

# **Theory and Application of Copula**

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# Econometrics

(计量经济学)

- What is Econometrics?

Combination of economics, mathematics and statistics.

- What is the focus of econometrics?

Estimating Various Conditional Moments

$$E(Y|X), \text{Var}(Y|X), P(Y \leq q | X)$$

Estimating Various Structural Models from Economic Theory.

# My Focuses

- Modelling Time Series  
Nonstationary Data and Nonlinear Models
- Monitoring Structural Change
- Applying Copula Functions

# A Heuristic Example

How to construct a two-variate joint distribution function whose marginals are respectively but not jointly normally distributed?

$$X \sim F(x), Y \sim G(y), (X, Y) \sim H(x, y)$$

$$H(x, y) = H(F^{-1}(F(x)), G^{-1}(G(y))) = C(u, v) \circ (F(x), G(y))$$

$$\text{where } C(u, v) = H(F^{-1}(u), G^{-1}(v))$$

# Sklar Theorem (1959)

Let  $H$  be a n-dimensional distribution function with margins  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ . Then there exists an n-copula  $C$  such that for all  $x \in R^n$ ,

$$H(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n))$$

$C$  is unique if  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are all continuous.

Conversely, if  $C$  is a n-copula and  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are distribution functions, then  $H$  defined above is an n-dimensional distribution function with margins  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ .

# Copula

- Definition (see Nelson (2006) definition 2.10.6)

$C(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  is a distribution function whose marginals are all uniformly distributed.

- Why we need copula?
- Discrete copula?

# Copula Constructing

- Inversion Method
- Geometric Method
- Algebraic Method
- Other Methods?

# Archimedean Copula Families

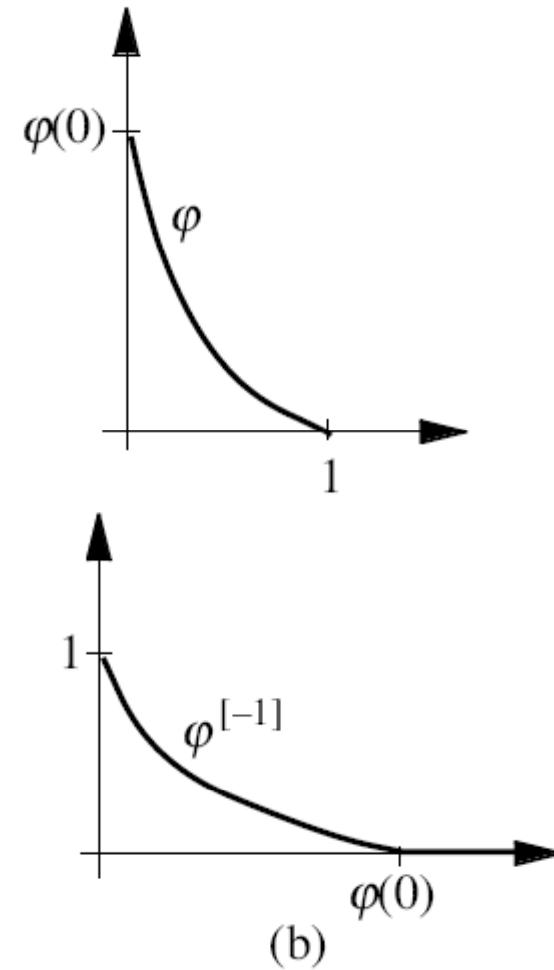
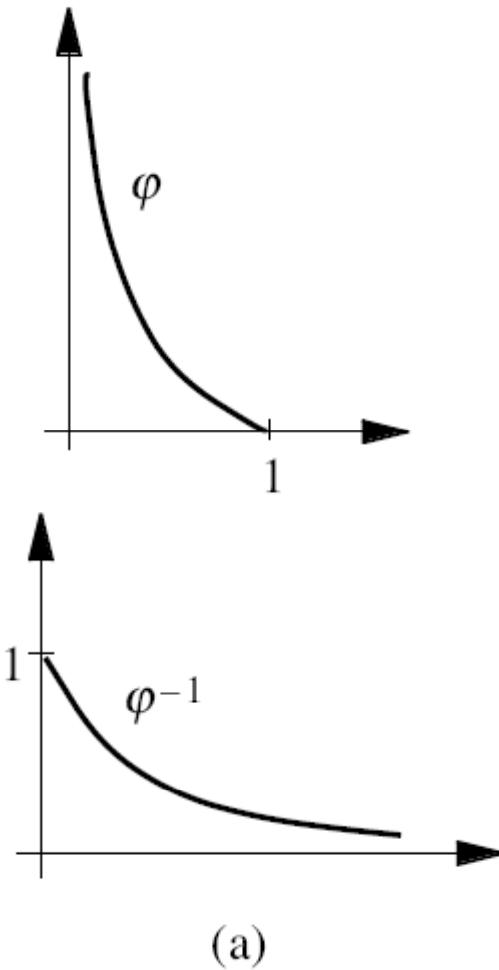
Let  $\varphi$  be a continuous, strictly decreasing function from  $[0,1]$  to  $[0,\infty)$  such that  $\varphi(1) = 0$ , and let  $\varphi^{[-1]}$  be the pseudo-inverse of  $\varphi$ , that is,

$$\varphi^{[-1]}(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi^{-1} & 0 \leq t \leq \varphi(0) \\ 0 & \varphi(0) \leq t \leq \infty \end{cases}.$$

Then the function  $C(u,v) = \varphi^{[-1]}(\varphi(u) + \varphi(v))$  is a copula iff  $\varphi$  is convex.

where  $C(u,v)$   $\varphi$  are called as an Archimedean copula and corresponding generator respectively.

# Archimedean Copula Families



Strict (a) and non-strict (b) generators and inverses

# Archimedean Copula Families

**Table 4.1.** One-parameter

(4.2.#)	$C_\theta(u,v)$	$\varphi_\theta(t)$
1	$\left[\max(u^{-\theta} + v^{-\theta} - 1, 0)\right]^{-1/\theta}$	$\frac{1}{\theta}(t^{-\theta} - 1)$
2	$\max\left(1 - \left[(1-u)^\theta + (1-v)^\theta\right]^{1/\theta}, 0\right)$	$(1-t)^\theta$
3	$\frac{uv}{1-\theta(1-u)(1-v)}$	$\ln \frac{1-\theta(1-t)}{t}$
4	$\exp\left(-\left[(-\ln u)^\theta + (-\ln v)^\theta\right]^{1/\theta}\right)$	$(-\ln t)^\theta$
5	$-\frac{1}{\theta} \ln\left(1 + \frac{(e^{-\theta u} - 1)(e^{-\theta v} - 1)}{e^{-\theta} - 1}\right)$	$-\ln \frac{e^{-\theta t} - 1}{e^{-\theta} - 1}$

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$$6 \quad 1 - \left[ (1-u)^\theta + (1-v)^\theta - (1-u)^\theta (1-v)^\theta \right]^{1/\theta} \quad -\ln[1-(1-t)^\theta]$$

$$7 \quad \max(\theta uv + (1-\theta)(u+v-1), 0) \quad -\ln[\theta t + (1-\theta)]$$

$$8 \quad \max\left( \frac{\theta^2 uv - (1-u)(1-v)}{\theta^2 - (\theta-1)^2 (1-u)(1-v)}, 0 \right) \quad \frac{1-t}{1+(\theta-1)t}$$

$$9 \quad uv \exp(-\theta \ln u \ln v) \quad \ln(1 - \theta \ln t)$$

$$10 \quad uv \sqrt[\theta]{1 + (1-u^\theta)(1-v^\theta)} \quad \ln(2t^{-\theta} - 1)$$

$$11 \quad \left[ \max(u^\theta v^\theta - 2(1-u^\theta)(1-v^\theta), 0) \right]^{1/\theta} \quad \ln(2 - t^\theta)$$

