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Extreme Value Distributions

Introduction

In this project, we will look at the probability plot, quantile plot, return level plot, and density plot which involves the fitting of data to a Generalized Pareto Distribution using a range of different thresholds and estimate its return values of a weather station in Colorado.

Asymptotic Model Characterization

The classical asymptotically model for excesses above a high threshold is the generalised Pareto distribution. It is often useful to look at the exceedances over a given threshold instead of the maximum or minimum of the data.

The Generalized Pareto Distribution

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with distribution function, F , and let $M_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. Now, assuming that F satisfies certain conditions, then we have that $\Pr\{M_n \leq z\} \approx G(z)$, where

for some $\mu, \sigma > 0$ and ξ . Then for a large enough threshold, u , the distribution function of GPD ($X - \mu$), conditional on $X > u$, is then given by

where $z = \frac{(x-\mu)}{\sigma}$, and k, σ, μ are the shape, scale, and location parameters respectively. The scale of σ must be positive, the shape and location can take any real numbers.

Data input

Choose a weather station:

Weather station 6 ▼

Threshold:

80
100

92

Note: this is the quantile at which the threshold is set.


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71 }
72
73 #The 4 diagnostic plots
74 output$plots2 <- renderPlot({
75   fit = fevd(precip, rainfall[[datasetInput(
76     par(mfrow = c(2,2), bg = '#FAFAD2', mai = c(
77     plot(fit, "probprob", main = "Probability P
78     plot(fit, "qq", main = "Quantile Plot")
79     plot(fit, type = "r1", rperiods= c(2,5,10,
80     plot(fit, type = "density", main = "Densit
81 })
82
83 #The return levels
84 output$r1 <- renderText({
85   RL2 = ci(fevd(precip, rainfall[[datasetInp
86     threshold = quantile(rainfal
87     type="GP", units = "mm"),
88     return.period=c(2,5,10,20,50,80,1
89     paste(capture.output(myprint(RL2)), collap
90 })
91
92 # Simulation QQ plot
93 output$plots4 <- renderPlot({
94   par(mfrow = c(1,1),bg = '#FAFAD2', mai = c
95   plot(fevd(precip, rainfall[[datasetInput2(
19:34 <function>(input,output,session)

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2 43.91304 146.0435
3 98.17647 114.8824
4 68.93333 19.4000
> g1 <- ggplot(data=ruspini, aes(x=x, y=y, color=clu
+   geom_point() + theme(legend.position="right")
+   geom_point(data = centers,
+     aes(x=x, y=y, color=as.factor(c(1,2
+     size=10, alpha=.3)
> a1

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Parameter Estimation

Having determined a threshold, the parameters of the generalized Pareto distribution can be estimated by maximum likelihood. Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters (k , α) was considered by DuMouchel (1983), Davison (1984), R. L. Smith (1984, 1987), J. A. Smith (1986), and Joe (1987). To compute the GPD maximum likelihood estimates, there are two values of (k , α) that must be investigated, such that $\mathfrak{R} = \{k < 0, \alpha > 0\} \cup \{0 < k \leq 1, \frac{\alpha}{k} > X_n\}$. The first is the local maximum of the loglikelihood in space \mathfrak{R} and the second is at the boundary space \mathfrak{R} , where $k = 1$. Suppose that $X = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ is a random sample from the GPD with largest value of X_n . Then, the loglikelihood is given by

$$l(\sigma, \xi) = k \log \sigma - (1 + \frac{1}{\sigma}) \sum_{i=1}^k \log(1 + \frac{\xi y_i}{\sigma}), k \neq 0$$

$$l(\sigma, \xi) = -k \log \sigma - \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^k y_i, k = 0$$

where $\sigma > 0$ for $k > 0$ and $\sigma > kX_{(n)}$ for $k > 0$. If $k > 1$, then there is no maximum likelihood estimate because $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow X^+} L(k, \alpha; X) = \infty$

