

Activity: convergence in distribution

Convergence in distribution of sample extremes

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots are iid random variables from a Pareto distribution with cdf

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\alpha & x \geq 1 \\ 0 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha > 0$. Let $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$, and $Y_n = n^{-1/\alpha} X_{(n)}$. Show that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$F_{Y_n}(t) \rightarrow e^{-t^{-\alpha}}$$

for all $t > 0$.