## Approximating the finite-time t probability distributions in an extreme renewal process

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#### Abstract

In an extreme renewal process with Pareto(II) interarrival times with shape parameter  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , we approximate the time-t pdfs for *large* t by the related *limiting* pdfs of a renewal process with *right-truncated* Pareto(II) interarrival times, which have very simple formulas. The distance between the approximating pdfs and time-t pdfs is measured by an L1 metric with values in (0, 1).

**Key words**: extreme renewal process; no-mean interarrival time; time-*t* excess; age and total life; regenerative process; level crossing method; integral equations; distance between pdfs.

## 1. Introduction

Recent work in statistics and stochastic modelling, has generated interest in the finite-time t pdfs of renewal processes with *no-mean*, heavy-tailed Pareto interarrivals (e.g., Huang et al., 2013; Harris et al., 2000). Here, we approximate the three finite-time t pdfs of excess, age and total life for *large* t, in a renewal process with Pareto(II) interarrivals and shape parameter  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , which we call an 'extreme renewal process'.

All three time-t pdfs are expressed in terms of the solution of a key integral equation, which may be tedious to compute. To approximate the time-t pdfs in the extreme renewal process, we use the corresponding *limiting* pdfs of a related renewal process where interarrivals have a right-truncated Pareto(II) distribution with the same shape parameter  $\alpha$ , which *does have a finite mean*. When the truncation point is  $K \ge t$ , we call the latter a Pareto(II)-trun(K) (briefly trun(K)) renewal process , whose limiting pdfs of excess, age and total life *exist*, having very simple formulas. This simplicity motivates us to approximate the *finite-time t* pdfs in the extreme renewal process, by using the *limiting* pdfs in the corresponding Pareto(II)-trun(K) renewal process. We give formulas for the time-t pdfs *in terms of the key limiting pdf of a basic regenerative process*. This key pdf is the solution an integral equation derived via a level crossing technique (Brill[3]. (In *real-world* extreme value problems, Huang et al. (2013) uses a truncated Pareto(II) distribution to approximate the Pareto(II) distribution.)

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## 2. Preliminaries

#### 2.1. Notation for extreme and trun(K) renewal processes

Denote the extreme renewal process by  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,..}$ , where  $Z_n := no$ -mean Pareto(II) $(x, \alpha)$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$ . In  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$  the finite time-t pdfs of excess, age, and total life exist.

Denote the Pareto(II)-trun(K) renewal process by  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  where  $Z_{K,n} := Z_K := \frac{1}{dis}$ right-truncated Pareto(II)(x,  $\alpha$ ),  $x \in (0, K)$ ,  $K \ge t$ . In  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  the limiting pdfs of excess, age, and total life, as time  $\rightarrow \infty$ , exist because  $E(Z_K) < \infty$ .

To approximate the time-t pdfs in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$  for a large time t, we use a right truncation point  $K \ge t$  for the interarrival times in  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$ . The selected truncation point K for the interarrival times may be different in the analysis of excess, age or total life.

The approximations of the *pdfs of the*  $\zeta_t$ s, viz., the  $f_{\zeta_t(\cdot)}$ s, are measured by an integral of an L1 measure of distance between the approximating limiting pdfs and the time-*t* pdfs,  $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ .

## 3. Brief outline of the analysis

- Fix a large time t > 0. Compute the key limiting pdf of a basic regenerative process, which is unique for each fixed t in {Z<sub>n</sub>}<sub>n=1,2,...</sub>, denoted by {π<sub>0</sub><sup>(t)</sup>, f<sup>(t)</sup>(x)}<sub>x∈(0,t)</sub> (see details in Brill 2014.) We utilize the key pdf in the form of the numerical solution of a single integral equation.
- 2. Obtain formulas for the pdfs of the  $\zeta_t$ s,  $\zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\beta$  in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$ , in terms of the key pdf  $\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\}_{0 < x < t}$ . The formulas for the pdfs of  $\gamma_t$  and  $\beta_t$  use the key pdf in the form  $\frac{f^{(t)}(x)}{\pi_0^{(t)}}$  in the integrands of integrals. The formula for the pdf of  $\delta_t$  uses the key pdf directly in the form  $\frac{f^{(t)}(x)}{\pi_0^{(t)}}$  in a linear term.
- 3. Approximate the *finite-time* t pdfs in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$  by using the corresponding *limit-ing* pdfs in  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$ . The truncation point point K of  $Z_K$  is: t when approximating  $\delta_t$ ; it is much greater than t when approximating the pdf of  $\gamma_t$  or  $\beta_t$  (Section 8.3 below).
- 4. Give a measure of distance between pdfs of  $\zeta_t$  and the pdfs of  $\zeta_K$ , by using an integral of an L1 metric. The distance measure has a value in (0, 1) (Section 8.3).

## **4. Extreme renewal process** $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$

Denote the cdf, ccdf (:= 1- cdf), and pdf of each interarrival in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$  by  $B(\cdot)$ ,  $\overline{B}(\cdot)$ :=  $1 - B(\cdot)$ , and  $b(\cdot)$ , respectively. Thus

$$B(x) = 1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}, x \in (0, \infty),$$
  

$$\bar{B}(x) = 1 - B(x) = (1 + x)^{-\alpha}, x \in [0, \infty),$$
  

$$b(x) = \frac{d}{dx}B(x) = \alpha (1 + x)^{-\alpha - 1}, x \in (0, \infty),$$
(1)

where  $B(x) = P(Z \le x)$ . If  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  then Z is heavy-tailed (Sigman, 1999) and has no mean, implying that the limiting pdfs of  $\gamma_t$ ,  $\delta_t$ ,  $\beta_t$   $(t \to \infty)$  do not exist.

## 5. Basic regenerative process $\{X(s)\}_{s>0}$ and its key limiting pdf

Denote the basic regenerative process by  $\{X(s)\}_{s\geq 0}$  (see Brill, 2014). It has a key limiting pdf denoted by  $\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\}_{0 < x < t}$ . Equations (2) and (3) below give an integral equation and initial condition for the key pdf  $\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\}_{0 < x < t}$ , where  $\pi_0^{(t)} = \lim_{s \to \infty} P(X(s) = 0)$ . All three formulas for the pdfs of the time-t r.v.s are uniquely expressed in terms of  $\frac{f^{(t)}(x)}{\pi_0^{(t)}}$ .

# 5.1. Integral equation for key pdf $\left\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\right\}_{0 < x < t}$

Applying the method in Sections 3.2.1-3.2.2, p. 198, in Brill (2014), leads to the integral equation and normalizing condition for  $f^{(t)}(x), x \in (0, t)$ 

$$f^{(t)}(x) = \pi_0^{(t)} \alpha (1+x)^{-\alpha-1} + \alpha \int_{y=0}^x (1+x-y)^{-\alpha-1} f^{(t)}(y) dy, \ 0 < x < t.$$
(2)

$$\pi_0^{(t)} + \int_{x=0}^{\infty} f^{(t)}(x) dx = 1.$$
(3)

Formulas (3.13) and (3.14) in Brill (2014) yield the solution of (2) and (3) as

$$\pi^{(t)} = \frac{1}{1 + M(t)}, \quad f^{(t)}(x) = \frac{M'(x)}{1 + M(t)}, \quad 0 < x < t,$$
(4)

where M(x) is the renewal function (e.g., p. 169 in Karlin and Taylor, 1975). M(t) is equal to a series of self-convolutions of the interarrival cdf B(x), which may be tedious to compute. Therefore we use a simple numerical procedure (Section 5.1.1 below) to compute the solution of (3) for the pdf  $f^{(t)}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, t)$  in terms of  $\pi_0^{(t)}$  Then we apply (3) to compute the probability  $\pi_0^{(t)}$ . It can be shown that  $f^{(t)}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, t)$  is bounded.

