

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation in the Inverse Weibull Distribution with Type II Censored Data

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**Abstract** We consider maximum likelihood estimation for the parameters and certain functions of the parameters in the Inverse Weibull (IW) distribution based on type II censored data. The functions under consideration are the Mean Residual Life (MRL), which is very important in reliability studies, and Tail Value at Risk (TVaR), which is an important measure of risk in actuarial studies. We investigated the performance of the MLE of the parameters and derived functions under various experimental conditions using simulation techniques. The performance criteria are the bias and the mean squared error of the estimators. Recommendations on the use of the MLE in this model are given. We found that the parameter estimators are almost unbiased, while the MRL and TVaR estimators are asymptotically unbiased. Moreover, the mean squared error of all estimators decreased for larger sample sizes and it increased when the censoring proportion is increased for a fixed sample size. The conclusion is that the maximum likelihood method of estimation works well for the parameters and the derived functions of the parameter like the MRL and TVaR. Two examples on a real data set are presented to illustrate the application of the methods used in this paper. The first one is on survival time of pigs while the other is on fire losses.

**Keywords** Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Mean Residual Life, Tail Value at Risk, Inverse Weibull Distribution, Type II Censoring

## 1. Introduction

The Weibull distribution is one of the most important distributions in reliability theory and survival analysis. It received and still receives considerable attention in the literature, see for example the recent contributions of Ikbali et al. (2022) and Mohamed et al. (2022). A closely related distribution is the Inverse Weibull (IW) distribution, it is useful for modeling in several important implementations in reliability engineering, infant mortality, product useful life, wear out periods, life testing, and service records (Alkarni and others 2020). The IW distribution and some related distributions have been recently studied by several authors from a Bayesian and likelihood perspectives. Kundu and Howlader (2010) had considered the Bayesian inference and forecast difficulties of the inverse Weibull distribution depending on type II censored data, while Kumar (2019) estimated parameters and reliability characteristics IW distribution depending on random censoring model by both Maximum likelihood and Bayesian estimation methods. The case of type I hybrid censored data was considered by Kazemi and Azizpoor (2021) where they studied the Bayesian and classical inference of this distribution.

Cooray and colleagues (2010) compare the Weibull and Inverse Weibull Composite Distributions for modelling reliability data, while Bhattacharyya (1985) analyzed and studied maximum likelihood and associated estimators using type II censored data. In the inverse Weibull distribution, Calabria and Pulcini (1990) calculated and compared the maximum likelihood and least square estimations. Helu (2015), on the other hand, uses the

maximum likelihood, approximate maximum likelihood, and least squares methods to investigate the performance of parameters of the inverse Weibull distribution with progressively first-failure censoring. Sultan, Alsadat, and Kundu (2014) use Bayesian and maximum likelihood estimations to investigate the performance of the inverse

Weibull parameters under progressive type-II censoring.

The probability density function (pdf) of IW distribution for random variable  $X$  and two parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  is given by

$$f(x; \alpha, \lambda) = \alpha\lambda \exp\{-\lambda x^{-\alpha}\} x^{-(\alpha+1)}$$

where  $x > 0, \alpha > 0, \lambda > 0$  (1)

