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Generic research goals

- Obtain statistical learning guarantees regarding estimators of standard quantities issued from extreme value theory (EVT)
- Develop dimensionality reduction tools in order to extend the range of application of multivariate EVT
- Propose EVT-based solutions to standard machine learning tasks (classification/anomaly detection)



Selected list of publications

Satistical learning guarantees: empirical measure and ERM classification

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Extreme Values: why bother?

'Il est impossible que l'improbable n'arrive jamais'



Emil Julius Gumbel, 1891-1966

1934 flood at Port Pirie, Australia

Ideas behind Extreme Value Theory

Theory: Under minimal assumptions, distributions of maxima/excesses converge to a certain class.

Modelling: Use those limits to model maxima/excesses above large thresholds.

X: random object (variable / vector/ process) $X_i \overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} X$.

$$\max_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \stackrel{d}{\approx} \text{Max-stable}$$
(*n* large)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \mid ||X|| \ge r \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{d}{\approx}$$
 Generalized Pareto (r large)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{(i,X_i)} \stackrel{d}{\approx} \text{Poisson point process} (n \text{ large, above large } r)$$

Multivariate regular variation (MRV) (I)

• A random vector $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is regularly varying if there exists a **limit measure** μ such that for all set $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $0 \notin \text{closure}(A)$ and $\mu(\partial A) \neq 0$,



 The limit measure is homogeneous: μ(rA) = r^{-α}μ(A) for some α > 0 (tail index).

Multivariate regular variation (MRV) (II)

• μ rules the (probabilistic) behaviour of extremes: if A is far from the origin, then

$$\mathbb{P}(X\in A)pprox \mu(A)$$
 .

Namely

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in tA) = L(t)\mu(tA),$$

with L a slowly varying function, even $L(t) \xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} C$ (Constant) after suitable marginal standardization.

- Examples: Max stable vectors with standardized margins, multivariate Student, . . .
- In practice: preliminary **componentwise standardization** is often necessary: then (MRV) concerns the standard version V of X,

$$V_j := 1/(1 - F_j(X_j)), \quad V = (V_1, \ldots, V_d).$$

(using empirical \hat{F}_j work well even in theory)

MRV (III): Angular Measure

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- Homogeneity of $\mu \rightarrow$ polar coordinates are convenient

$$r(x) = ||x||$$
; $\theta(x) = r(x)^{-1}x$.
 $\cdot ||: \text{ any norm, typically } || \cdot ||_{\infty}, || \cdot ||_{2} \text{ or } || \cdot ||_{1})$

• Angular measure Φ on the $\| \cdot \|$ -sphere:

$$\Phi(B) = \mu\{r > 1, \theta \in B\}.$$

• Then μ decomposes as a product measure





• The angular component Φ only is **non-parametric**.

Tail empirical process: asymptotic literature

• Convenient re-writing: (MRV) $\iff tP[b(t) \cdot] \rightarrow c\mu(\cdot)$ (vaguely) where b(t) = quantile of order 1 - 1/t of the norm, c > 0 a constant

Estimating $\mu \approx$ Estimating $tP[(b(t) \cdot]$ (up to a vanishing bias term)

- $X, X_1, \ldots, X_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} P$ satisfying (MRV), P_n : empirical measure.
- As n→∞, k→∞, n/k→∞: the 'tail empirical process' converges weakly (1D case, α = 1)

$$\sqrt{k} \frac{n}{k} (P_n - P) \Big[b(n/k)y, \infty \Big) \xrightarrow[w]{D(0,\infty)} W(y),$$

W: brownian motion, see Resnick 2007, thm. 9.1 + references.

In practice: $b(n/k) \leftarrow X_{(k)}$ (the k^{th} largest order statistic)

• Multivariate extensions are available (Einmahl et al., 2006, Einmahl & Segers 2009, Einmahl et al. 2012, ...)

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Bounding the deviations of empirical measures

Key historical result: uniform bound on the deviations of the empirical measure P_n from the true law P of X, over a class of sets of controlled complexity

- \mathcal{A} : class of subsets of $\mathcal{X}(=\mathbb{R}^d$ here).
- $S_{\mathcal{A}}(n) = \max_{(x_1,...,x_n) \in \mathcal{X}^n} |\{A \cap \{x_1,...,x_n : A \in \mathcal{A}\}|$ = Shattering coefficient $\leq 2^n$.

