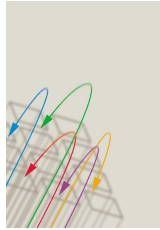


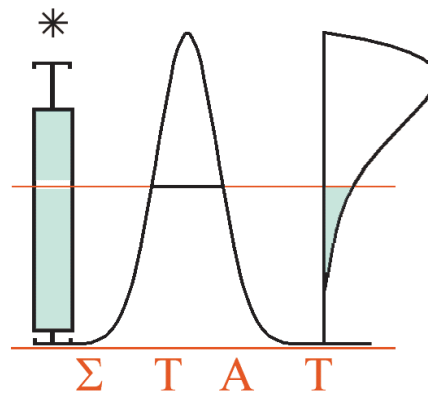
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1 Accomplished Research Projects

1.1 Introduction

The research project has been built up around five work packages. Table 1 below gives the *main* contributors to each work package and indicates per package the partner that is coordinating the work.

Work package	Contributing partners
WP1: Multivariate data with qualitative constraints	UCL, KUL-1*, UH, UJF, UU, USC
WP2: Temporally and spatially related data	UCL*, KUL-1, UG, UJF, UU, USC
WP3: Incomplete data	UCL, KUL-1, KUL-2, UG, UH*, USC, LSHTM
WP4: Data with latent heterogeneity	UCL, KUL-1, KUL-2*, UH, UJF, UU, USC
WP5: Highdimensional and compound data	UCL, KUL-1, KUL-2, UG*, UH, UJF, UU, USC

Table 1: *Main contributors per work package, and coordinating partner per work package (indicated with a *).*

In the subsections below we describe the progress that has been made in the various work packages. For each of the work packages we indicate interactions with research results in other packages. The references mentioned in the text can be found at the end of this report.

1.2 Work package 1: Multivariate data with qualitative constraints

1.2.1 Boundaries, frontiers, and efficiency and productivity analysis

Estimation of a support of a (univariate or multivariate) density function, or estimation of a more general support is a topic of research in the network since the start.

Kneip, Simar and Van Keilegom (2010) propose a new approach to estimate the boundary of the support of a univariate density when measurement error is present. The novelty of their approach lies in the fact they do not assume that the variance of the noise is known. They propose a method for simultaneous estimation of the boundary point and the variance. The asymptotic consistency and the rate of convergence of the estimators are established.

A challenging issue when using envelopment type estimators is the robustness to extremes and outliers. Related to this aspect, Daouia and Gijbels (2011) deal with the important question of how two families of partial production frontiers, an expected maximum output frontier of order m and a conditional quantile-type frontier of order α , are linked and how robust they are. Insights from this study brought up a new class of quantities which is applied in estimating frontier cost models in Daouia and Gijbels (2010).

1.2.2 Nonparametric and semiparametric estimation of (irregular) curves and surfaces, and estimation under qualitative constraints

Unknown functions and surfaces are not always smooth, and may show different types of irregularities in different regions. In Desmet and Gijbels (2011) local linear fitting is a basic starting point for estimating regression curves with irregularities in the function itself as well as in the derivative. Desmet, Gijbels and Lambert (2010) deal with nonparametric estimation of irregular density functions.

Another way to deal with different degrees of smoothness of curves is to use penalized regression techniques with an appropriate choice of the penalty function. A specific penalty choice influences the optimization problem to be solved as well as the existence of a (unique) solution. In Antoniadis, Gijbels and Nikolova (2011) nonparametric regression estimation is considered in extended generalized linear models using penalized splines with non-quadratic penalties. This unified approach allows to study the optimization problem and asymptotic properties of the resulting estimator for a whole class of penalties. The papers Gijbels and Verhasselt (2010a,b) look into penalized regression with a data-driven choice of difference type of penalty. The powerful P-splines techniques are also used as a basic ingredient in a variable selection procedure for additive models and varying coefficient models in Antoniadis, Gijbels and Verhasselt (2010a,b).

