

**TESTING FOR MULTIPLE UPPER OUTLIERS IN DISTRIBUTION SAMPLES:  
A STUDY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DATA**

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**Abstract:** *In this study, existences of  $k$ -upper outliers is investigated in distribution samples of gamma, Normal and exponential by carrying out simulation of ten thousand at different values of  $n$  using algorithm introduced by Tietjen-Moore, test statistics and critical values were equally estimated from the algorithm. A Normal  $Q$ - $Q$  plot was made which aims at distinguishing a data set that follows a normal distribution and one that deviates from normality. The algorithm was applied to Nigeria-US dollars foreign exchange rate, both on raw and logarithmic transformed data. The simulation study reveals the existence upper outliers more in Gamma and exponential sample than the Normal sample. Empirical analysis shows that there are upper outliers in the raw data set but no upper outliers are found in the transformed data. The result in this paper would help researcher in business and economics to take time to explore data before use and properly transform accordingly to avoid error in estimation.*

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The application of Normal, Exponential and Gamma distribution cut across disciplines, the detection study of outlier on the sample of the distribution of utmost importance. Often, some observations from a set of data might appear to be inconsistency with the rest of the observations as a result of outlier Lalitha. S & kurmar. N (2012). Inclusion of the outliers may lead to model misspecification, biased parameter estimation and incorrect results. It is therefore important to identify outliers prior to modeling and analysis Liu et al (2004). Barnett and Lewis (1994) emphasized that in order to identify these outliers *discordancy* test needs to be performed.

Ben-Gal et al (2005), Outlier detection methods have been suggested for numerous applications, such as credit card fraud detection, clinical trials, voting irregularity analysis, data cleansing, network intrusion, severe weather prediction, geographic information systems, athlete performance analysis, and other data-mining tasks (Hawkins, 1980; Barnett and Lewis, 1994; Ruts and Rousseeuw, 1996; Fawcett and Provost, 1997; Johnson et al., 1998; Penny and Jolliffe, 2001; Acuna and Rodriguez, 2004; Lu et al., 2003).

Ben-Gal et al (2005), also stated that most of the earliest univariate methods for outlier detection rely on the assumption of knowing the underlying distribution of the data. Moreover, many discordance tests for detecting univariate outliers further assume that the distribution parameters and the type of expected outliers are also known (Barnett and Lewis, 1994).

Certain figures that are considered as outliers sometimes represent actual values in a given sample, and maybe sending a warning signal to the user of such data. In the study by Adeleke et al (2015) where daily foreign exchange risk of Nigeria naira against nine other foreign currencies were forecasted using 'extreme value theory' where tail area of the distribution was modeled and risk measured accordingly.

In this study, we seek to identify the presence of k-upper outliers in exponential, Gamma and Normal samples using Tietjen-Moore test-statistics, also apply the same technique to foreign exchange data and examine the difference between test statistics for samples that are approximately normally and the one that are not approximately normally distributed.

The underlying distributions are discussed as follows:

### 1.1 Discordancy Test in Normal distribution

The random variable  $x$  is said to have a Normal distribution (Gaussian) if its density function is

$$f(x, \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad \sigma > 0, \quad -\infty < \mu < \infty \quad (1)$$

The normal distribution is an extremely important in many fields; it is applicable in physiological measurements of biological specimens, financial variables like exchange rates, counting problems that follow Binomial or Poisson random variables, light and thermal intensity and many more. It has relationship with distributions like Raleigh, Cauchy and lognormal distributions, Ugwuowo (2009).

According to Ben-Gal et al (2005), A central assumption in statistical-based methods for outlier detection, is a generating model that allows a small number of observations to be randomly sampled from distributions  $G_1, \dots, G_k$ , differing from the target distribution  $F$ , which is often taken to be a normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . The outlier identification problem is then translated to the problem of identifying those observations that lie in a so-called outlier region. This leads to the following definition (Davies and Gather, 1993): For any confidence coefficient  $\alpha, 0 < \alpha < 1$ , the  $\alpha$ -outlier region of the  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution is defined by

$$out(\alpha, \mu, \sigma^2) = \left\{ x : |x - \mu| > \frac{Z_{1-\alpha}}{2\sigma} \right\} \quad (2)$$

where  $Z_q$  is the  $q$  quantile of the  $N(0,1)$ . A number  $x$  is an  $\alpha$ -outlier with respect to  $F$  if  $x \in out(\alpha, \mu, \sigma^2)$ . Although, traditionally the normal distribution has been used as the target distribution, this definition can be easily extended to any unimodal symmetric distribution with positive density function, including the multivariate case Ben-Gal et al (2005).

To carry out discordancy test in Normal sample, we assume a univariate data set of  $n$  observations represented by  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}$  order statistics where  $x_{(1)}$  is the lowest observation and  $x_{(n)}$  the

highest observation. Surrendra et al (2006) while considering six Dixon type  $N7$  and  $N9-N13$ , identifies that Tests  $N7, N9$ , and  $N13$  are discordance tests for an extreme outlier ( $x_{(n)}$  or  $x_{(1)}$ ) in a normal sample with population variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) unknown, whereas tests  $N11-N13$  are for two extreme observations (either the upper-pair  $x_{(n)}, x_{(n-1)}$  or the lower-pair  $x_{(1)}, x_{(2)}$ ) in a similar normal sample. The corresponding test statistics for example, the test statistic for test  $N9$  is

$$TN9_u = \frac{(x_{(2)} - x_{(1)})}{(x_{(n)} - x_{(2)})} \quad (3)$$

To perform the discordancy test  $k$  upper outliers, we compute  $TN9_u$  in equation (3). It is said that the value  $x_{(n)}$  is under evaluation, i.e., tested to see if it was drawn from the same normal population as the rest of the sample (null hypothesis  $H_0$ ), or it came from a different normal sample (with a different mean or a different variance or both), i.e., if it happens to be a discordant outlier (alternate hypothesis  $H_1$ ). The computed value of test statistic  $TN9_u$  is then compared with the critical value (percentage point) for a given number of observations  $n$  and at a given significance level (SL), in this study used SL of 5% and 1% was used.

If computed  $TN9_u$  is less than the critical value at a given confidence level,  $H_0$  is said to be true at that particular confidence level, i.e., there is no outlier at the chosen confidence level. But if computed  $TN9_u$  is greater than the respective critical value at a given confidence level,  $H_0$  is said to be false and, consequently,  $H_1$  is said to be true at that particular confidence level, i.e., the observation tested ( $x_{(n)}$ ) by  $TN9_u$  is detected as a discordant outlier which can then be discarded, and the test applied consecutively for other extreme values until  $H_0$  is true.

## 1.2 Discordancy Test in Exponential Distribution

The exponential distribution with scale parameter,  $\theta$ , is the distribution with probability density Function

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \quad x > 0, \theta > 0 \quad (4)$$

The exponential distribution has many applications in queuing theory life-testing experiment and reliability engineering, other areas of applications of the exponential distribution are stated in Ugwuowo (2009)

According to Lalitha. S & Kumar . N (2012), let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from an exponential distribution  $f(x|\theta)$  and its corresponding order statistics be  $X_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ . To perform the discordancy test for  $k$  upper outliers, we set up a null hypothesis  $H_0$  that all the observations are coming from an exponential distribution  $f(x|\theta)$  against the slippage alternative,  $H_k$ , that  $(n-k)$  observations are from this population but  $k$  values are from a  $f(x|b\theta)$ , ( $b > 1$ ) population. In fact, the choice of  $k$  in multiple outlier problems is crucial. They emphasized that improper choice of  $k$  may give misleading results and the problem of deciding on the number of outliers in a sample has been considered by various authors such as Jain and Pingel (1981), Kale (1976), Rosner (1975) and Tietjen and Moore (1972).

