An Empirical Regression Approach to Estimating Blood Pressure Components

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Introduction

Regression models are used to predict one variable or more other variables, it provides researcher with a powerful tool, allowing predictions about past, present, or future events to be made with information about past or present events. Regression models can also be proposed in different forms in survival analysis; for instance the location-scale regression model which is frequently used in clinical trials. In this study, we propose a location-scale regression model, which will referred to as log-beta modified weighted Wei bull regression model based on a recently continuous distribution proposed by [1]. An extension of the beta weighted Wei bull distribution and some other distributions. In the last decade, in the last decade, new classes of distributions were developed based on extensions of the Wei bull distribution such as the modified Wei bull the beta Wei bull distribution, the generalized modified Wei bull distributions, the beta weighted Wei bull distribution, Some Statistical Properties of Exponentiated Weighted Wei bull Distribution to mention but few.

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The Log-Beta Modified Weighted Wei bull (LBWMM) distribution is an extension of beta modified weighted Wei bull (BMWW) distribution introduced by while the BMWW is developed from Modified Weighted Wei bull (MWW) distribution proposed by [2]. Where by both the density and it’s corresponding distribution function are given as follows:

\[ f_{BMWW(\beta,\gamma,a,d)}(k) = \lambda \beta (\alpha \gamma + 1) k^{\beta-1} \exp(-\gamma(\alpha \gamma + 1)k^\beta) \] (1)

\[ F_{BMWW(\beta,\gamma,a,d)}(K) = 1 - \exp(-\gamma(\alpha \gamma + 1)k^\beta) \] (2)

Where, \( \lambda \) is scale parameter, \( \beta \) shape parameter, \( \alpha \) and \( \gamma \) are shape parameters.

The paper is divided into sections: Section 2, presented the beta modified weighted Wei bull distribution, the propose log-beta modified weighted Wei bull distribution with some of its properties and the log beta modified weighted Wei bull regression model of location-scale form. We estimation the model parameters using the method of maximum likelihood and the observed information matrix are presented in Section 3. Then, section 4 contains the application of the proposed model to blood pressure data from Army Hospital, Yaba, Lagos and compared with beta modified weighted Wei bull regression model using model selection criteria: the AIC, BIC and CAIC and finally conclusion is in section 5.

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The Abstract

In this paper, a log-linear regression model called log-beta modified weighted Wei bull regression model is constructed from Beta modified weighted Wei bull distribution through transformation (method of parameterized). The statistical properties including; moments, generating function, skewness and kurtosis were derived for the proposed model. The performance of the proposed model was determined using blood pressure components data and the maximum likelihood estimate of the model parameters was investigated by considering blood pressure components. The empirical results show that the proposed regression model provides better fit and is very useful to the analysis of real data.

Keywords: Log-beta; Log-linear regression; weighted wei bull; Regression model; Skewness; Kurtosis
\[ F_{\text{LBWW}}(k) = \frac{B(k; u, w)}{B(u, w)} \]  

where, \( k > 0, f(k) = \frac{d}{dk} F(k) \mu > 0, w > 0 \) are shape parameters in addition to the existing one in the baseline (MWW) distribution, is the beta function, \( B(u, w) = \Gamma(u) / \Gamma(u + w) \).

\[ I_k = (u, w) = B_k(u, w) / B(u, w) \]  
is the incomplete beta function ratio and \( B_k(u, w) = \int x^{k-1}(1-x)^{u-1} \, dx \) is the incomplete beta function.

However, the LBWW distribution is defined by logarithm of the BMWW random variable to give a better fitting of survival data. The MWW density function in (1) with parameters \((\beta, \gamma, \alpha, \lambda) > 0\) can be re-written in a simplified version of Wei bull as follows:

\[ f(k) = \lambda \beta^\gamma \Gamma(\gamma)^{-1} \exp(-\left(\frac{k}{\beta}\right)^\gamma) \]  