Gijbels, Prosdocimi and Claeskens (2010) look into the problem of estimation of under- or overdispersion. Especially overdispersion of data is a well-known phenomenon when analysing data. A unified approach to nonparametrically estimating mean and dispersion function is provided. These techniques were used to analyze Italian abortion rate data in Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2011). Croux, Gijbels and Prosdocimi (2010) developed robust procedures for mean and dispersion function estimation.

In financial applications, one needs to deal with a lot of irregular behaviour (e.g. of stock market prices, or stock indices). Among the key issues is the study of the volatility function. In financial mathematics and engineering, the erratic behaviour is often modelled by using particular classes of stochastic processes, such as Lévy processes. See for example Schoutens and Van Damme (2010) and Fang *et al.* (2010), among others.

1.2.3 Nonparametric (location-scale) regression and semiparametric regression

The receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC curve) is a tool of extensive use to analyze the discrimination capability of a diagnostic variable in medical studies. González-Manteiga, Pardo-Fernández and Van Keilegom (2010) model the effect of the covariate over the diagnostic variable by means of nonparametric location-scale regression models. They propose a new nonparametric estimator of the conditional ROC curve and study its asymptotic properties.

Neumeyer and Van Keilegom (2010) estimate the error distribution in a nonparametric location-scale regression model with multivariate covariates. Modeling heteroscedasticity in semiparametric regression can improve the efficiency of the estimator of the parametric component in the regression function, and is important for inference problems such as plug-in bandwidth selection and the construction of confidence intervals. Van Keilegom and Wang (2010) propose a general method to estimate the dispersion function in a semiparametric way, and obtain generic conditions under

which the proposed estimator satisfies certain asymptotic properties.

1.2.4 Multivariate data, robust analysis and nonparametric inference

Among the main research themes in recent years in the network, is the analysis of elliptically distributed multivariate data, possibly corrupted with outliers. For high-dimensional data, dimension reduction will often be applied by means of a principal component analysis (PCA) method. Work on robust PCA methods is reported on in WP 5.

1.2.5 Functional data analysis

Clustering techniques for functional data are studied in Claeskens, Hubert and Slaets (2010). Ferraty, Van Keilegom and Vieu (2010a) consider a functional nonparametric regression model, in which the response is univariate and the covariate is functional. They show the asymptotic validity of a naive and a wild bootstrap procedure, and study an application to the construction of confidence intervals. In Ferraty, Van Keilegom and Vieu (2010b) the challenging context of a functional nonparametric regression model, in which both the response and the covariate are functional, is studied.

1.2.6 Modelling and measuring of dependencies and copula functions

Often, the dependence structure between two (or more) random variables is itself influenced by another variable, a covariate. Such a dependence structure can be modeled via a so-called conditional copula function. Estimation of conditional copulas was discussed in Gijbels, Veraverbeke and Omelka (2010) and Veraverbeke, Omelka and Gijbels (2011). Bootstrapping procedures for conditional copulas are developed in Omelka, Veraverbeke and Gijbels (2010).

Among the important questions in modeling and measuring of dependencies, is the choice of an appropriate copula function or family. Some copulas exhibit interesting particular properties, such as positive quadrant dependence or negative quadrant dependence. In Gijbels, Omelka and Sznajder (2010) testing procedures for testing the null hypothesis of positive quadrant dependence are developed.

Hafner and Reznikova (2010) contributed towards efficient estimation of a semi-parametric dynamic copula model. Elliptical copulas were the focus of Manner and Segers (2011).

1.2.7 Extreme value theory and copulas

Among the typical distributions in extreme value theory are Pareto distributions. Hubert, Dierckx and Vanpaemel (2010) study how to detect influential data points in such distributions. Gudendorf and Segers (2010, 2011) paid attention to non-parametric estimation in extreme-value copulas of arbitrary dimension.

1.3 Work package 2: Temporally and spatially related data

Temporally and spatially related data are encountered in several sciences and their statistical analysis has a long history. However, the development and investigation of models for temporal

or spatio-temporal correlated data under non standard assumptions, in discrete or continuous times and in one or higher dimensions, still encounters many important but unsolved problems. The main achievements of the research network for temporally and spatially related data can be subdivided into three categories: complex time series data, spatially related data and continuous time models. Most Belgian partners (UCL, KUL-1, KUL-3) and most European partners (UJF, USC) have contributed to WP2.

