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# On the distribution of linear combinations of independent Gumbel random variables (Supplementary Material)

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## 1 Mathematica code

The ‘sample code’ presented in Figures 1 and 2 was developed for *Mathematica* 7.0; further code is available from the corresponding author. In Figure 1 we provide code for computing the near-exact distribution function, and in Figure 2 we provide code for computing the corresponding near-exact probability density function.

For example, if we wish to plot the density and cumulative distribution functions of  $W$  for  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (-20, -1, -50, 12, 40)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (2, 1/2, 5/4, 10, 50)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (2, 12, 24, 50, 10)$ , with  $\gamma = 6$ , we should use

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mu={-20,-1,-50,12,40};
sigma={2,1/2,5/4,10,50};
alpha={2,12,24,50,10};
gamma= 6;
Plot[LinearGumbelsPDF[alpha, mu, sigma, gamma, w],
     {w,-2000,4000}]
Plot[LinearGumbelsCDF[alpha, mu, sigma, gamma, w],
     {w,-2000,4000}]
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and the result should be the first two plots in Figure 3; similar code was use to produce all the remainder examples of near-exact densities and near-exact distribution functions in Figures 3 and 4.

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## 2 Further numerical reports

### 2.1 Sums of independent Gumbel random variables

In Table 1 and 2 we report further numerical results for sums of independent Gumbel random variables, all with the same scale parameter, according to the following scenarios:

- Scenario 1:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = (2, 3)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 = 1/100 \times \mathbf{1}_2^T$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1 = \mathbf{1}_2^T$ ;
- Scenario 2:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 = (-4, -1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 = 5 \times \mathbf{1}_4^T$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_2 = \mathbf{1}_4^T$ ;
- Scenario 3:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_3 = (-10, 10, 20, 30, 40)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_3 = 50 \times \mathbf{1}_5^T$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_3 = \mathbf{1}_5^T$ .

**Table 1** Values of  $\Delta$  for Scenarios 1, 2, and 3

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
$\gamma$	$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1)$	$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2)$	$(\boldsymbol{\mu}_3, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_3)$
	$p = 2$	$p = 4$	$p = 5$
4	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$
10	$7.5 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-6}$
15	$2.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-7}$
20	$8.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-7}$
50	$5.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$
100	$6.7 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$
500	$5.3 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$

In Table 2 we present the computation time, in seconds, for the calculation of the  $p$ -values 0.10, 0.05, 0.01, using the near-exact quantiles. These calculations were done using an Intel i7 2GHz processor; for values of  $\gamma$  larger than 50 the computation times start to increase quite a bit.

**Table 2** Computation time (in seconds) for the near-exact cumulative distribution functions for Scenarios 1–3

$\gamma$	Scenario 1 ( $\mu_1, \sigma_1, \alpha_1$ ) $p = 2$			Scenario 2 ( $\mu_2, \sigma_2, \alpha_2$ ) $p = 4$			Scenario 3 ( $\mu_3, \sigma_3, \alpha_3$ ) $p = 5$		
	$p$ -values			$p$ -values			$p$ -values		
	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.10	0.05	0.01	0.10	0.05	0.01
4	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.14	0.14	0.16
10	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.58	0.62	0.72	1.14	1.19	1.34
15	0.23	0.25	0.30	1.50	1.52	1.62	3.01	3.18	3.57
20	0.42	0.44	0.53	3.03	3.23	3.67	6.03	6.44	7.24
50	3.37	3.70	4.35	29.1	31.0	35.1	63.1	66.2	74.4

**Fig. 1** Mathematica module for the cumulative distribution function of positive linear combinations of independent Gumbel random variables