## **5.1.1. Computation of the key mixed pdf** $\left\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\right\}, x \in (0, t)$

The computation used for solving equations (2) and 3 for  $\left\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\right\}_{x\in(0,t)}$ , is based on the definition of an integral on a finite interval using a Riemann-Stieltjes sum (e.g., p. 141 in Apostol, 1974). The resulting numerical solution is a step function on a preassigned partition of (0, t) with a norm h. To get a useful solution for  $\left\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\right\}_{x\in(0,t)}$ , we choose a 'small' h > 0 such that t = Nh where N is a large positive integer. 6. Formulas for the finite-time t pdfs of the extreme renewal process  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$  in terms of the key pdf  $\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\}_{0 \le x \le t}$ 

Denote the pdfs of  $\gamma_t$ ,  $\delta_t$  and  $\beta_t$  by:  $f_{\gamma_t}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ;  $\{\pi_{\delta_t}, f_{\delta_t}(x)\}_{0 < x < t}$  where  $\pi_{\delta_t} = P(\delta_t = t)$ ;  $f_{\beta_t}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Formula (4.4a) in Brill (2014) gives

$$f_{\gamma_t}(x) = b(t+x) + \int_{y=0}^t b(t+x-y) \frac{f^t(y)}{\pi_0^{(t)}} dy, \ 0 < x < \infty;$$
(5)

Formula (4.11) (ibid) gives

$$f_{\delta_t}(x) = \bar{B}(x) \frac{f^{(t)}(t-x)}{\pi_0^{(t)}}, \ 0 < x < t; \qquad \pi_{\delta_t} = \bar{B}(t).$$
(6)

Formulas (4.13) and (4.14) (ibid) give

$$f_{\beta_t}(x) = b(x) \int_{y=0}^x \frac{f^{(t)}(t-y)}{\pi^{(t)}} dy, \ 0 < x < t,$$
(7)

$$f_{\beta_t}(x) = b(x) \left( 1 + \int_{y=0}^t \frac{f^{(t)}(t-y)}{\pi^{(t)}} dy \right), \ t \le x < \infty.$$
(8)

where  $\overline{B}(\cdot)$  and  $b(\cdot)$  are given in (1).

**Remark 1.**  $\delta_t \qquad t \qquad \pi_{\delta_t} \qquad (1+t)^{-\alpha}$  $f_{\beta_t}(x) \qquad x = t$  $f_{\beta_t}(t^+) - f_{\beta_t}(t^-) = b(t) = \alpha(1+t)^{-\alpha-1}$ We get the time-t pdfs in (5)-(8) by substituting the computed  $\left\{\widehat{\pi_0^{(t)}}, \widehat{f^{(t)}}(x)\right\}_{0 < x < t}$  for  $\left\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\right\}_{0 < x < t}$  in formulas (5)-(8), respectively.

## 7. The Pareto(II)-trun(K) renewal process $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...,n}$

The renewal process  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$  has right-truncated Pareto(II) interarrivals  $= Z_K$  with support (0, K),  $t \leq K < \infty$ , and the same shape parameter  $\alpha$  as in the extreme renewal process (see formula (1)). Substituting from formula (1), the cdf, ccdf and pdf of  $Z_K$ , are respectively

$$B_{K}(x) = \frac{B(x)}{B(K)} = \frac{1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}, \ x \in (0, K),$$
  

$$\bar{B}_{K}(x) = 1 - B_{K}(x) = 1 - \frac{1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}, \ x \in (0, K),$$
  

$$b_{K}(x) = \frac{d}{dx}B_{K}(x) = \frac{\alpha (1 + x)^{-\alpha - 1}}{1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}, \ x \in (0, K).$$
(9)

