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1 Introduction

Meta tests have been shown to be a powerful tool when testing for the null of non-cointegration. The distribution of their test statistic, however, is mostly not available in closed form. This might pose difficulties when implementing the meta tests in econometric software packages, as one has to include the full null distribution for each combination of the underlying tests. Software package size limitations are therefore quickly exceeded.

In this paper we propose supervised Machine Learning Algorithms to approximate the p-values of the meta test by Bayer and Hanck (2012) which tests for the null of non-cointegration. This approach might reduce the size of associated software packages considerably. The algorithms are trained on simulated data for various specifications of the aforementioned test.

Ergebnis der Models (1-2 Sätze)

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2 Bayer Hanck Test

The choice as to which of the available cointegration tests to use is a recurrent issue in econometric time series analysis. Bayer and Hanck (2012) propose powerful meta tests which provide unambiguous test decisions. They combine several residual- and system-based tests in the manner of Fisher's (1932) Chi-squared test.

Bayer and Hanck build their paper on previous work from Pesavento (2004), who defines the underlying model as $z'_t = [x'_t, y_t]$, with x_t being an $n_1 \times 1$ vector and y_t a scalar, which displays the cointegration relation. They can be written as

$$\Delta x_t = \tau_1 + v_{1t} \tag{2.1}$$

$$y_t = (\mu_2 - \gamma' \mu_1) + (\tau_2 - \gamma' \tau_1)t + \gamma' x_t + u_t, \tag{2.2}$$

$$u_t = \rho u_{t-1} + v_{2t}. \tag{2.3}$$

Δx_t presents the regressor dynamics. μ_1 , μ_2 , τ_1 and τ_2 are the deterministic parts of the model. They are subject to the following restrictions: (i) $\mu_2 - \gamma' \mu_1$ and $\tau = 0$ which translates to no deterministics, (ii) $\tau = 0$ which

corresponds to a constant in the cointegrating vector, (iii) $\tau_2 - \gamma'\tau_1 = 0$, a constant plus trend.

$v_t = [v'_{1t} v_{2t}]'$ with Ω the long-run covariance matrix of v_t . For derivation of v_t see Pesavento (2004). Pesavento shows that $\{v_t\}$ satisfies an FCLT, i.e. $T^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^{[T]} v_t \Rightarrow \Omega^{1/2} W(\cdot)$. It is further assumed that the x_t are not cointegrated.

It clearly follows from (2.3) that z_t is cointegrated if $\rho < 1$. Hence the null hypothesis of no cointegration is $H_0 : \rho = 1$. Furthermore, Pesavento introduces two other parameters. First, R^2 measures the squared correlation of v_{1t} and v_{2t} . It can be interpreted as the influence of the right-hand side variables in (2.2). It ranks between zero and one. When there is no long-run correlation between those variables and the errors from the cointegration regression, R^2 equals zero. Secondly, the number of lags is approximated by a finite number k .

Assumptions (BH S. 84)?

Bayer and Hanck's (2012) meta test considers the test statistics of up to four stand-alone tests. Namely, these are the tests of Engle and Granger (1987), Johansen (1988), Boswijk (1994) and Banerjee et al. (1998). For the sake of brevity the detailed derivation of the underlying tests has been deliberately omitted here.

Engle and Granger (1987) propose a two-step procedure to test the null hypothesis of no cointegration against the alternative of at least one cointegrating vector. First, the long-run relationship between y_t and \mathbf{x}_t is estimated by least squares regression. The obtained residuals \hat{u}_t are then tested for a unit root. For this, Engle and Granger suggest the use of the t -statistic t_{γ}^{ADF} in the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) regression:

$$\Delta \hat{u}_t = \gamma \hat{u}_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \pi_i \Delta \hat{u}_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t. \quad (2.4)$$

The rejection of a unit root points to a cointegration relationship.

Johansen's (1988) maximum eigenvalue test is a system-based test that allows for several cointegration relationships. Take the vector error correction model (VECM)¹

$$\Delta \mathbf{z}_t = \Pi \mathbf{z}_{t-1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \Gamma_i \Delta \mathbf{z}_{t-i} + \mathbf{d}_t + \varepsilon_t. \quad (2.5)$$

¹Due to practical reasons we omit the derivation of the VECM which is presumed to be known.

We base this test on the test statistic $\lambda_{\max} = -T \ln(1 - \hat{\lambda}_t)$. π-Teil von BH?

The third and fourth test considered are error correction-based. Both estimate the equation

$$\Delta y_t = d_t + \pi'_{0x} \Delta x_t + \varphi_0 y_{t-1} + \varphi'_1 x_{t-1} + \sum_{p=1}^P (\pi'_{px} \Delta x_{t-p} + \pi_{py} \Delta y_{t-p}) \quad (2.6)$$

by ordinary least squares (OLS). Banerjee et al. (1998) then test the null of non-cointegration by applying a t-test on φ_0 , i.e. $\mathcal{H}_0 : \varphi_0 = 0$?. Boswijk (1994) uses the Wald statistic for testing $\mathcal{H}_0 : (\varphi_0, \phi'_1)' = 0$.

To combine the results from the underlying tests Bayer and Hanck draw upon Fisher's combined probability test (Fisher, 1932). It merges the tests using the formula

$$\tilde{\chi}_{\mathcal{I}}^2 := -2 \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \ln(p_i). \quad (2.7)$$

Let t_i be the i^{th} test statistic. If test i rejects for large values, take $\xi_i := t_i$. If test i rejects for small values, take $-\xi_i := t_i$. With $\Xi_i(x) := \Pr_{\mathcal{H}_i}(\xi_i \geq x)$ the p-value of the i^{th} test is $p_i := \Xi_i(\xi_i)$.

Fisher (1932) shows that under the assumption of independence the null distribution of $\tilde{\chi}_{\mathcal{I}}^2$ follows a chi-squared distribution with $2\mathcal{I}$ degrees of freedom. If this assumption is violated the null distribution is less evident. Here, the latter case occurs, as the ξ_i are not independent. The $\tilde{\chi}_{\mathcal{I}}^2$, however, have well-defined asymptotic null distributions $F_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}}$, as $\tilde{\chi}_{\mathcal{I}}^2 \rightarrow_d \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}$ under \mathcal{H}_0 if $T \rightarrow \infty$, with $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}$ some random variable. It is therefore feasible to simulate the joint null distribution of the ξ_i to obtain the distribution $F_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}}$ of (2.7). The $F_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}}$ depend on which and how many tests are combined. The distributions of the ξ_i depend on $K - 1$ and the deterministic case.

3 Simulation

In this section, we describe the simulation of the null distribution of the Bayer Hanck meta test. The objective is to obtain data for training machine learning algorithms on approximating the p-values of the aforementioned test. In consideration of the different forms of the meta test we generate six data sets. These vary according to the specific combinations of the underlying tests and also account for the above-mentioned restrictions on the deterministic parts of the model.

The following approach relies largely on previous work by Pesavento (2004). For calculating the Bayer Hanck test statistic we require the p-values of the underlying tests. For this, we simulate their null distributions. It can be shown that asymptotically these are functions of standard Brownian motions. Here, the latter are constructed by step functions using Gaussian random walk of size $N = 1000$. The number of repetitions is set to 1,000,000. Furthermore, we consider $R^2 \in \{0, 0.05, 0.1, \dots, 0.95\}$, the maximum number of lags $K = 11$ and $c = 0^2$ (c mal definieren).

From the mass of test statistics we build the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of each underlying test and calculate the respective p-values. These are inserted into (2.6) to eventually obtain the Bayer Hanck test statistics. Analogous to the previous approach, we deduce the associated null distribution and the p-values.

4 Models

We now use the generated data for training machine learning algorithms on predicting the approximated empirical CDF of the Bayer Hanck test. We work with the values of the test statistic and the number of lags k as predictors. As it is our objective to describe the null distribution with a less memory-intensive model we will only consider linear methods. For the same objective we compare the models according to their in-sample Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). The threat of overfitting is thus of no particular relevance here. For this reason, and to reduce computation time, we use no cross-validation.

As the empirical CDF is typically known to be curved in an S-shape we skip the classic linear regression in favor of a more flexible model. We stay with least squares regression, but try various combinations of polynomial functions and interaction terms of the aforementioned regressors. The search for the best model is carried out via brute-force.

4.1 Data Pre-Processing

One approach for improving a model's predictive ability is the pre-processing of the training data. Some models, like linear regression, react sensitively to

²Since we solely aim at simulating the distribution of the null of no cointegration we will not consider any further values of c here.

certain characteristics of the predictor or response data. Those characteristics include, inter alia, distributional skewness and outliers and there exist several methods to lower their potentially bad impact on the model's performance.

Since we simulated our training data under the null of non-cointegration we expect the distribution of the test statistic to be rather right skewed. **Plot** also reveals it to have a long right tail. If we train our regression model on this raw data it can possibly have difficulties predicting from high values of the test statistic.

One of the aforementioned methods to deal with such issues are power transforms. One might decide freely which transformation to apply. Alternatively, there exist statistical methods to determine an appropriate transformation. A well-known family of transformations to un-skew data is the Box-Cox transformation (Box & Cox, 1964). They aim at transforming the data so that it closely resembles the normal distribution. The exact transformation depends on the parameter λ , whose optimal value can be empirically estimated:

$$y^{(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} \frac{y^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, & \lambda \neq 0 \\ \log(y), & \lambda = 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

It is visible from (4.1) that Box and Cox (1964) developed these transformations for the dependent variable. Kuhn and Johnson (2013), however, report that it proves as effective for transforming individual regressors. We estimate lambda for the values of the test statistics of the Bayer-Hanck test and transform them according to (2.7). This forces their distribution into a more symmetric form.

Since the response variable consists of our p-values, which were simulated under the null hypothesis, it follows a uniform distribution and is already symmetric. A transformation would therefore not bring any apparent advantage. However, we still add a Box-Cox transformed and a logarithmised version of the response variable to see if it benefits the prediction.

We also include various variations of the actual categorical variable k . It is firstly decomposed into dummy variables and secondly recode as a numeric, so that various transformations can be performed.

4.2 Polynomial Regression

Due to the reasons given above we restrict ourselves to linear models. The empirical CDF, which we aim to predict, is known to have a curved shape. For this reason, a simple linear regression model is very unlikely to provide a satisfactory fit to the data. We are in need of a more flexible model to predict the response as accurately as possible.

Polynomial Regression extends the classic linear regression model by fitting a polynomial equation of arbitrary order to the data. A polynomial regression with n degrees thus takes the form

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \dots + \beta_n x_i^n + \varepsilon_i, \quad (4.2)$$

where ε_i is the error term. [Quelle?](#)

Here, we calculate orthogonal polynomials of the test statistic of the Bayer-Hanck Test, considering up to 15 degrees. We estimate the parameters with OLS. To potentially increase the predictive performance of our model we also add interaction terms and different transformations of the regressor k . [Appendix](#) lists all calculated models. Since there is no need to prevent overfitting we expect higher order polynomials to perform best, as they are highly flexible. These polynomials, however, tend to show a wiggly behaviour at the boundaries. This makes extrapolation beyond the limits of our simulated data a risky endeavour. We will address and fix this issue later on.

4.3 Lasso

As mentioned above our polynomial regression models are likely to perform best with higher order polynomials. With each added polynomial, however, we increase the complexity of our model and potentially add redundant regressors. Although, still, overfitting plays no major role here, we generally prefer sparser models in case of equal results. One way to deal with this is the use of variable selection methods. A well-known example of such methods is the Lasso.

The lasso estimate is defined as

$$\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}} = \arg \min_{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij} \beta_j \right)^2 \text{ s.t. } \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \leq t, \quad (4.3)$$

where the first term describes the residual sum of squares, subject to a term known as L1 penalty. In its Lagrangian form this can be rewritten as

$$\hat{\beta}^{\text{lasso}} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij} \beta_j \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j| \quad (4.4)$$

λ is a tuning parameter which defines the degree of regularisation. The lasso penalty shrinks the coefficients and, for λ sufficiently large, can set them to zero. The value of λ is data dependent and is usually estimated with cross-validation. ausführlicher? Quelle?

We plan on fitting a LASSO model to polynomials of grade 15. We consider the same transformations and interaction terms as in earlier steps. We therefore fit a total of Anzahl models.

4.4 Other Regression Models

We also considered various other regression models. For different reasons they were not too suitable for our use case. Conventional non-linear methods, like Generalized Additive Models or Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines, might have provided a decent prediction. However, the fitted models take up more memory space than the aforementioned linear methods. For the same reason refrain from using tree based methods. In addition, the latter tend to perform poorly with such a small amount of regressors. Given these limitations, we decided to stick solely with linear regression models.

5 Model Evaluation

We estimate all models for two different combinations of the underlying tests. Namely, these are a combination of the Engle-Granger and Johansen test (EJ) and a combination of all four underlying tests (all). Furthermore, we estimate one model per specification of the model deterministics. Altogether, this results in a total of six different models.

5.1 RMSE comparison

To measure the performance of our regression models we calculate their in-sample RMSE. This is an indication of how far the residuals of the models are from zero, with lower values preferable. We calculate the RMSE for

predictions on the full distribution, as well as predictions on the lower tail ($p \leq 0.2$), as it is more important for the test decision of the Bayer-Hanck test. We also add a corrected version of the RMSE, cRMSE, where predictions are limited to $[0, 1]$.

Table A3 lists all variations of the RMSE for the calculated polynomial regression models. It becomes apparent that a combination of higher order polynomials, dummy variables and interaction terms achieves superior results compared to simpler models. For all variations of the RMSE the best models require a polynomial of minimum grade 12. This can be expected, considering we are optimising an in-sample fit. The transformation of the response variable only seems to play a minor role in prediction accuracy. Interestingly, there are no major differences in model selection depending on the variation of the RMSE used. Table A2 lists the five best models for each case and test type.

For the above-mentioned reasons we choose the final models according to the cRMSE on the left tail of the distribution of the p-values. **Grafik mit den 6 final models**. It is apparent that the functional forms look very similar over all cases, mostly using the highest order polynomial available³. Furthermore, five out of six models use the Box-Cox transformed response variable.

6 Package

³We are well aware of the fact that this represents a corner solution. Since we are optimising the models on the in-sample RMSE, however, we could continue adding higher order polynomials forever to improve the fit. As we are already tweaking on the fifth decimal place we decided to not further pursue this procedure

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A Appendices

Table A1 list the different functional forms of the polynomial regression we tested. In total we investigated 21 different forms and for each of these forms we investigated the polynomial in the range from 3 to 13. As equations with many polynomials are getting very long we will use a short-hand notation. For example the first equation in Table A1 for a polynomial of 3 is in short-hand notation

$$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) \tag{A.1}$$

and represents

$$p = c + \gamma_{1,1}t + \gamma_{1,2}t^2 + \gamma_{1,1}t^3. \tag{A.2}$$

Table A1: Description of all tested functional forms for polynomial regression. All functional forms were tested for a maximum polynomial from 3 up to 13. The shorthand notation was used for the description.

Number	Functional form	Range of γ
1	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
2	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
3	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
4	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
5	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
6	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
7	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
8	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
9	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
10	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
11	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
12	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
13	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
14	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
15	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
16	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
17	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
18	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
19	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * \log(k)$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
20	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) + k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$
21	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), \gamma) * k_d$	$\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[3, 13]$

Table A2: The 5 best approximation models, based on the cRMSE for the lower tail of the distribution, for the first case (no constant, no trend) and all underlying tests included. The RMSE and cRMSE were calculated over the whole distribution and over the lower tail of the distribution. The cRMSE reflects the RMSE after correcting that the values are between 0 and 1.

Model		Full Distribution		Lower Tail ($p \leq 0.2$)	
		RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
1	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k_d$	1.79e-04	1.73e-04	1.73e-04	1.71e-04
2	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k_d$	1.76e-04	1.74e-04	1.88e-04	1.86e-04
3	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k_d$	2.00e-04	1.95e-04	2.10e-04	2.05e-04
4	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k_d$	2.40e-04	2.27e-04	2.28e-04	2.18e-04
5	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * k_d$	2.16e-04	2.09e-04	2.28e-04	2.19e-04

Table A3: Performance of the models for the first case and all underlying tests included. The RMSE and cRMSE were calculated over the whole distribution and over the lower tail of the distribution. The cRMSE reflects the RMSE after correcting that the values are between 0 and 1.

Model		Full Distribution		Lower Tail ($p \leq 0.2$)	
		RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
1	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3)$	3.21e-02	2.38e-02	2.51e-02	2.45e-02
2	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4)$	2.48e-02	2.40e-02	2.59e-02	2.55e-02
3	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5)$	2.23e-02	2.16e-02	2.15e-02	2.15e-02
4	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6)$	1.92e-02	1.87e-02	1.92e-02	1.91e-02
5	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7)$	1.82e-02	1.78e-02	1.95e-02	1.90e-02
6	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8)$	1.68e-02	1.67e-02	1.81e-02	1.81e-02
7	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9)$	1.67e-02	1.66e-02	1.82e-02	1.81e-02
8	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10)$	1.66e-02	1.66e-02	1.81e-02	1.81e-02
9	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
10	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
11	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
12	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + k$	3.04e-02	2.11e-02	2.07e-02	1.98e-02
13	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + k$	2.25e-02	2.14e-02	2.16e-02	2.10e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
14	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + k$	1.97e-02	1.86e-02	1.60e-02	1.58e-02
15	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + k$	1.60e-02	1.53e-02	1.27e-02	1.26e-02
16	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + k$	1.49e-02	1.42e-02	1.31e-02	1.24e-02
17	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + k$	1.30e-02	1.29e-02	1.10e-02	1.09e-02
18	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + k$	1.29e-02	1.28e-02	1.10e-02	1.10e-02
19	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + k$	1.28e-02	1.28e-02	1.09e-02	1.09e-02
20	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + k$	1.27e-02	1.26e-02	1.08e-02	1.08e-02
21	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + k$	1.27e-02	1.26e-02	1.08e-02	1.08e-02
22	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + k$	1.27e-02	1.26e-02	1.08e-02	1.08e-02
23	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * k$	2.77e-02	1.74e-02	1.82e-02	1.72e-02
24	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * k$	1.85e-02	1.74e-02	1.89e-02	1.82e-02
25	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * k$	1.42e-02	1.39e-02	1.19e-02	1.18e-02
26	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * k$	8.65e-03	7.68e-03	8.52e-03	7.61e-03
27	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * k$	6.90e-03	6.06e-03	6.51e-03	6.22e-03
28	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * k$	5.41e-03	5.21e-03	5.60e-03	5.55e-03
29	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * k$	5.23e-03	5.10e-03	5.55e-03	5.49e-03
30	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * k$	4.81e-03	4.79e-03	5.26e-03	5.25e-03
31	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * k$	4.79e-03	4.78e-03	5.24e-03	5.23e-03
32	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k$	4.76e-03	4.75e-03	5.22e-03	5.22e-03
33	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k$	4.75e-03	4.75e-03	5.22e-03	5.22e-03
34	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + \log(k)$	3.03e-02	2.07e-02	2.02e-02	1.93e-02
35	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + \log(k)$	2.23e-02	2.10e-02	2.11e-02	2.05e-02
36	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + \log(k)$	1.94e-02	1.82e-02	1.54e-02	1.52e-02
37	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + \log(k)$	1.56e-02	1.48e-02	1.19e-02	1.18e-02
38	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + \log(k)$	1.45e-02	1.38e-02	1.23e-02	1.15e-02
39	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + \log(k)$	1.26e-02	1.24e-02	1.00e-02	1.00e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
40	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + \log(k)$	1.25e-02	1.23e-02	1.01e-02	1.00e-02
41	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + \log(k)$	1.24e-02	1.23e-02	9.96e-03	9.93e-03
42	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + \log(k)$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.88e-03	9.84e-03
43	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + \log(k)$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.85e-03	9.83e-03
44	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + \log(k)$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.85e-03	9.83e-03
45	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * \log(k)$	2.74e-02	1.69e-02	1.76e-02	1.66e-02
46	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * \log(k)$	1.83e-02	1.70e-02	1.85e-02	1.77e-02
47	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * \log(k)$	1.33e-02	1.31e-02	1.05e-02	1.05e-02
48	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * \log(k)$	6.94e-03	5.74e-03	6.79e-03	5.48e-03
49	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * \log(k)$	5.18e-03	3.91e-03	3.90e-03	3.47e-03
50	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * \log(k)$	2.70e-03	2.29e-03	2.18e-03	2.04e-03
51	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * \log(k)$	2.40e-03	2.08e-03	2.08e-03	1.90e-03
52	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * \log(k)$	1.03e-03	9.71e-04	9.22e-04	8.74e-04
53	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * \log(k)$	1.03e-03	9.68e-04	9.34e-04	8.82e-04
54	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * \log(k)$	8.29e-04	8.02e-04	7.39e-04	7.35e-04
55	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * \log(k)$	7.71e-04	7.63e-04	7.37e-04	7.31e-04
56	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + k_d$	3.03e-02	2.07e-02	2.02e-02	1.93e-02
57	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + k_d$	2.23e-02	2.10e-02	2.11e-02	2.05e-02
58	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + k_d$	1.94e-02	1.82e-02	1.54e-02	1.52e-02
59	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + k_d$	1.56e-02	1.48e-02	1.18e-02	1.18e-02
60	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + k_d$	1.45e-02	1.38e-02	1.23e-02	1.15e-02
61	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + k_d$	1.26e-02	1.24e-02	1.00e-02	1.00e-02
62	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + k_d$	1.25e-02	1.23e-02	1.01e-02	1.00e-02
63	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + k_d$	1.24e-02	1.23e-02	9.95e-03	9.92e-03
64	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + k_d$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.87e-03	9.83e-03
65	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + k_d$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.85e-03	9.82e-03

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
66	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + k_d$	1.22e-02	1.21e-02	9.84e-03	9.82e-03
67	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * k_d$	2.73e-02	1.69e-02	1.76e-02	1.65e-02
68	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * k_d$	1.79e-02	1.67e-02	1.82e-02	1.74e-02
69	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * k_d$	1.31e-02	1.29e-02	1.04e-02	1.04e-02
70	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * k_d$	6.23e-03	5.18e-03	6.20e-03	4.95e-03
71	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * k_d$	4.52e-03	3.50e-03	3.43e-03	3.07e-03
72	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * k_d$	2.28e-03	1.90e-03	1.80e-03	1.66e-03
73	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * k_d$	2.01e-03	1.71e-03	1.73e-03	1.57e-03
74	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * k_d$	6.70e-04	6.04e-04	5.69e-04	5.19e-04
75	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * k_d$	5.22e-04	4.65e-04	4.32e-04	3.90e-04
76	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k_d$	2.40e-04	2.27e-04	2.28e-04	2.18e-04
77	$p = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k_d$	1.79e-04	1.73e-04	1.73e-04	1.71e-04
78	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3)$	2.77e-02	1.93e-02	3.07e-02	2.11e-02
79	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4)$	2.13e-02	2.13e-02	2.34e-02	2.34e-02
80	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5)$	1.81e-02	1.70e-02	1.99e-02	1.86e-02
81	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6)$	1.76e-02	1.69e-02	1.93e-02	1.84e-02
82	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7)$	1.71e-02	1.70e-02	1.87e-02	1.85e-02
83	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8)$	4.36e-02	1.72e-02	4.86e-02	1.88e-02
84	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9)$	2.18e-02	1.97e-02	2.40e-02	2.16e-02
85	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10)$	1.77e+04	2.00e-02	1.98e+04	2.20e-02
86	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11)$	1.73e-02	1.70e-02	1.90e-02	1.86e-02
87	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12)$	1.66e-02	1.66e-02	1.81e-02	1.81e-02
88	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13)$	5.36e+00	1.75e-02	6.00e+00	1.91e-02
89	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + k$	3.04e-02	2.30e-02	3.38e-02	2.54e-02
90	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + k$	2.43e-02	2.43e-02	2.69e-02	2.69e-02
91	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + k$	2.15e-02	2.06e-02	2.38e-02	2.27e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
92	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + k$	2.11e-02	2.05e-02	2.33e-02	2.26e-02
93	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + k$	2.06e-02	2.05e-02	2.28e-02	2.26e-02
94	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + k$	4.54e-02	2.08e-02	5.06e-02	2.29e-02
95	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + k$	2.48e-02	2.29e-02	2.74e-02	2.53e-02
96	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + k$	1.78e+04	2.31e-02	1.99e+04	2.56e-02
97	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + k$	2.09e-02	2.06e-02	2.31e-02	2.28e-02
98	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + k$	2.03e-02	2.03e-02	2.24e-02	2.24e-02
99	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + k$	5.37e+00	2.10e-02	6.00e+00	2.32e-02
100	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * k$	2.85e-02	1.37e-02	3.18e-02	1.53e-02
101	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * k$	1.13e-02	1.13e-02	1.26e-02	1.26e-02
102	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * k$	7.47e-03	5.87e-03	8.30e-03	6.50e-03
103	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * k$	8.95e-03	8.11e-03	9.97e-03	9.02e-03
104	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * k$	1.97e+05	1.67e-02	2.20e+05	1.86e-02
105	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * k$	1.59e-02	1.20e-02	1.78e-02	1.34e-02
106	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * k$	1.04e-01	6.10e-03	1.16e-01	6.78e-03
107	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * k$	5.25e-03	5.12e-03	5.81e-03	5.67e-03
108	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * k$	6.85e-03	5.94e-03	7.61e-03	6.59e-03
109	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k$	1.64e+00	7.03e-03	1.83e+00	7.80e-03
110	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k$	2.36e+02	5.27e-03	6.22e-03	5.82e-03
111	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + \log(k)$	3.07e-02	2.33e-02	3.41e-02	2.58e-02
112	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + \log(k)$	2.46e-02	2.45e-02	2.72e-02	2.72e-02
113	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + \log(k)$	2.18e-02	2.09e-02	2.41e-02	2.31e-02
114	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + \log(k)$	2.14e-02	2.08e-02	2.37e-02	2.30e-02
115	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + \log(k)$	2.10e-02	2.08e-02	2.31e-02	2.30e-02
116	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + \log(k)$	4.58e-02	2.11e-02	5.11e-02	2.33e-02
117	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + \log(k)$	2.50e-02	2.32e-02	2.77e-02	2.57e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
118	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + \log(k)$	1.78e+04	2.34e-02	1.98e+04	2.59e-02
119	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + \log(k)$	2.12e-02	2.09e-02	2.34e-02	2.31e-02
120	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + \log(k)$	2.06e-02	2.06e-02	2.27e-02	2.27e-02
121	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + \log(k)$	5.33e+00	2.13e-02	5.96e+00	2.35e-02
122	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * \log(k)$	2.88e-02	1.32e-02	3.21e-02	1.47e-02
123	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * \log(k)$	9.50e-03	9.49e-03	1.06e-02	1.06e-02
124	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * \log(k)$	7.11e-03	4.01e-03	7.91e-03	4.42e-03
125	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * \log(k)$	7.80e-03	6.89e-03	8.68e-03	7.66e-03
126	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * \log(k)$	2.44e+03	1.62e-02	2.73e+03	1.81e-02
127	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * \log(k)$	1.32e-02	9.75e-03	1.47e-02	1.08e-02
128	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * \log(k)$	1.15e-02	2.94e-03	1.29e-02	3.22e-03
129	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * \log(k)$	3.82e-03	1.96e-03	4.22e-03	2.11e-03
130	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * \log(k)$	8.76e-03	5.56e-03	9.75e-03	6.16e-03
131	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * \log(k)$	2.22e+01	6.42e-03	2.48e+01	7.13e-03
132	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * \log(k)$	3.48e+00	2.21e-03	3.48e-03	2.34e-03
133	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + k_d$	3.07e-02	2.33e-02	3.41e-02	2.58e-02
134	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + k_d$	2.46e-02	2.45e-02	2.72e-02	2.72e-02
135	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + k_d$	2.18e-02	2.09e-02	2.41e-02	2.31e-02
136	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + k_d$	2.14e-02	2.08e-02	2.37e-02	2.30e-02
137	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) + k_d$	2.09e-02	2.08e-02	2.31e-02	2.30e-02
138	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) + k_d$	4.58e-02	2.11e-02	5.10e-02	2.33e-02
139	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) + k_d$	2.50e-02	2.32e-02	2.77e-02	2.57e-02
140	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) + k_d$	1.78e+04	2.34e-02	1.98e+04	2.59e-02
141	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) + k_d$	2.12e-02	2.09e-02	2.34e-02	2.31e-02
142	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) + k_d$	2.06e-02	2.06e-02	2.27e-02	2.27e-02
143	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) + k_d$	5.34e+00	2.13e-02	5.97e+00	2.35e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
144	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) * k_d$	2.82e-02	1.32e-02	3.15e-02	1.47e-02
145	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) * k_d$	9.75e-03	9.72e-03	1.09e-02	1.08e-02
146	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) * k_d$	5.96e-03	3.23e-03	6.65e-03	3.59e-03
147	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) * k_d$	8.80e-03	7.54e-03	9.82e-03	8.42e-03
148	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7) * k_d$	4.24e+05	1.91e-02	4.74e+05	2.12e-02
149	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8) * k_d$	2.82e-02	1.74e-02	2.78e-02	1.94e-02
150	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9) * k_d$	3.17e+01	1.23e-02	3.54e+01	1.36e-02
151	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10) * k_d$	1.68e-02	7.51e-03	1.87e-02	8.35e-03
152	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11) * k_d$	8.20e-03	2.40e-03	9.17e-03	2.68e-03
153	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12) * k_d$	7.66e-04	6.42e-04	8.52e-04	7.13e-04
154	$\log(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13) * k_d$	3.38e-04	3.05e-04	3.72e-04	3.34e-04
155	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3)$	4.22e-02	2.28e-02	2.47e-02	2.44e-02
156	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4)$	2.68e-02	2.53e-02	2.77e-02	2.75e-02
157	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5)$	1.87e-02	1.82e-02	1.95e-02	1.95e-02
158	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6)$	1.75e-02	1.72e-02	1.90e-02	1.86e-02
159	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 7)$	1.76e-02	1.72e-02	1.91e-02	1.87e-02
160	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 8)$	1.66e-02	1.66e-02	1.81e-02	1.81e-02
161	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 9)$	1.66e-02	1.66e-02	1.81e-02	1.81e-02
162	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 10)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
163	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 11)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
164	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 12)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
165	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 13)$	1.65e-02	1.65e-02	1.80e-02	1.80e-02
166	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 3) + k$	4.09e-02	1.95e-02	2.04e-02	1.99e-02
167	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 4) + k$	2.42e-02	2.24e-02	2.40e-02	2.35e-02
168	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 5) + k$	1.46e-02	1.38e-02	1.34e-02	1.34e-02
169	$\text{bc}(p) = c + \text{poly}(\text{bc}(t), 6) + k$	1.30e-02	1.25e-02	1.27e-02	1.21e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
170	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) + k$	1.30e-02	1.25e-02	1.28e-02	1.21e-02
171	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) + k$	1.16e-02	1.16e-02	1.12e-02	1.12e-02
172	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) + k$	1.16e-02	1.16e-02	1.12e-02	1.12e-02
173	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) + k$	1.15e-02	1.15e-02	1.11e-02	1.11e-02
174	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) + k$	1.15e-02	1.15e-02	1.11e-02	1.11e-02
175	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) + k$	1.15e-02	1.15e-02	1.11e-02	1.11e-02
176	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) + k$	1.15e-02	1.15e-02	1.11e-02	1.11e-02
177	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 3) * k$	3.74e-02	1.56e-02	1.71e-02	1.65e-02
178	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 4) * k$	2.05e-02	1.89e-02	2.09e-02	2.04e-02
179	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 5) * k$	8.16e-03	7.98e-03	8.24e-03	8.18e-03
180	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 6) * k$	7.62e-03	6.52e-03	8.27e-03	7.01e-03
181	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) * k$	5.59e-03	5.27e-03	5.88e-03	5.71e-03
182	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) * k$	5.09e-03	5.02e-03	5.60e-03	5.52e-03
183	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) * k$	4.86e-03	4.85e-03	5.36e-03	5.34e-03
184	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) * k$	4.82e-03	4.81e-03	5.31e-03	5.30e-03
185	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) * k$	4.80e-03	4.80e-03	5.28e-03	5.28e-03
186	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) * k$	4.79e-03	4.79e-03	5.28e-03	5.28e-03
187	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) * k$	4.79e-03	4.79e-03	5.28e-03	5.28e-03
188	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 3) + \log(k)$	4.08e-02	1.91e-02	1.99e-02	1.94e-02
189	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 4) + \log(k)$	2.39e-02	2.21e-02	2.36e-02	2.31e-02
190	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 5) + \log(k)$	1.41e-02	1.33e-02	1.27e-02	1.26e-02
191	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 6) + \log(k)$	1.24e-02	1.19e-02	1.19e-02	1.13e-02
192	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) + \log(k)$	1.25e-02	1.19e-02	1.20e-02	1.13e-02
193	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) + \log(k)$	1.10e-02	1.10e-02	1.04e-02	1.03e-02
194	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) + \log(k)$	1.10e-02	1.09e-02	1.03e-02	1.03e-02
195	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) + \log(k)$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
196	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) + \log(k)$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
197	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) + \log(k)$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
198	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) + \log(k)$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
199	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 3) * \log(k)$	3.67e-02	1.51e-02	1.66e-02	1.59e-02
200	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 4) * \log(k)$	2.03e-02	1.84e-02	2.04e-02	1.99e-02
201	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 5) * \log(k)$	6.30e-03	6.22e-03	6.13e-03	6.04e-03
202	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 6) * \log(k)$	6.15e-03	4.61e-03	6.63e-03	4.82e-03
203	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) * \log(k)$	2.93e-03	2.14e-03	2.31e-03	2.06e-03
204	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) * \log(k)$	1.95e-03	1.76e-03	2.07e-03	1.85e-03
205	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) * \log(k)$	1.11e-03	1.05e-03	1.11e-03	1.04e-03
206	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) * \log(k)$	8.95e-04	8.39e-04	8.76e-04	8.04e-04
207	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) * \log(k)$	7.74e-04	7.62e-04	7.18e-04	7.01e-04
208	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) * \log(k)$	7.22e-04	7.19e-04	6.67e-04	6.64e-04
209	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) * \log(k)$	7.12e-04	7.11e-04	6.54e-04	6.53e-04
210	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 3) + k_d$	4.08e-02	1.91e-02	1.99e-02	1.94e-02
211	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 4) + k_d$	2.39e-02	2.21e-02	2.36e-02	2.31e-02
212	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 5) + k_d$	1.41e-02	1.33e-02	1.27e-02	1.26e-02
213	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 6) + k_d$	1.24e-02	1.19e-02	1.19e-02	1.13e-02
214	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) + k_d$	1.25e-02	1.19e-02	1.20e-02	1.13e-02
215	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) + k_d$	1.10e-02	1.10e-02	1.04e-02	1.03e-02
216	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) + k_d$	1.10e-02	1.09e-02	1.03e-02	1.03e-02
217	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) + k_d$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
218	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) + k_d$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
219	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) + k_d$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
220	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) + k_d$	1.09e-02	1.09e-02	1.02e-02	1.02e-02
221	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 3) * k_d$	3.67e-02	1.50e-02	1.64e-02	1.58e-02

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	Model	RMSE	cRMSE	RMSE	cRMSE
222	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 4) * k_d$	2.00e-02	1.82e-02	2.01e-02	1.96e-02
223	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 5) * k_d$	6.14e-03	6.09e-03	6.00e-03	5.93e-03
224	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 6) * k_d$	5.75e-03	4.29e-03	6.20e-03	4.49e-03
225	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 7) * k_d$	2.24e-03	1.83e-03	1.96e-03	1.74e-03
226	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 8) * k_d$	1.54e-03	1.36e-03	1.67e-03	1.45e-03
227	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 9) * k_d$	7.92e-04	7.23e-04	8.39e-04	7.60e-04
228	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 10) * k_d$	4.80e-04	4.28e-04	5.13e-04	4.52e-04
229	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 11) * k_d$	2.16e-04	2.09e-04	2.28e-04	2.19e-04
230	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 12) * k_d$	2.00e-04	1.95e-04	2.10e-04	2.05e-04
231	$bc(p) = c + \text{poly}(bc(t), 13) * k_d$	1.76e-04	1.74e-04	1.88e-04	1.86e-04

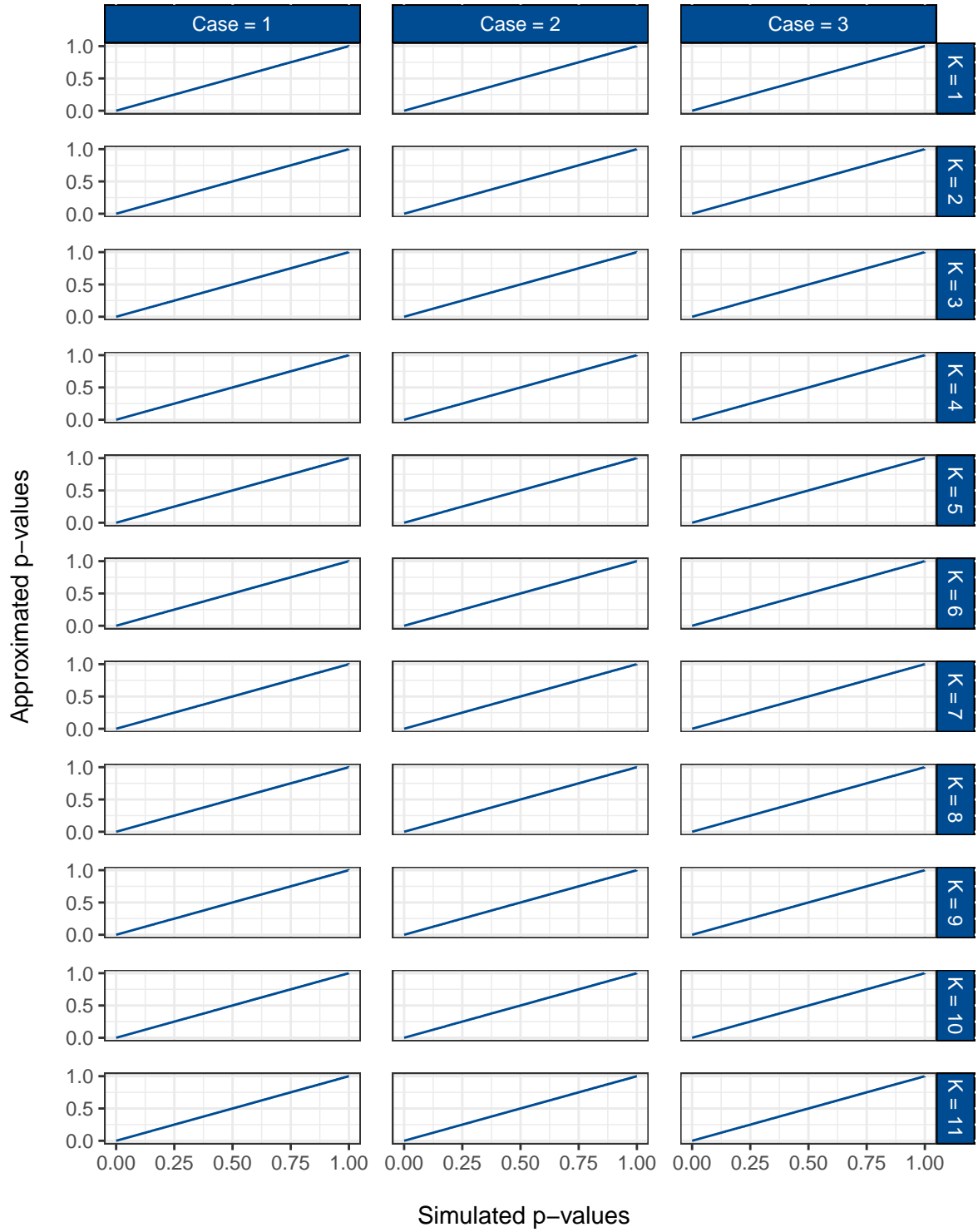


Figure A1: Simulated against approximated p -values over the whole distribution for the first case and all underlying tests included.

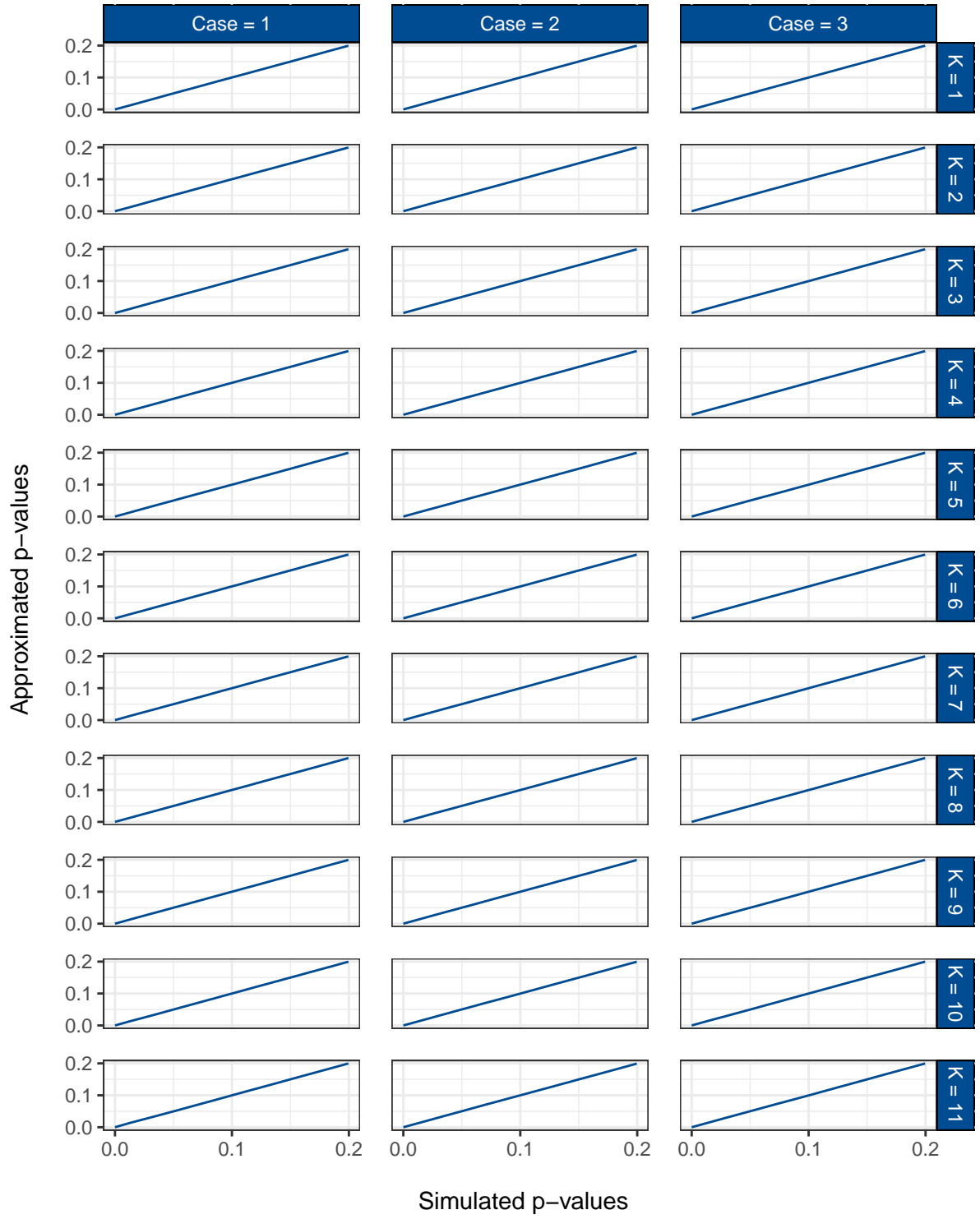


Figure A2: Simulated vs. approximated p -values for the lower tail of the distribution for the first case and all underlying test included.

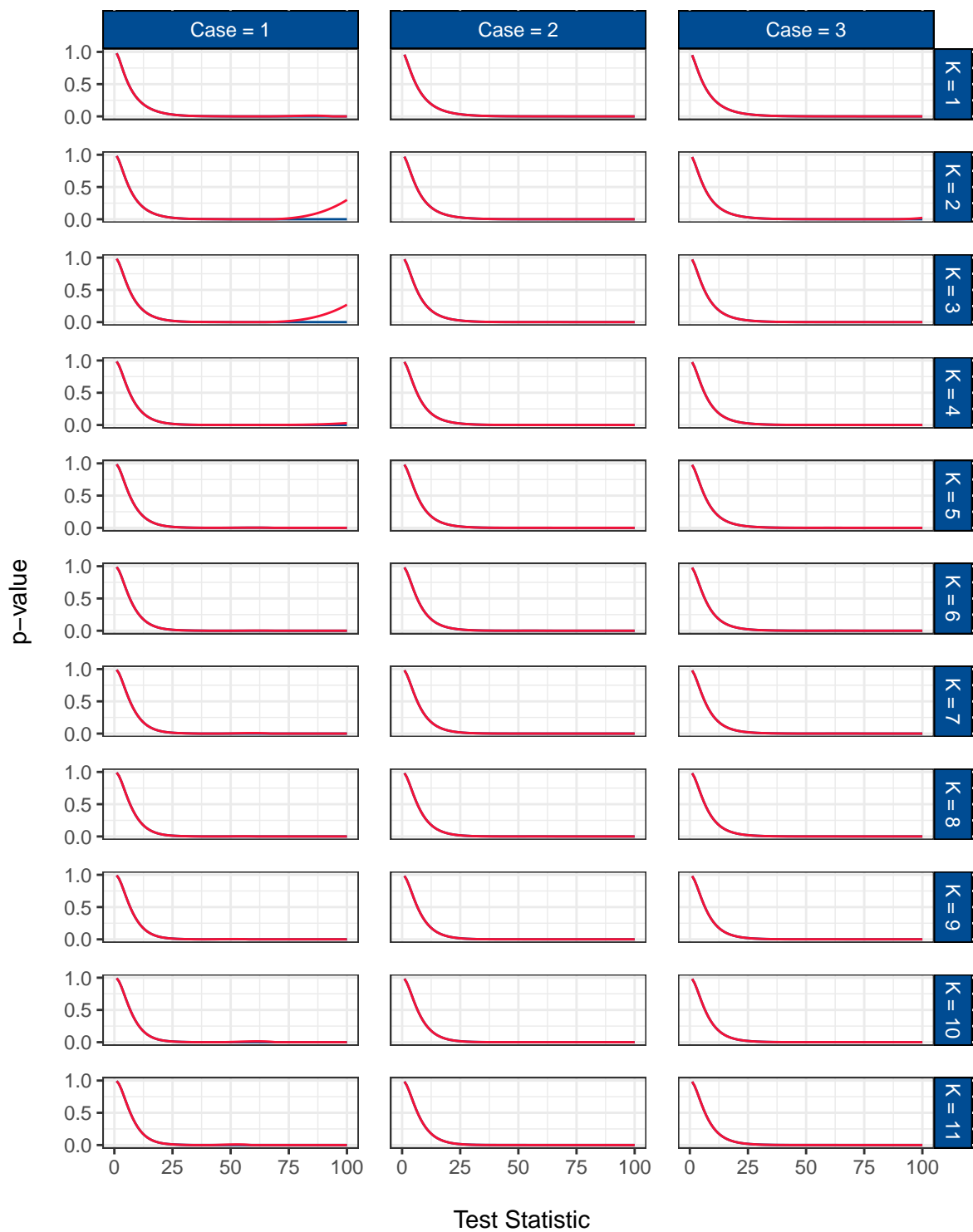


Figure A3: Corrected and uncorrected p -value predictions for case 1 and all underlying tests included.

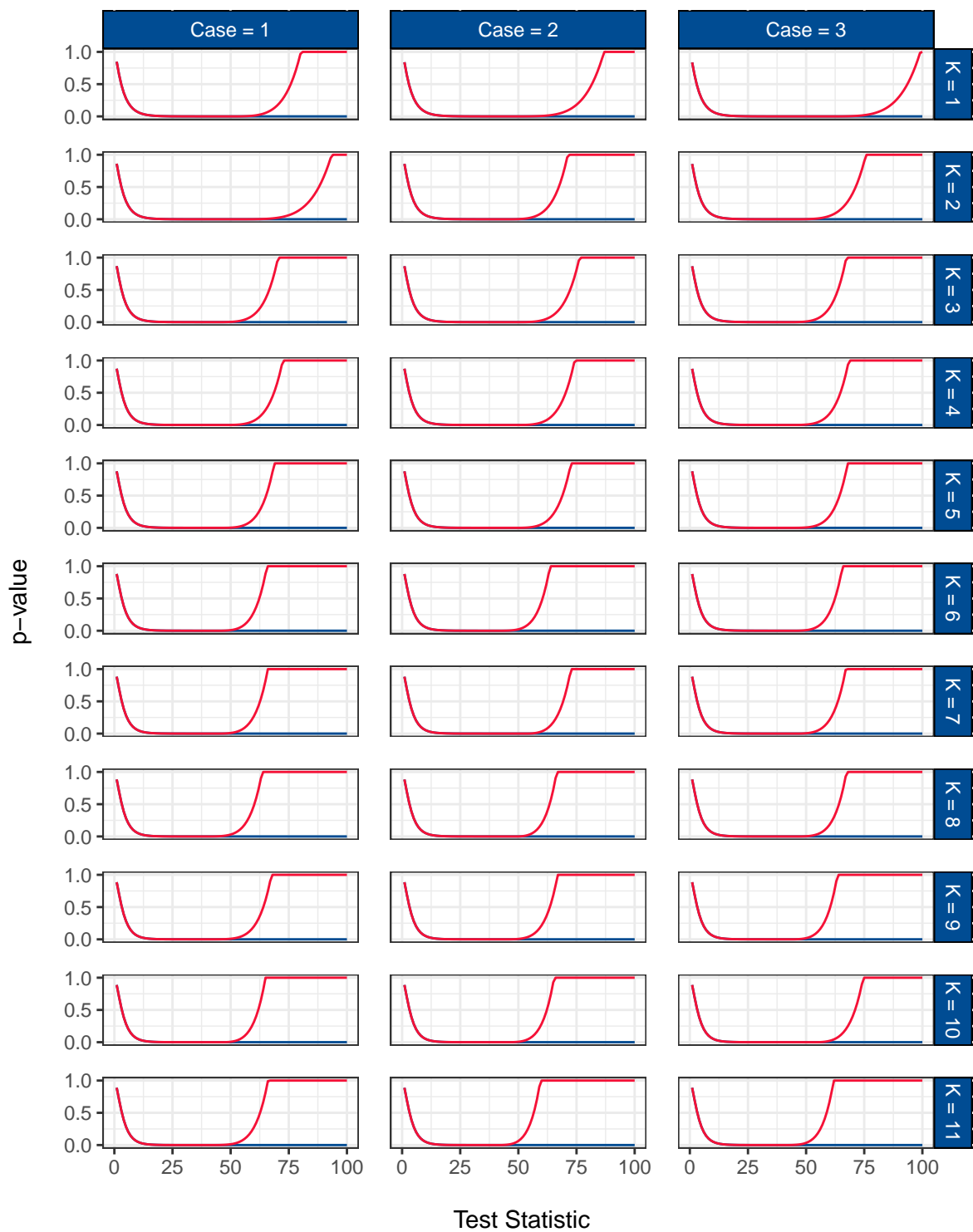


Figure A4: Corrected and uncorrected p -value predictions for the first case using Johansen and Engle-Granger as underlying tests.

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