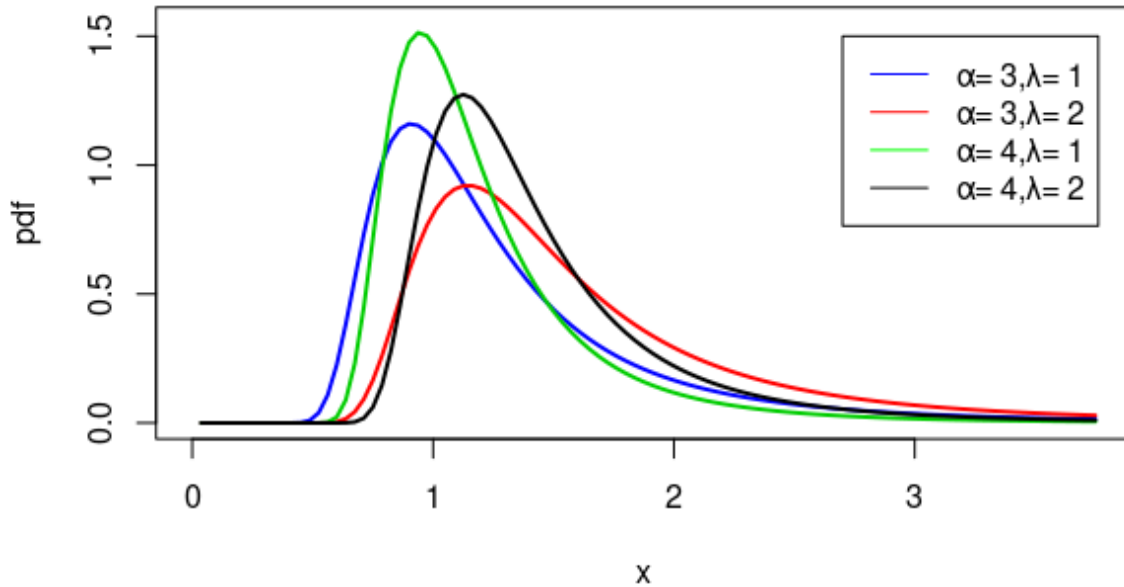


Figure 1. The pdf of IW distribution with different values of parameters

The IW distribution's cumulative distribution function (CDF) is given by

$$F(x; \alpha, \lambda) = \exp\{-\lambda x^{-\alpha}\} \tag{2}$$

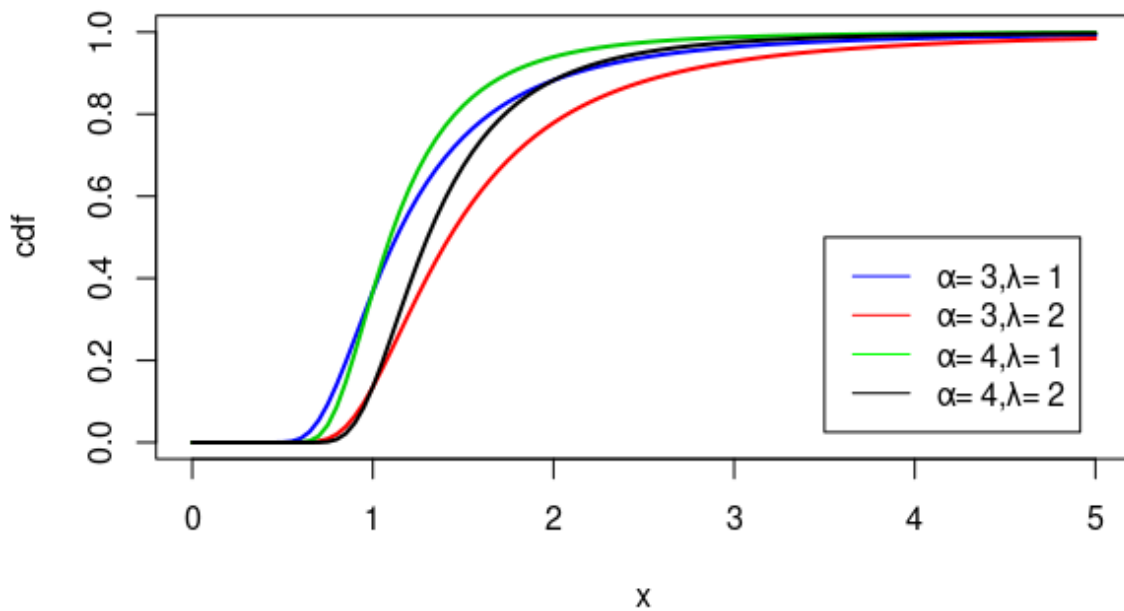


Figure 2. The cdf of IW distribution with different values of parameters

The reliability (survivor) function (RF) of the IW distribution is given by

$$S(x) = 1 - \exp\{-\lambda x^{-\alpha}\} \tag{3}$$

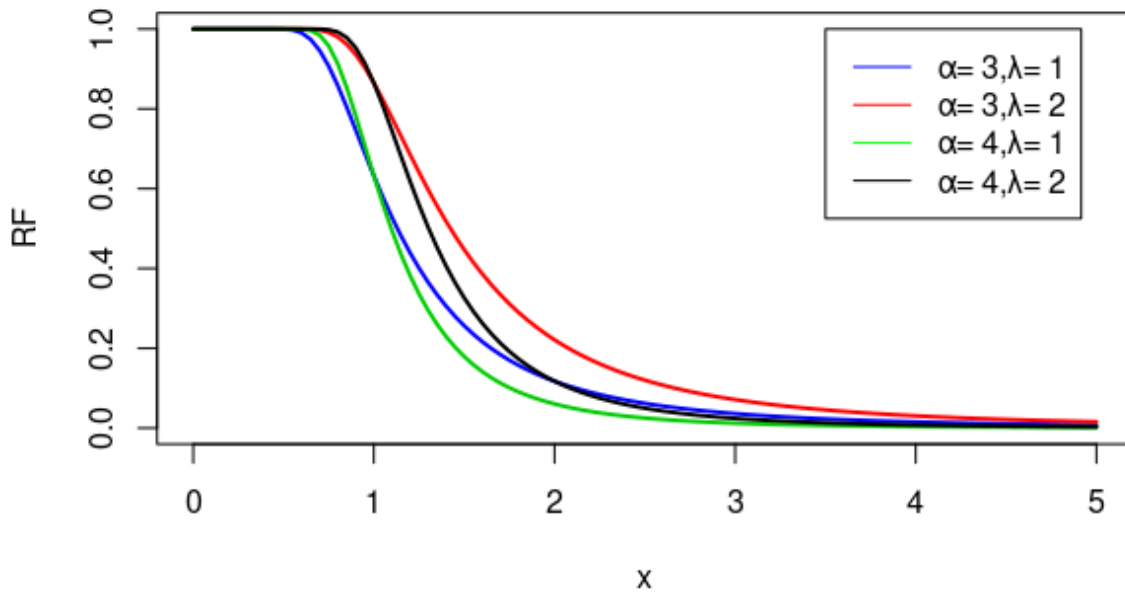


Figure 3. The RF of Inverse Weibull distribution with different values of parameters

Mean Residual Life (MRL) is a function of time  $t$  calculating the expected additional lifetime given that a component has survived until time  $t$ . It plays an important role in reliability and life testing. This function is an attractive alternative to the survival function or the hazard function of a survival time in practice. It provides the remaining life expectancy of a subject surviving up to time  $t$ .

Gupta (1981) offered a new theory to explain the MRL function, as well as some characterizations of the exponential distribution. Tang, Lu, and Chew (1999) investigated the overall behavior of the MRL in terms of failure rates for both continuous and discontinuous lifetime distributions, whereas Hall and Wellner (2017) expanded Yang's estimation of the mean residual life function (1978).

TVaR is a statistical measure of risk associated with the more general value at risk (VaR) approach, which measures the maximum amount of loss that is expected with an investment portfolio over a specified period, with a degree of confidence. It is a measure of risk important on actuarial studies.

