Minimax distribution (from http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html) The shorthand $X \sim \min(\beta, \gamma)$ is used to indicate that the random variable X has the minimax distribution with positive shape parameters β and γ . A minimax random variable X with parameters β and γ has probability density function

$$f(x) = \beta \gamma x^{\beta - 1} \left(1 - x^{\beta} \right)^{\gamma - 1} \qquad \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

The probability density function with three different parameter settings is illustrated below.



The cumulative distribution on the support of *X* is

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = 1 - (1 - x^{\beta})^{\gamma}$$
 $0 < x < 1.$

The survivor functionx on the support of X is

$$S(x) = P(X \ge x) = \left(1 - x^{\beta}\right)^{\gamma} \qquad \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

The hazard function on the support of X is

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = \frac{\beta \gamma x^{\beta - 1}}{1 - x^{\beta}}$$
 $0 < x < 1$.

The inverse distribution function of *X* is

$$F^{-1}(u) = \left(1 - (1 - u)^{1/\gamma}\right)^{1/\beta} \qquad 0 < u < 1.$$

The cumulative hazard, moment generating, and characteristic functions on the support of X are mathematically intractable.

The population mean of *X* is

$$E[X] = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+1)\Gamma((\beta+1)/\beta)}{\Gamma((\beta\gamma+\beta+1)/\beta)}$$