parameters α, β and λ .

6. MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of size n from the *MOEEE* distribution then the likelihood function is given by,

$$L_n(\alpha, \beta, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i, \alpha, \beta, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha\beta\lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x_i})^{\alpha-1}e^{-\beta x_i}}{(\lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x_i})^\alpha + \lambda)^2}$$

and the log-likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} l_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha - 1)(\log(1 - e^{-\beta x_i})) - \beta x_i - 2 \log((\lambda(1 - e^{-\beta x_i})^\alpha + \lambda)) \\ &\quad + n \log(\alpha\beta\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

The Maximum Likelihood Estimation (*mle*) of α, β and λ are obtained as the solution of

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha} = 0, \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta} = 0, \frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = 0.$$

Testing the add parameter λ in *MOEEE* distribution : To test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \lambda = 1$ (*EE* distribution), we use the likelihood ratio test (*lrt*). Under H_0 the *lrt* statistic is

$$X_L = 2[l_n(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\lambda}) - l_n(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, 1)]$$

which has an asymptotic chi-square distribution with 1 degree of freedom. H_0 is rejected at a significance level of α if $X_L > \chi_{(1,\alpha)}^2$. In addition, for model selection, we use the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) and the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) defined as:

$$AIC = \text{loglikelihood} - 2k$$

$$BIC = \text{loglikelihood} - \frac{k}{2} \log(n)$$

where k is the number of parameters in the model and n is the sample size. For more details about the AIC and BIC, see Akaike [3] and Schwarz et al [17], respectively. The model with higher AIC (BIC) is the one that better fits the data.

7. APPLICATION

In this section, we fit the *MOEEE* distribution to a real data set. This data set is an uncensored data set from Nichols and Padgett [14] consisting of 100 observations on breaking stress of carbon fibers (in Gba) given in table 1.

Table 1 : 100 observations on breaking stress of carbon fibers (in Gba)

3.7	2.74	2.73	2.5	3.6	3.11	3.27	2.87	1.47	3.11	4.42	2.41	3.19	3.22	1.69
3.28	3.09	1.87	3.15	4.9	3.75	2.43	2.95	2.97	3.39	2.96	2.53	2.67	2.93	3.22
3.15	2.35	2.55	2.59	2.38	2.81	4.2	3.33	2.55	3.39	3.31	3.31	2.85	2.56	3.56
2.81	2.77	2.17	2.83	1.92	1.41	3.68	2.97	1.36	0.98	2.76	4.91	3.68	1.84	1.59
2.17	1.17	5.08	2.48	1.18	3.19	1.57	0.81	5.56	1.73	1.59	2	1.22	1.12	1.71
1.84	3.65	2.05	0.39	3.68	2.48	0.85	1.61	2.79	4.7	3.51	2.17	1.69	1.25	4.38
2.03	1.8	1.57	1.08	2.03	1.61	2.12	1.89	2.88	2.82					

The following table gives a comparison between the *mles*, Log-likelihood, *AIC* and *BIC* for the fitted *MOEEE* and *EE* distributions to the observations on breaking stress of carbon fibers.

Table 2 : a comparison between the *mles*, Log-likelihood, *AIC* and *BIC* for the fitted *MOEEE* and *EE* distributions

Model	Parameters	mle	Log-likelihood	AIC	BIC
<i>MOEEE</i>	α	4.42			
	β	1.58	-141.279	-147.279	-148.186
	λ	12.66			
<i>EE</i>	α	7.78	-146.182	-150.182	-150.787
	β	1.01			

The results of table 2 show that the fitted *MOEEE* distribution should be selected based on either the *BIC* or *AIC* procedure for the given data under H_0 , $l_n(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, 1) = -146.182$, thus

$$X_L = 2[-141.279 - (-146.182)] = 9.806 > \chi_{(1,0.05)}^2 = 3.84,$$

therefore, we cannot accept the null hypothesis, i.e. the *lrt* rejects the assumption that the *EE* model is suitable for the given data.

