

CCEVI of Skew Copula

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1 Skew Copulas

Bivariate copulas can be transformed to have a skew, adding permutation asymmetry to the copula. A skew transformation to a copula C for parameter $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ is

$$C_{\mathbf{Skew}}(u, v) = C(u, v^{1-\alpha})v^\alpha \quad (1)$$

for $(u, v) \in [0, 1]^2$, where larger values of α correspond to a larger skew.

Theorem 1. *Suppose a bivariate copula C and its reflection \hat{C} have CCEVI's $\xi_C > 0$ and $\xi_{\hat{C}} > 0$, respectively. Then the skew copula defined in (1) for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ has a CCEVI of 1 (or ξ_C if $\alpha = 0$), and the reflection skew copula has CCEVI*

$$\frac{1}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)(1/\xi_{\hat{C}})}. \quad (2)$$

See Appendix 1.1 for a proof.

Notice that the reciprocal CCEVI of the skew reflection copula in (2) is an interpolation of 1 and the reciprocal CCEVI of the original skew copula.

1.1 Proof of CCEVI of Skew Copula Class

Here, we present a proof of Proposition 1, first for the (non-reflected) skew copula, then for the reflected.

First, recall the expansion

$$(1 - t^{-1})^\alpha = 1 - \alpha t^{-1} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{2!} t^{-2} + O(t^{-3}) = 1 - t^{-1} O(1), \quad (3)$$

valid for t near infinity. Now, differentiate the skew copula with respect to the first argument to obtain the copula conditional distribution. Then substitute $v = 1 - 1/t$ and send $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$1 - C_{\mathbf{Skew}, 2|1}(v|u) = 1 - C_{2|1}(v^{1-\alpha}|u)v^\alpha \quad (4)$$

$$= 1 - C_{2|1}(1 - t^{-1} O(1)|u)(1 - t^{-1} O(1)) \quad (5)$$

$$\sim 1 - (1 - \ell(t)t^{-1/\xi_C})(1 - t^{-1}) \quad (6)$$

$$= t^{-1} + O(t^{-1}), \quad (7)$$

where ℓ is slowly varying at infinity. The CCEVI of the skew copula is therefore 1.

The reflected skew copula is

$$\widehat{C}_{\mathbf{Skew}}(u, v) = u + v - 1 + C(1 - u, (1 - v)^{1-\alpha})(1 - v)^\alpha. \quad (8)$$

The trick is to write the copula conditional distribution in terms of the reflected original copula, again substituting $v = 1 - 1/t$ and sending $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$1 - \widehat{C}_{\mathbf{Skew}, 2|1}(v|u) = (1 - v)^\alpha C_{2|1}((1 - v)^{1-\alpha}|1 - u) \quad (9)$$

$$= t^{-\alpha} C_{2|1}(t^{-(1-\alpha)}|1 - u) \quad (10)$$

$$= t^{-\alpha} \left(1 - \widehat{C}_{2|1}(1 - t^{-(1-\alpha)}|u) \right) \quad (11)$$

$$\sim t^{-\alpha} \widehat{\ell}(t) \left(t^{1-\alpha} \right)^{-1/\xi_{\widehat{C}}(u)} \quad (12)$$

$$= \widehat{\ell}(t) t^{-1/\xi_{\widehat{\mathbf{Skew}}}(u)}, \quad (13)$$

where $\widehat{\ell}$ is slowly varying at infinity, and

$$\xi_{\widehat{\mathbf{Skew}}}(u) = \frac{1}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)(1/\xi_{\widehat{C}}(u))} \quad (14)$$

is the CCEVI of the reflected skew copula.