Jorion (1996) presented statistical methods for measuring estimation error in VaR and demonstrated how to increase the accuracy of VaR estimates. Peng (2009) provided the risk measurement techniques value at risk (VaR) and tail value at risk (TVaR) under uncertainty, while Christoffersen, Hahn, and Inoue (2001) tested the VaR measure and chose the best among two models.

The likelihood equations under type II Censored data are derived in section 2. In section 3, The MRL and TVaR functions and their MLE are derived. Methods of evaluating estimators are explained in Section 4. In Sect. 5, simulation studies are used to evaluate estimators. Two real data examples are studied at section 6. In section 7, the

conclusions and suggestions are given.

## 2. The Likelihood Function under Type II Censoring

For type II censored data, suppose that  $n$  items are put on a life testing,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and we observe only the first  $r$  failure times,  $X_1 < X_2 < \dots < X_r$ . If  $X_i$  have pdf  $f(x)$  and survival function  $S(x)$ , below the assumptions that the lifetime distribution of the items is random variable, the likelihood function of the observed data without the multiplicative constant are written as (Lawless, 2011):

$$L(\theta) = \{\prod_{i=1}^r f(x_i)\}S(x_r)^{n-r} \tag{4}$$

By substituting eq (1) and (3) in eq (4) the likelihood function for IW distribution will be:

$$L(x|\alpha, \lambda) = \alpha^r \lambda^r \exp\left\{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^r x_i^{-\alpha}\right\} \prod_{i=1}^r x_i^{-(\alpha+1)} (1 - \exp\{-\lambda x_r^{-\alpha}\})^{(n-r)} \tag{5}$$

