Modeling Mortality Rates Using Heligman-Pollard and Lee-Carter in Nigeria

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Abstract: In recent years the need for accurate mortality statistics has been emphasized by researchers in planning, analyzing, monitoring and projection of health situations in the country. It helps the government and other health agencies initiate various programs that can improve life expectancy especially in developing countries like Nigeria. Given the impact of mortality rates on the population size, structure, social security system, life insurance and pension (from actuarial point of view) there is need to understand how mortality patterns change with time. According to past studies the Heligman-Pollard (Henceforth HP) model and Lee-Carter (Henceforth LC) model have been widely accepted and use by researchers in forecasting future mortality. In this study both models were applied to Nigerian data with the objective to investigate the accuracy of their performances by comparing their assumptions. The LC model parameters were estimated based on the singular value decomposition technique (SVD), while HP model parameters were estimated using nonlinear least squares method. Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) procedure was applied to acquire to forecasted parameters for both models. To investigate the accuracy of the estimation, the forecasted results were compared based on the mean absolute percentage error (MAPE). The results indicate that both models provide better results for female population. However, for the elderly female population, HP model seems to overestimate to the mortality rates while LC model seems to underestimate to the mortality rates. Although the HP model does not seem to follow the pattern of the actual mortality rates, after further analysis was carried out it was discovered that the HP model gave a better forecast than the Lee-Carter model. Based on the HP model the forecasted probabilities of death were used to construct an abridged life table for males and females and the life expectancy at e_0 and e_{75} were obtained. From our results we see that males experience higher life expectancy than females due to the mortality rates experienced by both sexes. Given the level of mortality rate especially in developing countries like Nigeria, the study therefore recommends the need for a vital registration system that could continuously and reliably collect information because it is well known that incomplete data affect the performance of a model to forecast. To ascertain level and pattern of mortality rate especially in adult, parameterization model especially the HP model should be considered because of it lesser errors, with the view of achieving a robust forecasting model that could improve the understanding of the pattern of general mortality rate and how it affects life expectancy level in the country.

Keywords: Mortality Rate, Heligman-Pollard Model, Lee-Carter Model, Levenberg-marquardt Iteration Procedures, Nigeria

1. Introduction

There has been interest on the future of human survival that has shown a remarkable rise in life expectancy. In developed countries especially countries in Asia, Europe and North-America there has been an improvement in life expectancy which has brought about the further decline in mortality rate, while countries in Africa has experienced slow

growth in life expectancy probably because of some social and development significance. Worldwide, the average life expectancy at birth was 70.5 years (68 years and 4 months for males and 72 years and 8 months for females) over the period of 2010-2015 according to United Nations World Population Prospects 2015 Revision. It has been revealed that Women on average live longer than men in all major regions of the world except for Mali and Swaziland. Despite the

initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) on safe motherhood the mortality condition in Nigeria has not been dealt with. All effort by the ministry of health to make direct improvement on the health sector in the country has been to no avail. Generally, adult mortality indicators are used to assess the health status of a population, especially in developing country like Nigeria. Estimation of these mortality rates requires complete and accurate data on adult and mortality deaths. Data were collected on the living of respondents' siblings. While early childhood mortality is high and varies substantially according to social and economic development, death rate are much lower at adult ages, and estimates for a subgroups can be distorted by a small sample sizes. Maternal mortality is an aspect of adult mortality that is of a particular interest in the Nigerian context. Worldwide the most countries with the highest maternal mortality ratios are in Africa, and an estimated 14 percent of maternal deaths globally occur in Nigeria according to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) 2013. According to data from Nigeria's five-Year Countdown Strategy for achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) shows that although maternal mortality fell from 800 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2003 to 545 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2008, progress related to this goal has been slow and still remains a major challenge to the Federal Government of Nigeria. In addition to other interventions designed to reduce maternal mortality and achieve the (MDG) target of 250 deaths per 100,000 live births in Nigeria, the government in collaborations with other development partners, has continued to improve access to quality maternal health services through the Community Health Insurance Scheme. Therefore as a result of this emerging concern, the need for mortality projections has become a growing issue for researchers and among actuaries. The model proposed by Lee and Carter has received so much acceptance because, it produces satisfactory fit and forecast for several countries and has been used for decades by researchers because of its standard framework for projecting future mortality rate in population projections [1, 16]. It has been observed that the LC model is a simple but highly structured model, where there is little or no allowance for uncertainty. Previous study has shown that Lee-Carter followed the mortality pattern very well for most of the ages [2, 3]. Population Projections often involves the forecasting of age-specifics fertility and mortality rates, which is a forecasting problem of large dimension. Age-specifics mortality forecast is important to achieve age details in the population projections, to approximate each year's fertility or mortality rates in terms of a set of curve. Parameters are therefore forecasted to produce a fitted curve with some modifications which is the forecasts of the rates. Numerous studies have been carried out on mortality forecast. Over the years there have been remarkable rise in life expectancy in developed countries especially countries in Asia, Europe and North-America because of this, there have been a decrease in mortality rate, while countries in Africa has experienced slow growth in life expectancy probably because of some social

and development significance. Significant improvement has been made in mortality forecasting which made the link between pension and changes in life expectancy clearly understood. The monthly pension payments are made based on the remaining life expectancy when people retire. Some countries have linked benefit level to life expectancy. Mortality forecasting is also important in making national policy as fertility rate projections because expected number of death would have a significant bearing on the Nation's objective in transferring resources from one generation to another and also socio-economic-demographic policy decisions. Generation of resources and vision of allocation of resources is being pressured by deaths. The death of old aged people is not as important as the deaths of the young and capable ones and the failure to stop death of the young and capable is simply a failure of a nation's vision and scientific ability. The aspects of age-specific death rate (ASDR) and its patterns is approached by forecasting the mortality rate which is important for demographic reasons and it is important to put the uncertainty of life-expectancy in the forecasting model. Even if the theoretical mortality model is the same, the empirical treatment of error term widely differs. Because of the importance of mortality forecasts, numerous models for mortality modelling and forecasting has been developed. The majority of these models are known to be extrapolative in nature, of which the Lee-Carter has become frequently used. This model summarises the mortality experience by age of a single population over a period of time trend. Although previous studies have documented that both models provides better results for male population, but for elderly female population, HP seems to underestimate the mortality rate while LC seems to overestimate the mortality rate [4, 12]. Again both models were used in modeling and forecasting and cross-validation techniques were used to measure how accurately these two models performed in practice [5, 15]. The results, based on the MAPE, showed that the HP model seemed to fit better to the Dutch data than the Lee-Carter model. Therefore as a result of this emerging concern, the need for mortality projections has become a growing issue for researchers and among actuaries. Both models have received so much acceptance and for the purpose this study investigate the performance of these two models in forecasting future mortality rates by applying both methods to Nigeria mortality statistics and make mortality projections [1, 6].

2. Data

Due to the difficulties involved in gathering sufficient data, this study used data extracted from the WHO Indicator and Measurement Registry (IMR). IMR is a central source of metadata of health-related indicator used by WHO and the organizations. This study covers the age specific mortality rate records of people (both males and females) who died from the infant and childhood ages of 0 to 4, 5 to 9 and 10-14 years and adult ages of 15 to 85 and above, for the time periods 2000 to 2016 in Nigeria. The Global Health

Observatory (GHO) data is WHO gateway to health related statistics of its 194 member states. It provides access to over 1000 indicators health topics including mortality and burden of diseases, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) child nutrition, child health, maternal and reproductive health, immunization HIV/AIDS, communicable diseases and risk factors etc. Although datasets represents the best estimates of WHO, using methodologies for specific indicators that aim for comparability across countries and time. Updated as revised data becomes available therefore they are not always the same as National estimates. Data files are organized by sex, age and time. Population size is given for one-year and five-year age groups. One year age groups means 1, 2, ..., 109, 110+; and five-year age groups means 0, 1-4, 5-9, 10-14, ..., 105-109, 110+. Age groups are defined in terms of actual age, for instance, "10-14" extends from exact age 10 to right before the 15th birthday. In this project, the data we will use is the death rate *period* and the population size is *five-year* age groups. This study involves a statistical analysis carried out to forecast the mortality rate in Nigeria by fitting the HP and LC model on Nigeria data, given the probability of death (q_x) and age-specifics mortality data in Nigeria from <1 to 85+ over a time period of 16 years that is 2000-2016. The model parameters are estimated using the nonlinear least squares and singular value decomposition (SVD) method respectively after which the model parameters for both models were predicted to obtain the forecasted mortality rates. Forecast of the mortality rates was done by applying the Random walk with drift (RWD) model. The analysis of this study was done using the *biplot* add-in in Microsoft Excel 7, R and SPSS.

3. Method

The methods used in this study involve nonlinear equations and traditional singular value decomposition (SVD) in estimating the models parameters of the Heligman-Pollard and Lee-Carter model respectively. Also univariate time series method known as the Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) procedure is applied to acquire the forecasted parameters for both models as the forecasted mortality rates are obtained by using all the values of forecasted parameters. To investigate the accuracy of the estimation, the forecasted results will be compared based on the error analysis.

