

Three hours

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

**EXTREME VALUES AND FINANCIAL RISK**

**13 January 2020**

**9:45am-12:45pm**

Answer any **TWO** out of the three questions in Section A.

Answer any **FOUR** of the five questions in Section B.

If more than **TWO** questions are attempted from Section A then credit will be given to the best **TWO** answers. If more than **FOUR** questions are attempted from Section B then credit will be given to the best **FOUR** answers.

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**SECTION A**Answer any **TWO** questions**A1.** Suppose  $(X, Y)$  has the joint survival function specified by

$$\bar{F}_{X,Y}(x, y) = \exp[-ax - by - c \max(x, y)]$$

for  $x > 0$ ,  $y > 0$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $c > 0$ .

- (a) Find the joint cumulative distribution function of  $X$  and  $Y$ , that is  $F_{X,Y}(\cdot, \cdot)$ ; [3 marks]
- (b) Find the marginal cumulative distribution functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ , that is  $F_X(\cdot)$  and  $F_Y(\cdot)$ ; [2 marks]
- (c) Show that  $F_X$  belongs to the Gumbel max domain of attraction; [2 marks]
- (d) Show that  $F_Y$  also belongs to the Gumbel max domain of attraction; [2 marks]
- (e) Find  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  such that

$$F_X^n(a_n x + b_n) \rightarrow \exp(-x)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; [2 marks]

- (f) Find  $c_n$  and  $d_n$  such that

$$F_Y^n(c_n x + d_n) \rightarrow \exp(-x)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; [2 marks]

- (g) Find the limiting cumulative distribution function of  $F_{X,Y}^n(a_n x + b_n, c_n y + d_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; [5 marks]
- (h) Are the extremes of  $(X, Y)$  completely independent? Justify your answer. [2 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**A2.** State the conditions in full for  $C(u_1, u_2)$ ,  $0 \leq u_1, u_2 \leq 1$  to be a copula. [4 marks]

Show that each of the following is a copula function.

(a)  $C(u_1, u_2) = \exp \left\{ - \left[ (-\log u_1)^\theta + (-\log u_2)^\theta \right]^{1/\theta} \right\}$  for  $\theta > 0$ . [4 marks]

(b)  $C(u_1, u_2) = \begin{cases} \max(u_1 + u_2 - 1, t), & \text{if } t \leq u_1 \leq 1, t \leq u_2 \leq 1, \\ \min(u_1, u_2), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  for  $0 < t < 1$ . [4 marks]

(c)  $C(u_1, u_2) = \left\{ \left[ (u_1^{-\theta} - 1)^\delta + (u_2^{-\theta} - 1)^\delta \right]^{1/\delta} + 1 \right\}^{-1/\theta}$  for  $\theta > 0$  and  $\delta \geq 1$ . [4 marks]

(d)  $C(u_1, u_2) = w_1 C_1(u_1, u_2) + w_2 C_2(u_1, u_2) + \dots + w_p C_p(u_1, u_2)$ , where  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p$  are valid copulas and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p$  are non-negative constants summing to one. [4 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**A3.** Consider a bivariate distribution specified by the joint survival function

$$\bar{G}(x, y) = \exp \left\{ -x - y + (\theta + \phi)y - \frac{\theta y^2}{x + y} - \frac{\phi y^3}{(x + y)^2} \right\}$$

for  $x > 0$ ,  $y > 0$ ,  $\theta \geq 0$ ,  $\phi \geq 0$ ,  $\theta + 3\phi \geq 0$ ,  $\theta + \phi \leq 1$  and  $\theta + 2\phi \leq 1$ .

