Spatial joint modeling of extremes and angles

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Application to wind data in France



Figure 1: Wind gusts at 10m in France (Météo-France). From left to right: study region and locations of the k = 36 weather stations; times series of n = 27 years for three observed stations; empirical distribution of wind direction for the observed stations.

∧Angular data are probably shifted.

 $\underline{\wedge}$ Dealing with angular data needs specific statistical precautions (e.g. angular mean, angular dispersion...).

Our model: how to deal with spatial extremes ?

- Block-maxima approach : we only consider the maximum of the data over a fixed period of time
- This maximum con be modeled by a Generalized Extreme Value distribution (GEV) with three parameters : location μ ∈ ℝ, scale σ > 0 and shape ξ ∈ ℝ.



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- Max-stable process: the distribution of the extreme process η as a random variable in C(X) (de Haan and Fereira (2006)).
- Conditional independence model: conditionally on the GEV parameters, η(s) and η(s') are independent (Cooley et al. (2007)).

$$egin{aligned} \eta(s) \mid \{\mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s)\} &\stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \operatorname{GEV}\{\mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s)\}, \qquad s \in \mathcal{X} \ & \mu(\cdot) \sim \operatorname{GP}(m_\mu, \gamma_\mu) \ & \sigma(\cdot) \sim \operatorname{GP}(m_\sigma, \gamma_\sigma) \ & \xi(\cdot) \sim \operatorname{GP}(m_\xi, \gamma_\xi) \end{aligned}$$

Advantage: simple univariate likelihood for inference. Drawback: inability to estimate areal quantities;

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- Projection method: $\theta \sim \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbb{S}^1}(Z)$ with Z random variable in \mathbb{R}^2 .
- Explicit univariate distribution.
- ► Simple spatial counterpart if Z is a spatial process.

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The **projected gaussian process** (Gelfand and Wang (2014)) advantages: low number of parameter and high flexibility.

$$Z(\cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1(\cdot) & Z_2(\cdot) \end{pmatrix}^\top \sim \mathsf{GP}_2(m_\theta, \gamma_\theta)$$
$$\theta(\cdot) = \arctan^* \frac{Z_2(\cdot)}{Z_1(\cdot)}$$



Figure 2: Left: one realisation of a projected Gaussian process. Right: Marginal distributions at the three highlighted locations.

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Data augmentation: radial latent processes R, such that

$$Z_1(s) = R(s) \cos \theta(s)$$
 and $Z_2(s) = R(s) \sin \theta(s)$.

Gaussian likelihood:

$$f_{\boldsymbol{s}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{t}) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{k} r_{i}}{(2\pi)^{k/2} \sqrt{|\gamma_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{s})|}} \exp\left(-\frac{\{\boldsymbol{r}^{\top}\boldsymbol{u} - m_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{s})\}^{\top} \gamma_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{s})^{-1} (\boldsymbol{r}^{\top}\boldsymbol{u} - m_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{s})\}}{2}\right)$$

with

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t_1 & \dots & \cos t_k \\ \sin t_1 & \dots & \sin t_k \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

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Regression model for the mean functions:

$$\begin{split} m_{\mu/\sigma/\xi}(s) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \mathrm{lon}(s) + \beta_2 \mathrm{lat}(s) + \beta_3 \mathrm{alt}(s) + \cdots \\ m_{\theta}^{(1/2)}(s) &= \cdots + \beta_4 f(\mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s)) + \beta_5 g(\mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s)) + \cdots \end{split}$$

For instance, one can take the quantile function :

$$egin{aligned} f(\mu(s),\sigma(s),\xi(s)) &= F^{-1}(0.95|\mu(s),\sigma(s),\xi(s)) \ &= \mu(s) + rac{\sigma(s)}{\xi(s)}((-\log(p))^{-\xi(s)}-1) \end{aligned}$$

