A GENERALIZED BETA FUNCTION AND ASSOCIATED
PROBABILITY DENSITY

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We introduce and establish some properties of a generalized form of the beta function. Corresponding generalized incomplete beta functions are also defined. Moreover, we define a new probability density function (pdf) involving this new generalized beta function. Some basic functions associated with the pdf, such as moment generating function, mean residue function, and hazard rate function are derived. Some special cases are mentioned. Some figures for pdf, hazard rate function, and mean residue life function are given. These figures reflect the role of shape and scale parameters.

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1. Introduction. Recently, many authors have defined and studied generalized form of different special functions [4, 5, 8, 12, 13]. Virchenko et al. [12] have treated a generalized gamma function in the form,

$$\omega D\left(a, b; c; v, u, \mu\right) = v^{-a} \int_0^\infty t^{u-1} e^{-pt} \omega R_1(a, b; c; -t) dt,$$

where $a, b, c$ are complex parameters, $\omega > 0$, $\Re p, \Re u > 0$, $|\arg v| < \pi$, and $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \ldots$. The case where $\omega = p = 1, b = c$ reduces to Kobayashi’s generalized gamma function [8]. Moreover, if we take $a = 0$ in this equation, we get the well-known gamma function. Kalla and Al-Saqabi [6] have used this function to define a probability density function, which generalizes results of Kobayashi [8] and Kalla et al. [7].

Definition 1.1. Continue with the preceding assumptions on the parameters $a, b, c, \omega, u,$ and $v$. Then for $\Re(a + \mu)$ and $\Re(b + \mu) > 0$, we define a generalized form of the beta function as

$$\omega B\left(a, b; c; v, u, \mu\right) = v^{-a} \int_0^\infty t^{u-1} (1 + t)^{-\mu - u} \omega R_1(a, b; c; -t/v) dt,$$

where $\omega R_1(a, b; c; x)$ is the $\omega$-Gauss hypergeometric function [12, 13] whose series representation is given by,

$$\omega R_1(a, b; c; x) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k \Gamma(b + \omega k) \Gamma(c + \omega k)}{k!}, |x| < 1 \quad (1.3)$$
and its integral representation in the form,
\[
\omega \tilde{R}_1^\omega(a, b; c; x) = L \int_0^1 t^{b-1}(1-t)^{c-b-1}(1-xt)\omega^{-a} \, dt
\]
(1.4)
where
\[
\text{Re}(c) > \text{Re}(b) > 0, \quad L = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c - b)}.
\]
(1.5)
For \(\omega = 1\), (1.4) is the classical Gauss hypergeometric function, hence (1.2) becomes
\[
B\left(a, b; \frac{c}{u}, \mu \right) = v^{-a} \int_0^\infty t^{u-1}(1+t)^{-\mu - u} \text{F}_1(a, b; \frac{1}{v}, -t) \, dt,
\]
(1.6)
and by letting \(b = c\), we have [11]
\[
B\left(a, b; b; \frac{v}{u}, \mu \right) = \int_0^\infty t^{u-1}(1+t)^{-\mu - u} (v + t)^{-a} \, dt
\]
\[= v^{-a} B(u, \mu + a) \text{F}_1(u, a; u + a + \mu; 1 - \frac{1}{v}).\]
(1.7)
Further, if we take \(a = 0\) then (1.2) reduces to the well-known beta function, that is,
\[
B(u, \mu) = \int_0^\infty t^{u-1}(1+t)^{-\mu - u} \, dt, \quad \text{Re}(u), \text{Re}(\mu) > 0.
\]
(1.8)
In Section 2, we establish a number of analytic properties, such as recurrence relations and the asymptotic expansions for our generalized beta function. We express this generalized beta function in terms of \(\omega\)-hypergeometric functions [13]
\[
\frac{\omega}{3} R_2^\omega\left(a_1, a_2; b; \frac{c}{d}\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(a_1)_k(a_2)_k\Gamma(b + \omega k)}{(c)_k\Gamma(d + \omega k)} \frac{x^k}{k!}.
\]
(1.9)
In Section 3, we define generalized incomplete beta functions associated with the function defined by (1.2). These incomplete forms of the generalized beta functions are used to study some statistical functions in later sections. Moreover, we introduce and study a new probability density function (pdf) involving the generalized beta function in Section 4. Finally, we derive some basic functions associated with this density function, namely, the \(k\)th moment, moment generating function, the hazard rate function, and the mean residue life function. Corresponding results for beta distribution are listed. Some figures are given for pdf, hazard rate function, and mean residue life function.

