

DIRICHLET-LAURICELLA TYPE D DISTRIBUTION

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Abstract: In this article, we define and study the Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution. This distribution is a generalization of the Dirichlet type 1 distribution.

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1. Introduction

The random variables U_1, \dots, U_n are said to have a Dirichlet type 1 distribution with parameters $a_1, \dots, a_n; a_{n+1}$, denoted by $(U_1, \dots, U_n) \sim D1(a_1, \dots, a_n; a_{n+1})$, if their joint probability density function (p.d.f.) is given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \Gamma(a_i)} \prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{a_i-1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i\right)^{a_{n+1}-1},$$
$$u_i > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 1. \quad (1)$$

The Dirichlet type 1 distribution is a multivariate generalization of the beta distribution. Dirichlet distributions are very often used as prior distributions in Bayesian statistics, and in fact the Dirichlet distribution is the conjugate prior

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of the categorical distribution and multinomial distribution. The Dirichlet type 1 distribution has been studied extensively, for example, see Kotz, Balakrishnan and Johnson [2], and Gupta and Nagar [3].

In this article, we give a generalization of the Dirichlet type 1 distribution. This generalization is based on the Lauricella type D hypergeometric function and thus will be called Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution. Recently, Nagar and Gómez [8] have proposed a generalization of Dirichlet type 1 distribution based on the Lauricella's type B hypergeometric function.

In Section 2, we give definition of Lauricella type D hypergeometric function. We define Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution in Section 3. Section 4, deals with several properties such as marginal densities and joint moment.

2. Preliminaries

The Pochhammer symbol $(a)_n$ is defined by $(a)_n = a(a+1)\cdots(a+n-1) = (a)_{n-1}(a+n-1)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $(a)_0 = 1$. The Lauricella hypergeometric functions $F_D^{(n)}$ of several variables is defined as

$$F_D^{(n)}(a, b_1, \dots, b_n; c; z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0} \frac{(a)_{j_1+\dots+j_n} (b_1)_{j_1} \cdots (b_n)_{j_n} z_1^{j_1} \cdots z_n^{j_n}}{(c)_{j_1+\dots+j_n} j_1! \cdots j_n!}, \quad \max\{|z_1|, \dots, |z_n|\} < 1. \quad (2)$$

For $n = 1$, the Lauricella hypergeometric functions $F_D^{(n)}$ reduces a Gauss hypergeometric function and for $n = 2$ it slides to an Appell hypergeometric function F_1 .

The integral representations of $F_D^{(n)}$ is given by

$$F_D^{(n)}(a, b_1, \dots, b_n; c; z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(b_i) \Gamma(c - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i)} \times \int_{\substack{u_1 > 0, \dots, u_n > 0 \\ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i > 0}} \cdots \int \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{b_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n z_i u_i)^a} \prod_{i=1}^n du_i, \quad (3)$$

where $\text{Re}(b_i) > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\text{Re}(c - b_1 - \dots - b_n) > 0$.

Another representation of $F_D^{(n)}$, in terms of a single integral, is given by

$$F_D^{(n)}(a, b_1, \dots, b_n; c; z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(c-a)} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{a-1} (1-u)^{c-a-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1-uz_i)^{b_i}} du,$$

where $\text{Re}(c) > \text{Re}(a) > 0$ and $|\arg(1 - z_i)| < \pi, i = 1, \dots, n$.

For further results and properties of this function the reader is referred to Exton [1], Srivastava and Karlsson [11], and Prudnikov, Brychkov and Marichev [10, Sec. 7.2.4].

