

¿Qué es la homoplutia?

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- ▶ If X_i represents the capital income and Y_i the labor income of individual i , for $i = 1, \dots, n$, the top 10% homoploutia measure is defined (see equation (1) in Berman and Milanovic (2024)) as:

$$\hat{H}_{10,10} = \frac{10}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1(X_i \in \text{top10\% of } X) \cdot 1(Y_i \in \text{top10\% of } Y), \quad (1.1)$$

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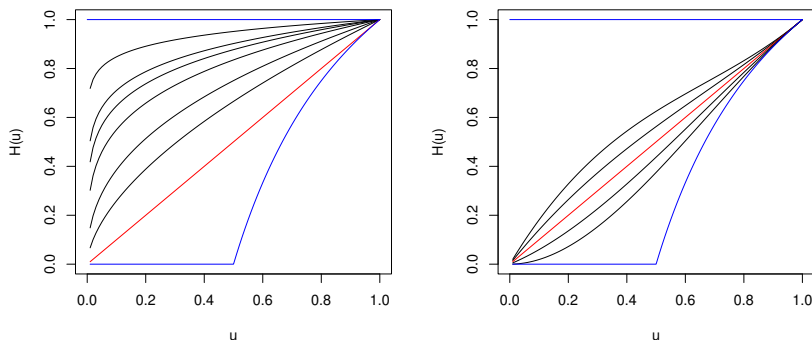


Figure: Homoploutia curves for the Gumbel (left) survival copula with $\theta = 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10$ and the FGM (right) survival copula with $\theta = -1, 0.5, 0, 0.5, 1$. The red curve represents the IND case and the blue curves the extremes FH bound cases.

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- ▶ For the FGM copulas we get:

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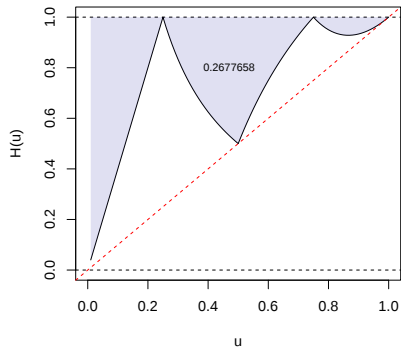
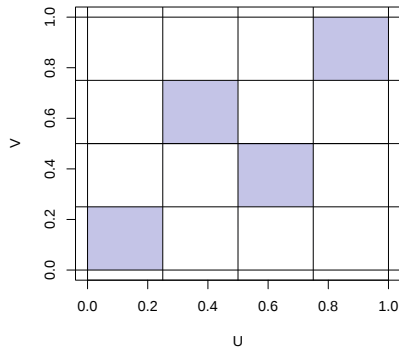


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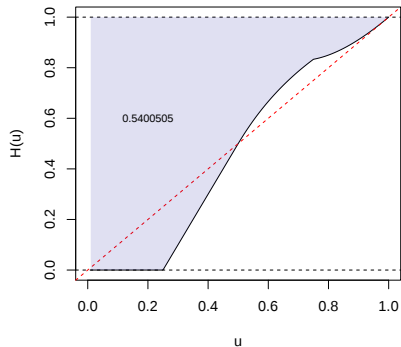
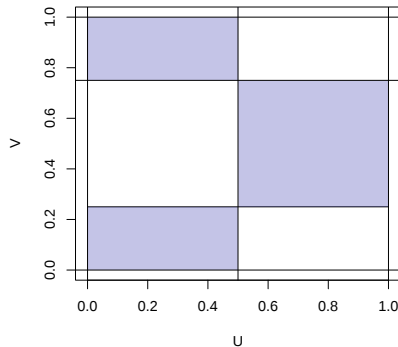


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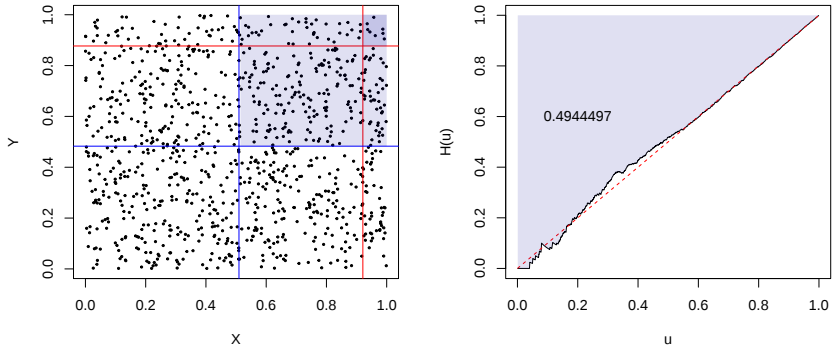


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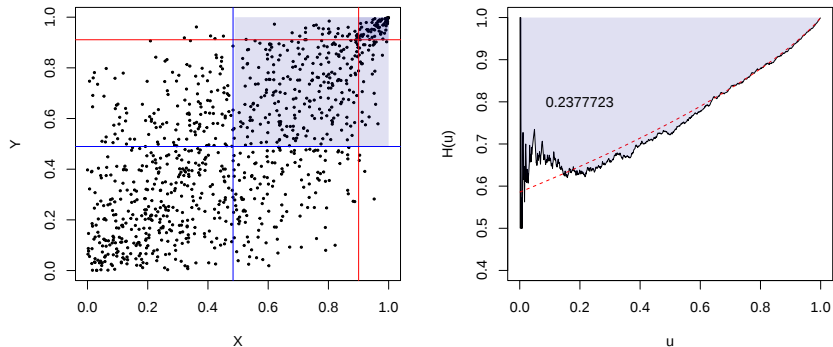


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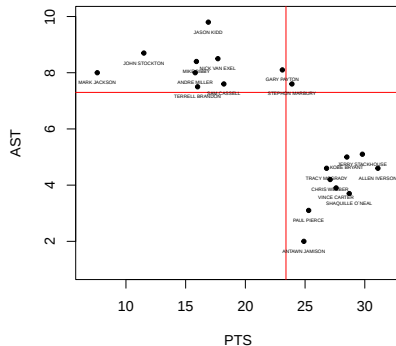
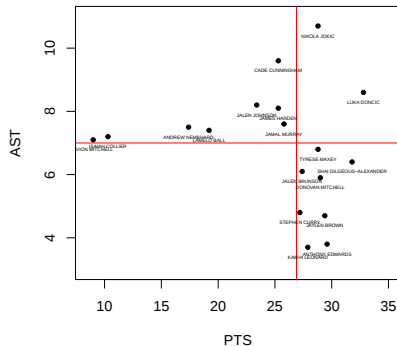


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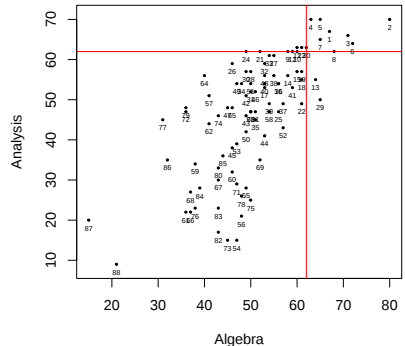
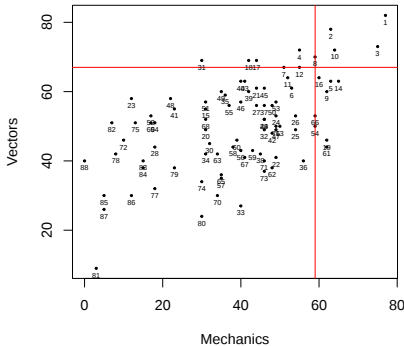


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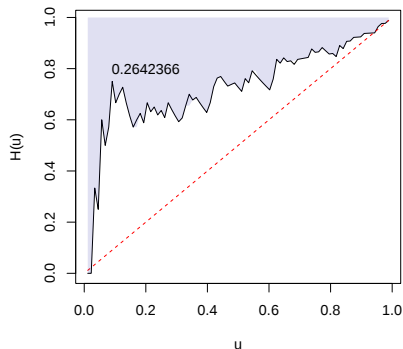
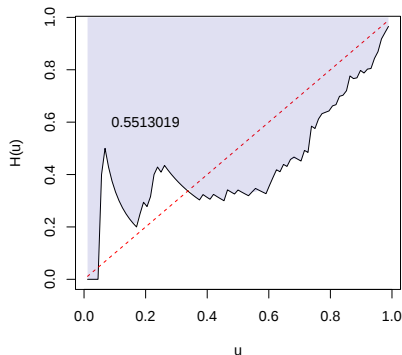


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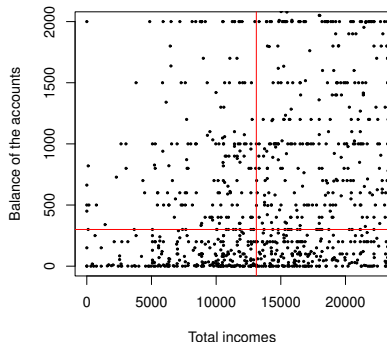
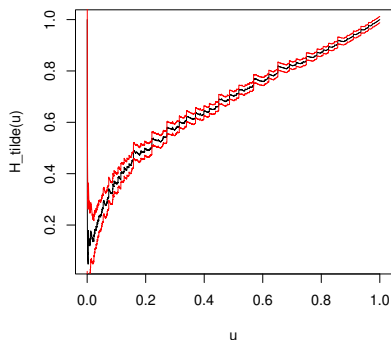


Figure: Homophthoeia curve and 95% confidence bands (left) for total incomes X and the balance of the bank accounts Y in Spain in 2021. In the right plot we can see the values of the 837 poorest families (below both first quartiles). The red lines represent the 10th sample percentiles.

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