A New Flexible Distribution Based on the Zero Truncated Poisson Distribution: Mathematical Properties and Applications to Lifetime Data

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new three-parameter model based on the zero truncated Poisson lifetime model. The new model has a strong physical motivation. We provide a comprehensive treatment of its statistical properties including ordinary and incomplete moments, generating functions and order statistics. The method of maximum likelihood is used to estimate the model parameters. We prove empirically the importance and flexibility of the new model in modeling two types of lifetime data.

Keywords: Zero truncated poison; Order statistics; Maximum likelihood estimation; Generating function; Moments

Introduction and Motivation

The so called zero truncated Poisson (ZTP) distribution is a discrete probability model whose support is the set of only the positive integers \( \mathbb{Z}^+ \). The ZTP is also known as the positive Poisson distribution or the conditional Poisson distribution. It is the conditional probability distribution of a Poisson-distributed random variable (RV), given that the value of the RV is \( \neq 0 \). Thus, it is impossible for a ZTP RV to be zero, in this paper we will introduce a new flexible model based on the ZTP distribution for modeling lifetime data.

Suppose that a system (machine) has \( N \) subsystems functioning independently at a given time where \( N \) has ZTP distribution with parameter \( \lambda \). It is the conditional probability distribution of a Poisson-distributed random variable (RV), given that the value of the RV is not zero. The probability mass function (PMF) of \( N \) is given by

\[
P(N=n) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda \lambda^n)}{[1-\exp(-\lambda)]n!}. \quad (1)
\]

Note that for ZTP variable the expected value \( \mathbb{E}(N) \) and variance \( \text{Var}(N) \) are, respectively, given by

\[
\mathbb{E}(N) = \lambda / [1-\exp(-\lambda)],
\]
\[
\text{Var}(N) = [1+\lambda - \mathbb{E}(N)]\mathbb{E}(N) = (\lambda + \lambda^2) / [1-\exp(-\lambda)] - \lambda^2 / [1-\exp(-\lambda)]^2.
\]

Due to Rezaei et al. [1], the cumulative distribution function (CDF) and the probability density function (PDF) of the Topp Leone Weibull (TLW) distribution specified by

\[
G_{TLW}(x) = \left[1 - \exp(-2x^\alpha)\right]^\beta, \quad (2)
\]

And

\[
g_{TLW}(x) = 2\alpha bx^{b-1} \exp(-2x^\alpha) [1 - \exp(-2x^\alpha)]^{\beta-1}, \quad (3)
\]

respectively. Suppose that the failure time of each subsystem has the TLW model defined by CDF and PDF in (2) and (3). Let \( Y_i \) denote the failure time of the \( i \)th subsystem and let

\[
\min\{Y_1,Y_2,\ldots,Y_{N-1},Y_N\} = X,
\]

then the conditional CDF of \( X \) given \( N \) is

\[
F(x|\lambda) = 1 - P(X > x|\lambda) = 1 - P(Y_i > x)^N = 1 - P(1 - G_{TLW}(x)^\beta). \quad (4)
\]

Therefore, the marginal CDF of \( X \) is can be expressed as

\[
F(x) = F\left(\frac{\exp(-\lambda)}{1-\exp(-\lambda)}x\right) = \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda)c + 1\right]^{-1} \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda)\left[1 - \exp(-\lambda)c\right]\right]. \quad (5)
\]

Equation (5) is called the CDF of the zero truncated Poisson Topp Leone Weibull (ZTPTLW) model. The corresponding PDF of (5) reduces to

\[
f(x) = f_{\text{ZTPTLW}}(x) = \frac{2\alpha bx^{b-1}}{1-\exp(-\lambda)} e^{-2x^\alpha} \left[1 - \exp(-2x^\alpha)\right]^{\beta-1}\left[1-\exp(-\lambda)\left[1 - \exp(-\lambda)c\right]\right]. \quad (6)
\]
Now we can provide a useful linear representation for the ZTPTLW density function in (6). Expanding the quantity $A$ in power series, we can write

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j=0} d_{i,j} x^{i-1} \exp(\gamma x) \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{i,j=0} d_{i,j} x^{i-1} \exp(\gamma x) \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)

