On Posterior Analysis of Inverse Rayleigh Distribution under Singly and Doubly Type II Censored Data

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Abstract  In this paper, the Bayesian analysis of inverse Rayleigh distribution has been considered under singly and doubly type II censored data. The Bayes estimators and corresponding risks have been derived under the assumption of non-informative priors and using symmetric and asymmetric loss functions. The credible intervals have been constructed under the assumption of non-informative priors. The inverse transformation method of simulation has been used for data generation in order to assess and compare the performance of the derived point and interval estimators. The simulation study has been conducted using different sample sizes and various parametric values to analyze the properties of the said estimators.

Keywords  Bayes Estimators, Squared Error Loss Function (SELF), Quadratic Loss Function (QLF), Weighted Loss Function (WLF), LINEX Loss Function (LLF), Precautionary Loss Function (PLF), Weighted Balanced Loss Function (WBLF), Credible Intervals and Posterior Predictive Distribution

1. Introduction

The inverse Rayleigh distribution is an important life testing distribution. However, it is often not feasible to continue the life testing experiment until the last item has failed. In such situations, the censoring can be a good remedy. There are many developed censoring schemes which can be used for different circumstances. In this study, the two censoring schemes have been compared for estimation of parameter of inverse Rayleigh distribution, under a simulation study using a Bayesian framework.


2. Likelihood Function under Singly and Doubly Type II Censored Data

The probability density function of the inverse Rayleigh distribution is:

\[
f(x) = \frac{2\theta}{x^3} e^{-\frac{\theta}{x^2}}; x > 0, \ \theta > 0 \quad (1)
\]

The CDF of the distribution is:

\[
F(x) = e^{\frac{\theta}{x^2}} \quad (2)
\]

Suppose ‘n’ items are put on a life-testing experiment and only first ‘r’ failure times have been observed, that is, \(x_1 < x_2 ... < x_r\) and remaining ‘n − r’ items are still working.

Under the assumptions that the lifetimes of the items are independently and identically distributed inverse Rayleigh random variable, the likelihood function of the observed data without the multiplicative constant can be written as:

\[
L(\theta|X) \propto \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{r} f(x_i) \right] \left[ 1 - F(x_r) \right]^{n-r} \quad (3)
\]

\[
L(\theta|X) \propto \theta^r e^{-\theta \sum x_i^2} \left[ 1 - e^{-\theta A_r} \right]^{n-r} \quad (4)
\]
Where

\[ A_k = \sum_{i=1}^{r} x_i^{-2} + k x_r^{-2} \]

Again, consider a random sample of size ‘n’ from an inverse Rayleigh distribution, and let \( x_n, ..., x_1 \) be the ordered observations remaining when the ‘\( r - 1 \)’ smallest observations and the ‘\( n - s \)’ largest observations have been censored. The likelihood function for \( \theta \) given the Type II doubly censored sample \( \chi = (x_r, ..., x_s) \), is:

\[
L(\theta|x) \propto \left[ F(x, \theta) \right]^{n-r} \left[ 1 - F(x, \theta) \right]^{n-s} \prod_{i=r}^{s} f(x, \theta)
\]

\[
L(\theta|x) \propto \sum_{j=0}^{n-s} (-1)^j \binom{n-s}{j} \theta^m e^{-\theta B_j} \tag{5}
\]

where

\[ B_j = \sum_{i=r}^{s} x_i^{-2} + (r-1)x_r^{-2} + jx_s^{-2} \]

3. Posterior Distributions for Singly and Doubly Type II Censored Data

The posterior distribution summarizes the current state of knowledge about all the uncertain qualities in a Bayesian analysis. Analytically, the posterior distribution is the product of the prior density and the likelihood. Consider the prior distribution \( p(\theta) \) which reflects the prior information before collecting the data \( x \) and the likelihood function \( L(\theta|x) \) that represents the observed data then the posterior density \( p(\theta|x) \) is calculated as proportional to the multiplication of prior distribution and the likelihood function i.e.

