

The exponentiated new exponential-gamma distribution: Properties and applications

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ABSTRACT

We propose a novel lifetime model by extending the new exponential-gamma distribution to the exponentiated new exponential-gamma distribution. This extension allows for the derivation of a more flexible density function that combines the characteristics of the exponential and gamma distributions. We present various statistical properties of the newly proposed method, including the cumulative function, probability density function, moment-generating function, and moments. Additionally, we discuss the estimation of parameters using maximum likelihood. To compare the performance of our newly developed model with existing probability distributions (gamma, exponential, Lindley, generalized gamma, generalization of the generalized gamma, and new exponential-gamma distribution), we employ model selection criteria such as the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), the corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICC), and the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC). The application of these criteria to different models demonstrates that our proposed model outperforms the other six models across various datasets. For instance, in the first dataset, the AIC, AICC, and BIC values for our model are 366.975, 373.805, and 373.805, respectively, whereas the values for the other six models (exponential, Lindley, generalized gamma, generalization of the generalized gamma) range from 503.012 to 834.327. We conduct simulation studies to assess the efficiency of our proposed model. Furthermore, we apply the proposed method to three real data applications to further examine its effectiveness. It is important to note that the quantile function of the proposed model does not have a closed-form solution, requiring the computation of the quantile function through the Newton-Raphson iterative approach.

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1. Introduction

The gamma distribution (α, β) was developed by [Thom \(1958\)](#), it is encountered as a lifetime distribution and has been employed extensively ever since. Its theories are widely studied, applied to different fields of knowledge, and have been developed for a number of distributions. The survival function of gamma distribution has no closed-form expression which is the negative aspect of this acknowledged distribution, moreover, it has a decreasing failure rate ([Dahiya and Gurland, 1972](#)). It was extended and generalized by [Stacy \(1962\)](#), to

define the probability density function (pdf), which received special attention,

$$f_G(x; \alpha, \theta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta x}; \quad x > 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0 \quad (1)$$

The gamma distribution is conventionally selected in lifetime data analysis due to monotone risk functions which are favored by this type of data. The pitfall has no closed-form risk function, and sometimes the computation of the numerical integration is necessary. The exponential distribution is a reduced form of gamma distribution when the shape parameter $\beta = 1$, and its survival and hazard functions are straightforward which makes exponential distribution a bit acknowledged compared to a gamma distribution and can be used quite efficaciously to analyze lifetime data in exchange for gamma to overcome such difficulties, which has extended to a number of exponential distributions such as [Gupta and Kundu \(2001\)](#),

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Nadarajah and Haghghi (2011), Khan et al. (2017), and Eghwerido et al. (2022) among others. This led to a generalizing gamma distribution (Ghitany, 1998), a generalization of the generalized gamma (Rama and Kamlesh, 2019), and a proposed mixture of gamma density with various density functions such as Abdullahi and Phaphan (2022), Susanto et al. (2022), and Yakubu et al. (2022).

To obtain further flexible density function of the gamma distribution, the exponentiated gamma distribution has been proposed and studied in some of its aspects and statistical properties by Gupta et al. (1998), to defeat the features that render gamma distribution a bit less effective. This development of the model made it a workable model that accommodates both monotonic and non-monotonic failure rates, with (pdf) defined as:

$$f_{EG}(x; \alpha, \theta) = \alpha \theta^2 x e^{-\theta x} [1 - e^{-\theta x} (\theta x + 1)]^{\alpha-1}; \quad x > 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0 \tag{2}$$

with cumulative density function (cdf), defined as:

$$F_{EG}(x; \alpha, \theta) = [1 - e^{-\theta x} (\theta x + 1)]^\alpha; \quad x > 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0 \tag{3}$$

Umar and Yahya (2021) extended the exponentiated gamma distribution defining a new distribution called the new exponential-gamma distribution with pdf as:

$$f_{NEG}(x; \alpha, \theta) = \frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x}; \quad x > 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0 \tag{4}$$

with cdf, defined as:

$$F_{NEG}(x; \alpha, \theta) = \frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} ((1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta t} dt) \tag{5}$$

The new exponential-gamma distribution showed its superiority over some distributions; namely exponential, gamma, Lindley, exponentiated gamma, generalization of the gamma distribution, and a

generalization of generalized gamma distribution (Umar and Yahya, 2021). The motivation of this paper is that the pursuit of proposing more efficient and flexible probability distribution continues to exist in the field of probability theory and statistics. This paper focuses on generalizing new exponential-gamma distribution (Umar and Yahya, 2021) to achieve more efficiency. The remaining sections of this article are structured as follows. Section 2 presents the cdf and the corresponding pdf of the exponentiated new exponential-gamma distribution (EEG). Some statistical properties of the new proposed model are presented in Section 3. The simulation studies are conducted to assess the efficiency of the proposed model in Section 4. Section 5 presents applications studies using real data and Section 6 presents the important conclusions from this study.

2. The exponentiated new exponential-gamma distribution

The pdf of the proposed model is defined as:

$$f_{NEEG}(x; \alpha, \theta) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \left((1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \frac{1}{\theta} \gamma(\alpha, \theta x) \right)^{b-1} \tag{6}$$

where, $x > 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0$. θ and α are the scale and shape parameters, respectively, and b is an additional shape parameter. $\gamma(\alpha, \theta x)$ is the lower incomplete gamma function (DiDonato and Morris, 1986). Fig. 1 exhibits a number of the possible shapes of the (pdf) of EEG distribution for various values of the parameters α, θ and b . The corresponding cdf for this generalization is given as:

$$F(t; \alpha, \theta) = \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} ((1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta) \right]^b \tag{7}$$

where, $\zeta = \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta t} dt$. When $b = 1$, this model reduces to the NEG model (Umar and Yahya, 2021).

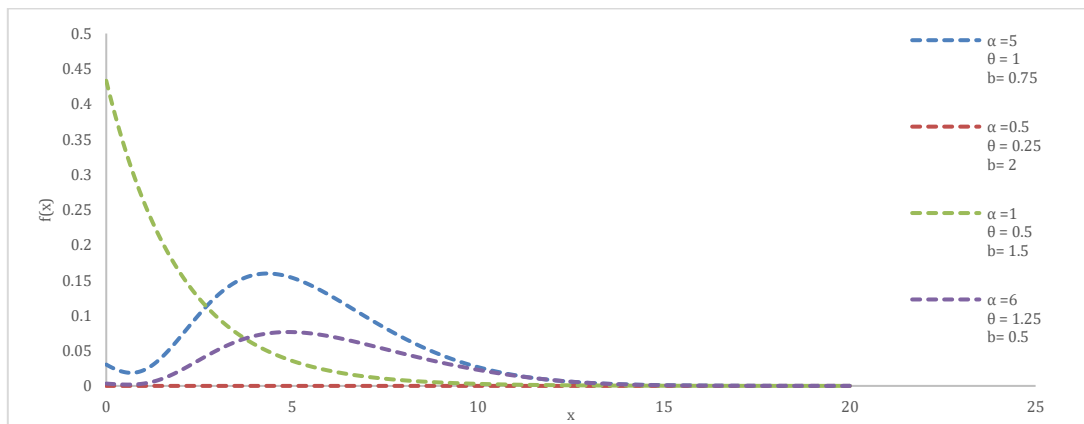


Fig. 1: EEG density function for various values of α, θ , and b

3. Statistical properties

In this section, some statistical properties of the new proposed model are studied, such as moment

generating function, r^{th} moment, hazard rate function, the mean residual life function, and maximum likelihood estimation.

3.1. Moment generating function

The moment generating function (mgf) of the random variable X , is defined as follows:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

Therefore, the mgf of the random variable X , with the pdf of the proposed distribution defined by Eq. 6:

$$M_X(t) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1} dx \tag{8}$$

where, $\zeta = \int_0^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta t} dt$. Using the generalized expansion:

$$(x + y)^s = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{s}{k} x^k y^{s-k}; \quad \text{if } |x| < |y| \quad \text{and } x, y, s \in \mathbb{R} \tag{9}$$

yields,

$$M_X(t) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{b-1}{k} \theta^{\{(r-k)(\alpha-1)\}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\theta-t)x} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) (1 - e^{-\theta x})^k \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \tag{10}$$

Using the expansion,

$$M_X(t) = b\theta \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{k}{j} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x[\theta(1+j)-t]} \left[\int_0^x e^{-\theta t} dt \right]^{b-k-1} dx$$

$$= b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{k}{j} \theta^{(2-b+k)} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x[\theta(1+j)-t]} \underbrace{[1 - e^{-\theta t}]^{b-k-1}}_A dx$$

By expanding the quantity A in a power series as $A = b \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{b-k-1}{m} \theta^{-m\theta x}$, the MGF of the EEG can be written as follows:

$$M_X(t) = C_2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-[m\theta + (\theta(1+j)-t)]x} dx$$

$$= \frac{C_2}{m\theta + (\theta(1+j) - t)}$$

3.2. Moments

The r^{th} moment about the origin, $E(X^r)$ is defined as:

$$E(X^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X^r f(x) dx$$

$$E(X^r) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{k}{j} \theta^{(\alpha-1)(b-k-1)} \int_0^{\infty} x^r e^{-\theta x - \theta j x} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \tag{15}$$

Using the expansion $e^{-x} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{x^m}{m!}$ Implies:

$$E(X^r) = C_3 \int_0^{\infty} x^{r+m} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \tag{16}$$

$$(1 - e^{-\theta x})^k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} (e^{-\theta x})^j \tag{11}$$

implies,

$$M_X(t) = C_1 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\theta-t)x - \theta j x} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \tag{12}$$

where,

$$C_1 = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{k}{j} \theta^{(b-k-1)(\alpha-1)}$$

Theorem 1: The moment generating function (MGF) of the EEG when $\alpha=1$ can be obtained as:

$$M_X(t) = \frac{C_2}{m\theta + (\theta(1+j) - t)}$$

where,

$$C_2 = b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+j} \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{b-k-1}{m} \binom{k}{j} \theta^{(2-b-k)}$$

Proof: Substituting $\alpha=1$ in 12, we get:

The r^{th} moment of the EEG model follows from Eq. 6 and can be obtained as:

$$E(X^r) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \int_0^{\infty} x^r (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1} dx \tag{13}$$

Using the generalized expansion (9), yielded:

$$E(X^r) = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{b-1}{k} \theta^{(\alpha-1)(b-k-1)} \int_0^{\infty} x^r e^{-\theta x} (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) (1 - e^{-\theta x})^k \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \tag{14}$$

Using the expansion (11) implies:

where,

$$C_3 = b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{j+m}}{m!} \binom{b-1}{k} \binom{k}{j} \theta^{(\alpha-1)(b-k-1)} \theta^m (1 + j)^m$$

Theorem 2: The r^{th} moment about the origin is defined as follows:

- i. If $\alpha = 1$; $E(X^r) = C_4 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} \frac{\Gamma(r+m+1)}{\theta l^{(r+m+1)}}$
- ii. If $\alpha = 1$ and $r = 2$; $E(X) = C_4 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} \frac{\Gamma(m+2)}{\theta l^{(m+2)}}$
- iii. If $\alpha = 1$ and $r = 2$; $E(X^2) = C_4 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} \frac{\Gamma(m+3)}{\theta l^{(m+3)}}$

where, $C_4 = \theta^{k-b+2} C_3$.

Proof: Substituting $\alpha=1$ in 16, gives:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^r) &= C_3 \int_0^{\infty} \theta x^{r+m} \zeta^{b-k-1} dx \\ &= C_3 \int_0^{\infty} \theta x^{r+m} \left(\int_0^x e^{-\theta l} \right)^{b-k-1} dx \\ &= C_4 \int_0^{\infty} \theta x^{r+m} (1 - e^{-\theta x})^{b-k-1} dx \end{aligned}$$

where, $C_4 = \theta^{k-b+2} C_3$. Expanding the quantity $(1 - e^{-\theta x})^{b-k-1}$ in a power series as:

$$(1 - e^{-\theta x})^{b-k-1} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} e^{\theta l x}$$

The r^{th} moment about the origin when $\alpha=1$ is written as follows:

$$E(X^r) = C_4 \int_0^{\infty} x^{r+m} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} e^{\theta l x} dx$$

$$= C_4 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (-1)^l \binom{b-k-1}{l} \frac{\Gamma(r+m+1)}{\theta l^{(r+m+1)}}$$

(ii) and (iii) are straightforward, by substituting $r = 1$ in (i).

3.3. Hazard rate function

The hazard rate function is defined as:

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x_i; \alpha, \theta, b)}{1 - F(x_i; \alpha, \theta, b)}$$

where, $f(x)$ and $F(x)$ are the pdf defined by Eq. 6 and the cdf defined by Eq. 7, respectively, hence, the hazard function for the EEG model can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \frac{b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}}{1 - \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}} \\ &= \frac{b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}}{\left(\frac{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)}{\theta} \right)^b - \theta^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}} \quad (17) \\ &= \frac{b \theta^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}}{(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha))^b - \theta^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 2 shows some possible shapes of hazard rate function of EEG distribution for various values of the parameters α, θ and b .

