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When $\xi = 0$, the generalized extreme value distribution (GEV) becomes which of the following distributions?

- A) Frechet distribution. 
- B) Gumbel distribution. 
- C) Gaussian distribution. 
- D) Weibull distribution. 

Explanation

When $\xi = 0$, the GEV becomes a Gumbel distribution and the tails are "light" as is the case for the normal and log-normal distributions.

When $\xi > 0$, the GEV becomes a Frechet distribution and the tails are "heavy" as is the case for the t-distribution and the Pareto distribution.





When $\xi < 0$, the GEV becomes a Weibull distribution and the tails are "lighter" than a normal distribution.

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Which of the following is true comparing VaR and extreme value theory (EVT)?

- A) Only EVT considers losses beyond a specified threshold. 
- B) EVT focuses exclusively on the upper half of the return distribution. 
- C) The generalized Pareto distribution is fully parameterized by the mean and variance. 
- D) VaR and EVT assume normality of the return distribution. 

Explanation





The principal shortcoming of VaR is that it does not consider losses beyond a specified threshold.

(Book 1, Module 3.1, LO 3.c)

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Which of the following statements regarding generalized extreme value (GEV) and peaks-over-threshold (POT) is correct?

- A) POT approach may introduce additional uncertainty. 
- B) POT requires the estimation of one more parameter than GEV. 
- C) Both POT and GEV focus on the distribution of extreme values above a specified threshold. 
- D) Only one of the approaches has a tail parameter denoted ξ . 

Explanation

The POT approach requires a choice of a threshold, which may introduce additional uncertainty.

GEV requires the estimation of one more parameter than POT.

GEV theory focuses on the distributions of extremes, whereas POT focuses on the distribution of values that exceed a certain threshold.





Both approaches have a tail parameter denoted ξ .

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Which of the following most accurately describes the parameters of a generalized Pareto distribution (GPD)?

- A) β The scale parameter: $0 > \beta$. The shape (tail) index: ξ , can be any real number. 
- B) The scale parameter: $0 < \beta$. The shape (tail) index: ξ , can be any real number. 
- C) The scale parameter: β , which can be any real number. The shape (tail) index: $\xi > 0$. 
- D) The scale parameter: β , can be any real number. The shape (tail) index: ξ , can be any real number. 

Explanation





The two parameters are a scale parameter, which must be positive, and a shape parameter that can take on any value.

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Extreme value theory (EVT) helps quantify the magnitude of:

- A) the level of risk obtained from scenario analysis. 
- B) market risk and operational risk. 
- C) an X year return in the loss in excess VaR. 
- D) market risk and credit risk. 

Explanation





Extreme value theory (EVT) looks at the value of losses beyond an identified cutoff point.

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Which of the following statements about extreme value theory (EVT) is false?

- A) EVT can be used to model everyday occurrences. 
- B) EVT focuses on data that is generally considered outliers. 
- C) Cluster analysis is appropriate for financial data with time dependency. 
- D) POT models determine the cut-off between typical and extreme values. 

Explanation





EVT models are appropriate for low probability, high impact events; not everyday occurrences.

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Extreme value theory (EVT) can assist with value at risk (VaR) calculations by providing better probability estimates of observing extreme losses than that indicated by a standard normal distribution because:

- A) extreme losses appear to occur more frequently than indicated by a normal distribution. 
- B) extreme losses appear to occur less frequently than indicated by a normal distribution. 
- C) the observed empirical distribution of most asset returns tends to be platykurtic. 
- D) EVT is the most efficient method for estimating extreme losses. 

Explanation

Extreme losses appear to occur with a higher frequency than indicated by a normal distribution. EVT has been shown to generate more realistic probability estimates for extreme losses than a normal distribution.

(Book 1, Module 3.1, LO 3.b)

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Extreme value theory can assist with VaR calculations by providing better probability estimates of extreme losses than those indicated by a standard normal distribution. Using the generalized Pareto distribution (GPD), the parameter that indicates the fatness of tails is the:

- A) shape parameter, ξ . 
- B) slope coefficient, b . 
- C) threshold level, μ . 
- D) scaling parameter, b . 

Explanation





A positive shape parameter, ξ , indicates fat tails.

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The Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution is useful for:

- I. Estimating value at risk (VaR).
 - II. Stress testing.
 - III. Estimating correlation in extreme market conditions.
 - IV. Backtesting VaR models.
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- A) II only. 
 - B) I, II, and III only. 
 - C) I and III only. 
 - D) I only. 

Explanation

The GEV distribution models the behavior of extreme outcomes and is applied in Extreme Value Theory (EVT) to estimate VaR and expected shortfall for tail events. It is also useful for stress testing and analyzing extreme correlations that arise during market crises. However, GEV is not used for backtesting, which focuses on comparing predicted and realized losses.

(Book 1, Module 3.1, LO 3.b)