# **The Marshall-Olkin Modified Lindley Distribution: Properties and Applications**

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### **Abstract**

This article is devoted to a new Marshall-Olkin distribution by using a recent modification of the Lindley distribution. Mathematical features of the new model are described. Utilizing maximum likelihood method, the parameters of the new model are estimated. Performance of the estimation approach is discussed by means of a simulation procedure. Moreover, applications of the new distribution are presented which reveal its superiority over other three competing Marshall-Olkin extended distributions of the literature.

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### **1 Background**

The Lindley distribution (Lindley 1958, 1965) has pointed out various statisticians to construct new distributions due to its desirable properties. In the past few decades, numerous research papers dealing with this distribution have subsequently appeared in the statistics literature, for instance, Ghitany et al. (2008), Krishna and Kumar (2011), Deniz and Ojeda (2011), Al-Mutairi et al. (2013), Shanker et al. (2015), and Sharma et al. (2015). Moreover, wide varieties of Lindley distributions was also derived and studied, such as, generalized Poisson-Lindley by Mahmoudi and Zakerzadeh (2010), quasi Lindley distribution by Shanker and Mishra (2013), transmuted Lindley distribution by Merovci (2013), transmuted Lindley-geometric distribution by Merovci and Elbatal (2014), beta-Lindley distribution by Merovci and Sharma (2014), Harris extended two-parameter Lindley distribution by Tomy et al. (2019) and discrete Harris extended Lindley distribution by Thomas et al. (2019). Tomy (2018) provides a comprehensive review study on the Lindley distribution.

More recently, a new modified Lindley (ML) distribution has been proposed by Chesneau et al. (2019a). According to Chesneau et al. (2019a) "the survival function (sf) and probability density function (pdf) of the ML distribution are defined by

<span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
\bar{F}(x,\theta) = \left[1 + \frac{\theta x}{1+\theta}e^{-\theta x}\right]e^{-\theta x}; \quad x,\theta > 0 \tag{1}
$$

and

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

respectively". An eminent feature of the ML model is that  $f(x, \theta)$  can be represented as a weighted sum of exponential and gamma pdfs. It also reveals to be an intermediary distribution between the exponential and former Lindley distribution, in the first stochastic ordering sense. Recently, two extensions for the ML distribution such as the inverse ML (see, Chesneau et al., 2020) and the wrapped ML (see, Chesneau et al., 2019b) distributions have been proposed.

In addition, the statistical distribution theory involves many flexible models which have been built using the Marshall-Olkin extended (MOE) scheme introduced by Marshall and Olkin (1997). The resulting new models are known to give more versatility to model numerous types of data sets. The early researches employing this technique by Lam and Leung (2001),

Economou and Caroni (2007), Rao et al. (2009), Nanda and Das (2012), Rubio and Steel (2012), Cordeiro et al. (2014) and Castellares and Lemonte (2016). According to Marshall and Olkin (1997), "the sf and pdf of the MOE class are defined, by

<span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
\bar{G}(x,\gamma) = \frac{\gamma \bar{F}(x)}{1 - \bar{\gamma} \bar{F}(x)}; \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma > 0, \bar{\gamma} = 1 - \gamma \tag{3}
$$

and

$$
g(x,\gamma) = \frac{\gamma f(x)}{[1-\overline{\gamma}\overline{F}(x)]^2}; \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma > 0,
$$
 (4)

respectively. The corresponding hazard rate function (hrf) is defined by

$$
h(x,\gamma) = \frac{r(x)}{1 - \bar{\gamma}\bar{F}(x)}
$$

where  $f(x)$  and  $r(x)$  are the pdf and hrf corresponding to the sf of the baseline distribution  $\bar{F}(x)$ , respectively."

In this work, we explore an extension of the ML model through the MOE approach. The main interest for pioneering the new model is that it is an extended form providing various features. Also, its pdf and hrf are quite simple. The proposed model has only two parameters. Further, the grandness of the proposed model lies in its skill to fit different real data sets. Thus, we introduce this distribution with hope that the related model may provide better fit in certain practical contexts than other Marshall-Olkin models.

The outline of the paper is described as follows. The relevant statistical functions associated with the proposed distribution are stated Section 2. The statistical properties are inspected in Section 3. Maximum likelihood estimation of the unknown parameters is presented in Section 4, completed by a simulation procedure. Utilizations of the newly developed model is discussed in Section 5. Eventually, summary is addressed in Section 6.

# **2 MOE Modified Lindley Distribution**

Motivated by the advantages of ML distribution, we propose a new distribution, namely, MOE Modified Lindley (MOEML) distribution. By using two Equations [\(1\)](#page-1-0) and [\(3\)](#page-2-0), the sf of the MOEML model is given by

$$
\bar{G}(x,\gamma,\theta) = \frac{\gamma \left(1 + \frac{\theta x}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x}\right) e^{-\theta x}}{1 - \overline{\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{\theta x}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x}\right) e^{-\theta x}}; \quad x, \theta; \gamma > 0 \tag{5}
$$

Also, the pdf of the MOEML distribution is

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
g(x,\gamma,\theta) = \frac{\gamma \theta e^{-2\theta x} \left[ (1+\theta)e^{\theta x} + 2\theta x - 1 \right]}{(1+\theta) \left[ 1 - \bar{\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{\theta x}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x} \right) e^{-\theta x} \right]^2}; \quad x,\theta,\gamma > 0 \quad (6)
$$

Remark that, for  $\gamma = 1$ , we obtain the ML distribution. In addition, the hrf of the MOEML distribution becomes

$$
h(x, \gamma, \theta) = \frac{\theta(\theta x - 1) + \theta(1 + \theta)e^{\theta x} + \theta^2 x}{\left[1 - \bar{\gamma}\left(1 + \frac{\theta x}{1 + \theta}e^{-\theta x}\right)e^{-\theta x}\right]\left[(1 + \theta)e^{\theta x} + \theta x\right]}; \quad x, \theta, \gamma > 0
$$
\n(7)

Also, cumulative hazard rate function of MOEML distribution is

$$
H(x, \gamma, \theta) = -\log[\bar{G}(x, \gamma, \theta)]
$$
  
=  $-\log(\gamma) - \log\left(1 + \frac{\theta x}{1 + \theta} e^{-\theta x}\right) + \theta x$   
+  $\log\left[1 - \bar{\gamma}\left(1 + \frac{\theta x}{1 + \theta} e^{-\theta x}\right) e^{-\theta x}\right]$ 

The corresponding quantile function, is denoted as  $Q(u, \gamma, \theta)$ , can be determined by solving the equation:  $G[Q(u, \gamma, \theta), \gamma, \theta] =$  $Q[G(u, \gamma, \theta), \gamma, \theta] = u, u \in (0, 1)$ . It can not be presented analytically but can be calculated numerically. The structures of pdf and hrf for selected parameters of  $\gamma$  and  $\theta$  are shown in Figures [1](#page-3-0) and [2,](#page-4-0) respectively. From the



<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Figure 1** Pdf curves of the MOEML model.



<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Figure 2** Hrf curves of the MOEML model.

plots, we also remark that the pdf has right skewed, left skewed, (more or less) symmetrical and reverse J shapes. Further, the plot also shows MOEML hrf can be decreasing, increasing, constant and upside down bathtub shape.

# **3 General Properties**

### **3.1 Useful Expansions**

In this subsection, general properties of the MOEML are derived and discussed. We now give pdf expansions of the MOEML distribution. The distribution of generalized binomial formula ensuring that

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
(1-z)^{-r} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} {r+i-1 \choose i} z^i, |z| < 1, r > 0
$$
 (8)

Now, we must distinguish two cases. If  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , then  $1 - \gamma \in (0, 1)$ , hence using expansion [\(8\)](#page-4-1) in [\(6\)](#page-3-1), we get the representation for the pdf of MOEML distribution as

$$
g(x,\gamma,\theta) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \omega_{j,k} x^k \left[ (1+\theta)e^{\theta x} + 2\theta x - 1 \right] e^{-(2+k+j)\theta x}
$$
\n(9)

where

$$
\omega_{j,k} = \frac{(j+1)\binom{j}{k}\bar{\gamma}^j\gamma\theta^{k+1}}{(1+\theta)^{k+1}}
$$