1.3.1 Statistical analysis of complex time series data

One type of complexity often present in real data is due to the irregularity of the spectral density function of a stationary time series. Nonparametric estimation of a spectral density with improved estimation at the peaks is dealt with in Desmet and Gijbels (2010). The proposed method relies on local linear fitting techniques. These techniques are also the basic ingredient for estimating nonparametrically the volatility function in Casas and Gijbels (2010). Local polynomial fitting (in a non time series setup) is among the methods studied in detail and applied in various contexts in WP1. An alternative very popular technique is thresholded wavelet estimation. Freyermuth et al. (2010) consider tree-structured wavelet estimation in a mixed effects model for spectra of replicated time series. An other source of complexity very often met in the applied sciences is the deviation from stationarity. In Roueff and von Sachs (2011) the estimation of the time-varying long memory parameter is considered in the presence of local stationarity. Bhm et al. (2010) propose a classification method of multivariate non-stationary signals. On the other hand using local linear/polynomial fitting Croux *et al.* (2010) derive methods for robust forecasting in nonstationary time series. Regularly varying time series in Banach spaces has been studied in Meinguet and Segers (2010).

Censoring of time series data is another problem sometimes encountered with real data. Teodorescu et al. (2010) study generalized time-dependent conditional linear models under left truncation and right censoring. In nonparametric location-scale regression models Heuchenne and Van Keilegom (2010) consider the estimation based on censored data, while Lambert (2010) assumes interval censored data. Antoniadis et al. (2010) study the Dantzig selector for regression with right censored data. On the other hand, the construction of confidence intervals and goodness-of-fit tests are also important to validate models on data. Smoothed empirical likelihood confidence intervals for the relative distribution with left-truncated and right-censored data are proposed in Molanez-Lopez et al. (2010). These papers are very much related to the research topics studied under WP1 and WP3.

A lot of work is done in the network in developing models for financial data. The GARCH and stochastic volatility (SV) models are two competing, well-known and often used models to explain the volatility of financial series. Hafner and Preminger (2010) propose strong decision rules for deciding between GARCH and stochastic volatility. By employing polynomial fitting techniques Casas and Gijbels (2010) estimate nonparametrically the volatility function.

A domain where time series in discrete time arise naturally is that of ability testing: A set of items (e.g., questions) is given to a sample of examinees (e.g., pupils or students) with the instruction to solve them. Almost always there is a time limit, and this induces time pressure.

This time pressure typically plays a larger role towards the end of the test, with as a result that examinees may start to drop items. We have investigated whether it is possible to detect persons that are particularly sensitive to time pressure using local influence diagnostics (Goegebeur, De Boeck, and Molenberghs, 2010).

One important aspect of the research proposal was an extension of the univariate analysis to the case of multiple time series. Hafner and Reznikova (2010) consider efficient estimation of a semiparametric dynamic copula model. Segers (2010) derives weak convergence of empirical copula processes under non-restrictive smoothness assumptions. The development of working methods for analyzing the correlation between multiple series and its application to financial data has been of interest. For example in the context of insurance data, Manner and Segers (2010) characterize tails of correlation mixtures of elliptical copulas. Extreme values of a stationary, multivariate time series may exhibit dependence across coordinates and over time. Genest and Segers (2010) study the covariance of the asymptotic empirical copula process, a new and potentially useful tool.

1.3.2 Spatially related data

Another main objective of this work package is the analysis of spatial data. Crujeiras and Van Keilegom (2010) study the asymptotic and finite sample properties of an estimator of a nonlinear regression function when errors are spatially correlated, and when the spatial dependence structure is unknown. The proposed method is based on a weighted nonlinear least squares approach, taking into account the spatial covariance. Weak consistency of the regression parameters estimator is derived, along with its asymptotic Gaussian limit. There is a growing interest in improving the level of knowledge of spatial and spatio-temporal processes using spectral techniques. Crujeiras et al. (2010) suggest to extend two different goodness-of-fit testing techniques for the spatial spectral density. The first approach is based on a smoothed version of the ratio between the periodogram and a parametric estimator of the spectral density. The second one is a generalized likelihood ratio test statistic, based on the log-periodogram representation as the response variable in a regression model. As a particular case, they provide tests for independence. Asymptotic normal distribution of both statistics is obtained, under the null hypothesis. Finally, in Antoniadis et al. (2010) an application to real data is provided. The authors consider spatio-temporal prediction for West Africa monsoon.

1.3.3 Continuous time models

Concerning single level continuous time modes, we contributed to a theoretical analysis of Weibull distribution based models for time to event data (Tuerlinckx, 2010). Next, for multilevel continuous time models, in a first line of research, a multilevel or hierarchical Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process model has been developed together with a Bayesian inference algorithm to analyze irregularly spaced multivariate time series from different subjects simultaneously. Because of the complexity of the Bayesian inference algorithm, we have investigated in Oravecz and Tuerlinckx (in press) whether we could not make use of simpler algorithms that had been developed before to estimate linear mixed models. It turns out that there are some exact and approximate relations between the models, but that the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process allows for some interesting sources of ran-

dom variability that the linear mixed model cannot incorporate. Second, diffusion-based models for decision making have been extended hierarchically, so as to allow for analyses of experiments with many subjects and fewer decision trials. Given the complexity of some stimuli (e.g., words, pictures, etc.), it is not possible to make subjects undergo numerous identical trials; this makes a hierarchical model a necessity. The hierarchical models have been developed in a Bayesian context because of the computational tools that can be applied within this framework. In a first study, a hierarchical Ratcliff diffusion model is presented and explained from a psychometric point of view (Vandekerckhove, Tuerlinckx, and Lee, in press). This has led to a modeling framework that is highly flexible and easy to work with for applied researchers. Next, the model has been applied in Vandekerckhove, Verheyen, and Tuerlinckx (2010) to a speeded semantic categorization task in which both subjects and items were random (i.e., a crossed random effects model). Third, when latent quantities with dynamical properties are involved, state space models offer an interesting modeling framework. However, for simultaneous modeling of individual and population differences, a hierarchical extension of the basic state space model is necessary. We introduced a very versatile Bayesian hierarchical model with random effects for the system parameters (Lodewyckx, Tuerlinckx, Kuppens, Allen, and Sheeber, 2011). This model can be applied to any time series for multiple systems (where a system can represent any type of entity).

1.4 Work package 3: Incomplete data

The work on incomplete data can be captured under the broad headings of: (1) complex modeling approaches for missing data; (2) sensitivity analysis tools; (3) censored survival data; and (4) general incomplete data structures.

1.4.1 Complex modeling approaches for missing data

For complex modeling approaches for missing data, work has been done to provide a paradigm shift in the application of missing data methodology. In particular, we mention the work done under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences (US) and commanded by the Food and Drug Administration (Little *et al* 2010), to which Geert Molenberghs has contributed. Likewise, Burzykowski and Carpenter contributed to the PSI working group on incomplete data (2010). A variety of contributions has been made to reference texts. Such work at the same times avoids continuing the use of sub-optimal methods and advocates the use of appropriate methods, such as direct likelihood and direct Bayesian inferences, inverse probability weighting methods, and multiple imputation. Molenberghs (2010) wrote an encyclopedia entry on incomplete data in clinical and epidemiological studies, as well as one on sensitivity analysis.

Aerts *et al* (2010) studied missingness and informative cluster sizes in a clustered-data context. Jansen and Molenberghs (2010) focused on pattern-mixture model for non-monotone missing data. Molenberghs *et al* (2010) published on pseudo-likelihood methodology for incomplete data, using doubly robust ideas. Pseudo-likelihood methodology was also the topic of Troxel *et al* (2010). Doubly-robust methodology was also put forward by Moerkerke, Vansteelandt, and Lange (2010) and Lee, Mangseok, and Kenward (2010). Sotto *et al* (2010) developed MCMC-methodology for incomplete, non-monotone longitudinal data. Tsonaka *et al* (2010) developed methods for non-

randomly missing data. A broad study of unobservables was provided by Verbeke and Molenberghs (2010). Cortiñas *et al* (2010) studied software for incomplete data. Inverse probability weighting was the topic of Vansteelandt, Carpenter, and Kenward (2010). Partially linear models for incomplete data were studied by Bianco *et al* (2010). Multiple imputation was studied by Carpenter, Roger, and Kenward (2010), Spratt *et al* (2010), and White *et al* (2010). Carpenter and Plewis contributed to a book on non-response in longitudinal data. Daniel *et al* (2010) used graph theory in incomplete data problems.

1.4.2 Sensitivity analysis tools

Sensitivity analysis tools have been developed to assess the impact of untestable assumptions about the incomplete data distribution, given the observed data, on important scientific conclusions. Contributions were made by Poeto *et al* (2010). Creemers *et al* (2010) provided sensitivity analysis tools for the shared-parameter model.

1.4.3 Censored survival data

In the category of censored survival data, both parametric and non-parametric methods have been a topic of interest. Lambert (2011) considered an additive location-scale model for interval censored data. Cetinyurek and Lambert (2011) focused on smooth estimation of survival functions and hazard ratios from interval-censored data using Bayesian penalized B-splines. Gaddah and Braekers (2010) treated testing under the extended Koziol-Green model. The same model was also the focus of Veraverbeke (2010). Heuchenne and Van Keilegom (2010) and Van Keilegom *et al* (2011) focused on location-scale regression models for censored data. Molanez-Lopez, Cao, and Van Keilegom (2010) and Teodorescu and Van Keilegom (2010) studied the combination of left-truncated and right-censored data. Gijbels (2010) wrote an encyclopedia entry on the Kaplan-Meier estimator. Pérez González, Vilar Fernández, and González-Manteiga (2010) studied a non-parametric variance function with missing data.

Furthermore, attention has been given to longitudinal, recurrent, multivariate, and otherwise correlated survival times. To this end, work has been done in the copula and frailty paradigms. Meira-Machado (2010) *et al* considered non-Markov models for successive survival times. Hens and Wienke (2010) studied the correlated gamma frailty model for current status data. Markov models for successive survival times were treated in Meira-Machado (2010). Left truncated dependent data were of interest in de Uña Álvarez, Rodríguez-Casal, and Liang (2010).

1.4.4 General incomplete data structures

General incomplete data structures have received attention. In ability testing, often a set of items is given to a sample of examinees with the instruction to solve them. Almost always there is a time limit, and this induces time pressure. As a result, towards the end of the test examinees will typically start to drop items, giving rise to missing data. Goegebeur, De Boeck, and Molenberghs (2010) have developed a probabilistic model for test speededness and have investigated whether it is possible to detect persons that are particularly sensitive to time pressure using local influence diagnostics (see also WP2).

In the area of joint modeling of longitudinal and survival data, contributions were made by Dejardin, Lesaffre, and Verbeke (2010) and Rizopoulos, Verbeke, and Molenberghs (2010). Survival and incomplete data were combined in Nur *et al* (2010).

1.5 Work package 4: Data with latent heterogeneity

In many situations, statistical models are used that assume the presence of latent, unobservable, structures to explain the variability observed in the data. Exactly the fact that those structures, by definition, can never be observed poses particular problems with respect to identifiability, as illustrated in Verbeke and Molenberghs (2010). Nevertheless, those models have proven to be very useful in various contexts, and some illustrations of this will be summarized in Section 1.5.1. Many statistical models employ latent structures to generate association structures in correlated data settings. One particular application is the construction of models for the joint analysis of multiple outcomes. An number of examples will be discussed in Section 1.5.2. Many standard statistical models are based on very strict underlying assumptions. So are many mixed models. In specific applications, model assumptions need to be relaxed in order for the models to be realistic for specific data sets at hand. Examples are presented in Section 1.5.3. An important class of latent heterogeneity models has been developed within the framework of item response theory (IRT). Specification and parameter estimation of some of those IRT models is discussed in Section 1.5.4. In the case that heterogeneity shows up at the person as well as the item side, crossed random effects models are most useful: see Section 1.5.5. Finally, in Section 1.5.6 we discuss several models for multivariate data on time dynamical processes; individual differences and trial-to-trial heterogeneity in such data are captured in those models through different kinds of hierarchical extensions.

