

Evaluation of Process Capability measures for Exponential Distributed Data

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Abstract. The main objective of this paper to purpose a evaluating methods of process capability measures for exponential distributed quality characteristics.

For correctly evaluating process capability , the first thing , exponential data is applied the Lilliefors test statistic to the null hypothesis of normality. The next , exponential parameters is estimated in terms of MLE , ME , MME and then evaluated , respectively , process capability index based on exponential curved (I_e) proposed by in this study and process capability indices based on Pearson system and Johnson system.

Key Words : process capability, process capability index based on exponential curves(I_e) , Pearson system , Johnson system.

I . Introduction

A common , assumption in capability studies in that the individuals in the process being follow a normal distribution.

If this is not the case, especially when the underlying probability distribution in heavily skewed , then the conclusions of the study are likely to be invalid.

Yet , acceptable replacements for the process capability indices based on a normal distribution are available , if we could only determine the underlying distribution.

To solve this problem , the first thing , exponential data is applied the Lilliefors test at statistic to the null hypothesis of normality.

The next exponential parameters is estimated in terms of the maximum likelihood estimators(MLE), a modification of the moment estimators(MME) and the moment estimators(ME) and then evaluated , respectively , process capability index based on exponential curves(I_e) proposed by in this study and process capability indices on Pearson system and Johnson system.

II. The Lilliefors Test for the Exponential Distribution and parameter Estimation

The two-parameter exponential distribution has (cdf , pdf) and hf

$$F(x, \theta, r) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x-r}{\theta}\right) \quad , \quad x > r \quad (2.1)$$

$$f(x, \theta, r) = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x-r}{\theta}\right) \quad (2.2)$$

$$h(x, \theta, r) = \frac{1}{\theta} \quad (2.3)$$

Where $\theta > 0$ in a scale parameter and r is both a location and a threshold parameter. For $\gamma=0$ this in the well-known one-parameter exponential distribution.

The mean and variance of the exponential distribution are , respectively,

$$E(X) = r + \theta \quad (2.4)$$

$$Var(X) = \theta^2 \quad (2.5)$$

The P quantile of the exponential distribution is

$$x_p = r - \log(1-p) \theta \quad (2.6)$$

The exponential distribution in widely used in the field of reliability engineering as a model of the time of a component or system. In these application , the exponential distribution is a popular distribution for some kinds of electronic components as an example , capacitors or robust , high-quality integrated circuits.

But , this exponential distribution would not be appropriate for a population of electronic component having-causing quality defects.

The exponential distribution in usually inappropriate for modeling the life of mechanical components like bearing , subject to some combination of fatigue , corrosion , or wear. It is also usually inappropriate for electronic components that exhibit wearout properties over their technological life like lasers and filament devices[1].

2.1 The Lilliefors Test for the Exponential distribution

The data consist of a randome sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n of size n associated with some unknown distribution function , denoted by $F(x)$. Compute the sample mean for use as an estimate of the unknown pasameter. For each X_i , compute Z_i , defined by

$$Z_i = X_i / \bar{X} \quad (2.7)$$

for use in computing the test statistic.

First , the empirical distribution function $S(x)$ based on Z_1, \dots, Z_n in plotted on a

graph . On the same graph the function $F^*(x)=1-e^{-x}$ is plotted for $x>0$; actually , only values at n point need to be determined , the points being at $x=Z_1$, $x=Z_2$, and so on. The maximum vertical distance between the two functions

$$T=\sup_x | F^*(x) - S(X) | \quad (2.8)$$

in the test statistic [2].

2.2 parameter Estimation

(1) Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

The density approximation to the likelihood generally provides an adequate approximation for the exponential distribution. For a sample consisting of only right-censored observation and observations reported as exact failure times , it is easy to show the MLE of θ is computed as

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{TTT}{r} \quad (2.9)$$

Where $TTT = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i$ in known as the total time on test , and t_i , $i=1, \dots, n$, and the reported failure times for units that failed and the running (or censoring) time for the right-censored observations[1].

(2) Moment Estimators (ME)

Moment Estimators (ME) of the exponential distribution are derived by equating sample moments to the corresponding distribution moment.

The first two moments are given by E_q .(2.4) , E_q .(2.5) and the resulting ME equations are

$$\hat{\theta} = s, \quad \hat{r} = \bar{x} - s \quad (2.10)$$

Here , \bar{x} is the sample mean , and s is the sample standard deviation [3].

(3) Modified Moment Estimators (MME)

Modified Moment Estimators[3] are variations of MLE and ME that employ the first-order statistic $X_{(1)}$, usually replacing the ME equation involving the third moment by one comparing the smallest observation with $X_{(1)}$

$$E(X_{(1)}) = r + \frac{\theta}{n} \quad (2.11)$$

and the MME equation are

$$\bar{x} = r + \theta, \quad x_{(1)} = r + \frac{\theta}{n} \quad (2.12)$$

from which we get

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{n(x - x_{(1)})}{n-1}, \quad \hat{r} = \frac{nx_{(1)} - \bar{x}}{n-1} \quad (2.13)$$

III. Process Capability Measures

3.1 process capability index based on exponential distribution curves (I_e)

The process capability index over the Weibull distribution process by Mukherjee[4] is given by

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{U-L}{R} = \frac{U-L}{F^{-1}(p_2) - F^{-1}(p_1)} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{-1/k}(U-L)}{[-\log(1-p_2)]^{1/k} - [-\log(1-p_1)]^{1/k}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Here, We consider a quality(reliability) characteristic (x) having the exponential probability density function.

$$f(x; \frac{1}{\theta}) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \quad (3.2)$$

Where ① U, L = upper and lower specification limits, respectively, for the quality characteristics(x).

② $\frac{1}{\theta}$ = scale parameter of the exponential distribution.

③ μ = mean time to failure = θ

④ σ = standard deviation of time to failure = θ

⑤ t_1, t_2 = lower and upper limites, respectively, of the process capability interval (also called the natural process interval)

⑥ $R = t_2 - t_1$

⑦ p_1, p_2 = areas under the exponential distribution curve to the left of t_1 and t_2 . Thus, t_1 and t_2 are just the quantiles of the exponential distribution of order p_1 and p_2 , respectively.

⑧ $C = p_2 - p_1$ = the area to be covered by the capability interval.

Similarly, process capability index based on exponential distribution curves (I_e) may be obtained from the process capability index over the Weibull distribution (I)

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{U-L}{R} = \frac{U-L}{F^{-1}(p_2) - F^{-1}(p_1)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\theta}(U-L)}{[-\log(1-p_2)] - [-\log(1-p_1)]} \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

As an estimate of the process capability index , I_e works out as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{I}_e &= \frac{\frac{1}{\hat{\theta}}(U-L)}{[-\log(1-p_1-C)] - [-\log(1-p_1)]} \\ &= (U-L)G(\hat{\theta}^{-1})\end{aligned}\quad (3.4)$$

Where $\hat{\theta}^{-1}$ is MLE

3.2 Process capability Index based on the Pearson System

The Process capability Index are numerical quantities whose purpose is to indicate to what degree the output of a process is capable of staying within preassigned specifications , the so-called spec limits , when the process is in control. The condition of being in control is indicated on a control chart when all data points lie within certain control limits and no apparent trends or patterns are present.

Process are operated at some target , or nominal , value and have an upper limit USL and lower limit LSL . The standard process capability indices for normal distribution are

$$C_p = \frac{USL - LSL}{6\sigma} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$C_{pk} = \min\left\{\frac{USL - \mu}{3\sigma}, \frac{\mu - LSL}{3\sigma}\right\} = \min(C_{pl}, C_{pu}) \quad (3.6)$$

Clenents[5] has developed a technique for adjusting C_p or C_{pk} non-normal situations based on Pearson curves , the so-called the percentile method is proposed. In this case , the formulas

$$C_p = \frac{USL - LSL}{P_{0.99865} - P_{0.00135}} \quad (3.7)$$

and

$$C_{pk} = \left\{ \frac{USL}{P_{0.99865} - x} \frac{x - LSL}{x - P_{0.00135}} \right\} = \min(C_{pu}, C_{pl}) \quad (3.8)$$

are usually used , although there are good reasons for replacing \bar{x} here with the median $P_{0.5}$

In these formulas , $P_t = F^{-1}(t)$ is the t th percentile of the true distribution function F . when F is unknown , and assumed non-normal , E_q .(3.7) and (3.8) may be used to compute a reason approximation to F .