3.1. Heligman-Pollard Model

In 1980L. Heligman and J. H Pollard proposed the first law of mortality which was originally designed in order to eliminate the lack of previous models. It contains eight parameters and tried to describe the entire life span. The model consist of a mathematical formula containing three term, each representing a distinct component of mortality and was firstly fitted to the Australian mortality data. The HP model is an eight parameter model that can give a better fit to an entire mortality curve. It is an example of a parameterisation function also known as the "laws of mortality" which seek to parsimoniously represent the age

pattern of mortality. The Heligman and Pollard's first law is mathematically proposed as follows;

$$\frac{q_x}{p_x} = A^{(x+B)^C} + D \exp[-E(\ln x - \ln F)^2] + GH^{(x-x_0)} \quad (1)$$

Where;

q_x : is the probability that a person at age x will die before attaining age $x + 1$ for the observed data. It takes the value between 0 and 1 only. $p_x = 1 - q_x$ $ABCDEFGH$ and H Are unknown parameters to be estimated by non-linear the weighted least square method. The curve is continuous and applicable over the entire age ranges $0 \leq x < \infty$.

This model consists of three terms, each term representing a distinct component of mortality while capturing: The first term $A^{(x+B)^C}$ represents the age pattern of mortality in childhood and represents the childhood mortality. That is parameter A reflects the infant mortality rate; B reflects the mortality rate of 1 year old children i.e. it reflects the difference between q_0 and q_1 ; C reflects the fall of mortality. A, B, C takes take a value between 0 and 1.

The second term $D \exp[-E(\ln x - \ln F)^2]$ represents the young adulthood, accidental mortality also known as (accidental hump) in the demography literature. The parameter D also measures rate of mortality decline up to early adult life, the severity of the accident hump and takes the value between 0 and 1. E Is the spread; F represents the location. And the third term GHx also called the Gompertz *exponential*, G reflects the level of Senescent mortality (the exponential pattern of mortality of adult age) and H represents the geometric rise in mortality at older ages, which is between the domain of interval $(0, 1)$ and $(0, \infty)$ respectively. A concave downward curve means that the logarithm of mortality rates at older age increases, but at slower rates as age increases. It would indicate that the age pattern of mortality has a global maximum. In contrast, a concave upward curve implies log-mortality rates growing at a faster pace as age increases.

3.1.1. Merits of Heligman-Pollard Model

Parametric methods, like the Heligman-Pollard, have several advantages for describing mortality, including smoothness, interpolation, analytic manipulation, parsimony, comparison and trends (Dellaportas, 2001; Debonetal., 2005). Below are other advantages of the Heligman-Pollard model.

- i. It model mortality at a fixed point in time for all ages.
- ii. Each of the parameters has a straightforward interpretation.
- iii. It extracts parameters at a sequence of points in time
- iv. It is used as a basis for age-period tables.

3.1.2. Demerits of Heligman-Pollard Model

The Heligman-Pollard model is usually estimated via least squares methods but instability and over-parameterization - a wide range of parameter estimates producing a similar fit has been revealed to be an issue.

3.1.3. Assumptions of Heligman-Pollard Model

- i. The model Assumes that because of it relatively few parameters that all parameters have a demographic interpretation.

- ii. Parameters are highly correlated with each other.
- iii. The estimates of it parameter gives its value when the square sum $S = \sum x = 0[\frac{q_x}{p_x} - 1]^2$ is minimized.

3.1.4. Levenberg-Marquardt Method

In this study the standard technique for solving nonlinear least squares problem will be used to get the estimated values of these parameters by using a damped Gauss-Newton iteration procedure [7]. Least squares problems arise in the context of fitting a parameterized function to asset of measured data points by minimizing the sum of the squares of the errors between the data points and the function. If the fit function is not linear in the parameters the least squares problem is nonlinear. The curve fitting method is a combination of two minimization methods: The gradient descent method and the Gauss-Newton method. In the gradient descent method, the sum of squared error is reduced by updating the parameter in the steepest-descent direction while in the Gauss-Newton method, the sum of the squared error is reduced by assuming the least squares function are logically quadratic. The method acts more like a gradient descent method when the parameters are far from their optimal value, and acts like Gauss-Newton method when the parameters are close to their optimal value. It also provides a numerical solution to the mathematical problem of minimizing a sum of squares of several, generally nonlinear functions that depend on a common set of parameters [7].

Like other numeric minimization algorithms, it interpolates between the Gauss-Newton algorithm and the method of gradient descent, which is more robust than the Gauss-Newton algorithm since in many cases it finds a solution even if it starts very far off the global minimum. It selects the parameter values for the next iteration and this process continues until a preset criterion is met, either the fit has converged or it reaches a preset iteration count limit [7, 13]. To execute these procedures one has to load the package with the command *library(minpack.lm)* in R. This package provides the R interface to the Levenberg-Marquardt Nonlinear Least-Squares Algorithm and the *nls.lm* function from the library is used for solving nonlinear least-squares problems by modification of the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm, with support for lower and upper parameter bounds [8]. Two difficulties in the Gauss-Newton method was addressed [7]. That is; how to update $x^{(k)}$ when columns of $(Df(x^{(k)}))$ are linearly dependent and what to do if the Gauss-Newton update does not reduce $\|f(x)\|^2$.

The regularized least squares problem solved in k iteration:

$$\|f(x^{(k)}) + Df(x^{(k)})(x - x^{(k)})\|^2 + \gamma^k \|x - x^{(k)}\|^2 \quad (2)$$

Solution is given by

$$x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} - (Df(x^{(k)})^T Df(x^{(k)}) + \gamma^{(k)} I)^{-1} (Df(x^{(k)})^T f(x^{(k)})) \quad (3)$$

Step $\Delta x^{(k)} = x^{(k+1)} - x^{(k)}$ is

$$\Delta x^{(k)} = -(Df(x^{(k)})^T Df(x^{(k)}) + \gamma^{(k)} I)^{-1} (Df(x^{(k)})^T f(x^{(k)})) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (Df(x^{(k)})^T Df(x^{(k)}) + \gamma^{(k)} I)^{-1} \nabla g(x^{(k)})$$

$$\gamma^{(k)} = 0$$

$$\Delta x^{(k)} \approx -\frac{1}{2\gamma^{(k)}} \nabla g(x^{(k)}) \quad (5)$$

In summary

Choose $x^{(1)}$ and $\gamma^{(1)}$ and repeat for $k = 1, 2, \dots$

- i. Evaluate $f(x^{(k)})$ and $A = Df(x^{(k)})$
- ii. Compute the solution of regularized least squares

$$\hat{x} = x^{(k)} - (A^T A + \gamma^{(k)} I)^{-1} A^T f(x^{(k)})$$

- iii. Define $x^{(k+1)}$ and $\gamma^{(k+1)}$ as follows

$$\{x^{(k+1)} = \hat{x} \text{ and } \gamma^{(k+1)} = \beta_1 \gamma^k \text{ if } \|f(\hat{x})\|^2 < \|f(x^{(k)})\|^2$$

$$\{x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} \text{ and } \gamma^{(k+1)} = \beta_2 \gamma^{(k)}, \text{ otherwise}$$

where; β_1 and β_2 are constants, with $0 < \beta_1 < 1 < \beta_2$.

Terminate if $\nabla g(x^{(k)}) = 2A^T f(x^{(k)})$ is sufficiently small.

3.1.5. Fitting and Applying the Heligman-Pollard Model

The HP function is fitted to the probability of dying (nq_x) from the abridged life table of the Nigerian population for period 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2016 for both male

and female. Therefore in order to check if our results follow the Heligman and Pollard law, graphs of $\log(\frac{q_x}{1-q_x})$ was plotted against x for both males and females aged 0 to 90 in year 2000 to 2016 using Microsoft Excel. Both graphs are presented and discussed. The parameters were estimated by minimizing the sum of squared residual using the Levenberg-Marquardt iteration procedures which is a modification of Gauss-Newton iteration. The estimates for the parameters obtained through the constrained minimization process are not all within the defined limits. The accident-hump parameter F reaches the upper bound of 100 seven times. Hence, the accident-hump parameters D, E, F and the mortality for older ages parameter G are non-significantly different from zero even at a ten percent significance level. The same is true for the child-mortality parameters A and B for the one year when B reaches the value of one. This issue is well-known and is due to multicollinearity. Indeed, this multicollinearity causes irregular changes of the parameter

estimates from one year to another even if the mortality rates of adjoining years are similar. The solution usually adopted in the past is to fix the value of some parameters prior to the fitting process. However, since such an approach yields to some loss in the fitting precision and for simplification purpose, some periods were selected for further analysis. Thus after estimation the parameters that give the best fit that is nls were used.