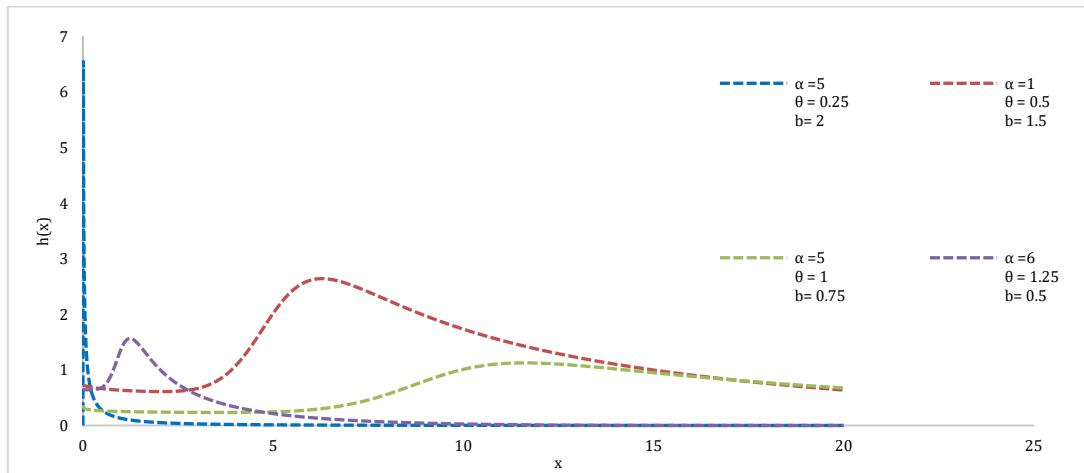


Fig. 2: EEG hazard rate function for various values of α, θ , and b

3.4. The mean residual life function

The mean residual life function is defined as:

$$m(x) = \frac{1}{1 - F(x_i; \alpha, \theta, b)} \int_x^{\infty} [1 - F(x_i; \alpha, \theta, b)] dt$$

The mean residual life function of the EEG model follows from Eq. 7 and can be obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \frac{1}{1 - \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^b} \int_x^{\infty} 1 - \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta t}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^b dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha))^b - \theta^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^b} \int_x^{\infty} (\theta + \Gamma(\alpha))^b - \theta^b \{ (1 - e^{-\theta t}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^b dt \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

3.5. Maximum likelihood estimation

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from EEG distribution, then the log-likelihood function $l(x; \alpha, \theta, b)$ is defined by,

$$\begin{aligned} L(x; \alpha, \theta, b) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \alpha, \theta, b) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n b \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^b (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x_i^{\alpha-1}) e^{-\theta x_i} \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1} \\ &= b^n \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^{nb} e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x_i^{\alpha-1}) \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1} \\ &= b^n \theta^{n\alpha} \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} \right]^{nb} e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta^{1-\alpha} + \theta^{-1} x_i^{\alpha-1}) \{ (1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \zeta \}^{b-1} \quad (19) \end{aligned}$$

yielding the log-likelihood,

$$l(x; \alpha, \theta, b) = n \log(b) + n\alpha \log(\theta) + nb \log(\theta) - nb \log(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)) - \theta n \bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x_i^{\alpha-1}) + (b-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left((1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi\right) \tag{20}$$

To solve the MLEs for each parameter, derive the derivatives of $l(x; \alpha, \theta, b)$ with respect to (w.r.t) α , θ , and b , set the partial derivatives equal to zero and solve for $\hat{\alpha}$, $\hat{\theta}$ and \hat{b} . The first partial derivative of Eq. 20 w.r.t α is defined as:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha} = n \log(\theta) - \frac{nb\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma'(\alpha)}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\theta^{\alpha-1} \log(\theta) x_i^{\alpha-1} + \theta^{\alpha-1} (x_i^{\alpha-1} \log(x_i)))}{\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1} x_i^{\alpha-1}} + (b-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} \log(\theta) \xi}{(1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi} \tag{21}$$

The first partial derivative of Eq. 20 w.r.t θ follows as:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n\alpha}{\theta} + \frac{nb}{\theta} - \frac{nb}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} - n\bar{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1 + \theta^{\alpha-2}(\alpha-1)x_i^{\alpha-1}}{\theta + \theta^{\alpha-1}x_i^{\alpha-1}} + (b-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i e^{-\theta x_i} + \theta^{\alpha-2}(\alpha-1)\xi}{(1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi} \tag{22}$$