3.3 Process Capability Index based on the Johnson System

Johnson provided an alternation to the Pearson systems of curves for modeling

non-normal distribution. His approach to start with a small set of curves capable of approximating the shape of wide spectrum of probability distribution and then to find simple transformations that would convert these curve into the standard normal , or Z distribution. For S_L curves (lognormal) , the Johnson transformation can be witten

$$Z = r^* + \eta \ln(x - \epsilon) \quad (3.9)$$

Farnum[6] is used Johnson curves to desribe non-normal process data

$$\widehat{C}_{pk} = \min\left(-\frac{Z_U}{3}, -\frac{Z_L}{3}\right) = \min(C_{pu}, C_{pl}) \quad (3.10)$$

where Z_U Z_L mean the specification limits USL and LSL values , respectively.

IV. Illustrative Example

To illustrative the use of the Lilliefors test for normality , as gien by Owen and Li[7]lead to exponential data

0.029	0.046	0.133	0.194	0.265	0.287	0.322	0.433	0.441	0.464
0.483	0.528	0.606	0.789	0.940	1.681	1.766	2.014	3.088	3.279

To evaluate process capability , We will use upper specification limit $USL=3$ for these data.

4.1 The Lilliefors Test for the Exponential Distribution

(1) Hypotheses

H_0 : The random sample has the exponential distribution

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x/t} & , x > 0 \\ 0 & , x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Where t is an unknown parameter

H_1 : The distribution of X in not exponential

The largest absolute deviation between $S(x)$ and $F^*(x)$ is seen to equal 0.1559.

The null hypothesis of an exponential distribution may be rejected $\alpha=0.05$ only if T exceeds 0.2345 ($n=20$, $1-\alpha=0.95$).

Since $T=0.1559$, the null hypothesis is accepted.

(2) Parameter Estimation

① MLE

Fron E_q .(2.9) , it is given an $\hat{\theta}=0.8894$

② ME

Fron E_q .(2.10) , it is given an $\hat{\theta}=0.9670$

③ MME

From $E_q(2.13)$, it is given an $\hat{\theta}=0.9057$

4.2 Evaluation of Process Capability Measures

(1) Process Capability index based on exponential distribution curves (I_e)

① MLE

From the table of Mukherjee et al.[8]

for $k=1$, the process capability index $I_e = U/3.912\sigma$

Hence , the estimated process capability index is

$$\hat{I}_e = \frac{3}{(3.912)(0.8894)} = 0.86$$

It indicates that the process is nearly capable.

② ME

Similarly , the estimated process capability index is

$$\hat{I}_e = \frac{3}{(3.912)(0.9670)} = 0.79$$

③ MME

Similarly , the estimated process capability index is

$$\hat{I}_e = \frac{3}{(3.912)(0.9057)} = 0.85$$

(2) Process capability indices based on the Pearson system

As computed from example , We get the statistics of sample as follows:

$$\hat{\mu}=0.8894, \text{ median } P_{0.5}=0.369, P_{0.99865}=3.628, P_{0.00135}=0.153, \hat{\sigma}=0.9670$$

Hence , the estimated process capability indices are $\hat{C}_p=0.86$ and $\hat{C}_{pk}=0.82$.

It indicates that the process is nearly capable.

(3) Process capability index based on the Johnson system

To choose appropriate Johnson curve , a discriminant function by Slifker and Shapiro[9] applied in this example S_L distribution.

Then , on numerical computation , We get $\hat{Z}=0.5770+0.7973 \ln(x-0.009)$

Hence , the estimated process capability Index is

$$\hat{C}_{pk} = \frac{Z_u}{3} = \frac{1.45}{3} = 0.48$$

It indicates that the process is very poor.

The evaluation of process capability measures on the above-mentioned system are tabulated in the table 1.

Table 1. The evaluation of process capability measures

Methods of Parameter Estimation	Process Capability Indices	Population Type		
		Exponential Distribution (I_e)	Pearson System	
			\hat{C}_p	\hat{C}_{pk}
MLE		0.86 *	0.86 *	0.82
ME		0.79		
MME		0.85 *		
Capability		*nearly capable	*nearly capable	very poor

V. Summary and Conclusions

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Form calculated results in the table 1 , it makes little difference the MLE , MME method and Pearson system. These vlaue indicates that the process in nearly capable. The ME method is not good in this example. With sample data , a suppose case , We will be accept the lognormal in favor of process capability for lognormal distribution is estimated $\hat{C}_{pk}=0.48$, namely , Johnson system is underestimated than the others.

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