

Lecture 6: Multivariate Distributions:  
Basics, EDA, and Models/Estimation  
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# Outline

- General review of
  - Multivariate distributions
  - Initial measures of dependence
- EDA: Scatter plots and Correlational/Dependency analysis
  - Pearson correlation coefficient and Spearman's rho
- Multivariate Models
  - Multivariate Normal
  - Multivariate  $t$
  - Copulas

# Financial data are often of multivariate nature

- Stock price and various explanatory variables (PE, EBIT).
- Stock performance in one time period vs stock performance in previous time period.
- Stocks of same/similar industry
  - Pharmaceutical (Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Merck)
  - Automakers (GM and Ford)
  - Google and Microsoft
- Various indices (DJIA, S&P 500)
- Portfolio consisting of stocks and bonds.

# Joint Distribution

- Joint CDF

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_p) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_p \leq x_p)$$

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- Joint PDF

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_p} f(x'_1, \dots, x'_p) dx'_1 \cdots dx'_p$$

where

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \frac{\partial^p F(x_1, \dots, x_p)}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_p}$$

# Independence

- Marginal density

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1}(x_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) dx_2 \cdots dx_p \\ &\vdots \\ f_{X_p}(x_p) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) dx_1 \cdots dx_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

- Independence Independent就可以累乘

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_p) = F_{X_1}(x_1) \cdots F_{X_p}(x_p)$$

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- Interpretation/Utility of independence

# Expectation of Multiple RVs

For random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$  with joint pdf  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)$ ,

- For arbitrary function  $h(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$ ,

$$E[h(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)] =$$

- For linear combinations  $\sum_{j=1}^p a_j X_j + b$ ,

$$E\left[\sum_{j=1}^p a_j X_j + b\right] = \sum_{j=1}^p a_j E[X_j] + b$$

# Covariance and Correlation

- With a single variable, we have  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .
- With two random variables, we would like to measure the joint variation or linear association between them.
- Covariance

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E[(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y))] \\ &= E(XY) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)\end{aligned}$$

- Pearson correlation

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

- $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$

Measure linear independency

# Properties of Covariance

- $\text{Cov}(X, X) = \text{Var}(X)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Cov}(Y, X)$
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ .
- $\text{Cov}(aX, bY) = ab \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- Covariance of summation

$$\text{Cov} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p a_j X_j, \sum_{j'=1}^q b_{j'} Y_{j'} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{j'=1}^q a_j b_{j'} \text{Cov}(X_j, Y_{j'})$$

- Variance of summation

$$\text{Var} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p a_j X_j \right) = \sum a_j^2 \text{Var}(X_j) + \sum_{i \neq j} a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

- If  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  are independent

$$\text{Var} \left( \sum_{j=1}^p a_j X_j \right) = \sum a_j^2 \text{Var}(X_j)$$



**Problem** Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Derive the mean and variance for

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

**Answer.** .

$$E[S_n] = n\mu$$

$$\text{Var}[S_n] = n\sigma^2$$

$$E[\bar{X}_n] = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}[\bar{X}_n] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

# Mean and Covariance of Random Vectors

- If  $\mathbf{X}$  is a vector of random variables,  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_p)^\top$ ,

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = [E(X_1), \dots, E(X_p)]^\top$$

- The **covariance matrix** of  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $p \times p$  matrix

$$\text{COV}(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \dots & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_p) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Var}(X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_p) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_p, X_1) & \dots & \dots & \text{Var}(X_p) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Alternative Formula:  $\text{COV}(\mathbf{X}) = E[(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))^\top]$
- For two random vectors  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  ( $p$ - and  $q$ -dimensional)

$$\text{COV}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = E[(\mathbf{X} - E(\mathbf{X}))(\mathbf{Y} - E(\mathbf{Y}))^\top] \quad (p \times q)$$

# Formulas & Properties of Mean/Covariances

- Linear transformations:  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$

$$E(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A}E(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\text{COV}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A} \text{COV}(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{A}^T$$

都是半正定矩阵

- Covariance matrices are symmetric and non-negative definite, i.e., for covariance matrix  $\Sigma = \text{COV}(\mathbf{X})$  and vector  $\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$\mathbf{u}^T \Sigma \mathbf{u} \geq 0 = \text{Var}[u^T \mathbf{x}]$$

- Eigenvalues of covariance matrix are all non-negative
- For  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ , with appropriate matrices  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  and vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,

$$\text{COV}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A} \text{COV}[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}] \mathbf{B}^T$$

$$\text{COV}(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{u}^T \text{COV}[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}] \mathbf{v}$$

# Correlation Matrix of Random Vectors

- The **correlation matrix**  $\text{CORR}(\mathbf{X})$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & \cdots & \text{Corr}(X_1, X_p) \\ \text{Corr}(X_2, X_1) & 1 & \cdots & \text{Corr}(X_2, X_p) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Corr}(X_p, X_1) & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Diagonal elements being 1 – corresponds to  $\text{Corr}(X_i, X_i) = 1$
- Correlation matrices are simply the ...

*Covariance matrix of  $X'_1, X'_2, \dots, X'_p$  after standardizing*

$$X'_n = \frac{X_n}{\sigma_n}$$

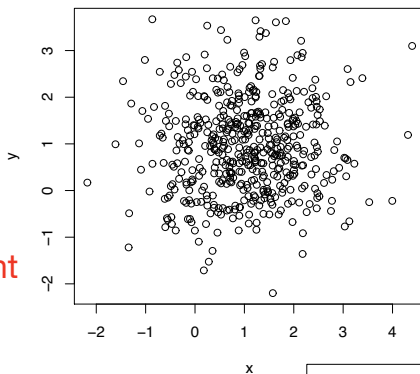
- Thus  $\text{CORR}(X)$  is non-negative definite

# Bivariate Data: Scatter Plots

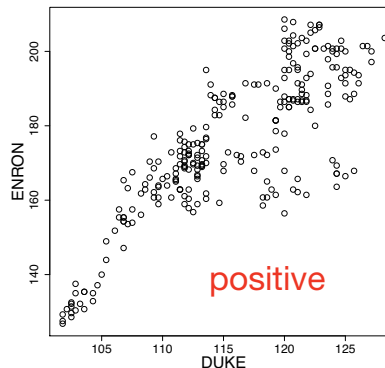
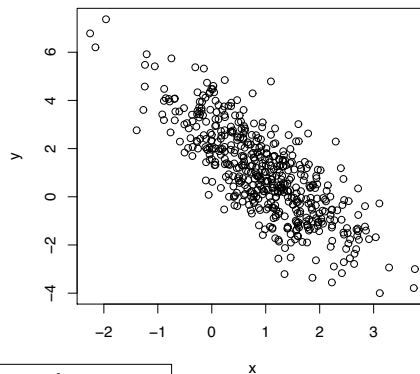
**Remark.** For bivariate data  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  it is always very natural to look at scatter plots – allows for seeing

- Spread
- Correlations
- Patterns

independent



negative



positive

**R-command for Scatter Plot:**

```
plot(x,y,xlab='x',ylab='y')
```

# Linear Dependence: Pearson Correlation

- Definition

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} \cdot \sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

- Suppose have sample  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  and want estimate of correlation  $\rho$
- Natural to use **Pearson correlation coefficient**

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

## Remarks.

- Both  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$  and  $-1 \leq \hat{\rho} \leq 1$
- The Pearson correlation coefficient is not so good for heavy-tailed distributions use transformation to shrink the tail
  - One solution – transform the original data so as to remove the effect of heavy tails

# Another Measure of Dependence: Spearman's Correlation

- Definition 把变量变成uniform distribution,然后找关系  
描述monotonic dependency

$$\rho_S = \rho(F_X(X), F_Y(Y))$$

- Empirical estimate from data  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ 
  - replace  $(X, Y)$  be discrete rv approximation  $(X_n, Y_n)$
  - replace  $F_X$  by  $\hat{F}_{X_n}$  and  $F_Y$  by  $\hat{F}_{Y_n}$

The result is

$$\hat{\rho}_S = \frac{12}{n(n^2 - 1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \text{rank}(x_i) - \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \left( \text{rank}(y_i) - \frac{n+1}{2} \right)$$

$$v = v^2$$
$$\rho\left[\frac{v}{b}, F_v(v)\right] = 1$$

本质是对rank计算Pearson Correlation

- $\text{rank}(x_i)$  is rank of  $x_i$  in the sample  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
- $\text{rank}(y_i)$  is rank of  $y_i$  in the sample  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$
- Correlation of ranks: Depends on the relative rankings of  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ .
- Remove the relative sizes of the values of  $X$  among themselves, similarly for  $Y$ .

# Spearman's Correlation: Properties

**Problem. (a)** Suppose  $g$  and  $h$  are monotonically increasing functions with  $X, Y$  are random variables. Derive an expression for Spearman correlation between  $g(X)$  and  $h(Y)$ .

**(b)** Suppose  $g$  and  $h$  are monotonically increasing functions with data  $\{x_i, y_i\}_1^n$  are random variables. Derive an expression for Spearman correlation between  $\{g(x_i), h(y_i)\}$ .

**(c)** Suppose  $X, Y$  are random variables – what can you say about the spearman correlation between  $e^X$  and  $4Y^3$ ?

**(d)** What happens in **(c)** for the Pearson correlation?

**Answer.** .

(a): 和 $X, Y$ 相同

(b):  $g$ 和 $h$ 都是单调递增,因此rank不变,因此spearman correlation不变

(c): 和 $X, Y$ 相同

(d): 会改变



**Answer.**

# Coffee Data

- Daily closing prices of Brazilian and Colombian coffee and the corresponding log-returns.
- Remove the zeros.

```
> data(BCofLRet)
> data(CCofLRet)
> NZ <- (BCofLRet != 0 & CCofLRet !=0)
> BLRet <- BCofLRet[NZ]
> CLRet <- CCofLRet[NZ]
```

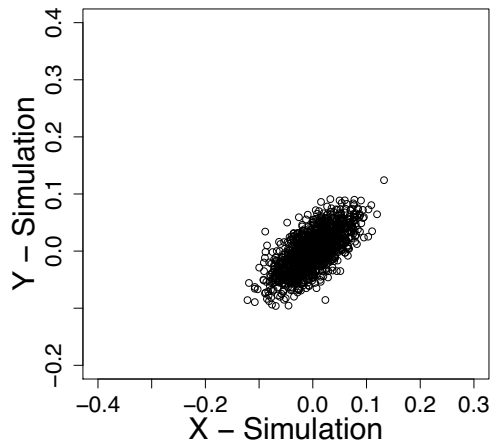
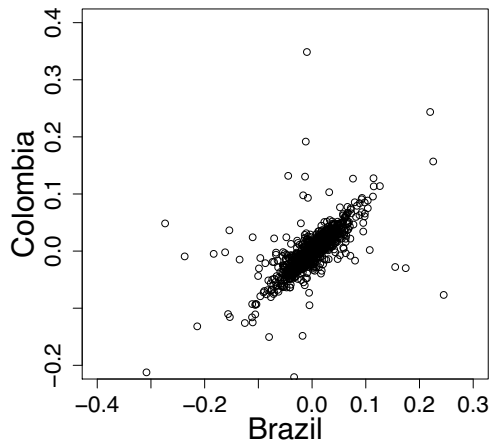
# Coffee vs Normal Distribution

```
> myxlim <- c(-0.4, 0.3)
> myylim <- c(-0.2, 0.4)
> plot(BLRet, CLRet, xlim=myxlim, ylim=myylim,
       xlab="Brazil", ylab="Colombia")
```

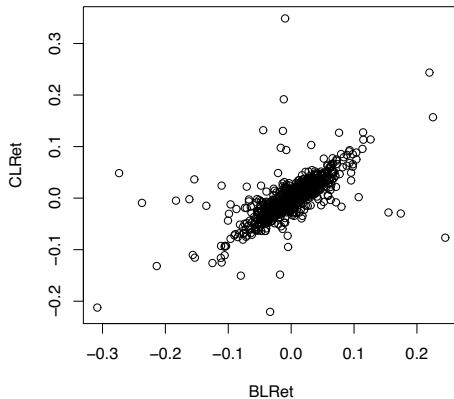
和模拟结果差很多,因此不是  
双变量正态分布

```
> mu <- c(mean(BLRet), mean(CLRet))
> Sigma <- var(cbind(BLRet, CLRet))
> n <- length(BLRet)
> nsim <- rmvnorm(n, mean=mu, cov=Sigma)
> plot(nsim, xlim=myxlim, ylim=myylim,
       xlab="X - Simulation", ylab="Y - Simulation")
```

但是可能是 $X^3$ 和 $Y^3$ 的分  
布( $X, Y$ 服从双变量正态分布)



# Coffee Data – Brazil and Columbian coffee futures



$$E\text{Cov} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x})^T$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x$$

## R-commands Pearson, Spearman, and Kendall correlations

```
> cor(BLRet,CLRet) # Default for cor is Pearson.
```

```
[1] 0.6901319
```

```
>
```

```
> cor(BLRet,CLRet, method = "spearman")
```

```
[1] 0.8356541
```

Spearman更好,因为Pearson容易受到outlier影响

# CRSP data: Analysis in R

- Data from R's Ecdat: GE, IBM, and Mobil along with CRSP value-weighted index
- Daily returns from Jan 3 1989 to Dec 31 1998

```
> library(Ecdat)
> data(CRSPday)
> CRSPday[c(1:4),]
      year month day      ge      ibm      mobil      crsp
[1,] 1989      1   3 -0.016760  0.000000 -0.002747 -0.007619
[2,] 1989      1   4  0.017045  0.005128  0.005510  0.013016
[3,] 1989      1   5 -0.002793 -0.002041  0.005479  0.002815
[4,] 1989      1   6  0.000000 -0.006135  0.002725  0.003064
```

```
> signif(cov(CRSPday[,c(4:7)]),digits=3)
      ge      ibm      mobil      crsp
ge    1.88e-04  8.01e-05  5.27e-05  7.61e-05
ibm    8.01e-05  3.06e-04  3.59e-05  6.60e-05
mobil  5.27e-05  3.59e-05  1.67e-04  4.31e-05
crsp    7.61e-05  6.60e-05  4.31e-05  6.02e-05
```

# CRSP data: Correlational Analysis in R

```
> signif(cor(CRSPday[,c(4:7)]),digits=3)
```

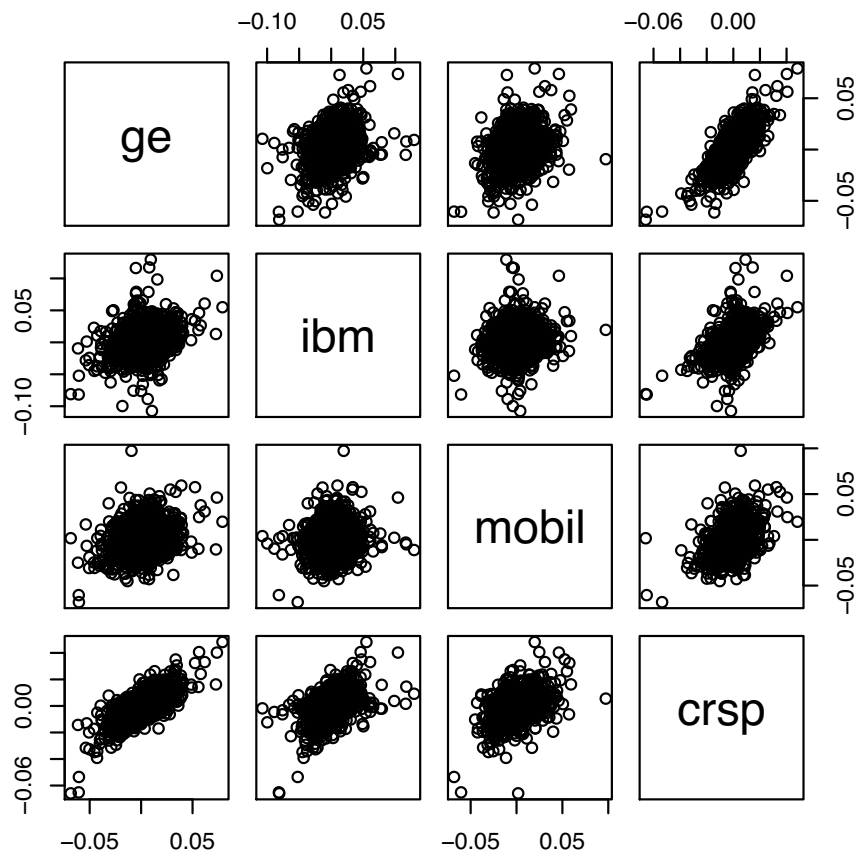
|       | ge    | ibm   | mobil | crsp  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ge    | 1.000 | 0.334 | 0.297 | 0.715 |
| ibm   | 0.334 | 1.000 | 0.159 | 0.486 |
| mobil | 0.297 | 0.159 | 1.000 | 0.429 |
| crsp  | 0.715 | 0.486 | 0.429 | 1.000 |

```
> signif(cor(CRSPday[,c(4:7)],method="spearman"),digits=3)
```

|       | ge    | ibm   | mobil | crsp  |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ge    | 1.000 | 0.315 | 0.272 | 0.638 |
| ibm   | 0.315 | 1.000 | 0.165 | 0.474 |
| mobil | 0.272 | 0.165 | 1.000 | 0.399 |
| crsp  | 0.638 | 0.474 | 0.399 | 1.000 |

```
> pairs(CRSPday[,c(4:7)])
```

 画出所有变量之间的散点图



# Multivariate Normal Distribution

- $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, \dots, X_p]^\top$  is said to be multivariate normal if it has joint density

$$f_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^p \cdot \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})}} \exp^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})}$$

where  $E(\mathbf{X}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}$  and covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .

- Notation:  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$
- Widespread use in portfolio theory. Not so widely now



# Multivariate Normal Distribution: Properties

- For  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , have that  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  are independent if and only if  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is a 对角矩阵. In this case,

$$f_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}(x_1, \dots, x_p) = \prod f_{\mu_i, \sigma_i^2}(x_i)$$

- Linear transformation of  $\mathbf{X}$ :

If  $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix, with  $q \leq p$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a  $q$ -dimensional vector, then

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}^T)$$

- Special case of  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{X} + b$  when  $\mathbf{u}$  is  $d \times 1$  vector and  $b$  is a number – in this case,

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(u^T \boldsymbol{\mu} + b, u^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} u)$$
 变为单变量

# Simple Risk Management Example: Portfolio with 2 assets

- Initial value

$$V_0 = n_1 P_1 + n_2 P_2$$

- New/future value

$$V = n_1 P'_1 + n_2 P'_2$$

- Returns/weights

$$R_1 = \frac{P'_1}{P_1}, \quad R_2 = \frac{P'_2}{P_2}$$

Proportion in asset 1  $w_1 = \frac{n_1 P_1}{n_1 P_1 + n_2 P_2}$ , Proportion in asset 2  $w_2 = \frac{n_2 P_2}{n_1 P_1 + n_2 P_2}$ .

- Portfolio Return

$$R = \frac{n_1 P'_1 + n_2 P'_2}{n_1 P_1 + n_2 P_2} = 1 = w_1 R_1 + w_2 R_2$$

log return can't work anymore  
需要研究 $r_1$ 和 $r_2$ 的联合分布

# $VaR_q$ and $ES$

Assumption:

$$R = w_1 R_1 + w_2 R_2 = w_1 R_1 + (1-w_1) R_2$$

如果 $R_1, R_2$ 服从不相关的  
双正态分布

$$R \sim N(w_1 \mu_1 + (1-w_1) \mu_2, w_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + 2w_1(1-w_1) \text{Cov}[R_1, R_2] + (1-w_1)^2 \sigma_2^2)$$

- Value at risk. Need to solve

$$q = P(R \leq -r)$$

- Expected shortfall. Need to compute

$$E(-R | -R > VaR_q) = \frac{1}{q} \int_{-\infty}^{-VaR_q} -r F_R(dr)$$

**Remark.** Need the distribution of  $R$  – can derive from

**Example.** Suppose have two assets and under some model, the returns  $R_1, R_2$  are bivariate normal.

(a) Suppose  $E(R_1) = E(R_2) = .02$ ,  $SD(R_1) = .015$ ,  $SD(R_2) = .025$ ,  $\text{Corr}(R_1, R_2) = 0$ . Derive the **optimal allocation** between the assets, i.e., optimal relative weights  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ .

(b) Repeat (a) , with  $\text{Corr}(R_1, R_2) = .6$ .

(c) Repeat (a) with  $E(R_1) = .015$ ,  $\text{Corr}(R_1, R_2) = .6$  giving specifics for a methodology finding the optimal allocation between the two assets, relative to minimizing VaR at  $\alpha = .005$ .

**Answer.**

$$(a): w \in [0, 1], R_w = w R_1 + (1-w) R_2$$

$E[R] = .02$ , 因此要最小化 variance

$$\sigma^2 = w^2 (0.015)^2 + (1-w)^2 (0.025)^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{dw} = 2w(0.015)^2 - 2(1-w)(0.025)^2 = 0$$

$$w \approx 0.75$$

**鼓励资产分散投资不相关资产**

Answer.

$$(b) E[R] = 0.02$$

$$\sigma^2 = w^2 (0.015)^2 + (1-w)^2 (0.025)^2 + 2w(1-w) 0.015 \cdot 0.025$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{dw} = 0 \Rightarrow w \approx 0.87$$

相关性越强,投资越不分散

$$W = \frac{\sigma_2^2 - \rho_{12} \sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\rho_{12} \sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$

## Answer.

(c):

1. 使用不同比例的 $w$ 生成portfolio收益率
2. 计算收益率的均值和方差
3. 计算VaR,并选取最小VaR对应的 $w$

# Answer

# Multivariate t-Distribution

$W^T Y$  服从  $t(W^T \mu, W^T \Sigma W)$  的  $t$  分布

- $\mathbf{Y} = [Y_1, \dots, Y_p]^T$  is said to have multivariate  $t_\nu(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  distribution if  $\Sigma = \frac{\nu}{\nu-2} \Lambda$

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}} \mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \frac{\mathbf{X}}{\sqrt{\frac{W}{\nu}}}$$

where

- $\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$   $\mathbf{X}$  的协方差矩阵
- $W$  is chi-square rv with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom
- $\mathbf{X}$  and  $W$  are independent
- Often refer to  $t_\nu(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  as a **scale mixture** of multivariate normal
- Note that  $W$  multiplies all of components at the same time - implies "tail dependence"
- Note that tails of each marginal distribution have same  $\nu$  - implications **tail 都相同**
- Is used in portfolio theory.



# Plots, Mean and Covariance of $t$ -distribution

- Suppose  $\mathbf{X} \sim t_\nu(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  - then
  - $E(\mathbf{X})$  exists if  $\nu > 1$  and is equal to  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$
  - $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$  exists if  $\nu > 2$  and is equal to  $\frac{\nu}{\nu-2} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}$
- Interpretation when  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$  is diagonal matrix

双变量T分布

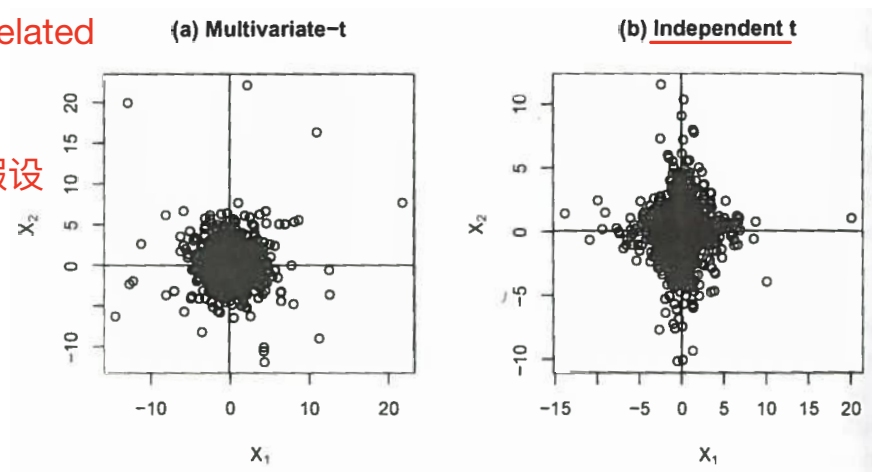
each marginal is T

- Uncorrelated vs. independence
- Comparison of bivariate  $t$  with independent  $t$

each marginal uncorrelated

但是dependent

只有dof很大时,可以假设  
independence

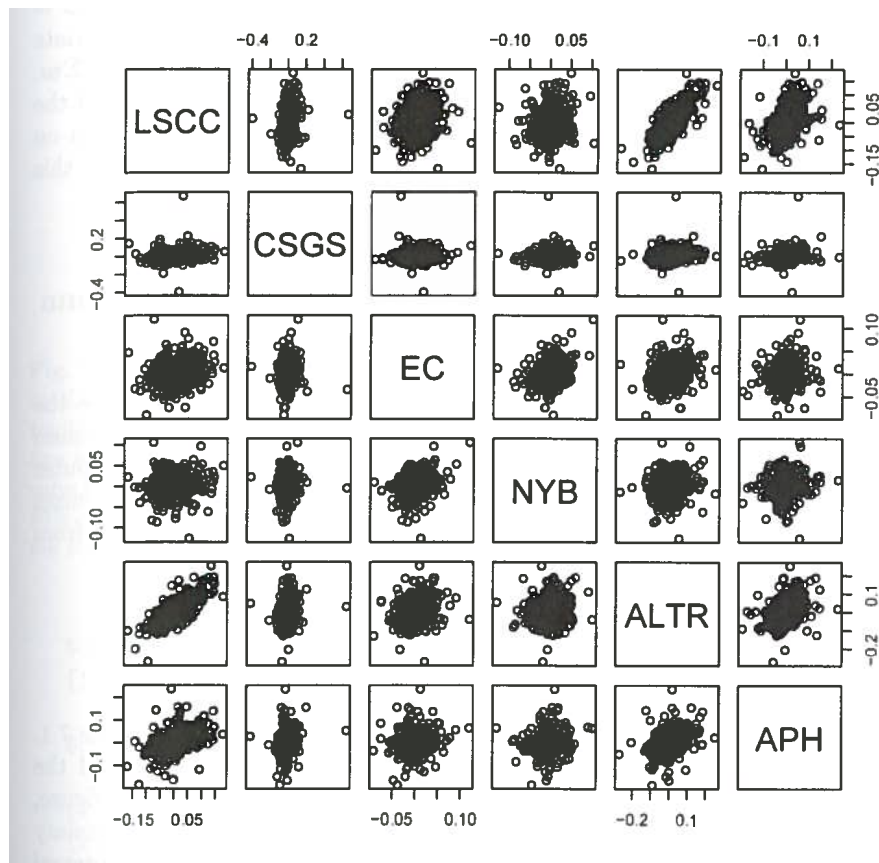


Implications

两边都是uncorrelated,但是球状的是dependent

# Multivariate $t$ -distribution: tail dependencies

- Bivariate plots of 6 Midcap stocks returns from fEcofin (cf. Ruppert)



**Problem.** Suppose  $\mathbf{X} \sim t_\nu(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix, with  $q \leq p$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is a  $q$ -dimensional.

- (a) What is the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$ ?
- (b) What can you say about the distribution of random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$ ?
- (c) What can you say about the distribution of random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  when  $\nu$  is large?
- (d) What can you say about the dependence/independence between the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$ .

**Answer.** (a)  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} = \underbrace{\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \frac{\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{Z}}{\sqrt{\frac{W}{\nu}}} \sim t_\nu(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{A}^T)$

(b)  $X_i \sim t_\nu(\mu_i, \Lambda_{ii})$

(c) Close to multivariate normal distribution

(d) All dependent,  $\sqrt{\frac{\nu}{W}}$  is common to all

# Multivariate Normal: Parameter Estimation

- For  $p$ -dimensional data (think returns of  $p$  assets),  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ , the MLE for mean and covariance of multivariate normal distributional model is

MLE的估计值就是样本的值

**sample mean**  $\rightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$

**sample covariance matrix**  $\rightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top$

# R-commands: MLE estimates for multivariate normal

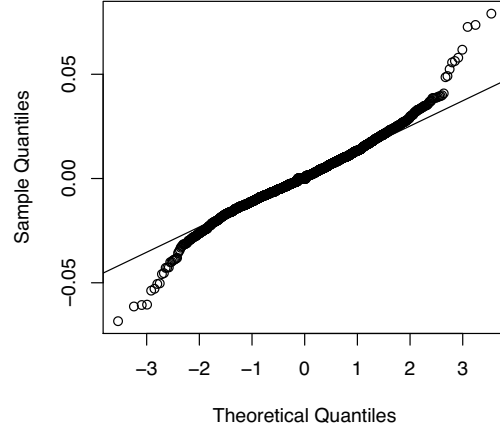
```
> library(Ecdat)
> data(CRSPday)
> CRSPday[c(1:4),]
      year month day      ge      ibm      mobil      crsp
[1,] 1989      1   3 -0.016760  0.000000 -0.002747 -0.007619
[2,] 1989      1   4  0.017045  0.005128  0.005510  0.013016
[3,] 1989      1   5 -0.002793 -0.002041  0.005479  0.002815
[4,] 1989      1   6  0.000000 -0.006135  0.002725  0.003064
```

```
> library(timeSeries)
> sampmean = signif(colMeans(CRSPday[,c(4:7)]),digits=3)
> sampmean
```

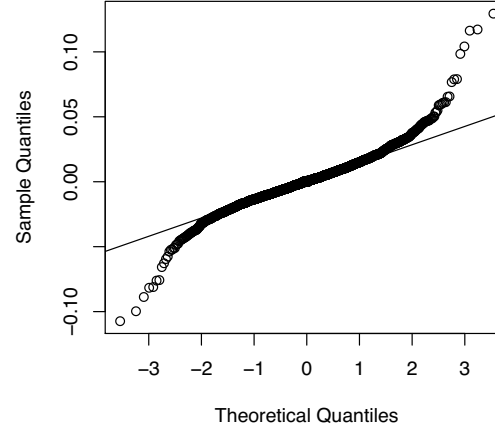
```
      ge      ibm      mobil      crsp
0.001070 0.000700 0.000779 0.000678
> signif(cov(CRSPday[,c(4:7)]),digits=3)
      ge      ibm      mobil      crsp
ge      1.88e-04 8.01e-05 5.27e-05 7.61e-05
ibm      8.01e-05 3.06e-04 3.59e-05 6.60e-05
mobil 5.27e-05 3.59e-05 1.67e-04 4.31e-05
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```

# Normal QQ Plots

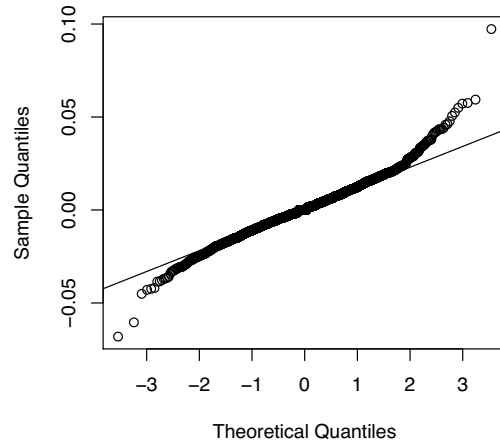
**GE**



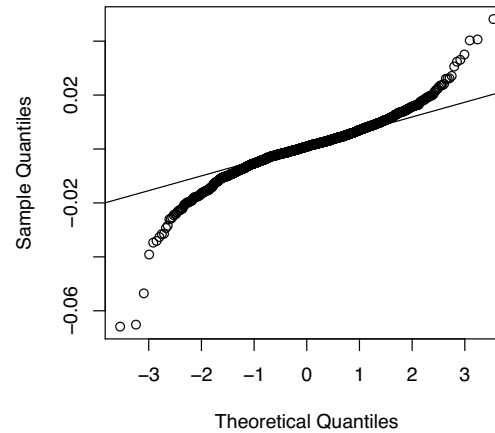
**IBM**



**Mobil**



**CRSP**



**Implications:**

# Multivariate $t$ -distribution: MLE

- Want to use MLE in estimating  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ ,  $\nu$ 
  - Profile likelihood method - for fixed  $\nu$ , can generate MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ , i.e., then optimize over  $\nu$
  - Full MLE (doing in homework)
- Would like to determine if the estimated  $t$ -distribution is an appropriate model
  - Use univariate QQ plots
  - Use model-selection criteria - AIC and BIC

# Profile Likelihood Estimation

- General problem: MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$  with model  $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$  and data  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ 
  - e.g., multivariate  $t$  with  $\theta_1 = \nu$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 = (\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda})$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are vectors are returns on suite of assets at times  $1, 2, \dots, n$
- Standard MLE: MLE estimation of multiple parameters, need to maximize log-likelihood

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \arg \max_{\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2} \ell(\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

- Profile likelihood (alternative): Solve for maximizing values in a "nested" fashion

$$\text{Step 1} : \ell_{max}(\theta_1) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_2} \ell(\theta_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

$$\text{Step 2} : \hat{\theta}_1 = \arg \max_{\theta_1} \ell_{max}(\theta_1)$$

适合获得confidence interval

$$\text{Step 3} : \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_2 = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_2} \ell(\hat{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$



# Profile Likelihood Estimation: Confidence Intervals

- Can construct confidence intervals for profile likelihood estimators
  - Utilizes theory of generalized likelihood ratio tests
- (Relevant) Generalized Likelihood Ratio Tests

$$H_o : \theta_1 = \theta_{0,1} \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1 : \theta_1 \neq \theta_{0,1}$$

- Under  $H_o$  (and large  $n$ ),

$$2(\ell_{\max}(\hat{\theta}_1) - \ell_{\max}(\theta_{0,1})) \sim \chi_1^2$$

- Decision Rule: Reject  $H_o$  if

$$2(\ell_{\max}(\hat{\theta}_1) - \ell_{\max}(\theta_{0,1})) > \chi_{\alpha,1}^2$$

where  $(1-\alpha)$  quantile



- Generate  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval with

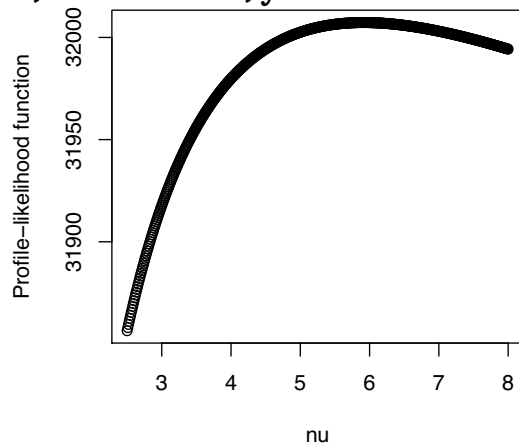
$$100(1 - \alpha)\% \text{ CI} = \theta_1 : \ell_{\max}(\theta) \geq \ell_{\max}(\hat{\theta}) - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{\alpha}^2$$

## Example: Profile likelihood estimation for multivariate $t$

- Can use profile estimation for multivariate  $t$
- Natural to follow up with QQ plots to check

## Example with R-code

```
> library(mnormt) # needed for dmt
> df = seq(2.5,8,.01)
> n = length(df)
> loglik_max = rep(0,n)
> for(i in 1:n){
+ fit = cov.trob(CRSPday[,c(4:7)],nu=df[i])
+ mu = as.vector(fit$center)
+ sigma =matrix(fit$cov,nrow=4)
+ loglik_max[i] = sum(log(dmt(CRSPday[,c(4:7)],mean=fit$center,
+ S=fit$cov,df=df[i]))))}
> plot(df,loglik_max,xlab='nu',ylab='Profile-likelihood function')
```



## R-code/results continuation

```
> nvest = df[which.max(loglik_max)]
> nvest
[1] 5.91
> fitfinal = cov.trob(CRSPday[,c(4:7)],nu=nvest)
> fitfinal$center
```

|  | ge           | ibm          | mobil        | crsp         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 0.0009405691 | 0.0004468076 | 0.0006876304 | 0.0007693982 |

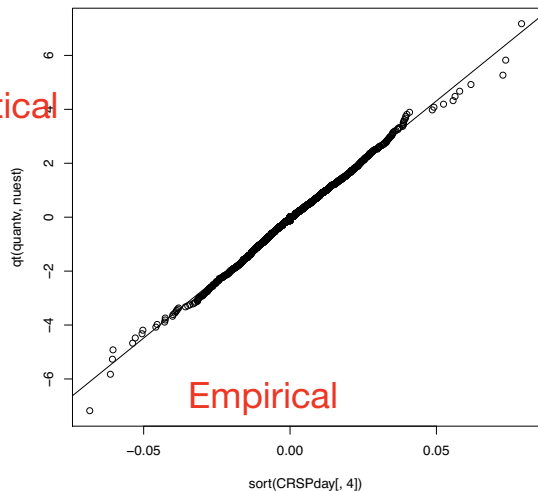
```
> fitfinal$cov
```

|       | ge           | ibm          | mobil        | crsp         |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ge    | 1.253813e-04 | 4.822132e-05 | 3.422277e-05 | 4.582990e-05 |
| ibm   | 4.822132e-05 | 1.820906e-04 | 2.297246e-05 | 3.835559e-05 |
| mobil | 3.422277e-05 | 2.297246e-05 | 1.154352e-04 | 2.796438e-05 |
| crsp  | 4.582990e-05 | 3.835559e-05 | 2.796438e-05 | 3.662112e-05 |

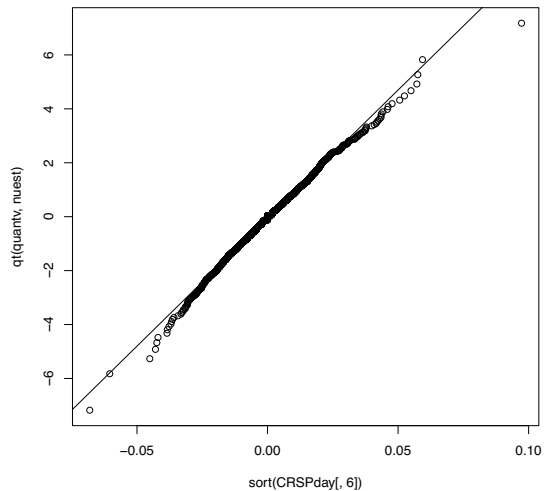
# CRSP - multivariate $t$ and QQ plots

GE - QQ plot for t-dist

Theoretical

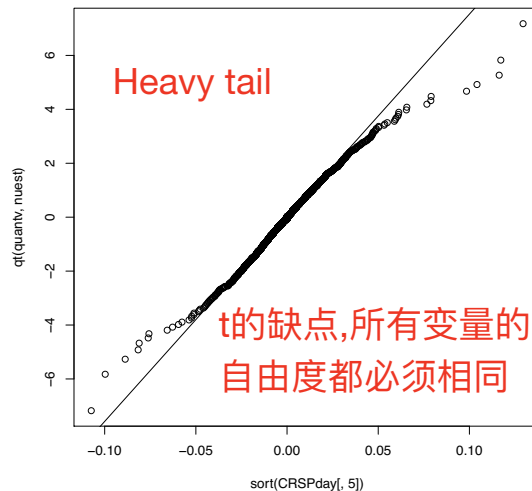


Mobil - QQ plot for t-dist

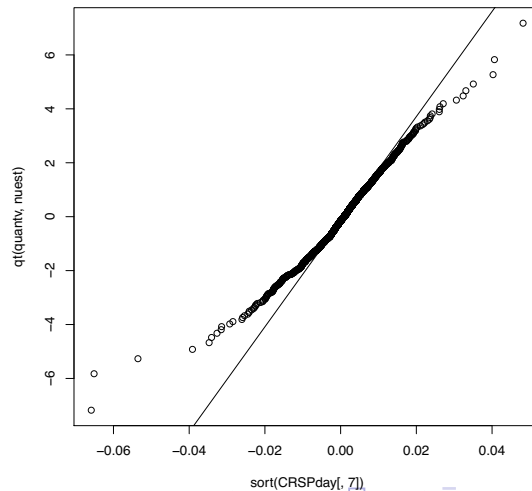


IBM - QQ plot for t-dist

Heavy tail



CRSP - QQ plot for t-dist



Implications:

# R-commands

```
> N = length(CRSPday[,4])
> quantv = (1/N)*seq(.5,N-.5,1)
> qqplot(sort(CRSPday[,4]),qt(quantv,nuest),main='GE - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),nuest)~quantile(CRSPday[,4],c(.25,.75))))

> qqplot(sort(CRSPday[,5]),qt(quantv,nuest),main='IBM - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),nuest)~quantile(CRSPday[,5],c(.25,.75))))

> qqplot(sort(CRSPday[,6]),qt(quantv,nuest),main='Mobil - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),nuest)~quantile(CRSPday[,6],c(.25,.75))))

> qqplot(sort(CRSPday[,7]),qt(quantv,nuest),main='CRSP - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),nuest)~quantile(CRSPday[,7],c(.25,.75))))
```

# Beyond Multivariate Normal Distribution

- Modeling dependencies between random variables important in financial applications.
- $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$  vs  $f_X(x)f_Y(y)$
- Remove the dependence on marginal distributions; focus on the intrinsic dependence between variables.

# Copulas

- Definition: Joint distribution of uniformly distributed random variables. If  $U_1, \dots, U_p$  are  $U(0, 1)$ , then

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_p) = P(U_1 \leq u_1, \dots, U_p \leq u_p)$$

is a **copula**. 把随机变量转化为uniform distribution

- Important fact:  $X$  random variable with CDF  $F(\cdot) \Rightarrow F(X)$  uniform on  $[0, 1]$ .
- If  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  are random variables with CDF's  $F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_p}$ , then the copula of

$$U_1 = F_{X_1}(X_1), \dots, \underline{U_p = F_{X_p}(X_p)}$$

is called the **copula of  $(X_1, \dots, X_p)$** .



# Properties

- $C$  is unique if  $F_{(X_1, \dots, X_p)}(x_1, \dots, x_p)$  is continuous.
- $C(u_1, \dots, u_p)$  is non-decreasing in each  $u_j$ .
- $C(1, \dots, 1, u_j, 1, \dots, 1) = u_j$ .
- $C$  does not change if one replaces any of the  $X_j$ 's by a non-decreasing function.  
思考rank和spearson correlation
  - Suppose  $(X, Y)$  are two random variables and  $(V, W) = (X + 2, e^Y)$ . The only difference between  $(X, Y)$  and  $(V, W)$  is a known transformation, and so it is natural to say that “dependency” between the two is in some sense the same.
- The joint CDF can be recovered from the copula and the marginal CDF's via  
通过多变量CDF获得copula

$$F_{(X_1, \dots, X_p)}(x_1, \dots, x_p) = C(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_p}(x_p))$$

**Example (a)** If  $F_{\mathbf{X}}$  is the joint cdf of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$ , and  $C$  is the copula cdf, derive the formula that

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_p) = C(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_p}(x_p))$$

**(b)** Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$  are independent – derive the copula model.

**(c)** If  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  has a copula model as given in part **(b)**, are the random variables independent?

**(d)** Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$  have a perfect (perhaps nonlinear) positive dependency. Derive the copula model.

**Answer.** (a)  $F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) = P[X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_p \leq x_p] = P[F_{X_1}(x_1) \leq F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_p}(x_p) \leq F_{X_p}(x_p)]$   
 $= C[F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_p}(x_p)]$

$$(b) C(u_1, \dots, u_p) = \prod_{i=1}^p u_i$$

(c) Yes

$$(d) C = \min\{u_1, \dots, u_p\}$$

# General Bivariate Distributions

- The joint density  $f_{(X,Y)}$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y) = C(F_X(x), F_Y(y)) \\ &= c(F_X(x), F_Y(y)) f_X(x) f_Y(y) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c(u, v) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u \partial v} C(u, v)$ .

- Specify a bivariate distribution by specifying the marginal distributions and a copula. 多变量联合pdf

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots) = c(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2), \dots) \prod f_{X_i}(x_i)$$

# Copula Models

- Independent copula

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_p) = u_1 \cdots u_p$$

- Gaussian copula  $C(u_1, u_2)$  只有correlation作为参数

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(u_1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(u_2)} e^{-(s^2 - 2\rho st + t^2)/2(1-\rho^2)} ds dt$$

- Marginals need not be Gaussian, e.g. Cauchy,  $t$ , and so on
- When marginals are Gaussian,  $\rho$  is the Pearson correlation.
- $t$  copula – parameters  $\nu$  and scale matrix  $\Omega$  correlation matrix
  - Corresponds to copula of multivariate  $t$  distributions
  - We can remove  $\mu$  and reduce to a correlation matrix because.....

# Copula Models: Overview

- Multivariate data modeling :

Univariate model/estimation for marginals



transform marginals



Copula modeling/estimation

$$\hat{F}_1, \dots, \hat{F}_p$$

$$\hat{F}_1(x_{11}), \hat{F}_1(x_{12}) \dots$$

$$\hat{F}_2(x_{21}), \hat{F}_2(x_{22}) \dots$$

- Have Gaussian-copula and  $t$ -copula
- For additional models, will present Archimedean-type (coming)
- Estimation can be
  - Full maximum-likelihood (joint estimation over whole model)
  - Pseudo maximum-likelihood (sequential estimation approach)

# Archimedean-type Copulas

$$C(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_d) = \underline{\phi^{-1}}(\underline{\phi(u_1)} + \dots + \phi(u_d))$$

- $\phi$  is function on  $[0, 1]$  and is called the generator – it satisfies that
  - $\phi$  is a strictly decreasing convex function
  - $\phi(0) = \infty, \phi(1) = 0$

## Picture



- All of these models, regardless of dimension are examples of exchangeable models - implications are that
- Focus on Gumbel, Clayton, and Frank

dependence between everybody is same

# Gumbel (logistic) Copula

- General  $d$ -dimensional Gumbel copula cdf:  $\Phi(u) = -\log u$

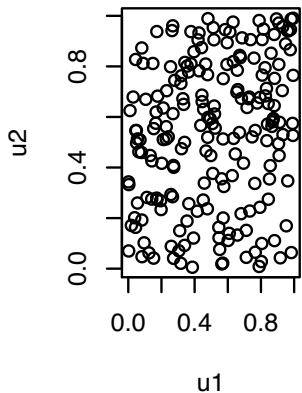
$$C(u_1, \dots, u_d) = e^{-[(-\log u_1)^\theta + \dots + (-\log u_d)^\theta]^{\frac{1}{\theta}}}, \quad \theta \geq 1$$

- Independence copula when  $\theta = 1$
- Copula of random variables with heavy tail distributions.

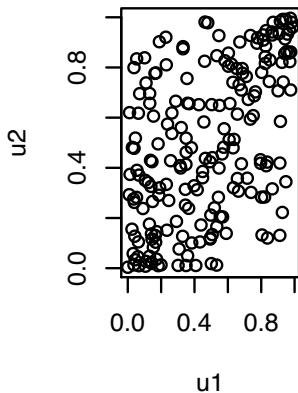
# Gumbel Scatter Plots

theta趋近0就没有dependency了

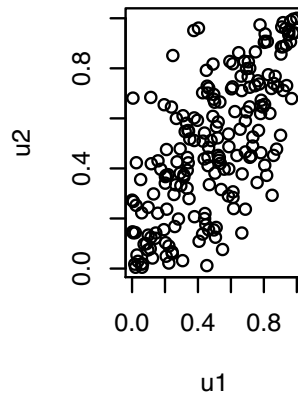
**gumbel - theta=1.1**



**gumbel - theta=1.5**

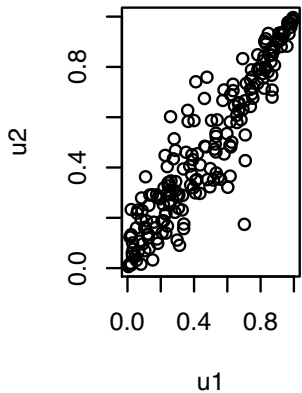


**gumbel - theta=2**

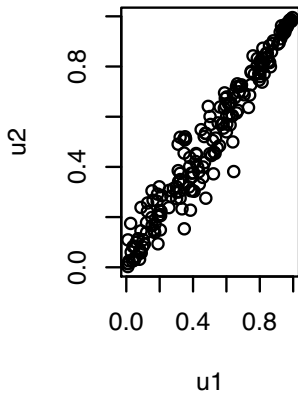


asymmetric model

**gumbel - theta=4**

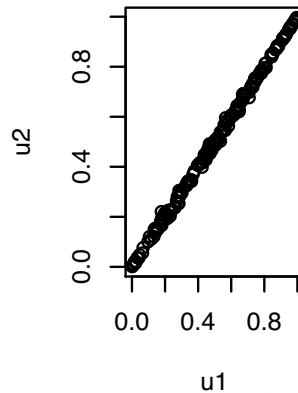


**gumbel - theta=8**



**gumbel - theta=50**

highly correlated





```

> library(copula)
> par(mfrow=c(2,3))
> c <- gumbelCopula(1.1, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=1.1')
> c <- gumbelCopula(1.5, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=1.5')
> c <- gumbelCopula(2, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=2')
> c <- gumbelCopula(4, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=4')
> c <- gumbelCopula(8, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=8')
> c <- gumbelCopula(50, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'gumbel - theta=50')

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# Clayton Copula

$$\phi(u) = u^{-\theta} - 1$$

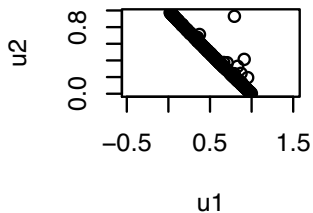
- General  $d$ -dimensional Clayton copula cdf:

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_d) = (u_1^{-\theta} + \dots + u_d^{-\theta} - d + 1)^{\frac{-1}{\theta}}, \quad \theta > 0$$

