A Simulation Study of Pseudo-Likelihood Information Criteria for Copula Model Selection

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1 Abstract

One of the fundamental problems in dependence modeling is the selection of an appropriate parametric copula model. In [1], it was shown that using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) based on the pseudo-log-likelihood is not justified for selecting parametric copula models. As a possible alternative, the authors proposed the information criterion xv₁, based on leave-one-out cross-validation, along with its approximation xv_{CIC}. In [2], the AIC and xv_{CIC} were compared, and only minor differences were observed. In the context of linear model selection, Jun Shao [3] demonstrated that the optimal selection procedure is leave- n_v -out cross-validation, where n_v is of the same order as the sample size n, i.e., $n_v/n \underset{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 1$. This idea is adapted to the context of copula model selection. Its performance is compared with that of AIC, xv₁ and xv_{CIC}.

2 Used Information Criteria

In this simulation study, we compare four different copula selection methods:

- the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC),
- leave-one-out cross-validation xv_1 and its approximation xv_{CIC} ,
- leave- n_v -out cross-validation xv_{n_v} , where the validation set size n_v is of the same asymptotic order as the total sample size n.

We restrict our attention to the two-dimensional case and copula families with a one-dimensional dependence parameter θ , such as Clayton, Gumbel, Joe, Frank, and Gaussian. Denote by $\mathcal{X}_n = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ a random sample from the joint cdf

$$H(x_1, x_2) = C(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2)),$$

where C is the copula, and F_1 and F_2 are continuous but unknown marginal cdfs. Also, define

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_n(x_1, x_2) = \left(\widetilde{F}_{n,1}(x_1), \widetilde{F}_{n,2}(x_2)\right),$$

where $\widetilde{F}_{n,k}$ is the $\frac{n}{n+1}$ -rescaled empirical cdf of the kth marginal, for k=1,2. The corresponding pseudo-observations are denoted by ${}^{p}\mathcal{X}_{n} = \{{}^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i}\}_{i=1}^{n}$, where ${}^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i} = \widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{n}(\boldsymbol{x}_{i})$.

Note that [4, page 59] discusses why it is sufficient to simulate data from a copula model rather than a full bivariate model.

2.1 Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

The AIC in the case of a one-dimensional parameter θ is given by:

$$AIC = 2 \cdot {}^{p} \ell_{n}(\widehat{\theta}_{n}) - 2,$$

where ${}^{p}\ell_{n}$ is the pseudo-log-likelihood, which implicitly depends on the pseudo-observations ${}^{p}\mathcal{X}_{n}$, and is given by:

$$^{p}\ell_{n}(heta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log[c_{ heta}(^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i})],$$

and $\widehat{\theta}_n = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \ ^p \ell_n(\theta)$ is the maximum pseudo-likelihood estimator.

2.2 Information Criterion Based on Leave-One-Out Cross-Validation

The selection procedure is based on the following quantity:

$$xv_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left[c_\theta \left(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{(-i)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) \right) \right]_{\theta = \widehat{\theta}_{(-i)}}, \text{ where}$$
 (1)

- $\widehat{\theta}_{(-i)} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{j \neq i} \log \left[c_{\theta} \left(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{(-i)}(\boldsymbol{x}_{j}) \right) \right]$
- $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{(-i)}(x_1, x_2) = \left(\widetilde{F}_{(-i),1}(x_1), \widetilde{F}_{(-i),2}(x_2)\right)$, where $\widetilde{F}_{(-i),k}$ is the $\frac{n-1}{n}$ -rescaled empirical cdf of the kth marginal, computed from the sample \mathcal{X}_n excluding \boldsymbol{x}_i , for k = 1, 2.

Since computing (1) is computationally expensive, the authors of [1] recommend using xv_{CIC} , which is an asymptotically equivalent version and is given by:

$$xv_{CIC} = 2 \cdot ({}^{p}\ell_{n}(\widehat{\theta}_{n}) - \widehat{p}_{n} - \widehat{q}_{n} - \widehat{r}_{n}), \text{ where}$$
 (2)

- $\widehat{p}_n = \frac{1}{n \cdot \widehat{J}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\phi_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i) \right]_{\theta = \widehat{\theta}_n}^2$
- $\widehat{q}_n = \frac{1}{n \cdot \widehat{J}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\phi_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i) \cdot \widehat{z}_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i) \right]_{\theta = \widehat{\theta}_n}$
- $\hat{r}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\partial \log c_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i)}{\partial u_1} \cdot (1 {}^p x_{i,1}) + \frac{\partial \log c_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i)}{\partial u_2} \cdot (1 {}^p x_{i,2}) \right]_{\theta = \hat{\theta}_n}$
- $\phi_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{u}) = \frac{\partial \log c_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{u})}{\partial \theta}$,
- $\widehat{z}_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \phi_{\theta}({}^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i})}{\partial u_{k}} \cdot (\mathbf{1}\{x_{k} \leq {}^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i,k}\} {}^{p}\boldsymbol{x}_{i,k}),$
- $\widehat{J} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \log c_{\theta}({}^p \boldsymbol{x}_i)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]_{\theta = \widehat{\theta}_p}$

The generalization of formula (2) to higher dimensions can be found in [4, page 55].

