

# Change Point and Trend Analyses of Annual Expectile Curves of Tropical Storms

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# Are we getting stronger extremes?

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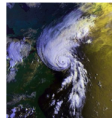
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The 2012 Atlantic Hurricane Season is likely to see an overall decrease in tropical activity as compared to 2011, but with the focus of tropical development closer to the United States.

When evaluating the hurricane season as a whole, it is important to consider more data than just the number of storms that are named. Evaluating in multiple ways. **The best way to determine total seasonal activity is by collectively measuring the intensity and duration of named tropical cyclones (both tropical storms and hurricanes),** also called the ACE index (Accumulated Cyclone Energy). While the National Hurricane



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by Noah Subugat - Nov 11, 2013

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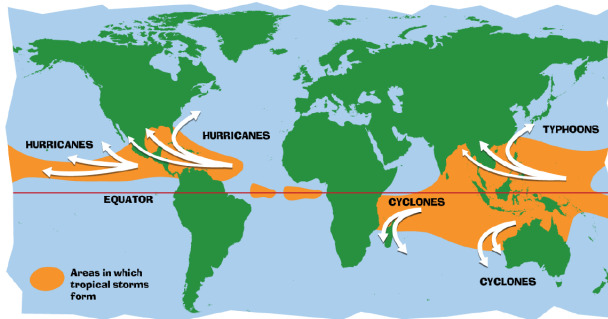
## Data

### Hurricanes

- ☐ North Atlantic
- ☐ Years 1851 - 2011

### Typhoons

- ☐ West Pacific
- ☐ Years 1946 - 2010



Data: <http://weather.unisys.com> Figure: <http://www.learnnc.org>

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# Simple trend analysis

- frequency but not intensity
- only values per year
- impact for insurance (Alba & Andrade 2009)

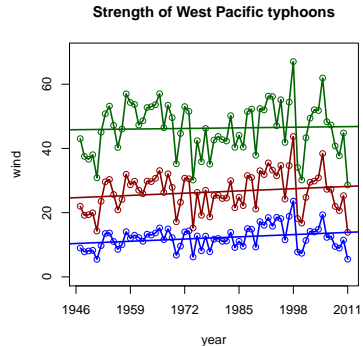


Figure: Annual expectiles for  $\tau = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$  and trend



## Complex trend analyses

- strength of wind
- observation every 6 hrs
- use functional data analyses
- trend for every  $\tau$ -level separately

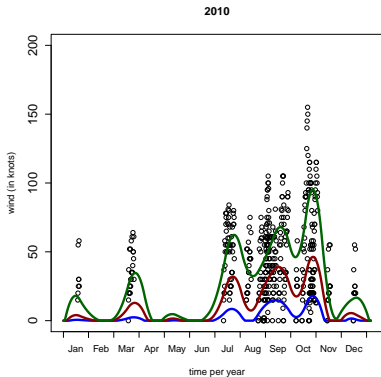


Figure: Typhoon data for 2010 with annual TEC  
for  $\tau = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$



## Challenges

- Reduce dimension
- Retain detail information
- Tail Event Curves (TEC)
- Dynamic (Time-varying)
  
- Change point testing
- Trend detection



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# Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. Quantiles and Expectiles
3. Change point and test trend
4. Conclusion for tropical storms



## Quantiles and Expectiles

For r.v.  $Y$  obtain tail event measure:

$$q^\tau = \arg \min_{\theta} E \{ \rho_\tau (Y - \theta) \}$$

asymmetric loss function

$$\rho_\tau (u) = |u|^\alpha \left| \tau - \mathbf{1}_{\{u < 0\}} \right|$$

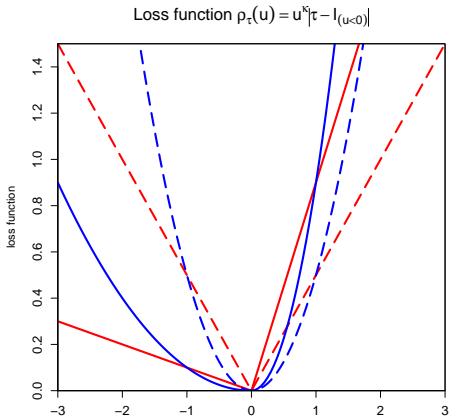
$\alpha = 1$  for quantiles,  $\alpha = 2$  for expectiles

► Expectile as quantile





# Quantiles and Expectiles



 LQRcheck

Figure: Loss function of **expectiles** and **quantiles** for  $\tau = 0.5$  (dashed) and  $\tau = 0.9$  (solid)

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## Expectile Curves

Generalized regression  $\tau$ -expectile

$$e^\tau(x) = \arg \min_{\theta} E \{ \rho_\tau(Y - \theta) \mid X = x \}$$

Expectile  $e^\tau(x)$  approximated by B-spline basis

► Definition of B-splines

Penalized splines:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_\tau \{ y_i - \alpha^\top b(x_i) \} + \lambda \alpha^\top \Omega \alpha$$

with penalization matrix  $\Omega$  and shrinkage  $\lambda$

► Penalization matrix

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## Estimation of Expectile Curves

Schnabel and Eilers (2009): iterative LAWS algorithm

► LAWS

Schnabel (2011): expectile sheets for joint estimation of curves

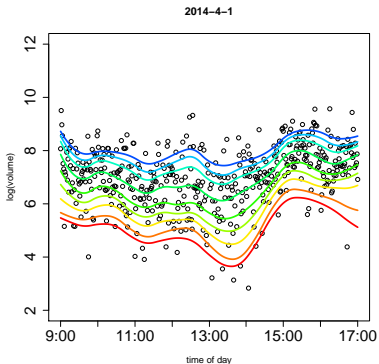



Figure: BAYER trading volume expectiles ( $\lambda = 0.5$ ) on 2014-04-01

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## Expectiles Curves for Typhoons

Figure: Every year with expectile curves for  $\tau = 0.1, 0.5$  and  $0.9$ .


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## Typhoon's curves differences

$e_n^\tau(t)$ — $\tau$ -expectile curve for year  $n$

$$\hat{\mu}_k^\tau(t) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k e_n^\tau(t)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_k^\tau(t) = \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{n=k+1}^N e_n^\tau(t)$$

Normalized differences:

$$P_{\tau,k}(t) = \frac{k(N-k)}{N} \{\hat{\mu}_k^\tau(t) - \tilde{\mu}_k^\tau(t)\}$$

$$P_{\tau,k} = \int_0^T P_{\tau,k}^2(t) dt$$



## Typhoon's curves differences

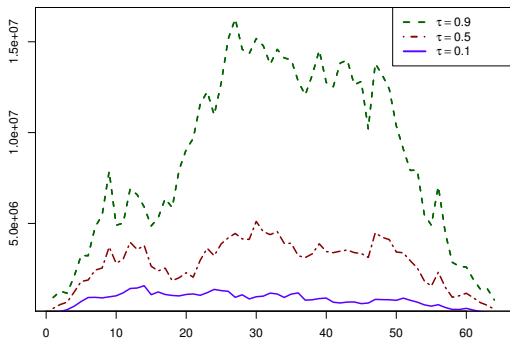



Figure: The squared norms  $P_{\tau,k}$  showing the magnitude of change in mean annual pattern for expectile curves of typhoons

 P\_beta\_est



## Change point test

Compute func.principal components  $v(t)$  and scores

$$\hat{\xi}_{l,n} = \int_0^T \{X_n(t) - \bar{X}_N(t)\} \hat{v}_l(t) dt$$

Test for different  $\tau$

$H_0$  : no change in the mean function

Test statistics:

$$\hat{S}_d = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}_l} \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} \hat{\xi}_{l,i} - \frac{k}{N} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} \hat{\xi}_{l,i} \right)$$

take first  $d$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_l$  explaining large proportion of variance

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## Change point test

$d$	10	11	12
10%	2.2886	2.4966	2.6862
5%	2.5268	2.7444	2.9490
1%	3.0339	3.2680	3.4911

Table 1: Critical values of the distribution of  $\hat{S}_d$

$\tau$	0.1	0.5	0.9
$d$	10 12	12	
$S_d$	3.352	3.656	4.508
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Table 2: Values of test statistics  $S_d$  for typhoon expectile curve



## Test of trend

$$e_n^\tau(t) = \alpha_\tau(t) + n\beta_\tau(t) + \varepsilon_\tau(t)$$

Test for different (fixed)  $\tau$

$$H_0 : \beta(t) = 0$$

LS estimator

$$\hat{\beta}(t) = \frac{6}{N(N+1)(N-1)} \sum_{k=1}^N (2k - N - 1) e_k^\tau(t).$$



## Trend test

Residuals

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_n(t) = X_n(t) - \hat{\alpha}_n(t) - \hat{\beta}_n(t)n,$$

where

$$\hat{\alpha}(t) = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{k=1}^N (2N+1-3k)X_k(t).$$

Denote  $\hat{\lambda}_j$  the eigenvalues of the empirical covariance function

$$\hat{c}(t, s) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{\varepsilon}_n(t)\hat{\varepsilon}_n(s)$$



## Trend test I. (Monte Carlo)

### Theorem

Under  $H_0$ ,

$$\hat{\Lambda}_N = \frac{N^3}{12} \int_0^1 \left\{ \hat{\beta}(t) \right\}^2 dt \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \Lambda_\infty \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j Z_j^2,$$

where  $Z_j, j \geq 1$  are normal i.i.d. r.v.



## Trend test II. ( $\chi^2$ -test)

### Theorem

Suppose  $E \|\varepsilon\|^4 < \infty$  and  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_q > \lambda_{q+1} > 0$

Under  $H_0$ ,

$$\hat{T}_N = \frac{N^3}{12} \sum_{j=1}^q \hat{\lambda}_j^{-1} \langle \hat{\beta}, \hat{v}_j \rangle^2 \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \chi_q^2.$$



## Finite sample performance

Data generating process for error function

$$B_n(t) = \sqrt{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Z_{nj} \frac{\sin(j\pi t)}{j\pi} \approx \sqrt{2} \sum_{j=1}^J Z_{nj} \frac{\sin(j\pi t)}{j\pi},$$

or

$$\varepsilon(t; \tau) = \sum_{j=1}^q \sigma_j(\tau) Z_j \hat{v}_j(t; \tau), \quad Z_j \sim \text{iid}(0, 1),$$

with  $\hat{v}_j(t; \tau)$  principal components of expectile curves  
and  $\sigma_j(\tau)$  s.d. of scores

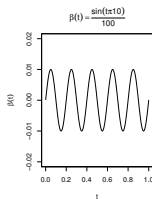
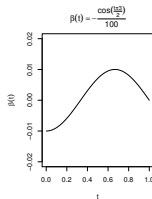


## Finite sample performance

$$X_n(t) = \beta(t)n + \varepsilon_n(t).$$

$\tau = 0.1, 0.5$  and  $0.9$

$$\beta_0(t) = 0; \quad \beta_1(t) = -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{t\pi 3}{2}\right)}{100}; \quad \beta_2(t) = \frac{\sin(t\pi 20)}{100}$$



## Finite sample performance

BB	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.055	0.175	0.136
$N=60$	0.056	0.967	1.000
$N=120$	0.064	1.000	1.000

E1	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.060	0.082	0.078
$N=60$	0.045	0.438	0.440
$N=120$	0.042	1.000	1.000

E5	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.042	0.072	0.060
$N=60$	0.047	0.435	0.438
$N=120$	0.044	1.000	1.000

E9	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.069	0.081	0.091
$N=60$	0.058	0.435	0.404
$N=120$	0.042	1.000	1.000

Table 3: Rejection rates of the **Monte Carlo test**. Columns corresponding to  $\beta_0$  report empirical size, those to  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , empirical power.





## Finite sample performance

BB	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.064	0.344	0.053
$N=60$	0.058	0.995	0.085
$N=120$	0.069	1.000	0.238

E1	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.053	0.071	0.089
$N=60$	0.058	0.215	0.220
$N=120$	0.056	0.975	0.971

E5	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.047	0.065	0.044
$N=60$	0.064	0.249	0.193
$N=120$	0.049	0.982	0.898

E9	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$N=30$	0.051	0.075	0.085
$N=60$	0.065	0.216	0.234
$N=120$	0.058	0.929	0.967

Table 4: Rejection rates of the **Chi-square test**. Columns corresponding to  $\beta_0$  report empirical size, those to  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , empirical power.



## Tropical storms results

$\tau$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
typhoons P-value	0.365	0.537	0.545	0.495	0.438	0.381	0.329	0.316	0.269
hurricanes P-value	0.439	0.239	0.133	0.081	0.062	0.047	0.038	0.040	0.055

Table 5: P-values for the Monte Carlo trend test

$\tau$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
$q$	10	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
typhoons P-value	0.534	0.705	0.722	0.688	0.587	0.466	0.382	0.371	0.453
$q$	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7
hurricanes P-value	0.069	0.024	0.015	0.006	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.035

Table 6: P-values for the  $\chi^2$  trend test



## Conclusions

- Two tests of significance of the slope function provided
- Annual pattern of wind speeds for both hurricanes and typhoons cannot be treated as constant, no matter what expectile level is considered.
- Tests detect a trend in the upper wind speeds of Atlantic hurricanes



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## Expectile as quantile

$e_\tau(Y)$  is the  $\tau$ -quantile of the cdf  $T$ , where

$$T(y) = \frac{G(y) - xF(y)}{2\{G(y) - yF(y)\} + \{y - \mu_Y\}}, \quad (1)$$

$$G(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y u dF(u) \quad (2)$$

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## B-splines

Knot vector  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_M)$  as nondecreasing sequence in  $[0, 1]$

Control points  $P_0, \dots, P_N$

Define  $i$ -th B-spline basis function  $N_{i,j}$  of order  $j$  as

$$N_{i,0}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_i < t < t_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$N_{i,j}(t) = \frac{t - t_i}{t_{i+j} - t_i} N_{i,j-1}(t) + \frac{t_{i+j+1} - t}{t_{i+j+1} - t_{i+1}} N_{i+1,j-1}(t)$$

$$j = 1, \dots, N - M - 1$$

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## Quantile Curves Penalty

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_{\tau} \left\{ y_i - \alpha^{\top} b(x_i) \right\} + \lambda \alpha^{\top} \Omega \alpha$$

where  $b(x) = (b_1, \dots, b_K)^{\top}$  is vector of B-spline basis functions

Denote  $\tilde{b}(x) = (\tilde{b}_1(x), \dots, \tilde{b}_K(x))^{\top}$  the vector of second derivatives of basis functions

and set

$$\Omega = \int \tilde{b}(x) \tilde{b}(x)^{\top} dx$$

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## LAWS estimation

Schnabel and Eilers (2009):

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(\tau)(y_i - \mu_i)^2$$

where

$$w_i(\tau) = \begin{cases} \tau & \text{if } y_i > \mu_i \\ 1 - \tau & \text{if } y_i \leq \mu_i, \end{cases}$$

$\mu_i$  expected value according to some model.

Iterations:

- ▣ fixed weights, closed form solution of weighted regression
- ▣ recalculate weights

until convergence criterion met.

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## LAWS estimation

### Example:

Classical linear regression model

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

where  $E(\varepsilon | X) = 0$  and  $\mu = E(Y | X) = X\beta$ .

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (y_i - \mu_i)^2$$

Then:

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$$

with  $W$  diagonal matrix of fixed weights  $w_i$ .

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## Functional principal components

$X(t)$  stochastic process on compound interval  $T$   
with mean function  $\mu(t) = E\{X(t)\}$   
and covariance function  $k(s, t) = \text{cov}(X(s), X(t))$

There exist orthogonal sequence of eigenfunctions  $\phi_j$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  such that  $k(s, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \phi_j(s) \phi_j(t)$   
We can rewrite process as

$$X(t) = \mu(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\lambda_j} \kappa_j \phi_j(t)$$

where  $\kappa_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_j}} \int X(t) \phi_j(s) ds$ ,  $E(\kappa_j) = 0$  and  $E(\kappa_j \kappa_k) = \delta_{jk}$ .

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