

A note on weighted Aradhana distribution with an application

Abstract

In this paper moments based measures including coefficient of skewness, kurtosis, index of dispersion and mean residual life function of the weighted Aradhana distribution has been derived and discussed. A numerical example has been presented to test its goodness of fit.

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Introduction

Shanker¹ introduced Aradhana distribution defined by probability density function (pdf) and cumulative distribution function (cdf)

$$f_0(x; \theta) = \frac{\theta^3}{\theta^2 + 2\theta + 2} (1+x)^2 e^{-\theta x} ; x > 0, \theta > 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$F_0(x, \theta) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{\theta x(\theta x + 2\theta + 2)}{\theta^2 + 2\theta + 2} \right] e^{-\theta x} ; x > 0, \theta > 0 \quad (1.2)$$

Aradhana distribution is a convex combination of an exponential (θ), a gamma ($2, \theta$) and a gamma ($3, \theta$) distributions with their mixing proportions $\frac{\theta^2}{\theta^2 + 2\theta + 2}$, $\frac{2}{\theta^2 + 2\theta + 2}$ and $\frac{2}{\theta^2 + 2\theta + 2}$, respectively. Its properties, parameter estimation and applications are available in Shanker¹. Ganaie et al.² derived the weighted version of the Aradhana distribution and discussed some of its properties with estimation of parameters and applications. Rajgopalan et al.³ obtained length-biased Aradhana distribution and Gharaibeh⁴ derived transmuted Aradhana distribution.

There are several statistical properties of weighted Aradhana distribution which has not been discussed by Ganaie et al.² including moments based measures such as coefficient of skewness, kurtosis; mean residual life function and index of dispersion. Further, there are two serious drawbacks of the weighted Aradhana distribution proposed by Ganaie et al.² namely (i) The goodness of fit was compared with Aradhana distribution which is not justifiable due to the fact that a comparison of weighted distribution with unweighted distribution is completely illogical, (ii) two-parameter weighted Aradhana distribution was compared with one parameter Aradhana distribution without K-S and p-value, and concluded that weighted Aradhana distribution gives better fit over Aradhana distribution, which is amazing to digest the conclusion.

In this paper the weighted Aradhana distribution has been compared with weighted Sujatha distribution because it is related to weighted Sujatha distribution and some unweighted one parameter and two-parameter lifetime distributions.

Taking the weight function $w(x) = x^c$, Ganaie et al.² derived the pdf of the weighted Aradhana distribution as

$$f_1(x; \theta, c) = \frac{\theta^{c+3}}{\theta^2 \Gamma(c+1) + 2\theta \Gamma(c+2) + \Gamma(c+2)} x^{\alpha-1} (1+2x+x^2) e^{-\theta x} ; x > 0, \theta > 0, c > 0 \quad (1.3)$$

Taking the weight function $w(x) = x^{\alpha-1}$ or $c = \alpha - 1$, the pdf and the cdf of weighted Aradhana distribution can be expressed as

$$f_2(x; \theta, \alpha) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha+2}}{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1)} \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (1+2x+x^2) e^{-\theta x} ; x > 0, \theta > 0, \alpha > 0 \quad (1.4)$$

$$F_2(x; \theta, \alpha) = 1 - \frac{[\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1)] \Gamma(\alpha, \theta x) + (\theta x)^\alpha (\theta x + 2\theta + \alpha + 1) e^{-\theta x}}{[\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1)] \Gamma(\alpha)}$$

where $\Gamma(\alpha)$ and $\Gamma(\alpha, z)$ are respectively the complete gamma function and the upper incomplete gamma function and are defined as

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} dy ; y > 0, \alpha > 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha, z) = \int_z^\infty e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1} dy ; y \geq 0, \alpha > 0.$$

