

**LECTURE**

**2 OCTOBER**

**9:00-10:00AM**

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For a practitioner, dealing with 3 distributions is not convenient.

Is there a distribution that unifies the 3 distributions into a single form?

Yes.

GEV (Generalized Extreme Value)

Distribution has the CDF

$$G(x) = e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

where

$$1 + \xi \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} > 0$$

$$-\infty < \xi < \infty$$

$$-\infty < \mu < \infty$$

$$\sigma > 0$$

"shape"

"location"

"scale"



# Particular Cases

i)  $\zeta = 0$

$$\lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} e^{-\left(1 + \zeta \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\zeta}}}$$

$$= \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow 0} e^{-\left(1 + \frac{\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}}{\frac{1}{\zeta}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\zeta}}}$$

Set  $m = \frac{1}{\zeta}$

$$= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\left(1 + \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma m}\right)^{-m}}$$

$$= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\left[\left(1 + \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma m}\right)^m\right]^{-1}}$$

$\left(1 + \frac{y}{m}\right)^m \rightarrow e^y$   
as  $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$= e^{-\left[e^{\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}}\right]^{-1}}$$

$$= e^{-e^{-\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}}}$$

the same type  
as  $\Lambda(x) = e^{-e^{-x}}$

$\Rightarrow \Lambda(x)$  is a particular case of GEV when  $\zeta = 0$



ii)  $\xi > 0$

$$e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$
$$= e^{-\left(1 - \frac{\xi \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{\xi x}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

Set  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\xi}$

$$= e^{-\left(1 - \frac{\mu}{\alpha \sigma} + \frac{x}{\sigma \alpha}\right)^{-\alpha}}$$

$a = \frac{1}{\sigma \alpha}, b = 1 - \frac{\mu}{\alpha \sigma}$

$a > 0$   
 $b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$= e^{-(b + ax)^{-\alpha}}$$

= the same type as  $\bar{\Phi}_\alpha(x)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}_\alpha(x)$  is a particular case of GEV when  $\xi > 0$ .



$$\text{iii) } \boxed{\xi < 0}$$

$$e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

$$= e^{-\left(1 - \frac{\xi \mu}{\sigma} + \frac{\xi x}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Set } \alpha = -\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

$$= e^{-\left(1 + \frac{\mu}{\alpha \sigma} - \frac{x}{\alpha \sigma}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

$$= e^{-\left(-\left(-1 - \frac{\mu}{\alpha \sigma} + \frac{x}{\alpha \sigma}\right)\right)^{\alpha}}$$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{1}{\alpha \sigma}, \quad b = -1 - \frac{\mu}{\alpha \sigma}}$$

$$a > 0 \\ b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= e^{-\left(-\left(b + ax\right)\right)^{\alpha}}$$

$$= \text{same type as } \Psi_{\alpha}(x)$$

$\Rightarrow \Psi_{\alpha}(x)$  is a particular case of GEV when  $\xi < 0$ .



# GEV Distribution

CDF

$$G(x) = e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

PDF

$$g(x) = \frac{dG(x)}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma} \left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi} - 1}$$

$$\cdot e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}}$$

Quantile function

$$e^{-\left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}} = p, \quad 0 < p < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} = \log p$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} = -\log p$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = (-\log p)^{-\xi}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \mu + \frac{\sigma}{\xi} \left[ (-\log p)^{-\xi} - 1 \right]$$

$p$ th quantile

For example, if  $p = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{Median} = \mu + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ (\log 2)^{-\sqrt{3}} - 1 \right]$$

### Return Level

is the quantile when

$$p = 1 - \frac{1}{T} \text{ — No. of Years}$$

For example if  $T = 100$  Years then the quantile will be the extreme value that occurs on average once in 100 years.

Return level for  $T$  years

$$= \mu + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \left( -\log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{T} \right) \right)^{-\sqrt{3}} - 1 \right].$$



## ML estimation

(Maximum Likelihood Estimation)

Suppose  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a random sample from the GEV distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu, \sigma, \xi) &= \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma} \left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi} - 1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. e^{-\left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{\xi} - 1} \\ &\quad e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\mu, \sigma, \xi) &= -n \log \sigma \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{1}{\xi} + 1 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} \end{aligned}$$



## MLE equations for the GEV distribution

The MLEs of  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\xi$  are the simultaneous solutions of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{1 + \xi}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}-1} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma} &= -\frac{n}{\sigma} + \frac{1 + \xi}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}-1} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \xi} &= \frac{1}{\xi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1 + \xi}{\xi \sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\xi^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\xi \sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) \left(1 + \xi \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}-1} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The MLEs of  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$  and  $\xi$  are the simultaneous solutions of (1), (2) and (3).

