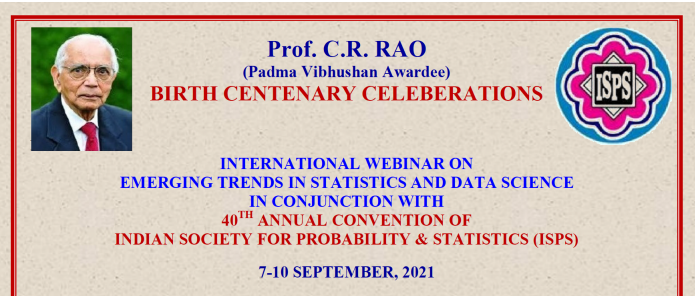


Distorted Distributions

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(see, e.g., Navarro, del Águila, Sordo and Suárez-Llorens, 2016)

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Table: Minimal **a** and maximal **b** signatures of all the coherent systems with 1-4 IID components.

i	T_i	a	b
1	$X_{1:1} = X_1$	(1)	(1)
2	$X_{1:2} = \min(X_1, X_2)$ (2-series)	(0, 1)	(2, -1)
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5	$\min(X_1, \max(X_2, X_3))$	(0, 2, -1)	(1, 1, -1)
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9	$X_{1:4} = \min(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$ (series)	(0, 0, 0, 1)	(4, -6, 4, -1)
10	$\max(\min(X_1, X_2, X_3), \min(X_2, X_3, X_4))$	(0, 0, 2, -1)	(2, 0, -2, 1)
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15	$\max(\min(X_1, X_2), \min(X_1, X_3, X_4), \min(X_2, X_3, X_4))$	$(0, 1, 2, -2)$	$(0, 5, -6, 2)$
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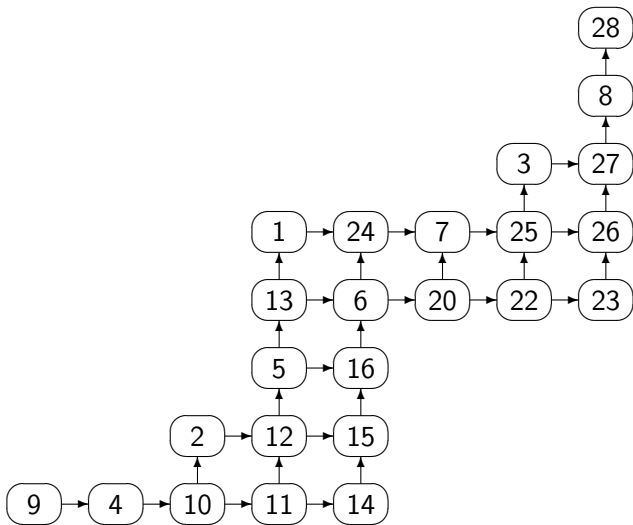


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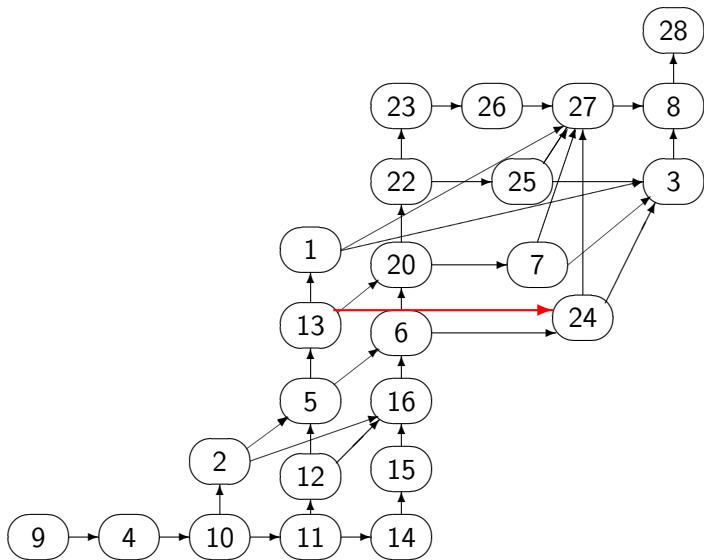


