

A note on bootstrap approximations for the empirical copula process

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Abstract

It is well known that the empirical copula process converges weakly to a centered Gaussian field. Because the covariance structure of the limiting process depends on the partial derivatives of the unknown copula several bootstrap approximations for the empirical copula process have been proposed in the literature. We present a brief review of these procedures. Because some of these procedures also require the estimation of the derivatives of the unknown copula we propose an alternative approach which circumvents this problem. Finally a simulation study is presented in order to compare the different bootstrap approximations for the empirical copula process.

1 Introduction

The empirical copula C_n is the most famous and easiest nonparametric estimator for the copula C of a random vector. It is well known that the standardized process $\sqrt{n}(C_n - C)$ converges weakly towards a Gaussian field \mathbb{G}_C with covariance structure depending on the unknown copula and its derivatives, see e.g, Fermanian, Radulovic and Wegkamp (2004). Because these quantities are usually difficult to estimate several authors have suggested to approximate the limit distribution by bootstrap procedures. Fermanian et al. (2004) proposed a bootstrap procedure based on resampling and proved its consistency. A wild bootstrap approach based on the multiplier method was recently proposed by Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) and applied to the problem of testing the

equality between two copulas. Recently Kojadinovic and Yan (2009) and Kojadinovic, Yan and Holmes (2009) used the same method to construct a goodness-of-fit test for the parametric form of a copula.

The present paper has two purposes. On the one hand our work is motivated by the fact that the multiplier approach proposed by Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) still requires the estimation of the partial derivatives of the unknown copula. For this reason we propose a modification of this method, which avoids this estimation problem. On the other hand we investigate the finite sample properties of the resampling bootstrap, a slightly modified version of the bootstrap proposed by Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) and the new direct multiplier bootstrap proposed in this paper. In particular it is demonstrated that despite the fact that the new multiplier method has the most attractive theoretical properties and avoids the problem of estimating derivatives, the procedure proposed in Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) yields the best results in most cases.

The remaining part of this note is organized as following. In Section 2 we summarize some basic results on empirical copulas and state the different concepts of the bootstrap. We also introduce the modified multiplier method and prove its consistency. Finally in Section 3 we present a small simulation study, which illustrates the finite sample properties of the different bootstrap approximations.

2 The empirical copula process and three bootstrap approximations

For the sake of brevity, we restrict ourselves to the case of bivariate copula, but all results can easily be transferred to higher dimensions. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed bivariate random vectors with continuous cumulative distribution function (cdf) F , marginal distribution functions F_1 and F_2 and copula C . Due to the well known theorem of Sklar [see e.g. Nelsen (1998)] there is the relationship

$$(1) \quad C(u_1, u_2) = F(F_1^-(u_1), F_2^-(u_2)),$$

where $H^-(u) = \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} | H(t) \geq u\}$ denotes the generalized inverse of a real function H . The empirical copula as the simplest nonparametric estimator for C [going back to Deheuvels (1979)] simply replaces the unknown terms in equation (1) by their empirical counterparts, that is

$$C_n(u) = F_n(F_{n1}^-(u_1), F_{n2}^-(u_2))$$

where

$$F_n(x) = F_n(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{X_{i1} \leq x, X_{i2} \leq x_2\},$$

$$F_{np}(x_p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{X_{ip} \leq x_p\}, p = 1, 2.$$

denote the corresponding empirical distribution functions. The asymptotic behavior of C_n was studied in several papers, including Gänssler and Stute (1987), Ghoudi and Rémillard (2004) or Tsukahara (2005) among others. For the sake of completeness we will state the result in the form given in a recent paper of Fermanian, Radulovic and Wegkamp (2004). Throughout this paper \rightsquigarrow denotes weak convergence in the metric space $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$ of all uniformly bounded functions on the unit square $[0, 1]^2$.