## **7.1. Expected value of** $Z_K$

For all  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $Z_K$  has a finite mean which, using  $\bar{B}_K(x)$  in (9), is

$$E(Z_K) = \int_{x=0}^{K} \bar{B}_K(x) dx = \int_{x=0}^{K} \left(1 - \frac{1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}\right) dx$$
  

$$= \int_{x=0}^{K} \left(\frac{(1 + x)^{-\alpha} - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha}}\right) dx$$
  

$$= K - \frac{(-\alpha + 1)K - (1 + K)^{-\alpha + 1} + 1}{(-\alpha + 1)(1 - (1 + K)^{-\alpha})}, \text{ if } 0 < \alpha < 1;$$
  

$$E(Z_K) = (1 + \frac{1}{K})\ln(1 + K) - 1, \text{ if } \alpha = 1.$$
(10)

Since  $E(Z_K) < \infty$ , the limiting pdfs of excess, age and total life in  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$  exist as *time*  $\rightarrow \infty$  (see Section 7.2 below).

## 7.2. Limiting pdfs of excess, age and total life in trun(K) renewal process $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$

Denote the *limiting* excess, age and total life in  $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$  by  $\gamma_K$ ,  $\delta_K$  and  $\beta_K$  respectively; with corresponding pdfs  $f_{\gamma_K}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, K)$ ;  $f_{\delta_K}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, K)$ ;  $f_{\beta_K}(x)$ ,  $f_{\beta_K}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, K)$ ;  $f_{\beta_K}(x)$ ;  $f_{\beta_K}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, K)$ ;  $f_{\beta_K}(x)$ ;

$$f_{\gamma_K}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K\gamma})} \bar{B}_{K\gamma}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K\gamma})} \left( 1 - \frac{1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K\gamma)^{-\alpha}} \right), x \in (0, K\gamma) (11)$$

$$f_{\delta_K}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K_{\delta}})} \bar{B}_{K_{\delta}}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K_{\delta}})} \left( 1 - \frac{1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}}{1 - (1 + K_{\delta})^{-\alpha}} \right), x \in (0, K_{\delta}), (12)$$

$$f_{\beta_{K}}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K_{\beta}})} x b_{K_{\beta}}(x) = \frac{1}{E(Z_{K_{\beta}})} x \left( \frac{\alpha (1+x)^{-\alpha-1}}{1-(1+K_{\beta})^{-\alpha}} \right), x \in (0, K_{\beta}), (13)$$

where  $E(Z_{K_{\zeta}})$  is given in (10) upon replacing K by  $K_{\zeta}$  ( $\zeta = \gamma, \delta$ , or  $\beta$ ).

**Remark 2.** (0,  $\infty$ )  $f_{\zeta_K}(x) \quad 0 \ x \in (K_{\zeta}, \infty) \ \zeta \quad \gamma \ \delta \ \beta$ 

## 8. Using limiting pdfs of $\{Z_{K,n}\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$ to approximate time-*t* pdfs of $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,\dots}$

We use pdfs  $f_{\zeta_K}(x)$  ( $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ ) given by (11)-(13) to approximate the time-*t* pdfs  $f_{\zeta_t}(x)$ , x > 0 ( $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ ), in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$ . The pdfs  $f_{\zeta_t}(x)$ , are relatively tedious to compute, requiring a numerical solution of an integral equation for the key pdf  $\{\pi_0^{(t)}, f^{(t)}(x)\}_{x \in (0,t)}$  in (2)–(3), which is then used as part of the integrand in other formulas (Section 6 above). This suggests using  $f_{\zeta_K}(x)$ , x > 0, to approximate  $f_{\zeta_t}(x)$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\delta \beta$ .

## **8.1.** The truncation points $K_{\zeta}$ for $f_{\zeta_{+}}(x), \zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$

We select right truncation points of the pdf b(x), denoted by  $K_{\gamma}$ ,  $K_{\delta}$ ,  $K_{\beta}$ . The resulting interarrival times,  $Z_{K_{\gamma}}$ ,  $Z_{K_{\delta}}$ ,  $Z_{K_{\beta}}$ , have pdfs given in (9), with K replaced by  $K_{\gamma}$ ,  $K_{\delta}$ , and  $K_{\beta}$ , respectively, i.e.,  $b_{K_{\zeta}}$ ,  $x \in (0, K_{\zeta})$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\beta$ . Thus  $\{Z_{K_{\zeta},n}\}_{n=1,2,...}$  will be a trun( $K_{\zeta}$ ) renewal process with pdfs of *interarrival times*  $= b_{K_{\zeta}}(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, \zeta_{K_{\zeta}})$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\beta$ .