According to Barnett and Lewis (1994), various discordancy tests for single and multiple outliers have been proposed for exponential samples. Likes (1966) proposed a Dixon-type statistic

$$D_k = \frac{X_{(n)} - X_{(n-1)}}{X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}} \quad (5)$$

A large value of the test statistic  $D_k$  signifies the presence of k-upper outliers in the sample.

Zerbet and Nikulin (2003) also proposed test statistic for identifying outliers as follows:

$$T_k = \frac{X_{(n-k)} - X_{(1)}}{\sum_{j=n-k+1}^n X_{(j)} - X_{(1)}} \quad (6)$$

A smaller value of  $T_k$  indicates the presence of outlier in the sample.

A popular test statistic which is also used for testing upper outliers is the maximum likelihood ratio test given by

$$L_k = \frac{\sum_{j=n-k+1}^n X_{(j)}}{\sum_{j=1}^n X_{(j)}} \quad (7)$$

If  $L_k$  is greater than specified value, the test indicates the presence of outliers.

Lalitha. S &Kumar . N (2012), used the test statistics proposed by gap-family to test for multiple outlier in exponential sample

The test statistic for k-upper outliers may be defined as:

$$Z_k = \frac{X_{(n)} - X_{(n-k)}}{S_n} \quad (8)$$

A larger value of  $Z_k$  will indicate the presence of k upper outlier in the sample. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected when  $Z_k > z_k(\alpha)$ , where  $z_k(\alpha)$  is the critical value at  $\alpha$  level of significance. The exact null distribution  $Z_k$  for  $k \geq 2$  is rather complex. However, the critical value  $z_k(\alpha)$  of test for  $k \geq 1$  are found to be very close to:

$$\hat{Z}_{(\alpha)} = 1 - \prod_{j=1}^K \left\{ \frac{(j-1+\alpha)^{\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)}}{j} \right\} \quad (9)$$

### 1.3 Discordancy Test in Gamma Distribution

Gamma distribution is also an important distribution, one of its application which is modelling waiting times between Poisson distributed events.

JabbariNooghabi et al. (2010) and Kumar and Lalhita (2012), shows that If  $F$  is a Gamma distribution then  $H_0: X_1, \dots, X_n$  are  $n$  independent random variables, each following a Gamma distribution with shape parameter  $m > 0$  and scale parameter  $\sigma > 0$ , denoted by  $\Gamma(m, \sigma)$ , whose probability density function (pdf) is given by

$$f(x; m, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m)\sigma^m} x^{m-1} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{\sigma}\right), x > 0 \quad (10)$$

However, Lucini, M.M and Frery A. C (2015) identifies that results presented by JabbariNooghabi et al. (2010) do not hold in all expected cases. With this, the technique proposed by Kumar and Lalhita (2012) for detecting upper outliers in Gamma samples is also not valid. Specifically, the note shows that the probability density functions (pdf) under the null hypothesis of the test statistics therein proposed are not always valid. Both authors proposed tests statistics to detect outliers in Gamma samples using a test of discordancy for outliers framework as defined by Barnett and Lewis (1994). Lucini, M.M and Frery A. C (2015) pointed out that equation (10) will be assumed that these random variables are distributed according to a  $\Gamma(m,1)$  law, that is, with pdf given by

$$f(x; m) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m)} x^{m-1} \exp(-x), x > 0 \quad (11)$$

The alternative hypothesis used in JabbariNooghabi et al. (2010) and Kumar and Lalhita (2012) is the slippage alternative. We are interested in detecting  $1 \leq k \leq n$  upper outliers using  $Z_k$ , the statistic proposed by Kumar and Lalhita (2012). This statistic, after some computations, can be written as

$$Z_k = \frac{\sum_{j=n-k+1}^n (n-j+1)Y_j}{\sum_{j=2}^n (n-j+1)Y_j} \quad (12)$$

Where

$$Y_j = X_{(j)} - X_{(j-1)} \quad (13)$$

$X_{(j)}$  denotes the  $j$ -th order statistics of the ordered sample from  $(X_i)_{(1 \leq i \leq n)}$  in non-decreasing order, that is,  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ , and  $k$  is the number of observations suspected to be upper outliers.

A strong assumption made in both works is that, under the null hypothesis, each  $Y_j$  follows a  $\Gamma(m, (n-j+1)^{-1})$  distribution. This is not true when  $m \neq 1$ . See work done by Lucini, M.M and Frery A. C (2015) for detailed comments on "Detecting Outliers in Gamma Distribution" by M. JabbariNooghabi et al. (2010).

#### 1.4 Tietjen-Moore Test Statistics

Tietjen-Moore test-statistics reduces to Grubb's test if  $k=1$ , Grubbs' test (Grubbs 1969 and Beck 1972), is used to detect a single outlier in a univariate data set that follows an approximately normal distribution. Grubbs' test is also known as the maximum normed residual test.

The Grubbs' test statistic is defined as:

$$G = \frac{|Y_t - \bar{Y}|}{s}$$

with  $\bar{Y}$  and  $s$  denoting the sample mean and standard deviation, respectively. The Grubbs' test statistic is the largest absolute deviation from the sample mean in units of the sample standard deviation.

This is the two-sided version of the test. The Grubbs' test can also be defined as one of the following one-sided tests:

- i. test whether the minimum value is an outlier

$$G = \frac{\bar{Y} - Y_{\min}}{s}$$

with  $Y_{\min}$  denoting the minimum value.

- ii. test whether the maximum value is an outlier

$$G = \frac{Y_{\max} - \bar{Y}}{s}$$

with  $Y_{\max}$  denoting the maximum value.

For the two-sided test, the hypothesis of no outliers is rejected if

$$G > \frac{(N-1)}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{(t_{\alpha/(2N)}, N-2)^2}{N-2 + (t_{\alpha/(2N)}, N-2)^2}}$$

with  $t_{\alpha/(2N), N-2}$  denoting the critical value of the  $t$  distribution with  $(N-2)$  degrees of freedom and a significance level of  $\alpha/(2N)$ . For one-sided tests, we use a significance level of level of  $\alpha/N$ .

Grubbs' test is defined for the hypothesis:  $H_0$ : There are no outliers in the data set and  $H_a$ : There is exactly one outlier in the data set.

Tietjen-Moore is a general Grubb's test when more than one upper outlier is suspected in a given data set. Steps in computing Tietjen-Moore test statistics are considered as follows:

Sort the  $n$  data points from smallest to the largest so that  $y_i$  denotes the  $i$ th largest data value. The test statistic for the  $k$  largest points is

$$L'_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}_k)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (14)$$

with  $\bar{y}$  denoting the sample mean for the full sample and  $\bar{y}_k$  denoting the sample mean with the largest  $k$  points removed. The test statistic for the  $k$  smallest points is

$$L''_k = \frac{\sum_{i=k+1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}_k)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (15)$$

with  $\bar{y}$  denoting the sample mean for the full sample and  $\bar{y}_k$  denoting the sample mean with the smallest  $k$  points removed.

To test for outliers in both tails, compute the absolute residuals

$$r_i = |y_i - \bar{y}| \quad (16)$$

and then let  $z_i$  denote the  $y_i$  values sorted by their absolute residuals in ascending order.

The test statistics for the case is:

$$E_k = \frac{\sum_{i=k+1}^n (z_i - \bar{z}_k)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^2} \quad (17)$$

with  $z_i$  denoting the sample mean for the full data set and  $\bar{z}_k$  denoting the sample mean with the largest  $k$  points removed. We reject  $H_0$  if  $E_k < E_{critical}$

## 2. METHODOLOGY

Tietjen-Moore test statistics is used for the sample of the three underlying distributions to get the test statistics and the critical value for 10,000 simulations,  $k$ -upper outliers were also examined using Nigeria foreign exchange rate against the US dollars following the same algorithm. The simulation and empirical study was carried out using R 3.2.5 the test statistics and critical value were computed for each value of  $n$ . The null hypothesis  $H_0$  for Tietjen-Moore test is defined as there are no outliers in the data set, while the alternative hypothesis  $H_a$ , there are exactly  $k$  outliers in the data set.

Algorithm for Tietjen-Moore is as follows:

- (i) Create a function to compute statistic to
- (ii) Compute the absolute residuals
- (iii) Sort data according to size of residual
- (iv) Create a subset of the data without the largest  $k$  values
- (v) Compute the sums of squares
- (vi) Compute the test statistic
- (vii) Call the function and compute value of test statistic for data
- (viii) Compute critical value based on simulation.

The Tietjen-Moore test is a lower, one-tailed test, so we reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers when the value of the test statistic is less than the critical value.

## 3. SIMULATION STUDY

The critical region for the Tietjen-Moore test is determined by simulation. The simulation is performed by generating a standard normal random sample of size  $n$  and computing the Tietjen-Moore test statistic. Typically, 10,000 random samples are used. The value of the Tietjen-Moore statistic obtained from the data is compared to this reference distribution. The value of the test statistic is between zero and one. If there are no outliers in the data, the test statistic is close to 1. If there are outliers in the data, the test statistic will be closer to zero. Thus, the test is always a lower, one-tailed test regardless of which test statistics is used,  $L_k$  or  $E_k$ .

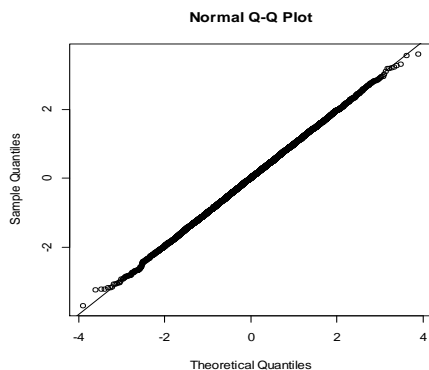


Fig 1: Q-Q fo Normal Sample

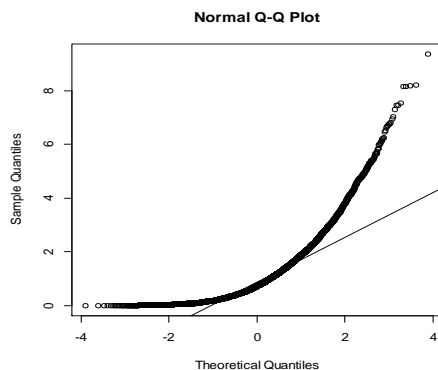


Fig 2: Q-Q for Exponential Sample

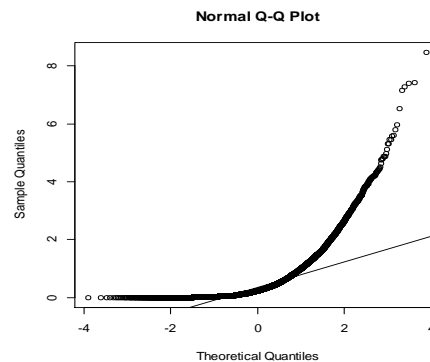


Fig 3: Q-Q for Gamma S Sample

Table 1: Simulated and approximated test statistics when  $k = 2, 3, 4$  for Exponential, Gamma and Normal sample using  $E_k$  as test statistics.