`fgev` in the R software will compute the MLEs  $\hat{\mu}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}$  and  $\hat{\xi}$ .

## Definition 2

$X$  = variable of interest  
(eg stock returns)

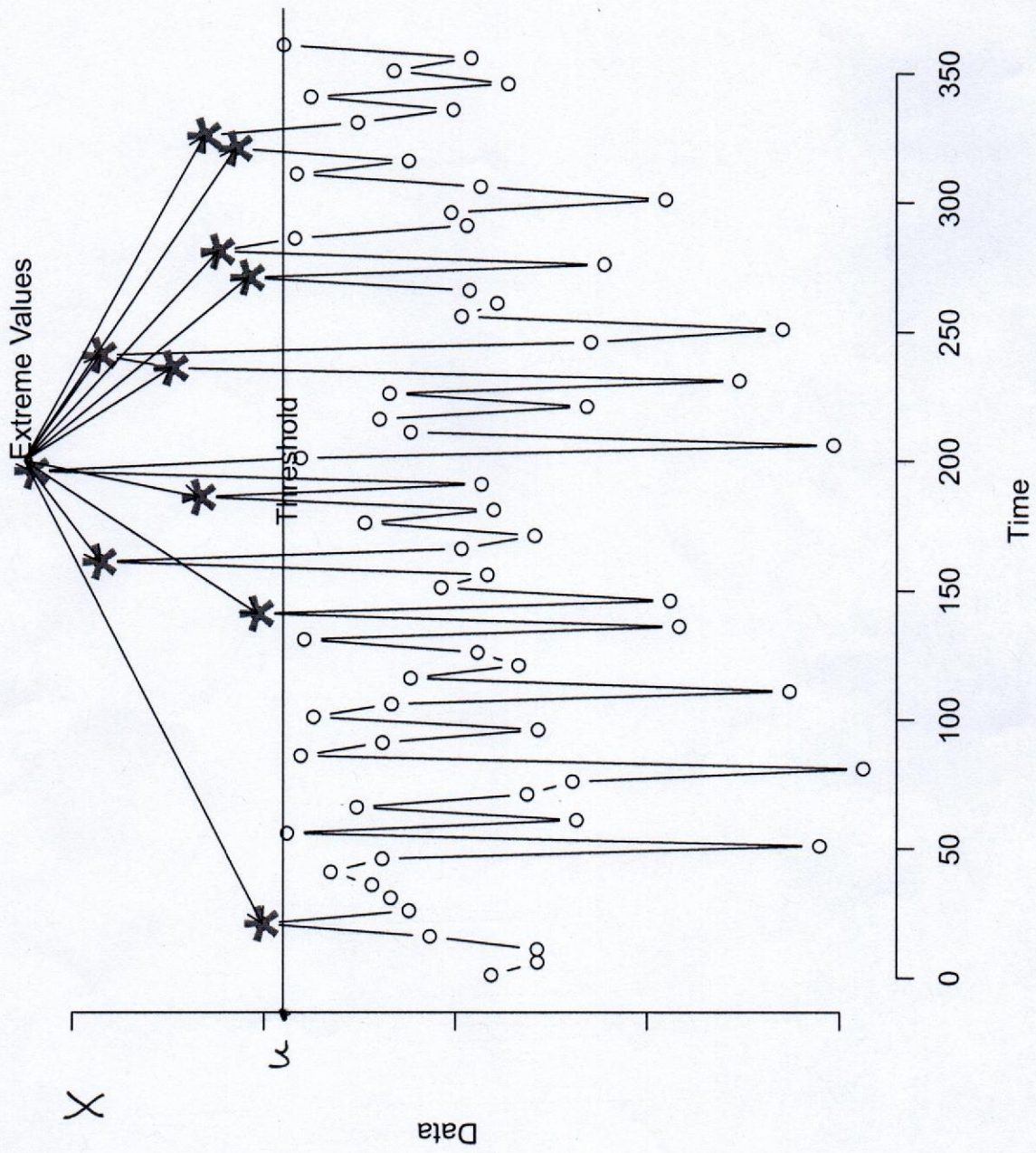
$u$  = Threshold (considered high enough)

$X$  is an extreme value  
if  $X > u$

$X - u$  = Excess amount



Definition 2





What is the distribution of

$X - u$  (the excess) if  $X > u$

(that is  $X$  is an extreme value)?

$$P(X - u < x \mid X > u) = ?$$