2.3 Information Criterion Based on Leave-n_v-Out Cross-Validation

Inspired by [3], we randomly draw, without replacement, a collection \mathcal{T}_n of $b_n = O(n)$ subsets of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$, each of size n_v , such that $n_v/n \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 1$. Here, the n_v observations are used for validation, while the remaining $n_c = n - n_v$ observations are used for parameter estimation. Denote by $s_v \in \mathcal{T}_n$ the set of indices corresponding to the n_v validation observations. Then define the following quantity:

$$xv_{n_v} = \frac{1}{n_v b_n} \sum_{s_v \in \mathcal{T}_v} \sum_{i \in s_v} \log \left[c_{\theta} \left(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{F}}_{(-s_v)}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) \right) \right]_{\theta = \widehat{\theta}_{(-s_v)}}, \text{ where}$$

- $\widehat{\theta}_{(-s_v)} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{j \notin s_v} \log \left[c_{\theta} \left(\widetilde{F}_{(-s_v)}(x_j) \right) \right]$,
- $\widetilde{F}_{(-s_v)}(x_1, x_2) = \left(\widetilde{F}_{(-s_v),1}(x_1), \widetilde{F}_{(-s_v),2}(x_2)\right)$, where $\widetilde{F}_{(-s_v),k}$ is the $\frac{n_c}{n_c+1}$ -rescaled empirical cdf of the kth marginal, computed from the sample \mathcal{X}_n excluding $\{x_i : i \in s_v\}$, for k = 1, 2.

3 Setup of the Simulation Study

In this simulation study, the following settings were considered:

- The copulas C were chosen from one-dimensional parametric families (Clayton, Gumbel, Joe, Frank, Gaussian).
- Each copula was parameterized using different values of Kendall's tau. Specifically, for $\tau \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75\}$, we considered sample sizes $n \in \{100, 250, 500\}$. We also considered cases with weak dependence, $\tau \in \{0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2\}$, and smaller sample sizes, $n \in \{100, 200\}$.
- For each pair of τ and n, we conducted 1000 replications.
- For the calculation of xv_{n_v} , we used $b_n = \lfloor 0.8n \rfloor$ and $n_c = n^{0.9}$.

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4 Model Selection Counts

In the tables of this section, the first column, denoted as d.cop, indicates the true copula from which the data were simulated. Each row corresponds to one of the four selection methods, and the numbers in the cells represent how many times a specific copula (from the columns) was selected by that method across 1000 replications.

4.1 $\tau \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75\}$ and $n \in \{100, 250, 500\}$

Here, in most of the 1000 replications, the individual methods were able to select the correct copula. The only case of frequent incorrect model selection occurs in Table 1, where the data were simulated from the Gumbel copula, but xv_{CIC} more often selected the Joe copula.

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|----------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 860 | 12 | 1 | 46 | 81 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 860 | 12 | 1 | 46 | 81 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 807 | 13 | 1 | 58 | 121 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 851 | 14 | 1 | 52 | 82 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĒ | 30 | 376 | $\bar{362}$ | 92 | 140 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 30 | 376 | 362 | 92 | 140 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 23 | 336 | 432 | 91 | 118 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 30 | 396 | 346 | 104 | 124 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 1 | 177 | -777 | -22 | 23 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 1 | 177 | 777 | 22 | 23 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1 | 134 | 823 | 24 | 18 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 203 | 753 | 21 | 23 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 119 | 130 | 38 | 509 | -204 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 119 | 130 | 38 | 508 | 205 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 82 | 124 | 62 | 534 | 198 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 124 | 148 | 33 | 509 | 186 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 158 | 189 | 58 | 198 | 397 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 159 | 189 | 58 | 196 | 398 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 109 | 197 | 86 | 218 | 390 |
| Gaussian | xv_{n_v} | 166 | 210 | 57 | 207 | 360 |

Table 1: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=100,\,\tau=0.25$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|---------------------|---------|--------|-----------|-------|--------------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 967 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 21 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 967 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 21 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 928 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 48 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 970 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 17 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĊ | 2 | 675 | 192 | 36 | 95 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 2 | 675 | 192 | 36 | 95 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 682 | 216 | 41 | 61 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 3 | 688 | 185 | 39 | 85 |
| Joe | ĀĪĒ | 0 | 154 | 840 | 4 | $ \overline{2}$ |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 154 | 840 | 4 | 2 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 118 | 877 | 5 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 163_ | 832 | 5_ | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 17 | -60 | $\bar{4}$ | 742 | -177 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 17 | 60 | 4 | 742 | 177 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 5 | 74 | 5 | 783 | 133 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 19 | 69 | 2 | 742 | 168 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 36 | 157 | $\bar{2}$ | 90 | 715 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 36 | 157 | 2 | 90 | 715 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 19 | 212 | 3 | 115 | 651 |
| Gaussian | \mathbf{XV}_{n_v} | 36 | 180 | 1 | 111 | 672 |

Table 2: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 100, τ = 0.50)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 990 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 990 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 973 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 15 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 989 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 806 | 53 | 19 | $12\bar{2}$ |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 806 | 53 | 19 | 122 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 824 | 72 | 28 | 76 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 822 | 50 | 18 | 110 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 84 | $91\bar{2}$ | 4 | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 84 | 912 | 4 | 0 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 62 | 934 | 4 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 94 | 902 | 4 | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 3 | 18 | 0 | 895 | 84 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 894 | 85 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1 | 26 | 0 | 927 | 46 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 3 | 22 | 0 | 899 | 76 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 8 | 126 | 0 | -45 | 821 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 8 | 126 | 0 | 45 | 821 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 5 | 178 | 0 | 70 | 747 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 10 | 138 | 0 | 52 | 800 |

