

Exercice: Tiago de Oliveira's formula

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Exercise (Tiago de Oliveira's formula). The goal of this exercise is to show a formula due to Tiago de Oliveira: assume that $F(x, y) = \exp(-(\exp(-x) + \exp(-y))k(y-x))$. Then

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \log k(w) dw. \quad (1)$$

(a) Show Hoeffding's formula:

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \int (F(x, y) - F(x)F(y)) dx dy.$$

(b) Consider the change of variables $w = y-x$ and $v = -\log(\exp(-x) + \exp(-y))$. Show that

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = \int \exp(-\exp(-v)k(w)) - \exp(-\exp(-v)) dv dw.$$

(c) Deduce Tiago de Oliveira's formula (1).

(d) Application: when

$$\mathbf{F}_\varepsilon(x, y) = \exp\left(-\left(e^{-x/\lambda} + e^{-y/\lambda}\right)^\lambda\right),$$

show that

$$\text{cor}(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} (1 - \lambda^2).$$

[Hint: one may admit without a proof that

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \log(1 + e^{-w}) dw = \pi^2/12$$

which is $\eta(2)$, where η is Dirichlet's eta function.]