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Empirical and Statistical Determination of Optimal Distribution Model for Radio Frequency Mobile Networks Using Realistic Weekly Block Call Rates Indicator

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Abstract: Mobile phones and handsets enable us to communicate our voice, data and video messages with individuals that are far-off from us. When an active call is initiated by someone using a mobile phone, it is transmitted through a nearby Base Station (BS) transmitter to another BS until the call gets to its intended receiver. Any time a caller initiates and loses a connection to a BS while on conversation, the call is said to be dropped. The initiation and completion of an active call without any form of disconnection or termination is a key service quality parameter in telecommunication system networks. Robust statistical estimation, modelling and characterization of call drop rates is of high importance to the network operators and radio frequency engineers for effective re-planning and performance management process of telecommunication system networks. This work was designed to determine the optimal probability distribution model for drop call rates based on a five week acquired rate of drop calls data sample in the Southern regions of Nigeria. To accomplish the aim, eight probability distributions namely logistic, log-logistic, normal, log-normal, exponential, Rayleigh, rician and Gumbel max were explored and based on the combined scores of three goodness of fit statistical tests, the log-logistic distribution was found to be the optimal probability distribution for the weekly rate of drop call prognostic analysis. The results could be of immense assistance to radio frequency engineers for optimal statistical modelling and design of cellular systems channels.

Index Terms: Block calls, Drop calls, modelling, optimal probability distribution, goodness-of-fit, log-logistic, prognostic analysis

1. Introduction

The telecommunication industrial sector has gone through a remarkable technological growth and advancement over the years, globally. This can be seen in the steady evolution and rolling out of varied cellular radio communication technology such as UMTS (Universal Mobile telecommunication Systems, GSM (Global system for Mobile Communication), LTE (Long Term Evolution) and among others. The deployment and smooth acceptance of these cellular radio communication system networks in our society has also been on the rise daily in the recent years and it keeps rising globally. This has as well been accompanied by large subscription of both personal and commercial subscribers to the various voice, data and video services being offered by the system networks operators or service providers.

As the evolution, deployment and urbane acceptance these different cellular radio communication, systems continuous to grow, complemented with the interminable increase in their service package subscriptions, one important aspect that cannot be overlooked is the level of satisfaction the subscribers obtain from the assorted services network operators to the subscribers. Based on different research studies [1]-[4], it is disclosed that subscribers' frustration with regard to quality of service (QoS) is the main reason why about 82% of them constantly change network operator or subscribe to more than one operator. One of the foremost problems that leads to mobile subscribers' complains and frustration is the problem of call drops while on conversation in cellular radio communication networks. In many

reports, poor network planning, free channels unavailability, high traffic rate, poor antenna engineering configuration, etc., have been identified as the key factors that result to frequent call dropping in cellular communication systems.

2. Literature Review

In literature, different attempts have been adopted to examine and model the rate of call drops in cellular mobile networks, but mostly through theoretical and analytical methods [5]-[14], which are too complex and impracticable to explore during network planning/re-planning phase [15-19]. In [20-29], the authors engaged combined theoretical survey and analytical methods to study wireless network performance using some key performance indicators such as signal quality [20, 21], blocking/dropping probabilities in [22- 25], grade of service in [26], traffic delay in [27], outage probability in [28], spectral efficiency in [29], and cell availability in [30], respectively.

The work is proposed to realistically find an optimal reliable statistical distribution model that can characterizes and prognostically analyze the rate of practical drop calls data sample acquired over cellular radio network in the Southern regions of Nigeria.

3. Materials and Methods

Statistical probability distributions are specially formulated distributions by statisticians to mathematically represent or model certain distributional phenomenon. In this work, eight special probability distribution functions (pdfs) and their cumulative distribution functions (cdfs) are explored to model and prognostically characterize the week rate of drop calls acquired over operational cellular mobile radio networks. The eight special probability distributions are logistic, log-logistic, normal, log-normal, exponential, Rayleigh, rician and Gumbel max. The performance of each the eight special probability distributions would be conveyed using goodness of fit (GOF) statistics such as the Kolmogorov Smirnov test, Chi-Square Test and Anderson Test.

3.1 Log-logistic probability Distribution (LLPD)

The LLPD is a robust distribution model whose variables are logistically distributed. The pdf and cdf, mean, mode, variance, skewness and Kurtosis can be expressed by is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\mu x^{\mu-1}}{k^{\mu}\left[1 + \dfrac{x}{k}\right]^2} \tag{1}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\dfrac{k}{x}\right]}\mu \tag{2}$$

$$Mean = k\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$Mode = k\left[\frac{\mu-1}{\mu+1}\right]^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \tag{4}$$

$$Variance = k^2\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\left[2\csc\left(2\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - \frac{\pi}{\mu}\csc^2\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\right] \tag{5}$$

$$Skewness = \frac{3\csc\left(3\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - 6\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\csc\left(2\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\csc\left(\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right) + 2\left(\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right)^2\csc^3\left(\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right)}{\sqrt{\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}}\left[2\csc\left(2\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - \dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\csc^2\left(\dfrac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\right]^{3/2}} \tag{6}$$

$$Curtosis = \frac{6\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)^2 \csc^3\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) + 4\csc\left(4\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - 3\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)^3 \csc^4\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - 12\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\csc\left(3\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{\mu}\left[2\csc\left(2\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right) - \frac{\pi}{\mu}\csc^2\left(\frac{\pi}{\mu}\right)\right]^2} - 3$$

(7)

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.2. Logistic probability Distribution (LPD)

The LPD is a distribution with varied application; it is used for life data analysis, logistic regression analysis and also for growth modeling. The lognormal PDF and CDF can be defined by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\exp - (x - \mu)/k}{k \ (1 + \exp - (x - \mu)/k)^2}$$

(8)

$$F(x) \frac{1}{1 + \exp - (x - \mu)/k}$$

(9)

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters. The variance of the distribution is given by:

$$Variance = \frac{k^2 \pi^2}{3}$$

(10)

3.3. Lognormal Distribution Function (LNPD)

The LNPD is also a special distribution is whose random variables with a normally distributed logarithm. The lognormal PDF and CDF can be defined by [31].

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{xk\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[\frac{-(\ln x - \mu)^2}{2k^2}\right]$$

(11)

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} erf\left[\frac{-(\ln x - \mu)^2}{\sqrt{2}k}\right]$$

(12)

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.4. Normal Distribution

The normal distribution remain one of the most applied distribution for data analysis. The normal PDF and PDF can be determine using [31]:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{k\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[\frac{-(x - \mu)^2}{2k^2}\right]$$

(13)

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left[1 + erf\left(\frac{(x - \mu)}{k\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]$$

(14)

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.5. Gumbel Distribution

The Gumbel distribution, also generally termed the Extreme Value Type I (EV I) distribution, is named in honor of Emil Gumbel. The lognormal pdf and cdf of this distribution can be defined by (Isabona, 2019)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{k} \exp\left[\frac{-(x-\mu)}{k} - \exp\frac{-(x-\mu)}{k}\right] \tag{15}$$

$$F(x) = \exp\left(-\exp\frac{-(x-\mu)}{k}\right) \tag{16}$$

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.6. Exponential Distribution

This is one of most extensively explored continuous distribution, especially for modeling the elapse time between events. The pdf and cdf of exponential distribution can be determine using:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{k} \exp-\left[\frac{x-\mu}{k}\right] \tag{17}$$

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp-\left[\frac{x-\mu}{k}\right] \tag{18}$$

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.7. Rayleigh Distribution

The Rayleigh distribution is a popularly used continuous probability distribution and also a special (singular) case of the Weibull distribution. The Rayleigh pdf and cdf are given by [31,32]:

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{k} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{-x^2}{2k^2}\right)\right] \tag{19}$$

$$F(x,\sigma) = 1 - \exp\left[-\left(\frac{-x^2}{2k^2}\right)\right] \tag{20}$$

where μ and k represent the location and scale parameters.

3.8. Nakagami Distribution Function

The Nakagami distribution, is another well-known distribution termed the Nakagami-m distribution behave roughly and evenly near its mean value. The Nakagami pdf and cdf can expressed as [31]:

$$f(\ ) = \frac{2m^m}{\Gamma(m)a^m} x^{2m-1} \exp\left[-\frac{m}{a} x^2\right] \tag{21}$$

$$F(x,m,\Omega) = \frac{Y\left(m, \frac{m}{a} x^2\right)}{\Gamma(m)} \tag{22}$$

In (21), μ and ω represent the location and scale distribution parameters for the Nakagami.

3.9. Rician Distribution Function

In communication, the Rician distributions functions are usually employed to study stronger line-of-sight fading channels. The Rician PDF and CDF can expressed as [31]:

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{k^2} \exp\left[\left(\frac{-x^2+v^2}{2k^2}\right) I_o\left(\frac{xv}{k^2}\right)\right] \tag{23}$$

$$F(x) = 1 - Q_1\left(\frac{v}{k}, \frac{x}{k}\right) \tag{24}$$

In (23), μ and k represent the location and scale distribution parameters for the Rician.

where $I_o(z)$ and $Q_1(z)$ represent the modified Bessel function and Marcum Q function, respectively.

4. Results and Analysis

The five weeks drop call rate data explored for this study was obtained from the Radio network controller (RNC) stations of an operative GSM/UMTS system networks service provider operating Southern Nigeria. The number of NodeBs transceivers engaged in the data collection were 120. The results in Table 1 contain the weekly call drop statistics at a glance using EasyFit 5.6 Software. The graphics were also done using the EasyFit 5.6 Software. The results reveal that the table that the mean drop call rates ranges from 0.75 to 0.33 values, which are all within the 5% (0.02) threshold for GSM/UMTS networks.

To determine the optimal probability distribution model for weekly drop call rates data, we explored three goodness of fit (GOF) statistical tools such as the Kolmogorov Smirnov test, Chi-Square Test and Anderson Test. Tables 2 (a) - 6 (a), show the goodness of fit results using Kolmogorov Smirnov test, Anderson test and Chi-square test. To accomplish the aim, eight probability distributions namely logistic, log-logistic, normal, log-normal, exponential, Rayleigh, Rician and Gumbel max were explored and based on the combined scores of three goodness of fit statistical tests in Tables 2 (b) - 6 (b), the log-logistic distribution was found to be the be optimal probability distribution for the weekly rate of drop call prognostic analysis. For the purpose of visibility, the respective plotted pdf and cdf graphs using the log-logistic distribution are shown in Figs. 1 (a)-5(a) and Figs.1 (b)-5(b).

Table 1. Results of the weekly call drop rate statistics at a glance

Statistic	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Mean	0.46	0.33	0.37	0.73	0.72
Variance	0.85	0.61	0.88	5.07	2.98
Std. Deviation	0.92	0.78	0.94	2.25	1.72
Range	4.75	3.30	5.34	14.08	9.55
Coef. of Variation	1.97	2.33	2.52	3.07	2.39
Std. Error	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.32	0.24
Skewness	3.11	3.17	3.89	4.99	3.51
Excess Kurtosis	10.63	9.38	17.25	27.59	14.35

Table 2 (a): Goodness of Fit tests on week 1 call drop rates

Week 1	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	0.28484	7.4128	15.744
Log-logistic	0.12245	9.0142	1.252
Normal	0.30588	7.7838	13.744
Log-normal	0.15962	10.445	9.2907
Gumbel	0.34077	6.1854	7.5814
Exponential	0.35526	40.125	38.002
Rayleigh	0.5252	83.414	76.755
Rician	0.62478	132.83	122.31

Table 2 (b): Goodness of Fit tests score on week 1 call drop rates

Week 1	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	33	7	35
Log-logistic	1	13	3
Normal	35	10	32
Log-normal	7	26	28
Gumbel	38	5	22
Exponential	42	44	41
Rayleigh	46	46	43
Rician	48	48	45

