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The Exponentiated Half-Logistic Family of Distributions: Properties and Applications

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We study some mathematical properties of a new generator of continuous distributions with two extra parameters called the exponentiated half-logistic family. We present some special models. We investigate the shapes of the density and hazard rate function. We derive explicit expressions for the ordinary and incomplete moments, quantile and generating functions, probability weighted moments, Bonferroni and Lorenz curves, Shannon and Rényi entropies, and order statistics, which hold for any baseline model. We introduce two bivariate extensions of this family. We discuss the estimation of the model parameters by maximum likelihood and demonstrate the potentiality of the new family by means of two real data sets.

1. Introduction

The use of new generators of continuous distributions from classic distributions has become very common in recent years. One example is the *beta-generated family* of distributions proposed by Eugene et al. [4]. Another example is the *gamma-generated family* of distributions defined by Zografos and Balakrishnan [5]. Based on a baseline continuous distribution $G(x)$ with survival function $\bar{G}(x)$ and density $g(x)$, their families are defined by the cumulative distribution function (cdf) and probability density function (pdf) (for $x \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^{-\log[\bar{G}(x;\xi)]} t^{\delta-1} e^{-t} dt, \\ f(x) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta)} \left\{ -\log[\bar{G}(x;\xi)] \right\}^{\delta-1} g(x;\xi), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

respectively, where $\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty x^{p-1} e^{-x} dx$ is the gamma function.

Based on Zografos and Balakrishnan's [5] paper, we replace the gamma distribution by the *exponentiated half-logistic* ("EHL" for short) distribution to define a new family of continuous distributions by the cdf:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_0^{-\log[1-G(x;\xi)]} \frac{2\alpha\lambda e^{-\lambda t} [1 - e^{-\lambda t}]^{\alpha-1}}{[1 + e^{-\lambda t}]^{\alpha+1}} dt \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x;\xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x;\xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $G(x;\xi)$ is the baseline cdf depending on a parameter vector ξ and $\alpha > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ are two additional shape parameters. For any continuous G distribution, the EHL- G distribution is defined by the cdf (2). Equation (2) is a wider family of continuous distributions and includes some special models as those listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Some special models.

α	λ	$G(x)$	Reduced distribution
1	—	$G(x)$	HL-G family of distributions [1]
1	—	$1 - e^{-x}$	half-logistic distribution [2]
—	—	$1 - e^{-x}$	exponentiated half-logistic distribution [3]
1	—	$1 - e^{-x^\beta}$	half-logistic Weibull distribution (new)
1	—	$1 - e^{(-1/\gamma)(e^{\gamma x} - 1)}$	half-logistic Gompertz distribution (new)
—	—	$1 - e^{(-1/\gamma)(e^{\gamma x} - 1)}$	exponentiated half-logistic Gompertz distribution (new)
1	—	Beta distribution	half-logistic beta distribution (new)
1	—	Gamma distribution	half-logistic gamma distribution (new)
1	—	Fréchet distribution	half-logistic Fréchet distribution (new)
1	—	log-logistic distribution	half-logistic log-logistic distribution (new)
1	—	Generalized half	half-logistic generalized
		Normal distribution	half normal distribution (new)
1	—	Normal distribution	half-logistic normal distribution (new)

The density function corresponding to (2) is given by

$$f(x, \alpha, \lambda, \xi) = 2\alpha\lambda g(x; \xi) [1 - G(x; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha+1}}, \quad (3)$$

where $g(x; \xi)$ is the baseline pdf. Equation (3) will be most tractable when $G(x; \xi)$ and $g(x; \xi)$ have simple analytic expressions. Hereafter, a random variable X with density function (3) is denoted by $X \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha, \lambda, \xi)$. Further, we can omit sometimes the dependence on the vector ξ of the parameters and simply write $G(x) = G(x; \xi)$.

A physical interpretation of the EHL-G distribution can be given as follows. Consider a system formed by α independent components having the *half-logistic-G* (“HL-G”) cdf given by

$$H(x) = \frac{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda}. \quad (4)$$

Suppose that the system fails if all of the α components fail and let X denote the lifetime of the entire system. Then, the pdf of X is given by (3).

The hazard rate function (hrf) of X becomes

$$\begin{aligned} h(x; \alpha, \lambda, p, \xi) &= 2\alpha\lambda g(x; \xi) [1 - G(x; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ &\times \{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} \\ &\times \left(\left\{ \left\{ 1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda \right\}^\alpha - \left\{ 1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda \right\}^\alpha \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left\{ 1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda \right\} \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The EHL family of distributions is easily simulated by inverting (2) as follows: if u has a uniform $U(0, 1)$ distribution, the solution of the nonlinear equation

$$x = G^{-1} \left(1 - \left[\frac{1 - u^{1/\alpha}}{1 + u^{1/\alpha}} \right]^{1/\lambda} \right) \quad (6)$$

has the density function (3).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some special cases of the EHL family of distributions are defined. In Section 3, the shapes of the density and hazard rate functions are described analytically. A useful expansion for the new density family is obtained and we derive a power series for the EHL quantile function in Section 4. General explicit expressions for some special EHL moments are obtained in Section 5.

In Section 6, we derive the generating function, the incomplete moments are investigated, we obtain the mean deviations and the reliability and provide expressions for the Rényi and Shannon entropies, and the order statistics and their moments are determined. We introduce two bivariate extensions of the new family in Section 7. Estimation of the model parameters by maximum likelihood is performed in Section 8. Applications to two real data sets illustrate the performance of the new family in Section 9. The paper is concluded in Section 10.

2. Special EHL-G Models

Here, we introduce only three of the many distributions which can arise as EHL special models, where α and λ are positive shape parameters of the new generator. We consider three baseline distributions, namely, Fréchet, log-logistic, and generalized half-normal distributions, although we can generate as many new distributions as desirable.

2.1. Exponentiated Half-Logistic-Fréchet (EHLF) Model. The Fréchet (or type II extreme value) distribution has been useful for modeling of market-returns which are often heavy-tailed

in applications to finance [6]. Now, we introduce a new four-parameter distribution called the EHLF distribution. Taking $G(x; \xi) = e^{-(b/x)^a}$ to be the Fréchet distribution with scale parameter $b > 0$ and shape parameter $a > 0$, where $\xi = (a, b)^T$, the EHLF density function (for $x > 0$) is given by

$$f_{\text{EHLF}}(x) = 2\alpha\lambda ab^a x^{-(a+1)} \times \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right] \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^{\lambda-1} \times \left\{1 - \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^\lambda\right\}^{\alpha-1} \times \left\{1 + \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^\lambda\right\}^{-(\alpha+1)}. \quad (7)$$

The cdf and hrf corresponding to (7) are given by

$$F_{\text{EHLF}}(x) = \left\{ \frac{1 - \{1 - \exp[-(b/x)^a]\}^\lambda}{1 + \{1 - \exp[-(b/x)^a]\}^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha, \\ h_{\text{EHLF}}(x) = 2\alpha\lambda ab^a x^{-(a+1)} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right] \times \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^{\lambda-1} \times \left\{1 - \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^\lambda\right\}^{\alpha-1} \times \left(\left\{1 + \left\{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a\right]\right\}^\lambda\right\}^{(\alpha+1)} \times [1 - F_{\text{EHLF}}(x)] \right)^{-1}, \quad (8)$$

respectively. A characteristic of the EHLF distribution is that its hrf can be monotonically increasing or decreasing and upside-down bathtub depending basically on the parameter values. Plots of its density function and hrf for some parameter values are displayed in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

2.2. Exponentiated Half-Logistic-Log-Logistic (EHLLE) Model. The log-logistic (LL) distribution is widely used in practice and it is an alternative to the log-normal distribution since it presents a failure rate function that increases, reaches a peak after some finite period, and then declines gradually. The properties of the LL distribution make it an attractive alternative to the log-normal and Weibull distributions in the analysis of survival data [7]. This distribution can exhibit a monotonically decreasing failure rate function for some parameter values. For $x > 0$, let $G(x; \xi) = 1 - [1 + (x/a)^b]^{-1}$ be the LL cdf, where $b > 0$ is the shape parameter and $a > 0$

is the scale parameter, where $\xi = (a, b)^T$. The EHLLE density function becomes

$$f_{\text{EHLLE}}(x) = 2\alpha\lambda ba^{-b} x^{b-1} \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-(\lambda+1)} \times \left\{1 - \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-\lambda}\right\}^{\alpha-1} \times \left\{1 + \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-\lambda}\right\}^{-(\alpha+1)}. \quad (9)$$

In Figure 3, we display some possible shapes of the EHLLE density function. The corresponding cdf and hrf are given by

$$F_{\text{EHLLE}}(x) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 + (x/a)^b]^{-\lambda}}{1 + [1 + (x/a)^b]^{-\lambda}} \right\}^\alpha, \\ h_{\text{EHLLE}}(x) = 2\alpha\lambda ba^{-b} x^{b-1} \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-(\lambda+1)} \times \left\{1 - \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-\lambda}\right\}^{\alpha-1} \times \left(\left\{1 + \left[1 + \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^b\right]^{-\lambda}\right\}^{(\alpha+1)} [1 - F_{\text{EHLLE}}(x)] \right)^{-1}, \quad (10)$$

respectively. Plots of the EHLLE hrf for some parameter values are displayed in Figure 4.

2.3. Exponentiated Half-Logistic Generalized Half-Normal (EHLGHN) Model. The most popular models used to describe the lifetime process under fatigue are the half-normal (HN) and Birnbaum-Saunders (BS) distributions. When modeling monotone hazard rates, the HN and BS distributions may be an initial choice because of their negatively and positively skewed density shapes. Consider $G(x; \xi)$ to be the generalized half-normal (GHN) distribution [8] with scale parameter $b > 0$ and shape parameter $a > 0$, where $\xi = (a, b)^T$, given by $G(x; \xi) = 2\Phi[(x/b)^a] - 1 = \text{erf}[(x/b)^a/\sqrt{2}]$, where $\text{erf}(\cdot)$ is the error function. Note that

$$\Phi(x) = 0.5 \left[1 + \text{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right], \quad \text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt. \quad (11)$$

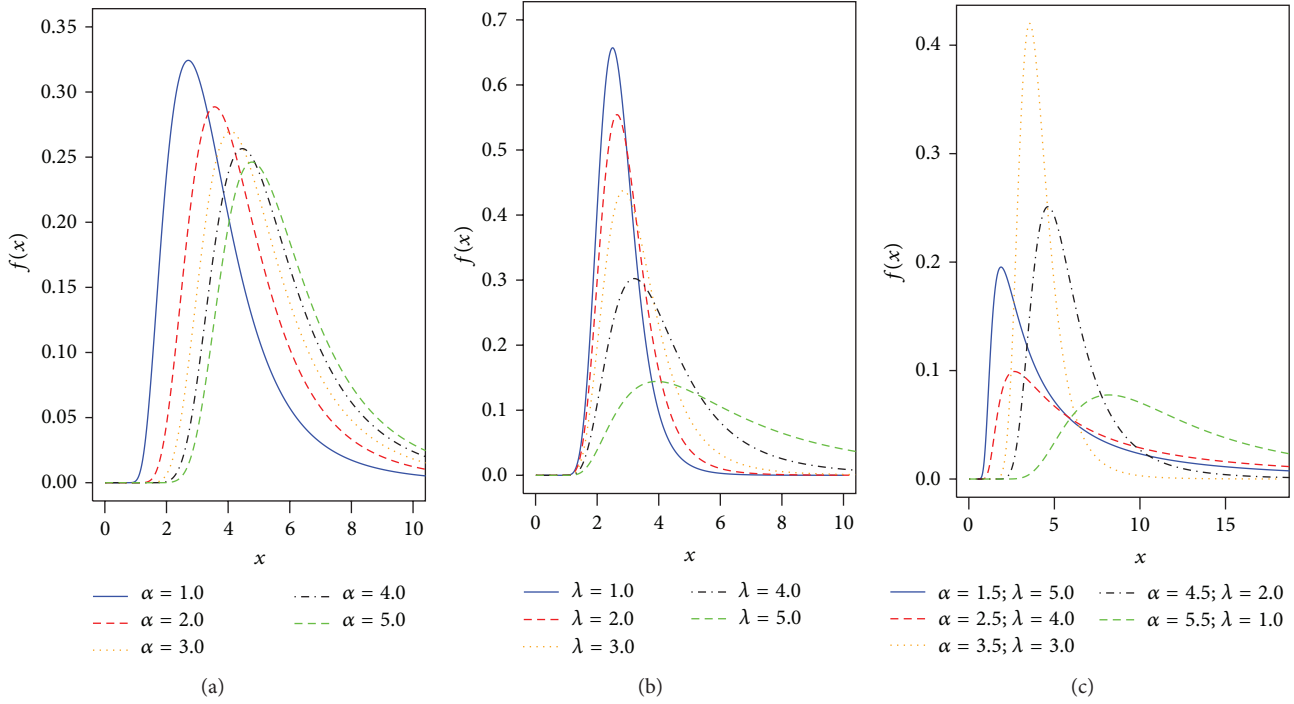


FIGURE 1: The EHLF density function: (a) for $\lambda = 2.0$, $a = 0.1$, and $b = 3.1$; (b) for $\alpha = 1.5$, $a = 2.0$, and $b = 3.1$; (c) for $a = 2.0$ and $b = 3.1$.

