

Extreme temporal modelling

Concomitant extremes

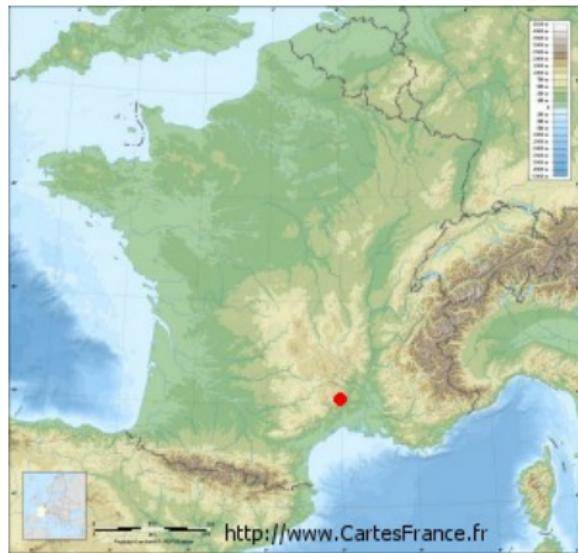
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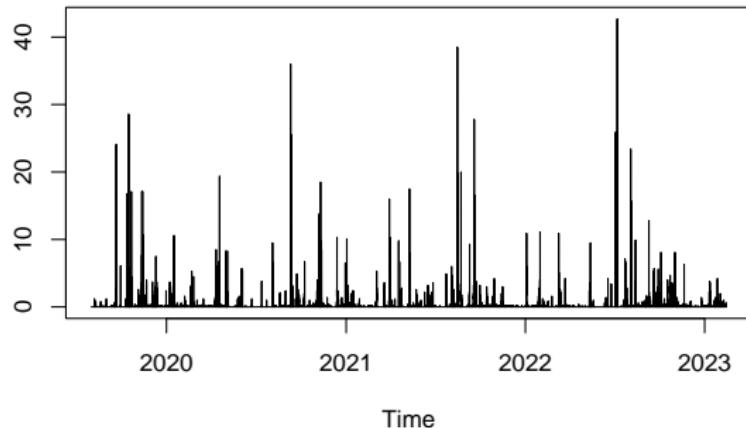


Figure: Hourly precipitation measurements (in mm) at Générargues in Occitanie region from August 2019 to February 2023

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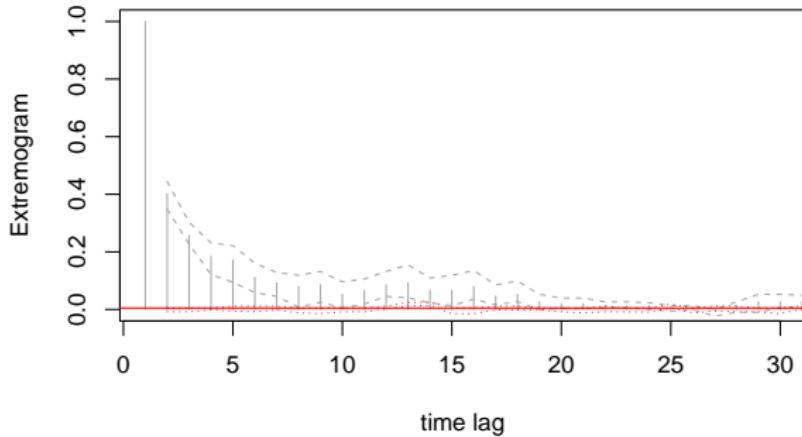


Figure: Extremogram: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(X_t > x \mid X_0 > x)$

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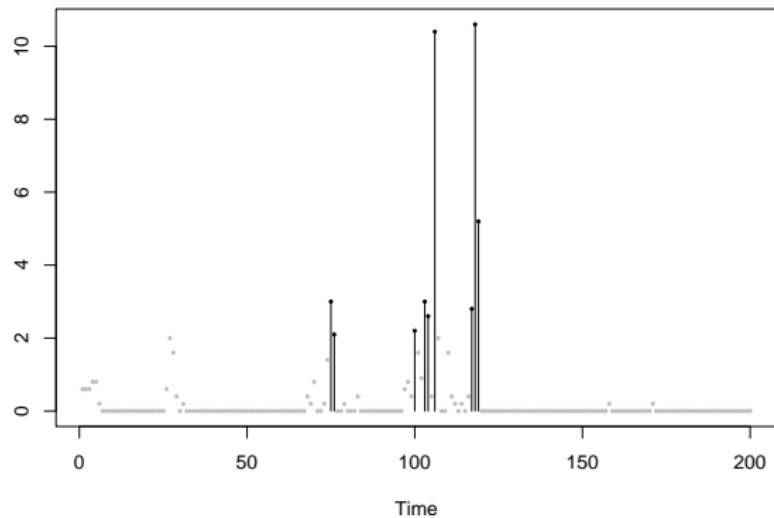


Figure: Sample extract of hourly precipitation measurements (in mm) at Générargues in Occitanie region from August 2019 to February 2023

Goal

- ▶ Model extremal temporal clustering of stationary time series.
- ▶ Infer cluster statistics using block methods.

Key words: Extreme value theory, cluster Poisson point process, blocks methods for cluster inference, extremal index.

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- ▶ $|\Theta_t| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ a.s.
- ▶ $\mathbf{Q} = \Theta / \|\Theta\|_\alpha$, where $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\alpha^\alpha = \sum_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathbf{x}_t|^\alpha$. ¹

¹Janssen (2019)

Cluster Poisson Point Process

Theorem² Buriticá, Meyer, Mikosch, Wintenberger (2021)

Assume (\mathbf{X}_t) satisfies **RV_α**, **AC** and **MX**, then

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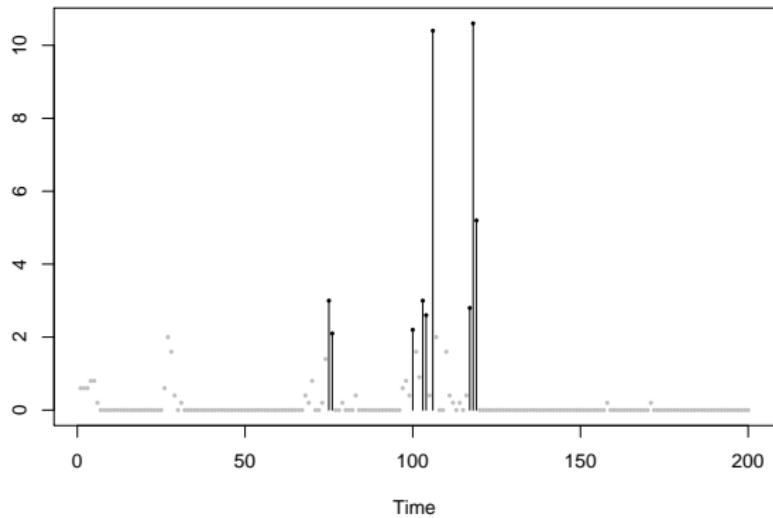
- (Γ_i) are points of a unit rate homogeneous Poisson process on $(0, \infty)$:
 $\Gamma_1 \leq \Gamma_2 \leq \dots$.
- $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{Q}_{ij}}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$, is an iid sequence of point processes with state space \mathbb{R}^d with generic element $\mathbf{Q}_i = (\mathbf{Q}_{ij})_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$,

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left(\frac{\Theta_j}{\|\Theta\|_\alpha} \right)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

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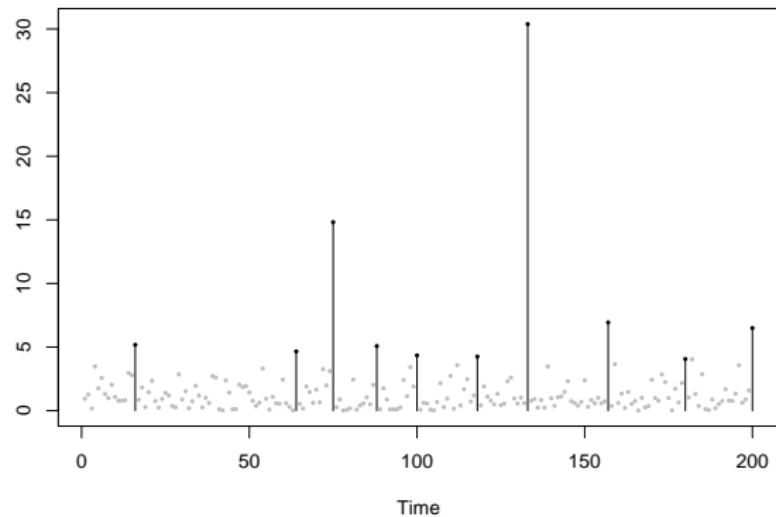
²Davis and Hsing (1995)

Point Process Illustration



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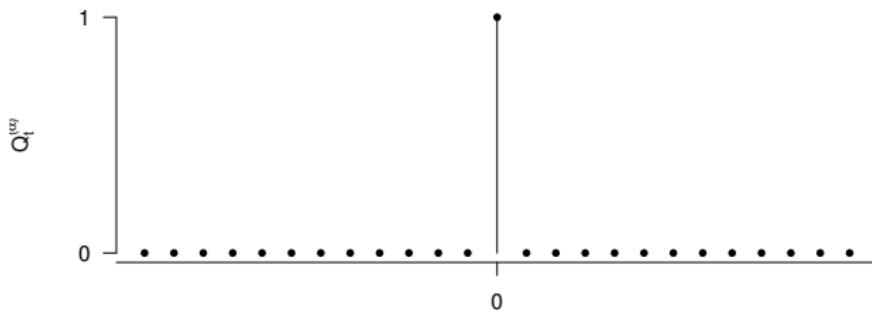
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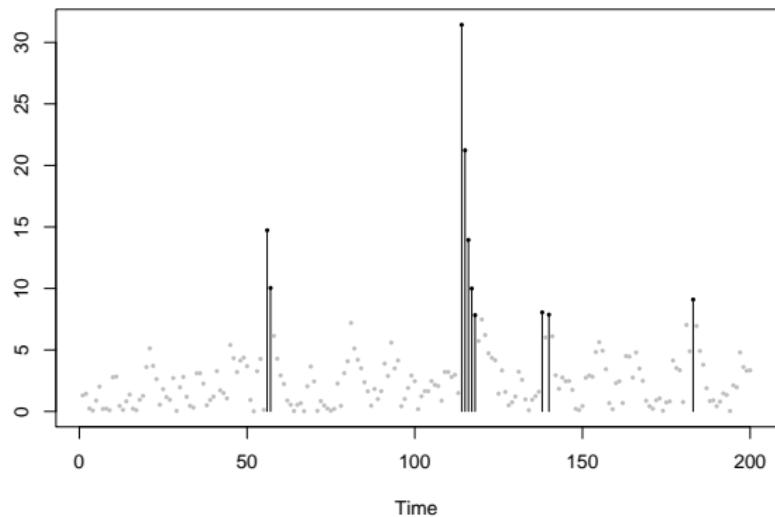
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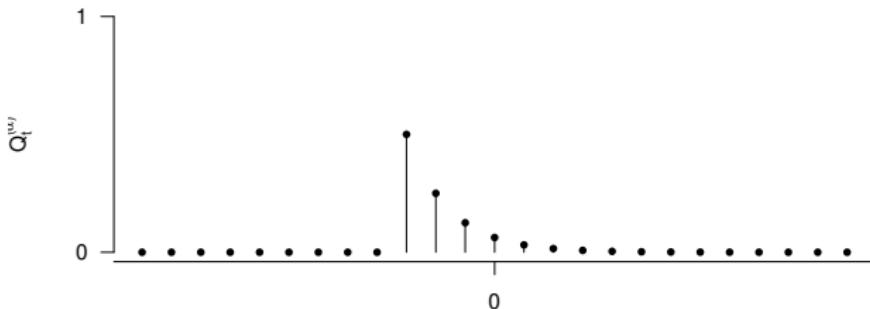


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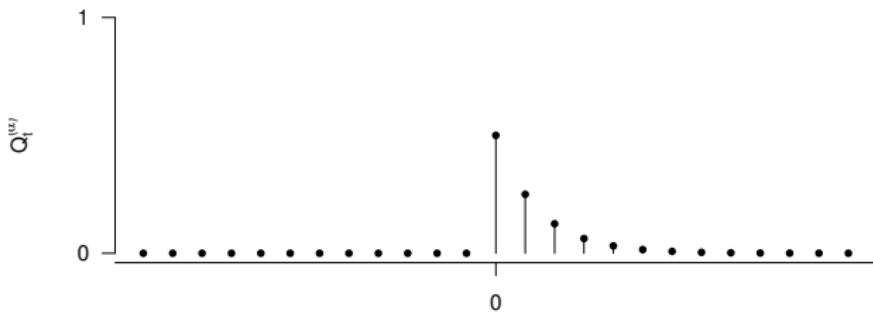


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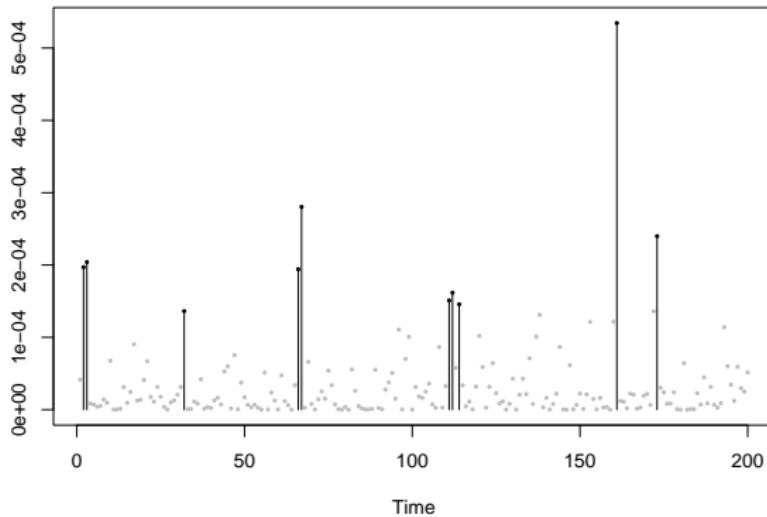
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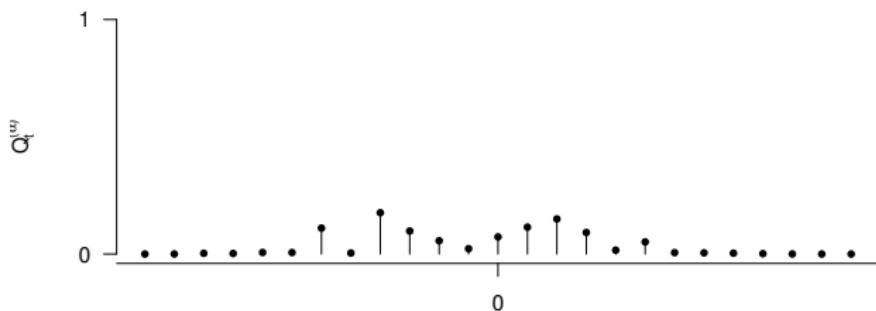
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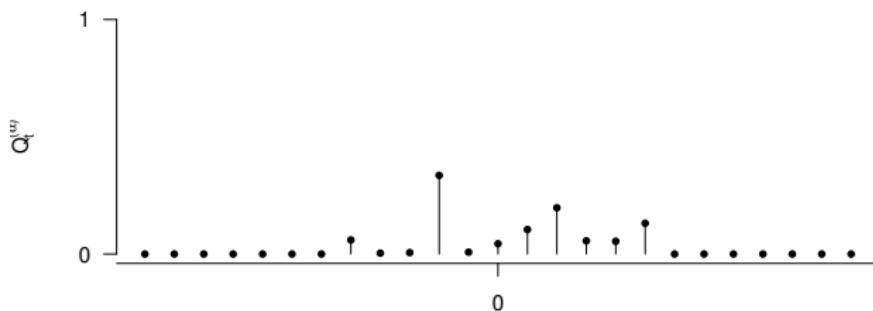
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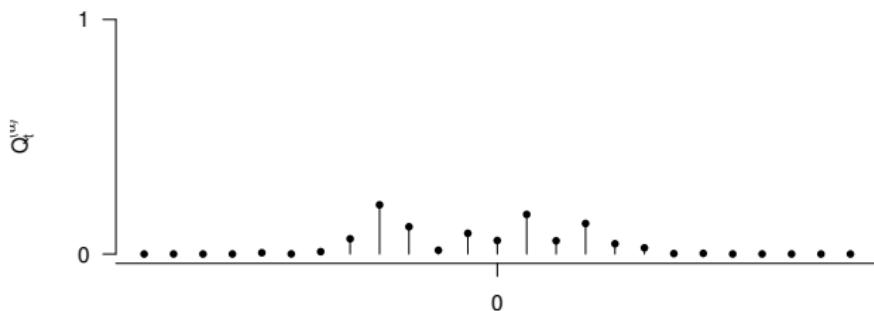
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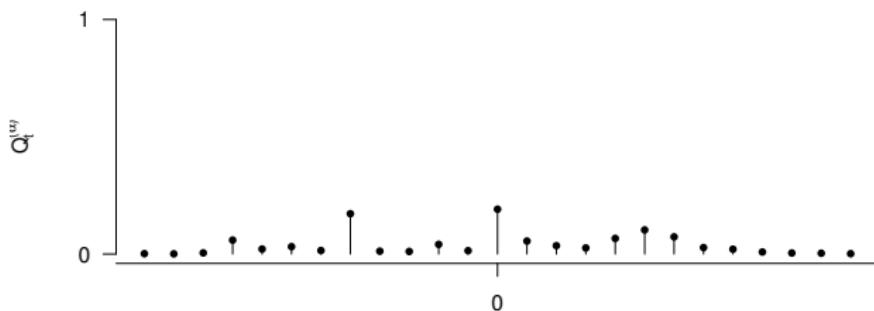
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Under moment, bias and mixing conditions. There exists $k = k_n \rightarrow \infty$, $m/k \rightarrow \infty$, such that for suitable $f_\alpha : \ell^\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{k_n} \left(\widehat{f}_{\widehat{\alpha}}^{\mathbf{Q}} - f_\alpha^{\mathbf{Q}} \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \text{Var}(f_\alpha(Y\mathbf{Q}))\right), \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and $k_n/k'_n \rightarrow 0$, Y independent of \mathbf{Q} , and $\mathbb{P}(Y > y) = y^{-\alpha}$, for $y > 1$.

Tail index Hill estimator

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\alpha}^n} := \frac{1}{\hat{\alpha}^n(k')} := \frac{1}{k'} \sum_{t=1}^n \log(|\mathbf{x}_t|/|\mathbf{x}|_{(k'+1)}),$$

where $|\mathbf{x}|_{(1)} \geq |\mathbf{x}|_{(2)} \geq \cdots \geq |\mathbf{x}|_{(n)}$, and $k' = k'(n)$ is a tuning sequence for the Hill estimator satisfying $k' \rightarrow \infty$, $n/k' \rightarrow \infty$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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(Leadbetter 1983) there exists $\theta \in (0, 1]$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}(\|\mathbf{X}_{[1,n]}\|_\infty \leq x a_n) \rightarrow (G(x))^\theta, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Example: extremal index

Cluster-based extremal index inference

For example, if $f_\alpha : (\mathbf{x}_t) \mapsto \|(\mathbf{x}_t)\|_\infty^\alpha / \|(\mathbf{x}_t)\|_\alpha^\alpha$, then,

$$\theta_{|\mathbf{x}|} = \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{Q}\|_\infty^\alpha].$$

⇒ Estimator of the extremal index based on extremal ℓ^α -blocks.

$$\hat{\theta}_{|\mathbf{x}|} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{t=1}^m \frac{\|\mathcal{B}_t\|_\infty^{\hat{\alpha}}}{\|\mathcal{B}_t\|_{\hat{\alpha}}^{\hat{\alpha}}} \mathbb{1}(\|\mathcal{B}_t\|_{\hat{\alpha}} > \|\mathcal{B}\|_{\hat{\alpha},(k+1)}),$$

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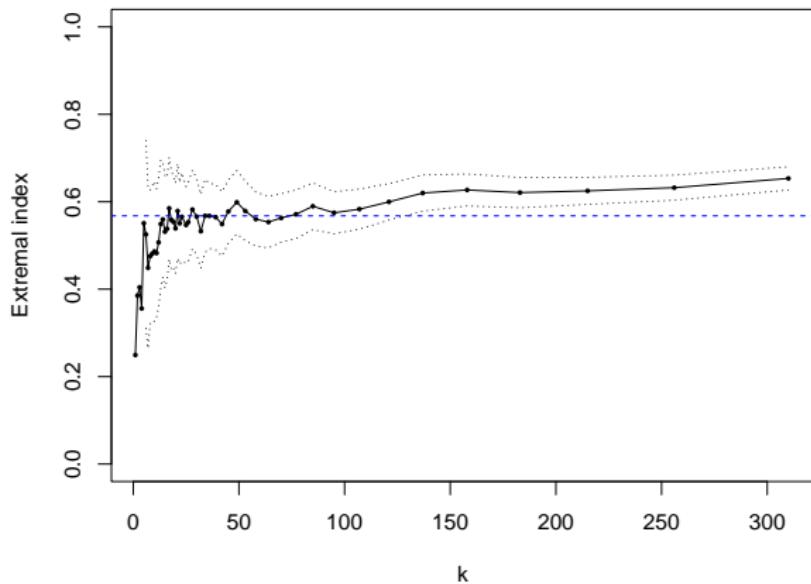


Figure: Extremal index estimate hourly precipitation measurements (in mm) in Générargues for an estimate $\hat{\alpha} = 1.807 \pm 0.2$

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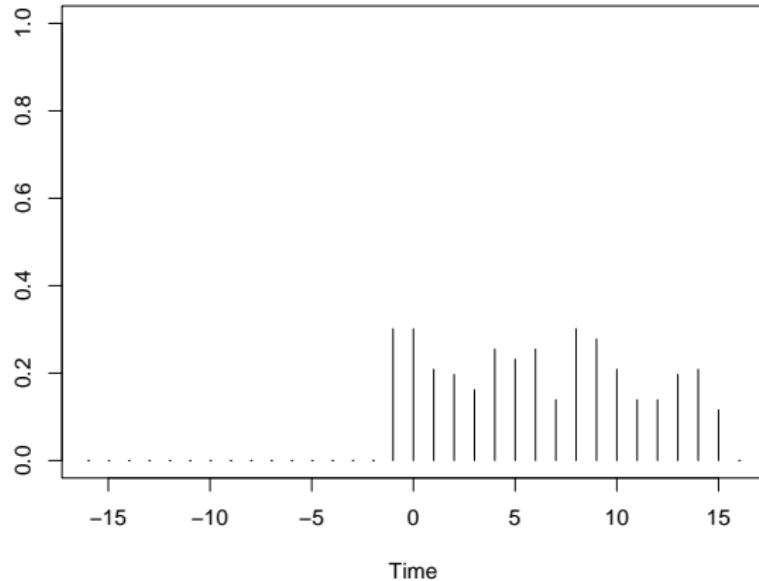


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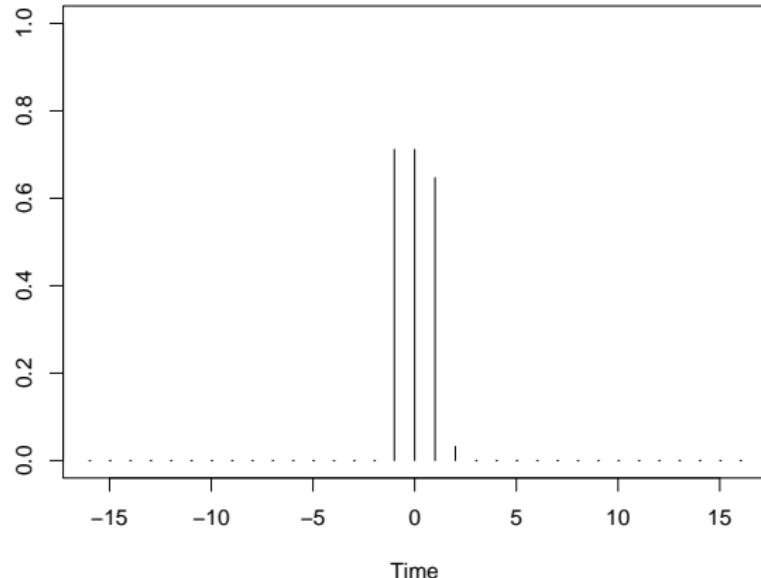


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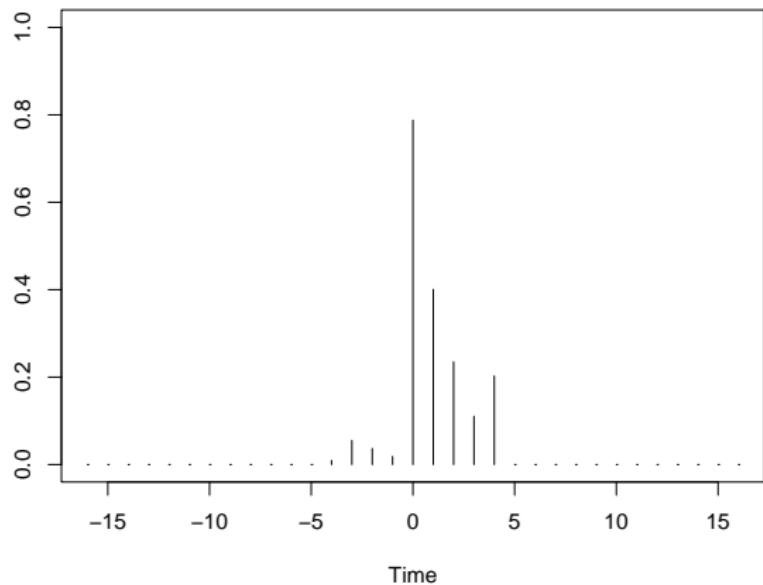


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Conclusions

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- ▶ $\ell^{\hat{\alpha}}$ -blocks inference yields robust result.
- ▶ Toolbox to assess statistical properties of temporal extremes.