### **8.2.** Choice of truncation points $K_{\gamma}$ , $K_{\delta}$ , $K_{\beta}$ depending on t

The truncation points depend on the fixed time t in  $\{Z_n\}_{n=1,2,...}$ . We assume, for example, that t is "large" if  $t \ge u$  such that  $\overline{B}(u) \le 0.05$ . Then  $K_{\gamma}$  and  $K_{\beta}$  are selected as arbitrary large numbers much greater than t, because the support of  $f_{\varsigma_t}(x)$ ,  $\xi = \gamma, \beta$  is  $(0, \infty)$ . However, we select  $K_{\delta} = t$ , since the support of  $f_{\varsigma_t}(x)$  is (0, t), with an atom at t having probability  $\pi_{\delta_t}$ .

#### 8.3. Distance between time-t pdfs and limiting pdfs

By Remark 2 we assume, without loss of generality, that pdfs  $f_{\zeta_t}(x)$  and  $f_{\zeta_K}(x)$ ,  $(\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta)$  have the same support, i.e.,  $(0, \infty)$ . Note that the Stieltjes integral  $\int_0^{K_\zeta} dF_{\zeta_K(x)} = 1$ , and the Riemann integral  $\int_{K_\zeta}^{\infty} f_{\zeta_K}(x) dx = 0$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ . Also,  $\int_0^{\infty} f_{\zeta_t}(x) = 1$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\int_0^{K_\delta} dF_{\delta_t}(x) = 1$  ( $K_\delta = t$ ). In order to quantify the notion " $f_{\zeta_K}(\cdot)$  approximates  $f_{\zeta_t}(\cdot)$ " for  $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ , we use an L1 measure based on the metric  $|f_{\zeta_t}(x) - f_{\zeta_K}(x)|$ ,  $x \in (0,\infty)$ . This leads to an integral measure for the distance between the pdfs  $f_{\zeta_t}(x), \zeta = \gamma$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\{\pi_\delta, f_{\zeta_t}(x)\}_{x \in (0,t)}$ , and the corresponding approximating pdfs  $f_{\zeta_K}(x), x \in (0,\infty)$ ,  $\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta$ . It can be shown that  $f_{\zeta_K}(x)$  and  $f_{\zeta_t}(x), x \in (0,\infty)$ ,  $(\zeta = \gamma, \delta, \beta)$  are bounded. It follows that a measure of distance between  $f_{\zeta_t}(x)$  and  $f_{\zeta_K}(x)$  is

$$\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=0}^{\infty} \left| f_{\zeta_t}(x) - f_{\zeta_K}(x) \right| dx, \zeta = \gamma, \beta, \delta, \tag{14}$$

and

$$0 < \rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K}) < 1.$$
(15)

### **8.4.** Range of distance measure $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K})$

Note that  $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K}) > 0$  because  $f_{\zeta_t}(x) > 0, x \in [t, \infty)$  due to: (i) the tail probabilities of  $f_{\zeta_t}(x), x \in (K_{\zeta}, \infty)$  ( $\zeta = \gamma, \beta$ ), (ii) the atom  $\pi_{\delta_t}$  in the mixed pdf  $\{\pi_{\delta_t}, f_{\delta_t}(x)\}_{x \in (0,t)}$ (recalling that  $K_{\delta} = t$ ), and (iii)  $f_{\zeta_K}(x) = 0, x \in (K_{\zeta}, \infty)$ . Moreover  $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K}) < 1$ , since both  $f_{\zeta_t}(x) > 0$  and  $f_{\zeta K}(x) > 0, x \in (0, K_{\zeta}), \zeta = \gamma, \beta, \delta$ . The closer the distance  $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K})$  is to 0, the better is the approximation; the closer the distance  $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K})$  is to 1, the worse is the approximation. For other measures of discrepancy between pdfs, see p. 35 and Section 3.7 in Silverman (1986).

## **8.5. Example:** Using $\rho(f_{\beta_t}, f_{\beta_K})$ when approximating the pdf of total life

As an example, we look at the approximation of  $f_{\beta_t}(x)$ . First assume t = 400 and  $K_{\beta} = 800$ . The pdfs  $f_{\beta_t}(\cdot)$  and  $f_{\beta_K}(\cdot)$  are plotted in Fig. 1. The function  $|f_{\beta_t}(x) - f_{\beta_K}(x)|$ ,  $x \in (0, K_{\beta})$  is plotted in Fig. 2. Note that  $|f_{\beta_t}(x) - f_{\beta_K}(x)| \neq 0, x \in (0, 800)$ . The

distance measure turns out to be  $\rho(f_{\zeta_t}, f_{\zeta_K}) = 0.393383 + 0.484346 = 0.877729$  where "0.484346" is the *tail probability*  $\int_{K_{\beta}}^{\infty} f_{\beta_t}(x) dx = \int_{x=800}^{\infty} f_{\beta_t}(x) dx$ . This indicates that the approximation is poor.

Second, assume t = 400 and  $K_{\beta} = 1600$ . The pdfs of  $f_{\beta_t}(\cdot)$  and  $f_{\beta_K}(\cdot)$  are plotted in Fig. 3. The function  $|f_{\beta_t}(\cdot) - f_{\beta_K}(\cdot)|$  is plotted in Fig. 4. In this case  $|f_{\beta_t}(x) - f_{\beta_K}(x)| = 0$ ,  $x \in (0, 1600)$ , at the two points where  $f_{\beta_t}(x) = f_{\beta_K}(x)$ . The distance measure  $\rho(f_{\beta_t}, f_{\beta_K})$  is 0.177457 + 0.342485 = 0.519942 where "0.342485" is the *tali probability*  $\int_{x=1600}^{\infty} f_{\beta_t}(x) dx$ . This approximation is somewhat better. These two cases indicate that the distance measure decreases in value as  $K_{\beta}$  increases. If we choose t larger, and choose  $K_{\beta} >> t$ , both  $|f_{\beta_t}(x) - f_{\beta_K}(x)|$  and the tail probability  $\int_{x=K_{\beta}}^{\infty} f_{\beta_t}(x) dx$  will decrease and  $\rho(f_{\beta_t}, f_{\beta_K})$  will be much closer to 0, thus giving a very good approximation. Similar results occur for approximating the pdf of excess  $f_{\gamma_t}(x), x \in (0, \infty)$ . In the case of the pdf of age  $\left\{\pi_{\delta}^{(t)}f_{\delta_t}(x)\right\}_{x\in(0,K_{\delta})}$ , the distance measure will decrease as the fixed time  $t (= K_{\delta})$  increases.

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Figure 1: pdfs  $f_{\beta_t}(x)$  (Red) and  $f_{K_\beta}(x)$  (Green),  $t = 400, K_\beta = 800$ 



Figure 2:  $|f_{\gamma_t}(x) - f_{K\gamma}(x)|$ ,  $x \in (0, 1600)$  t = 400,  $K_\beta = 800$ . Distance measure = 0.393383  $\neq$  0.484346 = **0.877729** (high)



Figure 3: pdfs  $f_{\gamma_t}(x)$  (Red) and  $f_{K\gamma}(x)$  (Green),  $t = 400, K_{\beta} = 1600$ 



Figure 4:  $|f_{\gamma_t}(x) - f_{K\gamma}(x)|$ ,  $x \in (0, 1600)$  t = 400,  $K_\beta = 1600$ . Distance = 0.177457 + 0.342485 = **0.519942** (better but still high)