If  $\gamma > 1$ , then  $\overline{\gamma}/\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , so we have

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
[1 - \bar{\gamma}(1 - S)] = \gamma \left[1 + \frac{\bar{\gamma}}{\gamma} S\right]
$$
 (10)

where  $S = 1 - \bar{F}(x, \theta)$ . Thus, from [\(10\)](#page-5-0) and [\(6\)](#page-3-1) the pdf of MOEML as

$$
g(x, \gamma, \theta) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{i} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \omega_{i,j,k}^{*} x^{k} \Big[ (1+\theta)e^{\theta x} + 2\theta x - 1 \Big] e^{-(2+k+j)\theta x}
$$
\n(11)

where

$$
\omega_{i,j,k}^* = \frac{(-1)^{i+j} (i+1) {i \choose j} {j \choose k} \bar{\gamma}^i \theta^{k+1}}{\gamma^{i+1} (1+\theta)^{k+1}}
$$

### **3.2 Moments and Related Quantities**

Let *X* denote a random variable adopting the MOEML model. Now, we know

$$
\mu_r' = E(X^r) = \int_0^\infty x^r g(x, \gamma, \theta) dx
$$

Hence, the  $r^{th}$  moment of MOEML distribution, when  $0 < \gamma < 1$  is given by

$$
\mu'_{r} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \omega_{j,k} \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{k+r} \left[ (1+\theta)e^{\theta x} + 2\theta x - 1 \right] e^{-(2+k+j)\theta x} dx
$$

$$
= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \omega_{j,k} \Gamma(r+k+1) \varrho_{k,j}
$$

where

$$
\varrho_{k,j} = \left\{ \frac{\theta + 1}{[\theta(1+j+k)]^{r+k+1}} + \frac{2\theta(r+k+1)}{[\theta(2+j+k)]^{r+k+1}} - \frac{1}{[\theta(2+j+k)]^{r+k+1}} \right\}
$$

Similarly, when  $\gamma > 1$ 

$$
\mu'_{r} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{i} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \omega_{i,j,k}^{*} \Gamma(r+k+1) \varrho_{k,j}
$$

where  $\Gamma(r+k+1) = (r+k)!$ . We can calculate  $r^{th}$  moments by using the above expressions, for  $0 < \gamma < 1$  $0 < \gamma < 1$  and  $\gamma > 1$ , respectively. Table 1 presents

|                                     | Table T            |                    |                    |                    | Some characteristics of the of the MOEML distribution |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|
|                                     | $(\gamma, \theta)$                                    | $(\gamma, \theta)$ |
|                                     | (5,5)              | (5,0.5)            | (0.5,5)            | (0.5, 0.5)         | (2,2)   | (10,10)            |
| $\overline{\phantom{a}}$<br>$\mu_1$ | 0.4100             | 4.3133             | 0.1461             | 1.7021             | 0.7352  | 9.1095             |
| $\mu_2$                             | 0.0737             | 6.9557             | 0.0277             | 2.7693             | 0.3337  | 123.4979           |
| $\mu_3$                             | 0.0214             | 19.6496            | 0.0115             | 10.6231            | 0.2863  | 4310.76            |
| $\mu_4$                             | 0.0266             | 243.8674           | 0.0096             | 88.7936            | 0.72431   | 273038.1           |
| $\sqrt{\beta_1}$                    | 1.0722             | 1.07112            | 2.5002             | 2.3052             | 1.4852  | 3.1410             |
| $\beta_2$                           | 4.8963             | 5.04042            | 12.5791            | 11.5784            | 6.5045  | 17.9021            |