Aradhana distribution and length-biased Aradhana distribution are special cases of WAD at $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 2$, respectively. The pdf of weighted Aradhana distribution is also a convex combination of gamma (θ, α), gamma ($\theta, \alpha + 1$) and gamma ($\theta, \alpha + 2$) which can be expressed as

$$f_2(x; \theta, \alpha) = p_1 g_1(x; \theta, \alpha) + p_2 g_2(x; \theta, \alpha + 1) + (1 - p_1 - p_2) g_3(x; \theta, \alpha + 2),$$

where

$$p_1 = \frac{\theta^2}{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1)}, p_2 = \frac{2\theta\alpha}{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha+1)}$$

$$g_1(x; \theta, \alpha) = \frac{\theta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-\theta x} x^{\alpha-1}$$

$$g_2(x; \theta, \alpha + 1) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} e^{-\theta x} x^{\alpha+1-1}$$

$$g_3(x; \theta, \alpha + 2) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha+2}}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} e^{-\theta x} x^{\alpha+2-1}.$$

Moments based measures

The r th moment about origin of WAD (1.4) is given by

$$\mu_r' = \frac{\{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + r)\theta + (\alpha + r)(\alpha + r + 1)\} \Gamma(\alpha + r)}{\theta^r \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\} \Gamma(\alpha)}; r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Thus, we have

$$\mu_1' = \frac{\alpha \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 1)\theta + (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)\}}{\theta \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}}$$

$$\mu_2' = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1) \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 2)\theta + (\alpha + 2)(\alpha + 3)\}}{\theta^2 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}}$$

$$\mu_3' = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2) \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 3)\theta + (\alpha + 3)(\alpha + 4)\}}{\theta^3 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}}$$

$$\mu_4' = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)(\alpha + 3) \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 4)\theta + (\alpha + 4)(\alpha + 5)\}}{\theta^4 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}}$$

The central moments of WAD can be obtained as

$$\mu_2 = \frac{\alpha \{\theta^4 + 4(\alpha + 1)\theta^3 + 6(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)\theta^2 + 4(\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta + (\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\}}{\theta^2 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}^2}$$

$$\mu_3 = \frac{\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\theta^6 + 6(\alpha + 1)\theta^5 + 3(5\alpha^2 + 9\alpha + 4)\theta^4 + 10(2\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 3\alpha)\theta^3 \\ &2\alpha \left\{ 3(5\alpha^4 + 16\alpha^3 + 13\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta^2 + 3(2\alpha^5 + 8\alpha^4 + 10\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2)\theta \right\} \\ &+ (\alpha^6 + 5\alpha^5 + 9\alpha^4 + 7\alpha^3 + 2\alpha^2) \end{aligned} \right\}}{\theta^3 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}^3}$$

$$\mu_4 = \frac{\left\{ \begin{aligned} &(\alpha + 2)\theta^8 + 8(\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2)\theta^7 + 4(7\alpha^3 + 38\alpha^2 + 31\alpha + 10)\theta^6 \\ &+ 8(7\alpha^4 + 52\alpha^3 + 35\alpha^2 + 24\alpha)\theta^5 + 2(35\alpha^5 + 210\alpha^4 + 391\alpha^3 + 244\alpha^2 + 28\alpha)\theta^4 \\ &3\alpha \left\{ 8(7\alpha^6 + 49\alpha^5 + 111\alpha^4 + 95\alpha^3 + 26\alpha^2)\theta^3 + 4(7\alpha^7 + 56\alpha^6 + 152\alpha^5 + 174\alpha^4 + 81\alpha^3 + 10\alpha^2)\theta^2 \right. \\ &+ 8(\alpha^8 + 9\alpha^7 + 29\alpha^6 + 43\alpha^5 + 30\alpha^4 + 8\alpha^3)\theta \\ &\left. + (\alpha^9 + 10\alpha^8 + 38\alpha^7 + 72\alpha^6 + 73\alpha^5 + 38\alpha^4 + 8\alpha^3) \right\} \end{aligned} \right\}}{\theta^4 \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\}^4}$$

