

# On tail dependence coefficients of transformed multivariate Archimedean copulas

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Moreover, it is well known that the bivariate lower and upper tail coefficients can also be defined as (see, for example [Coles et al. \(1999\)](#)):

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C(u, u)}{u} = 2 - \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1 - 2u + C(u, u))}{\ln(1 - u)},$$

$$\lambda_U = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - 2u + C(u, u)}{1 - u} = 2 - \lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\ln C(u, u)}{\ln u}.$$

Furthermore, the bivariate lower and upper tail coefficients  $\lambda_U$  and  $\lambda_L$  can be written using the diagonal section  $\delta_C(u) = C(u, u)$  of the associated copula  $C$  (see, e.g., [Nelsen \(1998\)](#)):

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{d}{du} \delta(u) = \delta'_C(0^+),$$

$$\lambda_U = 2 - \lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{d}{du} \delta(u) = 2 - \delta'_C(1^-).$$

# Multivariate tail dependence coefficients

The tail dependence coefficients in the general multivariate case can be expressed as follows (see [De Luca and Riveccio \(2012\)](#), [Li \(2009\)](#)).

## Definition (Multivariate tail dependence coefficients)

Let the copula  $C$  be the distribution of some random vector  $\mathbf{U} := (U_1, \dots, U_d)$  with uniform marginals. Denote  $I = \{1, \dots, d\}$  and consider two non-empty subsets  $I_h \subset I$  and  $\bar{I}_h = I \setminus I_h$  of respective cardinal  $h \geq 1$  and  $d - h \geq 1$ . Provided that the limits exist, a multivariate version of classical bivariate tail dependence coefficients is given by

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If for all  $I_h \subset I$ ,  $\lambda_L^{I_h, \bar{I}_h} = 0$ , (*resp.*  $\lambda_U^{I_h, \bar{I}_h} = 0$ ) then we say  $\mathbf{U}$  is lower tail independent (*resp.* upper tail independent).

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## Note that the existence of such coefficients is not guaranteed

- ↪ As an example, assume  $d \geq 3$  and  $d - h = \text{card}(\bar{I}_h) \geq 2$ . Consider a  $d$ -dimensional copula with generator  $\phi_\theta$  as the generator (4.2.2) in **Nelsen (1999)**, with  $\theta > 1$ . For any  $u < (1 - (\frac{1}{d-h})^{1/\theta})^\theta$ ,  $\mathbb{P} [U_i \leq u, i \in \bar{I}_h] = 0$ , so that the above limit does not exist. The limit however exists in the case where  $d - h = 1$ .

# Multivariate tail dependence coefficients

## Assumption (Considered Archimedean generators)

Consider a valid initial Archimedean generator  $\phi$ , thus  $d$ -monotone on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 1$ . One assumes that  $\phi$  is differentiable and that  $\phi$  is a strict generator, i.e. strictly positive with  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(t) = 0$ . Then  $\phi$  has a proper inverse  $\psi(t) = \phi^{-1}(t)$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

## Definition (Multivariate TDC for Archimedean copulas)

For Archimedean copulas

$$C(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \phi(\phi^{-1}(u_1) + \dots + \phi^{-1}(u_d)), \text{ for } u_1, \dots, u_d \in (0, 1],$$

the multivariate lower and upper TDC are respectively:

$$\lambda_L^{(h, d-h)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\psi^{-1}(d \psi(u))}{\psi^{-1}((d-h) \psi(u))},$$

$$\lambda_U^{(h, d-h)} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\sum_{i=0}^d (-1)^i C_d^i \psi^{-1}(i \psi(u))}{\sum_{i=0}^{d-h} (-1)^i C_{d-h}^i \psi^{-1}(i \psi(u))}.$$

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Different types of transformations can be found in the literature:

- **Valdez and Xiao (2011)** and **Michiels and De Schepper (2012)** for a review of some existing transforms;
- **Durante and Sempi (2005)**, **Klement et al. (2005)** and **Klement et al. (2013)**, for transformations in the bivariate case;
- **Morillas (2005)** for transformations based on mixtures;
- Class containing both the Archimedean and the extreme-value copulas : *Archimax* copulas (see **Capéraà, P., Fougères, A.-L., and Genest, C. (2000)** for the bivariate case, **Charpentier, A., Fougères, A.-L., Genest, C., and Nešlehová, J. (2014)** for the multivariate case).

# Archimedean copulas and $(\lambda_L, \lambda_U)$

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We take transformations  $T : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , where  $T$  is an increasing continuous bijection, with  $T(0) = 0$  and  $T(1) = 1$ .

We consider here a transformed copula  $\tilde{C}_{T, C_0}$ , which is transformed from an initial copula  $C_0$  using the transformation  $T$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{C}_{T, C_0}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = T \circ C_0(T^{-1}(u_1), \dots, T^{-1}(u_d)).$$

**If  $C_0$  is an Archimedean copula with generator  $\phi_0$ , then obviously  $\tilde{\phi} = T \circ \phi_0$ .**

For a  $d$ -times differentiable transformation  $T$ , it is possible to use Faa Di Bruno's formula to get more explicit expressions of the  $d$ -monotony of  $\tilde{\phi} = T \circ \phi_0$ . These expressions are quite complex so omitted here ...

Particular case : the initial copula  $C_0$  is the independent one, tractable necessary and sufficient admissibility conditions are given.

## Regular Variation (recall)

**At infinity:**

$$f \in \mathcal{RV}_\alpha(\infty) \Leftrightarrow \forall s > 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(sx)}{f(x)} = s^\alpha.$$

**At zero**, using  $M(x) = 1 - x$  and  $I(x) = 1/x$ ,

$$f \in \mathcal{RV}_\alpha(0) \Leftrightarrow f \circ I \in \mathcal{RV}_{-\alpha}(\infty) \Leftrightarrow \forall s > 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(sx)}{f(x)} = s^\alpha.$$

**At one**,

$$f \in \mathcal{RV}_\alpha(1) \Leftrightarrow f \circ M \circ I \in \mathcal{RV}_{-\alpha}(\infty) \Leftrightarrow \forall s > 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(1-sx)}{f(1-x)} = s^\alpha.$$

# Valid regularly varying Archimedean generator

Table 4.1 in **Nelsen (1999)** contains several examples of strict Archimedean copulas whose inverse generators  $\psi$  are regularly varying at one and zero.

## ***Remark (Valid regularly varying generator)***

*Consider a valid generator  $\phi$  and its inverse  $\psi$ . It holds that:*

- i) If  $\psi \in \mathcal{RV}_{-r}(0)$ , then necessarily  $r \in [0, +\infty]$ .*
- ii) If  $\psi \in \mathcal{RV}_{\rho}(1)$ , then necessarily  $\rho \in [1, +\infty]$ .*

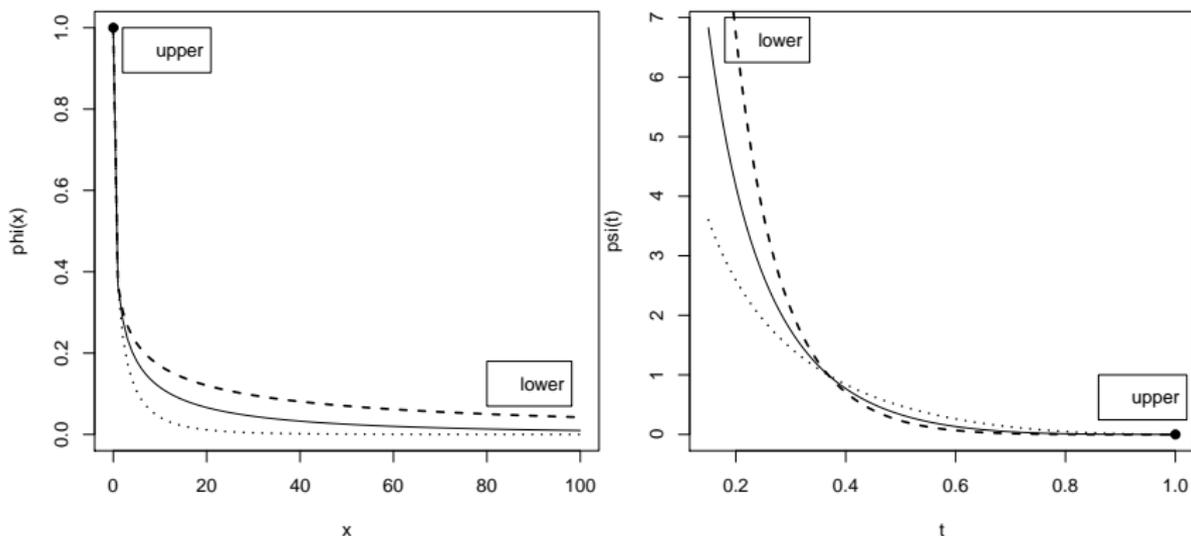
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	$\phi(t)$	Range $\theta$	Upper tail		Lower tail	
			$-\phi'(1)$	$\theta_1$	$\phi(0)$	$\theta_0$
(1)	$\frac{1}{\theta}(t^{-\theta} - 1)$	$[-1, \infty)$	1	1	$\frac{1}{(-\theta)\sqrt{0}}$	$\theta \vee 0$
(2)	$(1 - t)^\theta$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	1	0
(3)	$\log \frac{1 - \theta(1-t)}{t}$	$[-1, 1)$	$1 - \theta$	1	$\infty$	0
(4)	$(-\log t)^\theta$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	$\infty$	0
(5)	$-\log \frac{e^{-\theta t} - 1}{e^{-\theta} - 1}$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\frac{\theta}{e^\theta - 1}$	1	$\infty$	0
(6)	$-\log[1 - (1 - t)^\theta]$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	$\infty$	0
(7)	$-\log[\theta t + (1 - \theta)]$	$(0, 1]$	$\theta$	1	$-\log(1 - \theta)$	0
(8)	$\frac{1-t}{1+(\theta-1)t}$	$[1, \infty)$	$\frac{1}{\theta}$	1	1	0
(9)	$\log(1 - \theta \log t)$	$(0, 1]$	$\theta$	1	$\infty$	0
(10)	$\log(2t^{-\theta} - 1)$	$(0, 1]$	$2\theta$	1	$\infty$	0
(11)	$\log(2 - t^\theta)$	$(0, 1/2]$	$\theta$	1	$\log 2$	0
(12)	$(\frac{1}{t} - 1)^\theta$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	$\infty$	$\theta$
(13)	$(1 - \log t)^\theta - 1$	$(0, \infty)$	$\theta$	0	$\infty$	0
(14)	$(t^{-1/\theta} - 1)^\theta$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	$\infty$	1
(15)	$(1 - t^{1/\theta})^\theta$	$[1, \infty)$	$\mathbf{1}(\theta = 1)$	$\theta$	1	0
(16)	$(\frac{\theta}{t} + 1)(1 - t)$	$[0, \infty)$	$1 + \theta$	1	$\infty$	1
(17)	$-\log \frac{(1+t)^{-\theta} - 1}{2^{-\theta} - 1}$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\frac{\theta}{2(2^\theta - 1)}$	1	$\infty$	0
(18)	$e^{\theta/(t-1)}$	$[2, \infty)$	0	$\infty$	$e^{-\theta}$	0
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# Gumbel generator

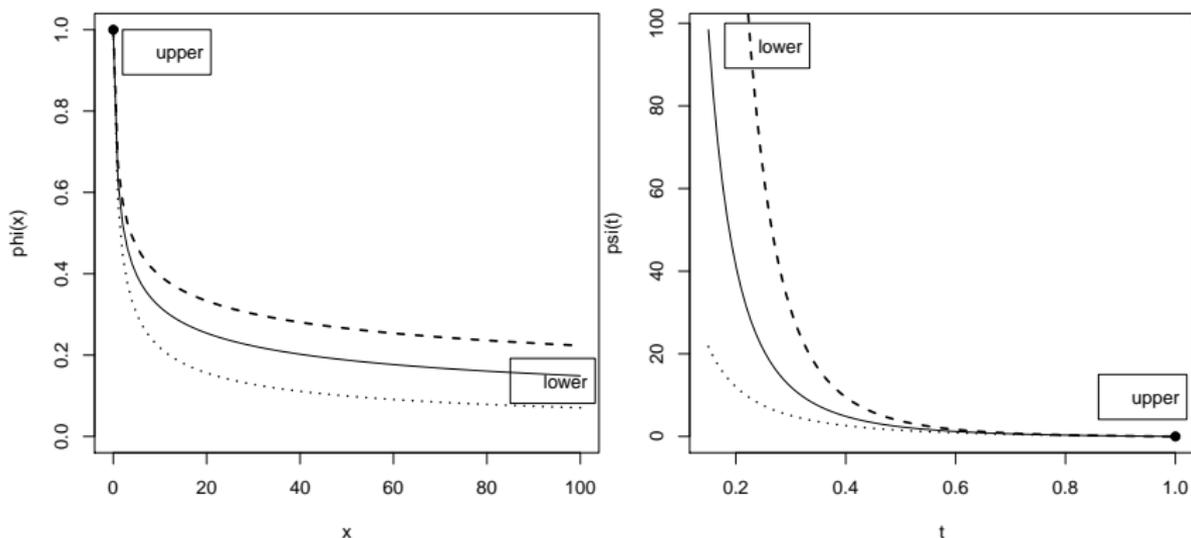
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Our goal:

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where

- $f$  is any continuous bijective increasing function,  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and is said to be a *conversion function*
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Consider a transformed Archimedean copula, having generator

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↪ Then

$$\tilde{\lambda}_L^{(h,d-h)} = d^{-a^g r_0^{-1}} (d-h)^{a^g r_0^{-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\lambda}_U^{(h,d-h)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d C_d^i (-1)^i \cdot i^{\alpha^\gamma \rho_0^{-1}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{d-h} C_{d-h}^i (-1)^i \cdot i^{\alpha^\gamma \rho_0^{-1}}}.$$

## Illustration

Bivariate case:

$$\tilde{\lambda}_L = 2^{-a^g} r_0^{-1}, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_U = 2 - 2^{\alpha^\gamma \cdot \rho_0^{-1}}$$

So if these tail coefficients are given, then we can easily find  $a = e^{p_1}$  and  $\alpha = e^{p_2}$  as functions of  $\tilde{\lambda}_L$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_U$ .

In this case, hyperbola asymptotes' slopes are:

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{g} \ln \left( -r_0 \frac{\ln \tilde{\lambda}_L}{\ln 2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = \frac{1}{\gamma} \ln \left( \rho_0 \frac{\ln(2 - \tilde{\lambda}_U)}{\ln 2} \right).$$

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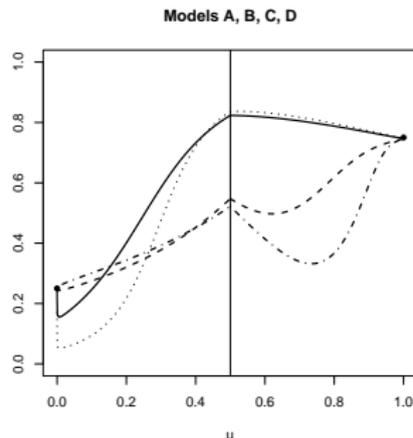
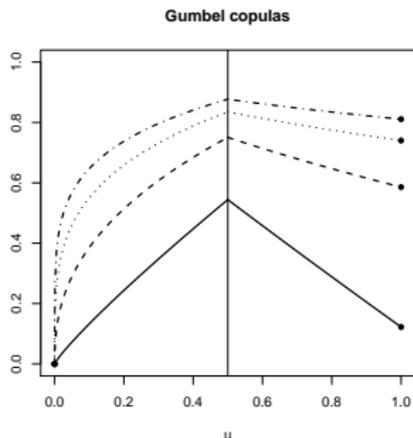
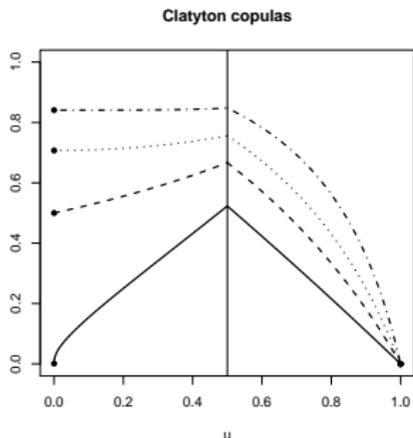
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We consider the **Tail concentration function**:

$$\lambda_{LU}(u) = \mathbf{1}_{\{u \leq 1/2\}} \lambda_L(u) + \mathbf{1}_{\{u > 1/2\}} \lambda_U(u), \quad \text{for } u \in (0, 1).$$



## Illustration

As noticed in the bivariate case by Avérous and Dortet-Bernadet (2004),

*“... many of the most commonly used parametric families of Archimedean copulas (such as the Clayton, Gumbel, Frank or Ali-Mikhail-Haq systems) possess strong dependence properties: **they have the SI or the SD property and are ordered at least by LTD order.**”*

(Stochastic Increasingness (SI), Stochastically Decreasingness (SD) and Left-Tail Decreasingness (LTD)).

It implies in particular that for many classical Archimedean copulas  $\lambda_{LU}$  is **non-decreasing on  $(0, 1/2)$  and non-increasing on  $(1/2, 1)$ .**

This surprising shape of  $\lambda_{LU}$  function emphasis the large diversity of tail behaviours that can be reached by proposed transformed Archimedean copulas  $\tilde{C}$ .

## Some perspectives

- Derivation of a complete estimation procedure that uses these generators with given tail coefficients.
- Construction of a patched generator.

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Thank you for your attention