Posterior density \( \propto \) (Prior density) \( \times \) (Likelihood function)

\[
p(\theta|x) \propto \frac{p(\theta)L(\theta|x)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\theta)L(\theta|x) d\theta}
\]

So for the derivation of posterior distribution the specification of the prior distribution is mandatory. The prior distributions can be categorized in two type informative priors and non-informative priors. The informative priors do not always exist. So in case of non-availability of the informative priors, the non-informative priors are often used. Among non-informative priors, the uniform and Jeffreys priors have received significant attention. These priors will be assumed for the derivation of posterior distributions. The uniform prior is assumed to be:

\[
p(\theta) \propto 1 ; \theta > 0 \tag{6}
\]

The posterior distribution under the assumption of uniform prior for singly type II censored data is:

\[
p(\theta|x) = \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \theta^r e^{-\theta A_k} ; \theta > 0 \tag{7}
\]

Where

\[ C_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{(A_k)^{r+1}} \]

The Jeffreys prior is defined to be:

\[
p_j \propto \sqrt{I(\theta)} \]

where \( I(\theta) \) is Fisher Information matrix. Therefore;

\[
p_j \propto \sqrt{I(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\theta} \tag{8}
\]

The posterior distribution under the Jeffreys prior for singly type II censored data is:

\[
p(\theta|x) = \frac{1}{C_2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \theta^{r-1} e^{-\theta A_k} ; \theta > 0 \tag{9}
\]

Where

\[ C_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(A_k)^r} \]

The posterior distribution under the assumption of uniform prior using doubly censored data is:

\[
p(\theta|x) = \frac{1}{C_3} \sum_{j=0}^{n-s} (-1)^j \binom{n-s}{j} \theta^m e^{-\theta B_j} ; \theta > 0 \tag{10}
\]

Where

\[ C_3 = \sum_{j=0}^{n-s} (-1)^j \binom{n-s}{j} \frac{\Gamma(m+1)}{(B_j)^{m+1}} \]

The posterior distribution under the assumption of Jeffreys prior using doubly censored data is:

\[
p(\theta|x) = \frac{1}{C_4} \sum_{j=0}^{n-s} (-1)^j \binom{n-s}{j} \theta^{m-1} e^{-\theta B_j} ; \theta > 0 \tag{11}
\]

Where

\[ C_4 = \sum_{j=0}^{n-s} (-1)^j \binom{n-s}{j} \frac{\Gamma(m)}{(B_j)^m} \]

4. Bayes Estimators and Posterior Risks

The Bayes estimators and associated risks under SELF, QLF, WLF, PLF, LLF and WBLF are respectively presented as:
\[
\hat{\theta}_{SELF} = \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}}
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{SELF}) = \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} - \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}} \right]^2
\]

\[
\hat{\theta}_{QLF} = \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(A_k)^r} \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r-1)}{(A_k)^{r-1}} \right]^{-1}
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{QLF}) = 1 - \frac{1}{C_1} \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(A_k)^r} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r-1)}{(A_k)^{r-1}} \right]^{-1}
\]

\[
\hat{\theta}_{WLF} = \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(A_k)^r} \right]^{-1}
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{WLF}) = \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} - \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r)}{(A_k)^r} \right]^2
\]

\[
\hat{\theta}_{PLF} = \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} \right]^{1/2}
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{PLF}) = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} \right]^{1/2} - \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}}
\]

\[
\hat{\theta}_{LLF} = -\ln \left[ \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{1}{(A_k+1)^{r+1}}} {\sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{1}{(A_k)^{r+1}}} \right]
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{LLF}) = \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}} + \ln \left[ \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{1}{(A_k+1)^{r+1}}} {\sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{1}{(A_k)^{r+1}}} \right]
\]

\[
\hat{\theta}_{WBLF} = \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} \right] \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}} \right]^{-1}
\]

\[
R(\hat{\theta}_{WBLF}) = 1 - \frac{1}{C_1} \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+2)}{(A_k)^{r+2}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{1}{C_1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-r} (-1)^k \binom{n-r}{k} \frac{\Gamma(r+3)}{(A_k)^{r+3}} \right]^{-1}
\]

Similarly, the Bayes estimators and posterior risks using other posterior distribution can be obtained.

5. Bayesian Credible Intervals for Singly and Doubly Type II Censored Data
The Bayesian credible intervals for singly and doubly type II censored data under uniform and Jeffreys prior, as discussed by Saleem and Aslam [7], are presented in the following.

The credible interval for singly type II censored data under uniform prior is:

$$\chi^2_{(1-\alpha)(2r+2)} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha n} (-1)^k \left( \frac{n-r}{k} \right) \frac{1}{(A_k)^{r+1}} \begin{equation} (24) \end{equation}$$

The credible interval for singly type II censored data under Jeffreys prior is:

$$\chi^2_{(\alpha/2)(2r+1)} \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha n} (-1)^k \left( \frac{n-r}{k} \right) \frac{1}{(A_k)^{r+1}} \begin{equation} (25) \end{equation}$$

The credible interval for doubly type II censored data under uniform prior is:

$$\chi^2_{(1-\alpha)(2(m+2))} \sum_{j=0}^{\alpha n} (-1)^j \left( \frac{r-j}{j} \right) \frac{1}{(B_j)^{m+1}} \begin{equation} (26) \end{equation}$$

The credible interval for doubly type II censored data under Jeffreys prior is:

$$\chi^2_{(\alpha/2)(2(m+1))} \sum_{j=0}^{\alpha n} (-1)^j \left( \frac{r-j}{j} \right) \frac{1}{(B_j)^{m+1}} \begin{equation} (27) \end{equation}$$

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Table 1. The Bayes estimates and risks for singly type II censored data under uniform prior (θ = 3)

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Table 3. The Bayes estimates and risks for doubly type II censored data under uniform prior ($\theta = 3$)

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### Table 8. The Bayes estimates and risks for doubly type II censored data under Jeffreys prior (θ = 5)

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### Table 9. The Bayesian credible intervals for singly and doubly type II censored data under uniform and Jeffreys priors

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**6. Simulation Study**

The inverse transformation method of simulation has been used to generate the random data from the distribution. The Bayes estimates and corresponding risks have been calculated using various sample sizes, that is, \( n = 50, 100, 150 \) and \( 200 \) for \( \theta \in (3, 5) \). In case of singly type II censoring, the estimation has been done under 20% right censored samples. While for doubly type II censoring, the estimation has been done under 10% left and 10% right censored samples. The results have been replicated to obtain the more representative estimates of the parameter. The risks associated with Bayes estimates have been presented in the parentheses.

The above study depicts that the estimated value of the parameter converges to the true value of the parameter by increasing the sample size. The greater values of the parameter impose a negative impact on convergence and performance of the estimates. The estimated value of the parameter under LLF is always lesser than those obtained using other loss functions. The patterns of the estimates, discussed above, are similar under uniform and Jeffreys priors. However, the performance of the Jeffreys prior is better for estimates under SELF, WLF, PLF and LLF. While for estimates under QLF and WBLF, the performance of the uniform prior is better than Jeffreys prior. The results under singly type II censored samples are better than those under doubly type II censored samples. The minimum Bayes risk is associated with estimates under QLF using uniform prior for singly type II censored samples.

**7. Real Life Example**

Clinical trial designed to access the effectiveness of an antibiotic ointment in relieving pain. The data consist of \( n = 25 \) patients. Censoring scheme was chosen as \( T_1 = 0.25, T_2 = 0.50 \) and \( T_3 = 0.75 \) (in hours).

Censored sample of size 19 was observed. (notice that a “failure” here is actually the time until a patient feels relief from pain)

\[
0.554, 0.566, 0.653, 0.665, 0.683, 0.698, 0.786, 0.788, 0.828, 0.829, 0.866, 0.879, 0.881, 0.899, 0.917, 1.037, 1.050, 1.110, 1.138.
\]

The calculation based on this sample has been presented in the following table.

The real life analysis replicated the patterns and behaviour of the estimates observed under simulation study. The minimum risks have been associated with the estimates under uniform prior using quadratic loss function for singly censored samples.

**8. Conclusions**

The Bayes estimates and corresponding risks have been evaluated and compared under a simulation study. The simulation study indicates that the performance of the Jeffreys prior is better than uniform with an exception in case of estimates under QLF and WBLF. While the risks associated with estimates under QLF are least for each prior. However, the rate of convergence increases and magnitude of risk decreases with increase in sample size. The inverse pattern is observed for increase in true value of the parameter. On comparing the estimates under singly and doubly type II censored samples, it is found that the estimates using singly type II censored samples are better. The interval estimation also endorse the findings of the point estimation, that is, the credible intervals under Jeffreys prior using singly type II censored samples are having the minimum width. The
findings of the real life example are in accordance with the simulation study.

Hence for Bayesian analysis of the parameter of inverse Rayleigh distribution, the use of QLF under uniform prior and singly type II censored samples can be preferred.

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