3.1.6. Estimation of Heligman-Pollard Parameters

The parameters of the HP function are estimated by minimizing the sum of squares, by Letting $Q(x; c)$ to denote the right hand side of 3.10, it is reasonable to expect that the parameters can be estimated by minimizing the sum of squares

$$\sum_{x=0}^{85+} (\hat{q}_x - Q(x; c))^2 \quad (6)$$

Where; $\hat{q}_x$ is the fitted mortality at age x and q_x is the observed mortality. The maximal age included in the model is increased from 94 to 101 in 1970 as data for older ages become more reliable. In order to estimate these parameters, we start by collecting the abridged nq_x values which were given in the abridged life tables for the Nigerian population. In the study, the abridged life tables for the Nigerian population in year 2000 until year 2016 for both males and females were collected. Then these values will be fitted to

(1). The fit is judged on the basis of the sum of the squared differences or 'residuals' between the input data points and the function values, evaluated at the same places. Thus, the fit is used to find a set of parameters that 'best' fits the data to user-defined function. A parameter is a user-defined variable that fit will adjust, which is an unknown quantity in the function declaration. However, the sum of squares to be minimized in the study was given by

$$S^2 = \sum_x (\hat{q}_x - 1)^2 \quad (7)$$

Often the function to be fitted will be based on a model or theory that attempts to describe or predict the behavior of the data. Then 'fit' can be used to find values for free parameters of the model, to determine how well the data fits the model, and to estimate a standard error for each parameter. In the study, the function to be fitted will be based on (1). Several algorithms exist to solve non-linear equations and many languages and environments for statistical computing contain such functionality. A non-linear minimization requires initial estimations for the parameters. Starting values need to be as precise as possible for the algorithm to converge to an optimum, which may lead to some difficulties. By plotting the HP function on the same graph with the actual mortality, one can read its initial value. Below is the nonlinear least squares algorithm using the (*minpack.lm*) in R.

```
library(minpack.lm)

## values over which to simulate data
x <- seq(0, 5, length = 100)

## model based on a list of parameters
getPred <- function(parS, xx) parS$a * exp(xx * parS$b) + parS$c

## parameter values used to simulate data
pp <- list(a = 9, b = -1, c = 6)

## simulated data, with noise
simDNoisy <- getPred(pp, x) + rnorm(length(x), sd = .1)

## plot data
plot(x, simDNoisy, main = "data")

## residual function
residFun <- function(p, observed, xx) observed - getPred(p, xx)

## starting values for parameters
parStart <- list(a = 3, b = -.001, c = 1)

## perform fit
nls.out <- nls.lm(par = parStart, fn = residFun, observed = simDNoisy,
  xx = x, control = nls.lm.control(nprint = 1))

## plot model evaluated at final parameter estimates
```

```
lines(x, getPred(as.list(coef(nls.out)), x), col = 2, lwd = 2)

## summaryinformationonparameterestimates

summary(nls.out).
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3.1.7. Forecasting the Parameters of Heigman-Pollard Model

The forecast of the parameters of (1) model was done using method in (31) using SPSS. Constants and outliers from the fitted parameters were removed for smooth forecasting. All parameters for selected periods were forecasted and plugged back into (1) to determine the forecasted mortality rates.

3.2. Lee-Carter Model

The model was introduced by Ronald D. Lee and Lawrence Carter in 1992 with the article modelling and forecasting the time series of U.S mortality (Journal of the American Statistical Association 87 September) 659-671; The Lee-Carter model is a demographic model that involves statistical time series techniques and it is a model of age-specific death rate with a dominant time series component having a relative age component that is fixed with a time series model (ARIMA). The model was firstly applied to the United State death rate data for year 1933-1987 which was said to perform well in generating the output since then the Lee-Carter model has been widely used for demographic and actuarial applications in various countries and has been modified into various extensions. The method describes the log of a time series of age-specific death rates as the sum of an age-specific component that is independent of time and another component that is the product of a time-varying parameter reflecting the general level of mortality, and an age-specific component that represents how rapidly or slowly mortality at each age varies when the general level of mortality changes. Lee-Carter model is one of the most popular methods for modeling mortality rates for all ages, because it is easily applied and provides fairly accurate mortality estimations and population projections. It became reference and leading statistical model for forecasting mortality. The model combines a demographic model with statistical model time series to forecast mortality. The LC model is a simple model comprising of two independently linear variables x representing (*age*) and t representing (*time*) or period (in Calendar year). And it is defined as

$$\ln m_{x,t} = \alpha_x + \beta_x k_t + \varepsilon_{x,t} \quad (8)$$

Where,

$m_{x,t} = \frac{d_{x,t}}{e_{x,t}}$, denotes the matrix of death rate on a specific age group at age (x).

($x = x_1, \dots, x_n$) Over a Period (t) ($t = t_1, t_1 + 1, \dots, T - 1$), It is the ratio of total deaths to the population at risk and also called the central mortality rate at age x in year t .

α_x ; denotes the empirical average (overtime) pattern of the logarithm mortality rate describing the overall mean of the age profile.

β_x ; denotes the sensitivity rate to change at *age* to the time trend i.e (it represents the relative rate at which an individual at *age* will respond to Change in the overall level of mortality overtime).

k_t ; denotes the varying time trend index of general mortality level, It tells if change at a specific age occurs faster than the main trend itself.

$\varepsilon_{x,t}$; denotes the residual or a set of random error (white noise) that gives the age specific factors not captured in the model. It is Gaussian distributed that is each are independently identically distributed that assumes.

$$\varepsilon_{x,t} \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \quad E(\varepsilon_{x,t}) = 0, \quad var(\varepsilon_{x,t}) = \sigma^2 \quad (9)$$

Interpretation of parameters (using sets of Constraint)

$$\alpha_x = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \ln m_{x,t} \quad (10)$$

$$\beta_x : \frac{d}{dt} \ln m_{x,t} - \beta_x \frac{d}{dt} k_t \quad (11)$$

$$k_t = \sum_x (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x) \quad (12)$$

The equation (12) is the evolution over time of mortality. Because the equation underpinning the Lee-Carter model is considered to be over parameterized due to the log-bilinear multiplicative terms $\beta_x k_t$, Parameters are constrained by $\sum_x \beta_x = 1$ and $\sum_t k_t = 0$ to ensure it is identifiable.

3.2.1. Merits of Lee-Carter Model

- It produces a satisfactory fit and efficient in forecasting adult mortality.
- It produces high confidence to extrapolations because it makes mortality trends linear.
- It gives more reasonable estimates of forecast.
- It out performs other models with respect to its prediction errors.
- It is reserved in numbers of parameters to be used.
- The method involves minimal subjective judgement and produces stochastic forecast with probabilistic prediction intervals.

3.2.2. Demerits of Lee-Carter Model

The disadvantage of the Lee-Carter model is the constant assumption for the parameters and the limiting mortality of zero. This issue has prompted lots of discussions and many proposed modification. And these assume that some parameters are constant over time, whereas empirical studies in various countries do not support this assumption time. Nevertheless, there are still some limitations to the standard Lee-Carter model. The model does not work well to forecast mortality for a group of populations 36, and it cannot deal with limited data, also it cannot include external factors which have impacts on mortality and it has narrow prediction intervals.

3.2.3. Assumptions of Lee-Carter Model

- The Lee-Carter model assumes that the dynamics of death rate is driven by a single time-varying parameter.
- It assumes that the ratio of the rates of mortality change, at different ages remains constant over time (invariant β_x).
- It assumes a constant error variance across ages.
- It assumes that the residual also known as the random error term $\varepsilon_{x,t}$ are normally distributed that is $\varepsilon_{x,t} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ $E(\varepsilon_{x,t}) = 0$, $var(\varepsilon_{x,t}) = \sigma^2$.
- It also assumes that α_x and β_x are vectors of age specifics and are constant overtime (t) for all ages (x).
- Sex is measured separately and jointly using k_t but two different sets of α_x and β_x .

3.2.4. Development of Lee-Carter Model

The model has undergone different extensions and modifications added to improve the performance of the model by adding additional statistical features as non parametric smoothing. Previous extension by Carter (1995), Lee and Miller (2001), other two extensions including a cohort based extension to the Lee-Carter model for mortality reduction factors [9, 14]. Lee-carter has been applied to cause of death data to sex separately and by age [1]. A state space model is used to summarize the model's development, extensions and applications as stochastic forecast of Social Security system finances.

3.2.5. Fitting and Applying Lee-Carter Model

To ensure good performance, we decide an appropriate method to estimate the model's parameters and it has to be done carefully at the very beginning. In their original paper, Lee and Carter (1992) applied a two-stage estimation procedure. In the first stage, singular value decomposition (SVD) is applied to the matrix of $\log(m_{x,t}) - \alpha_x$ to obtain estimates of β_x and k_t [10]. Then in the second stage, the time series of k_t is re-estimated by the method of so called "second stage estimation". Lee and Carter noticed that once β_x and k_t have been estimated, the observed total number of deaths $D_t \equiv \sum_x D_{x,t}$ is not guaranteed to be equal to the fitted number of deaths. Therefore, they made a second stage estimation of k_t by finding a value that makes the observed number of deaths equal to the predicted number of deaths. That is, they searched for k_t such that

$$D_t = \sum_x \{\exp(\alpha_x + \beta_x k_t) N_{x,t}\} \quad (13)$$

Where,

D_t is the total number of deaths in year t ;

$N_{x,t}$ is the population (exposure to risk) of age x in year t .

However, different criteria have been proposed for this method. SVD is the best alternative for estimating the mortality index k_t . Another advantage of SVD is that it can be easily facilitated by using *Biplot** in Microsoft Excel. In this study, we skip the re-estimation stage and apply the first stage SVD method directly.

3.2.6. Estimating the Lee-Carter Parameters

The Lee-Carter model unlike most regression formulations

is not a common model structure with observed variables on the right-hand side and thus it cannot be fit with simple regression formulations. Hence, the estimation of β_x and k_t cannot be solved explicitly. The (SVD) is a method for transforming correlated variables into a set of uncorrelated ones by exposing the various relationships among the original data items. It is based on a theorem from linear algebra which says that a matrix A can be broken down into the product of three matrices - an orthogonal matrix U , a diagonal matrix D , and the transpose of an orthogonal matrix V . In other words, any real $m \times n$ matrix A can be decomposed uniquely as:

$$A = UDV^T$$

U is $m \times n$ and orthogonal (its columns are eigenvectors of AA^T)

$$U^T U = I$$

V is $n \times n$ and orthogonal (its columns are eigenvectors of $A^T A$)

$$V V^T = I$$

D is $n \times n$ diagonal (non-negative real values called singular values) $D = \text{diag}(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_n)$ ordered so that $\rho_1 \geq \rho_2 \geq \dots \geq \rho_n$ (if ρ is a singular value of A , its square is an *eigenvalue* if $A^T A$) Transform the forecast of an age-specific vector $\ln m_{x,t}$ in to forecasting as scalar k_t with small error by applying the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) [10].

From the Lee-Carter model the parameter vector of α_x can be easily computed as the average over time of the logarithm of the central death rate. Then we apply the Singular Value Decomposition to matrix.

$$Z_{x,t} = \ln(m_{x,t}) - \widehat{\alpha}_x \quad (14)$$

Resulting to matrices

$$ULV' = \text{SVD}(Z_{x,t}) = L_1 U_{X1} V_{t1} + \dots + L_X U_{XX} V_{tX} \quad (15)$$

Approximation to the first term gives the estimates $\widehat{\beta}_x = U_{X1}$ and $k_t = L_1 V_{t1}$. In applying the singular value decomposition (SVD) six basic steps are required after obtaining logarithm of $m_{x,t}$ of the mortality rate.

$$\widehat{\alpha}_x = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln(m_{x,t}) \quad (16)$$

Create a matrix $Z_{x,t}$ for estimating β_x and k_t .

Where;

$$Z_{x,t} = \ln(m_{x,t}) - \widehat{\alpha}_x = \beta_x k_t \quad (17)$$

Apply (SVD) to matrix $Z_{x,t}$ which decomposes into the products:

$$ULV' = \text{SVD}(Z_{x,t}) = L_1 U_{X1} V_{t1} + \dots + L_X U_{XX} V_{tX} \quad (18)$$

Where; U is the age component, L is the singular values and V representing the time component

Select SVD Dialog from Biplot in Ms excel, k_t is derived from the first vector of the time-component matrix and the first singular value ($\widehat{k}_t = L_1 V_{t1}$) and β_x is derived from the first vector of age-component matrix ($\widehat{\beta}_x = U_{x1}$).

(Lee-Carter) Approximate a new matrix $Z_{x,t}$ by the product of the estimated parameters β_x and k_t which gives $Z_{x,1}t_1 = \beta_{x1}k_{t1}$

$$Z_{x,t} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{x1}t_1 & Z_{x1}t_2 & \dots & Z_{x1}t_n \\ Z_{x2}t_1 & Z_{x2}t_2 & \dots & Z_{x2}t_n \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ Z_{x \wedge t_1} & Z_{x \wedge t_2} & \dots & Z_{x \wedge t_n} \end{bmatrix} \beta_x \quad (19)$$

k_t

$$\text{Where } \beta_x = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \dots \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$k_t = [k_0 \ k_1 \ \dots \ k_n]$$

Estimate the logarithm of the central death rate.

The Singular value decomposition (SVD) which was applied to the log of mortality.

$\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x = \beta_x k_t$ Adding constraint $\sum \beta_x = 1$ and $\sum k_t = 0$

α_x Is computed as average of mortality ratio over time t :

$$\text{Let } Q = (\alpha, \beta, k) = \sum x, t (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x - \beta_x k_t)^2$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \alpha_x} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_x} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial k_t} = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \alpha_x} = 2 \sum_t (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x - \beta_x k_t) = 0 \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_x} = 2 \sum_t (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x - \beta_x k_t) k_t = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial k_t} = 2 \sum_t (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x - \beta_x k_t) \beta_x = 0 \quad (23)$$

Then we say,

$$\sum_t \alpha_x = \sum_t \ln m_{x,t} - \sum_t \beta_x k_t = \sum_t \ln m_{x,t} \quad (24)$$

$$\alpha_x = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \ln m_{x,t} \quad (25)$$

Now let's take a set of new matrix $Z_{x,t} = \ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x$ the equation for β_x and k_t

$$\sum_t Z_{x,t} k_t = \sum_t (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x) k_t \quad (26)$$

$$= \sum_t (\beta_x k_t) k_t = \beta_x \sum_t k_t^2$$

$$\sum_t Z_{x,t} \beta_x = \sum_x (\ln m_{x,t} - \alpha_x) \beta_x$$

$$= \sum_x (\beta_x k_t) \beta_x = k_t \sum_x \beta_x^2 = k_t \quad (27)$$

Since $\sum_x \beta_x^2 = 1$.

Consider the vector form with $\sum_t k_t^2 = b$.

Now using the equation $(\sum_t k_t^2 - b)^2 = \sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2$.

Taking the square root of both sides we have $\sum_t k_t^2 - b = \sqrt{\sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2}$.

$$b = \sum_t k_t^2 - \sqrt{\sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2} \quad (28)$$

But inserting b into $\beta_x = (\sum_t k_t^2 - b) = \sum_t k_t Z_{x,t}$ We have:

$$\beta_x \left(\sum_t k_t^2 - \sum_t k_t^2 + \sqrt{\sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2} \right) = \sum_t k_t Z_{x,t}$$

$$\beta_x = \frac{\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t}}{\sqrt{\sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2}} \forall x \quad (29)$$

Hence;

$$\alpha_x = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \ln m_{x,t}, \beta_x = \frac{\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t}}{\sqrt{\sum_x (\sum_t k_t Z_{x,t})^2}}, k_t = \sum_x \beta_x Z_{x,t} \quad (30)$$

3.2.7. Forecasting Mortality Index