Let $f(\cdot)$ be a continuous function and $\alpha_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, r$. The integral

$$D_r(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r; f) = \int \dots \int_{\substack{x_1 > 0, \dots, x_r > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^r x_i < 1}} \prod_{i=1}^r x_i^{\alpha_i - 1} f\left(\sum_{i=1}^r x_i\right) \prod_{i=1}^r dx_i \tag{4}$$

is known as the Liouville-Dirichlet integral. Substituting $y_i = x_i/x, i = 1, \dots, r-1$ and $x = \sum_{i=1}^r x_i$ with the Jacobian $J(x_1, \dots, x_{r-1}, x_r \rightarrow y_1, \dots, y_{r-1}, x) = x^{r-1}$ it is easy to see that

$$D_n(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r; f) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^r \Gamma(\alpha_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i)} \int_0^1 x^{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i - 1} f(x) dx. \tag{5}$$

Further, by taking $f(x) = (1 - x)^{\alpha_{r+1}}, \alpha_{r+1} > 0$ in (4) and (5), the classical Dirichlet integral is evaluated as

$$\int \dots \int_{\substack{x_1 > 0, \dots, x_r > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^r x_i < 1}} \prod_{i=1}^r x_i^{\alpha_i - 1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^r x_i\right)^{\alpha_{r+1} - 1} \prod_{i=1}^r dx_i = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} \Gamma(\alpha_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^{r+1} \alpha_i)}. \tag{6}$$

Furthermore, by setting $r = n - 1, \alpha_i = a_i + j_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ where a_1, \dots, a_n are positive real numbers and j_1, \dots, j_n are non-negative integers in (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \dots \int_{\substack{x_1 > 0, \dots, x_{n-1} > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i < 1}} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i^{a_i + j_i - 1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)^{a_n + j_n - 1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} dx_i \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)} \frac{(a_1)_{j_1} \dots (a_n)_{j_n}}{(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)_{j_1 + \dots + j_n}}. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

3. The Dirichlet-Lauricella Type D Distribution

The Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution is defined as follows.

The random variables U_1, \dots, U_n are said to have a Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution with parameters $a_1, \dots, a_n; c; d; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$, denoted by $(U_1, \dots, U_n) \sim \text{DLD}(a_1, \dots, a_n; c; d; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$, if their joint p.d.f. is given by

$$K_D \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i u_i)^d}, \quad u_i > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 1, \quad (8)$$

where $a_1 > 0, \dots, a_n > 0, c - a_1 - \dots - a_n > 0, -1 < \theta_1 < 1, \dots, -1 < \theta_n < 1$ and $-\infty < d < \infty$. The normalizing constant K_D in (8) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K_D^{-1} &= \int \dots \int_{\substack{u_1 > 0, \dots, u_n > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 1}} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i u_i)^d} \prod_{i=1}^n du_i \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i) \Gamma(c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)}{\Gamma(c)} F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n), \end{aligned}$$

where the last line has been obtained by using (3).

From (8), it is clear that for $d = 0$, the Dirichlet-Lauricella type D distribution reduces a Dirichlet type 1 distribution with parameters a_1, \dots, a_n and $c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$.

For $n = 1$, the p.d.f. in (8) simplifies to a generalized beta type 1 p.d.f. given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a_1) \Gamma(c - a_1)} \frac{u_1^{a_1-1} (1 - u_1)^{c - a_1 - 1}}{(1 - \theta_1 u_1)^d}, \quad 0 < u_1 < 1,$$

where $c > a_1 > 0, -1 < \theta_1 < 1$ and ${}_2F_1$ is the Gauss hypergeometric function. The generalized beta type 1 distribution defined by the above p.d.f. has been studied by Nagar and Rada-Mora [6], Nagar and Bedoya-Valencia [7], Libby and Novic [4], Pham-Gia and Duong [9].

Further, for $n = 2$, the p.d.f. in (8) slides to a generalized bivariate beta type 1 p.d.f. defined by (Nadarajah and Kotz [5]),

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a_1) \Gamma(a_2) \Gamma(c - a_1 - a_2)} F_1(d, a_1, a_2; c; \theta_1, \theta_2) \\ &\times \frac{u_1^{a_1-1} u_2^{a_2-1} (1 - u_1 - u_2)^{c - a_1 - a_2 - 1}}{(1 - \theta_1 u_1 - \theta_2 u_2)^d}, \quad u_1 > 0, \quad u_2 > 0, \quad u_1 + u_2 < 1, \end{aligned}$$

where $a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0, c > a_1 + a_2, -1 < \theta_1 < 1, -1 < \theta_2 < 1$ and F_1 is the first hypergeometric function of Appell.