Let n be the total number of breaking stress of carbon fibers whose survival times, uncensored data, are available. Retable the n survival times in order of increasing magnitude such that $t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_n$. The Kaplan-Meier estimator (*KME*) [9], also known as the product limit estimator, of a *sf* is defined as:

$$\bar{G}_n(t) = \prod_{t:t_i \leq t} 1 - \frac{\delta(i)}{n - i + 1}, \quad t > 0.$$

Figure 3 show the $p - p$ plot of the *EE* versus the fitted *MOEEE* *sf* for the given data. Visually, the depicted points for fitted

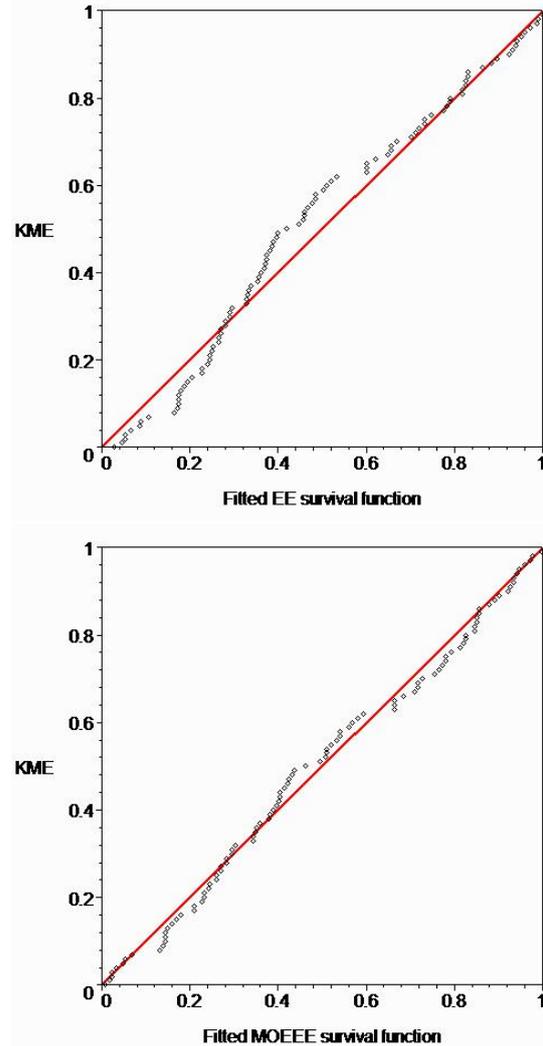


Fig. 3: The $p - p$ plot of the *EE* versus the fitted *MOEEE* *sf* for the given data.

MOEEE survival function are very near the 45° line, indicating very good fit as compared with the fitted *EE* survival function. The estimated *hrf* $r(x)$ of the *MOEEE* distribution with the estimated parameters $\hat{\alpha} = 4.42, \hat{\beta} = 1.58$ and $\hat{\lambda} = 12.66$, and since $\alpha = 4.42 > 1$ then, by theorem 4, the estimated $r(x)$ is increasing as shown in figure 4.

8. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

The generalization of *EE* distribution is proposed. The new model, named Marshall-Olkin extend exponentiated exponential (*MOEEE*) distribution, includes *MOEE*, the *EE* and the exponential distributions as sub-models. Some reliability properties of the distribution are discussed. The proposed model parameters are estimated by the maximum likelihood method. A real survival data set is analyzed and the results showed that the proposed model was flexible and appropriate.

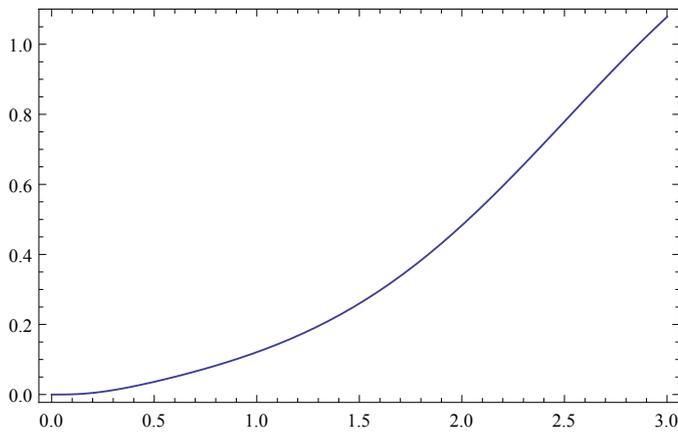


Fig. 4: The estimated hrf of $MOEEE$ distribution to the observations on breaking stress of carbon fibers

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