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LinearGumbelsCDF[alpha_, mu_, sigma_, gamma_, w_] := Module[{l, rho, theta, mom, mom1, v, vs, n, isc, lambda, r, shift, c, g, P},
  mom = Table[SetPrecision[I^(-h)*D[Product[Gamma[gamma-I*t*sigma[[j]]*alpha[[j]]]/Gamma[gamma],
    {j, 1, Length[mu]}], {t, h}]/.t->0, 150], {h, 1, 3}];
  mom1 = Table[SetPrecision[I^(-h)*D[l^rho*(1-I*t)^(-rho)*Exp[I*t*theta], {t, h}]/.t->0, 150], {h, 1, 3}];
  {rho, l, theta} = {rho, l, theta}/.Flatten[Solve[{mom[[1]] == mom1[[1]], mom[[2]] == mom1[[2]],
    mom[[3]] == mom1[[3]]}, {rho, l, theta}]];
  v = Flatten[{Table[Table[{(1+k)/(sigma[[j]]*alpha[[j]])}, {k, 0, gamma-2}], {j, 1, Length[sigma]}]];
  vs = Sort[v]; n = Length[v]; lambda = {vs[[1]]}; r = {1}; isc = 1;
  Do[If[vs[[i]] == vs[[i-1]], {r[[isc]] = r[[isc]] + 1}, {isc = isc + 1, lambda = Append[lambda, vs[[i]]],
    r = Append[r, 1]}, {i, 2, n}];
  If[Count[r, _Integer] == Length[r] && And @@ Positive[r] && And @@ Positive[lambda], g = Length[r];
  shift = theta + Sum[alpha[[j]]*mu[[j]], {j, 1, Length[sigma]}];
  c = Table[Table[0, {j, 1, Max[r]}], {i, 1, g}];
  Table[c = ReplacePart[c, (Product[(lambda[[j]] - lambda[[i]])^(-r[[j]]), {j, 1, i-1}) *
    Product[(lambda[[j]] - lambda[[i]])^(-r[[j]]), {j, i+1, g}]/(r[[i]-1]!, {i, r[[i]]}), {i, 1, g}];
  Table[Table[c = ReplacePart[c, Sum[{(r[[i]] - k + j - 1) * (Sum[r[[h]]/(lambda[[i]] - lambda[[h]])^j,
    {h, 1, i-1}) + Sum[r[[h]]/(lambda[[i]] - lambda[[h]])^j, {h, i+1, g}]} *
    c[[i]][[r[[i]] - (k-j)]]/(r[[i]] - k - 1)!, {j, 1, k}]/k, {i, r[[i]] - k}, {k, 1, r[[i]] - 1}], {i, 1, g}];
  l^rho*(w - shift)^rho/Gamma[rho + 1]*Hypergeometric1F1[rho, rho+1, -1*(w-shift)]
  -Product[lambda[[j]]^r[[j]], {j, 1, g}]*l^rho*Sum[Exp[-lambda[[j]]*(w-shift)]*
  Sum[c[[j]][[k]]/lambda[[j]]^k*Gamma[k]*Sum[(w-shift)^(rho+i)*lambda[[j]]^i/Gamma[rho+1+i]
  *Hypergeometric1F1[rho, rho+1+i, -(1-lambda[[j]])*(w-shift)], {i, 0, k-1}], {k, 1, r[[j]]}], {j, 1, g}]]]