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$$12 \quad \left( 1 + \left[ (u^{-1} - 1)^\theta + (v^{-1} - 1)^\theta \right]^{1/\theta} \right)^{-1} \quad \left( \frac{1}{t} - 1 \right)^\theta$$

$$13 \quad \exp \left( 1 - \left[ (1 - \ln u)^\theta + (1 - \ln v)^\theta - 1 \right]^{1/\theta} \right) \quad (1 - \ln t)^\theta - 1$$

$$14 \quad \left( 1 + \left[ (u^{-1/\theta} - 1)^\theta + (v^{-1/\theta} - 1)^\theta \right]^{1/\theta} \right)^{-\theta} \quad (t^{-1/\theta} - 1)^\theta$$

$$15 \quad \left\{ \max \left( 1 - \left[ (1 - u^{1/\theta})^\theta + (1 - v^{1/\theta})^\theta \right]^{1/\theta}, 0 \right) \right\}^\theta \quad (1 - t^{1/\theta})^\theta$$

$$16 \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( S + \sqrt{S^2 + 4\theta} \right), \quad S = u + v - 1 - \theta \left( \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} - 1 \right) \quad \left( \frac{\theta}{t} + 1 \right) (1 - t)$$

$$17 \quad \left( 1 + \frac{[(1+u)^{-\theta} - 1][(1+v)^{-\theta} - 1]}{2^{-\theta} - 1} \right)^{-1/\theta} - 1 \quad - \ln \frac{(1+t)^{-\theta} - 1}{2^{-\theta} - 1}$$

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$$18 \quad \max\left(1 + \theta / \ln\left[e^{\theta/(u-1)} + e^{\theta/(v-1)}\right], 0\right) \quad e^{\theta/(t-1)}$$

$$19 \quad \theta / \ln\left(e^{\theta/u} + e^{\theta/v} - e^\theta\right) \quad e^{\theta/t} - e^\theta$$

$$20 \quad \left[ \ln\left(\exp(u^{-\theta}) + \exp(v^{-\theta}) - e\right) \right]^{-1/\theta} \quad \exp(t^{-\theta}) - e$$

$$21 \quad 1 - (1 - \{\max([1 - (1-u)^\theta]^{1/\theta} + [1 - (1-v)^\theta]^{1/\theta} - 1, 0)\}^\theta)^{1/\theta} \quad 1 - [1 - (1-t)^\theta]^{1/\theta}$$

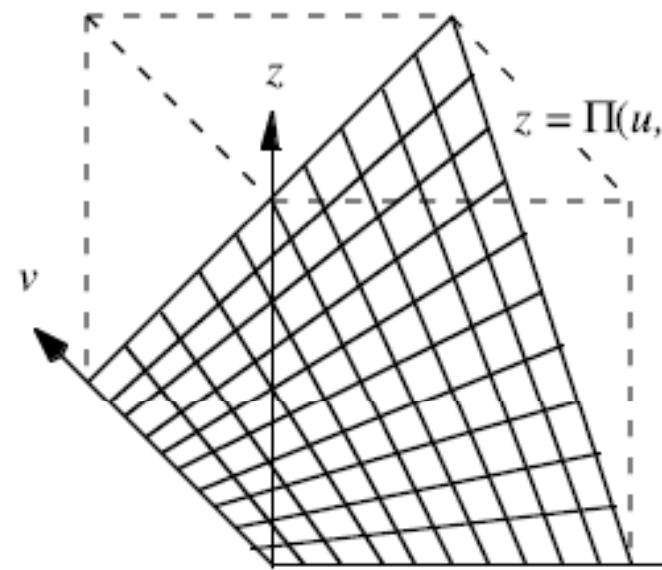
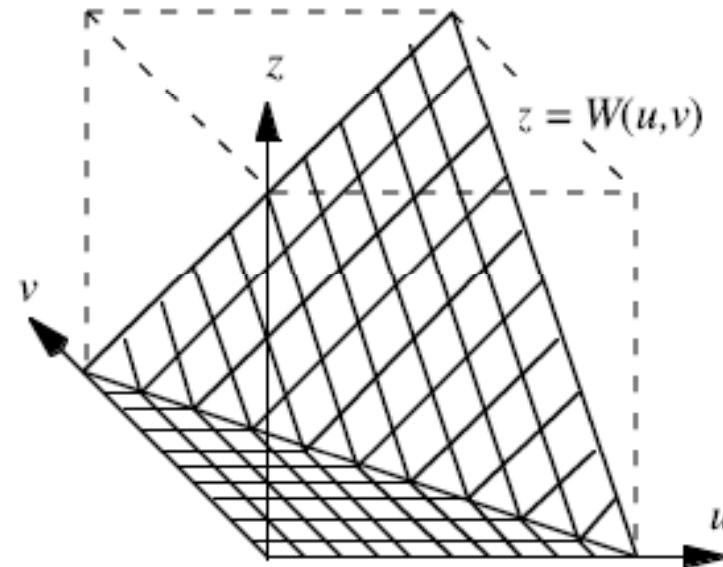
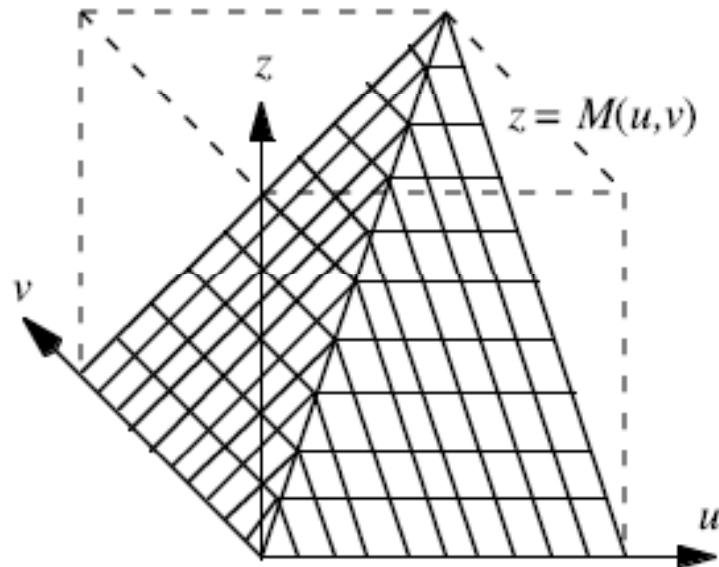
$$22 \quad \max\left(\left[1 - (1-u^\theta)\sqrt{1 - (1-v^\theta)^2} - (1-v^\theta)\sqrt{1 - (1-u^\theta)^2}\right]^{1/\theta}, 0\right) \quad \arcsin(1 - t^\theta)$$

# Archimedean Copula Families

Families of Archimedean Copulas

$\theta \in$	Strict	Limiting and Special Cases	(4.2.#)
$[-1, \infty) \setminus \{0\}$	$\theta \geq 0$	$C_{-1} = W, C_0 = \Pi, C_1 = \frac{\Pi}{\Sigma - \Pi}, C_\infty = M$	1
$[1, \infty)$	no	$C_1 = W, C_\infty = M$	2
$[-1, 1)$	yes	$C_0 = \Pi, C_1 = \frac{\Pi}{\Sigma - \Pi}$	3
$[1, \infty)$	yes	$C_1 = \Pi, C_\infty = M$	4
$(-\infty, \infty) \setminus \{0\}$	yes	$C_{-\infty} = W, C_0 = \Pi, C_\infty = M$	5

# Archimedean Copula Families



$$\Pi(u,v) = uv$$

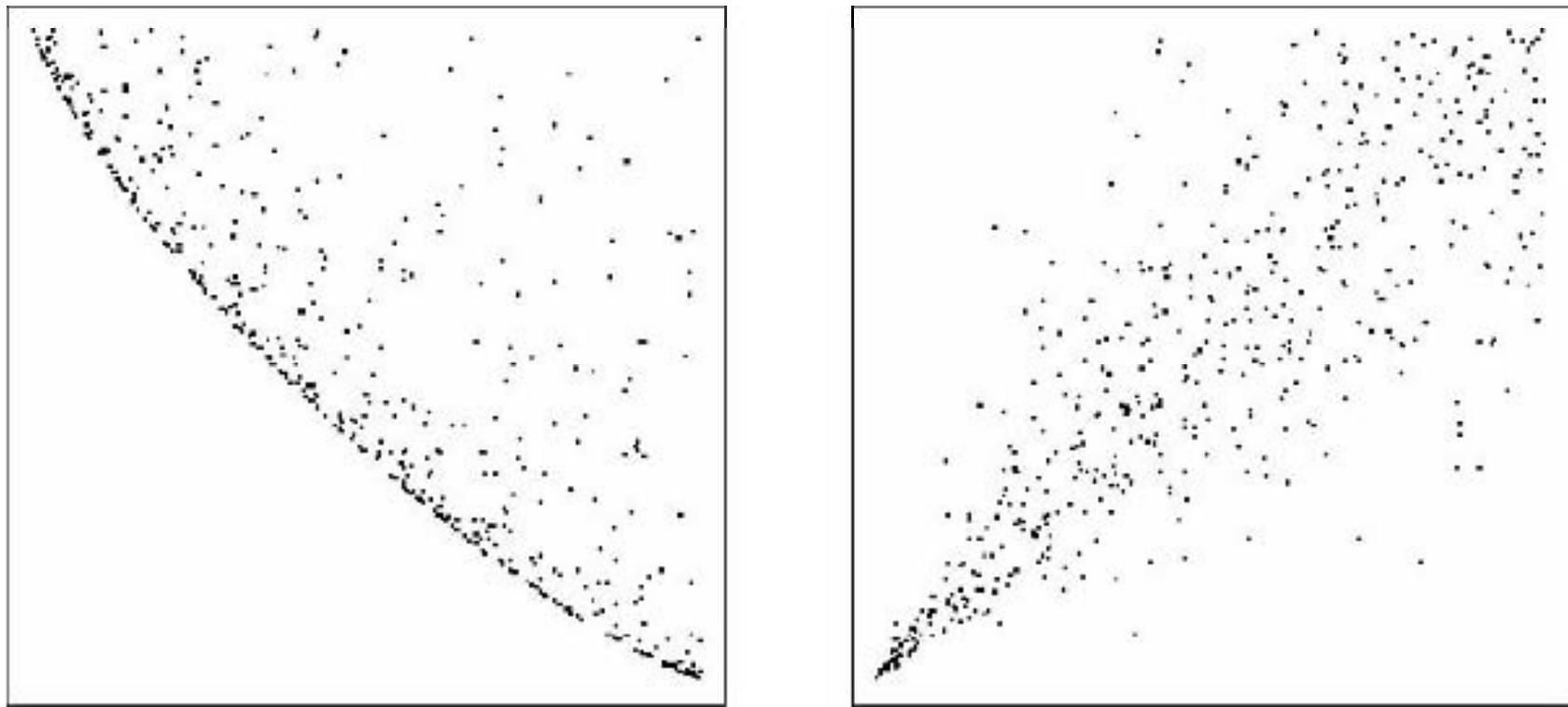
$$W(u,v) = \max(u + v - 1, 0)$$

$$M(u,v) = \min(u, v)$$

$$W(u,v) \leq C(u,v) \leq M(u,v)$$

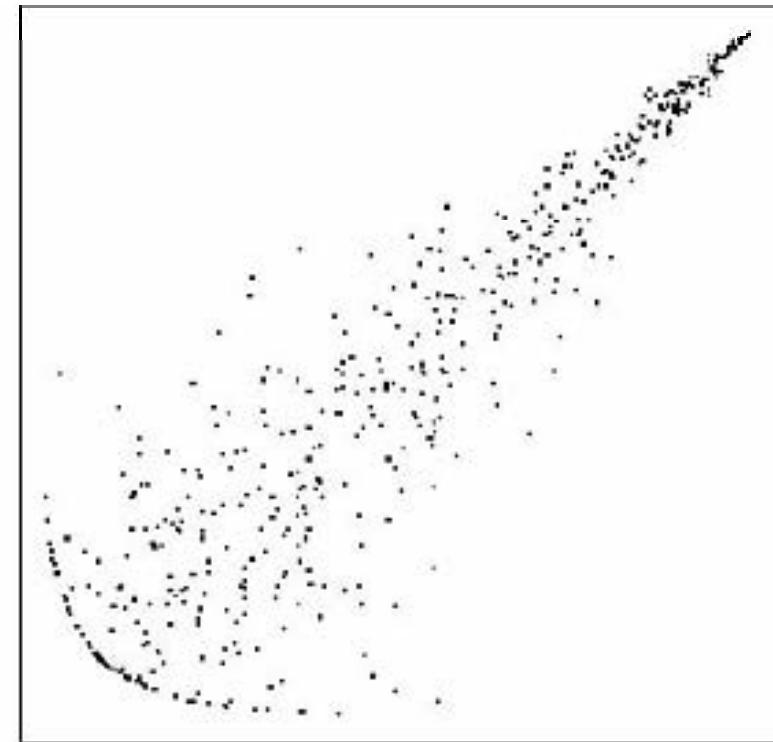
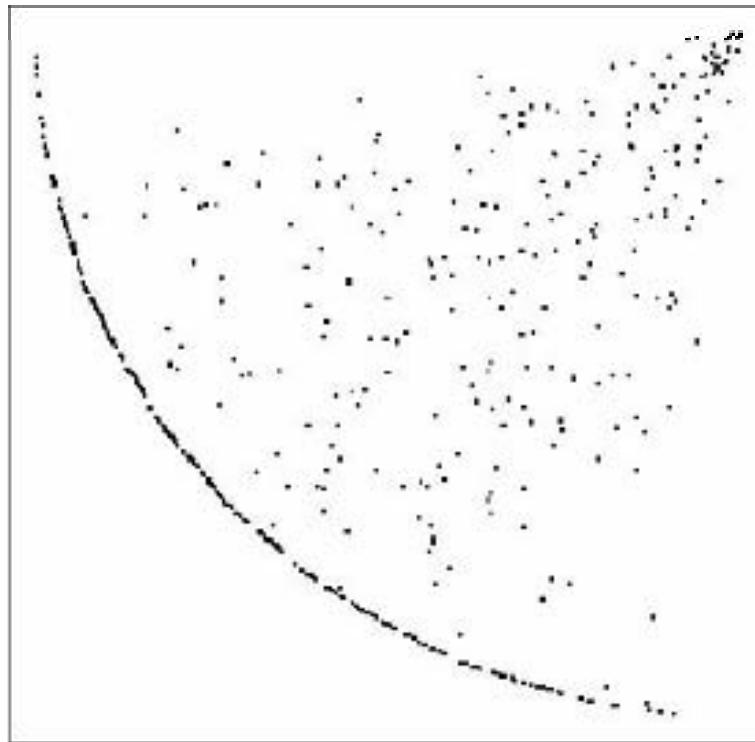
Fréchet-Hoeffding bounds

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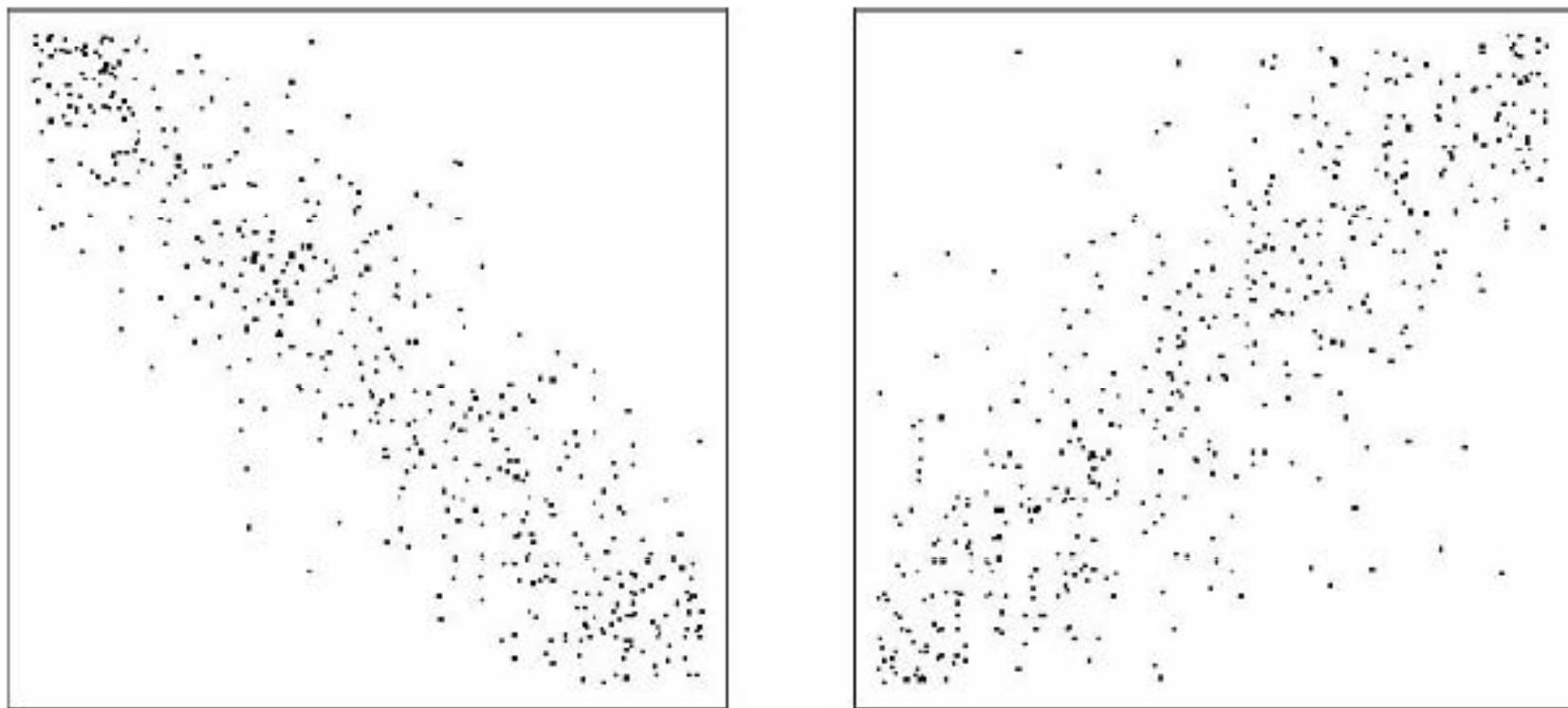
**Fig. 4.2.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.1),  $\theta = -0.8$  (left) and  $\theta = 4$  (right)

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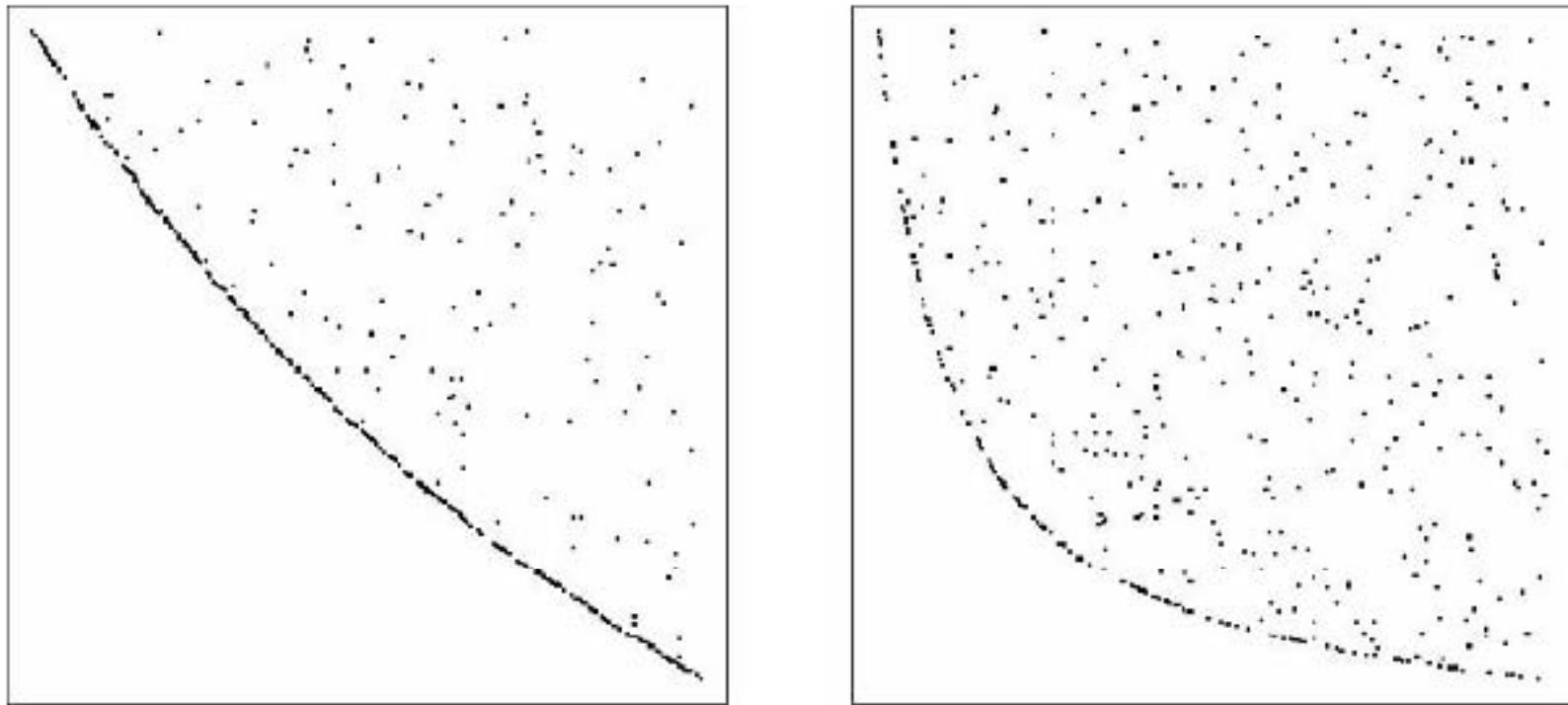
**Fig. 4.3.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.2),  $\theta = 2$  (left) and  $\theta = 8$  (right)

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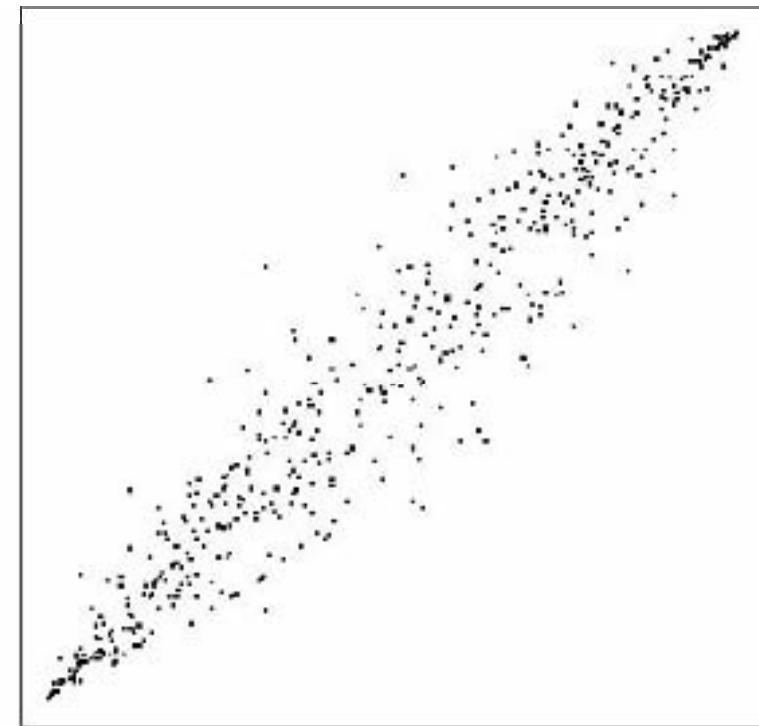
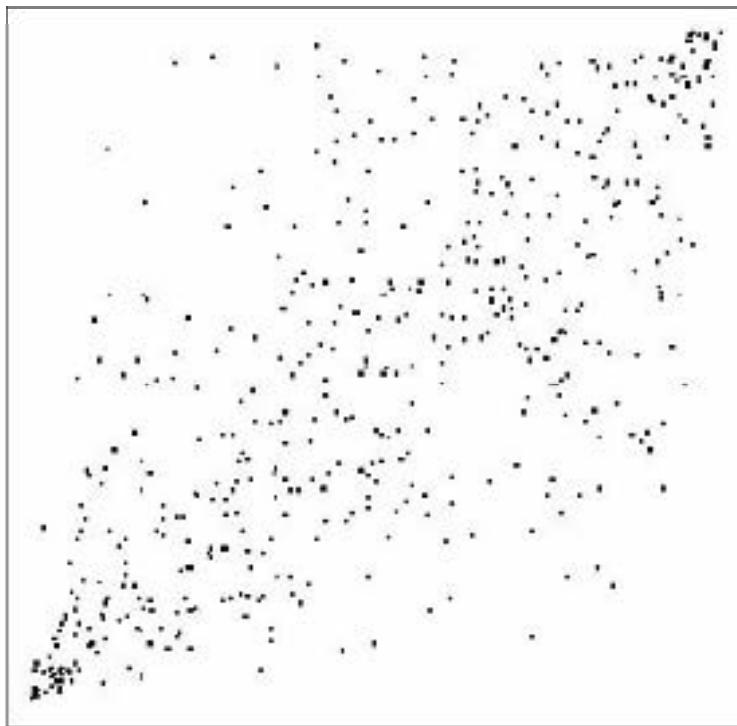
**Fig. 4.4.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.5),  $\theta = -12$  (left) and  $\theta = 8$  (right)

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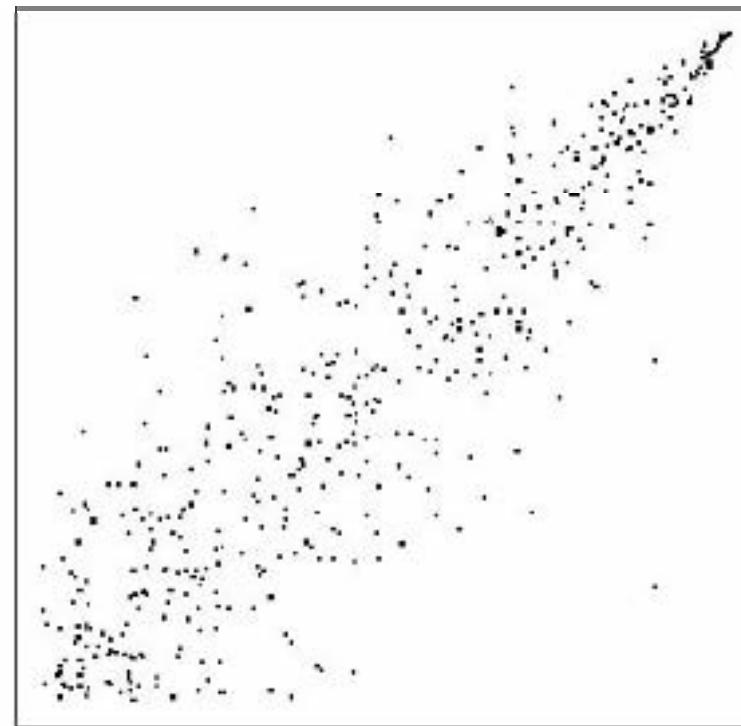
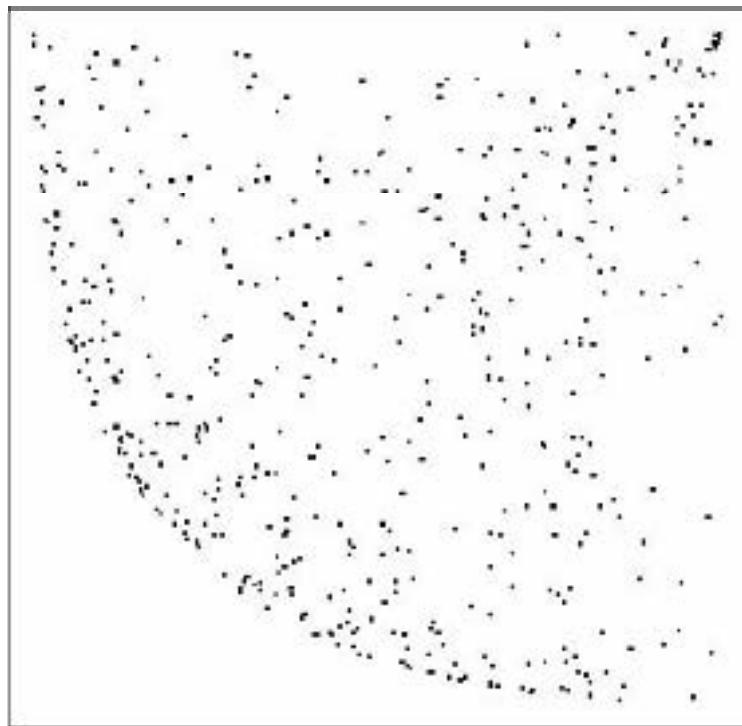
**Fig. 4.5.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.7),  $\theta = 0.4$  (left) and  $\theta = 0.9$  (right)

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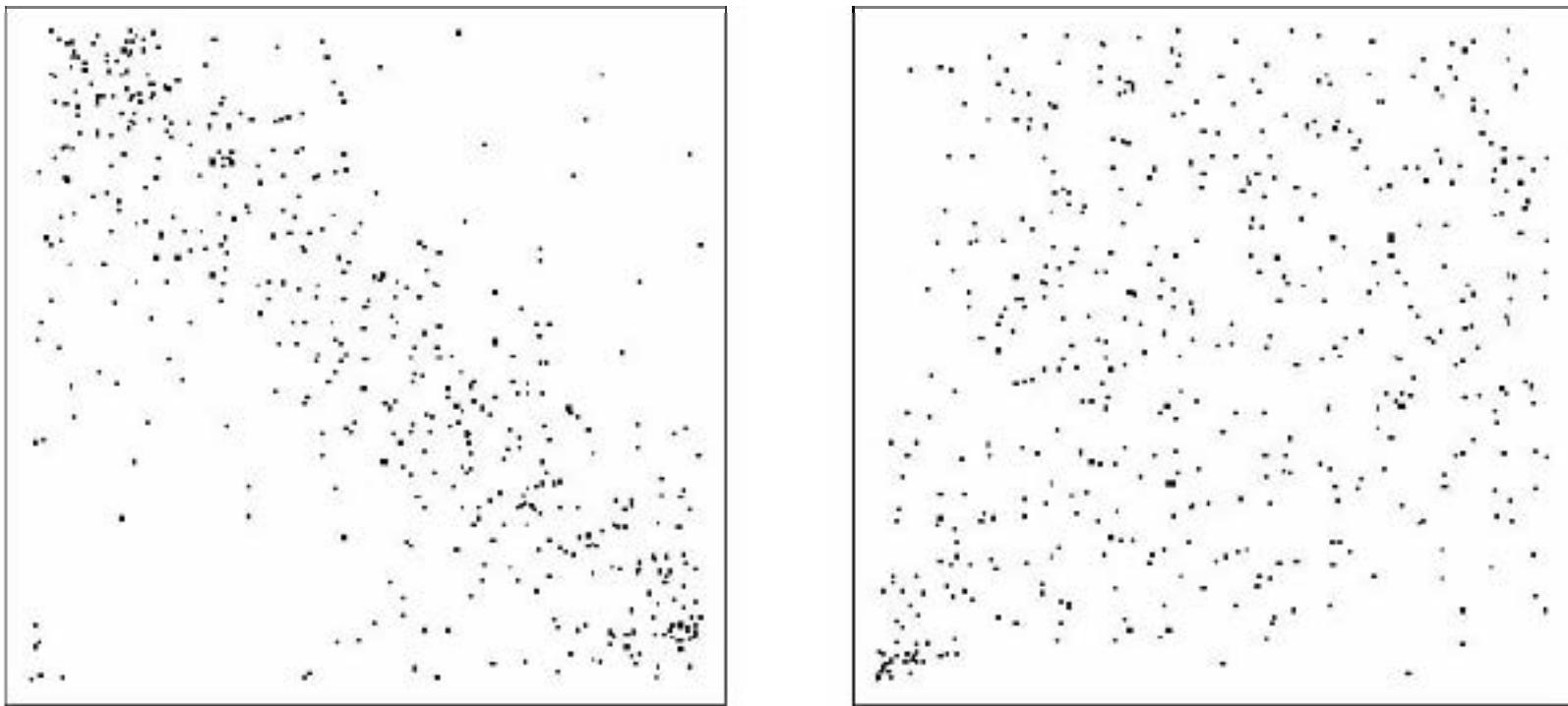
**Fig. 4.6.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.12),  $\theta = 1.5$  (left) and  $\theta = 4$  (right)

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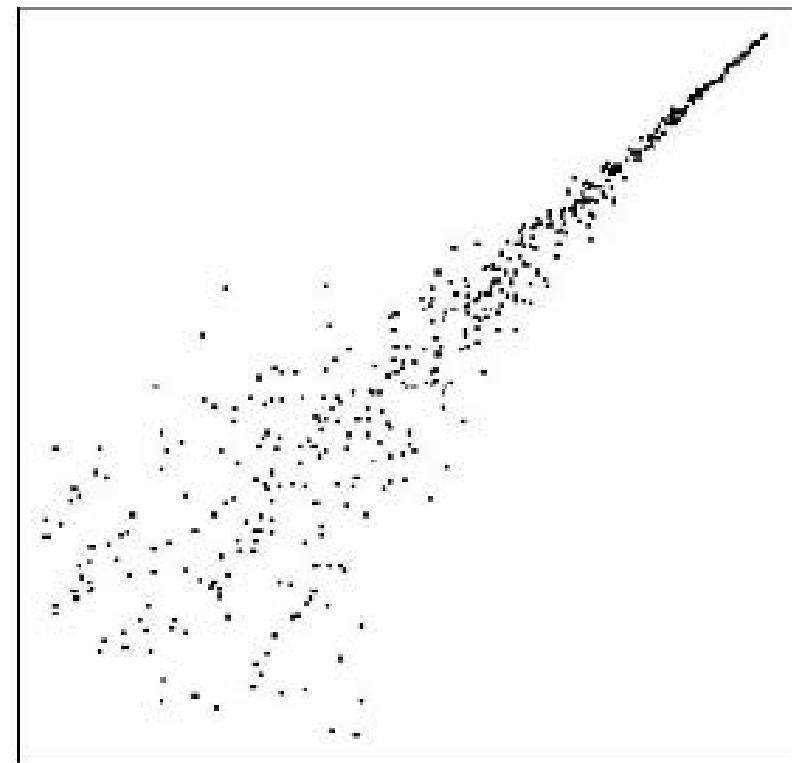
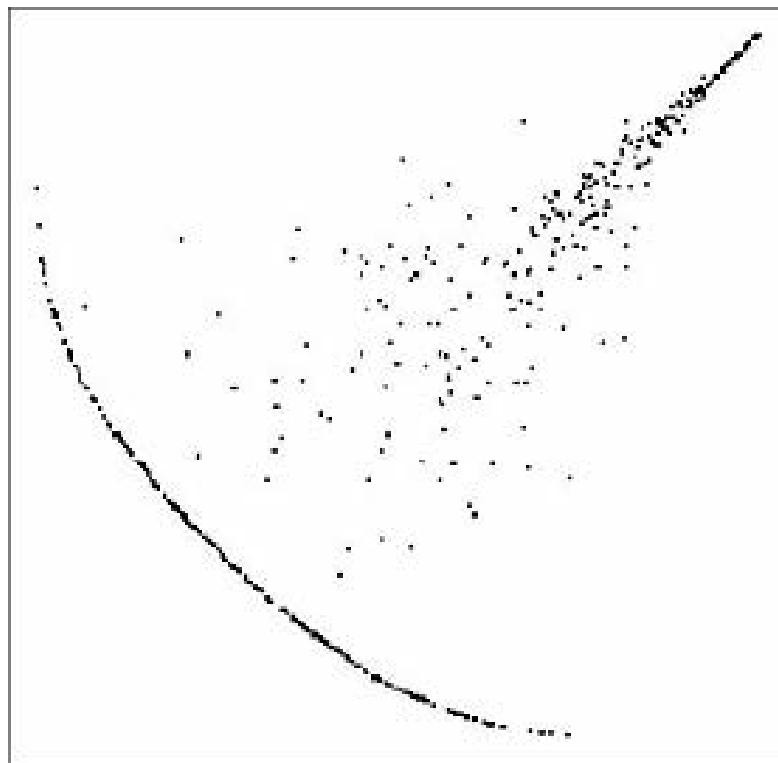
**Fig. 4.7.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.15),  $\theta = 1.5$  (left) and  $\theta = 4$  (right)

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**Fig. 4.8.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.16),  $\theta = 0.01$  (left) and  $\theta = 1$  (right)

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**Fig. 4.9.** Scatterplots for copulas (4.2.18),  $\theta = 2$  (left) and  $\theta = 6$  (right)

# Copula Constructing

- Multivariate Copula?
- Multiparameter Copula?

# Multivariate Archimedean Copulas

Let  $\varphi$  be a continuous, strictly decreasing function from  $[0,1]$  to  $[0,\infty)$  such that  $\varphi(0) = \infty$  and  $\varphi(1) = 0$ , and let  $\varphi^{-1}$  be the inverse of  $\varphi$ . Then

$$C^n(u) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(u_1) + \varphi(u_2) + \dots + \varphi(u_n))$$

is a n-copula iff  $\varphi^{-1}$  is completely monotonic on  $[0,\infty)$ , i.e.

$$(-1)^k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \varphi^{-1}(t) \geq 0 \text{ for all } t \in \text{int}([0,\infty)) \text{ and } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

# Multivariate Archimedean Copulas

- Clayton Family

$$C_\theta^n(\mathbf{u}) = \left( u_1^{-\theta} + u_2^{-\theta} + \dots + u_n^{-\theta} - n + 1 \right)^{-1/\theta} \quad \varphi_\theta(t) = t^{-\theta} - 1 \text{ for } \theta > 0$$

- Frank Family

$$C_\theta^n(\mathbf{u}) = -\frac{1}{\theta} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{(e^{-\theta u_1} - 1)(e^{-\theta u_2} - 1) \cdots (e^{-\theta u_n} - 1)}{(e^{-\theta} - 1)^{n-1}} \right)$$
$$\varphi_\theta(t) = -\ln((e^{-\theta t} - 1)/(e^{-\theta} - 1)) \text{ for } \theta > 0$$

# Multivariate Archimedean Copulas

- Gumbel-Hougaard Family

$$C_\theta^n(\mathbf{u}) = \exp\left(-\left[(-\ln u_1)^\theta + (-\ln u_2)^\theta + \cdots + (-\ln u_n)^\theta\right]^{1/\theta}\right)$$

$$\varphi_\theta(t) = (-\ln t)^\theta, \theta \geq 1$$

- A 2-parameter Multivariate Copula

$$C_{\alpha,\beta}^n(\mathbf{u}) = \left\{ \left[ (u_1^{-\alpha} - 1)^\beta + (u_2^{-\alpha} - 1)^\beta + \cdots + (u_n^{-\alpha} - 1)^\beta \right]^{1/\beta} + 1 \right\}^{-1/\alpha}$$

$$\varphi_{\alpha,\beta}(t) = (t^{-\alpha} - 1)^\beta \text{ for } \alpha > 0, \beta \geq 1$$

# Estimating Copula Parameters

- Copula Density

$$c^n(u) \equiv \frac{\partial^n}{\partial u_1 \dots \partial u_n} C^n(u) \text{ if it exists on } \text{int}(I^n)$$

- Density

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_n} H(x) = c^n(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n)) f_1(x_1) \dots f_n(x_n)$$

# Estimating Copula Parameters

- Log-likelihood

$$\log c^n(F_1(x_1; \alpha_1), \dots, F_n(x_n; \alpha_n); \theta) + \sum_i \log f_i(x_i; \alpha_i)$$

- Two-step Estimation: Plug-in MLE  
Genest et al. (1995). *Biometrika*
- One-step **Efficient Estimation**: Sieve MLE  
Chen et al. (2006). *J.A.S.A*

# Copula Selection

- Goodness-of-fit Tests.

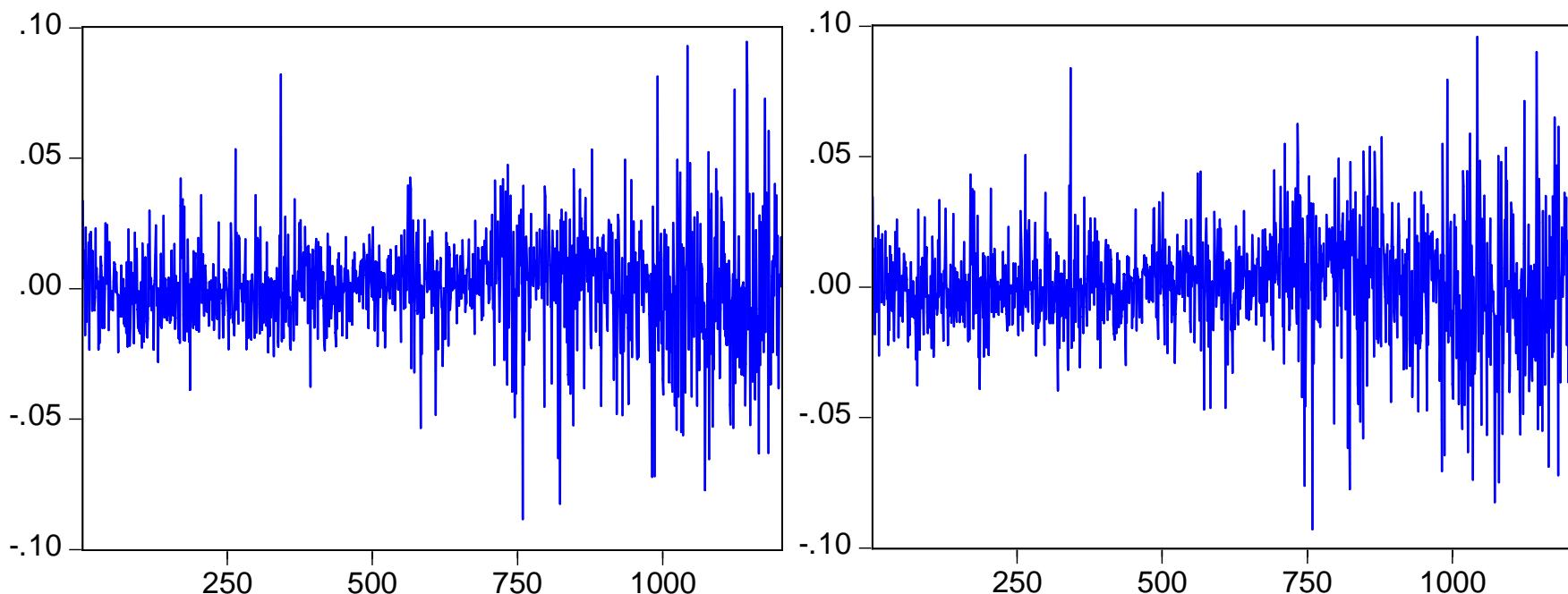
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Genest et al. (2009). *Insurance: Mathematics and Economics*

# An Application Case

## Financial Econometrics: Volatility



2004.1.5-2008.12.19

# An Application Case

Model:

Multivariate Generalized Autoregressive  
Conditional Heteroskedasticity (MGARCH)

Bauwens et al. (2006). *Journal of Applied  
Econometrics*

$$r_t = H_t^{1/2} z_t$$

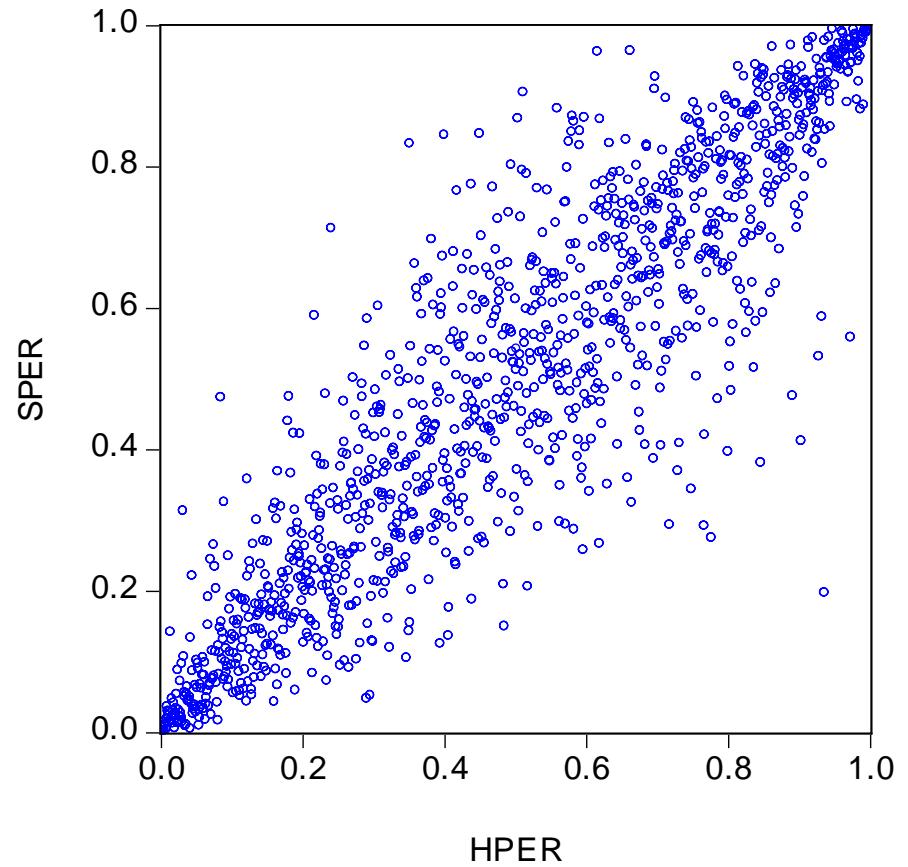
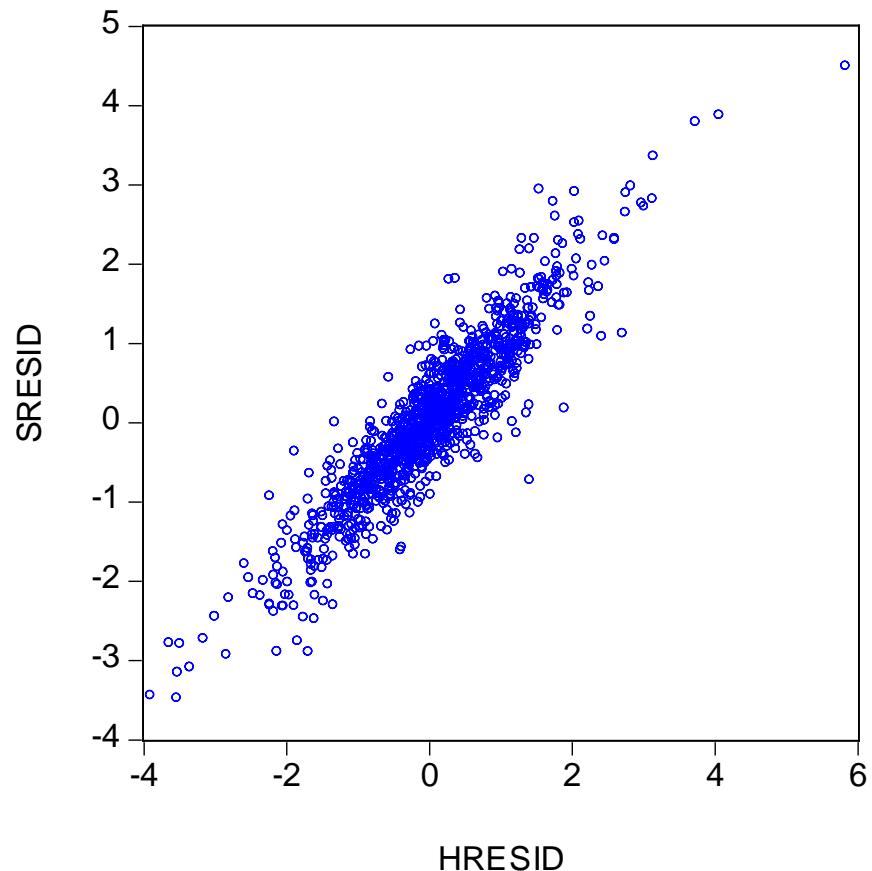
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## Copula-MGARCH

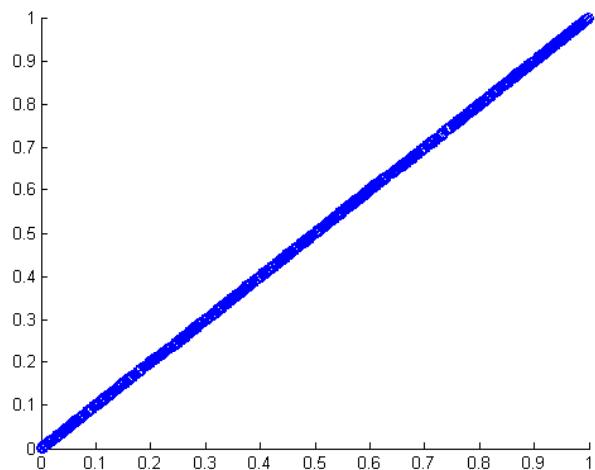
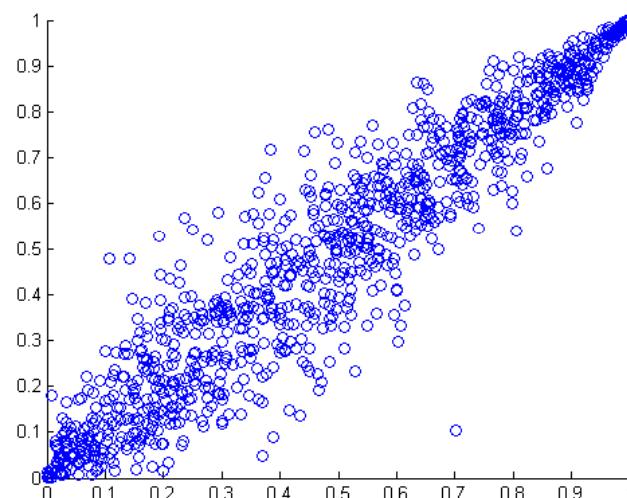
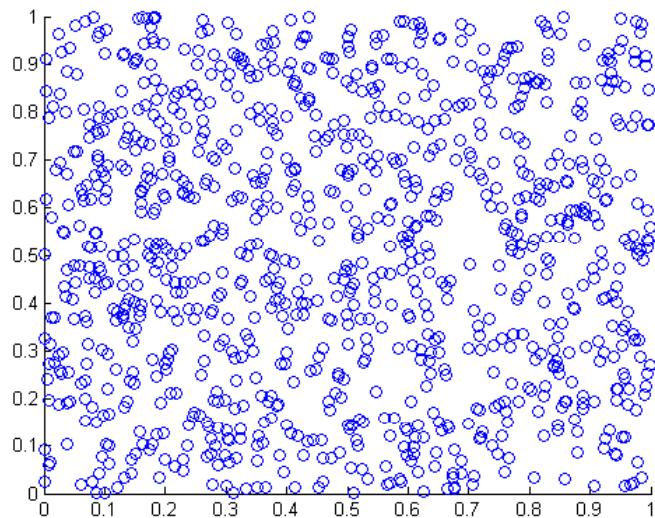
$$r_{it} = h_{it}^{1/2} z_{it} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$z_t = (z_{1t}, \dots, z_{nt}) \sim C(F_1(z_{1t}; \theta_1), \dots, F_n(z_{nt}; \theta_n); \alpha)$$

# An Application Case

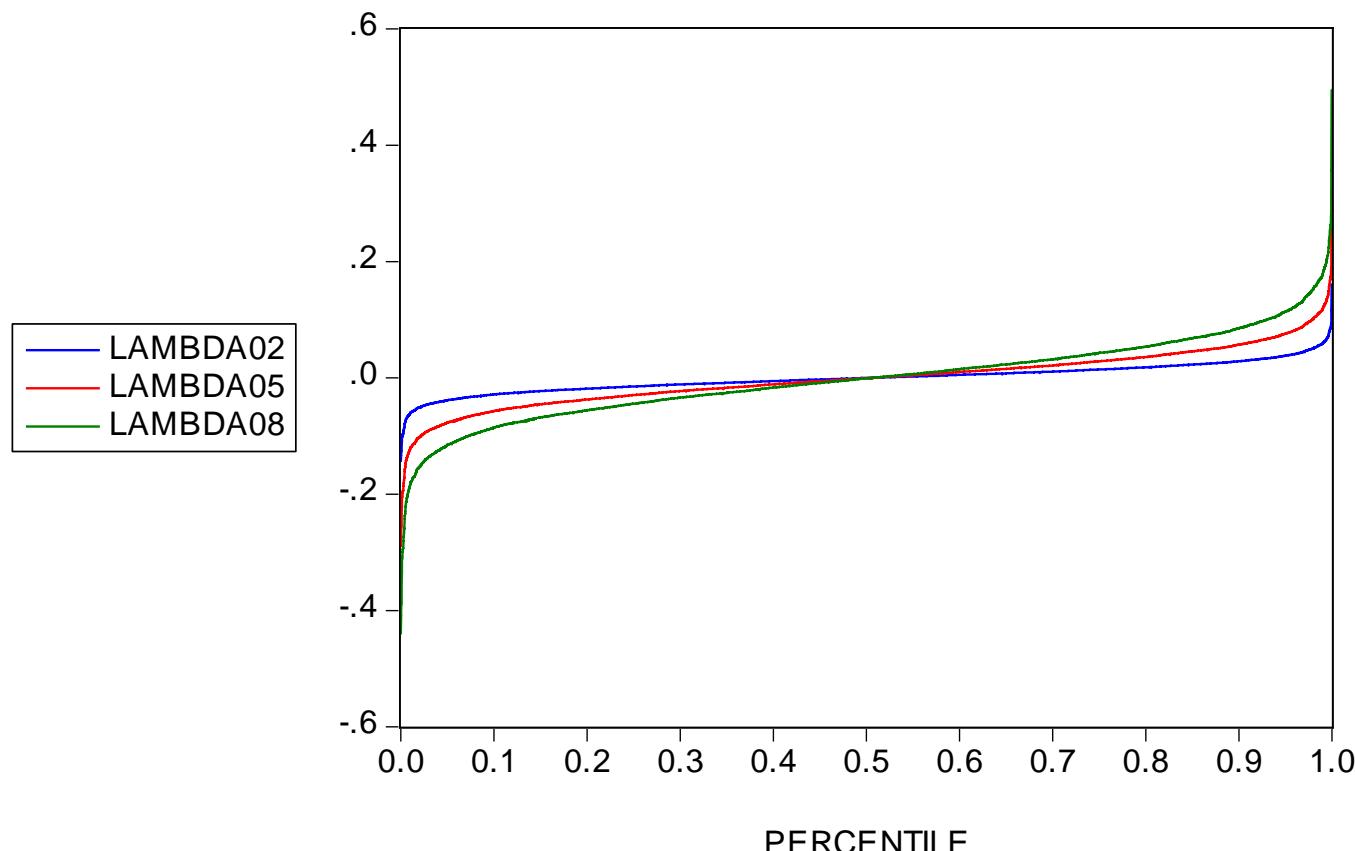


# An Application Case



Gumbel Copula (Parameter=1,5,1000)

# An Application Case



$$\lambda r_{ht} + (1-\lambda)r_{st} \quad \lambda \in (0,1)$$

# Monographs about Copula

- Cherubini U., Luciano E., Vecchiato, W. (2004).  
Copula Methods in Finance. Wiley
- Nelson, Roger B. (2006). An Introduction to  
Copulas. Springer