Now, we used transformation method in (5) to obtain the Log-Modified Weighted Wei bull (LMWW) distribution by setting \( Y = \log(k) \), where \( \lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \) and \( \mu = \log(f) \), i.e. \( \beta = e^{\alpha} \) and by substituting the transformation in (5), we have

\[ f(y) = \lambda \beta^\gamma \Gamma(\gamma)^{-1} \exp(-\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right)^\gamma)e^\alpha \]  

\[ = \frac{\lambda \beta^\gamma}{\sigma^\gamma} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\sigma\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)\right) \]  

Expression (6) becomes the pdf of the LMWW distribution; and can also be written as the BMWW distribution by convoluting the beta function in equation (6) which gives

\[ g(y) = \lambda \beta^\gamma \exp\left(-\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\sigma\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)\right) \]  

where \( y \sim \text{BMWW}(u, w, \beta, \gamma, \alpha, \lambda) \) Distribution, where \( \gamma \) is the weight parameter, \( \alpha \) is the scale parameter; \( \beta, \gamma, \alpha, \lambda \) are existing shape parameters and, \( u \) and \( w \) are shape parameters added to the existing MWW distribution; equation (7) becomes BMWW distribution.

If \( k \) is a random variable having the BMWW density function (3). Some properties of the proposed (LBWW) distribution were obtained, and defined the random variable \( Y = \log(k) \) [1, 3]. Therefore, the density function of \( Y \) had been transformed in (5). Hence, the density function of \( Y \) is defined as

\[ f_{\text{LBWW}}(y; u, w, \lambda, \beta, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{2\lambda \beta^\gamma + 1}{\mu B(u, w)} \exp(-\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)) \exp(-\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)) \]  

\[ = [1 - (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right))]^{-1} [1 - (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right))]^{-1} \]  

where \(-\infty < y < \infty, \sigma > 0 \) and \(-\infty < \mu < \infty \).

Equation (8) is the Log-beta modified weighted Wei bull distribution; where, \( \mu \) is the location parameter, \( \sigma \) is a dispersion parameter, \( \lambda \) is the weighted parameter, \( \beta \) is the shape parameter and \( u \) and \( w \) are shape parameters. However, \( Y = \log(X) \sim \text{LBWMM}(u, \lambda, \beta, \mu, \sigma) \).

The corresponding reliability function to (8) is given by

\[ R_{\text{LBWMM}} = 1 - \frac{1}{B(u, w)} \int_0^\infty x^{u-1}(1-x)^{w-1} \, dx = 1 - I_{F_Y}(u, w) \]  

Where, \( F_Y = [1 - (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right))]^{-1} \)

Moments and generating function

The \( r \)th moment of the LBWW distribution is defined as

\[ \mu_r = \frac{1}{B(u, w)} \int \left( (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)\right) \right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) y^r \, dy \]  

The binomial term is expanded and we put \( q = e^{\alpha} \) to get

\[ \mu_r = \frac{1}{B(u, w)} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} \int \log(q)^i \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) y^r \, dy \]  

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(10) leads to the moments of the LBWW distribution; and the measures are mainly controlled by the additional shape parameters of \( u \) and \( w \).

The moment generating function (MGF) of \( S \), such that is \( M(t) = E(e^{xt}) \) given by

\[ M_{\text{LBWMM}}(t) = \frac{1}{B(u, w)} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} \int \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) y^r \, dy \]  

\[ \int \Gamma(t + 1) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) y^r \, dy \]  

Hence, the first-four moments, the skewness and kurtosis of the LBWW distribution were derived using the \( r \)th ordinary moment of the LBWW as expressed in (10).

\[ \mu_{r}^{\text{LBWMM}} = \frac{1}{B(u, w)} \int \log(q)^i \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right)\right) y^r \, dy \]  

(12) where,
\[ M(a) = (1 - \Theta \exp(-\exp(q))) \]
\[ \Theta = \lambda \beta + 1, \quad c(q) = \exp\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \]
\[ \mu_{LBMWW(r)} = \left[ \frac{\mu'(\lambda, r) \lambda \gamma \Gamma\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)}{\sigma B(u, w)} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^i \left(\gamma^{-1}\right) \]
\[ \int_{0}^{\infty} \log[1 - (\Theta \exp(-c(q)))]^{(\gamma-1)} \, dq \]

where,
\[ A = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^i \left(\gamma^{-1}\right) \int_{0}^{\infty} \log[1 - (\Theta \exp(-c(q)))]^{(\gamma-1)} \, dq \]

The first moment of the LBMWW is obtained from (14).

Furthermore, the 1st to 4th non-central moments of by substituting for \( r = 1, 2, 3 \) and 4 respectively in equation (13) it's resulted as given below:
\[ \mu_{LBMWW(r)}(u) = \left[ \frac{\mu'(\lambda, 1) \lambda \gamma \Gamma\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)}{\sigma B(u, w)} \right] \sum_{i=1}^{n} (-1)^i \left(\gamma^{-1}\right) \]

The Log-Beta Modified Weighted Weibull Regression Model.

Here, we linked the response variable \( y_i \) and vector \( X_i' = (x_{i1}, \ldots, x_{ip}) \) of explanatory variables \( x_i \); following location-scale regression model as given below
\[ y_i = X_i' \beta + \sigma s_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \]

The mode has been used in literature, for example, \([1, 4, 5, 6]\) among others where the random error \( s_i \) has density function
\[ w(x; u; w; \beta, \lambda) = \frac{1}{B(u, w)}[(\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(s), \exp(-\exp(s))] \]

\[ [1 - (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\exp(s))]^{-1}[(\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\exp(s))]^{-1} \]

Estimation of Model Parameter

We also consider a sample \((y_1, x_1), \ldots, (y_n, x_n)\) of \( n \) independent observations, where each random response is defined \( y_i = \min\{\log(t_i), \log(c_i)\} \) by We assume non-informative censoring such that the observed lifetimes and censoring times are independent. Let \( F \) and \( C \) be the sets of individuals for which is the log-life time and log-censoring, respectively. We can then apply conventional likelihood estimation techniques here. The likelihood function for the vector of parameters \( \phi = (\mu, \sigma, \beta, \lambda) \) from model (21) has the form
\[ l(\phi) = -\sum_{i \in C} \log\{f(y_i)\} + \sum_{i \in C} \log\{s(y_i)\} \]

where \( f(y_i) \) is the density function (8) and \( s(y_i) \) is the survival function \( y_i \) of [1, 4, 5].

The log-likelihood function for \( \phi \) reduces to.

\[ l(\phi) = -h \log(\sigma) + \log(\beta(u, w)) + [(\lambda \beta + 1) \sum_{\phi \in \phi} \exp(s) - \exp(-\exp(s))] \]

\[ + (w - 1) \sum_{\phi \in \phi} \log(1 - \exp(-\exp(s))) \]

\[ + \sum_{\phi \in \phi} \frac{\exp(-\exp(s))}{\exp(-\exp(s))} \]

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where \( h \) is the number of uncensored observations (failures) and \( \gamma = (\frac{\lambda - \lambda X'_B}{\sigma}) \). The MLE \( \hat{\phi} \) of the vector \( \phi \) of unknown parameters can be computed by maximising the likelihood function in (23), and fitted LBMWW model gives the estimated survival function of \( y \) for any individual with explanatory vector \( x \)

\[ R_{LBMWW}(y; \hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\lambda}) = [1 + (\lambda \beta + 1) \exp(-\exp(s))] \]

\[ + \exp(-\gamma) \exp(-\exp(s)) - 1 \frac{\exp(-\exp(s))}{\exp(-\exp(s))} \]

Let \( l(\phi) = E[L(\phi)|Y] \) is the observed information matrix \( -\frac{\partial^2 l(\phi)}{\partial \phi^2} \) and the asymptotic covariance matrix of \( \phi \) and can be approximated by the inverse of \( (m+4)(m+4) \) observed information matrix.
Application to Blood Pressure Data

The proposed regression model was applied to blood pressure data extracted from a student project but collected from medical record department of 68 Nigerian Army reference hospital Yaba, (NARHY) Lagos. The data is referring to systolic and diastolic blood pressure for 20 patients who are diagnosed with high blood pressure and admitted. The data includes explanatory variables age, total body cholesterol and pulse rate were used for the analysis. These variables are, age during the diagnose ($x_1$) (1 for 50 – 59 and 2 for 60 – 69), Total Body Cholesterol during the diagnose ($x_2$) (1 for 170 – 179, 2 for 180 – 189, 3 for 190 – 199 and 4 for 200 - 209), Pulse rate during diagnose ($x_3$) 1 for 80 – 89 and 2 for 90 - 99. The model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \sigma_i,$$

where the variable $y_i = \log(t_i)$ follow the log BMWW distribution given in (8), and the random errors $s_i$ has the density function (21), $i = 1, \ldots, 20$. For MLEs, we used the procedure NL Mixed in SAS and R code to compute model parameters and data exploratory analysis. Iterative maximization of the logarithm of the likelihood function (23) starts with initial values for $\beta, \lambda$ and $\sigma$ taken from the fit of the LMWW regression model with $u = W = 1$.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Table 1, Figures 1-3.

Table 1: summary: Descriptive Statistics of Systolic (Blood Pressure).

|        | Min   | 1st Qut. | Median | Mean | 3rd Qut. | Max   | Skewness | Kurtosis |
|--------|-------|----------|--------|------|----------|-------|----------|----------|
|        | 59    | 154.5    | 159    | 154  | 163.2    | 167   | 3.733    | 15.9936  |

Figure 1: Scatter plots of study variable, i.e. Systolic blood pressure, against explanatory variables, i.e. Age, Total Body Cholesterol and pulse rate.

Figure 2: The line plot of Systolic blood pressure, age, total body cholesterol and pulse rate.
Summary of the Analysis

Table 2

| LBMWW Regression Model                  | LMWW Regression Model                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Estimate      | S. E       | P-Value (95% C.I) | Estimate | S. E | P-Value (95% C.I) |
| $u$           | 4.41       | 0.63             | <.0001   | (3.08; 5.73) |
| $w$           | 1.73       | 0.18             | <.0001   | (1.35; 2.12) |
| $\beta$       | 1.84       | --               | --       | 2.63 | 1 | 0.01 (0.53;4.72) |
| $\lambda$     | 1.84       | --               | --       | 2.63 | 1 | 0.01 (0.53;4.72) |
| $\sigma$      | 1.93       | 0.05             | <.0001   | (1.83; 2.02) |
| $\beta_1$     | 0.72       | 0.37             | 0.067    | (-0.06;1.49) |
| $\beta_2$     | 2.52       | 0.37             | <.0001   | (1.74; 3.29) |
| $\beta_3$     | 1.52       | 0.37             | 0.0066   | (0.74; 2.29) |
| $\beta_4$     | 4.52       | 0.37             | <.0001   | (3.73; 5.30) |

Discussion

The scatter plot of exploratory data analysis against each of the explanatory variables was displayed in Figure 1 & 2 contains the systolic blood pressure plot against the individuals, while Figure 3 time line plot, Normal Q-Q plot, Box-plot, histogram plot, density plot, ecdf plot, showed the empirical density plots and cumulative distribution plot respectively.

Table 1 contains the MLEs of the parameters for the LBMWW and LMWW regression models fitted to the blood pressure data. The LR statistic for testing the hypotheses $H_0: w = \sigma_0$ versus $H_1: w > \sigma_0$ is not true. However, we also compared the LMWW and LBMWW regression models with $d = 2(−91.9−(-121.3)) = 58.8$ with (p-value < 0.0001) and this favored the LBMWW model. The LBMWW model had two additional parameters and it became more...
A new log-beta modified weighted Wei bull (LBMWW) distribution and some of its properties were properly derived. We extend the LBMWW to regression model using location-scale regression model method. Then, we discussed and obtained the estimation procedure by the method of maximum likelihood (MLEs) and information matrix. The model was applied to a cancer of the heart data and the values of AIC, AICc and BIC in the proposed log-Beta Modified Weighted Wei bull Regression Model were respectively less than log modified weighted Wei bull regression models. Therefore, the developed LBMWW regression model provided a better fit than and has lowest AICc, AIC and BIC respectively. Therefore, Log-Beta Modified Weighted Wei bull Regression Model is more flexible and performs more efficient than Log Modified Weighted Wei bull Regressions Models.

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Conclusion
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