

# 06051540-MATH70076-assessment-1

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## Question 1

For  $\xi \neq 0$ :

We know from the cumulative distribution function that:

$$F(x; \sigma, \xi, u) = 1 - \left(1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma}\right)_+^{-1/\xi} \quad (1)$$

Rewriting to make  $x$  the subject:

$$\left(1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma}\right)_+^{-1/\xi} = (1-F) \quad (2)$$

$$1 = (1-F) \left(1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma}\right)_+^{1/\xi} \quad (3)$$

$$(1-F)^{-1} = \left(1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma}\right)_+^{1/\xi} \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

For  $\xi > 0$ , we see that  $\left(1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma}\right)_+^{1/\xi} > 0$ , so we get:

$$(1-F)^{-\xi} = 1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma} \quad (6)$$

$$(1-F)^{-\xi} - 1 = \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma} \quad (7)$$

$$\left((1-F)^{-\xi} - 1\right) \times \frac{\sigma}{\xi} = x - u \quad (8)$$

$$u + \left((1-F)^{-\xi} - 1\right) \times \frac{\sigma}{\xi} = x \quad (9)$$

$$(10)$$

So  $F_X^{-1} = u + \left((1-x)^{-\xi} - 1\right) \times \frac{\sigma}{\xi}$  But given our inputs of  $F_X^{-1}(x)$  vary between 0 and 1, we can write that:

$$F_X^{-1}(x) = u + \left((x)^{-\xi} - 1\right) \times \frac{\sigma}{\xi} \quad (11)$$

For  $\xi < 0$ , we know that we have quickly decaying tails with finite upper endpoint. With  $x > u$ , this finite endpoint is met when

$$1 + \frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\xi(x-u)}{\sigma} = -1 \quad (13)$$

$$x - u = -\frac{\sigma}{\xi} \quad (14)$$

$$x = u - \frac{\sigma}{\xi} \quad (15)$$

$$(16)$$

So for  $x > u - \frac{\sigma}{\xi}$ , produced by the inverse function above we discard the values of  $x$ .

**For  $\xi = 0$ :**

$$F = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x-u}{\sigma}\right) \quad (17)$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{x-u}{\sigma}\right) = 1 - F \quad (18)$$

$$-\frac{x-u}{\sigma} = \ln(1-F) \quad (19)$$

$$-x + u = \sigma \ln(1-F) \quad (20)$$

$$u - \sigma \ln(1-F) = x \quad (21)$$

$$(22)$$

So  $F_X^{-1} = u - \sigma \ln(1-x)$

But given our inputs of  $F_X^{-1}(x)$  vary between 0 and 1, we can write that:

$$F_X^{-1}(x) = u - \sigma \ln(x) \quad (23)$$

## Question 2

Defining the quantile function, and using the basis of the cdf from question 1, we get that:

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qgpd <- function (p, sigma, xi, u){  
  if (xi != 0){  
    return(u + (p^(-xi)-1) * sigma / xi)  
  } else {  
    return(u - sigma * log(p))  
  }  
}
```

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