$n$	$E_{Exp_2}$	$E_{Gam_2}$	$E_{Norm_2}$	$E_{Exp_3}$	$E_{Gam_3}$	$E_{Norm_3}$	$E_{Exp_4}$	$E_{Gam_4}$	$E_{Norm_4}$
10	0.2114	0.1913	0.2177	0.2709	0.1861	0.3485	0.1404	0.1058	0.1868
20	0.4048	0.5039	0.6441	0.3270	0.4684	0.6091	0.3519	0.2856	0.4641
30	0.4026	0.5800	0.5512	0.2824	0.1016	0.6046	0.3481	0.3278	0.4572
40	0.3879	0.4513	0.7662	0.1476	0.3944	0.6599	0.3786	0.4095	0.5240
50	0.4173	0.6162	0.8176	0.5851	0.6492	0.7186	0.5144	0.5282	0.5918
100	0.7095	0.8375	0.8344	0.7131	0.6520	0.8203	0.5412	0.6570	0.7985
200	0.7436	0.8405	0.9191	0.7009	0.8229	0.8895	0.7340	0.7785	0.8739
250	0.8232	0.8567	0.9346	0.8030	0.8231	0.9001	0.7207	0.7643	0.8599
500	0.9194	0.9098	0.9595	0.8575	0.8848	0.9347	0.7647	0.8386	0.9292
1000	0.9423	0.9539	0.9759	0.9215	0.9100	0.9667	0.8597	0.91789	0.9607
5000	0.9654	0.9879	0.9949	0.9651	0.9691	0.9921	0.9514	0.9739	0.9903
10000	0.9855	0.9887	0.9963	0.9831	0.9811	0.9955	0.9789	0.9839	0.9944

Table 2: Simulated and approximated critical values for 5% and 1%, when  $k = 2, 3, 4$  for Exponential, Gamma and Normal sample.

$n$	$E_{E_2}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{G_2}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{N_2}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{E_3}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{G_3}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{N_3}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{E_4}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{G_4}^*(\alpha)$	$E_{N_4}^*(\alpha)$
10	0.056	0.0939	0.1666	0.0353	0.0561	0.0812	0.0217	0.0296	0.0366
7		0.0491	0.0984	0.0151	0.0266	0.0446	0.0082	0.0139	0.0164
0.024									
7									
20	0.158	0.2346	0.4206	0.1082	0.1711	0.3028	0.0843	0.1316	0.2226
0		0.1517	0.3399	0.0664	0.1087	0.2360	0.0515	0.0828	0.1677
0.092									
3									
30	0.248	0.3331	0.5480	0.1688	0.2557	0.4425	0.1347	0.2023	0.3613
2		0.2414	0.4876	0.1094	0.1865	0.3816	0.0903	0.1417	0.3079
0.155									
2									
40	0.311	0.4018	0.6285	0.0372	0.3219	0.5354	0.1805	0.2684	0.4585
7		0.3095	0.5669	0.0159	0.2424	0.4794	0.1250	0.2006	0.4061
0.218									
5									
50	0.364	0.4639	0.6826	0.2875	0.3832	0.5996	0.2308	0.3209	0.5262
3		0.3663	0.6322	0.2023	0.3027	0.5504	0.1684	0.2543	0.4778
0.262									
0									
100	0.532	0.6225	0.8122	0.4541	0.5494	0.7543	0.4014	0.4924	0.7035
7		0.5392	0.7803	0.3722	0.4809	0.7260	0.3198	0.4277	0.6709
0.441									



200	9	0.677	0.7478	0.6079	0.6079	0.6910	0.8550	0.5609	0.6456	0.8236
	5	0.6872	0.5309	0.5309	0.6331	0.8350	0.5000	0.5922	0.8043	
250	0.596									
	4	0.715	0.7828	0.6580	0.6581	0.7319	0.8783	0.6071	0.6884	0.8507
	0	0.7255	0.5850	0.5850	0.6813	0.8636	0.5507	0.6409	0.8343	
500	0.644									
	4	0.814	0.8630	0.7716	0.7716	0.8294	0.9310	0.7353	0.7979	0.9148
	2	0.8262	0.7211	0.7211	0.7950	0.9218	0.6877	0.7652	0.9061	
1000	0.767									
	4	0.884	0.9177	0.8556	0.8555	0.8936	0.9616	0.8292	0.8739	0.9519
	5	0.8996	0.8279	0.8279	0.8726	0.9576	0.7978	0.8532	0.9475	
5000	0.858									
	0	0.965	0.9761	0.9931	0.9546	0.9681	0.9904	0.9451	0.9777	0.9879
	4	0.9713	0.9923	0.9461	0.9626	0.9896	0.9363	0.9745	0.9868	
10000	0.957									
	9	0.979	0.9863	0.9732	0.9732	0.9818	0.9948	0.9679	0.9777	0.9934
	9	0.9834	0.9686	0.9686	0.9784	0.9944	0.9632	0.9745	0.9929	
	0.975									
	4									

Note:  $E_{E_k}^*(\alpha)$ ,  $E_{G_k}^*(\alpha)$ , and  $E_{N_k}^*(\alpha)$  are simulated and approximate critical values for Exponential, Gamma and Normal respectively.

