

Using Weighted Distributions to Model Operational Risk

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“Often scientists cannot select sampling units in observational studies with equal probability. Well defined sampling frames often do not exist for human, wildlife, insect, plant, or fish populations. **Recorded observations on individuals in these populations are biased and will not have the original distribution unless every observation is given an equal chance of being recorded.**”

Lyman L. McDonald ¹

¹The need for teaching weighted distribution theory: Illustrated with applications in environmental statistics (2010)

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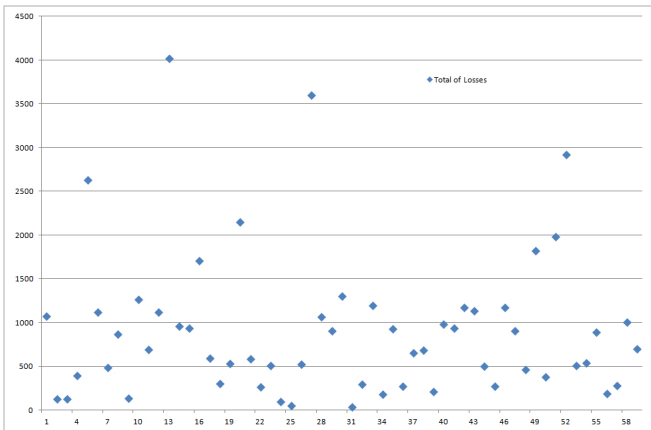


Figure: Total Losses, Exponential Distribution.

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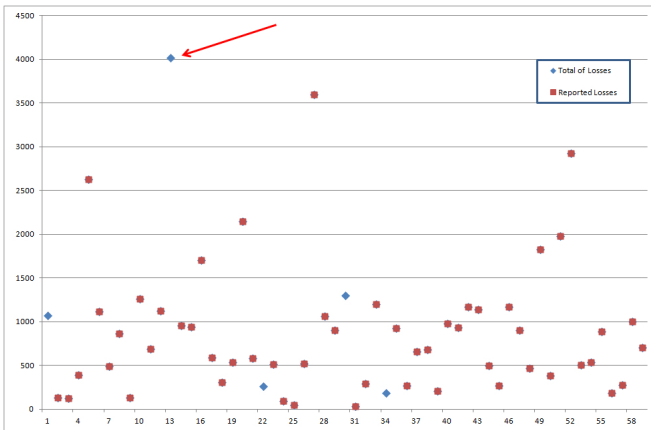


Figure: Reported Losses, Exponential Distribution.

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Sampling Frame and Sample

- $S_X = \{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$ is the **random sample of the operational losses occurred over a period**
- X_i independent and identically distributed (*i.i.d.*) with $F_X(\cdot)$.
- **Not all the observations** presented in the original sample S_X , **will be available** to model operational losses and for statistical inference, namely, parametric estimation.

Sampling Frame and Sample

- $S_Y = \{Y_1, \dots, Y_M\} \subseteq S_X$, with $M \leq N$ are the observations available for estimation (**sample**).
- To the unobservable S_X , produced by the original stochastic process, we call it **sampling frame**.

Sampling Frame and Sample

- Each element in the sampling frame S_X , has probability of inclusion in the sample S_Y , depending on:
 - the quality of the mechanism put in place to filter the sampling frame (ξ);
 - the size of the element, largest elements have bigger probability of inclusion, but none with probability 1, ($F_X(\cdot)$).
- The researcher of operational losses ends up with **a biased sample of all the operational losses that should have been reported.**
- The bias is originated due to the positive correlation between the loss amount and the probability of being reported.

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Weighted Distributions: Definition

The weighted distribution model is one where the probability of including an observation in the sample is proportional to a weighting function.

Weighted Distributions: Definition

If the relative probability that x will be observed and recorded is given by $w(x) \geq 0$, and $\mathbb{E}(w(X))$ exists, then the *pdf* of the observed data is:

$$f_w(x) = \frac{w(x)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} w(x) f_X(x) dx} f_X(x) = \frac{w(x)}{\mathbb{E}(w(X))} f_X(x), \text{ where } w(x) \geq 0$$

The *pdf* $f_w(x)$ is denominated **the weighted pdf** corresponding to $f_X(x)$.

$$w(x) = x$$

A usual weight function is $w(x) = x$ (proportional to size) so that

$$f_w(x) = \frac{x}{\mathbb{E}(X)} f_X(x)$$

$$w(x) = ?$$

We **propose** a weight function that do not allow the recording of too many of the smaller losses and at the same time, takes in consideration the original process X and not only the size of the loss.

$$w(x) = ?$$

- The observations appear in the frame in a given order $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$
- The **sample membership indicator**, \mathbb{I}_k , are independent with $k = 1, \dots, N$.
- The sampling is made, naturally, without replacement.
- The sample membership indicator are distributed relating to size according to

$$P(\mathbb{I}_k = 1 \mid X_k = x_k) = F_X^\xi(x_k), \quad \xi \in [0, +\infty[.$$

$$w(x) = ?$$

- So, $\mathbb{I}_k \mid X_k$ has a **Bernoulli** distribution with probability of success $F_X^\xi(x)$.
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$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbb{I}_k = 1) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} P(\mathbb{I}_k = 1 \mid X = x)P(X = x)dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_X^\xi(x)f_X(x)dx = \mathbb{E}\left(F_X^\xi(X)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \left[F_X^{\xi+1}(x)\right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} = \frac{1}{\xi + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

$w(x) = ?$

- $\#S_Y = \sum_X \mathbb{I}_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}_{X_i}$, so we have, $\mathbb{E}(\#S_Y | N) = N \frac{1}{\xi+1}$.
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$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_j = x | \mathbb{I}_j = 1) &= P(\mathbb{I}_j = 1 | X = x) \frac{P(X = x)}{P(\mathbb{I}_j = 1)} \\
 &= F_X^\xi(x) \frac{f_X(x)}{\frac{1}{\xi+1}} \\
 &= F_X^\xi(x) f_X(x) (\xi + 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$w(x) = ?$$

$$f_w(x) = \frac{F_X^\xi(x)}{\frac{1}{\xi+1}} f_X(x) = \frac{w(x)}{\mathbb{E}(w(x))} f_X(x)$$

The distribution of the observations in the sample, that is, the distribution of the losses recorded, hence, **the distribution of the observations available to the researcher to make inference**, is a weighted distribution on $f_X(\cdot)$ with weight function

$$w(x) = F_X^\xi(x).$$

ξ

- ξ is as a **censorship parameter** (or a **quality parameter**).
- If $\xi = 0$ (a system so effective that all losses end up reported) we would have $P(\mathbb{I}_k = 1 \mid X_k) = 1$, so that $S_Y = S_X$, and we would be in the usual situation of a random sample from $F_X(\cdot)$.
- When $\xi > 0$, we are in the presence of some degree of censorship in our sample, making more likely that big losses are included in the sample than small losses.

Important relations

$$f_w(x) = F^\xi(x)f(x)(\xi + 1)$$

We can write:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\xi + 1} F^{-\xi}(x) f_w(x)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\xi + 1} F_w^{-\frac{\xi}{\xi+1}} f_w(x)$$

and:

$$f_w(x) = (\xi + 1) F_w^{\frac{\xi}{\xi+1}} f(x)$$

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Uniform model

With $Y_j \sim f_w(x)$ Uniform in $]a, b[$, we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \left(\frac{x - a}{b - a} \right)^{\frac{-\xi}{\xi + 1}} \frac{1}{b - a} \mathbb{I}_{]a, b[}(x)$$

with moments:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{b + (\xi + 1)a}{\xi + 2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}(X) = & b^2 - \frac{(b - a)(\xi + 1)}{\xi + 2} - \frac{2(b - a)^2(\xi + 1)}{(\xi + 2)(2\xi + 3)} \\ & - \left(\frac{b + (\xi + 1)a}{\xi + 2} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

These results are easily obtained integrating by parts.

Exponential model

With $Y_j \sim f_w(x)$ the Exponential distribution with $\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda + \beta$ and $\mathbb{V}(X) = \beta^2$, we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{x-\lambda}{\beta}}\right)^{-\frac{\xi}{\xi+1}} \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\frac{x-\lambda}{\beta}} \mathbb{I}_{] \lambda, +\infty[}(x)$$

with moments:

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda + \beta H_{\frac{1}{\xi+1}},$$

$$\mathbb{V}(X) = \beta^2 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \psi' \left(\frac{\xi + 2}{\xi + 1} \right) \right).$$

Pareto (Type I) model

With $Y_j \sim f_w(x)$ the Pareto (α, β) , we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\beta}{x} \right)^\alpha \right)^{\frac{-\xi}{\xi + 1}} \frac{\alpha}{x} \left(\frac{\beta}{x} \right)^\alpha \mathbb{I}_{] \beta, \infty[}(x)$$

with moments:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \frac{\beta}{\xi + 1} B \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \right), \\ \mathbb{V}(X) &= \frac{\beta^2}{\xi + 1} B \left(1 - \frac{2}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \right) - \\ &\quad \frac{\beta^2}{(\xi + 1)^2} \left(B \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\xi + 1} \right) \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

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Framework

- We consider that the reported losses S_Y , have a known distribution (Exponential, Pareto, Lognormal or Weibull),
- Sample Description of Table 6.3 of [Chernobai et al., 2007] based on the original data set available from [Cruz, 2002] that give us a mean value of 439.725, 99\$ and standard deviation of 538.403, 93\$ (in dollars),
- The Risk Department estimated a probability of 1/250 for an operation to generate a operational loss and of 85% for the loss ending up reported and documented
 $\xi = (1 - 85\%)/85\% = 17,647\%$,
- So that, for every 2.941.176 transactions made, we expect 11.765 operations originating a loss and from these, that 10.000 end up reported.

Methodology

- For each density function $f_w(x)$ for the reported losses S_Y , we generated 1.000 samples of occurred losses S_X , each with 11.765 losses with density function $f(x)$,
- For each sample, we selected the reported losses S_Y , according to our weight function $F_X^\xi(x_k)$, so that, the data available to make inference and take decisions have distribution $F_w(x)$. (The observed average sample size of the 1.000 reported losses is 10.020,53)

Table: Results for Exponential and Pareto examples

Occurred X	Reported Y	Exponential		Pareto	
		X	Y	X	Y
Theoretical					
$E(X)$	$E(Y)$	395.056,71	439.725,99	417.366,59	439.725,19
$\sigma(X)$	$\sigma(Y)$	424.803,42	439.725,99	499.950,66	538.399,43
$V@R_{99\%}(X)$	$V@R_{99\%}(Y)$	1.953.938,46	2.025.013,02	1.723.425,99	1.849.400,38
$V@R_{99,9\%}(X)$	$V@R_{99,9\%}(Y)$	2.966.094,54	3.037.519,53	4.706.580,84	5.052.366,95
$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right)$	$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^M Y_i\right)$	4.647.726.036	4.397.259.900	4.910.195.194	4.397.251.910
Empirical					
$\hat{E}(X)$	$\hat{E}(Y)$	394.967,87	439.309,36	417.237,35	439.358,53
$\hat{\sigma}(X)$	$\hat{\sigma}(Y)$	424.566,34	439.141,89	432.830,30	464.561,01
$TV@R_{99\%}(X)$	$TV@R_{99\%}(Y)$	2.395.587,73	2.467.134,25	3.061.988,15	3.286.507,23
$TV@R_{99,9\%}(X)$	$TV@R_{99,9\%}(Y)$	3.408.439,46	3.479.634,14	8.316.902,89	8.912.776,77

Table: Results for Lognormal and Weibull examples

Occurred X	Reported Y	Lognormal		Weibull	
		X	Y	X	
Theoretical					
$E(X)$	$E(Y)$	396.844,27	439.714,09	391.177,00	439.725,99
$\sigma(X)$	$\sigma(Y)$	510.258,76	538.389,17	514.422,01	538.403,93
$V@R_{99\%}(X)$	$V@R_{99\%}(Y)$	2.430.724,95	2.577.549,87	2.427.557,18	2.535.410,19
$V@R_{99,9\%}(X)$	$V@R_{99,9\%}(Y)$	5.111.227,25	5.354.412,53	4.033.829,50	4.152.317,56
$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right)$	$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^M Y_i\right)$	4.668.756,082	4.397.140,937	4.602.082,353	4.397.259,900
Empirical					
$\hat{E}(X)$	$\hat{E}(Y)$	396.697,70	439.210,72	391.046,61	439.173,74
$\hat{\sigma}(X)$	$\hat{\sigma}(Y)$	509.877,14	537.529,65	514.103,86	537.646,01
$TV@R_{99\%}(X)$	$TV@R_{99\%}(Y)$	3.576.296,68	3.765.141,86	3.123.561,05	3.236.677,66
$TV@R_{99,9\%}(X)$	$TV@R_{99,9\%}(Y)$	6.888.269,49	7.367.649,69	4.787.108,09	4.908.582,01

	X				Y
	Exponential	Pareto	Lognormal	Weibull	
K-S p-values					
<i>min</i>	0	0	3,9212E-02	1,5616E-04	3,4932E-04
<i>average</i>	4,0669E-04	4,0265E-04	6,7963E-01	1,1667E-02	5,0641E-01
<i>max</i>	2,3191E-01	2,2921E-01	9,9999E-01	6,4403E-02	9,9952E-01
# not reject	0	0	999	5	955
Chi2 p-values					
<i>min</i>	0	0	2,5390E-04	4,7621E-11	6,0648E-05
<i>average</i>	4,0529E-23	1,1096E-24	4,8810E-01	7,4905E-03	5,0170E-01
<i>max</i>	2,8235E-21	8,0041E-22	9,9846E-01	2,4295E-01	9,9934E-01
# not reject	0	0	948	44	949

Table: p-values for Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Chi2 tests

