



Statistical Analysis of the Mixture of Inverted Exponential Distribution Under Bayesian Approach

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Abstract

This paper is about studying a 3-component mixture of the Inverted Exponential distributions under Bayesian view point. The type-I right censored sampling scheme is considered because of its extensive use in reliability theory and survival analysis. The expressions for the Bayes estimators and their posterior risks are derived under different loss scenarios. In case, no or little prior information is available, elicitation of hyper parameters is given. In order to study numerically, the execution of the Bayes estimators under different loss functions, their statistical properties have been simulated for different sample sizes and test termination times. A real life data example is given to illustrate the study. Graphical representation of the simulation analysis results is also given to study the properties of the Bayes estimators.

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1 Introduction

The exponential distribution is most commonly used in reliability studies but its suitability is restricted to its constant hazard rates. When the failure rate is monotonically increasing or decreasing, the two parameter weibull and the Gamma distributions are appropriate for analyzing the life time data.

Recently two new distributions have been introduced the Generalized exponential(two parameter) and the Inverted exponential(one parameter) distributions. When skewed distributions is needed, then the Generalized exponential distribution can be used more effectively. Gupta [1] described several properties of the two parameter Generalized exponential distribution. Dey [2] investigated the Inverted exponential as a lifetime model from a Bayesian viewpoint. Prakash [3] examined the properties of Bayes estimators of the parameters, reliability function and hazard rate under the symmetric and asymmetric loss functions for the Inverted exponential distribution.

Mixtures models play an important role in many applicable fields such as medicine, psychology, cluster analysis, life testing and reliability analysis. A finite mixture of some suitable probability distribution is recommended to study a population that is supposed to comprise a number of subpopulations mixing in an unknown proportion. However, several researchers are interested with different parameters of mixture distributions. The analysis of mixture models under Bayesian framework has developed a significant interest among statisticians. Majeed [4] described the Bayesian analysis of 2-component mixture of Inverted exponential distribution under quadratic loss function. Ali [5] described the 2-component mixture of the inverse Rayleigh distributions under Bayesian framework. Sultana and Aslam [6] presented 3-component mixture of Inverse Rayleigh distributions, properties and estimation under the Bayesian framework.

Several types of data are encountered in everyday life, regarding simple data, grouped data, truncated data, censored data and progressively censored data. Censoring is an inevitable part of the lifetime data. A valuable account of censoring is given in Gijbels and Kalbfleisch and Prentice [7]. There are different sorts of censoring schemes, including right, left and interval censoring, single or multiple censoring and type-I and type-II censoring.

Inspired by above mentioned applications of mixture models, we intend to study Bayesian analysis of a 3-component mixture of the Inverted Exponential distributions with unknown mixing proportions. The parameters of component distributions are assumed to be unknown. Three different priors and three different loss functions are used for the Bayesian analysis. Moreover, an ordinary type-I right censored sampling scheme is used.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In section 2, 3-Component mixture of Inverted Exponential(IE) distribution is presented. The likelihood function of the mixture model is also defined in section 3. Posterior distributions using the uniform prior (UP), the Jeffreys' prior (JP) and the inverse Gamma prior (IGP) are derived in section 4. The BEs and PRs are derived using the UP, the JP and the IGP under squared error loss function (SELF), precautionary loss function (PLF) and DeGroot loss function (DLF) are presented in section 5, 6 and 7, respectively. The limiting expressions are discussed in section 8. The simulation study for the mixture model is given in section 9. A real life data application is given in section 10. This article concludes with a brief discussion in section 11.

2 3-Component Mixture of the Inverted Exponential (IE) Distri-butions

The probability density function (p.d.f) and the cumulative distribution function (c.d.f) of the IE distribution for a random variable X are given by:

$$f_m(x; \theta_m) = \frac{1}{x^2 \theta_m} \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_m} \right) \right], \quad x > 0, \theta_m > 0, m = 1, 2, 3. \quad (2.1)$$

$$F_m(x) = \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_m} \right) \right], \quad m = 1, 2, 3. \quad (2.2)$$

