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## **Chapter 6 - Introduction to the theory of copulas**

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# 1 Introduction

Nowadays, copulas are vevy well known in actuarial science, quantitative risk management, and related field.

## 2 Motivation

### 2.1 Estimation for continuous univariate distribution

Let  $X$  be a continuous rv with cdf  $F_X$  and pdf  $f_X$ .

We have a set of observations denoted by

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}.$$

The parameters of the distribution of  $X$  is represented by the vector

$$\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_l).$$

We can use the ML method in order to estimate the parameters.

The likelihood function is given by

$$L(\underline{\theta}) = \prod_{j=1}^m f_X(x_j; \underline{\theta}).$$

The loglikelihood function is given by

$$l(\underline{\theta}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \ln(f_X(x_j; \underline{\theta})).$$

Generally, we need to use numeral optimization tools in order to find the estimator of  $\hat{\underline{\theta}}$  of  $\underline{\theta}$ .

Remark: usually the number of parameters are small (1,2,3) and the task is not too difficult to perform.



## 2.2 Estimation for continuous multivariate distribution

Let  $\underline{X}$  be a vector of continuous rvs with joint cdf  $F_{\underline{X}}$  and joint pdf  $f_{\underline{X}}$ .

We have a set of observations denoted by

$$\{\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_m\}.$$

The parameters of the joint distribution of  $\underline{X}$  is represented by the vector

$$\underline{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_l).$$

We can use the ML method in order to estimate the parameters.

The likelihood function is given by

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The loglikelihood function is given by

$$l(\underline{\theta}) = \sum_{j=1}^m \ln \left( f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}_j; \underline{\theta}) \right).$$

Again, we need to use numeral optimization tools in order to find the estimator of  $\hat{\underline{\theta}}$  of  $\underline{\theta}$ . However, the procedure can become very difficult to perform due the large number of parameters to estimate.

The theory of copulas allows (notably) to split the estimation procedure in two steps:

- estimate the parameters of each marginals
- estimate the function that links these marginals
- this function is called a copula.

## 2.3 Definitions

A copula  $C$  is a bivariate function defined over  $[0, 1]^2$ , which takes values in  $[0, 1]$  and which satisfies the following properties :

1.  $C(u_1, u_2) \uparrow$  as  $u_1 \uparrow$  and  $u_2 \uparrow$ ;
2.  $C(u_1, 1) = u_1$ ;
3.  $C(1, u_2) = u_2$ ;
4.  $C(1, 1) = 1$ ;
5.  $C(0, u_2) = 0$ ;
6.  $C(u_1, 0) = 0$ ; and
7. Rectangle property:

$$C(b_1, b_2) - C(a_1, b_2) - C(b_1, a_2) + C(a_1, a_2) \geq 0$$

for any rectangle defined in  $[0, 1]^2$  with vertices  $(a_1, a_2)$ ,  $(b_1, a_2)$ ,  $(a_1, b_2)$ ,  $(b_1, b_2)$ ,  $0 \leq a_1 < b_1 \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq a_2 < b_2 \leq 1$ .

In fact, the copula corresponds to the cdf of the vector of rvs  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2)$  where  $U_1 \sim U_2 \sim Unif(0, 1)$  over  $[0, 1]^2$  i.e.

$$F_{\underline{U}}(u_1, u_2) = C(u_1, u_2)$$

for  $(u_1, u_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ .

Now, we are ready to provide Sklar's Theorem.

## 2.4 Sklar's Theorem

The theorem has two parts:

Theorem. Let  $F_{\underline{X}} \in \Gamma(F_{X_1}, F_{X_2})$ .

1. **(Derivation of the copula from a bivariate cdf)** Then, it is existed a copula  $C$  such that

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = C(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)).$$

If the marginals are continuous, then the copula  $C$  is unique.

2. **(Construction of bivariate distribution)** Let  $F_{X_1}$  and  $F_{X_2}$  be two marginals. Let  $C$  be a copula. Then, we can use the copula to link these marginals and the resulting bivariate function is a proper cdf  $\in \Gamma(F_{X_1}, F_{X_2})$  i.e

$$C(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) = F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)$$

where  $F_{X_1, X_2} \in \Gamma(F_{X_1}, F_{X_2})$ . The marginals can be continuous, discrete or mixed.

## 2.5 Definition of a bivariate copula

**Definition 1** A copula  $C(u_1, u_2)$  is an application  $[0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with the following properties (bivariate cdf of a pair of rvs with standard uniform marginals) :

- $C(u_1, u_2)$  is non decreasing on  $[0, 1]^2$  ;
- $C(u_1, u_2)$  is right continuous on  $[0, 1]^2$  ;
- $\lim_{u_i \rightarrow 0} C(u_1, u_2) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$  ;
- $\lim_{u_1 \rightarrow 1} C(u_1, u_2) = u_2$  and  $\lim_{u_2 \rightarrow 1} C(u_1, u_2) = u_1$  ;
- **Inequality of the rectangle** : for all  $a_1 \leq b_1$  and  $a_2 \leq b_2$ , we have

$$C(b_1, b_2) - C(b_1, a_2) - C(a_1, b_2) + C(a_1, a_2) \geq 0.$$

Interpretation, the bivariate function  $C$  is a copula if it allocates a positive probability mass over all rectangles  $(a_1, b_1] \times (a_2, b_2]$  included in  $[0, 1]^2$ .



**Notation 2** Let  $C$  be a copula and let  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2)$  ( $U_1 \sim U_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ ) with

$$F_{\underline{U}}(u_1, u_2) = C(u_1, u_2)$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then, we denote  $\underline{U} \sim C$ .

**Remark 3** Let  $\underline{U} \sim C$ . Then, the inequality of the rectangle means

$$\begin{aligned} C(b_1, b_2) - C(b_1, a_2) - C(a_1, b_2) + C(a_1, a_2) &= \Pr(a_1 < U_1 \leq b_1, a_2 < U_2 \leq b_2) \\ &= \Pr(U_1 \in (a_1, b_1], U_2 \in (a_2, b_2]) \\ &= \Pr\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^2 \{U_i \in (a_i, b_i]\}\right) \\ &= \Pr(\underline{U} \in (a_1, b_1] \times (a_2, b_2]), \end{aligned}$$

which corresponds to the probability that  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2)$  takes values with the rectangle  $(a_1, b_1] \times (a_2, b_2]$ .

**Remark 4** *Inequality of the rectangle and continuous copula. Let  $C$  be a continuous copula. The inequality of the rectangle is satisfied if*

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_1 \partial u_2} C(u_1, u_2) \geq 0,$$

*for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*

## 2.6 Definition for a multivariate copula

A copula  $C$  is the joint cdf on  $[0, 1]^n$  of a vector of rvs  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  where the components  $U_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) follow the (univariate) standard uniform distribution  $(0, 1)$ .

**Definition 5** A multivariate copula  $C(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  is application  $[0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with the following properties:

- $C(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  is non decreasing on  $[0, 1]^n$  ;
- $C(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  is right continuous on  $[0, 1]^n$  ;
- $\lim_{u_i \rightarrow 0} C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = 0$  pour  $i = 1, \dots, n$  ;
- $\lim_{u_j \rightarrow 1, j \neq i} C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = u_i$  ;

- *Inequality of the hyperrectangle: for all  $a_1 \leq b_1, \dots, a_n \leq b_n$ , we have*

$$\sum_{i_1=1}^2 \dots \sum_{i_n=1}^2 (-1)^{i_1+\dots+i_n} C(u_{1,i_1}, \dots, u_{n,i_n}) \geq 0,$$

with  $u_{j,1} = a_j$  and  $u_{j,2} = b_j$  for  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

*Interpretation: the multivariate function  $C$  is a copula if it allocated a positive probability mass on every hyperrectangle  $(a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n]$  included in  $[0, 1]^n$ .*

**Definition 6** *Hyperrectangle = généralisation à une dimension supérieure ( $n > 2$ ) d'un rectangle de dimension deux*

**Notation 7** *Let  $C$  be a copula and let  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  ( $U_1 \sim \dots \sim U_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ ) with*

$$F_{\underline{U}}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = C(u_1, \dots, u_n),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then, we denote  $\underline{U} \sim C$ .

**Remark 8** Let  $\underline{U} \sim C$ . Then, the inequality of the hyperrectangle means

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i_1=1}^2 \dots \sum_{i_n=1}^2 (-1)^{i_1+\dots+i_n} C(u_{1,i_1}, \dots, u_{n,i_n}) &= \Pr \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{U_i \in (a_i, b_i]\} \right) \\ &= \Pr(\underline{U} \in (a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n]) \end{aligned}$$

for every hyperrectangle  $(a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n] \subseteq [0, 1]^n$ .

If  $n = 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^3 \{U_i \in (a_i, b_i]\} \right) &= C(b_1, b_2, b_3) - C(a_1, b_2, b_3) - C(b_1, a_2, b_3) - C(b_1, b_2, a_3) \\ &\quad + C(a_1, a_2, b_3) + C(a_1, b_2, a_3) + C(b_1, a_2, a_3) \\ &\quad - C(a_1, a_2, a_3). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 9** *inequality of the hyperrectangle and continuous copula. Let  $C$  be a continuous copula. The inequality of the hyperrectangle is satisfied if*

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial u_1 \dots \partial u_n} C(u_1, \dots, u_n) \geq 0,$$

*for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .*

## 3 Theorem of Sklar

### 3.1 The theorem itself

The fundamental result of the theory of copulas is the theorem of Sklar (Sklar's Theorem)

#### Theorem 10 Théorème de Sklar

- *Let  $F \in \Gamma(F_1, \dots, F_n)$  with marginal cdf  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ .*

- *Part #1 (Identification of the copula). Then, there is a copula  $C$  such that for all  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have*

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n)).$$

*If  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are continuous, then  $C$  is unique. Otherwise,  $C$  uniquely determined on  $\text{Ran}F_1 \times \dots \times \text{Ran}F_n$ .*

- *Part #2 (Construction of a multivariate cdf). If  $C$  is a copula and  $F_1 \dots F_n$  are marginal cdfs. Then the function defined by*

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n))$$

*is a multivariate cdf with marginal univariate cdf  $F_1 \dots F_n$ .*

## 3.2 Proof of the theorem

We provide the provide the proof when  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are continuous.



For a detailed proof, see e.g. [?] or [?].

- Part #1. Let  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a vector of continous rvs with a multivariate  $F_{\underline{X}}$  for which  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are continuous. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) \\ &= \Pr(F_{X_1}(X_1) \leq F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(X_n) \leq F_{X_n}(x_n)), \end{aligned}$$

for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Using the probability integral transform Theorem (or probability transformation theorem), we know that

$$F_{X_i}(X_i) = U_i \sim Unif(0, 1)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then,

$$\Pr(F_{X_1}(X_1) \leq F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(X_n) \leq F_{X_n}(x_n))$$

corresponds to the multivariate cdf of

$$\left(F_{X_1}(X_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(X_n)\right) = (U_1, \dots, U_n).$$

We introduce the multivariate function  $C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \Pr\left(F_{X_1}(X_1) \leq F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(X_n) \leq F_{X_n}(x_n)\right) \\ &= C\left(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(x_n)\right) \end{aligned}$$

From Definition 5, the function  $C$  is a copula.

- Part #2. Let  $\underline{U} \sim C$ . We define a vector of rvs.  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , where

$$X_i = F_i^{-1}(U_i)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then, the multivariate cdf of  $\underline{X}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) \\
 &= \Pr(F_1^{-1}(U_1) \leq x_1, \dots, F_n^{-1}(U_n) \leq x_n) \\
 &= \Pr(U_1 \leq F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, U_n \leq F_{X_n}(x_n)) \\
 &= C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n)).
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Practical consequences of Sklar's theorem

There is two practical consequences to Sklar's theorem:

1. identify (extract) the copula associated to the joint cdf on any continuous multivariate distribution;
2. build a multivariate distribution by linking univariate marginals (continuous or discrete) with a copula.

## 4.1 Identify a copula using Sklar's theorem

**Corollary 11** *Let  $F_{\underline{X}} \in \Gamma(F_1, \dots, F_n)$ , with continuous univariate marginal cdfs  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ . Then, the copula  $C$  associated to  $F_{\underline{X}}$  is*

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = F_{\underline{X}}\left(F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n)\right).$$

**Preuve.** From the proof of Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem, the copula  $C$  associated to  $F_{\underline{X}}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} C(u_1, \dots, u_n) &= \Pr(U_1 \leq u_1, \dots, U_n \leq u_n) \\ &= \Pr(F_1(X_1) \leq u_1, \dots, F_n(X_n) \leq u_n) \\ &= \Pr\left(X_1 \leq F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, X_n \leq F_n^{-1}(u_n)\right) \\ &= F_{\underline{X}}\left(F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n)\right). \end{aligned}$$

■

### 4.1.1 Example - EFGM's copula

Let  $F_{X_1, X_2}$  be the joint cdf of EFGM's bivariate exponential distribution given by

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \left(1 - e^{-\beta_1 x_1}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\beta_2 x_2}\right) + \theta \left(1 - e^{-\beta_1 x_1}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\beta_2 x_2}\right) e^{-\beta_1 x_1} e^{-\beta_2 x_2}, \quad (1)$$

with a dependence parameter  $-1 \leq \theta \leq 1$  and with  $\beta_i > 0$ .

Replacing  $x_i$  by  $-\frac{1}{\beta_i} \ln(1 - u_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) in (1), we find

$$C(u_1, u_2) = u_1 u_2 + \theta u_1 u_2 (1 - u_1) (1 - u_2)$$

for  $0 \leq u_1, u_2 \leq 1$ .

## 4.2 Building a multivariate distribution using Sklar's Theorem

Due to Part #2 of Sklar's Theorem, a copula allows us to combine different marginals (continuous, discrete) in the aim to create a multivariate distribution.

The copula  $C(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  describe the dependence relation between the  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  while the marginals describe the stochastic behavior of each rvs.

When the rvs are continuous, the copula contains all the information with regards to the dependence relation between the rvs.

Therefore, it is possible to analyze the marginals and the copula separately.

The case with discrete marginals is treated in Section ??.

## 4.3 Advantages of the approach based on copulas

- The dependence relation is contained within the copulas : this is true if the marginals are continuous
- Flexibility: we can build any multivariate distributions with copulas and marginals (either discrete or continuous)
- It helps a lot to understand the dependence relation between rvs.
- Eventually: it helps when we need to estimate the parameters of a multivariate distributions
- Simulation is "very easy".



## 5 Fréchet's Bounds

Let  $C$  be a copula defined over  $[0, 1]^n$ . Since  $C$  is a cdf, we have

$$W(u_1, \dots, u_n) \leq C(u_1, \dots, u_n) \leq M(u_1, \dots, u_n),$$

where

$$W(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \max(u_1 + \dots + u_n - (n - 1); 0)$$

and

$$M(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \min(u_1; \dots; u_n)$$

correspond to lower and upper Fréchet's bounds, respectively.

For all  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ ,

$$C^+(u_1, \dots, u_n) = M(u_1, \dots, u_n)$$

corresponds to the copula Fréchet's upper bound.

For  $n = 2$  (**only**),

$$C^-(u_1, u_2) = W(u_1, u_2)$$

corresponds to the copula Fréchet's upper bound.

## 6 Copula and pdf

Let  $C$  be a continuous copula.

The joint pdf associated to the copula  $C$  is given by

$$c(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial u_1 \dots \partial u_n} C(u_1, \dots, u_n).$$

Let  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a vector of continuous rvs with joint cdf given by

$$F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(x_n)),$$

Then, the joint pdf of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is given

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n} F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= c(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(x_n)) f_{X_1}(x_1) \dots f_{X_n}(x_n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_{X_i}(x_i)$  is the pdf of the rv  $X_i$  i.e.  $f_{X_i}(x_i) = \frac{dF_{X_i}(x_i)}{dx_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

## 7 Simulation

Simulation with copulas are easy.

Let  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a vector of rvs with

$$F_{\underline{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C\left(F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_n}(x_n)\right),$$

We want to simulate a sampled value  $\underline{X}^{(j)} = \left(X_1^{(j)}, \dots, X_n^{(j)}\right)$  of  $\underline{X}$ .

The marginals of  $F_{\underline{X}}$  may be continuous or discrete.

**Algorithm 12** *General algorithm.*

1. Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C$ .
2. Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{X}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{X}$  with

$$X_1^{(j)} = F_{X_1}^{-1} \left( U_1^{(j)} \right) \quad \dots \quad X_n^{(j)} = F_{X_n}^{-1} \left( U_n^{(j)} \right).$$

## 8 Associated copulas

Let  $C$  be a copula and  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C$ .

We consider 3 copulas for the 3 following pairs of rvs :

$$(U_1, 1 - U_2), (1 - U_1, U_2), (1 - U_1, 1 - U_2).$$

The copula for  $(U_1, 1 - U_2)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{U_1, 1-U_2}(u_1, u_2) &= \Pr(U_1 \leq u_1, 1 - U_2 \leq u_2) \\ &= \Pr(U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 > 1 - u_2) \\ &= u_1 - C(u_1, 1 - u_2). \end{aligned}$$

The copula for  $(1 - U_1, U_2)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1-U_1, U_2}(u_1, u_2) &= \Pr(1 - U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2) \\ &= \Pr(U_1 > 1 - u_1, U_2 \leq u_2) \\ &= u_2 - C(1 - u_1, u_2). \end{aligned}$$

The copula for  $(1 - U_1, 1 - U_2)$  is called survival copula and denoted  $\hat{C}(u_1, u_2)$ .

It is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1-U_1, 1-U_2}(u_1, u_2) &= \hat{C}(u_1, u_2) \\ &= \Pr(1 - U_1 \leq u_1, 1 - U_2 \leq u_2) \\ &= \Pr(U_1 > 1 - u_1, U_2 > 1 - u_2) \\ &= 1 - (1 - u_1) - (1 - u_2) + C(1 - u_1, 1 - u_2) \\ &= C(1 - u_1, 1 - u_2) + u_1 + u_2 - 1. \end{aligned}$$



The forementioned copulas satisfy the following properties:

$$C^-(u_1, u_2) \leq F_{U_1, 1-U_2}(u_1, u_2) = u_1 - C(u_1, 1 - u_2) \leq C^+(u_1, u_2)$$

$$C^-(u_1, u_2) \leq F_{1-U_1, U_2}(u_1, u_2) = u_2 - C(1 - u_1, u_2) \leq C^+(u_1, u_2)$$

$$C^-(u_1, u_2) \leq F_{1-U_1, 1-U_2}(u_1, u_2) = \hat{C}(u_1, u_2) = C(1 - u_1, 1 - u_2) + u_1 + u_2 - 1$$

Let  $c$  be the pdf associated to the continuous copula  $C$ .

- The pdf associated to copula  $u_1 - C(u_1, 1 - u_2)$  is

$$c(u_1, 1 - u_2).$$

- The pdf associated to copula  $u_2 - C(1 - u_1, u_2)$  is

$$c(1 - u_1, u_2).$$

- The pdf associated to  $\hat{C}(u_1, u_2)$  is

$$\hat{c}(u_1, u_2) = c(1 - u_1, 1 - u_2).$$

Let  $(X_1, X_2)$  be a pair of rvs with marginals  $F_{X_1}$  and  $F_{X_2}$  :

- Let  $X_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(U_1)$  and  $X_2 = F_{X_2}^{-1}(1 - U_2)$ . Then, we have

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = F_{U_1, 1-U_2}(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) = F_{X_1}(x_1) - C(F_{X_1}(x_1), 1 - F_{X_2}(x_2))$$

- Let  $X_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(1 - U_1)$  and  $X_2 = F_{X_2}^{-1}(U_2)$ . Then, we have

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = F_{1-U_1, U_2}(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) = F_{X_2}(x_2) - C(1 - F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2))$$

- Let  $X_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(1 - U_1)$  and  $X_2 = F_{X_2}^{-1}(1 - U_2)$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) &= F_{1-U_1, 1-U_2}(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) \\ &= \hat{C}(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) \\ &= C(1 - F_{X_1}(x_1), 1 - F_{X_2}(x_2)) + F_{X_1}(x_1) + F_{X_2}(x_2) - \end{aligned}$$

## 9 Survival copula and Sklar's Theorem

Let  $C$  be a copula of dimension 2 and  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C$ .

Let  $(X_1, X_2)$  be a pair of rvs with marginals  $F_{X_1}$  and  $F_{X_2}$ .

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{F}_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) &= 1 - F_{X_1}(x_1) - F_{X_2}(x_2) + F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) \\ &= C(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2)) + 1 - F_{X_1}(x_1) - F_{X_2}(x_2) \\ &= C(1 - \overline{F}_{X_1}(x_1), 1 - \overline{F}_{X_2}(x_2)) + \overline{F}_{X_1}(x_1) + \overline{F}_{X_2}(x_2) - 1\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\hat{C}(u_1, u_2) = C(1 - u_1, 1 - u_2) + u_1 + u_2 - 1,$$

we find

$$\overline{F}_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \hat{C}(\overline{F}_{X_1}(x_1), \overline{F}_{X_2}(x_2)).$$

Then, it is possible to adapt Sklar's Theorem in the context of multivariate survival functions.

For  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , we have

$$\overline{F}_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \hat{C}(\overline{F}_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, \overline{F}_{X_n}(x_n))$$

allowing to identify a copula  $\hat{C}$  from the joint survival function of the multivariate continuous distribution with

$$\hat{C}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \overline{F}_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(\overline{F}_{X_1}^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \overline{F}_{X_n}^{-1}(u_n)).$$

Since  $\hat{C}$  is a copula, we will drop the decoration "h" when it will not be useful.

We will use this method to generate copulas belonging to the class of Archimedean copulas (including notably the Clayton copula, the AMH copula, the Frank copula and the Gumbel copula).

## 10 Invariance

The invariance property is an attracting property of the copula.

Let  $(X_1, X_2)$  be a pair of continuous rvs.

The dependence structure between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is defined by the copula  $C$ .

Let  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  be continuous monotone functions.

We have the following properties :

- If  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are non decreasing, the dependence structure of  $(\phi_1(X_1), \phi_2(X_2))$  corresponds to the copula  $C(u_1, u_2)$ .

- If  $\phi_1$  is non decreasing and  $\phi_2$  is non increasing, the dependence structure of  $(\phi_1(X_1), \phi_2(X_2))$  corresponds to the copula  $u_1 - C(u_1, 1 - u_2)$ .
- If  $\phi_1$  is non increasing and  $\phi_2$  is non decreasing, the dependence structure of  $(\phi_1(X_1), \phi_2(X_2))$  corresponds to the copula  $u_2 - C(1 - u_1, u_2)$ .
- If  $\phi_1$  is non increasing and  $\phi_2$  is non increasing, the dependence structure of  $(\phi_1(X_1), \phi_2(X_2))$  corresponds to the copula  $\hat{C}(u_1, u_2)$ .

The form of the copula does not depend on  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , which it is important for estimation.



# 11 Conditional cdf

## 11.1 Definition

Let  $C$  be a copula for which the partial derivatives with regards to  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  exist.

Let  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C$ .

The conditional cdf of  $U_2$  given  $U_1 = u_1$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) &= \Pr(U_2 \leq u_2 | U_1 = u_1) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(u_1 + h, u_2) - C(u_1, u_2)}{h} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} C(u_1, u_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the conditional cdf of  $U_1$  given  $U_2 = u_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{1|2}(u_1|u_2) &= \Pr(U_1 \leq u_1 | U_2 = u_2) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(u_1, u_2 + h) - C(u_1, u_2)}{h} \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} C(u_1, u_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(X_1, X_2)$  be a pair of continuous rvs with

$$F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = C(F_{X_1}(x_1), F_{X_2}(x_2))$$

for  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_2|X_1=x_1}(x_2) &= \Pr(X_2 \leq x_2 | X_1 = x_1) \\ &= C_{2|1}(F_{X_2}(x_2) | F_{X_1}(x_1)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_1|X_2=x_2}(x_1) &= \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1 | X_2 = x_2) \\ &= C_{1|2}(F_{X_1}(x_1) | F_{X_2}(x_2)). \end{aligned}$$

## 11.2 Simulation and conditional cdf

Let  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C$ .

One could apply an approach based on the conditional cdf to simulate sampled values  $\left(U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)}\right)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) of  $(U_1, U_2)$ .

Let  $C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1)$  be the inverse of  $C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1)$ , which is obtained by finding the solution to  $C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = v$

### Algorithm 13 General procedure based on conditional cdf

1. Simulate the sampled values  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  of the iid  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
2. Calculate  $U_1^{(j)} = V_1^{(j)}$  and  $U_2^{(j)} = C_{2|1}^{-1}\left(V_2^{(j)}|U_1^{(j)}\right)$ .

## 12 Famillies of copulas

To simplify the presentation, we have put together copulas with similar features :

- basic copulas
- archimedean copulas
- elliptic copulas
- copulas with singularities
- etc.

# 13 Basic copulas

## 13.1 Independence copula

### 13.1.1 Definition

The independence copula is defined by

$$C^\perp(u_1, \dots, u_n) = u_1 \dots u_n,$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

### 13.1.2 Simulation

**Algorithm 14** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C^\perp$ .

1. Simulate  $V_1^{(j)}, \dots, V_n^{(j)}$  of the iid rvs  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
2. Calculate  $U_i^{(j)} = V_i^{(j)}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

See Figure 1) for a typical scatter plot of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C^\perp$ : there are uniformly distributed over  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .



## 13.2 Frechet Upper's bound copula

### 13.2.1 Definition

The copula is defined by

$$C^+(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \min(u_1; \dots; u_n),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

### 13.2.2 Simulation

**Algorithm 15** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C^+$ .

1. Simulate a sampled value  $V^{(j)}$  of the rv  $V \sim U(0, 1)$ .
2. Calculate  $U_i^{(j)} = V^{(j)}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

See Figure 1) for a typical scatter plot of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C^+$  : there are uniformly distributed on the diagonale  $u_1 = u_2$  in  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

## 13.3 Frechet's lower bound copula

### 13.3.1 Definition

The copula is defined by

$$C^-(u_1, u_2) = \max(u_1 + u_2 - 1; 0).$$

### 13.3.2 Simulation

**Algorithm 16** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C^-$ .

1. Simulate a sampled value  $V^{(j)}$  of the rv  $V \sim U(0, 1)$ .
2. Calculate  $U_1^{(j)} = V^{(j)}$  and  $U_2^{(j)} = 1 - V^{(j)}$ .

See Figure 1) for a typical scatter plot of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C^-$ : there are uniformly distributed on the diagonale  $u_1 = 1 - u_2$  in  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

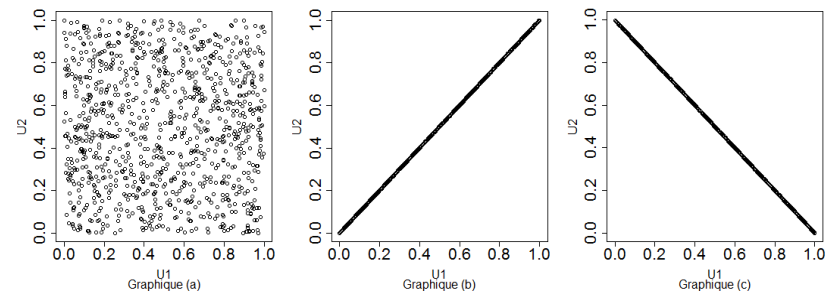


Figure 1: Graphs (a), (b) et (c) are the scatterplots of 1000 sampled values of  $(U_1, U_2)$  from independence copula, Frechet's upper bound copula, and Frechet's lowser bound copula.

## 13.4 Complete copula

When  $n = 2$ , a copula  $C$  is said to be *complete* if it includes Frechet's upper bound copula, independence copula, and Frechet's lower bound copula, either as a special case or a limit case.

## 13.5 Eyraud-Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern (EFGM) bivariate copula

### 13.5.1 Definition

The EFGM bivariate copula is obtained from EFGM's bivariate exponential distribution using the relation (Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem)

$$C(u_1, u_2) = F_{X_1, X_2} \left( F_{X_1}^{-1}(u_1), F_{X_2}^{-1}(u_2) \right),$$

for  $u_1, u_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

The EFGM bivariate copula can be seen as a perturbation to the independence copula

$$C_{\alpha}(u_1, u_2) = u_1 u_2 + \alpha u_1 u_2 (1 - u_1)(1 - u_2), \quad (2)$$

for  $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$ .

Special case:  $C_0(u_1, u_2) = C^{\perp}(u_1, u_2)$ .

The pdf is

$$c(u_1, u_2) = 1 + \alpha(1 - 2u_1)(1 - 2u_2).$$

The EFGM induces both negative and positive dependence relations between two rvs.

However, it is not complete.



## 13.5.2 Simulation

L'algorithme suivant de simulation est basée sur la méthode de la fonction de répartition conditionnelle.

**Algorithm 17** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_{\alpha}^{EFGM}$ .

1. Simulate sampled values  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  of the iid rvs  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
2. Let  $U_1^{(j)} = V_1^{(j)}$ .

3. Define  $W_1^{(j)} = \alpha \left( 2U_1^{(j)} - 1 \right) - 1$  and

$$W_2^{(j)} = \left( 1 - \alpha \left( 2U_1^{(j)} - 1 \right) \right)^2 + 4\alpha V_2^{(j)} \left( 2U_1^{(j)} - 1 \right).$$

4. Calculate  $U_2^{(j)} = \frac{2V_2^{(j)}}{\left( \sqrt{W_2^{(j)} - W_1^{(j)}} \right)}.$

See Figure 2 for a typical scatter plot of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_\alpha^{EFGM}$ .

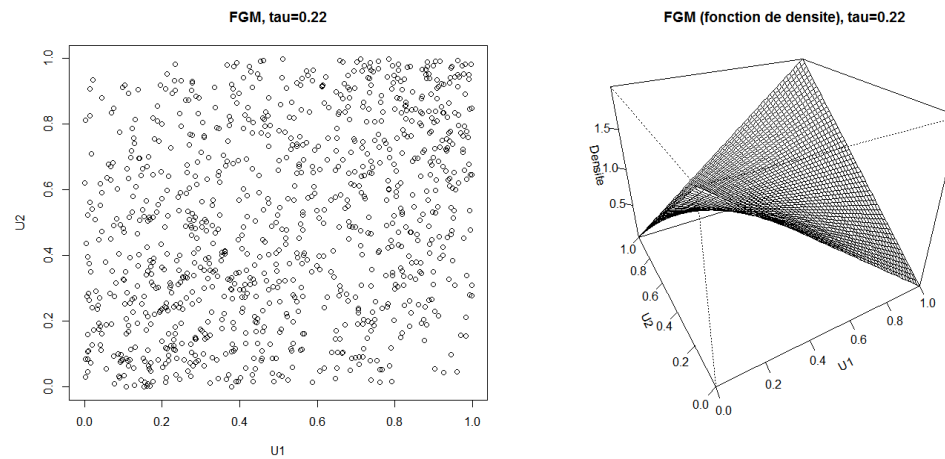


Figure 2: EFGM copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

# 14 Archimedean Copulas

## 14.1 Introduction

A copula  $C$  is said to be archimedean if it can be written in the following way :

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \psi \left( \psi^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \psi^{-1}(u_n) \right)$$

where the function  $\psi$  is called a generator.

The function  $\psi$  must satisfies the following properties :

- $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \psi(x) = 0$
- $\psi$  is a continuous function;
- $\psi$  is strictly decreasing over  $[0, \psi^{-1}(0)]$
- $\psi^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $\psi$ , i.e.

$$\psi^{-1}(x) = \inf \{u, \psi(u) \leq x\}.$$

What is the function  $\psi$  ?

Which functions do meet these properties ?

Important: The function  $\psi$  will lead to an archimedean copula for any dimension  $n = 2, 3, \dots$  if and only if  $\psi$  is completely monotone i.e.

$$(-1)^k \frac{d^k \psi(x)}{dx^k} \geq 0.$$

A function is completely monotone if and only if it is a Laplace-Stieltjes transform of a strictly positive rv.

We present below a general method to construct archimedean copulas via Laplace-Stieltjes transform of a strictly positive rv.

This method is called by **common frailty**.

## 14.2 Construction of archimedean copulas by common frailty

### - Step #1

Let  $\Theta$  be a **strictly positive** rv with cdf  $F_{\Theta}$  and Laplace-Stieltjes transform  $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta}$ .

Strictly positive :  $F_{\Theta}(0) = 0$ .

The rv  $\Theta$  can be discrete or continuous.

Let  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  be a vector of rvs where

- $(Y_1|\Theta = \theta), \dots, (Y_n|\Theta = \theta)$  are conditionally independent;
- $(Y_i|\Theta = \theta) \sim \text{Exp}(\theta), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The survival function of the rv  $Y_i$  is

$$\overline{F}_{Y_i}(x_i) = E \left[ e^{-\Theta x_i} \right] = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}(x_i)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The joint survival function of  $\underline{Y}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{F}_{\underline{Y}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \int_0^\infty \overline{F}_{\underline{Y}|\Theta=\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dF_{\Theta}(\theta) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \overline{F}_{Y_1|\Theta=\theta}(x_1) \times \dots \times \overline{F}_{Y_n|\Theta=\theta}(x_n) dF_{\Theta}(\theta) \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\theta x_1} \times \dots \times e^{-\theta x_n} dF_{\Theta}(\theta) \\ &= E \left[ e^{-\Theta x_1} \times \dots \times e^{-\Theta x_n} \right] \\ &= E \left[ e^{-\Theta(x_1 + \dots + x_n)} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}(x_1 + \dots + x_n) \end{aligned}$$

pour  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .



## 14.3 Construction of archimedean copulas by common frailty

### - Step #2

Now, we apply Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem to identify the copula  $C$ .

The expression of the copula is given by

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \overline{F}_{\underline{Y}} \left( \overline{F}_{Y_1}^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \overline{F}_{Y_i}^{-1}(u_n) \right).$$

We know that

$$x_i = \overline{F}_{Y_1}^{-1}(u_1) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u_i)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then, the expression of the copula is

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_n) \right)$$

for  $0 \leq u_1, \dots, u_n \leq 1$ .

The function  $\psi$  corresponds to the Laplace-Stieltjes transform of the mixing rv  $\Theta$ .

**Example 18** Let  $\Theta \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1\right)$  with

$$\mathcal{L}_\Theta(t) = \left( \frac{1}{1+t} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

The expression for  $\mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}$  is the solution of

$$\mathcal{L}_\Theta(x) = \left( \frac{1}{1+x} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = u.$$

We obtain

$$x = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u) = u^{-\alpha} - 1$$

for  $u \in [0, 1]$ .

We conclude

$$\begin{aligned} C(u_1, \dots, u_n) &= \left( \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i^{-\alpha} - 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^{-\alpha} - (n - 1) \right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq u_1, \dots, u_n \leq 1$ . The result is called the Clayton Copula.  $\square$

## 14.4 A simulation procedure for Archimedean copulas based on common mixture

Recall: we know that

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \overline{F}_{\underline{Y}} \left( \overline{F}_{Y_1}^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \overline{F}_{Y_i}^{-1}(u_n) \right).$$

Objective: simulate sampled values  $\underline{U}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  where

$$F_{\underline{U}}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = C(u_1, \dots, u_n).$$

General method :

1. Simulate  $\underline{Y}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ .

2. Simulate  $\underline{U}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  with

$$U_i^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_i} \left( Y_i^{(j)} \right)$$

with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

General method of simulation for archimedean:

1. Simulate  $\underline{Y}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  (derived from the construction of the distribution of  $\underline{Y}$ ) :

(a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of  $\Theta$ .

(b) Simulate the sampled value  $\underline{V}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$  which is a vector of iid rvs with  $V_i \sim Unif(0, 1)$ .

(c) Simulate  $Y_i^{(j)}$  with

$$\left( Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)} \right) = F_{Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}}^{-1} \left( V_i^{(j)} \right) = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left( 1 - V_i^{(j)} \right)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

2. Simulate the sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  with

$$U_i^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_i} \left( Y_i^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( Y_i^{(j)} \right),$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We apply this algorithm for the Clayton copula:

1. Simulate  $\underline{Y}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  (derived from the construction of the distribution of  $\underline{Y}$ ) :
  - (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of  $\Theta \sim \text{Gamma} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha}, 1 \right)$ .
  - (b) Simulate the sampled value  $\underline{V}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_n)$  which is a vector of iid rvs with  $V_i \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

(c) Simulate  $Y_i^{(j)}$  with

$$\left(Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}\right) = F_{Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}}^{-1} \left(V_i^{(j)}\right) = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left(1 - V_i^{(j)}\right)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

2. Simulate the sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)}$  of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  with

$$U_i^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_i} \left(Y_i^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left(Y_i^{(j)}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + Y_i^{(j)}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

## 14.5 Bivariate Ali-Mikhail-Haq (AMH) Copula

### 14.5.1 Definition

The Ali-Mikhail-Haq (AMH) copula is an Archimedean copula.

Let  $\Theta$  be strictly positive discrete rv which follows a geometric of type 2 distribution.

- Notation :  $\Theta \sim \text{GeomType2}(q)$
- Parameter :  $q \in ]0, 1[$
- Support :  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$
- Pmf :  $\Pr(\Theta = k) = q(1 - q)^{k-1}$
- Cdf :  $F_{\Theta}(k) = 1 - (1 - q)^k$



- Expectation :  $E[\Theta] = \frac{1}{q}$
- Variance :  $\text{Var}(\Theta) = \frac{1-q}{q^2}$
- LST :  $\mathcal{L}_\Theta(t) = \frac{qe^t}{(1-(1-q)e^t)}$
- Inverse of LST:  $\mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u)$
- Pgf :  $P_\Theta(t) = \frac{qt}{(1-(1-q)t)}$

Let  $\alpha = 1 - q$ .

The expression for the copula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) &= \frac{u_1 u_2}{1 - \alpha(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2)} \\
 &= u_1 u_2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2))^k.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Given the representation by common frailty, one may expect that the dependence parameter  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

However, (3) is also valid for  $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$ .

Special case:  $C_0(u_1, u_2) = C^\perp(u_1, u_2)$ .

The copula is not complete.

The copula introduces at most a moderate level of dependence relation between the rvs.

The pdf is

$$c(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1 - \alpha + 2\alpha \frac{u_1 u_2}{1 - \alpha(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2)}}{(1 - \alpha(1 - u_1)(1 - u_2))^2}.$$

## 14.5.2 Simulation procedures

We provide two simulation algorithms:

- The first algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$ . It is based on Sklar's Theorem. It is application of a general method for Archimedean copulas.
- The second algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . It is application of the method based on conditional cdf.

## 14.5.3 Simulation based on a general method for Archimedean copulas

**Algorithm 19** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^{AMH} (\alpha > 0)$ .

1. **(Simulate from the bivariate mixed exponential-geometric distribution).**

(a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of  $\Theta \sim \text{GeometricType2}(1 - \alpha)$ .

(b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left(Y_1^{(j)}, Y_2^{(j)}\right)$  of  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  with

$$Y_1^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left(1 - V_1^{(j)}\right)$$

$$Y_2^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left(1 - V_2^{(j)}\right)$$

where  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  are the sampled values of the independent rvs  $V_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  and  $V_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)}$  and  $U_2^{(j)}$  with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_1} \left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{\left(e^{Y_1^{(j)}} - \alpha\right)}$$

$$U_2^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_2} \left( Y_2^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( Y_2^{(j)} \right) = \frac{(1 - \alpha)}{\left( e^{Y_2^{(j)}} - \alpha \right)}.$$

#### 14.5.4 Simulation based on the conditional cdf

**Algorithm 20** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^{AMH}$  ( $-1 \leq \alpha < 0$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ )

1. Simulate the sampled values  $V_1^{(j)}$  et  $V_2^{(j)}$  of the iid rvs  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
2. Let  $U_1^{(j)} = V_1^{(j)}$ .

3. Define  $A = 1 - U_1^{(j)}$ ,  $B = -\alpha \left( 2AV_2^{(j)} + 1 \right) + 2\alpha^2 A^2 \times V_2^{(j)} + 1$  and

$$C = 1 + \alpha^2 \left( 4A^2 V_2^{(j)} - 4AV_2^{(j)} + 1 \right) + \alpha \left( 4AV_2^{(j)} - 4V_2^{(j)} + 2 \right).$$

4. Calculate  $U_2^{(j)} = \frac{2 \times V_2^{(j)} (A\alpha - 1)^2}{(B + \sqrt{C})}$ .

See Figure 3 for typical scatter plots of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_\alpha^{AMH}$  and typical graphs of pdf of the copula.

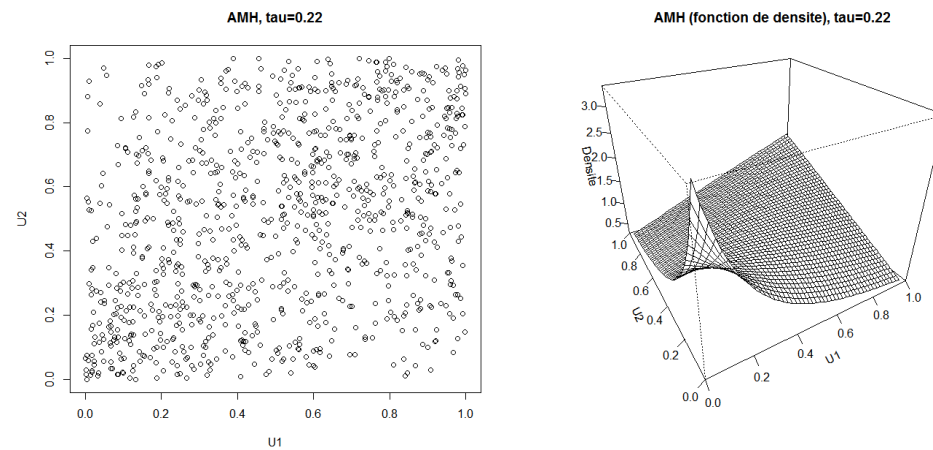


Figure 3: AMH copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

## 14.6 Multivariate copula

The expression of the multivariate copula is

$$C_{\alpha}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u_n) \right),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .



## 14.7 Bivariate Clayton Copula

### 14.7.1 Definition

The Clayton copula is an Archimedean copula.

Let  $\Theta$  be a strictly positive continuous rv with  $\Theta \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1\right)$ :

- LST:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Theta}(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1+t}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

- Inverse of LST:

$$x = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u) = u^{-\alpha} - 1$$

for  $u \in [0, 1]$ .

The expression for the copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = \left(u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  is  $\alpha > 0$ .

Limit cases:

- Independence copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^\perp(u_1, u_2)$
- Frechet's upper bound copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^+(u_1, u_2)$ .

The pdf is

$$c(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1 + \alpha}{(u_1 u_2)^{\alpha+1}} \left(u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1\right)^{-2-\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

The conditional cdf of  $U_2$  given  $U_1 = u_1$  is

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{1}{u_1^{\alpha+1}} \left( u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1 \right)^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

### 14.7.2 Simulation procedures

We provide two simulation algorithms:

- The first algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$ . It is based on Sklar's Theorem. It is application of the general method for Archimedean copulas.
- The second algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . It is application of the method based on conditional cdf.

### 14.7.3 Simulation based on a general method for Archimedean copulas

**Algorithm 21** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^{Clay} (\alpha > 0)$ .

1. **(Simulate from the bivariate mixed exponential-gamma distribution).**
  - (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  de la v.a.  $\Theta \sim Ga\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1\right)$ .
  - (b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left( Y_1^{(j)}, Y_2^{(j)} \right)$  de  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  où  $\left( Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)} \right) \sim Exp\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)$ , pour  $i = 1, 2$ , i.e.

$$Y_1^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left( 1 - V_1^{(j)} \right)$$

$$Y_2^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left( 1 - V_2^{(j)} \right)$$

où  $V_1^{(j)}$  et  $V_2^{(j)}$  sont des réalisations indépendantes de  $V_1 \sim Unif(0, 1)$  et  $V_2 \sim Unif(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)}$  et  $U_2^{(j)}$  avec

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_1} \left( Y_1^{(j)} \right) = \left( 1 + Y_1^{(j)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

$$U_2^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_2} \left( Y_2^{(j)} \right) = \left( 1 + Y_2^{(j)} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

See Figure 4 and 5 for typical scatter plots of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_\alpha^C$  and typical graphs of pdf of the copula.

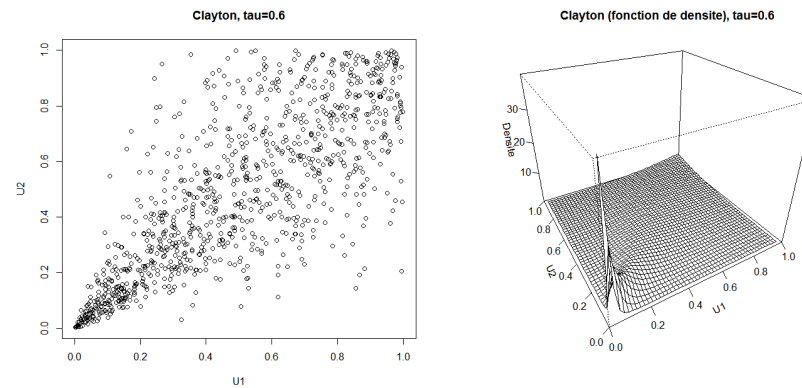


Figure 4: Clayton copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

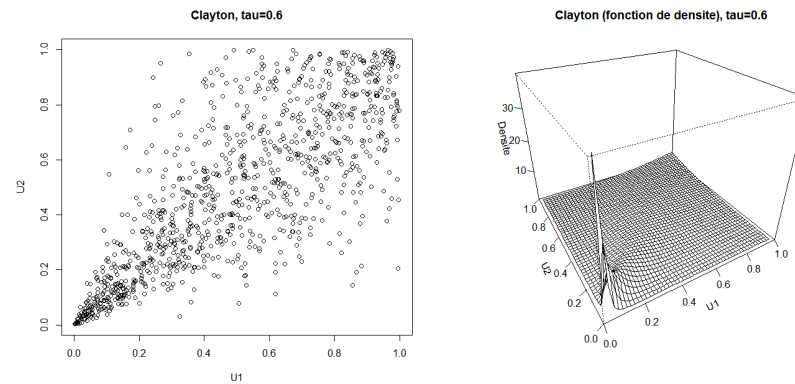


Figure 5: Clayton copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.6$ ).

### 14.7.4 Simulation based on the conditional cdf

To apply the simulation method, we need the expression of  $C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1)$ .

Recall

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{1}{u_1^{\alpha+1}} \left( u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1 \right)^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

Let  $v \in ]0, 1[$ . We need to identify to the expression of  $u_2$  such that

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{1}{u_1^{\alpha+1}} \left( u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1 \right)^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} = v.$$

We have

$$\left( u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1 \right)^{-\frac{(1+\alpha)}{\alpha}} = v \times u_1^{\alpha+1}$$



which becomes

$$\left(u_1^{-\alpha} + u_2^{-\alpha} - 1\right) = \left(v \times u_1^{\alpha+1}\right)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}.$$

We obtain

$$C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1) = \left(\left(v \times u_1^{\alpha+1}\right)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} - u_1^{-\alpha} + 1\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

**Algorithm 22** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left(U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)}\right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_{\alpha}^{Clay} (\alpha > 0)$ .

1. Simulate the sampled values  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  of the iid rvs  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

2. Let  $U_1^{(j)} = V_1^{(j)}$ .

3. Calculate

$$U_2^{(j)} = C_{2|1}^{-1} \left( V_2^{(j)} | u_1 \right) = \left( \left( V_2^{(j)} \times \left( U_1^{(j)} \right)^{\alpha+1} \right)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} - \left( U_1^{(j)} \right)^{-\alpha} + 1 \right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$

### 14.7.5 Multivariate copula

The expression of the multivariate copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_n) \right) = \left( u_1^{-\alpha} + \dots + u_n^{-\alpha} - (n-1) \right)$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Algorithm 23** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^{Clay} (\alpha > 0)$ .

1. (Simulate from the multivariate mixed exponential-gamma distribution).

(a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of the rv  $\Theta \sim Ga\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}, 1\right)$ .

(b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left(Y_1^{(j)}, \dots, Y_n^{(j)}\right)$  of  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  where  $\left(Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}\right) \sim \text{Exp}\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)$ , i.e.

$$Y_i^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left(1 - V_1^{(j)}\right)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $V_1^{(j)} \dots V_n^{(j)}$  are sampled values of the iid rvs  $V_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1) \dots V_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)} \dots U_n^{(j)}$  with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_1} \left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \left(1 + Y_1^{(j)}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

...

$$U_n^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_n} \left(Y_n^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left(Y_n^{(j)}\right) = \left(1 + Y_n^{(j)}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

## 14.8 Bivariate Frank copula

### 14.8.1 Definition

The Clayton copula is an Archimedean copula.

Let  $\Theta$  be a strictly positive discrete rv which follows a logarithmic distribution.

- Notation :  $\Theta \sim \text{Log}(\gamma)$
- Parameter :  $\gamma \in ]0, 1[$
- Support :  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$
- Pmf :  $\Pr(\Theta = k) = \frac{-1}{\ln(1-\gamma)} \frac{\gamma^k}{k}$
- Expectation :  $E[\Theta] = \frac{-1}{\ln(1-\gamma)} \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}$

- Variance :  $\text{Var}(\Theta) = \frac{\gamma + \ln(1-\gamma)}{(1-\gamma)^2 (\ln(1-\gamma))^2}$
- LST :  $\mathcal{L}_\Theta(t) = \frac{\ln(1-\gamma e^t)}{\ln(1-\gamma)}$
- Inverse of the LST:  $\mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u) =$
- Pgf :  $P_\Theta(t) = \frac{\ln(1-\gamma t)}{\ln(1-\gamma)}$

The expression for the copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{(e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1)(e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}{(e^{-\alpha} - 1)} \right), \quad (4)$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Given the representation by common frailty, one may expect that the dependence parameter  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$  ( $>0$ ).

However, (??) is also valid for  $\alpha \neq 0$ .

Limit case:

- Frechet's lower bound copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -\infty} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^-(u_1, u_2)$
- Independence copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^\perp(u_1, u_2)$
- Frechet's upper bound copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^+(u_1, u_2)$ .

The pdf is

$$c(u_1, u_2) = \frac{\alpha e^{-\alpha(u_1+u_2)} (1 - e^{-\alpha})}{\left(e^{-\alpha(u_1+u_2)} - e^{-\alpha u_1} - e^{-\alpha u_2} + e^{-\alpha}\right)^2}.$$

The conditional cdf of  $U_2$  given  $U_1 = u_1$  is

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{e^{-\alpha u_1} (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}{(e^{-\alpha} - 1) + (e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1)(e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}.$$

The Frank copula is complete.



## 14.8.2 Simulation procedures

We provide two simulation algorithms:

- The first algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$ . It is based on Sklar's Theorem. It is application of the general method for Archimedean copulas.
- The second algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . It is application of the method based on conditional cdf.

### 14.8.3 Simulation based on a general method for Archimedean copulas

**Algorithm 24** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^F$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ).

1. (Simulate from the bivariate mixed exponential-logarithmic distribution).

- (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of the rv  $\Theta \sim \text{Log}(\gamma)$  with  $\gamma = 1 - e^{-\alpha}$ .
- (b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left( Y_1^{(j)}, Y_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  where  $\left( Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)} \right) \sim \text{Exp} \left( \Theta^{(j)} \right)$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , i.e.

$$Y_1^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left( 1 - V_1^{(j)} \right)$$

$$Y_2^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln \left( 1 - V_2^{(j)} \right)$$

where  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  are sampled values of the iid rvs  $V_1 \sim Unif(0, 1)$  and  $V_2 \sim Unif(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)}$  et  $U_2^{(j)}$  with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_1} \left( Y_1^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( Y_1^{(j)} \right) = \frac{\ln(1 - \gamma e^{-Y_1^{(j)}})}{\ln(1 - \gamma)}$$

$$U_2^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_2} \left( Y_2^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( Y_2^{(j)} \right) = \frac{\ln(1 - \gamma e^{-Y_2^{(j)}})}{\ln(1 - \gamma)}$$

See Figure 6 and 7 for typical scatter plots of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_{\alpha}^F$  and typical graphs of pdf of the copula.

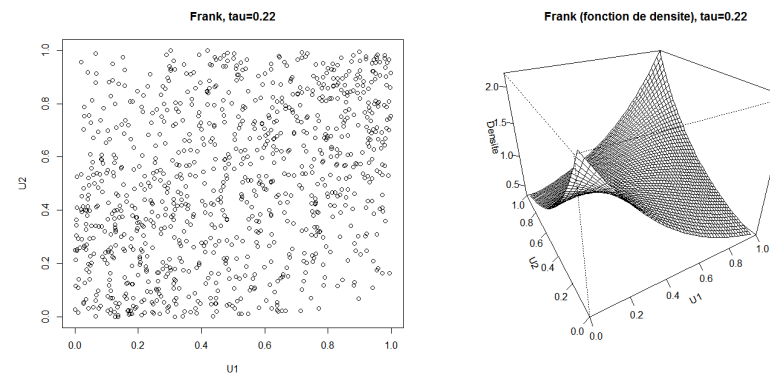


Figure 6: Frank copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

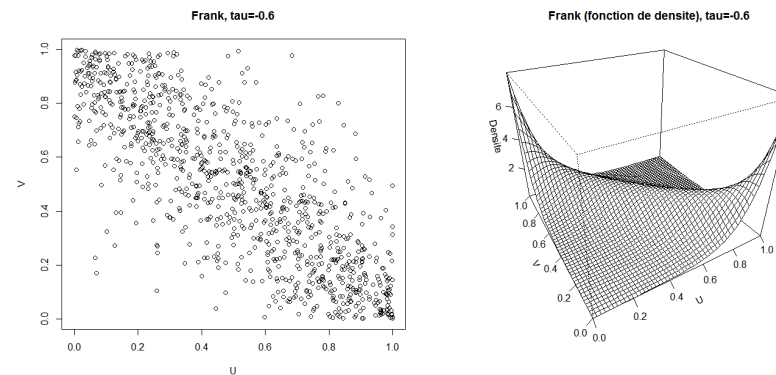


Figure 7: Frank copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.6$ ).

### 14.8.4 Simulation based on the conditional cdf

To apply the simulation method, we need the expression of  $C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1)$ .

Recall

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{e^{-\alpha u_1} (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}{(e^{-\alpha} - 1) + (e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1)(e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}.$$

Let  $v \in ]0, 1[$ . We need to identify to the expression of  $u_2$  such that

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \frac{e^{-\alpha u_1} (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)}{(e^{-\alpha} - 1) + (e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1)(e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)} = v.$$

We have

$$e^{-\alpha u_1} (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1) = v \times (e^{-\alpha} - 1) + v \times (e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1) (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1)$$

which becomes

$$e^{-\alpha u_1} (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1) - v \times (e^{-\alpha u_1} - 1) (e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1) = v \times (e^{-\alpha} - 1)$$

and

$$(e^{-\alpha u_2} - 1) = \frac{v \times (e^{-\alpha} - 1)}{e^{-\alpha u_1} (1 - v) + v}.$$

We obtain

$$u_2 = C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{v \times (e^{-\alpha} - 1)}{e^{-\alpha u_1} (1 - v) + v} \right).$$

### Algorithm 25 Simulation des réalisations de $(U_1, U_2)$ .

1. Simulate the sampled values  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  of the iid rvs  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $V_i \sim U(0, 1)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
2. Let  $U_1^{(j)} = V_1^{(j)}$ .
3. Calculate

$$U_2^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{V_2^{(j)} \times (e^{-\alpha} - 1)}{e^{-\alpha U_1^{(j)}} (1 - V_2^{(j)}) + V_2^{(j)}} \right).$$



### 14.8.5 Multivariate copula

The expression of the multivariate copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_n) \right) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n (e^{-\alpha u_i} - 1)}{(e^{-\alpha} - 1)^{n-1}} \right)$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Algorithm 26** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = (U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)})$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^F$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ).

1. (Simulate from the bivariate mixed exponential-logarithmic distribution).

- (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of the rv  $\Theta \sim \text{Log}(\gamma)$  with  $\gamma = 1 - e^{-\alpha}$ .
- (b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left(Y_1^{(j)}, \dots, Y_n^{(j)}\right)$  of  $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  where  $\left(Y_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}\right) \sim \text{Exp}\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)$ , i.e.

$$Y_i^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln\left(1 - V_1^{(j)}\right),$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $V_1^{(j)} \dots V_n^{(j)}$  are sampled values of the iid rvs  $V_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1) \dots V_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)} \dots U_n^{(j)}$  with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_1}\left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}\left(Y_1^{(j)}\right) = \frac{\ln(1 - \gamma e^{-Y_1^{(j)}})}{\ln(1 - \gamma)}$$

...

$$U_n^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{Y_n}\left(Y_n^{(j)}\right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}\left(Y_n^{(j)}\right) = \frac{\ln(1 - \gamma e^{-Y_n^{(j)}})}{\ln(1 - \gamma)}$$

## 14.9 Bivariate Gumbel copula

### 14.9.1 Definition

The Gumbel copula is an Archimedean copula.

Let  $\Theta$  be a strictly positive continuous rv which follows a stable distribution.

As mentioned in [?], there is several parametrisation for the stable distribution.

Here, in the present context, the *Stable*  $(\varphi, 1, \gamma, 0)$  distribution is defined over  $\mathbb{R}^+$ :

- $\varphi^{-1} > 1$  (or  $0 < \varphi < 1$ )

- $\gamma = \left( \cos \left( \frac{\pi\varphi}{2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{\varphi}}$
- LST:  $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta}(t) = e^{-t^{\varphi}}$
- Inverse of the LST:  $\mathcal{L}_{\Theta}^{-1}(u) = (-\ln(u))^{\frac{1}{\varphi}}$

Here is the simulation algorithm for the stable distribution with this specific parametrization.

**Algorithm 27 Simulation of a sampled value  $W^{(j)}$  of a rv.  $W \sim \text{Stable}(\varphi, 1, \gamma, 0)$**   
**with**  $\gamma = \left( \cos \left( \frac{\pi\varphi}{2} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{\varphi}}$

1. Simulate a sample value of  $R^{(j)}$  of the rv  $R \sim U \left( -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ .
2. Simulate a sample value of  $V^{(j)}$  of the rv  $V \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ .

### 3. Calculate

$$A = \frac{\sin\left(\varphi\left(R^{(j)} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)}{\left(\cos\left(R^{(j)}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{\varphi}}}$$

$$B = \left(\frac{\cos\left(\varphi\frac{\pi}{2} + (\varphi - 1)R^{(j)}\right)}{V(j)}\right)^{\frac{1-\varphi}{\varphi}}.$$

### 4. Calculate $W^{(j)} = A \times B$ .

We can represent  $W = \gamma Y$  where  $Y \sim \text{Stable}(\varphi, 1, 1, 0)$  and  $\gamma = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi\varphi}{2}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{\varphi}}$ .

The algorithm provided above is an adaptation of an algorithm presented in [?] allowing to simulate sampled values of the rv  $Y$ .

Let  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\varphi}$ . The expression for the copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = \mathcal{L}\left(\mathcal{L}^{-1}(u_1) + \mathcal{L}^{-1}(u_2)\right) = e^{-\{(-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha\}^{1/\alpha}},$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

Limit cases :

- Independence copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^\perp(u_1, u_2)$
- Frechet's upper bound copula:  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) = C^+(u_1, u_2)$ .

The copula is not complete.

The pdf is

$$\begin{aligned}
& c(u_1, u_2) \\
= & C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) \times \frac{(-\ln u_1)^{\alpha-1}(-\ln u_2)^{\alpha-1}}{u_1 u_2} \\
& \times ((-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-2} \left( \alpha - 1 + ((-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The conditional cdf of  $U_2$  given  $U_1 = u_1$  is

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) \frac{(-\ln u_1)^{\alpha-1}}{u_1} ((-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1}.$$

### 14.9.2 Simulation procedures

We provide two simulation algorithms:

- The first algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$ . It is based on Sklar's Theorem. It is application of the general method for Archimedean copulas.
- The second algorithm works for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . It is application of the method based on conditional copula.

### 14.9.3 Simulation based on a general method for Archimedean copulas

**Algorithm 28** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^G$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ).

1. (Simulate from the bivariate mixed exponential-stable distribution, also called bivariate Weibull distribution)



- (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of the rv  $\Theta \sim \text{Stable}(\varphi, 1, \gamma, 0)$  where  $\varphi = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\gamma = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}\right)\right)^\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ).
- (b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left(W_1^{(j)}, W_2^{(j)}\right)$  of  $(W_1, W_2)$  where  $\left(W_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}\right) \sim \text{Exp}\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ , i.e.

$$W_1^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln\left(1 - V_1^{(j)}\right)$$

$$W_2^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln\left(1 - V_2^{(j)}\right)$$

where  $V_1^{(j)}$  and  $V_2^{(j)}$  are sampled values of the iid rvs  $V_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  and  $V_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)}$  et  $U_2^{(j)}$

with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{W_1} \left( W_1^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( W_1^{(j)} \right) = \exp \left( - \left( W_1^{(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$

$$U_2^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{W_2} \left( W_2^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} \left( W_2^{(j)} \right) = \exp \left( - \left( W_2^{(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$

See Figures 8 and 9 for typical scatter plots of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_{\alpha}^C$  and typical graphs of pdf of the copula.

The copula is also called «Gumbel-Hougaard».

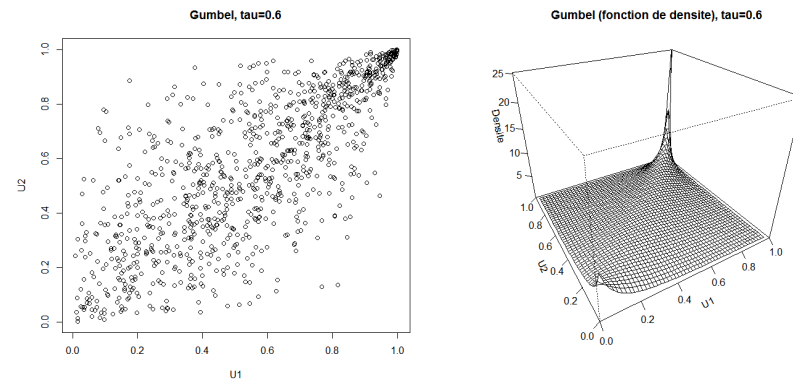


Figure 8: Gumbel copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

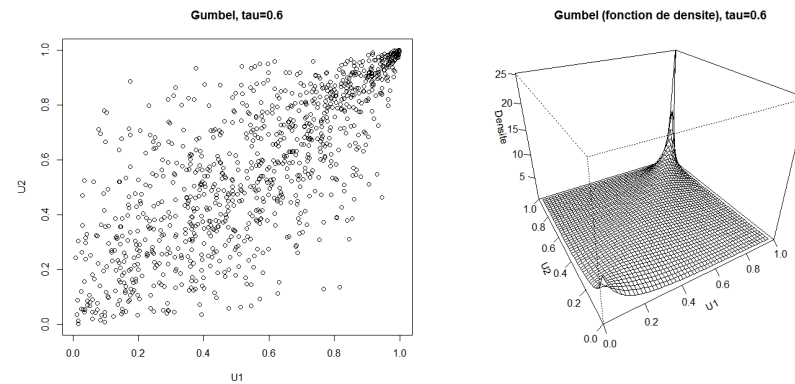


Figure 9: Gumbel copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.6$ ).

### 14.9.4 Simulation based on the conditional cdf

To apply the simulation method, we need the expression of  $C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1)$ .

Recall

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) \frac{(-\ln u_1)^{\alpha-1}}{u_1} ((-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1}.$$

Let  $v \in ]0, 1[$ . We need to identify to the expression of  $u_2$  such that

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = C_\alpha(u_1, u_2) \frac{(-\ln u_1)^{\alpha-1}}{u_1} ((-\ln u_1)^\alpha + (-\ln u_2)^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} = v.$$

We need to numerical optimization to compute values of  $C_{2|1}^{-1}(v|u_1)$ .

### 14.9.5 Multivariate copula

The expression of the multivariate copula is

$$C_\alpha(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \mathcal{L}_\Theta^{-1}(u_n) \right) = \exp \left( - \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (-\ln u_i)^\alpha \right\} \right),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

**Algorithm 29** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = (U_1^{(j)}, \dots, U_n^{(j)})$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^G$  ( $\alpha > 0$ ).

1. (Simulate from the multivariate mixed exponential-stable distribution, also called multivariate Weibull distribution)

- (a) Simulate the sampled value  $\Theta^{(j)}$  of the rv  $\Theta \sim \text{Stable}(\varphi, 1, \gamma, 0)$  where  $\varphi = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\gamma = \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}\right)\right)^\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ).
- (b) Simulate the sampled values  $\left(W_1^{(j)}, W_2^{(j)}\right)$  of  $(W_1, W_2)$  where  $\left(W_i | \Theta = \Theta^{(j)}\right) \sim \text{Exp}\left(\Theta^{(j)}\right)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , i.e.

$$W_1^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln\left(1 - V_1^{(j)}\right)$$

...

$$W_n^{(j)} = -\frac{1}{\Theta^{(j)}} \ln\left(1 - V_n^{(j)}\right)$$

where  $V_1^{(j)}, \dots, V_n^{(j)}$  are sampled values of the iid rvs  $V_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ ,  $\dots, V_n \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ .

2. **(Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem).** Simulate the sampled values  $U_1^{(j)}$  et  $U_2^{(j)}$

with

$$U_1^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{W_1} \left( W_1^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( W_1^{(j)} \right) = \exp \left( - \left( W_1^{(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$

$$U_n^{(j)} = \overline{F}_{W_n} \left( W_n^{(j)} \right) = \mathcal{L}_\Theta \left( W_n^{(j)} \right) = \exp \left( - \left( W_n^{(j)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$



## 15 Elliptic copulas

The family of elliptic copulas includes the normal copula and the student copula

Common characteristic: the scatterplots of the sampled values from copulas of this family have elliptic forms

For the moment, the detailed study of this family is not considered in the present version of these Lecture Notes.

## 15.1 Bivariate Normal copula

### 15.1.1 Definition

The normal copula is obtained by using Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem.

Let  $\underline{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  follows a bivariate standard normal distribution with

- $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$  ;
- $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$  ;
- $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21} = \rho \in [0, 1]$  .

It means that

$$F_{Z_i}(x_i) = \Phi(x_i)$$

for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

It means that

$$F_{Z_i}^{-1}(u_i) = \Phi^{-1}(x_i)$$

for  $u_i \in (0, 1)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

It means that

$$F_{Z_1, Z_2}(x_1, x_2) = \Phi_\rho(x_1, x_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} f_{Z_1, Z_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Now, we apply Part #1 of Sklar's Theorem.

Indeed, the Normal copula is given by

$$C(u_1, u_2) = F_{Z_1, Z_2} \left( F_{Z_1}^{-1}(u_1), F_{Z_2}^{-1}(u_2) \right)$$

which is denoted by

$$C_{\alpha}^N(u_1, u_2) = \Phi_{\underline{\alpha}} \left( \Phi^{-1}(u_1), \Phi^{-1}(u_2) \right),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and with

$$\underline{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$ .

Now,  $\rho = \alpha$  corresponds to the dependence parameter.

Notice that the expression of  $C_{\alpha}^N$  is not closed-form.

Special cases are :

- $C_0(u_1, u_2) = C^\perp(u_1, u_2)$
- $C_1(u_1, u_2) = C^+(u_1, u_2)$
- $C_{-1}(u_1, u_2) = C^-(u_1, u_2)$ .

The pdf  $c(u_1, u_2)$  is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}} e^{-\frac{(\Phi^{-1}(u_1)^2 - 2\alpha\Phi^{-1}(u_1)\Phi^{-1}(u_2) + \Phi^{-1}(u_2)^2)}{2(1-\alpha^2)}}} e^{\frac{(\Phi^{-1}(u_1)^2 + \Phi^{-1}(u_2)^2)}{2}}.$$

The conditional cdf of  $U_2$  given  $U_1 = u_1$  is

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}(u_2) - \alpha\Phi^{-1}(u_1)}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}\right).$$

Lorsque  $\alpha > 0$  ( $\alpha < 0$ ), la copule introduit une relation de dépendance positive (négative) entre les composantes de  $\underline{U}$ .

The normal copula is complete.

### 15.1.2 Simulation procedure for the bivariate standard normal distribution

Let  $\underline{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  follows a bivariate standard normal distribution with

- $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$  ;
- $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$  ;
- $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21} = \rho \in [0, 1]$  .

Let  $\underline{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$  follows a bivariate standard normal distribution with

- $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$  ;

- $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$  ;
- $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21} = \rho \in [0, 1]$  .

Let  $Y_1, Y_2$  be two iid rvs with  $Y_1 \sim Y_2 \sim \text{Norm}(0, 1)$ .

We want to represent the components of  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  in terms of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

We propose the following representation:

- First,  $Z_1 = Y_1$ .
- Second,

$$Z_2 = \rho \times Y_1 + \sqrt{(1 - \rho^2)} \times Y_2.$$

We need to verify that  $(Z_1, Z_2)$  follow a bivariate normal distribution.

- Clearly,  $Z_1 \sim \text{Norm}(0, 1)$ .
- Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{Z_2}(t) &= E \left[ e^{Z_2 t} \right] \\
 &= E \left[ e^{\left( \rho \times Y_1 + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \times Y_2 \right) t} \right] \\
 &= E \left[ e^{\rho \times Y_1 t} \right] \times E \left[ e^{\left( \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \times Y_2 \right) t} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- It becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{Z_2}(t) &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\rho^2 t^2} \times e^{\frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \right)^2 t^2} \\
 &= e^{\frac{1}{2}\rho^2 t^2} \times e^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\rho^2) t^2} \\
 &= e^{\frac{1}{2} t^2}
 \end{aligned}$$



- Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_2) &= \text{Cov}\left(Y_1, \rho \times Y_1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \times Y_2\right) \\ &= \text{Cov}(Y_1, \rho \times Y_1) + \text{Cov}\left(Y_1, \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \times Y_2\right) \\ &= \rho \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_1) + \sqrt{1 - \rho^2} \times \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) \\ &= \rho. \end{aligned}$$

- Finally, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
M_{Z_1, Z_2}(t_1, t_2) &= E \left[ e^{Y_1 \times t_1} e^{(\rho \times Y_1 + \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \times Y_2) t_2} \right] \\
&= E \left[ e^{Y_1 \times (t_1 + \rho t_2)} e^{\sqrt{1-\rho^2} \times Y_2 t_2} \right] \\
&= E \left[ e^{Y_1 \times (t_1 + \rho t_2)} \right] E \left[ e^{\sqrt{1-\rho^2} \times Y_2 t_2} \right] \\
&= e^{\frac{1}{2}(t_1^2 + 2\rho t_1 t_2 + \rho^2 t_2^2)} e^{\frac{1}{2}(1-\rho^2)t_2^2} \\
&= e^{\frac{1}{2}(t_1^2 + 2\rho t_1 t_2 + t_2^2)},
\end{aligned}$$

which is the mgf of the bivariate Normal distribution.

This representation will help us to simulate sampled values of  $(Z_1, Z_2)$ .

**Algorithm 30** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{Z}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{Z} = (Z_1, Z_2)$ .

1. Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{Y}^{(j)} = \left( Y_1^{(j)}, Y_2^{(j)} \right)$  of a pair of iid standard normal rvs  $\underline{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$ .
2. Let  $Z_1^{(j)} = Y_1^{(j)}$ .
3. Calculate  $Z_2^{(j)} = \rho \times Y_1^{(j)} + \sqrt{(1 - \rho^2)} \times Y_2^{(j)}$ .

### 15.1.3 Simulation procedure for the bivariate copula

The simulation method is based on the application of Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem and the simulation procedure for the bivariate standard normal distribution.

**Algorithm 31** Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{U}^{(j)} = \left( U_1^{(j)}, U_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{U} \sim C_\alpha^N$ .

1. Simulate a sampled value  $\underline{Z}^{(j)} = \left( Z_1^{(j)}, Z_2^{(j)} \right)$  of  $\underline{Z}$ .
2. **Apply Part#1 of Sklar's Theorem.** Calculate  $U_i^{(j)} = \Phi \left( Z_i^{(j)} \right)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

See Figure 10 and 11 for typical scatter plots of sampled values of  $\underline{U} = (U_1, U_2) \sim C_\alpha^N$ .

The scatterplots take an elliptic form.

- If  $\alpha > 0$ , the elliptic form is around the diagonale line from the point (0,0) to the point (1,1) in  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .
- If  $\alpha < 0$ , the elliptic form is around the diagonale line from the point (0,1) to the point (1,0) in  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

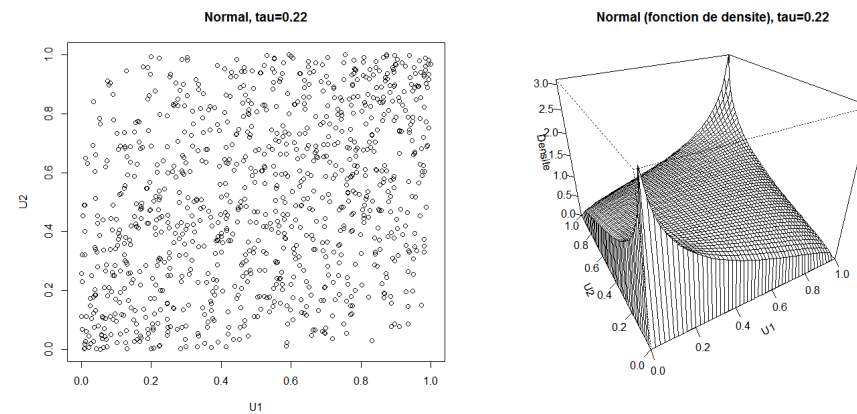


Figure 10: Normal copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = 0.22$ ).

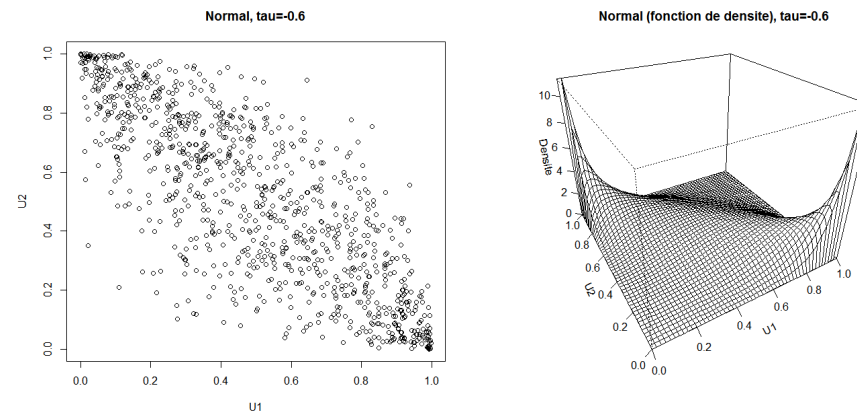


Figure 11: Normal copula: scatterplot of 1000 sampled values and 3-D plot of its pdf (Kendall's  $\tau = -0.6$ )..

### 15.1.4 Multivariate copula

The multivariate copula is

$$C_{\underline{\alpha}}(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \underline{\Phi}_{\underline{\alpha}}\left(\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \Phi^{-1}(u_n)\right),$$

for  $u_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and with

$$\underline{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \alpha_{12} & 1 & \cdots & \alpha_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{1n} & \alpha_{2n} & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\alpha_{ij} \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i < j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Let  $\underline{Z} = (Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$  be a vector of rvs which follows a multivariate standard normal distribution with a matrix of Pearson's correlation coefficients equal to  $\underline{\alpha}$ .

**Algorithm 32 Simulation des réalisations de  $(U_1, \dots, U_n)$** 

1. *Simulate a sampled value  $(Z_1^{(j)}, \dots, Z_n^{(j)})$  of  $\underline{Z}$ .*
2. *Calculate  $U_i^{(j)} = \Phi(Z_i^{(j)})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .*



## 15.2 Bivariate Student copula

(Later)

## 16 Challenges for research in actuarial science

- Advanced statistical methods for copulas.
- Development of new copulas.
- Construction methods for copulas.
- Hierarchical Archimedean copulas.
- Applications and innovations in non-life insurance.
- Using copulas to define joint distributions for vectors of counting rvs.
- Using copulas to define joint distributions for vectors of continuous rvs.
- Using copulas to define joint distributions for vectors of mixed rvs.
- Aggregation of dependent risks with joint distribution defined with copulas.
- Etc.