# **Distorted distributions :** construction methods and properties

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#### **1-Introduction**

- The study of distortions is of general interest since they can be used for generating, in a flexible way, new families of copulas.
- In this section, we concentrate our attention on a transformation acting on bivariate copulas. Such a transformation has been considered several times in the literature, under different names like distortion or transformation of a copula by means of g(.). It has originated from the study of distorted probability distribution functions (especially, power distortions), and has been considered by several authors like Frees and Valdez (1998); Durrleman et al. (2000); Genest and Rivest (2001); Durante and Sempi (2005a); Klement et al. (2005b,a); Morillas (2005); Charpentier (2008); Alvoni et al. (2009).

#### **2-Distortion function**

- A continuous increasing function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  such that g(0) = 0 and g(1) = 1 is called *distortion* function.
- The dual transform  $\tilde{g}(x) = 1 g(1 x)$  of a distortion function is called *dual distortion* function.
- In the case where g is convex, then we have what we call a convex distortion function. On the other hand, if g is concave, we have what we call concave distortion function.
- Clearly, if g(.) is convex, then its dual  $\tilde{g}(.)$  is concave.

# 2.1-Some properties

- ▶ Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be two distortion function, then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ :
- ► i)  $g(t) = g_1(g_2(t))$  is a distortion function,
- ▶ ii)  $g_1(t).g_2(t)$  is a distortion function,
- ► iii)  $\alpha g_1(t) + (1 \alpha)g_2(t)$  for all  $0 < \alpha < 1$  is a distortion function,
- lv)  $\tilde{g}(t) = 1 g(1 t)$  is a distortion function (dual distortion function).
- Examples of distortion functions are summarized next page. Several other distortion functions can be found in Morillas (2005).
- Patricia M. Morillas. A method to obtain new copulas from a given one. *Metrika*, 61:169–184,2005.

# 2.2-Some examples of distortion functions

Distortion	g(t)	$g^{-1}(t)$	Convex constraints	Concave constraints
Proportional hazard	$t^{1/lpha}$	$t^{lpha}$	$\alpha \ge 1$	$0 < \alpha \leq 1$
Exponential	$\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha t}}{1 - e^{-\alpha}}$	$\ln[1-t(1-e^{-\alpha})]$	$\alpha < 0$	$\alpha > 0$
Logarithm	$\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln[1 - t(1 - e^{\alpha})]$	$\frac{e^{\alpha t}-1}{e^{\alpha}-1}$	$\alpha < 0$	$\alpha > 0$
Wang transform	$\Phi[\Phi^{-1}(t) + \alpha]$	$\Phi[\Phi^{-1}(t) - \alpha]$	$\alpha \leq 0$	$\alpha \ge 0$
Dual-power	$1-(1-t)^{\alpha}$	$1-(1-t)^{1/\alpha}$	$0 < \alpha \leq 1$	$\alpha \ge 1$

#### 2.3-Distorted distribution function

- Let X be a random variable with distribution function F(x), the transform
- ►  $F_{X^*}(x) = F_g(x) = g(F(x))$  defines a distribution function, which is called *distorted distribution* function and is the distribution function of  $X^*$ .
- In the actuarial literature, it is a more common practice to distort the survival function  $\overline{F}(x) = 1 F(x)$ , instead of the distribution function.
- The dual distortion function defines a transformed distribution function
- ▶  $F_{\tilde{g}}(x) = \tilde{g}(F(x))$ , which is called *dual distorted distribution* function.
- If we distort F(x) with a distortion function g(.), this implies that
- $\overline{F}_{X^*}(x) = 1 g(1 \overline{F}(x)).$

# 3-Distortion premium principle

- In insurance pricing and in financial risk management, transformation of the distribution function typically represents a change in the probability measure. To illustrate in actuarial science, Wang (1996) defines a premium principle based on the concept of distortion function motivated by Yaari's dual theory of choice under risk; see Yaari (1987).
- The distortion premium principle associated with the distortion function g is then defined to be
- $R_g(X) = E(X^*),$  (1)
- the expectation under the distorted probability measure i.e.
- The random variable  $X^*$  having to distribution function  $F_g(x)$ .

# 3.1-Distortion premium principle

Note that for insurance premium purposes, this distorted expectation must be at least equal to the expectation under the original probability measure

 $R_g(X) \ge E(X).$ 

Such is the case only when g(x) is convex. To see this, if g(x) is indeed convex, then direct application of Jensen's inequality leads us to:

$$F_g(x) = g(F(x)) = g(EI_{[X \le x]}) \le Eg(I_{[X \le x]})$$

$$= g(0). P[X > x] + g(1). P[X \le x] = F(x).$$

- ► So,  $R_g(X) = \int_0^\infty \overline{F}_g(x) dx \ge \int_0^\infty \overline{F}(x) dx = E(X).$
- Thus, clearly,  $R_g(X) E(X) \ge 0$ , (2)
- and this difference is often referred to as the risk premium.

#### **4-Construction of distortion functions**

- Let *N* be a nonnegative discrete random variable with probability moment function  $g_N(t) = E(t^N)$ , 0 < t < 1, then  $g_N(t)$  is a distortion function.
- For baseline distribution function F(x), the function  $F_g(x) = g(F(x))$  is a distorted distribution function.
- Example: Let  $P(N = k) = \theta(1 \theta)^{k-1}$ , k = 1, 2, 3, ...., then

► So, the function  $F_g(x) = \frac{\theta F(x)}{1 - (1 - \theta)F(x)}$ ,  $0 \le \theta \le 1$ , is a distorted distribution.

#### 4.1-probability generating function Method

▶ Let  $P(N = k) = \theta(1 - \theta)^{k-1}$ , k = 1, 2, 3, ..., and  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a iid sequence of random variables with df F(x), also suppose that N is independent of  $X_n$ .

• If 
$$U_N = min\{X_1, ..., X_N\}$$
 and  $V_N = max\{X_1, ..., X_N\}$  then

$$F_{V_N}(x) = \frac{\theta F(x)}{1 - (1 - \theta)F(x)} = g(F(x)) \text{ and } \overline{F}_{V_N}(x) = \frac{\theta \overline{F}(x)}{1 - (1 - \theta)\overline{F}(x)} = g(\overline{F}(x)).$$

- Where  $g(t) = \frac{\theta t}{1 (1 \theta)t}$ .
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- Krishna, E., Jose, K.K. and M.M.Ristic (2013) Applications of Marshall-Olkin Frechet distribution. Comm. Stat. simulation and Computation, 42: 76-89.

#### 4.1. probability generating function Method

► Let  $P(N = k) = -\frac{\theta^k}{n.\ln(1-\theta)}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , k = 1,2,3,..., and  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a iid sequence of random variables with df F(x), also suppose that N is independent of  $X_n$ .

• If 
$$U_N = min\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$$
 and  $V_N = max\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  then  $g(t) = \frac{\ln(1-\theta t)}{\ln(1-\theta)}$ ,  $0 \le t \le 1$ 

$$F_{V_N}(x) = g(F(x)) = \frac{\ln(1-\theta F(x))}{\ln(1-\theta)} \text{ and } \overline{F}_{V_N}(x) = g(\overline{F}(x)) = \frac{\ln(1-\theta \overline{F}(x))}{\ln(1-\theta)}.$$

#### 4.2-Mittag - Leffler function

- Let N be a nonnegative discrete random variable with probability function
- $P(N = k) = \frac{1}{(E_{\alpha}(1) 1)\Gamma(k\alpha + 1)}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ where } E_{\alpha}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)},$ ,  $\alpha$  is complex number with  $Re(\alpha) > 0$ , is Mittag-Leffler function. Then

• 
$$g(t) = \frac{1}{E_{\alpha}(1)-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n+1)} = \frac{E_{\alpha}(t)-1}{E_{\alpha}(1)-1}, \ 0 \le t \le 1.$$

- ▶ If  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a sequence of iid random variables with df F(x), and N is independent of  $X_n$ , then
- $F_U(x) = g(F(x)) = \frac{E_{\alpha}(F(x)) 1}{E_{\alpha}(1) 1}$  and  $\overline{F}_V(x) = g(\overline{F}(x)) = \frac{E_{\alpha}(\overline{F}(x)) 1}{E_{\alpha}(1) 1}$

• Where 
$$U_N = min\{X_1, ..., X_N\}$$
 and  $V_N = max\{X_1, ..., X_N\}$ 

It is easy to show that If  $\alpha = 1$  then N is a random variable with truncated Poisson distribution.

#### 4.3-Stieltjes Laplace transform method

- Let X be a nonnegative random variable with distribution function F(x), and
- ▶  $\psi(t) = E(e^{-tX}) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tx} dF(x), \quad t \in [0, \infty]$  be Stieltjes Laplace transform of F(x).
- ► Then  $g(t) = \exp[-\psi^{-1}(t)]$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a increasing convex distortion function.
- Example. Suppose that  $\overline{F}(x) = \exp[-\theta x]$ , then  $\psi(t) = \frac{\theta}{\theta+t}$  and  $\psi^{-1}(t) = \theta(\frac{1}{t}-1)$ , so  $g(t) = \exp[-\theta(\frac{1}{t}-1)]$ ,
- therefore, for base line distribution F(x),  $F_g(x) = \exp\left[-\theta \frac{\overline{F}(x)}{F(x)}\right]$  is a distorted distribution function.

# 4.4- Sum of a random number of random variables

- ▶ Let  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a independent identically distributed sequences with partial sums  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$ ,  $n \ge 1$  and N be a non-negative integer valued random variable independent of sequence  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ , then  $g_{S_N}(t) = g_N(g_{X_1}(t))$ .
- Example : Let N is a random variable with truncated Poisson distribution with parameter  $\theta$  and  $X_1$  is a Geometric random variable with parameter p. Then

$$g_{S_N}(t) = \frac{exp(\frac{-\theta(1-t)}{1-qt}) - exp(-\theta)}{1-exp(-\theta)}$$

Hence

$$F_g(t) = \frac{exp\left(\frac{-\theta(1-F(t))}{1-qF(t)}\right) - exp(-\theta)}{1-exp(-\theta)} \text{ and } \overline{F}_g(t) = \frac{exp\left(\frac{-\theta F(t)}{1-q\overline{F}(t)}\right) - exp(-\theta)}{1-exp(-\theta)}$$

#### 4.5-Combine two distortion functions

- ▶ It is well known that If  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be two distortion function, then
- $g(t) = g_2(g_1(t))$  is a distortion function.
- Example. Let  $g_1(t) = \frac{\theta_1 t}{1 (1 \theta_1)t}$ ,  $0 < \theta_1 < 1$  and  $g_2(t) = t(1 + \theta_2(1 t))$ ,
- ►  $-1 < \theta_2 < 1$ , then  $g(t) = g_2(g_1(t)) = \frac{\theta_1 t}{1 (1 \theta_1)t} (1 + \theta_2 \left(1 \frac{\theta_1 t}{1 (1 \theta_1)t}\right))$ , is a distortion function, so

$$F_g(x) = g(F(x)) = \frac{\theta_1 F(x)}{1 - (1 - \theta_1)F(x)} \left(1 + \theta_2 \left(1 - \frac{\theta_1 F(x)}{1 - (1 - \theta_1)F(x)}\right)\right)$$

Is a distorted distribution function.

#### **5-Some distorted distributions**

- Let f(t) be the density function of a random variable  $T \in [a, b]$
- For -∞ < a < b < ∞ and let W [G(x)] be a function of the distribution function of a random variable X such that W [G(x)] satisfies the following</p>
- conditions:

(i) 
$$W(G(x)) \in [a, b]$$

 $\begin{cases} ii) W(G(x)) is differentiable and non - dicresing, \\ iii) W(G(x)) \to a as \ x \to -\infty \ and W(G(x)) \to b as \ x \to \infty \end{cases}$ 

▶ Then  $g(t) = \int_{a}^{W(t)} f(x) dx$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a distortion function.

#### 5-Some distorted distribution

Example : Let  $W(t) = t^{\alpha}$  and  $f(t) = 1 + \lambda - 2\lambda t$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$  and  $|\lambda| \le 1$ , then

So if F(x) is a baseline distribution, then

$$F_{g}(x) = 1 - [1 - \lambda F^{\alpha}(x)][1 - F^{\alpha}(x)]$$

is a distorted distribution function.

#### 5-1. Transmuted Dagum Distribution

The function  $F_g(x) = F(x)[1 + \theta \overline{F}(x)], \quad -1 \le \theta \le 1$ , is a distorted distribution with corresponding distortion function as:  $g(t) = t[1 + \theta(1 - t)], \quad 0 \le t \le 1$ .

• Example : Let 
$$F(x) = \left(1 + \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{-\alpha}\right)^{-\rho}$$
,  $x \ge 0$ ;  $\alpha, \beta, \rho > 0$ ,

- For  $F_g(x) = F(x)[1 + \theta(1 F(x))]$ , is called Transmuted Dagum Distribution.
- Mirza Naveed Shahzad and Zahid Asghar
- Transmuted Dagum distribution: A more flexible and board shaped hazard function model. Hacettepe Journal of Mathematics and Statistics, Vol 45(1) (2016) 227-244

# 5.2- The beta generalized gamma distribution

► The function  $F_g(x) = \int_0^{F(x)} \frac{1}{Bet(a,b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$ , is a distorted distribution with corresponding distortion function as:

• 
$$g(t) = Bet(a, b, t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{Bet(a, b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx, \quad a < 1, \quad b > 1.$$

- The density function corresponding to  $F_g(x)$  is:
- $f_g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{Bet(a,b)} [F(x)]^{a-1} [1-F(x)]^{b-1}, \ a,b>0.$
- Gauss M. et al.(2012). The beta generalized gamma distribution. Statistics: 1-13

#### 6-Distorted bivariate distributions

- Let g(t) be a continuous increasing convex distortion function and F(x, y) be
- A baseline distribution, then the distorted bivariate function

- ► Is a bivariate distribution that called distorted bivariate distribution with margins  $F_{1g}(x) = g(F_1(x)), F_{2g}(y) = g(F_2(y)).$
- Example: The function  $g(t) = \exp[\theta(t-1)]$ , 0 < t < 1, is a continuous increasing convex distortion function, So if F(x, y) is a bivariate distribution then
- ►  $F_g(x,y) = \exp[\theta(F(x,y) )]$ , is distorted bivariate distribution function.

## 7-Distorted copula functions

- Let g(t) be increasing convex distortion function and F(x, y) be baseline distribution function, then applying the Sklar's Theorem, it is easy to show that:
- $C_g(u,v) = g(C(g^{-1}(u),g^{-1}(v))).$
- This copula is called distorted copula function.
- Klement at al.(2004) The bivariate function  $C_g(u, v) = g(C(g^{-1}(u), g^{-1}(v)))$
- ▶ Is a copula if and only if:  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , with g(0) = 0, g(1) = 1 is
- Convex.

# 7.1. Example

- ▶ 1)-Let  $g(t) = \frac{\theta t}{1-(1-\theta)t}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , then  $g^{-1}(t) = \frac{t}{\theta + (1-\theta)t}$ , so if
- $C(u, v) = \Pi(u, v)$  then by simple calculation we can write
- $C_g(u,v) = g(g^{-1}(u),g^{-1}(v)) = \frac{\theta g^{-1}(u)g^{-1}(v)}{1-(1-\theta)g^{-1}(u)g^{-1}(v)} = \frac{uv}{1-(1-\theta)(1-u)(1-v)},$
- this copula is  $AMH(\theta)$ .
- Exercise: Let  $g(t) = \frac{1-e^{-\alpha t}}{1-e^{-\alpha}}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $0 \le t \le 1$  and  $C(u, v) = \Pi(u, v)$ , Then find distortion copula generated by g(t) and base copula  $C(u, v) = \Pi(u, v)$ .

#### 7.1-A new distortion function

- ▶ Let C(u, v) be a copula function, then for every  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  the function
- ►  $g_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{C(\alpha, t)}{\alpha}$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  is a distortion. Since,

$$g_{\alpha}(0) = 0, \ g_{\alpha}(1) = 1, \quad and \quad g'_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{\partial C(\alpha, t)}{\alpha \cdot \partial t} \ge 0$$

► Example 1: Let  $C(u, v) = uv[1 + \theta(1 - u)(1 - v)]$   $|\theta| \le 1$ . Then

$$g_{\alpha}(t) = t[1 + \lambda(1 - t)], \quad \lambda = \theta(1 - \alpha).$$

Example 2: Let  $C(u, v) = uv exp[\theta(1-u)(1-v)]$   $|\theta| \le 1$ . Then

$$g_{\alpha}(t) = t. exp[\lambda(1-t)], \quad \lambda = \theta(1-\alpha).$$

• Example 3: Let 
$$C(u, v) = \frac{uv}{[1-\theta(1-u)(1-v)]}$$
  $|\theta| \le 1$ . Then

# 7.2-GMC copula

- Let  $g(t) = t \exp[\theta(t-1)]$ ,  $0 \le \theta \le 1$ ,  $0 \le t \le 1$ , then
- $C^+(u,v) = uv \frac{g(uv)}{g(u)g(v)} = uvexp[\theta(1-u)(1-v)]$ , is a GMC copula with positive dependence structure,
- $C^{-}(u, v) = uv \frac{g(u)g(v)}{g(uv)} = uvexp[-\theta(1-u)(1-v)]$ , is a GMC copula with negative dependence structure,
- Therefore for all  $\theta \in [-1, 1]$ ,
- $C_{\theta}(u,v) = (uvexp[(1-u)(1-v))^{\frac{1+\theta}{2}}(uvexp[-(1-u)(1-v))^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}})^{\frac{1-\theta}{2}}$
- $\blacktriangleright = uv \exp[\theta(1-u)(1-v)].$
- Is called GMC copula.

#### 8-Generalized distorted distributions

- > The generalized distorted distribution associated to n distribution functions
- $\triangleright$   $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  and to an increasing continuous multivariate function
- ▶  $Q: [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that Q(0,0,...,0) = 0 and Q(1,1,...,1) = 1
- is defined by  $F_Q(t) = Q(F_1(t), F_2(t), ..., F_n(t))$ . (1)
- The function  $F_Q(t)$  defined above is always a proper (univariate) distribution function (it is increasing, right-continuous and satisfies

• 
$$F_Q(-\infty) = Q(0,0,...,0) = 0$$
 and  $F_Q(\infty) = Q(1,1,...,1) = 1$ .

#### 8-Generalized distorted distributions

- Noreover, if Q is strictly increasing in each variable and  $F_1, F_2, ..., F_n$  have the same support S, then  $F_Q(t)$  also has the same support S.
- We have a similar expression for the respective reliability functions (RF)
- $\, \overline{F}_Q(t) = \overline{Q}(\overline{F}_1(t), \overline{F}_2(t), \dots, \overline{F}_n(t)), \quad (2)$
- where  $\bar{F}_i(t) = 1 F_i(t)$  and  $\bar{F}_Q(t) = 1 F_Q(t)$ .
- Where  $\overline{Q}(u_1, u_2, ..., u_n) = 1 Q(1 u_1, 1 u_2, ..., 1 u_n)$  Is the multivariate dual distortion function.

#### 8-Generalized distorted distributions

- The function  $\overline{Q}$  is also a multivariate distortion function, that is, it satisfies the same properties as Q. Hence the function  $\overline{F}_Q$  defined above is always a proper (univariate) reliability function. These two representations are equivalent but, sometimes, it is better to use Eq. (2) instead of Eq. (1).
- Of course, if n = 1 (or if  $F_1 = F_2 = \cdots F_n$ ), then we obtain the distorted distribution
- defined in Eqs. (1) and (2). Note that representations in Eqs. (1) and (2) are similar to copula representations for multivariate distributions.
- Actually the copulas are valid distortion functions but the distortion functions are not necessarily copulas.

#### 9-Application in coherent systems

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### 9-An application in coherent systems

- Let  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  be component lifetimes of a coherent system with lifetime T
- For the system distribution  $F_T(t)$  can be written as
- $F_T(t) = Q(F_1(t), F_2(t), ..., F_n(t)),$
- For all t, that is a generalized distorted distribution of the component distribution functions, where the distortion function Q(.,.,..,.) only depends on the structure of the system and on the copula of the random vector  $(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)$ . Also, reliability function of the structure is:
- $\overline{F}_T(t) = \overline{Q}(\overline{F}_1(t), \overline{F}_2(t), \dots, \overline{F}_n(t)),$

#### 9.1-Some examples

- Example 1:-Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be independent component lifetimes of a coherent system with lifetime  $T = \max\{X_1, \min\{X_2, X_3\}\}$ , then
- $\bar{Q}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = u_1 + u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_3.$
- Example 2: Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be dependent component lifetimes of a coherent system with corresponding copula  $C(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  and lifetime
- T = max{ $X_1$ , min{ $X_2$ ,  $X_3$ }}, then
- $\bar{Q}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = C(u_1, 1, 1) + C(1, u_2, u_3) C(u_1, u_2, u_3).$
- In particular case if
- $C(u_1, u_2, u_3) = u_1 u_2 u_3 [1 + \theta (1 u_1)(1 u_2)(1 u_3)], \quad |\theta| \le 1$
- Then
- $\bar{Q}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = u_1 + u_2 u_3 u_1 u_2 u_3 [1 + \theta (1 u_1)(1 u_2)(1 u_3)].$