

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

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

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 2a

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=1, xi=0, u=0){
  if (p<0||p>1){
    return(warning("NaNs produced - p must be between 0 and 1"))
  }
  else if (sigma<=0){
    return(warning("NaNs produced - sigma must be greater than 0"))
  }
  else if (xi != 0){
    return(u + ((1-p)^(-xi)-1) * sigma / xi)
  } else {
    return(u - sigma * log(1-p))
  }
}

```

By default, the expected inputs for the function are  $\sigma=1$ ,  $\xi=0$ ,  $u=0$ . The code also prevents inputs where  $p$  values are less than 0, where  $p$  values exceed 1, or where  $\sigma$  is less than or equal to 0.

The expected output is a real number greater than  $u$  that is unbounded if  $\xi$  is greater than or equal to 0. The expected output is less than  $u - \sigma/\xi$  if  $\xi$  is less than 0.

Regarding the behaviours of the quantile function: The larger the value of  $\xi$ , the slower the tail decays. In this for  $\xi \geq 0$  the functions output approaches infinity as  $p \rightarrow 1$ . For  $\xi < 0$ , the functions output has a maximum at  $u - \sigma/\xi$  (when  $p \rightarrow 1$ ). For larger values of  $\sigma$ , the slower the tail decays.

## Question 2b

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qgpd(0.5,2,-0.4,1.5)
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[1] 2.710709
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qgpd(0.75,2,-0.4,1.5)
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[1] 3.628254
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```
qgpd(0.99,2,-0.4,1.5)
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[1] 5.707553
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### Question 3

Graphing our actual vs expected, we see below:

