

- Bivariate skew-normal copula and conditional distributions

Derivations and notation are written carefully to match the notation in Azzalini's book, and his `sn` R package, in order to code the bivariate skew-normal copula (density, cdf, conditional cdfs, conditional quantiles).

The 3-parameter skew-normal copula has 3 correlation parameters γ_1, γ_2, ρ that satisfy the positive definite matrix constraint when these are put into a 3×3 correlation matrix.

Let $\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \gamma_1 & 1 & \rho \\ \gamma_2 & \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Let $(Z_0, Z_1, Z_2)^T$ be trivariate normal with zero mean vector and covariance matrix \mathbf{R} . The bivariate skew-normal distribution comes from $(Y_1, Y_2)^T := [(Z_1, Z_2)^T | Z_0 > 0]$, with marginal distributions from $Y_j \stackrel{d}{=} [Z_j | Z_0 > 0]$ for $j = 1, 2$. To match Azzalini's notation, let $\alpha_j = \gamma_j / (1 - \gamma_j^2)^{1/2}$.

To get the conditional distributions of the bivariate skew-normal, it is useful to consider more generally: $(Y_1, Y_2)^T := [(Z_1, Z_2)^T | Z_0 > -\tau]$.

Univariate marginal density (general notation followed by substitution for normal densities):

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y_j > y) &= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^{\infty} \bar{F}_{Z_j|Z_0}(y|z) f_{Z_0}(z) dz \\ f_{Y_j}(y) &= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^{\infty} f_{Z_j|Z_0}(y|z) f_{Z_0}(z) dz \\ &= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^{\infty} f_{Z_0|Z_j}(z|y) f_{Z_j}(y) dz \\ &= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} f_{Z_j}(y) \bar{F}_{Z_0|Z_j}(-\tau|y) \\ &= [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \phi(y) \bar{\Phi}((- \tau - \gamma_j y) / (1 - \gamma_j^2)^{1/2}) = [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \phi(y) \Phi((\tau + \gamma_j y) / (1 - \gamma_j^2)^{1/2}) \\ &= [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \phi(y) \Phi(\alpha_{0j} + \alpha_j y), \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_{0j} = \tau / (1 - \gamma_j^2)^{1/2}$.

Azzalini's notation $\text{SN}(\xi, \omega, \alpha, \tau)$ where $\gamma = \alpha / \sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}$, $\alpha = \gamma / \sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}$ and $1 - \gamma^2 = (1 + \alpha^2)^{-1}$. This is obtained by adding a location ξ and scale parameter ω : $V \sim \text{SN}(\xi, \omega, \alpha, \tau)$ with $V \stackrel{d}{=} [\xi + \omega Z_1 | Z_0 > -\tau]$ where $(Z_0, Z_1)^T$ is bivariate normal with zero means, unit variances and correlation $\gamma \in (-1, 1)$. The density is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{SN}}(v) &= [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \phi\left(\frac{v - \xi}{\omega}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{\tau + \gamma\left(\frac{v - \xi}{\omega}\right)}{(1 - \gamma^2)^{1/2}}\right) \\ &= [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \omega^{-1} \phi\left(\frac{v - \xi}{\omega}\right) \Phi\left(\alpha_0 + \alpha\left(\frac{v - \xi}{\omega}\right)\right), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $\alpha_0 = \tau / (1 - \gamma^2)^{1/2}$.

Bivariate marginal density:

$$\Pr(Y_1 > y_1, Y_2 > y_2) = [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^{\infty} \bar{F}_{Z_1 Z_2 | Z_0}(y_1, y_2 | z) f_{Z_0}(z) dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) &= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^{\infty} f_{Z_1 Z_2 | Z_0}(y_1, y_2 | z) f_{Z_0}(z) dz \\
&= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} f_{Z_0 | Z_1 Z_2}(z | y_1, y_2) f_{Z_1 Z_2}(y_1, y_2) dz \\
&= [\bar{F}_{Z_0}(-\tau)]^{-1} f_{Z_1 Z_2}(y_1, y_2) \bar{F}_{Z_0 | Z_1 Z_2}(-\tau | y_1, y_2) \\
&= [\Phi(\tau)]^{-1} \phi_2(y_1, y_2; \rho) \Phi((\tau + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2)/\sigma),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\beta_1 = (\gamma_1 - \rho\gamma_2)(1 - \rho^2)^{-1}$, $\beta_2 = (\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)(1 - \rho^2)^{-1}$, and

$$\sigma^2 = 1 - (\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2 - 2\rho\gamma_1\gamma_2)/(1 - \rho^2) = \frac{1 - \rho^2 - \gamma_1^2 - \gamma_2^2 + 2\rho\gamma_1\gamma_2}{(1 - \rho^2)} = \frac{\det(\mathbf{R})}{(1 - \rho^2)},$$

and $\phi_2(\cdot; \rho)$ is the bivariate normal density with zero means, unit variances and correlation ρ . Special case with $\tau = 0$ leads to

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = 2\phi_2(y_1, y_2; \rho) \Phi((\beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2)/\sigma).$$

For the `sn` R package and Azzalini's book, the parametrization is $\mathbf{\Omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{\alpha} = \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\gamma}/(1 - \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma})^{1/2}$ where $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2)^T$. The inverse mapping of $\mathbf{\alpha}$ to $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ is $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (1 + \mathbf{\alpha}^T \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{\alpha})^{-1/2} \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{\alpha}$ making use of $1 - \boldsymbol{\gamma}^T \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\gamma} = (1 + \mathbf{\alpha}^T \mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{\alpha})^{-1}$.

Conditional density $[Y_2 | Y_1 = y_1]$ for general τ . This will be shown to have distribution $\text{SN}(\xi_{2.1}, \omega_{2.1}, \alpha_{tdo}, \tau_{tdo})$ where all parameters are expressed in terms of $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \rho, \tau$. Then similarly, the conditional density $[Y_2 | Y_1 = y_1]$ has distribution $\text{SN}(\xi_{1.2}, \omega_{1.2}, \alpha_{1.2}, \tau_{1.2})$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{Y_2 | Y_1}(y_2 | y_1) &= f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) / f_{Y_1}(y_1) \\
&= \frac{\phi_2(y_1, y_2; \rho) \Phi((\tau + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2)/\sigma)}{\phi(y_1) \Phi(\alpha_{01} + \alpha_1 y_1)} \\
&= \frac{\phi\left(\frac{y_2 - \rho y_1}{(1 - \rho^2)^{1/2}}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{(\tau + \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2)}{\sigma}\right)}{(1 - \rho^2)^{1/2} \Phi(\alpha_{01} + \alpha_1 y_1)} \\
&= [\Phi(\tau_{2.1})]^{-1} \omega_{2.1}^{-1} \phi\left(\frac{y_2 - \xi_{2.1}}{\omega_{2.1}}\right) \Phi\left(\tau_{2.1}(1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} + \alpha_{2.1} \left(\frac{y_2 - \xi_{2.1}}{\omega_{2.1}}\right)\right),
\end{aligned}$$

Matching parameters with (1) leads to:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{2.1}^2 &= 1 - \rho^2 \\
\tau_{2.1} &= \alpha_{01} + \alpha_1 y_1 = (\tau + \gamma_1 y_1) / (1 - \gamma_1^2)^{1/2}, \quad \alpha_{01} = \tau / (1 - \gamma_1^2)^{1/2}, \quad \alpha_1 = \gamma_1 / (1 - \gamma_1^2)^{1/2} \\
\xi_{2.1} &= \rho y_1 \\
\alpha_{2.1} &= \beta_2 \omega_{2.1} / \sigma = \frac{(\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)}{\sigma(1 - \rho^2)^{1/2}} \\
\gamma_{2.1} &= \alpha_{2.1} / (1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} \\
1 - \gamma_{2.1}^2 &= (1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then one must also have

$$\frac{\tau + \beta_1 y_1}{\sigma} = \tau_{2.1}/(1 - \gamma_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} - \alpha_{2.1}\xi_{2.1}/\omega_{2.1} = \tau_{2.1}(1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} - \beta_2 \rho y_1/\sigma,$$

or

$$\tau + \beta_1 y_1 = \tau_{2.1}(1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} \sigma - \beta_2 \rho y_1. \quad (2)$$

Next notice that $(1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)\sigma^2$ simplifies:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)\sigma^2 &= \sigma^2 + (\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)^2/(1 - \rho^2) \\ &= \frac{(1 - \rho^2 - \gamma_1^2 - \gamma_2^2 + 2\rho\gamma_1\gamma_2) + (\gamma_2^2 - 2\rho\gamma_1\gamma_2 + \rho^2\gamma_1^2)}{(1 - \rho^2)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \rho^2 - \gamma_1^2 + \rho^2\gamma_1^2)}{(1 - \rho^2)} = 1 - \gamma_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{2.1}(1 + \alpha_{2.1}^2)^{1/2} \sigma - \beta_2 \rho y_1 &= \tau_{2.1}(1 - \gamma_1^2)^{1/2} - \frac{(\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)\rho y_1}{1 - \rho^2} \\ &= (\tau + \gamma_1 y_1) - \frac{(\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)\rho y_1}{1 - \rho^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \rho^2)(\tau + \gamma_1 y_1) - (\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)\rho y_1}{1 - \rho^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \rho^2)\tau + \gamma_1 y_1 - \rho^2 \gamma_1 y_1 - (\gamma_2 - \rho\gamma_1)\rho y_1}{1 - \rho^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \rho^2)\tau + (\gamma_1 - \rho\gamma_2)y_1}{1 - \rho^2} \\ &= \tau + \beta_1 y_1 \end{aligned}$$

For the copula of bivariate skew-normal with $\tau = 0$, let the bivariate cdf be

$$F_{12}(y_1, y_2; \rho, \gamma_1, \gamma_2),$$

with marginal cdfs $F_1(y_1; \alpha_1)$ and $F_2(y_2; \alpha_2)$ ($\xi = 0, \omega = 1, \tau = 0$) and density

$$f_{12}(y_1, y_2; \rho, \gamma_1, \gamma_2).$$

Then $\tau_{2.1} = \alpha_1 y = \gamma_1 y/(1 - \gamma_1^2)^{1/2}$, and $\omega_{2.1}, \xi_{2.1}, \alpha_{2.1}, \gamma_{2.1}$ are as defined above. The conditional cdfs are:

$$F_{2|1}(y_2|y_1; \xi_{2.1}, \omega_{2.1}, \alpha_{2.1}, \tau_{2.1}), \quad F_{1|2}(y_1|y_2; \xi_{1.2}, \omega_{1.2}, \alpha_{1.2}, \tau_{1.2}),$$

and they are extended skew-normal. The copula cdf is

$$C(u_1, u_2) = F_{12}(F_1^{-1}(u_1; \alpha_1), F_2^{-1}(u_2; \alpha_2); \rho, \gamma_1, \gamma_2),$$

the copula density is

$$c(u_1, u_2) = \frac{f_{12}(F_1^{-1}(u_1; \alpha_1), F_2^{-1}(u_2; \alpha_2); \rho, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)}{f_1(F_1^{-1}(u_1; \alpha_1); \alpha_1) f_2(F_2^{-1}(u_2; \alpha_2); \alpha_2)},$$

and conditional cdfs are

$$C_{2|1}(u_2|u_1) = F_{2|1}(F_2^{-1}(u_2; \alpha_2)|F_1^{-1}(u_1; \alpha_1); \xi_{2 \cdot 1}, \omega_{2 \cdot 1}, \alpha_{2 \cdot 1}, \tau_{2 \cdot 1}),$$

$$C_{1|2}(u_1|u_2) = F_{1|2}(F_1^{-1}(u_1; \alpha_1)|F_2^{-1}(u_2; \alpha_2); \xi_{1 \cdot 2}, \omega_{1 \cdot 2}, \alpha_{1 \cdot 2}, \tau_{1 \cdot 2}),$$