

Exceedance Counts and GOD's Order Statistics

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Abstract

In this paper we derive a characterization of the distribution of the number of exceedances among the components of a random vector in terms of order statistics of generators of *D*-norms (GOD). The computation of the fragility index is an immediate consequence.

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1 Introduction

Let $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ be a random vector that realizes in \mathbb{R}^d . We are interested in the number of exceedances among the components X_1, \ldots, X_d above high thresholds. Precisely, choose $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $k \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$ and put $N_{\mathbf{x}} := \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{1}_{(x_i,\infty)}(X_i)$. We want to analyze in this paper the probability

 $P(X_i > x_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } i = 1, \dots, d) = P(N_x \ge k)$

for a large \boldsymbol{x} , i.e., each component x_i of \boldsymbol{x} is large.

Suppose the vector $\boldsymbol{x} = (x, \ldots, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ has constant entry $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and put $N_x := N_{(x,\ldots,x)}$. The *fragility index* (FI) corresponding to \boldsymbol{X} is the asymptotic conditional expected number of exceedances, given that there is at least one exceedance, i.e., $\mathrm{FI} = \lim_{x \neq X} E(N_x \mid N_x > 0)$.

The FI was introduced by Geluk et al. (2007) to measure the stability of the stochastic system $\{X_1, \ldots, X_d\}$. The system is called *stable* if FI = 1, otherwise it is called *fragile*.

In Falk and Tichy (2012) the asymptotic conditional distribution $p_k := \lim_{x \nearrow} P(N_x = k \mid N_x > 0)$ was investigated under the condition that the components X_1, \ldots, X_d are identically distributed.

It turned out that this asymptotic conditional distribution of exceedance counts (ACDEC) exists, if the copula C, which corresponds to \mathbf{X} by Sklar's theorem (c.f. Sklar (1959), Sklar (1996)), is in the max-domain of attraction of a multivariate extreme value distribution (EVD) G. This means that, for any $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d) \leq \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$C^n\left(1+\frac{x_1}{n},\ldots,1+\frac{x_d}{n}\right) \to_{n\to\infty} G(\boldsymbol{x}),$$
 (1.1)

where G is a non degenerate distribution function (df) on \mathbb{R}^d . This is quite a mild condition, satisfied by almost every textbook copula C, c.f. Section 3.3 in Falk (2019).

Falk and Tichy (2011) investigated the ACDEC, dropping the assumption that the margins X_1, \ldots, X_d are identically distributed.

Recent results on *D*-norms (Falk (2019), Falk and Fuller (2021)) enable in the present paper the representation of the distribution of N_x in terms of order statistics corresponding to the generator of a *D*-norm, introduced below.

Let Z_1, \ldots, Z_d be random variables with the properties

$$Z_i \ge 0, \ E(Z_i) = 1, \qquad 1 \le i \le d.$$

Then

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D := E\left(\max_{1 \le i \le d} \left(|x_i| Z_i\right)\right), \qquad \boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

defines a norm on \mathbb{R}^d , called *D*-norm, and $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_d)$ is a generator of the *D*-norm (GOD).

D-norms are the skeleton of multivariate extreme value theory (MEVT) as elaborated in detail in Falk (2019). Suppose, for example, that the random vector $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ follows a standard multivariate Generalized Pareto distribution (GPD). In this case there exists a *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ on \mathbb{R}^d such that

$$P(\boldsymbol{X} \leq \boldsymbol{x}) = 1 - \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D,$$

for all \boldsymbol{x} in a left neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{0} = (0, \ldots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, i.e., for all $\boldsymbol{x} \in [\varepsilon, 0]^d$ with some $\varepsilon < 0$. The characteristic property of a GPD is its *excursion* stability or *exceedance stability*, see Proposition 3.1.2 and Remark 3.1.3 in Falk (2019). This stability explains the crucial role of GPD in MEVT. In what follows, all operations on vectors such as $\boldsymbol{x} \leq \boldsymbol{y}$ etc. are always meant componentwise.

According to equation (2.16) in Falk (2019), the survival function of a standard GPD is given by

where $\| \boldsymbol{x} \|_{D}$ is the dual *D*-norm function pertaining to $\| \cdot \|_{D}$. Note that the df of \boldsymbol{X} is continuous on $[\varepsilon, 0]^{d}$ and, thus, $P(\boldsymbol{X} \geq \boldsymbol{x}) = P(\boldsymbol{X} > \boldsymbol{x})$ for $\boldsymbol{x} \in [\varepsilon, 0]^{d}$.

The generator \mathbf{Z} of $\|\cdot\|_D$ is not uniquely determined. But we know from Corollary 1.6.3 in Falk (2019) that the dual *D*-norm function $\|\cdot\|_D$, which corresponds to $\|\cdot\|_D$, is independent of the particular generator \mathbf{Z} of $\|\cdot\|_D$.

So far we have considered the maximum $\max_{1 \le i \le d}(|x_i| Z_i)$ and the minimum $\min_{1 \le i \le d}(|x_i| Z_i)$, leading to the *D*-norm $||\boldsymbol{x}||_D$ and dual *D*-norm $|\boldsymbol{x}|_D$ by taking expectations. But we can clearly order the set $\{|x_1| Z_1, \ldots, |x_d| Z_d\}$ completely

$$\min_{1 \le i \le d} (|x_i| Z_i) \le 2 \text{nd smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\}$$

$$\le 3 \text{rd smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\le \max_{1 \le i \le d} (|x_i| Z_i)$$

and put, for $k = 1, \ldots, d$,

 $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(k)} := E\left(k\text{-th smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\}\right).$

We call this sequence $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(1)} \leq \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(2)} \leq \cdots \leq \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d)}$ of increasing functions ordered *D*-norms. In particular

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(1)} = \& \boldsymbol{x} \&_D$$

is the dual *D*-norm function, and

$$\|m{x}\|_{D,(d)} = \|m{x}\|_D$$

is the *D*-norm. Note that only $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D(k)}$ with k = d is actually a norm.

We have, for each $k = 1, \ldots, d$,

$$\|t\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(k)} = t \,\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(k)}, \qquad t \ge 0, \ \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

i.e., $\|\cdot\|_{D,(k)}$ is homogeneous of order 1, and it is a continuous function on \mathbb{R}^d , with $\|\mathbf{0}\|_{D,(k)} = 0$ for each $k = 1, \ldots, d$. The following result is, therefore, an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.5 in Falk and Fuller (2021).

LEMMA 1.1. For each k = 1, ..., d, the value $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(k)}$ does not depend on the choice of the particular generator \boldsymbol{Z} of $\|\cdot\|_{D}$.

For a vector with constant entry $\boldsymbol{x} = (x, \dots, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(k)} &= \|x\| E(k\text{-th smallest value among } \{Z_1, \dots, Z_d\}) \\ &= \|x\| E(Z_{k:d}), \end{aligned}$$

where $Z_{1:d} \leq \cdots \leq Z_{d:d}$ denote the ordered values of Z_1, \ldots, Z_d , i.e., the corresponding usual *order statistics*. This links the analysis of multivariate exceedances with the theory of univariate order statistics.

Though it has received much attention in the literature, the computation of the exact value $E(Z_{k:d})$ of an arbitrary order statistic is by no means obvious, even if Z_1, \ldots, Z_d are independent and identically distributed. The exact value is known only in a few cases. Put, for instance, $Z_i := 2U_i$, $1 \le i \le d$, where U_1, \ldots, U_d are independent random variables with common uniform distribution on (0, 1). In this case we have $E(Z_{k:d}) = 2k/(d+1)$, see equation (1.7.3) in Reiss (1989).

In the general case, where Z_1, \ldots, Z_d are not necessarily independent and identically distributed, the exact value $E(Z_{k:d})$ is in general inaccessible. But a Monte-Carlo simulation would provide an obvious and easy to implement approximation.

The main result in Section 2 is Theorem 2.1, where we establish, for each $1 \le k \le d$, the equation

 $P(X_i > x_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d) = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)}$

for \boldsymbol{x} in a left neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, if $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ follows a standard GPD. From this result we can establish in Eq. 2.1 the exact distribution of the number $N_{\boldsymbol{x}}$ of exceedances. For $\boldsymbol{x} = (x, \ldots, x)$ with constant entry x, we obtain in Eq. 2.3 the corresponding FI.

In Section 3 we extend the results of Section 2 to a random vector X, whose copula is in a proper neighborhood of a shifted GPD, see Eq. 3.1. The main result is Theorem 3.1. It leads to the representation (3.5) of the probability that $X_i > x_i$ for at least k components under the mild condition that that the copula corresponding to the random vector $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ is in the max-domain of attraction of a multivariate max-stable df G. Note that this condition does not require an absolutely continuously distributed random vector X.

2 Main Result for Standard GPD

The following result reveals the particular significance of ordered D-norms concerning multivariate exceedances of standard GPD.

THEOREM 2.1. Suppose the random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ follows a standard GPD with corresponding D-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ on \mathbb{R}^d . Then we have

$$\begin{split} &P(X_i > x_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d) \\ &= P\left(N_{\boldsymbol{x}} \ge k\right) \\ &= \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} \,, \end{split}$$

for any $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$ in a left neighborhood of $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

The assertion is obvious for k = d, because $\|\cdot\|_{D,(1)} = \mathfrak{U} \cdot \mathfrak{U}_D$. For k = 1 we obtain

 $P(X_i > x_i \text{ for at least one of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$ = $1 - P(\mathbf{X} \le \mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_D = \|\mathbf{x}\|_{D,(d)},$

for \boldsymbol{x} in a left neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1. According to equation (2.14) in Falk (2019), we can suppose the representation

$$\boldsymbol{X} = -U\left(rac{1}{Z_1},\ldots,rac{1}{Z_d}
ight),$$

where the random variable U is on (0, 1) uniformly distributed and independent of Z. We can also suppose by Theorem 1.7.1 in Falk (2019) that the generator Z is bounded.

Conditioning on U = u, we obtain for $\boldsymbol{x} \leq \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ close enough to $\boldsymbol{0}$, by the boundedness of \boldsymbol{Z} ,

 $P(X_i > x_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$ $= P(U < |x_i| Z_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$ $= \int_0^1 P(u < |x_i| Z_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d) du$ $= \int_0^1 P((d-k+1)\text{-th smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\} \ge u) du$ $= \int_0^\infty P((d-k+1)\text{-th smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\} \ge u) du$ $= E((d-k+1)\text{-th smallest value among } \{|x_1| Z_1, \dots, |x_d| Z_d\})$

 $= \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)},$

using the general equation $E(Y) = \int_0^\infty P(Y > u) \, du$ with a random variable $Y \ge 0$.

We obtain from the previous result the *exact* distribution of the number of exceedances for \boldsymbol{x} in a left neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ if $\boldsymbol{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ follows a standard GPD:

$$P(N_{\boldsymbol{x}} = k) = P(N_{\boldsymbol{x}} \ge k) - P(N_{\boldsymbol{x}} \ge k - 1)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} - \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k)}, & k = 1, \dots, d-1, \\ \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(1)} = \mathfrak{A} \boldsymbol{x} \mathfrak{A}_{D}, & k = d, \end{cases}$$

$$=: p_{\boldsymbol{x},D}(k).$$
(2.1)

With

$$p_{\boldsymbol{x},D}(0) := P(N_{\boldsymbol{x}} = 0) = P(X_i \le x_i \text{ for } 1 \le i \le d) = 1 - \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D,$$

the numbers $p_{\boldsymbol{x},D}(k)$, $k = 0, \ldots, d$, define the distribution of the exceedance counts $N_{\boldsymbol{x}}$ on $\{0, 1, \ldots, d\}$.

In case of a vector $\boldsymbol{x} = (x, \ldots, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with constant entries, we obtain, with $Z_{0:d} := 0$,

$$p_{x,D}(k) := p_{(x,\dots,x),D}(k) \\ = \begin{cases} |x| \left(E(Z_{d-k+1:d}) - E(Z_{d-k:d}) \right), & 1 \le k \le d, \\ 1 - |x| E(Z_{d:d}), & k = 0, \end{cases}$$
(2.2)

This reveals a crucial role of the spacings $Z_{d-k+1:d} - Z_{k-d:d}$ in the analysis of multivariate exceedances.

The expectation of N_x is by Eq. 2.2

$$E(N_x) = \sum_{k=1}^d k p_{x,D}(k)$$

= $|x| \sum_{k=1}^d k \left(E(Z_{d-k+1:d}) - E(Z_{d-k:d}) \right)$
= $|x| \sum_{k=1}^d E(Z_{d-(k-1):d})$
= $|x| E\left(\sum_{k=1}^d Z_{d-(k-1):d}\right)$

$$= |x| E\left(\sum_{k=1}^{d} Z_k\right) = d|x|$$

by the fact that $E(Z_k) = 1, 1 \le k \le d$. The fragility index is, therefore, with x < 0 close enough to zero,

FI =
$$E(N_x | N_x > 0)$$

= $\frac{E(N_x)}{1 - P(N_x = 0)}$
= $\frac{d |x|}{1 - p_{x,D}(0)}$
= $\frac{d}{E(Z_{d:d})} = \frac{d}{\|\mathbf{1}\|_D}.$ (2.3)

Note that in this case of a standard GPD, the number $E(N_x | N_x > 0)$ does not depend on x, i.e., the FI does not require a limit. The number $||\mathbf{1}||_D$ is known as the *extremal coefficient*, introduced by Smith (1990). It measures the tail dependence of the components X_1, \ldots, X_d by just one number. If we have $||\mathbf{1}||_D = d$, then there is tail independence, and in case $||\mathbf{1}||_D = 1$ we have complete dependence, see Falk (2019), equation (2.28).

EXAMPLE 2.1. Take, for example, the Dirichlet *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_{D(\alpha)}$ with parameter $\alpha = 1$, see Example 1.7.4 in Falk (2019). Its generator is $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_d)$, where Z_1, \ldots, Z_d are independent and identically standard exponential distributed random variable. We have

$$E(Z_{k:d}) = \sum_{j=d-k+1}^{d} \frac{1}{j}, \qquad 1 \le k \le d,$$

see equation (1.7.7) in Reiss (1989) and, thus, we obtain for a vector with constant entry $\boldsymbol{x} = (x, \ldots, x) \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$p_{x,D}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{k}, & 1 \le k \le d\\ 1 - |x| \sum_{k=1}^{d} \frac{1}{k}, & k = 0. \end{cases}$$

Recall that the previous considerations require that the vector \boldsymbol{x} is in a left neighborhood of $\boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Otherwise, with arbitrary $x \neq 0$, the preceding equation could not be true.

The fragility index is consequently,

$$\mathrm{FI} = \frac{d}{E(Z_{d:d})} = \frac{d}{\sum_{k=1}^{d} \frac{1}{k}}$$

with the extremal coefficient

$$\|\mathbf{1}\|_{D} = \sum_{k=1}^{d} \frac{1}{k}.$$

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let U_1, \ldots, U_d be independent and on (0, 1) uniformly distributed random variables, i.e., $P(U_i \leq u) = u, u \in [0, 1], 1 \leq i \leq d$. Then $\mathbf{Z} = (Z_1, \ldots, Z_d) := 2(U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ is a generator of a *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$. From the fact that $E(U_{k:d}) = k/(d+1), 1 \leq k \leq d$, see equation (1.7.3) in Reiss (1989), we obtain $E(Z_{k:d}) = 2k/(d+1)$ and, thus, by Eq. 2.2,

$$p_{x,D}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{2|x|}{d+1}, & 1 \le k \le d, \\ 1-2|x| \frac{d}{d+1}, & k = 0. \end{cases}$$

In this case, the conditional probability that we have exactly k exceedances above x among X_1, \ldots, X_d , given that there is at least one, is by Eq. 2.1,

$$P(N_x = k \mid N_x \ge 1) = \frac{P(N_x = k)}{P(N_x \ge 1)} \\ = \frac{p_{x,D}(k)}{1 - p_{x,D}(0)} = \frac{1}{d}, \qquad 1 \le k \le d,$$

which is the uniform distribution on the set of integers $\{1, \ldots, d\}$. The fragility index is FI = (d+1)/2 and the extremal coefficient is $\|\mathbf{1}\|_D = 1/E(Z_{d:d}) = (d+1)/2d \rightarrow_{d\to\infty} 1/2$.

Suppose that the copula C of the random vector $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \ldots, Y_d)$ is a generalized Pareto copula (GPC), i.e., there exists a D-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ on \mathbb{R}^d such that

$$C(\boldsymbol{u}) = 1 - \| \boldsymbol{1} - \boldsymbol{u} \|_D, \qquad \boldsymbol{u}_0 \leq \boldsymbol{u} \leq \boldsymbol{1} \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

for some $u_0 < 1 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, see Section 3.1 in Falk (2019). Then we have equality in distribution

$$\mathbf{Y} =_D (F_1^{-1}(U_1), \dots, F_d^{-1}(U_d)),$$

where F_i is the df of Y_i , $1 \le i \le d$, and the random vector $\boldsymbol{U} = (U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ follows the GPC C. Note that the random vector $\boldsymbol{X} := \boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{1}$ then follows a GPD with D-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$.

From the general equivalence $F^{-1}(q) > t \iff q > F(t)$, valid for $q \in (0,1), t \in \mathbb{R}$ and an arbitrary univariate df F, we obtain

$$P(Y_i > y_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$$

= $P(U_i > F_i(y_i) \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$

$$= P(U_i - 1 > F_i(y_i) - 1 \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$$

$$= P(X_i > F_i(y_i) - 1 \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$$

$$= \|(1 - F_1(y_1), \dots, 1 - F_d(y_d))\|_{D,(d-k+1)},$$

for \boldsymbol{y} large enough.

3 Extension to Multivariate Max-Domain of Attraction

In the next step we extend the considerations in the previous section to a copula C, which satisfies the max-domain of attraction condition (1.1). In this case there exists a D-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ on \mathbb{R}^d with

$$\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{1 - C(1 + t\boldsymbol{x})}{t} = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D, \qquad \boldsymbol{x} \le \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d, \tag{3.1}$$

and the EVD G is given by

$$G(\boldsymbol{x}) = \exp\left(-\left\|\boldsymbol{x}\right\|_{D}\right), \qquad \boldsymbol{x} \leq \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{d},$$

see Corollary 3.1.6 in Falk (2019).

EXAMPLE 3.1. Take an arbitrary Archimedean copula on \mathbb{R}^d

$$C_{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{u}) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(u_1) + \dots + \varphi(u_d)), \qquad \boldsymbol{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_d) \in (0, 1)^d,$$

where φ is a continuous and strictly increasing function from (0, 1] to $[0, \infty)$ with $\varphi(1) = 0$, see, for example, McNeil and Nešlehová (2009), Theorem 2.2. Suppose that

$$p := -\lim_{s \downarrow 0} \frac{s\varphi'(1-s)}{\varphi(1-s)}$$

exists in $[1, \infty]$. Then C_{φ} satisfies condition (3.1) with the *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ being the logistic one $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^p |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$, with parameter $p \in [1, \infty]$ and the convention $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} |x_i|$, see Corollary 3.1.15 in Falk (2019).

THEOREM 3.1. Suppose that the random vector $U = (U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ follows a copula C, which satisfies Eq. 3.1. Then we have, for each $k = 1, \ldots, d$,

$$P(U_i > 1 + tx_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$$

= $t \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} + o(t)$

as $t \downarrow 0$, for each $\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \leq \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

The preceding result implies for a random vector U, whose copula satisfies Eq. 3.1,

$$P(U_i > 1 + x_i \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } 1 \le i \le d)$$

= $\|\boldsymbol{x}\| \left\| \frac{\boldsymbol{x}}{\|\boldsymbol{x}\|} \right\|_{D,(d-k+1)} + o(\|\boldsymbol{x}\|),$ (3.2)

 $x \leq \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d, x \neq \mathbf{0}$, as $\|x\| \to 0$, with an arbitrary norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^d .

By repeating the arguments in Section 2, we obtain for the FI corresponding to $N_{tx} = \sum_{i=1}^{d} 1_{(1+tx,1]}(U_i), x < 0$, if the copula C of $U = (U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ satisfies condition (3.1),

$$FI = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{E(N_{tx})}{1 - P(N_{tx} = 0)} = \frac{d}{\|\mathbf{1}\|_d}.$$
(3.3)

This was already observed in Falk and Tichy (2012), Theorem 4.1.

The following representation of $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)}$ will be a crucial tool in the derivation of Theorem 3.1. We briefly explain its notation. By $\boldsymbol{e}_i = (0, \ldots, 0, 1, 0, \ldots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we denote the *i*-th unit vector in \mathbb{R}^d , $i = 1, \ldots, d$. Any $\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ can be represented as $\boldsymbol{x} = \sum_{i=1}^d x_i \boldsymbol{e}_i$. Choose a subset $A \subset \{1, \ldots, d\}$. Then we set

$$\boldsymbol{x}_A := \sum_{i \in A} x_i \boldsymbol{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

with the convention $\boldsymbol{x}_{\emptyset} = \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$. By |A| we denote the number of elements in a set A.

LEMMA 3.1. We have for any D-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$ on \mathbb{R}^d and each $k = 1, \ldots, d$

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} = \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,\dots,d\}, |T|=m} \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \|\boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T^{\complement}}\|_{D}, \quad \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}.$$
(3.4)

The preceding probabilistic result entails the following non probabilistic representation of the (d - k + 1)-th smallest value among arbitrary nonnegative numbers x_1, \ldots, x_d in terms of maxima of subsets of $\{x_1, \ldots, x_d\}$.

Choosing the particular *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_D = \|\cdot\|_{\infty}$, with constant generator $\mathbf{Z} = (1, \ldots, 1)$, Lemma 3.1 implies, with $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d) \ge \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

the
$$(d-k+1)$$
-th smallest value among x_1, \ldots, x_d

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,...,d\}, |T|=m} \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \max_{S \cup T^{\complement}} x_i, \qquad k = 1, \dots, d$$

In particular for k = d we obtain

$$\min_{1 \le i \le d} x_i = \sum_{S \subset \{1, \dots, d\}} (-1)^{|S|-1} \max_{i \in S} x_i,$$

which is a well known representation of a minimum of nonnegative numbers in terms of maxima, c.f. Lemma 1.6.1 in Falk (2019).

PROOF OF LEMMA 3.1. We present a probabilistic proof of Lemma 3.1. Let $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ follow a standard GPD with *D*-norm $\|\cdot\|_D$, i.e.,

$$P(\boldsymbol{X} \leq \boldsymbol{x}) = 1 - \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D$$

for all $\boldsymbol{x} \in [\varepsilon, 0]^d$, with some $\varepsilon < 0$. For such $\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d)$ we obtain from Theorem 2.1, with $k \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$,

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{d} 1_{(x_i,0]}(X_i) \ge k\right)$$

= $\sum_{m=k}^{d} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{d} 1_{(x_i,0]}(X_i) = m\right)$
= $\sum_{m=1}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,\dots,d\} |T|=m} P\left(X_i > x_i, i \in T; X_j \le x_j, j \in T^{\complement}\right).$

The Inclusion-Exclusion Principle (see Corollary 1.6.2 in Falk (2019)) implies

$$P\left(X_{i} > x_{i}, i \in T; X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= P\left(X_{i} > x_{i}, i \in T \mid X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right) P\left(X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= \left(1 - P\left(\bigcup_{i \in T} \{X_{i} \leq x_{i}\} \mid X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)\right) P\left(X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= \left(1 - \sum_{\emptyset \neq S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} P\left(X_{i} \leq x_{i}, i \in S \mid X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)\right)$$

$$\times P\left(X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= P\left(X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right) - \sum_{\emptyset \neq S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} P\left(X_{i} \leq x_{i}, i \in S; X_{j} \leq x_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|} P\left(X_i \le x_i, i \in S; X_j \le x_j, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|} \left(1 - \|\boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T^{\complement}}\|_D\right)$$

$$= \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \|\boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T^{\complement}}\|_D,$$

where the final equation is due to the fact that $\sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|} = 0$, see equation (1.10) in Falk (2019).

Altogether we have shown that, for $\boldsymbol{x} \in [\varepsilon, 0]^d$,

$$\begin{split} & \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{D,(d-k+1)} \\ = & \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,\ldots,d\}, \, |T|=m} \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \left\| \boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T} \mathbf{c} \right\|_{D}, \qquad \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}. \end{split}$$

The fact that $||t\boldsymbol{x}||_{D,(d-k+1)} = t ||\boldsymbol{x}||_{D,(d-k+1)}$ and $||t\boldsymbol{x}_{S\cup T^{\complement}}||_{D} = t ||\boldsymbol{x}_{S\cup T^{\complement}}||_{D}$ for $t \ge 0$ implies that the above equation is true for each $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$.

Now we can prove Theorem 3.1 in a straightforward way.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3.1. Let the random vector $\boldsymbol{U} = (U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ follow a copula C, which satisfies Eq. 3.1. Choose $k \in \{1, \ldots, d\}$ and $\boldsymbol{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_d) \leq \boldsymbol{0} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. By repeating arguments in the proof of Lemma 3.1 we obtain

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{d} 1_{\{1+tx_{i},1\}}(U_{i}) \ge k\right)$$

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{d} P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{d} 1_{\{1+tx_{i},1\}}(U_{i}) = m\right)$$

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,...,d\},|T|=m} P\left(U_{i} > 1 + tx_{i}, i \in T; U_{j} \le 1 + tx_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,...,d\},|T|=m} \left\{P\left(U_{j} \le 1 + tx_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right) - \sum_{\emptyset \neq S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} P\left(U_{i} \le 1 + tx_{i}, i \in S; U_{j} \le 1 + tx_{j}, j \in T^{\complement}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{d} \sum_{T \subset \{1,...,d\},|T|=m} \left\{1 - t \|\boldsymbol{x}_{T^{\complement}}\|_{D}$$

$$\begin{split} & -\sum_{\emptyset \neq S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \left(1 - t \left\| \boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T} \mathbf{c} \right\|_D \right) \right\} + o(t) \\ = & \sum_{m=k}^d \sum_{T \subset \{1, \dots, d\}, |T|=m} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{\emptyset \neq S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \\ & + t \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \left\| \boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T} \mathbf{c} \right\|_D \right\} + o(t) \\ = & t \sum_{m=k}^d \sum_{T \subset \{1, \dots, d\}, |T|=m} \sum_{S \subset T} (-1)^{|S|-1} \left\| \boldsymbol{x}_{S \cup T} \mathbf{c} \right\|_D \right\} + o(t) \\ = & t \left\| \boldsymbol{x} \right\|_{D, (d-k+1)} + o(t) \end{split}$$

by Lemma 3.1. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Consider next a random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_d)$ that is in the maxdomain of attraction of a multivariate max-stable df G. This is equivalent with the condition that the copula C corresponding to \mathbf{X} satisfies Eq. 3.1, together with the condition that, for each $i = 1, \ldots, d$, the (univariate) df F_i of X_i is in the max-domain of attraction of a univariate max-stable df G_i ; see, e.g. Proposition 3.1.10 in Falk (2019).

Then we obtain from Eq. 3.2, with $U = (U_1, \ldots, U_d)$ following the copula C, so that $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_d) =_{\mathcal{D}} (F_1^{-1}(U_1), \ldots, F_d^{-1}(U_d))$

$$P(X_{i} > y_{i} \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } i = 1, ..., d)$$

$$= P(U_{i} > 1 + (F_{i}(y_{i}) - 1) \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } i = 1, ..., d)$$

$$= \left\| (1 - F_{i}(y_{i}))_{i=1}^{d} \right\| \times \left\| \frac{(1 - F_{i}(y_{i}))_{i=1}^{d}}{\left\| (1 - F_{i}(y_{i}))_{i=1}^{d} \right\|} \right\|_{D,(d-k+1)}$$

$$+ o\left(\left\| (1 - F_{i}(y_{i}))_{i=1}^{d} \right\| \right), \quad \mathbf{y} = (y_{1}, ..., y_{d}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d}, \quad (3.5)$$

with an arbitrary norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^d . Note that we actually do not have to require in Eq. 3.5 that each univariate margin F_i is in the max-domain of attraction of a univariate max-stable df. The preceding equation is, therefore, true if the copula C corresponding to \mathbf{X} satisfies condition (3.1). Note that this condition on the copula of \mathbf{X} does not require that \mathbf{X} is absolutely continuous, i.e., Eq. 3.5 is true for *arbitrary* univariate df F_1, \ldots, F_d , not necesscarily continuous ones.

But, if each F_i is in the max-domain of attraction of a max-stable df G_i , then there exist constants $a_{it} > 0$, $b_{it} \in \mathbb{R}$ for t > 0, with

$$t(1 - F_i(a_{it}y + b_{it})) \rightarrow_{t \to \infty} - \log(G_i(y)), \qquad y \in \mathbb{R};$$

see, for example, Falk (2019), equation (2.3). As a consequence we obtain from Eq. 3.5

$$P(X_{i} > a_{it}y_{i} + b_{it} \text{ for at least } k \text{ of the components } i = 1, ..., d)$$

$$= \frac{1}{t} \left\| t \left(1 - F_{i}(a_{it}y_{i} + b_{it}) \right)_{i=1}^{d} \right\|_{D,(d-k+1)} + o\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{t} \left\| \left(\log(G_{i}(y_{i})) \right)_{i=1}^{d} \right\|_{D,(d-k+1)} + o\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$$

if $G_i(y_i) \in (0, 1], 1 \le i \le d$.

Suppose identical distributions of the components of \boldsymbol{X} , i.e., $F_1 = \cdots = F_d =: F$ and identical entries of \boldsymbol{y} , i.e., $y_1 = \cdots = y_d =: y$. Then we can repeat the arguments in Section 2, with $\boldsymbol{x} := (F(y) - 1, \dots, F(y) - 1)$, and obtain, with $N_y := \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbf{1}_{(y,\infty)}(X_i)$,

$$p_{y,D}(k) = P(N_y = k)$$

$$= \begin{cases} (1 - F(y)) (E(Z_{d-k+1:d}) - E(Z_{d-k:d})), & 1 \le k \le d, \\ 1 - (1 - F(y))E(Z_{d:d}) \\ + o(1 - F(y)) \end{cases}$$

as $y \uparrow \omega(F) := \sup \{t \in \mathbb{R} : F(t) < 1\}.$

In particular we obtain for the FI

$$FI = \lim_{y \uparrow \omega(F)} E(N_y \mid N_y > 0)$$
$$= \frac{E(N_y)}{1 - P(N_y = 0)} = \frac{d}{\|\mathbf{1}\|_D},$$

as already observed in (Falk and Tichy, 2012, Theorem 5.1).

If, for example, the underlying *D*-norm is a logistic one, $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_D = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_p := \left(\sum_{i=1}^d |x_i|^p\right)^{1/p}$, with parameter $p \in [1, \infty]$, and the convention $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \le i \le d} |x_i|$, then the FI is

$$FI = \frac{d}{\|\mathbf{1}\|_{p}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p = 1, \\ d^{1 - \frac{1}{p}}, & \text{if } p \in (1, \infty) \\ d, & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

If p = 1, the components X_1, \ldots, X_d are tail independent with FI = 1, i.e., the system $\{X_1, \ldots, X_d\}$ is stable. If $p = \infty$, the components X_1, \ldots, X_d are completely tail dependent and FI = d, i.e., the system is extremely fragile.

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