

Non-stationary GEV Modeling of Precipitation Extremes

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Stationarity Concept

Stationary

Non-stationary

• Weak stationary

Changing statistics







Study Area



Study area consists of 53 meteorological stations (MS) from generally central and southern Turkey. Time range for the study is determined as 1976-2005.



Figure 1. Locations of the MSs



GEV Models



• Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution for modeling extreme events

• Block Maxima (BM) series of the time series

- Three-parameter distribution: location (μ), scale (σ) and shape (ξ)
- Cumulative Distribution Function:

$$G(z) = exp\left\{-\left[1+\xi\left(\frac{z-\mu}{\sigma}\right)\right]^{1/\xi}\right\}$$

GEV Models



Four types of GEV models:

Model	μ	σ	ξ
TO	С	С	С
T1	СН	С	С
T2	С	СН	С
Т3	СН	СН	С

C: Constant CH: Changing

Covariates



- Appropriate covariates
- Five covariates (1, 2 and 3 based on literature, 4 & 5 suggested in this study):
 - Tmax (maximum temperature of the day that block maxima event occurred)
 - Y (year)
 - NAO (North Atlantic Oscillation)
 - DN (number of days in a year whose maximum temperature exceeds the long-term average temperature)
 - SL (a linear regression that fitted to the Tmax time series)

Covariates



Table 1. GEV Models and Covariates

		Covariates					
Model Type	Model	Tmax	Y	DN	SL	NAO	
Т0	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Τ1	2	+	-	-	-	-	
	3	-	+	-	-	-	
	4	-	-	+	-	-	
	5	+	+	-	-	-	
	6	-	+	+	-	-	
	7	+	+	+	-	-	
	20	-	-	-	+	-	
	21	-	-	-	-	+	
	26	_	+	-	-	+	
	27	+	-	-	-	+	
T2	8	+	-	-	-	-	
	9	-	+	-	-	-	
	10	-	-	+	-	-	
	11	+	+	-	-	-	
	12	-	+	+	-	-	
	13	+	+	+	-	-	
	22	-	-	-	+	-	
	23	-	-	-	-	+	
	28	-	+	-	-	+	
	29	+	-	-	-	+	
Т3	14	+	-	-	-	-	
	15	-	+	-	-	-	
	16	-	-	+	-	-	
	17	+	+	-	-	-	
	18	-	+	+	-	-	
	19	+	+	+	-	-	
	24	-	-	-	+	-	
	25	-	-	-	-	+	
	30	-	+	-	-	+	
	31	+	-	-	-	+	

31 GEV models

Covariates



- The best NS model for each MS
- Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

AIC = 2K - logL

where *K* is the number of independently adjusted parameters in the model and *L* is the maximum likelihood of the model

- The best NS model vs. S model
- Likelihood Ratio (LR) test

LR = -2(y-x)

where x is the negative log-likelihood of the simpler model and y is the negative log-likelihood of the complex model.



- Better performance of NS models with one or two covariates
- NS models where NAO and Y are used as covariates have better performance



Results





Figure 4. Stationarity of the MSs

Conclusion



- 27 S stations & 26 NS stations
- Konya Closed Basin: 7 NS & 3 S
- Doğu Akdeniz Basin: 5 S & 1 NS
- Asi Basin: 4 NS & 1 S
- 12 T1 models, 10 T2 models and 4 T3 models
- NS models with one covariate generally performed better
- Well performing NS models generally have NAO and Y as covariates



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