Consider the transformation $Z_i = (1 - \sum_{j=1}^s U_j)^{-1} U_i$, $i = s + 1, \dots, n$. Then, $u_i = (1 - \sum_{j=1}^s u_j) z_i$, $i = s + 1, \dots, n$ with the Jacobian $J(u_{s+1}, \dots, u_n \rightarrow z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n) = (1 - \sum_{j=1}^s u_j)^{n-s}$. Substituting appropriately in (8), the joint density of $U_1, \dots, U_s, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$ is given by

$$K_D \frac{\prod_{i=1}^s u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i - 1} \prod_{i=s+1}^n z_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{[1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i - (1 - \sum_{j=1}^s u_j) \sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i]^d}, \quad (9)$$

where $u_i > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, s$, $\sum_{i=1}^s u_i < 1$, $z_i > 0$, $i = s + 1, \dots, n$, and $\sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i < 1$.

Now, we find the marginal p.d.f. of U_1, \dots, U_s by integrating out z_{s+1}, \dots, z_n from the joint density of $U_1, \dots, U_s, Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n$ as

$$K_D \frac{\prod_{i=1}^s u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i)^d} \times \int_{\substack{z_{s+1} > 0, \dots, z_n > 0 \\ \sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i < 1}} \dots \int \frac{\prod_{i=s+1}^n z_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{[1 - (1 - \sum_{j=1}^s u_j) \sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i)]^d} \prod_{i=s+1}^n dz_i. \quad (10)$$

Now, using the integral representation of $F_D^{(n)}$, we derive the marginal p.d.f. of U_1, \dots, U_s as

$$K_{D1} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^s u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i)^d} \times F_D^{(n-s)} \left(d, a_{s+1}, \dots, a_n; c - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i; \frac{\theta_{s+1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s u_i)}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i}, \dots, \frac{\theta_n (1 - \sum_{i=1}^s u_i)}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i u_i} \right), \quad (11)$$

where $u_i > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, s$, $\sum_{i=1}^s u_i < 1$ and

$$K_{D1}^{-1} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^s \Gamma(a_i) \Gamma(c - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i)}{\Gamma(c)} F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n). \quad (12)$$

It is interesting to observe that the marginal density of U_1, \dots, U_s does not belong to the Dirichlet-Lauricella type D family of distributions and differs by an additional factor containing the Lauricella hypergeometric function F_D .

From (11), it is straightforward to show that the marginal p.d.f. of U_s is

$$K_{D2} \frac{u_s^{a_s-1} (1-u_s)^{c-a_s-1}}{(1-\theta_s u_s)^{d_s}} F_D^{(n-1)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_{s-1}, a_{s+1}, \dots, a_n; c-a_s; \frac{\theta_1(1-u_s)}{1-\theta_s u_s}, \dots, \frac{\theta_{s-1}(1-u_s)}{1-\theta_s u_s}, \frac{\theta_{s+1}(1-u_s)}{1-\theta_s u_s}, \dots, \frac{\theta_n(1-u_s)}{1-\theta_s u_s}),$$

where

$$K_{D2}^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(a_s)\Gamma(c-a_s)}{\Gamma(c)} F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n). \tag{13}$$

The marginal p.d.f. of Z_{s+1}, \dots, Z_n is given by

$$K_D \frac{\prod_{i=s+1}^n z_i^{a_i-1} (1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1}}{(1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i)^d} \times \int \dots \int_{\substack{u_1 > 0, \dots, u_s > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^s u_i < 1}} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^s u_i^{a_i-1} (1-\sum_{i=1}^s u_i)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^s a_i-1}}{[1-\sum_{j=1}^s (\theta_j - \sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i) u_j / (1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i)]^d} \prod_{i=1}^s du_i.$$

Now, evaluating the above integral by using (3), we get

$$K_{D3} \frac{\prod_{i=s+1}^n z_i^{a_i-1} (1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n z_i)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1}}{(1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i)^d} \times F_D^{(s)}\left(d, a_1, \dots, a_s; c; \frac{\theta_1 - \sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i}{1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i}, \dots, \frac{\theta_s - \sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i}{1-\sum_{i=s+1}^n \theta_i z_i}\right),$$

where

$$K_{D3}^{-1} = \frac{\prod_{i=s+1}^n \Gamma(a_i)\Gamma(c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)}{\Gamma(c-\sum_{i=1}^s a_i)} F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n). \tag{14}$$

