

MATH4/68181: Extreme values and financial risk
Semester 1
Solutions to problem sheet for Week 5

1. The cdf of $M = \max(X, Y)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} F_M(m) &= \Pr(X < m, Y < m) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X > m) - \Pr(Y > m) + \Pr(X > m, Y > m) \\ &= 1 - \left[1 + \frac{m}{a}\right]^{-c} - \left[1 + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c} + \left[1 + \frac{m}{a} + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Differentiating

$$f_M(m) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{m}{a}\right]^{-c} - \left[1 + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c} + \left[1 + \frac{m}{a} + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c}.$$

with respect to m gives the pdf of M as

$$f_M(m) = \frac{c}{a} \left[1 + \frac{m}{a}\right]^{-c-1} + \frac{c}{b} \left[1 + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c-1} - c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left[1 + \frac{m}{a} + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c-1}.$$

3. The n th moment of M can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} E(M^n) &= \frac{c}{a} \int_0^\infty m^n \left[1 + \frac{m}{a}\right]^{-c-1} dm + \frac{c}{b} \int_0^\infty m^n \left[1 + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c-1} dm \\ &\quad - c \int_0^\infty m^n \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left[1 + \frac{m}{a} + \frac{m}{b}\right]^{-c-1} dm \\ &= \frac{c}{a} a^{n+1} \int_0^1 x^{c-n-1} (1-x)^n dx + \frac{c}{b} b^{n+1} \int_0^1 x^{c-n-1} (1-x)^n dx \\ &\quad - c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-n-1} \int_0^1 x^{c-n-1} (1-x)^n dx \\ &= ca^n B(c-n, n+1) + cb^n B(c-n, n+1) - c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-n} B(c-n, n+1). \end{aligned}$$

4. The mean of M is

$$\begin{aligned} E(M) &= caB(c-1, 2) + cbB(c-1, 2) - c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-1} B(c-1, 2) \\ &= \frac{c(a^2 + b^2 + ab)}{a+b} B(c-1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

5. The variance of M is

$$\begin{aligned} Var(M) &= ca^2B(c-2, 3) + cb^2B(c-2, 3) - c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-2} B(c-2, 3) - E^2(M) \\ &= \frac{c[(a^2 + b^2)(a+b)^2 - a^2b^2]}{(a+b)^2} B(c-2, 3) - \frac{c^2(a^2 + b^2 + ab)^2}{(a+b)^2} B^2(c-1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

6. The cdf of $L = \min(X, Y)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}F_L(l) &= 1 - \Pr(L > l) \\&= 1 - \Pr(X > l, Y > l) \\&= 1 - \left[1 + \frac{l}{a} + \frac{l}{b}\right]^{-c}.\end{aligned}$$

7. Differentiating

$$F_L(l) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{l}{a} + \frac{l}{b}\right]^{-c}.$$

with respect to l gives the pdf of L as

$$f_L(l) = c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left[1 + \frac{l}{a} + \frac{l}{b}\right]^{-c-1}.$$

8. The n th moment of L can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}E(L^n) &= c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \int_0^\infty l^n \left[1 + \frac{l}{a} + \frac{l}{b}\right]^{-c-1} dl \\&= c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-n-1} \int_0^1 x^{c-n-1} (1-x)^n dx \\&= c \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^{-n} B(c-n, n+1).\end{aligned}$$

9. The mean of L is

$$E(L) = \frac{abc}{a+b} B(c-1, 2).$$

10. The variance of L is

$$\text{Var}(L) = \frac{a^2 b^2 c}{(a+b)^2} B(c-2, 3) - \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{(a+b)^2} B^2(c-1, 2).$$