Return Levels

When measuring the extreme value models, it is more convenient to interpret them in terms of return levels or quantiles rather than individual parameter values. Return levels are best to measure on the annual scale, so that the N-year return level is the level that is expected to be exceeded once in every N years. Suppose that a generalized Pareto distribution with parameters σ and ξ is a suitable model for exceedances of a threshold u by a variable X , such that

$$Pr(X > x | X > u) = [1 + \xi(\frac{x - u}{\sigma})]^{-\frac{1}{\xi}}$$

Data input

Choose a weather station:

Weather station 7

Threshold:

80

88

100

Note: this is the quantile at which the threshold is set.

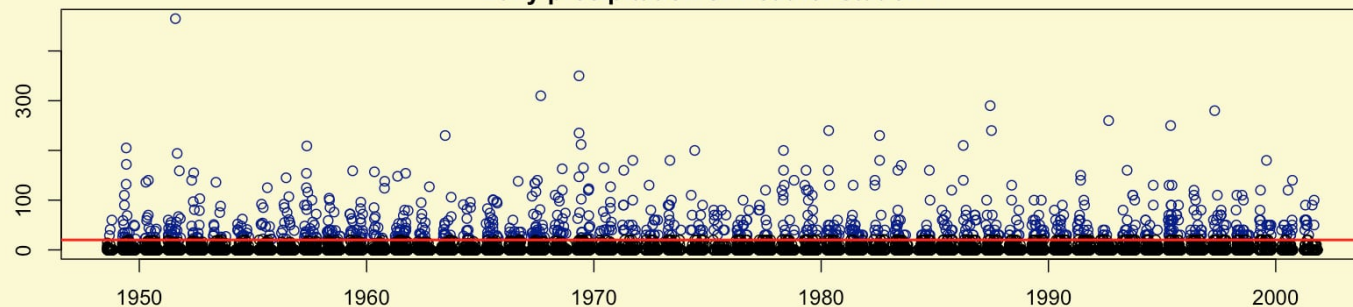
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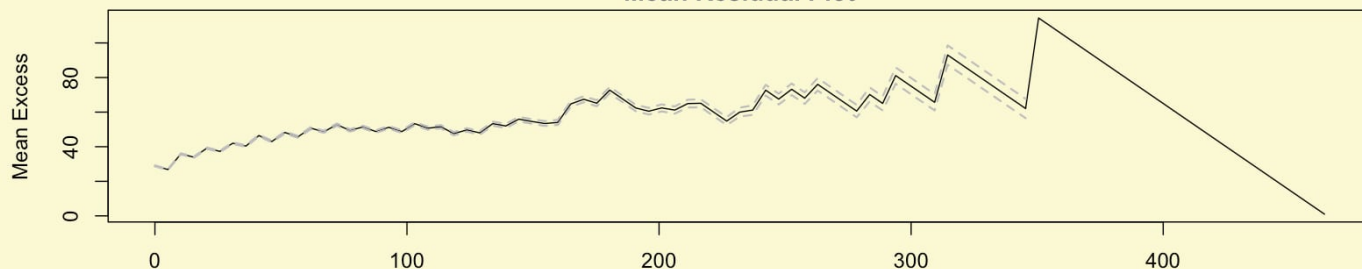
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Pareto model to explain threshold excess fitted to daily rainfall data of each weather station.

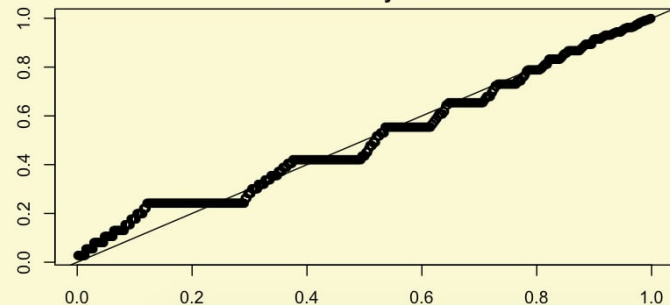
Daily precipitation of weather station 4



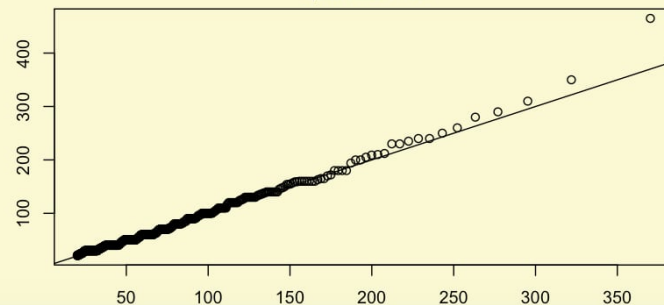
Mean Residual Plot



Probability Plot



Quantile Plot

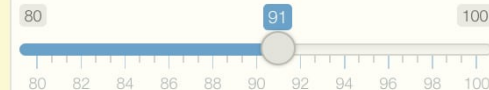


Data input

Choose a weather station:

Weather station 4

Threshold:



Note: this is the quantile at which the threshold is set.



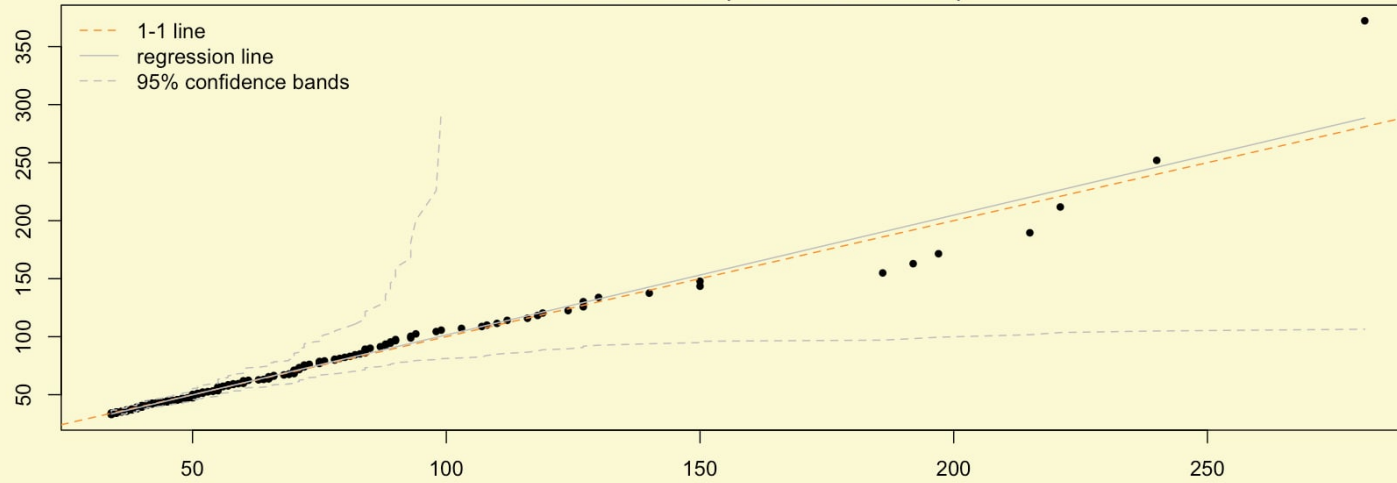
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Simulation result (Weather station 11)



Re-Run simulation

Generate a QQ plot of quantiles from model-simulated data against the data.

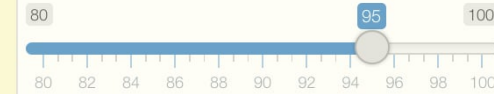
Summer project, by Wuji and Ryan.

Data input

Choose a weather station:

Weather station 11

Threshold:



Note: this is the quantile at which the threshold is set.

