

**MATH48181/68181: EXTREME VALUES  
FIRST SEMESTER  
IN CLASS TEST - 15 NOVEMBER 2016**

**YOUR FULL NAME:**

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This test contains three questions. Please answer ALL of the questions. You must fully explain all your answers. This test will account for 20 percent of your final mark.

Each paper will be graded by myself. If you would have complaints about your mark please address them directly to me.

Good luck.

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Total

**QUESTION 1** i) Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample with cdf  $F(\cdot)$ . State the Extremal Types Theorem for  $M_n = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . You must clearly specify the cdfs of each of the three extreme value distributions. (3 marks)

ii) State in full the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $F(\cdot)$  to belong to the domain of attraction of each of the three extreme value distributions. (3 marks)

iii) Consider a class of distributions defined by the cdf

$$F(x) = 1 - \left\{ 1 - \left\{ 1 - [1 - G(x)]^2 \right\}^3 \right\}^4,$$

where  $G(\cdot)$  is a cdf and  $g(x) = dG(x)/dx$ . Show that  $F$  belongs to the same max domain of attraction as  $G$ . You may assume that  $F$  and  $G$  have the same upper end points. (4 marks)





**QUESTION 2** Determine the domain of attraction (if there is one) for each of the following distributions (please give full details of your working):

(i) The Pareto distribution given by the cdf

$$F(x) = 1 - x^{-2}, x > 1;$$

(2 marks)

(ii) The exponential distribution given by the pdf

$$f(x) = \exp(-x), x > 0;$$

(2 marks)

(iii) The distribution given by the pmf

$$p(k) = \begin{cases} 1/3, & \text{if } k = -1, \\ 2/3, & \text{if } k = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

(2 marks)

(iv) The distribution given by the cdf

$$F(x) = \exp(-x^{-2}), x > 0;$$

(2 marks)

(v) The Gumbel distribution given by the cdf

$$F(x) = \exp\{-\exp(-x)\}, -\infty < x < \infty.$$

(2 marks)





**QUESTION 3** Suppose a portfolio is made up of  $m$  investments where  $m$  is known. Suppose also that the losses on the investments say  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  are independent and identical uniform  $[a, b]$  random variables, where both  $a$  and  $b$  are unknown parameters. Let  $Y = \min(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ . Do the following:

(i) Show that the cdf of  $Y$  is

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - \left[ \frac{b-y}{b-a} \right]^m ;$$

(2 marks)

(ii) Find the pdf of  $Y$ ;

(2 marks)

(iii) Find the mean and variance of  $Y$ ;

(2 marks)

(iv) Find the value at risk of  $Y$ ;

(2 marks)

(v) Find the expected shortfall of  $Y$ .

(2 marks)





