

**MATH48181/68181: Extreme values and financial risk**  
**Semester 1**  
**Formulas to remember for the final exam in January 2022**

The definition of a bivariate copula:  $C(u_1, u_2)$  is a bivariate copula if

$$C(u, 0) = 0,$$

$$C(0, u) = 0,$$

$$C(1, u) = u,$$

$$C(u, 1) = u,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} C(u_1, u_2) \geq 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} C(u_1, u_2) \geq 0.$$

**Definition of a bivariate extreme value distribution with unit exponential margins: a bivariate distribution with the joint survival function**

$$\bar{G}(x, y) = \exp \left[ -(x + y)A \left( \frac{y}{x + y} \right) \right]$$

for  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , where  $A(\cdot)$  is a real valued function on the unit interval satisfying:  
**i)  $A(0) = A(1) = 1$ ; ii)  $\max(w, 1 - w) \leq A(w) \leq 1$  for all  $w \in [0, 1]$ ; and, iii)  $A(\cdot)$  is convex.**

**Extremal type theorem: Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are independent and identically distributed (iid) random variables with common cumulative distribution function  $F$ . Let  $M_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  denote the maximum of the first  $n$  random variables and let  $w(F) = \sup\{x : F(x) < 1\}$  denote the upper end point of  $F$ . If there are norming constants  $a_n > 0$ ,  $b_n$  and a nondegenerate  $G$  such that the cdf of a normalized version of  $M_n$  converges to  $G$ , i.e.**

$$\Pr \left( \frac{M_n - b_n}{a_n} \leq x \right) = F^n(a_n x + b_n) \rightarrow G(x)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $G$  must be of the same type as (cumulative distribution functions  $G$  and  $G^*$  are of the same type if  $G^*(x) = G(ax + b)$  for some  $a > 0$ ,  $b$  and all  $x$ ) as one of

the following three classes:

$$\begin{aligned}
I & : \Lambda(x) = \exp\{-\exp(-x)\}, \quad x \in \mathfrak{R}; \\
II & : \Phi_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \exp\{-x^{-\alpha}\} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
& \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0; \\
III & : \Psi_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \exp\{-(-x)^\alpha\} & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} \\
& \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Necessary and sufficient conditions for the three extreme value distributions:

$$\begin{aligned}
I & : \exists \gamma(t) > 0 \text{ s.t. } \lim_{t \uparrow w(F)} \frac{1 - F(t + x\gamma(t))}{1 - F(t)} = \exp(-x), \quad x > 0, \\
II & : w(F) = \infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \uparrow \infty} \frac{1 - F(tx)}{1 - F(t)} = x^{-\alpha}, \quad x > 0, \\
III & : w(F) < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{1 - F(w(F) - tx)}{1 - F(w(F) - t)} = x^\alpha, \quad x > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The corresponding formulas for  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
I & : a_n = \gamma\left(F^{-1}\left(1 - n^{-1}\right)\right) \text{ and } b_n = F^{-1}\left(1 - n^{-1}\right), \\
II & : a_n = F^{-1}\left(1 - n^{-1}\right) \text{ and } b_n = 0, \\
III & : a_n = w(F) - F^{-1}\left(1 - n^{-1}\right) \text{ and } b_n = w(F),
\end{aligned}$$

Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $(M_n - b_n)/a_n$  to have a non-degenerate limiting distribution:

$$\frac{\Pr(X = k)}{1 - F(k - 1)} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $k \rightarrow w(F)$  if  $F$  is discrete.

Definition of  $\text{VaR}_p(X)$  if  $X$  is an absolutely continuous random variable:

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

Definition of  $\text{ES}_p(X)$  if  $X$  is an absolutely continuous random variable:

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

L'Hôpital's rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)}$$

if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_2(x) = 0$  or  $\pm\infty$ .

**The fact that:**  $(1-x)^a \approx 1-ax$  for  $x$  close to zero.

**The fact that:**  $\exp(-x) \approx 1-x$  for  $x$  close to zero.

**Joint survival function of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  is defined by**

$$\bar{F}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = \Pr(X_1 > x_1, X_2 > x_2, \dots, X_k > x_k).$$

**Bivariate case:** given the joint survival function  $\bar{F}(x, y) = \Pr(X \geq x, Y \geq y)$  of two non-negative random variables, the marginal cdf of  $X$ , the marginal cdf of  $Y$ , the marginal pdf of  $X$ , the marginal pdf of  $Y$ , the joint cdf of  $(X, Y)$ , the conditional cdf of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  and the conditional cdf of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  can be derived through

$$F_X(x) = 1 - \bar{F}(x, 0),$$

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - \bar{F}(0, y),$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx},$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy},$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = 1 - \bar{F}(x, 0) - \bar{F}(0, y) + \bar{F}(x, y),$$

$$F(y | x) = \frac{1}{f_X(x)} \frac{\partial F(x, y)}{\partial x}$$

and

$$F(x | y) = \frac{1}{f_Y(y)} \frac{\partial F(x, y)}{\partial y},$$

respectively.

**The roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ .**