Raport 1

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Information and formulas

Stable random variable

There are two parameterizations of a random variable from an alpha stable distribution $S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 0)$ and $S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 1)$. They are uniquely determined by the characteristic function.

Definition 1 *A random variable X is stable if and only if $X =^d aZ + b$, with*
$\alpha \in (0, 2]$, $\beta \in [-1, 1]$, $a \neq 1$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$ *and Z is a random variable with characteristic function*

$$\varphi_Z(u) = \exp(iuZ) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-|u|^\alpha(1 - i\beta\tan(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})(\operatorname{sign} u)\right) & \alpha \neq 1, \\ \exp\left(-|u|^\alpha(1 + i\beta\frac{2}{\pi}(\operatorname{sign} u)\ln|u|\right) & \alpha = 1. \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Definition 2 *Let $X \sim S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 0)$ with $\alpha \in (0, 2]$, $\beta \in [-1, 1]$, $\gamma \geqslant 0$, $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ then*

$$X =^d \begin{cases} \gamma(Z - \beta\tan(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}) + \delta) & \alpha \neq 1, \\ \gamma Z + \delta & \alpha = 1, \end{cases}$$

where $Z = Z(\alpha, \beta)$ is given by 1.

Definition 3 *Let $X \sim S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 1)$ with $\alpha \in (0, 2]$, $\beta \in [-1, 1]$, $\gamma \geqslant 0$, $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ then*

$$X =^d \begin{cases} \gamma Z + \delta & \alpha \neq 1, \\ \gamma Z + (\delta + \beta\frac{2}{\pi}\ln\gamma) & \alpha = 1, \end{cases}$$

where $Z = Z(\alpha, \beta)$ is given by 1.

Above we defined the general stable law in the 0-parameterization and 1-parameterization. Alternatively, we can swap between the parameterizations using the following theorem;

Theorem 1 *Let $Z \sim S(\alpha, \beta, 1, 0; 0)$ with $\alpha \in (0, 2]$, $\beta \in [-1, 1]$, $\gamma \geqslant 0$, $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ then*

$$\begin{cases} \gamma Z + \delta + \beta\gamma\tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) & \alpha \neq 1, \\ \gamma Z + \delta + \beta\frac{2}{\pi}\ln\gamma & \alpha = 1 \end{cases} \sim S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 1),$$

The tail exponent estimation method gives us the information about the index of stability. The tails of stable random variable are asymptotically power laws.

Theorem 2 (Tail approximation) *Let $X \sim S(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; k)$ with $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, $\beta \in (-1, 1]$, $k = 0, 1$ then as $x \to \infty$:*

$$1 - F_X(x) \sim \gamma^\alpha c_a (1 + \beta) x^{-\alpha},$$
$$f_X(x) \sim \alpha \gamma^\alpha c_a (1 + \beta) x^{-(\alpha+1)}$$

where $c_a = \sin(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})\Gamma(\alpha)/\pi$ and $f(x) \sim g(x)$ as $x \to a$ means $\lim_{x \to a} h(x)/f(x) = 1$. Using the reflection property, the lower tail properties are similar: for $\beta \in [-1, 1)]$ as $x \to \infty$:

$$F_X(-x) \sim \gamma^\alpha c_a (1 - \beta) x^{-\alpha},$$
$$f_X(-x) \sim \alpha \gamma^\alpha (1 - \beta) c_a x^{-(\alpha+1)}$$