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#### Abstract

We introduce mixtures of binomial distributions derived by assuming that the probability parameter p varies according to some law. We use the transformation  $p = \exp(-t)$  and consider various appropriate densities for the transformed variables. In the process, the Laplace transform becomes the fundamental entity. Large numbers of new binomial mixtures are generated in this way. Some transformations may involve several variates that lead to "multivariate" binomial mixtures. An extension of this to the logarithmic distribution, with parameter p, is possible. Frullani integrals and Laplace transforms are encountered.

Graphical representations of some of the more significant distributions are given. These include probability functions, regions of validity, and three dimensional representations of probability functions showing the response to variation of parameters when two parameters are involved.

## 1. Introduction

Here we describe new mixtures of binomial distributions in which the probability parameter, transformed exponentially, is taken to be a random variable with a known probability structure. The derived binomial mixtures may depend on several parameters, which, in general, can be estimated by using the first few sample moments. Once the parameters are estimated, the corresponding probabilities are readily computed by the use of finite differences. Such methods are applied to the data of Bender, *et al.* [1] on spontaneous chromosomal aberrations in human blood lymphocytes. These authors observe that the Poisson model works well in some cases, but that the Poisson characteristic, mean equals variance, does not always hold, and that, in general, the variances exceed the means. The new binomial mixtures presented here include this type of "overdispersed" model, as well as models for " underdispersed" data.

Various generalizations are mentioned including (a) representation for the parameter p as  $t^2/(a^2 + t^2)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ ; (b) truncated densities for p; (c) multivariate densities for p. A link is given to deviates derived from other densities by varying the parameters. One typical case is the variation of the Poisson parameter as a  $\chi^2$  variate. Mixtures relating to the logarithmic distribution are studied.

Historically, Skellam [11] studied a beta modification of the binomial, deriving the expression for factorial moments, as well as an iterative scheme for maximum likelihood (m.l.) estimation of the two beta density parameters. He applied his results to data on the secondary association of chromosomes in *Brassica oleracea* (Catcheside [3]). Shenton [10] studied the asymptotic efficiency of the method of moments, deriving the first terms in a rather complicated series. He pointed out that the Skellam modified-binomial may be regarded as a negative hypergeometric distribution which arises also in the relation between the binomial and negative binomial distributions. In a related study, Bowman, Kastenbaum and Shenton [2] show that the efficiency of the method of moments is fairly high over a segment of the parameter space, and does not contradict Shenton's [10] assertion that the method of moments rarely has low efficiency. Indeed the study shows a joint efficiency of 99% when the asymmetry of the basic distribution is low. The authors also present new expressions for the likelihood equations and a brief study of extended series for moments of the moment estimators.

### 2. Beta Distribution

#### **2.1.** Beta Density for p

The binomial probability function being

$$B(x;k,p) = \binom{k}{x} p^{x} q^{k-x}, \quad (x = 0, 1, \dots, k; 0 \le p \le 1, p+q = 1; k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

the beta modified form is

$$S(x;k,\alpha,\beta) = \int_0^1 \binom{k}{x} p^x (1-p)^{k-x} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} dp$$

$$= \binom{k}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+x)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\beta+k-x)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(k+\alpha+\beta)}.$$
$$(x = 0, 1, \cdots, k; \alpha > 0, \beta > 0)$$

Let

$$P_{0} = S(0; k, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\beta + k)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(k + \alpha + \beta)}$$

$$= \frac{\{(k + \beta - 1) \cdots \beta\}}{(k + \alpha + \beta - 1) \cdots (\alpha + \beta)}.$$
(1)

Then

$$\frac{P_{x+1}}{P_x} = \frac{k-x}{x+1} \cdot \frac{\alpha+x}{k+\beta-x-1}, \qquad (x=0,1,\dots,k-1)$$
(2)

is a simple recursive relationship, with  $\sum_x P_x = 1$ . It may be readily shown that

$$\alpha = \frac{-\mu_1'(\mu_2' - k\mu_1')}{k(\mu_2 - \mu_1') + \mu_1'^2}, \quad \beta = \left(\frac{k}{\mu_1'} - 1\right)\alpha \tag{3}$$

where  $\mu'_s$  and  $\mu_s$  are, respectively, the sth crude and central moments of distribution.

#### 2.2. Moment Estimators

For the moment estimators of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  use equation (3), with sample moments  $m'_1$ ,  $m'_2$  replacing  $\mu'_1$ ,  $\mu'_2$ . Thus

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^* = m_1'(-m_2' + km_1') / \{k(m_2 - m_1') + m_1'^2\} \\ \beta^* = (k/m_1' - 1)\alpha^* \qquad (m_s' = \sum_{i=1}^n x_1^s / n, m_2 = m_2' - m_1'^2) \end{cases}$$
(4)

### 2.3. Properties

Table 1 demonstrates how  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  values affect the modified distributions, and how the results compare with the basic binomial distribution. Values of  $P_x$ , for k = 5,  $(x = 0, \dots, k)$ , are derived from equations (1) and (2). Similar calculations will yield values of  $P_x$  for k = 20. These were omitted from Table 1 in the interest of conserving space. The binomial parameter  $p = \alpha/(\alpha + \beta)$ ,  $\mu'_1 = k\alpha/(\alpha + \beta)$ ,  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation, and  $\sqrt{\beta_1}$  and  $\beta_2$  are skewness and kurtosis parameters.

We note, from Table 1, that with increases in  $\alpha$ , the beta distribution approaches the binomial with  $p = \alpha/(\alpha + \beta)$ . For small  $\alpha$ , the beta distributions are skewed and platikurtic, and have larger standard deviations. In other words, these distributions are overdispersed in comparison with the binomial, in general. Illustrations of the densities for k = 20 are given in Figures 1.

|                  | k = 5   |                    |          |         |                     |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                  |         | $\beta = \alpha$   |          |         | $\beta = 3\alpha/4$ | 4                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| α                | 4.0000  | 8.0000             | Binomial | 4.0000  | 8.0000              | Binomial               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| σ                | 1.3437  | 1.2426             | 1.1180   | 1.3553  | 1.2454              | 1.1066                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\sqrt{\beta_1}$ | 0.0000  | 0.0000             | 0.0000   | -0.1991 | -0.1721             | -0.1291                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta_2$        | 2.2531  | 2.4115             | 2.5528   | 2.2630  | 2.4234              | 2.5758                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| x                |         | <u>,</u>           | F        | )<br>x  |                     |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0                | 0.0707  | 0.0511             | 0.0312   | 0.0455  | 0.0294              | 0.0145                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | 0.1768  | 0.1703             | 0.1562   | 0.1299  | 0.1176              | 0.0964                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | 0.2525  | 0.2786             | 0.3125   | 0.2165  | 0.2353              | 0.2570                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | 0.2525  | 0.2786             | 0.3125   | 0.2597  | 0.2941              | 0.3427                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | 0.1768  | 0.1703             | 0.1562   | 0.2273  | 0.2311              | 0.2285                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | 0.0707  | 0.0511             | 0.0312   | 0.1212  | 0.0924              | 0.0609                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |         | $\beta = \alpha/2$ |          |         | $\beta = \alpha/4$  |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| α                | 4.0000  | 8.0000             | Binomial | 4.0000  | 8.0000              | Binomial               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| σ                | 1.3214  | 1.2054             | 1.0541   | 1.1547  | 1.0445              | 0.8944                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\sqrt{\beta_1}$ | -0.5045 | -0.4346            | -0.3162  | -1.1135 | -0.9574             | -0.6708                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta_2$        | 2.4818  | 2.5891             | 2.6838   | 3.6429  | 3.4551              | 3.0447                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| x                |         |                    | F        | r       |                     |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0                | 0.0238  | 0.0128             | 0.0041   | 0.0079  | 0.0030              | 0.0003                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1                | 0.0794  | 0.0641             | 0.0412   | 0.0317  | 0.0200              | 0.0064                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2                | 0.1587  | 0.1648             | 0.1646   | 0.0794  | 0.0719              | 0.0512                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                | 0.2381  | 0.2747             | 0.3292   | 0.1587  | 0.1798              | 0.2048                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                | 0.2778  | 0.3022             | 0.3292   | 0.2778  | 0.3297              | 0.4096                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5                | 0.2222  | 0.1813             | 0.1317   | 0.4444  | 0.3956              | 0.3277                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |         |                    | k =      | = 20    |                     |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |         | $\beta = \alpha$   |          |         | $\beta = \alpha/4$  |                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| α                | 4.0000  | 8.0000             | Binomial | 4.0000  | 8.0000              | Binomial               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| σ                | 3.9441  | 3.2540             | 2.2361   | 4.0658  | 3.3320              | 2.2131                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\sqrt{\beta_1}$ | 0.0000  | 0.0000             | 0.0000   | -0.1835 | -0.1447             | -0.0645                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta_2$        | 2.4312  | 2.6444             | 2.7764   | 2.4243  | 2.6395              | <b>2.7</b> 87 <b>9</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |         | $\beta = \alpha/2$ |          |         | $\beta = 3\alpha/4$ | 4                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| α                | 4.0000  | 8.0000             | Binomial | 4.000   | 8.000               | Binomial               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| σ                | 4.0630  | 3.3076             | 2.108    | 3.6515  | 2.9542              | 1.7889                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\sqrt{\beta_1}$ | -0.4717 | -0.3743            | -0.1581  | -1.0563 | -0.8463             | -0.3354                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\beta_2$        | 2.6099  | 2.7596             | 2.8419   | 3.6911  | 3.4860              | 3.0224                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 1: Moments of the Beta Distribution



Figure 1: k = 20

# 3. Generalized Mixtures of Binomials

### 3.1. Density on (0, 1)

The Skellam [11] distribution treats the probability parameter p as a beta random variable with density

$$D(p) = p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)/\{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\} \quad (\alpha,\beta>0).$$

Families of binomial distributions exist that are generalizations of the beta-binomial. A more general binomial mixture is

$$B(x;n) = \binom{n}{x} \int_0^1 p^x (1-p)^{n-x} f(p) dp \quad (x=0,\cdots,n),$$
 (5)

where f(p) is a valid density on interval (0, 1). The rth factorial moment,

$$\mu'_{[r]} = \int_0^1 \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} x^{(r)} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} f(p) dp = n^{(r)} \int_0^1 p^r f(p) dp,$$

where  $x^{(r)} = x(x-1)\cdots(x-r+1)$ , is remarkable for its simplicity; note that  $\mu'_{[1]}$  represents the first non-central moment. For a probability parameter p, with distribution function  $\sigma(p)$ , the factorial moment generating function is

$$\int_0^1 (1+p\alpha)^n d\sigma(p).$$

From this expression, both non-central and central moments may be set up. However, the central moments may be computed more directly from  $\mu_r = E(x - \mu'_{[1]})^r$ . Hald [5] gives asymptotic results for forms like (5) with f(p) a density on (0, 1). In particular he gives numerical error values when  $f(\cdot)$  is a beta density.

### 3.2. Transformed Beta Density

Since p satisfies  $0 \le p \le 1$ , we may consider the transformation,  $p = e^{-t}$ ,  $(0 \le t < \infty)$  and the resulting, generalized binomial distribution

$$B_g(x;n,\phi) = \binom{n}{x} \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} (1-e^{-t})^{n-x} \phi(t;\underline{\alpha}) dt \tag{6}$$

where  $\phi(t; \underline{\alpha})$  is a valid density on  $(0, \infty)$ , with parameters  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ . More generally, we may use the Stieltjes form

$$B_g(x;n,\sigma) = \binom{n}{x} \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} (1-e^{-t})^{n-x} d\sigma(t).$$

For  $\phi(t;\underline{\alpha}) = 0$  (except when  $t = \log(1/p)$ ), (6) reduces to the binomial. Another possible transformation is  $p = t^2/(1+t^2)$ , with  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

The probability function in (6) is expressible in terms of the Laplace transform of  $\phi(\cdot)$  or  $\sigma(\cdot)$ . Thus if

$$\Phi(s;\phi)=\int_0^\infty e^{-st}\phi(t;\underline{\alpha})dt \quad (s>0),$$

is assumed to exist, then

$$B_g(x;n,\phi) = \binom{n}{x} \sum_{r=0}^{n-x} (-1)^r \binom{n-x}{r} \Phi(x+r;\phi), \tag{7}$$

with a similar expression for the case of a discontinuous density. The summatory term in (7) will be recognized as an advancing difference.

Factorial moments readily result from

$$\mu'_{[r]} = n^{(r)} \int_0^\infty e^{-r} \phi(t;\alpha) dt = n^{(r)} \Phi(r;\phi).$$

A list of possible forms for these generalizations is given in Table 2 and Table 3. It seems reasonable to describe these forms as mixtures which, to our knowledge, have not been described in the literature.