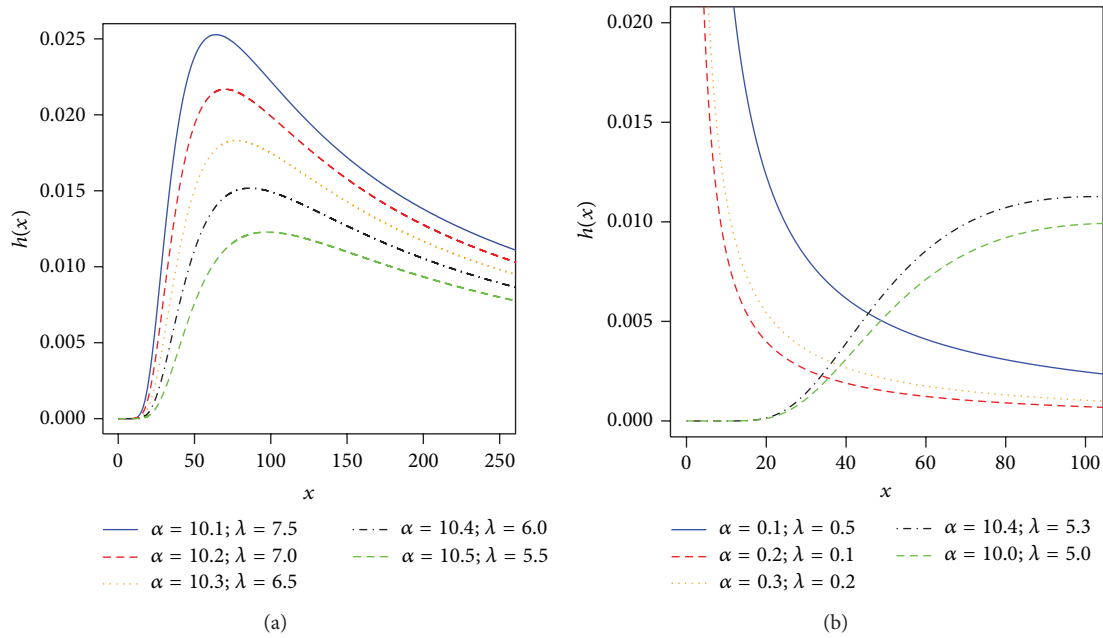


FIGURE 2: Plots of the EHLF hrf for some parameter values. (a) The distribution has a unimodal hrf for different values of α, λ with $a = 0.5$ and $b = 61.5$. (b) The distribution has an increasing and decreasing hrf for different values of α, λ with $a = 0.5$ and $b = 0.5$.

Then, the four-parameter EHLGHN density (for $x > 0$) can be expressed as

$$f_{\text{EHLGHN}}(x) = 2^\lambda \alpha \lambda \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \times \exp \left[-0.5 \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{2a} \right] \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^{\lambda-1} \times \left\{ 1 - 2^\lambda \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^\lambda \right\}^{\alpha-1} \times \left\{ 1 + 2^\lambda \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^\lambda \right\}^{-(\alpha+1)}.$$
(12)

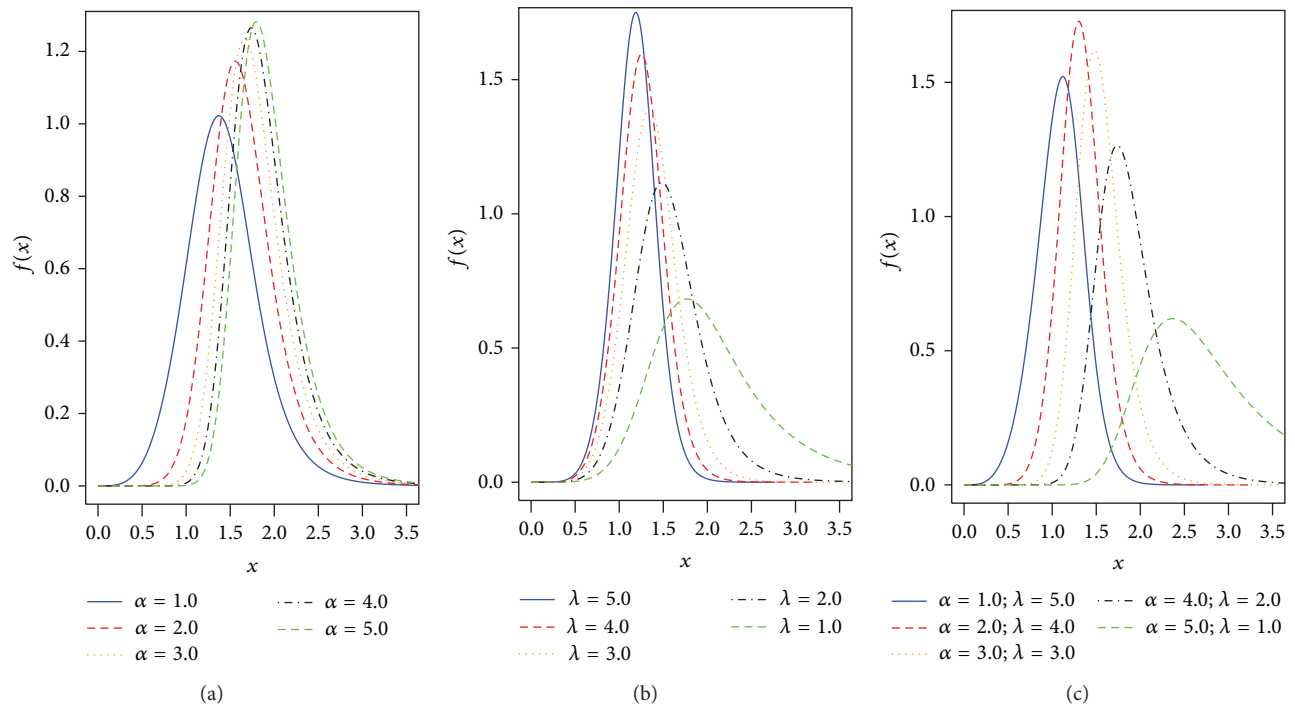


FIGURE 3: The EHL density function: (a) for $\lambda = 2.0$, $a = 1.5$, and $b = 4.5$; (b) for $\alpha = 1.5$, $a = 1.5$, and $b = 4.5$; (c) for $a = 1.5$ and $b = 4.5$.

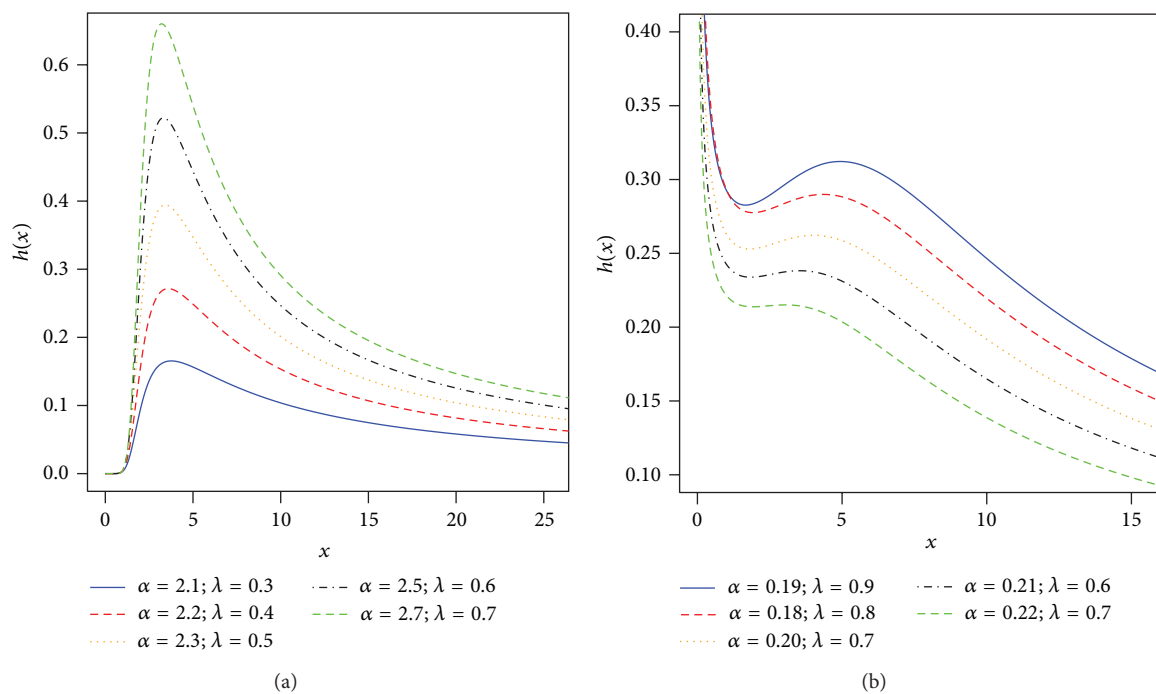


FIGURE 4: Plots of the EHL hrf for some parameter values. (a) The distribution has a unimodal hrf for different values of α , λ with $a = 1.5$ and $b = 4.2$ (b) The distribution has a bathtub and unimodal hrf for different values of α , λ with $a = 5.0$ and $b = 3.1$.