2. The generalized beta function. We begin this section by observing that (1.2) can be rewritten as
\[
\omega B\left(a, b; \frac{c}{u}, \mu \right) = v^{-a} \int_0^\infty t^{u-1}(1+vt)^{-\mu - u} \text{F}_1(a, b; \frac{1}{t}, -t) \, dt.
\]
(2.1)
We express this generalized beta function in terms of \( \omega \)-hypergeometric functions in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** The generalized beta function \( \omega_B^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} \) can be represented as

\[
\omega_B^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} = E_1^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} + E_2^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)},
\]

where,

\[
E_1^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} = v^{-a} \times B(u,\mu) \times \frac{\omega B^{(a,b;1/v)}}{1-\mu},
\]

\[
E_2^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} = v^{-a-\mu} \times \frac{\omega \Gamma(*)}{1+\mu} \times \frac{\omega B^{(a+c+\omega\mu,1/v)}}{1+\mu},
\]

with

\[
\Gamma(*) = \Gamma\left(\frac{c,a+\mu,b+\omega\mu,-\mu}{a,b,c+\omega\mu}\right).
\]

**Proof.** Using (1.4), the integral representation for \( 2R_1 \), yields

\[
\omega_B^{(a,b;c;v\alpha u,\mu)} = v^{-a} \int_0^\infty x^{u-1} (1+x)^{-u-1} \times \frac{\omega B^{(a,b;1/v)}}{1-x} dx
\]

\[
= v^{-a} L_1 \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} \left( \int_0^\infty x^{u-1} (1+x)^{-u} \left( 1+\frac{t^{\omega}}{v} \right) \right)^{-a} dt
\]

\[
= v^{-a} L_2 \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} F_1\left(a,u;1+\mu;1-\frac{t^{\omega}}{v}\right) dt,
\]

where

\[
L_1 = \frac{1}{B(b,c-b)}, \quad L_2 = \frac{B(u,a+\mu)}{B(b,c-b)}.
\]

Using the transformation formulae [1, 9], yields

\[
F = L_3 \times F_1\left(a,u;1-\mu;\frac{t^{\omega}}{v}\right) + L_4 \times \left( \frac{t^{\omega}}{v} \right)^\mu \times F_1\left(u+\mu,a+\mu,1+\mu;\frac{t^{\omega}}{v}\right),
\]

where

\[
F = F_1\left(a,u;1+\mu;1-\frac{t^{\omega}}{v}\right), \quad L_3 = \Gamma\left(\frac{\mu,a+u+\mu}{a+\mu,u+\mu}\right), \quad L_4 = \Gamma\left(-\mu,a+u+\mu\right).
\]
Let
\[ \omega E_1(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}) \triangleq v^{-a} \times L_2L_3 \times \int_0^1 t^{b-1}(1-t)^{c-b-1} F_1\left(a, u; 1 - \mu; \frac{t^\omega}{v}\right) dt \]
\[ = v^{-a} \times L_2L_3 \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (u)_k}{(1 - \mu)_k} \times \frac{v^{-k}}{k!} \int_0^1 t^{b+\omega k-1}(1-t)^{c-b-1} dt \]
\[ = v^{-a} \times B(\mu, u) \times \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (u)_k \Gamma(b + \omega k)}{v^k (1 - \mu)_k \Gamma(c + \omega k) k!} \]
\[ = v^{-a} \times B(\mu, u) \omega \times \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (u)_k \Gamma(b + \omega k)}{v^k (1 - \mu)_k \Gamma(c + \omega k) k!} \]
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and the proof is complete. \(\square\)

**Remark 2.2.** For \(\omega = 1\), we get the representation of \(B\) in terms of hypergeometric functions given in [11, page 315], that is,
\[ B\left(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}\right) = E_1\left(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}\right) + E_2\left(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}\right), \quad (2.10) \]
where
\[ E_1\left(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}\right) = \frac{B(u, \mu)}{v^a} \times 3F_2\left(u, a, b; 1 - \mu, c; v_{u, \mu}\right), \quad (2.11) \]
\[ E_2\left(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu}\right) = v^{-a-\mu} \times \Gamma(\ast) \times 3F_2\left(u + \mu, a + \mu, b + \mu; 1 - \mu, c + \mu; v_{u, \mu}\right), \]
with
\[ \Gamma(\ast) = \Gamma\left(c, a + \mu, b + \mu, -\mu\right) \frac{a, b, c + \mu}{a, b, c + \mu}. \quad (2.12) \]