One case that does not arise obviously from the variation of parameters is model 29 for which

$$\phi_g(t) = k(Ae^{-at} + Be^{-bt} + \cdots)/t^m; \quad (0 < t < \infty; m = 1, 2, \cdots)$$

we assume positivity and integrability. In particular  $\int_0^\infty \phi(t)dt = 1$ . Then for the transform, (Hardy [6], p126), take

$$\Phi(s) = \frac{k(-1)^m}{(m-1)!} \{Aa^{m-1}\ln(a+s) + Bb^{m-1}\ln(b+s) + \cdots \} = \frac{\sum Aa^{m-1}\ln(a+s)}{\sum Aa^{m-1}\ln a}.$$

For example, for the case

$$\phi(t) = k(Ae^{-at} + Be^{-bt} + Ce^{-ct} - e^{-dt})/t^3,$$

we may take as a valid density

$$A = (d - b)(c - d) / \{(a + b)(c - a)\},\$$
  

$$B = (a - d)(d - c) / \{(a - b)(b - c)\},\$$
  

$$C = (b - d)(d - a) / \{(b - c)(c - a)\},\$$

and similar confluent expressions, when there are equivalences. In particular, for the two-parameter case,

$$\phi(t) = k e^{-at} (1 - e^{-bt})^3 / t^3, \quad (a, b > 0),$$

we have

| Model |   |  |              |
|-------|---|--|--------------|
| j     | $\phi(t)$   | $\Phi(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \phi(t) dt$   | limits       |
| 1     | $\begin{cases} \phi(t) = 0\\ \phi(\ln \frac{1}{b}) = 1 \end{cases}$   | <i>p</i> *   | $0$          |
| 2     | $\frac{e^{-bt}t^{\rho-1}b^{\rho}}{\Gamma(\rho)}$  | $\left(\frac{b}{b+s}\right)^{\rho}$  | b,  ho > 0   |
| 3     | $\frac{e^{-bt}-e^{-at}}{t\ln(a/b)}$   | $\ln\left(\frac{a+s}{b+s}\right)/\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$                                    | a > b > 0    |
| 4     | $\frac{k}{2\sqrt{\pi t^3}}e^{-\frac{k^2}{4t}}$  | $e^{-k\sqrt{s}}$   | k > 0        |
| 5     | $rac{E_1(t/k)}{k}$   | $\frac{\ln(1+ks)}{ks}$   | <i>k</i> > 0 |
| 6     | $\frac{e^{-bt}-e^{-at}}{(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})2\sqrt{\pi t^3}}$  | $\frac{\sqrt{s+a}-\sqrt{s+b}}{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}}$  | b > a > 0    |
| 7     | $2aK_0(2\sqrt{at})$   | $\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\theta} d\theta}{1+\theta s/a}$   | <i>a</i> > 0 |
| 8     | $\frac{e^{-at}(1+at)-e^{-bt}(1+bt)}{t^2(b-a)}$  | $1 - \frac{s}{b-a} \ln \left( \frac{b+s}{a+s} \right)$   | b > a > 0    |
| 9     | $\frac{\int_0^\infty \left\{ \frac{e^{-x(t+B^{-1})}}{t+B^{-1}} - \frac{e^{-x(t+A^{-1})}}{t+A^{-1}} \right\} dt}{(B-A)}$ | $\frac{\ln\{(Bs+1)/(As+1)\}}{(B-A)s}$  | B > A > 0    |
| 10    | $\frac{e^{-at}\left(1+at+\frac{a^{2}t^{2}}{2!}\right)-e^{-bt}\left(1+bt+\frac{b^{2}t^{2}}{2!}\right)}{t^{2}(b-a)/2}$    | $\frac{\frac{b^2+2bs}{2(b+s)}-\frac{a^2+2as}{2(a+s)}-s\ln\left(\frac{b+s}{a+s}\right)}{(b-a)/2}$ | b > a > 0    |
| 11    | $\left(\frac{e^{-at}-e^{-bt}}{t}\right)^m e^{ct}/K(m,a,b;c)$  | $\frac{K(m,a,b;c+s)}{K(m,a,b;c)}$  |              |
| 12    | $\frac{e^{-t/B}-e^{-t/A}}{B-A}$   | $\frac{1}{(sA+1)(sB+1)}$   | B > A > 0    |
| 13    | $\frac{\left(\frac{t}{B}+1\right)e^{\frac{-t}{B}}-\left(\frac{t}{A}+1\right)e^{\frac{-t}{A}}}{2(B-A)}$                  | $\frac{2+s(A+B)}{2(sA+1)^2(sB+1)^2}$   | B > A > 0    |
| 14    | $\frac{2t^{(R-1)/2}K_{R-1}\{\sqrt{(t/A)}\}}{A^{(R+1)/2}\Gamma(R)}$  | $\frac{1}{\Gamma(R)}\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-u}u^{R-1}du}{1+Asu}$                                 | R, A > 0     |
| 15    | $e^{-at}\sin(t\sqrt{u})\frac{a^2+u}{\sqrt{u}}$  | $\frac{a^2+u}{(a+s)^2+u}$  | a, u > 0     |

 Table 2: Generalized Binomial Distributions (1 - 15)

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Functions in 5, 7, 11, and 14 are classical functions defined, for example, in Handbook of Mathematical function, AMS 55, National Bureau of Standard.

| Model |   |   |                   |
|-------|---|---|-------------------|
| j     | $\phi(t)$   | $\Phi(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \phi(t) dt$  | limits            |
| 16    | $\frac{e^{-at}\cos(t\sqrt{u})(u+a^2)}{a}$   | $\left(\frac{a+s}{a}\right)\left(\frac{u+a^2}{u+(a+s)^2}\right)$  | a, u > 0          |
| 17    | $\left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{a} \tanh\left(\frac{b\pi}{2a}\right) e^{-bt}  \sin(at) \right)$ | $\frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2+(s+b)^2}\frac{\coth\left(\frac{(b+s)\pi}{2a}\right)}{\coth\left(\frac{b\pi}{2a}\right)}$  | <i>b</i> > 0      |
| 18    | $\frac{b(b^2+4a^2)}{2a^2}e^{-bt}\sin^2(at)$   | $\frac{b(b^2+4a^2)}{(b+s)\{(b+s)^2+4a^2\}}$   | <i>b</i> > 0      |
| 19    | $\frac{(b^3+4a^2b)e^{-bt}\cos^2(at)}{2a^2+b^2}$                                       | $\frac{\{2a^2+(s+b)^2\}(b^3+4a^2b)}{(2a^2+b^2)\{(b+s)^3+4a^2(b+s)\}}$   | <i>b</i> > 0      |
| 20    | $\frac{4e^{-bt}\sin^2(at)}{t\ln(1+4a^2/b^2)}$   | $\ln \frac{\{1+4a^2/(b+s)^2\}}{\ln(1+4a^2/b^2)}$  | <i>b</i> > 0      |
| 21    | $(2k/t)e^{-bt}\sinh(at)$  | $k\{Ei(-a-B)-Ei(a-B)\}$   | t > 0, b > a      |
|       |   |   | B = b + s         |
| 22    | $\frac{e^{-bt}\cosh\{2\sqrt{at}\}\sqrt{b}}{e^{a/b}\sqrt{\pi t}}$                      | $\frac{e^{a/(s+b)\sqrt{b}}}{e^{a/b}\sqrt{s+b}}$   | b, a > 0          |
| 23    | $\frac{k\sinh^2(\sqrt{bt})}{\sqrt{t}}e^{-bt}$   | $\frac{k}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{b+s}}\left\{e^{\frac{\alpha}{b+s}}-1\right\}$  | (t > 0)           |
| 24    | $ce^{-at-k^2/(4t)}/(2\sqrt{\pi t^3})$   | $e^{k\{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{a+s}\}}$  | a > 0, k > 0      |
| 25    | $\frac{c}{\sqrt{k\pi}}e^{-at}\sinh\{2\sqrt{kt}\}$                                     | $e^{\frac{k}{a+s}-\frac{k}{a}}/(1+s/a)^{3/2}$   | k > 0, a > 0      |
| 26    | $ce^{-at}erfc\left(rac{k}{2\sqrt{t}} ight)$  | $\frac{e^{k\{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{a+s}\}}}{1+s/a}$  | a>0, k>0          |
| 27    | $c\{e^{-at}e^{-k^2/(4t)}\}/\sqrt{\pi t}$  | $\frac{e^{k(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{a+s})}}{\sqrt{1+s/a}}$   | k > 0, a > 0      |
| 28    | (see paragraph 3.3)   | $\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2x} e^{-k \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^{n}(1+t^2)^{m}}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-k \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^{m}}}$ | m > 1/2           |
| 29    | $\frac{k(Ae^{-at}+Be^{-bt}+\cdots)}{t^m}$   |   | $0 < t < \infty;$ |
|       |   |   | $m=1,2,\cdots$    |

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Table 3: Generalized Binomial Distributions (16 - 29)

$$\int_0^\infty \phi(t)dt = \int_0^\infty k\{e^{-at} - 3e^{-(a+b)t} + 3e^{-(a+2b)t} - e^{-(a+3b)t}\}/t^3dt$$
  
=  $\frac{k}{2!}\{a^2\ln a - 3(a+b)^2\ln(a+b) + 3(a+2b)^2b(a+2b) - (a+3b)^2b(a+3b)\}.$ 

$$\Psi(s) = (a+b)^2 \ln(a+s) - 3(a+b+s)^2 \ln(a+b+a) + 3(a+2b+s)^2 \ln(a+2b+s) - (a+3b+s) \ln(a+3b+s),$$

then

$$\Phi(s)=\Psi(s)/\Psi(0).$$

Clearly  $\Phi(s)$  is a valid density over s > 0.

# 3.3. Pearson Type IV Density (Student's t included)

A different kind of mixture, Model 28, (Table 3), is based on Karl Pearson's Type IV density. In this case

$$\Phi(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \phi(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{t^{2x} e^{-k \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^n (1+t^2)^m} / \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{-k \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^m} \quad (m > 1/2).$$

We use

$$\phi(t;a,k) = y_0 e^{-k \tan^{-1}(t/a)} / (t^2/a^2 + 1)^m \quad (-\infty < t < \infty; m \ge 1/2),$$

and

$$B_g(n;x,\phi) = \binom{n}{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{t^2}{t^2+a^2}\right)^x \left(\frac{a^2}{t^2+a^2}\right)^{n-x} \phi(t;a,k) dt,$$

which is independent of a, so that

$$B_g(n;x,\phi) = \binom{n}{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2x}}{(1+t^2)^n} \phi(t;1,k) dt$$

Defining

$$Q(x; m+n, k) = y_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^x e^{-k \tan^{-1} t} dt}{(1+t^2)^{m+n}} = Q_x, \text{ where } y_0 = \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-k \tan^{-1} t} dt}{(t^2+1)^m} \right\}^{-1},$$

we can either integrate by parts and derive the recurrence

$$Q_x = \{(x-1)Q_{x-2} - kQ_{x-1}\}/(2N-x-1) \quad (N=m+n; x=1,\cdots),$$
(8)

with  $Q_0$  to be determined, or make the transformation  $t = \tan \theta$  and consider integrals such as

$$G(M,k) = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^M \theta e^{-k\theta} d\theta = \frac{M(M-1)}{M^2 + k^2} G(M-2,k), \quad (\text{see K. Pearson[8]}).$$

 $Q_0$ , in (8), is given by

$$Q_{0} = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^{2n+2m-2} \theta e^{-k\theta} d\theta / \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^{2m-2} \theta e^{-k\theta} d\theta$$
  
=  $G(2n + 2m - 2, k) / G(2m - 2, k),$   
=  $\frac{(2n + 2m - 2)^{(2n)}}{\prod_{r=1}^{n} \{k^{2} + (2n + 2m - 2r)^{2}\}}$   $(n + m \ge 1/2, n = 0, \cdots),$ 

and  $Q_1 = -kQ_0/(2n+2m-2)$ . Similarly for the *r*th factorial moment of the binomial distribution,

$$\mu'_{[r]} = y_0 n^{(r)} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin^{2r} \theta \cos^{2m-2} \theta e^{-k\theta} d\theta = n^{(r)} \sum_{s=0}^r (-1)^s \binom{r}{s} \frac{G(2m+2s-2,k)}{G(2m-2,k)}.$$

In particular,

$$\mu'_{[1]} = \frac{n(k^2 + 2m)}{(k^2 + 4m^2)}, \quad \mu'_{[2]} = n^{(2)} \frac{\{k^4 + (12m + 4)k^2 + 12m(m + 1)\}}{(k^2 + 4m^2)\{k^2 + 4(m + 1)^2\}}.$$

Moment estimators  $(k^*, m^*)$ , based on these equations, are found from the relationships

$$Am^{*3} + Bm^{*2} + Cm^{*} + D = 0, \quad k^{*2} = 2m^{*}(2m^{*}\nu_{1} - 1)/(1 - \nu_{1}),$$

where

$$\begin{split} \nu_1 &= m'_{[1]}/n, \quad \nu_2 = n^{(2)}/m'_{[2]}, \\ A &= \frac{4\nu_1^2(1-\nu_2)}{(1-\nu_1)^2} + \frac{8\nu_1}{1-\nu_1} + 4, \\ B &= -\frac{4\nu_1(1-\nu_2)}{(1-\nu_1)^2} + \frac{4\nu_1(2-3\nu_2)}{1-\nu_1} + \frac{4-8\nu_1}{1-\nu_1} - 3\nu_2, \\ C &= \frac{1-\nu_2}{(1-\nu_1)^2} + \frac{4\nu_1(1-\nu_2)}{1-\nu_1} - \frac{2(2-3\nu_2)}{1-\nu_1} + 4 - 3\nu_2, \\ D &= -2(1-\nu_2)/(1-\nu_1). \end{split}$$

The validity of these equations is conditioned by the restraints,  $m^* \ge 1/2$  and  $2m^*\nu_1 \ge 1$ .

Properties and figures, related to the generalized binomial distributions may be found in the appendix.

## 3.4. Applications

We now apply the moment approach to Catcheside's [3] data on the secondary association of chromosomes in *Brassica*, using Models 2, 15, and 28. (Note: There may be no solutions to the moment equations. In fact, solutions may exist that do not yield valid probabilities.) Thus for Model 2

$$m'_1 = 3\left(\frac{b^*}{b^*+1}\right)^{\rho^*} = 1.741840, \quad m'_{[2]} = 6\left(\frac{b^*}{b^*+2}\right)^{\rho^*} = 2.148368,$$

and  $b^* = 7.537223$ ,  $\rho^* = 4.363957$ , with  $\phi(t) = \phi_0 e^{-7.537223t} t^{3.363957}$ . For Model 15 the density is not always positive. However, the moments

$$\mu'_1 = \frac{k(a^2 + u)}{(a+1)^2 + u}, \quad \mu'_{[2]} = \frac{k^{(2)}(a^2 + u)}{(a+2)^2 + u},$$

yield solutions

$$a = -(\nu_1 - 4\nu_2 + 3\nu_1\nu_2)/(2\nu_1 - 4\nu_2 + 2\nu_1\nu_2).$$

and

$$u = \{(a+1)^2\nu_1 - a^2\}/(1-\nu_1),$$

where

$$\nu_1 = \mu'_{[1]}/k, \quad \nu_2 = \mu'_{[2]}/k^{(2)}, \quad k^{(2)} = k(k-1).$$

Estimates of the Model 15 parameters are

$$a^* = 1.574527, \quad u^* = 3.264956.$$

For Model 28,

$$Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^{2x} e^{-w \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^k (1+t^2)^m} / \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-w \tan^{-1}(t)} dt}{(1+t^2)^m}. \quad (m > 1/2)$$

Moment estimators are found from

$$m'_{[1]} = k(w^2 + 2m)/(w^2 + 4m^2),$$
  
$$m'_{[2]} = k^{(2)} \frac{\{w^4 + (12m + 4)w^2 + 12m(m + 1)\}}{(w^2 + 4m^2)\{w^2 + 4(m + 1)^2\}}.$$

In Table 4, the fits of three generalized binomials (Model 2, 15 and 28) are compared with Skellam's modified binomial. Also the results of fitting Models 2 and 15 to a second set of data presented by Skellam appear in Table 4.

Here the computed moments are  $m'_1 = 0.465224$ , and  $m'_{[2]} = 0.44204$ , and the corresponding parameter estimates are

Model 2 
$$b^* = 1.1183$$
,  $\rho^* = 3.7171$ ,  
Model 15  $a^* = -0.1062$ ,  $u^* = 0.0695$ .

| Table | 4: | Skel | llam | 's E | Exampl | e |
|-------|----|------|------|------|--------|---|
|-------|----|------|------|------|--------|---|

| Secondary Association of Chromosomes in Brassicca |               |         |         |          |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Number of Associations                            | Observed      | Skellam | Model 2 | Model 15 | Model 28 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0   | 32            | 33.92   | 33.90   | 31.98    | 30.37    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1   | 103           | 97.24   | 97.28   | 103.06   | 99.59    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2   | 122           | 127.76  | 127.73  | 121.94   | 133.97   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3   | 80            | 78.08   | 78.09   | 80.02    | 73.20    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degrees of Freedom                                |               | 1       | 1       | 1        | 1        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\chi^2$  |               | 0.76    | 0.75    | 0.00007  | 1.91     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Accident Data |         |         |          |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Associations                            | Observed      | Skellam | Model 2 | Model 15 |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0   | 447           | 448     | 448.32  | 442.07   |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1   | 132           | 129     | 128.05  | 142.99   |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2   | 42            | 47      | 46.77   | 38.45    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3   | 21            | 17      | 17.20   | 15.03    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4   | 3             | 5       | 5.49    | 6.28     |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 or more   | 2             | 1.4     | 1.17    | 2.18     |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degrees of Freedom                                |               | 3       | 3       | 3        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\chi^2$  |               | 2.60    | 3.18    | 5.32     |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

In this application we note that the Model 2 parallels the Skellam very closely, but that the Model 15 cannot be excluded as a reasonable fit.

The data presented by Bender, *et al.* [1] provide additional applications. These authors caution that their data, in many instances, depart from the Poisson, with variances generally larger than means. The results of applying Models 4, 24, and 15 to one of these data sets are presented in Table 5. For Model 4,

$$m'_1 = 3e^{-w^*} = 0.0028, \quad m'_{[2]} = 6e^{-w^*\sqrt{2}} = 0.00026,$$

and  $w^* = 6.9819$ , with  $\phi(t) = \phi_0 e^{12.19/t} / t^{3/2}$ .

For Model 24,

$$m'_1 = 3e^{w^* \{\sqrt{a^*} - \sqrt{a^* + 1}\}} = 0.0028$$
,  $m'_{[2]} = 6e^{w^* \{\sqrt{a^*} - \sqrt{a^* + 2}\}} = 0.00026$ .

and  $w^* = 7.4431$ ,  $a^* = 0.0041$  with  $\phi(t) = \phi_0 e^{-0.0041t - 13.85/t} / t^{3/2}$ 

For Model 15,

$$a^* = -0.4494, \quad u^* = -0.2018.$$

The parameters estimated for the Model 2 fit to the second set of data are  $b^* = 1.7718$ ,  $\rho^* = 5.2926$ .

Model 4 and Model 24 are variations of the Poisson distribution with the variance greater than the mean. As the  $\chi^2$  values show, they provide a satisfactory fit to the

| Number of Aberrations | Observed | Poisson       | Model 4  | Model 24 | Model 15 |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0                     | 85571    | 85561.33      | 85573.77 | 85571.60 | 85570.72 |
| 1                     | 220      | 238.34        | 213.93   | 218.11   | 220.84   |
| 2                     | 8        | 0.33          | 12.30    | 9.95     | 7.16     |
| 3                     | 1        | -             | -        | 0.34     | 1.28     |
| Degrees of Freedom    |          | 1             | 1        | 1        | 1        |
| χ <sup>2</sup>        |          | 229.20        | 1.06     | 1.68     | 0.16     |
| Number of Aberrations | Observed | Poisson       | Model 2  |          |          |
| 0                     | 267      | 244.61        | 271.14   |          |          |
| 1                     | 110      | 137.42        | 100.92   |          |          |
| 2                     | 33       | 38.60         | 37.80    |          |          |
| 3                     | 14       | 7.23          | 13.54    |          |          |
| 4                     | 3        |               | 4.33     |          |          |
| 5                     | 1        | <b>\</b> 1.14 | 1.27     |          |          |
| 6                     | 1        | )             | ş        |          |          |
| Degrees of Freedom    |          | 3             | 3        |          |          |
| $\chi^2$              |          | 27.73         | 2.33     |          |          |

Table 5: Bender's Data

data. Their meaning, however, in a biological context, remains to be explained.

# 4. Truncated Densities for p

Finally we note that the generalized binomial mentioned in Section 1 belongs to the family

$$B(n;\phi) = \binom{n}{x} \int_0^1 p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \phi(p) dp,$$

 $\phi(p)$  being a valid density on (0, 1). If  $\phi(\cdot)$  is a point mass distribution, then the classical binomial is returned. A truncated form, namely,

$$B(n;\phi;u,v) = \binom{n}{x} \int_u^v p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \psi(p) dp \quad (0 \le u < v \le 1),$$

where  $\psi(\cdot)$ , a valid density on (u, v), suggests itself. Thus the beta density,

$$B(n;\phi;u,v) = \binom{n}{x} \int_{u}^{v} p^{x} (1-p)^{n-x} \frac{(p-u)^{\alpha-1}(v-p)^{\beta-1} \Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)(v-u)^{\alpha+\beta-1}} dp, \qquad (9)$$

involves four parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , u, and v, where u, v relate to the range of p. A moment solution using the first two moments and the trial values of u, v may be optimized for a minimum  $\chi^2$  value.

Expression (9) may be written as

$$B(n;\phi;u,v) = \binom{n}{x} \int_0^1 \{u + (v-u)y\}^x \{1 - u - (v-u)y\}^{n-x} \frac{y^{\alpha-1}(1-y)^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} dy$$

involving four parameters u, v,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ , the first two of which define the range of the probability parameter p in (9). The "binomial" probabilities  $B(n; \phi; u, v)$  may be evaluated by quadrature or by expanding the two binomial components of the integrand.

Given frequency data on the integers  $0, \dots, n$  where  $n \ge 6$  it is possible to use the first four sample moments  $m'_{[s]}(s = 1 \sim 4)$  to determine a solution, if solutions exist. However,  $m'_{[3]}$  and  $m'_{[4]}$  may involve high sampling variation in general. An alternative is to select values of u, v, and then use the first two moments  $m'_{[1]}$  and  $m'_{[2]}$  to determine  $\alpha^*$  and  $\beta^*$ . If  $\alpha^*$  and  $\beta^*$  are positive, then a unique solution is available. Thus, there are two criteria for deciding on the optimum choice of u and v:

- Minimize the goodness of fit  $\chi^2$  value;
- Compute the skewness and kurtosis, and look for the closest approximation to the normal values, (0, 3).

Define  $\nu_1 = m'_{[1]}/n$ ,  $\nu_2 = m'_{[2]}/n^{(2)}$ . Then

$$\alpha^* = \frac{(\nu_1 - u)\{(u + v)\nu_1 - uv - \nu_2\}}{(v - u)(\nu_2 - \nu_1^2)}, \quad \beta^* = \alpha^* \frac{(v - \nu_1)}{(\nu_1 - u)},$$

are solutions, provided they are positive.

It is also useful to guess at values of  $\alpha^*$ ,  $\beta^*$  in order to arrive at estimates of u and v. In this case

$$u^* = \nu_1 - \sqrt{\{(\nu_2 - \nu_1^2)(\alpha^* + \beta^* + 1)\alpha^*/\beta^*\}}, \quad v^* = u^* + (\nu_1 - u^*)(\alpha^* + \beta^*)/\alpha^*.$$

For an example, David and Johnson [4] gave data on the distribution of the number of defective teeth in 11 year old boys. These data were used by Rao and Chakravarti [9] for the test for a Poisson distribution. Here n = 12, N = 265,  $m'_{[1]} = 2.573585$ ,  $m'_{[2]} = 9.841509$ , with variance  $m_2 = 5.791755$ , greater than the mean.

For the model of equation (9) we calculate a Pearson  $\chi^2$ -value of 6.81, with five degrees of freedom, when u = 0.001, v = 0.85,  $\alpha^* = 0.942848$  and  $\beta^* = 2.80707$ . This fit (Table 6) appears to be satisfactory. By way of comparison, when u = 0, and v = 1, we found  $\alpha^* = 1.05056$ ,  $\beta^* = 3.84794$ , and  $\chi^2 = 6.78$  with seven degrees of freedom.

Another alternative is to use the model of Model 1 (Table 2) transformed onto (0, 1). We calculate a Pearson  $\chi^2$ -value of 7.01, with five degrees of freedom when u=0.001, v = 0.800,  $b^* = 1.2898$  and  $\rho^* = 2.2996$ . By way of comparison, when u = 0 and v = 1, we found  $b^* = 1.7506$ ,  $\rho^* = 3.4073$ , and  $\chi^2 = 7.30$  with seven degrees of freedom.

In a number of cases which we have studied, the introduction of the interval parameters (u, v) does not always provide improvement.

| Defected teeth     | Number of boys | Poisson | Equation (9) | Model 1 |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 0                  | 61             | 20.21   | 51.81        | 61.58   |
| 1                  | 47             | 52.01   | 50.10        | 50.60   |
| 2                  | 43             | 66.93   | 40.47        | 40.48   |
| 3                  | 35             | 57.41   | 32.36        | 32.13   |
| 4                  | 28             | 36.94   | 25.34        | 25.14   |
| 5                  | 15             | 19.01   | 19.26        | 19.19   |
| 6                  | 20             | 8.16    | 14.06        | 14.12   |
| 7                  | 5              | 3.00    | 9.69         | 9.82    |
| 8                  | 5              | 0.96    | 6.16         | 6.27    |
| 9                  | 2              |         |              |         |
| 10                 | 1              |         |              |         |
| 11                 | 2              | 0.37    | 5.74         | 5.69    |
| 12                 | 1 .            |         |              |         |
| Degrees of Freedom |                | 8       | 5            | 5       |
| $\chi^2$           |                | 224.30  | 6.81         | 7.00    |

Table 6: David and Johnson Data

# 5. Further Binomial Mixtures

## 5.1. Exponential Density

In Section 3, we introduced binomial mixtures defined as

$$\Pr(X = x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} (1 - e^{-t})^{k-x} \phi(t) dt \quad (x = 0, \dots, n; k = 1, \dots)$$

where  $\phi(t)$  is a valid probability density on  $(0, \infty)$ . For the most part we do not use the purely discontinuous case. Here we show a link with distributions arising as probability densities subject to random variable parameters; for example, the Skellam [11] distribution, which assumes that the binomial probability parameter p has a beta distribution.

In addition, we list further examples of binomial mixtures including multivariate densities which may have interest or applicability. Diagrams are presented to give some insight into the question of modality of mixtures, because we have encountered serious problems with approaches that are purely mathematical.

Let

$$\phi_n(t,\alpha) = \alpha e^{-\alpha t} \quad (t > 0; \alpha > 0)$$

be the basic distribution, where  $\alpha$  has the distribution

$$\phi_p(\alpha) = k/\alpha, \quad (0 < A \le \alpha < B; k = 1/\ln(B/A)).$$
 (10)

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Then the (variated) basic distribution becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_v(t) &= \{e^{-At} - e^{-Bt}\}/\{t\ln(B/A)\}, \quad (0 < t < \infty) \\
&= 0, \quad (t < 0).
\end{aligned}$$
(11)

The corresponding binomial mixture is

$$\Pr(X = x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} (1 - e^{-t})^{k-x} \phi_v(t) dt.$$
 (12)

Upon expanding the second binomial factor in the integrand, we require the fundamental entities

$$\Phi(s)=\int_0^\infty e^{-st}\phi_v(t)dt,$$

which, from (12), yields  $(A \rightarrow A + s, B \rightarrow B + s)$ 

$$\Phi(s) = \ln\{(B+s)/(A+s)\}/\ln(B/A).$$

We notice the role played by Laplace transforms in (12), and the appearance of Frullani integrals (see Hardy [6]) from (12). We have, for simplicity, sometimes omitted the parameter in probabilities such as  $\phi_{\nu}(t)$ , which doubtless should be written  $\phi_{\nu}(t; A, B)$ .

There are several generalizations. First, take the cases:

$$\phi_b(x) = \alpha^2 x e^{-\alpha x} \quad (x > 0)$$
$$= 0 \quad (x < 0)$$

with  $\alpha$  varying as (10). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_v(t) &= \{(1+At)e^{-At} - (1+Bt)e^{-Bt}\}/\{t\ln(B/A)\}, \quad (t>0) \\ &= 0, \quad (t<0) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Phi(s) = \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{B+s}{A+s}\right) + \left(\frac{A}{A+s} - \frac{B}{B+s}\right) \right\} / \ln(B/A),$$

and

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \left\{ \Phi(x) - \binom{k-x}{1} \Phi(x+1) + \binom{k-x}{2} \Phi(x+2) \cdots \right\}.$$

Take another case:

$$\phi_b(t) = \alpha^{m+1} t^m e^{-\alpha t} / m!, \qquad (t > 0; \alpha > 0, m = 0, \cdots).$$

Then if  $\alpha$  varies as in (10)

$$\phi_{v}(t) = \{H_{m}(t,A) - H_{m}(t,B)\}/\{t\ln(B/A)\}, \quad (t > 0)$$

where

$$H_m(t,k) = e^{-kt} \sum_{\lambda=0}^m \frac{k^{\lambda} t^{\lambda}}{s!},$$
(13)

and

$$\Phi(s) = \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{B+s}{A+s}\right) + \sum_{\lambda=1}^{m} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{A^{\lambda}}{(A+s)^{\lambda}} - \frac{B^{\lambda}}{(B+s)^{\lambda}}\right) \right\} / \ln(B/A).$$

# 5.2. Modified Exponential

$$\phi_b(t) = e^{-t/\alpha}/\alpha, \quad (0 < t < \infty; \alpha > 0)$$

with  $\alpha$  varying as in (10). Then

$$\phi_v(t) = E_1(B^{-1}) - E_1(A^{-1})$$

where  $E_1(x)$  is the exponential integral. Thus

$$\phi_{\upsilon}(t) = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{e^{-t(\theta+B^{-1})}}{\theta+B^{-1}} - \frac{e^{-t(\theta+A^{-1})}}{\theta+A^{-1}}\right) \frac{d\theta}{(B-A)}$$

and for the binomial mixture

$$\Phi(s) = \frac{1}{(B-A)s} \ln\left(\frac{Bs+1}{As+1}\right).$$

(Note that  $\Phi(0) = \lim_{s \to 0} \Phi(s) = 1$ ).

# 5.3. Another Example

$$\phi_b(t) = \alpha^3 t^2 e^{-\alpha t}/2, \quad (t > 0; \alpha > 0)$$

where

$$\phi_p(\alpha) = 1/\{\alpha \ln(B/A)\}. \quad (A < t < B; B > A > 0)$$

Then

$$\phi_{\nu}(t) = \{H_2(t,A) - H_2(t,B)\}/\{t\ln(B/A)\}, \quad (t>0)$$

(see (13)) and

$$\Phi(s) = \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{B+s}{A+s}\right) + \frac{A}{A+s} - \frac{B}{B+s} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{A^2}{(A+s)^2} - \frac{B^2}{(B+s)^2}\right) \right\} / \{\ln(B/A)\}.$$

5.4. Gamma (Chi-squared)

$$\phi_b(t) = rac{t^{
ho - 1} e^{-t/\phi}}{\phi^{
ho} \Gamma(
ho)}, \quad (0 < t < \infty; 
ho > 0, \phi > 0)$$

where  $\phi$  has the density

$$\phi_p(t) = \frac{t^{r-1}e^{-t/A}}{A^r\Gamma(r)}. \quad (r > 0; A > 0, t > 0)$$

Then

$$\phi_{\nu}(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{\rho-1} e^{-t/\phi}}{\phi^{\rho} \Gamma(\rho)} \frac{\phi^{r-1} e^{-\phi/A}}{A^r \Gamma(r)} d\phi = \frac{t^{\rho-1}}{A^r \Gamma(\rho) \Gamma(r)} \int_0^\infty \phi^{r-\rho-1} e^{-\frac{t}{\phi} - \frac{\phi}{A}} d\phi$$

which in terms of a Bessel function, gives

$$\phi_{v}(t) = \frac{2}{A^{(r+1)/2}\Gamma(r)} t^{(r-1)/2} K_{r-1} \{2\sqrt{t/A}\}.$$

For the Laplace transform function, after simplification,

$$\Phi(s)=\frac{1}{\Gamma(r)}\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-u}u^{r-1}}{1+Aus}du.$$

# 6. Miscellaneous Generalizations

# 6.1. Binomial Gamma-Gamma Mixtures

Let

$$g(t; a, r) = e^{-at} t^r a^{r+1} / r! \quad (a > 0, r > -1; 0 < t < \infty)$$

and

$$h(t;r)=e^{-t}t^{r}/r!,$$

so that max(h) occurs when t = r. It follows that

$$H(t;r) = e^{-t}t^r/(e^{-r}r^r) \ge 1$$
 for  $r > 0$ .

The binomial gamma-gamma mixture is

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^\infty H^x(t;r_0) \{1 - H(t;r_0)\}^{k-x} g(t;a,r) dt, \quad (r_0 > 0, a > 0, r > -1)$$

and

$$\begin{split} \Phi(s;k,r_0;a,r) &= \int_0^\infty H^s(t;r_0)g(t;a,r)dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-st}t^{sr_0}}{e^{-sr_0}r^{sr_0}} \cdot \frac{e^{-at}t^ra^{r+1}}{r!}dt \\ &= \frac{e^{sr_0}a^{r+1}(sr_0+r)!}{r_0^{sr_0}r!(a+s)^{sr_0+r+1}} \end{split}$$

with

$$\Phi(0;k,r_0;a,r)=1.$$

The binomial gamma-gamma mixture is now defined as

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{k}{x} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{k-x} (-1)^{\lambda} \binom{k-x}{\lambda} \Phi(x + \lambda, k, r_0; a, r),$$

depending on the parameters  $k, r_0, a$ , and r.

In particular with  $r_0 = 1$ 

$$\Pr(X \coloneqq x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^\infty (te^{1-t})^x (1 - te^{1-t})^{k-x} \frac{a^{r+1}e^{-at}t^r}{r!} dt, \quad (r > -1)$$

and

$$\Phi(s;r) = a^{r+1}e^{s}(s+r)!/\{(a+s)^{r+s+1}r!\}$$

with

$$\mu_1' = ka^{r+1}(r+1)e/(a+1)^{r+2}.$$

# 6.2. Mixtures and Multivariate Densities

Consider the mixture

$$\binom{k}{x} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 q_m^x (1-q_m)^{k-x} \prod_{r=1}^m \phi_r(p_r) dp_r, \quad (q_m = \prod_{r=1}^m p_r)$$

where the density of  $p_1$  is  $\phi_1(p_1)$  for  $(0 \le p_1 \le 1)$ , and 0 elsewhere, and similarly for the remaining variates  $p_2, p_3, \dots, p_m$ , which we assume to be independent. Then by expansion

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \left\{ \Phi_m(x) - \binom{k-x}{1} \Phi_m(x+1) + \dots + (-1)^k \binom{k-x}{k-x} \Phi_m(k) \right\}$$

where

$$\Phi_m(s) = \Psi_1(s)\Psi_2(s)\cdots\Psi_m(s),$$

and

$$\Psi_1(s) = \int_0^1 p_1^s \phi_1(p_1) dp_1.$$

Similarly for  $\Psi_2(s), \dots, \Psi_m(s)$ . In the case of identically and independently distributed (i.i.d.) variates,

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \left\{ \Psi_m(x) - \binom{k-x}{1} \Psi_m(x+1) + \cdots \right\}, \quad (x=0,1,\cdots,k).$$

## Examples

• Let the common density be the uniform U(0, 1). Then

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{k}{x} \left\{ \frac{1}{(x+1)^m} - \binom{k-x}{1} \frac{1}{(x+2)^m} + \binom{k-x}{2} \frac{1}{(x+3)^m} \cdots \right\},\$$
$$(m = 1, 2, \cdots; x = 0, 1, \cdots, k).$$

If m = 1, the binomial mixture becomes the discrete uniform with probabilities 1/(k+1).

The factorial moments are,

$$\mu'_{[r]} = k^{(r)} / (r+1)^m.$$

and clearly as  $m \to \infty$ , the binomial mixture tends to a point mass at x = 0. In general the multivariate case tends to concentrate the binomial probabilities near the origin.

• If the variate follows a beta density with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then, in the multivariate case (i.i.d.)

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 (1-\prod_1^m p^r)^{k-x} \prod_{r=1}^m \left\{ p_r^x \frac{p_r^{\alpha-1}(1-p_r)^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} dp_r \right\}.$$

with

$$\Phi_m(s;\underline{p};\alpha,\beta) = \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+s)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(s+\alpha+\beta)} \right\}^m, \quad (m=1,2,\cdots).$$

Alternatively, one may use

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int \frac{e^{-tx}(1-e^{-t})^{k-x}dt}{(B-A)},$$

the integration being from A to B (B > A > 0). Here

$$\Phi_m(s;A,B) = \left\{\frac{e^{-sA} - e^{-sB}}{s(B-A)}\right\}^m.$$

For example, in Skellam's example (k = 3) we could try A = 0, B > 0 with

$$\mu_1' = k \left(\frac{1-e^{-B}}{B}\right)^m$$

• For the mixture use

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty e^{-xT} (1-e^{-T})^{k-1} \prod_{\theta=1}^m a_\theta e^{-a_\theta t_\theta} dt_\theta$$

where  $T = t_1 + t_2 + \cdots + t_m$ , for which

$$\Phi_m(s) = \prod_{\theta=1}^m \frac{a_\theta}{(s+a_\theta)}, \quad (a_\theta > 0, \theta = 1, 2, \cdots, m).$$

depending on m parameters. If the range of each variate is  $0 \le A \le t < B$ , then

$$\Phi_m(s) = \left\{ \frac{e^{-sA} - e^{-sB}}{s(B-A)} \right\}^m \quad (s = 1, 2, \cdots)$$

• For another example, take

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^A e^{-xt} (1-e^{-t})^{k-x} dt/A$$
$$\Phi(s) = \left(\frac{1-e^{-sA}}{sA}\right) \quad (A>0).$$

<u>Multivariate</u>

$$\Phi^*(s) = \{\Phi(s)\}^m \quad (m = 1, 2, \cdots).$$

Guess m (positive integer), and solve  $\mu'_1 = k \{ \Phi(1) \}^m$  for A. Search for min  $\chi^2$ .

• For yet another example, take

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{k}{x} \int_0^A e^{-xt} (1 - e^{-t})^{k-x} \frac{2tdt}{A^2} \quad (A > 0),$$
$$\Phi(s) = 2\left\{\frac{1 - (As+1)e^{-As}}{A^2s^2}\right\}.$$

For the multivariate case (i.i.d.), we have  $\Phi_m(s)$  is  $\{\Phi(s)\}^m$ .

# 7. Mixtures of Logarithmic Distributions

# 7.1. General Forms

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For the logarithmic distribution

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{p^x}{\{x \ln(1-p)^{-1}\}}, \qquad (x = 1, 2, \dots; 0$$

Following the ideas in Section 3, we consider the mixture

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^x}{t} \phi(t; \beta) dt$$
(14)

for a valid density (parameters  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \cdots$ ) on  $(0, \infty)$ . The probability generating function (p.g.f.) is

$$P(\omega) = -\int_0^\infty \frac{\phi(t;\beta)}{t} \ln(\omega e^{-t} + 1 - \omega) dt = \sum_1^\infty \omega^x \Pr(X = x), \quad (|\omega| \le 1)$$
(15)

with factorial moments, if they exist,

$$\mu'_{[1]} = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^t (1 - e^{-t})}{t} \phi(t; \beta) dt,$$
  
$$\mu'_{[2]} = (s - 1)! \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{st} (1 - e^{-t})^s}{t} \phi(t; \beta) dt, \quad (s = 2, 3, \cdots).$$

# 7.2. Gamma Density

Here

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$$\phi(t;b,\rho) = b^{\rho}e^{-bt}t^{\rho-1}/\Gamma(\rho), \quad (b,\rho,t>0)$$

and

$$\Pr(X = x; b, \rho) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^x}{t} \frac{b^{\rho} e^{-bt} t^{\rho-1}}{\Gamma(\rho)} dt.$$

Factorial moments of order s or less exist, if b > s. In fact

$$\mu'_{[s]} = s! \left(\frac{b}{b-s}\right)^{\rho} \Pr(X = s; b-s, \rho) \quad (b > s)$$

There are three cases to consider:

•  $\rho > 1$ . By expansion of  $(1 - e^{-t})^x$ ,

$$\Pr(X=x;b,\rho)=\frac{b}{(\rho-1)}\frac{1}{x}\sum_{r=0}^{x}(-1)^{r}\binom{x}{r}\left(\frac{b}{b+r}\right)^{\rho-1}.$$

Note if  $\rho = 2$ , then

$$\Pr(X = x; b, 2) = \frac{b^2}{x} \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-t})^x e^{-bt} dt = \frac{b^2}{x} \int_0^1 (1 - p)^x p^{b-1} dp$$
$$= \frac{b^2}{x} \frac{\Gamma(x + 1)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(x + b + 1)} = \frac{b^2(x - 1)!\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(x + b + 1)}.$$

For example,

$$Pr(X = 1; b, 2) = b/(b+1)$$

$$Pr(X = 2; b, 2) = \frac{1!b}{(b+2)(b+1)}$$

$$Pr(X = 3; b, 2) = \frac{2!b}{(b+3)(b+2)(b+1)}$$
 etc

This is a factorial-type series (see Johnson and Kotz [7]). The mean exists if b > 1, the variance if b > 2 and so on. The distribution will be long-tailed if b(>0) is small. The probability generating function is

$$\sum \omega^x \Pr(X=x) = -b^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-bt} \ln(\omega e^{-t} + 1 - \omega) dt,$$

with sth factorial moment

$$\mu'_{[s]} = b^2(s-1)! \int_0^\infty e^{(b-s)t} (1-e^{-t})^s dt \quad (b>s)$$

•  $\rho = 1$ . Here

$$\Pr(X = x; b, 1) = \frac{b}{x} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^x}{t} e^{-bt} dt = \frac{b}{x} \sum_{r=0}^x (-1)^{r+1} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ r \end{pmatrix} \ln(b+r),$$

this being a Frullani integral (Hardy [6]).

•  $0 < \rho < 1$ . To allow for the apparent singularity at t = 0 in (14), we consider

$$\Pr(X=x;b,\rho) = \lim_{\epsilon \to +0} \frac{1}{x} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{(1-e^{-t})^x}{t} \frac{b^{\rho} t^{\rho-1} e^{-bt}}{\Gamma(\rho)} dt,$$

for which the integral of a finite sum is that of the sum. A typical term is now

$$\frac{1}{x}(-1)^r \begin{pmatrix} x \\ r \end{pmatrix} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{b^{\rho}}{\Gamma(\rho)} t^{\rho-2} e^{-(b+r)t} dt,$$

and the integral component is

$$\frac{1}{\rho-1} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} b^{\rho} e^{-(b+r)t} d(t^{\rho-1}) = \left| \frac{b^{\rho} e^{-(b+r)t} t^{\rho-1}}{\rho-1} \right|_{\epsilon}^{\infty} - \frac{b^{\rho}}{(1-\rho)} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} t^{\rho-1} (b+r) e^{-(b+r)t} dt,$$
$$= -\frac{b^{\rho} \epsilon^{\rho-1} e^{-(b+r)\epsilon}}{\rho-1} - \frac{b^{\rho} (b+r)}{\Gamma(\rho)(1-\rho)} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} e^{-(b+r)t} t^{\rho-1} dt.$$

The first term in the sum is dominated  $(\epsilon \rightarrow 0)$  by

$$\epsilon^{\rho-1}\sum_{r=0}^{x} \binom{x}{r} \left\{1 - (b+r)\epsilon + \cdots\right\} = -\epsilon^{\rho-1} \cdot \epsilon \sum_{r=0}^{x} (b+r) \binom{x}{r}, \quad (\epsilon \to 0)$$

| Tab | le 7 | : | Exampl | le |
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|-----|------|---|--------|----|

| x  | $\Pr(X=x;1,1/4)$ | $\Pr(X=x;5,1/4)$ |
|----|------------------|------------------|
| 1  | 0.909057         | 0.976876         |
| 2  | 0.056052         | 0.020036         |
| 3  | 0.015682         | 0.002360         |
| 4  | 0.006712         | 0.000494         |
| 5  | 0.003551         | 0.000284         |
| 6  | 0.002135         | 0.000050         |
| ≤7 | 0.006811         | 0.000021         |

and will approach 0, since  $\rho > 0$ . Finally for 0 .

$$(1-\rho)\Pr(X=x;b,\rho) = \frac{1}{x}\sum_{r=0}^{x}(-1)^{r+1}\binom{x}{r}(b+r)\left(\frac{b}{b+r}\right)^{\rho}.$$

In particular

$$Pr(X = 1; b, \rho) = -b^{\rho} \{b^{1-\rho} - (b+1)^{1-\rho}\}/(1-\rho),$$
  

$$2 Pr(X = 2; b, \rho) = -b^{\rho} \{b^{1-\rho} - 2(b+1)^{1-\rho} + (b+2)^{1-\rho} / (1-\rho),$$
  

$$3 Pr(X = 3; b, \rho) = -b^{\rho} \{b^{1-\rho} - 3(b+1)^{1-\rho} + 3(b+2)^{1-\rho} - (b+3)^{1-\rho}\}/(1-\rho).$$

values for b = 1,  $\rho = 1/4$  are shown in Table 7. From (15), moments do not exist. By contrast, for b = 5,  $\rho = 1/4$ , and mean approximately equal to 1.027, derived values are shown in the Table 7. Expression (15) expands as

$$1 + \frac{\rho}{2!b} + \frac{\rho(\rho+1)}{3!b^2} + \frac{\rho(\rho+1)(\rho+2)}{4!b^3} + \dots \sim 1.0273$$

for  $b = 5, \rho = 1/4$ .

7.3. Riemann Zeta Function  $\zeta(s)$  Density

Take

$$\phi(t) = \left(\frac{t^{s-1}}{e^{-t}-1}\right) / \left\{\zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\right\}. \quad (s>1)$$

Then

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^x}{t} \frac{t^{s-1}e^{-t}}{(1 - e^{-t})} \frac{dt}{\Gamma(s)\zeta(s)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{x\Gamma(s)\zeta(s)} \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-t})^{x-1} e^{-t} t^{s-2} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{x(\sqrt{-1})\zeta(s)} \left\{ 1 - \binom{x-1}{1} \frac{1}{2^{s-1}} + \binom{x-1}{2} \frac{1}{3^{s-1}} - \cdots \right\}.$$

In particular for s = 2,  $\Pr(X = x) = 6/(\pi^2 x^2)$   $(x = 1, 2, \dots)$ .

7.4. Uniform Density

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^A \frac{(1 - e^{-t})^x}{t} \frac{dt}{A}, \quad (A > 0).$$

7.5. Triangular Density

Here

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$$\phi(t) = 2t/A^2, \quad (0 < t < A)$$
  
= 0, otherwise

and

$$\Pr(X=x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^A (1-e^{-t})^x \frac{2}{A^2} dt = \frac{2}{Ax} \left\{ 1 - \binom{x}{1} \frac{(1-e^{-A})}{A} + \binom{x}{2} \frac{(1-e^{-2A})}{2A} - \cdots \right\}.$$

# 7.6. Trigonometric Density

$$\phi(t) = y_0 e^{-bt} \sin^2(at),$$
  $(t \ge 0, b > 0, a \text{ real})$ 

and

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-st} \frac{\sin^2(at)}{t} dt = \frac{1}{4} \ln\left(1 + \frac{4a^2}{s^2}\right), \quad (s > 0)$$

Thus

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{x} \frac{(b^2 + 4a^2)b}{8a^2} \\ \times \left[ \ln\left(1 + \frac{4a^2}{b^2}\right) - \binom{x}{1} \ln\left(1 + \frac{4a^2}{(b+1)^2}\right) + \binom{x}{2} \ln\left(1 + \frac{4a^2}{(b+2)^2}\right) - \cdots \right].$$

7.7. Beta Density

$$\begin{split} \Pr(X=x) &= \frac{1}{x} \int_0^1 \frac{p^x}{\ln\{1/(1-p)\}} \frac{p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} dp \quad (\alpha,\beta>0) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1-e^{-t})^{x+\alpha-1}}{t} \left\{ e^{-(\beta-1)t} e^{-t} \right\} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1-e^{-t})^{x+\alpha-1}}{t} e^{-\beta t} dt. \end{split}$$

This reduces  $t_{\sim}$  a Frullani integral if  $\alpha$  is a positive integer. The sth factorial moment is

$$\mu'_{[s]} = \frac{(s-1)!\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1-e^{-t})^{\alpha+s-1}}{t} e^{-(\beta-s)t} dt \qquad (\beta > s, s = 1, 2, \cdots; \alpha > 0).$$

## 8. Concluding Remarks

Using a truncated form of the beta density, or any other appropriate form of the distribution of the binomial parameter p, it may be possible to gain some insight into the variation of p among sets of observations. The search technique for truncation parameters suggested here becomes feasible with the aid of a computer. Suitable examples to test models seem to be rare in the literature, perhaps because poor fits of the binomial were naturally withheld from publication especially in the early part of the century. Nevertheless, with the accumulation of massive data sets in biology and other areas of research, one should expect to find numerous applications in which the probability parameter p is confined to a subinterval of (0, 1).

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### APPENDIX

## A. Graphical Analysis

The following is a graphical analysis of a set of generalized mixtures of binomial distributions.

In addition to the graphical analysis, the skewness and kurtosis of the distributions were used in order to compare them with the Pearson-type frequency curves. Models 7 and 14 were not compared in this fashion, because of the difficulty in obtaining data.

In what follows, n is taken to be 20. "sd" denotes the standard deviation, "skew" denotes the skewness, and "kurt" denotes the kurtosis.

### A.1. Model 1

The model 1 distribution is simply the binomial distribution. A short description will be helpful in comparing it with the other mixtures.

For the model 1 distribution,  $f(x; p = p_0) = f(n - x; p = 1 - p_0)$ , for  $0 < p_0 < 1$ . The model 1 distributions are in the form of bell-shaped curves. When p = 0.5, the distribution has skewness=0, the kurtosis is at a minimum and the standard deviation is at a maximum. Thus as p deviates from 0.5, the kurtosis increases and the skewness decreases. When p is very close to 0 or 1, the distribution becomes J-shaped. When p < 0.5, the distribution is skewed to the left (skewness> 0); when p > 0.5, the distribution is skewed to the right (skewness< 0).

For  $0.03 \le p \le 0.97$ , the model 1 distribution could be classified as a Pearson type I distribution. For  $p \le 0.29$  or  $p \ge 0.98$ , it could be classified as a Pearson type I(J) distribution.

| <b>p</b> : | 0.1000 | 0.3000 | 0.5000 | 0.7000  | 0.9000  |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| sd:        | 1.3416 | 2.0494 | 2.2361 | 2.0494  | 1.3416  |
| skew:      | 0.5963 | 0.1952 | 0.0000 | -0.1952 | -0.5963 |
| kurt:      | 3.2556 | 2.9381 | 2.9000 | 2.9381  | 3.2556  |

### A.2. Model 2

The model 2 distributions include J-shaped and bell-shaped curves. For small b, increasing p changes the distribution from a U-shaped curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a bell-shaped curve with skewness > 0. For larger b, increasing p changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a bell-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a bell-shaped curve with skewness > 0.

In general, for p < 1, the model 2 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U) when b < 0.5 and Pearson type I(J) when b > 1.0. For p > 1, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for b < 1 and Pearson type I for b > 2 or b > 3.

Note that f(x; b = 1, p = 1) is a discrete uniform distribution.

| ,          |       |          |          |         |         |         |
|------------|-------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| p          |       | b = 0.50 | b = 1.00 | b = 2.0 | b = 4.0 | b = 8.0 |
| b/2        | sd:   | 6.1950   | 5.7910   | 5.0553  | 4.2248  | 3.4980  |
|            | skew: | -1.1629  | -0.8181  | -0.5671 | -0.3927 | -0.2770 |
|            | kurt: | 3.0240   | 2.5053   | 2.3922  | 2.4870  | 2.6379  |
| Ь          | sd:   | 6.9394   | 6.0553   | 4.9876  | 4.0181  | 3.2845  |
|            | skew: | -0.3025  | 0.0000   | 0.1820  | 0.2488  | 0.2401  |
|            | kurt: | 1.6560   | 1.7945   | 2.1348  | 2.4692  | 2.6916  |
| 3b/2       | sd:   | 6.7409   | 5.4956   | 4.2789  | 3.3340  | 2.7016  |
|            | skew: | 0.2208   | 0.5255   | 0.6712  | 0.6614  | 0.5672  |
|            | kurt: | 1.6616   | 2.2163   | 2.7866  | 3.0881  | 3.1342  |
| 2 <i>b</i> | sd:   | 6.1824   | 4.7140   | 3.4775  | 2.6312  | 2.1224  |
|            | skew: | 0.6393   | 0.9625   | 1.0776  | 0.9948  | 0.8297  |
|            | kurt: | 2.1391   | 3.1221   | 3.8578  | 3.9680  | 3.7118  |
|            |       |          |          |         |         |         |

## A.3. Model 3

The model 3 distribution is in general J-shaped. Fixing b and increasing a changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a relatively uniform curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness< 0. Fixing a and increasing b results in similar changes.

For b < 0.4 and a < 1, the model 3 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U). For larger values of a and b, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

| b    |       | a = 1.0   | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|------|-------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/5  | sd:   | 6.2675    | 6.3548  | 5.6090  | 4.3073  |
|      | skew: | 0.6926    | 0.0524  | -0.5424 | -1.1064 |
|      | kurt: | 2.1743    | 1.7219  | 2.2354  | 3.6662  |
| - 1- |       |           |         |         |         |
| 2a/5 | sd:   | 6.3021    | 5.8948  | 4.7321  | 3.3308  |
|      | skew: | 0.3960    | -0.2194 | -0.7810 | -1.2739 |
|      | kurt: | 1.8724    | 1.8925  | 2.8178  | 4.4619  |
|      |       |           |         |         |         |
| 3a/5 | sd:   | 6.2338    | 5.5389  | 4.2219  | 2.8597  |
|      | skew: | 0.2209    | -0.3739 | -0.9030 | -1.3443 |
|      | kurt: | 1.7920    | 2.0766  | 3.1838  | 4.8197  |
| 10/5 | ad.   | 6 1 1 1 0 | E 9679  | 9 9970  | 0 5700  |
| 44/5 | su:   | 0.1448    | 5.2073  | 3.8879  | 2.5799  |
|      | skew: | 0.0966    | -0.4823 | -0.9876 | -1.3976 |
|      | kurt: | 1.7792    | 2.2422  | 3.4576  | 5.0770  |

## A.4. Model 4

The model 4 distribution is generally bell-shaped. For very small k, the distribution is J-shaped with skewness < 0. Increasing k causes the distribution to become bell-shaped,

decreasing the skewness and the kurtosis. When the skewness becomes positive, the kurtosis begins to increase. For large k, the distribution is again bell-shaped.

For  $0.03 \le k \le 0.51$ , the model 4 distribution could be classified as a Pearson type I distribution. For  $k \le 0.02$  or  $k \ge 0.52$ , it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

| k:    | 0.1000  | 0.4000  | 1.0000 | 2.0000 | 4.0000 |
|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| sd:   | 1.3123  | 2.1023  | 2.1566 | 1.5298 | 0.5997 |
| skew: | -0.6170 | -0.1620 | 0.1225 | 0.4767 | 1.6065 |
| kurt: | 3.2807  | 2.9263  | 2.9150 | 3.1273 | 5.4808 |

### A.5. Model 5

The model 5 distribution is either J-shaped or U-shaped. Increasing k changes the curve from J-shaped with skewness < 0 to U-shaped to J-shaped with skewness > 0.

For  $k \leq 1.55$ , the model 5 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J). For  $k \geq 1.56$ , it could be classified as Pearson type I(U).

| k:    | 1.0000  | 2.0000  | 4.0000 | 8.0000  |
|-------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| sd:   | 5.5153  | 6.5717  | 6.9035 | 6.5275  |
| skew: | -0.7655 | -0.2162 | 0.3390 | 0.9235a |
| kurt: | 2.5280  | 1.7058  | 1.6734 | 2.4338  |

## A.6. Model 6

The model 6 distribution is either J-shaped or U-shaped. Fixing a and increasing b changes the distribution from a U-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a J-shaped curve with skewness< 0. Fixing b and increasing a causes a similar change.

For a < 0.1 or b < 1, the model 6 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U). For larger values of a and b, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

| Ь    |       | a = 0.25 | a = 0.5 | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0        |
|------|-------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| 3a/2 | sd:   | 7.3742   | 6.6608  | 5.3703  | <b>3.848</b> 8 |
|      | skew: | 0.0410   | -0.4574 | -0.9812 | -1.5095        |
|      | kurt: | 1.4726   | 1.8338  | 2.9257  | 4.8784         |
| 3a   | sd:   | 7.0902   | 6.0679  | 4.6375  | 3.1870         |
|      | skew: | -0.2446  | -0.7621 | -1.3123 | -1.8648        |
|      | kurt: | 1.5946   | 2.3543  | 3.9950  | 6.6561         |
| 9a/2 | sd:   | 6.8379   | 5.6778  | 4.2301  | 2.8578         |
| •    | skew: | -0.4325  | -0.9680 | -1.5447 | -2.1251        |
|      | kurt: | 1.7779   | 2.8347  | 4.9160  | 8.1789         |

# A.7. Model 7

The model 7 distribution is U-shaped. Increasing a changes the skewness from positive to negative. For small and large values of a, the kurtosis is larger and the standard deviation is smaller.

The model 7 distribution has not been classified in regard to the Pearson distributions.

| <b>a</b> : | 0.1000 | 0.5000 | 1.0000  | 2.0000  | 5.0000  |
|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| sd:        | 6.1092 | 7.1723 | 6.7103  | 5.6720  | 3.8671  |
| skew:      | 1.3962 | 0.0879 | -0.4377 | -0.9935 | -1.8017 |
| kurt:      | 3.5853 | 1.5177 | 1.8184  | 2.9097  | 6.1301  |

# A.8. Model 8

The model 8 distribution is generally J-shaped. Fixing b and increasing a changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a relatively uniform curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness< 0. Fixing a and increasing b is accompanied by similar changes.

For large values of a, the model 8 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J). For smaller values of a, it could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of b and Pearson type I(J) for larger values of b.

| Ь    |       | a = 0.5 | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 3a/2 | sd:   | 6.2552  | 5.8417  | 4.6582  | 3.2532  | 2.0967  |
|      | skew: | 0.4272  | -0.1884 | -0.7376 | -1.2057 | -1.5739 |
|      | kurt: | 1.9092  | 1.8885  | 2.7486  | 4.2386  | 5.9437  |
| 2a   | sd:   | 6.2640  | 5.6448  | 4.3647  | 2.9873  | 1.9082  |
|      | skew: | 0.2633  | -0.3379 | -0.8791 | -1.3390 | -1.6969 |
|      | kurt: | 1.8030  | 2.0249  | 3.1028  | 4.7806  | 6.6019  |
| 3a   | sd:   | 6.1926  | 5.3074  | 3.9468  | 2.6387  | 1.6697  |
|      | skew: | 0.0155  | -0.5728 | -1.1122 | -1.5696 | -1.9184 |
|      | kurt: | 1.7633  | 2.3535  | 3.8066  | 5.8436  | 7.9062  |

## A.9. Model 9

The model 9 distribution is, in general, J-shaped. Fixing B and increasing A changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a relatively uniform curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness > 0.

For A > 1, the model 9 distribution can be classified as Pearson type I(U). For A < 1, it can be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of B and Pearson type I(U) for larger values of B.
| B          |       | A = 0.3 | A = 0.6 | A = 1.0 | A = 2.0 |
|------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 5A/4       | sd:   | 4.2728  | 5.5775  | 6.1474  | 6.1179  |
|            | skew: | -0.8601 | -0.3331 | 0.1002  | 0.7537  |
|            | kurt: | 3.0730  | 2.0336  | 1.7791  | 2.3057  |
| 3A/2       | sd:   | 4.4996  | 5.7391  | 6.2110  | 6.0481  |
|            | skew: | -0.7946 | -0.2535 | 0.1877  | 0.8539  |
|            | kurt: | 2.8902  | 1.9447  | 1.7855  | 2.4763  |
| 2 <i>A</i> | sd:   | 4.8900  | 5.9821  | 6.2774  | 5.9037  |
|            | skew: | -0.6806 | -0.1172 | 0.3367  | 1.0250  |
|            | kurt: | 2.6014  | 1.8311  | 1.8394  | 2.8211  |

## A.10. Model 10

The model 10 distribution is either J-shaped or bell-shaped. Fixing b and increasing a changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a flatter, more centered, bell-shaped curve to a bell-shaped curve with skewness< 0 and higher kurtosis. Fixing a and increasing b causes similar changes.

For a < 1.3, the model 10 distribution could be classified as Pearson Type I(J) for small or large values of b and Pearson Type I for intermediate values of b. For a > 1.4, it could be classified as Pearson Type I for small values of b and Pearson Type I(J) for large values of b.

| Ь    |       | a = 0.5 | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 5.0 |
|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 3a/2 | sd:   | 3.9785  | 4.9485  | 4.8753  | 3.5205  |
|      | skew: | 1.6844  | 0.6834  | -0.0245 | -0.6946 |
|      | kurt: | 5.4265  | 2.5750  | 2.1392  | 3.0663  |
| 5a/2 | sd:   | 4.5993  | 5.1678  | 4.6626  | 3.1303  |
|      | skew: | 1.1523  | 0.3136  | -0.3227 | -0.9472 |
|      | kurt: | 3.5594  | 2.1403  | 2.3302  | 3.7333  |
| 5a   | sd:   | 5.3055  | 5.1975  | 4.2377  | 2.6376  |
|      | skew: | 0.4842  | -0.2136 | -0.8004 | -1.3998 |
|      | kurt: | 2.2141  | 2.1141  | 3.1157  | 5.3675  |

# A.11. Model 12

The model 12 distribution is bell-shaped or J-shaped. Fixing B and increasing A changes the distribution from a bell-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a J-shaped curve with skewness > 0. Fixing A and increasing B causes similar changes.

For  $A \leq 0.73$ , the model 12 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I for small values of B and Pearson type I(J) for larger values of B. For  $A \geq 0.74$ , it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

| В    |       | A=0.3   | A = 0.6 | A = 1.0 | A = 2.0 |
|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 5A/4 | sd:   | 4.6598  | 5.0213  | 4.5697  | 3.3081  |
|      | skew: | -0.1692 | 0.4846  | 1.1192  | 2.3596  |
|      | kurt: | 2.2305  | 2.3225  | 3.5089  | 8.7901  |
| 3A/2 | sd:   | 4.7996  | 4.9985  | 4.4347  | 3.1219  |
|      | skew: | -0.0917 | 0.5926  | 1.2602  | 2.5831  |
|      | kurt: | 2.1701  | 2.4435  | 3.9063  | 10.1458 |
| 2A   | sd:   | 5.0114  | 4.9194  | 4.1899  | 2.8284  |
|      | skew: | 0.0457  | 0.7829  | 1.5094  | 2.9814  |
|      | kurt: | 2.0996  | 2.7252  | 4.7249  | 12.8617 |

# A.12. Model 13

The model 13 distribution is bell-shaped or J-shaped. Fixing B and increasing A changes the distribution from a bell-shaped curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0. Fixing A and increasing B causes a similar change.