<span id="page-6-0"></span>Table 1 Some characteristics of the of the MOEML distribution

the first four moments,  $\sqrt{\beta_1} = \sqrt{\mu_3^2/\mu_2^3}$  and  $\beta_2 = \mu_4/\mu_2^2$ , where  $\mu_r$  denotes the  $r^{th}$  central moment of *X*, of the MOEML model for adopted values of  $\gamma$  and  $\theta.$ 

From Table [1,](#page-6-0) we see that the MOEML distribution can be slightly or highly right skewed. Also, it can be (near) mesokurtic and leptokurtic. Let us now introduce the  $r<sup>th</sup>$  incomplete moment of X. For  $x > 0$ , it is given by

$$
\mu_r^*(x) = \int_0^x t^r g(t, \gamma, \theta) dt
$$

Also, the incomplete mean (that is, when  $r = 1$  and  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ) is expressed by:

<span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
\mu_1^*(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^j \omega_{j,k} \left[ \int_0^x t^{k+1} [(1+\theta)e^{\theta t} + 2\theta t - 1] e^{-(2+k+j)\theta t} dt \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^j \omega_{j,k} \left[ (1+\theta) \int_0^x t^{k+1} e^{-(1+k+j)\theta t} dt \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
+ 2\theta \int_0^x t^{k+2} e^{-(2+k+j)\theta t} dt - \int_0^x t^{k+1} e^{-(2+k+j)\theta t} dt
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^j \omega_{j,k} \varrho_{k,j}^*
$$
 (12)

where

$$
\varrho_{k,j}^{*} = \left[ (1+\theta) \frac{\gamma(k+2, (1+k+j)\theta x)}{[(1+k+j)\theta]^{k+2}} + 2\theta \frac{\gamma(k+3, (2+k+j)\theta x)}{[(2+k+j)\theta]^{k+3}} - \frac{\gamma(k+2, (2+k+j)\theta x)}{[(2+k+j)\theta]^{k+2}} \right]
$$

and  $\gamma(a, x) = \int_0^x t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$  is the incomplete gamma function. Also, the incomplete mean, when  $\gamma > 1$  is given by:

<span id="page-7-0"></span>
$$
\mu_1^*(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \omega_{j,k}^* \varrho_{k,j}^*
$$
 (13)

Moment generating function is given by the following formula

$$
M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^r}{r!} E(X^r)
$$

When  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , it has following form

$$
M_X(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \sum_{r=0}^{8} \frac{\omega_{j,k} t^r \Gamma(r+k+1)}{r!} \varrho_{k,j}
$$

Similarly, when  $\gamma > 1$ 

$$
M_X(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{i} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{i,j,k}^* \Gamma(r+k+1) t^r}{r!} \varrho_{k,j}
$$

# **3.3 Mean Deviation (MD), Bonferroni and Lorenz Curves**

First of all, the MD (about the mean, denoted by  $\mu$ ) is defined by

$$
MD = \int_0^\infty |x - \mu| g(x, \gamma, \theta) dx
$$

which can be obtained as

$$
MD = 2\mu G(\mu, \gamma, \theta) - 2\mu_1^*(\mu)
$$

where  $\mu_1^*(\mu)$  denotes the incomplete mean already expressed in [\(12\)](#page-6-1) or [\(13\)](#page-7-0), depending on the value of  $\gamma$ , taken with  $x = \mu$ .

The graph of  $B[G(x, \gamma, \theta)]$  across x is called Bonferroni curve, where

$$
B[G(x, \gamma, \theta)] = \frac{1}{\mu_1 G(x, \gamma, \theta)} \mu_1^*(x)
$$

The plot of  $L[G(x, \gamma, \theta)]$  across x is Lorenz curve, where  $L[G(x, \gamma, \theta)] =$  $G(x, \gamma, \theta)B[G(x, \gamma, \theta)]$ . In economics, both curves play very critical role in studying income and poverty.