 (Cross)covariance function: stationary, isotropic, exponentially decreasing

$$\gamma_{\cdot}(s, s+h) = \tau_{\cdot}\Gamma(\|h\|; \lambda_{\cdot}) \text{ with } \Gamma(t; \lambda_{\cdot}) = e^{-\frac{t}{\lambda_{\cdot}}}$$

and separable :
$$\gamma_{\theta}(s, s + h) = T \otimes \Gamma_{\theta}(\|h\|)$$

with $T = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{\theta} & \rho_{\theta}\sqrt{\tau_{\theta}} \\ \rho_{\theta}\sqrt{\tau_{\theta}} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \tau_{\theta} > 0$ and $\rho_{\theta} \in (-1, 1)$.

 Aim: sampling each parameters and latent variables from posterior distribution π(Ψ | D_n). Aim: sampling each parameters and latent variables from posterior distribution $\pi(\Psi \mid D_n)$.

MCMC: creating a Markov Chain with stationary distribution π(Ψ | D_n).
 At each step, each variable and parameter is sampled via the full conditional distribution:

 $\pi\{\mu(\mathbf{s}_j) \mid \cdot\} \propto \pi\{\mu(\mathbf{s}) \mid m_{\mu}, \gamma_{\mu}\}\pi\{\eta(\mathbf{s}_j) \mid \mu(\mathbf{s}_j), \sigma(\mathbf{s}_j), \xi(\mathbf{s}_j)\}\pi\{\mathsf{Z}(\mathbf{s}) \mid m_{\theta}, \gamma_{\theta}, \mu(\mathbf{s}), \sigma(\mathbf{s}), \xi(\mathbf{s})\}$

 $\pi\{R_i(\mathsf{s}) \mid \cdot\} \propto \pi\{R_i(\mathsf{s}) \mid \theta_i(\mathsf{s}), m_\theta, \gamma_\theta, \mu(\mathsf{s}), \sigma(\mathsf{s}), \xi(\mathsf{s})\}$

 $\pi\{\lambda_{\xi} \mid \cdot\} \propto \pi\{\xi(\mathbf{s}) \mid \beta_{\xi}, \tau_{\xi}, \lambda_{\xi}\} \mathsf{\Pi}\{\lambda_{\xi}\}$

Updates: conjugate priors whenever possible, Metropolis-Hastings sampling if not.



Gibbs sampler for inference



Figure 3: Chain (left) and posterior distribution (right) for $\beta_{2,\theta}$.

Estimator: the median of the posterior distribution.

- Multiple configurations: type of dependence, number of site k, number of observations n.
- 100 replicates for each configuration in order to compute a Mean Squared Error
- Two types of asymptotics: infill asymptotic (k → ∞) and repeated observations (n → ∞).



Figure 4: Evolution of the Mean Squared Error for angle related parameters with varying number of observations *n* and locations *k*.

Good performance for both infill asymptotic (k→∞) and repeated observations (n→∞).



Figure 4: Evolution of the Mean Squared Error for parameters related to μ with varying number of observations *n* and locations *k*.

lnconsistent estimation when $k \mapsto \infty$ for τ (sill) and λ (range) parameters (Zhang (2004)).



• Whatever the number of observation *n*, **only one value** for μ, σ and ξ .



Figure 5: Posterior median estimation (with 95% credible intervals) for the GEV parameters at k = 25 locations and with n = 50 observations

Wind data: model selection using WAIC

Table 1: Widely Applicable bayesian Information Criteria (WAIC) for selected models. All models have $m_{\xi}(s) = \beta_0$.