Table 3 (a): Goodness of Fit tests on week 2 call drop rates

Week 2	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	0.33418	9.9241	19.314
Log-logistic	0.06508	5.1312	1.2203
Normal	0.3343	10.378	19.63
Log-normal	0.10735	5.4515	1.8956
Gumbel	0.37833	0.37833	12.543
Exponential	0.42531	30.46	60.754
Rayleigh	0.5986	95.112	93.75
Rician	0.70252	153.21	153.6

Table 3 (b):Goodness of Fit tests score on week 2 call drop rates

Week 2	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	33	29	30
Log-logistic	1	4	4
Normal	32	32	21
Log-normal	15	11	9
Gumbel	37	27	27
Exponential	41	40	37
Rayleigh	44	44	39
Rician	45	45	40

Table 4 (a):Goodness of Fit tests on week 3 call drop rates

Week 3	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	0.3613	9.7808	18.942
Log-logistic	0.20945	12.255	13.424
Normal	0.34856	10.016	19.914
Log-normal	0.21815	12.772	13.081
Gumbel	0.39366	8.7466	12.774
Exponential	0.48273	75.936	60.40
Rayleigh	0.66823	140.72	119.63
Rician	0.73453	217.86	153.6

Table 4 (b): Goodness of Fit tests score on week 3 call drop rates

Week 3	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	31	7	32
Log-logistic	6	13	20
Normal	30	9	34
Log-normal	20	21	17
Gumbel	36	5	14
Exponential	42	1	44
Rayleigh	47	48	44
Rician	48	49	45

Table 5 (a): Goodness of Fit tests on week 4 call drop rates

Week 4	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	0.36122	11.101	23.456
Log-logistic	0.2500	13.027	10.555
Normal	0.37251	11.492	21.645
Log-normal	0.29769	17.443	19.756
Gumbel	0.42655	10.36	13.982
Exponential	0.49057	118.68	72.938
Rayleigh	0.66207	134.12	118.1
Rician	0.78421	245.16	173.4

Table 5 (b): Goodness of Fit tests score on week 4 call drop rates

Week 4	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	31	6	34
Log-logistic	6	14	22
Normal	34	10	29
Log-normal	12	22	22
Gumbel	40	4	10
Exponential	41	46	39
Rayleigh	47	44	43
Rician	48	48	42

Table 6 (a): Goodness of Fit tests on week 5 call drop rates

Week 5	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	0.34596	9.7407	18.87
Log-logistic	0.30612	14.559	15.011
Normal	0.3536	10.011	19.52
Log-normal	0.35748	20.942	34.39
Gumbel	0.40295	8.9953	12.523
Exponential	0.52399	167.23	90.816
Rayleigh	0.73547	249.21	158.4
Rician	0.73547	249.21	158.4

Table 6 (b): Goodness of Fit tests score on week 5 call drop rates

Week 5	Kolmogorov Smirnov test	Anderson Test	Chi-Square Test
Logistic	13	5	11
Log-logistic	6	13	9
Normal	15	7	12
Log-normal	17	30	21
Gumbel	33	3	7
Exponential	43	45	37
Rayleigh	48	48	41
Rician	49	49	40

Fig.1. Pdf of drop call rates in week 1

Probability Density Function

Fig.2. Pdf of drop call rates in week 2.

Probability Density Function

Fig.3. Pdf of drop call rates in week 3.

