

## Fitting of Probability Distribution for Analyzing the Rainfall Data in the State of Andhra Pradesh, India.

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### Abstract

The study of analysis of rainfall is vital to find the relevant distribution model to anticipate the natural phenomena (earthquake, floods, rainfall, etc.). The main theme of this study is to determine the best fit of probability distribution in the case of frequency of daily rainfall in past 35 years (1982-2017) from 24 districts of the state of Andhra Pradesh, India, by using different statistical analysis and probability distributions. The daily rainfall data are analyzed using two different probability models, those are Double Exponential Distribution and Log Normal Distribution. Efficiency of the both probability models are compared using Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) value of Chi-square Goodness of Fit. It is precisely witnessed that the Double Exponential Distribution was identified to be the best fit for forecasting daily rainfall (mm).

**Keywords.** Rainfalls, Probability distributions, Root mean squared error, Double Exponential Distribution and Log Normal Distribution.

### INTRODUCTION

The study of rainfall data is one of the important event in hydrological cycle. It is the major component of the water cycle for accumulating the large amount of water on the universe. It provides many types of ecosystems, for crop irrigation and hydroelectric power stations. This plays a important role in many non agricultural and agricultural applications. The average rainfall in our country is 1185mm per year and it ranges from 339 mm to 2250 mm annually. Normally 80 to 85% of the total annual rainfall in India accounting from the months of June to September. Rainfall is a unique phenomenon that is highly diversified with respect to space and time. Analysis of Rainfall and computation of daily rainfall should improve the management of water resources application and the effective utilization of water. Probability and frequency study of rainfall data enables us to determine the expected rainfall at various cases, this

information is also used to prevent floods and droughts and apply to development and designing of water resources associated to technology such as reservoir design, flood control work and soil and water conservation setting up like dams.

### MATERIAL/METHODS

The rainfall data (1982-2017) collected from Indian meteorological department. The present study determined on versatile of rainfall using Double Exponential and Lognormal Distribution for stochastically analysis.

### STOCHASTIC ANALYSIS.

The following formulae are used for the basic statistical analysis such as Arithmetic Mean, Standard error, Coefficient of variation and coefficient of Skewness.

$$\text{Arithmetic Mean} = \bar{y} = \frac{\sum yi}{n}$$

$$\text{Standard Error (S}_n) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

$$\text{Coefficient of Variation (c.v)} = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Coefficient of Skewness (C}_s) = \frac{n \sum(wi - \bar{w})^2}{(n-1)(n-2)S_n}$$

W = log value of rainfall data

$$\bar{w} = \text{Mean value of Rainfall data}$$

(n) = Sample size

Rainfall data fitted using various probability distributions Those are Double Exponential distribution, Lognormal distribution and Chi square goodness of fit.

**Double Exponential distribution ,**

$$E_T = P + KS_n$$

Where

$E_T$  is Perdition of Rainfall amount for a return period of ‘t’

The general formula for the p.d.f of the double exponential distribution is

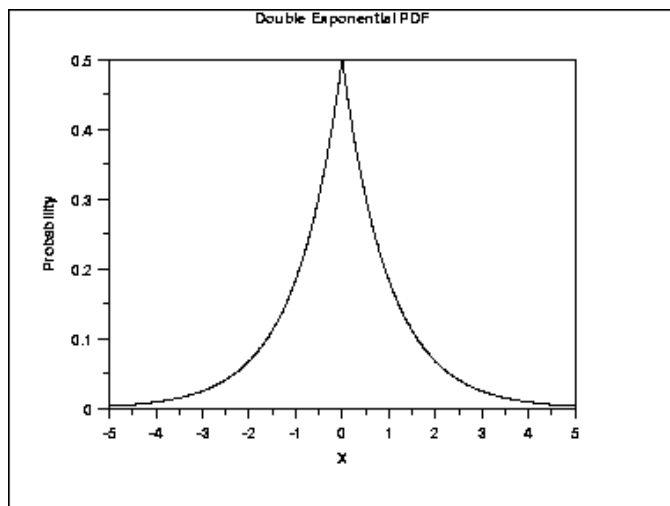
$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{|x-\mu|}{\beta}}}{2\beta}$$

where  $\mu$  is the location parameter and  $\beta$  is the scale parameter. The case where  $\mu = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$  is called the

**Standard double exponential distribution.**

The equation for the standard double exponential distribution is

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-|x|}}{2}$$



The formula for the cumulative distribution function of the double exponential distribution is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^x}{2} & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{e^{-x}}{2} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Log Normal distribution,**

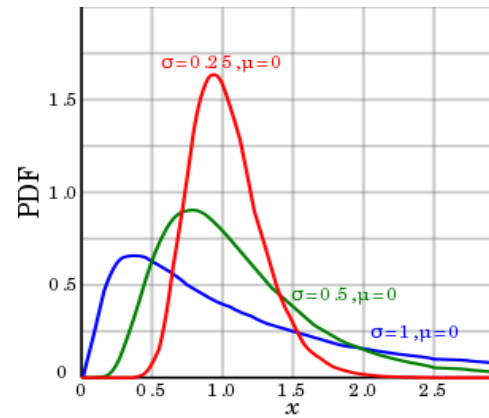
$$P_T = P + KS_n$$

Predicted rainfall calculated by  $P_T = \text{Antilog}(P_T)$

The probability density function is defined by the mean  $\mu$  and s.d,  $\sigma$ :

$$\mathcal{N}(\ln x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\ln x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \quad x > 0.$$

The shape of the lognormal distribution is defined by three parameters:



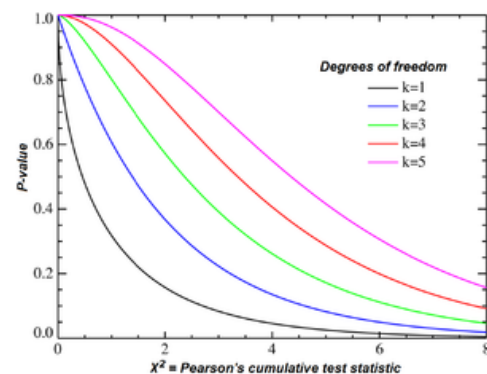
**Testing the Chi square Goodness of Fit**

The Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) or Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) is a frequently used measure of the differences between values predicted by a model and the values observed. The RMSD represents the sample standard deviation of the differences between predicted values and observed values. The RMSE is the square root of the variance of the differences. It shows the absolute fit of the model to the data, how close the observed data are to the model’s predicted values. While R-squared is a relative measure of fit, RMSE is an absolute measure of fit. Being the square root of a variance, RMSE can be interpreted as the standard deviation of the unexplained variance, and has the helpful property of being in the same units as the response variable. Lower values of RMSE indicate better fit of distribution models. RMSE is a fine measure of how precisely the model predicts the response, and is the best decisive factor for fit if the major objective of the model is prediction.

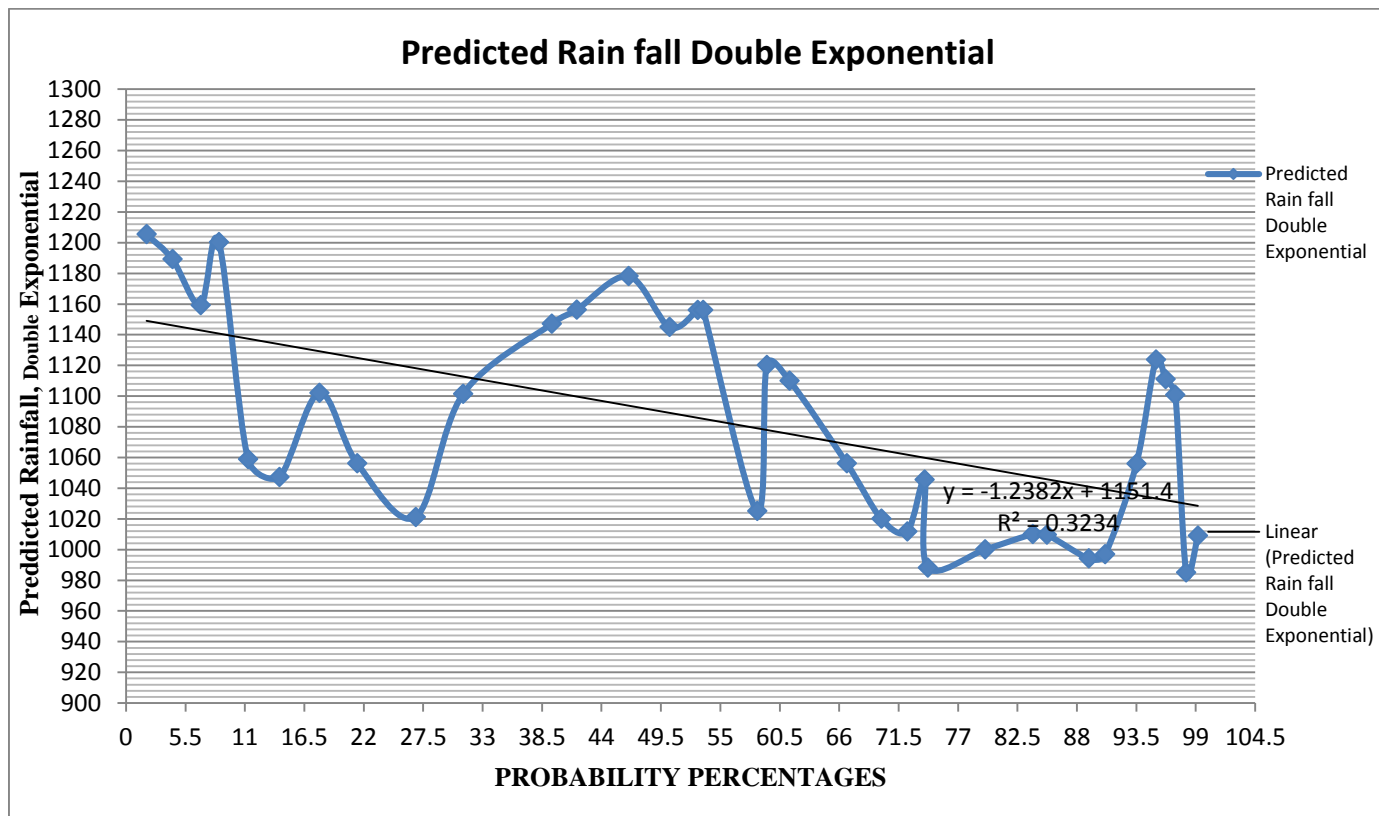
$$\text{It is calculated as } RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (o-e)^2}{e}}$$

O : observed values

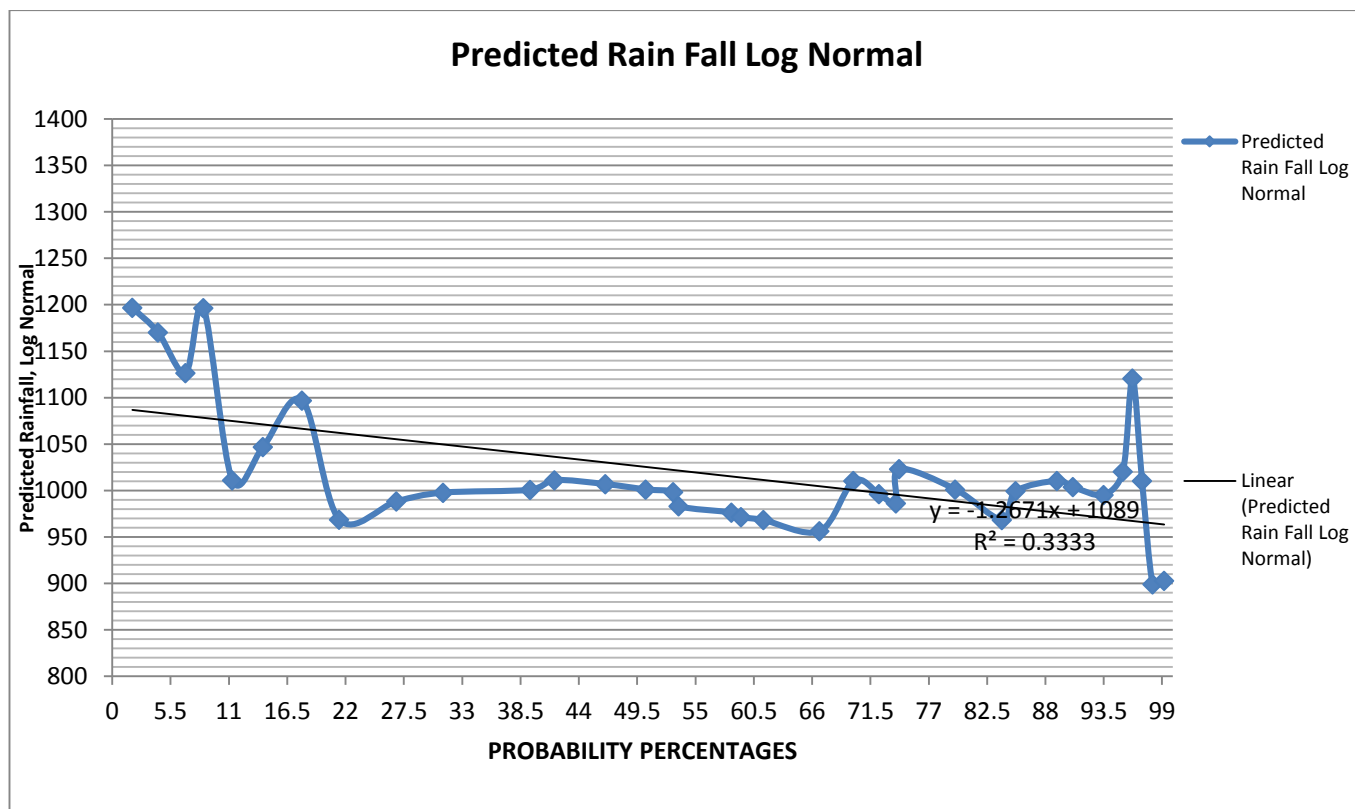
E : expected values



**Graphical Representation**



**Fig. 1:** Comparison of observed and predicted rainfall Double Exponential Distribution at Various Levels



**Fig. 2:** Comparison of observed and predicted rainfall Log Normal at various distribution levels

**Table I:** Annual Maximum rainfalls at different return periods in Years (1982-2017)

<i>Probability (%)</i>	<i>Recurrence Interval</i>	<i>Observed Rainfall(O)</i>	<i>Predicted Rain fall Double Exponential</i>	<i>Predicted Rain Fall Log Normal</i>
1.9	36	1047.2	1205.6	1196.6
4.3	21.6	954.3	1189.3	1170.3
6.9	16.3	1100	1159.3	1126.5
8.6	14.3	1096	1200.3	1196.2
11.3	11.3	963	1059	1011.1
14.2	10.6	1023.2	1047.2	1046.7
17.9	10	1120	1102.1	1096.9
21.4	9.3	1089.3	1056.2	968.7
26.8	8.6	998.3	1021.3	988.2
31.2	5.6	1000.2	1101.5	997.6
39.4	4.6	1123.6	1147.2	1000.7
41.7	4.5	1150.3	1156.3	1011.1
46.5	4.1	1189.2	1178.2	1006.8
50.3	3.9	1089.4	1145.1	1001.1
52.9	3.6	1099.2	1156.1	998.1
53.4	3.5	1023.9	1156.2	983.1
58.4	3.4	1102.5	1025.1	976.1
59.3	3.2	1000.6	1120.3	971.2
61.4	2.9	1158.3	1110.1	968.1
66.7	2.7	1097.2	1056.2	956.1
69.9	2.6	1110.3	1020.1	1010.2
72.3	2.5	1112.8	1011.9	996.1
73.9	2.3	1102.3	1045.7	986.1
74.2	2.1	1000.9	988.2	1023.1
79.5	1.9	985.6	1000.1	1001.1
83.9	1.8	1056.7	1010.1	968.2
85.2	1.8	1100.6	1009.8	999.1
89.1	1.5	1105.9	994.2	1010.4
90.6	1.4	1189.1	997.1	1003.6
93.5	1.4	1147.2	1056.1	995.2
95.3	1.3	1056.2	1123.8	1020.4
96.2	1.3	998.6	1111.1	1120.4
97.1	1.2	987.2	1100.8	1010.1
98.1	1.1	1056.1	985.2	899.1
99.2	1.0	1152.3	1009.1	902.6

**Table 2:** RMSE value for goodness of fit

<i>Distribution Models</i>	<i>RMSE Value</i>
Double Exponential	108.9
Log Normal	111.6

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The predictions of maximum rainfall of 35 years were estimated by two most widely used probability distribution method by Double Exponential and Log Normal Distribution model.

For analyzing of results, the maximum rainfall recorded from last 35 years data were taken down in descending order scale. These were marked as input in log normal

distribution model. Other to this recurrence interval, CS and CV values, the frequency factor values were achieved from Table. In Double Exponential 35 years of data used were given as input and the annual maximum rainfall were arranged in descending order of magnitude. Recurrence intervals were computed for the Double Exponential as shown in [Table-1].

The predicted annual maximum rainfalls at the different probability levels are tabulated in [Table-1] for Double Exponential and Log Normal distribution models. On the basis of basis of calculation the graphs plotted [Fig-1 and Fig-2] showed similarity between observed and predicted values points next to precise, except variations at highest rainfall during both the probability distribution models.

The evaluation of Double Exponential and Log Normal distribution models were conducted using statistical factor RMSD and RMSE for goodness of fit. The minimum value of the RMSE value is taken as the best. The result of annual maximum rainfall is tabulated in [Table-1]. It shows that the value of RMSE for Double Exponential and Log normal distributions comes out to be is 108.9 mm and 111.6 mm respectively [Table-2]. Since the Double Exponential has the smallest value of RMSE as compared to the Log normal distribution. So the Double Exponential gave the best fit for yearly rainfall data. Therefore, it may be concluded that the Double Exponential was found to be the best model for predicting the annual maximum rainfall of India, which reveals the overall accuracy of the model for predicting rainfall. The graphical representation showed that the Double Exponential distribution is predicting the rainfall very near to the observed rainfall [Fig-1].

The observed data were much successfully described using the predicted values, which were taken on basis of recorded data from natural process. Every predicted value are not precisely standard values but proved approximate to principal phenomenon.

Agricultural production can be significantly expanded with proficient application of rainfall. Though the nature of rainfall is erratic and varies with time and space, however it is possible to predict design rainfall quite accurately for certain return periods using various probability distributions functions. Frequency analysis rainfall data has been attempted for different places in India. Frequency analysis of rainfall is an important tool for solving various water management problems and is used to assess the extent of crop failure due to deficiency or excess of rainfall. Probability analysis of annual maximum daily rainfall for different returns periods has been suggested for the design of small and medium hydraulic structure. The rainfall distribution pattern of any area strongly effects analysis of rainfall data. Establishing probability distribution for knowing daily rainfall activities has always been the matter of research in meteorological field. Various successful rainfall analysis and probability distribution models such as Normal, Log-Normal, Double Exponential, Weibulls and Pearson type distribution were identified after wide and efficient studies conducted within

India and international levels. Influence of rainfall on the yield of wheat and distribution of rainfall during a season rather than the total amount of rainfall which influence the crop yield. Rainfall distribution transformed the skew frequency of rainfall to approximate directly to the theoretical normal distribution.

## CONCLUSION

The present study concluded that data of Thirty Five (1982-2017) is sufficient to obtain annual maximum rainfall (mm) distribution of India. The selection of probability distribution function to be used for representing the observed data influentially depends on rainfall pattern of the place. As rainfall pattern varies from place to place. The annual maximum rainfall was 1463.9 mm in the year 1982 and minimum of 930.1 mm in the year 2017 respectively was observed for analysis. The Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) or Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) for goodness of fit was conducted Double Exponential and Log Normal distribution method. The minimum value of the RMSE value is taken as the best for goodness of fit. The predicted rainfalls are fairly close to the observed rainfall according to the analysis. It shows that the Double Exponential distribution has the least value as compared to the Log Normal distribution method according to RMSE. Therefore, prediction by Double Exponential method was found to be the best model for India.

Having precise and standard information of rainfall pattern proves useful for preparing crop calendar, designing of different storage structures and also managing and executing up of irrigation strategies during drought spells. Well knowledge of consecutive days of return periods proves a fundamental parameter of safe, sound and effective economic planning and in designing of different structural and non structural measures small and medium hydraulic structure such as culverts, bridges, check dams and ponds.

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