

# BAYES PREDICTION INTERVALS FOR THE BURR TYPE XII DISTRIBUTION IN THE PRESENCE OF OUTLIERS

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## Abstract

Using a sample from Burr type XII distribution, Bayes prediction intervals are derived for the maximum and minimum of a future sample from the same distribution, but in the presence of a single outlier of the type  $\theta_0\theta$ . The prior of  $\Theta$  is assumed to be the gamma conjugate. A real example is given to illustrate the procedure. Also, the comparison between the values of the prediction bounds for different values of  $\theta_0$  and different future sample sizes is given.

## 1. Introduction

The outcome of an experiment may be used to predict some feature of a future experiment under the same or different conditions in the form of prediction intervals for some statistics. The prediction intervals for order statistics of a future sample from the population of the observed sample have been considered by many authors including Lawless [7,8], Likes [9], Dunsmore [3], Lingappaiah [10], Evans and Nijm [4], Abu-Salih et al. [1], Sartawi and Abu-Salih [14], and Abu-Salih and Sartawi [2].

Evans and Ragab [5] and Nigm [13] gave the prediction bounds for the k-th order statistic in a sample from a Burr type XII distribution in the case of a censored sample.

The aforementioned works assumed the future sample to be from the original population under the same conditions. In practice the conditions may change, and it may happen that some values of the future sample are far away from the main group. Such values are called outliers.

Lingappaiah [11,12] obtained Bayes prediction bounds for future observations from the exponential life time

distribution in the presence of outliers. The case of Burr type X distribution was treated by Jaheen [6].

In this work we shall be concerned with Bayes prediction bounds for the maximum and minimum of a future sample from a Burr type XII distribution in the presence of a single outlier of the type  $\theta_0\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the unknown parameter of the distribution. This means that the process has undergone some abrupt change which is specified by the new value of the parameter viz,  $\theta_0\theta$ , where  $\theta_0$  is known.

The probability density function (p.d.f.) of the Burr type XII distribution is given by

$$f(x|c, \theta) = \theta c x^{c-1} (1-x^c)^{-(\theta+1)}, \quad x > 0 \quad (c > 0, \theta > 0) \quad (1)$$

The cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.) is given by

$$F(x) = 1 - (1+x^c)^{-\theta}, \quad x > 0$$

## 2. Main Results

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size n from a population defined by (1). Suppose  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m$  is an independent random sample of future observations from

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the same distribution. Assuming  $c$  to be known, we derive Bayesian prediction bounds for the maximum and for the minimum of the future observations in the presence of a single outlier of the type  $\theta_0\theta$ .

### 2.1 Bayesian Prediction Bounds for the Maximum

It is known that the p.d.f.  $g(y)$  of the maximum in a sample of size  $m$  is given by

$$g(y) = m \{F(y)\}^{m-1} f(y) \quad (2)$$

where  $f(y)$  and  $F(y)$  are the p.d.f. and c.d.f. of  $Y$  respectively.

In the presence of a single outlier, Equation (2) becomes

$$h(y) = (m-1) \{F(y)\}^{m-2} F^*(y) f(y) + \{F(y)\}^{m-1} f^*(y) \quad (3)$$

where  $f^*(y)$  and  $F^*(y)$  are the p.d.f. and c.d.f. of the outlier  $Y$ .

Let  $U = \max(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$ , then in the presence of a single outlier of the type  $\theta_0\theta$ , Equation (3) becomes

$$h(u|\theta) = (m-1) c\theta u^{c-1} (1+u^c)^{-(q+1)} [1 - (1+u^c)^{-\theta}]^{m-2} \cdot [1 - (1+u^c)^{-\theta_0\theta}] + c\theta_0\theta u^{c-1} (1+u^c)^{-(\theta_0\theta+1)} [1 - (1+u^c)^{-\theta}]^{m-1}, \quad u > 0$$

$$= (m-1)c\theta\psi(u)e^{-\theta\phi(u)}(1-e^{-\theta\phi(u)})^{m-2}(1-e^{-\theta_0\theta\phi(u)}) + c\theta_0\theta\psi(u)e^{-\theta_0\theta\phi(u)}(1-e^{-\theta\phi(u)})^{m-1}, \quad u > 0 \quad (4)$$

where

$$\phi(u) = \ln(1+u^c)$$

and

$$\psi(u) = \frac{u^{c-1}}{1+u^c}$$

Using the binomial expansion, we write (4) in the form

$$h(u|\theta) = c\theta\psi(u) \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} (-1)^j \binom{m-2}{j} [m-1] e^{-\theta(j+1)\phi(u)} + \theta_0 e^{-\theta_0(j+\theta_0)\phi(u)} \cdot (m+\theta_0-1) e^{-\theta(j+\theta_0+1)\phi(u)} \quad (5)$$

For the first random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , the likely function will be

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = c^n \theta^n \psi^n e^{-qT}, \quad q > 0 \quad (6)$$

where  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$ ,  $\psi^* = \prod_{i=1}^n \psi(x_i)$ , and  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are as defined in (4).

Let the prior p.d.f. of  $\Theta$  be the conjugate prior,

namely, Gamma  $(\alpha, 1/\beta)$ :

$$\prod(\theta, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta}, \quad \theta > 0, (\alpha > 0, \beta > 0) \quad (7)$$

Combining equations (6) and (7) the posterior p.d.f. of  $\Theta$  is given by:

$$\prod^*(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{(T+\beta)^{n+\alpha}}{\Gamma(n+\alpha)} \theta^{n+\alpha-1} e^{-(T+\beta)\theta}, \quad \theta > 0 \quad (8)$$

The Bayes predictive p.d.f.  $p(u|\mathbf{x})$  of  $U$  given  $\mathbf{x}$  is given by

$$p(u|\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^\infty h(u|\theta) \prod^*(\theta|\mathbf{x}) d\theta \quad (9)$$

Substituting (5) and (8) in (9), we get

$$p(u|\mathbf{x}) = c(n+\alpha) (\beta+T)^{n+\alpha} \psi(u) \times \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} (-1)^j \binom{m-2}{j} \left[ \frac{(m-1)}{(\beta+T+(j+1)\phi(u))^{n+\alpha+1}} + \frac{\theta_0}{(\beta+T+(j+\theta_0)\phi(u))^{n+\alpha+1}} - \frac{(m+\theta_0-1)}{(\beta+T+(j+\theta_0+1)\phi(u))^{n+\alpha+1}} \right], \quad u > 0 \quad (10)$$

To construct prediction intervals for  $U$  based on the observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  we evaluate

$$P(U \geq a | \mathbf{x}) = \int_a^\infty p(u|\mathbf{x}) du = \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} (-1)^j \binom{m-2}{j} \left[ \frac{m-1}{j+1} \left( \frac{\beta+T}{\beta+T+(j+1)\phi(a)} \right)^{n+\alpha} + \left( \frac{\theta_0}{j+\theta_0} - \frac{m+\theta_0-1}{j+\theta_0+1} \right) \left( \frac{\beta+T}{\beta+T+(j+\theta_0)\phi(a)} \right)^{n+\alpha} \right] \quad (11)$$

where  $\phi(a) = \ln(1+a^c)$

Since  $\phi(0) = 0$ , it is easy to check that  $P(U \geq 0 | \mathbf{x}) = 1$  by using the following formula

$$\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} (j+\epsilon)^{-1} = \frac{n!}{\prod_{j=0}^n (j+\epsilon)} \quad (12)$$

given by Lingappaiah [11,12].

The  $(1-\gamma)$  100% Bayes prediction interval for  $U$  is  $(L_1(\underline{x}), L_2(\underline{x}))$  such that  $P(L_1(\underline{x}) \leq U \leq L_2(\underline{x}) | \underline{x}) = 1-\gamma$ .

By taking equal tail probabilities,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are found by the use of (11) such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(U \geq L_1(\underline{x}) | \underline{x}) &= 1 + \gamma/2 \\ P(U \geq L_2(\underline{x}) | \underline{x}) &= \gamma/2. \end{aligned}$$

$L_1$  and  $L_2$  are obtained by the bisection method.

**2.2 Bayesian Prediction Bound for the Minimum**

The distribution of the minimum in a sample of size  $m$  is given by:

$$q(y) = m(1-Fy)^{m-1} \cdot f(y) \tag{13}$$

In the presence of a single outlier, Equation (13) becomes

$$q(y) = (1-F(y))^{m-1} f^*(y) + (m-1) (1-F(y))^{m-2} (1-F^*(y)) f(y) \tag{14}$$

where  $f, F, f^*$  and  $F^*$  are as defined in section (2-1).

For the Burr XII distribution given in (1), with an outlier of the type  $\theta_0\theta$ , and  $V = \min Y_i$ , Equation (14) becomes

$$\theta(v|\theta) = (1+v^c)^{-\theta(m-1)} \cdot c\theta_0\theta v^{c-1} (1+v^c)^{-(\theta_0\theta+1)} + (m-1) (1-v^c)^{-\theta(m-2)} \cdot (1+v^c)^{-\theta_0\theta} \cdot c\theta v^{c-1} (1+v^c)^{-(\theta+1)}, \quad v > 0 \tag{15}$$

Equation (15) simplifies to

$$q(v|\theta) = c\theta\psi(v) (m+\theta_0-1) \exp\{-(m+\theta_0-1)\phi(v)\}, \quad v > 0 \tag{16}$$

The Bayes predictive p.d.f.  $p(v|x)$  can be defined using equation (8) to be

$$p(v|x) = \int q(v|\theta) \cdot \Pi^*(\theta|x) d\theta$$

Carrying out the integration, we get

$$p(v|x) = c(n+\alpha) (\beta+T)n+\alpha \psi(v) \times \frac{(m+\theta_0-1)}{[\beta+T+(m+\theta_0-1) \phi(v)]^{n+\alpha+1}} \quad v > 0 \tag{17}$$

To construct Bayes prediction intervals for  $V$  based on the observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , we evaluate

$$P(V \geq b|x) = \int_b^\infty p(v|x) dv = \left\{ \frac{\beta+T}{\beta+T+(m+\theta_0-1) \phi(b)} \right\}^{n+\alpha}, \quad b \geq 0 \tag{18}$$

Since  $\phi(b) = \ln(1+b^c)$ , it is obvious that  $P(V \geq 0|x) = 1$ .

For the equal tail probability  $(1-\gamma)$  100% prediction intervals for  $V$  is  $(L_1(\underline{x}), L_2(\underline{x}))$  such that  $P(V \geq L_1(\underline{x}) | \underline{x}) = 1 - \frac{\gamma}{2}$  and  $P(V \geq L_2(\underline{x}) | \underline{x}) = \frac{\gamma}{2}$ .

Using (18), we get

$$L_i(\underline{x}) = \left[ \exp \left\{ \frac{(1-\zeta_i) (\beta+T)}{(m+\theta_0-1) \zeta_i} \right\} - 1 \right]^c, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2 \text{ where}$$

$$\zeta_1 = \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+\alpha}}, \quad \zeta_2 = \left( \frac{\gamma}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+\alpha}}$$

**3. Example**

Wingo [15] reported the relief times (in hours) of 50 arthritis patients receiving a fixed dosage of an analgesic.

The data is listed in Table 1. Past experience with similar data suggests that the patients relief times could be adequately described by a Burr Type XII distribution (c.f. Wingo [15]).

Wingo [15] found the maximum likelihood estimate of  $c$  to be  $\hat{c} = 5.000$ .

**Table 1.** Relief times (in hours) of 50 arthritis patients

5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
0.70	0.84	0.58	0.50	0.55	0.82	0.59	0.71	0.72	0.61
0.62	0.49	0.54	0.72	0.36	0.71	0.35	0.64	0.85	0.55
0.59	0.29	0.75	0.53	0.46	0.60	0.60	0.36	0.52	0.68
0.80	0.55	0.84	0.70	0.34	0.70	0.49	0.56	0.71	0.61
0.57	0.73	0.75	0.58	0.44	0.81	0.80	0.87	0.29	0.50

**Table 2.** 95% Bayesian prediction bounds for the minimum in the presence of a single outlier of type  $\theta_0\theta$

$(\alpha, \beta)$	$\theta_0$	m= 10		m= 20	
		$L_1$	$L_2$	$L_1$	$L_2$
(0.8, 0.1)	0.1	0.232	0.545	0.200	0.469
	0.3	0.231	0.543	0.200	0.468
	0.5	0.230	0.540	0.199	0.467
	1	0.228	0.535	0.198	0.465
	3	0.220	0.515	0.195	0.456
	5	0.213	0.499	0.191	0.448
(2.4, 0.3)	0.1	0.202	0.545	0.174	0.469
	0.3	0.201	0.543	0.174	0.468
	0.5	0.200	0.541	0.174	0.467
	1	0.198	0.535	0.173	0.465
	3	0.191	0.516	0.169	0.456
	5	0.185	0.500	0.166	0.448
(4, 0.5)	0.1	0.202	0.545	0.174	0.470
	0.3	0.201	0.543	0.174	0.469
	0.5	0.200	0.541	0.174	0.468
	1	0.198	0.535	0.173	0.465
	3	0.191	0.516	0.169	0.456
	5	0.185	0.500	0.166	0.448
(5.6, 0.7)	0.1	0.202	0.546	0.174	0.470
	0.3	0.201	0.543	0.174	0.469
	0.5	0.200	0.541	0.174	0.468
	1	0.198	0.535	0.173	0.465
	3	0.191	0.516	0.169	0.457
	5	0.185	0.500	0.167	0.449
(7.2, 0.9)	0.1	0.202	0.546	0.174	0.470
	0.3	0.201	0.544	0.174	0.469
	0.5	0.200	0.541	0.174	0.468
	1	0.198	0.536	0.173	0.466
	3	0.191	0.516	0.169	0.457
	5	0.185	0.500	0.167	0.449

**Table 3.** 95% Bayesian prediction bounds for the maximum in the presence of a single outlier of type  $\theta_0\theta$

$(\alpha, \beta)$	$\theta_0$	m= 10		m= 20	
		$L_1$	$L_2$	$L_1$	$L_2$
(0.8, 0.1)	0.1	0.649	0.944	0.708	0.981
	0.3	0.658	0.961	0.726	1.004
	0.5	0.663	0.976	0.733	1.021
	1	0.668	0.999	0.738	1.047
	3	0.671	1.022	0.740	1.061
	5	0.671	1.023	0.740	1.062
(2.4, 0.3)	0.1	0.650	0.945	0.709	0.982
	0.3	0.659	0.962	0.727	1.005
	0.5	0.664	0.976	0.733	1.023
	1	0.669	1.000	0.739	1.047
	3	0.672	1.021	0.741	1.061
	5	0.672	1.023	0.741	1.061
(4, 0.5)	0.1	0.651	0.946	0.711	0.936
	0.3	0.660	0.964	0.727	1.006
	0.5	0.664	0.977	0.734	1.023
	1	0.669	1.000	0.739	1.047
	3	0.672	1.021	0.741	1.061
	5	0.672	1.023	0.741	1.061
(5.6, 0.7)	0.1	0.653	0.947	0.712	0.985
	0.3	0.660	0.965	0.728	1.007
	0.5	0.665	0.978	0.735	1.024
	1	0.670	1.001	0.740	1.048
	3	0.672	1.021	0.741	1.061
	5	0.672	1.023	0.741	1.061
(7.2, 0.9)	0.1	0.653	0.948	0.714	0.986
	0.3	0.661	0.966	0.729	1.008
	0.5	0.665	0.979	0.735	1.024
	1	0.670	1.000	0.740	1.048
	3	0.672	1.021	0.742	1.060
	5	0.672	1.022	0.742	1.061

Using the given 50 observations we calculate Bayes prediction intervals for U and V, the maximum and minimum of a future sample of the relief times (in hours) for a sample of size m of arthritis patients receiving the same medication as the patients of the first sample, under the assumption that one outlier of type  $\theta_0$  is present. The results for  $m=10,20$  and  $\theta_0=0.1(0.2)0.5; 1(2)5; \gamma=0.05$  are reported in Tables 2 and 3.

#### 4. Comments

(1) It appears from Table (2) that for fixed values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  the bounds  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  decrease as  $\theta_0$  increases. Also, when  $\alpha \geq 4$  and the corresponding  $\beta \geq 0.5$  the values of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are stabilized for each value of  $\theta_0$ .

(2) It appears from Table (3) that for fixed values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  the bounds  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  increase as  $\theta_0$  increases. Also, when  $\alpha$  increases and the corresponding  $\beta$  decreases the values of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  increase also.

(3) It appears that the length of the confidence interval is little larger in the case of the minimum when compared to that of the maximum.

Also the length is more or less a constant.

There is no sense in comparing these lengths with those obtained by other methods because the models used are different.

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