Probability Density Function

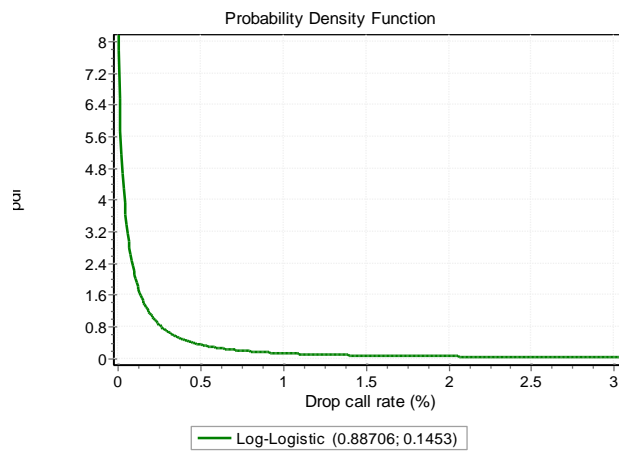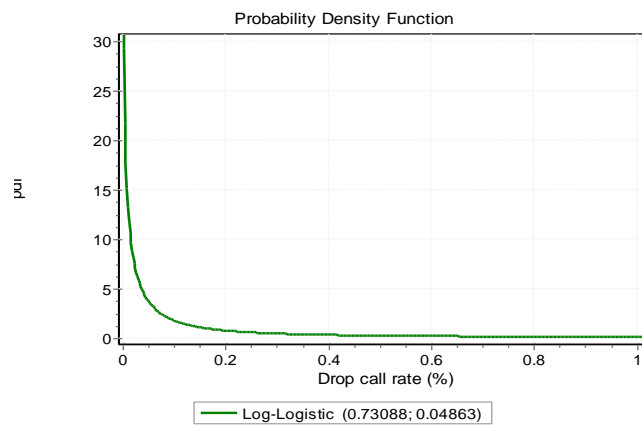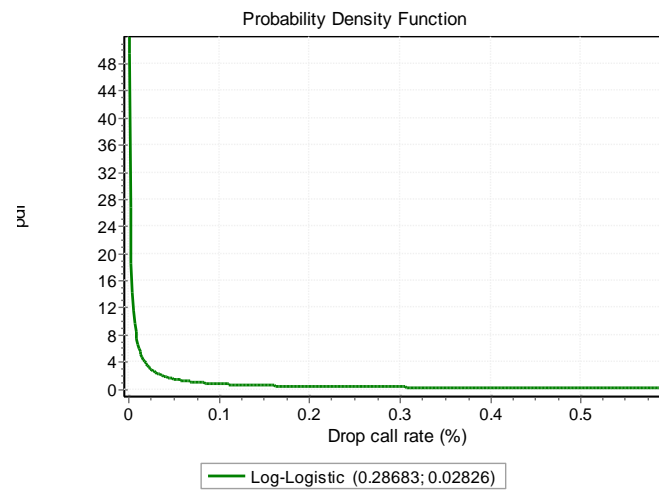Fig. 4. Pdf of drop call rates in week 4.

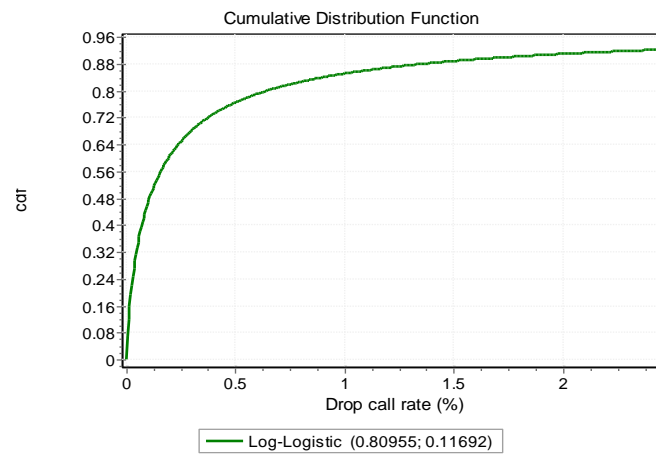Fig. 5. Pdf of drop call rates in week 5.