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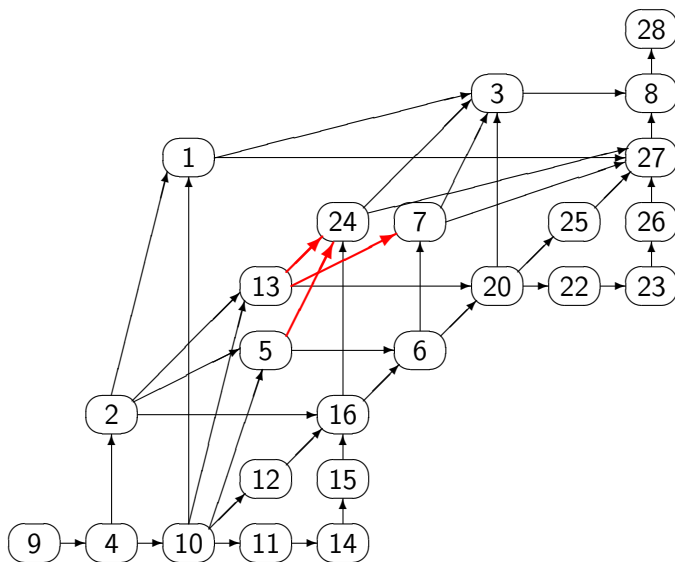


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2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	0	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
4	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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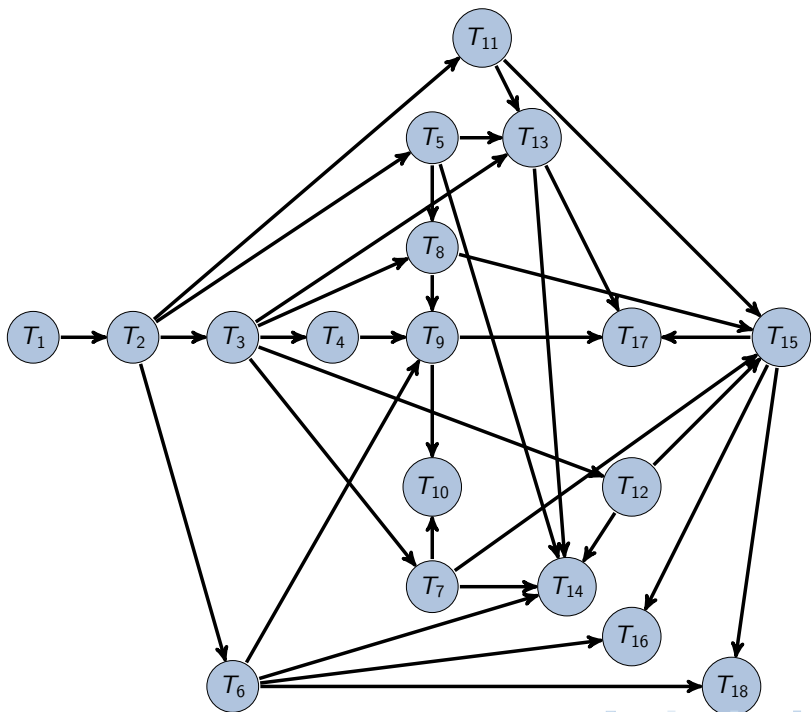
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A continuous function $D : [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called (*n-dimensional*) *distortion function* (shortly written as $D \in \mathcal{D}_n$) if:

- (i) $D(u_1, \dots, u_{i-1}, 0, u_{i+1}, \dots, u_n) = 0$ for all $u_1, \dots, u_n \in [0, 1]$.
- (ii) $D(1, \dots, 1) = 1$.
- (iii) D is *n-increasing*, i.e. for all $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ with $x_i \leq y_i$, it holds $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{y}} D \geq 0$, where

$$\Delta_{(x_1, \dots, x_n)}^{(y_1, \dots, y_n)} D := \sum_{z_i \in \{x_i, y_i\}} (-1)^{\mathbf{1}(z_1, \dots, z_n)} D(z_1, \dots, z_n),$$

with $\mathbf{1}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(z_i = x_i)$ and $\mathbf{1}(A) = 1$ (respectively, 0) if A is true (respectively, false).

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Sklar-type theorem

Proposition

Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be a random vector with joint continuous distribution function \mathbf{F} . Let G_1, \dots, G_n be arbitrary continuous distribution functions and let us assume that G_i is strictly increasing in the support of X_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then there exists a unique distortion $D \in \mathcal{D}_n$ such that

$$\mathbf{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = D(G_1(x_1), \dots, G_n(x_n))$$

holds for all $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Construction of new multivariate models

The converse of the preceding proposition can be stated as follows.

Proposition

If $D \in \mathcal{D}_n$, then

$$D(G_1(x_1), \dots, G_n(x_n))$$

is a multivariate distribution function for all univariate distribution functions G_1, \dots, G_n .

Relationship with the copula

Proposition

Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be a random vector with joint continuous distribution function \mathbf{F} . Let G_1, \dots, G_n be arbitrary continuous distribution functions. Suppose that $\mathbf{F} \equiv \text{MDD}(G_1, \dots, G_n)$ with distortion D . Then,

$$D(u_1, \dots, u_n) = C(F_1(G_1^{-1}(u_1)), \dots, F_n(G_n^{-1}(u_n)))$$

for all $(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in [0, 1]^n$, where G_i^{-1} is the quasi-inverse of G_i and F_i is the i th marginal of \mathbf{F} for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Joint survival function.

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Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be a random vector with distribution function \mathbf{F} . If (2.1) holds for G_1, \dots, G_n and $D \in \mathcal{D}_n$, then the joint survival function of (X_1, \dots, X_n) can be written as

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \hat{D}(\bar{G}_1(x_1), \dots, \bar{G}_n(x_n)) \quad (2.2)$$

for all x_1, \dots, x_n , where $\bar{G}_i = 1 - G_i$ is the survival function associated to G_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\hat{D} \in \mathcal{D}_n$.

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for all $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, where

$$D_{1,\dots,m}(u_1, \dots, u_m) := D(u_1, \dots, u_m, 1, \dots, 1)$$

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Probability density function

Let us assume that \mathbf{F} is absolutely continuous with joint probability density function (PDF) \mathbf{f} , where

$$\mathbf{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \partial_{1, \dots, n} \mathbf{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ (a.e.)}.$$

Proposition

If $\mathbf{F} \equiv MDD(G_1, \dots, G_n)$ for absolutely continuous distribution functions G_1, \dots, G_n with PDFs g_1, \dots, g_n , respectively, and a distortion function D that admits continuous mixed derivatives of order n , then

$$\mathbf{f}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g_1(x_1) \dots g_n(x_n) \partial_{1, \dots, n} D(G_1(x_1), \dots, G_n(x_n)). \quad (2.5)$$

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$$F_{2|1}(x_2|x_1) = D_{2|1}(G_2(x_2)|G_1(x_1)) \quad (2.6)$$

whenever $\lim_{v \rightarrow 0^+} \partial_1 D(G_1(x_1), v) = 0$, where

$$D_{2|1}(v|G_1(x_1)) = \frac{\partial_1 D(G_1(x_1), v)}{\partial_1 D(G_1(x_1), 1)}$$

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and

$$\left[F_{2|1}^{-1}(0.05|x_1), F_{2|1}^{-1}(0.95|x_1) \right].$$

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whose survival function for $x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0$ is

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If $\bar{F}(t, \dots, t) > 0$ for some $t \geq 0$, then

$$\bar{F}_t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \hat{D}_t(\bar{F}_{1,t}(x_1), \dots, \bar{F}_{n,t}(x_n)) \quad (2.7)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \geq t$ and distortion function

$$\hat{D}_t(u_1, \dots, u_n) := \frac{\hat{C}(\bar{F}_1(t)u_1, \dots, \bar{F}_n(t)u_n)}{\hat{C}(\bar{F}_1(t), \dots, \bar{F}_n(t))}, \quad u_1, \dots, u_n \in [0, 1], \quad (2.8)$$

which depends on $\bar{F}_1(t), \dots, \bar{F}_n(t)$.

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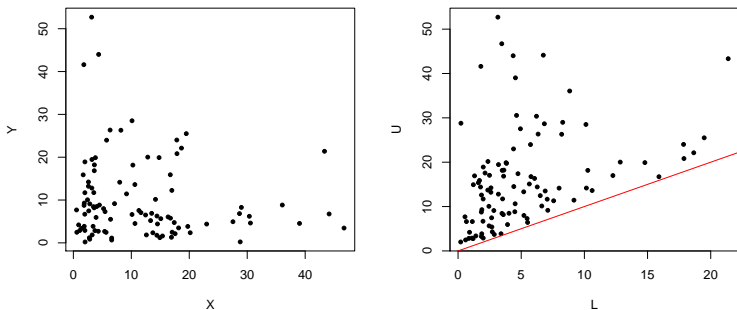


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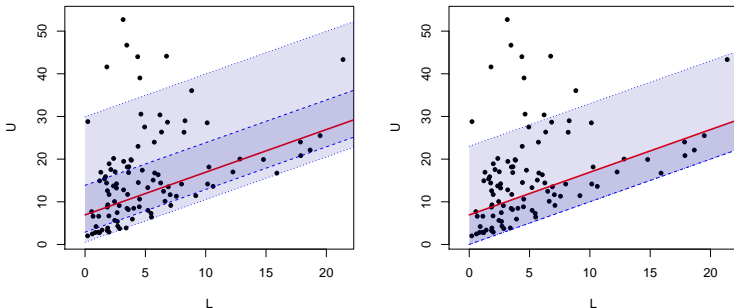


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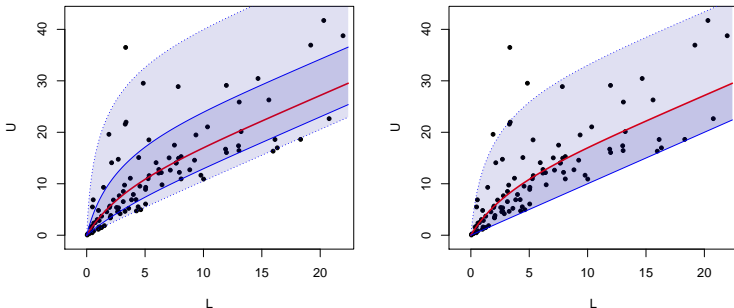


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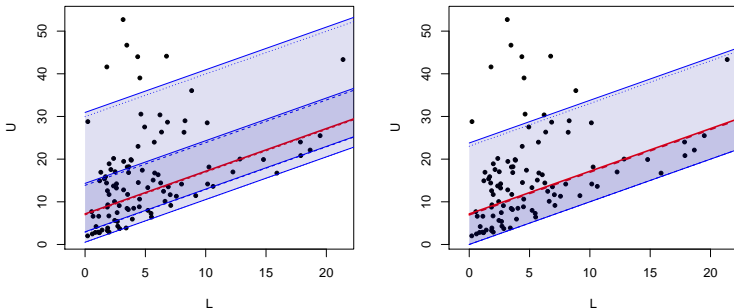


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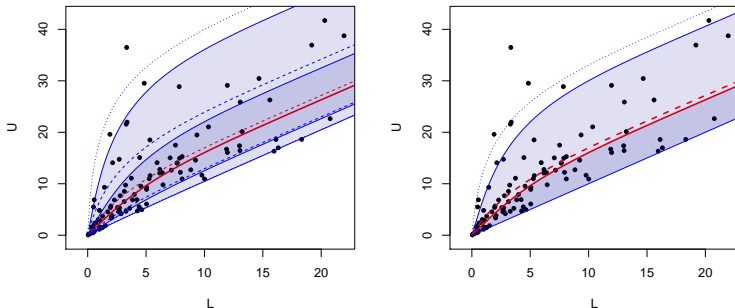


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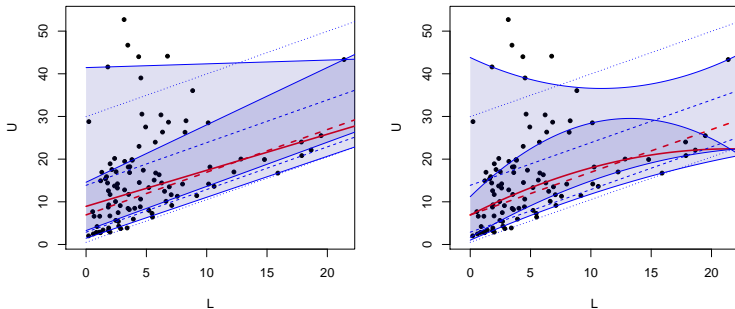


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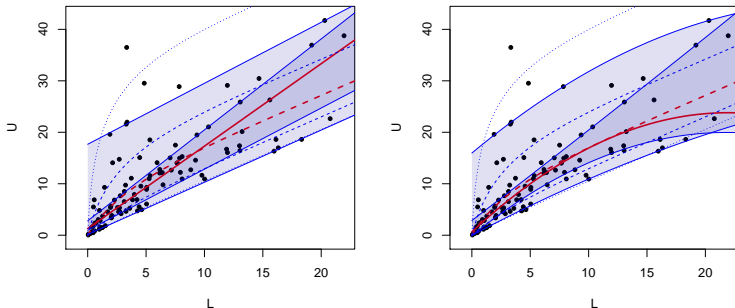


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