1.5.1 Applications of models with latent structures

When the latent structures are assumed to be of a continuous nature, one traditionally refers to the models as mixed-effects models. Often the models are linear, generalized linear, or nonlinear regression models in which some parameters are assumed to be sampled from a continuous distribution, often assumed (multivariate) normal. Those random effects can have various interpretations such as levels of general practitioners in a multicenter study (Goderis *et al.* 2010), levels of hospitals in a study comparing various hospitals with respect to patient safety (Diya *et al.* 2010), or gene effects in the context of transgenic improvement of a commercial crop (De Wolf *et al.* 2010).

In Komárek *et al.* (2010), mixed models have been used to classify subjects into two or more prognostic groups using longitudinally observed values of markers related to the prognosis. The proposed method proceeds in two steps as described earlier in the literature. First, multivariate linear mixed models are fitted in each prognostic group from a training data set to model the dependence of markers on time and on possibly other covariates. Second, the fitted mixed models are used to develop a discrimination rule for future subjects. The method improves upon existing approaches by relaxing the normality assumption of random effects in the underlying mixed models. Namely, a heteroscedastic multivariate normal mixture is assumed and inference is performed within the Bayesian framework using the Markov chain Monte Carlo methodology. Software has

been written for the proposed method and it is freely available. The methodology is applied to data from the Dutch Primary Biliary Cirrhosis Study.

1.5.2 Latent structures for joint modeling

Many subject-matter research questions can only be answered by modeling several outcomes jointly. Assuming a mixed or mixture model for each outcome separately and allowing the latent structures to be common or correlated for the various outcomes, implies joint models in a very straightforward way.

In Zhang et al. (2011) latent variables are used to derive the joint distribution of bivariate ordinal outcomes, measured longitudinally. Specifically, the ordinal outcomes are related to a bivariate latent variable, which is modeled over time using a linear mixed model. Random effects terms are used to tie together all repeated observations from the same subject. The cross-sectional association between the two outcomes is modeled through the correlation coefficient of the bivariate latent variable, conditional on random effects.

1.5.3 Model extensions and/or flexible models

Models with flexible assumptions about latent structures have been applied in many different contexts. In Ghidry, Lesaffre and Verbeke (2010), some recently suggested approaches to flexibly estimate the random effects distribution in linear mixed models are compared. While mixed models are particularly useful to model mean and/or dispersion functions flexibly, allowing for overdispersion, alternatives have been studied in Gijbels, Prosdocimi, and Claeskens (2010), who also compared their approach to mixed models.

1.5.4 Parameters of item response models

Item response models are probabilistic models for responses from a sample of persons to a set of items or questions. Latent heterogeneity is mostly situated at the person side to allow for differences in ability or proficiency of different persons. Regarding the parameters of such models, we have studied two groups of (partly interrelated) issues.

First, differential item function (DIF) refers to the phenomenon that questions of a test may mean something different to different groups. It is important to detect DIF in order to avoid test bias (and potential law suits), see for example Janssen (2010). We have constructed a novel model that incorporates DIF (based on a Rasch model with random item difficulties besides the common random person abilities) and that assumes a mixture model for the item difficulties such that the items may belong to one of two classes: a DIF or a non-DIF class (Frederickx, Tuerlinckx, De Boeck, and Magis, 2010). Moreover, we have built an R package to apply a variety of DIF methods and compared them to one another; see Magis, Bland, Tuerlinckx, and De Boeck (2010).

Second, we contributed a new method to estimate the ability levels of persons in an item response model in Magis and Raïche (2010), and proposed a correction to the Bayesian approach of maximum a posterior estimation in order to reduce the bias when estimating extremely large or small ability levels (Magis, Bland, and Raïche, in press).