For  $A \leq 0.6$ , the model 13 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I for small values of B and Pearson type I(J) for larger values of B. For  $A \geq 0.625$ , it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

|       | A=0.2   | $\Lambda = 0.4$   | A=0.6  | A = 0.8   |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
| sd:   | 4.2827  | 4.3238  | 3.8053   | 3.2608  |
| skew: | -0.0390   | 0.6550  | 1.2192   | 1.7366  |
| kurt: | 2.3256  | 2.7438  | 4.0718   | 6.0489  |
| sd:   | 4.4825  | 4.2209  | 3.5606   | 2.9678  |
| skew: | 0.0920  | 0.8586  | 1.4882   | 2.0747  |
| kurt: | 2.2667  | 3.0903  | 4.9704   | 7.6843  |
| sd:   | 4.6912  | 3.9714  | 3.1625   | 2.5454  |
| skew: | 0.3294  | 1.2100  | 1.9508   | 2.6570  |
| kurt: | 2.2787  | 3.9303  | 6.9322   | 11.1696   |
|       | sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt:<br>sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt:<br>sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt: | A = 0.2sd:4.2827skew:-0.0390kurt:2.3256sd:4.4825skew:0.0920kurt:2.2667sd:4.6912skew:0.3294kurt:2.2787 | A = 0.2 $A = 0.4$ sd: $4.2827$ $4.3238$ skew: $-0.0390$ $0.6550$ kurt: $2.3256$ $2.7438$ sd: $4.4825$ $4.2209$ skew: $0.0920$ $0.8586$ kurt: $2.2667$ $3.0903$ sd: $4.6912$ $3.9714$ skew: $0.3294$ $1.2100$ kurt: $2.2787$ $3.9303$ | $A = 0.2$ $\Lambda = 0.4$ $A = 0.6$ sd: $4.2827$ $4.3238$ $3.8053$ skew: $-0.0390$ $0.6550$ $1.2192$ kurt: $2.3256$ $2.7438$ $4.0718$ sd: $4.4825$ $4.2209$ $3.5606$ skew: $0.0920$ $0.8586$ $1.4882$ kurt: $2.2667$ $3.0903$ $4.9704$ sd: $4.6912$ $3.9714$ $3.1625$ skew: $0.3294$ $1.2100$ $1.9508$ kurt: $2.2787$ $3.9303$ $6.9322$ |

## A.13. Model 14

The model 14 distribution is U-shaped or J-shaped. For R = 1, it is U-shaped and for  $R \ge 2$  it is J-shaped. Fixing R and increasing A increases the skewness and the kurtosis.

The model 14 distribution has not been classified in regard to the Pearson distributions.

| R |       | A = 1.0 | A = 2.0 | A=3.0  |
|---|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1 | sd:   | 6.7066  | 7.1663  | 7.1396 |
|   | skew: | -0.4334 | 0.0911  | 0.3967 |
|   | kurt: | 1.8170  | 1.5186  | 1.6494 |
| 2 | sd:   | 6.7248  | 6.2878  | 5.7890 |
|   | skew: | 0.3106  | 0.9307  | 1.3355 |
|   | kurt: | 1.6978  | 2.5102  | 3.5200 |
| 3 | sd:   | 6.3103  | 5.4690  | 4.8417 |
|   | skew: | 0.7811  | 1.5073  | 2.0080 |
|   | kurt: | 2.2748  | 4.1088  | 6.0751 |

# A.14. Model 15

For many values of a and u, the model 15 distribution assumes negative values for extreme values of the variate (this phenomenon is noted and in sequel, we refer to it a "bad" case). For  $a = a_0$ , there is some value  $u_0$  (depending on a) for which  $f(x; a_0, u)$  is positive (a "good" case) for  $u < u_0$  but "bad" for  $u > u_0$ . For a < 20, the value  $u_0(a)$  increases at a not quite linear rate. For 20 < a < 30, the values fluctuate rather intricately, finally dropping down to  $u_0 = 0$  for a = 35, meaning that the model 15 distribution yields negative values for a > 35.

The model 15 distribution is J-shaped or bell-shaped. Fixing u and increasing a changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a bell-shaped curve with skewness< 0.

The model 15 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for a < 0.75 and Pearson type I for a > 1.25. For 0.75 < a < 1.25, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of u and Pearson type I for larger values of u.

| u            |       | a = 0.5 | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/5          | sd:   | 3.8795  | 4.7567  | 4.8653  | 4.1105  | 2.9906  |
|              | skew: | 1.6909  | 0.8047  | 0.1286  | -0.4034 | -0.8120 |
|              | kurt: | 5.5454  | 2.8344  | 2.1504  | 2.5161  | 3.3935a |
| 2a/5         | sd:   | 4.0854  | 4.7396  | 4.7336  | 3.9989  | 2.9357  |
|              | skew: | 1.4215  | 0.6904  | 0.0900  | -0.4090 | -0.8076 |
|              | kurt: | 4.5719  | 2.6676  | 2.1675  | 2.5339  | 3.3842  |
| <b>3</b> a/5 | sd:   | 4.1969  | 4.6794  | 4.5956  | 3.8899  | 2.8824  |
|              | skew: | 1.2389  | 0.6111  | 0.0660  | -0.4093 | -0.8017 |
|              | kurt: | 4.0136  | 2.5683  | 2.1778  | 2.5385  | 3.3688  |

## A.15. Model 16

For many values of a and u, the model 16 distribution assumes negative values (and is thus "bad"). Just as for the model 15 distribution, for  $a = a_0$ , there is some value

 $u_0$  (depending on a) for which  $f(x; a_0, u)$  is "good" for  $u < u_0$  but "bad" for  $u > u_0$ . Similarly to the model 15 distribution, the value of  $u_0(a)$  increases at a not quite linear rate for a < 15, and then fluctuates intricately for 15 < a < 25, at which point quickly drops to 0. Thus the model 16 distribution yields negative values for a > 25.

The model 16 distribution is J-shaped or bell-shaped. Fixing u and increasing a changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a bell-shaped curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0.

For a < 1, the model 16 distribution could be classified as Pearson I(U) for very small values of u and type I(J) for larger values of u. For 1 < a < 3, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of u and type I for larger values of u. For a > 3, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J).

| u     |       | a = 0.5 | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/20  | sd:   | 6.1577  | 5.9238  | 4.9357  | 3.5866  | 2.3680  |
|       | skew: | 0.5276  | -0.0477 | -0.5812 | -1.0544 | -1.4417 |
|       | kurt: | 2.0257  | 1.8260  | 2.4310  | 3.6923  | 5.2896  |
| a/10  | sd:   | 6.0873  | 5.7762  | 4.8127  | 3.5213  | 2.3425  |
| ,     | skew: | 0.4334  | -0.0866 | -0.5898 | -1.0497 | -1.4349 |
|       | kurt: | 1.9558  | 1.8574  | 2.4571  | 3.6815  | 5.2576  |
| 3a/20 | sd:   | 5.9726  | 5.6125  | 4.6859  | 3.4556  | 2.3171  |
| •     | skew: | 0.3581  | -0.1141 | -0.5918 | -1.0420 | -1.4271 |
|       | kurt: | 1.9156  | 1.8810  | 2.4652  | 3.6565  | 5.2191  |

#### A.16. Model 17

The model 17 distribution is either J-shaped or bell-shaped, and may have more than one "peak". For small a, increasing b changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a bell-shaped curve with decreasing skewness. For larger a, the curve changes from a curve that has a J-shape on the left and a bell-shape on the right (a sideways S-curve) to a simple bell-shaped curve. Similar changes occur when b is fixed and a is increased.

For a < 3 (approximately), the model 17 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of b and type I for larger values of b. For a > 3, it could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of b, type I(J) for intermediate values of b, and I for larger values of b.

Note that f(x; a, b) = f(x; -a, b).

| b<br>a/10 | sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt: | a = 1.0<br>3.2092<br>2.5979<br>9.8685 | a = 2.0<br>4.6997<br>1.5092<br>4.2197 | a = 4.0<br>5.8236<br>0.7924<br>2.3187 | a = 8.0<br>6.1156<br>0.1673<br>1.7550a |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| a/2       | sd:                   | 4.6644                                | 5.1610                                | 4.6341                                | 3.4854                                 |
|           | skew:                 | 0.8535                                | -0.0068                               | -0.6317                               | -1.0998                                |
|           | kurt:                 | 2.9835                                | 2.0971                                | 2.6624                                | 3.9494                                 |
| a         | sd:                   | 4.7792                                | 4.3977                                | 3.3883                                | 2.3340                                 |
|           | skew:                 | 0.4622                                | -0.2537                               | -0.8165                               | -1.1969                                |
|           | kurt:                 | 2.4265                                | 2.4996                                | 3.6198                                | 4.9412                                 |
| 2a        | sd:                   | 4.6931                                | 3.7346                                | 2.6038                                | 1.7212                                 |
|           | skew:                 | 0.0653                                | -0.4426                               | -0.8172                               | -1.1068                                |
|           | kurt:                 | 2.1828                                | 2.6401                                | 3.5028                                | 4.4115                                 |

### A.17. Model 18

The model 18 distribution is either J-shaped or bell-shaped, but it may have several "peaks", forming the sideways S-curve as in model 17. When a is small, increasing b changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a bell-shaped curve with skewness< 0. For larger a, increasing b changes the distribution from a sideways S-curve (J-shaped on the left and bell-shaped on the right) to a simple bell-shaped curve and finally back to a J-shaped curve with skewness< 0. Similar changes are observed when b is fixed and a increases.

For a < 2, the model 18 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of b and type I for larger values of b. For a > 2, it could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of b, I(J) for intermediate values of b, and I for larger values of b. For a > 5, there is a range of values of b for which the model 18 distribution could be classified as Pearson type III.

As for the model 17 distribution, f(x; a, b) = f(x; -a, b).

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| b<br>a/10 | sd:<br>skew:   | a = 1.0<br>2.8406<br>2.4291 | a = 2.0<br>4.5006<br>1.4155 | a = 4.0<br>5.7369<br>0.7577 | a = 8.0<br>6.0805<br>0.1542 |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10        | kurt:          | 9.0316                      | 3.8612                      | 2.2276                      | 1.7385                      |
| a/2       | sd:<br>skew:   | 3.9363<br>0.8320            | 4.7311                      | 4.4341<br>-0.7014           | 3.4066                      |
| 0         | KUFU:          | 3.2004                      | 2.2089                      | 2.8114                      | 4.0962                      |
| u         | skew:<br>kurt: | 0.5917                      | -0.2025<br>2.7403           | -0.7869<br>3.8311           | -1.1369                     |
| 2a        | sd:            | 4.1086                      | 3.5270                      | 2.5838                      | 1.7734                      |
|           | skew:<br>kurt: | 0.3320<br>2.5035            | -0.2064<br>2.5776           | -0.5828<br>3.1687           | -0.8658<br>3.8290           |

# A.18. Model 19

The model 19 distribution is generally J-shaped, but it may have several "peaks", forming sideways-S curves or W-shaped curves. Fixing a and increasing b changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a W-shaped curve (J-shaped at both ends with a bell-shaped in the center) to a backwards sideways-S curve (J-shaped on the right and bell-shaped on the left) and finally to a J-shaped curve with skewness< 0. Similar changes occur when b is fixed and a increases.

The classification of the model 19 distribution with regard to the Pearson frequency curves is quite complicated. For small values of b, the distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U). For larger values of b, it could be classified as type I(J), I or III. For large values of b, the distribution is type I(J).

As for models 17 and 18, f(x; a, b) = f(x; -a, b).

| Ь    |       | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/10 | sd:   | 4.9755  | 5.7537  | 6.3096  | 6.3166  |
| •    | skew: | 2.2988  | 1.6784  | 0.9289  | 0.2320  |
|      | kurt: | 6.9581  | 4.5010  | 2.6102  | 1.8253  |
|      |       |         |         |         |         |
| a/5  | sd:   | 7.1262  | 6.7517  | 5.4217  | 3.7985  |
|      | skew: | 0.1141  | -0.2719 | -0.6751 | -1.1125 |
|      | kart: | 1.4685  | 1.5430  | 2.2349  | 3.5731  |
|      |       |         |         |         |         |
| a    | sd:   | 5.9061  | 4.9260  | 3.5369  | 2.2816  |
|      | skew: | -0.7175 | -1.2778 | -1.6837 | -2.0170 |
|      | kurt: | 2.4774  | 3.7455  | 5.3564  | 7.3280  |
| 20   | sd·   | 4 0038  | 2 8546  | 1 8650  | 1 1971  |
|      | -l    | 0.0441  | 1 0100  | 1.0009  | 1.1071  |
|      | skew: | -0.9441 | -1.6183 | -2.1196 | -2.3953 |
|      | kurt: | 3.6488  | 6.7665  | 9.9997  | 11.9942 |

# A.19. Model 20

The model 20 distribution is very similar to the model 18 distribution, forming J-shaped curves, sideways-S curves, and bell-shaped curves, and undergoing similar changes. As with models 17, 18, and 19, f(x; a, b) = f(x; -a, b).

The classification of model 20 with regard to the Pearson type frequency curves is nearly identical to that of the model 18 distribution.

| Ь            |             | a = 1            | a = 2   | a = 4             | a = 8   |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| <i>a</i> /10 | sd:         | 4.6975           | 5.6233  | 5.6753            | 4.8714  |
|              | skew:       | 0.8362           | -0.0340 | -0.6567           | -1.2128 |
|              | kurt:       | 2.9182           | 1.8871  | 2.2967            | 3.6729  |
| a/5          | sd:         | 4.6422           | 4.3944  | 3.5068            | 2.4749  |
| / -          | skew:       | 0.4706           | -0.3396 | -1.0111           | -1.4703 |
|              | kurt:       | 2.5289           | 2.7006  | 4.2488            | 6.2015  |
| a            | ۶d۰         | 4 6000           | 3 8050  | 0 8206            | 1 0126  |
|              | su.<br>skow |                  | 0.2054  | 2.0020            | 1.9100  |
|              | kurt:       | 2.3369           | 2.6325  | -0.7842<br>3.7361 | 4.8805  |
|              |             |                  |         |                   |         |
| 2a           | sd:         | 4.5127           | 3.4821  | 2.3929            | 1.5810  |
|              | skew:       | - <b>0.0</b> 053 | -0.4737 | -0.8173           | -1.0984 |
|              | kurt:       | 2.2203           | 2.7025  | 3.4827            | 4.3223  |

# A.20. Model 22

The model 22 distribution is either J-shaped or U-shaped. Fixing a and increasing b changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a U-shaped curve

to a J-shaped curve with skewness < 0. Fixing b and increasing a is accompanied by similar changes.

For a < 2, the model 22 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of b and type I(J) for large values of b. For 2 < a < 7, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small and large values of b and type I(U) for intermediate values of b. For a > 7, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for all values of b.

| Ь   |       | a = 0.5 | a = 1   | a = 2   | a = 4   |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/2 | sd:   | 6.3199  | 6.8660  | 6.9023  | 6.1453  |
|     | skew: | 1.4557  | 0.8816  | 0.3191  | -0.2277 |
|     | kurt: | 3.6704  | 2.3017  | 1.6790  | 1.8032  |
| a   | sd:   | 7.3303  | 6.8491  | 5.6579  | 4.1023  |
|     | skew: | 0.3403  | -0.1646 | -0.6755 | -1.1667 |
|     | kurt: | 1.5829  | 1.6108  | 2.3088  | 3.7024  |
| 2a  | sd:   | 6.5140  | 5.1404  | 3.5957  | 2.3032  |
|     | skew: | -0.4623 | -0.9759 | -1.4709 | -1.9026 |
|     | kurt: | 1.8669  | 2.9632  | 4.7981  | 7.1018  |

## A.21. Model 24

The model 24 distribution is either J-shaped or bell-shaped. Fixing a and increasing k changes the distribution from a J-shaped curve with skewness < 0 to a bell-shaped curve with increasing skewness. Fixing b and increasing a is accompanied by similar changes.

For a < 0.5, the model 24 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of k and type I(J) for larger values of k. For a > 0.5, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small and large values of k and type I for intermediate values of k.

|       | a = 1   | a = 2  | a = 4   | <b>a</b> = 8  |
|-------|---|--|---|---|
| sd:   | 3.0508  | 3.0808   | 2.9579  | 2.7770  |
| skew: | -2.5650   | -1.6889  | -0.9948   | -0.4989   |
| kurt: | 10.6347   | <b>6.30</b> 18   | 4.0322  | 3.1037  |
| sd:   | 4.6123  | 4.0205   | 3.1944  | 2.3809  |
| skew: | -0.7615   | -0.2466  | 0.1356  | 0.3841  |
| kurt: | 2.8878  | 2.4704   | 2.6325  | 2.9658  |
| sd:   | 4.6937  | 3.7214   | 2.6324  | 1.7194  |
| skew: | -0.3234   | 0.1427   | 0.4754  | 0.7050  |
| kurt: | 2.2917  | 2.4432   | 2.9622  | <b>3</b> .4601  |
|       | sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt:<br>sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt:<br>sd:<br>skew:<br>kurt: | a = 1   sd: 3.0508   skew: -2.5650   kurt: 10.6347   sd: 4.6123   skew: -0.7615   kurt: 2.8878   sd: 4.6937   skew: -0.3234   kurt: 2.2917 | a = 1 $a = 2$ sd: $3.0508$ $3.0808$ skew: $-2.5650$ $-1.6889$ kurt: $10.6347$ $6.3018$ sd: $4.6123$ $4.0205$ skew: $-0.7615$ $-0.2466$ kurt: $2.8878$ $2.4704$ sd: $4.6937$ $3.7214$ skew: $-0.3234$ $0.1427$ kurt: $2.2917$ $2.4432$ | a = 1 $a = 2$ $a = 4$ sd: $3.0508$ $3.0808$ $2.9579$ skew: $-2.5650$ $-1.6889$ $-0.9948$ kurt: $10.6347$ $6.3018$ $4.0322$ sd: $4.6123$ $4.0205$ $3.1944$ skew: $-0.7615$ $-0.2466$ $0.1356$ kurt: $2.8878$ $2.4704$ $2.6325$ sd: $4.6937$ $3.7214$ $2.6324$ skew: $-0.3234$ $0.1427$ $0.4754$ kurt: $2.2917$ $2.4432$ $2.9622$ |

#### A.22. Model 25

The model 25 distribution is either J-shaped or bell-shaped. Fixing a and increasing k changes the distribution from a bell-shaped curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0. Fixing k and increasing a is accompanied by the opposite change: from a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0 to a bell-shaped curve with decreasing skewness.

For small values of a or large values of k, the model 25 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J). For large values of a, it could be classified as Pearson type I.

| k   |       | a = 1  | a = 2  | a = 4   | a = 8   |
|-----|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| a/2 | sd:   | 5.2518 | 5.3782 | 4.5127  | 3.2398  |
|     | skew: | 0.8814 | 0.1464 | -0.4286 | -0.8718 |
|     | kurt: | 2.7856 | 2.0058 | 2.4149  | 3.4187  |
|     |       |        |        |         |         |
| а   | sd:   | 4.8416 | 5.3328 | 4.7589  | 3.5585  |
|     | skew: | 1.2362 | 0.4071 | -0.2174 | -0.6923 |
|     | kurt: | 3.6963 | 2.1679 | 2.2050  | 2.9958  |
|     |       |        |        |         |         |
| 2a  | sd:   | 3.8874 | 4.8758 | 4.8753  | 3.9442  |
|     | skew: | 1.9691 | 0.8783 | 0.1317  | -0.4065 |
|     | kurt: | 6.6518 | 2.9536 | 2.1646  | 2.5539  |

### A.23. Model 26

For many values of a and k, the model 26 distribution assumes negative values (and is thus "bad"). Similarly to model 15 and 16, for a given  $k = k_0$ , there is some value  $a_0$  (depending on k) for which  $f(x, a, k_0)$  is "good" for  $a > a_0$  but "bad" for  $a < a_0$ . It appears that this value is a(k) = 6.5 (approximately) for all values of k. [A more exact value is a(k) = 6.497596]

The model 26 distribution is a sideways, backwards S-curve (J-shaped on the right and bell-shaped on the left. It is the point at x = 19 that becomes negative, while x = 20 is very large (giving the curve the J-shape) and for x < 19 the curve is bellshaped. Fixing a and increasing b results in a decrease in the value at x = 20 and changes the bell-shaped part of the curve from skewness < 0 to skewness > 0.

For small values of k, the model 26 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(J). For larger values of k, it could be classified as Pearson type I.

|   | a   |       | k = 0.5 | k = 1.0 | k = 2.0 | k = 4.0 | k = 8.0 |
|---|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ( | 6.5 | sd:   | 3.0450  | 4.0008  | 4.8858  | 5.1607  | 4.1030  |
|   |     | skew: | -2.0870 | -1.2271 | -0.5058 | 0.1849  | 0.9914  |
|   |     | kurt: | 6.9579  | 3.6768  | 2.2840  | 2.1720  | 3.7200  |
| 8 | 8   | sd:   | 2.7583  | 3.6414  | 4.4890  | 4.8317  | 3.9880  |
|   |     | skew: | -2.0819 | -1.2440 | -0.5495 | 0.1002  | 0.8266  |
|   |     | kurt: | 7.1020  | 3.8508  | 2.4405  | 2.2266  | 3.3824  |
|   | 10  | sd:   | 2.4709  | 3.2793  | 4.0857  | 4.4915  | 3.866   |
|   |     | skew: | -2.0776 | -1.2632 | -0.5970 | 0.0116  | 0.663   |
|   |     | kurt: | 7.2544  | 4.0377  | 2.6103  | 2.2970  | 3.1086  |
|   | 15  | sd:   | 2.0117  | 2.6959  | 3.4245  | 3.9128  | 3.6352  |
|   |     | skew: | -2.0706 | -1.2972 | -0.6787 | -0.1360 | 0.4085  |
|   |     | kurt: | 7.5058  | 4.3592  | 2.9110  | 2.4522  | 2.8128  |
|   |     |       |         |         |         |         |         |

# A.24. Model 27

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The model 27 distribution takes the form of a bell-shaped or J-shaped curve. Fixing k and increasing a changes the distribution from a sideways-S curve (J-shaped on the left and bell-shaped on the right) to a simple bell-shaped curve to a J-shaped curve with skewness> 0. Fixing a and increasing k is accompanied by similar changes.

For k < 1, the model 27 distribution could be classified as Pearson type I(U) for small values of a and type I(J) for larger values of a. For k > 1, it could be classified as Pearson type I(J) for small values of a and type I for larger values of a.

| k   |       | a = 1.0 | a = 2.0 | a = 4.0 | a = 8.0 |
|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a/2 | sd:   | 5.6099  | 4.4989  | 3.6004  | 2.9637  |
|     | skew: | -0.3550 | -0.4107 | -0.2433 | -0.0118 |
|     | kurt: | 2.0268  | 2.4298  | 2.6093  | 2.7212  |
| a   | sd:   | 5.2450  | 4.1383  | 3.1522  | 2.3362  |
|     | skew: | -0.0252 | 0.0485  | 0.2388  | 0.4194  |
|     | kurt: | 1.9736  | 2.3117  | 2.6674  | 3.0030  |
| 2a  | sd:   | 4.3326  | 3.0671  | 1.9734  | 1.1711  |
|     | skew: | 0.4651  | 0.6326  | 0.8214  | 1.0560  |
|     | kurt: | 2.3883  | 2.9859  | 3.6304  | 4.2393  |
| 5a  | sd:   | 2.0613  | 0.9926  | 0.4154  | 0.1410  |
|     | skew: | 1.5266  | 1.8655  | 2.8110  | 7.2022  |
|     | kurt: | 5.5795  | 7.4999  | 11.9636 | 55.6491 |

# **B.** Three Dimensional Graphs

Three axes refer to probability, a parameter and the variable x; n is taken to be 20.







p = b/4





p = b

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p = 5b/4









b = 0.5



b = 1



b = 2













b = 3a/5



a = 2









a = 2









B = 5A/4



B = 2A



A = 0.3



A = 0.6







Figure 9: Model 10













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Figure 11: Model 12



B = 3A/2







B = 3A

I



A = 0.2







u = a/5







a = 0.5

a = 3



















*a* = 4

Figure 16: Model 17

a = 8





l









a = 8

Figure 18: Model 18





J



a = 8

Figure 20: Model 19





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Figure 22: Model 20

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f







k = a/4



k = a/2



k = 3a/4



k = a























k = a/10



k = a/2



l



k = 2a











Figure 27: Model 25


*a* = 15









. Figure 29: Model 26









k = 2a











a = 8

Figure 31: Model 27



## C. Two Dimensional Graphs

Figure 32: Models 2 and 3



Figure 33: Models 4, 5, 7, and 8



Figure 34: Models 9 and 10



Figure 35: Models 12 and 13



Figure 36: Models 14 and 15



Figure 37: Models 16 and 17



Figure 38: Models 18 and 19



Figure 39: Models 20 and 22



Figure 40: Models 24 and 25



Figure 41: Models 26 and 27

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