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where

- $\nu_{ik} + \lambda \epsilon_{ij}$  is distributed T1EV (but not i.i.d.!!)
- $\epsilon_{ij} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{T1EV}$
- $\nu_{ik} \sim C(\lambda)$ : conjugate distribution to T1EV, from Cardell (1997)

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Note:  $\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow$  Multinomial Logit (no correlation);  $\lambda \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  Perfect correlation