and the log likelihood function will be:

$$l(data|\alpha, \lambda) = r \log \alpha + r \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^r x_i^{-\alpha} - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^r \log x_i + (n - r) \log(1 - \exp\{-\lambda x_r^{-\alpha}\}) \tag{6}$$

with derivatives

$$l_\alpha(x|\alpha, \lambda) = \frac{r}{\alpha} + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^r (x_i^{-\alpha} \log x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^r \log x_i + (n - r) \frac{\lambda x_r^{-\alpha} \log x_r}{\exp\{\lambda x_r^{-\alpha}\} - 1} \tag{7}$$

$$l_\lambda(x|\alpha, \lambda) = \frac{r}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^r x_i^{-\alpha} + (n - r) \frac{x_r^{-\alpha}}{\exp\{\lambda x_r^{-\alpha}\} - 1} \tag{8}$$

### 3. Deriving MRL and TVaR Functions

#### Deriving MRL Function

MRL function of IW distribution can be derived using eq (1) and (3) and doing some calculation to become as the following:

$$m(t) = \int_t^\infty \frac{xf(x)}{s(t)} dx = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha-1}[\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1})-\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1},\lambda t^{-\alpha})]}{1-\exp\{-\lambda t^{-\alpha}\}} \quad (9)$$

The MLE of the MRL is given by:

$$\hat{m}(t) = \frac{\hat{\lambda}^{\hat{\alpha}-1}[\Gamma(1-\hat{\alpha}^{-1})-\Gamma(1-\hat{\alpha}^{-1},\hat{\lambda}t^{-\hat{\alpha}})]}{1-\exp\{-\hat{\lambda}t^{-\hat{\alpha}}\}}, \quad \alpha > 1 \quad (10)$$

#### Deriving TVaR Function

The Tail Value-at-Risk with confidence level  $p$  is defined as:

$$TVaR_p(X) = \frac{\int_{VaR_p(X)}^\infty xf(x)dx}{1-p} \quad (11)$$

After we found the integration, the function of TVaR will be:

$$TVaR_p(X) = VaR_p(X) + m(VaR_p(X)) \quad (12)$$

For the continuous distribution, the VaR with confidence level  $p$  is usually defined as follows:

$$Prob(X > VaR_p(x)) = 1 - p \quad (13)$$

By doing some calculation  $VaR_p(x)$  for IW distribution become:

$$VaR_p(x) = \left(\frac{-\lambda}{\ln p}\right)^{\alpha-1} \quad (14)$$

And

$$m(VaR_p(x)) = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha-1}[\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1})-\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1},\lambda VaR_p(x)^{-\alpha})]}{1-\exp\{-\lambda VaR_p(x)^{-\alpha}\}} \quad (15)$$

then by substituting eq (14) and (15) in eq (12) and doing some calculus TVaR function of IW distribution will be:

$$TVaR_p(x) = \left(\frac{-\lambda}{\ln p}\right)^{\alpha-1} + \frac{\lambda^{\alpha-1}[\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1})-\Gamma(1-\alpha^{-1},-\ln p)]}{1-p} \quad (16)$$

and the MLE of the TVaR is given by:

$$\widehat{TVaR} = \left(\frac{-\hat{\lambda}}{\ln p}\right)^{\hat{\alpha}-1} + \frac{\hat{\lambda}^{\hat{\alpha}-1}[\Gamma(1-\hat{\alpha}^{-1})-\Gamma(1-\hat{\alpha}^{-1},-\ln p)]}{1-p} \quad (17)$$

### 4. Methods of Evaluating Estimators

#### Bias

The bias of an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  of a parameter  $\theta$  can be defined by the difference between the expected value of  $\hat{\theta}$  and the true value  $\theta$  as the following

$$Bias(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \quad (18)$$

If the bias for estimator is equal to 0, then it will be unbiased and satisfies  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$  for all  $\theta$ .