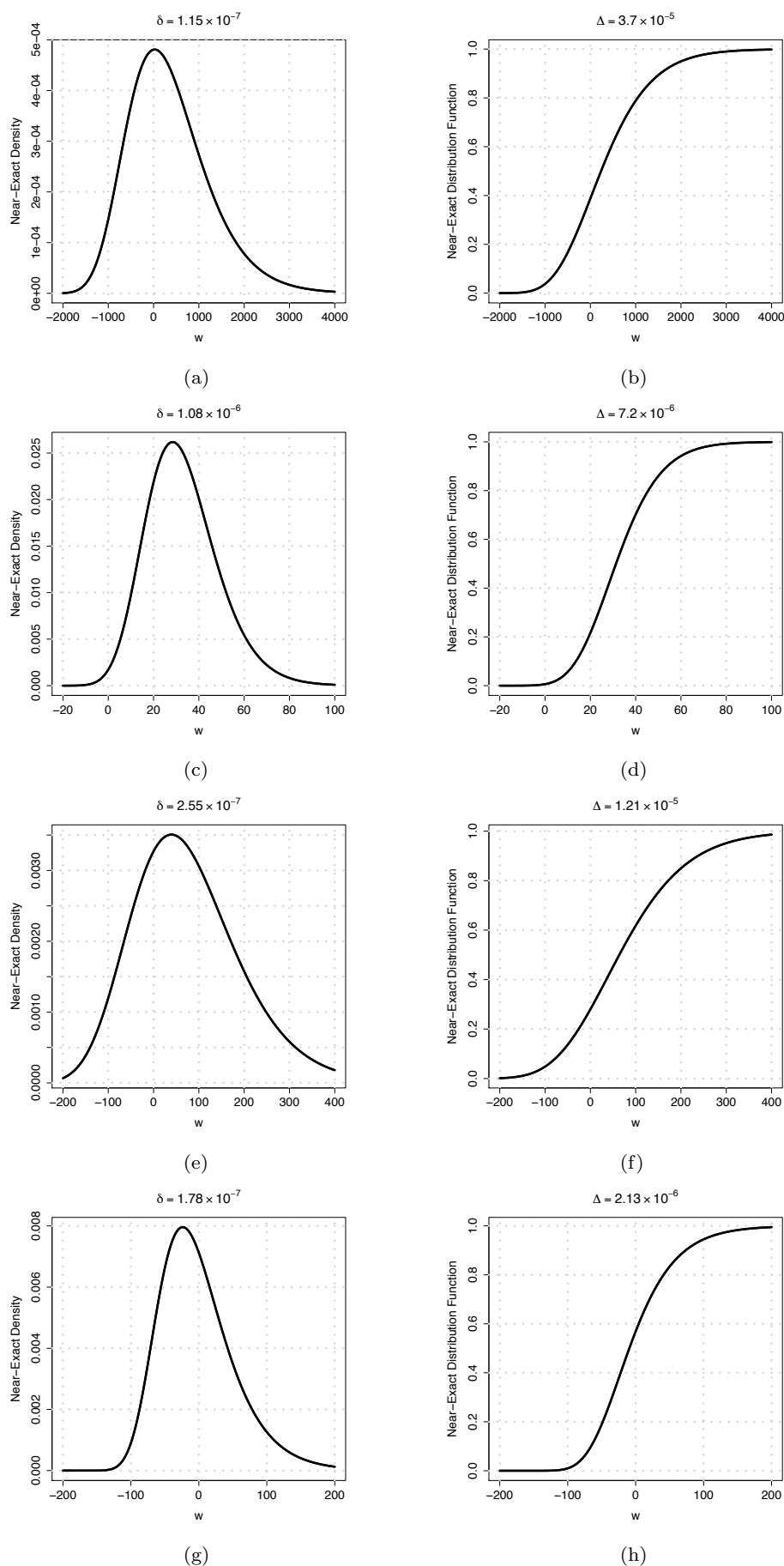
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**Fig. 2** Mathematica module for the density function of positive linear combinations of independent Gumbel random variables