In each two-entry, the first line is the critical values for  $\alpha = 0.05$  and the second line is the critical values for  $\alpha = 0.01$ . We reject  $H_0$  if  $E_k < E_{critical}$

#### 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION

##### 4.1 Data Description

In this study, daily official central foreign exchange data were collected from Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) official website, the sample period is from, October 12, 2001 to March 8 2016; this represents 3487. Data set for of three currency exchange rates against Nigeria Naira. Three foreign exchange rates were considered against the NGN which include US Dollars. If  $S_t$  be the exchange rate of USD against NGN and let

$r_t = \log(S_t/S_{t-1})$ , then the exchange rate of NGN against USD is  $1/S_t$ . This will yield the log returns

$r_t = \log\left(\frac{1/S_t}{1/S_{t-1}}\right)$ ., it is observed from the normal Q-Q plots that he data is not normally distributed but it was

closed to normal after the logarithm transformation.

Table 3: result of descriptive of the Returns of US Dollars against Nigeria Naira

	Raw	Log return
Min	0.005038	-0.56340
Max	0.015130	0.56340
Mean	0.007145	0.00016
Std.dev	0.000963	0.19137
Skew	-0.06282	0.19137
Kurtosis	1.305108	800.516
$Q_1$	0.006442	0.00000
$Q_2$	0.006897	0.00000
$Q_3$	0.007895	0.00000