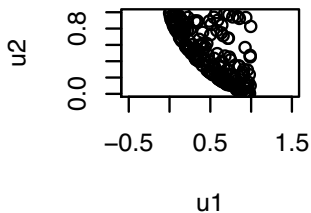
- Independence copula when  $\theta \rightarrow 0$
- Define clayton copula as independence copula when  $\theta = 0$

# Clayton Scatter Plots

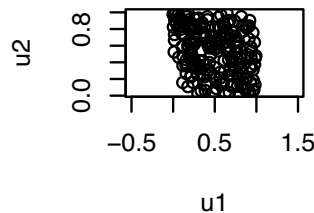
clayton - theta=-.98



clayton - theta=-.7

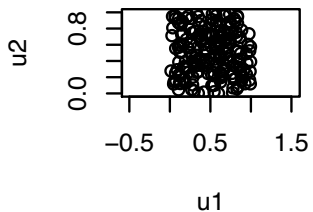


clayton - theta=-.3

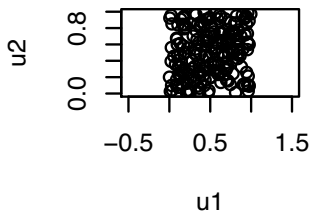


theta趋近于0, dependency逐渐消失

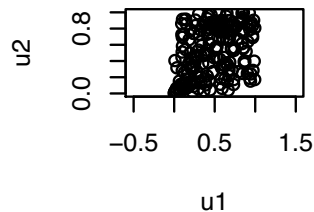
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clayton - theta=.1

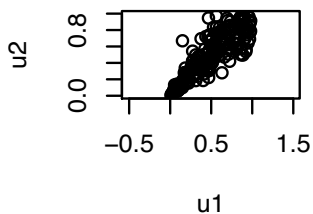


clayton - theta=1

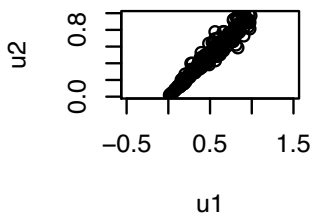


同样是asymmetric model

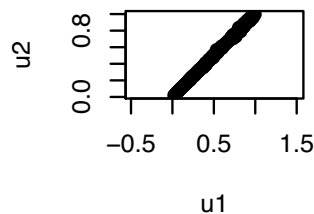
clayton - theta=5



clayton - theta=15



clayton - theta=100



```
library(copula)
par(mfrow=c(3,3))
c <- claytonCopula(-.98, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=-.98')
c <- claytonCopula(-.7, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=-.7')
c <- claytonCopula(-.3, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=-.3')
c <- claytonCopula(-.1, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=-.1')
c <- claytonCopula(.1, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=.1')
c <- claytonCopula(1, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=1')
```

```
c <- claytonCopula(5, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=5')
c <- claytonCopula(15, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=15')
c <- claytonCopula(100, dim = 2)
uv <- rCopula(100, c)
plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',asp=1,main = 'clayton - theta=100')
```

# Frank Copula

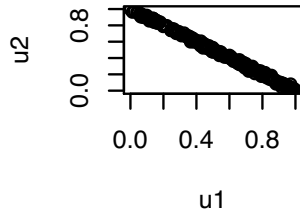
- Bivariate cdf for Frank copula model:

$$C(u_1, u_2) = -\frac{1}{\theta} \log \left[ 1 + \frac{(e^{-\theta u_1} - 1)(e^{-\theta u_2} - 1)}{e^{-\theta} - 1} \right] \quad -\infty < \theta < \infty$$

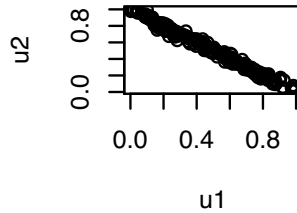
- Independence copula when  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  - define Frank as the independent copula when  $\theta = 0$  需要专门定义  $\theta=0$

# Frank Scatter Plots

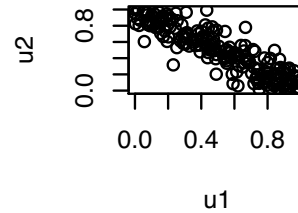
**frank - theta=-100**



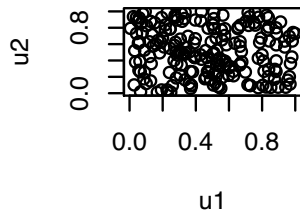
**frank - theta=-50**



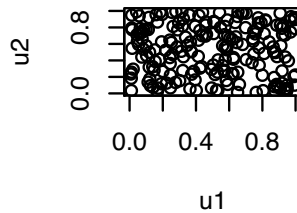
**frank - theta=-10**



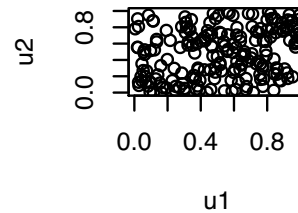
**frank - theta=-1**



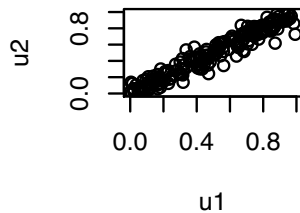
**frank - theta=0**



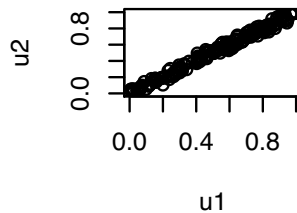
**frank - theta=5**



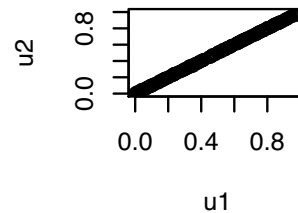
**frank - theta=20**



**frank - theta=50**



**frank - theta=500**



```

> library(copula)
> par(mfrow=c(3,3))
> c <- frankCopula(-100, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=-100')
> c <- frankCopula(-50, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=-50')
> c <- frankCopula(-10, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=-10')
> c <- frankCopula(-1, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=-1')
> c <- frankCopula(0, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=0')
> c <- frankCopula(1, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=5')
> c <- frankCopula(20, dim = 2)
> uv <- rCopula(200, c)
> plot(uv[,1],uv[,2],xlab='u1',ylab='u2',main = 'frank - theta=20')
> c <- frankCopula(50, dim = 2)

```



# Multivariate Estimation Using Copula/Utility

- Want "end-to-end" joint estimation approach
  - Maximum-likelihood (joint) vs. Pseudo-likelihood
- Assessing goodness of model
  - Comparison of bivariate empirical cdf's with estimated bivariate cdf's (with potential focus on tails) for copula
  - Model selection techniques (AIC and BIC) graphical
- Utility: Assessing portfolios  $\sum_{i=1}^p w_i R_i$  - utilize 用蒙特卡洛模拟计算VaR和ES来验证

# Model Selection: AIC and BIC

- In many problems, would like quantitative general theory for model selection
  - Getting more complicated models with more parameters will always potentially give a better fit to the data – question is how to tell
  - Examples:
    - Linear regression and choosing the independent variables
    - Multivariate modeling and choosing between models (on marginals and dependency)

- AIC criteria: choose model which minimizes

$$\text{AIC} = -2\ell\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML}\right) + 2p \quad \text{可以用来比较t和normal分布}$$

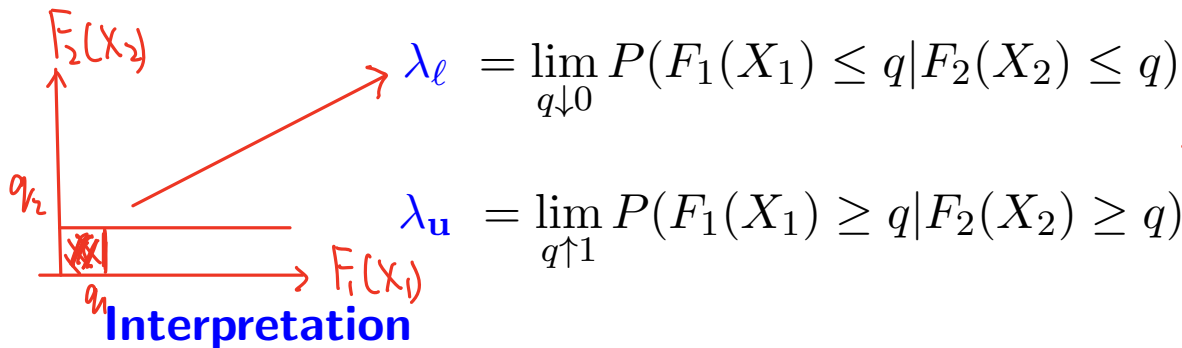
- BIC Criteria: choose model which minimizes

$$\text{BIC} = -2\ell\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML}\right) + \boxed{\log(n)p}$$

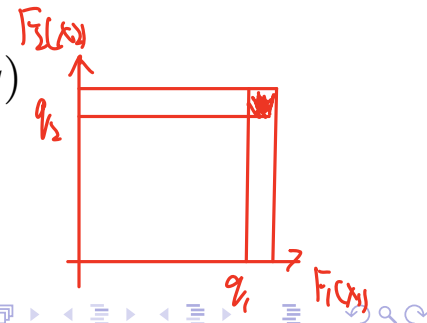
- $\ell$  is log likelihood
- $p$  is number of parameters
- $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML}$  is MLE estimate
- $n$  is sample size

# Tail Dependence (Section 8.7)

- For multivariate models, there is interest in tail dependency
  - Example: With  $X_1, X_2$  being relative returns of two assets, want to know probability of having large loss simultaneously in both
  - Answer can be quite different between the various models and has implications for assessing portfolio VaR
- Definition: With  $X_1, X_2$  above, the **lower and upper coefficients of tail dependence** are defined as



$$\lambda_u = \lim_{q \uparrow 1} P(F_1(X_1) \geq q | F_2(X_2) \geq q)$$



# Tail Dependency

**Example.** Suppose  $X_1, X_2$  are as on previous slide with copula model  $C$ .

(a) Derive expressions for the lower and upper coefficients of tail dependency in terms of the copula model.

(b) Assuming  $X_1, X_2$  are independent, derive the lower and upper coefficients of tail dependency.

(c) Assuming  $X_1, X_2$  have perfect co-monotonicity, derive the lower and upper coefficients of tail dependency.

**Answer.** (a)  $\lambda_l = \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} P[F_1(X_1) \leq q | F_2(X_2) \leq q] = \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[F_1(X_1) \leq q \wedge F_2(X_2) \leq q]}{P[F_2(X_2) \leq q]}$

$$= \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(q, q)}{q}$$

$$\lambda_u = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} 2 - \frac{1 - C(q, q)}{1 - q}$$

(b)  $C(q, q) = q^2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_l = 0 \\ \lambda_u = 0 \end{cases}$

(c) 1

# Copula Tail Dependency - Gaussian and t

- For Gaussian copula, turns out that

$$\lambda_\ell = \lambda_u = 0$$

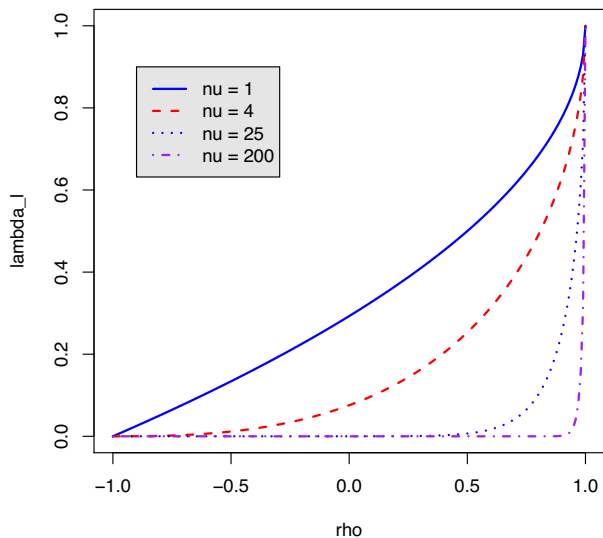
Use t distribution to  
catch tail dependence

- For  $t$ -copula with df  $\nu$  and correlation  $\rho$ ,

$$\lambda_u = \lambda_\ell = 2F_{t,\nu+1} \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{(\nu+1)(1-\rho)}{1+\rho}} \right]$$

where  $F_{t,\nu+1}$  is the cdf of the  $t$  distn with df,  $\nu+1$

Plot lambda\_l vs rho



- Note behavior when  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - justified since ....

# R-code for Plot

```
> # Tail dependency plot
> rhov = .99999999*seq(-1,1,.01)
> nuv = c(1,4,25,200)
> n = length(rhov)
> nnu = length(nuv)
> lambdau = matrix(0,nnu,n)
> for (j in 1:nnu){
+   for (i in 1:n){
+     lambdau[j,i] = 2*pt(-sqrt((nuv[j]+1)*(1-rhov[i]))/(1+rhov[i])),
+       nuv[j]+1)
+   }
+ }
> windows()
> plot(rhov,lambdau[1,],xlim=c(-1,1),ylim=c(0,1),xlab='rho',ylab=
+ 'lambda_1',type='l',lwd=2,col='blue',main='Plot lambda_1 vs rho')
> lines(rhov,lambdau[2,],lty=2,lwd=2,col='red')
> lines(rhov,lambdau[3,],lty=3,lwd=2,col='blue')
> lines(rhov,lambdau[4,],lty=4,lwd=2,col='purple')
> legend(-.9,.9, c("nu = 1","nu = 4","nu = 25","nu = 200"),lty=c(1,2,
+ 3,4),lwd=c(2,2,2,2),col=c("blue","red","blue","purple"), bg="gray90")
```

# Example: Joint Copula Estimation

**Data:** IBM and CRSP daily return data in Ecdat library

**Objective 1:** Fit a joint distribution to the data via copula method

- Recall the 3 steps

**Objective 2:** Utilize the joint model to find minimum VaR at  $\alpha = .005$       Search w

```

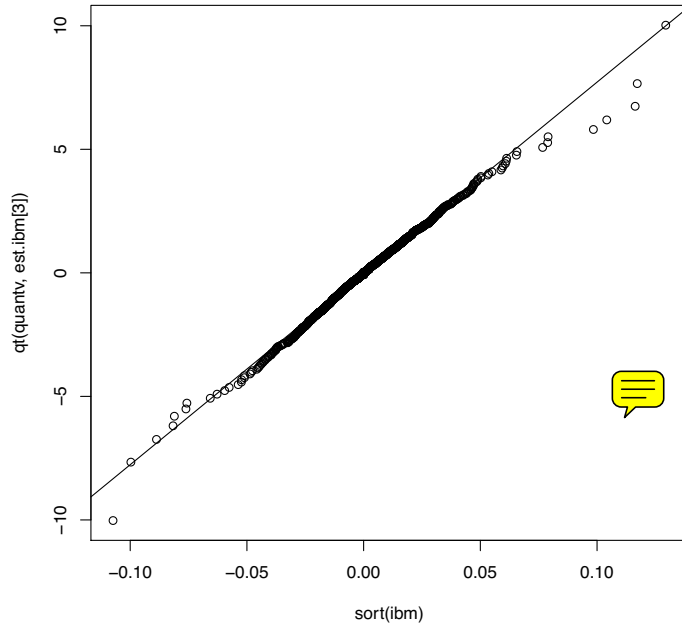
> library(Ecdat) # need for the data
> library(copula) # for copula functions
> library(fGarch) # need for standardized t density
> library(MASS) # need for fitdistr and kde2d
> library(fCopulae) # additional copula functions (pempiricalCopula
>                  # and ellipticalCopulaFit)
> data(CRSPday,package="Ecdat")
> ibm = CRSPday[,5]
> crsp = CRSPday[,7]
> est.ibm = as.numeric(fitdistr(ibm,"t")$estimate)
> est.crsp = as.numeric(fitdistr(crsp,"t")$estimate)
> est.ibm
[1] 0.0002936796 0.0126959301 4.2761559095
> est.crsp
[1] 0.0009034741 0.0052196399 3.4739822923
> N = length(ibm)
> quantv = (1/N)*seq(.5,N-.5,1)
> qqplot(sort(ibm),qt(quantv,est.ibm[3]),
+ main='IBM - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),est.ibm[3])~quantile(ibm,c(.25,.75))))
> qqplot(sort(crsp),qt(quantv,est.crsp[3]),
+ main='CRSP - QQ plot for t-dist')
> abline(lm(qt(c(.25,.75),est.crsp[3])~quantile(crsp,c(.25,.75))))

```

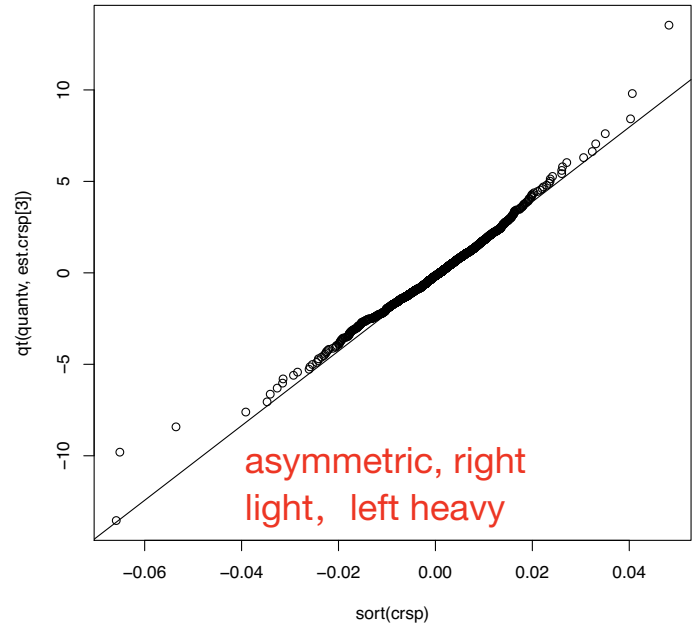


# QQ Plots of Marginal distributional estimates

IBM – QQ plot for t-dist



CRSP – QQ plot for t-dist



# Estimation of Copulas - Example R-code

```
> # Need to convert to standard deviation for incorporating within "ptsd"
> est.ibm[2] = est.ibm[2]*sqrt(est.ibm[3]/(est.ibm[3]-2))
> est.crsp[2] = est.crsp[2]*sqrt(est.crsp[3]/(est.crsp[3]-2))
>
> # Generating initial estimate of correlation for t-copula
> cor_tau = cor(ibm,crsp,method="spearman")
> omega = cor_tau
> omega
[1] 0.4735411
> n = length(ibm)
> data1 = cbind(pstd(ibm,mean=est.ibm[1],sd=est.ibm[2],nu=est.ibm[3]),
+ pstd(crsp,mean=est.crsp[1],sd=est.crsp[2],nu=est.crsp[3]))
>
> cop_t_dim2 = tCopula(omega, dim = 2, dispstr = "un", df = 4)
> ft1 = fitCopula(cop_t_dim2, optim.method="L-BFGS-B", data=data1,
+ start=c(omega,5),lower=c(0,2.5),upper=c(.5,15) )
> ft1
```

The estimation is based on the maximum pseudo-likelihood and a sample of size 2528.

|       | Estimate  | Std. Error | z value  | Pr(> z ) |
|-------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|
| rho.1 | 0.4936568 | 0.02459639 | 20.07029 | 0        |
| df    | 9.8536751 | NA         | NA       | NA       |

The maximized loglikelihood is 361.9846

The convergence code is 0

# Estimation of Copulas - Example R-code

```
> fnorm = fitCopula(data=data1,copula=normalCopula(.3,dim=2),  
+ optim.method="BFGS",start=.5)
```

```
> fnorm
```

The estimation is based on the maximum pseudo-likelihood  
and a sample of size 2528.

|       | Estimate | Std. Error | z value  | Pr(> z ) |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| rho.1 | 0.490532 | 0.01352036 | 36.28098 | 0        |

The maximized loglikelihood is 347.1844

The convergence code is 0

```
> fgumbel = fitCopula(data=data1,optim.method="BFGS",  
+ copula=gumbelCopula(3,dim=2),start=2)
```

```
> fgumbel
```

The estimation is based on the maximum pseudo-likelihood  
and a sample of size 2528.

|       | Estimate | Std. Error | z value  | Pr(> z ) |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| param | 1.430171 | 0.02222564 | 64.34779 | 0        |

The maximized loglikelihood is 313.2257

The convergence code is 0

# Estimation of Copulas - Example R-code

```
> ffrank = fitCopula(data=data1,optim.method="BFGS",  
+ copula=frankCopula(3,dim=2),start=1)  
> ffrank
```

The estimation is based on the maximum pseudo-likelihood  
and a sample of size 2528.

|       | Estimate | Std. Error | z value  | Pr(> z ) |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| param | 3.301376 | 0.136598   | 24.16856 | 0        |

The maximized loglikelihood is 325.2867

The convergence code is 0

```
> fclayton = fitCopula(data=data1,optim.method="BFGS",  
+ copula=claytonCopula(1,dim=2),start=1)  
> fclayton
```

The estimation is based on the maximum pseudo-likelihood  
and a sample of size 2528.

|       | Estimate | Std. Error | z value  | Pr(> z ) |
|-------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| param | 0.704918 | 0.03292131 | 21.41221 | 0        |

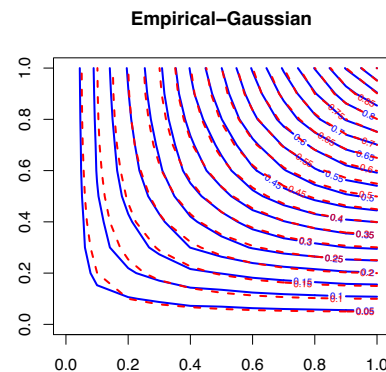
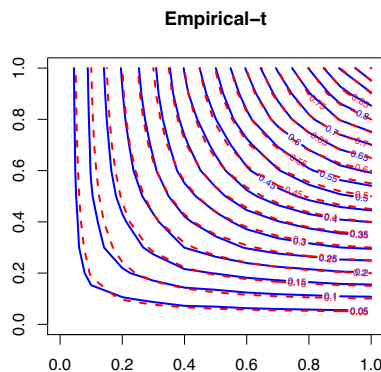
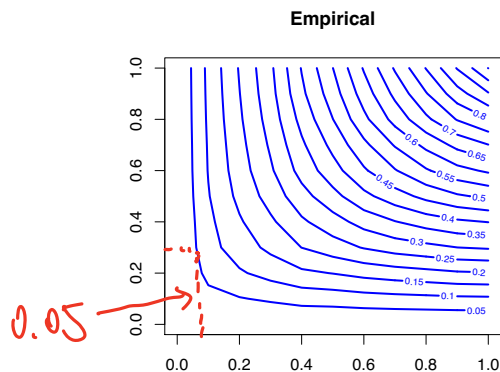
The maximized loglikelihood is 293.1102

The convergence code is 0

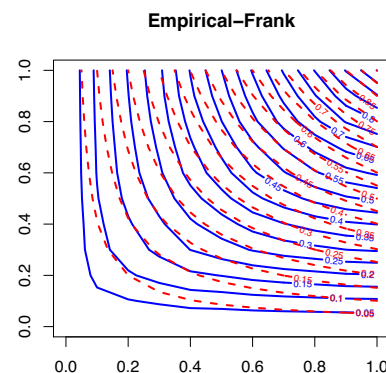
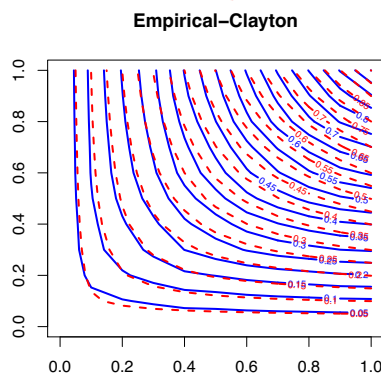
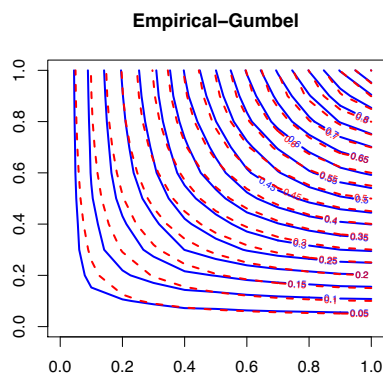
# Diagnostic Plots for Copulas Estimation

bivariate CDF 等高线 plot

- Solid-blue - empirical cdf & dashed-red - parametric copula cdf



$$\hat{F}_n(u, v) = \# \{ (F_X(x), F_Y(y)) \leq (u, v) \}$$



# Diagnostic Plots for Copulas Estimation - Example R-code

```
> u1 = data1[,1]
> u2 = data1[,2]
> dem = pempiricalCopula(u1,u2)
>
> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical",col='blue',lty=1,lwd=2,nlevel=20)

> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical-t",col='blue',lty=1,lwd=2,nlevel=20)
> ct = tCopula (ft1@estimate[1], dim = 2, dispstr = "un", df = ft1@estimate[2])
> utdis = rCopula(100000,ct)
> demt = pempiricalCopula(utdis[,1],utdis[,2])
> contour(demt$x,demt$y,demt$z,main="t",col='red',lty=2,lwd=2,add=TRUE,
+ nlevel=20)

> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical-Gaussian",col='blue',lty=1,lwd=2,
+ nlevel=20)
> cn <- normalCopula(fnorm@estimate[1], dim = 2, dispstr = "un")
> utdis = rCopula(100000,cn)
> demt = pempiricalCopula(utdis[,1],utdis[,2])
> contour(demt$x,demt$y,demt$z,main="Gauss",col='red',lty=2,lwd=2,add=TRUE,
+ nlevel=20)
```

```

> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical-Gumbel",col='blue',lty=1,lwd=2,
+ nlevel=20)
> cg <- gumbelCopula(fgumbel@estimate, dim = 2)
> utdis = rCopula(100000,cg)
> demt = pempiricalCopula(utdis[,1],utdis[,2])
> contour(demt$x,demt$y,demt$z,col='red',lty=2,lwd=2,add=TRUE,nlevel=20)

> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical-Clayton",col='blue',
+ lty=1,lwd=2,nlevel=20)
> cc <- claytonCopula(fcclayton@estimate, dim = 2)
> utdis = rCopula(100000,cc)
> demt = pempiricalCopula(utdis[,1],utdis[,2])
> contour(demt$x,demt$y,demt$z,col='red',lty=2,lwd=2,add=TRUE,
+ nlevel=20)

> contour(dem$x,dem$y,dem$z,main="Empirical-Frank",col='blue',
+ lty=1,lwd=2,nlevel=20)
> cf <- frankCopula(fcclayton@estimate, dim = 2)
> utdis = rCopula(100000,cf)
> demt = pempiricalCopula(utdis[,1],utdis[,2])
> contour(demt$x,demt$y,demt$z,col='red',lty=2,lwd=2,add=TRUE,
+ nlevel=20)

```

# Copula-based VaR

**Objective:** Based on results from IBM and CRSP, utilize the copula estimation for doing VaR at  $\alpha$

- Step 1: Simulate  $(U_1, V_1), \dots, (U_n, V_n)$  from copula model  $C$ , and then utilize the marginal quantile functions, i.e.,

$$(X_i, Y_i) = (F_1^{-1}(U_i), F_2^{-1}(V_i))$$

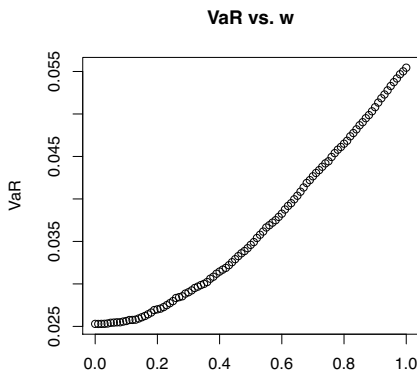
**Exercise** Show that the distribution of above corresponds to the copula model.

- Step 2: For weighting  $0 \leq w \leq 1$ , compute the  $\alpha$ -quantile of  $\{wX_i + (1 - w)Y_i\}_1^n$ , and optimize over  $w$ .



## Example Calculation of Copula-Based VaR

```
> ct = tCopula (ft1@estimate[1], dim = 2, dispstr = "un", df = ft1@estimate[2])
> uvsim = rCopula(100000,ct)
> w = seq(0,1,.01)
> n = length(w)
> VaRv = rep(0,n)
> data_sim = cbind(qstd(uvsim[,1],mean=est.ibm[1],sd=est.ibm[2],nu=est.ibm[3]),
+ qstd(uvsim[,2],mean=est.crsp[1],sd=est.crsp[2],nu=est.crsp[3]))
>
> for (i in 1:n){
+ datat = w[i]*data_sim[,1] + (1-w[i])*data_sim[,2];
+ VaRv[i] = -quantile(datat,.005)
+ }
> plot(w,VaRv,xlab='w',ylab='VaR',main="VaR vs. w")
> wmax = w[which.min(VaRv)]
> VaR = VaRv[which.min(VaRv)]
> c(wmax,VaR)
[1] 0.00000000 0.02540281
```



由于IBM和CRSP之间有很强的相关性,拟合结果说明 $w=0$ ,只投资CRSP

# AIC Criteria

- Recall that the bivariate pdf model is given by

$$f(x_1, x_2; \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_c) = c_\theta(F_{1\theta_1}(x_1), F_{2\theta_2}(x_2))f_{1,\theta_1}(x_1)f_{2,\theta_2}(x_2)$$

- For the pseudo log-likelihood function approach (i.e., estimating the marginals first), utilizing the AIC criteria to compare copula models amounts to focusing on log-likelihood of copula estimation alone. Justify.

```
> AIC_t = -2*ft1@loglik+2*2
> AIC_gauss = -2*fnorm@loglik+2*1
> AIC_gumbel = -2*fgumbel@loglik+2*1
> AIC_clayton = -2*fclayton@loglik+2*1
> AIC_frank = -2*ffrank@loglik+2*1
> c(AIC_t,AIC_gauss,AIC_gumbel,AIC_clayton,AIC_frank)
[1] -719.9693 -692.3688 -624.4514 -584.2204 -648.5734
```

t最好