A finite 3-component mixture model with the unknown mixing proportions p_1 and p_2 is :

$$f(x) = p_1 f_1(x) + p_2 f_2(x) + (1 - p_1 - p_2) f_3(x), \quad p_1, p_2 \geq 0, p_1 + p_2 \leq 1 \quad (2.3)$$

$$f(x, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1, p_2) = p_1 \left(\frac{1}{x^2 \theta_1} \right) \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_1} \right) \right] + p_2 \left(\frac{1}{x^2 \theta_2} \right) \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_2} \right) \right] + (1 - p_1 - p_2) \left(\frac{1}{x^2 \theta_3} \right) \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_3} \right) \right]; \quad p_1, p_2 \geq 0, p_1 + p_2 \leq 1 \quad (2.4)$$

While the c.d.f of 3-component mixture model is:

$$F(x) = p_1 F_1(x) + p_2 F_2(x) + (1 - p_1 - p_2) F_3(x) \quad (2.5)$$

$$F(x) = p_1 \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_1} \right) \right] + p_2 \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_2} \right) \right] + (1 - p_1 - p_2) \exp \left[- \left(\frac{1}{x \theta_3} \right) \right] \quad (2.6)$$

3 The Likelihood Function

Suppose ‘n’ units from the 3-component mixture of Inverted Exponential distributions are used in a life testing experiment with fixed test termination time t. Let ‘r’ units out of ‘n’ units failed until fixed test termination time ‘t’ and the remaining (n-r) units are still working. According to Mendenhall and Hader [8], there are many practical situations in which the failed objects can be pointed out easily as subset of subpopulation-I, subpopulation-II or subpopulation-III. Out of ‘r’ units, suppose r_1, r_2 and r_3 units belong to subpopulation-I, subpopulation-II or subpopulation-III respectively and such that $r = r_1 + r_2 + r_3$. Now we define $x_{lk}, 0 < x_{lk} < t$ be the failure time of k^{th} unit belonging to the l^{th} subpopulation, where $l = 1, 2, 3$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, r_l$. For a 3-component mixture model, the likelihood function can be written as

$$L(\phi | \mathbf{x}) \propto \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^{r_1} p_1 f_1(x_{1k}) \right\} \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^{r_2} p_2 f_2(x_{2k}) \right\} \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^{r_3} (1 - p_1 - p_2) f_3(x_{3k}) \right\} \times [1 - F(t)]^{n-r} \quad (3.1)$$

After simplification, the likelihood function of 3-component mixture of IE distributions is given:

$$L(\phi | \mathbf{x}) \propto \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_1} \right)^{r_1} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_2} \right)^{r_2} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_3} \right)^{r_3} \times \exp \left\{ - \frac{1}{\theta_1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_1} x_{1k}^{-1} + \frac{i-j}{t} \right) \right\} \exp \left\{ - \frac{1}{\theta_2} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_2} x_{2k}^{-1} + \frac{j-l}{t} \right) \right\} \times \exp \left\{ - \frac{1}{\theta_3} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{r_3} x_{3k}^{-1} + \frac{l}{t} \right) \right\} p_1^{i-j+r_1} p_2^{j-l+r_2} (1 - p_1 - p_2)^{l+r_3} \quad (3.2)$$

4 The Posterior Distribution using the Non-informative and the Informative Priors

In this section, posterior distributions of parameters given data, say \mathbf{x} , are derived using the non-informative (Uniform and Jeffreys') and the informative (Inverse Gamma) priors.

4.1 The Posterior Distribution using the Uniform Prior (UP)

When elicitation of hyper parameters is difficult or little prior information is given, then usually the non-informative prior is assumed to be the UP. Ups over the intervals $(0, \infty)$ and $(0, 1)$ are taken for the parameters $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$ of IE distribution and for the mixing proportions (p_1, p_2) , respectively. With these settings, joint prior distribution of parameters $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1, p_2)$, as defined by Saleem (2010), is given by:

$$\pi_1(\phi) \propto 1; \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3 > 0, p_1, p_2 \geq 0, p_1 + p_2 \leq 1 \quad (4.1)$$

The joint posterior distribution of parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 given data \mathbf{x} assuming the UP is:

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(\phi|\mathbf{x}) = & \Lambda_1^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \\ & \times \theta_1^{-(A_{11}+1)} \theta_2^{-(A_{21}+1)} \theta_3^{-(A_{31}+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{B_{11}}{\theta_1}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{B_{21}}{\theta_2}\right) \\ & \times \exp\left(-\frac{B_{31}}{\theta_3}\right) p_1^{A_{01}-1} p_2^{B_{01}-1} (1-p_1-p_2)^{C_{01}-1} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where $A_{11} = r_1 - 1, A_{21} = r_2 - 1, A_{31} = r_3 - 1, B_{11} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_1} x_{1k}^{-1} + \frac{i-j}{t},$
 $B_{21} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_2} x_{2k}^{-1} + \frac{j-l}{t}, B_{31} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_3} x_{3k}^{-1} + \frac{l}{t}, A_{01} = i - j + r_1 + 1,$
 $B_{01} = j - l + r_2 + 1, C_{01} = l + r_3 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 = & \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} B(A_{01}, C_{01}) \\ & \times B(B_{01}, A_{01} + C_{01}) \frac{\Gamma(A_{11})}{B_{11}^{A_{11}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{21})}{B_{21}^{A_{21}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{31})}{B_{31}^{A_{31}}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

4.2 The Posterior Distribution using the Jeffreys' Prior (JP)

According to Jeffreys' [9][10], the JP is defined as $p(\theta_m) \propto \sqrt{|I(\theta_m)|}, m = 1, 2, 3,$ where $I(\theta_m) = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2 f(\mathbf{x}|\theta_m)}{\partial \theta_m^2}\right]$ is the Fisher's information matrix. The prior distributions of the mixing proportions p_1 and p_2 are again taken to be the uniform over the interval $(0, 1)$. Under the assumption of independence of all parameters, the joint prior distribution of $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1, p_2)$ is:

$$\pi_2(\phi) \propto \frac{1}{\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3}, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3 \geq 0, p_1, p_2 \geq 0, p_1 + p_2 \leq 1 \quad (4.4)$$

The Joint Posterior distribution of Parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 given data \mathbf{x} Assuming the JP is:

$$g_2(\phi|\mathbf{x}) = \Lambda_2^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \times \theta_1^{-(A_{12}+1)} \theta_2^{-(A_{22}+1)} \theta_3^{-(A_{32}+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{B_{12}}{\theta_1}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{B_{22}}{\theta_2}\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{B_{32}}{\theta_3}\right) p_1^{A_{02}-1} p_2^{B_{02}-1} (1-p_1-p_2)^{C_{02}-1} \quad (4.5)$$

where $A_{12} = r_1, A_{22} = r_2, A_{32} = r_3, B_{12} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_1} x_{1k}^{-1} + \frac{i-j}{t}, B_{22} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_2} x_{2k}^{-1} + \frac{j-l}{t}, B_{32} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_3} x_{3k}^{-1} + \frac{l}{t}, A_{02} = i-j+r_1+1, B_{02} = j-l+r_2+1, C_{02} = l+r_3+1$, and

$$\Lambda_2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} B(A_{02}, C_{02}) \times B(B_{02}, A_{02} + C_{02}) \frac{\Gamma(A_{12})}{B_{12}^{A_{12}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{22})}{B_{22}^{A_{22}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{32})}{B_{32}^{A_{32}}} \quad (4.6)$$

4.3 The Posterior Distribution using Inverse Gamma Prior (IGP)

Let us assume that the prior distributions of θ_1, θ_2 and θ_3 are IGP with hyperparameters $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)$ and (a_3, b_3) , respectively and Bivariate Beta prior for proportion parameters p_1, p_2 with hyperparameters (a, b, c) . Again assuming independence of all parameters, the joint prior distribution of $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1, p_2)$ is given by:

$$\pi_3(\phi) \propto \theta_1^{-(a_1+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{b_1}{\theta_1}\right) \theta_2^{-(a_2+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{b_2}{\theta_2}\right) \theta_3^{-(a_3+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{b_3}{\theta_3}\right) \times p_1^{a-1} p_2^{b-1} (1-p_1-p_2)^{c-1} \quad (4.7)$$