1.5.5 Crossed random effects

Crossed random effects models are an exciting tool to deal with cases in which latent heterogeneity is present in two modes of the data. As an example, one may think of person by item data with latent heterogeneity in both the person and the item mode. Linking up with this example, a crossed random effects approach has been shown to be very fruitful in the context of item response models, see Janssen (in press), which includes a latent regression model for the item difficulties. Crossed random effects can also be included in the modelling of repeated decision trials, see Vandekerckhove, Verheyen, and Tuerlinckx (2010) and Vandekerckhove, Tuerlinckx, and Lee, in press.

1.5.6 Multilevel longitudinal data

Often, repeated measures are taken from a sample of persons, with the researcher wanting to learn something about the dynamic properties of the population from which the persons are sampled and about the individual differences. Models to address these issues have been studied, and the most important results will be summarized below. There is of course an obvious link between this work and WP2.

In a coordinated fashion, various types of multivariate multilevel continuous time models have been developed, and associated Bayesian inferential techniques have been proposed, see Oravec and Tuerlinckx, in press. In this paper, the core model is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck diffusion process, for which key parameters (mean, variances, autocorrelations) are allowed to be subject to latent heterogeneity across individuals. Another core model used, is the state space model that we extended hierarchically using a Bayesian hierarchical model with random effects for the system parameter (see Lodewyckx, Tuerlinckx, Kuppens, Allen, and Sheeber, in press).

Latent heterogeneity is also allowed in another type of continuous time diffusion process models, called the Ratcliff diffusion model for decision making. In this model, the latent heterogeneity implies that some of the key parameters of the model may vary from trial to trial, through which a number of crucial experimental observations can be accommodated (e.g., both fast and slow error responses in a decision task). Regarding our contributions, we have extended the model to allow also for latent between-person heterogeneity (Vandekerckhove, Tuerlinckx, and Lee, in press).

Finally, we also dealt with multilevel longitudinal data within the context of item response models that capture speededness effects. Results in this area are reported under WP2 and WP3.

1.6 Work package 5: Highdimensional and compound data

1.6.1 Bioinformatics

We have continued our work on phylogenetic inference (i.e. inferring evolutionary models and trees on the basis of observed nucleotides of existing species, but not their ancestors). Most current approaches assume for computational reasons that the evolution at a given locus is independent of evolution at neighboring loci. We have therefore focused on the development of context-dependent evolutionary models which allow for the evolution of a given site to depend upon its ancestor and that ancestor's immediate flanking sites. Because such dependency pattern cannot be imposed on the root sequence in an evolutionary tree, we consider the use of different orders of

Markov chains to model dependence at the ancestral root sequence. MCMC analyses reveal strong support for second-order Markov chains at the ancestral root sequence, thus resulting in drastic model improvements. We further evaluated the importance of non-reversible evolutionary models when analyzing context-dependence. The relevance of this is motivated by the fact that context-dependence is typically thought to be present in the well-known CpG-methylation-deamination process in mammalian evolution, which is inherently non-reversible. We find that non-reversible context-dependent models can drastically increase model fit when compared to independent models and this on two primate non-coding datasets.

Handling outliers in high dimensional data is more difficult than in small to moderate dimensional data because it becomes unrealistic to assume that a majority of the observations is completely free of any contamination. Van Aelst, Vandervieren, and Willems (2011) address this problem for the Stahel-Donoho estimator of multivariate location and scatter by determining separate weights for each component of an observation instead of case weights that hold for all components of an observation simultaneously.

In a last bioinformatics application of the UG group, in plant breeding, Dewolf et al. (2010) use mixed model techniques to deal with sources of variability in the data-analysis of phenotyping experiments with transgenic rice. Somaclonal variability and insertion variability are separated from each other to assess the effect of the inserted gene and its variability in a correct way. As an extension to this work, design aspects of such trials aiming at evaluating a specific gene effect and producing a productive mutant were studied.

1.6.2 Data mining

In many situations one observes a lot of variables, and a selection of the most important variables is a key task. