

# Thomas Nagler

## Curriculum vitae

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## Research

### Dependence modeling

Copulas, vine copulas, dependence in functional data, conditional dependence models

### Non- and semiparametric inference

Kernel and spline methods, density estimation, dimension reduction, asymptotic theory

### Statistical computing and software

Computationally intensive methods, high-performance scientific computing, development of statistical software.

## Education

2014 – present **Doctoral studies in mathematical statistics, TU München.**

- Supervisor: Prof. Claudia Czado, Ph.D.

2012 – 2014 **MSc Mathematical Finance and Actuarial Sciences, TU München.**

- Passed with high distinction
- Exchange semester at KU Leuven, Belgium
- Master's Thesis: "Kernel Methods for Vine Copula Estimation"

2009 – 2012 **BSc Mathematics, TU München.**

- Bachelor's thesis: "A Global Games Model for Currency Crises"

## Teaching experience

Winter 2016 Student seminar "Mathematical Introduction to Neural Networks", TU München

Winter 2015 Student seminar "Nonparametric statistical methods", TU München

2014 – present Supervision of Master's theses (5 finished, 0 current)

## Administrative experience

Jun 2015 Organizer of the workshop "Nonparametric Copula Day", TU München

## Additional qualifications

Languages German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Dutch (basics)

Programming R (expert), C++ (solid), SAS, MATLAB, Python (basics)

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## Research visits

Nov 2015 with **Irène Gijbels** and **Gerda Claeskens**

Department of Mathematics and Faculty of Economics and Business, KU Leuven, Leuven

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## Publications

### Journal articles

Nagler, T. and Czado, C. (2016). Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vine copulas. *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 151:69 – 89.

### Preprints

Nagler, T. (2016). kdecopula: An R Package for the Kernel Estimation of Copula Densities. *arXiv:1603.04229 [stat.CO]*.

Nagler, T., Schellhase, C., and Czado, C. (2017). Nonparametric estimation of simplified vine copula models: comparison of methods. *arXiv:1701.00845 [stat.ME]*.

Vatter, T. and Nagler, T. (2016). Generalized additive models for pair-copula constructions. *arXiv:1608.01593 [stat.ME]*.

### Theses

Nagler, T. (2014). Kernel methods for vine copula estimation. *Master's thesis, Technical University of Munich*.

### Software

Nagler, T. (2016). *kdecopula: Kernel Smoothing for Bivariate Copula Densities*. R package version 0.8.0, url: <https://github.com/tnagler/kdecopula>.

Schepsmeier, U., Stoeber, J., Brechmann, E. C., Graeler, B., Nagler, T., and Erhardt, T. (2017). *VineCopula: Statistical Inference of Vine Copulas*. R package version 2.1.1, url: <https://github.com/tnagler/VineCopula>.

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## Talks

Sep 2016 *VineCopula: An R package (not just) for inference of vine copula models*, Salzburg Workshop on Dependence Models & Copulas, Salzburg

Jul 2016 *Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vine copulas*, Institutskolloquium des Instituts für Statistik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich

May 2016 *Generalized additive models for pair-copula constructions*, Dependence Modeling in Finance, Insurance and Environmental Science, Munich

- Mar 2016 *Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vines*, 12th German Probability and Statistics Days 2016, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum
- Dec 2015 *Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vines*, 8th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics, University of London, London
- Nov 2015 *Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vines*, CenStat Seminar, Universiteit Hasselt, Hasselt
- Jun 2015 *Evading the curse of dimensionality in nonparametric density estimation with simplified vines*, Nonparametric Copula Day, Technische Universität München, Munich