It is well known that if $(U_1, \dots, U_n) \sim D1(a_1, \dots, a_n; c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)$, then

$$\left(\frac{U_1}{\sum_{i=1}^n U_i}, \dots, \frac{U_{n-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n U_i}\right) \sim D1(a_1, \dots; a_n)$$

and the sum $\sum_{i=1}^n U_i$ follows a beta type 1 distribution with parameters $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ and $c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$. In the next theorem, we derive similar result for the Dirichlet-Lauricells type D distribution.

Theorem 3.1. Let $(U_1, \dots, U_n) \sim \text{DLD}(a_1, \dots, a_n; c; d; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$ and define $U = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i$ and $X_i = U_i/U, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$. Then, the joint p.d.f. of X_1, \dots, X_{n-1} is given as

$$K_D \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)\Gamma(c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)}{\Gamma(c)} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i^{a_i-1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)^{a_n-1} \\ \times {}_2F_1\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i, d; c; \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta_i x_i + \theta_n \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)\right),$$

where $x_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n - 1, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i < 1$. Further, the p.d.f. of U is derived as

$$K_D \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)} u^{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1} (1 - u)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1} \\ \times F_D^{(n)}\left(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; \sum_{i=1}^n a_i; \theta_1 u, \dots, \theta_n u\right), 0 < u < 1.$$

Proof. Substituting $u_i = ux_i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ and $u_n = u(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i)$ with the Jacobian $J(u_1, \dots, u_n \rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, u) = u^{n-1}$ in the p.d.f. of (U_1, \dots, U_n) , we get the joint p.d.f. of (X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) and U as

$$K_D \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i^{a_i-1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)^{a_n-1} \frac{u^{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1} (1 - u)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1}}{[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta_i x_i u - \theta_n u(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i)]^d},$$

where $x_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n - 1, \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i < 1$ and $0 < u < 1$. Now, integrating u in the above expression by using the integral representation of ${}_2F_1$, we get the desired result. Further, writing

$$\left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \theta_i x_i u - \theta_n u \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)\right]^{-d} \\ = \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0} (d)_{j_1+\dots+j_n} \frac{(\theta_1 x_1 u)^{j_1} \dots (\theta_{n-1} x_{n-1} u)^{j_{n-1}} [\theta_n (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i) u]^{j_n}}{j_1! \dots j_n!}$$

the joint p.d.f. of (X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) and U is rewritten as

$$K_D u^{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1} (1 - u)^{c-\sum_{i=1}^n a_i-1} \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0} (d)_{j_1+\dots+j_n}$$

$$\times \frac{(\theta_1 u)^{j_1} \cdots (\theta_{n-1} u)^{j_{n-1}} (\theta_n u)^{j_n}}{j_1! \cdots j_n!} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i^{a_i+j_i-1} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i\right)^{a_n+j_n-1}.$$

Now, integrating the above expression with respect to x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} by using (7) and summing the resulting series by applying (2), we get the desired result. \square

By definition, the product moments are obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{r_i} \right] &= \int \cdots \int_{\substack{u_1 > 0, \dots, u_n > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 1}} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{a_i+r_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i)^{c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i u_i)^d} \prod_{i=1}^n du_i \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(c) \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i + r_i)}{\Gamma(c + r) \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i)} \\ &\quad \times \frac{F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1 + r_1, \dots, a_n + r_n; c + r; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)}{F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $r = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i$, $\text{Re}(a_i + r_i) > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\text{Re}(c + r) > 0$. Further

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i\right)^h \right] &= \int \cdots \int_{\substack{u_1 > 0, \dots, u_n > 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n u_i < 1}} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n u_i^{a_i-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n u_i)^{c+h - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - 1}}{(1 - \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i u_i)^d} \prod_{i=1}^n du_i \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c + h - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)}{\Gamma(c + h)\Gamma(c - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)} \\ &\quad \times \frac{F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c + h; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)}{F_D^{(n)}(d, a_1, \dots, a_n; c; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)}. \end{aligned}$$

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