

GP (Generalized-Pareto) Distribution.

$$\text{CDF: } F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1 - k \frac{x}{\alpha})^{\frac{1}{k}}, & k \neq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\alpha}}, & k = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } k \leq 0, x \in [0, +\infty) \\ k > 0, x \in [0, \frac{\alpha}{k}] \end{array}$$

$$\text{pdf: } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha} (1 - k \frac{x}{\alpha})^{\frac{1}{k}-1}, & k \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{-\frac{x}{\alpha}}, & k = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha: \text{scale parameter} \\ k: \text{shape parameter} \end{array}$$

Properties.

$$1. \text{ failure rate } r(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1-F(x)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\alpha} (1 - k \frac{x}{\alpha})^{\frac{1}{k}-1}}{(1 - k \frac{x}{\alpha})^{\frac{1}{k}}} = \frac{1}{\alpha - kx}$$

for $k > 0$, $r(x) \uparrow$ as $x \uparrow$; $k = 0$, $r(x)$ constant; $k < 0$, $r(x) \downarrow$ as $x \uparrow$.

2. If X has GP distribution, $X - t$ given $X \geq t$ is also GP distribution with the same value k .

for GP distribution, $-\frac{1}{2} < k \leq \frac{1}{2}$ is usually the case (near 0, which is exponential case). tail analysis.

MLE, MME: not very great. PWM: ✓

PWM: method of probability-weighted moments.

for random variable X with CDF $F(x)$. $M_{p,r,s} = E[X^p (F(x))^r (1-F(x))^s]$

$$\text{let } \alpha_s = M_{1,0,s} = E[X(1-F(x))^s] = \frac{\alpha}{(s+1)(s+1+k)} \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{\alpha}{1+k} \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha}{2(k+2)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow k = \frac{\alpha_0}{\alpha_0 - 2\alpha_1} - 2 \quad \alpha = \frac{2\alpha_0\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 - 2\alpha_1}$$

$$\text{for } n \text{ observations. } \alpha_r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(n-j)(n-j-1) \dots (n-j-r+1)}{(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r)} x_{j,n}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (1 - p_{j,n})^r x_{j,n} \quad p_{j,n} = \frac{j+\gamma}{n+\delta} \quad \text{where } \gamma \text{ and } \delta \text{ are suitable constants.}$$

$$\gamma = -0.35, \delta = 0.$$