Table 3: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 100, τ = 0.75)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|------|-------------------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 971 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 22 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 971 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 22 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 953 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 35 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 973 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 21 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĊ | 2 | 629 | 239 | -44 | 86 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 2 | 629 | 239 | 44 | 86 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 2 | 604 | 281 | 46 | 67 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 2 | 647 | 227 | 45 | 79 |
| Joe | ĀĪĒ | 0 | 151 | -847 | 1 | <u>1</u> |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 151 | 847 | 1 | 1 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 116 | 882 | 1 | 1 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 163 | 835 | 1 | 1 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 37 | -44 | 1 | $7\bar{3}\bar{3}$ | 185 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 37 | 44 | 1 | 733 | 185 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 23 | 52 | 2 | 761 | 162 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 35 | 51 | 2 | 743 | 169 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 71 | 125 | 1 | 146 | -657 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 72 | 125 | 1 | 146 | 656 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 52 | 144 | 1 | 157 | 646 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 75 | 133 | 1 | 154 | 637 |

Table 4: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 250, τ = 0.25)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 998 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 998 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 997 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 998 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 895 | 63 | 8 | 34 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 895 | 63 | 8 | 34 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 897 | 75 | 8 | 20 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 902 | 61 | 10 | 27 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 35 | 965 | | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 35 | 965 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 27 | 973 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 37 | 963 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 1 | 8 | 0 | 940 | 51 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 940 | 51 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 8 | 0 | 952 | 40 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 1 | 8 | 0 | 952 | 39 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 3 | 68 | - 0 | -26 | 903 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 3 | 68 | 0 | 26 | 903 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1 | 91 | 0 | 29 | 879 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 3 | 74 | 0 | 27 | 896 |

Table 5: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 250, τ = 0.50)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-------------|-----|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_{CIC} | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĊ | 0 | 969 | 5 | 0 | 26 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 969 | 5 | 0 | 26 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 978 | 7 | 1 | 14 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 970 | 5 | 0 | 25 |
| Joe | ĀĪĒ | 0 | 4 | 996 | 0 | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 4 | 996 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 4 | 996 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 4 | 996 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 999 | 1 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 999 | 1 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 999 | 1 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 999 | 1 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 0 | $ \bar{24}$ | - 0 | 7 | 969 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 7 | 969 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 50 | 0 | 13 | 937 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 0 | 30 | 0 | 7 | 963 |

Table 6: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 250, τ = 0.75)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------|------|-----------------|--------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 995 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 995 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 989 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 995 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĊ | 0 | 818 | -140 | 9 | 33 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 818 | 140 | 9 | 33 |
| Gumbel | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 804 | 160 | 9 | 27 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 825 | 134 | 9 | 32 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 0 | -71 | 929 | 0 | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 71 | 929 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 61 | 939 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | $_{\mathrm{XV}_{n_{v}}}$ | 0 | 74 | 926 | 0_ | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪĊ | 5 | 10 | 0 | 868 | -117 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 868 | 117 |
| Frank | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 4 | 12 | 0 | 878 | 106 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 5 | 13 | 0 | 872 | 110 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 13 | $\frac{1}{28}$ | 0 | $-\frac{1}{82}$ | <u>-</u> 877 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 13 | 28 | 0 | 82 | 877 |
| Gaussian | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 8 | 36 | 0 | 100 | 856 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{V}_{n_v}$ | 13 | 31 | 0 | 92 | 864 |

Table 7: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 500, τ = 0.25)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gumbel | AIC | 0 | 981 | 15 | 1 | 3 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 981 | 15 | 1 | 3 |
| Gumbel | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 983 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 984 | 13 | 1 | 2 |
| Joe | ĀĪĒ | 0 | 3 | 997 | | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 3 | 997 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 1 | 999 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 3_ | 997 | 0_ | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 995 | |
| Frank | xv_1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 995 | 5 |
| Frank | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 997 | 3 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 995 | 5 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 3 | - 0 | 6 | 991 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 991 |
| Gaussian | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 984 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 991 |

Table 8: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 500, τ = 0.50)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------------|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gumbel | AIC | 0 | 998 | $\frac{1}{1}$ | 0 | <u> </u> |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 0 | 998 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 997 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 998 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Joe | AIC | 0 | | 1000 | 0 | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank | ĀĪC | 0 | | 0 | 1000 | |
| Frank | xv_1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1000 | 0 |
| Gaussian | AIC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 999 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 999 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 995 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{V}_{n_v}$ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 998 |

Table 9: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 500, τ = 0.75)

4.2 $\tau = 0.05$ and $n \in \{100, 200\}$

For extremely weak dependence, $\tau=0.05$ (when the copulas are close to the independence copula), and a small sample size of n=100, Table 10 shows that in most of the 1000 replications, none of the proposed information criteria is able to correctly select the model when the true copula is Gumbel, Frank, or Gaussian. Note that our proposed xv_{n_v} fails to distinguish the Clayton copula in the majority of the 1000 replications, whereas the other information criteria are able to do so for the sample size n=100.

One can see in Table 11 that increasing the sample size to n=200 helps slightly for the criteria AIC and xv_1 , as they correctly identify the Frank copula more often. However, the larger sample size n=200 still does not help xv_{n_v} , even for selecting the Clayton copula. It is interesting to observe that when the data are generated from the Gumbel copula, xv_{n_v} still fails to select the correct model in most replications, but it chooses the Gumbel copula more often than the other methods for both $n \in \{100, 200\}$.

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|----------------|---------|--------|------|-----------------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 494 | 55 | 86 | 241 | 124 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 494 | 55 | 86 | 241 | 124 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 542 | 33 | 95 | 178 | 152 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 215 | 186 | 386 | 138 | 75 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 269 | -72 | 330 | 205 | 124 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 272 | 71 | 330 | 206 | 121 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 335 | 52 | 336 | 151 | 126 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 87 | 284 | 441 | 115 | 73 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 246 | 84 | -424 | 156 | 90 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 246 | 84 | 423 | 156 | 91 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 316 | 49 | 434 | 118 | 83 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 65 | 297 | 499 | 86 | 53 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 361 | -51 | 170 | -271 | 147 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 361 | 50 | 171 | 272 | 146 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 422 | 36 | 186 | 208 | 148 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 106 | 242 | 402 | 164 | 86 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 347 | -62 | 197 | $\frac{1}{250}$ | 144 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 347 | 62 | 197 | 251 | 143 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 402 | 35 | 207 | 188 | 168 |
| Gaussian | xv_{n_v} | 119 | 248 | 376 | 149 | 108 |

Table 10: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=100,\,\tau=0.05$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 555 | 52 | 89 | 169 | 135 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 555 | 52 | 89 | 169 | 135 |
| Clayton | xv_{CIC} | 557 | 48 | 92 | 160 | 143 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 310 | 145 | 362 | 102 | 81 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 194 | 132 | 353 | 190 | 131 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 195 | 132 | 352 | 190 | 131 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 242 | 106 | 374 | 155 | 123 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 92 | 262 | 436 | 117 | 93 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 143 | 118 | $\bar{5}1\bar{3}$ | $1\bar{3}2$ | 94 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 144 | 118 | 513 | 132 | 93 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 187 | 89 | 536 | 99 | 89 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 46 | 278 | 537 | 78 | 61 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 294 | -75 | 151 | 328 | $15\bar{2}$ |
| Frank | xv_1 | 294 | 74 | 152 | 328 | 152 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 329 | 61 | 154 | 292 | 164 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 124 | 213 | 332 | 230 | 101 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 327 | 86 | 167 | 240 | 180 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 327 | 86 | 167 | 240 | 180 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 370 | 73 | 174 | 199 | 184 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 138 | 215 | 354 | 153 | 140 |

Table 11: Copula selection using different information criteria (n = 200, τ = 0.05)

4.3 $\tau = 0.10$ and $n \in \{100, 200\}$

Here, we can see that for $\tau=0.10$ and the smaller sample size n=100, the information criteria still fail to correctly select the Gumbel or Gaussian copula in most of the 1000 replications. However, when the sample size is increased to n=200, all criteria most often select the true Gaussian copula.

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 630 | 48 | 49 | 150 | 123 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 631 | 49 | 49 | 149 | 122 |
| Clayton | xv_{CIC} | 618 | 40 | 59 | 137 | 146 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 432 | 94 | 218 | 123 | 133 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 144 | 160 | $-4\bar{3}\bar{8}$ | 153 | 105 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 144 | 160 | 438 | 153 | 105 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 169 | 130 | 464 | 128 | 109 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 87 | 259 | 455 | 113 | 86 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 87 | 123 | 627 | 96 | 67 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 87 | 123 | 627 | 96 | 67 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 117 | 96 | 644 | 79 | 64 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 43 | 237 | 590 | 80 | 50 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 282 | 73 | 158 | 348 | 139 _ |
| Frank | xv_1 | 283 | 73 | 157 | 348 | 139 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 283 | 39 | 191 | 334 | 153 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 120 | 172 | 282 | 298 | 128 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 302 | 109 | 188 | 215 | 186 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 302 | 109 | 189 | 215 | 185 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 301 | 84 | 218 | 186 | 211 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 169 | 222 | 269 | 170 | 170 |

Table 12: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=100,\, \tau=0.10$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|----------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 709 | 50 | 15 | 119 | 107 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 709 | 50 | 15 | 119 | 107 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 693 | 52 | 15 | 117 | 123 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 636 | 68 | 66 | 117 | 113 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 82 | 291 | $\bar{397}$ | 122 | 108 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 82 | 290 | 397 | 123 | 108 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 87 | 261 | 438 | 119 | 95 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 67 | 347 | 380 | 113 | 93 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 22 | 181 | -696 | 55 | 46 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 22 | 181 | 696 | 55 | 46 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 24 | 144 | 738 | 50 | 44 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 8 | 240 | 658 | 55 | 39 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 204 | 112 | 80 | 425 | -179 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 204 | 112 | 80 | 425 | 179 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 200 | 96 | 95 | 420 | 189 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 154 | 153 | 135 | 399 | 159 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 239 | 144 | 109 | 223 | -285 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 239 | 144 | 109 | 223 | 285 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 222 | 131 | 132 | 215 | 300 |
| Gaussian | xv_{n_v} | 179 | 193 | 134 | 213 | 281 |

Table 13: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=200,\, \tau=0.10$)

4.4 $\tau \in \{0.15, 0.20\}$ and $n \in \{100, 200\}$

For $\tau \in \{0.15, 0.20\}$, all information criteria still struggle to correctly select the Gumbel copula when the sample size is n = 100. Moreover, for $\tau = 0.15$ and n = 100, information criteria AIC and xv₁ fail to select the true Gaussian copula in the majority of replications.

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|----------------|----------------|--------|-----|-------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 743 | 45 | 13 | 105 | 94 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 744 | 45 | 13 | 104 | 94 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 702 | 42 | 21 | 111 | 124 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 644 | 66 | 72 | 111 | 107 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 92 | 263 | 399 | 119 | -127 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 93 | 261 | 400 | 119 | 127 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 94 | 211 | 453 | 116 | 126 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 73 | 301 | 397 | 114 | 115 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | $\frac{1}{27}$ | 160 | 690 | -61 | 62 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 27 | 160 | 690 | 61 | 62 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 43 | 112 | 731 | 62 | 52 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 18 | 189 | 666 | 70 | 57 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 201 | 105 | 108 | 400 | 186 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 201 | 104 | 110 | 400 | 185 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 178 | 92 | 140 | 382 | 208 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 159 | 150 | 134 | 381 | 176 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪĊ | 241 | 140 | 149 | 234 | 236 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 241 | 140 | 149 | 234 | 236 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 207 | 123 | 184 | 224 | 262 |
| Gaussian | xv_{n_v} | 188 | 185 | 173 | 218 | 236 |

Table 14: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=100,\, \tau=0.15$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 827 | 17 | 2 | 76 | 78 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 827 | 17 | 2 | 76 | 78 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 784 | 17 | 4 | 85 | 110 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 806 | 20 | 10 | 85 | 79 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪŪ | 32 | 379 | 366 | 87 | 136 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 32 | 379 | 366 | 87 | 136 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 28 | 348 | 415 | 89 | 120 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 31 | 405 | 343 | 95 | 126 |
| Joe | ĀĪĒ | 2 | 185 | $-76\bar{1}$ | -25 | |
| Joe | xv_1 | 2 | 185 | 761 | 25 | 27 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 1 | 155 | 796 | 24 | 24 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 1 | 197 | 753 | 23 | 26 |
| Frank | ĀĪŪ | 139 | 118 | -42 | 509 | $19\bar{2}$ |
| Frank | xv_1 | 139 | 117 | 43 | 509 | 192 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 109 | 112 | 58 | 517 | 204 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 121 | 142 | 36 | 512 | 189 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 183 | 169 | 44 | 199 | -405 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 183 | 169 | 44 | 199 | 405 |
| Gaussian | xv_{CIC} | 153 | 175 | 59 | 201 | 412 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 181 | 178 | 48 | 203 | 390 |

Table 15: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=200,\, \tau=0.15$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----|-----------------|----------|
| Clayton | AIC | 792 | 26 | 5 | 68 | 109 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 792 | 26 | 5 | 67 | 110 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 748 | 33 | 6 | 73 | 140 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 775 | 37 | 10 | 75 | 103 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĒ | 40 | 336 | 391 | 95 | 138 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 40 | 336 | 391 | 95 | 138 |
| Gumbel | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 31 | 272 | 463 | 103 | 131 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 34 | 369 | 378 | 98 | 121 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | $\frac{17}{17}$ | 201 | 706 | -40 | 36 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 17 | 201 | 706 | 40 | 36 |
| Joe | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 17 | 151 | 764 | 41 | 27 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 12 | 222 | 697 | 37 | 32 |
| Frank | ĀĪĒ | 164 | 119 | 82 | 458 | -177 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 164 | 119 | 82 | 458 | 177 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 120 | 116 | 115 | 461 | 188 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 162 | 148 | 82 | 442 | 166 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 192 | 157 | 105 | $\frac{1}{237}$ | 309 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 192 | 158 | 104 | 237 | 309 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 151 | 146 | 142 | 235 | 326 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 188 | 191 | 102 | 239 | 280 |

Table 16: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=100,\, \tau=0.20$)

| d.cop | IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|-----|-------|----------------|
| Clayton | AIC | 900 | 7 | 0 | 36 | 57 |
| Clayton | xv_1 | 900 | 7 | 0 | 36 | 57 |
| Clayton | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 870 | 7 | 0 | 48 | 75 |
| Clayton | xv_{n_v} | 897 | 7 | 0 | 39 | 57 |
| Gumbel | ĀĪĊ | 14 | 496 | 318 | -74 | 98 |
| Gumbel | xv_1 | 14 | 495 | 319 | 74 | 98 |
| Gumbel | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 11 | 455 | 372 | 74 | 88 |
| Gumbel | xv_{n_v} | 13 | 524 | 300 | 72 | 91 |
| Joe | ĀĪŪ | 0 | 187 | 801 | 5 | - 7 |
| Joe | xv_1 | 0 | 187 | 801 | 5 | 7 |
| Joe | ${ m xv}_{ m CIC}$ | 0 | 152 | 840 | 4 | 4 |
| Joe | xv_{n_v} | 0 | 189 | 798 | 6 | 7 |
| Frank | ĀĪĊ | 96 | 106 | 11 | 591 | 196 |
| Frank | xv_1 | 96 | 106 | 11 | 591 | 196 |
| Frank | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 70 | 110 | 16 | 612 | 192 |
| Frank | xv_{n_v} | 90 | 113 | 10 | 598 | 189 |
| Gaussian | ĀĪŪ | 130 | 164 | 16 | 192 | 498 |
| Gaussian | xv_1 | 130 | 164 | 16 | 192 | 498 |
| Gaussian | $xv_{\rm CIC}$ | 99 | 185 | 19 | 206 | 491 |
| Gaussian | $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{V}_{n_v}$ | 128 | 184 | 14 | 201 | 473 |

Table 17: Copula selection using different information criteria ($n=200,\, \tau=0.20$)

5 Coincidence percentages

The following tables show the coincidence percentages (i.e., the fraction of times two methods select the same model, regardless of whether it is the true model) between the cross-validation based information criteria and AIC across all considered copula families. The estimated 95 % confidence intervals are based upon the asymptotic approximation to the standard normal distribution, which can be used due to the size of the data-sets (5000 for each non-empty cell in the τ -columns).

From the tables, one can see that xv_1 is the method most similar to AIC in the sense of coincidence percentages. The approximation method xv_{CIC} is much closer to AIC under weak dependence, i.e., $\tau \in \{0.05, 0.10, 0.15\}$, than the proposed method xv_{n_v} .

Note that in Table 18, for $\tau \in \{0.5, 0.75\}$, most of the confidence intervals are too narrow relative to the precision used in the tables. Therefore, they are reported as ± 0.000 .

| | $\tau = 0.05$ | $\tau = 0.1$ | $\tau = 0.15$ | $\tau = 0.2$ | $\tau = 0.25$ | $\tau = 0.5$ | $\tau = 0.75$ | All |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 100 | 99.74 ± 0.141 | 99.92 ± 0.078 | 99.90 ± 0.088 | 99.96 ± 0.055 | 99.94 ± 0.068 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.98 ± 0.039 | 99.92 ± 0.030 |
| 200 | 99.92 ± 0.078 | 99.98 ± 0.039 | 99.98 ± 0.039 | 99.98 ± 0.039 | | | | 99.97 ± 0.026 |
| 250 | | | | | 99.98 ± 0.039 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.99 ± 0.013 |
| 500 | | | | | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 |

Table 18: Coincedence of AIC and xv_1 are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| | $\tau = 0.05$ | $\tau = 0.1$ | $\tau = 0.15$ | $\tau = 0.2$ | $\tau = 0.25$ | $\tau = 0.5$ | $\tau = 0.75$ | All |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 100 | 79.26 ± 1.124 | 86.46 ± 0.949 | 89.10 ± 0.864 | 89.34 ± 0.856 | 90.34 ± 0.819 | 93.78 ± 0.669 | 95.30 ± 0.587 | 89.08 ± 0.327 |
| 200 | 86.88 ± 0.936 | 91.38 ± 0.778 | 92.90 ± 0.712 | 94.10 ± 0.653 | | | | 91.31 ± 0.390 |
| 250 | | | | | 95.48 ± 0.576 | 98.40 ± 0.348 | 99.08 ± 0.265 | 97.65 ± 0.242 |
| 500 | | | | | 98.16 ± 0.372 | 99.74 ± 0.141 | 99.90 ± 0.088 | 99.27 ± 0.136 |

Table 19: Coincedence of AIC and xv_{CIC} are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| | $\tau = 0.05$ | $\tau = 0.1$ | $\tau = 0.15$ | $\tau = 0.2$ | $\tau = 0.25$ | $\tau = 0.5$ | $\tau = 0.75$ | All |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 100 | 47.76 ± 1.385 | 67.84 ± 1.295 | 80.44 ± 1.100 | 87.40 ± 0.920 | 90.74 ± 0.803 | 95.40 ± 0.581 | 97.54 ± 0.429 | 81.02 ± 0.411 |
| 200 | 59.28 ± 1.362 | 83.14 ± 1.038 | 91.56 ± 0.771 | 94.64 ± 0.624 | | | | 82.16 ± 0.531 |
| 250 | | | | | 97.08 ± 0.467 | 98.86 ± 0.294 | 99.72 ± 0.146 | 98.55 ± 0.191 |
| 500 | | | | | 99.00 ± 0.276 | 99.86 ± 0.104 | 99.98 ± 0.039 | 99.61 ± 0.099 |

Table 20: Coincedence of AIC and xv_{n_v} are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

6 Hit rates

In the following two subsections, we present tables of hit rates. By the hit rate in each cell, we mean the fraction of times a specific criterion (from the rows) selected the correct copula (from the columns), divided by the number of replications (1000). The estimated 95 % confidence intervals are based upon the asymptotic approximation to the standard normal distribution, which can be used due to the size of the data sets (1000 for each cell).

Note that regardless of the sample size and the value of Kendall's tau, the most challenging copulas to identify for all criteria are Gaussian and Gumbel. Also, in the specific case when the true copula model is Gumbel, the proposed xv_{n_v} performed better (in terms of hit rates and their confidence intervals) than other criteria for all considered values of Kendall's tau and sample sizes.

6.1 $\tau \in \{0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20\}$ and $n \in \{100, 200\}$

From the tables, one can see that in the case of weak dependence, i.e., $\tau \in \{0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20\}$, all information criteria perform poorly in correctly selecting the Gumbel, Frank, and Gaussian copulas.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 49.40 ± 3.100 | 7.20 ± 1.600 | 42.40 ± 3.060 | 27.10 ± 2.760 | 14.40 ± 2.180 |
| xv_1 | 49.40 ± 3.100 | 7.10 ± 1.590 | 42.30 ± 3.060 | 27.20 ± 2.760 | 14.30 ± 2.170 |
| xv_{CIC} | 54.20 ± 3.090 | 5.20 ± 1.380 | 43.40 ± 3.070 | 20.80 ± 2.520 | 16.80 ± 2.320 |
| \mathbf{XV}_{n_v} | 21.50 ± 2.550 | 28.40 ± 2.800 | 49.90 ± 3.100 | 16.40 ± 2.300 | 10.80 ± 1.920 |

Table 21: Hit rates $(n = 100, \tau = 0.05)$ are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 55.50 ± 3.080 | 13.20 ± 2.100 | 51.30 ± 3.100 | 32.80 ± 2.910 | 18.00 ± 2.380 |
| xv_1 | 55.50 ± 3.080 | 13.20 ± 2.100 | 51.30 ± 3.100 | 32.80 ± 2.910 | 18.00 ± 2.380 |
| xv_{CIC} | 55.70 ± 3.080 | 10.60 ± 1.910 | 53.60 ± 3.090 | 29.20 ± 2.820 | 18.40 ± 2.400 |
| xv_{n_v} | 31.00 ± 2.870 | 26.20 ± 2.730 | 53.70 ± 3.090 | 23.00 ± 2.610 | 14.00 ± 2.150 |

