

Ex5_Precipitation-Oviedo

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1 Precipitation exercises

1.1 Exercise 5 - Intensity-duration-frequency curves

Build an IDF (intensity-duration-frequency) curve from the data in *hourly_precipitation_Oviedo.csv*.

```
[1]: import numpy as np

import pandas as pd
from pandas.plotting import register_matplotlib_converters
register_matplotlib_converters()

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set()
```

Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curves are a common approach for defining a design storm in a hydrologic project. IDF curves relate rainfall intensity, storm duration and frequency (expressed as return period).

Intensity-duration-frequency curve for Oklahoma City (Applied Hydrology. Chow, 1988).

When designing a structure, the objective is to know the precipitation intensity given a return period and a duration. We would know the return period we want to design the structure for (usually defined by laws or standards). We would have to find the worst case scenario for the duration; this is usually the time of concentration of the structure's basin.

Empirical IDF curves. To build a IDF curve out of local data, we must carry out a frequency analysis. As input values, we need an annual series of maximum precipitation intensity for several storm durations. We must fit the series for each storm duration to a extreme values distributions in order to estimate the precipitation intensity given a return period. This is the empirical IDF curve.

Analytical IDF curves are equations that allow us to create continuous curves from which extract intensity for any duration and return period, so we overcome the limitation of empirical curves.

The parameters of the equations must be fitted to the observations, i.e., the points of the empirical IDF curves.

Steps to solve the exercise: 1. Import the data: hourly precipitation series. 2. Generate **series of annual maximum** precipitation for several storm durations. 3. Fit a **GEV distribution** to the series of annual maxima. 4. Estimate the points of the **empirical IDF**. 5. Fitting the **analytical IDF**.

1.1.1 Import data

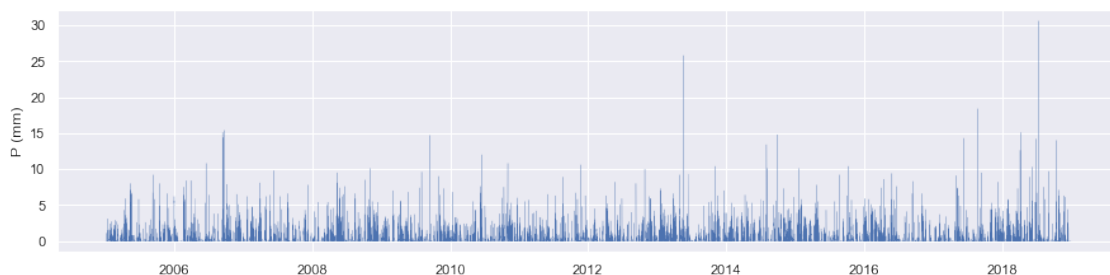
The input data is the hourly rainfall series in the meteorological station that the AEMET (Spanish Meteorological Agency) manages in Oviedo.

```
[2]: # load precipitation data
pcp_h = pd.read_csv('../data/hourly_precipitation_Oviedo_AEMET+SAIH.csv',
                    parse_dates=True, index_col=0)
pcp_h.head()
```

```
[2]:
```

	P(mm)
datetime	
2005-01-01 00:00:00	0.0
2005-01-01 01:00:00	0.0
2005-01-01 02:00:00	0.0
2005-01-01 03:00:00	0.0
2005-01-01 04:00:00	0.0

```
[3]: # visualize the hourly series
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 3.5))
plt.plot(pcp_h.index, pcp_h, lw=.2)
plt.ylabel('P (mm)');
```



1.1.2 Generate series of annual maxima

To perform a frequency analysis, we need a series with the maximum rainfall intensity in each of the years of the original data. Since our final goal is to derive an intensity-duration-frequency curve, we must repeat this process for several storm durations.

Example for 2h storm duration

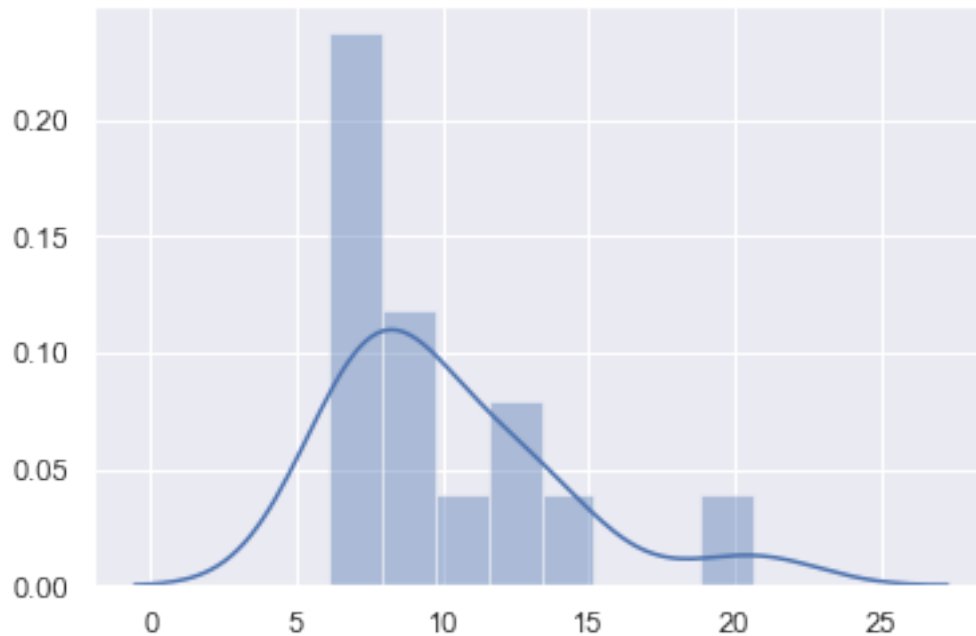
```
[4]: # series of 2h rainfall intensity
pcp_2h = pcp_h.rolling(2, center=True).sum()
int_2h = pcp_2h / 2
int_2h.columns = ['I[mm/h]']
int_2h.head()
```

```
[4]:          I[mm/h]
datetime
2005-01-01 00:00:00    NaN
2005-01-01 01:00:00     0.0
2005-01-01 02:00:00     0.0
2005-01-01 03:00:00     0.0
2005-01-01 04:00:00     0.0
```

```
[5]: # series of annual maximum intensity for 2-h precipitation
annualMax_2h = int_2h.groupby(by=int_2h.index.year).max()
annualMax_2h
```

```
[5]:          I[mm/h]
datetime
2005          6.80
2006         12.75
2007          6.15
2008          7.45
2009         11.30
2010          9.55
2011          7.85
2012          7.90
2013         14.40
2014          9.10
2015          8.95
2016          7.00
2017         12.70
2018         20.60
```

```
[6]: # visualize the data
sns.distplot(annualMax_2h, bins=8);
```



Loop for storm durations from 1 to 24 h We can repeat all the previous steps for several durations in a loop, and save the series in a single data frame.

```
[7]: # durations to study
D = np.array([1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 24])

[8]: # series of annual maximum intensity for different storm durations
annualMax = pd.DataFrame(index=pcp_h.index.year.unique())

for d in D:
    int_d = pcp_h.rolling(d, center=True).sum() / d
    annualMax[d] = int_d.groupby(int_d.index.year).max()
annualMax
```

```
[8]:
```

	1	2	4	8	16	24
datetime						
2005	9.2	6.80	5.450	5.4375	4.68750	3.679167
2006	15.4	12.75	6.650	3.3375	2.23125	2.058333
2007	9.8	6.15	4.575	3.0250	2.61875	2.050000
2008	10.1	7.45	5.300	4.1125	2.70625	2.204167
2009	14.7	11.30	7.225	4.7750	2.63125	1.787500
2010	12.0	9.55	5.525	4.1250	3.61875	3.291667
2011	10.6	7.85	4.875	4.3125	3.24375	2.429167
2012	10.0	7.90	4.950	3.7500	2.37500	1.750000
2013	25.8	14.40	7.350	4.3125	2.65000	2.329167

2014	14.8	9.10	5.650	3.3250	2.31250	1.841667
2015	10.4	8.95	7.800	5.2375	3.05000	2.295833
2016	9.4	7.00	6.100	4.6875	3.38125	2.512500
2017	18.4	12.70	7.200	3.6000	2.66875	1.950000
2018	30.6	20.60	11.050	6.1250	3.21875	2.729167

1.1.3 Fit a GEV distribution to the series of annual maxima

We must fit a extreme values distribution to the series of annual maxima. From the fitted distribution, we will be able to estimate the intensity for any return period.

We will use the **GEV distribution (generalized extreme values)**. When applied to exclusively positive values such as precipitation, the GEV distribution is:

$$F(s, \xi) = e^{-(1+\xi s)^{-1/\xi}} \quad \forall \xi > 0$$

$$s = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \quad \sigma > 0$$

Where s is the study variable standardised by the location parameter μ and the scale parameter σ , and ξ is the shape parameter. So the GEV distribution has three parameters to be fitted.