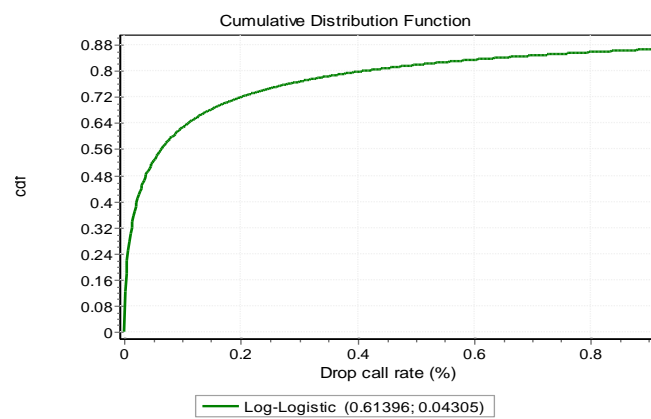Fig. 6. cdf of drop call rates in week 1.
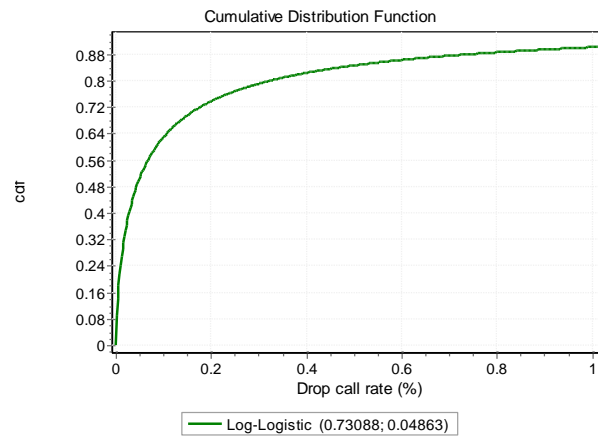

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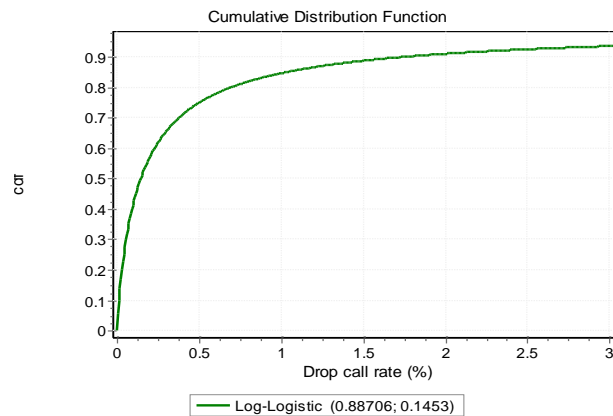
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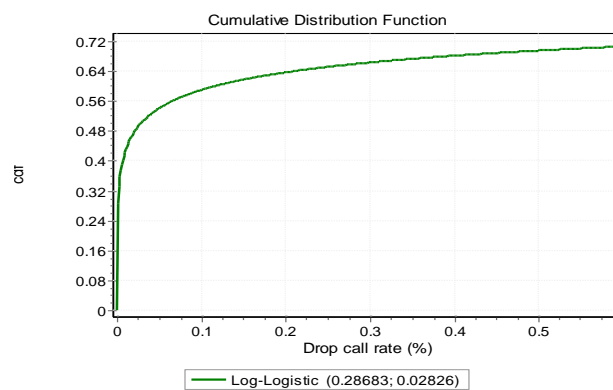

Fig.9. cdf of drop call rates in week 4.

Fig.10.cdf of drop call rates in week 5.

5. Conclusion

The design, analysis and characterization of operational cellular communication system networks performance via realistic modeling and evaluation, also aid their effective network re-planning and performance management process.

This work was designed to determine the optimal probability distribution model for effective drop call rates analysis and characterization based on a five week acquired rate of drop calls data sample in the Southern regions of Nigeria. To accomplish the aim, eight different probability distributions namely logistic, log-logistic, normal, log-normal, exponential, Rayleigh, rician and Gumbel max were explored for drop call rates analysis and characterization. From the results, the profound performance of the log-logistic probability distribution over others is clearly shown. The results are conveyed using goodness of fit (GOF) statistics, after applying these distributions to a week call drop rates data obtained over GMS/WCDA cellular radio networks.

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