Definition. (Constructive approach) A stochastic process W in $C_+(S)$ with constant $\omega_0 > 0$ is a simple Pareto process if $W(s) = YV(s)$, for all $s \in S$, for some Y and $V = \{V(s)\}_{s\in S}$ satisfying:

a) $V \in C_+(S)$ is a stochastic process satisfying $\sup_{s\in S} V(s) = \omega_0$ almost surely, $E[V(s)] > 0$ for all $s \in S$,

b) Y is a standard Pareto random variable, $P(Y > y) = y^{-1}, y > 1$,

c) Y and V are independent.

See Ferreira and de Haan (2014) for other variants of the definition.

Coefficient of asymptotic dependence. For random variables X_1 and X_2 having common marginal distribution F, let

$$\chi_{12} = \lim_{z\to z_+} P(X_1 > z | X_2 > z)$$

where z_+ is the (possibly infinite) right end-point.

For $s_1, s_2 \in S$ and $x > \omega_0$, then for $i = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(W(s_i) > x) &= P(YV(s_i) > x) \\
&= P\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_i)}\right) \\
&= E_{Y,V(s_i)}\left[\mathbb{1}\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_i)}\right)\right] \\
&= E_{V(s_i)}\left\{E_{Y|V(s_i)}\left[\mathbb{1}\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_i)}\right)\middle| V(s_i)\right]\right\} \\
&= E_{V(s_i)}\left\{P\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_i)}\middle| V(s_i)\right)\right\} \\
&= E_{V(s_i)}\left\{\frac{V(s_i)}{x}\right\} = \frac{E[V(s_i)]}{x}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
P(W(s_1) > x, W(s_2) > x) &= P(YV(s_1) > x, YV(s_2) > x) \\
&= P\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_1)}, Y > \frac{x}{V(s_2)}\right) \\
&= P\left(Y > \frac{x}{V(s_1)} \vee \frac{x}{V(s_2)}\right) \\
&= P\left(Y > x\left(\frac{1}{V(s_1)} \vee \frac{1}{V(s_2)}\right)\right) \\
&= P\left(Y > x\left(\frac{1}{V(s_1) \wedge V(s_2)}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{E[V(s_1) \wedge V(s_2)]}{x}$$

by using arguments similar in the first set of equations. Then for a simple Pareto process at points $s_1, s_2 \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_{12}^W &= \lim_{x\to\infty} P(W(s_1) > x | W(s_2) > x) \\
&= \lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{xE[V(s_1) \wedge V(s_2)]}{xE[V(s_2)]} \\
&= \frac{E[V(s_1) \wedge V(s_2)]}{E[V(s_2)]}
\end{aligned}$$

This is from Ferreira and de Haan (2014), but with some clarity (for the dummies of the universe) as to how they got to the expectations.

NOTE: This has some issues since the marginals of $W(s_1)$ and $W(s_2)$ need not be the same. Unless conditioning on them both being above a certain value (i.e. 1 or ω_0), they have different marginals (except the degenerate case when $W(s_1) = W(s_2)$ a.s. where they are both standard paretos. We did not explicitly account for this conditioning in the above calculation.

Better χ. From before, we can find the distribution function for $W_i \equiv W(s_i)$, as

$$F_{W_i}(w) = 1 - \frac{E(V_i)}{w}$$

where $V_i \equiv V(s_i)$. Using this fact, we can standardize W_i to be uniform and compute χ in this way

$$\begin{aligned}
\chi_1 &= \lim_{u\to 1} P(F_{W_1}(W_1) > u | F_{W_2}(W_2) > u) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} P\left(1 - \frac{E(V_1)}{W_1} > u \middle| 1 - \frac{E(V_2)}{W_2} > u\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} P\left(W_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u} \middle| W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{P\left(W_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)}{P\left(W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)} \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)}{1-u} \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{E(V_1)}{(1-u)V_1}, Y > \frac{E(V_2)}{(1-u)V_2}\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{E(V_1)}{(1-u)V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{(1-u)V_2}\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{1}{1-u}\left(\frac{E(V_1)}{V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{V_2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{u \to 1} \frac{1}{1-u}(1-u) E\left[\left(\frac{E(V_1)}{V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{V_2}\right)^{-1}\right] \\
&= E\left(\frac{V_1}{E(V_1)} \wedge \frac{V_2}{E(V_2)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

which is nice and symmetric. Concerns: Are we correctly using the fact that Y is standard Pareto? If we don't explicitly state that $x > 1$:

$$
P(Y > x) = \min(1, 1/x)
$$

Another concern goes back to solving the distribution function for W_i. Since V_i is a random variable, we required conditioning on it using iterated expectations to get the desired result. However, it is possible that $P(V_i == 0) > 0$, and so dividing by V_i may pose an issue. This may be circumvented perhaps by conditioning on $V_i > 0$, but how would this affect the calculation?

For $x > 0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
P(W_i > x) &= P(YV_i > x) \\
&= P(YV_i > x | V_i = 0) P(V_i = 0) + P(YV_i > x | V_i > 0) P(V_i > 0) \\
&= P(Y > x/V_i | V_i = 0) P(V_i = 0) + P(YV_i > x | V_i > 0) P(V_i > 0) \\
&= P(Y > \infty) P(V_i = 0) + P(YV_i > x | V_i > 0) P(V_i > 0) \\
&= 0 \times P(V_i = 0) + P(YV_i > x | V_i > 0) P(V_i > 0) \\
&= P(YV_i > x | V_i > 0) P(V_i > 0) \\
&\stackrel{?}{=} P(V_i > 0) \times \frac{E(V_i | V_i > 0)}{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

Proposition:

$$
\frac{E(V_i)}{x} = P(V_i > 0) \times \frac{E(V_i | V_i > 0)}{x}
$$

It is certainly possible in practice to observe a $V_i = 0$. For the joint distribution we may need to condition on $V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\chi_2 &= \lim_{u \to 1} P(F_{W_1}(W_1) > u | F_{W_2}(W_2) > u) \\
&= \lim_{u \to 1} P\left(1 - \frac{E(V_1)}{W_1} > u \,\middle|\, 1 - \frac{E(V_2)}{W_2} > u\right) \\
&= \lim_{u \to 1} P\left(W_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u} \,\middle|\, W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right) \\
&= \lim_{u \to 1} \frac{P\left(W_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)}{P\left(W_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u}\right)}{1-u} \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \left[\frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 = 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 = 0\right)}{1-u} \right. \\
&\qquad \left. + \frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right)}{1-u} \right] \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \left[\frac{0 \times P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 = 0\right)}{1-u} \right. \\
&\qquad \left. + \frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right)}{1-u} \right] \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{P\left(YV_1 > \frac{E(V_1)}{1-u}, YV_2 > \frac{E(V_2)}{1-u} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right)}{1-u} \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{E(V_1)}{(1-u)V_1}, Y > \frac{E(V_2)}{(1-u)V_2} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{E(V_1)}{(1-u)V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{(1-u)V_2} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u} P\left(Y > \frac{1}{1-u}\left(\frac{E(V_1)}{V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{V_2}\right) \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) \\
&= \lim_{u\to 1} \frac{1}{1-u}(1-u) E\left[\left(\frac{E(V_1)}{V_1} \vee \frac{E(V_2)}{V_2}\right)^{-1} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right] P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) \\
&= E\left(\frac{V_1}{E(V_1)} \wedge \frac{V_2}{E(V_2)} \middle| V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right) P\left(V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(Note the expectations within the larger expectation (i.e. $E(V_1)$ and $E(V_2)$) are not condition on $V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0$.) When conditioning $V_1 \wedge V_2 > 0$, there was no difference when computing estimates for χ_1 and χ_2. This is perhaps due to the following.

Suppose we have samples $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ having p.d.f. $f(x) = p\delta_0(x) + (1-p)g(x)$ where $g(x)$ is defined on $(0, \infty)$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \int_0^\infty xp\delta_0(x)dx + \int_0^\infty x(1-p)g(x)dx \\
&= 0 + (1-p)E_g(X) \\
&= P(X > 0)E_g(X)
\end{aligned}
$$

We could compute the sample mean in two ways:

$$\bar{X}_1 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

and

$$\bar{X}_2 = \left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{1}(x_i > 0)\right]\left[\frac{1}{|A|}\sum_{i\in A} x_i\right]$$

where $A = \{x : x > 0\}$ and $|A|$ is the size of A. The two multiplicands in $\bar{X}_2$ are estimates for $P(X > 0)$ and $E_g(X)$, respectively. Of course, $\bar{X}_1$ and $\bar{X}_2$ are equal, they just use the data differently:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{X}_2 &= \left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{1}(x_i > 0)\right]\left[\frac{1}{|A|}\sum_{i\in A} x_i\right] \\
&= \left[\frac{1}{|A|}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{1}(x_i > 0)\right]\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i\in A} x_i\right] \\
&= \left[\frac{1}{|A|}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{1}(x_i > 0)\right]\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i\right] \\
&= [1] \times \left[\bar{X}_1\right] = \bar{X}_1
\end{aligned}$$

I suspect we have a similar situation with χ_1 and χ_2. That is, I believe $\chi_1 = \chi_2$.

Modeling V in the bivarate case

The primary result we use is Theorem 3.2 from Ferreira and de Haan (2014). Let $C(S)$ be the space of continuous real functions on S, equipped with the supremum norm, where S is a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^d$. Let X be from $C(S)$. Then the conditions of their Theorem 3.1 imply

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} P\left(T_t X \in A \middle| \sup_{s\in S} T_t X(s) > 1\right) = P(W \in A)$$

with $A \in \mathcal{B}(C_1^+(S))$, $P(\partial A) = 0$, W some simple Pareto process, and

$$T_t X = \left(1 + \xi\frac{X - u_t}{\sigma_t}\right)_+^{1/\xi}.$$

We assume that t is large enough that the theorem kicks in (implying $u = u_t$ and $\sigma = \sigma_t$). Being interested in the bivariate case, we have observations at only two fixed locations $s_1, s_2 \in S$. The particular values of s_1 and s_2 are irrelevant since we are comparing climate simulations to observations which have no quantitative meaning as far as their position in S is concerned; we only require that the labels for the observations be appropriately distinguished.

We further assume that the parameters ξ and σ are indexed by $s \in S$, so that our transformation is

$$T_t X(s) = \left(1 + \xi(s)\frac{X(s) - u_t(s)}{\sigma_t(s)}\right)_+^{1/\xi(s)}.$$

The first stage of our analysis involves estimating $\xi(s)$ and $\sigma(s)$ marginally, which is accomplished by selecting a high threshold $u(s)$ and fitting the generalized Pareto distribution to the excesses $X(s) - u(s)$. The posterior means for $\xi(s)$ and $\sigma(s)$ are then used for the transformation from $X(s)$ to $W(s)$.

Every observation of $X(s)$, say $X_1(s), \ldots, X_{n(s)}(s)$ is transformed with

$$W_i(s) = T_t X_i(s) = \left(1 + \hat{\xi}(s)\frac{X_i(s) - u_t(s)}{\hat{\sigma}(s)}\right)_+^{1/\hat{\xi}(s)}, \qquad i = 1, \ldots, n(s)$$

forming the vector $\mathbf{W}(s) = (W_1(s), \ldots, W_{n(s)}(s))^\top$. After performing this transformation, two components are combined to form a joint vector $(W(s_1), W(s_2))$ having realizations $\mathbf{W}_{12} = (\mathbf{W}(s_1), \mathbf{W}(s_2))$, an $n(s) \times 2$ matrix. Note that when we perform the bivariate analysis, we guarantee that $n(s) = n(s_1) = n(s_2)$.

By Theorem 3.2, $\mathbf{W}_{12}$ has rows that are realizations of a simple Pareto process. By the constructive definition of a simple Pareto process, we can write $\mathbf{W}_{12}$ as

$$\mathbf{W}_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 V_1(s_1) & Y_1 V_1(s_2) \\ Y_2 V_2(s_1) & Y_2 V_2(s_2) \\ & \vdots \\ Y_n V_n(s_1) & Y_n V_n(s_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

where Y_i is a standard Pareto, $V_i(s_j) \geq 0$ $(j = 1, 2)$, and $V_i(s_1) \vee V_i(s_2) = 1$, for $i = 1, \ldots, n = n(s)$. This is easily obtained by

$$Y_i = W_i(s_1) \vee W_i(s_2), \quad \text{and} \quad V_i(s_j) = W_i(s_j)/Y_i \quad (j = 1, 2), \qquad \text{for } i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

The points $(V_i(s_1), V_i(s_2)$ fall along the curve of the non-negative unit sphere with supremum norm $\{(v_1, v_2) : ||(v_1, v_2)||_\infty = 1, v_1 \geq 0, v_2 \geq 0\}$ which is thus one dimensional. An alternative representation is to specify $(V_i(s_1), V_i(s_2)$ in terms of a scaled angle

$$\phi_i = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{V_i(s_2)}{V_i(s_1)}\right) \in [0, 1].$$

We scale ϕ_i to be in $[0, 1]$ so we can model the angle using a mixture of beta distributions and (possibly) point masses at zero and one. The theorem holds when $\sup_{s \in S} T_t X(s) > 1$ which is equivalent to $Y_i > 1$. Therefore, we need only those ϕ_i for which $Y_i > 1$, ignoring the rest. Beyond this point we assume that ϕ_i have been relabeled to include only the appropriate angles which are indexed $i = 1, \ldots, k \leq n$.

Univariate model

Hierarchical model

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