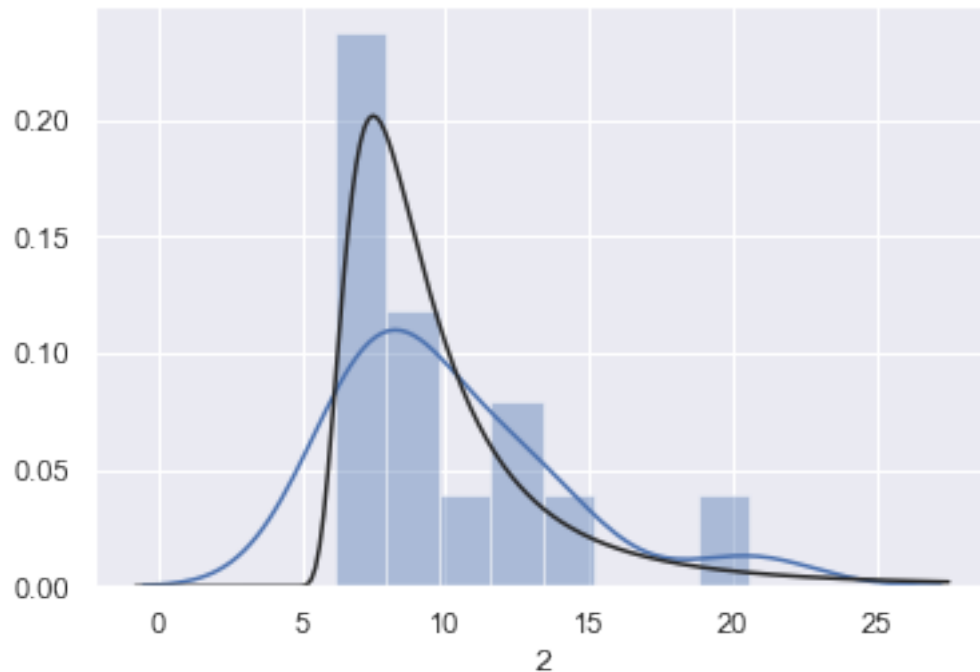
Density function and the cumulative density function of the GEV type II (Frechet distribution) for several values of scale and shape.

To fit the GEV distribution, we will use the function `genextreme.fit` in the package `scipy.stats`. The outputs of this function are the values of the three GEV parameters (shape, location and scale) that better fit the input data.

```
[9]: from scipy.stats import genextreme
     from statsmodels.distributions.empirical_distribution import ECDF
```

Example: 2-hour storm

```
[10]: # visualize the data
     sns.distplot(annualMax[2], bins=8, fit=genextreme);
```



```
[11]: # fit a GEV to the data
parGEV_2h = genextreme.fit(annualMax[2], f0=0)
print('Fitted parameters for the intensity in 1h-duration storms:')
print('xi = {0:.4f}\nmu = {1:.4f}\nsigma = {2:.4f}'.format(*parGEV_2h))
```

Fitted parameters for the intensity in 1h-duration storms:

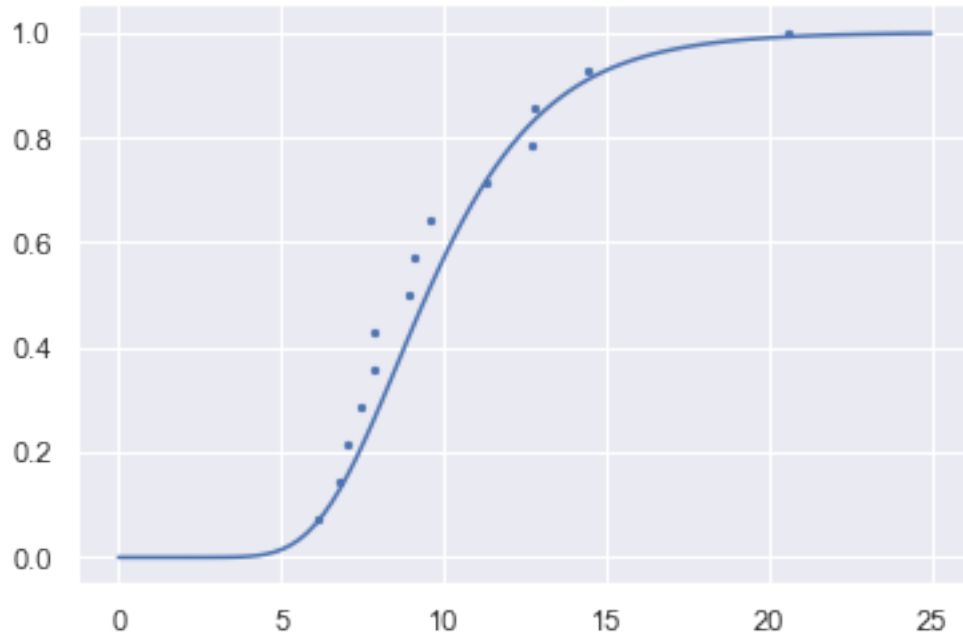
xi = 0.0000

mu = 8.5781

sigma = 2.4754

```
[12]: # fit the empirical distribution
ecdf_2h = ECDF(annualMax[2])
```

```
[13]: # visualize the fit
I = np.linspace(start=0, stop=25, num=100)
plt.plot(I, genextreme(*parGEV_2h).cdf(I))
plt.scatter(annualMax[2], ecdf_2h(annualMax[2]), s=5);
```



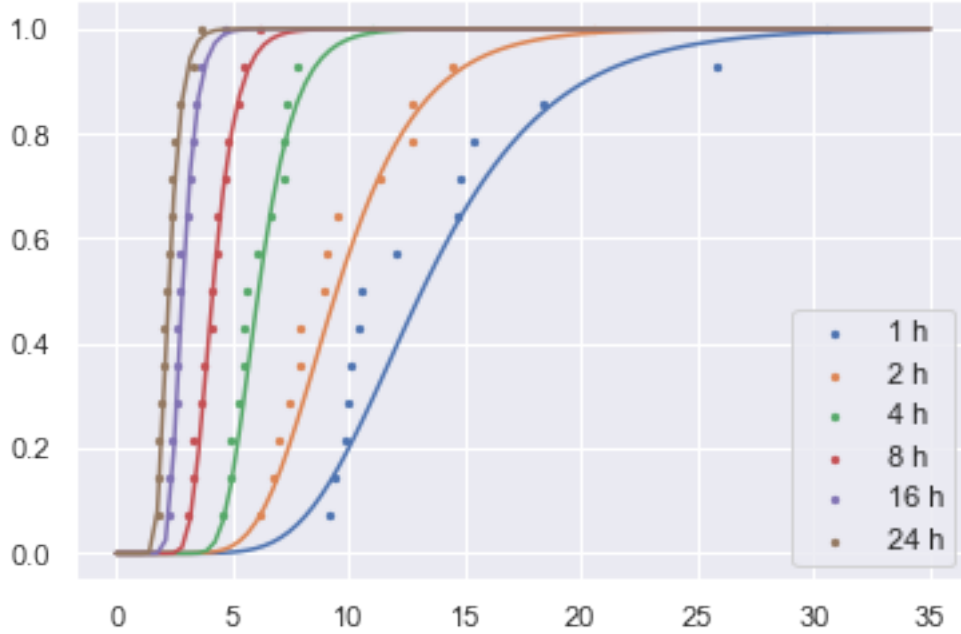
Loop for all storm durations We'll repeat the process in a loop for all the storm durations. We'll save the results in a data frame called *parameters*.

```
[14]: # fit parameters for each duration
parameters = pd.DataFrame(index=['xi', 'mu', 'sigma'], columns=annualMax.
    ↪columns)
for duration in annualMax.columns:
    # fit the GEV and save the parameters
    parameters[duration] = genextreme.fit(annualMax[duration], f0=0)
parameters
```

```
[14]:
```

	1	2	4	8	16	24
xi	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
mu	11.782653	8.578091	5.715246	3.891118	2.686295	2.114238
sigma	3.750304	2.475405	1.096152	0.708824	0.432846	0.374510

```
[15]: # visualize the fit
I = np.linspace(start=0, stop=35, num=100)
for d in D: # for each storm duration
    plt.plot(I, genextreme(*parameters[d]).cdf(I))
    plt.scatter(annualMax[d], ECDF(annualMax[d])(annualMax[d]), s=5,
    ↪label=str(d) + ' h')
plt.legend();
```



1.1.4 Empirical IDF

To calculate the empirical IDF we need to know the value of rainfall intensity for a given storm duration and return period. The storm duration defines which of the previously fitted GEV distributions to apply, whereas the return period defines the non-exceedance probability with which to enter the GEV distribution.

The **non-exceedance probability** (i.e., the value of the cumulative distribution function) and the **return period** are related by the equation:

$$R = \frac{1}{1 - CDF(x)}$$

Where R is the return period and $CDF(x)$ the cumulative distribution function (or non-exceedance probability). From this expression, we can estimate the **non-exceedance probability** for a given **return period**:

$$CDF(x) = \frac{R - 1}{R} = 1 - \frac{1}{R}$$

Example: 2-hour storm and 10 year return period As an example, we will generate extreme values for a 2-h storm and the return period of 10 years. We'll use function `genextrem` in the package `scipy.stats`.