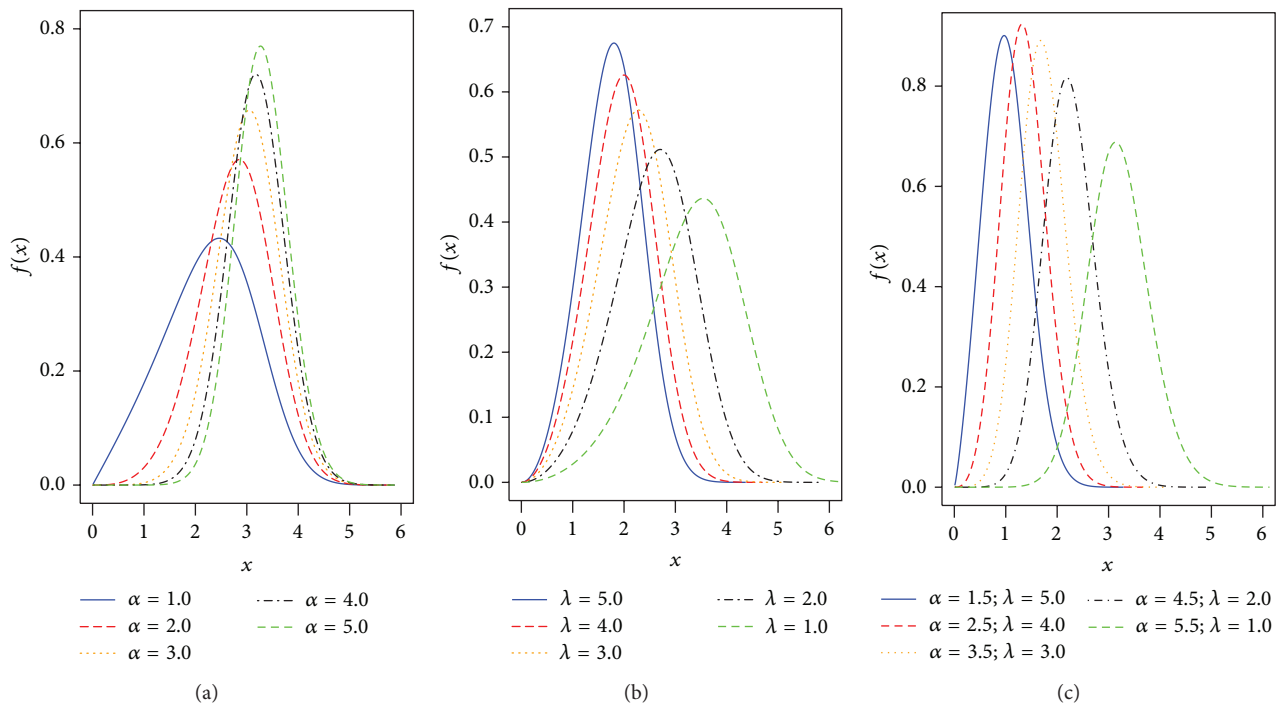


FIGURE 5: The EHLGHN density function: (a) for $\lambda = 2.0, a = 2.0$, and $b = 3.1$; (b) for $\alpha = 1.5, a = 2.0$, and $b = 3.1$; (c) for $a = 1.5$, and $b = 2.1$.

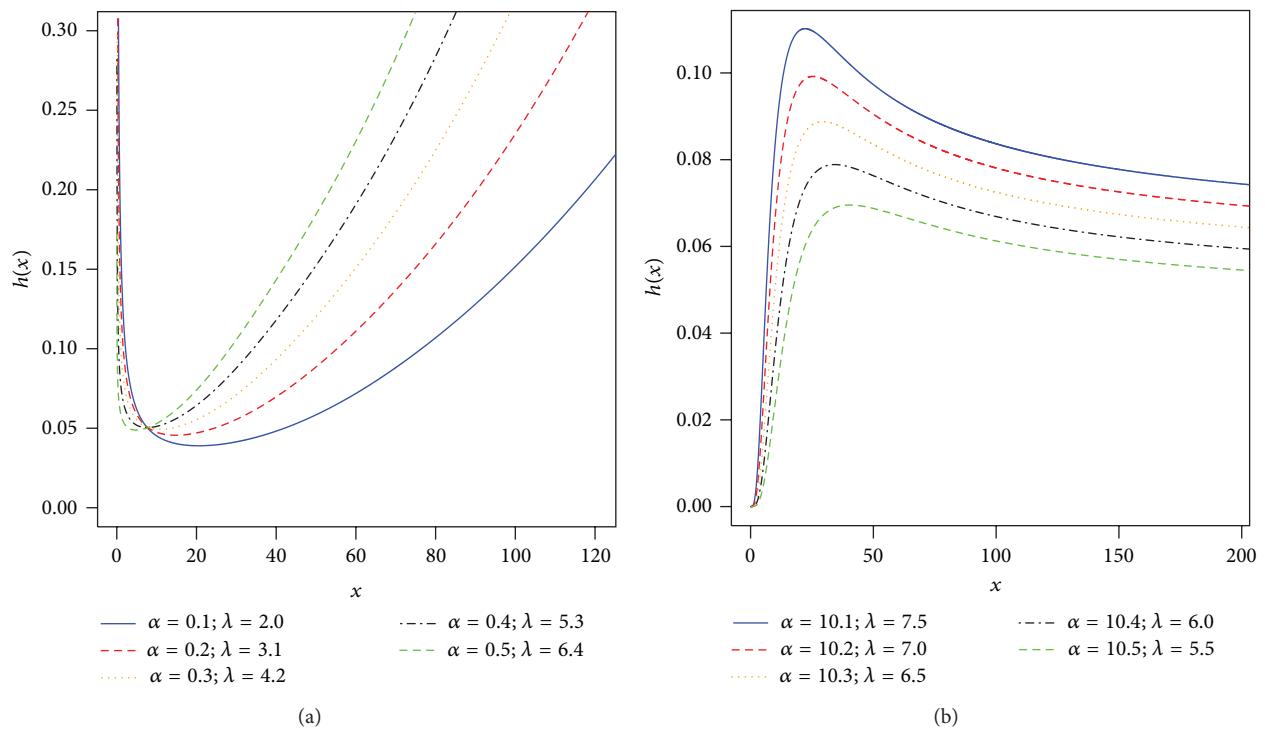


FIGURE 6: Plots of the EHLGHN hrf for some parameter values. (a) The distribution has a bathtub hrf for different values of α, λ with $a = 1.5$ and $b = 61.5$. (b) The distribution has a unimodal hrf for different values of α, λ with $a = 0.5$ and $a = 61.5$.

If $a = 1$, the EHLGHN distribution model reduces to the exponentiated half-logistic half-normal (EHLHN) distribution. The cdf and hrf corresponding to (12) are

$$F_{\text{EHLGHN}}(x) = \left\{ \frac{1 - 2^\lambda \{1 - \Phi[(x/b)^a]\}^\lambda}{1 + 2^\lambda \{1 - \Phi[(x/b)^a]\}^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha,$$

$$h_{\text{EHLGHN}}(x) = 2^\lambda \alpha \lambda \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a$$

$$\times \exp \left[-0.5 \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{2a} \right]$$

$$\times \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^{\lambda-1}$$

$$\times \left(\left\{ 1 - 2^\lambda \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^\lambda \right\}^{-(\alpha-1)} \right.$$

$$\times \left. \left\{ 1 + 2^\lambda \left\{ 1 - \Phi \left[\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^a \right] \right\}^\lambda \right\}^{(\alpha+1)} \right.$$

$$\times \left. \left[1 - F_{\text{EHLGHN}}(x) \right] \right)^{-1}, \quad (13)$$

respectively. A characteristic of the EHLGHN distribution is that its hrf can be bathtub shaped, monotonically increasing or decreasing, and upside-down bathtub depending basically on the parameter values. Plots of the EHLGHN density function and hrf for some parameter values are displayed in Figures 5 and 6, respectively.

3. Shapes

The shapes of the density and hazard rate functions can be described analytically. The critical points of the EHL-G density function are the roots of the equation:

$$\frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} + (1-\lambda) \frac{g(x)}{1-G(x)}$$

$$= \lambda g(x) [1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1} \quad (14)$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{1-\alpha}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda} - \frac{\alpha+1}{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda} \right\}.$$

There may be more than one root to (14). Let $\lambda(x) = d^2 \log[f(x)]/dx^2$. We have

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{g''(x)g(x) - g'(x)^2}{g^2(x)}$$

$$+ (1-\lambda) \frac{g'(x)[1-G(x)] + g^2(x)}{[1-G(x)]^2}$$

$$+ \lambda(\alpha-1) \left\{ g'(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda} - (\lambda-1) \right.$$

$$\times g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-2}}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda}$$

$$\left. - \lambda g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{2\lambda-2}}{\{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^2} \right\}$$

$$+ \lambda(\alpha+1) \left\{ g'(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda} - (\lambda-1) \right.$$

$$\times g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-2}}{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda}$$

$$\left. + \lambda g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{2\lambda-2}}{\{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^2} \right\}. \quad (15)$$

If $x = x_0$ is a root of (14), then it corresponds to a local maximum if $\lambda(x) > 0$ for all $x < x_0$ and $\lambda(x) < 0$ for all $x > x_0$. It corresponds to a local minimum if $\lambda(x) < 0$ for all $x < x_0$ and $\lambda(x) > 0$ for all $x > x_0$. It refers to a point of inflexion if either $\lambda(x) > 0$ for all $x \neq x_0$ or $\lambda(x) < 0$ for all $x \neq x_0$.

The critical point of the hrf of X , say $h(x)$, is obtained from the following equation:

$$\frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} + (1-\lambda) \frac{g(x)}{1-G(x)} + \lambda(\alpha-1) \times \frac{g(x)[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda}$$

$$+ \lambda \frac{g(x)[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda} - \alpha \lambda g(x)[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}$$

$$\times \frac{\{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} - \{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1+[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha - \{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha} = 0. \quad (16)$$

There may be more than one root to (16). Let $\tau(x) = d^2 \log[h(x)]/dx^2$. We have

$$\tau(x) = \frac{g''(x)g(x) - g'(x)^2}{g^2(x)}$$

$$+ (1-\lambda) \frac{g'(x)[1-G(x)] + g^2(x)}{[1-G(x)]^2}$$

$$+ \lambda(\alpha-1) \left\{ g'(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda} \right.$$

$$- (\lambda-1) g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{\lambda-2}}{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda}$$

$$\left. - \lambda g^2(x) \frac{[1-G(x)]^{2\lambda-2}}{\{1-[1-G(x)]^\lambda\}^2} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \lambda (\alpha + 1) \left\{ g'(x) \frac{[1 - G(x)]^{\lambda-1}}{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (\lambda - 1) g^2(x) \frac{[1 - G(x)]^{\lambda-2}}{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \lambda g^2(x) \frac{[1 - G(x)]^{2\lambda-2}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^2} \right\} \\
& - \alpha \lambda g'(x) [1 - G(x)]^{\lambda-1} \\
& \times \frac{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha} \\
& + \alpha \lambda (\lambda - 1) g(x)^2 [1 - G(x)]^{\lambda-2} \\
& \times \frac{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha} \\
& + \alpha (\alpha - 1) \lambda^2 g(x)^2 [1 - G(x)]^{2\lambda-2} \\
& \times \frac{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-2} - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-2}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha} \\
& - \left\{ \alpha \lambda g(x) [1 - G(x)]^{\lambda-1} \right. \\
& \quad \times \left(\left(\{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \times \left(\left\{ \{1 + [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \{1 - [1 - G(x)]^\lambda\}^\alpha \right)^{-1} \right) \left. \right\}^{-2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

If $x = x_0$ is a root of (16), then it refers to a local maximum if $\tau(x) > 0$ for all $x < x_0$ and $\tau(x) < 0$ for all $x > x_0$. It corresponds to a local minimum if $\tau(x) < 0$ for all $x < x_0$ and $\tau(x) > 0$ for all $x > x_0$. It gives an inflexion point if either $\tau(x) > 0$ for all $x \neq x_0$ or $\tau(x) < 0$ for all $x \neq x_0$.

4. A Useful Expansion and Quantile Power Series

We can demonstrate that the cdf of X given by (2) admits the following expansion:

$$F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k H_k(x), \tag{18}$$

where $H_k(x) = G(x)^k$ denotes the exponentiated-G (“exp-G”) cumulative distribution with power parameter k ,

$$\begin{aligned}
b_k &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} w_{i,j,k}, \\
w_{i,j,k} &= (-1)^{j+k} \binom{-\alpha}{i} \binom{\alpha}{j} \binom{(i+j)\lambda}{k}.
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Some structural properties of the exp-G distributions are investigated by Mudholkar et al. [9], Gupta and Kundu [10], and Nadarajah and Kotz [11], among others.

The density function of X can be expressed as an infinite linear combination of exp-G density functions:

$$f(x; \alpha, \lambda, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} h_{k+1}(x; \xi), \tag{20}$$

where $h_{k+1}(x; \xi) = (k+1)g(x; \xi)G(x; \xi)^k$ denotes the density function of the exp-G random variable $Y_{k+1} \sim \text{exp-G}(k+1)$ with power parameter $k+1$. Equation (20) reveals that the EHL-G density function is a linear combination of exp-G density functions. Thus, some mathematical properties of the new family can be obtained directly from those properties of the exp-G distribution.

Here, we derive a power series expansion for the quantile function $x = Q(u) = F^{-1}(u)$ of X by expanding (6). If the G quantile function, say $Q_G(u) = G^{-1}(u)$, does not have a closed-form expression, it can usually be expressed in terms of a power series

$$Q_G(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i u^i, \tag{21}$$

where the coefficients a_i are suitably chosen real numbers which depend on the parameters of the G distribution. For several important distributions, such as the normal, the Student t , and gamma and beta distributions, $Q_G(u)$ does not have explicit expressions but it can be expanded as in (21). As a simple example, for the normal $N(0, 1)$ distribution, $a_i = 0$ for $i = 0, 2, 4, \dots$ and $a_1 = 1$, $a_3 = 1/6$, $a_5 = 7/120$, and $a_7 = 127/7560, \dots$

We use throughout the paper a result of Gradshteyn and Ryzhik ([12], Section 0.314) for a power series raised to a positive integer n (for $n \geq 1$):

$$Q_G(u)^n = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i u^i \right)^n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_{n,i} u^i, \tag{22}$$

where the coefficients $c_{n,i}$ (for $i = 1, 2, \dots$) are easily obtained from the recurrence equation (with $c_{n,0} = a_0^n$):

$$c_{n,i} = (i a_0)^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^i [m(n+1) - i] a_m c_{n,i-m}. \tag{23}$$

Clearly, $c_{n,i}$ can be determined from $c_{n,0}, \dots, c_{n,i-1}$ and then from the quantities a_0, \dots, a_i .

Next, we derive an expansion for the argument of $Q_G(\cdot)$ in (6):

$$A = 1 - \frac{[1 - u^{1/\alpha}]^{1/\lambda}}{[1 + u^{1/\alpha}]^{1/\lambda}}. \quad (24)$$

Using the generalized binomial expansion four times since $u \in (0, 1)$, we can write

$$A = 1 - \sum_{i,j,k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^{j+k+r} \binom{-\lambda^{-1}}{i} \binom{\lambda^{-1}}{j} \times \binom{(i+j)\alpha^{-1}}{k} \binom{k}{r} u^r \quad (25)$$

and then

$$A = 1 - \sum_{i,j,r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} t_{i,j,r,k} u^r = 1 - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r u^r = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} b_r u^r, \quad (26)$$

where $a_r = \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} t_{i,j,r,k}$ and $b_r = -a_r$ for $r \geq 1$, $b_0 = 1 - a_0$, and

$$t_{i,j,r,k} = (-1)^{j+k+r} \binom{-\lambda^{-1}}{i} \binom{\lambda^{-1}}{j} \binom{(i+j)\alpha^{-1}}{k} \binom{k}{r}. \quad (27)$$

Then, the quantile function of X can be expressed from (6) as

$$Q(u) = Q_G \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \delta_m u^m \right), \quad (28)$$

where

$$\delta_m = \sum_{r,s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t=m}^{\infty} (-1)^{s+t+m+1} \binom{-\lambda^{-1}}{r} \binom{\lambda^{-1}}{s} \times \binom{(r+s)\alpha^{-1}}{t} \binom{t}{m}, \quad (29)$$

for $m \geq 1$ and

$$\delta_0 = 1 - \sum_{r,s,t=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{s+t+1} \binom{-\lambda^{-1}}{r} \binom{\lambda^{-1}}{s} \binom{(i+j)\alpha^{-1}}{t}. \quad (30)$$

For any baseline G distribution, we can combine (21) with (28) to obtain

$$Q(u) = Q_G \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \delta_m u^m \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \delta_m u^m \right)^i, \quad (31)$$

and then using (22) and (23), we have

$$Q(u) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} e_m u^m, \quad (32)$$

where $e_m = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i d_{i,m}$, $d_{i,0} = \delta_0^i$, and, for $m > 1$,

$$d_{i,m} = (m\delta_0)^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^m [n(i+1) - m] \delta_n d_{i,m-n}. \quad (33)$$

Equation (32) is the main result of this section since it allows to obtain various mathematical quantities for the EHL family as shown in the next sections.

The formulae derived throughout the paper can be easily handled in most symbolic computation software platforms such as Maple, Mathematica, and MATLAB. These platforms currently have the ability to deal with analytic expressions of formidable size and complexity. Established explicit expressions to calculate statistical measures can be more efficient than computing them directly by numerical integration. The infinity limit in these sums can be substituted by a large positive integer such as 20 or 30 for most practical purposes.

5. Moments

Hereafter, we will assume that $G(x)$ is the cdf of a random variable Z and that $F(x)$ is the cdf of the random variable X having density function (3). The moments of X can be obtained from the (r, k) th probability weighted moments (PWMs) of Z given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{r,k} &= E[Z^r G(Z)^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^r G(z)^k g(z) dz \\ &= \int_0^1 Q_G(u)^r u^k du. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

An alternative expression for $\tau_{r,k}$ can be determined using (22) and (23):

$$\tau_{r,k} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_{r,i}}{i+k+1}. \quad (35)$$

The PWMs for several distributions can be calculated from (34) and (35).

We can write from (20)

$$E(X^r) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) b_{k+1} \tau_{r,k}. \quad (36)$$

Thus, the moments of any EHL- G distribution can be expressed as an infinite weighted linear combination of the baseline PWMs. Equations (34)–(36) are the main results of this section.

Further, the central moments (μ_r) and cumulants (κ_r) of X can be calculated as

$$\mu_r = \sum_{k=0}^r (-1)^k \binom{r}{k} \mu_1'^k \mu_{r-k}', \quad (37)$$

$$\kappa_r = \mu_r' - \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} \binom{r-1}{k-1} \kappa_k \mu_{r-k}',$$

respectively, where $\kappa_1 = \mu_1'$. Then, $\kappa_2 = \mu_2' - \mu_1'^2$, $\kappa_3 = \mu_3' - 3\mu_2'\mu_1' + 2\mu_1'^3$, $\kappa_4 = \mu_4' - 4\mu_3'\mu_1' - 3\mu_2'^2 + 12\mu_2'\mu_1'^2 - 6\mu_1'^4$, and so forth. The skewness $\gamma_1 = \kappa_3/\kappa_2^{3/2}$ and kurtosis $\gamma_2 = \kappa_4/\kappa_2^2$ quantities follow from the second, third, and fourth cumulants.

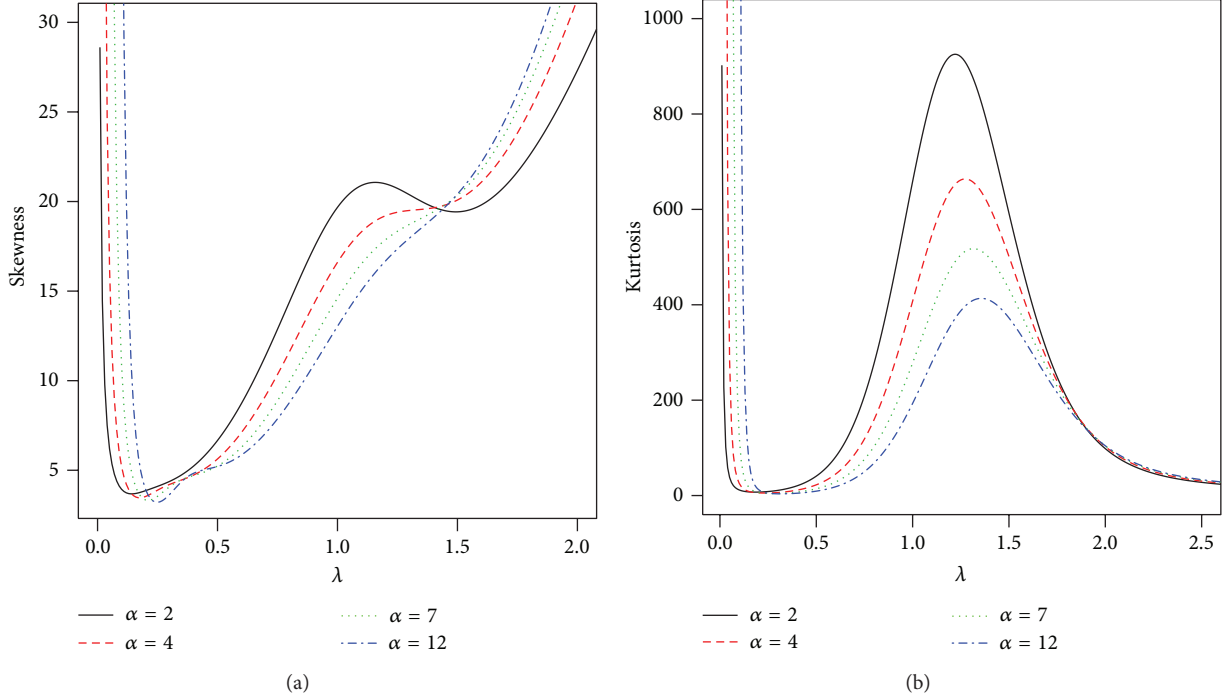


FIGURE 7: Skewness and kurtosis of the EHLLo distribution as a function of λ for some values of α .

5.1. EHLF Model. Consider the Fréchet baseline cdf $G_{\sigma,\lambda}(x) = e^{-(\sigma/x)^\lambda}$ for $x > 0$ and corresponding pdf $g_{\sigma,\lambda}(x)$ discussed in Section 2.2. The EHLF density function can be written from (20) as

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} g_{\sigma^*,\lambda}(x) = \lambda \sigma^\lambda x^{-(\lambda+1)} \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \exp \left\{ - (k+1) \left(\frac{\sigma}{x} \right)^\lambda \right\}, \quad (38)$$

where $g_{\sigma^*,\lambda}(x) = dG_{\sigma^*,\lambda}(x)/dx$. This equation reveals that the EHLF density function can be expressed as an infinite mixture of Fréchet densities.

The (r, k) th PWM of the Fréchet distribution becomes

$$\tau_{r,k} = \lambda \sigma^\lambda \int_0^\infty x^{r-(\lambda+1)} \exp \left\{ - (k+1) \left(\frac{\sigma}{x} \right)^\lambda \right\} dx. \quad (39)$$

Setting $u = (k+1)(\sigma/x)^\lambda$, $\tau_{r,k}$ reduces to

$$\tau_{r,k} = \frac{\sigma^r}{(k+1)^{1-r/\lambda}} \int_0^\infty u^{-r/\lambda} \exp(-u) du. \quad (40)$$

The integral converges absolutely for $r < \lambda$ and then

$$E(X^r) = \sigma^r \Gamma \left(1 - \frac{r}{\lambda} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{k+1}}{(k+1)^{1-r/\lambda}}. \quad (41)$$

Plots of the skewness and kurtosis for some choices of α as functions of λ , for $a = 2.1$ and $b = 3.1$, are displayed in Figure 7.

5.2. Exponentiated Half-Logistic Logistic (EHLLo) Model. For the EHLLo distribution, the baseline cumulative function is $G(x) = (1 + e^{-x})^{-1}$. Using a result from Prudnikov et al. ([13], Section 2.6.13, equation (4)), we can write from (34) (for $t < 1$) the following:

$$\tau_{r,k} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^r B(t+k+1, 1-t) \Big|_{t=0}, \quad (42)$$

where $B(a, b) = \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt = \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)/\Gamma(a+b)$ is the beta function. The r th moment of the EHLLo distribution comes from (36) as

$$E(X^r) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^r B(t+k+1, 1-t) \Big|_{t=0}. \quad (43)$$

5.3. Exponentiated Half-Logistic Gamma (EHLGa) Model. Using the power series expansion for the gamma cdf

$$G_{a,b}(x) = \frac{(bx)^a}{\Gamma(a)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-bx)^m}{(a+m)m!}, \quad (44)$$

we obtain from (20) the following series expansion:

$$f(x) = \frac{b^a x^{a-1} e^{-bx}}{\Gamma(a)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \frac{(bx)^{ak}}{\Gamma(a)^k} \times \sum_{m_1=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-bx)^{m_1+\cdots+m_k}}{(a+m_1)\cdots(a+m_k)m_1!\cdots m_k!}. \quad (45)$$

The EHLGa moments follow from (36) and the expression for $\tau_{r,k}$ given by

$$\tau_{r,k} = \frac{\Gamma(r+a(k+1))}{a^k b^r \Gamma(a)^{k+1}} F_A^{(k)} \times (r+a(k+1); a, \dots, a; a+1, \dots, a+1, -1, \dots, -1). \quad (46)$$

5.4. Exponentiated Half-Logistic Normal (EHLN) Model. The moments of $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ can be obtained from the moments of $T \sim N(0, 1)$ using $E(Z^r) = \sum_{k=0}^r \mu^{r-k} \sigma^k E(T^k)$, and then we can work with the standard normal distribution. We can expand the EHLN cumulative function (18) (with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$) as

$$F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{2^k} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^l. \quad (47)$$

From the series expansion for the error function $\operatorname{erf}(\cdot)$

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)m!}, \quad (48)$$

we obtain a series expansion from (20) (with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$) given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2^{1/2} \pi^{1/2} e^{-x^2/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{k+1}}{2^k} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} 2^{l/2} \pi^{-l/2} \\ &\times \sum_{m_1=0}^{\infty} \dots \sum_{m_l=0}^{\infty} \left(((-1)^{m_1+\dots+m_l} x^{2(m_1+\dots+m_l)+l}) \right. \\ &\times (2^{m_1+\dots+m_l} (2m_1+1) \\ &\dots (2m_l+1) m_1! \dots m_l!)^{-1} \Big). \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

The EHLN moments can be obtained from (36) and the PWMs $\tau_{r,k}$ given by Cordeiro and Nadarajah [14]. Plots of the skewness and kurtosis for some choices of α as functions of λ , for $a = 0.51$, $a = 0.1$ and $b = 3.01$, $b = 2.1$, are displayed for the EHLN and EHLHGN distributions in Figures 8 and 9, respectively. These plots show that the skewness and kurtosis are very flexible.

6. Other Measures

In this section, we calculate the following measures: generating function, incomplete moments, mean deviations, reliability, entropies, and order statistics for the EHL-G family.

6.1. Generating Function. Here, we provide two formulae for the moment generating function (mgf) $M(s) = E(e^{sX})$ of X . A first formula for $M(s)$ comes from (20) as

$$M(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} M_{k+1}(s), \quad (50)$$

where $M_{k+1}(s)$ is the generating function of the exp-G distribution with power parameter $k+1$. Hence, $M(s)$ can be determined from the exp-G generating function.

A second formula for $M(s)$ can be derived from (20) as

$$M(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) b_{k+1} \rho_k(s), \quad (51)$$

where

$$\rho_k(s) = \int_0^1 \exp[sQ_G(u)] u^k du. \quad (52)$$

We can derive the mgf's of several EHL distributions directly from (50)-(51). For example, the mgf's of the exponentiated half-logistic exponential (EHLEx) (with parameter λ and $s < \lambda^{-1}$) and EHLLo (with $s < 1$) distributions are given by

$$M(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) b_{k+1} B(k+1, 1-\lambda s), \quad (53)$$

$$M(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) b_{k+1} B(s+k+1, 1-s),$$

respectively.

Clearly, two representations for the characteristic function (chf) $\phi(s) = E(e^{isX})$ of X can be derived from (50)-(52) by $\phi(s) = M(is)$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

6.2. Incomplete Moments. Incomplete moments of the income distribution form natural building blocks for measuring inequality. For example, the Lorenz and Bonferroni curves depend upon the incomplete moments of the income distribution. The r th incomplete moment of X is defined as $m_r(y) = E(X^r | X < y) = \int_{-\infty}^y x^r f(x) dx$. Here, we provide two formulae to calculate the incomplete moments of the EHL family. First, the r th incomplete moment of X can be expressed as

$$m_r(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \int_0^{G(y;\xi)} Q_G(u)^r u^k du. \quad (54)$$

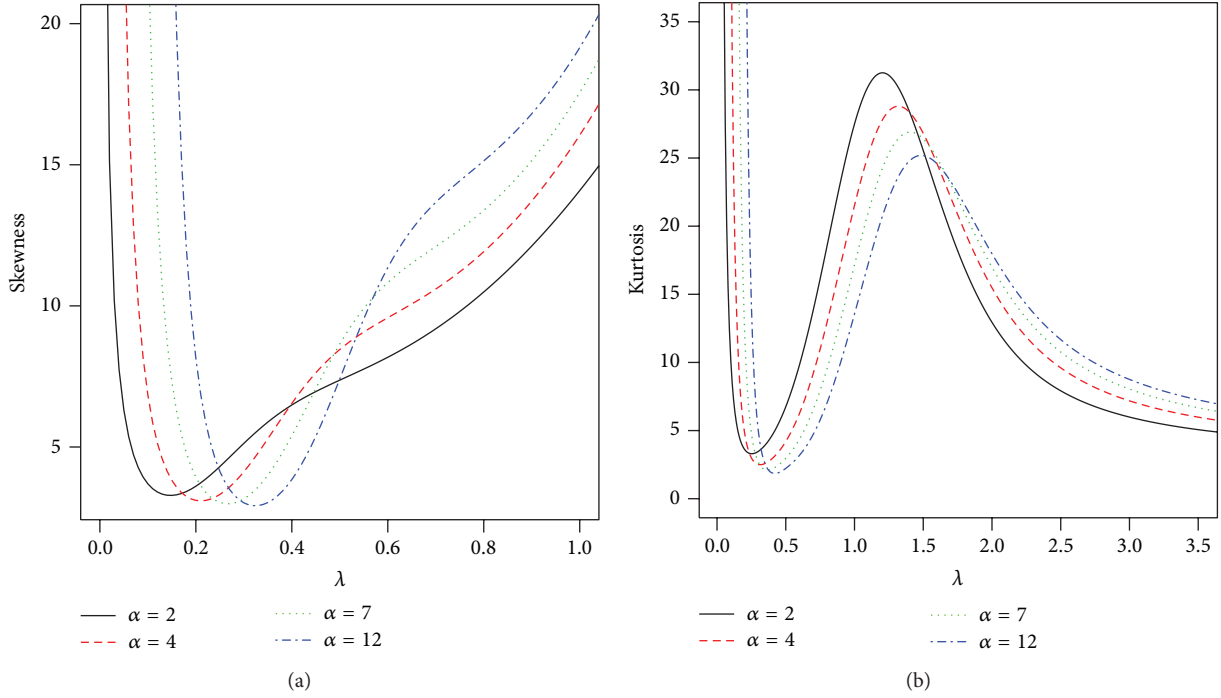
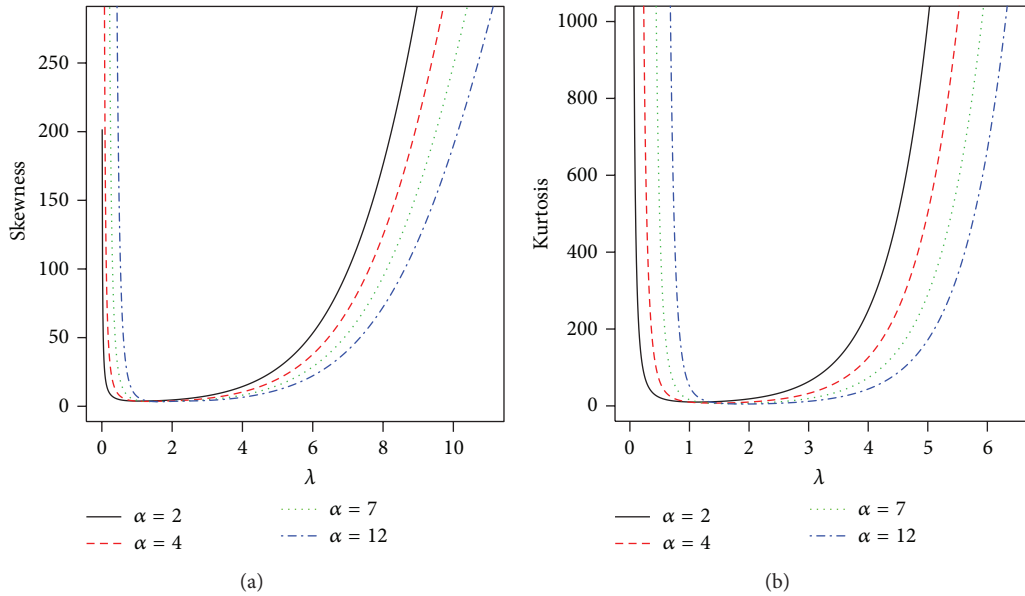
The integral in (54) can be computed at least numerically for most baseline distributions.

A second formula follows from (54) using (22) and (23). We can write

$$m_r(y) = \sum_{k,i=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} (k+1) c_{r,i} \frac{G(y;\xi)^{k+i+1}}{k+i+1}, \quad (55)$$

where $c_{r,i}$ is given by (23).

The first incomplete moment can be used to obtain Bonferroni and Lorenz curves defined for a given probability π by $B(\pi) = m_1(q)/(\pi \mu'_1)$ and $L(\pi) = m_1(q)/\mu'_1$, respectively, where $q = Q_G(1 - [(1 - \pi^{1/\alpha})/(1 + \pi^{1/\alpha})]^{1/\lambda})$ is immediately calculated from the parent quantile function.

FIGURE 8: Skewness and kurtosis of the EHLHL distribution as a function of λ for some values of α .FIGURE 9: Skewness and kurtosis of the EHLGHN distribution as a function of λ for some values of α .

6.3. Mean Deviations. The mean deviations about the mean ($\delta_1(X) = E(|X - \mu'_1|)$) and about the median ($\delta_2(X) = E(|X - M|)$) of X can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_1(Y) &= 2\mu'_1 F(\mu'_1) - 2m_1(\mu'_1), \\ \delta_2(Y) &= \mu'_1 - 2m_1(M),\end{aligned}\quad (56)$$

respectively, where $M = Q_G(1 - [(1 - 0.5^{1/\alpha})/(1 + 0.5^{1/\alpha})]^{1/\lambda})$ is the median of X , $F(\mu'_1)$ and $\mu'_1 = E(X)$ come from (2) and (36), respectively, and $m_1(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z xf(x)dx$ is the first incomplete moment.

Now, we provide two alternative ways to compute $\delta_1(X)$ and $\delta_2(X)$. A general equation for $m_1(z)$ can be derived from (20) as

$$m_1(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{k+1} J_{k+1}(z), \quad (57)$$

where

$$J_{k+1}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z x h_{k+1}(x) dx. \quad (58)$$

Equation (58) is the basic quantity to compute the mean deviations for the EGL distributions.

A second general formula for $m_1(z)$ can be derived by setting $u = G(x)$ in (57):

$$m_1(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) b_{k+1} T_k(z), \quad (59)$$

where

$$T_k(z) = \int_0^{G(z)} Q_G(u) u^k du = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_i G(z)^{i+k+1}}{i+k+1}. \quad (60)$$

Equations (55)–(59) are the main results of this section.

6.4. Reliability. Here, we derive the reliability $R = P(X_2 < X_1)$ when $X_1 \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_1, \lambda_1, \xi_1)$ and $X_2 \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_2, \lambda_2, \xi_2)$ are independent random variables with a positive support. It has many applications especially in engineering concepts. Let f_i denote the pdf of X_i and let F_i denote the cdf of X_i . By expanding the binomial terms in f_1 and F_2 , we obtain

$$R = \sum_{k,s=0}^{\infty} b_k^{(1)} b_{s+1}^{(2)} R_{k,s+1}, \quad (61)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_{k,s+1} &= \int_0^{\infty} H_k(x; \xi_1) h_{s+1}(x; \xi_2) dx, \\ b_k^{(1)} &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+k} \binom{-\alpha_1}{i} \binom{\alpha_1}{j} \binom{(i+j)\lambda_1}{k}, \\ b_{s+1}^{(2)} &= \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+s+1} \binom{-\alpha_2}{i} \binom{\alpha_2}{j} \binom{(i+j)\lambda_2}{s+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

If $\xi_1 = \xi_2$, we obtain

$$R = \sum_{k,s=0}^{\infty} b_k^{(1)} b_s^{(2)} \frac{s+1}{s+k+1}. \quad (63)$$

Further, if $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ and $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$, then $R = 1/2$.

6.5. Entropies. An entropy is a measure of variation or uncertainty of a random variable X . Two popular entropy measures are the Rényi and Shannon entropies. The Rényi entropy of a random variable with pdf $f(x)$ is defined (for $c > 0$ and $c \neq 1$) as

$$I_R(c) = \frac{1}{1-c} \log \left(\int_0^{\infty} f^c(x) dx \right). \quad (64)$$

The Shannon entropy of a random variable X is given by $E\{-\log[f(X)]\}$, which is the special case of the Rényi entropy when $\gamma \uparrow 1$. Direct calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} E\{-\log[f(X)]\} &= -\log(2\alpha\lambda) - E\{\log[g(X; \xi)]\} \\ &\quad - (\lambda-1) E\{\log[1-G(x; \xi)]\} \\ &\quad - (\alpha-1) E\{\log\{1-[1-G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}\} \\ &\quad + (\alpha+1) E\{\log\{1+[1-G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

After some algebraic manipulations, we obtain the following.

Proposition 1. Let X be a random variable with pdf given by (3). Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\log[1-G(X)]\} &= 2\alpha\lambda \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{-\alpha-1}{i} \binom{\alpha-1}{j} \frac{1}{[\lambda(i+j)]^2}, \\ E\{\log\{1-[1-G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}\} &= 2\alpha \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{-\alpha-1}{i} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \binom{t+\alpha-1}{j} \right]_{t=0} \frac{1}{i+j+1}, \\ E\{\log\{1+[1-G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}\} &= 2\alpha \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha-1}{j} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \binom{t+\alpha-1}{i} \right]_{t=0} \frac{1}{i+j+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

The simplest formula for the entropy of X becomes

$$\begin{aligned} E\{-\log[f(X)]\} &= -\log(2\alpha\lambda) - E\{\log[g(X; \xi)]\} \\ &\quad - 2\alpha\lambda(\lambda-1) \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{-\alpha-1}{i} \\ &\quad \times \binom{\alpha-1}{j} \frac{1}{[\lambda(i+j)]^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -2\alpha(\alpha-1) \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{-\alpha-1}{i} \\
& \quad \times \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \binom{t+\alpha-1}{j} \right]_{t=0} \frac{1}{i+j+1} \\
& + 2\alpha(\alpha+1) \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha-1}{j} \\
& \quad \times \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \binom{t+\alpha-1}{i} \right]_{t=0} \frac{1}{i+j+1}.
\end{aligned} \quad (67)$$

After some algebraic developments, we obtain an alternative expression for $I_R(c)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_R(c) &= \frac{c}{1-c} \log(2\alpha\lambda) + \frac{\log(\lambda)}{1-c} \\
& + \left(\log \left\{ \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \binom{-c(\alpha+1)}{i} \binom{c(\alpha-1)}{j} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times \frac{(-1)^j}{\lambda(i+j) + c(\lambda-1) + 1} \\
& \quad \times E_{Y_{i,j}} \left\{ g^{c-1} [G^{-1}(Y)] \right\} \left. \right\} \\
& \quad \times (1-c)^{-1},
\end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

where $Y_{i,j} \sim \text{Beta}(1, \lambda(i+j) + c(\lambda-1) + 1)$.

6.6. Order Statistics. Order statistics make their appearance in many areas of statistical theory and practice. Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from the EHL-G distribution. Let $X_{i:n}$ denote the i th order statistic. From (18) and (20), the pdf of $X_{i:n}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{i:n}(x) &= K \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} (-1)^j \binom{n-i}{j} f(x) F^{j+i-1}(x) \\
&= K \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} (-1)^j \binom{n-i}{j} \left[\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} r b_r G(x)^{r-1} g(x) \right] \\
& \quad \times \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k G(x)^k \right]^{j+i-1},
\end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

where $K = n! / [(i-1)!(n-i)!]$. Using (22) and (23), we can write

$$\left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k G(x)^k \right]^{j+i-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e_{j+i-1,k} G(x)^k, \quad (70)$$

where $e_{j+i-1,0} = b_0^{j+i-1}$ and

$$e_{j+i-1,k} = (kb_0)^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^k [m(j+i)-k] b_m e_{j+i-1,k-m}. \quad (71)$$

Hence,

$$f_{i:n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k h_{k+1}(x), \quad (72)$$

where $d_k = K \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} \sum_{m=0}^k b_{m+1} e_{j+i-1,k-m}$.

Equation (72) is the main result of this section. It reveals that the pdf of the EHL-G order statistics is a linear combination of exp-G density functions. So, several structural quantities of the EHL-G order statistics like ordinary, incomplete moments, generating function, mean deviations, and several others can be obtained from the corresponding quantities of exp-G distributions.

7. Bivariate Extensions

In this section, we introduce two extensions of the proposed model. The first extension is based on the idea of [15]. Let $X_1 \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_1, \lambda, \xi)$, $X_2 \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_2, \lambda, \xi)$, and $X_3 \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_3, \lambda, \xi)$ be independent random variables. Further, we define $X = \max\{X_1, X_3\}$ and $Y = \max\{X_2, X_3\}$. Then, the pdf of the bivariate random variable (X, Y) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha_1} \\
& \quad \times \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha_2} \\
& \quad \times \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(z; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(z; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha_3},
\end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

where $z = \min\{x, y\}$. The marginal cdf's are

$$\begin{aligned}
F_X(x) &= \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3}, \\
F_Y(y) &= \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3}.
\end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

Clearly, if we consider $X \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi)$ and $Y \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi)$, the pdf of (X, Y) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \begin{cases} f_{\text{EHL-G}}(x; \alpha_1, \lambda, \xi) f_{\text{EHL-G}}(y; \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi), & \text{for } x < y; \\ f_{\text{EHL-G}}(x; \alpha_1 + \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi) f_{\text{EHL-G}}(y; \alpha_2, \lambda, \xi), & \text{for } x > y; \\ \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3} f_{\text{EHL-G}}(x; \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \lambda, p, \xi), & \text{for } x = y. \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

The marginal pdf's are given by

$$f_X(x; \alpha_1, \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi) = 2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_3) \lambda g(x; \xi) [1 - G(x; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 - 1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + 1}}, \\ f_Y(y; \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \lambda, \xi) = (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) \lambda g(y; \xi) [1 - G(y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + 1}}. \quad (76)$$

A second extension is given by

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha, \quad (77)$$

where $G(x, y; \xi)$ is a bivariate continuous distribution with marginal cdf's $G_1(x; \xi)$ and $G_2(y; \xi)$. The marginal cdf's are given by

$$F_X(x) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha, \\ F_Y(y) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha. \quad (78)$$

The joint pdf of (X, Y) is easily obtained by $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \partial^2 F_{X,Y}(x, y) / \partial x \partial y$ and then

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 2\alpha\lambda [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha+1}} A(x, y; \xi), \quad (79)$$

where

$$A(x, y; \xi) = g(x, y; \xi) \\ + \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial y} \\ \times \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - G(x, y; \xi)} \\ + \lambda(\alpha - 1) \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial y} \\ \times \frac{[1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1}}{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \\ + \lambda(\alpha + 1) \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial G(x, y; \xi)}{\partial y} \\ \times \frac{[1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1}}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda}. \quad (80)$$

The marginal pdf's are

$$f_X(x, \alpha, \lambda, \xi) = 2\alpha\lambda g_1(x; \xi) [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha+1}} \\ f_Y(y, \alpha, \lambda, \xi) = 2\alpha\lambda g_2(y; \xi) [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \\ \times \frac{\{1 - [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1}}{\{1 + [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha+1}}. \quad (81)$$

The conditional cdf's are

$$F(xy) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha \\ \times \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{-\alpha}, \\ F(x|y) = \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^\alpha \\ \times \left\{ \frac{1 - [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{-\alpha}. \quad (82)$$

The conditional density functions reduce to

$$f(x|y) = \frac{[1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} A(x, y; \xi)}{[1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \{1 - [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} g_2(y; \xi)} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{1 + [1 - G_2(y; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha+1}, \\ f(y|x) = \frac{[1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \{1 - [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} A(x, y; \xi)}{[1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} \{1 - [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda\}^{\alpha-1} g_1(x; \xi)} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{1 + [1 - G_1(x; \xi)]^\lambda}{1 + [1 - G(x, y; \xi)]^\lambda} \right\}^{\alpha+1}. \quad (83)$$

8. Estimation

We derive the maximum likelihood estimates (MLEs) of the parameters of the EHL-G family. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be a random sample of size n from the random variable

$X \sim \text{EHL-G}(\alpha, \lambda, \xi)$, where ξ is a $p \times 1$ vector of unknown parameters of the baseline distribution $G(x; \xi)$. The log-likelihood function for $\theta = (\alpha, \lambda, \xi)^T$ can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} l(\theta) &= n \log(2\alpha\lambda) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log[g(x_i; \xi)] + (\lambda - 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \log[1 - G(x_i; \xi)] \\ &\quad + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 - [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\} - (\alpha + 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 + [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}. \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

Equation (84) can be maximized either directly, for example, using SAS (Proc NLMixed) or Ox (subroutine MaxBFGS) (see [16]) or by solving the nonlinear likelihood equations obtained by differentiating the score function. Initial estimates of the parameters α and λ may be inferred from the estimates of τ . The components of the score vector $U(\theta)$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} U_\alpha(\theta) &= \frac{n}{\alpha} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 - [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 + [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}, \\ U_\lambda(\theta) &= \frac{n}{\lambda} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log[1 - G(x_i; \xi)] - (\alpha - 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda \log[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]}{\{1 - [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}} \\ &\quad - (\alpha + 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda \log[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]}{\{1 + [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}}, \\ U_\xi(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[\dot{g}(x_i; \xi)]_\xi}{g(x_i; \xi)} - (\lambda - 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[\dot{G}(x_i; \xi)]_\xi}{[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]} + \lambda(\alpha - 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} [\dot{G}(x_i; \xi)]_\xi}{\{1 - [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}} + \lambda(\alpha + 1) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^{\lambda-1} [\dot{G}(x_i; \xi)]_\xi}{\{1 + [1 - G(x_i; \xi)]^\lambda\}}, \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

(86)

where

$$[\dot{g}(x_i)]_\xi = \frac{\partial g(x_i; \xi)}{\partial \xi}, \quad [\dot{G}(x_i)]_\xi = \frac{\partial G(x_i; \xi)}{\partial \xi} \quad (87)$$

are $p \times 1$ vectors.

For interval estimation and hypothesis tests on the model parameters, we require the $(p + 2) \times (p + 2)$ observed information matrix $J = J(\theta)$ calculated numerically. Under conditions that are fulfilled for parameters in the interior of the parameter space but not on the boundary, $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)$ is asymptotically normal $N_{p+2}(0, I(\theta)^{-1})$, where $I(\theta)$ is the expected information matrix. We can substitute $I(\theta)$ by $J(\hat{\theta})$, that is, the observed information matrix evaluated at $\hat{\theta}$, and then the multivariate normal $N_{p+2}(0, J(\hat{\theta})^{-1})$ distribution can be used to construct approximate confidence regions for the model parameters.

We can compute the maximum values of the unrestricted and restricted log-likelihoods to construct likelihood ratio (LR) statistics for testing some special models of the EHL-G distribution. For example, for comparing, the EHLGHN and EHLHN distributions are equivalent to test $H_0 : a = 1$ versus $H_1 : a \neq 1$ and the LR statistic reduces to

$$w = 2 \{ \ell(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\lambda}, \hat{a}, \hat{c}) - \ell(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}, 1, \tilde{c}) \}, \quad (88)$$

where $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\lambda}, \hat{c}$, and \hat{a} are the MLEs under H and $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}$, and \tilde{c} are the estimates under H_0 .

9. Applications

In this section, the potentiality of the EHL-G family is illustrated by means of two applications using well-known data sets. We demonstrate the flexibility and applicability of the proposed model. The reason for choosing these data is that they allow us to show how in different fields it is necessary to have positively skewed distributions with nonnegative support. These data sets present different degrees of skewness and kurtosis.

9.1. Application 1: Tubercle Data. The first data set corresponds to the survival times of guinea pigs injected with different doses of tubercle bacilli reported by Bjerkedal [17]. It is well known that guinea pigs have high susceptibility to human tuberculosis and that is because they were used in that study. Here, we are primarily concerned with the animals in the same cage that are under the same regimen; the data includes $n = 72$ observations. These data were also analyzed by Kundu et al. [18] using the Birnbaum-Saunders distribution.

An alternative approach for modeling these data can be provided by the Weibull and Birnbaum-Saunders (BS) distribution. There are various extensions of these lifetimes distributions. For example, Famoye et al. [19] proposed the beta Weibull (BW) distribution and Cordeiro et al. [1] study some mathematical properties of the BW distribution, which is a quite flexible model in analysing positive data. More recently, Cordeiro and Lemonte [20] proposed the

TABLE 2: MLEs of the model parameters for the tubercle data, the corresponding SEs (given in parentheses) and the statistics AIC, CAIC, and BIC.

Model	α	λ	a	b	AIC	CAIC	BIC
EHLF	3.5736 (2.4999)	22.0208 (3.3821)	0.2963 (0.1909)	1248.81 (847.78)	787.9	788.5	797.0
Fréchet			1.4148 (0.1173)	54.1888 (0.7874)	795.3	795.5	799.9
	α	λ	a	b			
EHL	0.2879 (0.1173)	0.1938 (0.1085)	67.7085 (7.8493)	8.6238 (3.3236)	784.7	785.3	793.8
LL			75.2758 (6.0174)	2.5404 (0.2537)	783.9	784.1	788.5
	α	λ	a	b			
EHLGHN	19.3763 (12.7017)	4.3720 (2.0573)	0.3165 (0.0662)	128.87 (138.49)	788.2	788.8	797.3
GHN			1.0164 (0.0912)	129.24 (11.8973)	807.5	807.6	812.0
	α	γ	a	b			
BW	5098.72 (875.79)	0.3662 (0.1882)	15.0280 (5.2590)	60.7976 (8.4854)	790.3	790.9	799.4
	α	β	a	b			
β -BS	1.1519 (0.0743)	316.10 (101.04)	0.6513 (0.0324)	4.1942 (0.4878)	789.1	789.7	798.2

TABLE 3: Statistics W^* and A^* .

Model	W^*	A^*
EHLF	0.126	0.695
Fréchet	0.215	1.283
EHL	0.039	0.300
LL	0.116	0.655
EHLGHN	0.145	0.797
GHN	0.579	3.197

β -Birnbau-Saunders (β -BS) distribution for fatigue life modeling. They investigated various properties of the β -BS model including expansions for the moments, generating function, mean deviations, density function of the order statistics, and their moments. The BW and β -BS distribution are as follows.

(i) *BW Distribution.* The BW distribution [19] with four parameters $\alpha > 0$, $\gamma > 0$, $a > 0$, and $b > 0$ has density function given by (for $x > 0$)

$$f(x) = \frac{\gamma(1/\alpha)^\gamma}{B(a, b)} x^{\gamma-1} \exp \left\{ -b \left(\frac{x}{\alpha} \right)^\gamma \right\} \times \left[1 - \exp \left\{ - \left(\frac{x}{\alpha} \right)^\gamma \right\} \right]^{a-1}, \quad (89)$$

where $B(a, b) = [\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)]/\Gamma(a+b)$ is the beta function and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the gamma function. Here, a and b are two additional shape parameters to the Weibull distribution to govern skewness and kurtosis. For $a = b = 1$, we obtain the Weibull distribution.

(ii) *β -BS Distribution.* The β -BS density function (with four parameters $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$, $a > 0$, and $b > 0$) is

$$f(x) = \frac{\kappa(\alpha, \beta)}{B(a, b)} x^{-3/2} (x + \beta) \times \exp \left\{ \frac{-\tau(x/\beta)}{(2\alpha^2)} \right\} \Phi(v)^{a-1} \{1 - \Phi(v)\}^{b-1}, \quad x > 0, \quad (90)$$

where a, b , and $\alpha > 0$ are shape parameters and $\beta > 0$ is a scale parameter, $\kappa(\alpha, \beta) = \exp(\alpha^{-2})/(2\alpha\sqrt{2\pi\beta})$, $\tau(z) = z + z^{-1}$, $v = \alpha^{-1}\rho(x/\beta)$, $\rho(z) = z^{1/2} - z^{-1/2}$, and $\Phi(\cdot)$ is the standard normal cumulative distribution. For $a = b = 1$, we obtain the BS distribution.

We fit the EHLF, EHL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, GHN, BW, and β -BS distributions to the current data. In order to estimate the parameters α , λ , and ξ , we adopt the maximum likelihood estimation method discussed in Section 8. We use the MLEs of a and b applied to the corresponding wider models for the Weibull, LL, and GHN distributions as starting values for the iterative procedure. The computations were done using the NLMixed procedure in SAS. Table 4 lists the MLEs (and the corresponding standard errors in parentheses) of the model parameters and the values of the following statistics for the fitted models: AIC (Akaike Information Criterion), BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion), and CAIC (Consistent Akaike Information Criterion). These results indicate that the EHL and LL models have the lowest AIC, BIC, and CAIC values, and therefore they could be chosen as the best models.

TABLE 4: MLEs of the model parameters for the carbon monoxide data, the corresponding SEs (given in parentheses) and the AIC, CAIC, and BIC statistics.

Model	α	λ	a	b	AIC	CAIC	BIC
EHLF	0.7763 (0.0231)	32571 (39.0598)	0.2372 (0.00083)	214859 (258.3702)	2053.2	2053.3	2068.6
Fréchet			0.6922 (0.0199)	6.4136 (0.5315)	2753.5	2753.6	2761.2
	α	λ	a	b			
EHL	0.3606 (0.0243)	1.7327 (0.2559)	14.7483 (0.5335)	6.4320 (0.1514)	1965.6	1965.7	1981.0
LL			11.0946 (0.2693)	3.7223 (0.1724)	2111.6	2111.7	2119.2
	α	λ	a	b			
EHLGHN	0.6920 (0.0856)	0.2596 (0.0307)	2.2792 (0.2490)	8.7710 (0.8810)	1931.2	1931.4	1946.6
GHN			2.4436 (0.1117)	13.3254 (0.2214)	1957.1	1957.2	1964.8
	α	γ	a	b			
BW	7.5373 (0.7844)	4.5942 (0.2797)	0.3081 (0.0434)	0.0644 (0.0221)	1930.1	1930.2	1945.5
	α	β	a	b			
β -BS	160.55 (63.2068)	0.0064 (0.0050)	319.49 (0.3590)	212.23 (0.0256)	2020.8	2020.9	2036.1

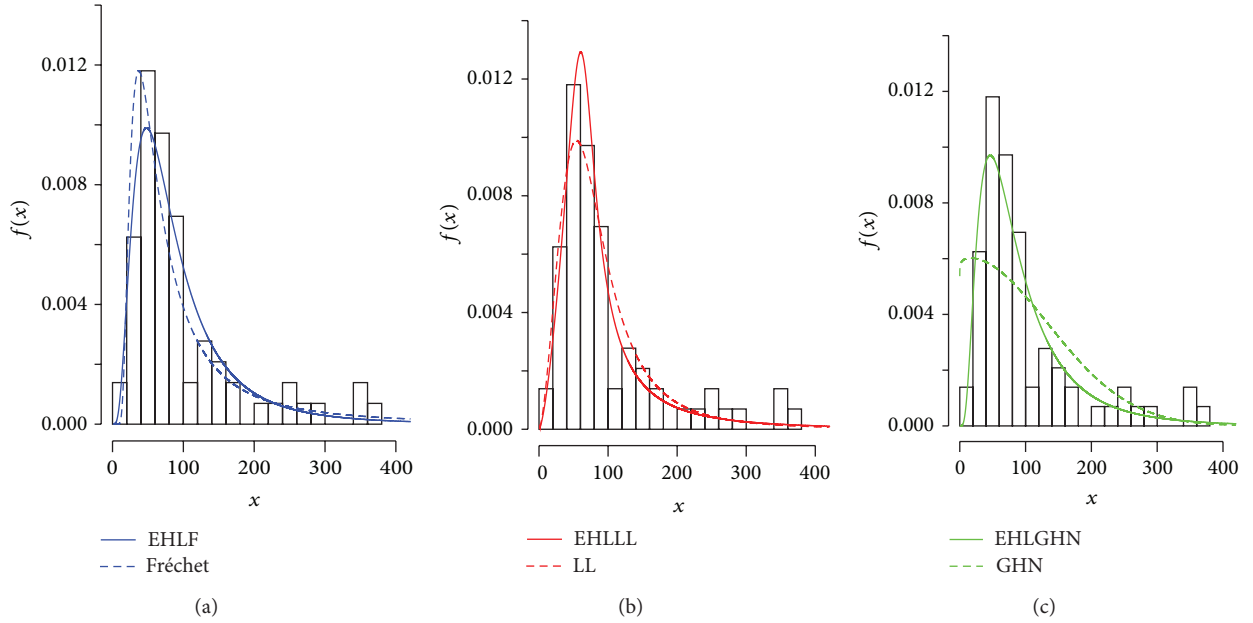


FIGURE 10: Fitted density functions for the tubercle data. (a) Fitted EHLF versus Fréchet models. (b) Fitted EHLLL versus LL models. (c) Fitted EHLGHN versus GHN models.

Now, we will apply formal goodness-of-fit tests in order to verify which distribution fits better to the carbon data. In particular, we consider the Cramér-von Mises (W^*) and Anderson-Darling (A^*) statistics. The W^* and A^* statistics are described in detail in Chen and Balakrishnan [21]. In general, the smaller the values of these statistics, the better the fit to the data. Let $H(x; \theta)$ be the cdf, where the form

of H is known but θ (a k -dimensional parameter vector) is unknown. To obtain the statistics W^* and A^* , we can proceed as follows: (i) compute $v_i = H(x_i; \hat{\theta})$, where the x_i 's are in ascending order, and then $y_i = \Phi^{-1}(v_i)$, where $\Phi^{-1}(\cdot)$ is the inverse of $\Phi(\cdot)$; (ii) compute $u_i = \Phi\{(y_i - \bar{y})/s_y\}$, where $\bar{y} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ and $s_y^2 = (n-1)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$; (iii)

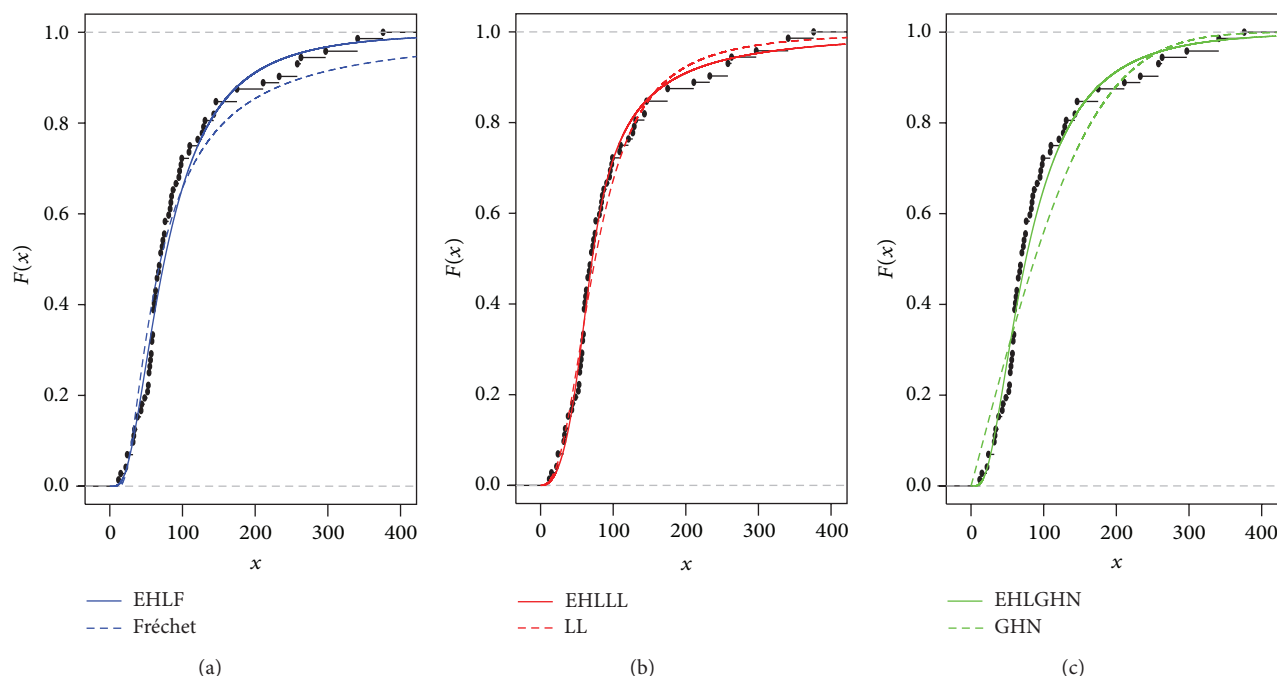


FIGURE 11: Estimated cumulative functions and the empirical cdf for tubercle data. (a) Fitted EHLF versus Fréchet models. (b) Fitted EHLLL versus LL models. (c) Fitted EHLGHN versus GHN models.

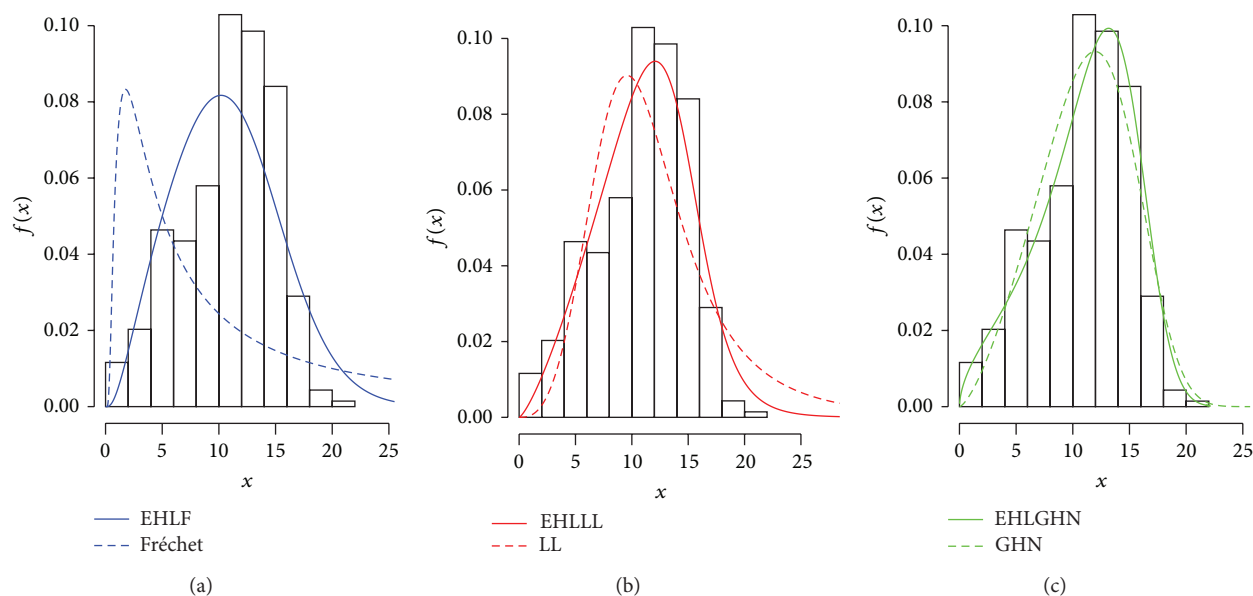


FIGURE 12: Fitted density functions for the carbon monoxide data. (a) Fitted EHLF versus Fréchet models. (b) Fitted EHLLL versus LL models. (c) Fitted EHLGHN versus GHN models.

calculate $W^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \{u_i - (2i-1)/(2n)\}^2 + 1/(12n)$ and $A^2 = -n - (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \{(2i-1) \ln(u_i) + (2n+1-2i) \ln(1-u_i)\}$ and then $W^* = W^2(1+0.5/n)$ and $A^* = A^2(1+0.75/n+2.25/n^2)$ (see Table 2).

The W^* and A^* statistics for all the models are given in Table 3. From the figures in this table, the proposed EHLLL model fits the current data better than the other models. Therefore, the new family may be an interesting alternative

to the other models available in the literature for modeling positive real data.

More information is provided by a visual comparison of the histogram of the data with the fitted EHLF, EHLLL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, and GHN distributions. The plot of the fitted EHLLL density is displayed in Figure 10(b) for the tubercle data. Clearly, the new EHLLL distribution provides a closer fit to the histogram.

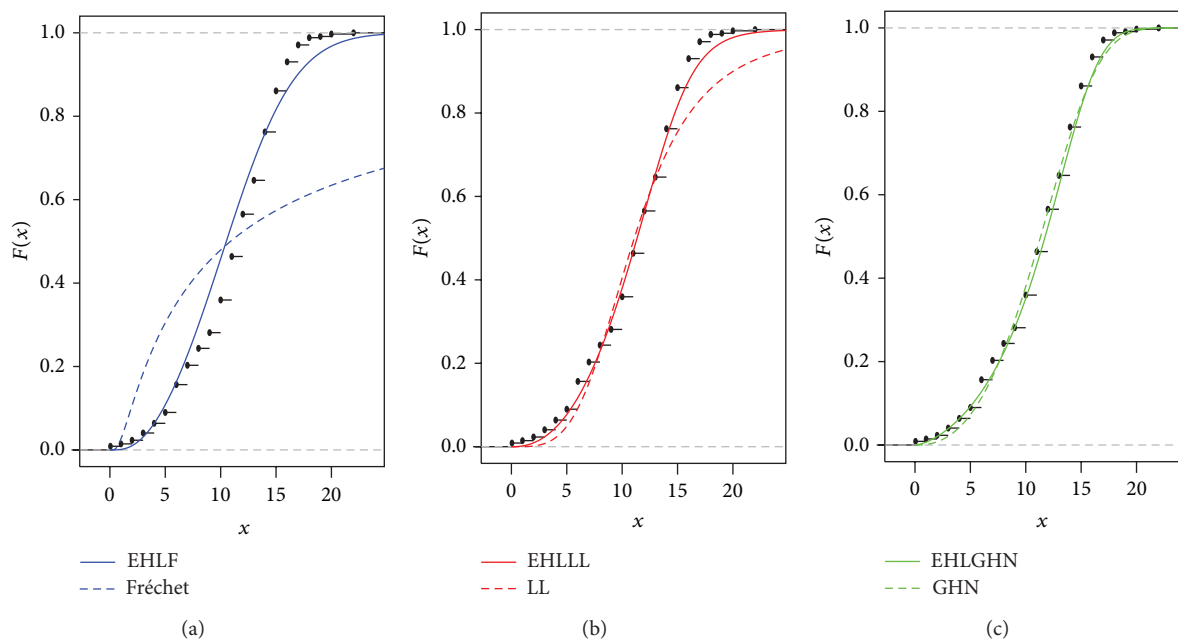


FIGURE 13: Estimated cumulative functions and the empirical cdf for carbon monoxide data. (a) Fitted EHLF versus Fréchet models. (b) Fitted EHLF versus LL models. (c) Fitted EHLGHN versus GHN models.

TABLE 5: W^* and A^* statistics.

Model	W^*	A^*
EHLF	6.912	37.867
Fréchet	10.222	53.028
EHL	6.933	39.479
LL	7.357	39.092
EHLGHN	7.152	44.131
GHN	6.958	40.223

Figure 11(a) displays plots of the empirical function and the estimated cdf's of the EHLF, EHL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, and GHN distributions. We note a good fit of the EHL and LL models to these data.

9.2. Carbon Monoxide Data. The first data set consists of the carbon monoxide (CO) measurements made in several brands of cigarettes in 1998. The reports show that nicotine levels, on average, had remained stable since 1980, after falling in the preceding decade. The report entitled “*Tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide of the smoke of 1206 varieties of domestic cigarettes for the year of 1998*” includes the data sets and some information about the source of the data, smoker's behavior and beliefs about nicotine, and tar and carbon monoxide contents in cigarettes.

The CO data includes $n = 345$ records of measurements of CO content, in milligrams, in cigarettes of several brands.

We fit the EHLF, EHL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, GHN, BW, and β -BS distributions to the data. The computations were done using the NLMixed procedure in SAS. Table 4 lists the MLEs (and the corresponding standard errors in parentheses) of the model parameters and the values of AIC,

BIC, and CAIC statistics for some models. These results indicate that the EHLF, EHLGHN, BW, and GHN models have the lowest AIC, BIC, and CAIC values.

The W^* and A^* statistics for all the models are given in Table 5. From the figures in this table, the proposed EHLF model fits the current data better than the other models.

In order to assess if the EHL-G model is really appropriate, the plots of the fitted EHLF, EHL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, and GHN density functions are displayed in Figure 12. Based on these plots, we conclude that the EHLF distribution provides the best fit to the carbon monoxide data.

Figure 13(a) displays plots of the empirical function and the estimated cdf's of the EHLF, EHL, EHLGHN, Fréchet, LL, and GHN distributions. We note a good fit of the EHLF model to these data.

10. Conclusions

We propose a new exponentiated half-logistic (EHL) family which represents a competitive alternative for lifetime data analysis. For any parent continuous distribution G , we can define the corresponding EHL-G distribution with two positive parameters. So, the new family extends several common distributions such as Fréchet, normal, log-normal, Gumbel, and log-logistic distributions. The mathematical properties of the new family such as ordinary, incomplete and factorial moments, generating and quantile functions, mean deviations, Bonferroni and Lorenz curves, Shannon entropy, Rényi entropy, reliability, and order statistics are obtained for any EHL-G distribution. The model parameters are estimated by maximum likelihood. Two examples to real data illustrate the importance and potentiality of the new family.

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