Theorem 2.1. *If the Copula C possesses continuous partial derivatives $\partial_p C$ ($p = 1, 2$) on $[0, 1]^2$, then the empirical copula process $\sqrt{n}(C_n - C)$ converges weakly towards a Gaussian field \mathbb{G}_C ,*

$$\alpha_n = \sqrt{n}(C_n - C) \rightsquigarrow \mathbb{G}_C,$$

where the limiting process can be represented as

$$(2) \quad \mathbb{G}_C(u_1, u_2) = \mathbb{B}_C(u_1, u_2) - \partial_1 C(u_1, u_2)\mathbb{B}_C(u_1, 1) - \partial_2 C(u_1, u_2)\mathbb{B}_C(1, u_2)$$

and \mathbb{B}_C denotes a centered Gaussian field with covariance structure

$$\tilde{r}(u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2) = \text{Cov}(\mathbb{B}_C(u_1, u_2), \mathbb{B}_C(v_1, v_2)) = C(u_1 \wedge v_1, u_2 \wedge v_2) - C(u_1, u_2)C(v_1, v_2).$$

Remark 2.2. The literature provides several similar nonparametric estimators for the copula. For example, Genest et al. (1995) studied the rank-based estimator

$$\bar{C}_n(u) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{F_{n1}(X_{i1}) \leq u_1, F_{n2}(X_{i2}) \leq u_2\}.$$

In the latter expression the marginal edfs F_{np} are often replaced by their rescaled counterparts $\hat{F}_{np} = \frac{n}{n+1}F_{np}$. Both modifications do not affect the asymptotic behavior, see Fermanian et al. (2004). See also Chen and Huang (2007) or Omelka, Gijbels and Veraverbeke (2009) for a smoothed version of this process.

The limiting Gaussian variable $\mathbb{G}_C(u_1, u_2)$ depends on the unknown copula C and for this reason it is not directly applicable for statistical inference. In the following discussion we will present two known and one new bootstrap approximations for the distribution of the limiting process. We begin with the usual bootstrap based on resampling, which was proposed in Fermanian et al. (2004). To be precise let $W_n = (W_{n1}, \dots, W_{nn})$ be multinomial distributed random vectors with success probabilities $(1/n, \dots, 1/n)$ and set

$$C_n^\#(u) = F_n^\#(F_{n1}^{\#-}(u_1), F_{n2}^{\#-}(u_2)),$$

where

$$F_n^\#(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ni} \mathbb{I}\{X_{i1} \leq x_1, X_{i2} \leq x_2\},$$

$$F_{np}^\#(x_p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_{ni} \mathbb{I}\{X_{ip} \leq x_p\}, \quad p = 1, 2.$$

Finally define

$$\alpha_n^{res} := \sqrt{n}(C_n^\# - C_n)$$

as the bootstrap process based on resampling. For a precise statement of the asymptotic properties of this process we denote by $\overset{\mathbb{P}}{\rightsquigarrow}_W$ weak convergence conditional on the data in probability as defined by Kosorok (2008), that is $\alpha_n^{res} \overset{\mathbb{P}}{\rightsquigarrow}_W \mathbb{G}_C$ if

$$(3) \quad \sup_{h \in BL_1(l^\infty([0,1]^2))} |\mathbb{E}_W h(\alpha_n^{res}) - \mathbb{E} h(\mathbb{G}_C)| \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$$

and

$$(4) \quad \mathbb{E}_\xi h(\alpha_n^{res})^* - \mathbb{E}_\xi h(\alpha_n^{res})_* \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}^*} 0 \quad \text{for every } h \in BL_1(\mathcal{B}_\infty(\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+^2)),$$

where

$$BL_1(l^\infty([0,1]^2)) = \{f : l^\infty([0,1]^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \|f\|_\infty \leq 1, |f(\beta) - f(\gamma)| \leq d(\beta, \gamma) \forall \gamma, \beta \in l^\infty([0,1]^2)\}$$

is the class of all uniformly bounded functions that are Lipschitz continuous with constant smaller one, and \mathbb{E}_W denotes the conditional expectation with respect to the weights W_n given the data X_1, \dots, X_n . Moreover, $h(\alpha_n^{res})^*$ and $h(\alpha_n^{res})_*$ denote measurable majorants and minorants with respect to the joint data, including the weights W_n . The following result has been established by Fermanian et al. (2004), the proof follows along similar lines as the proof of Theorem 2.6 below.

Theorem 2.3. *Under the preceding notations and assumptions the bootstrap approximation $C_n^\#$, of the empirical copula yields a valid approximation of the limit variable \mathbb{G}_C in the sense that*

$$\alpha_n^{res} = \sqrt{n}(C_n^\# - C_n) \xrightarrow[W]{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{G}_C$$

in $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$.