The joint posterior distribution of parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 given data \mathbf{x} is:

$$g_3(\phi|\mathbf{x}) = \Lambda_3^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \times \theta_1^{-(A_{13}+1)} \theta_2^{-(A_{23}+1)} \theta_3^{-(A_{33}+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{B_{13}}{\theta_1}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{B_{23}}{\theta_2}\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{B_{33}}{\theta_3}\right) p_1^{A_{03}-1} p_2^{B_{03}-1} (1-p_1-p_2)^{C_{03}-1} \quad (4.8)$$

where $A_{13} = r_1 + a_1, A_{23} = r_2 + a_2, A_{33} = r_3 + a_3, M_{13} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_1} x_{1k}^{-1} + \frac{i-j}{t} + b_1, B_{23} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_2} x_{2k}^{-1} + \frac{j-l}{t} + b_2, B_{33} = \sum_{k=1}^{r_3} x_{3k}^{-1} + \frac{l}{t} + b_3, A_{03} = i-j+r_1+a, B_{03} = j-l+r_2+b, C_{03} = l+r_3+c$, and

$$\Lambda_3 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} B(A_{03}, C_{03}) \times B(B_{03}, A_{03} + C_{03}) \frac{\Gamma(A_{13})}{B_{13}^{A_{13}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{23})}{B_{23}^{A_{23}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{33})}{B_{33}^{A_{33}}} \quad (4.9)$$

5 The Bayes Estimators and Posterior Risks using the UP, the JP and IGP under SELF

If \hat{d} is a Bayes estimator then $\rho(\hat{d})$ is called posterior risk. Our purpose, in this study, is to look for efficient Bayes estimators of the different parameters. The SELF, defined as $L(\theta, d) = (\theta - d)^2$, was introduced by Legendre [10] to develop the least squares theory. For a given prior, the Bayes estimator and posterior risk under SELF are calculated as: $\hat{d} = E_{\theta|x}(\theta)$ and $\rho(\hat{d}) = E_{\theta|x}(\theta^2) - \{E_{\theta|x}(\theta)\}^2$, respectively. The Bayes estimators and posterior risks using the UP, the JP and IGP for parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 under SELF are obtained with their respective marginal posterior distributions are given below:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{1v} = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-1)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-1}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{2v} = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}-1)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-1}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{3v} = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v}-1)}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-1}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_{1v} = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} \\ & \times B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 1, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_{2v} = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} \\ & \times B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 1, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{1v}) = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-2)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-2}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) - (\hat{\theta}_{1v})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{2v}) = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}-2)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-2}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) - (\hat{\theta}_{2v})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{3v}) = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v}-2)}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-2}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) - (\hat{\theta}_{3v})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{p}_{1v}) = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 2, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) - (\hat{p}_{1v})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{p}_{2v}) = & \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) - (\hat{p}_{2v})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

where $v = 1$ for the UP, $v = 2$ for the JP and $v = 3$ for the IGP.

6 The Bayes Estimators and Posterior Risks using the UP, the JP and IGP under PLF

Norstrom [12] discussed an asymmetric PLF and also introduced a special case of general class of PLFs, which is defined as $L(\theta, d) = \frac{(\theta-d)^2}{d}$. The Bayes estimator and posterior risk are:

$\hat{d} = \{E_{\theta|x}(\theta^2)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $\rho(\hat{d}) = 2\{E_{\theta|x}(\theta^2)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2E_{\theta|x}(\theta)$, respectively. The respective marginal posterior distribution yields the Bayes estimators and posterior risk using the UP, the JP and the IGP for parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 under PLF as:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{1v} = & \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-2)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-2}} \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{2v} = & \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}-2) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-2} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{3v} = & \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v}-2)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-2}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p}_{1v} = & \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 2, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_{2v} = \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (6.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{1v}) &= 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v} - 2)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v} - 2}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad - 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v} - 1)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v} - 1}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{2v}) &= 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v} - 2) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v} - 2} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad - 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v} - 1) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v} - 1} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{\theta}_{3v}) &= 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v} - 2)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v} - 2}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad - 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v} - 1)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v} - 1}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{p}_{1v}) &= 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 2, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &- 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 1, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{6.9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\hat{p}_{2v}) &= 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &- 2 \left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 1, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{6.10}$$

7 The Bayes Estimators and posterior Risks using the UP, the JP and IGP under DLF

DeGroot [13] introduced the asymmetric loss function, $L(\theta) = \left(\frac{\theta-d}{d}\right)^2$ known as DLF. The Bayes estimator and its posterior risk under DLF are: $\hat{d} = \frac{E_{\theta|x}(\theta^2)}{E_{\theta|x}(\theta)}$ and $\rho(\hat{d}) = 1 - \frac{\{E_{\theta|x}(\theta)\}^2}{E_{\theta|x}(\theta^2)}$, respectively. The Bayes estimators and posterior risks using the UP, the JP and the IGP for parameters $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1$ and p_2 under DLF are:

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-2) \Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-2} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-1) \Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-1} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \tag{7.1}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}-2) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-2} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}-1) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-1} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \tag{7.2}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_3 = \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v}-2)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-2}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}-1) \Gamma(A_{3v}-1)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-1}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \tag{7.3}$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 2, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}) \Gamma(A_{2v}) \Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}} B_{2v}^{A_{2v}} B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 1, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \tag{7.4}$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 1, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.5)$$

$$\rho(\hat{\theta}_1) = 1 - \frac{\left\{ \lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-1)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-1}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^2}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v}-2)}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}-2}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.6)$$

$$\rho(\hat{\theta}_2) = 1 - \frac{\left\{ \lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}-1)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-1}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^2}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v}-2)}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}-2}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.7)$$

$$\rho(\hat{\theta}_3) = 1 - \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v}-1)}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-1}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^2}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v}-2)}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}-2}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v}, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.8)$$

$$\rho(\hat{p}_1) = 1 - \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(B_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(A_{0v} + 1, B_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^2}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.9)$$

$$\rho(\hat{p}_2) = 1 - \frac{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 1, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}^2}{\left\{ \Lambda_v^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-r} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{n-r}{i} \binom{i}{j} \binom{j}{l} \frac{\Gamma(A_{1v})}{B_{1v}^{A_{1v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{2v})}{B_{2v}^{A_{2v}}} \frac{\Gamma(A_{3v})}{B_{3v}^{A_{3v}}} B(A_{0v}, C_{0v}) B(B_{0v} + 2, A_{0v} + C_{0v}) \right\}} \quad (7.10)$$

8 Limiting Expressions

Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, all the observations that are incorporated in our analysis are uncensored and therefore r tends to n , r_1 tends to the unknown n_1 , r_2 tends to the unknown n_2 and r_3 tends to the unknown n_3 . As a result, the amount of information contained in the sample expands, which results in the depletion of the variance of the estimates.

9 Simulation Study

Simulation study is conducted in order to investigate the role of our derived Bayes estimators in terms of three different loss functions. Different set of the parametric values $(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, p_1, p_2) = (2, 3, 4, 0.30, 0.50), (4, 3, 2, 0.50, 0.30), (3, 3, 3, 0.40, 0.40)$. For fixed sample size, test termination time and set of parameters, the simulation is repeated 1000 times and the results are then averaged. Sample of sizes p_1n, p_2n and $(1 - p_1 - p_2)n$ are chosen randomly from first component density $f_1(x; \theta_1)$, second component density $f_2(x; \theta_2)$ and third component density $f_3(x; \theta_3)$, respectively. The observations which are greater than a fixed t are declared as censored

observations. For each t only failures have been examined either as a member of subpopulation-I or subpopulation-II or subpopulation-III. On the basis of each sample size, the BEs and PRs are computed using the informative and non-informative priors under SELF, PLF and DLF. To obtain BEs under informative priors, hyperparameters are chosen in such a way that prior mean become the expected value of the corresponding parameter. In order to evaluate the impact of

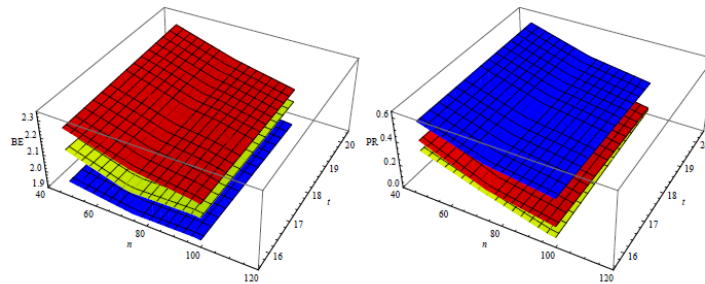


Figure 1: Graphs of BEs and BPRs θ_1 under SELF

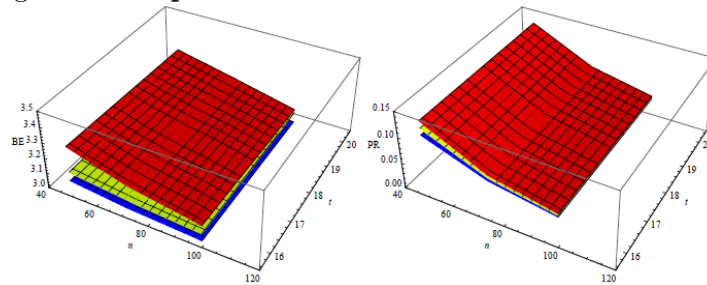


Figure 2: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of θ_2 under PLF

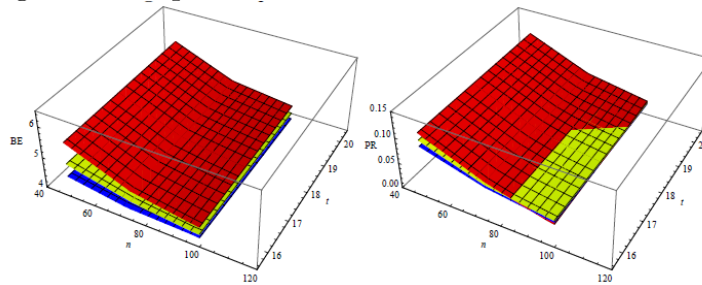


Figure 3: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of θ_3 under DLF

test termination time on Bayes estimators, the Type-I right censoring scheme is used for fixed test termination time $t=15$ and 20 . For each of the 1000 samples, the Bayes estimators and Posterior risks were calculated using a routine in Mathematica 10.0. The simulation study gives us some interesting characteristics of the BEs. The properties have been foregrounded in terms of sample sizes, size of mixing proportion parameters, different loss functions and censoring rates. It is noticed that because of censoring, the posterior risks of all the parameters are reduced with an increase in sample size. The graphs are based on simulation analysis results corresponding to the different prior

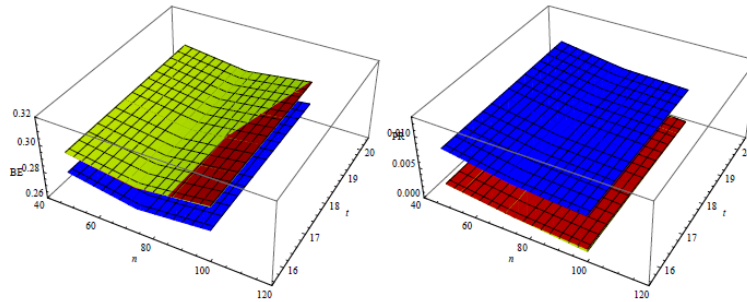


Figure 4: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of p_1 under SELF

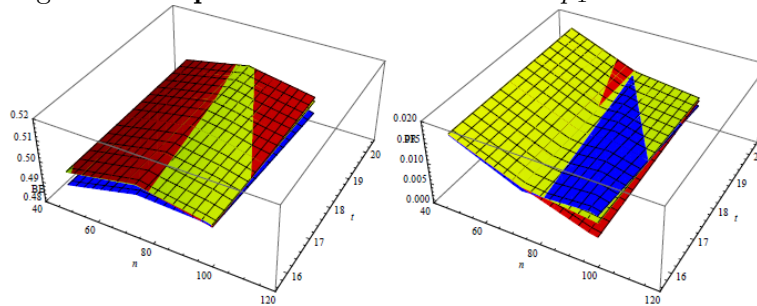


Figure 5: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of p_2 under DLF

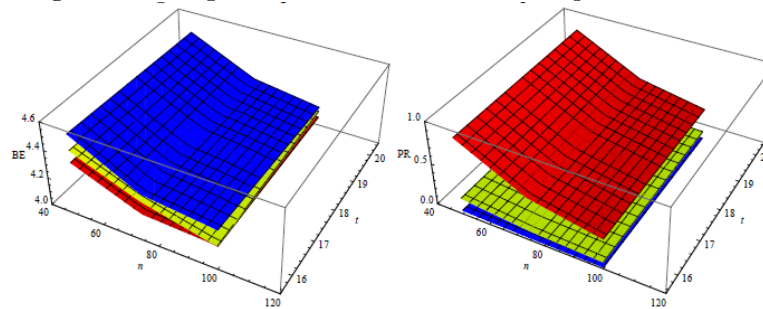


Figure 6: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of θ_1 using UP

distributions and various loss functions. In Fig.1-5, the UP, the JP and the IGP are represented by (red, yellow and blue) colors while in Fig.6-10, SELF, PLF and DLF are represented by (red, yellow and blue) colors respectively. It is noticed from these results that Bayes estimates perform well under all priors with slight variation. When using IGP, underestimation is observed in BEs for all parametric values considered. Under-estimation increases for SELF, but underestimation for the gained BEs improves with increasing the sample size.

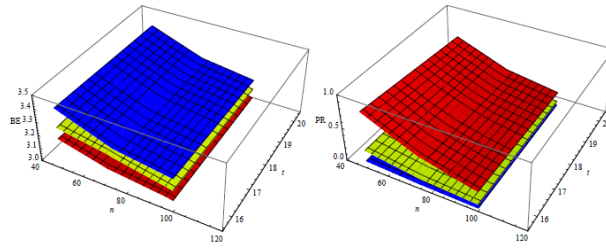


Figure 7: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of θ_2 using JP

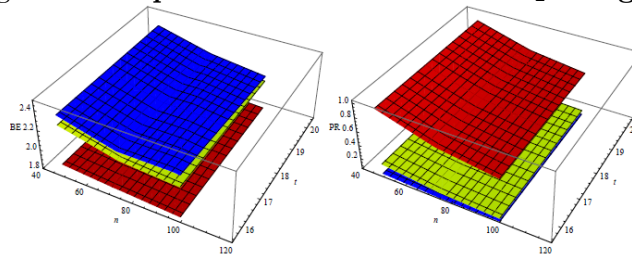


Figure 8: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of θ_3 using IGP

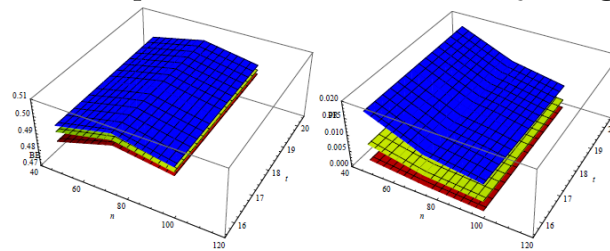


Figure 9: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of p_1 using UP

10 A Real Life Data Application

Davis [14] reported the real mixture data on lifetimes of many components used in aircraft sets. To illustrate the proposed methodology, we take the data on three components namely, transmitter tube, combination of transformers and combination of relays. Tahir [15] used this data for 3-Component mixture of the exponential distributions. We used this data for 3-Component mixture of the inverted exponential distributions by using the inverse transformation. To have a type-I right censored data, we fix $t=0.029$. The sample statistics required to evaluate the proposed estimates are as follows:

$$n = 702, r_1 = 310, r_2 = 148, r_3 = 181, r = 639, n - r = 63,$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{r_1} x_{1k}^{-1} = 5.6958, \sum_{k=1}^{r_2} x_{2k}^{-1} = 2.1722, \sum_{k=1}^{r_3} x_{3k}^{-1} = 3.5284$$

The BEs and PRs using the UP, the JP and the IGP under SELF, PLF and DLF are presented in the table 1 .

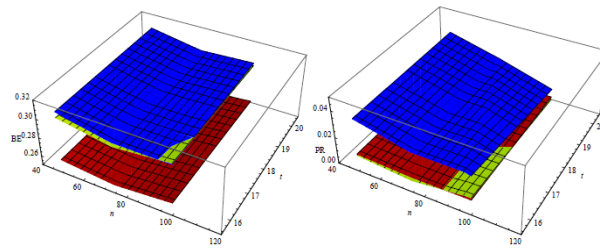


Figure 10: Graphs of BEs and BPRs of p_2 using IGP

Table 1: Bayes estimates (BEs) and posterior risks (PRs) of 3-component mixture of inverted exponential distributions using the UP, the JP, and the IGP under SELF, PLF and DLF with Davis(1952) mixture data

| Prior | Loss Functions | | $\hat{\theta}_1$ | $\hat{\theta}_2$ | $\hat{\theta}_3$ | \hat{p}_1 | \hat{p}_2 |
|-------|----------------|----|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| UP | SELF | BE | 0.01849 | 0.01488 | 0.01971 | 0.48442 | 0.23209 |
| | | PR | 0.000001 | 0.000002 | 0.000002 | 0.000388 | 0.000277 |
| | PLF | BE | 0.01852 | 0.01493 | 0.01977 | 0.48482 | 0.23268 |
| | | PR | 0.000060 | 0.000102 | 0.000111 | 0.000801 | 0.001193 |
| | DLF | BE | 0.01855 | 0.01498 | 0.01982 | 0.48523 | 0.23328 |
| | | PR | 0.003247 | 0.006849 | 0.005587 | 0.001652 | 0.005119 |
| JP | SELF | BE | 0.01843 | 0.01478 | 0.01960 | 0.48442 | 0.23209 |
| | | PR | 0.000001 | 0.000001 | 0.000002 | 0.000388 | 0.000277 |
| | PLF | BE | 0.01846 | 0.01483 | 0.01966 | 0.48482 | 0.23268 |
| | | PR | 0.000060 | 0.000101 | 0.000109 | 0.000801 | 0.001193 |
| | DLF | BE | 0.01849 | 0.01488 | 0.01971 | 0.48522 | 0.23328 |
| | | PR | 0.003236 | 0.006803 | 0.005556 | 0.001652 | 0.005119 |
| IGP | SELF | BE | 0.000005 | 0.000009 | 0.000007 | 0.00011 | 0.00005 |
| | | PR | 0.000001 | 0.0000004 | 0.000002 | 0.000052 | 0.000012 |
| | PLF | BE | 0.02487 | 0.04156 | 0.03063 | 0.48468 | 0.23303 |
| | | PR | 0.000080 | 0.000279 | 0.000169 | 0.000799 | 0.001188 |
| | DLF | BE | 0.02490 | 0.04170 | 0.03071 | 0.48508 | 0.23363 |
| | | PR | 0.003226 | 0.006711 | 0.005525 | 0.001648 | 0.005092 |

From the above table, it is noticed that results obtained through real data are compatible with simulation results.

11 Conclusions

In this paper, we have considered the Bayesian estimation of 3-component mixture of Inverted Exponential distributions using the non-informative (Uniform and Jeffreys') and the informative (Inverse Gamma) priors under SELF, PLF and DLF. The purpose of this paper is to disclose the appropriate combinations of prior distributions and loss functions to estimate the parameters of the 3-component mixture of the Inverted Exponential distributions. We conducted an extensive simulation study to regulate the relative performance of the Bayes estimators. From simulated results, we observed that an increase in the sample size and test termination time provides better Bayes estimators. Furthermore, as sample size increases (decreases) the posterior risks of Bayes estimators decreases (increases) for a fixed test termination time. Also, the DLF is observed as

a suitable choice for estimating component parameters and SELF is preferable for estimating the proportion parameters. Finally, we conclude that the IGP is suitable prior in order to estimate the component parameters. When SELF is used, the IGP is an appropriate prior for proportion parameters. The same pattern is observed for the JP when non-informative priors are considered.

In case of non-informative priors, overestimation is found when uniform prior is used. But the problem of overestimation exists only for small samples. PRs using Jeffreys prior are smaller than PRs obtained under uniform prior. So, the performance of Jeffreys prior can be concluded to be better as it produces elegant BEs and the differences among PRs is negligible. It is also examined that PRs is higher for higher parametric values and smaller for smaller values of parameters. In general, Posterior risk(DLF) < Posterior risk(PLF) < Posterior risk(SELF) for the component parameters. For the proportional weights, Posterior risk(SELF) < Posterior risk(PLF) < Posterior risk(DLF). The same interpretation is obtained in the graphs (Fig.1-10) of the simulation results.

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