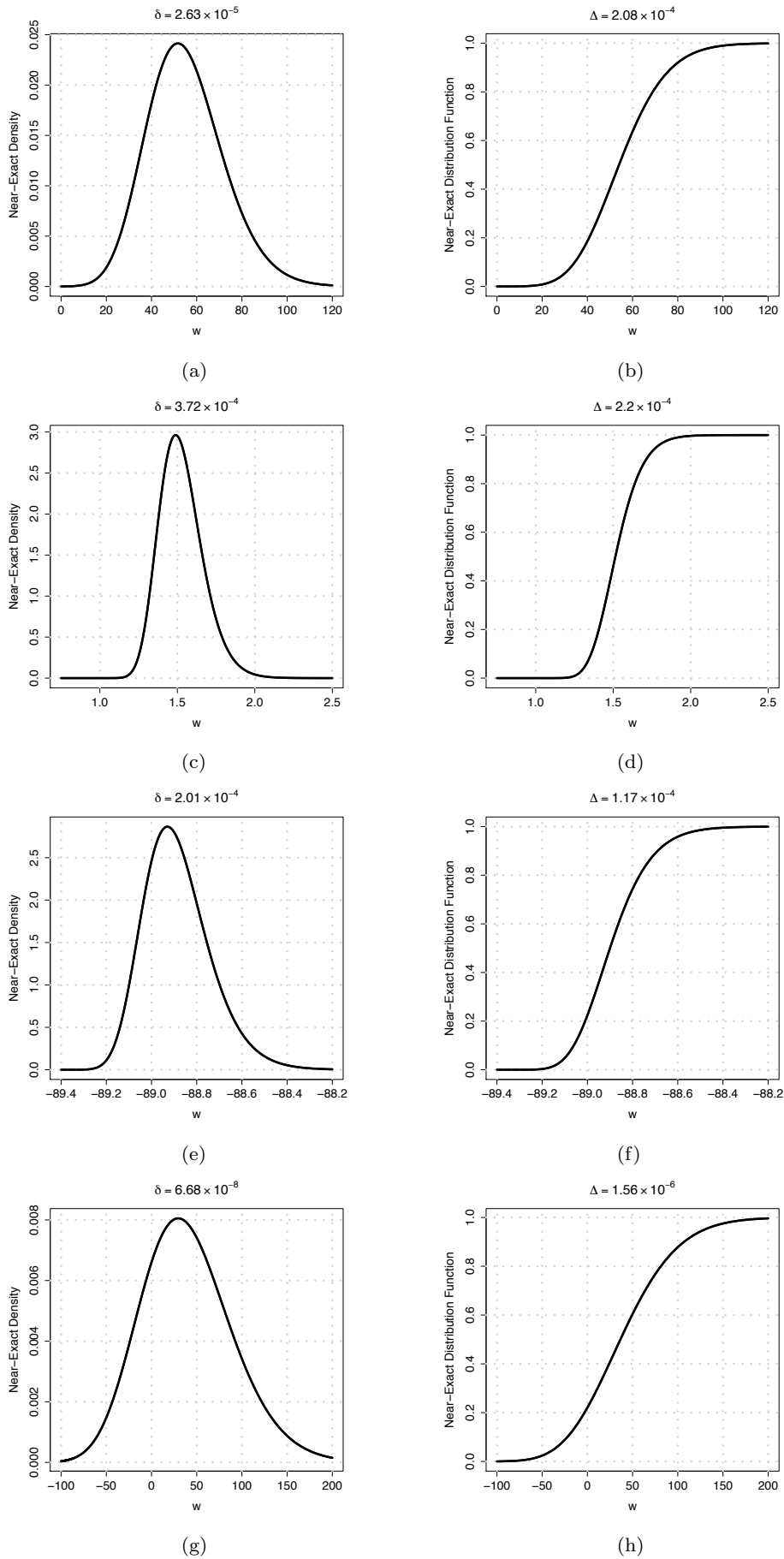
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LinearGumbelsPDF[alpha_, mu_, sigma_, gamma_, w_] := Module[{l, rho, theta, mom, mom1, v, vs, n, isc, lambda, r, shift, c, g, P},
  mom = Table[SetPrecision[I^(-h)*D[Product[Gamma[gamma-I*t*sigma[[j]]*alpha[[j]]]/Gamma[gamma],
    {j, 1, Length[mu]}], {t, h}]/.t->0, 150], {h, 1, 3}];
  mom1 = Table[SetPrecision[I^(-h)*D[l^rho*(1-I*t)^(-rho)*Exp[I*t*theta], {t, h}]/.t->0, 150], {h, 1, 3}];
  {rho, l, theta} = {rho, l, theta}/.Flatten[Solve[{mom[[1]] == mom1[[1]], mom[[2]] == mom1[[2]],
    mom[[3]] == mom1[[3]]}, {rho, l, theta}]];
  v = Flatten[{Table[Table[{(1+k)/(sigma[[j]]*alpha[[j]])}, {k, 0, gamma-2}], {j, 1, Length[sigma]}]];
  vs = Sort[v]; n = Length[v]; lambda = {vs[[1]]}; r = {1}; isc = 1;
  Do[If[vs[[i]] == vs[[i-1]], {r[[isc]] = r[[isc]] + 1}, {isc = isc + 1, lambda = Append[lambda, vs[[i]]],
    r = Append[r, 1]}, {i, 2, n}];
  If[Count[r, _Integer] == Length[r] && And @@ Positive[r] && And @@ Positive[lambda], g = Length[r];
  shift = theta + Sum[alpha[[j]]*mu[[j]], {j, 1, Length[sigma]}];
  c = Table[Table[0, {j, 1, Max[r]}], {i, 1, g}];
  Table[c = ReplacePart[c, (Product[(lambda[[j]] - lambda[[i]])^(-r[[j]]), {j, 1, i-1}) *
    Product[(lambda[[j]] - lambda[[i]])^(-r[[j]]), {j, i+1, g}]/(r[[i]-1]!, {i, r[[i]]}), {i, 1, g}];
  Table[Table[c = ReplacePart[c, Sum[{(r[[i]] - k + j - 1) * (Sum[r[[h]]/(lambda[[i]] - lambda[[h]])^j,
    {h, 1, i-1}) + Sum[r[[h]]/(lambda[[i]] - lambda[[h]])^j, {h, i+1, g}]} *
    c[[i]][[r[[i]] - (k-j)]]/(r[[i]] - k - 1)!, {j, 1, k}]/k, {i, r[[i]] - k}, {k, 1, r[[i]] - 1}], {i, 1, g}];
  Product[lambda[[j]]^r[[j]], {j, 1, g}]*l^rho*Sum[Exp[-lambda[[j]]*(w-shift)]*Sum[c[[j]][[k]]*
  Gamma[k]/Gamma[k + rho]*(w-shift)^(k+rho-1)*Hypergeometric1F1[rho, k+rho, -(1-lambda[[j]])*
  (w-shift)], {k, 1, r[[j]]}], {j, 1, g}]]]