		WAIC
Model 0	$m_{\mu}(s) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 lon(s) + \beta_3 alt(s)$	11,751
	$m_{\sigma}(s) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 lat(s)$	
	$m_{\theta,1}(s) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 lon(s) + \beta_2 lat(s)$	
	$m_{ heta,2}(s) = eta_0 + eta_1 lon(s) + eta_2 lat(s) + eta_3 alt(s)$	
Model 1	Model 0	11,557
	$+m_{ heta,1}(s)=\cdots+eta_3\mu(s)+eta_4\sigma(s)$	
	$+m_{\theta,2}(s) = \cdots + \beta_4 \mu(s) + \beta_5 F^{-1}(0.95 \mu,\sigma,\xi)$	
Model 2	Model 0	11,301
	$+m_{\theta,1}(s) = \cdots + \beta_3 F^{-1}(0.95 \mu,\sigma,\xi) + \beta_4 F^{-1}(0.99 \mu,\sigma,\xi)$	
Model 3	Model 0	11,283
	$+m_{ heta,1}(s)=\cdots+eta_3\mu(s)+eta_4F^{-1}(0.95 \mu,\sigma,\xi)$	
Model 4	Model 3	11,235
	$+m_{\mu}(s)=eta_{0}+eta_{1}$ alt (s)	
	$+m_{ heta,2}(s) = eta_0 + eta_1 \operatorname{lon}(s) + eta_2 \operatorname{alt}(s)$	
Model 5	Model 4	11,635
	$+m_{ heta,1}(s)=eta_0+eta_1 ext{lon}(s)+eta_2\mu(s)$	
Model 6	Model 4	11,231
	$+m_{\sigma}(s)=eta_{0}$	
	$+m_{ heta,1}(s) = eta_0 + eta_1 \mathrm{lon}(s) + eta_2 \mu(s) + eta_3 F^{-1}(0.95 \mu,\sigma,\xi)$	

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Table 2: Parameters for the selected model



Wind data: first results

• $m_{\mu} = 6.7_{\{-0.3,13.6\}} - 0.6_{\{-3.0,1.7\}} \operatorname{alt}(s)$: slower extreme in high altitude.

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Table 3: Posterior mean and 95% credible intervals (in bracket) for the projected gaussian process.

► As $F^{-1}(0.95|\mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s)) = \mu(s) + \frac{\sigma(s)}{\xi(s)}((-\log(p))^{-\xi(s)} - 1)$, we have : $m_{\theta,1} = 1.9 + 0.5\mu(s) - 1.4\frac{\sigma(s)}{\xi(s)}((-\log(p))^{-\xi(s)} - 1)$



Figure 6: Predicted return levels of return period 20 years (left) and 100 years (right), in m/s.



Figure 6: Predicted angles (arrows) and return levels of return period 20 years (left) and 100 years (right), in m/s.



Figure 6: Posterior median of GEV parameters.

High variation for the shape parameter : big impact on the return level and the angular distribution.



Figure 6: Posterior angular mean (left) and mode (right) and angular dispersion.

- Preprint available on arXiv:2306.08940
- Study of climate change potential effect via time related covariates.
- Ongoing work: max-stable with an angular component

Thank you for your attention !

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Question: what is the distribution of η as a random variable in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{R})$?

Spectral representation (de Hann, 1984)

 η is a max-stable process, if and only if, $\eta \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} \max_{i>0} \zeta_i W_i$, where:

 (ζ_i)_{i>0}: a realization of a Poisson point process with intensity r⁻²dr on ℝ⁺.

▶
$$(W_i)_{i>0}$$
: i.i.d. stochastic process in $C^+(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{R})$, with $\forall s \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{E}(W(s)) = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}(\sup_{s \in \mathcal{X}} W(s)) < \infty$.

For each distribution of W, we have a max-stable model: Smith, Brown-Resnick, extremal-t...

Useful lemma

 $\forall s \in \mathcal{X}$, there is a unique i(s) > 0 such that $\eta(s) = \zeta_{i(s)} W_{i(s)}(s)$.