In a recent paper Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) considered the problem of testing the equality between two copulas [see also Scaillet (2005)] and proposed a multiplier bootstrap to approximate the distribution of the limiting process \mathbb{G}_C . To be precise let Z_1, \dots, Z_n be independent identically distributed centered random variables with variance one, independent of the data X_1, \dots, X_n , which satisfy $\|Z\|_{2,1} = \int_0^\infty \sqrt{P(|Z| > x)} dx < \infty$. Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) defined the bootstrap process

$$C_n^*(u) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \mathbb{I}\{F_{n1}(X_{i1}) \leq u_1, F_{n2}(X_{i2}) \leq u_2\}$$

and showed that C_n^* approximates the Gaussian field \mathbb{B}_C , i.e.

$$(5) \quad (\sqrt{n}(F_n - C), \sqrt{n}(C_n^* - \bar{Z}_n C_n)) \rightsquigarrow (\mathbb{B}_C, \mathbb{B}'_C)$$

in $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)^2$, where $\bar{Z}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$ and \mathbb{B}'_C is an independent copy of \mathbb{B}_C . Since one is interested in an approximation of \mathbb{G}_C one is able to utilize identity (2) by estimating the partial derivatives of the copula C . As proposed by Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) we use

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\partial_1 C}(u, v) &:= \frac{C_n(u+h, v) - C_n(u-h, v)}{2h}, \\ \widehat{\partial_2 C}(u, v) &:= \frac{C_n(u, v+h) - C_n(u, v-h)}{2h}, \end{aligned}$$

where $h = n^{-1/2} \rightarrow 0$ [for a smooth version of these estimators see Scaillet (2005)]. Under continuity assumptions Rémillard and Scaillet (2009) showed that these estimates are uniformly consistent. To approximate the limiting process \mathbb{G}_C set

$$(6) \quad \alpha_n^{pdm}(u_1, u_2) := \beta_n(u_1, u_2) - \widehat{\partial_1 C}(u_1, u_2) \beta_n(u_1, 1) - \widehat{\partial_2 C}(u_1, u_2) \beta_n(1, u_2),$$

where the process β_n is defined by $\beta_n = \sqrt{n}(C_n^* - \bar{Z}_n C_n)$. The upper index *pdm* in (6) denotes the fact that these authors are using estimates of the partial derivatives and a multiplier concept. By Slutskys Lemma and the continuous mapping theorem one obtains the following result.

Theorem 2.4. *Under the preceding notations and assumptions we have*

$$(\sqrt{n}(C_n - C), \alpha_n^{pdm}) \rightsquigarrow (\mathbb{G}_C, \mathbb{G}'_C)$$

in $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)^2$, i.e. α_n^{pdm} approximates the limit distribution unconditionally.

Remark 2.5. In the finite sample study presented in the following section we use a slightly modified version of this bootstrap procedure. To be precise let ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n denote independent identically distributed nonnegative random variables, independent of the data X_1, \dots, X_n , with expectation μ and finite variance $\tau^2 > 0$ such that

$$\|\xi\|_{2,1} = \int_0^\infty \sqrt{P(|\xi| > x)} dx < \infty.$$

We define $\bar{\xi}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$ as the mean of ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n and consider the multiplier statistics

$$\tilde{C}_n^*(u) = F_n^*(F_{n1}^-(u_1), F_{n2}^-(u_2)),$$

where

$$F_n^*(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\xi_i}{\bar{\xi}_n} \mathbb{I}\{X_{i1} \leq x_1, X_{i2} \leq x_2\}$$

If we standardize the ξ_i to $Z_i = (\xi_i - \mu)\tau^{-1}$ we observe that both approaches are indeed closely related by

$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (\tilde{C}_n^* - C_n) \approx \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\bar{\xi}_n} (C_n^* - \bar{Z}_n C_n).$$

\tilde{C}_n^* approximates the Gaussian field \mathbb{B}_C conditionally on the data in the sense that

$$\tilde{\beta}_n(u_1, u_2) = \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (\tilde{C}_n^*(u_1, u_2) - C_n(u_1, u_2)) \overset{\mathbb{P}}{\underset{\xi}{\rightsquigarrow}} \mathbb{B}_C(u_1, u_2)$$

in $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$. Estimating the partial derivatives we can now consider a multiplier bootstrap approximation

$$(7) \quad \tilde{\alpha}_n^{pdm}(u_1, u_2) := \tilde{\beta}_n(u_1, u_2) - \widehat{\partial}_1 C(u_1, u_2) \tilde{\beta}_n(u_1, 1) - \widehat{\partial}_2 C(u_1, u_2) \tilde{\beta}_n(1, u_2)$$

similar to the one in (6) that yields a conditional approximation of \mathbb{G}_C .