#### Mean Square Error

The mean square error (MSE) of  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$ , which also called the risk function of an estimator or the quadratic loss function, can be defined as the following

$$MSE_{\hat{\theta}} = E(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 \quad (19)$$

The MSE measures the average squared difference between the estimator and the parameter, a rather acceptable measure of performing for the estimator. Although, the mean absolute error function  $E(|\hat{\theta} - \theta|)$  can be used to measure the estimator as an acceptable option, MSE has at least two improvements more than other distance measures, it is analytically tractable and has the interpretation.

$$\begin{aligned} MSE_{\hat{\theta}} &= E(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 = Var(\hat{\theta}) + (E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta)^2 \\ &= Var(\hat{\theta}) + (Bias(\hat{\theta}))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Therefore, MSE has two parts, one measure the estimator variability and the other measures its bias. If the estimator has small variance and bias together, it will have good MSE properties. Moreover, the unbiased estimator has MSE equal to its variance.

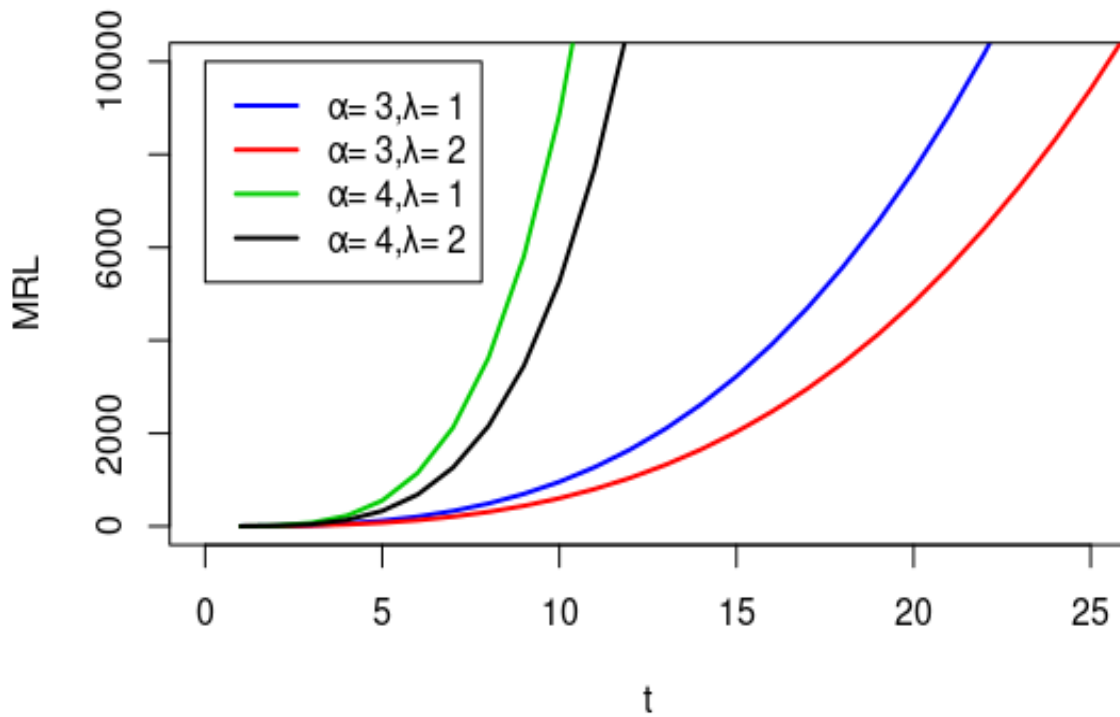


Figure 4. The MRL of Inverse Weibull distribution with different values of parameters

Table 1. Bias and MSE when  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\lambda = 1$

| $n$ | $r$ |      | $\alpha = 3$ | $\lambda = 1$ | $t = 3$ | $p = 0.95$ |
|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------|
|     |     |      | $\alpha$     | $\lambda$     | $MRL$   | $TVaR$     |
| 50  | 30  | Bias | 0.1554       | 0.0039        | 10.031  | -0.1015    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.2372       | 0.0273        | 763.89  | 4.3665     |
|     | 40  | Bias | 0.0927       | 0.0123        | 6.01567 | 0.0409     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1601       | 0.0262        | 372.396 | 3.5447     |
|     | 50  | Bias | 0.0812       | 0.0140        | 4.90653 | 0.0521     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1342       | 0.0241        | 247.491 | 3.1406     |
| 80  | 48  | Bias | 0.0927       | 0.0018        | 5.48199 | -0.0446    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1352       | 0.0166        | 265.205 | 2.8826     |
|     | 64  | Bias | 0.0587       | 0.0109        | 3.23551 | 0.0462     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0909       | 0.0147        | 122.998 | 2.1294     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0593       | 0.0095        | 2.99512 | -0.0007    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0760       | 0.0147        | 102.461 | 1.8340     |
| 100 | 60  | Bias | 0.0768       | 0.0017        | 4.25582 | -0.0479    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1032       | 0.0132        | 170.291 | 2.2294     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0603       | 0.0081        | 2.94169 | -0.0074    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0744       | 0.0120        | 91.5138 | 1.7257     |
|     | 100 | Bias | 0.0392       | 0.0138        | 1.98704 | 0.0750     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0583       | 0.0122        | 65.3629 | 1.6088     |

**Table 2.** Bias and MSE when  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\lambda = 2$

| $n$ | $r$ |      | $\alpha = 3$ | $\lambda = 2$ | $t = 3$ | $p = 0.95$ |
|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------|
|     |     |      | $\alpha$     | $\lambda$     | $MRL$   | $TVaR$     |
| 50  | 30  | Bias | 0.1371       | 0.0747        | 3.9560  | -0.0504    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.2268       | 0.1205        | 133.71  | 6.7936     |
|     | 40  | Bias | 0.0985       | 0.0629        | 2.6629  | -0.0054    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1571       | 0.1153        | 67.635  | 5.6399     |
|     | 50  | Bias | 0.0798       | 0.0686        | 2.0157  | 0.0685     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1266       | 0.1066        | 44.203  | 4.8844     |
| 80  | 48  | Bias | 0.0930       | 0.0473        | 2.3099  | -0.0729    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1296       | 0.0642        | 47.333  | 4.1338     |
|     | 64  | Bias | 0.0585       | 0.0361        | 1.5465  | 0.0116     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0936       | 0.0625        | 30.347  | 3.6004     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0528       | 0.0414        | 1.2788  | 0.0270     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0796       | 0.0624        | 22.969  | 3.0685     |
| 100 | 60  | Bias | 0.0637       | 0.0328        | 1.6621  | -0.0144    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0970       | 0.0489        | 32.936  | 3.4572     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0500       | 0.0442        | 1.1272  | 0.0421     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0689       | 0.0513        | 19.522  | 2.7110     |
|     | 100 | Bias | 0.0420       | 0.0419        | 0.9458  | 0.0611     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.0598       | 0.0487        | 16.608  | 2.4701     |

**Table 3.** Bias and MSE when  $\alpha = 4$  and  $\lambda = 1$

| $n$ | $r$ |      | $\alpha = 4$ | $\lambda = 1$ | $t = 3$  | $p = 0.95$ |
|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|----------|------------|
|     |     |      | $\alpha$     | $\lambda$     | $MRL$    | $TVaR$     |
| 50  | 30  | Bias | 0.2072       | 0.0041        | 50.383   | -0.0767    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.4084       | 0.0270        | 24848    | 1.5921     |
|     | 40  | Bias | 0.1499       | 0.0105        | 33.053   | -0.0272    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.2974       | 0.0260        | 9417.95  | 1.2653     |
|     | 50  | Bias | 0.1041       | 0.0182        | 22.882   | 0.0403     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.2392       | 0.0246        | 5581.064 | 1.1035     |
| 80  | 48  | Bias | 0.1289       | 0.0001        | 27.239   | -0.0509    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.2449       | 0.0168        | 6245.5   | 1.0660     |
|     | 64  | Bias | 0.0889       | 0.0091        | 17.596   | 0.0064     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1737       | 0.0161        | 3158.0   | 0.8618     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0708       | 0.0093        | 13.168   | 0.0079     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1366       | 0.0146        | 1843.0   | 0.6880     |
| 100 | 60  | Bias | 0.0881       | 0.0057        | 17.527   | -0.0073    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1711       | 0.0130        | 3289.7   | 0.7624     |
|     | 80  | Bias | 0.0733       | 0.0066        | 13.435   | -0.0041    |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1340       | 0.0121        | 1918.5   | 0.6368     |
|     | 100 | Bias | 0.0517       | 0.0073        | 9.6997   | 0.0096     |
|     |     | MSE  | 0.1043       | 0.0118        | 1266.0   | 0.5467     |

**Table 4.** Bias and MSE when  $\alpha = 4$  and  $\lambda = 2$

| <i>n</i> | <i>r</i> |      | $\alpha = 4$ | $\lambda = 2$ | $t = 3$    | $p = 0.95$  |         |
|----------|----------|------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------|
|          |          |      | $\alpha$     | $\lambda$     | <i>MRL</i> | <i>TVaR</i> |         |
| 50       | 30       | Bias | 0.1496       | 0.0568        | 16.025     | -0.0716     |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.3253       | 0.1007        | 3287.1     | 1.5976      |         |
|          | 40       | Bias | 0.1406       | 0.0608        | 13.872     | -0.0471     |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.2952       | 0.1771        | 1638.0     | 1.8115      |         |
|          | 50       | Bias | 0.1157       | 0.0679        | 10.584     | 0.0003      |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.2335       | 0.1093        | 1076.0     | 1.5376      |         |
| 80       | 48       | Bias | 0.1446       | 0.0368        | 13.015     | -0.1227     |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.2503       | 0.0654        | 1277.7     | 1.4162      |         |
|          | 64       | Bias | 0.0969       | 0.0459        | 7.7929     | -0.0349     |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.1604       | 0.0663        | 549.52     | 1.0979      |         |
|          | 80       | Bias | 0.0574       | 0.0370        | 5.1540     | 0.0212      |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.1258       | 0.0583        | 367.54     | 0.9567      |         |
|          | 100      | 60   | Bias         | 0.0883        | 0.0303     | 7.9176      | -0.0375 |
|          |          |      | MSE          | 0.1688        | 0.0471     | 622.40      | 1.0865  |
|          |          | 80   | Bias         | 0.0843        | 0.0455     | 6.4937      | -0.0114 |
| MSE      |          |      | 0.1356       | 0.0499        | 434.22     | 0.8968      |         |
| 100      |          | Bias | 0.0606       | 0.0329        | 4.6457     | -0.0162     |         |
|          |          | MSE  | 0.1014       | 0.0498        | 272.12     | 0.7237      |         |

### 5. Simulation Study

Simulation studies are very important because they used to obtain experimental results to estimate the efficiency of statistical methods. For that, researchers can study several properties of statistical methods.

In this paper, simulation of 2000 iterations are used to estimate bias and mean square error (MSE) for parameters, MRL, and TVaR with different sample size *n* (50,80,100), first *r* faller times *r* (0.6*n*, 0.8*n*, *n*), confidence significant level  $p = 0.95$ , and time  $t = 3$ .

Tables 1 to 4 present bias and MSE with different values of shape and scales. These tables conclude that the estimated parameters and TVaR are approximately unbiased. However, estimated MRL is bias for small sample size. But when sample size increase, bias decrease until it is approximately unbiased. These tables show same inference about MSE. For parameters, MSE are very small, less than 0.5, and became smaller when the sample size increased. Which mean that, the variances estimators for parameters are small. Also, TVaR's MSE for small sample size are small, and they decrease when the sample size increase. However, MSE for MRL are very huge for the small sample size. But then, they are decreased remarkably when the sample size increased.

### 6. Real Data Analysis

The methods in this paper are applied in Two real data analysis. The first real data, showed in Table 5, is from Bjerkedal (1960) represents the survival times of 72 guinea pigs (in days) injected with different amounts of tubercle bacilli.

**Table 5.** The survival times (in days) of guinea pigs injected with different doses of tubercle bacilli.

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 12  | 15  | 22  | 24  | 24  | 32  | 32  | 33  | 34  | 38  |
| 38  | 43  | 44  | 48  | 52  | 53  | 54  | 54  | 55  | 56  |
| 57  | 58  | 58  | 59  | 60  | 60  | 60  | 60  | 61  | 62  |
| 63  | 65  | 65  | 67  | 68  | 70  | 70  | 72  | 73  | 75  |
| 76  | 76  | 81  | 83  | 84  | 85  | 87  | 91  | 95  | 96  |
| 98  | 99  | 109 | 110 | 121 | 127 | 129 | 131 | 143 | 146 |
| 146 | 175 | 175 | 211 | 233 | 258 | 258 | 263 | 297 | 341 |
| 341 | 376 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