Angular max-stable process (extremal-t):

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{(1)} \\ \eta^{(2)} \\ \eta^{(3)} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } \begin{cases} \eta^{(1)}(s) &= \zeta_{i(s)} c_{\nu} W_{i(s)}^{(1)}(s)^{\nu} &: \text{ extreme} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \eta^{(2)}(s) \\ \eta^{(3)}(s) \end{pmatrix} &= \zeta_{i(s)}^{1/\nu} \begin{pmatrix} W_{i(s)}^{(2)}(s) \\ W_{i(s)}^{(3)}(s) \end{pmatrix} &: \text{ angle} \end{cases}$$

and $(W_i)_{i>0}$: i.i.d. 3-dimensional Gaussian processes and $\nu > 1$.

Next steps: compute the likelihood of our model and implement EM algorithm for inference.

The density for projected gaussian variable:

$$f_{s}(x) = \frac{\Phi_{2}(u(x); 0, \gamma(s, s)) + |\gamma(s, s)|^{-1/2} D(x) \phi_{1}(D(x)) \Phi_{1}(a_{s}(x)^{-1} |\gamma(s, s)|^{-1/2} \mu(s) \wedge u(x))}{a_{s}^{2}(x)}$$

where

- ϕ_1 , Φ_1 : pdf, cdf of standard normal distribution - $\Phi_2(\cdot; 0, \Sigma)$: cdf of bivariate gaussian vector with covariance matrix Σ - $u(x) = (\cos x, \sin x)^\top$ - $a_s^2(x) = u(x)^\top \gamma(s, s)^{-1} u(x)$ - $D(x) = a_s(x)^{-1} \mu(s)^\top \gamma(s, s)^{-1} u(x)$.

- DIC focus on the fitting ability and penalizes model complexity.
- Hierarchical model equivalent of AIC:

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Continuous ranked probability score (Gneiting and Raftery (2007))

- Asses the prediction capacity of the model on a validation set.
- A score on the predictive posterior distribution F:

$$\mathsf{CRPS} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathsf{CRPS}(F, y_i)$$

with $CRPS(F, y) = \mathbb{E}_F |X - y| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_F |X - X'|$

Trade-off between calibration and sharpness.

Algorithm 1: Gibbs sampler

input : Target distribution g; initial state for Var = $(\psi, \mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s), R_i(s))$; proposition kernel $K(\cdot, \cdot)$; length of the chain N. output: Markov chain with stationary distribution g.

1 for
$$t = 1, ..., N$$
 do
2 for $v = 1, ..., Var$ do
3 Sample v_* from $K(v_{t-1}, \cdot)$;
4 Compute acceptance probability
5 Compute acceptance probability
 $\alpha(v_{t-1}, v_*) = \frac{g(v_*)K(v_*, v_{t-1})}{g(v_{t-1})K(v_{t-1}, v_*)}$
5 Take $v_t = \begin{cases} v_*, & \text{with probability } \alpha \\ v_{t-1}, & \text{with probability } 1 - \alpha \end{cases}$
6 end
7 end
8 Return the Markov Chain { $Var_t; t = 0, ..., N$ }.











Predictive posterior distribution

Algorithm 2: Pointwise predictive posterior predictions from the extreme-angular model.

input : A Markov chain $\{\psi_t : t = 1, ..., N\}$ sampled from the Gibbs sampler introduced above and a new location $s_* \in \mathcal{X}$. output: Predictive posterior predictions of an unknown quantity $U(s_*)$.

1 for
$$t = 1, ..., N$$
 do

/* Conditional sampling of the GEV parameters */

- 2 Sample $\mu_t(s_*)$ from the conditional distribution $\mu(s_*) \mid \mu(s), \psi_t$;
- 3 Sample $\sigma_t(s_*)$ and $\xi_t(s_*)$ in the same way;
 - /* Conditional sampling for the angular component */
- 4 Sample $\theta_t(s_*)$ from the conditional distribution $\theta(s_*) \mid \mu(s), \sigma(s), \xi(s), \psi_t;$
- 5 end
- 6 Return the $U(s^*)$ -estimator $\hat{U}(\psi_1(s_*),\ldots,\psi_N(s_*));$