

692. MILLS RATIO FOR THE GAMMA DISTRIBUTION*

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1. The function defined by:

$$(1) \quad R(x) = \frac{1-F(x)}{F'(x)} = \left(\exp \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \int_x^\infty \exp \left(-\frac{t^2}{2} \right) dt$$

is called MILLS ratio [2] for the normal distribution, where $F(x)$ is the distribution function of the $N(0, 1)$ distribution. The computation of this ratio is used, for example, in mathematical statistics and in the theory of diffraction. Various approximations for the function (1) are known [1]. Functions with the form (1) have been defined for some other distributions ([3], [4], [5], [6]).

In this paper some approximations for MILLS ratio for the gamma distribution $\Gamma\left(\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$ are given.

2. The distribution function for the gamma distribution is defined by:

$$(2) \quad F(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\beta}\right) dt, \quad x, \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

The MILLS ratio for this distribution is defined by:

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{1-F(x)}{F'(x)} = \beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - x^{1-\alpha} \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} \right) \int_0^x t^{\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\beta}\right) dt.$$

There are satisfied conditions for developing the integral in (3) into power series, so we have:

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right) - \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{k+1}}{\beta^k k! (k+\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right) - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^r}{r! \beta^r} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{k+1}}{\beta^k k! (k+\alpha)}$$

If we put:

$$(5) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^r}{r! \beta^r} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{k+1}}{\beta^k k! (k+\alpha)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n,$$

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as the conditions for the multiplying the series are satisfied, we have:

$$(6) \quad a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\beta^{n-1} (n-1)!} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (-1)^r \binom{n-1}{r} \frac{1}{n-r-1+\alpha}.$$

From $\frac{1}{n-r-1+\alpha} = \int_0^1 t^{n-r+\alpha-2} dt$, follows:

$$(7) \quad a_n = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{n-1} \Gamma(n+\alpha)}$$

and from (7) follows:

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{n-1} \Gamma(n+\alpha)} x^n, \quad x, \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

Formula (8) can be written in the form:

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\beta^{n-1} \alpha (\alpha+1) \cdots (\alpha+n-1)}.$$

3. The inequality $\Gamma(n+p) \leq \Gamma(n+\alpha) \leq \Gamma(n+p+1)$ is valid for $n > 1$, $p \leq \alpha \leq p+1$, where p and n are natural numbers. From it follows:

$$(10) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\beta^{n-1} \Gamma(n+\alpha)} \geq \frac{\beta^{p+1}}{x^p} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+2} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right),$$

$$(11) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\beta^{n-1} \Gamma(n+\alpha)} \leq \frac{\beta^p}{x^{p-1}} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+1} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right).$$

From (10) and (11) follow the inequalities:

$$(12) \quad \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \left\{ \frac{x}{\alpha} + \frac{\beta^p \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{p-1}} \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+1} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right) \right\} \leq \mathcal{R}(x) \\ \leq \frac{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^{\alpha-1}} \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \left\{ \frac{x}{\alpha} + \frac{\beta^{p+1} \Gamma(\alpha)}{x^p} \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+2} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right) \right\}.$$

4. By the same method as in (12) we can find the bounds for remainders of the series in (8) and (9):

$$(13) \quad \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^{p+1}}{x^p} \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+N} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right) \leq \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{n-1} \Gamma(n+\alpha)} \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^p}{x^p} \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} - \sum_{n=0}^{p+N-1} \frac{x^n}{\beta^n n!} \right).$$

5. We shall consider another approximation of the function (3). Let us write (3) as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = \beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) x^{1-\alpha} \exp \frac{x}{\beta} - x^{1-\alpha} \beta^\alpha \left(\exp \frac{x}{\beta} \right) \left\{ \Gamma(\alpha) - \int_{\frac{x}{\beta}}^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} \exp(-t) dt \right\}.$$

For $\int_u^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} \exp(-t) dt$ the continued fraction development is given in [3]:

$$(14) \quad \int_u^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} \exp(-t) dt = \exp(-u) u^\alpha \left\{ \frac{1}{u+} \frac{1-\alpha}{1+} \frac{1}{u+} \frac{2-\alpha}{1+} \frac{2}{u+} \dots \right\} \\ = \exp(-u) \cdot u^\alpha C(u).$$

From (14) follows: $\mathcal{R}(x) = x C\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)$, $R_1 = \beta$, $R_2 = \frac{x}{u+1-\alpha}$, $R_3 = \frac{x(u+1)}{u^2+2u-\alpha u}$

etc.

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MILSOV KOLIČNIK ZA GAMA RASPODELU

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Polazeći od izraza (1), koji je u literaturi definisan za Gaussovu funkciju raspodele $F(x)$, definisan je količnik (3) za Γ -raspodelu.

U radu su dobijene aproksimacije količnika (3) konačnim sumama, kao i procena greške. Na kraju je data aproksimacija pomoću verižnih razlomaka.