Consider the power series

$$(1-h)^{-\alpha} = \sum_{j=0} \left\{(-1)^{j} \Gamma(b_j) b_j / \Gamma(b_j - j) \right\} \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=0} \left\{(-1)^{j} \Gamma(b_j) b_j / \Gamma(b_j - j) \right\} \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

using the power series in (8) and after some algebra the PDF of the ZTPTLW in (7) can be expressed as

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j=0} \left[\frac{\gamma b_j x^{i-1} \exp(\gamma x)}{\Gamma(b_j)} \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1}\right].$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

And

$$\pi_{i,j}(x;b) = \gamma b_j x^{i-1} \exp(\gamma x) \left[1 - \exp(-\lambda x)^{j+1}\right]^{\alpha-1}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

The justification for the wide practicality of the ZTPTLW lifetime model is based on the wider use of the W model, as well as we are motivated to introduce the ZTPTLW lifetime model because it exhibits the unimodal, the bathtub, the increasing and the decreasing hazard rates as illustrated in Figure 1(b). It is shown in above that the ZTPTLW lifetime model can be viewed as a mixture of the Exp-W distributions. It can be viewed as a suitable model for fitting the unimodal and right skewed data. The proposed ZTPTLW lifetime model is much better than the Marshall Olkin extended W, gamma W, W Fréchet, Kumaraswamy W, beta W, transmuted modified W, Kumaraswamy transmuted W, modified beta W, the Mcdonald W and transmuted exponentiated generalized W models so the ZTPTLW lifetime model is a good alternative to these models in modeling aircraft windshield data as well as the new lifetime ZTPTLW model is much better than the WW, odd WW, W Log W, the gamma exponentiated-exponential and exponential-exponential geometric models so the ZTPTLW lifetime model is a good alternative to these models in modeling the survival times Guinea pigs.

### Mathematical properties

#### Probability weighted moments (PWMs)

The $(s,r)^{th}$ PWMs of $X$ following the ZTPTLW is defined by

$$w_{s,r} = E\left\{ F(X)^s X^r \right\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r F(x) f(x) \, dx.$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

Using equations (5) and (6), we can write

$$f(x) F(x)^s = \sum_{i,j=0} \left[d_{i,j} \pi_{i(a_{i+1}),j}(x) - d_{i,j} \pi_{i(a_{i+1}),j}(x)\right].$$

Figure 1: Plots of the ZTPTLW PDF (right panel) and HRF (left panel) for some parameter values.
where 

\[ w_{i,j} = \Gamma \left( rb^{i,j} + 1 \right) \sum_{i,j,h=0}^{\infty} \left( p_{i,j,h} - p_{i,j,h}^* \right), \]

\[ d_{i,j,h} = d_{i,j,h}^* \left( a^{i,j} + j, r \right), \]

\[ d_{i,j,h}^* = d_{i,j,h}^* \left( a^{i,j} + j + 1, r \right), \]

And

\[ \left( -1 \right)^{i} \Gamma \left( \theta + 1 \right) \left[ h \Gamma \left( \theta - h \right) \left( h + 1 \right)^{\theta - i} \right]^{-1} = \rho^{\left( r, s \right)}. \]

**Moments, incomplete moments and generating function**

The \( r^{(a)} \) ordinary moment of \( X \) is given by

\[ \mu_r = E(X^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r f(x) \, dx. \]

Then we obtain

\[ \mu_r = \Gamma \left( rb^{i,j} + 1 \right) \sum_{i,j,h=0}^{\infty} \left( V_{i,j,h} - V_{i,j,h}^* \right). \] (11)

Where

\[ V_{i,j,h} = V_{i,j,h} \left( a^{i,j} \right) \] and \( V_{i,j,h}^* = V_{i,j,h} \left( a^{i,j} + j, r \right) \).