# **4 Estimation Method with Simulation**

### **4.1 Estimation Method**

Consider  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  be *n* independent observations from the MOEML model. For determining the maximum likelihood estimates (MLEs) of  $\gamma$  and  $\theta$ , we have following likelihood function

$$
L(\theta, \gamma) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} g(x_i, \gamma, \theta)
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{\gamma^n \theta^n}{(1 + \theta)^n} e^{-2\theta \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{[(1 + \theta)e^{\theta x_i} + 2\theta x_i - 1]}{\left[1 - \overline{\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{\theta x_i}{1 + \theta} e^{-\theta x_i}\right) e^{-\theta x_i}\right]^2}
$$

Then, the log-likelihood function is specified as

$$
L(\theta, \gamma) = n \log(\gamma \theta) - n \log(1 + \theta) - 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left[ (1 + \theta) e^{\theta x_i} + 2\theta x_i - 1 \right]
$$

$$
- 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \left[ 1 - \bar{\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{\theta x_i}{1 + \theta} e^{-\theta x_i} \right) e^{-\theta x_i} \right]
$$

The MLE for  $\theta$  and  $\gamma$  are accessed by solving  $\partial L(\theta, \gamma)/\partial \theta = 0$  and  $\partial L(\theta, \gamma)/\partial \gamma = 0$ , that is,

$$
\frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{n}{1+\theta} - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e^{\theta x_i}(\theta x_i + x_i + 1) + 2x_i}{(1+\theta)e^{\theta x_i} + 2\theta x_i - 1} + 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\gamma x_i e^{-\theta x_i} \left[x_i + 2x_i^2 \theta \frac{e^{-\theta x_i}}{1+\theta} + \frac{e^{-\theta x_i}}{(1+\theta)^2}\right]}{\left[1 - \bar{\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{\theta x_i}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x_i}\right) e^{-\theta x_i}\right]} = 0
$$

and

$$
\frac{n}{\gamma} - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\theta x_i}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x_i}\right) e^{-\theta x_i}}{\left[1 - \bar{\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{\theta x_i}{1+\theta} e^{-\theta x_i}\right) e^{-\theta x_i}\right]} = 0
$$

There is no analytical solution for these equations, but the MLEs can be determined at least numerically with any mathematical software.

### **4.2 Simulation**

In this subsection, the behaviors of the considered MLEs of model parameters are now compared based on randomly generated  $N = 3000$  samples of values of different sizes following the inverse transform sampling algorithm. In this regard, we investigate their (average) Bias and mean square error (MSE) defined as follows:

$$
MLE(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \widehat{\delta}_i, Bias(n) = MLE(n) - \delta, MSE(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\widehat{\delta}_i - \delta)^2,
$$

where  $\delta \in \{\theta, \gamma\}$  and  $\widehat{\delta}_i$  denotes the obtained MLE at the *i*-th sample.

Figures [3,](#page-9-0) [5,](#page-10-0) [7](#page-10-1) and [9](#page-11-0) present graphically the evolution of the Bias for the estimates for *n* from 10 to 50 for selected values of  $\theta$  and  $\gamma$ . Also, Figures [4,](#page-9-1) [6,](#page-10-2) [8](#page-11-1) and [10](#page-11-2) present graphically the evolution of the MSE for the estimates for n from 10 to 50 for the same selected values of  $\theta$  and  $\gamma$ .

We can see that all the curves representing the Bias and MSE tend quickly to 0 when n increases, showing the efficiency of the method.



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Figure 3** Figures of the Bias of MLE for  $\theta = 0.5$  and  $\gamma = 3$ .



<span id="page-9-1"></span>**Figure 4** Figures of the MSE of MLE for  $\theta = 0.5$  and  $\gamma = 3$ .



<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure 5** Figures of the Bias of MLE for  $\theta = 2$  and  $\gamma = 3$ .



<span id="page-10-2"></span>**Figure 6** Figures of the MSE of MLE for  $\theta = 2$  and  $\gamma = 3$ .



<span id="page-10-1"></span>





<span id="page-11-1"></span>**Figure 8** Figures of the MSE of MLE for  $\theta = 0.5$  and  $\gamma = 0.5$ .



