Generalised Extreme Value (GEV) distribution

Parametrisation

The GEV distribution is defined through the cumulative distribution function

$$F(y; \eta, \tau, \xi) = \exp\left(-\left[1 + \xi\sqrt{\tau s}(y - \eta)\right]^{-1/\xi}\right)$$

for

$$1 + \xi \sqrt{\tau s}(y - \eta) > 0$$

and for a continuously response y where

 η : is the linear predictor

 τ : is the "precision"

s: is a fixed scaling, s > 0.

Link-function

The linear predictor is given in the parameterisation of the GEV distribution.

Hyperparameters

The GEV-models has two hyperparameters. The "precision" is represented as

$$\theta_1 = \log \tau$$

and the prior is defined on θ_1 . The shape parameter ξ is represented as

$$\theta_2 = \xi$$

and the prior is defined on θ_2 . ¹

Specification

- family = gev
- Required arguments: y and s (keyword scale)
- The scaling ξ_s is given by the argument gev.scale.xi and is default set to 0.01.

The weights has default value 1.

¹Internally, the parameter θ_2 is scaled with a fixed scaling ξ_s (default 0.01), to improve the numerics as the natural "scale" of ξ is small. For this reason the $\theta_2(=\xi)$ reported in result\$mode\$theta will appear as θ_2/ξ_s . For the same reason, if you define the mode using control.mode = list(theta = ..., ...) then the element representing θ_2 should be given as θ_2/ξ_s .

Hyperparameter spesification and default values

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```
theta1
         hyperid 76001
         name log precision
         short.name prec
         initial 4
         fixed FALSE
         prior loggamma
         param 1 5e-05
         to.theta function(x) log(x)
         from.theta function(x) exp(x)
     theta2
         hyperid 76002
         name tail parameter
         short.name tail
         initial 0
         fixed FALSE
         prior gaussian
         param 0 25
         to.theta function(x) x
         from.theta function(x) x
survival FALSE
discrete FALSE
link default identity
status experimental
pdf gev
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Example

In the following example, we estimate the parameters of the GEV distribution on some simulated data.

```
rgev = function(n=1, xi = 0, mu = 0.0, sd = 1.0) {
    u = runif(n)
    if (xi == 0) {
        x = -log(-log(u))
    } else {
        x = ((-log(u))^(-xi) - 1.0)/xi
    }
    return (x*sd + mu)
}
```

Notes

None.