

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N \\ x_i &\sim power(\alpha, x_{\min}) \\ p_x(x) &= \frac{x^{-\alpha}}{\zeta(\alpha, x_{\min})} \quad x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max} \text{ (discrete)} \\ \zeta(s, q) &= \sum_{i=0}^y \frac{1}{(i+q)^s} \\ P(x) = P(X \leq x) &= \frac{\zeta(\alpha, x)}{\zeta(\alpha, x_{\min})} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^y \frac{1}{(i+x)^\alpha}}{\sum_{i=0}^y \frac{1}{(i+x_{\min})^\alpha}} \\ L(\alpha) &= -n \ln \zeta(\alpha, x_{\min}) - \alpha \sum_{i \in x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max}} \ln(x_i) \\ L(\alpha_k, x \min s_{sm}) &= -n \ln(z(\alpha_k) - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min} sm} i^{-\alpha_k}) - \alpha_k \sum_{i \in x_{\min} sm \leq x \leq x_{\max}} \ln(x_i) \\ \vec{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_w \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{zvec} = \begin{bmatrix} zvec_0 = \zeta(\alpha_0, 0) \\ zvec_1 = \zeta(\alpha_1, 0) \\ \vdots \\ zvec_w = \zeta(\alpha_w, 0) \end{bmatrix} \\ \overline{xmins} = \begin{bmatrix} xmins_0 \\ xmins_1 \\ \vdots \\ xmins_v \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } v = \text{length}(\text{unique}(\vec{x})), \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{z}_0 = \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq x \min s_0\} \\ \vec{z}_1 = \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq x \min s_1\} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{z}_v = \{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq x \min s_v\} \end{bmatrix}, \quad XMINVEC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & xmins_0 \\ 1 & 2 & \cdots & xmins_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 2 & \cdots & xmins_v \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{n} = \begin{bmatrix} n_0 = \text{len}(\vec{z}_0) \\ n_1 = \text{len}(\vec{z}_1) \\ \vdots \\ n_v = \text{len}(\vec{z}_v) \end{bmatrix} \\ L(\vec{\alpha}, \overline{xmins}) = \begin{bmatrix} \left[ -n_0 \log(zvec(\alpha_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_0} i^{-\alpha_0}) - \alpha_0 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_0} \log(x_p) \right] & \left[ -n_0 \log(zvec(\alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_0} i^{-\alpha_1}) - \alpha_1 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_0} \log(x_p) \right] & \cdots & \left[ -n_0 \log(zvec(\alpha_w) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_0} i^{-\alpha_w}) - \alpha_w \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_0} \log(x_p) \right] \\ \left[ -n_1 \log(zvec(\alpha_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_1} i^{-\alpha_0}) - \alpha_0 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_1} \log(x_p) \right] & \left[ -n_1 \log(zvec(\alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_1} i^{-\alpha_1}) - \alpha_1 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_1} \log(x_p) \right] & \cdots & \left[ -n_1 \log(zvec(\alpha_w) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_1} i^{-\alpha_w}) - \alpha_w \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_1} \log(x_p) \right] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left[ -n_v \log(zvec(\alpha_0) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_v} i^{-\alpha_0}) - \alpha_0 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_v} \log(x_p) \right] & \left[ -n_v \log(zvec(\alpha_1) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_v} i^{-\alpha_1}) - \alpha_1 \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_v} \log(x_p) \right] & \cdots & \left[ -n_v \log(zvec(\alpha_w) - \sum_{i=1}^{xmins_v} i^{-\alpha_w}) - \alpha_w \sum_{p \in x \geq xmins_v} \log(x_p) \right] \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\alpha_0} = \max_{\alpha_j, j \in [0, w]} (L_{0,j}) \\ \widehat{\alpha_1} = \max_{\alpha_j, j \in [0, w]} (L_{1,j}) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{\alpha_v} = \max_{\alpha_j, j \in [0, w]} (L_{v,j}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{I} = \begin{bmatrix} I_0 = \max_{j \in [0, w]} (L_{0,j}) \\ I_1 = \max_{j \in [0, w]} (L_{1,j}) \\ \vdots \\ I_v = \max_{j \in [0, w]} (L_{v,j}) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(1) Compute Likelihood for single

$$L_k = -\alpha_k \sum_{x \geq x_{\min}} \log(x) - n \log(\text{zvec}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min}-1} x \min \text{vec}_i^{-\alpha_k}) \quad \text{code}$$

$$= -n \log(\text{zvec}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min}-1} x \min \text{vec}_i^{-\alpha_k}) - \alpha_k \sum_{x \geq x_{\min}} \log(x) \quad (\text{eq 3.5 powerlaw in empirical data})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{zvec}_k - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min}-1} x \min \text{vec}_i^{-\alpha_k} &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\alpha_k}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\alpha_k}} = \frac{1}{1^{\alpha_k}} + \frac{1}{2^{\alpha_k}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\infty^{\alpha_k}} - \left( \frac{1}{1^{\alpha_k}} + \frac{1}{2^{\alpha_k}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_{\min} - 1)^{\alpha_k}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i + x_{\min})^{\alpha_k}} = \zeta(\alpha_k, x_{\min}) \end{aligned}$$

(2) fit is an array of arrays where each inner array is a cdf of power law using the MLE of  $\alpha$  found for a particular value of  $x_{\min}$ .

$$\text{Cumulative distribution function of power law} := P(x_r | \alpha, x_{\min}) = \begin{cases} 0 & r < x_{\min} \\ \frac{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}, x_r)}{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}, x_{\min})} & x_{\min} \leq r < x_{\max} \\ 1 & r \geq x_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$P(x_r | \widehat{\alpha}_j, x_{\min_j}) = \frac{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}_j, x_r)}{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}_j, x_{\min_j})} = \frac{zvec_{I_j} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_r-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}}{zvec_{I_j} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_j}-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}}$$

Proof :

$$\frac{zvec_{I_j} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_r-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}}{zvec_{I_j} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_j}-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_r-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_j}-1} \frac{1}{x_r^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{1^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \frac{1}{2^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\infty^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} - \left( \frac{1}{1^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \frac{1}{2^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_r-1)^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} \right)}{\frac{1}{1^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \frac{1}{2^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\infty^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} - \left( \frac{1}{1^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \frac{1}{2^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_{\min_j}-1)^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}} \right)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+x_r)^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+x_{\min_j})^{\widehat{\alpha}_j}}} = \frac{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}_j, x_r)}{\zeta(\widehat{\alpha}_j, x_{\min_j})} \quad \square$$

$$xm = \{r \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq r \leq \text{len}(\text{unique}(X))\}$$

$$J = \{j \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x_{\min} \leq j \leq x_{\max}\}$$

$$FIT = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} \right\} & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} \right\} & \dots & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_{\max}-x_{\min_0}+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}} \right\} \\ 0 & \left\{ \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}}} \right\} & \left\{ \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}}} \right\} & \dots & \left\{ \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+x_{\min_0})^{\widehat{\alpha}_0}}} \right\} \\ 0 & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} \right\} & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} \right\} & \dots & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_{\max}-x_{\min_1}+x_{\min_1})^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} \right\} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} \right\} & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} \right\} & \dots & \left\{ \frac{1}{(0+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} + \frac{1}{(1+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x_{\max}-x_{\min_v}+x_{\min_v})^{\widehat{\alpha}_v}} \right\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fit}_{xm} &= \text{cumsum}_{x_{\min_{xm}} \leq j \leq x_{\max}} \left\{ \frac{1}{x_j^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} \right\} = \left\{ \sum_{j=x_{\min_{xm}}}^{x_{\min_{xm}}+1} \frac{1}{x_j^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}, \sum_{j=x_{\min_{xm}}+1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}+2} \frac{1}{x_j^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}, \dots, \sum_{j=x_{\min_{xm}}}^{x_{\max}} \frac{1}{x_j^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}}, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}} + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}} + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}} - \sum_{i=1}^{x_{\min_{xm}}-1} \frac{1}{i^{\widehat{\alpha}_1}}} \right\} \\ &= \{p_x(x = x_{\min_{xm}}), p_x(x = x_{\min_{xm}}) + p_x(x = x_{\min_{xm}} + 1), \dots, p_x(x = x_{\min_{xm}}) + p_x(x = x_{\min_{xm}} + 1) + \dots + p_x(x = x_{\max} - 1) + p_x(x = x_{\max})\} \\ &= P(x) \end{aligned}$$

Plfit

Create vec which is a list of alphas [1.5,3.5]

Compute zeta(vec) for all elements of vec

xmins <- unique(X)

Sort Xmins

xmax <- maximum of X

Z <- X

Sort Z

For xm in 0 to xmins.shape[0]

    xmin=xmins[xm]

    Z = Z >= xmin

    n <- Z.shape[0]

    slogz sum log(z) for all z in Z

    for k in 0 to vec.shape[0]

        compute Likelihood (1) and append it to L

    l = argmax(L)

    (2) fit[xm] <-