A composite likelihood based approach for max-stable processes using histogram-valued variables

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• <u>QUESTION</u>: What is the expected maximum temperature across some region within the next 50 or 100 years?



Figure: Heat wave in South East Australia (January 2017)



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Outline

- Max-stable processes
- Composite Likelihood
- A Symbolic Data Analysis result
 - Simulation experiments
 - Real Data Analysis



Max-stable processes (1)

Definition: Let X₁, X₂,..., be i.i.d replicates of X(s), s ∈ S ⊂ ℝ^d.
 If ∃ a_n(s) > 0 and b_n(s), some continuous functions such that

$$\left\{\max_{i=1,\ldots,n}\frac{X_i(s)-b_n(s)}{a_n(s)}\right\}_{s\in\mathcal{S}}\xrightarrow{d}\left\{Y(s)\right\}_{s\in\mathcal{S}},$$

then the process Y(s) is a max-stable process with GEV margins.

• Recall that the distribution function of the GEV is given by

$$G(x; \mu, \sigma, \xi) = \exp\{-v(x; \mu, \sigma, \xi)\},\$$

where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma > 0$, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$, $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$, $v(y; \mu, \sigma, \xi) = \left(1 + \xi \frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)_{+}^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}$ when $\xi \neq 0$ and $e^{-\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}}$ otherwise, and $a_{+} = \min(0, a)$.



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$$Y(s) = \max_{1 \le i} \{\zeta_i f_d(s, t_i)\}, s \in \mathbb{R}^d$$
where $(\zeta_i, t_i)_{1 \le i}$ are the points of a point process on $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d$, and
 $f_d = \phi_d(\cdot; \Sigma)$.
For $d = 2$, the bivariate cdf of $(Y(s_1), Y(s_2)), s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is

$$P(Y(s_1) \le y_1, Y(s_2) \le y_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{v_1}\Phi\left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{a}\log\frac{v_2}{v_1}\right) - \frac{1}{v_2}\Phi\left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{a}\log\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)\right),$$

where $v_i = \left(1 - \xi_i \frac{y_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}, i = 1, 2$ and $a^2 = (z_1 - z_2)^T \Sigma^{-1}(z_1 - z_2)$



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• The resulting maximum j-wise composite likelihood estimator $\hat{\theta}_{CL}^{(j)}$ is asymptotically consistent and distributed as

$$\sqrt{N}\left(\hat{\theta}_{CL}^{(j)}-\theta\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(0, G(\theta)^{-1}\right),$$

where $G(\theta) = H(\theta)J(\theta)^{-1}H(\theta)$, $J(\theta) = \mathbb{V}(\nabla_{CL}^{(j)} l(\theta))$ is a variability matrix and $H(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}(\nabla_{CL}^{2(j)} l(\theta))$ is a sensitivity matrix.



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• From now on S is assumed to take a histogram as value.



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The histogram symbolic likelihood function is then written as

$$L(\mathbf{s}; \theta) = \frac{N!}{s_1! \dots s_B!} \prod_{b=1}^{B} P_b(\theta)^{s_b}$$

where $P_{\mathbf{b}}(\theta) = \int_{\Upsilon_{\mathbf{b}}} g_X(x; \theta) dx$. Note that g_X is a K-dim density.

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 of length $B^{i_{1}} \times \dots \times B^{i_{j}}$ is
 $L(\mathbf{s}_{j}^{i}; \theta) = \frac{N!}{s_{1i}^{i_{1}} \cdots s_{Bi}^{i_{j}}} \prod_{b=1}^{B^{i}} P_{bi}(\theta)^{s_{bi}^{i}},$
where $P_{bi}(\theta) = \int_{\Upsilon_{b_{i_{1}}}^{i_{1}}} \dots \int_{\Upsilon_{b_{i_{j}}}^{i_{j}}} g_{X}(x; \theta) dx$ and g_{X} is a j -dim density.



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$$\hat{H}(\hat{\theta}_{SCL}^{(j)}) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{i} \nabla^{2} l(\mathbf{s}_{jt}^{i}; \hat{\theta}_{SCL}^{(j)})$$
$$\hat{J}(\hat{\theta}_{SCL}^{(j)}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\sum_{i} \nabla l(\mathbf{s}_{jt}^{i}; \hat{\theta}_{SCL}^{(j)}) \right) \left(\sum_{i} \nabla l(\mathbf{s}_{jt}^{i}; \hat{\theta}_{SCL}^{(j)}) \right)^{\top}$$

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Figure: Mean of MLEs for $\theta = (\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12}, \sigma_{22}, \mu, \sigma, \xi)$ using $CL^{(2)}$ and $SCL^{(2)}$, for increasing number of bins in bivariate histograms.

