

The Frechet Distribution

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PDF:

$$\frac{\alpha}{s} \left(\frac{x - m}{s} \right)^{-1-\alpha} e^{-\frac{x-m}{s}^{-\alpha}}$$

Inverse CDF:

$$F^{-1}(x) = -\log(x)^{-1/\alpha} s + m,$$

Loglikelihood:

$$l(\alpha, m, s | \vec{x}) = n \log(\alpha) - n \log(s) - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + \alpha) \log\left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right) + \left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right)^{-\alpha}$$



Maximum Likelihood

Hessian:

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_{aa} & l_{am} & l_{as} \\ l_{am} & l_{mm} & l_{sm} \\ l_{as} & l_{sm} & l_{ss} \end{pmatrix}$$

where l is the log likelihood.

Gradient:

$$\nabla l = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n}{\alpha} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right)^{-\alpha} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\alpha + 1 - \alpha \left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right)^{-\alpha} \right] / (x_i - m) \\ -\frac{n}{s^2} + \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha + 1 - \alpha \left(\frac{x_i - m}{s}\right)^{-\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$



My Own Estimator

Since $x > m$ (the location parameter), I estimated m with $\min(x)$ (i.e. the smallest value in my dataset.)

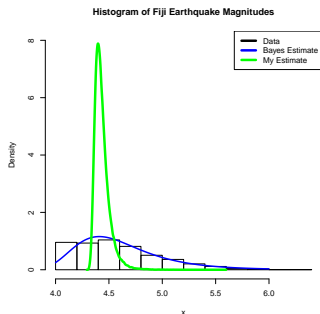
$$m = \min(x)$$

$$s = sd(x)$$

$$a = \text{mean}(x) + \min(x)$$



Parameter Estimation for Frechet Dataset



Unfortunately, the MLE's did not converge when I used MY Newton Raphson algorithm in C (or R), so I could not generate a plot for my MLE for this data set.