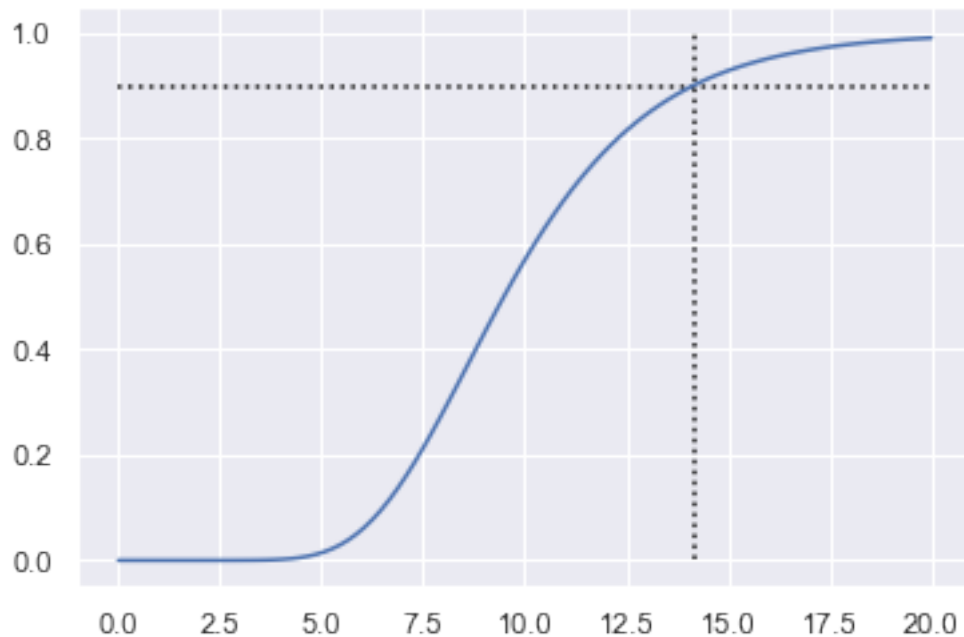

```
[16]: # set duration and return period
d = 2
Tr = 10
# non-exceedance probability associated to the return period
Pne = 1 - 1 / Tr
Pne
```

[16]: 0.9

```
[17]: # rainfall intensity for a 2-h storm with 10 year return period
I_2h_10 = genextreme(*parameters[d]).ppf(Pne)
I_2h_10
```

[17]: 14.148661611427219

```
[18]: # visualize the fit
I = np.linspace(start=0, stop=20, num=100)
plt.plot(I, genextreme(*parameters[d]).cdf(I));
plt.hlines(Pne, 0, 20, linestyle=':')
plt.vlines(I_2h_10, 0, 1, linestyle=':');
```



Loop through all storm duration and all return periods We can iterate the procedure across duration and return periods. Results will be saved in a *data frame*.

We will analyze return periods of 2, 10 and 30 years. Since our records span for only 10 years, we

should not calculate larger return periods; as a rule of thumb, we can calculate return periods up to 3 times the span of our original records.

```
[19]: # return periods
R = np.array([2, 10, 30], dtype="float64")
```

```
[20]: # non-exceedance probability
Pne = 1. - 1. / R
```

We can calculate the 2-h rainfall intensity for all return periods at once.

```
[21]: # rainfall intensity
I_2h = genextreme(*parameters[2]).ppf(Pne) # ppf: percent point function

print('Rainfall intensity in 2 h storms at different return perios:')
for i, Tr in enumerate(R):
    print('I(Tr=', int(Tr), ') = ', round(I_2h[i], 1), ' mm/h', sep='')
```

Rainfall intensity in 2 h storms at different return perios:

I(Tr=2) = 9.5 mm/h

I(Tr=10) = 14.1 mm/h

I(Tr=30) = 17.0 mm/h

And iterate this step through a loop for all storm duration

```
[22]: # data frame with values of the IDF curve
IDFe = pd.DataFrame(index=R, columns=D)
IDFe.index.name = 'Tr'
for duration in D:
    IDFe[duration] = genextreme(*parameters[duration]).ppf(Pne)
IDFe
```

```
[22]:
```

	1	2	4	8	16	24
Tr						
2.0	13.157188	9.485359	6.117000	4.150911	2.844939	2.251501
10.0	20.222214	14.148662	8.181991	5.486232	3.660358	2.957024
30.0	24.474785	16.955591	9.424948	6.289987	4.151174	3.381691

```
[23]: # save results
IDFe.to_csv('../output/Ex5_Results empirical IDF.csv', float_format='%.1f')
```

Scatter plot that shows, for each return period, rainfall intensity as a function of storm duration.

```
[24]: # configuración del gráfico
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))
plt.title('Empirical IDF', fontsize=16, weight='bold')
plt.xlabel('duration (h)', fontsize=13)
plt.xlim(0, IDFe.columns.max() + 1)
plt.ylabel('intensity (mm/h)', fontsize=13)
```

```

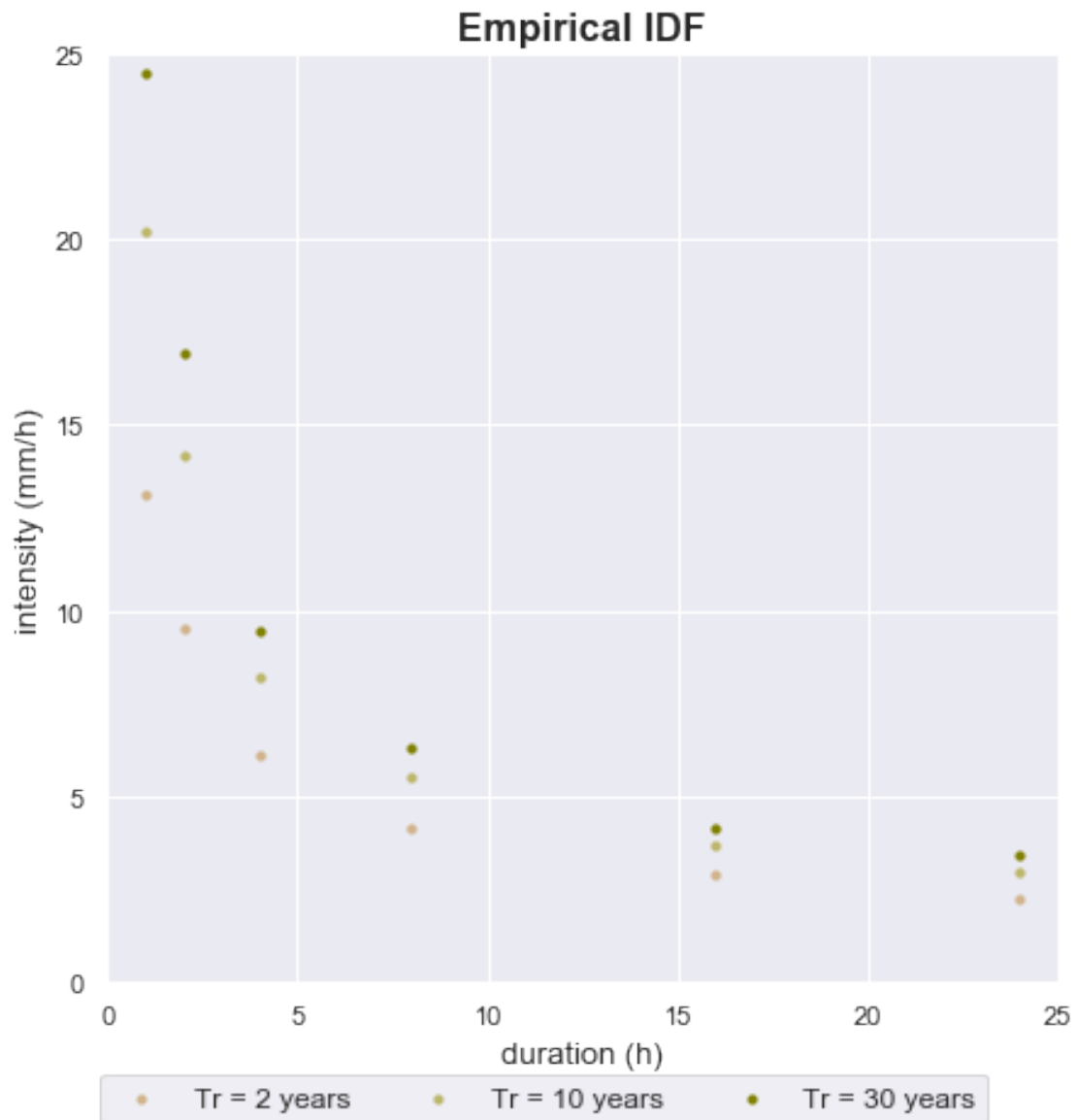
plt.ylim((0, 25))
color = ['tan', 'darkkhaki', 'olive', 'darkolivegreen']

for i, Tr in enumerate(R):
    plt.scatter(D, IDFe.loc[Tr,:], color=color[i], s=10, label='Tr = ' +
        ↪str(int(Tr)) + ' years')

fig.legend(loc=8, ncol=3, fontsize=12);

# guardar la figura
plt.savefig('../output/Ex5_empirical IDFs.png', dpi=300)

```



1.1.5 Analytical IDF curves

Up to now, we have calculated points of the IDF curves corresponding to paired values of duration and return period. We could iterate the process to get points for each storm duration in full hours, but still, we would have to interpolate between points to get intensity values for a storm duration of 2.5 h, for instance. To avoid that, there exist analytical forms of the IDF curve that take forms such as:

$$I = \frac{a \cdot R + b}{(D + c)^d}$$

$$I = \frac{a \cdot R + b}{D^c + d}$$

$$I = \frac{a \cdot R^b}{(D + c)^d}$$

$$I = \frac{a \cdot R^b}{D^c + d}$$

where I is the precipitation intensity, D storm duration, R is return period, and a , b , c and d are location-specific parameters. We must optimize these parameters to our data so that the analytical IDF curves fit the empirical IDF points.

```
[25]: def IDF_type_I(x, a, b, c, d):  
    """Estimate precipitation intensity given a return period and a storm_  
duration using the analytical IDF curve type I:  
  
    I = (a * R + b) / (D + c)**d  
  
    Input:  
    -----  
    x:          list or array (2, 1). Values of return period (years) and_  
duration (h)  
    a:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve  
    b:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve  
    c:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve  
    d:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve  
  
    Output:  
    -----  
    I:          float. Precipitation intensity (mm/h)"""  
  
    I = (a * x[0] + b) / (x[1] + c)**d  
  
    return I
```

```
[26]: def IDF_type_II(x, a, b, c, d):
    """Estimate precipitation intensity given a return period and a storm
    ↪duration using the analytical IDF curve type II:

    
$$I = (a * R + b) / (D**c + d)$$


    Input:
    -----
    x:          list or array (2, 1). Values of return period (years) and
    ↪duration (h)
    a:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    b:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    c:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    d:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve

    Output:
    -----
    I:          float. Precipitation intensity (mm/h)"""

    I = (a * x[0] + b) / (x[1]**c + d)

    return I
```

```
[27]: def IDF_type_III(x, a, b, c, d):
    """Estimate precipitation intensity given a return period and a storm
    ↪duration using the analytical IDF curve type III:

    
$$I = a * R**b / (D + c)**d$$


    Input:
    -----
    x:          list or array (2, 1). Values of return period (years) and
    ↪duration (h)
    a:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    b:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    c:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
    d:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve

    Output:
    -----
    I:          float. Precipitation intensity (mm/h)"""

    I = a * x[0]**b / (x[1] + c)**d

    return I
```

```
[28]: def IDF_type_IV(x, a, b, c, d):
        """Estimate precipitation intensity given a return period and a storm
        ↪duration using the analytical IDF curve type IV:

        
$$I = a * R^{**b} / (D^{**c} + d).$$


        Input:
        -----
        x:          list or array (2, 1). Values of return period (years) and
        ↪duration (h)
        a:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
        b:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
        c:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve
        d:          float. Parameter of the IDF curve

        Output:
        -----
        I:          float. Precipitation intensity (mm/h)"""

        I = (a * x[0]**b) / (x[1]**c + d)

        return I
```

Fit the analytical IDF To fit the analytical IDF we will use the function `curve_fit` in `scipy.optimize`. We must provide `curve_fit` with a function representing the curve to be fitted, the independent variable (paired values of return period-duration) and the dependent variable (intensity associated to the previous pairs). `curve_fit` puts out a vector with the optimized parameters and a vector with the covariance between those parameters.

```
[29]: from scipy.optimize import curve_fit
```

Dependent variable in the IDF curve: intensity

```
[30]: # 1D array of intensity for each pair of values in 'R' and 'D'
I = np.empty((0))
for d in D:
    I = np.concatenate((I, IDFe[d]))
print(I.shape)
I
```

```
(18,)
```

```
[30]: array([13.15718752, 20.2221377, 24.47478508,  9.48535899, 14.14866161,
        16.95559059,  6.11700001,  8.18199127,  9.42494809,  4.15091138,
        5.48623238,  6.28998704,  2.84493899,  3.66035781,  4.15117364,
        2.25150058,  2.95702363,  3.38169113])
```

Independent variable in the IDF curve: paired values of return period and duration

```
[31]: # grid with all possible combinations of duration and return period
      (RR, DD) = np.meshgrid(R, D)
      RR.shape, DD.shape
```

```
[31]: ((6, 3), (6, 3))
```

```
[32]: # convert the grid ('RR' and 'DD') into a 1D array
      RR = RR.reshape(-1)
      DD = DD.reshape(-1)
      RR.shape, DD.shape
```

```
[32]: ((18,), (18,))
```

```
[33]: # join 'RR' and 'DD' as columns of a 2D array
      RD = np.vstack([RR, DD])
      RD.shape
```

```
[33]: (2, 18)
```

Fit the curve

```
[34]: # set type of curve
      curve = IDF_type_IV
```

```
[35]: # fit the curve
      parIDF, pcov = curve_fit(curve, RD, I)

      print('Fitted parameters of the analytical IDF')
      for i, par in enumerate(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']):
          print(par, '=', round(parIDF[i], 4))
```

Fitted parameters of the analytical IDF

a = 15.445

b = 0.2069

c = 0.7053

d = 0.2642

```
[36]: # save the optimized parameters
      IDFa = pd.DataFrame(parIDF, index=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']).transpose()
      IDFa
```

```
[36]:
```

	a	b	c	d
0	15.445027	0.20686	0.705263	0.264202

```
[37]: # export results
      IDFa.to_csv('../output/Ex5_Parameters analytical IDF.csv', float_format='%.5f')
```

Visualize the fit

```
[38]: # plot the analytical IDF curves
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))
plt.xlim(0, D.max()+1)
plt.xlabel('duration (h)', fontsize=13)
plt.ylabel('intensity (mm/h)', fontsize=13)
color = ['tan', 'darkkhaki', 'olive', 'darkolivegreen']

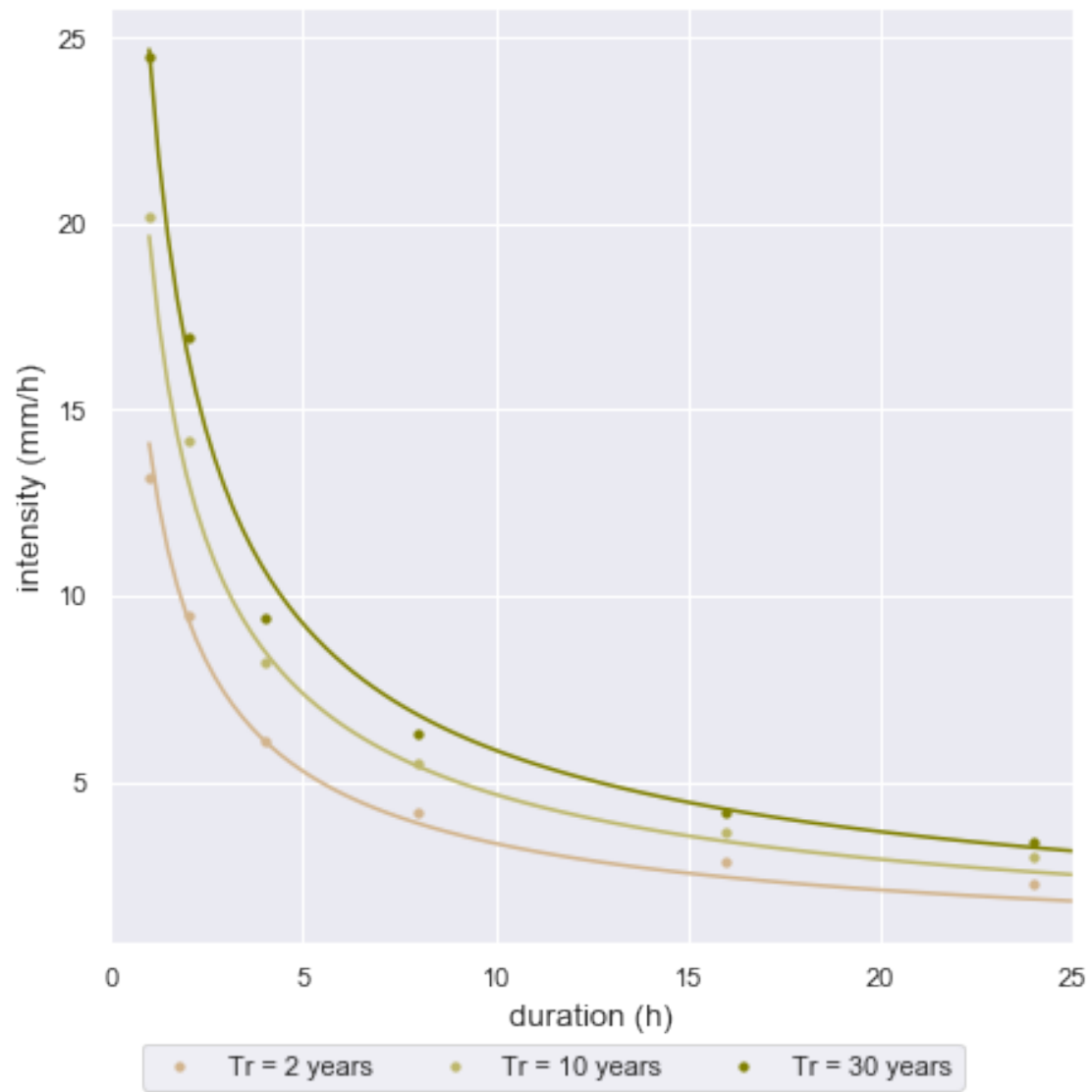
D_ = np.linspace(1, 25, 100)

for i, Tr in enumerate(R):
    R_ = np.ones_like(D_) * Tr
    I_ = curve((R_, D_), *parIDF)

    plt.scatter(D, IDFe.loc[Tr,:], color=color[i], s=10, label='Tr = ' +
↳str(int(Tr)) + ' years')
    plt.plot(D_, I_, color=color[i]);

fig.legend(loc=8, ncol=3)

# save figure
plt.savefig('../output/Ex5_analytical IDFs.png', dpi=300)
```

[]: