

Copula Entropy

Theory and Applications

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Independence Measures : Implementations

Table: Independence Measures and their implementations.

Package	Measure	University
copent	CE	Tsinghua
stats	Ktau	Oxford / Cambridge
energy	dCor	NSF
dHSIC	dHSIC	ETHZ / MPI / Copenhagen
HHG	HHG.chisq, HHG.lr	Tel Aviv
independence	Hoeff, BDtau	Berlin / LSE
Ball	Ball	SYSU / Yale / Texas
qad	QAD	Salzburg
BET	BET	North Carolina
MixedIndTests	Mixed	McGill / HEC Montréal
subcopem2D	subcopula	UNAM
EDMeasure	MDM	UIUC / NWU
FOCI	CODEC	Stanford
NNS	NNS	Villanova

Independence Measures: Experiments I

- **Bivariate normal distribution** $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{u}, \rho)$, whose covariance ρ changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1;
- **Bivariate normal copula** $C_N(u, v; \rho)$ with margins as normal distribution $u \sim N(0, 1)$ and exponential distribution $v \sim E(\lambda = 2)$, the parameter ρ of normal copula changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1;

Independence Measures: Experiments II

- **Archimedean copulas**, including Clayton copula, Frank copula, and Gumbel copula as follows:

$$C_{\alpha}^{Clayton}(u, v) = \max\left([u^{\alpha} + v^{\alpha} - 1]^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}, 0\right), \quad (1)$$

$$C_{\alpha}^{Frank}(u, v) = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left(1 + \frac{(e^{-\alpha u} - 1)(e^{-\alpha v} - 1)}{e^{-\alpha} - 1} \right), \quad (2)$$

$$C_{\alpha}^{Gumbel}(u, v) = \exp \left\{ -[(-\ln u)^{\alpha} + (-\ln v)^{\alpha}]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right\}, \quad (3)$$

margins are same as above, the parameter α of the copulas change from 1 to 10;

Independence Measures: Experiments III

- **Trivariate normal distribution** $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{u}, \Sigma)$, where covariance matrix Σ is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & 1 & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

ρ changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1;

- **Trivariate Gumbel copulas** as follows:

$$C_{\alpha}^{Gumbel}(u, v, w) = \exp \left\{ -[(-\ln u)^{\alpha} + (-\ln v)^{\alpha} + (-\ln w)^{\alpha}]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right\}, \quad (5)$$

the parameter α change from 1 to 10, margins are a normal distribution $u \sim N(0, 2)$ and two exponential distributions $v \sim E(\lambda = 2)$, $w \sim E(\lambda = 0.5)$;

Independence Measures: Experiments IV

- **Quadivariate normal distribution** $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{u}, \Sigma)$ for simulating dependence relations between two bivariate random vectors, the covariance matrix Σ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} & \rho & \rho \\ \rho_{12} & 1 & \rho & \rho \\ \rho & \rho & 1 & \rho_{34} \\ \rho & \rho & \rho_{34} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$\rho_{12} = 0.8$, $\rho_{34} = 0.75$, and ρ changes from 0 to 0.8 by step 0.1.

Independence Measures : Results I

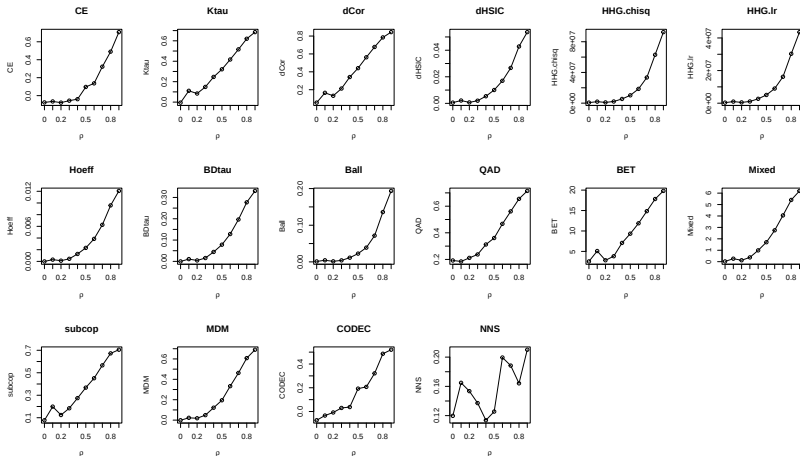


Figure: Experiments with bivariate normal distributions.

Independence Measures : Results II

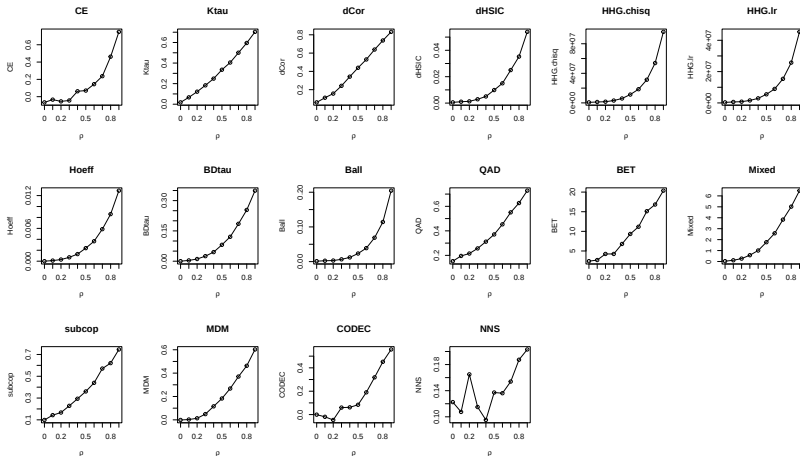
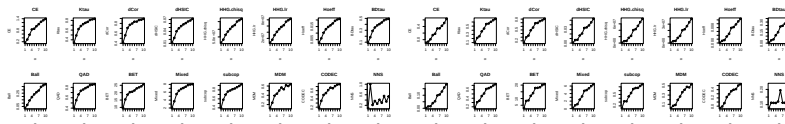


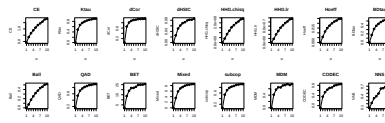
Figure: Experiments with bivariate normal copula functions.

Independence Measures : Results III



(a) Clayton copula

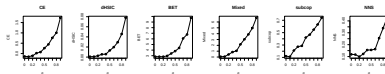
(b) Frank copula



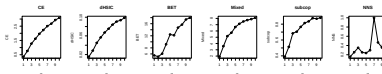
(c) Gumbel copula

Figure: Experiments with bivariate Archimedean copula functions.

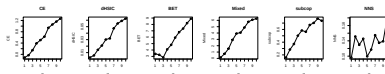
Independence Measures : Results IV



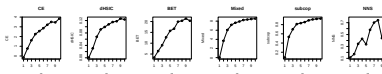
(a) Tri-variate normal distribution



(b) Tri-variate Clayton copula function



(c) Tri-variate Frank copula function



(d) Tri-variate Gumbel copula function

Figure: Experiments on multivariate measures.

Independence Measures : Results V

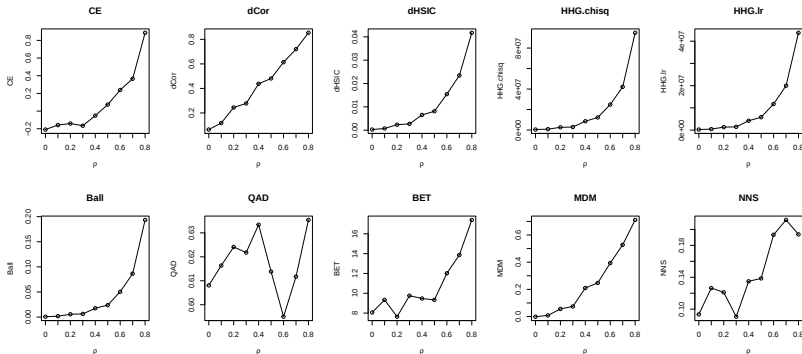


Figure: Experiments on independence between random vectors with quad-variate normal distributions.

Conditional Independence Measures : Implementations

Table: Conditional independence measures and their implementations.

Package	Measure	University
copent	CE	Tsinghua
EDMeasure	CMDM	UIUC / NWU
FOCI	CODEC	Stanford
RCIT	RCoT	Pittsburgh / CMU
cdcsis	CDC	SYSU / North Carolina / Yale
GeneralisedCovarianceMeasure	GCM	Cambridge / Copenhagen
weightedGCM	wGCM	ETHZ
KPC	KPC	Columbia
ppcor	pcor	-
parCopCITest	pcop	Copenhagen
causallearn	KCI	MPI
knncmi	CMI1	CMU
pycit	CMI2	DRL
fcit	FCIT	CalTech
CCIT	CCIT	UTAustin / Google / IBM
pcit	PCIT	UCL

Conditional Independence Measures: Experiments

- 1 random variables (X, Y, Z) governed by **trivariate normal distribution** $N(\mathbf{u}, \Sigma)$ with covariance matrix Σ as

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \rho_{xy} & \rho_{xz} \\ \rho_{xy} & 1 & \rho_{yz} \\ \rho_{xz} & \rho_{yz} & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

where $\rho_{xy} = 0.7$, $\rho_{yz} = 0.6$, ρ_{xz} changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1;

- 2 random variables (X, Y, Z) governed by **trivariate normal copula** $C_N(u_x, u_y, u_z; \Sigma)$ with covariance matrix Σ same as above, ρ_{xz} changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1.

Conditional Independence Measures: Experiments

True value of CMI of normal distribution / copula

When the data are generated from trivariate normal distributions, the true value of CMI can be calculated as

$$CMI = \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_{xz}| + \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_{yz}| - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Sigma_{xyz}|, \quad (8)$$

where Σ_{xyz} , Σ_{xz} , Σ_{yz} are correlation matrices accordingly.

Conditional Independence Measures : Results I

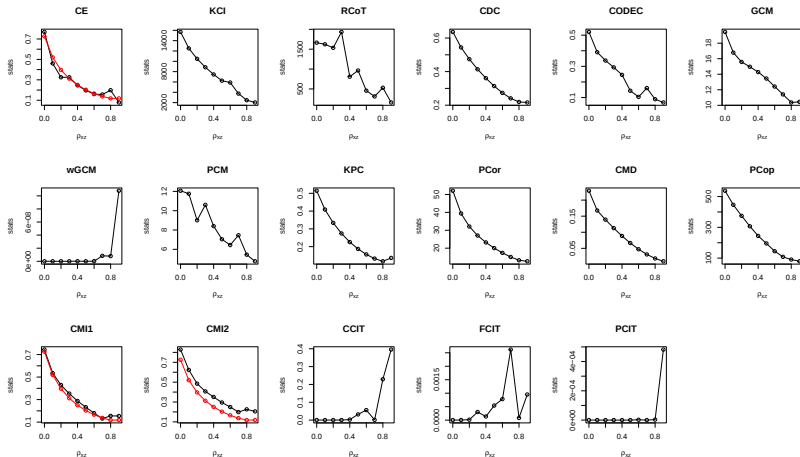


Figure: Experiments on conditional independence with tri-variate normal distributions.

Conditional Independence Measures : Results II

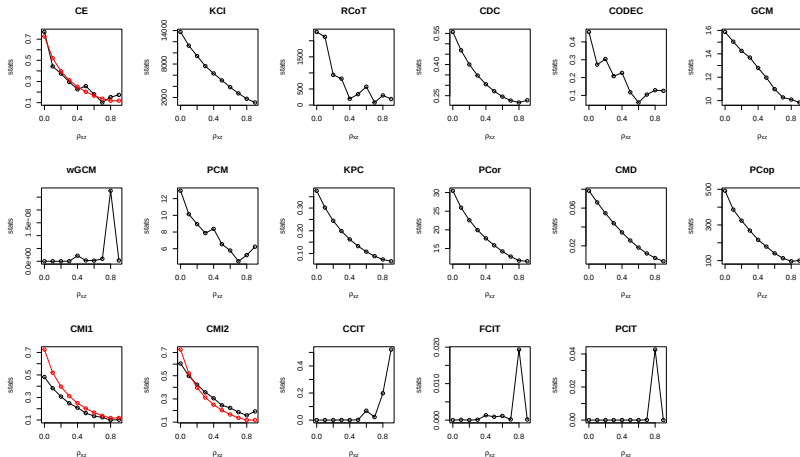


Figure: Experiments on conditional independence with tri-variate normal copula functions.

Multivariate Normality Tests : Implementations

Table: Multivariate normality tests and their implementations in R.

Package	Test	University
copent	CE	Tsinghua
MVN	Mardia	Leeds / Oxford
	Royston	MRC
	Henze-Zirker	Hannover
	Dornik-Haansen energy distance	Oxford / Copenhagen NSF
mvnTest	Anderson-Darling	Columbia / Michigan
	Cramer-von Mises	Stockholm / Berlin
	McCulloch	Cornell
	Nikulín-Rao-Robson	Purdue
	McCulloch	OhioSU
	Dzhaparidze-Nikulín	Moscow
mnt	BHEP	Hannover
	Cox-Small	Imperial
	DEHT	KIT
	DEHU	Duisburg / KIT / Hannover
	EHS	KIT
	HJG	KIT / Sevilla
	HV	NWU(SA)
	HZ	Hannover
	KKurt	Scripps
	MAKurt, MASkew	CaliforniaSU
	MKurt	Leeds / Oxford
	MQ1, MQ2	Simón Bolívar
	MRSSkew	UCSB / Trento / Debrecen
	MSkew	Leeds / Oxford
	PU	CracowUT
	SR	NSF
mvnormtest	Shapiro-Wilk	MRC

Multivariate Normality Tests: Experiments

- ① **Bivariate normal copula** $C_N(u, v)$ with margins as normal distribution $u \sim N(0, 1)$ and exponential distribution $v \sim E(\lambda)$. The parameter of exponential distribution $\lambda = 1, \dots, 10$, when $\lambda = 2$, the simulated distribution is close to normal distribution and become non-normal as λ increases;
- ② **Bivariate t distribution** $\mathbf{X} \sim t_\nu(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$, the non-diagonal element of Σ $\rho = 0.5$, non-normality is gradually weakened as $\nu = 1, \dots, 10$;
- ③ **Mixture of two bivariate normal distributions** $X_1 \sim N_1(\mu_1, \rho_1)$ and $X_2 \sim N_2(\mu_2, \rho_2)$ with $\mu_1 = \mathbf{0}, \mu_2 = \mathbf{3}, \rho_1 = 0.5, \rho_2 = 0.8$ and simulated data is derived from two samples from these two normal distributions as $\{(\beta - 1)X_1 + (10 - \beta)X_2\}/9$, where $\beta = 1, \dots, 10$ so non-normality becomes stronger first and then weakened.

Multivariate Normality Tests : Results I

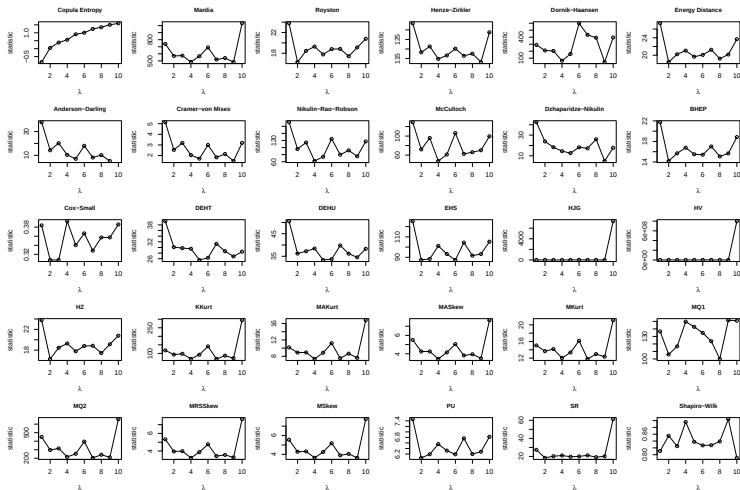


Figure: Experiments with bivariate normal distributions.

Multivariate Normality Tests : Results II

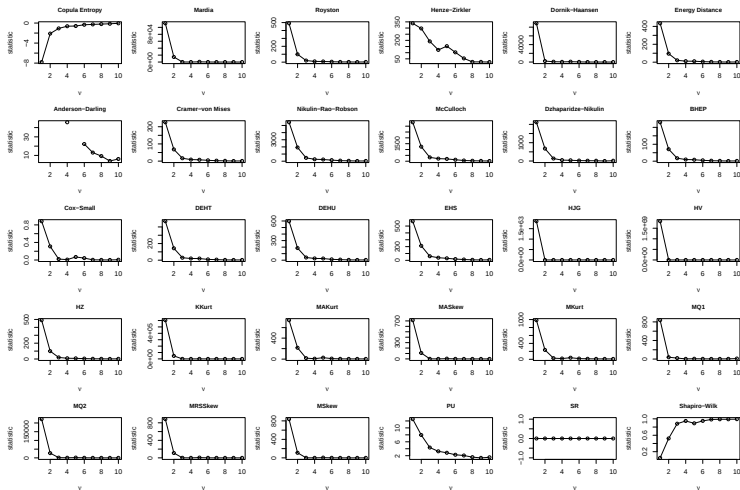


Figure: Experiments with bivariate t distributions.

Multivariate Normality Tests : Results III

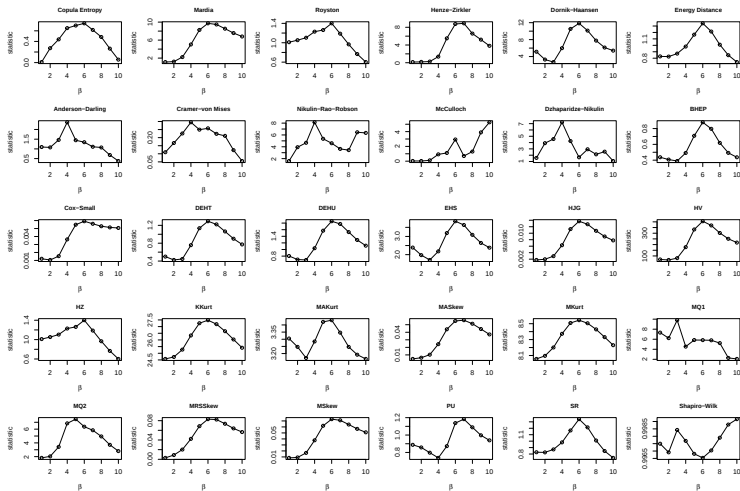


Figure: Experiments with mixture of two bivariate normal distributions.

Univariate Two-Sample Tests : Implementations

Table: Univariate two-sample tests and their implementations in R.

Package	Test	University
copent	CE	Tsinghua
stat	Wilcoxon1	OhioSU
	Kruskal-Wallis	Chicago
twosamples	CVM	Stockholm / Berlin
	KS	Moscow
	Kuiper	St Andrews
	WASS	GIT / UTAustin
	DTS	Chicago
	AD	Columbia / Michigan
robustTest	Wilcoxon2	OhioSU
	Vartest	UCL
R2sample	LR	Berkeley / UCSD
	ZA,ZK,ZC	Manitoba
tnl.Test	TNL	VCU / Ankara / Selcuk / Bentley / OhioSU

Univariate Two-Sample Tests: Experiments

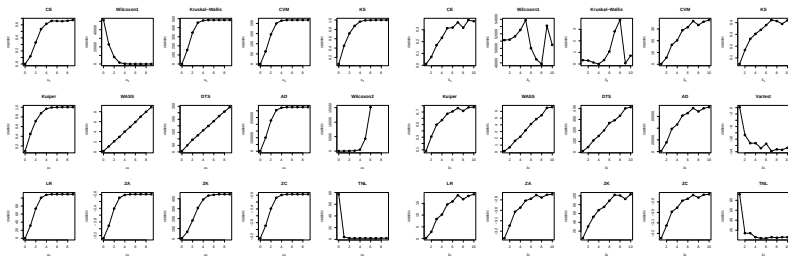
1 Two normal distributions with different mean

The first simulation includes a random variable governed by normal distribution $x_0 \sim N(\mu_0, \delta_0)$ with $\mu_0 = 0$ and $\delta_0 = 1$ and another random variable governed by normal distribution $x_2 \sim N(\mu_1, \delta_1)$ with μ_1 changes from 0 to 9 and $\delta_1 = 1$;

2 Two normal distributions with different variances

The second simulation includes the first random variable x_0 same to the first simulation, and the second random variable $x_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \delta_1)$ with δ_1 changes from 1 to 10 and $\mu_1 = 0$.

Univariate Two-Sample Tests : Results



(a) Mean

(b) Variance

Figure: Experiments on univariate two-sample tests.

Multivariate Two-Sample Tests : Implementations

Table: Multivariate two-sample tests and their implementations in R.

Package	Test	University
copent	CE MI	Tsinghua Xavier / Birmingham
kernlab	Kernel	MPI / BNU / Yahoo
energy	Energy statistics	NSF
Ball	Ball divergence	SYSU / Yale
hypoRF	Random Forest	ETHZ / Zürich / Inria
HHG	HHG	Tel Aviv
cramer	Cramer	Hannover
TwoSampleTest.HD	TST.HD	Vigo
fasano.franceschini.test	F-F	Padova
Peacock.test	Peacock	Edinburgh
RandomProjectionTest	RPT	UCDavis / Sorbonne / MIT
DepthProc	Depth	Rutgers
kSamples	AD QN	Queensland Chicago
lawstat	BM	Göttingen
T4transport	WASS SWD	ENS / Google / ENASE ENS / Paris9 / Télécom Paris / Thales
rgTest	Graph	IowaSU
KMD	KMD	Columbia

Multivariate Two-Sample Tests: Experiments

1 Two normal distributions with different mean

$\mathbf{x}_0 \sim N(u_0, \rho_0)$ and $\mathbf{x}_1 \sim N(u_1, \rho_1)$ with $u_0 = \mathbf{0}$ and $u_1 = (i, i)$, i changes from 0 to 9 by step 1, and $\rho_0, \rho_1 = 0.5$;

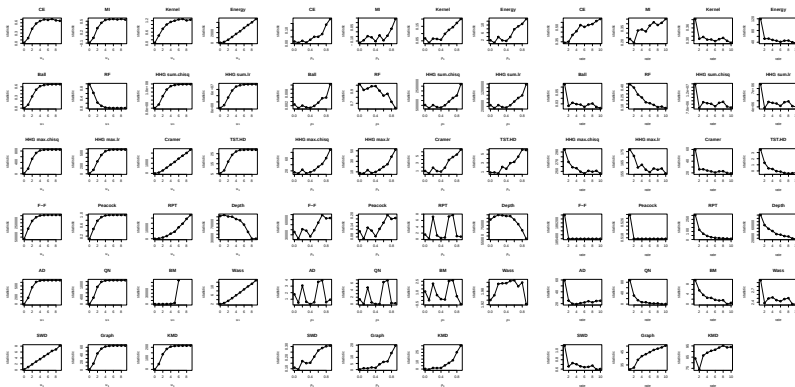
2 Two normal distribution with different covariance

$\mathbf{x}_0 \sim N(u_0, \rho_0)$ with $u_0 = \mathbf{0}$, $\rho_0 = 0$ and another random variable $\mathbf{x}_1$ governed by normal distribution $N(u_1, \rho_1)$ with ρ_1 changes from 0 to 0.9 by step 0.1 and $u_1 = \mathbf{0}$;

3 Normal distribution vs Normal copula

bivariate normal distribution $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim N(u_0, \rho_0)$ with $\rho_0 = 0$ and another random variable $\mathbf{x}_1$ governed by bivariate normal copula $c(u, v)$ with margins as normal distribution $u \sim N(0, 2)$ and exponential distribution $v \sim E(\lambda)$ with λ changes from 1 to 10.

Multivariate Two-Sample Tests : Results



(a) Mean

(b) Covariance

(c) Normal copula

Figure: Experiments on multivariate two-sample tests.

Change Point Detection : Implementations

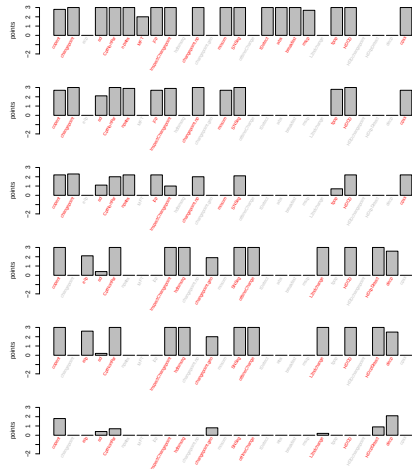
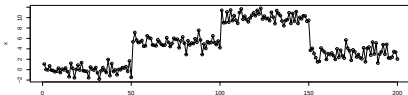
Table: Methods for change-point detection and their implementations in R.

Package	Univariate			Multivariate			University
	Mean	MV	Var	Mean	MV	Var	
copent	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tsinghua
changepoint	✓	✓	✓				Lancaster
ecp				✓	✓	✓	Cornell
rid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tsinghua
CptNonPar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Bristol / Southampton
npwbs	✓	✓	✓				Edinburgh
MFT	✓						Frankfurt
jcp	✓	✓					TUWien
InspectChangepoint	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Cambridge
hdbinseg				✓	✓	✓	Bristol / LSE
changepoint.np	✓	✓	✓				Lancaster
changepoint.geo				✓	✓	✓	Lancaster
mosum	✓	✓	✓				Magdeburg / Bristol
SNSeg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Miami / Notre Dame / Fudan / UIUC
offlineChange				✓	✓	✓	Harvard
IDetect	✓						LSE
wbs	✓						LSE
breakfast	✓						Cyprus / Bristol / LSE
mscp	✓						TUWien
L2hdchange				✓	✓	✓	WUSTL / York / Chicago
gfpop	✓	✓	✓				Évry / Arizona / Lancaster / Clemson
HDCD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Oslo
HDDchangepoint				✓	✓	✓	Durham / GWU
HDcpDetect				✓	✓	✓	KentSU / PKU / MichiganSU
decp				✓	✓	✓	Lancaster

Change Point Detection: Results

Simulated change points:

- Univariate cases
 - Mean
 - Variance
 - Mean-Variance
- Multivariate cases
 - Mean
 - Variance
 - Mean-Variance



Symmetry Test: Implementation

Table: Methods implemented in the `symmetry` package in R.

Method	Statistic	University
MI	The Mira test statistic	USI
CM	The Cabilio–Masaro test statistic	Acadia
MGG	The Miao, Gel and Gastwirth test statistic	Macalester / Waterloo / GWU
B1	The $\sqrt{b_1}$ test statistic	Belgrade
KS	The Kolmogorov–Smirnov test statistic	Belgrade
SGN	The Sign test statistic	Belgrade
WCX	The Wilcoxon test statistic	Belgrade
FM	The characterization based test	Alberta / Toronto
RW	The Rothman–Woodrooffe test statistic	Hannover
BHI	The Litvinova test statistic	St Petersburg
BHK	The Baringhaus and Henze supremum-type test statistic	Hannover / KIT
BH2	The Baringhaus–Henze test statistic	Hannover / KIT
MOI,MOK	The Milošević and Obradović test statistics	St Petersburg / Rider
NAI,NAK	The Nikitin and Ahsanullah test statistics	St Petersburg / Rider
K2,K2U	The Božin, Milošević, Nikitin and Obradović Kolmogorov type statistics	Belgrade / St Petersburg
NAC1,NAC2,BHC1,BHC2	The Allison and Pretorius test statistics	NWU(SA)

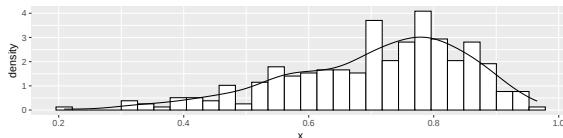
Symmetry Tests: Experiments

Beta distribution

Beta distributions are the continuous distribution on $[0, 1]$ or $(0, 1)$ with two parameters $a, b > 0$ for symmetry control, defined as

$$f(x; a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}, \quad (9)$$

where Γ is Gamma function.



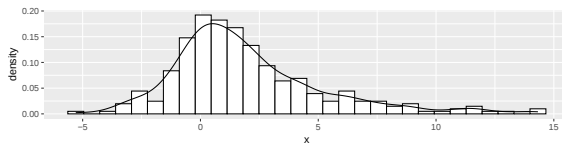
Symmetry Tests: Experiments

Asymmetric Laplace distribution

Asymmetric Laplace distributions generalize Laplace distribution and are defined as

$$f(x; \mu, \delta, k) = \frac{1}{\delta(k + k^{-1})} e^{-(x-\mu)k^s/\delta}, \quad (10)$$

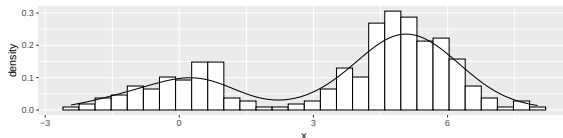
where $s = \text{sgn}(x - \mu)$, μ, δ is for location and scale, and k is the parameter for symmetry control.



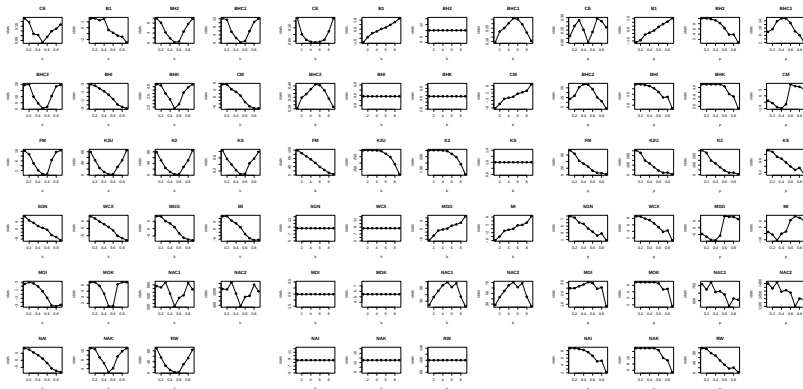
Symmetry Tests: Experiments

Bimodal normal distribution

Bimodal normal distribution is derived by mixture of two normal distributions $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \delta_1)$ and $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \delta_2)$ with a proportion parameter p for symmetry control.



Symmetry Tests: Results



(a) Asymmetric Laplace distributions

(b) Beta distributions

(c) Bimodal normal distributions

Figure: Simulation results on three types of distributions.

Copula Hypothesis Test: Implementation

Table: Methods implemented in the `gofCopula` package in R.

Method	Statistic	University
CvM	Cramér-von Mises statistic	Laval / HEC Montréal
KS	Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic	Laval / HEC Montréal
KendallCvM	Kendall's process based CvM statistic	Laval / HEC Montréal
KendallKS	Kendall's process based KS statistic	Laval / HEC Montréal
PIOSTn,PIOSRn	PIOS tests	SWFEU / TUDresden / Simon Fraser / MississippiSU / Michigan
Rosenblatt*	Rosenblatt transformation based tests	Laval / HEC Montréal
White	White's information matrix equality based test	TUM

Copula Hypothesis Tests: Experiments

- Simulated copulas:
 - Gaussian copula
 - Archimedean copulas (Gumbel, Frank, Clayton)
- Hypotheses of copulas:
 - Gaussian copula
 - Archimedean copulas (Gumbel, Frank, Clayton)

Copula Hypothesis Tests: Results

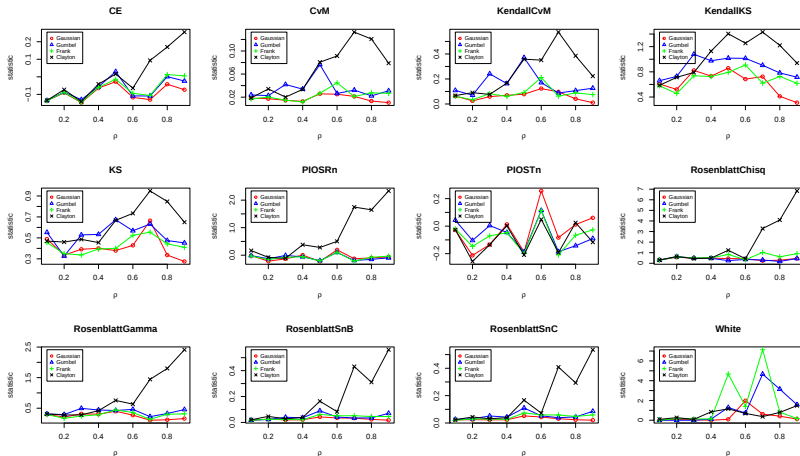


Figure: Simulation results on Gaussian copulas.

Copula Hypothesis Tests: Results

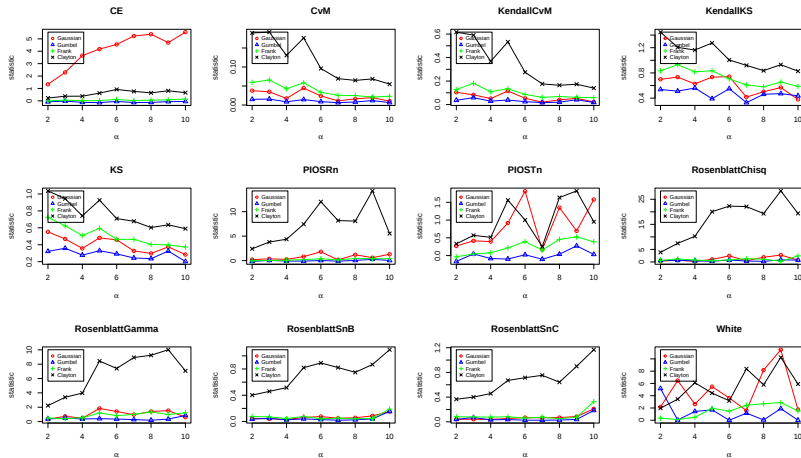


Figure: Simulation results on Gumbel copulas.

Copula Hypothesis Tests: Results

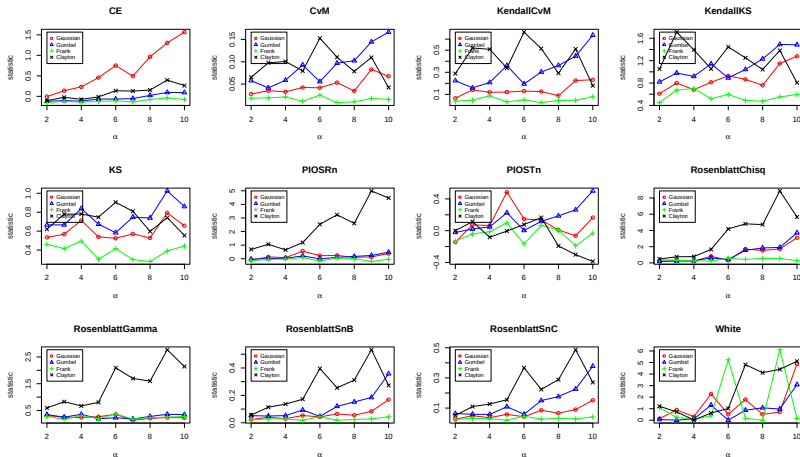


Figure: Simulation results on Frank copulas.

Copula Hypothesis Tests: Results

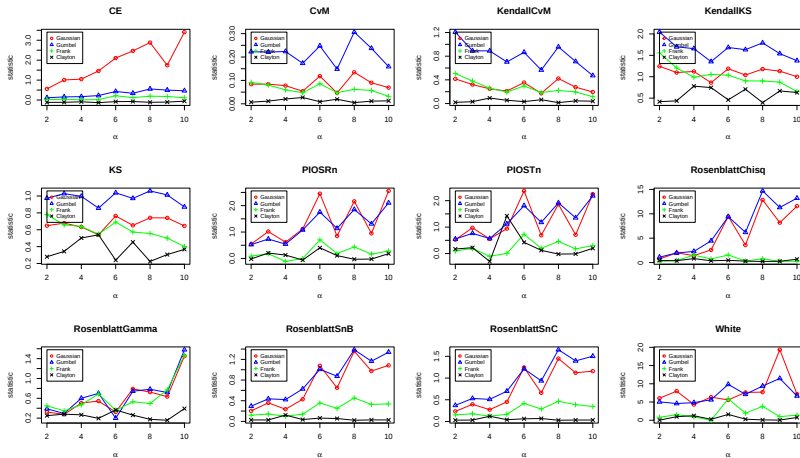


Figure: Simulation results on Clayton copulas.

Monograph

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Thanks!

Q&A