Bayesian and other approaches for extremes in one, many or infinitely many dimensions

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- Inference

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- Dirichlet mixture model

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Extremes and risks

**Figure**: Tempête Xynthia, La Faute-Sur-Mer, 1er Mars 2010.
Extremes and risks

Quantity of interest: $X$ (water level, temperature, insurance claims, . . .) $\rightarrow$ time series $X_t, t \geq 0$.

- Given a high threshold $h$, find $p = \mathbb{P}(X \geq h)$
- Given $p$ (e.g. $p = 10^{-4}$), find $h$ such that $\mathbb{P}(X > h) \leq p$.
- Given a long duration $T$ (e.g. $10^4$), find $P(\max_{t \leq T} X_t \leq h)$. 
Beyond the range of data
For \( h \gg \max(X_{\text{obs}}) \), or \( T \gg T_{\text{obs}} \), or \( p \ll 1/N_{\text{obs}} \) too small:

\[ \hat{P}(X > h) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} \mathbb{I}_{X_i > h} = 0 \]

Empirical estimator

Need an extrapolation model
Three complementary approaches to understand extremes

1. Block maxima

2. Excesses above a high threshold

3. Point process above a high threshold

The three approaches are equivalent in theory
Extreme value analysis

Theory: Under minimal assumptions, distributions of maxima/excesses converge to a certain class.

Modelling: Use those limits to model maxima/excesses above large thresholds.

\( \mathbf{X} \): random object (variable / vector/ process) \( \mathbf{X}_i \overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathbf{X} \).

\[
\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{X}_i \overset{d}{\approx} \text{Max-stable (n large)}
\]

\[
[ \mathbf{X} \mid \|\mathbf{X}\| \geq r ] \overset{d}{\approx} \text{Generalized Pareto (r large)}
\]

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\left( \frac{i}{n}, \frac{x_i}{n} \right)} \overset{d}{\approx} \text{Poisson point process}
\]
Dependence issues (see part 2)

- Stationary time series, not time-independent $\rightarrow$ time declustering (separate clusters and keep the largest observation in each one)
- Non-stationary time series $\rightarrow$ difficult to identify

- Spatial dependence / dependence between features (temperature, precipitation, wind, ...) :
  - Max-stable models $\rightarrow$ allows space extrapolation, with parametric assumptions on the dependence structure. Long range independence difficult to handle.
  - Multivariate extremes models (not necessarily spatial) $\rightarrow$ learn the dependence structure of extremes
Block Maxima

- Maximum of a “block” of size $n$:

$$M_n = \max_{t=1, \ldots, n} X_t \quad \text{notation} \quad n \bigvee_1 X_t.$$

e.g.: monthly maximum of concentration for an air pollutant.

- Dividing the dataset into $m$ blocks $\leftrightarrow m$ maxima ($M_n[1], \ldots, M_n[m]$); $M_n[i] = \bigvee_{t \in \text{bloc } i} X_t$

- $n \cdot m$ data points ($m$ blocks of size $n$) $\leftrightarrow$ only $m$ maxima!
Peaks-Over-Threshold
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- **Excess**: \( Y = X - u, \) for \( X > u. \)

- **Conditional survival function**

\[
\bar{F}_u(y) = P(X - u > y | X > u) = \frac{\bar{F}(u + y)}{\bar{F}(u)}
\]
Point process (counting process) above threshold

\[ N_u([t_1, t_2] \times [u, \infty)) = \sum_{t=t_1}^{t_2} \mathbb{I}\{X_t > u\} \]

\( N_u \) counts the points above \( u \)
Bi-variate counting process

\[ N([t_1, t_2] \times [u_1, u_2]) = \sum_{t=1}^{n} \mathbb{I}_{(t, X_t)}([t_1, t_2] \times [u_1, u_2]) \]

≪ Number of points in rectangle \([t_1, t_2] \times [u_1, u_2]\) ≫

- \(N\) : random measure, integer-valued, finite on compacts.
  \(N = \{N(A), \ A \subset \mathbb{R}^2\} \).
Theorem (Fisher et Tipett, 1928; Gnedenko 1943)

\((X_t)_{t \geq 0}\) i.i.d random variables, \(M_n = \max_{t \leq n} X_t\). If there exists sequences 
\((a_n)_n > 0, (b_n)_n \in \mathbb{R}, \) and a non-degenerate r.v. \(Y\), s.t.
\[
\frac{M_n - b_n}{a_n} \xrightarrow{d} Y,
\]
then, \(Y\) is a \("Generalized Extreme Value Distribution"\) (GEV), i.e.
\[
\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x) := G_{\mu, \sigma, \xi}(x) = e^{-\left[(1+\xi \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma})_+\right]^{-1/\xi}}
\]
with \(\xi \in \mathbb{R}, \ y_+ = \max(0, y), \) and 
\[
G_{\mu, \sigma, 0}(x) = e^{-e^{-\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}}}.\]
Maxima ⇐⇒ excesses ⇐⇒ point processes

\[ [x_*, x^*] = \text{supp}(G). \] Let \( \bar{H}(x) = -\log(G(x)) \).

**Theorem**

The following statements are equivalent:

- **(Maxima)** \( F^n(a_n x + b_n) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} G(x) \quad (x_* < x < x^*) \)

- **(Conditional law of excesses)** \( \exists \sigma(t) > 0, \text{s.t.} \)
  \[
  \frac{\bar{F}(u + \sigma(u)x)}{\bar{F}(u)} \xrightarrow{u \to \infty} \bar{H}(x) \quad (x_* < x < x^*)
  \]

- **(Point process)**
  \[
  \tilde{N}_n(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\left( \frac{\cdot}{n}, \frac{x_i-b_n}{a_n} \right)}(\cdot) \xrightarrow{d, n \to \infty} \tilde{N}
  \]

where \( \tilde{N} \) is a Poisson PP on \((0, 1) \times (x_*, x^*)\), with intensity measure
\[
\tilde{\lambda}(t_1, t_2) \times (x, \infty) = (t_2 - t_1)\bar{H}(x)
\]
Inference methods, existing R packages

- Maximum likelihood, probability weighted moments
- R packages: ismev, extRemes, evd, fExtremes, EVIM, Xtremes, HYFRAN, EXTREMES, ...

http://cran.r-project.org/

- Gilleland, Ribatet, Stephenson, 2013: A software review for extreme value analysis
Assumption behind extreme values models

- For block maxima: for $n$ large enough, $M_n \sim G_{\mu, \sigma, \xi}$.

- For Peaks-over-threshold: for $u$ large enough,
  $[X - u | X > U] \sim \text{GPD}(u, \sigma, \xi)$

- Poisson process: for $u, n$ large enough,
  $N = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{I}_{\frac{X_i}{n} > \frac{X}{n}} \sim \text{PP}(\text{lebesgue} \otimes H_{u, \sigma, \xi})$

- Goal: estimate $\mu, \sigma, \xi$

- Bayesian inference: put a prior on $\mu, \sigma, \xi$. Allows to take into account expert knowledge / historical information
  - Parent, Bernier, 2003, *Bayesian POT modeling for historical data*
  - Renard, 2011, *A Bayesian hierarchical approach to regional frequency analysis*
  - ...
example: POT model for univariate data

- GPD model above threshold:
  \[ \bar{F}_u(y|\xi, \sigma) := P(X \geq u + y|X \geq u) \simeq \bar{H}_{\xi,\sigma} \]
- data: excesses \((y_1, \ldots, y_{N_u})\) above \(u\) \(\Rightarrow (\hat{\xi}, \hat{\sigma})\)?
- \(u\) moderate: enough data above. \(\hat{F}(u) = \frac{N_u}{n}\).
- \(\bar{F}(u + y) \simeq \hat{F}(u)\bar{F}_u(y)\)
  \[
  \mathcal{L}(y, \xi, \sigma) \propto - \prod_{i=1}^{N_u} \frac{d}{dy} \bar{F}_u(y_i|\xi, \sigma)
  \]
  MLE estimators:
  \(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\sigma} \in \arg\max_{\sigma, \xi} \mathcal{L}(y, \xi, \sigma)\)

Or Bayesian estimation \(\rightarrow\) posterior sample.
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Why multivariate extremes?

- Spatial or multivariate data: what is the dependence between features/locations at extreme levels?

- Conditional probabilities of an excess: \( \mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2) \);
  \[
P(X_2 > y | X_1 > x)? \quad (x \text{ large })
  \]

- Probability of a joint excess:
  \[
P(X_1 > x, X_2 > x)? \quad (x \text{ large })
  \]
Multivariate extremes

- Random vectors $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \ldots, Y_d)$; $Y_j \geq 0$

- Margins: $Y_j \sim F_j$, $1 \leq j \leq d$ (continuous).

- **Preliminary step**: Standardization $X_j = \frac{1}{1 - F_j(Y_j)}$, $\mathbb{P}(X_j > v) = \frac{1}{v}$.

- Goal: $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in A)$, $A$ 'far from 0'?
Intuitively: $\mathbb{P}(X \in tA) \simeq \frac{1}{t} \mathbb{P}(X \in A)$

**Multivariate regular variation**

$$0 \notin \bar{A}: \quad t \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{X}{t} \in A \right) \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} \mu(A), \quad \mu: \text{Exponent measure}$$

necessarily: $\mu(tA) = t^{-1} \mu(A)$ (Radial homogeneity)

→ **angular measure** on the sphere: $\Phi(B) = \mu\{tB, t \geq 1\}$

**General model for extremes**

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \|X\| \geq r ; \frac{X}{\|X\|} \in B \right) \simeq r^{-1} \Phi(B)$$

$\Phi$ is finite: $H := \frac{1}{\Phi(S_d)} \Phi$ is a probability distribution: “angular distribution”.
Polar decomposition and angular measure

- Polar coordinates: \( R = \sum_{j=1}^{d} X_j \) (\( L_1 \) norm); \( W = \frac{X}{R} \).

- \( W \in \text{simplex} \ S_d = \{ w : w_j \geq 0, \sum_j w_j = 1 \} \).

Model above large radial threshold \( r_0 \)

\[
\mathbb{P}(R > r, W \in B \mid R \geq r_0) \approx \frac{r_0}{r} H(B)
\]

Angular measure \( H \) (+ margins) under the joint distribution

\[ S_d \]

\[ W \]

\[ X \]

\[ R \]

\[ B \]
Angular distribution

- \( H (+ \text{ margins}) \) rules the joint distribution

- **Non parametric** family: Only one moment constraint on \( H \), Center of mass = Center of the simplex

- Statistician’s goal: estimate \( H \) (if possible, together with margins)
Estimating the angular measure (assume margins known)


**Issues**: asymptotic variance, Bayesian inference with $d > 2$, censored data

- Restriction to **parametric family**: Gumbel, logistic, pairwise Beta . . . Coles & Tawn, 91, Cooley et al., 2010, Ballani & Schlather, 2011: Model uncertainty?

- Compromise: **Mixture** of countably many parametric models $\rightarrow$ Infinite-dimensional model

  **Dirichlet mixture model**

  (Boldi, Davison, 2007; S., Naveau, 2013)
Dirichlet distribution ("multivariate Beta")

\[ \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}_d, \text{diri}(\mathbf{w} \mid \mu, \nu) = \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{\prod_{i=1}^{d} \Gamma(\nu \mu_i)} \prod_{i=1}^{d} \mathbf{w}_i^{\nu \mu_i - 1}. \]

- \( \mu \in \mathcal{S}_d \): location parameter (point on the simplex) : ‘center’;
- \( \nu > 0 \): concentration parameter.
Dirichlet mixture model

- \( \mu = \mu_{1:k}, \nu = \nu_{1:k}, p = p_{1:k} \)

\[
h(w | \mu, \nu, p) = \sum_{m=1}^{k} p_m \text{diri}(w | \mu_{.,m}, \nu_m)
\]

- Moments constraint on \((\mu, p)\):

\[
\sum_{m=1}^{k} p_m \mu_{.,m} = \left( \frac{1}{d}, \ldots, \frac{1}{d} \right).
\]

Weakly dense family \((k \in \mathbb{N})\) in the space of admissible angular measures.
Bayesian inference

- Moments constraints (Boldi, Davison, 2007) → difficult to handle in a Bayesian setting in dimension $d > 2$

- Re-parametrization S., Naveau (13) : work with unconstrained parameter in a product space
  - Weak posterior consistency
  - MCMC with reversible jumps manageable in moderate dimension ($\approx 5$).

- Inference with censored data S., 2015, JMVA
examples of results: mixing properties of the MCMC algorithm

Simulated data, dimension 5, showing 2D predictive angular measure

original algo (Boldi, Davison, 07) reparametrized (S., Naveau, 2014)
predictive angular density

Simulated data, dimension 3, showing true / predictive angular density level sets)
Connection with Point process/max-stable models

Similar to the 1-D case

\[ t \mathbb{P}(\frac{X}{t} \in \cdot) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \mu(\cdot) \quad \text{RV} \]

\[ \iff \]

\[ \left[ \left( \|X\|, \frac{X}{\|X\|} \right) \mid \|X\| > r \right] \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} d \frac{dr}{r^2} dH \quad \text{(POT CV)} \]

\[ \iff \]

\[ N_n(\cdot) := \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\frac{X_i}{n}} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} PP(d \frac{dr}{r^2} dH(w)) \quad \text{(PP CV)} \]

\[ \iff \]

\[ \frac{\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} X_i}{n} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} G \quad \text{max CV} \]

where

\[ G(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \exp \left( -d \int_{S^d} \bigvee_{j=1}^{d} \frac{w_j}{x_i} dH(w) \right) \quad \text{max-stable distribution} \]
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Pointwise maxima of continuous processes
possible limits (in distribution) of pointwise paxima

- A continuous stochastic process \( Z \) on a domain \( \mathbb{D} \) is \textit{max-stable} if \( \exists \) continuous normalizing functions \( (\alpha_n) > 0 \) and \( \beta_n \) s.t.

\[
Z \overset{d}{=} \bigvee_{i=1}^{n} \frac{Z_i - \beta_n}{\alpha_n}.
\]

- N.B : equality in distribution : determined by finite-dimensional distributions \([Z_{s_1}, \ldots, Z_{s_n}].\)

- If \((X_i)\) are i.i.d. continuous processes and \( \exists a_n > 0, b_n, \) s.t.

\[
\bigvee_{i=1}^{n} \frac{X_i - b_n}{a_n} \overset{n \to \infty}{\rightarrow} Z
\]

then \( Z \) is a max-stable process.

de Haan, 84, A spectral representation for max-stable processes.

- Idea for statistical modeling : same as before : use a max-stable family (or its equivalent for peaks-over-thresholds) as a model for maxima/excesses.
Spectral representation

- Standardization to unit Fréchet margins (probability integral transform) \( \mathbb{P}(Z(s) \leq x) = e^{-1/x}, s \in \mathbb{D} \). Then \( Z \) is a simple max-stable process.

**Theorem (de Haan, 84, Penrose, 92)**

Any non degenerate continuous, simple max-stable process \( \{Z(s): \text{in} \mathbb{D}\} \) defined on a compact set \( \mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \), satisfies

\[
Z(x) \overset{d}{=} \bigvee_{i \geq 1} \zeta_i f_i(s)
\]

where \( \{\zeta_i, f_i, i \geq 1\} \) points of a Poisson process on \((0, \infty) \times \mathcal{C}\) with intensity \( \zeta^{-2} \, d\zeta \, d\nu(f) \), for some locally finite measure \( \nu \) on the space \( \mathcal{C} \) of continuous, \( \geq 0 \) functions on \( \mathbb{D} \) such that \( \int_{\mathcal{C}} f(s) \, d\nu(f) = 1, s \in \mathbb{D} \).

Intuition: \( f \) = infinite-dim generalisation of an ”angle”.

- \( f_i \): rainstorm profile
- \( \zeta_i \): rainstorm intensity
model for spectral functions $f_i \rightarrow$ model for $Z$

- $f_i$: random gaussian density (mean = center of the storm, variance: inverse width: *Smith model* (Smith, 90)
- $f_i(s) = \max(0, W_i(s))$, $W_i$: stationary Gaussian process: Schlather model (Schlather, 2002)
- More flexible (and difficult to simulate until recently (Kabluchko et al., 2009): Brown-Resnick process, Extremal-t process (Opitz, 2013)

Smith, Schlather, Brown-Resnick, Extremal-t
Inference for max-stable processes

- C.d.f. for a finite number of location:
  \[ F_{s_1,\ldots,s_d}(x_1, \ldots, x_d) = e^{-V(x_1, \ldots, x_d)} \rightarrow \text{likelihood expression is a } d^{th} \text{ derivative, huge number of terms!} \]
  \[ \rightarrow \text{use} \]
  - composite likelihood, Padoan et.al, 2010, Likelihood-based inference for max-stable processes, can be Bayesian (Cooley, Davison, Ribatet, 11)
  - concurrent extremes: conditioning on the underlying spectral function (hitting scenario), Dombry, Eyi-Minko 2013

- Implementation of standard methods in package spatialExtremes (Ribatet, 15)

- Bayesian hierarchical model: Reich, Shaby, 2013.

- Peaks-over-Threshold framework (Thibaud et.al., 2013)
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If no spatial structure but large number of features

- Example: collection of air pollutants, network data (features of the connection requests), blood toxines, . . .

Issues in large ($\geq 10$) dimension for standard multivariate models:

- MCMC convergence would take ages.

- Implicit assumption in many model: “All variables must be concomitantly large”, (or some pre-specified subsets, as in the logistic model):
  
  not reasonable in a spatial context (localized storms, affecting only some subsets of variables):
End of this talk
joint work with Nicolas Goix and Stephan Clémençon

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Exhibit sparsity?

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Error (‘uncertainty’) assessment
Finite sample Bounds on the error? (not Bayesian . . .)

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- **Step 3**: with new data:
  Anomalies = points outside the ‘normal region’

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Multivariate EVT for Anomaly detection

• If ‘normal’ data are heavy tailed, there may be extreme normal data.

How to distinguish between large anomalies and normal extremes?

• Yet : no multivariate AD algorithm has a specific treatment for multivariate extreme data

• Our goal (from an AD point of view) : Improve performance of standard AD algorithms on extremal regions using MEVT. → reduce # false positives
Recall Multivariate extremes

- Random vectors $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \ldots, Y_d)$; $Y_j \geq 0$
- Margins: $Y_j \sim F_j$, $1 \leq j \leq d$ (continuous).
- Preliminary step: Standardization $X_j = \frac{1}{1 - F_j(Y_j)}$, $\mathbb{P}(X_j > x) = \frac{1}{x}$.
- Goal: $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{X} \in A), A \text{ 'far from 0'}$?
Fundamental assumption and consequences  

Intuitively: \( \mathbb{P}(X \in tA) \approx \frac{1}{t} \mathbb{P}(X \in A) \)

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Angular measure

- $\Phi$ rules the joint distribution of extremes

- Asymptotic dependence: $(X_1, X_2)$ may be large together.

- Asymptotic independence: only $X_1$ or $X_2$ may be large.

No assumption on $\Phi$: non-parametric framework.
Multivariate extremes in large dimension?

- Flexible multivariate models for **moderate dimension** \((d \simeq 5)\)
  
  Dirichlet Mixtures (Boldi,Davison 07; S., Naveau 12), Logistic family (Stephenson 09, Fougères *et al.*, 13), Pairwise Beta (Cooley *et al.*) . . .

- Theory for angular measure (dependence) estimation: **asymptotic**, \(d = 2\), rates under **second order conditions**
  
  (Einmahl, 01) Empirical likelihood (Einmahl, Segers 09)

- **High dimension**? \((d \gg 1)\):
  - Spatial \(\rightarrow\) max-stable models (parametric)
  - **Non spatial** \(\rightarrow??\)
    
    (multiple air pollutants, assets, features for AD . . .)
  - Theory for integrated versions (tail dependence function)
    
    Asymptotic normality (Einmahl *et al.*, 12, 15) (parametric case),
    
    Finite sample bounds (Goix *et al.*, 15)
    
    \(\not\rightarrow\) structure of extremes (which components may be large together)
It cannot rain everywhere at the same time

(daily precipitation)

(air pollutants)
Towards high dimension

• Reasonable hope: only a moderate number of $X_j$’s may be simultaneously large $\rightarrow$ sparse angular measure

• Our goal from a MEVT point of view:

  **Estimate the (sparse) support** of the angular measure (*i.e.* the dependence structure).

Which components may be large together, while the other are small?

• For MEVT modeling: recover the asymptotically dependent groups of components $\rightarrow$ use simplified model.

• for AD: support = normal profile $\rightarrow$ anomalies = points ‘far away’ from the support.
Sparse angular support

Full support: anything may happen

Sparse support

(X_1 not large if X_2 or X_3 large)

Where is the mass?

Subcones of $\mathbb{R}^d_+$: $C_\alpha = \{x \geq 0, x_i \geq 0 \ (i \in \alpha), \ x_j = 0 \ (j \notin \alpha), \ |x| \geq 1\}$

$\alpha \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}$. 
Support recovery + representation

- $\{\Omega_\alpha, \alpha \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}\}$: partition of the unit sphere
- $\{C_\alpha, \alpha \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}\}$: corresponding partition of $\{x : \|x\| \geq 1\}$
- $\mu$-mass of subcone $C_\alpha$ : $M(\alpha)$ (unknown)
- **Goal**: learn the $2^d - 1$-dimensional representation (potentially sparse)

$$M = \left( M(\alpha) \right)_{\alpha \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}, \alpha \neq \emptyset}$$

- $M(\alpha) > 0 \iff$ features $j \in \alpha$ may be large together while the others are small.
Identifying non empty edges

**Issue:** real data = non-asymptotic: $X_j > 0$.

Cannot just count data on each edge:
Only the largest-dimensional sphere has empirical mass!
Identifying non empty edges

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Affect data $\varepsilon$-close to an edge, to that edge.

$$\Omega_\alpha \to \Omega^\varepsilon_\alpha = \{ w : w_i > \varepsilon (i \in \alpha), \ w_j < \varepsilon (j \notin \alpha) \}.$$ 

$$C_\alpha \to C^\varepsilon_\alpha = \{ t \Omega^\varepsilon_\alpha, t \geq 1 \}.$$ 

→ New partition of the input space, compatible with non asymptotic data.
**Empirical estimator**: Counts the standardized points in \( C_\varepsilon \), far from 0.

**Algorithm**

**data**: \( Y_i, i = 1, \ldots, n, Y_i = (X_{i,1}, \ldots, Y_{i,d}) \).

- Standardize: \( \hat{X}_i = \frac{1}{1 - \hat{F}_j(Y_{i,j})} \), with \( \hat{F}_j(Y_{i,j}) = \frac{\text{rank}(Y_{i,j}) - 1}{n} \)

- Natural estimator

\[
\hat{\Phi}_n(\Omega_\alpha) = \mu_n(C_\varepsilon) = \frac{n}{k} \mathbb{P}_n(\hat{X} \in \frac{n}{k} C_\varepsilon).
\]

\( \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{M}} = (\hat{\Phi}_n(\Omega_\alpha), \alpha \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}) \)
Sparsity in real datasets

Data=50 wave direction from buoys in North sea.
(Shell Research, thanks J. Wadsworth)

nb of faces with positive mass
nb of faces with positive mass after thresholding
nb of faces with positive mass after 2nd thresholding

Non-extreme data
2761
21
1

Extreme Data
782
76
26
Finite sample error bound
VC-bound adapted to low probability regions (see Goix et. al., 2015)

**Theorem**

*If the margins $F_j$ are continuous and if the density of the angular measure is bounded by $M > 0$ on each subface,*

*There is a constant $C$ s.t. for any $n, d, k, \delta \leq e^{-k}, \varepsilon \leq 1/4$, with probability $\geq 1 - \delta$,*

$$
\max_{\alpha} |\hat{\Phi}_n(\Omega_\alpha) - \Phi(\Omega_\alpha)| \leq Cd \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{k\varepsilon}} \log \frac{d}{\delta} + Md\varepsilon \right) + \text{Bias}_{n,k,\varepsilon}(F, \mu).
$$

**Bias**: using non asymptotic data to learn about an asymptotic quantity

Regular variation $\iff$ $\text{Bias}_{t,\varepsilon} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} 0$

- **Existing litterature** ($d = 2$): $1/\sqrt{k}$.
- **Here**: $1/\sqrt{k\varepsilon} + Md\varepsilon$. Price to pay for biasing estimator with $\varepsilon$.
  OK if $\varepsilon k \to \infty$, $\varepsilon \to 0$.
  Choice of $\varepsilon$: cross-validation or ‘$\varepsilon = 0.1$’
Tools for the proof

1. VC inequality for small probability classes (Goix et.al., 2015)
   → max deviations $\leq \sqrt{p} \times$ (usual bound)

2. Apply it on VC-class of rectangles $\{\frac{k}{n} R(x, z, \alpha), x, z \succ \varepsilon\}$
   → $p \leq d \frac{k}{\varepsilon n}$

3. Approach $C^{\varepsilon}_{\alpha}$ with such rectangles → error $\leq d \sqrt{\varepsilon}$

4. Approach $\mu(C_{\alpha})$ with $\mu(C^{\varepsilon}_{\alpha})$ → error $\leq d \varepsilon$
   (bounded angular density).
Results: support recovery

- Asymmetric logistic, $d = 10$, dependence parameter $\alpha = 0.1$ → Non asymptotic data (not exactly Generalized Pareto)
- $K$ randomly chosen (asymptotically) non-empty faces.
- parameters: $k = \sqrt{n}$, $\epsilon = 0.1$
- Additional (heuristic) step: eliminate faces supporting less than 1% of total mass.

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Algorithm DAMEX (Detecting Anomalies with Multivariate Extremes)

Anomaly = new observation ‘violating the sparsity pattern’:
observed in empty or light subcone.

Scoring function: for $x$ such that $\hat{\nu} \in C_\alpha^\varepsilon$,

$$s_n(x) = \frac{1}{\|\hat{\nu}\|} \phi_n(\Omega_\alpha^\varepsilon) \sim x \text{ large} \quad \mathbb{P}(X \in C_\alpha^\varepsilon, \|X\| > x)$$
Conclusion

- Adequate notion of ‘sparsity’ for MEVT: sparse angular measure

- **Empirical estimation** (→ algorithm) to learn this sparse asymptotic support from non-asymptotic, non sparse data.

- **Finite sample error bounds** (tools from statistical learning theory)

- **Applications**:
  - Immediate application to AD
  - View towards multivariate extreme (or spatial?) modeling:

    *use sparsity information to build a simplified model, need to do clustering?*

    (ongoing work, Maël Chiapino)

- **Question**: can we detect sparsity in a Bayesian framework? ideas welcome...
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