Thus the coefficient of variation (C.V), coefficient of skewness ($\sqrt{\beta_1}$), coefficient of kurtosis (β_2), and index of dispersion (γ) of WAD are obtained as

$$C.V. = \frac{\sigma}{\mu_1'} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta^4 + 4(\alpha + 1)\theta^3 + 6(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)\theta^2 + 4(\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta + (\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)}}{\theta \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 1)\theta + (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)\}}$$

$$\sqrt{\beta_1} = \frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^{3/2}} = \frac{\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\theta^6 + 6(\alpha + 1)\theta^5 + 3(5\alpha^2 + 9\alpha + 4)\theta^4 + 10(2\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 3\alpha)\theta^3 \\ &2\alpha \left\{ 3(5\alpha^4 + 16\alpha^3 + 13\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta^2 + 3(2\alpha^5 + 8\alpha^4 + 10\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^2)\theta \right\} \\ &+ (\alpha^6 + 5\alpha^5 + 9\alpha^4 + 7\alpha^3 + 2\alpha^2) \end{aligned} \right\}}{\sqrt{\alpha \{\theta^4 + 4(\alpha + 1)\theta^3 + 6(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)\theta^2 + 4(\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta + (\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\}^{3/2}}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = \frac{\left\{ \begin{aligned} &(\alpha + 2)\theta^8 + 8(\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2)\theta^7 + 4(7\alpha^3 + 38\alpha^2 + 31\alpha + 10)\theta^6 \\ &+ 8(7\alpha^4 + 52\alpha^3 + 35\alpha^2 + 24\alpha)\theta^5 + 2(35\alpha^5 + 210\alpha^4 + 391\alpha^3 + 244\alpha^2 + 28\alpha)\theta^4 \\ &3\alpha \left\{ 8(7\alpha^6 + 49\alpha^5 + 111\alpha^4 + 95\alpha^3 + 26\alpha^2)\theta^3 + 4(7\alpha^7 + 56\alpha^6 + 152\alpha^5 + 174\alpha^4 + 81\alpha^3 + 10\alpha^2)\theta^2 \right. \\ &+ 8(\alpha^8 + 9\alpha^7 + 29\alpha^6 + 43\alpha^5 + 30\alpha^4 + 8\alpha^3)\theta \\ &\left. + (\alpha^9 + 10\alpha^8 + 38\alpha^7 + 72\alpha^6 + 73\alpha^5 + 38\alpha^4 + 8\alpha^3) \right\} \end{aligned} \right\}}{\alpha \{\theta^4 + 4(\alpha + 1)\theta^3 + 6(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)\theta^2 + 4(\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta + (\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\}^2}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu_1'} = \frac{\{\theta^4 + 4(\alpha + 1)\theta^3 + 6(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1)\theta^2 + 4(\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\theta + (\alpha^4 + 4\alpha^3 + 5\alpha^2 + 2\alpha)\}}{\theta \{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\} \{\theta^2 + 2(\alpha + 1)\theta + (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)\}}$$

It should be noted that these moments reduce to the corresponding moments of Aradhana distribution and length-biased Aradhana distribution at $\alpha = 1$ and $\alpha = 2$ respectively. Graphs of coefficient of variation (C.V), coefficient of Skewness (S.K), coefficient of kurtosis (S.K.) and index of dispersion (I.D) of WAD for values of parameters θ and α are shown in Figure 1. The graph clearly explains the nature for variation in parameters.