By applying the above data in R program, after divided each of them by 1000 to make calculation easier, the estimators for first faller time  $r = 43$  are  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.29$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = 0.025$ ,  $\overline{MRL} = 27.88$ , and  $\overline{TVaR} = 3.93$ . When  $r = 58$  estimators would be  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.36$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = 0.019$ ,  $\overline{MRL} = 30.77$ , and  $\overline{TVaR} = 3.15$ . For  $r = 72$ , the

estimators become  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.41$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = 0.016$ ,  $\widehat{MRL} = 33.74$ , and  $\widehat{TVaR} = 2.81$ . Table 6 present values of MRL and TVaR with different initial shape and scale values.

**Table 6.** Values of MRL and TVaR

| t | p    | $\alpha$ | $\lambda$ | MRL   | TVaR  |
|---|------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 3 | 0.95 | 3        | 1         | 26.22 | 21.74 |
|   |      | 3        | 2         | 16.78 | 27.39 |
|   |      | 4        | 1         | 72.05 | 19.72 |
|   |      | 4        | 2         | 43.06 | 23.45 |

The second real data, showed in Table 7, is from Cummins, J., Dionne, G. and McDonald, J. (1990) represents the data on aggregate fire loss at a major university reported in Cummins and FreiFelder (1978).

**Table 7.** Fire loss experience of a major university

| Year | Total losses | Year | Total losses |
|------|--------------|------|--------------|
| 1950 | 71280        | 1962 | 14790        |
| 1951 | 3671         | 1963 | 9480         |
| 1952 | 18664        | 1964 | 8676         |
| 1953 | 8784         | 1965 | 114198       |
| 1954 | 3966         | 1966 | 5150         |
| 1955 | 30892        | 1967 | 105864       |
| 1956 | 631626       | 1968 | 32814        |
| 1957 | 11464        | 1969 | 41340        |
| 1958 | 127194       | 1970 | 46284        |
| 1959 | 4950         | 1971 | 12230        |
| 1960 | 30452        | 1972 | 19418        |
| 1961 | 8028         |      |              |

If the above data is entered into the R software without modification, the shape estimator will be  $\hat{\alpha} = 0.93$ . To calculate MRL and TVaR functions,  $\hat{\alpha}$  should be bigger than 1, see section 2.2. To avoid this problem, the lower term for shape was modified to 1.001 instead of 0.001 in the optima function used to maximize likelihood function.

The MRL and TVaR values are 26.22 and 21.74, respectively, after applying the data in R software and dividing each of them by 10000 to make calculation easier, with shape = 3, scale =1, first failure time  $r = 14$ , and significant level  $\gamma = 0.05, 0.1$ . The estimated parameters are also  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.001$  and  $\hat{\lambda} = 1.215$ , with the MRL estimator  $\widehat{MRL} = 3645.06$  and TVaR estimator  $\widehat{TVaR} = 24201.58$ .

Our estimators' values would be  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.001$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = 1.207$ ,  $\widehat{MRL} = 3640.75$ , and  $\widehat{TVaR} = 24050.69$  for  $r = 19$ . The estimators' values for  $r = 23$  would be  $\hat{\alpha} = 1.001$ ,  $\hat{\lambda} = 1.207$ ,  $\widehat{MRL} = 3640.62$ , and  $\widehat{TVaR} = 24046.11$ .

## 7. Conclusion

The performance of the maximum likelihood estimators for parameters, Mean Residual Life (MRL), and Tail Value at Risk (TVaR) of the Inverse Weibull (IW) distribution are derived and studied in this paper using type II censored data.

We may conclude from simulation and real data that the parameters are approximately unbiased for small and big sample sizes. However, MRL and TVaR appear to be unbiased estimators with a large sample size, that is, they are asymptotically unbiased.

The mean squared error (MSE) of the estimators tend to decrease when the sample size increases. On the other hand, the MSE of all estimators increases as the proportion of censoring increases with a fixed sample size.

The suggestion for future research is to apply these methods to different forms of censoring data, such as hybrid censoring or progressive type II censoring. Researchers could also investigate the impacts of different values of Times  $t$  on MRL, as well as the effects of confidence levels  $p = 0.99, 0.995$  on TVaR, and their estimators.

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