In forecasting mortality index, after all estimated parameters have been obtained a possible forecast on mortality rates is carried out by a standard univariate time series model ARIMA (0, 1, 0) despite various techniques and testing of other ARIMA specification the Lee-Carter saw that a random walk with drift is most suitable for modeling the mortality index even though other ARIMA model can be used for different data sets the RWD has been used exclusively in practice. The model is given by

$$k_t = k_{t-1} + \theta + \varepsilon_t \quad (31)$$

Where;

θ : is drift parameter.

ε_t : is an error term with zero mean and constant variance

$\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ With drift parameter $\widehat{\theta} = \frac{\widehat{k}_T - \widehat{k}_1}{T-1}$.

It shows that $\widehat{\theta}$ only depends on the first and last of k_t estimates. The drift θ is estimated with uncertainty and standard error of it estimates is used to form a more complete measure of uncertainty in forecasting $\widehat{k}_t$. Then to forecast two periods ahead, we just substitute for the definition of $\widehat{k}_{t-1}$ which is $m_{x,t+1} e^{\widehat{\alpha}_x + \widehat{\beta}_x \widehat{k}_t}$ moved back in time one period that is;

$$\widehat{k}_t = \widehat{k}_{t-1} + \widehat{\theta} + \varepsilon_t \quad (32)$$

$$= (\widehat{k}_{t-2} + \widehat{\theta} + \varepsilon_{t-1}) + \widehat{\theta} + \varepsilon_t \quad (33)$$

$$= \widehat{k}_{t-2} + 2\widehat{\theta} + (\varepsilon_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t) \quad (34)$$

To forecast $\widehat{k}_t$ at time $T + (\Delta t)$ with data available up to period T , we follow the same procedure and iterate (Δt) times and obtain;

$$\widehat{k}_{T+(\Delta t)} = \widehat{k}_T + (\Delta t)\widehat{\theta} + \sum_n^{(\Delta t)} \varepsilon_{T+n-1} \quad (35)$$

$$= \widehat{k}_T + (\Delta t)\widehat{\theta} + \sqrt{(\Delta t)\varepsilon_t} \quad (36)$$

By ignoring the error term, we can obtain forecast point estimates, which follow a straight line as a function of (Δt) with slope $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{k_{T+(\Delta t)}} &= \widehat{k_T} + (\Delta t)\hat{\theta} \\ &= \widehat{k_T} + (\Delta t)\frac{\widehat{k_T} - \widehat{k_1}}{T-1}\end{aligned}\quad (37)$$

In forecasting $\widehat{k_t}$ we extrapolate from a straight line drawn through the first $\widehat{k_1}$ to the last $\widehat{k_T}$ points and all other $\widehat{k_t}$ points are ignored. We plug this expression into the equation (31) to make a point forecast for k_t .

3.3. Various Forecast Performance Measures

It is important we discuss about the commonly used performance measures each of such has its unique properties which makes them different. We consider more than one criterion so as to obtain direction of overall forecast.

3.3.1. Sum of Squared Error or Residual

$$SSE \text{ or } SSR = \sum_{x,t} \widehat{\varepsilon_{x,t}}^2 \quad (38)$$

The properties of SSE or SSR are:

- It measures the total squared deviation of forecasted observations, from the actual ones.
- The properties of SSE are same as those of MSE.

3.3.2. Mean Absolute Error

$$MAE = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{x,t} |\widehat{\varepsilon_{x,t}}| \quad (39)$$

The properties are:

- It measures the average absolute deviation of forecasted values from original ones.
- It is also known as the Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD).
- It shows the magnitude of overall error, occurred due to forecasting.
- The effects of positive and negative errors do not cancel out.
- For a good forecast, the obtained MAE should be as small as possible.

3.3.3. Mean Absolute Percentage Error

$$MAPE = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{x,t} \left| \frac{\widehat{\varepsilon_{x,t}}}{m_{x,t}} \right| \quad (40)$$

The properties of MAPE are:

- This measure represents the percentage of average absolute error occurred.
- It is independent of the scale of measurement, but affected by data transformation.
- It does not show the direction of error.
- In this measure, opposite signed errors do not offset each other.

Where;

$$\varepsilon_{x,t} = m_{x,t} - \widehat{m_{x,t}}$$

$$x = 1, 2, \dots, A$$

$$t = 1, 2, \dots, T$$

3.3.4. Model Selection Criteria

The models are estimated using ARIMA (0, 1, 0) RWD and compared based on the mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) after comparison are made model with the least value for these criteria across the error distribution is adjudged the best fitted.

3.3.5. Forecast Evaluation

On the Predictive ability the both models, the model selection criterion that will be used to evaluate the predictive ability of the competing models is MAPE but other criteria are not over looked to justify the result.

3.4. Construction of Abridged Life Table

The construction of an abridged life table was done using available data which are in the age groups of five-years apart from age 0-1 years and 1-4 years up to a maximum of 85+ age interval. The abridged life table presented in Appendix i are constructed from the Mortality Laws manual (pg8) [11] using the following arguments.

Age x years-representing the age groups 0-1, 1-4, 5-10, ..., 85+

Length of the interval of age intervals n.

Average fraction of life lived in age interval x to x + n for the deceased, n q_x .

Forecasted central death rates, n m_x .

Probability of death within n years, n q_x .

Starting cohort number alive radix to 100,000.

Number of death, n d_x .

Number of person years lived in the range n L_x .

Aggregate number of years lived by individuals in cohort at start of the interval, T_x .

Expectation of life, life expectancy e_x .

From our projected mortality rates, we can build projected life tables and compute the life expectancy at birth and old adult ages after obtaining the predicted probabilities of death q_x . Let f_x be the average number of years lived within the age interval $[x, x + 1)$ for people dying at that age. We assume that $f_x = \frac{1}{2}$ for all age group except age 0. For $x = 0, 1-4, 5-9, \dots, 85+$ To complete the life table calculation, let p_x be the probability of surviving from age x to x + 1. Therefore,

$p_x = 1 - q_x$, for all five-year age groups up the age 85+ from q_x making arbitrary l_0 equal to 100000 the life table is constructed by working down the column of l 's and d 's, applying the recurrence equation:

$$l_{x+wx} = l_x(1 - q_x), x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k+2}$$

$$d_x = l_x - l_{x+wx} = l_x q_x, x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k+2}$$

Where; l_x indicates the number of survivors and d_x is the distribution of deaths by age in the life table population. The person-years lived by the life-table population in the age interval $[x, x + 1)$ are

$$L_x = w_x(l_x f'_x d_x), x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k+2} \quad (41)$$

The person-years remaining for individuals of age x equal

$$T_x = \sum_{x=x_1}^{x_{k+2}} L_x \quad (42)$$

Imply that life expectancy is given by

$$e_{x_i} = \frac{T_{x_i}}{l_{x_i}} \quad (43)$$

4. Statistical Data Analysis and Discussion

This section presents the statistical analysis of our findings.

4.1. Heligman-Pollard Model

Table 1. Result of Estimated Parameters of the simplified H-P model for selected periods 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2016 for Males.

Parameters	B	C	D	E	F	H	SSE
2000	0.00005	0.03019	0.00233	-0.7213	10.12893	1.19436	1.524639
2003	0.00003	0.06897	0.00201	-0.7569	9.75098	1.20968	1.625198
2006	0.00007	0.05748	0.00196	-0.7399	9.73459	1.20269	1.406995
2009	0.00006	0.06983	0.00193	-0.7233	9.71967	1.19645	1.220684
2012	0.00008	0.06845	0.00170	-0.7424	9.48667	1.20387	1.313891
2016	0.00110	0.05239	0.00169	-0.7121	9.43659	1.19519	1.153881

Table 2. Result of Estimated Parameters of the simplified H-P model for selected periods 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2016 for Females.

Parameters	B	C	D	E	F	H	SSE
2000	0.00014	0.03394	0.00323	-0.5686	11.15860	1.18178	1.609316
2003	0.00017	0.04467	0.00317	-0.5692	10.79818	1.18592	1.563574
2006	0.00068	0.03678	0.00310	-0.5519	10.75355	1.18540	1.378579
2009	0.00061	0.06308	0.00279	-0.5639	10.51823	1.18610	1.355816
2012	0.00081	0.05901	0.00249	-0.5804	10.14549	1.19016	1.292346
2016	0.00143	0.02316	0.00247	-0.5469	10.20647	1.18124	1.107018

The tables 1 and 2 gives parameters estimated by fitting the model to data for Nigeria as a whole for males and females for periods 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009 2012 and 2016 respectively. And from our results it has been observed that parameters B which represents the mortality rate of 1 year old children increases as the period increases for both sexes, meaning the mortality rate of a year old child is increasing with time. Parameter C which represents the decline in childhood mortality has been a fluctuating one for both male and female over selected periods with 2016 having the lowest estimate. Parameters D and F which represent the rate of mortality decline up to early adult life and the location