**Asymptotic Expansions for \(\omega E_1(a, b; c; v_{u, \mu})\).** Now we establish the asymptotic expansions for the generalized beta function using the previous theorem.
Theorem 2.3. Recall \(\omega_3 R_2(x)\), then as \(v \to \infty\), it leads to

\[
\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) \sim v^{-a} B(\mu, u) \times \omega_3 R_2 \left(\frac{1}{v}; 1 - \mu; c\right).
\]

(2.13)

Recurrence relations. The following recurrence relations for \(\omega B\) can be easily derived from its definition and the recurrence relations of \(\omega R\) given in [12, equations (8)-(12)].

Theorem 2.4. The following relations hold:

\[
(b - a\omega)\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) = b\omega B\left(a, b+1; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) - av\omega B\left(a+1, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right),
\]

(2.14)

\[
(c - a\omega - 1)\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) = (c - 1)\omega B\left(a, b; c-1; v \atop u, \mu\right) - av\omega B\left(a+1, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right),
\]

\[
(c - b - 1)\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) = (c - 1)\omega B\left(a, b; c-1; v \atop u, \mu\right) - b\omega B\left(a+1, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right),
\]

(2.15)

Moreover, using [12, equation (17)] and integration by parts to the integral representation of \(\omega B\) we obtain the following result.

Lemma 2.5. With the preceding assumptions, one can easily derive

\[
\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) = \frac{u + \mu v}{u} B\left(a, b; c; v+1 \atop u+1, \mu\right) + \hat{L} \omega B\left(a+1, b + \omega; c + \omega; v \atop u+1, \mu-1\right)
\]

(2.16)

with

\[
\hat{L} = \frac{a\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b + \omega)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c + \omega)}.
\]

We conclude this section by giving the partial derivatives of the generalized beta function.

Lemma 2.6. The partial derivatives of \(\omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right)\) are

\[
\frac{\partial^n}{\partial u^n} \omega B\left(a, b; c; v \atop u, \mu\right) = -a \int_0^\infty (-1)^{a+1} t^{n+1} \ln(1+t)^n (1+t)^{-u} \omega_2 R_1 \left(a, b; c; \frac{-t}{v}\right) dt,
\]

(2.17)
Proof. The first formula is obtained by observing that

\[
\frac{\partial^n}{\partial u^n} [t^{u-1} (1+t)^{-\mu-u}] = (-1)^{n+1} t^{-1} \left[ \ln(1+t) \right]^n (1+t)^{-\mu-u}.
\] (2.18)

The second formula is obtained by using the integral representation of \( \tilde{R}_1 \), that is,

\[
\frac{\omega}{2} R_1(a,b; \mu + v, u) = \tilde{L} \int_0^1 \frac{s^{b-1} (1-s^{1/\omega})^{c-b-1} (1 + \frac{t}{s})^{-a}}{\omega B(b,c-b)} ds,
\]

and recalling that,

\[
\frac{\partial^n}{\partial u^n} (v + st)^{-a} = (-1)^n (a)_n (v + st)^{-a-n}.
\] (2.20)

This ends the proof.

3. The generalized incomplete beta functions. We define for \( x, \omega > 0, \Re u, \Re (a + \mu), \Re (b + \mu) > 0, \) and \( |\arg v| < \pi \), the related functions:

\[
\frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_0(a,b;c; u, \mu u) = v^{-a} \int_0^x t^{u-1} (1+t)^{-\mu-u} \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{R}_1(a,b; -\frac{t}{v}) dt,
\] (3.1)

and call it the generalized incomplete beta function, and its companion function,

\[
\frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_\infty(a,b;c; u, \mu u) = \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_0(a,b;c; u, \mu u + 1, \mu) + \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_\infty(a,b;c; u, \mu u + 1, \mu - 1).
\] (3.3)

Theorem 3.1. Continue with the preceding notations, to obtain the following formulas:

\[
\frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_0(a,b;c; u, \mu u) = \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_0(a,b;c; u, \mu u + 1, \mu) + \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{R}_1(a,b;c; -\frac{x}{v})
\]

\[
+ \frac{\hat{L}}{vu} \omega \frac{\omega}{2} \tilde{B}_0(a+1, b+\omega; c+\omega; v)
\] (3.5)
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with \( \hat{L} = a\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b + \omega)/\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c + \omega) \).

\[
\frac{a\omega}{B_x}(a, b; c; u, \mu) = u + \mu \frac{a\omega}{u} \left( a, b; c; u + 1, \mu \right) - \frac{x^{u-1}(1+x)^{-\mu-u}}{v^a} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a, b; c; -x/v) - x/v},
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left[ x^{1-u/B_0^x} \right] = (1-u)x^{-u/B_0^x} + v^{-a}(1+x)^{-\mu-u} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a, b; c; -x/v)},
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1+x)^{\mu+u/B_0^x} \right] = (u + \mu)(1+x)^{\mu+u-1/B_0^x} + v^{-a}x^{u-1} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a, b; c; -x/v)},
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left[ x^{1-u/B_x^\infty} \right] = (1-u)x^{-u/B_x^\infty} - v^{-a}(1+x)^{-\mu-u} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a, b; c; -x/v)},
\]

\[
\frac{d}{dx} \left[ (1+x)^{\mu+u/B_x^\infty} \right] = (u + \mu)(1+x)^{\mu+u-1/B_x^\infty} - v^{-a}x^{u-1} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a, b; c; -x/v)}.
\]

The proof of the formulas (3.5), (3.6), and (3.7) is straight forward from the respective definitions.

4. The probability density function. In a systematic study of generalized pdf and their statistical properties, special functions have played a significant role [2, 3, 6, 7, 10]. Chaudhry and Zubair [5, 4] have used modified Bessel functions to extend the gamma function, and then used them to define some densities. Kalla et al. [7] have used a generalized form of hypergeometric function to study a new pdf Ismail Ali et al. [3] have used \( \tau \)-confluent hypergeometric function to define and study a generalized inverse Gaussian distribution. Here we study a new probability density involving the function defined by (1.2).

The pdf of a random variable \( X \) associated with (1.2) is defined by,

\[
f(x) = \frac{v^{-a}x^{u-1}(1+x)^{-\mu-u}}{B_x^\infty(a, b; c; u, \mu)} \times 1[x > 0],
\]

It is obvious that \( \int_0^\infty f(t)dt = 1 \). We observe that the behavior of \( f(x) \) at zero depends on \( u \), that is,

\[
f(0) = \begin{cases} 0, & u > 1 \\ v^aB\left(a, b; c; \frac{1}{x}\right)^{-1}, & u = 1. \end{cases}
\]

Moreover, we have \( \lim_{x \to 0^+} f(x) = \infty, u < 1 \), and \( \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0 \). It can be easily shown that

\[
\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \left[ \frac{u-1}{x} - \frac{\mu + u}{1 + x} - \frac{L}{v} \frac{a\omega}{2\Gamma_1(a + 1, b + \omega; c + \omega; -x/v)} \right] f(x),
\]

where \( L = a\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b + \omega)/\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c + \omega) \).
Figure 4.1 represents the pdf for the indicated parameters. It shows the effect of the parameter $\omega$.

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$$f(x) = \frac{v^{-a}x^{u-1}(1+x)^{-\mu-u}F_1(a,b;c;-x/v)}{B(a,b;c;v)} \times 1[x > 0].$$

(4.4)

Furthermore, if we let $b = c$, the density function (4.4) reduces to

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{u-1}(1+x)^{-\mu-u}(1+x/v)^{-a}}{B(u,\mu+a)F_1(u,a;u+a+\mu;1-1/v)} \times 1[x > 0].$$

(4.5)

The beta density function of second kind is recovered from (4.1) when $a = 0$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{u-1}(1+x)^{-\mu-u}}{B(u,\mu)} \times 1[x > 0].$$

(4.6)

5. **Some statistical function.** The aim of this section is to obtain some basic functions associated with the pdf $f(x)$, such as the population moments, the cumulative distribution function (cdf), the survivor function, the hazard rate function, and the mean residue life function.

5.1. **Population moments.** We derive several types of moments such as the $k$th moment and the moment generating function. We begin by evaluating the $k$th moment, since it will be used to obtain the remaining basic moments, such as the mean, the variance and the moment generating function

**The $k$th Moment.** The $k$th moment about the origin of the random variable $X$ whose pdf $f(x)$ given by (4.1), is defined by

$$E[X^k] \triangleq \int_0^\infty t^k f(t)dt.$$  
(5.1)
By virtue of (4.1), we get

\[ E[X^k] = \frac{v^{-a} \int_0^\infty t^k u^{-1} (1 + t)^{-\mu - u} \omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right) \omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, k\right) dt}{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)} = \frac{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, k\right)}{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)}. \quad (5.2) \]

