

Statistical Theory of Extremes

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Part 1

Probabilistic Patterns of Univariate Statistical Extremes

Annex 1

On The "Duality" between Extremes and Sums

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For simplicity we will deal with some "duality" between sums (or averages) and maxima, the translation to minima being obvious from the relation $n \qquad \qquad n \\ \min{\{X_i\}} = -\max{\{-X_i\}}.$

The "duality" is expressed by the two columns in correspondence, where there are various gaps. F(.), F(.), ... and $\phi(.), \phi(.), ...$ will denote the distribution functions and the characteristic functions.

Sums Maxima

$$\begin{split} S_k &= \sum_1^k X_i \\ \phi x(t) &= M_X \big(e^{itX} \big) \text{: ch. f. of } X \end{split}$$

$$X_i \text{ indep.} \colon \phi_{S_k}(t) = \prod_1^k \phi_i(t)$$

$$X_i$$
 i. i. d. : $\phi_{S_k}(t) = \phi^k(t)$
 (X, Y) indep: $\phi a X + b Y(t)$
 $= \phi X(a t) \phi Y(b t)$

$$(+,.)$$

$$M(aX + b) = a M(X) + b$$

$$V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X)$$

If $\{X_i\}$ i.i.d. have μ , σ^2 then

$$\phi(t) \atop (s_k - k\mu)/\sqrt{k} \, \sigma \to (e^{-t^2/2})$$

(Central Limit Theorem); in the general case "sometimes" the ch. f. of the normal law may be substituted by that of an indefinitely divisible law ; $\mu = \phi_X^{'}(0)/i, \sigma^2 = \phi_X^{'}(0)^2 - \phi_X^{''}(0),$ in the usual case.

If (X, Y) has a binormal distribution standard normal margins and correlation coefficient then Z = aX + bY has a normal distribution $N(x/\sigma(a,b))$ with $\sigma(a,b) = a^2 + b^2 + 2 \rho(ab)$.

If $\rho = 0$ (independence), $\sigma(a, b) = 1$ iff $a^2 + b^2 = 1$; in the case C(X, Z) = a.

$$M_{k} = \max_{i} \{X_{i}\}$$

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$$F_{X}(t) = \text{Prob } \{X \leq x\} : d. \text{ f. of } X$$

$$X_i \text{ indep.: } F_{M_k}(x) = \prod_{1}^n F_i(x)$$

$$X_i$$
 i. i. d. : $F_{M_k}(x) = F^k(x)$
 (X, Y) indep: $F_{max(X+a,Y+b)}$
 $= F_X(x-a)F_Y(x-b)$
 $(max, +)$

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If $\{X_i\}$ are i.i.d. there "sometimes" exist $(\lambda_k, \delta_k > 0)$ such that $Prob \{(M_k - \lambda_n)/\delta_n \leq x\} = F^k (\lambda_k + \delta_k x) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(x), \tilde{L}(x)$ then being $\Psi_\alpha(x)$, $\Lambda(x)$ or $\Phi_\alpha(x)$; for $\Lambda(x)$ we have $n(1 - F(\lambda_k)) \rightarrow 1$, $k(1 - F(\lambda_k + \delta_k)) \rightarrow e^{-1}$ or $\delta_n \sim 1/n \, F'(\lambda_n)$; there are corresponding results for Φ_α and Φ_α .

If (X,Y) has a bivariate distribution with reduced Gumbel margins then Z = max(X-a,Y-b) has a Gumbel distribution $\Lambda(z-\lambda(a,b))$ with $\lambda(a,b) = \log\{(e^{-a}+e^{-b})k(b-a)\}$

If k(w) = 1 (independence), $\lambda(a,b) = 0$ if $e^{-a} + e^{-b} = 1$; in that case $Prob \{Z \le X - a\} = Prob \{X - b \le X - a\} = e^{-a}$.