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**Fig. 3** Near-exact densities and near-exact distribution functions for positive linear combinations of independent Gumbel random variables: (a-b)  $\mu = (-20, -1, -50, 12, 40)$ ,  $\sigma = (2, 1/2, 5/4, 10, 50)$ ,  $\alpha = (2, 12, 24, 50, 10)$ , and  $\gamma = 6$ ; (c-d)  $\mu = (2, 3, 4, 5^{1/2}, \pi, -6, -7, -7)$ ,  $\sigma = (1/2, \pi, \exp(1), 2^{1/2}, 1.2, 3.1, 2, 1)$ ,  $\alpha = (1, 2, 3, 1/2, 5, 1, 1, 1)$ , and  $\gamma = 8$ ; (e-f)  $\mu = (1, 2, 3, -3, -2, -1)$ ,  $\sigma = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)$ ,  $\alpha = (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)$ , and  $\gamma = 8$ ; (g-h)  $\mu = (-2, -4)$ ,  $\sigma = (5, 6)$ ,  $\alpha = (3, 7)$ , and  $\gamma = 20$ .



**Fig. 4** Near-exact densities and near-exact distribution functions for sums of independent Gumbel random variables: (a–b)  $\mu = (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)$ ,  $\sigma = 5 \times \mathbf{1}_7^T$ , and  $\gamma = 2$ ; (c–d)  $\mu = (2/10, 3/10, 4/10, 5/10)$ ,  $\sigma = 55/1000 \times \mathbf{1}_4^T$ , and  $\gamma = 5$ ; (e–f)  $\mu = (-29, -25, -35)$ ,  $\sigma = 1/15 \times \mathbf{1}_3^T$ , and  $\gamma = 7$ ; (g–h)  $\mu = (-9, -5, -5, -7, 2, 3, 1/2)$ ,  $\sigma = 15 \times \mathbf{1}_7^T$ , and  $\gamma = 9$ .

## 2.2 Further reports on measuring accuracy

In Figure 3 we plot the near-exact density and near-exact distribution function of four examples of positive linear combinations of independent Gumbel random variables. To assess the quality of our approximation we also report in Figure 3 the values of  $\Delta$ , and of the measure

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\Phi_W(t) - \Phi_{W^*}(t)| dt, \quad (1)$$

which provides an upper bound analogous to equation (14) in the paper, but for the case of the near-exact density  $f_{W^*} = dF_{W^*}/dw$ , i.e.

$$\|f_W - f_{W^*}\|_{\infty} \leq \delta \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\Phi_{W_1}(t) - \Phi_{W_1^*}(t)| dt,$$

with  $\|f_W - f_{W^*}\|_{\infty} = \sup_{w \in \mathbb{R}} |f_W(w) - f_{W^*}(w)|$ , and where  $f_W = dF_W/dw$  is the exact density. Thus similarly to  $\Delta$ , the measure  $\delta$  also provides an upper bound—in the sup-norm—for the error of our approximation, but for  $f_{W^*}$  instead of  $F_{W^*}$ ; further details on the measure  $\delta$  can be found in Marques and Coelho (2008, p. 732).

The quality of our approximation is visible in the extremely reduced values of  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$ , which also show that if we plotted the exact density and the exact distribution function, obtained through the inversion formulas in Gil-Pelaez (1951), these would be virtually indistinguishable from our near-exact approximations. Similar conclusions can be drawn for Figure 4, where we plot near-exact densities and near-exact distribution functions, but now considering examples of sums of independent Gumbel random variables, all with the same scale parameter.

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