Now since the mean, expected value of the random variable \( X \), is a special case of this moment, namely, the mean is the first moment

\[ E[X] = \int_0^\infty t f(t) dt = \frac{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu - 1\right)}{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)}. \quad (5.3) \]

Similarly, we can obtain the variance of the random variable \( X \), \( \sigma^2_X \), using (5.2) with \( k = 2 \), and (5.3), since it is defined as

\[ \sigma^2_X = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2. \quad (5.4) \]

**Moment generating function.** The moment generating function of the random variable \( X \) is defined by

\[ M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f(x) dx. \quad (5.5) \]

To avoid the difficulty of this integration, we observe, using Taylor expansion, that

\[ E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{t^k}{k!} E[X^k]. \quad (5.6) \]

Using this beside (5.2), we obtain

\[ M(t) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{t^k}{k!} \frac{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, k\right)}{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)}. \quad (5.7) \]

**5.2. The distribution function.** The cdf \( F(x) \) of the random variable \( X \) is given by,

\[ F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt = \frac{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)}{\omega B\left(a, b; c; \frac{v}{u}, \mu\right)}. \quad (5.8) \]
hence the survivor function $S(x)$ can be expressed as

$$S(x) \triangleq P(X \geq x) = 1 - F(x) = \int_x^\infty f(t)dt = \frac{\omega}{B(\omega)} \left( \frac{a, b; c; v}{u, \mu} \right) \times 1[x > 0].$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.9)

5.3. The hazard rate function. For a pdf $f(x)$ the hazard rate function is defined by

$$h(x) \triangleq \frac{f(x)}{S(x)}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.10)

Using (5.2) and (5.9), it follows that

$$h(x) = \frac{v^{-a}x^{u-1}(1 + x)^{-\mu-u} x^{\omega} a, b; c; -x/v}{\omega B_\omega \left( a, b; c; v \right) u, \mu} \times 1[x > 0].$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.11)

A particular case of the hazard function $h(x)$ results when $\omega = 1$, that is,

$$h(x) = \frac{v^{-a}x^{u-1}(1 + x)^{-\mu-u} F_1(a, b; c; -x/v)}{B_x \left( a, b; c; v \right) u, \mu} \times 1[x > 0].$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.12)

Further, for $b = c$, the hazard function (5.12) reduces to

$$h(x) = \frac{x^{u-1}(1 + x)^{-\mu-u} (v + x)^{-a} x^{u+1}}{B_x \left( a, b; b; v \right) u, \mu} \times 1[x > 0].$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.13)

The hazard function of the beta distribution of the second kind is recovered from (5.11) when $a = 0$

$$h(x) = \frac{x^{u-1}(1 + x)^{-\mu-u} (v + x)^{-a} x^{u+1}}{B_x \left( a, b; b; v \right) u, \mu} \times 1[x > 0].$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.14)

5.4. The mean residue life function. For a random variable $X$, the mean residue life function is defined by

$$K(x) = E[X - x/X \geq x] = \frac{\int_x^\infty (t-x) f(t)dt}{S(x)} = \frac{\int_x^\infty t f(t)dt}{S(x)} - x.$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.15)

Now since

$$\int_x^\infty t f(t)dt = \frac{\omega}{B \left( a, b; c; v \right) u + 1, \mu - 1},$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.16)
Figure 5.1. The hazard function $h(x)$ when $v = 1, u = 4, m = 2, a = 3, b = 2, c = 7$. The lower graph represents $h(x)$ when $\omega = 4$ whereas the upper graph represents $h(x)$ when $\omega = 1$.

Figure 5.2. The mean residue life function $K(x)$ when $v = 1, u = 4, m = 2, a = 3, b = 2, c = 7$. The lower graph represents $K(x)$ when $\omega = 1$ whereas the upper graph represents $K(x)$ when $\omega = 4$.

Therefore, using this and (5.9), we get

$$K(x) = \frac{\omega}{B_x^\infty} \left( \frac{a, b; c; v}{u + 1, \mu - 1} \right) - x.$$

(5.17)

For $a = 0$, we obtain the mean residue life function $K(x)$ of the beta distribution of the second kind

$$K(x) = \frac{B_x^\infty (u + 1, \mu - 1)}{B_x^\infty (u, \mu)} - x.$$

(5.18)
Figures 5.1 and 5.2 represent the hazard function $h(x)$ and the mean residue life function $K(x)$. They show the effect of the parameter $\omega$.

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