respectively have been declining with time for both sexes and parameter E which gives the spread of young adult mortality has been constant overtime indicating the slow fall in the accidental hump. Also looking at the results we see that the parameters estimates for females are higher than that of males. Then by inserting these parameters derived during the process into (1), the mortality rates at age x can be calculated. In fitting one set of the HP model for year 2000 for instance, the obtained equation for fitting nonlinear regression equation for males and females, respectively will be as follows

$$\frac{q_x}{p_x} = 0^{(x+0.00005)^{0.03019}} + 0.00233 * \exp\left(-(-0.72126) * \left(\log\left(\frac{x}{10.12890}\right)\right)^2\right) + (0) * 1.19436^x$$

And

$$\frac{q_x}{p_x} = 0^{(x+0.00014)^{0.03394}} + 0.00323 * \exp\left(-(-0.56855) * \left(\log\left(\frac{x}{11.15860}\right)\right)^2\right) + (0) * 1.18178^x$$

Based on the results obtained from the equation above, graphs of mortality rate (q_x) against age (x) for both genders was plotted for comparison purpose see figures 1 and 2. As seen in figures 1 and 2 we found out that big error occurred at age 0 except for age 1 which show a high mortality rate and shows a declining trend as it reaches ages 5-10. Also we see that females exhibit higher mortality rates than males at all ages, since it increases with age it is generally accepted. We also see that starting from age 15 to 90 mortality rates has increased following a straight line except for ages 10-14. Most mortality research clearly indicates that female

mortality is significantly lower than that of male and the difference may be increasing until it reaches the oldest age categories.

From this analysis we see that female has experienced a higher mortality rates which might be due to high morbidity or sickness rate than in males in Nigeria. The fitted HP mortality rate is presented below in table 3.

Figure 1. Graph Mortality Rate against Age for Males and Females at Aged 1 to 90.

Figure 2. Graph Mortality Rate against Age for Males and Females at Aged 5 to 90.

Table 3. Results for the Fitted HP Mortality Rates of Males and Females Aged 1-90 for Year 2000, 2003 and 2012.

Age (x)	Male			Female		
	2000	2003	2012	2000	2003	2012
1	0.004832	0.004215	0.003454	0.006028	0.005821	0.004482
5	0.002493	0.002142	0.0018	0.003461	0.003378	0.00263
10	0.00233	0.00201	0.001701	0.003234	0.003172	0.00249
15	0.002379	0.002064	0.001751	0.00326	0.003207	0.002532
20	0.002481	0.002164	0.001838	0.00335	0.003302	0.002619
25	0.002604	0.002281	0.001939	0.003463	0.003419	0.002722
30	0.002735	0.002407	0.002047	0.003587	0.003546	0.002832
35	0.002872	0.002538	0.002158	0.003716	0.003677	0.002945
40	0.003012	0.002671	0.002272	0.003847	0.003811	0.00306
45	0.003153	0.002807	0.002387	0.003979	0.003945	0.003175
50	0.003296	0.002944	0.002503	0.004111	0.004079	0.00329
55	0.003439	0.003081	0.00262	0.004243	0.004213	0.003404
60	0.003584	0.00322	0.002737	0.004375	0.004347	0.003519
65	0.003728	0.00336	0.002855	0.004506	0.00448	0.003633
70	0.003874	0.0035	0.002974	0.004637	0.004612	0.003746
75	0.00402	0.003641	0.003093	0.004767	0.004744	0.003859
80	0.004166	0.003783	0.003213	0.004897	0.004876	0.003971
85	0.004312	0.003926	0.003333	0.005026	0.005006	0.004083
90	0.004459	0.004069	0.003454	0.005154	0.005137	0.004195

Table 3 gives the fitted Heligman-Pollard mortality rates for 2000, 2003 and 2012 aged 1 to 90 for both sexes and the results clearly shows that mortality rates are higher in females than in males. And also males and females aged 10 experiences the lowest mortality rates while it also shows an increasing trend from ages 15-90 it also show that as year increase mortality rate decreases for both sexes.

In forecasting future mortality rates the equation (31) is employed and each of the parameters is forecasted. Figure 3 show time series the plots of the forecasted estimates of HP model parameters for males and females respectively from 2017-2036. After each parameter is being forecasted, the forecasted mortality rates are then obtained by plugging these forecasted parameters into (1). From the figures below the forecast plot for male (right) and female (left) from 2017-2036 with no outliers.

In forecasting the mortality rates of the HP model, ARIMA (0, 1, 0) was used but to avoid uncertainty which may occur

in lengthy forecast only forecasted estimates for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2025 was plugged back into the HP function and the mortality rates for these periods were obtained.

Figures 4 and 5 give the fitted (2012) and forecasted (2017) mortality rates for males and females and our results show that mortality rate decreases as time is increasing from 2012-2017 but increases with age from age 15-90 while males and females aged 10-14 experienced lowest mortality rate.

4.2. Lee-Carter Model

After applying the techniques in, we arrived at the results. Parameter α_x which denotes the empirical average (overtime) pattern of the logarithm mortality rate describing the overall mean of the age profile. Estimated as

$$\alpha_x = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^n \ln m_{x,t}$$

Table 4. Results for the estimated α_x Parameter.

$\alpha_x =$			
Age (x)	Male (α_x)	Female (α_x)	Sex-Combined (α_x)
<1	4.470697	4.469399	5.19455
1-4	2.694275	2.744592	3.413021
5-9	1.334863	1.508956	2.125205
10-14	0.6116	0.693147	1.372504
15-19	1.257843	1.465051	2.066315
20-24	1.74843	1.794199	2.46771
25-29	1.929565	2.087467	2.706283
30-34	2.144681	2.238204	2.886165
35-39	2.360288	2.372719	3.06009
40-44	2.498313	2.375469	3.133026
45-49	2.625829	2.401549	3.214772
50-54	2.844941	2.620417	3.436126
55-59	3.082311	2.879376	3.686204
60-64	3.50328	3.467577	4.1923
65-69	3.888533	3.927919	4.622491
70-74	4.33014	4.436667	5.109158
75-79	4.777721	4.922149	5.588082
80-84	5.206561	5.392016	6.05011
85+	5.644895	5.839058	6.505756

Table 4 and figure 6 give the Results for the estimated α_x Parameter and general pattern of mortality by age. From the results above we see that α_x is decreasing from less than 1 to 14 years for both males and females, implying a decline in mortality at childhood ages for both sexes but from 15 to 85 and above mortality seems to have risen, thus this shows an upward trend in mortality for both females in that age group. However, it is also observed that males and females at ages

10-14 experiences the lowest mortality rate compared to other age groups. So therefore, in comparing both sexes it is observed that at infant age females seem to have a lower mortality rate than males except from ages 1 to 39 where females seem to have a higher mortality rates than males. It is also observed that males in the age group 40 to 64 have a higher mortality rate than their female counterparts and from 65 to 85 and above, it is otherwise.

Figure 3. Forecast Plots of the HP Parameters for Males and Females from 2017-2036.

Figure 4. Fitted and Forecasted Mortality Rates for Males.

Figure 5. Fitted and Forecasted Mortality Rates for Females.

Figure 6. General Pattern of Mortality by Age.

Parameter β_x denote the sensitivity rate to change at *agex* to the time trend i.e (it represents the relative rate at which an individual at *agex* will respond to change in the overall level of mortality overtime). It tells us whether change at a particular age group is faster or slower than the trend itself. Parameter β_x is derived from the first vector of the age-component matrix ($\beta_x = U_{x1}$).

Table 5 gives the Results for the estimated β_x Parameter showing the tendency of mortality at a particular age to change as the general mortality level changes. Therefore, if β_x is large the mortality rate at that age group will be fluctuant compared to the general level of change in mortality. This results show that persons aged 75-79 have amore fluctuant mortality pattern than other age groups for sex-combined. Where we compare mortality rates in respect to sex, males aged 85 and above have a more fluctuant mortality pattern than females in the same age group. Female persons aged 10-14 seem to have a more fluctuant mortality than their male counterparts as illustrated in figure 7 below. The high values of (β_x) indicate improvement in mortality rate at these ages, while the negative values at some ages

indicate that mortality rate is increasing.

Table 5. Results for the estimated β_x Parameter.

$\beta_x =$			
Age (x)	Male (β_x)	Female (β_x)	Sex-Combined (β_x)
<1	0.01225	-0.39112	0.154193
1-4	0.044856	-0.52652	0.246184
5-9	-0.10906	-0.35128	-0.08248
10-14	-0.21758	0	-0.38039
15-19	-0.12004	-0.19904	-0.1361
20-24	-0.04766	-0.25511	0.015931
25-29	-0.02128	-0.36888	0.072244
30-34	0.010251	-0.29271	0.10989
35-39	0.041756	-0.14183	0.133028
40-44	0.062002	-0.06865	0.128363
45-49	0.080909	-0.10965	0.171272
50-54	0.113145	-0.11474	0.202528
55-59	0.14829	-0.09903	0.236891
60-64	0.21039	-0.13307	0.281943
65-69	0.267148	-0.12563	0.306167
70-74	0.332288	-0.10572	0.310655
75-79	0.398276	-0.09044	0.316669
80-84	0.461509	-0.07247	0.316134
85+	0.526094	-0.0451	0.312169

Figure 8. Relative space of change in Mortality by Age.

Parameter k_t represents the varying time trend index of general mortality level. It is also referred to as the mortality index capturing the main time trend on the logarithm scale in mortality rates for all ages. k_t is derived from the first vector of the time-component matrix and the first singular vector value ($k_t = L_1 V_{t1}$). Table 6 gives Results for the estimated k_t Parameter our findings show an upward trend in mortality from 2000-2002 and a slight fall in mortality in 2003 for both males and females. It also shows a downward trend in mortality from 2004 to 2011 and from 2012 to 2016 shows that the mortality pattern was a fluctuating one. Comparing both sexes our results show that males have a higher mortality rate than females from 2000 to 2009 while from 2010-2016 reverse was the case. Males recorded their lowest mortality rates in 2014 while females recorded their lowest mortality rates in 2000. Figure 9 captures the main time trend on the logarithmic scale in death rates at all ages. Therefore, when the values of k_t decreases overtime it signifies a fall in mortality trend as the periods increase. The high values of k_t indicates there is no improvement in mortality rate.

Table 6. Results for the estimated k_t Parameter.

$k_t =$			
Year	Male (k_t)	Female (k_t)	Sex-Combined (k_t)
2000	0.062259	-0.33963	0.146856
2001	0.064968	-0.33072	0.153038

$k_t =$			
Year	Male (k_t)	Female (k_t)	Sex-Combined (k_t)
2002	0.070153	-0.2936	0.166179
2003	0.065728	-0.27821	0.113696
2004	0.067055	-0.23142	0.139199
2005	0.061578	-0.16337	0.099614
2006	0.059962	-0.09439	0.083746
2007	0.0554	-0.04096	0.058241
2008	0.052758	-0.0134	0.042493
2009	0.055608	0.049611	0.027789
2010	0.051779	0.093903	0.004799
2011	0.049508	0.155295	-0.01473
2012	0.068599	0.164986	0.02369
2013	0.06678	0.245826	-0.00167
2014	-0.96984	0.27895	-0.92999
2015	0.060935	0.366197	-0.04876
2016	0.056775	0.430931	-0.06419

Figure 9. Time Trend for General Mortality.

Figure 10 give the Sum of Square Residuals per Age and Year for Males and Females. From our findings female exhibits a lower sum of squares residual when compared to their male counterpart which can also be a sign of a good fit when both sexes are compared.

Sum of square Residuals per Age (males).

Sum of square Residuals per Age (females).

Sum of square Residuals per Year (males).

Sum of square Residuals per Year (female).

Figure 10. Sum of Square Residuals per Age and Year for Males and Females.

In forecasting future mortality rates of the Lee-Carter model the equation (31) is employed and only the k_t parameter is forecasted. Forecasted parameter estimates are presented in table 7 below.

Table 7. Forecast Table for Mortality Index for Males, Females and Sex-combined from 2017-2036.

Sex	Male			Female			Sex-Combined		
Method	RWD			RWD			RWD		
Year	Forecast (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%	Forecast (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%	Foreca (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%
2017	0.066458	-0.7381	0.87099	0.512621	0.45934	0.56590	-0.07733	-0.78365	0.62899
2018	0.076679	-1.0611	1.214458	0.598849	0.523501	0.674198	-0.0912	-1.09069	0.90769
2019	0.087438	-1.30605	1.480927	0.689616	0.597333	0.781899	-0.1058	-1.32919	1.11759
2020	0.098734	-1.51033	1.707797	0.784921	0.678362	0.89148	-0.12113	-1.53378	1.29152
2021	0.110569	-1.68842	1.909556	0.884764	0.765628	1.003901	-0.13719	-1.71658	1.442201
2022	0.122942	-1.84775	2.093633	0.989146	0.858638	1.119654	-0.15398	-1.88411	1.576156
2023	0.135852	-1.99274	2.264442	1.098066	0.957101	1.239031	-0.1715	-2.04025	1.697261

Sex	Male			Female			Sex-Combined		
Method	RWD			RWD			RWD		
Year	Forecast (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%	Forecast (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%	Foreca (kt)	Lower LCL 95.0%	Upper UCL 95.0%
2024	0.149301	-2.12626	2.424859	1.211525	1.060827	1.362222	-0.18975	-2.18753	1.80804
2025	0.163287	-2.25031	2.576882	1.329521	1.169682	1.48936	-0.20873	-2.32770	1.910247
2026	0.177812	-2.36634	2.721963	1.452056	1.283571	1.620541	-0.22843	-2.46203	2.005158
2027	0.192874	-2.47545	2.861203	1.57913	1.402421	1.755838	-0.24887	-2.59149	2.093738
2028	0.208474	-2.57850	2.995453	1.710741	1.526175	1.895307	-0.27004	-2.71682	2.176735
2029	0.224613	-2.67617	3.125392	1.846891	1.654789	2.038994	-0.29194	-2.83863	2.254745
2030	0.241289	-2.76899	3.25157	1.98758	1.788225	2.186934	-0.31457	-2.95739	2.328251
2031	0.258503	-2.85743	3.37444	2.132806	1.926455	2.339157	-0.33793	-3.07351	2.39765
2032	0.276255	-2.94187	3.494381	2.282571	2.069453	2.49569	-0.36202	-3.18732	2.463276
2033	0.294545	-3.02262	3.611713	2.436875	2.217197	2.656552	-0.38684	-3.29909	2.525409
2034	0.313373	-3.09996	3.726711	2.595716	2.369670	2.821763	-0.41239	-3.40907	2.584291
2035	0.332739	-3.17413	3.83961	2.759096	2.526856	2.991337	-0.43867	-3.51746	2.640127
2036	0.352643	-3.24533	3.950617	2.927015	2.688741	3.165289	-0.46568	-3.62445	2.693100

Table 7 gives the forecast table for mortality index for males, females and sex-combined from 2017-2036 during the period where actual data is not available. It also show the predicted values from the fitted model with 95% prediction line indicating the upper and lower confidence limits. Forecasted parameters were later plugged back into equation (8) to get the forecasted log mortality rates. Figure 11 shows the forecast plot mortality index for sex-combined. The forecast of the mortality time trend show a gradual decline in mortality from 2017-2036.

Figure 11. Forecast Plot Mortality Index for Sex-Combined from 2017-2036.

Figure 11 shows the forecast plot mortality index for sex-combined. The forecast of the mortality time trend show a gradual decline in mortality from 2017-2036.

Figures 12 and 13 illustrate the log mortality rates (actual 2016, fitted 2016, forecast 2025 & 2036) for males and females respectively. From our findings male in ages 30 to 85+ will experience a slight increase in mortality rate in 2025 and 2036 but it is otherwise for females. It also shows that at older ages as female mortality rate falls with time male

mortality increases. Also forecasted log mortality rates in females are lower than in males as shown below.

Figure 12. Log Mortality Rates (actual 2016, fitted 2016, forecast 2025 & 2036) for Males.

Figure 13. Log Mortality Rates (actual 2016, fitted 2016, forecast 2025 & 2036) for Females.

4.1. Forecast Results

Table 8. Model Description.

Model Type			
Model ID	Male HP	Parameter_1	ARIMA (0, 1, 0)
	Male LC	Parameter_2	ARIMA (0, 1, 0)
	Female HP	Parameter_3	ARIMA (0, 1, 0)
	Female LC	Parameter_4	ARIMA (0, 1, 0)

4.1.1. Diagnostics

Table 9. Model Fit HP.

Fit Statistic	Mean	SE	Minimum	Maximum
Stationary R-squared	1.459E-16	1.316E-16	5.285E-17	2.389E-16
R-squared	.699	.038	.672	.726
RMSE	.000	3.010E-5	.000	.000
MAPE	6.364	1.394	5.378	7.350
Max. APE	63.196	16.322	51.655	74.738
MAE	5.847E-5	1.422E-5	4.841E-5	6.853E-5
Max. AE	.000	.000	.000	.001
Normalized BIC	-17.848	.488	-18.193	-17.503

Table 9. Continued.

Fit Statistic	Percentile						
	5	10	25	50	75	90	95
Stationary R-squared	5.285E-17	5.285E-17	5.285E-17	1.459E-16	2.389E-16	2.389E-16	2.389E-16
R-squared	.672	.672	.672	.699	.726	.726	.726
RMSE	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000
MAPE	5.378	5.378	5.378	6.364	7.350	7.350	7.350
Max. APE	51.655	51.655	51.655	63.196	74.738	74.738	74.738
MAE	4.841E-5	4.841E-5	4.841E-5	5.847E-5	6.853E-5	6.853E-5	6.853E-5
Max. AE	.000	.000	.000	.000	.001	.001	.001
Normalized BIC	-18.193	-18.193	-18.193	-17.848	-17.503	-17.503	-17.503

Table 9 gives the model fit of the Heligman-Pollard model. From our findings we see that the fit statistic with the lowest mean is the root mean square error (RMSE) which is not significant with a mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) 6.364 and mean absolute error (MAE) 5.847E-5.

Table 10. Model Fit LC.

Fit Statistic	Mean	SE	Minimum	Maximum
Stationary R-squared	6.706E-17	2.705E-16	-1.242E-16	2.584E-16
R-squared	.803	.028	.783	.824
RMSE	.650	.028	.630	.670
MAPE	24.545	2.712	22.627	26.462
Max. APE	123.373	24.588	105.987	140.760
MAE	.433	.032	.410	.456
Max. AE	1.924	.117	1.841	2.006
Normalized BIC	-.701	.086	-.762	-.640

Table 10. Continued.

Fit Statistic	Percentile						
	5	10	25	50	75	90	95
Stationary R-squared	-1.242E-16	-1.242E-16	-1.242E-16	6.706E-17	2.584E-16	2.584E-16	2.584E-16
R-squared	.783	.783	.783	.803	.824	.824	.824
RMSE	.630	.630	.630	.650	.670	.670	.670
MAPE	22.627	22.627	22.627	24.545	26.462	26.462	26.462
Max. APE	105.987	105.987	105.987	123.373	140.760	140.760	140.760
MAE	.410	.410	.410	.433	.456	.456	.456
Max. AE	1.841	1.841	1.841	1.924	2.006	2.006	2.006
Normalized BIC	-.762	-.762	-.762	-.701	-.640	-.640	-.640

Table 10 gives the model fit Lee-Carter model, the diagnostic test for standardized residuals (Ljung-Box) for each model is conducted to ascertain the robustness of the estimated models. From our results we see that the fit statistic with the lowest mean is the mean absolute error (MAE) which is 0.433, root mean square error (RMSE) 0.650 and

man absolute percentage error (MAPE) 24.545.

4.1.2. Forecast Performance

Using the loss functions MAE and MAPE in equation (39) and (40) respectively the predictive abilities of the models are presented in Table 11.

Table 11. Model Statistics.

Model	Number of Predictors	Model Fit statistics		
		Stationary R-squared	R-squared	RMSE
Male H-P	0	2.389E-16	.726	.000
Male LC	0	2.584E-16	.783	.670
Female H-P	0	5.285E-17	.672	.000
Female LC	0	-1.242E-16	.824	.630

Table 11. Continued.

Model	Model Fit statistics			Ljung-Box Q (18)			Number of Outliers
	MAPE	MAE	Normalized BIC	Statistics	DF	Sig.	
Male H-P	7.350	4.841E-5	-18.193	.	0	.	0
Male LC	26.462	.456	-.640	.	0	.	0
Female H-P	5.378	6.853E-5	-17.503	.	0	.	0
Female LC	22.627	.410	-.762	.	0	.	0

Table 11 compares the results of the models using ARIMA (0, 1, 0) model. Looking at the error statistics the model with the smallest mean absolute percentage error (MAPE) during estimation period is the female HP model. Therefore mean

absolute error (MAE) for the HP model or both sexes indicates that the model forecasts are able to account for much of the variability of the data used for the forecast.

Table 12. ARIMA Model Parameters.

				Estimate	SE	t	Sig.
Male HP	Male HP	No Transformation	Constant	1.006E-5	2.438E-5	.413	.685
			Difference	1			
Male LC	Male LC	No Transformation	Constant	.070	.158	.443	.664
			Difference	1			
Female HP	Female HP	No Transformation	Constant	9.508E-6	3.441E-5	.276	.786
			Difference	1			
Female LC	Female LC	No Transformation	Constant	.102	.149	.684	.503
			Difference	1			

4.2. Comparison of the Models

We have compared two models by choosing the best fitting model from both models. Specifically, we have compared the Heligman and Pollard's law for q_x and Lee and Carter model for m_x . We have also obtained the values of the root mean square error (RMSE), Mean absolute error (MAE), mean absolute percentage error (MAPE), and R^2 . The value of R^2 has been obtained as 1 minus the proportion of the variance that remains unexplained, because if we calculate it directly as a percentage of explained variance, in some cases it exceeded this can happen when the models are not linear. Therefore the comparison both models will be based on the mean absolute percentage error (MAPE). Comparing their overall fit, the HP model seems to fit better to the Nigeria

data which is a surprising result since the HP model is supposed to be worse in forecasting than the LC model.

4.3. Life Expectancy

The number of years a person at age x is expected to live is derived from (43). From the Abridged life table presented in the Appendix, Table 13 shows the life expectancy table for fitted (2000) and forecasted (2017-2020) mortality rates for males and females given the life expectancy at birth and age 75, fitted 2000 and forecasted 2017-2020 for males and females. From our results we see that males experience higher life expectancy than females which is not a striking result due to the mortality rates experienced by both sexes

Table 13. Life Expectancy Table Fitted (2000) and Forecasted (2017-2020) for Males and Females.

	Male		Female	
	e_0	e_{75}	e_0	e_{75}
Fitted HP (2000)	77.28	12.18	74.55	12.13
Forecasted (2017-2020)	65.64	11.73	58.79	11.53

5. Conclusion

From our analysis we see that the Lee-Carter model follow the mortality pattern very well for most of the ages except that the fit of the model was better for female data than male

according to the sum of square of the residuals. Despite the fluctuating mortality pattern the model was able to fit mortality rates. However the HP seems to overestimate female mortality especially from 15-85+. Thus, since there are significant difference between the actual rates and the fitted rates one can conclude that the HP model is not the best model for Nigeria

data. Looking at the overall fit, it is a surprising to see that the HP model performed better than LC considering the fact that the HP model is supposed to be worse in forecasting than the LC model. Although the HP model fitted mortality rates are significantly different from the actual mortality rate the forecast seem to be more reliable based on the (MAPE). The abridged life table shows that male experienced a higher life expectancy and female at infant and late adult ages. To ascertain level and pattern of mortality rate especially in adult, there is also need for the use of statistical model especially the HP model to forecast mortality rate because of it lesser errors as shown in this study and also to improve the understanding of the pattern of general mortality rate and how it affects life expectancy level in the country.

Appendix

Abridged Life Table for Male (2000)

Number of life tables: 1

Dimension: 19 × 10

Age intervals: [0, 1) [1, 5) [5, 10) ... [75, 80) [80, 85) [85, +)

$$x.intxm_x q_x a_x l_x d_x L_x T_x e_x$$

[0, 1)	0	0.0048	0.0048	0.06	1e+05	482	99546	7727605	77.28
[1, 5)	1	0.0025	0.0099	1.64	99518	987	395739	7628059	76.65
[5, 10)	5	0.0023	0.0116	2.5	98531	1141	489794	7232320	73.4
[10, 15)	10	0.0024	0.0118	2.5	97389	1152	484062	6742526	69.23
[15, 20)	15	0.0025	0.0123	2.49	96238	1186	478216	6258464	65.03
[20, 25)	20	0.0026	0.0129	2.49	95051	1230	472176	5780248	60.81
<NA>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
[75, 80)	75	0.0042	0.0206	2.49	79268	1634	392239	965515	12.18
[80, 85)	80	0.0043	0.0213	2.49	77634	1656	384014	573276	7.38
[85, +)	85	0.0045	0.022	2.49	75978	75978	189262	189262	2.49

Abridged Life Table for Female (2000)

Number of life tables: 1

Dimension: 19 × 10

Age intervals: [0, 1) [1, 5) [5, 10) ... [75, 80) [80, 85) [85, +)

$$x.intxm_x q_x a_x l_x d_x L_x T_x e_x$$

[0, 1)	0	0.006	0.006	0.07	1e+05	601	99441	7455488	74.55
[1, 5)	1	0.0035	0.0137	1.51	99399	1367	394197	7356047	74.01
[5, 10)	5	0.0032	0.016	2.49	98032	1572	486220	6961850	71.02
[10, 15)	10	0.0033	0.0162	2.49	96460	1560	478390		

6475629 67.13

[15, 20) 15 0.0034 0.0166 2.49 94900 1576 470550 5997239 63.2

[20, 25) 20 0.0035 0.0172 2.49 93324 1602 462604 5526689 59.22

<NA>

[75, 80) 75 0.0049 0.0241 2.49 74435 1794 367671 902704 12.13

[80, 85) 80 0.005 0.0248 2.49 72641 1803 358679 535033 7.37

[85, +) 85 0.0052 0.0254 2.49 70838 70838 176354 176354 2.49

Abridged Life Table for Male (2017-2020)

Number of life tables: 1

Dimension: 19 × 10

Age intervals: [0, 1) [1, 5) [5, 10) ... [75, 80) [80, 85) [85, +)

$$x.intxm_x q_x a_x l_x d_x L_x T_x e_x$$

[0, 1)	0	0.0105	0.0104	0.08	1e+05	1045	99041	6563751	65.64
[1, 5)	1	0.0057	0.0227	1.51	98955	2248	390214	6464709	65.33
[5, 10)	5	0.0055	0.027	2.49	96707	2615	476968	6074495	62.81
[10, 15)	10	0.0057	0.0279	2.49	94092	2626	463863	5597527	59.49
[15, 20)	15	0.0059	0.0293	2.49	91466	2681	450593	5133665	56.13
[20, 25)	20	0.0063	0.0309	2.49	88785	2743	437032	4683072	52.75
<NA>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
[75, 80)	75	0.0103	0.0501	2.48	56937	2855	277487	667861	11.73
[80, 85)	80	0.0107	0.0519	2.48	54082	2808	263328	390375	7.22
[85, +)	85	0.011	0.0537	2.48	51274	51274	127046	127046	2.48

Abridged Life Table for Female (2017-2020)

Number of life tables: 1

Dimension: 19 × 10

Age intervals: [0, 1) [1, 5) [5, 10) ... [75, 80) [80, 85) [85, +)

$$x.intxm_x q_x a_x l_x d_x L_x T_x e_x$$

[0, 1)	0	0.0141	0.014	0.09	1e+05	1401	98728	5878714	58.79
[1, 5)	1	0.0087	0.0343	1.5	98599	3387	385929	5779986	58.62
[5, 10)	5	0.0084	0.0409	2.48	95212	3895	466254	5394056	56.65
[10, 15)	10	0.0085	0.0417	2.48	91317	3805	447004	4927803	53.96
[15, 20)	15	0.0088	0.0431	2.48	87512	3768	428070	4480799	51.2
[20, 25)	20	0.0091	0.0447	2.48	83744	3740	409298		

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 [80, 85) 80 0.0134 0.0649 2.47 42975 2790 207824
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 [85, +) 85 0.0138 0.0665 2.47 40185 40185 99339 99339
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