The first partial derivative of 20 w.r.t b follows as:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial b} = \frac{n}{b} + n \log(\theta) - n \log(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left((1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi\right) \tag{23}$$

It is clear that the partial derivatives of $l(x; \alpha, \theta, b)$ w.r.t the parameters α , θ , and b (21-23) have no explicit analytical solutions. Therefore, it can be solved numerically using the Newton-Raphson iterative method which is an effective method for solving nonlinear system equations. A Newton-Raphson iterative method is implemented in this paper using the function "optim" in the R package (Team, 2020). Thus, the second derivatives w.r.t α , θ , and b are needed at given as follows. The second partial derivative of 20 w.r.t α is defined as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} \log(\theta) \xi}{(1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi} - \frac{n\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma'(\alpha)}{(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha))^2} \tag{24}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{n}{\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i e^{-\theta x_i} + \theta^{\alpha-2}(\alpha-1)\xi}{(1 - e^{-\theta x_i}) + \theta^{\alpha-1} \xi} \tag{25}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial b^2} = -\frac{n}{b^2} \tag{26}$$

3.6. Quantile function

The p^{th} quantile function ($0 < p < 1$) is obtained by inverting the cdf (7), is given by the following relation,

$$e^{\theta x} + \gamma(\alpha, \theta x) = \sqrt[b]{p}(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)) \tag{27}$$

4. Simulation studies

In this section, we conduct some simulation studies, in order to examine the performance of the parameters α , θ , and b of MLE (19). Random samples

from EEG distribution are generated for various sample sizes n . Consider the random variable X given by the relation,

$$e^{\theta x_i} + \gamma(\alpha, \theta x_i) = \sqrt[b]{p}(\theta + \Gamma(\alpha)) \tag{28}$$

For this setting, we consider two cases as follows:

- Case 1: Assume the true parameters are $\alpha = 5$, $\theta = 0.7$, and $b = 1$ for sample sizes $n = 100, 1000, 50,000$, and $100,000$.
- Case 2: Assume the true parameters are $\alpha = 6$, $\theta = 0.6$, and $b = 0.1$ for sample sizes $n = 100, 1000, 50,000$, and $100,000$.

In both cases, the MLE $\hat{\alpha}$, $\hat{\theta}$ and \hat{b} are denoted generally by $\hat{\eta}$ for all parameters. The accuracy of $\hat{\eta}$ are measured for α , θ , and b by bias and root mean square error (RMSE), defined as:

$$bias(\hat{\eta}) = E(\hat{\eta}) - \eta \tag{29}$$

$$RMSE(\hat{\eta}) = \sqrt{E(\hat{\eta} - \eta)^2} \tag{30}$$

The simulation results of case 1 and case 2 are exhibited in Tables 1 and 2, which show the estimates of each parameter ($\hat{\alpha}$, $\hat{\theta}$, \hat{b}). It is observed that the values of both measures (Bias and RMSE) decrease as the sample size increases.

5. Real data applications

This section demonstrates the effectiveness of the EEG distribution through three different real data sets for further examining the new model in comparison to some related distributions; namely gamma, exponential, Lindley, generalized gamma (GG) (Stacy, 1962), the generalization of the generalized gamma (GGG) (Rama and Kamlesh, 2019), and the new exponential-gamma distribution (NEG) (Umar and Yahya, 2021).

More specifically, the MLE parameters values of EEG distribution are computed using R language, then compared to those values coming from the distributions mentioned previously. The Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) (Akaike, 1974), the Akaike Information Criterion corrected (AICC) (Hurvich and Tsai, 1993), and Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) (Schwarz, 1978) are applied in order to choose the best model among these various models. The model with minimum values of these criteria is determined to be the best model.

5.1. The exceedances of the Wheaton River flood dataset

This real-life dataset was discussed in Umar and Yahya (2021), which concerns the exceedances of Wheaton River flood peaks (in m^3/s) of the Wheaton River near Carcross in Yukon Territory, Canada, for the years 1958-1984. It is analyzed in this paper for the purpose of illustrating the effectiveness of EEG distribution compared to other related distributions mentioned previously. The observations of this

dataset are reported in many papers such as Ekhsosuehi and Opone (2018), Urama et al. (2021), and Ikechukwu and Eghwerido (2022), and represented in Table 3.