Vapnik-Chervonenkis inequality (probability bound) (Vapnik, Chervonenkis, 71) with probability $\geq 1 - \delta$,

$$\sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n - P|(A) \le 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{n} [\log(4/\delta) + \log(S_{\mathcal{A}}(2n))]}$$

- Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension $d_{\mathcal{A}}$: complexity control of \mathcal{A}
- Sauer 's lemma : $S_{\mathcal{A}}(n) \leq (n+1)^{d_{\mathcal{A}}} \ll 2^n$.

Application to classification

Control of the generalization risk in classification via ERM

- A classifier: a function $g : \mathcal{Z} \mapsto \{-1, 1\}$, \mathcal{Z} : feature space.
- Choose a family of such classifiers \mathcal{G} (\sim a 'model').
- \mathcal{G} is 1-to-1 with $\mathcal{A} = \{A_g = \{(z, y) : g(z) \neq y\}, g \in \mathcal{G}\}$
- Empirical risk $R_n(g) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{g(Z_i) \neq Y_i\} = P_n(A_g).$

•
$$\sup_{g\in\mathcal{G}}|R-R_n|(g)=\sup_{A\in\mathcal{A}}|P_n-P|(A)|$$

 \rightarrow upper bounds on the generalization risk *R*.

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Our wish list

• Recall the asymptotic convergence rate:

 $\sqrt{k} \frac{n}{k} (P_n - P)(b(n/k)A) \rightarrow \text{non degenerate Gaussian r.v.}$

with P(b(n/k)A) = O(k/n)P(A), $A \notin \overline{A}$, (b is a quantile function) • in other terms, with p = k/n

$$\sqrt{pn} \frac{1}{p} (P_n - P)(A_p) \rightarrow \text{non degenerate Gaussian r.v.}$$

where

- $P(A_p) = O(p)P(A)$
- $np \approx$ number of points X_i in the extreme regions used for estimation.
- Reasonable hope: prove that with high probability,

$$\frac{1}{p}\sup_{A\in\mathcal{A}_p}|P_n-P|(A)\leq O\left(\sqrt{\frac{C \text{ or } d_{\mathcal{A}}\log(np)}{np}}\right)$$

where \mathcal{A}_p : a class of sets with low probability O(p) and VC-dim $d_{\mathcal{A}}$

Existing literature: normalized VC inequalities

• Vapnik 2015, Bousquet et al. 2003: with probability $1-2\delta$,

$$\sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \left| \frac{P_n(A) - P(A)}{\sqrt{P(A)}} \right| \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{\log S_{\mathcal{A}}(2n) + \log \frac{4}{\delta}}{n}} ,$$

• Consequence, with $p = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} P(A)$

$$\frac{1}{p} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n(A) - P(A)| \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{\log S_{\mathcal{A}}(2n) + \log \frac{4}{\delta}}{np}} ,$$

How to replace the $S_A(n)$ term with $S_A(np)$ or $d_A \log(np)$ or C?

A VC-type inequality for rare classes

(Goix, S., Clémençon, 2015)

Theorem: Supremum deviation on low probability regions

Let X_1, \ldots, X_n be *i.i.d.* realizations of a r.v. X with distribution P and let \mathcal{A} be a VC-class of sets with VC-dimension $d_{\mathcal{A}}$. Consider the class union $\mathbb{A} = \bigcup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A$, and let $p = P(\mathbb{A})$. Then there is a universal constant C such that for all $0 < \delta < 1$, with probability at least $1 - \delta$,

$$\frac{1}{p} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n(A) - P(A)| \leq C \left[\sqrt{\frac{d_A}{np} \log \frac{1}{\delta}} + \frac{1}{np} \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right].$$
(1)

Tool #1: 'Bernstein-bounded difference' inequality

(Mc Diarmid, 98)

• Recall Bernstein inequality for $Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$, $(X_i)_i$ *i.i.d.*, $v = \mathbb{V}ar(Z)$, $|X_i - \mathbb{E}(X_i)| < b$,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(Z - \mathbb{E}\left(Z\right) > t\right) \leq \exp\left(-\frac{t^2/2}{v + bt/3}\right)$$

Theorem (Mc Diarmid, 98)

The above inequality is also true for $Z = f(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$, with

• Variance term v maximum sum of variances: $v = \sup_{x_1,...,x_n} \sum_{k=1}^n v_k(x_1,...,x_{k-1})$, with

$$v_k(x_1,\ldots,x_{k-1}) = \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}\Big(\mathbb{E}\left(Z|X_k,x_{1:k-1}\right)\Big)$$

• maximum positive deviation $b = \sup_{k,x_1:k} \operatorname{dev}_k^+(x_{1:k-1})$, with

$$\operatorname{dev}_{k}^{+}(x_{1:k-1}) = \sup_{x_{k}} \mathbb{E}\left(Z|X_{k} = x_{k}, x_{1:k-1}\right) - \mathbb{E}\left(Z|x_{1:k-1}\right)$$

Mc Diarmid's Bernstein/Bounded difference inequality applied to rare classes

• Set
$$Z = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n - P|(A)$$
, $p = P(\cup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} A)$.

Lemma (Goix, S. Clémençon, 2015)

The maximum sum of variances v and maximum positive deviation b involved in Mc Diarmid's bound (in the previous slide) satisfy

$$v\leq 2p/n$$
 ; $b\leq 1/n$

Corollary: concentration of the maximum deviations

With proba
$$\geq 1 - \delta$$
, $p^{-1} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n - P|(A)$
$$\leq \mathbb{E} \left(p^{-1} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n - P|(A) \right) + \sqrt{\frac{4 \log(1/\delta)}{np}} + \frac{2}{3np} \log(1/\delta)$$

Tool #2: 'Conditioning trick'

(Lhaut, S., Segers, 21+, Goix, S. Clémençon, 15, see also tail empirical process literature)
Let K = #{i : X_i ∈ A} ~ Binomial(n, p).

$$\left[\left(P_n(A)\right)_{A\in\mathcal{A}}\mid K=k\right]\stackrel{d}{=}\left(\frac{k}{n}P_k^Y(A)\right)_{A\in\mathcal{A}}$$

where $P_k^Y(A) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{1}_A(Y_i), \ Y_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} P(\cdot \cap \mathbb{A})/P(\mathbb{A}).$

Bounding the expected maximal deviations

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\frac{\sup_{A}|P_{n}-P|(A)}{p}\right) \leq C\sqrt{\frac{d_{A}}{np}} \quad \text{(GSC15, using chaining results)}$$
$$(C \text{ universal constant})$$
$$\mathbb{E}\left(\frac{\sup_{A}|P_{n}-P|(A)}{p}\right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2d_{A}\log(2np+1)}{np}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{np}}$$
$$(\text{LSS21+, using VC inequality for expectation})$$

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Classification in extreme regions: set up

(Jalalzai, Clémençon, S., 2018)

- Random pair (V, Y), $V \in \mathbb{R}^d_+$: observed input/features, $Y \in \{-1,1\}$: label to be predicted.
- Assumption (MRV), standard case, for each class:

$$t\mathbb{P}(t^{-1}V\in B\mid Y=\pm 1) \xrightarrow[t o\infty]{} \mu_{\pm}(B)$$

(no standardization required or margins known).

Classification loss L_t(g) for a classifier g : ℝ^d → {−1, 1} above level t:





Main findings (Jalalzai, Clémençon, S., 2018)

1. For an angular classifier $g(v) = g(\theta(v))$,

$$L_{\infty}(g) = \lim_{t \to \infty} L_t(g)$$
 exists.

2. There exists an angular classifier g^* minimizing $\limsup_t L_t(g)$ over all possible classifiers.



3. The ERM strategy for $\mathcal{G} \subset$ angular classifiers,

$$\min_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{1}\{g(V_i) \neq Y_i, \|V_i\| > \hat{t}_{n/k}\}$$

with $\hat{t}_{n/k}$: 1-k/n empirical quantile of $\|V\|$, yields a \hat{g} s.t.

 $L_{\infty}(\hat{g}) - L_{\infty}(g^*) \leq 4C\sqrt{d_{\mathcal{G}}\ln(1/\delta)/k} + \operatorname{bias}(n,k) + \operatorname{bias}(\mathcal{G}) + O(1/k).$

Application: Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Jalalzai, Colombo, Clavel, Gaussier, Varni, Vignon, S. (2020)

- Extension of the previous framework to datasets who are **NOT** regularly varying.
- Dataset: text embeddings (BERT). X = vector in \mathbb{R}^d , d large (768).
- label Y = positive/negative sentiment.
- Two goals:

(i) improved classification in low probability regions of $\ensuremath{\mathcal{X}}$

(ii) label preserving data augmentation

Learning a regularly varying representation for NLP

- Key step: adversarial strategy, (Goodfellow et al. 2014) mixed loss function involving
 - 0-1 loss in extreme/ non-extreme regions
 - Jensen-Shannon divergence between the learnt representation and a Max-stable multivariate Logistic, \neq common practice Gaussian



• Output: a transformed vector $\tilde{Z} = \varphi(X)$ which is (experimentally) regularly varying (low correlations $\theta(\tilde{Z}) \leftrightarrow \|\tilde{Z}\|$).

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Other related results/applications

- Uniform control of the deviations of the empirical *c.d.f.* of the limit measure (=the standard tail dependence function): Goix, S. Clémençon, 15
- Mass-Volume set estimation of the angular component (angular measure) for anomaly detection far from the origin: Thomas, Clémençon, Gramfort, S. 2017
- Uniform deviations of the empirical angular measure of extremes (unknown marginal distributions): Clémençon, Jalalzai, S. Segers, 21+
 → Extension of the classification set-up to (X, Y) with marginal distribution X_j unknown
- Alternative bounds with explicit constants: Lhaut, Segers, S. 21+

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Motivation

- Multivariate heavy-tailed random vector X = (X₁,..., X_d)
 e.g. spatial field (temperature, precipitation), asset (negative) prices
- Focus on the tail: $\{x \mid ||x|| > t)$, $t \gg 1$ with $\mathbb{P}(||X|| > t)$ small.

Possible goals: modeling and simulation (stress test), anomaly detection/clustering among extreme values, ...

- $d \gg 1$: modeling Law $(X \mid ||X|| > t)$ unfeasible.
- Dimension reduction problem(s) :
- Identify the groups of features J ⊂ {1,...d} which may be large together (while the others stay small), given that one of them is large.
- 2. Identify a single low dimensional projection subspace S_0 such that $Law(X | ||X|| > t) \approx$ concentrated on S_0 .

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Sparse support recovery (Goix, S. Clémençon, 2016, 2017)

Reasonable hope: the groups {X_j, j ∈ J}'s wich may be simultaneously large are (i) few (ii) small. → sparse angular measure

Our goal: Estimate the (sparse) support of the angular measure (*i.e.* the dependence structure).



$$\Phi \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_{1,2} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_{1,2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{C}_1 \\ \mathcal{C}_1$$





Two parameters: (i) Tolerance parameter ε (otherwise empirical measure of subspaces = 0); (ii) k (number of observations considered as extremes)



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Theorem (Goix, S., Clémençon, 2016)

If the margins F_j are continuous and if the density of the angular measure is bounded by M > 0 on each subface (infinity norm), There is a constant C s.t. for any n, d, k, $\delta \ge e^{-k}$, $\varepsilon \le 1/4$, w.p. $\ge 1 - \delta$,

$$\max_{J \subset \{1,...,d\}} |\hat{\mu}_n(\mathcal{C}_J) - \mu(\mathcal{C}_J)| \leq Cd\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{k\varepsilon}\log\frac{d}{\delta}} + Md\varepsilon\right) + \operatorname{Bias}_{\frac{n}{k},\varepsilon}(F,\mu).$$

Regular variation
$$\iff \operatorname{Bias}_{t,\varepsilon} \xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} 0$$

Application (I): anomaly detection

(Goix, S, Clémençon (2016), similar spirit without dimensionality reduction in Thomas, Clémençon, Gramfort, S. (2017))



• Training step:

Learn a 'normal region' (e.g. approximate support)

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• Training step:

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• Prediction step: (with new data)

Anomalies = points outside the 'normal region'

If 'normal' data are heavy tailed, **Abnormal** \Leftrightarrow **Extreme**. There may be **extreme** 'normal data'.

How to distinguish between large anomalies and normal extremes?

Application (II): Clustering of anomalies

(Chiapino, Clémençon, Feuillard, S. 2019)

- Motivation: Airbus flight data (times series/logs): dimension = O(100). How to cluster together similar anomalies to help interpretation?
- Here: an anomaly = any X such that ||X|| is large.
- Idea: Use the subspaces output by DAMEX (or variants) as the components of a pre-asymptotic mixture model



- Use posterior probabilities ℙ(X_i ∈ Component j) to construct a pairwise similarity matrix between extreme data.
- Use e.g. graph clustering techniques to issue final clusters

Dimension reduction: Alternative methods/extensions

- Simpson, Wadsworth, Tawn, 2020: hidden regular variation
- Chiapino, S., 2018; Chiapino, S., Segers 2019: Gathering 'close' subspaces + asymptotic analysis and statistical tests (different null H₀ considered).
- Clustering: Chautru 2015, Janßen & Wan 2020, Jalalzai & Leluc 2021, Fomichov & Ivanovs 2021+
- Alternative definition of sparsity (Euclidean projections on the simplex) Meyer & Winterberger 2021+
- Graphical models for extremes (Hitz, Evans, 2016, Engelke, Hitz 2020, Engelke, Volgushev 2020+)
- PCA: Drees, S. 2021 (some theory) Cooley, Thibaud, 2019 (specific preliminary transformation, with applications), see also Jiang, Cooley, Wehner 2020, Rohrbeck, Cooley 2021+ 29/34

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Drees, S. (2021)'s PCA: Context, Motivation

 (X₁,..., X_d) a multivariate r. vector with tail index α > 0 and limit measure μ

Motivating Assumption (not necessary for our results)

The vector space $S_0 = \operatorname{span}(\operatorname{supp} \mu)$ generated by the support of μ has dimension p < d.

• **Purpose of this work**: Recover S₀ from the data, with guarantees concerning the reconstruction error.



Toy example



Toy example













Uniform risk bound on the L_2 reconstruction error

• $t_{n,k}$: quantile of level 1 - k/n for ||X||, $\Theta = ||X||^{-1}X$

•
$$\Xi_t := \mathbb{E}\left(\|\Theta\|^4 - \pi_t \operatorname{tr}(\Sigma_t^2) \mid \|X\| > t\right)$$
; $\Sigma_t = \mathbb{E}\left(\Theta\Theta^\top \mid \|X\| > t\right)$

Theorem (Drees, S., 20++), simplified version

With probability at least $1-\delta$,

$$\sup_{S\in\mathcal{E}_p} |R_{n,k}(S) - R_{t_{n,k}}(S)| \leq \left[\frac{p \wedge (d-p)}{k} \Xi_{t_{n,k}}\right]^{1/2} + \dots$$
$$\dots \left[\frac{8}{k}(1+k/n)\log(4/\delta)\right]^{1/2} + \dots$$
$$\dots \frac{4\log(4/\delta)}{3k}.$$

(tools: McDiarmid, 98's Bernstein-type bound + arguments from Blanchard et al. 07)

• **NB**: unknown term Ξ_t: an alternative statement is proven with only empirical quantities in the upper bound.

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- Unsupervised dimensionality reduction → supervised? (explain large values of Y given a low dimensional representation of the multivariate input X) (Aghbalou, Portier, S., Zhou, 21+)
- Alternative concentration tools: Talagrand inequality /Bousquet inequality could replace McDiarmid's Bernstein-type one (they have a variance term)
- Tightness of the bounds? (Lower bounds?)
- Universal upper-bounds → data-dependent bounds? (e.g.Cross-Validation), algorithmic stability? ongoing PhD Anass Aghbalou. → model selection?
- From multivariate extremes to infinite dimensional one: dimensionality reduction tools for extremes of time series/ functional data? (ongoing PhD Nathan Huet)

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