The \( s^{(a)} \) incomplete moment, say \( \tau_r (t) \), of \( X \) can be expressed from (9) as

\[ \tau_r (t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r f(x) \, dx. \]

Then

\[ \tau_r (t) = \gamma \left( 1 + sb^{i,j}, \left( a^{i,j} \right) \right) \sum_{i,j,h=0}^{\infty} \left( I_{i,j,h} - I_{i,j,h}^* \right), \]

where

\[ \gamma (\delta, z) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp (-t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(-1\right)^{j} \frac{1}{j! (\delta + r + j)}. \]

And

\[ I_{i,j,h} = V_{i,j,h} \left( a^{i,j} + j, r \right), \]

\[ I_{i,j,h}^* = V_{i,j,h}^* \left( a^{i,j} + j + 1, r \right). \]

The moment generating function (MGF) \( M_s(t) = E \left( \exp(tX) \right) \) of \( X \) can be derived from equation (9) as

\[ M_s(t) = \Gamma \left( rb^{i,j} + 1 \right) \sum_{i,j,h=0}^{\infty} \left( V_{i,j,h} - V_{i,j,h}^* \right). \]

Where

\[ V_{i,j,h,r} = V_{i,j,h} \left( a^{i,j} + j, r \right) t^r \left( r! \right)^{-1}, \]

And

\[ V_{i,j,h,r}^* = V_{i,j,h}^* \left( a^{i,j} + j + 1, r \right) t^r \left( r! \right)^{-1}. \]

**Residual life and reversed residual life functions**

The \( n^{(a)} \) moment of the residual life is given by

\[ m_r (t) = E \left( X - t \right)^n \left| X > t, n = 1, 2, \ldots \right. \]

Therefore

\[ m_r (t) = \Gamma \left( 1 + nb^{i,j}, \left( a^{i,j} \right) \right) \sum_{i,j,h=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( q_{i,j,h} - q_{i,j,h}^* \right). \]

Where

\[ \Gamma \left( a, x \right) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \exp (-t) \, dt, \]

\[ q_{i,j,h} = v_{i,j} \left( n \right) \left(-t\right)^{n-r} \left( a^{(i,j) + j, a} \right), \]

And

\[ q_{i,j,h}^* = v_{i,j} \left( n \right) \left(-t\right)^{n-r} \left( a^{(i,j) + j + 1, a} \right). \]

The \( n^{(a)} \) moment of the reversed residual life, say \( M_s(t) = E \left[ \left( t - X \right)^n \right] \left| X \geq t, n = 1, 2, \ldots \right. \]

then we obtain

\[ M_s(t) = E \left[ (t - X)^r \right] \left| X \geq t, n = 1, 2, \ldots \right. \]



**Order statistics**

Let \( X_1, \ldots, X_n \) be a random sample (RS) from the ZTPTLW distribution and let \( X_{(1)}, \ldots, X_{(n)} \) be the corresponding order statistics. The PDF of the \( j^{th} \) order statistic, say \( X_{(j)} \), can be written as

\[ f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = B(j, n - j + 1) f(x) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \binom{n}{j} \left( -1 \right)^{j} \left( \frac{n-j}{j} \right) F^{j-1}(x). \] (13)

where \( B(\cdot, \cdot) \) is the beta function. Substituting (5) and (6) in equation (13) and using a power series expansion, we get

\[ f(x) = F(x)^{j-1} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{w=0}^{\infty} \binom{q}{w} \binom{w}{m} x^{q+j-1} \left( a^{(w+1)} \right)^{j-1} \left( -1 \right)^{w} \left( \frac{1}{k} \right)^{j-1} \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) . \]

\[ \tau_{\alpha} = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{w=0}^{\infty} \binom{q}{w} \binom{w}{m} x^{q+j-1} \left( a^{(w+1)} \right)^{j-1} \left( -1 \right)^{w} \left( \frac{1}{k} \right)^{j-1} \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) . \]

\[ \tau_{\alpha} = \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \sum_{w=0}^{\infty} \binom{q}{w} \binom{w}{m} x^{q+j-1} \left( a^{(w+1)} \right)^{j-1} \left( -1 \right)^{w} \left( \frac{1}{k} \right)^{j-1} \left( \frac{1}{m} \right) . \]
The PDF of $X_{i,j}$ can be expressed as

$$f_{i,j}(x) = \sum_{n=-1}^\infty \binom{n-i}{j} b_i^{n-i} \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{m}{q} c_{i,j,m}(x) = f_{i,j}(x) \cdot \pi_{i,j,m}(x) = f_{i,j}(x) \cdot \pi_{i,j,m}(x).$$

The $q^{th}$ moments of $X_{i,j}$ can be expressed as

$$E(X_{i,j}^q) = \Gamma(qb+1) \sum_{j=0}^\infty \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{m}{q} c_{i,j,m}(x) = E(X_{i,j}^q) \cdot \pi_{i,j,m}(x) = E(X_{i,j}^q) \cdot \pi_{i,j,m}(x).$$

Estimation

Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ be a RS from the ZTPTLW model with parameters $\lambda, \alpha, \beta$ and $b$. Let $\Psi = (\lambda, \alpha, \beta)$ be the $3 \times 1$ parameter vector. For determining the maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) of $\Psi$, we have the log-likelihood function

$$\ell = \ell(\Psi) = n \log(2n) + n \log \lambda + n \log \alpha + n \log b - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(-\exp(-\lambda) + 1)
+ \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1-x_i)
+ \beta \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n (1-x_i)^\alpha (1+x_i)^\beta,$$

where $x_i = \exp(-x_i)$.

The components of the score vector

$$U(\Psi) = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \lambda} \\ \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n (1-x_i)^\alpha (1+x_i)^\beta \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1-x_i) + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The MLEs (standard errors in parentheses) and the statistics $W^*$ and $A^*$ for data set I.

### Applications

In this section, we provide two applications of the ZTPTLW model to show empirically its potentiality. In order to compare the fits of the ZTPTLW model with other competing distributions, we consider the Cramér-von Mises ($W^*$) and the Anderson-Darling ($A^*$) statistics. The two statistics are widely used to determine how closely a specific CDF fits the empirical distribution of a given data set. These statistics are given by

$$W^* = \sqrt{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z_i}{\sqrt{n}} \right),$$

$$A^* = \sqrt{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z_i}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

**Table 1: MLEs (standard errors in parentheses) and the statistics $W^*$ and $A^*$ for data set I.**

| Model     | Estimates               | $W^*$  | $A^*$  |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| ZTPTLW    | -5.78175, 4.22865, 0.65801 (1.395), (1.167), (0.039) | 0.13967 | 1.19393 |
| GW        | 2.376973, 0.848094, 3.534401 (0.378), (0.0053), (0.665) | 0.25533 | 1.94887 |
| MOEW      | 488.899, 0.28325, 1261.9660 (189.358), (0.013), (351.073) | 0.39953 | 4.44766 |
| WFr       | 630.9384, 0.3024, 416.0971 (1.1664) (697.942), (0.302), (232.359), (0.357) | 0.25372 | 1.95739 |
| KSw       | 14.4331, 0.2441, 34.6599, 81.8459 (27.095), (0.042), (17.527), (52.014) | 0.18523 | 1.50591 |
| BW        | 1.36, 0.2981, 34.1802, 11.4956 (1.002), (0.06), (14.838), (6.73) | 0.46518 | 3.21973 |

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### Table 2: MLEs (standard errors in parentheses) and the statistics $W^*$ and $A^*$ for data set II.

| Model | Estimates | $W^*$ | $A^*$ |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| ZTPTLW | $-6.4315, 204.6587, 0.263396$ | 0.088 | 0.5606 |
| OWW | $11.1576, 0.0881, (0.01012)$ | 0.4494 | 2.4764 |
| WW | $2.6594, 0.6933, 0.0270$ | 0.1427 | 0.7811 |
| GaEE | $2.1138, 2.6006, 0.0083$ | 0.315 | 1.7208 |
| WLog | $1.7872, 0.7795, 0.0255$ | 0.4348 | 2.3938 |
| EEG | $2.5890, 0.0004, 0.9999$ | 0.1047 | 0.5789 |

**Failure times**

The data consist of 84 observations. Here, we will compare the fits of the ZTPTLW distribution with those of other competitive ones, namely: the gamma W (GaW) [21], the Marshall Olkin extended W (MOEW), the W Fréchet (WFr) [4], the Kumaraswamy W (KwW) [22], the transmuted modified W (TMW) [23], the beta

![Figure 2: Estimated PDF for data set I.](image-url)
MOEW:
\[ f(x)_{MOEW} = \alpha^\beta \beta x^{\alpha-1} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right]. \]

GaW:
\[ f(x)_{GaW} = \frac{\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)} x^{\beta-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right]. \]

KwW:
\[ f(x)_{KwW} = ab\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \left( 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right)^{\gamma-1}. \]

McW:
\[ f(x)_{McW} = \frac{\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1}}{B(a, b)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \left( 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right)^{\gamma-1}. \]

WFr:
\[ f(x)_{WFr} = ab\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \left( 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right)^{\gamma-1}. \]

KTW:
\[ f(x)_{KTW} = ab\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 2\lambda \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right] + 1 + \lambda \right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1}. \]

TMW:
\[ f(x)_{TMW} = \left( \gamma \beta x^{\alpha-1} + \alpha \right) \exp\left[-\gamma x^\alpha - \alpha x\right] 2\lambda \exp\left[-\alpha x - \gamma x^\alpha\right] + 1 - \lambda. \]

BW:
\[ f(x)_{BW} = \frac{\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1}}{B(a, b)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \exp\left[-b(\alpha x)^\gamma\right]. \]

MBW:
\[ f(x)_{MBW} = \frac{\alpha^\beta x^{\alpha-1}}{B(a, b)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-b(\alpha x)^\gamma\right] \exp\left[-(x/\alpha)^\gamma\right] + 1 \left[\exp\left[-(x/\alpha)^\gamma\right] + 1\right]. \]

TexGW:
\[ f(x)_{TexGW} = ab\beta x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1} \left( 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right)^{\gamma-1} \left[ 1 - \exp\left[-\alpha x^\beta\right] \right]^{\gamma-1}. \]

The parameters of the above densities are all positive real numbers except for the TMW and TexGW distributions for which \( \gamma \leq 1. \) Tables 2 list the values of above statistics for seven fitted models. The MLEs and their corresponding standard errors (Ses) (in parentheses) of the model parameters are also given in these tables. The figures in Table 1 reveal that the ZTPTLW distribution yields the lowest values of these statistics and then provides the best fit to the two data sets.
Based on the figures in Tables 1 & 2 we conclude that the ZTPTLW lifetime model provide adequate fits as compared to other Weibull-G models in both applications with small values for $\rho$ and $\gamma$. In Application 1, the proposed ZTPTLW lifetime model is much better than the MOEW, GaW, KwW, WFr, BW, TMW, KwTW, MBW, McW, TExGW models, and a good alternative to these models. In Application 2, the proposed ZTPTLW lifetime model is much better than the WW, OWW, WLogW, GaEE, EEGc models, and a good alternative to these models [32,33].

**Conclusion**

In this paper, we introduce a new three-parameter zero truncated Poisson lifetime model. We provide a comprehensive account of some of its statistical properties including ordinary and incomplete moments, generating functions and order statistics. The maximum likelihood method is used to estimate the model parameters. We prove empirically the importance and flexibility of the new model in modeling two types of lifetime data. The proposed ZTPTLW lifetime model is much better than the Marshall Olkin extended Weibull, Kumaraswamy transmuted Weibull, Kumaraswamy Weibull, Weibull Fréchet, beta Weibull, gamma Weibull, transmuted modified Weibull, modified beta Weibull, Mcdonald Weibull and transmuted exponentiated generalized Weibull models so the ZTPTLW lifetime model is a good alternative to these models in modeling aircraft windshield data as well as the new lifetime ZTPTLW model is much better than the odd Weibull, Weibull Log Weibull, Weibull, the gamma exponentiated-exponential and exponential-exponential geometric models so the ZTPTLW lifetime model is a good alternative to these models in modeling the survival times Guinea pigs. We hope that the new distribution will attract wider applications in reliability, engineering and other areas of research.

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