Table 22: Hit rates (n = 200, $\tau = 0.05$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 63.00 ± 2.990 | 16.00 ± 2.270 | 62.70 ± 3.000 | 34.80 ± 2.950 | 18.60 ± 2.410 |
| xv_1 | 63.10 ± 2.990 | 16.00 ± 2.270 | 62.70 ± 3.000 | 34.80 ± 2.950 | 18.50 ± 2.410 |
| xv_{CIC} | 61.80 ± 3.010 | 13.00 ± 2.090 | 64.40 ± 2.970 | 33.40 ± 2.920 | 21.10 ± 2.530 |
| xv_{n_v} | 43.20 ± 3.070 | 25.90 ± 2.720 | 59.00 ± 3.050 | 29.80 ± 2.840 | 17.00 ± 2.330 |

Table 23: Hit rates (n = 100, $\tau = 0.10$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 70.90 ± 2.820 | 29.10 ± 2.820 | 69.60 ± 2.850 | 42.50 ± 3.070 | 28.50 ± 2.800 |
| xv_1 | 70.90 ± 2.820 | 29.00 ± 2.810 | 69.60 ± 2.850 | 42.50 ± 3.070 | 28.50 ± 2.800 |
| xv_{CIC} | 69.30 ± 2.860 | 26.10 ± 2.720 | 73.80 ± 2.730 | 42.00 ± 3.060 | 30.00 ± 2.840 |
| xv_{n_v} | 63.60 ± 2.980 | 34.70 ± 2.950 | 65.80 ± 2.940 | 39.90 ± 3.040 | 28.10 ± 2.790 |

Table 24: Hit rates ($n=200,\, \tau=0.10$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 74.30 ± 2.710 | 26.30 ± 2.730 | 69.00 ± 2.870 | 40.00 ± 3.040 | 23.60 ± 2.630 |
| xv_1 | 74.40 ± 2.710 | 26.10 ± 2.720 | 69.00 ± 2.870 | 40.00 ± 3.040 | 23.60 ± 2.630 |
| xv_{CIC} | 70.20 ± 2.840 | 21.10 ± 2.530 | 73.10 ± 2.750 | 38.20 ± 3.010 | 26.20 ± 2.730 |
| xv_{n_v} | 64.40 ± 2.970 | 30.10 ± 2.840 | 66.60 ± 2.920 | 38.10 ± 3.010 | 23.60 ± 2.630 |

Table 25: Hit rates ($n=100,\, \tau=0.15$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 82.70 ± 2.350 | 37.90 ± 3.010 | 76.10 ± 2.640 | 50.90 ± 3.100 | 40.50 ± 3.040 |
| xv_1 | 82.70 ± 2.350 | 37.90 ± 3.010 | 76.10 ± 2.640 | 50.90 ± 3.100 | 40.50 ± 3.040 |
| xv_{CIC} | 78.40 ± 2.550 | 34.80 ± 2.950 | 79.60 ± 2.500 | 51.70 ± 3.100 | 41.20 ± 3.050 |
| \mathbf{XV}_{n_v} | 80.60 ± 2.450 | 40.50 ± 3.040 | 75.30 ± 2.670 | 51.20 ± 3.100 | 39.00 ± 3.020 |

Table 26: Hit rates ($n=200,\, \tau=0.15$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 79.20 ± 2.520 | 33.60 ± 2.930 | 70.60 ± 2.830 | 45.80 ± 3.090 | 30.90 ± 2.870 |
| xv_1 | 79.20 ± 2.520 | 33.60 ± 2.930 | 70.60 ± 2.830 | 45.80 ± 3.090 | 30.90 ± 2.870 |
| xv_{CIC} | 74.80 ± 2.690 | 27.20 ± 2.760 | 76.40 ± 2.630 | 46.10 ± 3.090 | 32.60 ± 2.910 |
| XV_{n_v} | 77.50 ± 2.590 | 36.90 ± 2.990 | 69.70 ± 2.850 | 44.20 ± 3.080 | 28.00 ± 2.780 |

Table 27: Hit rates ($n=100,\, \tau=0.20$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 90.00 ± 1.860 | 49.60 ± 3.100 | 80.10 ± 2.480 | 59.10 ± 3.050 | 49.80 ± 3.100 |
| xv_1 | 90.00 ± 1.860 | 49.50 ± 3.100 | 80.10 ± 2.480 | 59.10 ± 3.050 | 49.80 ± 3.100 |
| xv_{CIC} | 87.00 ± 2.090 | 45.50 ± 3.090 | 84.00 ± 2.270 | 61.20 ± 3.020 | 49.10 ± 3.100 |
| XV_{n_v} | 89.70 ± 1.880 | 52.40 ± 3.100 | 79.80 ± 2.490 | 59.80 ± 3.040 | 47.30 ± 3.100 |

Table 28: Hit rates ($n=200,\, \tau=0.20$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

6.2 $\tau \in \{0.25, 0.5, 0.75\}$ and $n \in \{100, 250, 500\}$

From the following tables, one can see that as dependence increases, the performance of all information criteria improves, since it becomes easier to distinguish between copulas.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 86.00 ± 2.150 | 37.60 ± 3.000 | 77.70 ± 2.580 | 50.90 ± 3.100 | 39.70 ± 3.030 |
| xv_1 | 86.00 ± 2.150 | 37.60 ± 3.000 | 77.70 ± 2.580 | 50.80 ± 3.100 | 39.80 ± 3.040 |
| xv_{CIC} | 80.70 ± 2.450 | 33.60 ± 2.930 | 82.30 ± 2.370 | 53.40 ± 3.090 | 39.00 ± 3.020 |
| XV_{n_v} | 85.10 ± 2.210 | 39.60 ± 3.030 | 75.30 ± 2.670 | 50.90 ± 3.100 | 36.00 ± 2.980 |

