

Evaluating extreme quantile forecasts

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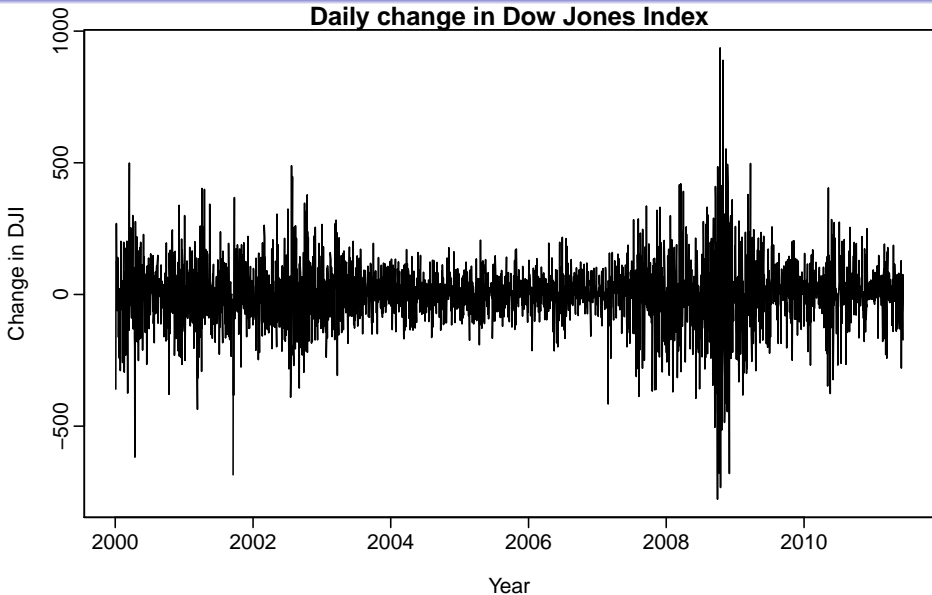


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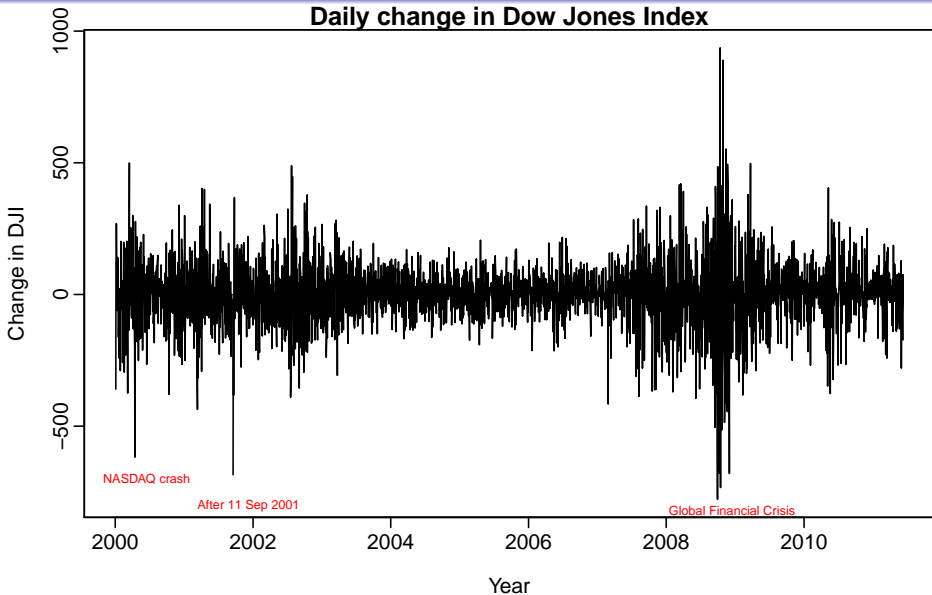
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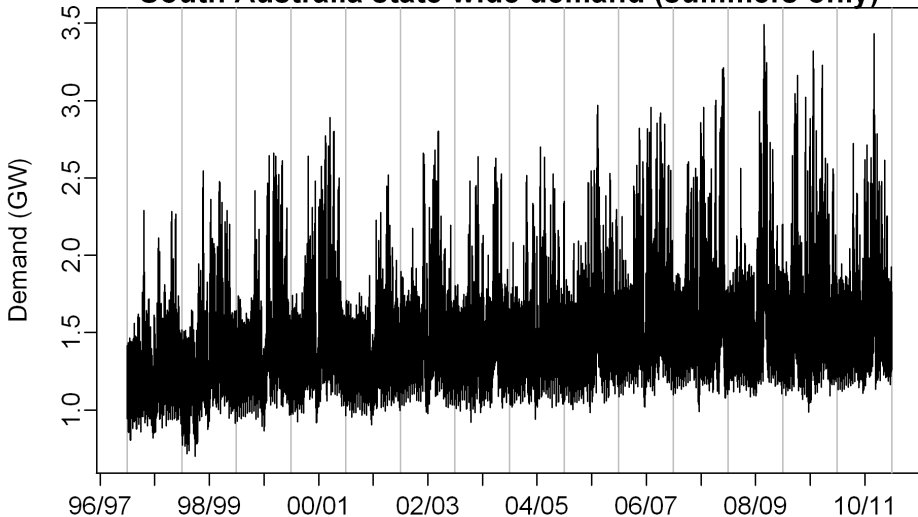


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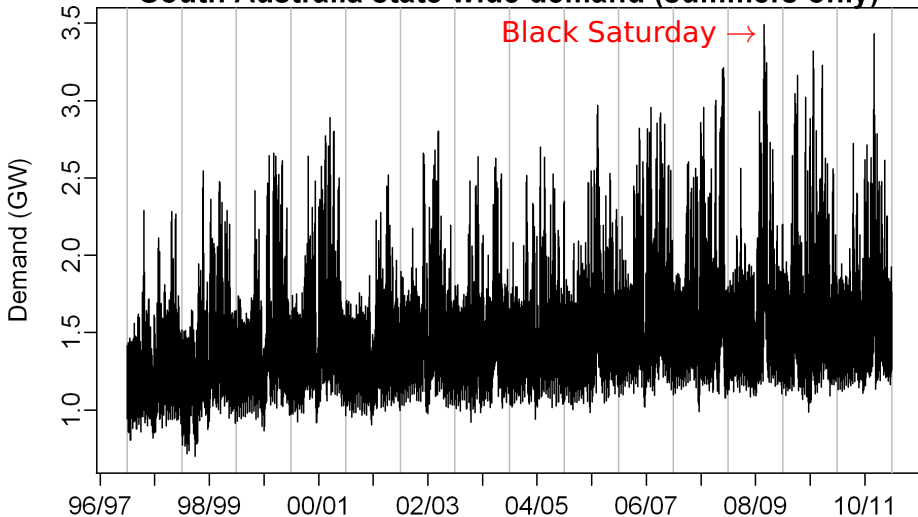
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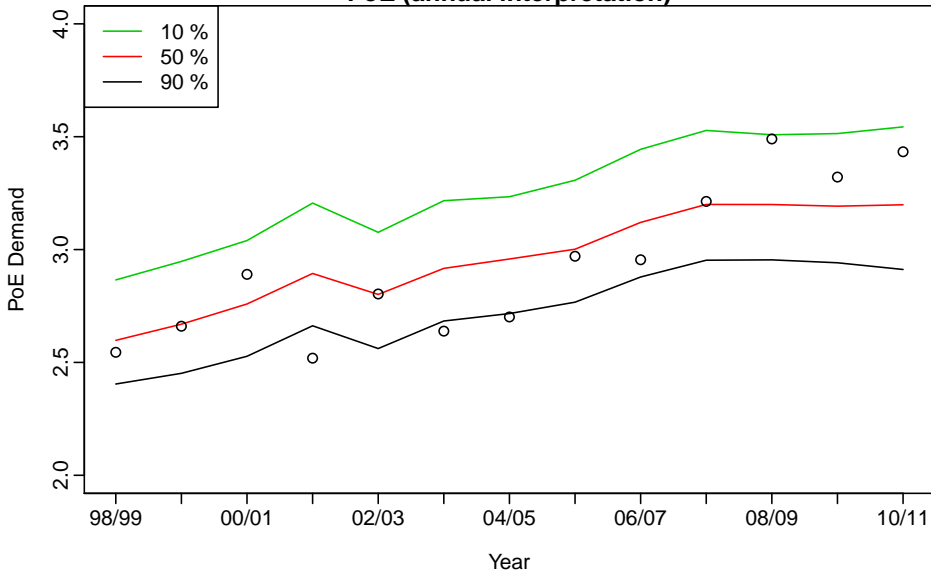
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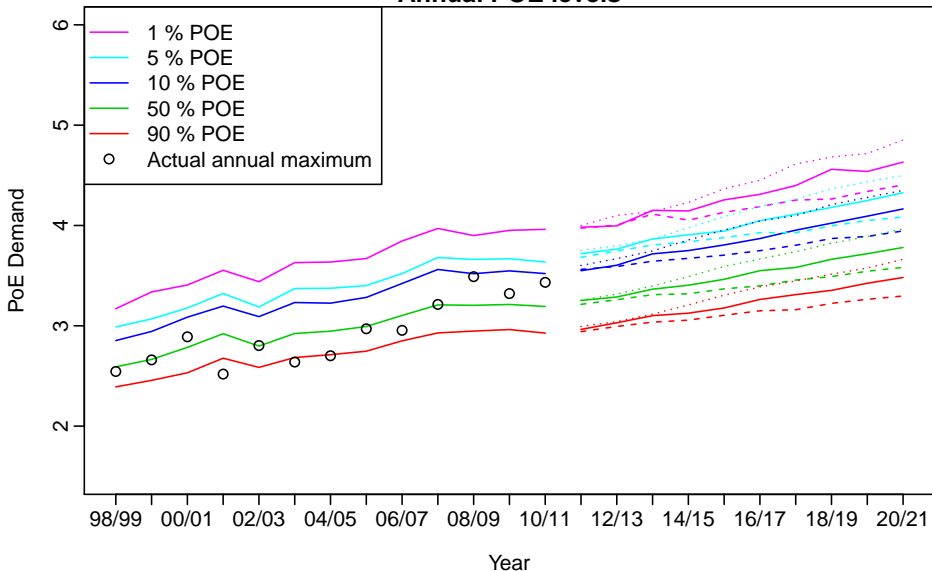
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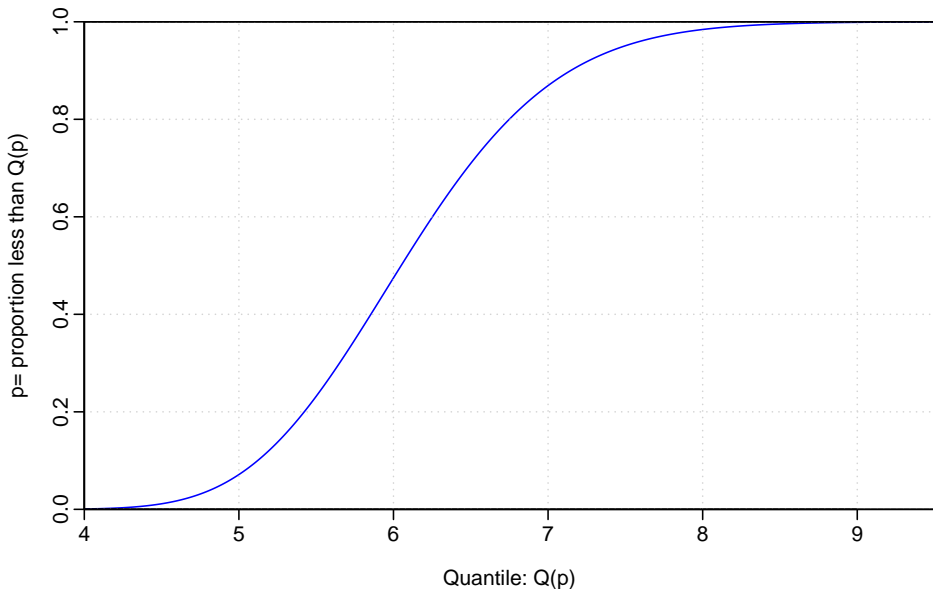
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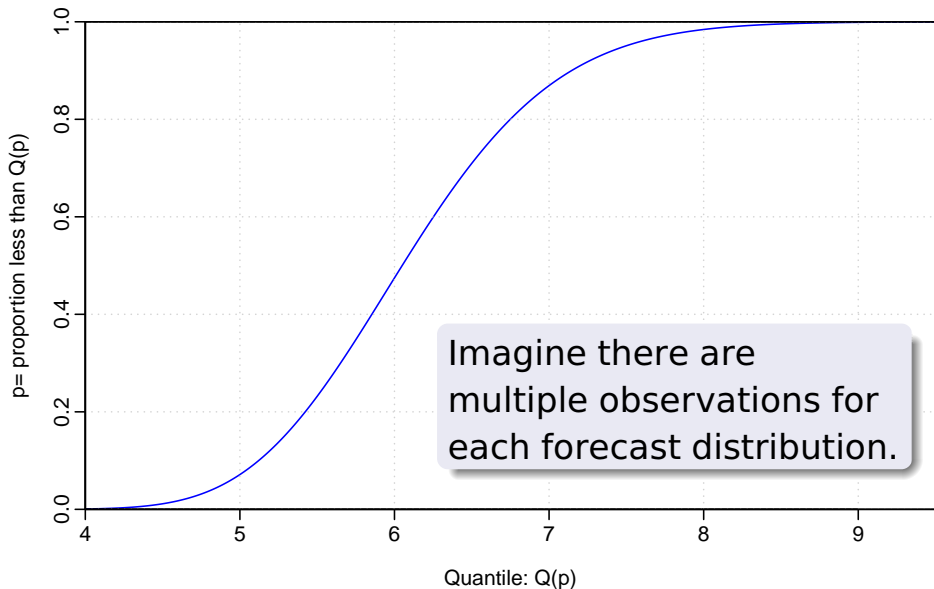
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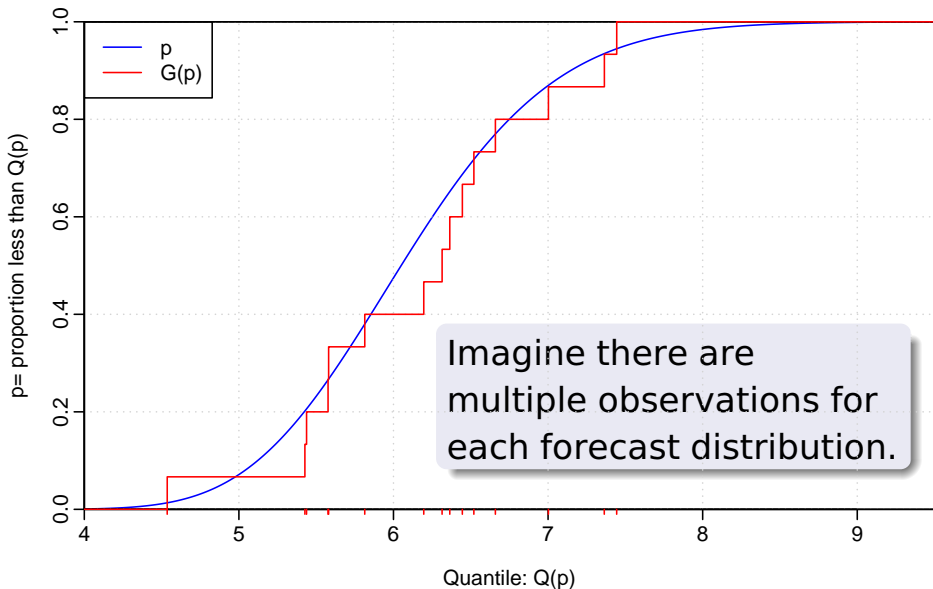
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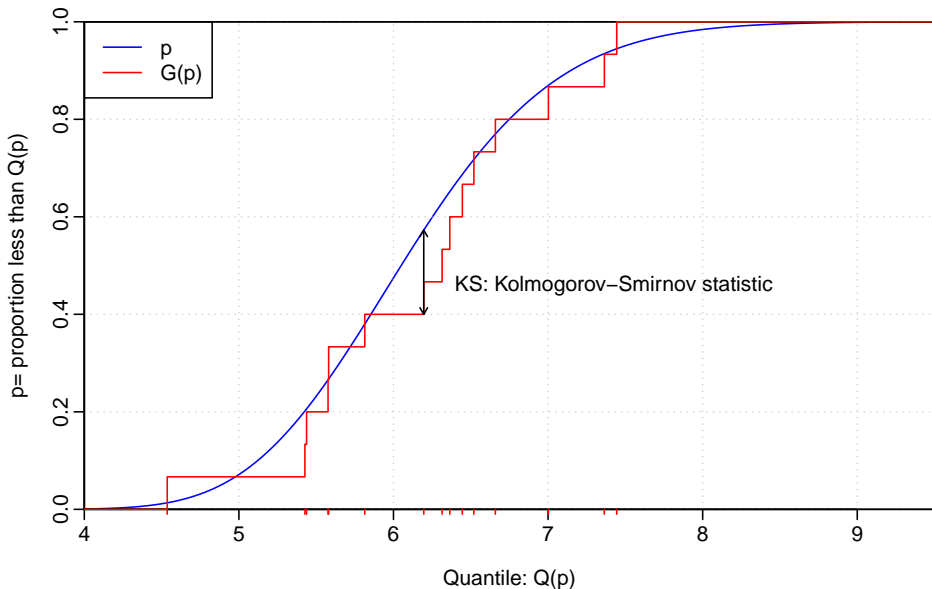
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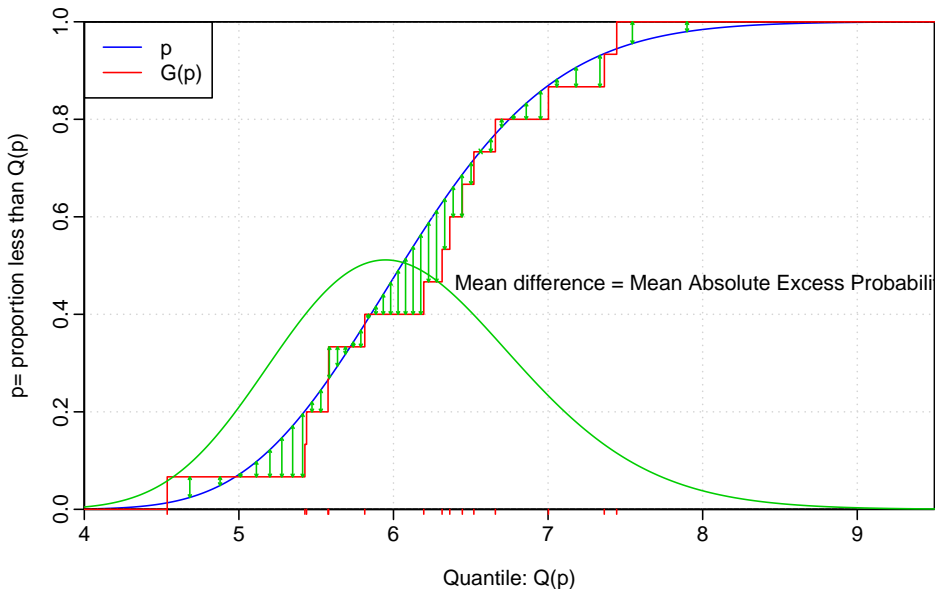
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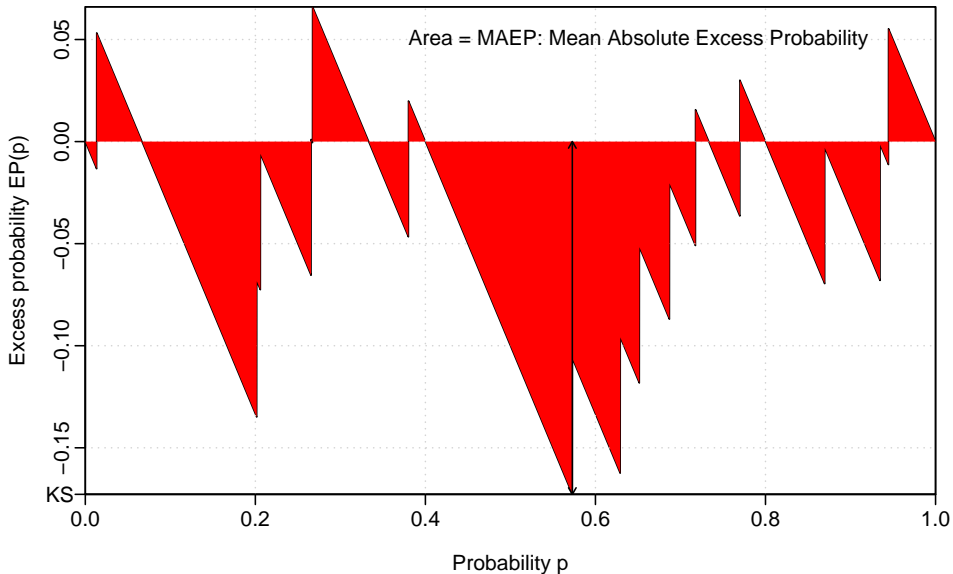
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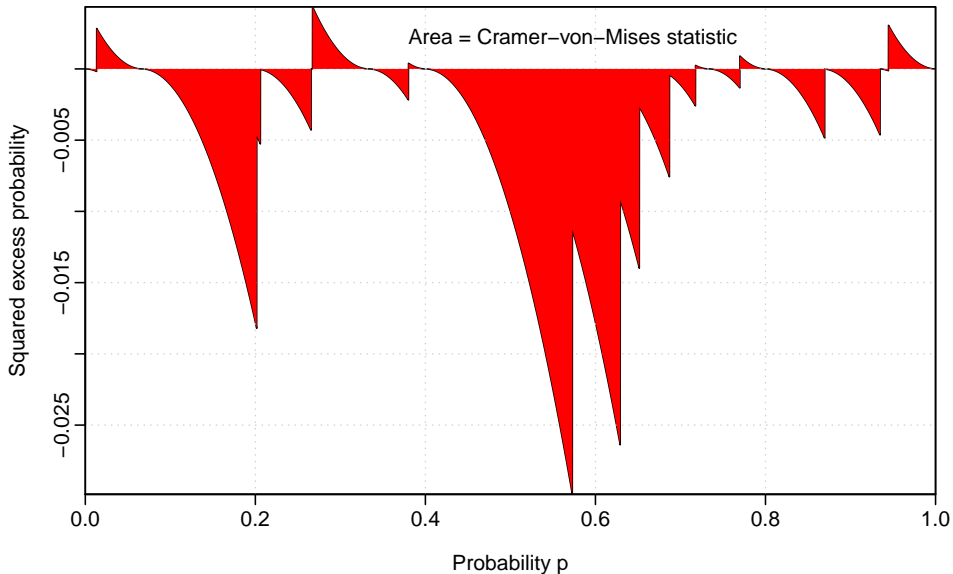
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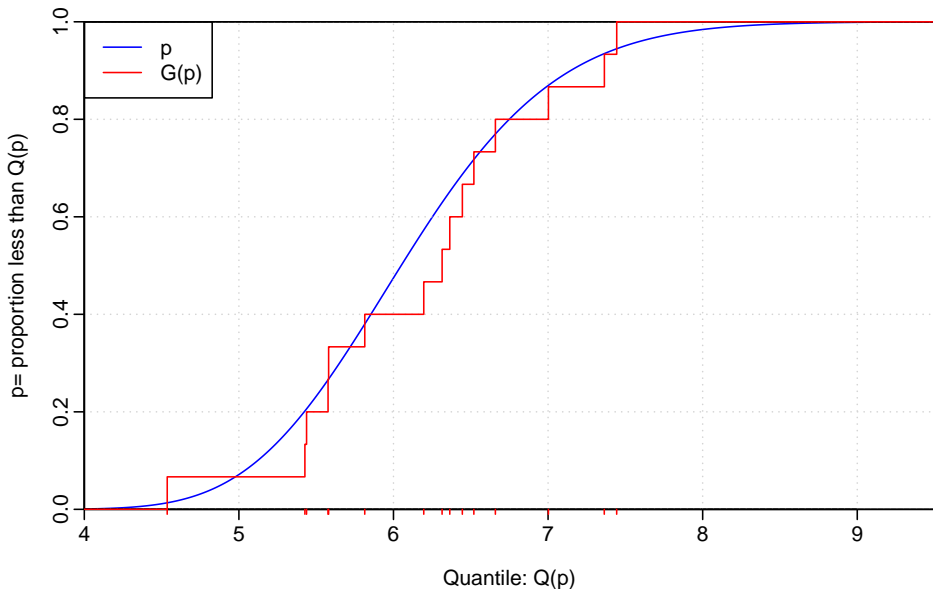
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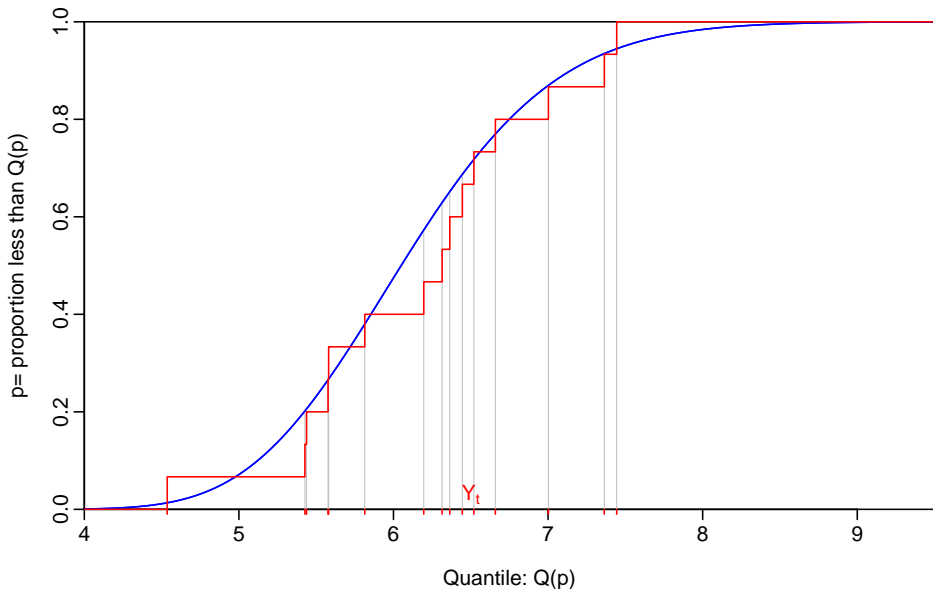
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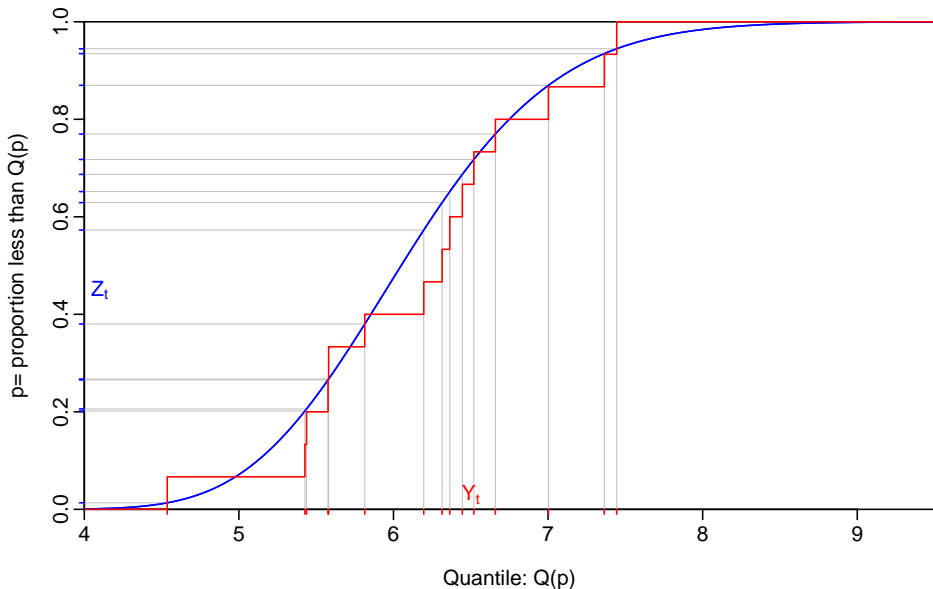
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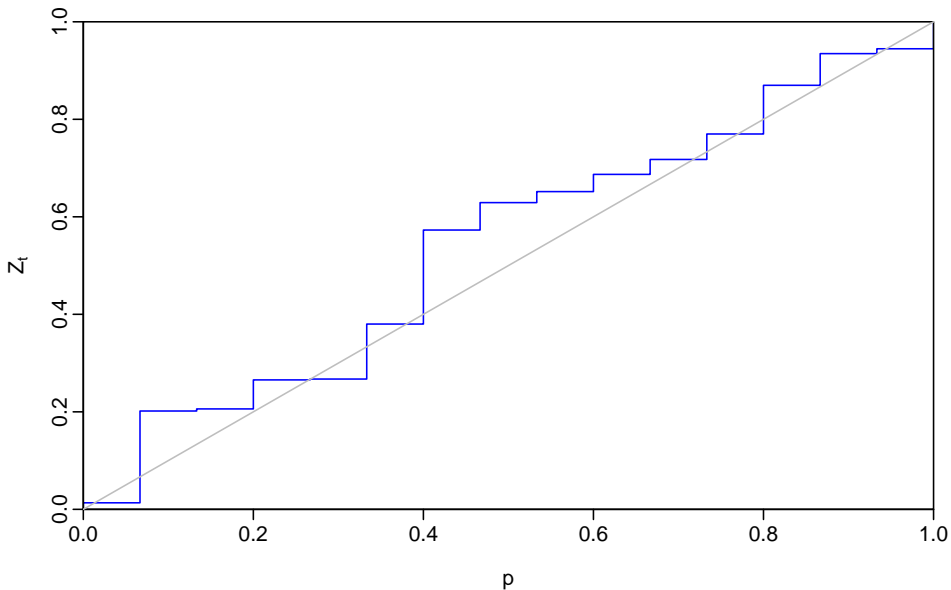
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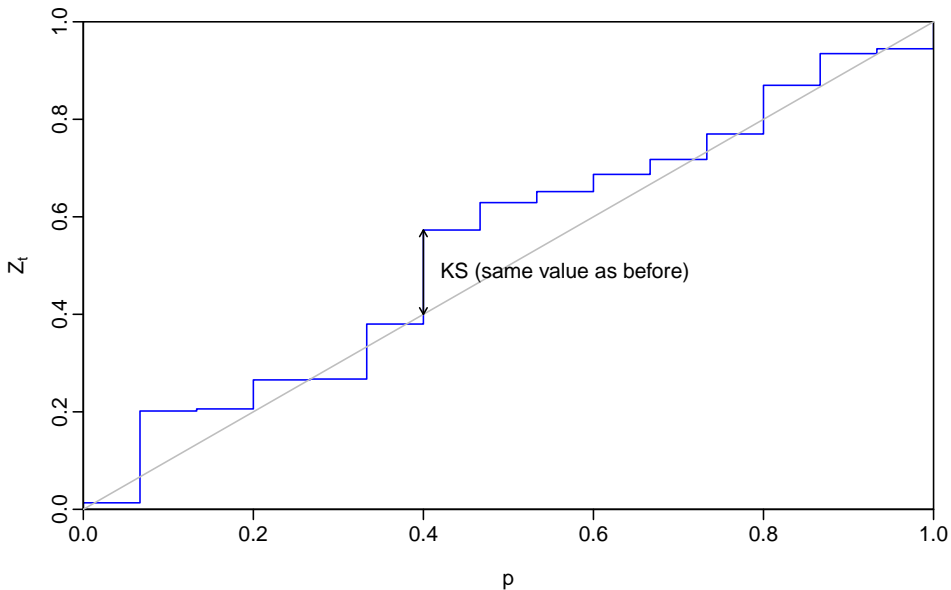
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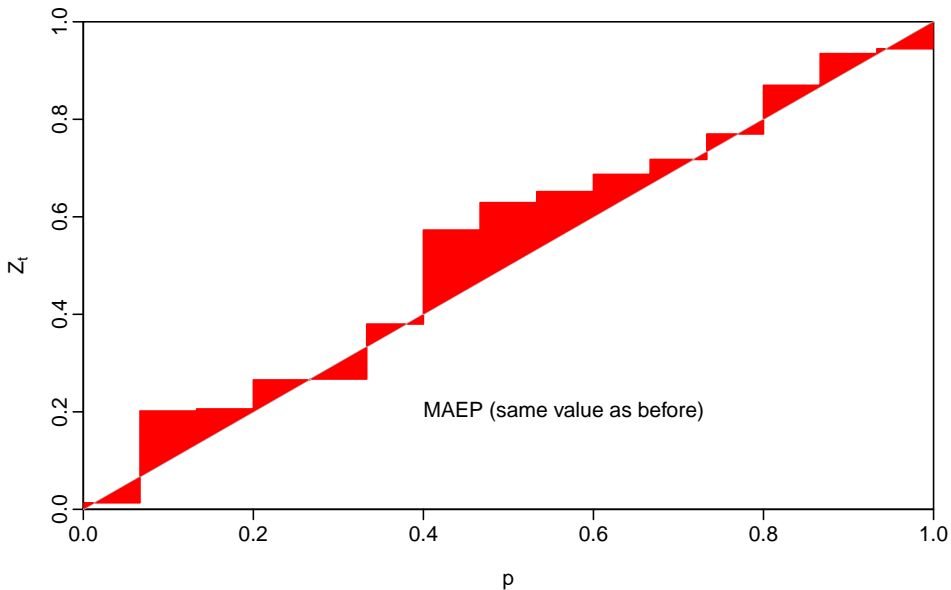
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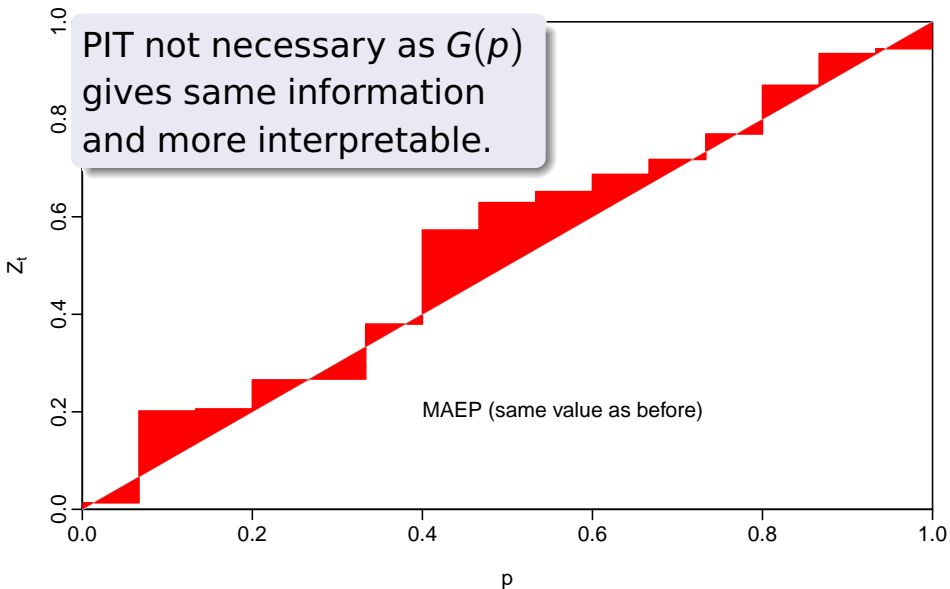
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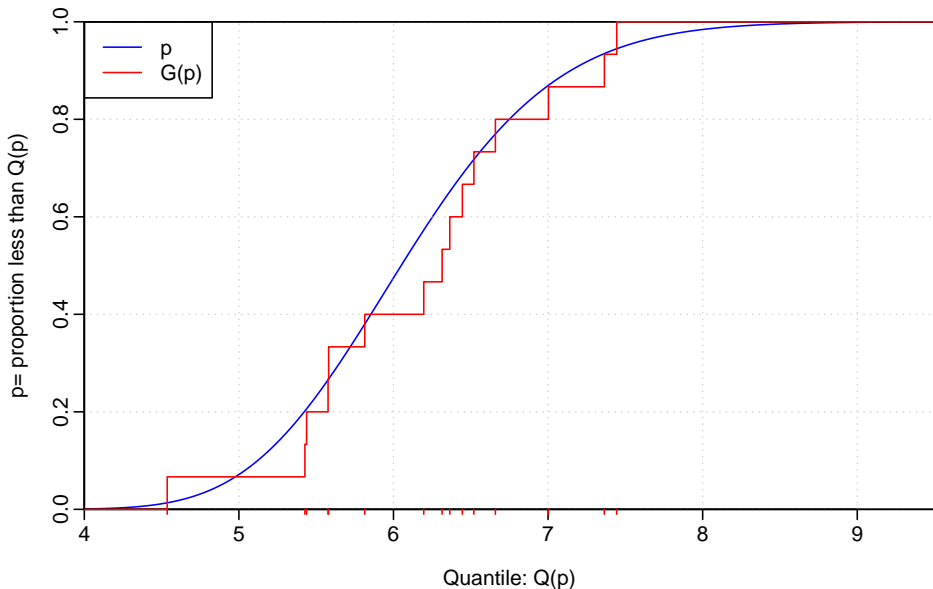
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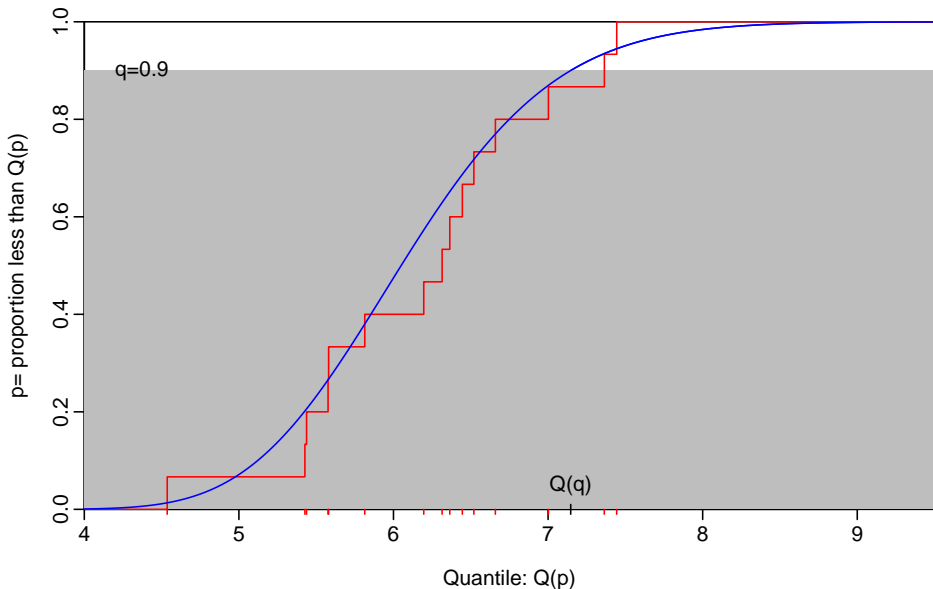
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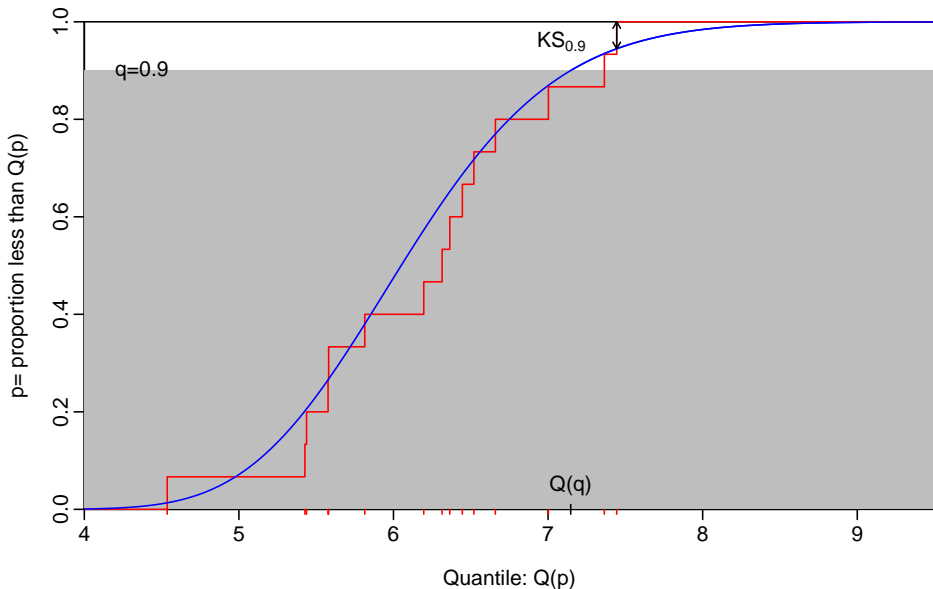
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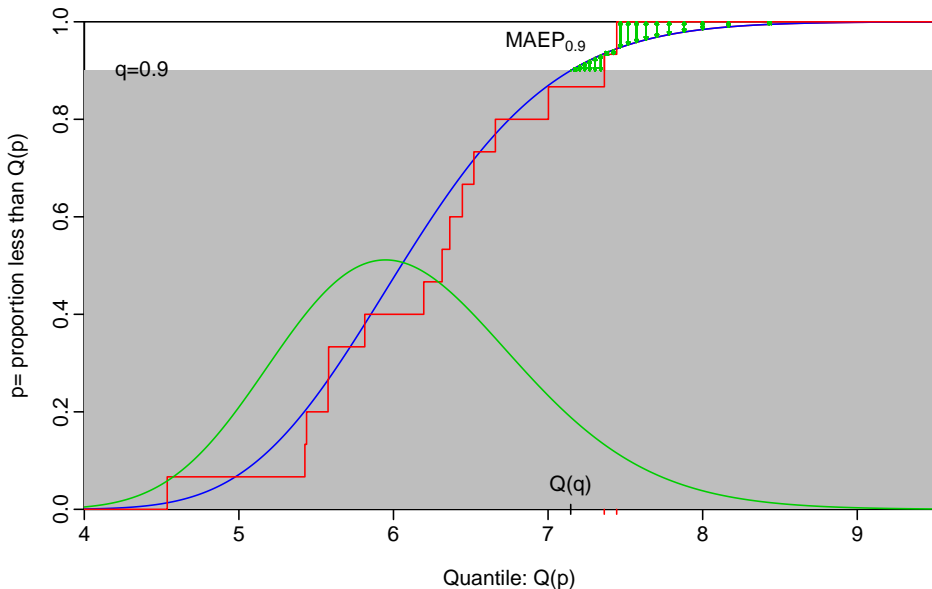
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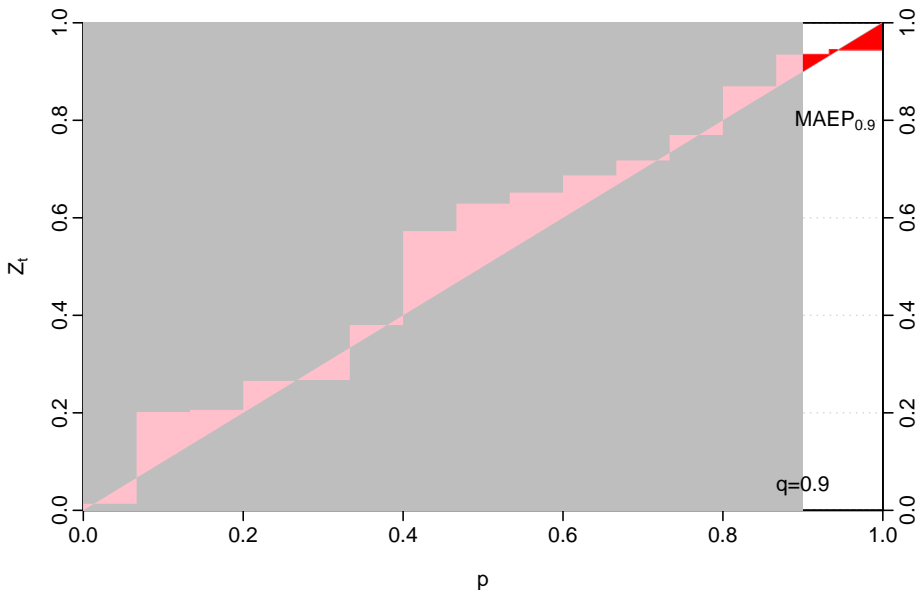
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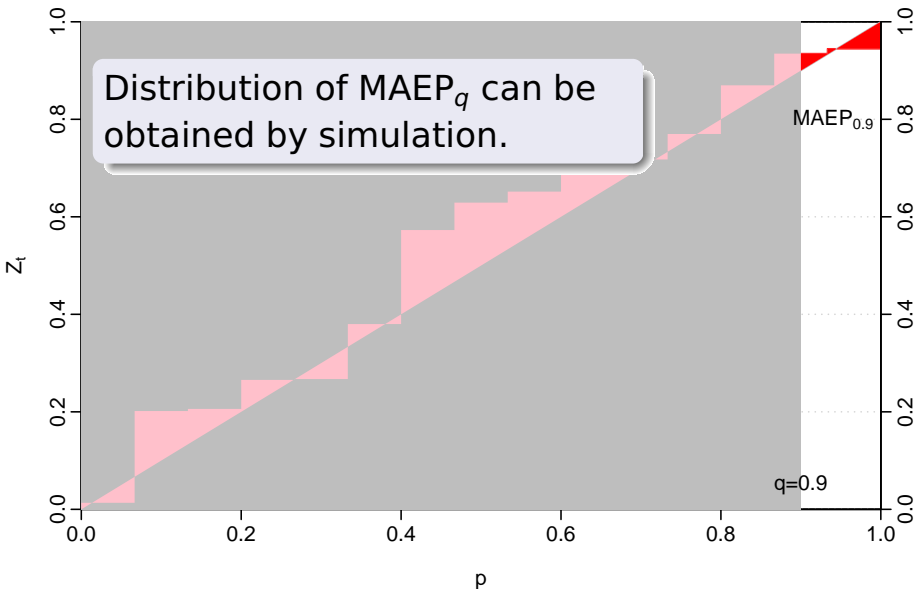
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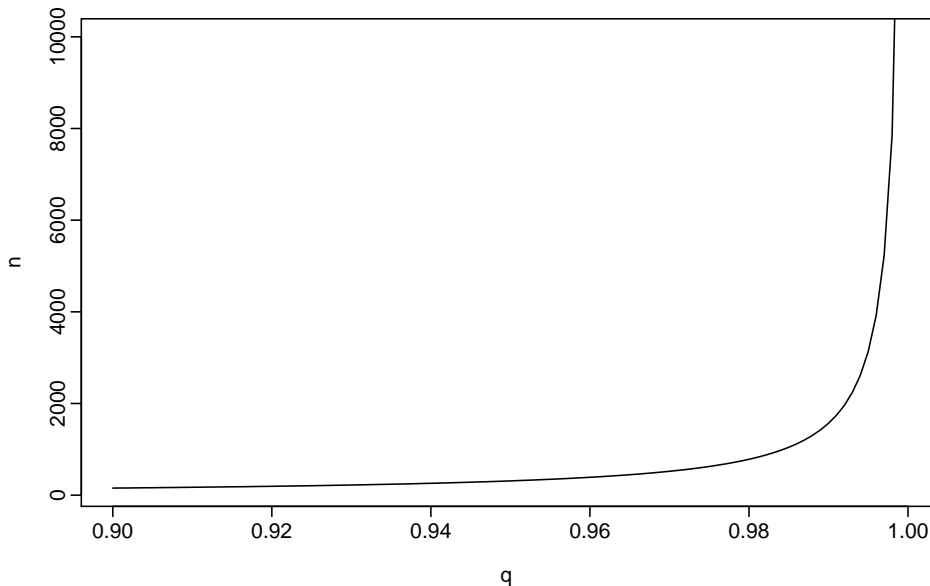
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- Therefore $q \leq 0.971$ and $\alpha \geq 0.46$.

Model evaluation for electricity demand

	$q = 0.95$	$q = 0.90$	$q = 0.50$	$q = 0.10$	$q = 0.0$
Ex ante	4.35%	5.59%	9.25%	10.73%	10.31%
Ex post	3.79%	4.28%	5.24%	7.95%	8.24%