

Estimation of Parameters of Generalized Geometric Linnik Distribution

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Abstract: Consider the geometric Linnik distribution $GL(\alpha, \lambda)$ with characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)}, \lambda > 0, 0 < \alpha \leq 2. \text{ and type II Generalized Geometric Linnik distribution}$$

$$GeGL_2(\alpha, \lambda, \nu) \text{ with characteristic function } \phi(t) = \left[\frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)} \right]^\nu, 0 < \alpha \leq 2, \lambda > 0,$$

$\nu > 0$. [9] used empirical characteristic function to estimate the parameters of a stable law. [1] used characteristic function technique to estimate the parameters of geometric stable law (see also, [2]). Here we estimate the parameters of geometric Linnik distribution and Generalized Geometric Linnik distribution using empirical characteristic function.

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I. INTRODUCTION

As a generalization of the Linnik distribution [8] introduced semi α -Laplace distribution. A random variable X on \mathbb{R} has semi α -Laplace distribution if its characteristic function $\phi(t)$ is of the form

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{1 + |t|^\alpha \delta(t)} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\delta(t)$ satisfies the functional equation

$$\delta(t) = \delta(p^{1/\alpha} t), 0 < p < 1, 0 < \alpha \leq 2. \quad (1.2)$$

[7] introduced generalized Linnik law with characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{(1 + |t|^\alpha)^\nu}, \nu > 0, 0 < \alpha \leq 2. \quad (1.3)$$

This distribution is known as Pakes generalized Linnik distribution. When $\nu = 1$, it reduces to α -Laplace distribution where as when $\alpha = 2$, it reduces to the generalized Laplacian distribution of [6].

DEFINITION 1.1

A random variable X on \mathbb{R} has the generalized Linnik distribution and write $X \stackrel{d}{=} GeL(\alpha, \lambda, p)$ if it has the characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)^p}, p > 0, \lambda > 0, 0 < \alpha \leq 2. \quad (1.4)$$

Geometric Linnik distribution was studied in [3]. Type I Generalized Geometric Linnik distribution and type II Generalized Geometric Linnik distribution are introduced by [4]. Autoregressive Models of Generalized Geometric Linnik distributions are developed in [5].

II. ESTIMATION OF PARAMETERS OF GEOMETRIC LINNIK DISTRIBUTION

DEFINITION 2.1

A random variable X on R is said to have geometric Linnik distribution and write $X \stackrel{d}{=} GL(\alpha, \lambda)$ if its characteristic function $\phi(t)$ is

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)}, t \in R, 0 < \alpha \leq 2, \lambda > 0. \quad (2.1)$$

[9] used empirical characteristic function to estimate the parameters of a stable law. [1] used characteristic function technique to estimate the parameters of geometric stable law (see also, [2]). Here we estimate the parameters of geometric Linnik distribution using empirical characteristic function.

Consider the geometric Linnik distribution with characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)}, \lambda > 0, 0 < \alpha \leq 2.$$

The function $\hat{\phi}_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{itX_j}$ is called the sample (empirical) characteristic function. We have

$$E \left[\hat{\phi}_n(t) \right] = \phi(t) \text{ and by the strong law of large numbers, } \hat{\phi}_n(t) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \phi(t).$$

Take

$$\delta(t) = e^{\left(\frac{1}{\phi(t)} - 1\right)} - 1 = \lambda |t|^\alpha.$$

Then

$$\delta(t_i) = \lambda |t_i|^\alpha, i = 1, 2.$$

Taking logarithms on both sides, we get

$$\ln \delta(t_1) = \ln \lambda + \alpha \ln |t_1|,$$

$$\ln \delta(t_2) = \ln \lambda + \alpha \ln |t_2|.$$

Hence,

$$\alpha \left[\ln |t_1| - \ln |t_2| \right] = \ln \delta(t_1) - \ln \delta(t_2).$$

That is,

$$\alpha = \frac{\ln \frac{\delta(t_1)}{\delta(t_2)}}{\ln \frac{|t_1|}{|t_2|}}.$$

For $\alpha \neq 1$,

$$\ln \delta(t_1) \ln |t_2| = \ln |t_2| \ln \lambda + \alpha \ln |t_1| \ln |t_2|$$

and

$$\ln \delta(t_2) \ln |t_1| = \ln |t_1| \ln \lambda + \alpha \ln |t_2| \ln |t_1|.$$

Hence,

$$\ln \lambda \{ \ln |t_1| - \ln |t_2| \} = \ln \delta(t_2) \ln |t_1| - \ln \delta(t_1) \ln |t_2|$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \exp \left\{ \frac{\ln \delta(t_2) \ln(t_1) - \ln \delta(t_1) \ln(t_2)}{\ln |t_1| - \ln |t_2|} \right\}.$$

That is,
$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\ln \frac{\hat{\delta}_n(t_1)}{\hat{\delta}_n(t_2)}}{\ln \frac{|t_1|}{|t_2|}}$$

and for $\alpha \neq 1$,

$$\hat{\lambda} = \exp \left\{ \frac{\ln \hat{\delta}_n(t_2) \ln(t_1) - \ln \hat{\delta}_n(t_1) \ln(t_2)}{\ln |t_1| - \ln |t_2|} \right\}$$

where $\hat{\delta}_n(t) = \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{\hat{\phi}_n(t)} - 1 \right\} - 1$ is the sample counterpart of $\delta(t)$.

III. ESTIMATION OF PARAMETERS OF GENERALIZED GEOMETRIC LINNIK DISTRIBUTION

DEFINITION 3.1

A random variable X on R is said to have type I generalized geometric Linnik distribution and write $X \underline{d} GeGL_1(\alpha, \lambda, p)$ if it has the characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{1 + p \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 2, p > 0, \lambda > 0. \quad (3.1)$$

DEFINITION 3.2

A random variable X on R has type II generalized geometric Linnik distribution and writes $X \underline{d} GeGL_2(\alpha, \lambda, \tau)$, if it has the characteristic function

$$\phi(t) = \left[\frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)} \right]^\tau, \quad t \in R, 0 < \alpha \leq 2, \lambda, \tau > 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Note that when $\tau = 1$, type II generalized geometric Linnik distribution reduces to geometric Linnik distribution.

Following the method of empirical characteristic function used in the case of GL distribution, we can estimate the $GeGL_2$ distribution parameters.

Consider the $GeGL_2(\alpha, \lambda, \nu)$ characteristic function.

$$\phi(t) = \left[\frac{1}{1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha)} \right]^\nu.$$

We have, the empirical characteristic function is

$$\hat{\phi}_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{itX_j}.$$

$$\ln \hat{\phi}_n(t) = -\nu \ln \left[1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha) \right].$$

Proceeding as in Section 2, we get

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\ln \frac{\hat{\delta}_n(t_1)}{\hat{\delta}_n(t_2)}}{\ln \frac{|t_1|}{|t_2|}} \text{ and for } \alpha \neq 1,$$

where

$$\hat{\delta}_n(t) = \exp \left(\left[\hat{\phi}_n(t) \right]^{-1/\nu} - 1 \right) - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{-\ln \hat{\phi}_n(t)}{\ln \left[1 + \ln(1 + \lambda |t|^\alpha) \right]}.$$

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