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Experiement 2 - Computation time

• B = 25, K = 10, 100, T = 1, Repetitions = 10

	K = 10			K = 100		
Ν	t _c	ts	t _{hist}	t _c	ts	t _{hist}
100	9.8	18.6	0.7	9758.6	1594.5	72.3
500	27.6	26.2	0.8	45040.1	2218.8	74.2
1000	71.9	22.5	0.8	-	2238.0	78.8
5000	291.8	19.0	0.8	-	2650.2	81.7
10000	591.7	23.8	0.9	-	2356.6	85.8
50000	2626.8	24.2	1.7	-	2300.6	131.6
100000	5610.7	25.4	2.4	-	2766.9	188.2
500000	31083.1	23.2	7.5	-	3111.5	627.1

Table: Mean computation times (sec) to optimise the regular and symbolic composite likelihood (t_c and t_s), and to aggregate the data into bivariate histograms (t_{hist})



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Т	σ_{11}	σ_{12}	σ_{22}	μ	σ	ξ
4	226.93	97.63	167.27	0.105	0.051	0.030
5	203.04	87.36	149.66	0.095	0.047	0.028
10	143.92	61.95	106.04	0.071	0.036	0.021
20	102.23	44.04	75.27	0.054	0.029	0.016
40	72.93	31.48	53.64	0.043	0.024	0.013
50	65.52	28.31	48.16	0.040	0.023	0.012
100	47.38	20.55	34.71	0.034	0.020	0.011
200	34.87	15.23	25.42	0.030	0.018	0.010
1000	21.12	13.08	13.11	0.025	0.016	0.010
Classic	16.65	10.53	10.69	0.020	0.014	0.009

Table: Mean variances calculated from $CL^{(2)}$ and $SCL^{(2)}$ for $\theta = (\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12}, \sigma_{22}, \mu, \sigma, \xi)$ for increasing T.



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- $\bullet\,$ For $\,{\cal T}\,$ fixed, convergence still occurs as ${\bf B} \to \infty$ towards a different expression



Figure: Mean variances calculated from $SCL^{(2)}$ for fixed T and increasing **B**.

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Model fitting

• Fit the Smith model with mean and variance parameters as linear functions of space

	σ_{11}	σ_{12}	σ_{22}	ξ			
B	Historical Data						
15	176.4(0.285)	-28.7(0.032)	76.8(0.329)	-0.266(0.053)			
20	$164.2 \ (0.289)$	-29.3(0.030)	74.3(0.469)	-0.264(0.049)			
25	$162.4\ (0.217)$	-29.9(0.033)	75.3(0.284)	-0.264(0.049)			
30	161.6(0.201)	-32.3(0.029)	74.4(0.234)	-0.264(0.050)			
B	RCP4.5 Data						
15	160.9(0.942)	-34.1(0.083)	79.0 (0.222)	-0.249(0.074)			
20	$163.5\ (0.595)$	-41.1(0.073)	77.6(0.245)	-0.249(0.076)			
25	150.3(0.349)	-33.1(0.065)	70.7(0.170)	-0.250(0.073)			
30	$150.2 \ (0.150)$	-31.6(0.024)	70.7(0.154)	-0.250(0.069)			
B	RCP8.5 Data						
15	128.7(0.860)	-19.6(0.092)	67.7(0.392)	-0.232(0.061)			
20	128.0(0.630)	-19.6(0.129)	66.6(0.332)	-0.231(0.059)			
25	$136.0\ (0.395)$	-15.1 (0.093)	59.4(0.317)	-0.234(0.060)			
30	129.9(0.401)	-13.6(0.083)	56.4(0.294)	-0.233(0.055)			

Figure: MLEs using the $SCL^{(2)}$ for various values of B.



Estimated location parameter



Figure: Estimated surfaces for the location parameter using the $I_{SCL}^{(2)}$ function (left) and marginal GEV estimations (right)

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Examples of return level plots



RCP4.5 95 year maximum observed

RCP4.5 95 year return level | B = 30

Figure: Estimated 95 year return levels using the $I_{SCL}^{(2)}$ function (left) and observed 95 year return levels (right)

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