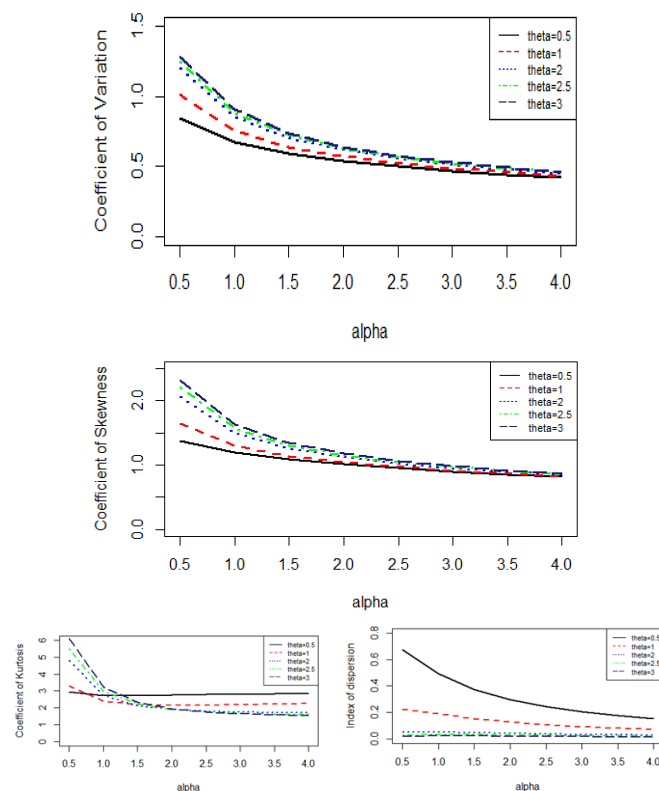


Figure 1 Graphs of C.V, C.S., C.K., and I.D of WAD for varying values of parameters θ and α .

Mean residual life function

The mean residual life function $m(x) = E(X - x | X > x)$ of the WAD can be obtained a

$$m(x; \theta, \alpha) = \frac{1}{S(x; \theta, \alpha)} \int_x^\infty t f_2(t; \theta, \alpha) dt - x$$

$$= \frac{1}{S(x; \theta, \alpha)} \left[\frac{\theta^{\alpha+2}}{\{\theta^2 + 2\alpha\theta + \alpha(\alpha+1)\} \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^\infty t^\alpha (1+2t+t^2) e^{-\theta t} dt \right] - x$$

$$= \frac{[(\theta x)^\alpha \{\theta x + \theta(\theta + 2\alpha + 2) + (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)\} e^{-\theta x}]}{\theta \left[\{\theta^2 + 2\alpha\theta + \alpha(\alpha + 1)\} \Gamma(\alpha, \theta x) + \{e^{-\theta x} (\theta x + 2\theta + \alpha + 1) (\theta x)^\alpha\} \right]}$$

Graphs of $m(x)$ of WAD for values of parameters θ and α are shown in Figure 2.

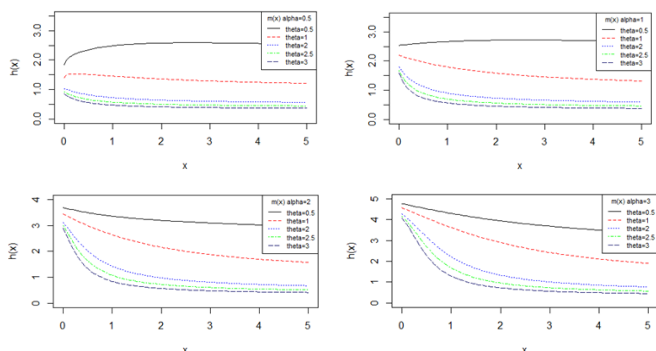


Figure 2 $m(x)$ of WAD for varying values of parameters θ and α .

Estimation of parameters using method of maximum likelihood

Suppose $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ be a random sample of size n from WAD (1.4). The log likelihood function, L of WAD is given by

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f_2(x_i; \theta, \alpha)$$

$$= n[(\alpha + 2) \ln \theta - \ln(\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha) - \ln \Gamma(\alpha)] + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 + 2x_i + x_i^2) - n\theta \bar{x}$$

The maximum likelihood estimates (MLE's) $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\alpha})$ of the parameters (θ, α) of WAD are the solutions of the following log likelihood equations

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n(\alpha + 2)}{\theta} - \frac{2n(\theta + \alpha)}{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha} - n\bar{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha} = n \ln \theta - \frac{n(2\theta + 2\alpha + 1)}{\theta^2 + 2\theta\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha} - n\psi(\alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) = 0$$

where $\psi(\alpha) = \frac{d}{d\alpha} \ln \Gamma(\alpha)$ is the digamma function.

Table 1 The pdf and the cdf of fitted distributions

Distributions	Pdf	Cdf
WSD	$f(x; \theta, \alpha) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha+2} x^{\alpha-1} (1+x+x^2) e^{-\theta x}}{\{\theta^2 + \alpha\theta + \alpha(\alpha+1)\} \Gamma(\alpha)}$	$F(x; \theta, \alpha) = 1 - \frac{\left[\{\theta^2 + \alpha\theta + \alpha(\alpha+1)\} \Gamma(\alpha, \theta x) + (\theta x)^\alpha (\theta x + \theta + \alpha + 1) e^{-\theta x} \right]}{\{\theta^2 + \alpha\theta + \alpha(\alpha+1)\} \Gamma(\alpha)}$
Lognormal	$f(x; \theta, \alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha x}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\alpha} (\log x - \theta)^2}$	$F(x; \theta, \alpha) = \Phi\left(\frac{\log x - \theta}{\alpha}\right)$

These log likelihood equations cannot be solved analytically because they are not in closed form and hence can be solved using R-software. The Newton-Raphson method available in R-software has been used to estimates the parameters.

A numerical example

Application and the goodness of fit of WAD has been discussed with the following lifetime data relating to waiting time data (in minutes) before service of 100 bank customers used by Ghitany et al.⁵ to fit Lindley distribution, proposed by Lindley.⁶

0.8	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
2.1	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1		
3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.2
4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4		
4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0
5.3	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.1		
6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.9	7.1
7.1	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.6		
7.7	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.8
8.8	8.9	8.9	9.5	9.6		
9.7	9.8	10.7	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1
11.2	11.2	11.5	11.9	12.4		
12.5	12.9	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.6	13.7
13.9	14.1	15.4	15.4	17.3		
17.3	18.1	18.2	18.4	18.9	19.0	19.9
20.6	21.3	21.4	21.9	23.0		
27.0	31.6	33.1	38.5			

The goodness of fit of one parameter exponential distribution, Lindley distribution, Aradhana distribution and Sujatha distribution by Shanker,⁷ two-parameter weighted Sujatha distribution (WSD) proposed by Shanker and Shukla,⁸ Weibull distribution introduced by Weibull,⁹ lognormal distribution and WAD has been conducted for the above dataset. The pdf and cdf of WSD, Lognormal, Weibull, Sujatha, Lindley and exponential distributions are presented in Table 1. The ML estimates, values of $-2\ln L$, Akaike Information criteria (AIC), K-S and p-value of the fitted distributions are presented in Table 2. The AIC and K-S are computed using the following formulae: $AIC = -2\ln L + 2k$ and $K-S = \text{Sup} |F_n(x) - F_0(x)|$, where k = the number of parameters, n = the sample size, $F_0(x)$ is the empirical (sample) cumulative distribution function, and $F_0(x)$ is the theoretical cumulative distribution function. The distribution corresponding to lower values of $-2\ln L$, AIC, and K-S are the best fit.

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Distributions	Pdf	Cdf
Weibull	$f(x; \theta, \alpha) = \theta \alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta x^\alpha}$	$F(x; \theta, \alpha) = 1 - e^{-\theta x^\alpha}$
Sujatha	$f(x; \theta) = \frac{\theta^3}{\theta^2 + \theta + 2} (1 + x + x^2) e^{-\theta x}$	$F(x, \theta) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{\theta x (\theta x + \theta + 2)}{\theta^2 + \theta + 2} \right] e^{-\theta x}$
Lindley	$f(x; \theta) = \frac{\theta^2}{\theta + 1} (1 + x) e^{-\theta x}$	$F(x; \theta) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{\theta x}{\theta + 1} \right] e^{-\theta x}$
Exponential	$f(x; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$	$F(x; \theta) = 1 - e^{-\theta x}$

Table 2 MLE's, -2ln L, AIC, K-S Statistics and p-values of the fitted distributions

Distribution	ML Estimates		-2ln L	AIC	K-S	P-value
	$\hat{\theta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$				
WAD	0.24088	0.67998	529.37	533.37	0.058	0.8790
WSD	0.25539	0.731481	638.26	642.26	0.193	0.0010
Weibull	0.03052	1.45783	637.46	641.46	0.680	0.0000
Lognormal	2.02111	0.78011	638.30	642.30	0.453	0.0000
Sujatha	0.28462	-----	639.63	641.63	0.088	0.4747
Aradhana	0.27655	-----	638.34	640.34	0.080	0.5421
Lindley	0.18659	-----	638.07	640.07	0.067	0.7481
Exponential	0.10124	-----	658.04	660.04	0.173	0.0050

The following Table 3 presents the variance-covariance matrix and the 95% confidence intervals (CI's) of the ML estimates of the parameters θ and α of WAD.

The profile of likelihood estimates of parameters $\hat{\theta}$ and $\hat{\alpha}$ of WAD for the given dataset is shown in Figure 3. Also the fitted plots of the considered dataset for WAD are shown in Figure 4.

Table 3 Variance-Covariance matrix and 95% confidence intervals (CI's) of the ME estimates $(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\alpha})$ of parameters (θ, α) for the given dataset

Parameters	Variance-Covariance Matrix		95 % CI	
	$\hat{\theta}$	$\hat{\alpha}$	Lower	Upper
$\hat{\theta}$	0.0002498	0.0005078	0.2111005	0.2731088
$\hat{\alpha}$	0.0005078	0.0070565	0.5223212	0.8520428

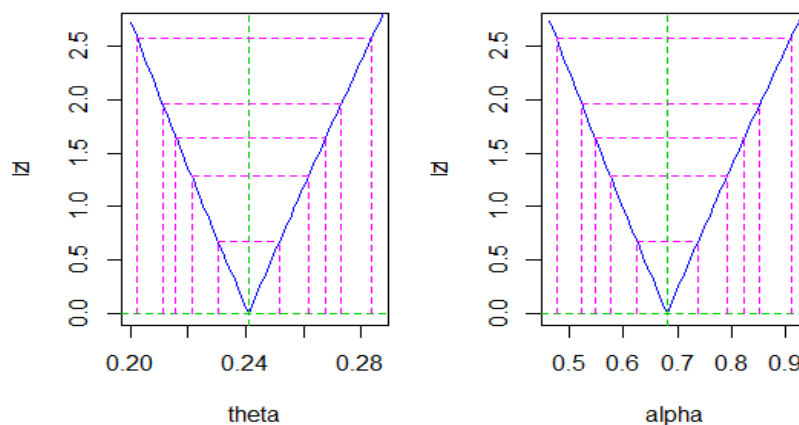


Figure 3 Profile of the likelihood estimates $\hat{\theta}$ and $\hat{\alpha}$ of WAD for the given dataset.

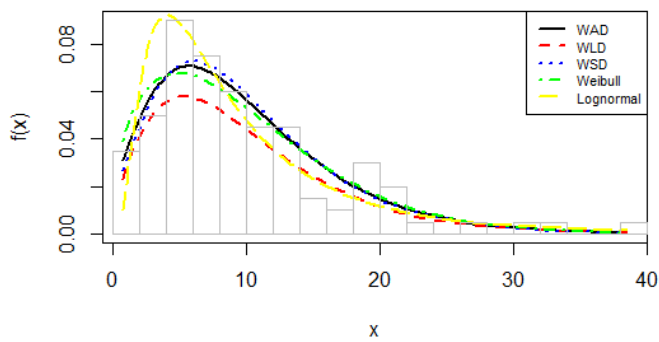


Figure 4 Fitted plots of the two-parameter distributions for the given dataset.

From Table 2 and the fitted plots of the distributions in Figure 4, it is quite obvious that WAD gives much better fit as compared to the considered distribution and hence we can say that WAD can be considered an important weighted distribution for modeling real lifetime data from engineering and medical sciences.

Concluding remarks

Some important properties of weighted Aradhana distribution including mean residual life function, coefficients of skewness, kurtosis and index of dispersion has been derived and discussed. A numerical example has been presented to test its goodness of fit.

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