# EXTREME DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS OF COPULAS 

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In this paper we study some properties of the distribution function of the random variable $C(X, Y)$ when the copula of the random pair $(X, Y)$ is $M$ (respectively, $W$ ) - the copula for which each of $X$ and $Y$ is almost surely an increasing (respectively, decreasing) function of the other - , and $C$ is any copula. We also study the distribution functions of $M(X, Y)$ and $W(X, Y)$ given that the joint distribution function of the random variables $X$ and $Y$ is any copula.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let $H_{1}$ and $H_{2}$ be two bivariate distribution functions with common continuous onedimensional margins $F$ and $G$ - the distribution functions considered are taken to be right-continuous. Let $(X, Y)$ be a random pair - all the random variables considered are defined on the same probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ - whose joint distribution function is $H_{2}$, and let $\left\langle H_{1} \mid H_{2}\right\rangle(X, Y)$ denote the random variable $H_{1}(X, Y)$. The $H_{2}$ distribution function of $H_{1}$, which we denote by $\left(H_{1} \mid H_{2}\right)$, is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(H_{1} \mid H_{2}\right)(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}\left[\left\langle H_{1} \mid H_{2}\right\rangle(X, Y) \leq t\right] \\
& =\mu_{H_{2}}\left(\left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \mid H_{1}(x, y) \leq t\right\}\right), \quad t \in[0,1]
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\mu_{H_{2}}$ denotes the measure on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ induced by $H_{2}[7,12]$. In this paper we study some properties of the distribution function of the random variable $H_{1}(X, Y)$ when each variable of the random pair $(X, Y)$ is almost surely an increasing (respectively, decreasing) function of the other.

Since our methods involve the concept of a copula, we review this notion and some of its properties. A (bivariate) copula is the restriction to $[0,1]^{2}$ of a continuous (bivariate) distribution function whose margins are uniform on $[0,1]$. The importance of copulas stems largely from the observation that the joint distribution $H$ of the random pair $(X, Y)$ with respective margins $F$ and $G$ can be expressed by $H(x, y)=C(F(x), G(y))$, for all $(x, y) \in[-\infty, \infty]^{2}$, where $C$ is a copula that is
uniquely determined on Range $F \times$ Range $G$ (Sklar's Theorem) [17, 18]. Let $\Pi$ denote the copula for independent random variables, i. e., $\Pi(u, v)=u v$ for all $(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}$. For a complete survey on copulas, see [11].

By Sklar's Theorem, if $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ are two copulas and $(U, V)$ is a pair of uniform $[0,1]$ random variables with copula $C_{2}$, and $\left\langle C_{1} \mid C_{2}\right\rangle(U, V)$ denotes the random variable $C_{1}(U, V)$ - written $\left\langle C_{1} \mid C_{2}\right\rangle$ when the meaning is clear -, then the $C_{2}$ distribution function of $C_{1}$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(C_{1} \mid C_{2}\right)(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}\left[\left\langle C_{1} \mid C_{2}\right\rangle(U, V) \leq t\right] \\
& =\mu_{C_{2}}\left(\left\{(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid C_{1}(u, v) \leq t\right\}\right), t \in[0,1]
\end{aligned}
$$

Every copula $C$ of the random pair $(X, Y)$ satisfies the following inequalities:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\max (u+v-1,0) & =W(u, v) \leq C(u, v) \leq M(u, v) \\
& =\min (u, v), \forall(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

$M$ (respectively, $W$ ) is the copula for which each of $X$ and $Y$ is almost surely an increasing (respectively, decreasing) function of the other.

In the sequel, we shall use the following notation: For any pair of random variables $X$ and $Y$ with respective distribution functions $F$ and $G$, " $\leq_{s t}$ " denotes the stochastic inequality, i. e., $X \leq_{s t} Y$ if, and only if, $F \geq G$; and $X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$ denotes the equality in distribution.

Distribution functions of copulas are employed - among other purposes - to construct orderings on the set of copulas (see [12]). If $C, C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ are copulas, two of those orderings are: (a) $C_{1}$ is $C$-larger than $C_{2}$ if $\left\langle C_{1} \mid C\right\rangle \geq_{s t}\left\langle C_{2} \mid C\right\rangle$; and (b) $C_{1}$ is $C$-larger in measure than $C_{2}$ if $\left\langle C \mid C_{1}\right\rangle \geq_{s t}\left\langle C \mid C_{2}\right\rangle$. As a consequence, two equivalences are given, namely: (c) $C_{1}$ is $C$-equivalent to $C_{2}$ (written $C_{1} \equiv_{C} C_{2}$ ) if $\left\langle C_{1} \mid C\right\rangle \stackrel{d}{=}\left\langle C_{2} \mid C\right\rangle$; and (d) $C_{1}$ is $C$-equivalent in measure to $C_{2}$ if $\left\langle C \mid C_{1}\right\rangle \stackrel{d}{=}\left\langle C \mid C_{2}\right\rangle$.

It is known that if $F$ is a right-continuous distribution function such that $F\left(0^{-}\right)=$ 0 and $F(t) \geq t$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, then there exists a copula $C$ such that $(C \mid C)(t)=$ $F(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$ (see $[13,16]$ ). We now wonder whether this result can be generalized (in some sense) to other distribution functions of copulas. To be exact: if $C_{0}$ is a copula, and $F$ is a distribution function such that $\left(M \mid C_{0}\right)(t) \leq F(t) \leq$ $\left(W \mid C_{0}\right)(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, does there exist a copula $C$ such that $\left(C \mid C_{0}\right)(t)=F(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$ ? The answer is affirmative when $C_{0}=M$. We will also provide some additional properties of the distributions $(C \mid M)$ and $(C \mid W)$ for any copula $C$.

## 2. THE $M$ DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION OF A COPULA

The diagonal section $\delta_{C}$ of a copula $C$ is the function given by $\delta_{C}(t)=C(t, t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. A diagonal is a function $\delta:[0,1] \longrightarrow[0,1]$ which satisfies the following properties:
(i) $\delta(1)=1$,
(ii) $\delta(t) \leq t$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$,
(iii) $0 \leq \delta\left(t^{\prime}\right)-\delta(t) \leq 2\left(t^{\prime}-t\right)$ for all $t, t^{\prime}$ in $[0,1]$ such that $t \leq t^{\prime}-$ i. e., $\delta$ is increasing and 2-Lipschitz.

The diagonal section of any copula is a diagonal; and for any diagonal $\delta$, there always exist copulas whose diagonal section is $\delta$ [5] (see also [4, 14, 15]): for instance, the Bertino copula $B_{\delta}[6]$, which is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{\delta}(u, v) & =\min (u, v)-\min (s-\delta(s) \mid \min (u, v) \\
& \leq s \leq \max (u, v)), \quad(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

The diagonal section $\delta_{C}$ of a copula $C$ is the restriction to $[0,1]$ of the distribution function of $\max (U, V)$, whenever $(U, V)$ is a random pair distributed as $C$. Let $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}$ denote the cadlag inverse of $\delta_{C}$, i. e., $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t)=\sup \left\{u \in[0,1] \mid \delta_{C}(u) \leq t\right\}$ for $t$ in $[0,1]$.

The following result gives a (partial) answer to the question posed at the end of Section 1.

Theorem 1. Let $F$ be a right-continuous distribution function such that $F\left(0^{-}\right)=$ $0, F(t) \geq t$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, and $F^{\prime}(t) \geq 1 / 2$ for almost every $t$ in $[0,1]$. Then there exists a copula $C$ such that $(C \mid M)(t)=F(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$.

Proof. We know that $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}$ is the restriction to the interval $[0,1]$ of a distribution function with support on $[0,1]$ and such that $(M \mid M)(t) \leq(C \mid M)(t) \leq(W \mid M)(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Since

$$
(C \mid M)(t)=\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t), \quad \forall t \in[0,1]
$$

(see [12]), and $\delta_{C}$ is 2-Lipschitz, we have that $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}$ must be a strictly increasing function (not necessarily continuous) whose derivative is greater or equal to $1 / 2$ for almost every point in $[0,1]$. Since the Bertino copula $B_{\delta}$ associated with $\delta$ satisfies $\left(B_{\delta} \mid M\right)(t)=\delta^{(-1)}(t)=F(t)$ for all $t$ in [0,1] (see [12]), this completes the proof.

If $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ are two copulas, then we say that $C_{1} \equiv_{M} C_{2}$ if $\left(C_{1} \mid M\right)(t)=$ $\left(C_{2} \mid M\right)(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. The next example provides a class in this equivalence relation which contains more than one copula.

Example 1. Let $C$ be the copula given by $C(u, v)=\max (0, u+v-1, \min (u, v-$ $1 / 2)),(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} . C$ is a shuffle of Min [9], whose mass is spread uniformly on two line segments on $[0,1]^{2}$ : one joining the points $(0,1 / 2)$ and $(1 / 2,1)$, and the second one joining the points $(1 / 2,1 / 2)$ and $(1,0)$. Then it is easy to verify that $(C \mid M)(t)=(W \mid M)(t)=(1+t) / 2$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$.

As a consequence of Theorem 1, we have the following

Corollary 2. Each equivalence class of the equivalence relation $\equiv_{M}$ on the set of copulas contains a unique Bertino copula.

Consider Spearman's footrule coefficient [19], whose population version for a random pair $(X, Y)$ with copula $C$, is given by

$$
\varphi_{C}=1-3 \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1}|u-v| \mathrm{d} C(u, v)
$$

(see [11]). In terms of the $M$ distribution function of the copula $C$, this measure can be rewritten as

$$
\varphi_{C}=4-6 \int_{0}^{1}(C \mid M)(t) \mathrm{d} t
$$

(see [12]). Given two copulas $C_{1}$ and $C_{2},\left\langle C_{1} \mid M\right\rangle \leq_{s t}\left\langle C_{2} \mid M\right\rangle$ implies that $\varphi_{C_{1}} \leq$ $\varphi_{C_{2}}$. However, the converse result is not true in general, as the following example shows.

Example 2. Let $C$ be the shuffle of Min given by $C(u, v)=\min (u, v, \max (1 / 3, u+$ $v-2 / 3)),(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}$. Its mass is spread uniformly on three line segments in $[0,1]^{2}$ : one joining the points $(0,0)$ and $(1 / 3,1 / 3)$, another one joining the points $(1 / 3,2 / 3)$ and $(2 / 3,1 / 3)$, and the third one joining the points $(2 / 3,2 / 3)$ and $(1,1)$. Then we have $(\Pi \mid M)(t)=\sqrt{t}$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, and $(C \mid M)(t)=2 / 3$ if $t \in[1 / 3,2 / 3]$ and $(C \mid M)(t)=t$ otherwise. Thus, $\varphi_{\Pi}=0<2 / 3=\varphi_{C}$, but $(\Pi \mid M)(1 / 3) \simeq 0.577<$ $0.67 \simeq(C \mid M)(1 / 3)$.

The " $M$-larger" ordering has several applications. For example, if $\left(U_{i}, V_{i}\right)$ are two uniform $[0,1]$ random variables with copula $C_{i}, i=1,2$, then $C_{1}$ is $M$-larger than $C_{2}$ if, and only if, the order statistics of $U_{1}$ and $V_{1}$ are stochastically "inside" the interval determined by the order statistics of $U_{2}$ and $V_{2}$ [12]. The next result shows the relationship between the $M$-larger and the $M$-larger in measure orderings. To this end, we first note that, for any pair $(U, V)$ of random variables with associated copula $C$, the $C$ distribution function of $M$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
(M \mid C)(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}[\min (U, V) \leq t]=\operatorname{Pr}[U \leq t]+\operatorname{Pr}[U>t, V \leq t] \\
& =t+\int_{t}^{1} \operatorname{Pr}[V \leq t \mid U=u] \mathrm{d} u=t+\int_{t}^{1} \frac{\partial C}{\partial u}(u, t) \mathrm{d} u \\
& =t+t-C(t, t)=2 t-\delta_{C}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

for every $t$ in $[0,1]$.
Proposition 3. Let $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ be two copulas. Then $\left\langle M \mid C_{1}\right\rangle \leq_{s t}\left\langle M \mid C_{2}\right\rangle$ if, and only if, $\left\langle C_{1} \mid M\right\rangle \leq_{s t}\left\langle C_{2} \mid M\right\rangle$.

Proof. Let $\delta_{C_{1}}$ and $\delta_{C_{2}}$ be the respective diagonal sections of $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$. Then $C_{1}$ is $M$-larger in measure than $C_{2}$ if, and only if, $2 t-\delta_{C_{1}}(t) \leq 2 t-\delta_{C_{2}}(t)$ for all $t$
in $[0,1]$, i. e., $\delta_{C_{2}} \leq \delta_{C_{1}}$, which is equivalent to $\delta_{C_{1}}^{(-1)} \leq \delta_{C_{2}}^{(-1)}$, that is, $\left(C_{1} \mid M\right)(t) \leq$ $\left(C_{2} \mid M\right)(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$.

As a consequence of Proposition 3, the $M$-equivalence in measure coincides with the $M$-equivalence. We now show that the equality $\langle M \mid C\rangle \stackrel{d}{=}\langle C \mid M\rangle$ only holds when $C=M$.

Proposition 4. Let $C$ be a copula. Then $\langle M \mid C\rangle \stackrel{d}{=}\langle C \mid M\rangle$ if, and only if, $C=M$.
Proof. Suppose $\langle M \mid C\rangle \stackrel{d}{=}\langle C \mid M\rangle$, i. e., $2 t-\delta_{C}(t)=\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Thus, $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t)=\sup \left\{u \in[0,1] \mid \delta_{C}(u) \leq t\right\} \leq 2 t$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, which implies that $\delta_{C}(t) \geq t / 2$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Hence, $2 t-\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t) \geq t / 2$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, i. e., $\delta_{C}^{(-1)}(t) \leq 3 t / 2$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, which implies that $\delta_{C}(t) \geq 2 t / 3$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. After $n$ iterations, we have that $\delta_{C}(t) \geq n t /(n+1)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Therefore, if $n$ tends to infinity, we have that $\delta_{C}(t) \geq t$, and hence, $\delta_{C}(t)=t$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Thus, we obtain that $C=M$; otherwise, if there exists a point $(u, v)$ in $[0,1]^{2}$ such that $C(u, v)<M(u, v)$ with $u \leq v$ (the case $u \geq v$ is similar), then $C(u, u) \leq C(u, v)<M(u, v)=u$, that is, there exists $u$ in $[0,1]$ such that $\delta_{C}(u)<u$, which is absurd. The converse is trivial, completing the proof.

Let $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ be two copulas. We say that $C_{1}$ is df-larger than $C_{2}$ if $\left\langle C_{1} \mid C_{1}\right\rangle \geq_{s t}$ $\left\langle C_{2} \mid C_{2}\right\rangle[2,12,13]$. The following example shows that the df-larger and the M-larger orderings are not comparable.

## Example 3.

(a) Consider the copulas $\Pi$ and the shuffle of Min given by $C(u, v)=$ $=\min (u, v, \max (0, u-0.3, v-0.612, u+v-0.912)),(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}$, whose mass is spread on three line segments in $[0,1]^{2}$ : one joining the points $(0,0.612)$ and $(0.3,0.912)$, the second one joining the points $(0.3,0)$ and $(0.912,0.612)$, and the third one joining the points $(0.912,0.912)$ and $(1,1)$. For every $t$ in $[0,1]$, we have $(\Pi \mid \Pi)(t)=t-t \ln t,(\Pi \mid M)(t)=\sqrt{t},(C \mid C)(t)=\max (t, \min (2 t, t+$ $0.3,0.912)$ ), and $(C \mid M)(t)=\max (t, \min (t+0.3,(t+0.912) / 2))$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. Then, it is easy to check that $\langle\Pi \mid \Pi\rangle \leq_{s t}\langle C \mid C\rangle$; however, we have $(\Pi \mid M)(0)=$ $0<0.3=(C \mid M)(0)$ and $(\Pi \mid M)(0.912) \simeq 0.955>0.912=(C \mid M)(0.912)$.
(b) Consider now the copulas $\Pi$ and $A=(M+W) / 2$ - recall that the convex linear combination of two copulas is again a copula. The mass distribution of $A$ is spread uniformly on two line segments in $[0,1]^{2}$ : one connecting the points $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$, and the second one connecting $(0,1)$ to $(1,0)$. Then, for every $t$ in $[0,1]$, we have $(A \mid A)(t)=\min (3 t,(2+t) / 3)$ and $(A \mid M)(t)=$ $\min (2 t,(2 t+1) / 3)$. Thus, it is easy to verify that $\langle\Pi \mid M\rangle \leq_{s t}\langle A \mid M\rangle$; but $(\Pi \mid \Pi)(0.25) \simeq 0.5966<0.75=(A \mid A)(0.25)$ and $(\Pi \mid \Pi)(0.75) \simeq 0.9658>$ $0.9167=(A \mid A)(0.75)$.

## 3. THE $W$ DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION OF A COPULA

The opposite diagonal section $\omega_{C}$ of a copula $C$ is the function given by $\omega_{C}(t)=$ $C(t, 1-t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. An opposite diagonal is a function $\omega:[0,1] \longrightarrow[0,1]$ which satisfies the following properties:
(i) $\omega(1)=0$,
(ii) $\omega(t) \leq \min (t, 1-t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$,
(iii) $\omega\left(t^{\prime}\right)-\omega(t) \leq t^{\prime}-t$ for all $t, t^{\prime}$ in $[0,1]$ such that $t \leq t^{\prime}-$ i. e., $\omega$ is 1 -Lipschitz.

The opposite diagonal section of any copula is an opposite diagonal; and for any opposite diagonal $\omega$, there exist copulas whose opposite diagonal section is $\omega$ : for instance, the copula $J_{\omega}$ given by

$$
J_{\omega}(u, v)=\max \left(0, u+v-1, \frac{u+v-1+\omega(u)+\omega(1-v)}{2}\right)
$$

for all $(u, v)$ in $[0,1]^{2}$ (see [3]).
The following result provides a probabilistic interpretation of the opposite diagonal section of a copula (in the sequel, we will denote the distribution function of a random variable $X$ either by $\operatorname{df}(X)$ or a letter such as $F)$.

Proposition 5. Let $(U, V)$ be a pair of random variables with associated copula $C$. Then

$$
\omega_{C}(t)=\frac{1}{2} \cdot(\operatorname{Pr}[\min (U, 1-V) \leq t<\max (U, 1-V)])
$$

Proof. The copula $C^{\prime}$ associated with the random pair $(U, 1-V)$ is given by $C^{\prime}(u, v)=u-C(u, 1-v)$ for every $(u, v)$ in $[0,1]^{2}$ (see [11]). Then we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{df}(\min (U, 1-V))(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}[\min (U, 1-V) \leq t] \\
& =\operatorname{Pr}[U \leq t]+\operatorname{Pr}[1-V \leq t]-\operatorname{Pr}[U \leq t, 1-V \leq t] \\
& =t+t-C^{\prime}(t, t)=t+C(t, 1-t)=t+\omega_{C}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{df}(\max (U, 1-V))(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}[\max (U, 1-V) \leq t]=\operatorname{Pr}[U \leq t, 1-V \leq t] \\
& =C^{\prime}(t, t)=t-C(t, 1-t)=t-\omega_{C}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

whence the result easily follows.
Let $(U, V)$ be a random pair with copula $C$. The $W$ distribution function of $C$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
(C \mid W)(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}[C(U, V) \leq t]=\operatorname{Pr}[C(U, 1-U) \leq t]=\operatorname{Pr}\left[\omega_{C}(U) \leq t\right] \\
& =\lambda\left(\left\{u \in[0,1] \mid \omega_{C}(u) \leq t\right\}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\lambda$ denotes the Lebesgue measure in $\mathbb{R}$.
Distribution functions of copulas are also employed in constructing new measures of association. Thus, for instance, given a copula $C$, it seems reasonable to obtain a measure $\chi_{C}$ - in the same sense than Spearman's footrule coefficient $\varphi_{C}$ - based on the $W$ distribution function of $C$, and given by the linear expression

$$
\chi_{C}=a \int_{0}^{1}(C \mid W)(t) \mathrm{d} t+b
$$

where $a$ and $b$ are two real numbers. If we consider $\chi_{W}=-1$ and $\chi_{\Pi}=0$ for this measure - for the Spearman's footrule coefficient we have $\varphi_{M}=1, \varphi_{\Pi}=0$, and $\varphi_{W}=-1 / 2-$, since $(\Pi \mid W)(t)=1-\sqrt{\max (0,1-4 t)}$ and $(M \mid W)(t)=\min (2 t, 1)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$, then we obtain

$$
\chi_{C}=5-6 \int_{0}^{1}(C \mid W)(t) \mathrm{d} t
$$

The coefficient $\chi_{C}$ can be also written as

$$
\chi_{C}=6 \int_{0}^{1} C(t, 1-t) \mathrm{d} t-1=3 \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1}|1-u-v| \mathrm{d} C(u, v)-1 .
$$

This coefficient - which first appeared in this last form in [1] - satisfies $\chi_{M}=1 / 2$. Observe also that the population version $\gamma_{C}$ of the known Gini's rank correlation coefficient $[8,10,11]$ of a copula $C$ can be written as $\gamma_{C}=2\left(\varphi_{C}+\chi_{C}\right) / 3$.

Unlike the relationship between the $M$-larger and the $M$-larger in measure orderings, there is no analogue to Proposition 3 for the $W$-larger and the $W$-larger in measure orderings, as the next example shows. The example also provides a class in the equivalence relation $\equiv_{W}$ - recall that if $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ are two copulas, then $C_{1} \equiv{ }_{W} C_{2}$ if $\left(C_{1} \mid W\right)(t)=\left(C_{2} \mid W\right)(t)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$ - which contains more than one copula. First note that, if $(U, V)$ is a random pair with copula $C$, then the $C$ distribution function of $W$ is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
(W \mid C)(t) & =\operatorname{Pr}[U+V-1 \leq t]=\operatorname{Pr}[U \leq t]+\operatorname{Pr}[U>t, V \leq 1+t-U] \\
& =t+\int_{t}^{1} \operatorname{Pr}[V \leq 1+t-u \mid U=u] \mathrm{d} u \\
& =t+\int_{t}^{1} \frac{\partial C}{\partial u}(u, 1+t-u) \mathrm{d} u
\end{aligned}
$$

for every $t$ in $[0,1]$.
Example 4. Let $C$ be the shuffle of Min given by $C(u, v)=\min (u, v, \max (1 / 2, u+$ $v-1)),(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}$. Its mass is spread uniformly on two line segments in $[0,1]^{2}$ : one joining the points $(0,0)$ and $(1 / 2,1 / 2)$, and the second one joining the points $(1 / 2,1)$ and $(1,1 / 2)$. Then it is easy to verify that $(C \mid W)(t)=(M \mid W)(t)=$ $\min (2 t, 1)$ for all $t$ in $[0,1]$. But, on the other hand, we have $(W \mid C)(t)=1 / 2$ if $t \in[0,1 / 2)$ and $(W \mid C)(t)=1$ if $t \in[1 / 2,1]$, and $(W \mid M)(t)=(1+t) / 2$.

Hence, $(W \mid C)(1 / 4)=1 / 2<5 / 8=(W \mid M)(1 / 4)$ and $(W \mid C)(3 / 4)=1>7 / 8=$ $(W \mid M)(3 / 4)$.

To see the "utility" of the $C$ distribution function of $W$, where $C$ is the copula of the random pair $(U, V)$, we provide the following result, which describes the relationship between this distribution function and the distribution function of the random variable $U+V$. In what follows, we will use some notation. Let $f$ be a real function defined on $[a, b]$ (or on a dense subset of $[a, b]$, including $a$ and $b$ ) having only removable or jump discontinuities. Then $\ell^{+} f$ and $\ell^{-} f$ are the functions defined on $[a, b]$ via $\ell^{+} f(x)=f\left(x^{+}\right)$and $\ell^{-} f(x)=f\left(x^{-}\right)$, where $f\left(x^{+}\right)$(respectively, $f\left(x^{-}\right)$) denotes the limit - if it exists - by the right (respectively, left) of $f$ in $x$. Let $\hat{C}$ denote the survival copula of $C$, i. e., $\hat{C}(u, v)=u+v-1+C(1-u, 1-v)$ for every $(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2}($ see $[11])$.

Proposition 6. Let $(U, V)$ be a pair of random variables with associated copula $C$. Then we have

$$
\operatorname{df}(U+V)(t)= \begin{cases}\ell^{+}(1-(W \mid \hat{C})(1-t)), & \text { if } t \in[0,1] \\ (W \mid C)(t-1), & \text { if } t \in[1,2]\end{cases}
$$

Proof. Let $t \in[0,1]$. Then we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{df}(U+V)(t) & =\mu_{C}\left(\left\{(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid u+v \leq t\right\}\right) \\
& =\mu_{C}\left(\left\{(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid(1-u)+(1-v)-1 \geq 1-t\right\}\right) \\
& =\mu_{C}\left(\left\{\left(1-u^{\prime}, 1-v^{\prime}\right) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid u^{\prime}+v^{\prime}-1 \geq 1-t\right\}\right) \\
& =\mu_{\hat{C}}\left(\left\{\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid u^{\prime}+v^{\prime}-1 \geq 1-t\right\}\right) \\
& =\mu_{\hat{C}}\left(\left\{\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid W\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right) \geq 1-t\right\}\right) \\
& =1-\mu_{\hat{C}}\left(\left\{\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid W\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right)<1-t\right\}\right) \\
& =1-\ell^{-}((W \mid \hat{C})(1-t)) \\
& =\ell^{+}(1-(W \mid \hat{C})(1-t))
\end{aligned}
$$

where we have done the transformations $u^{\prime}=1-u, v^{\prime}=1-v$. On the other hand, for every $t \in[1,2]$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
(W \mid C)(t) & =\mu_{C}\left(\left\{(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid u+v-1 \leq t\right\}\right) \\
& =\mu_{C}\left(\left\{(u, v) \in[0,1]^{2} \mid u+v \leq t+1\right\}\right) \\
& =\operatorname{df}(U+V)(t+1)
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof.

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