Table 29: Hit rates ($n=100,\, \tau=0.25$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 97.10 ± 1.040 | 62.90 ± 3.000 | 84.70 ± 2.230 | 73.30 ± 2.740 | 65.70 ± 2.940 |
| xv_1 | 97.10 ± 1.040 | 62.90 ± 3.000 | 84.70 ± 2.230 | 73.30 ± 2.740 | 65.60 ± 2.950 |
| xv_{CIC} | 95.30 ± 1.310 | 60.40 ± 3.030 | 88.20 ± 2.000 | 76.10 ± 2.640 | 64.60 ± 2.970 |
| xv_{n_v} | 97.30 ± 1.010 | 64.70 ± 2.960 | 83.50 ± 2.300 | 74.30 ± 2.710 | 63.70 ± 2.980 |

Table 30: Hit rates ($n=250,\, \tau=0.25$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 81.80 ± 2.390 | 92.90 ± 1.590 | 86.80 ± 2.100 | 87.70 ± 2.040 |
| xv_1 | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 81.80 ± 2.390 | 92.90 ± 1.590 | 86.80 ± 2.100 | 87.70 ± 2.040 |
| xv_{CIC} | 98.90 ± 0.650 | 80.40 ± 2.460 | 93.90 ± 1.480 | 87.80 ± 2.030 | 85.60 ± 2.180 |
| xv_{n_n} | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 82.50 ± 2.360 | 92.60 ± 1.620 | 87.20 ± 2.070 | 86.40 ± 2.130 |

Table 31: Hit rates ($n=500,\, \tau=0.25$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 96.70 ± 1.110 | 67.50 ± 2.900 | 84.00 ± 2.270 | 74.20 ± 2.710 | 71.50 ± 2.800 |
| xv_1 | 96.70 ± 1.110 | 67.50 ± 2.900 | 84.00 ± 2.270 | 74.20 ± 2.710 | 71.50 ± 2.800 |
| xv_{CIC} | 92.80 ± 1.600 | 68.20 ± 2.890 | 87.70 ± 2.040 | 78.30 ± 2.560 | 65.10 ± 2.960 |
| XV_{n_v} | 97.00 ± 1.060 | 68.80 ± 2.870 | 83.20 ± 2.320 | 74.20 ± 2.710 | 67.20 ± 2.910 |

Table 32: Hit rates ($n=100,\, \tau=0.50$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 89.50 ± 1.900 | 96.50 ± 1.140 | 94.00 ± 1.470 | 90.30 ± 1.840 |
| xv_1 | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 89.50 ± 1.900 | 96.50 ± 1.140 | 94.00 ± 1.470 | 90.30 ± 1.840 |
| xv_{CIC} | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 89.70 ± 1.880 | 97.30 ± 1.010 | 95.20 ± 1.330 | 87.90 ± 2.020 |
| xv_{n_v} | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 90.20 ± 1.840 | 96.30 ± 1.170 | 95.20 ± 1.330 | 89.60 ± 1.890 |

Table 33: Hit rates ($n=250,\, \tau=0.50$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 98.10 ± 0.850 | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 99.10 ± 0.590 |
| xv_1 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 98.10 ± 0.850 | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 99.10 ± 0.590 |
| xv_{CIC} | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 98.30 ± 0.800 | 99.90 ± 0.200 | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 98.40 ± 0.780 |
| xv_{n_v} | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 98.40 ± 0.780 | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 99.50 ± 0.440 | 99.10 ± 0.590 |

Table 34: Hit rates ($n=500,\, \tau=0.50$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 99.00 ± 0.620 | 80.60 ± 2.450 | 91.20 ± 1.760 | 89.50 ± 1.900 | 82.10 ± 2.380 |
| xv_1 | 99.00 ± 0.620 | 80.60 ± 2.450 | 91.20 ± 1.760 | 89.40 ± 1.910 | 82.10 ± 2.380 |
| xv_{CIC} | 97.30 ± 1.010 | 82.40 ± 2.360 | 93.40 ± 1.540 | 92.70 ± 1.610 | 74.70 ± 2.700 |
| XV_{n_v} | 98.90 ± 0.650 | 82.20 ± 2.370 | 90.20 ± 1.840 | 89.90 ± 1.870 | 80.00 ± 2.480 |

Table 35: Hit rates ($n=100,\, \tau=0.75$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 96.90 ± 1.070 | 99.60 ± 0.390 | 99.90 ± 0.200 | 96.90 ± 1.070 |
| xv_1 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 96.90 ± 1.070 | 99.60 ± 0.390 | 99.90 ± 0.200 | 96.90 ± 1.070 |
| xv_{CIC} | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 97.80 ± 0.910 | 99.60 ± 0.390 | 99.90 ± 0.200 | 93.70 ± 1.510 |
| xv_{n_v} | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 97.00 ± 1.060 | 99.60 ± 0.390 | 99.90 ± 0.200 | 96.30 ± 1.170 |

Table 36: Hit rates ($n=250,\, \tau=0.75$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.

| IC | Clayton | Gumbel | Joe | Frank | Gaussian |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| AIC | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.90 ± 0.200 |
| xv_1 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.90 ± 0.200 |
| xv_{CIC} | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.70 ± 0.340 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.50 ± 0.440 |
| $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{v}_{n_v}$ | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.80 ± 0.280 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 100.00 ± 0.000 | 99.80 ± 0.280 |

Table 37: Hit rates ($n=500,\, \tau=0.75$) are shown with 95 % confidence intervals, and all values are expressed as percentages.