- (a) Show that the distribution is a bivariate extreme value distribution; [6 marks]
- (b) Derive the joint cumulative distribution function; [2 marks]
- (c) Derive the conditional cumulative distribution function of  $Y$  given  $X = x$ ; [4 marks]
- (d) Derive the conditional cumulative distribution function of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ ; [4 marks]
- (e) Derive the joint probability density function. [4 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**SECTION B**Answer any **FOUR** questions

**B1.** (a) Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample with cumulative distribution function  $F(\cdot)$ . State the Extremal Types Theorem for  $M_n = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ . You must clearly specify the cumulative distribution function of each of the three extreme value distributions. [4 marks]

(b) 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. [4 marks]

(c) Consider a class of distributions defined by the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = 1 - \left\{ 1 - [(1 + \lambda)G(x) - \lambda(G(x))^2]^a \right\}^b$$

where  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $-\infty < \lambda < \infty$  and  $G(\cdot)$  is a valid cumulative distribution function. 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. [12 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**B2.** Determine the domain of attraction (if there is one) for each of the following distributions:

- (a) The distribution given by the probability mass function

$$p(k) = a(1 - a)^{k-1}$$

for  $0 < a < 1$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

[4 marks]

- (b) The distribution given by the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \frac{1 - \exp(-x)}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

for  $x > 0$ ;

[4 marks]

- (c) The distribution given by the probability density function

$$f(x) = Cx^{2a-1} \exp(-x^2)$$

for  $x > 0$  and  $a > 0.5$ , where  $C$  is a constant;

[4 marks]

- (d) The distribution given by the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = [1 - \exp(-x^a)]^b$$

for  $x > 0$ ,  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ ;

[4 marks]

- (e) The distribution given by the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = 1 - \frac{\log[1 - (1 - p) \exp(-x)]}{\log p}$$

for  $x > 0$  and  $0 < p < 1$ .

[4 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**B3.** (a) If  $X$  is an absolutely continuous random variable with cdf  $F(\cdot)$ , then define  $\text{VaR}_p(X)$ , the Value at Risk of  $X$ , and  $\text{ES}_p(X)$ , the Expected Shortfall of  $X$ , explicitly. [2 marks]

(b) Suppose a portfolio is made up of two investments. Suppose also that the losses on the investments say  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent random variables with joint survival function

$$\bar{F}(x, y) = \exp(-x - y - \theta xy)$$

for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , where  $0 < \theta < 1$  is an unknown parameter.

(i) Show that the cumulative distribution function of the minimum portfolio loss  $V = \min(X, Y)$  is

$$F_V(v) = 1 - \exp(-2v - \theta v^2)$$

for  $v > 0$ . [5 marks]

(ii) Derive the corresponding probability density function of  $V$ ; [3 marks]

(iii) Derive the corresponding  $\text{VaR}_p(V)$ ; [5 marks]

(iv) If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a random sample on  $V$  derive the equation satisfied by the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  and show why its solution must be a maximum likelihood estimator. [5 marks]

(Total marks: 20)

**B4.** Suppose a portfolio is made up of  $k$  investments where  $k$  is known. Suppose also that the losses on the investments say  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  are dependent random variables with joint cumulative distribution function

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^k \exp(-x_i)} \right]^c$$

for  $-\infty < x_i < \infty, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , where  $c$  is an unknown parameter.

- (a) Show that the cumulative distribution function the maximum portfolio loss  $U = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$  is

$$F_U(u) = \left[ \frac{1}{1 + k \exp(-u)} \right]^c;$$

[8 marks]

- (b) Derive the corresponding probability density function of  $U$ ; [2 marks]

- (c) Derive the corresponding  $\text{VaR}_p(U)$ ; [2 marks]

- (d) If  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  is a random sample on  $U$  derive the maximum likelihood estimator of  $c$ . [8 marks]

(Total marks: 20)



**B5.** Suppose a portfolio is made up of two investments. Suppose also that the losses on the investments say  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent random variables with joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b+c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c)} x^{a-1} y^{b-1} (1-x-y)^{c-1}$$

for  $x > 0$ ,  $y > 0$  and  $x + y < 1$ , where  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $c > 0$  are unknown parameters.

(a) Show that the probability density function of the total portfolio loss  $S = X + Y$  is

$$f_S(s) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b+c)}{\Gamma(a+b)\Gamma(c)} s^{a+b-1} (1-s)^{c-1}$$

for  $0 < s < 1$ .

[8 marks]

(b) Derive the corresponding cumulative distribution function of  $S$ ;

[2 marks]

(c) Derive the corresponding  $\text{VaR}_p(S)$ ;

[2 marks]

(d) If  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  is a random sample on  $S$  derive the equations satisfied by the maximum likelihood estimators of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

[8 marks]

(Total marks: 20)