Table 1: Case 1: The true parameters are $\alpha = 5$, $\theta = .7$ and $b = 1$ for sample sizes $n = 100, 1000, 50,000$ and $100,000$

| Sample size | Parameter | MLE | Bias | RMSE |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| $n = 100$ | α | 5.1076002 | 0.1076002 | 0.01076002 |
| | θ | 0.3185989 | -0.3814011 | 0.03814011 |
| | b | 1.5677371 | 0.5677371 | 0.05677371 |
| $n = 1000$ | α | 5.0460404 | 0.04604045 | 0.001455927 |
| | θ | 0.2279778 | -0.47202217 | 0.014926652 |
| | b | 1.64447597 | 0.64447588 | 0.020380117 |
| $n = 50,000$ | α | 5.0512606 | 0.05126065 | 0.0002292446 |
| | θ | 0.2449188 | -0.45508123 | 0.0020351851 |
| | b | 1.6332835 | 0.63328351 | 0.0028321299 |
| $n = 100,000$ | α | 5.048409 | 0.04840879 | 0.000153082 |
| | θ | 0.237933 | -0.46206705 | 0.001461184 |
| | b | 1.636762 | 0.63676167 | 0.002013617 |

Table 2: Case 2: The true parameters are $\alpha = 6$, $\theta = 0.6$ and $b = 0.1$ for sample sizes $n = 100, 1000, 50,000$ and $100,000$

| Sample size | Parameter | MLE | Bias | RMSE |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| $n = 100$ | α | 6.2153842 | 0.21538415 | 0.021538415 |
| | θ | 0.6324872 | 0.03248721 | 0.003248721 |
| | b | 0.2057230 | 0.10572304 | 0.010572304 |
| $n = 1000$ | α | 6.232313 | 0.2323128 | 0.0073463757 |
| | θ | 1.017915 | 0.4179152 | 0.013215639 |
| | b | 0.205408 | 0.1054080 | 0.003333295 |
| $n = 50,000$ | α | 6.2278300 | 0.2278300 | 0.0010188866 |
| | θ | 0.9289968 | 0.3289968 | 0.0014713185 |
| | b | 0.2054345 | 0.1054345 | 0.000471517 |
| $n = 100,000$ | α | 6.2260943 | 0.2260943 | 0.00071497302 |
| | θ | 0.9234960 | 0.3234960 | 0.0010229841 |
| | b | 0.2054497 | 0.1054497 | 0.0003334613 |

The parameter estimates are reported in Table 4 for the new proposed distribution and some related distributions. The Akaike information criterion (AIC), the Akaike Information Criterion corrected (AICC), and Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) are

used to assess the best model. The results are reported in Table 5. According to the values of AIC, AICC, and BIC, EGG performs well and exceeded the other models.

Table 3: The exceedances of Wheaton River flood data

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1.7 | 2.2 | 14.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 20.6 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 13.0 |
| 12.0 | 9.3 | 1.4 | 18.7 | 8.5 | 25.5 | 11.6 | 14.1 | 22.1 | 1.1 |
| 2.5 | 14.4 | 1.7 | 37.6 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 39.0 | 0.3 | 15.0 | 11.0 |
| 7.3 | 22.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 9.07 | 1.7 | 7.0 | 20.1 |
| 0.4 | 2.8 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 30.0 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 30.8 |
| 13.3 | 4.2 | 25.5 | 3.4 | 11.9 | 21.5 | 27.6 | 36.4 | 2.7 | 64.0 |
| 1.5 | 2.5 | 27.4 | 1.0 | 27.1 | 20.2 | 16.8 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 27.5 |
| 2.5 | 27.0 | | | | | | | | |

This dataset can be read from left to right

Table 4: Parameters estimation of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the exceedances of Wheaton River flood data

| Distribution | $\hat{\alpha}$ | $\hat{\theta}$ | $\hat{\beta}$ | $\hat{\gamma}$ | \hat{b} |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| EXP. | ... | 0.0819 | ... | ... | ... |
| GAMMA | 0.8383 | 0.0687 | ... | ... | ... |
| GG | 0.4768 | 0.0085 | 1.4921 | ... | ... |
| GGG | 0.4768 | 0.0250 | 1.4919 | 0.4859 | ... |
| LINDLEY | ... | 0.0819 | ... | ... | ... |
| NEG | 1.4616 | 0.0755 | ... | ... | ... |
| EEG | 1.3289 | 0.01119 | ... | ... | 0.1727 |

Table 5: Goodness-of-Fit test results of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the exceedances of Wheaton River flood data

| Distribution | -2logLik | AIC | AICC | BIC |
|--------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| EXP. | 504.256 | 506.256 | 506.313 | 508.533 |
| GAMMA | 502.689 | 506.689 | 506.863 | 506.965 |
| GG | 502.131 | 508.131 | 508.479 | 506.408 |
| GGG | 502.131 | 510.131 | 510.711 | 506.408 |
| LINDLEY | 830.051 | 832.051 | 832.108 | 834.327 |
| NEG | 499.012 | 503.012 | 503.186 | 503.289 |
| EEG | 360.975 | 366.975 | 367.328 | 373.805 |

5.2. The remission time of the bladder cancer patients dataset

This dataset was collected from bladder cancer patients and reported by Lee and Wang (2003). It

has been studied in detail by Ieren et al. (2019), Ijaz et al. (2020), and Kayid (2022). The real-life data contains a set of remission times (in months) from 128 bladder cancer patients which is represented in Table 6. It is used here to examine the new proposed

model in comparison to some related models. The parameter estimates are reported in Table 7 for our distribution and the other related distributions. The results of the goodness of fit test are based on the

AIC, AICC, and BIC Criteria as illustrated in Table 8. It is clear that EEG distribution with minimum results of all three criteria in comparison to the six distributions.

Table 6: The remission times (in months) from 128 bladder cancer patients' data

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 0.08 | 2.09 | 3.48 | 4.87 | 6.94 | 8.66 | 13.11 | 23.63 | 0.20 | 2.23 |
| 3.52 | 4.98 | 6.97 | 9.02 | 13.29 | 0.40 | 2.26 | 3.57 | 5.06 | 7.09 |
| 9.22 | 3.80 | 25.74 | 0.50 | 2.46 | 3.64 | 5.09 | 7.26 | 9.47 | 14.24 |
| 25.82 | 0.51 | 2.54 | 3.70 | 5.17 | 7.28 | 9.74 | 14.76 | 26.31 | 0.81 |
| 2.62 | 3.82 | 5.32 | 7.32 | 10.06 | 14.77 | 32.15 | 2.64 | 3.88 | 5.32 |
| 7.39 | 10.34 | 14.83 | 34.26 | 0.90 | 2.69 | 4.18 | 5.34 | 7.59 | 10.66 |
| 15.96 | 36.66 | 1.05 | 2.69 | 4.23 | 5.41 | 7.62 | 10.75 | 16.62 | 43.01 |
| 1.19 | 2.75 | 4.26 | 5.41 | 7.63 | 17.12 | 46.12 | 1.2 | 2.83 | 4.33 |
| 5.49 | 7.66 | 11.25 | 17.14 | 79.05 | 1.35 | 2.87 | 5.62 | 7.87 | 11.64 |
| 17.36 | 1.40 | 3.02 | 4.34 | 5.71 | 7.93 | 1.46 | 18.10 | 11.79 | 4.40 |
| 5.85 | 8.26 | 11.98 | 19.13 | 1.76 | 3.25 | 4.50 | 6.25 | 8.37 | 12.02 |
| 2.02 | 13.31 | 4.51 | 6.54 | 8.53 | 12.03 | 20.28 | 2.02 | 3.36 | 12.07 |
| 6.76 | 21.73 | 2.07 | 3.36 | 6.93 | 8.65 | 12.63 | 22.69. | | |

This dataset can be read from left to right

Table 7: Parameters estimation of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the bladder cancer data

| Distribution | $\hat{\alpha}$ | $\hat{\theta}$ | $\hat{\beta}$ | $\hat{\gamma}$ | \hat{b} |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| EXP. | ... | 0.1068 | ... | ... | ... |
| GAMMA | 1.1723 | 7.9914 | ... | ... | ... |
| GG | 3.7101 | 1.2952 | 0.5211 | ... | ... |
| GGG | 4.9913 | 2.9708 | 0.4451 | 0.4402 | ... |
| LINDLEY | ... | 0.1960 | ... | ... | ... |
| NEG | 1.1929 | 0.1247 | ... | ... | ... |
| EEG | 1.3201 | 0.0223 | ... | ... | 0.2144 |

Table 8: Goodness-of-fit test results of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the bladder cancer data

| Distribution | -2logLik | AIC | AICC | BIC |
|--------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| EXP. | 828.680 | 830.680 | 830.728 | 833.532 |
| GAMMA | 826.700 | 830.700 | 830.796 | 836.404 |
| GG | 821.720 | 827.720 | 827.914 | 836.276 |
| GGG | 821.860 | 829.860 | 830.185 | 841.268 |
| LINDLEY | 838.940 | 840.940 | 840.9717 | 843.792 |
| NEG | 826.800 | 830.800 | 830.896 | 836.504 |
| EEG | 622.060 | 628.060 | 628.254 | 636.616 |

5.3. The COVID-19 dataset

This dataset is about COVID-19 data from 15 April to 30 June 2020 in The United Kingdom for 76 days. These numbers indicate the death rate due to drought and have been used by Mubarak and Almetwally (2021). The data are represented in

Table 9. Table 10 shows the estimates of the parameters of the EEG distribution and the other related distributions. By looking at Table 11, it is observed that the EEG distribution performs better since it has minimum AIC, BIC, and AICC compared to the other distributions.