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### **5 Applications**

The versatility of the MOEML model is engraved by exercising two practical datasets. We compare the fitting ability of the MOEML model with another MOE distributions, such as, MOE Exponential (MOEE) (Marshall and Olkin, 1997), MOE Frechet (MOEF) (Krishna et al., 2013) and MOE Lomax (MOEL) distributions (Ghitany et al., 2007). For comparing the usefulness of the models, we estimated the unknown parameters, standard error (SE), −log likelihood (−logL), the values of the AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) and BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion), AICc (corrected AIC), Kolmogorov-Smirnov  $(K-S)$  statistic (with *p*-values).

Dataset I depicts the fatigue life of some aluminum coupons cut in specific manner (see, Birnbaum and Saunders, 1969). The dataset (after subtracting 65) is:

Dataset I: 5, 25, 31, 32 ,34 ,35 ,38, 39, 39, 40, 42, 43, 43, 43, 44, 44, 47, 47, 48, 49, 49, 49, 51, 54, 55, 55, 55, 56, 56, 56, 58, 59, 59, 59, 59, 59, 63, 63, 64, 64, 65, 65, 65, 66, 66, 66, 66, 66, 67, 67, 67, 68, 69, 69, 69, 69, 71, 71, 72, 73, 73, 73, 74, 74, 76, 76, 77, 77, 77, 77, 77, 77, 79, 79, 80, 81, 83, 83, 84, 86, 86, 87, 90, 91, 92, 92, 92, 92, 93, 94, 97, 98, 98, 99, 101, 103, 105, 109, 136, 147.

The second data set representing the amount of cycles up to remissness of the yarn have been given by Picciotto (1970). The data set is:

Dataset II: 86, 146, 251, 653, 98, 249, 400, 292, 131, 169, 175, 176, 76, 264, 15, 364, 195, 262, 88, 264, 157, 220, 42, 321 ,180, 198, 38, 20, 61, 121, 282, 224, 149, 180, 325, 250, 196, 90, 229, 166, 38, 337, 65, 151, 341, 40, 40, 135, 597, 246, 211, 180, 93, 315, 353, 571, 124, 279, 81, 186, 497, 182, 423, 185, 229, 400, 338, 290, 398, 71, 246, 185, 188, 568, 55, 55, 61, 244, 20, 284, 393, 396, 203, 829, 239, 236, 286, 194, 277, 143, 198, 264, 105, 203, 124, 137, 135, 350, 193, 188.

Tables [2](#page-13-0) and [3](#page-14-0) summarize the findings of descriptive analysis for the specified distributions for Dataset I and II, respectively. The least − log L, AIC, BIC, AICc, K-S statistic and the highest  $p$ -values are acquired for the MOEML distribution. So, MOEML is the compatible model for two data sets. Figures [11](#page-15-0) and [12](#page-15-1) illustrate the estimated pdfs for Dataset I and II, respectively. In addition, Figures [13](#page-15-2) and [14](#page-16-0) show the comparison of the cdfs for each model with the empirical distribution function. From plots, the proposed MOEML model furnishes the most agreeable fit for the specified data sets. Furthermore, the corresponding probability–probability (PP) and quantile-quantile (QQ) plots of MOEML for Dataset I and II are displayed in Figures [15](#page-16-1) and [16,](#page-16-2) respectively. We remark that the scatter plot is well

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<span id="page-15-1"></span>



<span id="page-15-2"></span>**Figure 13** Fitted cdf plots for Dataset I.

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adjusted by the corresponding estimated line. Hence, from all graphical representations, the proposed model is more flexible than other considered distribution with respect to modeling lifetime data.

### **5.1 Conclusions**

Lindley distribution has been practiced quite effectively in Statistics, because of its analytical tractability, providing an interesting alternative to the exponential distribution. In this present work, we discussed about a generalized version of a modified Lindley distribution. Several statistical and mathematical peculiarities of the MOEML model have been provided. The evaluation of the parameter is approached by the MLE method. The performance of estimates has been conferred via a simulation study. Further, we used two datasets to demonstrate the eminence of the MOEML model and compared it with other MOE models.

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