

**MATH4/68181: Extreme values and financial risk**  
**Semester 1**  
**Solutions to problem sheet for Week 6 and Week 7**

1. Setting

$$1 - \exp(-\lambda x) = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(1 - p).$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= -\frac{1}{p\lambda} \int_0^p \log(1 - v) dv \\ &= -\frac{1}{p\lambda} \left\{ [\log(1 - v)v]_0^p + \int_0^p \frac{v}{1 - v} dv \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{p\lambda} \left\{ \log(1 - p)p - p + \int_0^p \frac{1}{1 - v} dv \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{p\lambda} \{ \log(1 - p)p - p - \log(1 - p) \}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Setting

$$x^a = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = p^{1/a}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p v^{1/a} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{p(1/a + 1)} p^{1/a+1} \\ &= \frac{p^{1/a}}{1/a + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Setting

$$\frac{x - a}{b - a} = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = a + p(b - a).$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p [a + v(b-a)] dv \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \left[ ap + \frac{p^2}{2}(b-a) \right] \\ &= a + \frac{p}{2}(b-a). \end{aligned}$$

4. Setting

$$1 - \left(\frac{K}{x}\right)^a = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = K(1-p)^{-1/a}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{K}{p} \int_0^p (1-v)^{-1/a} dv \\ &= \frac{K}{1-a} \left[ (1-p)^{1-1/a} - 1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

5. Setting

$$\Phi(x) = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \Phi^{-1}(p).$$

So,

$$\text{ES}_p(X) = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p \Phi^{-1}(v) dv.$$

6. Setting

$$\frac{1}{1 + (x/a)^{-b}} = p,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + (x/a)^{-b} &= \frac{1}{p} \\ \Leftrightarrow (x/a)^{-b} &= \frac{1}{p} - 1 = \frac{1-p}{p} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{a} &= \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^{-1/b} \\ \Leftrightarrow x &= a \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^{-1/b}, \end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = ap^{1/b}(1-p)^{-1/b}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{a}{p} \int_0^p v^{1/b}(1-v)^{-1/b} dv \\ &= \frac{a}{p} B_p(1/b+1, 1-1/b), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_x(a, b) = \int_0^x t^{a-1}(1-t)^{b-1} dt$$

is the incomplete beta function.

7. Setting

$$1 - \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-\alpha} = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \lambda \left[ (1-p)^{-1/\alpha} - 1 \right].$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{\lambda}{p} \int_0^p \left[ (1-v)^{-1/\alpha} - 1 \right] dv \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{p} \left[ \frac{1 - (1-p)^{1-1/\alpha}}{1-1/\alpha} - p \right]. \end{aligned}$$

8. Setting

$$\exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{\sigma}{x} \right)^\alpha \right\} = p,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{x} \right)^\alpha &= \log p \\ \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{\sigma}{x} \right)^\alpha &= -\log p \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sigma}{x} &= (-\log p)^{1/\alpha} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{\sigma} &= (-\log p)^{-1/\alpha} \\ \Leftrightarrow x &= \sigma (-\log p)^{-1/\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \sigma [-\log p]^{-1/\alpha}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{\sigma}{p} \int_0^p [-\log v]^{-1/\alpha} dv \\
&= -\frac{\sigma}{p} \int_{\infty}^{-\log p} x^{-1/\alpha} \exp(-x) dx \text{ [set } x = -\log v] \\
&= \frac{\sigma}{p} \int_{-\log p}^{\infty} x^{-1/\alpha} \exp(-x) dx \\
&= \frac{\sigma}{p} \Gamma(1 - 1/\alpha, -\log p),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Gamma(a, x) = \int_x^{\infty} t^{a-1} \exp(-t) dt$$

is the complementary incomplete gamma function.

## 9. Setting

$$1 - \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^\alpha\right\} = p,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\exp\left\{-\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^\alpha\right\} = 1 - p \\
&\Leftrightarrow -\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^\alpha = \log(1 - p) \\
&\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)^\alpha = -\log(1 - p) \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{\sigma} = [\log(1 - p)]^{1/\alpha} \\
&\Leftrightarrow x = \sigma [\log(1 - p)]^{1/\alpha},
\end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \sigma [-\log(1 - p)]^{1/\alpha}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{\sigma}{p} \int_0^p [-\log(1 - v)]^{1/\alpha} dv \\
&= \frac{\sigma}{p} \int_0^{-\log(1-p)} x^{1/\alpha} \exp(-x) dx \text{ [set } x = -\log(1 - v)] \\
&= \frac{\sigma}{p} \gamma(1 + 1/\alpha, -\log(1 - p)),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\gamma(a, x) = \int_0^x t^{a-1} \exp(-t) dt$$

is the incomplete gamma function.

10. Setting

$$1 - \left(1 - \frac{cx}{k}\right)^{1/c} = p$$

gives

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \frac{k}{c} [1 - (1-p)^c].$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ES}_p(X) &= \frac{k}{pc} \int_0^p [1 - (1-v)^c] dv \\ &= \frac{k}{pc} \left\{ p + \frac{(1-p)^{c+1} - 1}{c+1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

11. For this distribution,

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \frac{p^\lambda - (1-p)^\lambda}{\lambda}$$

and

$$\text{ES}_p(X) = \frac{1}{p\lambda} \int_0^p (v^\lambda - (1-v)^\lambda) dv = \frac{1}{p\lambda(\lambda+1)} (p^{\lambda+1} + (1-p)^{\lambda+1} - 1).$$

12. For this distribution,

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \frac{p^\beta - (1-p)^\gamma}{\delta}$$

and

$$\text{ES}_p(X) = \frac{1}{p\delta} \int_0^p (v^\beta - (1-v)^\gamma) dv = \frac{1}{p\delta} \left( \frac{p^{\beta+1}}{\beta+1} + \frac{(1-p)^{\gamma+1} - 1}{\gamma+1} \right).$$

13. For this distribution,

$$\text{VaR}_p(X) = \frac{Cp^\alpha}{(1-p)^\beta}$$

and

$$\text{ES}_p(X) = \frac{C}{p} \int_0^p \frac{v^\alpha}{(1-v)^\beta} dv = \frac{C}{p} B_p(\alpha+1, 1-\beta).$$