Table 9: COVID-19 data from 15 April to 30 June 2020 in The United Kingdom of 76 days

| | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| 0.0587 | 0.0863 | 0.1165 | 0.1247 | 0.1277 | 0.1303 | 0.1652 |
| 0.2079 | 0.2395 | 0.2751 | 0.2845 | 0.2992 | 0.3188 | 0.3317 |
| 0.3446 | 0.3553 | 0.3622 | 0.3926 | 0.3926 | 0.4110 | 0.4633 |
| 0.4690 | 0.4954 | 0.5139 | 0.5696 | 0.5837 | 0.6197 | 0.6365 |
| 0.7096 | 0.7193 | 0.7444 | 0.85907 | 1.0438 | 1.0602 | 1.1305 |
| 1.1468 | 1.1533 | 1.2260 | 1.2707 | 1.3423 | 1.4149 | 1.5709 |
| 1.6017 | 1.6083 | 1.6324 | 1.6998 | 1.8164 | 1.8392 | 1.8721 |
| 1.9844 | 2.1360 | 2.3987 | 2.4153 | 2.5225 | 2.7087 | 2.7946 |
| 3.3609 | 3.3715 | 3.7840 | 3.9042 | 4.1969 | 4.3451 | 4.4627 |
| 4.6477 | 5.3664 | 5.4500 | 5.7522 | 6.4241 | 7.0657 | 7.4456 |
| 8.2307 | 9.6315 | 10.1870 | 11.1429 | 11.2019 | 11.4584. | |

This dataset can be read from left to right

Table 10: Parameters estimation of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the COVID-19 data

| Distribution | $\hat{\alpha}$ | $\hat{\theta}$ | $\hat{\beta}$ | $\hat{\gamma}$ | \hat{b} |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| EXP. | ... | 0.4103 | ... | ... | ... |
| GAMMA | 0.8016 | 3.0393 | ... | ... | ... |
| GG | 6.0458 | 5.3023 | 0.3169 | ... | ... |
| GGG | 5.6524 | 2.7935 | 0.3289 | 5.5294 | ... |
| LINDLEY | ... | 0.6578 | ... | ... | ... |
| NEG | 0.7844 | 0.3402 | ... | ... | ... |
| EEG | 0.6433 | 0.2156 | ... | ... | 0.6409 |

6. Conclusion

This paper introduces and establishes a new distribution called the exponentiated new

exponential-gamma distribution, which serves as a generalization of the new exponential-gamma distribution. We provide expansions for several statistical properties of this newly proposed

distribution, including the moment generating function, r^{th} moment, hazard rate function, and mean residual life function. To estimate the numerical

values of the parameters of the EEG distribution, we employ the maximum likelihood estimation method.

Table 11: Goodness-of-fit test results of the EEG and the six other existing distributions for the COVID-19 data

| Distribution | -2logLik | AIC | AICC | BIC |
|--------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| EXP. | 287.400 | 289.409 | 289.454 | 291.731 |
| GAMMA | 284.820 | 288.820 | 288.986 | 293.482 |
| GG | 279.640 | 285.635 | 285.968 | 292.632 |
| GGG | 279.680 | 287.680 | 288.243 | 297.003 |
| LINDLEY | 301.898 | 303.898 | 303.979 | 306.229 |
| NEG | 285.100 | 289.092 | 289.256 | 293.761 |
| EEG | 272.380 | 278.380 | 278.713 | 285.372 |

To evaluate the performance of the new model, we conduct simulation studies with various sample sizes. Additionally, we apply the EEG distribution to real-life datasets. The results of these applications demonstrate that the EEG distribution yields superior fits compared to the exponential, gamma, Lindley, generalization of the generalized gamma distribution, and new exponential-gamma distribution. This superiority of the EEG distribution over the other six distributions confirms its effectiveness and robustness.

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