

Nonparametric copula estimation for censored data

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Copula function

A copula is a multivariate distribution function on $[0, 1]^d$ with uniform marginal distributions.

Theorem (Sklar, 1959)

If F_1, \dots, F_d are continuous marginal distribution functions of $F(t_1, \dots, t_d)$, then there exists a unique distribution function $C(u_1, \dots, u_d)$ on $[0, 1]^d$ with uniform marginals (copula) such that

$$F(t_1, \dots, t_d) = C(F_1(t_1), \dots, F_d(t_d))$$

Copulas permit to model separately the marginal distributions and the dependence structure

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The variables of interest are not directly observed and the classical empirical copula estimator is not available

Examples

Loss and allocated loss adjustment expenses

Bivariate insurance data with

- $T^{(1)}$ – loss amount, censored by the policy limit $C^{(1)}$
- $T^{(2)}$ – allocated loss adjustment expense, observed

Observations are composed of $(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}, \delta_i^{(1)}, \delta_i^{(2)})_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ with $\delta_i^{(2)} = 1$ and $Y_i^{(2)} = T_i^{(2)}$ a.s.

Joint life insurance policies

Joint survival data on married couples, subscribed a pension contract

At the end of the observation period most couples are still alive \Rightarrow censoring

- $T^{(1)}, T^{(2)}$ – lifetimes of spouses
- $C^{(1)}, C^{(2)}$ – their ages at the exit from the study, $\varepsilon = C^{(2)} - C^{(1)}$

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maximum likelihood
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(Deheuvels, 1979):

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valid for a large scope of model
configurations and censoring
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Inference from censored sample: $d = 1$

- The variable of interest T (df. F_T) is censored by C (df. G_C).
- Observations are composed of $(Y_i, \delta_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ with $Y_i = \min(T_i, C_i)$.
- Kaplan-Meier estimator of the distribution function F_T :

$$F_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i W_{in}(Y_i) \mathbb{1}_{Y_i \leq t}, \quad W_{in}(y) = \frac{1}{n(1 - \hat{G}_C(y-))}.$$

- ▶ \hat{G}_C – Kaplan-Meier estimator of G_C
- ▶ $nW_{in}(y)$ can be seen as estimator of $W^*(y) = (1 - G_C(y-))^{-1}$
- ▶ For any function ϕ we have $\mathbb{E}(\delta W^*(Y)\phi(Y)) = \mathbb{E}(\phi(T))$
- ▶ $\sqrt{n}(F_n(t) - F_T(t)) \rightsquigarrow G_F(t)$

Inference from censored sample: $d = 2$

- To estimate copula one needs a distribution function estimator
- General case: estimators suffer from various drawbacks
- Several bivariate \sqrt{n} -consistent generalizations of Kaplan-Meier estimator in particular models:
 - ▶ Stute (JMVA, 1993), estimation when only one variable is censored
 - ▶ Lopez, Saint-Pierre (JSPI, 2012), estimation when censoring variables are linked through a copula
 - ▶ Lopez (IME, 2012), estimation of the bivariate distribution function under censoring and truncation
 - ▶ Gribkova, Lopez, Saint-Pierre (JMVA, 2013), estimation of the bivariate distribution function when the difference between censoring variables is observed

Discrete copula estimator from censored sample

- For these and some other censoring configurations, the bivariate distribution function estimator takes a generic form

$$F_n(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{(1)} \delta_i^{(2)} W_{in}(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}) \mathbb{1}_{Y_i^{(1)} \leq t_1, Y_i^{(2)} \leq t_2}$$

- Copula estimator relies on this generic form without imposing any condition on the form of the weights

Discrete copula estimator

$$\begin{aligned} C_n(u, v) &= F_n(F_{1n}^{-1}(u), F_{2n}^{-1}(v)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{(1)} \delta_i^{(2)} W_{in}(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}) \mathbb{1}_{Y_i^{(1)} \leq F_{1n}^{-1}(u), Y_i^{(2)} \leq F_{2n}^{-1}(v)}. \end{aligned}$$

Examples of censoring configurations

- ① One variable $T^{(1)}$ is censored, and $T^{(2)}$ is observed

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{n(1 - \hat{G}_{C^{(1)}}(Y_i^{(1)} -))}$$

- ② Censoring variables linked through a copula function \tilde{C}

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{n\tilde{C}(1 - \hat{G}_{C^{(1)}}(Y_i^{(1)} -), 1 - \hat{G}_{C^{(2)}}(Y_i^{(2)} -))}$$

- ③ Difference between censoring variables $\varepsilon_i = C_i^{(2)} - C_i^{(1)}$ is observed

$$W_{in} = \frac{1}{n(1 - \hat{G}_{C^{(1)}}(\max(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)} - \varepsilon_i) -))}$$

Censored data: smooth copula estimator

Smooth bivariate estimator of the distribution function,

$$\widehat{F}_n^1(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{(1)} \delta_i^{(2)} W_{in}(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}) K\left(\frac{t_1 - Y_i^{(1)}}{h}\right) K\left(\frac{t_2 - Y_i^{(2)}}{h}\right),$$

permits to define a smooth estimator of copula by

$$\widehat{C}_n^1(u, v) = \widehat{F}_n^1((\widehat{F}_{1n}^1)^{-1}(u), (\widehat{F}_{2n}^1)^{-1}(v)).$$

Copula density estimator is given by

$$c_n(u, v) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u \partial v} C_n(u, v) = \frac{1}{h^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\delta_i^{(1)} \delta_i^{(2)} W_{in} k\left(\frac{F_{1n}^{-1}(u) - Y_i^{(1)}}{h}\right) k\left(\frac{F_{2n}^{-1}(v) - Y_i^{(2)}}{h}\right)}{f_{1n}(F_{1n}^{-1}(u)) f_{2n}(F_{2n}^{-1}(v))},$$

with $f_{in}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{in}(x)$.

Kernel estimator based on the transformed variables

As in Omelka, Gijbels, Veraverbeke, 2009, for some df. $\Phi(x)$ consider a random vector

$$(\tilde{T}_1, \tilde{T}_2) = (\Phi^{-1}[F_1(T^{(1)})], \Phi^{-1}[F_2(T^{(2)})])$$

and pseudo-observations $(\Phi^{-1}[F_{1n}(Y_i^{(1)})], \Phi^{-1}[F_{2n}(Y_i^{(2)})])_{1 \leq i \leq n}$.

\tilde{T}_1 and \tilde{T}_2 are linked by the same copula as $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(2)}$.

$$\widehat{\mathbb{F}}_n^2(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^{(1)} \delta_i^{(2)} W_{in} K \left(\frac{t_1 - \Phi^{-1}[F_{1n}(Y_i^{(1)})]}{h}, \frac{t_2 - \Phi^{-1}[F_{2n}(Y_i^{(2)})]}{h} \right)$$

$$\widehat{C}_n(u, v) = \widehat{F}_n^2(\Phi^{-1}(u), \Phi^{-1}(v))$$

- Less affected by the marginal distributions
- Allows copula density to be unbounded in the corners of the unit square

Asymptotic results - discrete estimator

Theorem (Consistency)

Let $\mathcal{T}_1 = [-\infty, A_1]$, and $\mathcal{T}_2 = [-\infty, A_2]$, such that

$$\sup_{t_1 \in \mathcal{T}_1, t_2 \in \mathcal{T}_2} |F_n(t_1, t_2) - F(t_1, t_2)| = O_P(n^{-1/2}).$$

Let $F_1(\mathcal{T}_1) = [0, u_1]$, and $F_2(\mathcal{T}_2) = [0, u_2]$. Then, for any $\eta > 0$,

$$\sup_{u \leq u_1 - \eta, v \leq u_2 - \eta} |\mathfrak{C}_n(u, v) - C(u, v)| = O_P(n^{-1/2}).$$

Theorem (Weak convergence)

Suppose that F has continuous marginal distribution functions and partial derivatives of its copula function exist and are continuous. Suppose that $\sqrt{n}(F_n(t_1, t_2) - F(t_1, t_2)) \rightsquigarrow G_F(t_1, t_2)$. Then the empirical process

$$\sqrt{n}(C_n(u, v) - C(u, v)) \rightsquigarrow G_C(u, v) \text{ in } l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$$

Smooth estimation: conditions on weights

Let $\tau_j = \inf\{t : F_j(t) = 1\}$, for all $\mathcal{Y} \in (-\infty, \tau_1) \times (-\infty, \tau_2)$, assume that

- 1 $n\delta_i^{(1)}\delta_i^{(2)}W_{in} = \delta_i^{(1)}\delta_i^{(2)}\hat{g}(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)})$, where $\hat{g}(y_1, y_2) \xrightarrow{P} g(y_1, y_2)$ and g is bounded and twice continuously differentiable on \mathcal{Y} with bounded second order partial derivatives.
- 2 $\sup_{(t_1, t_2) \in \mathcal{Y}} |\hat{g}(t_1, t_2) - g(t_1, t_2)| = O_P(n^{-1/2})$
- 3 for all $\psi \in \mathcal{F}$, where \mathcal{F} denotes a Donsker class of bounded functions,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [nW_{in} - W_i]\psi(Y_{1i}, Y_{2i}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta^\psi(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}, \delta_i^{(1)}, \delta_i^{(2)}) + R_n(\psi),$$

with $W_i = \delta_i^{(1)}\delta_i^{(2)}g(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)})$ and $\sup_{\psi \in \mathcal{F}} |R_n(\psi)| = o_P(n^{-1/2})$,

- 4 $E(\delta^{(1)}\delta^{(2)}g(T_1, T_2)^2) < +\infty$ (permits to have convergence on whole $[0, 1]^2$)

Asymptotic results - smooth estimators

Theorem

Under the conditions on the weights W_{in} and with $h^2\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$,

- ① If $F(t_1, t_2)$ is twice differentiable with bounded second order derivatives on \mathbb{R}^2 , then

$$\sqrt{n}(\widehat{C}_n^1 - C)(u, v) \rightsquigarrow G_C(u, v) \text{ in } l^\infty([0, 1]^2).$$

- ② Suppose that,

- ▶ Φ is a distribution function such that $\Phi'(x)$ and $\frac{\Phi'(x)^2}{\Phi(x)}$ are bounded
- ▶ C has bounded second order partial derivatives on $(0, 1)^2$ and $C_{uu} = O\left(\frac{1}{u(1-u)}\right)$, $C_{vv} = O\left(\frac{1}{v(1-v)}\right)$, $C_{uv} = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{uv(1-u)(1-v)}}\right)$
- ▶ C_u, C_v are continuous in $[0, 1]^2 \setminus \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$

Then,

$$\sqrt{n}(\widehat{C}_n^2 - C)(u, v) \rightsquigarrow G_C(u, v) \text{ in } l^\infty([0, 1]^2)$$

Application to a particular model

- Motivated by data from a large Canadian insurer containing joint lifetimes of members of couples subscribed an insurance contract.
- Instead of observing lifetimes $(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)})$, one observes

$$\begin{cases} Y^{(1)} = \inf(T^{(1)}, C^{(1)}) & \text{et } \delta^{(1)} = \mathbb{1}_{T^{(1)} \leq C^{(1)}} \\ Y^{(2)} = \inf(T^{(2)}, C^{(2)}) & \text{et } \delta^{(2)} = \mathbb{1}_{T^{(2)} \leq C^{(2)}} \end{cases}$$

Model assumptions:

- ▶ $C^{(2)} = C^{(1)} + \varepsilon$, with ε observed (e.g. age difference)
 - ▶ $(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)})$ independant from ε and from $C^{(1)}$
 - ▶ $P(T^{(1)} = C^{(1)}) = P(T^{(2)} = C^{(1)} + \varepsilon) = 0$
 - ▶ $C^{(1)}$ is independent from ε
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- Observations are composed of $(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}, \delta_i^{(1)}, \delta_i^{(2)}, \varepsilon_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$.

The bivariate distribution function estimator

- This model falls in the general setup (G., Lopez, Saint-Pierre (JMVA, 2013)):

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with the weights

$$W_{in}(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}, \varepsilon_i) = \frac{1}{n \hat{S}_G(\max(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)} - \varepsilon_i))},$$

where \hat{S}_G is the Kaplan-Meier estimator of the sf. of the variable $C^{(1)}$.

- Idea: $nW_{in}(y_1, y_2, e)$ estimate $W^*(y_1, y_2, e) = (S_G(\max(y_1, y_2 - e)))^{-1}$, with

$$E(\delta^{(1)} \delta^{(2)} W^*(Y^{(1)}, Y^{(2)}, \epsilon) \psi(Y^{(1)}, Y^{(2)})) = E(\psi(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)}))$$

Asymptotic property of the estimator

Asymptotic representation uniform over a class of function \mathcal{F}

- Let \mathcal{G} be the class of positive monotonic functions bounded by 1 and $\xi(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)}, C^{(1)}, \varepsilon) = \delta^{(1)}\delta^{(2)}S_G(\max(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)} - \varepsilon)-)^{-2}$. For any (t_0, u_0) in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $S_F(t_0, u_0) > 0$, assume that the class $\{(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)}, C^{(1)}, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \xi(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)}, C^{(1)}, \varepsilon)f(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)})g(\max(T^{(1)}, T^{(2)} - \varepsilon)-)\mathbb{1}_{T^{(1)} \leq t_0, T^{(2)} \leq u_0}, f \in \mathcal{F}, g \in \mathcal{G}\}$ is Donsker.
- Uniformly over $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$\int \phi(t_1, t_2) d(F_n - F^*)(t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_\phi(Y_i^{(1)}, Y_i^{(2)}, \varepsilon_i) + R_n(\phi),$$

where $E(\psi_\phi(Y^{(1)}, Y^{(2)}, \varepsilon)) = 0$ and $|R_n(\phi)| = o_P(n^{-1/2})$.

Corollary:

- $\sqrt{n}(F_n(t_1, t_2) - F(t_1, t_2)) \rightsquigarrow G_F(t_1, t_2)$
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- Copula misspecification may lead to an important error of estimation
- Goodness-of-fit test of $H_0 : C \in \mathcal{C}_0$ vs $H_1 : C \notin \mathcal{C}_0$

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$$\gamma_n(u, v) = \sqrt{n}(C_n - C_{\theta_n})(u, v), \quad 0 \leq u, v \leq 1$$

and test statistics

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- Critical region: $\mathcal{R} = \{d_n > c\}$

Calculation of p-value

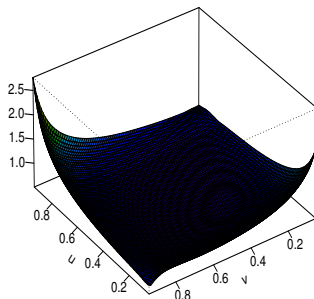
Bootstrap procedure for calculating p-value: for $b = 1, \dots, B$

- simulate $(T_{1i}^b, T_{2i}^b)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ according to the distribution defined by C_{θ_n} and the marginal distributions F_{1n} and F_{2n}
- simulate $(C_{1i}^b)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ according to G_n (K-M estimator of censoring)
- simulate $(\varepsilon_{1i}^b)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ according to the empirical d.f. of $(\varepsilon_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$
- let $C_{2i}^b = C_{1i}^b + \varepsilon_i$ and compute the b -th bootstrap sample $(Y_{1i}^b, Y_{2i}^b, \varepsilon_i^b, \delta_{1i}^b, \delta_{2i}^b)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$
- using the b -th bootstrap sample, compute estimators θ_n^b and C_n^b and the corresponding distance d_n^b
- using the bootstrap sample for d_n , calculate the p-value

Application to Canadian dataset

- Database from a large Canadian insurer, 11454 contracts, more than 90% of censoring. Test for the survival copula linking two lifetimes:

Model	Parameter estimation	p-value
Clayton	4.89	0.391
Frank	11.41	0.416
Nelsen 4.2.20	1.33	0.103



Conclusion

- Nonparametric estimation of copula and its density under bivariate censoring
- The estimators are valid for a range of censoring configurations
- Central limit theorems for the copula estimators
- An application to a particular censoring configuration
- Extension of nonparametric goodness-of-fit test to the case of censored data
- New bootstrap procedure to approximate the p-value