The final resampling concept considered in this section is new and combines both approaches in

order to avoid the estimation of the derivatives. On the one hand it makes use of multipliers and on the other hand it is also based on identity (1) and the functional delta method. To be precise we consider multipliers as defined as in Remark 2.5 and define the statistic

$$C_n^+(u) = F_n^*(F_{n1}^{*-}(u_1), F_{n2}^{*-}(u_2)),$$

where

$$F_n^*(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\xi_i}{\bar{\xi}_n} \mathbb{I}\{X_{i1} \leq x_1, X_{i2} \leq x_2\},$$

$$F_{np}^*(x_p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\xi_i}{\bar{\xi}_n} \mathbb{I}\{X_{ip} \leq x_p\}.$$

As before set

$$\alpha_n^{dm} = \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (C_n^+ - C_n),$$

We call this bootstrap the direct multiplier method, which is reflected by the the superscript dm in its definition. The following result shows that the process α_n^{dm} yields a consistent bootstrap approximation of the empirical copula process. Note that this approach avoids the estimation of the partial derivatives of the copula.

Theorem 2.6. *Under the preceding notations and assumptions we have*

$$\alpha_n^{dm} = \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (C_n^+ - C_n) \xrightarrow[\xi]{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{G}_C$$

in $l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$.

Proof. First note that it is sufficient to consider only the case of independent identically distributed random vectors with $\mathcal{U}[0, 1]$ -marginals and copula C . Indeed, let $\mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n$ be independent identically distributed random vectors with cdf C and set

$$G_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{U}_{i1} \leq x, \mathcal{U}_{i2} \leq x_2\},$$

$$G_{np}(x_p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}\{\mathcal{U}_{ip} \leq x_p\}, \quad p = 1, 2.$$

Clearly,

$$F_n(x) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} G_n(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2)),$$

$$F_{np}(x_p) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} G_{np}(F_p(x_p)), \quad p = 1, 2$$

and from the definition of the generalized inverse we conclude

$$F_{np}^-(u_p) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} F_p^-(G_{np}^-(u_p)), \quad p = 1, 2,$$

so that

$$C_n(u) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} G_n(G_{n1}^-(u_1), G_{n2}^-(u_2))$$

as asserted. An analogue result holds for C_n^+ and for this reasoning we may assume in the following that X_1, \dots, X_n are independent identically distributed according to the cdf C . Next, note that Theorem 2.6 in Kosorok (2008) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(F_n - C) &\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{B}_C, \\ \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (F_n^* - F_n) &\overset{\mathbb{P}}{\rightsquigarrow} \overset{\xi}{\mathbb{B}_C}. \end{aligned}$$

For a distribution function H on $[0, 1]^2$ let $H_1(x_1) = H(x_1, \infty)$ and $H_2(x_2) = H(\infty, x_2)$, denote the marginal distributions, then the mapping

$$(8) \quad \Phi : H \mapsto H(H_1^-, H_2^-)$$

is Hadamard differentiable [see Lemma 2 in Fermanian et al. (2009)]. Moreover, $C_n = \Phi(F_n)$ and $C = \Phi(C)$, and consequently the functional delta method [see Kosorok (2008)] yields

$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (C_n^* - C_n) = \sqrt{n} \frac{\mu}{\tau} (\Phi(F_n^*) - \Phi(F_n)) \overset{\mathbb{P}}{\rightsquigarrow} \overset{\xi}{\Phi'_C(\mathbb{B}_C)} = \mathbb{G}_C,$$

where the derivative of the map Φ at the point C is given by

$$\Phi'_C(H)(u_1, u_2) = H(u_1, u_2) - \partial_1 C(u_1, u_2)H(u_1, \infty) - \partial_2 C(u_1, u_2)H(\infty, u_2).$$

This proves the assertion of Theorem 2.6. □

3 Finite sample properties

In this section we present a small comparison of the finite sample properties of the three bootstrap approximations given in the previous section. We consider four different settings: the Clayton copula with parameter $\theta = 1$ and $\theta = 4$ and the Gumbel copula with parameter $\theta = 1.5$ and $\theta = 3$ (corresponding to Kendall's- $\tau = 1/3$ and $\tau = 2/3$, respectively). The sample size in our study is

either $n = 100$ or $n = 200$.

In our first example we show a comparison of the different resampling methods studying their covariances. In the following we exemplarily explain the results stated in Table 1 and 2 for the Clayton Copula with parameter $\theta = 1$ and sample size $n = 100$. Table 3 - 16 contain the results for the other settings.

We chose four points $\{(\frac{i}{3}, \frac{j}{3}), i, j = 1, 2\}$ in the unit square and show in the first row of Table 1 the true covariances of the limiting process. The second row in the two table shows the simulated covariances of the the process $\sqrt{n}(C_n - C)$ on the basis of 10^6 simulation runs (note that this distribution cannot be used in applications because the “true” copula is usually not known). We observe a rather good approximation of the covariances of the limiting process by the empirical copula process α_n . Rows 3 - 5 of Table 1 show the covariances obtained by the bootstrap approximation. These covariances are based on the average of 1000 simulation runs, where in each run the covariance is estimated on the basis of $B = 1000$ bootstrap replications. The corresponding results for the mean squared errors are shown in Table 2. The multipliers for the partial derivative and the direct multiplier bootstrap are simulated from two-point distributions with variance 1. We have also investigated other multipliers but it turns out that the two-point distributions with variance 1 yield the best results (the other results are not presented here for the sake of brevity). The results of Table 1 - 16 show that the partial derivative multiplier method yields the best approximations in almost all cases, despite the fact that it requires the estimation of the partial derivatives of the copula. The advantages of this approach are particularly visible in the estimation of the variances. The approximations based on the resampling bootstrap and the multiplier bootstrap are similar but less accurate than the results obtained by the partial derivative method. It is also worthwhile to mention that the *pdm*-method needs slightly more computational time to simulate a bootstrap sample, since it requires evaluation of the multiplier process in the boundary-points.

In our second example we investigate the approximation of the 90% and 95% quantile of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic

$$(9) \quad K_n = \sup_{x \in [0,1]^2} |f_n(x)|$$

and the Crámer van Mises statistic

$$(10) \quad L_n = \int_{[0,1]^2} f_n^2(x) dx.$$

The corresponding results are presented in Table 17 - 20 where the first and fifth row show the quantiles of the “true” process $f_n = \alpha_n$, which are calculated by 10^6 simulation runs. For the

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0486	0.0202	0.0202	0.0100
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0338	0.0093	0.0185
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0338	0.0185
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0508
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0489	0.0198	0.0198	0.0097
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0334	0.0089	0.0181
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0333	0.0180
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0510
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0527	0.0205	0.0205	0.0093
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0361	0.0092	0.0188
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0360	0.0188
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0554
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0619	0.0244	0.0236	0.0094
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0460	0.0091	0.0211
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0450	0.0208
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0694
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0627	0.0251	0.0248	0.0112
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0456	0.0119	0.0213
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0451	0.0233
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0711

Table 1: *Sample covariances for the Clayton Copula with $\theta = 1$ and sample size $n = 100$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.*

bootstrap methods the quantiles are estimated by 1000 simulation runs with $B = 1000$ Bootstrap-replications in each scenario. We observe again that the partial derivatives multiplier method yields the best approximation of the quantiles, while the resampling bootstrap and the direct multiplier bootstrap usually give too large quantiles, in particular for sample size $n = 100$. A similar observation for the partial multiplier derivative and the resampling method has been made by Scaillet (2005) in the context of testing hypothesis regarding the copula.

On the basis of the results presented in this study we conclude our investigation with the statement that, despite the fact that the partial derivatives multiplier bootstrap requires the estimation of the partial derivatives, it outperforms the resampling and the direct multiplier bootstrap.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.8887	0.5210	0.5222	0.3716
	(1/3,2/3)		1.0112	0.1799	0.2988
	(2/3,1/3)			0.9899	0.2818
	(2/3,2/3)				0.6250
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	2.2612	0.6640	0.5424	0.3447
	(1/3,2/3)		2.3702	0.1781	0.3554
	(2/3,1/3)			2.1336	0.3554
	(2/3,2/3)				3.9469
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	2.6734	0.7566	0.7067	0.3037
	(1/3,2/3)		2.3636	0.2461	0.5189
	(2/3,1/3)			2.2544	0.5324
	(2/3,2/3)				4.6142

Table 2: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Clayton copula with $\theta = 1$ and the sample size is $n = 100$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0486	0.0202	0.0202	0.0100
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0338	0.0093	0.0185
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0338	0.0185
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0508
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0492	0.0203	0.0203	0.0100
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0339	0.0093	0.0185
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0339	0.0185
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0508
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0513	0.0203	0.0201	0.0092
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0356	0.0087	0.0184
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0355	0.0185
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0537
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0583	0.0228	0.0228	0.0098
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0413	0.0092	0.0199
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0417	0.0202
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0609
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0577	0.0226	0.0227	0.0104
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0408	0.0103	0.0210
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0412	0.0213
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0634

Table 3: Sample covariances for the Clayton Copula with $\theta = 1$ and sample size $n = 200$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.4595	0.2673	0.2798	0.1961
	(1/3,2/3)		0.5211	0.1069	0.1577
	(2/3,1/3)			0.5092	0.1681
	(2/3,2/3)				0.2992
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	1.3820	0.3476	0.3715	0.2102
	(1/3,2/3)		1.0414	0.1133	0.1940
	(2/3,1/3)			1.2112	0.1993
	(2/3,2/3)				1.614
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	1.2682	0.3602	0.3471	0.2083
	(1/3,2/3)		1.0394	0.1101	0.2484
	(2/3,1/3)			1.0544	0.2642
	(2/3,2/3)				1.9483

Table 4: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Clayton copula with $\theta = 1$ and the sample size is $n = 200$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0254	0.0029	0.0029	0.0016
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0041	0.0005	0.0029
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0042	0.0029
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0389
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0261	0.0030	0.0030	0.0017
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0043	0.0006	0.0031
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0043	0.0031
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0393
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0274	0.0031	0.0033	0.0018
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0054	0.0009	0.0035
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0056	0.0035
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0435
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0417	0.0074	0.0075	0.0014
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0119	0.0011	0.0034
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0119	0.0034
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0565
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0405	0.0070	0.0068	0.0032
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0099	0.0037	0.0057
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0098	0.0055
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0568

Table 5: Sample covariances for the Clayton Copula with $\theta = 4$ and sample size $n = 100$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.7528	0.1633	0.1660	0.2621
	(1/3,2/3)		0.4050	0.0198	0.1412
	(2/3,1/3)			0.4387	0.1509
	(2/3,2/3)				1.3302
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	3.3955	0.3649	0.3930	0.3196
	(1/3,2/3)		0.9535	0.0210	0.1401
	(2/3,1/3)			0.9898	0.1468
	(2/3,2/3)				3.9813
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	3.0876	0.3585	0.3383	0.3363
	(1/3,2/3)		0.7432	0.1182	0.2150
	(2/3,1/3)			0.7280	0.2022
	(2/3,2/3)				4.2279

Table 6: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Clayton copula with $\theta = 4$ and the sample size is $n = 100$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0254	0.0029	0.0029	0.0016
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0041	0.0005	0.0029
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0042	0.0029
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0389
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0259	0.0031	0.0031	0.0016
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0044	0.0006	0.0031
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0044	0.0031
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0391
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0264	0.0025	0.0027	0.0010
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0048	0.0004	0.0026
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0048	0.0025
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0410
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0369	0.0055	0.0054	0.0014
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0088	0.0008	0.0035
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0086	0.0034
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0511
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0364	0.0051	0.0052	0.0025
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0076	0.0021	0.0044
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0078	0.0046
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0503

Table 7: Sample covariances for the Clayton Copula with $\theta = 4$ and sample size $n = 200$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.3895	0.0728	0.0771	0.2153
	(1/3,2/3)		0.2035	0.0047	0.0819
	(2/3,1/3)			0.2054	0.0820
	(2/3,2/3)				0.5679
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	1.8958	0.1820	0.1764	0.2824
	(1/3,2/3)		0.4265	0.0108	0.0906
	(2/3,1/3)			0.4023	0.0891
	(2/3,2/3)				2.1740
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	1.8359	0.1626	0.1615	0.2594
	(1/3,2/3)		0.3303	0.0337	0.1013
	(2/3,1/3)			0.3474	0.1146
	(2/3,2/3)				1.9206

Table 8: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Clayton copula with $\theta = 4$ and the sample size is $n = 200$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0493	0.0182	0.0182	0.0093
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0336	0.0086	0.0192
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0336	0.0192
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0484
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0495	0.0179	0.0179	0.0091
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0332	0.0083	0.0189
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0332	0.0189
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0487
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0531	0.0191	0.0190	0.0096
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0364	0.0086	0.0204
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0363	0.0205
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0530
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0641	0.0224	0.0223	0.0088
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0466	0.0086	0.0227
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0467	0.0230
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0678
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0648	0.0234	0.0232	0.0110
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0466	0.0119	0.0257
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0459	0.0252
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0697

Table 9: Sample covariances for the Gumbel Copula with $\theta = 1.5$ and sample size $n = 100$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.3704	0.1662	0.1587	0.1640
	(1/3,2/3)		0.5456	0.1023	0.2708
	(2/3,1/3)			0.5508	0.2924
	(2/3,2/3)				0.6058
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	2.6261	0.4536	0.4210	0.2707
	(1/3,2/3)		2.5739	0.1355	0.5820
	(2/3,1/3)			2.5125	0.5620
	(2/3,2/3)				4.3951
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	2.8565	0.5457	0.5497	0.3042
	(1/3,2/3)		2.6247	0.2746	0.8949
	(2/3,1/3)			2.4241	0.8166
	(2/3,2/3)				5.2655

Table 10: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Gumbel copula with $\theta = 1.5$ and the sample size is $n = 100$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0493	0.0182	0.0182	0.0093
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0336	0.0086	0.0192
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0336	0.0192
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0484
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0498	0.0182	0.0182	0.0093
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0335	0.0085	0.0191
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0335	0.0191
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0483
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0534	0.0190	0.0192	0.0099
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0362	0.0090	0.0204
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0364	0.0205
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0529
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0598	0.0209	0.0208	0.0091
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0420	0.0087	0.0215
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0419	0.0216
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0605
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0598	0.0212	0.0212	0.0103
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0418	0.0102	0.0229
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0416	0.0227
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0615

Table 11: Sample covariances for the Gumbel Copula with $\theta = 1.5$ and sample size $n = 200$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.4073	0.1703	0.1765	0.1843
	(1/3,2/3)		0.5487	0.0977	0.2843
	(2/3,1/3)			0.5675	0.2817
	(2/3,2/3)				0.6266
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	1.3923	0.2542	0.2449	0.1782
	(1/3,2/3)		1.2623	0.0908	0.3364
	(2/3,1/3)			1.1546	0.2941
	(2/3,2/3)				1.8569
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	1.4107	0.2652	0.2691	0.1793
	(1/3,2/3)		1.1699	0.1204	0.4056
	(2/3,1/3)			1.1185	0.3674
	(2/3,2/3)				2.1646

Table 12: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Gumbel copula with $\theta = 1.5$ and the sample size is $n = 200$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0336	0.0035	0.0035	0.0010
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0058	0.0007	0.0036
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0058	0.0036
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0293
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0342	0.0035	0.0035	0.0011
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0058	0.0007	0.0036
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0058	0.0036
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0299
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0380	0.0037	0.0038	0.0003
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0068	0.0009	0.0038
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0068	0.0039
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0327
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0514	0.0078	0.0079	0.0005
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0143	0.0012	0.0050
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0143	0.0051
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0489
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0498	0.0073	0.0074	0.0029
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0120	0.0040	0.0071
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0120	0.0071
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0486

Table 13: Sample covariances for the Gumbel Copula with $\theta = 3$ and sample size $n = 100$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.8149	0.1537	0.1589	0.2336
	(1/3,2/3)		0.5016	0.0159	0.1796
	(2/3,1/3)			0.5153	0.1893
	(2/3,2/3)				0.8331
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	3.8028	0.3294	0.3299	0.2416
	(1/3,2/3)		1.1833	0.0239	0.2296
	(2/3,1/3)			1.1889	0.2334
	(2/3,2/3)				4.6525
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	3.3135	0.2892	0.3017	0.2366
	(1/3,2/3)		0.9218	0.1247	0.3454
	(2/3,1/3)			0.9158	0.3431
	(2/3,2/3)				4.5068

Table 14: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Gumbel copula with $\theta = 3$ and the sample size is $n = 100$.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
True	(1/3,1/3)	0.0336	0.0035	0.0035	0.0010
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0058	0.0007	0.0036
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0058	0.0036
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0293
α_n	(1/3,1/3)	0.0341	0.0035	0.0035	0.0011
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0059	0.0007	0.0037
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0059	0.0037
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0295
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0381	0.0040	0.0041	0.0015
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0066	0.0009	0.0040
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0070	0.0042
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0332
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0448	0.0057	0.0057	0.0008
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0105	0.0009	0.0045
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0106	0.0045
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0416
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.0445	0.0055	0.0057	0.0019
	(1/3,2/3)		0.0093	0.0023	0.0054
	(2/3,1/3)			0.0098	0.0056
	(2/3,2/3)				0.0414

Table 15: Sample covariances for the Gumbel Copula with $\theta = 3$ and sample size $n = 200$. The first and second rows show the true covariances and the covariances of the empirical copula process, while rows 3 - 5 show the corresponding results for the bootstrap approximations.

		(1/3,1/3)	(1/3,2/3)	(2/3,1/3)	(2/3,2/3)
α_n^{pdm}	(1/3,1/3)	0.6398	0.0932	0.0834	0.1565
	(1/3,2/3)		0.2673	0.0109	0.1176
	(2/3,1/3)			0.2586	0.1059
	(2/3,2/3)				0.6588
α_n^{res}	(1/3,1/3)	1.6792	0.1241	0.1236	0.1412
	(1/3,2/3)		0.4722	0.0104	0.1173
	(2/3,1/3)			0.4613	0.1127
	(2/3,2/3)				1.9616
α_n^{dm}	(1/3,1/3)	1.6325	0.1269	0.1239	0.1382
	(1/3,2/3)		0.3813	0.0355	0.1421
	(2/3,1/3)			0.3946	0.1339
	(2/3,2/3)				1.9584

Table 16: Mean squared error (multiplied with 10^4) of the different estimates for the covariance. The underlying copula is the Gumbel copula with $\theta = 3$ and the sample size is $n = 200$.

n	f_n	90% (L^2)	95% (L^2)	90% (KS)	95% (KS)
100	α_n	0.04593	0.05722	0.59254	0.65000
	α_n^{pdm}	0.04870	0.06086	0.62042	0.68611
	α_n^{res}	0.07060	0.08700	0.80000	0.80000
	α_n^{dm}	0.07402	0.09241	0.76154	0.83721
200	α_n	0.04544	0.05660	0.58925	0.64829
	α_n^{pdm}	0.04715	0.05867	0.61236	0.67528
	α_n^{res}	0.06030	0.07425	0.70711	0.77782
	α_n^{dm}	0.06066	0.07507	0.70192	0.77030

Table 17: Sample quantiles of the Crámer van Mises statistic (10) and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (9) for the Clayton copula with parameter $\theta = 1$.

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n	f_n	90% (L^2)	95% (L^2)	90% (KS)	95% (KS)
100	α_n	0.01763	0.02236	0.46941	0.50596
	α_n^{pdm}	0.02043	0.02565	0.49216	0.55000
	α_n^{res}	0.04111	0.05094	0.70000	0.70000
	α_n^{dm}	0.04035	0.04955	0.62737	0.70000
200	α_n	0.01729	0.02142	0.46042	0.50340
	α_n^{pdm}	0.01962	0.02435	0.48851	0.54332
	α_n^{res}	0.03055	0.03753	0.56569	0.63640
	α_n^{dm}	0.02642	0.02999	0.57261	0.63639

Table 18: Sample quantiles of the Crámer van Mises statistic (10) and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (9) for the Clayton copula with parameter $\theta = 4$.

n	f_n	90% (L^2)	95% (L^2)	90% (KS)	95% (KS)
100	α_n	0.04526	0.05605	0.59289	0.63953
	α_n^{pdm}	0.04963	0.06194	0.62255	0.68888
	α_n^{res}	0.07220	0.08950	0.80000	0.80000
	α_n^{dm}	0.07241	0.09023	0.75556	0.83061
200	α_n	0.04504	0.05577	0.58471	0.63832
	α_n^{pdm}	0.04806	0.05905	0.59791	0.65698
	α_n^{res}	0.62654	0.07722	0.70711	0.77782
	α_n^{dm}	0.06219	0.07711	0.68631	0.75424

Table 19: Sample quantiles of the Crámer van Mises statistic (10) and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (9) for the Gumbel copula with parameter $\theta = 1.5$.

n	f_n	90% (L^2)	95% (L^2)	90% (KS)	95% (KS)
100	α_n	0.01714	0.02144	0.45229	0.49389
	α_n^{pdm}	0.02018	0.02484	0.48333	0.53721
	α_n^{res}	0.04222	0.05209	0.70000	0.70000
	α_n^{dm}	0.04146	0.05099	0.63617	0.70000
200	α_n	0.01673	0.02044	0.44731	0.49709
	α_n^{pdm}	0.01891	0.02289	0.47521	0.52535
	α_n^{res}	0.03099	0.03778	0.56569	0.63640
	α_n^{dm}	0.03038	0.03689	0.57186	0.63303

Table 20: Sample quantiles of the Crámer van Mises statistic (10) and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (9) for the Gumbel copula with parameter $\theta = 3$.

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