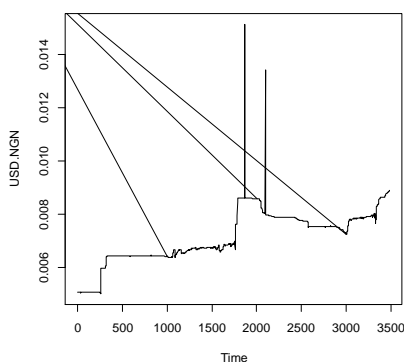


Fig 4: Time series plot of USD-NGN exchange rate

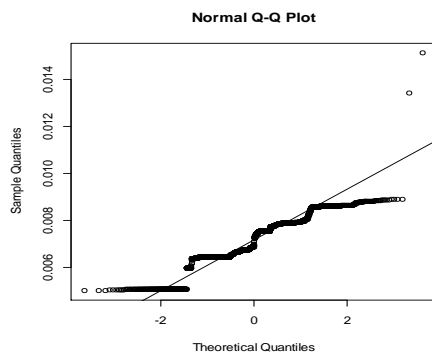


Fig 5: Q-Q normal plot of USD-NGN raw exchange rate

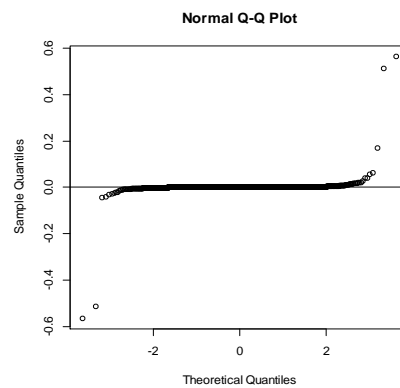


Fig 5: Q-Q normal plot of USD-NGN log transformed exchange rate

Table 4: Result before logarithm transformation

$n$	$E_{k=2}$	$E_{k=3}$	$E_{k=4}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=2}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=3}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=4}$
10	0.9999907	0.9999864	0.9999822	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000
20	0.9999811	0.9999717	0.9999623	1 1	0.9999999 0.9999999	0.9999999 0.9999999
50	0.9999974	0.9999609	0.9999479	0.9999997 0.9999997	0.9999996 0.9999996	0.9999995 0.9999995
100	0.9999558	0.9999338	0.9999116	0.9999989 0.9999989	0.9999984 0.9999984	0.9999979 0.9999979
200	0.9999424	0.9999135	0.9998847	0.9999986 0.9999986	0.9999949 0.9999949	0.9999932 0.9999932
500	0.9998968	0.9998452	0.9997936	0.9999825 0.9999825	0.9999974 0.9999974	0.9999655 0.9999655
1000	0.9998531	0.9997799	0.9997072	0.9999264 0.9999264	0.9998897 0.9998897	0.9998531 0.9999907
2000	0.9996886	0.9995328	0.9993768 0.9993768	0.9996546 0.9996546	0.999482 0.999482	0.9993101 0.9993101
3000	0.9986702	0.9980048	0.9973389	0.9987269 0.9987269	0.9980912 0.9980912	0.9974561 0.9974561

Note: The critical values at 1% and 5% are recorded at first and second entry respectively in columns 5, 6 and 7 while Tietjen-Moore test statistics are computed in the first three columns.

Table 5: Result after logarithm transformation

$n$	$E_{k=2}$	$E_{k=3}$	$E_{k=4}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=2}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=3}$	$E^*_{\alpha,k=4}$
10	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000
20	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	1.00000 1.00000	0.9999999 0.9999999	0.9999999 0.9999999
50	1.00000	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999997 0.9999997	0.9999996 0.9999996	0.9999995 0.9999995
100	1.00000	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999989 0.9999989	0.9999984 0.9999984	0.9999979 0.9999979
200	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999999	0.9999986 0.9999986	0.9999949 0.9999949	0.9999932 0.9999932
500	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999999	0.9999825 0.9999825	0.9999974 0.9999974	0.9999655 0.9999655
1000	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999999	0.9999264 0.9999264	0.9998897 0.9998897	0.9998531 0.9999907
2000	1.00000	0.9999999	0.9999999	0.9996546 0.9996546	0.999482 0.999482	0.9993101 0.9993101
3000	0.9999997	0.9999996	0.9999996	0.9987269 0.9987269	0.9980912 0.9980912	0.9974561 0.9974561

Note: The critical values at 1% and 5% are recorded at first and second entry respectively in columns 5, 6 and 7 while Tietjen-Moore test statistics are computed in the first three columns.

## 5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In this study algorithm from Tietjen-Moore test statistics was carried out after 10, 000 replications of Normal, Exponential and Gamma sample has been implemented in the R programming language, R core team (2016). The critical values were also gotten from the simulated sample at specified value of  $n$ . Almost all points falling on a straight line on normal Q-Qplots for Normal sample reveals how plot of a data set that is approximately normally distributed should look like, exponential and gamma sample deviates from this.

Plots of raw exchange rate deviates from normality as much as descriptive statistics shows in table 3 with skewness and kurtosis. However, normal Q-Q plots for the logarithm transformed data shows that the data is normally distributed.

Table 4 shows test statistics of Tietjen-Moore ( $E_k$ ) at  $k=2,3$  and 4 and the critical values are equally computed. It is observed that  $E_k < E_{\alpha i}^*$  where  $i=2, 3$  and 4 at all values of  $n$ . therefore is  $k$ -upper outliers at  $k=2,3$ , and 4 at all values of  $n$  observed.

Table 5 above shows test statistics of Tietjen-Moore ( $E_k$ ) at  $k=2,3$  and 4 and the critical values are equally computed. It is observed that  $E_k > E_{\alpha i}^*$  at  $n > 50$  and  $E_k \leq E_{\alpha i}^*$  at  $n \leq 20$  where  $i=2, 3$  and 4. Therefore is no  $k$ -upper outliers at  $k=2,3$ , and 4 at all values of  $n$  observed when the data is logarithmic transformed.

Therefore, it is recommended that proper evaluation of nature of data be done so as not to have error in estimation or forecast.

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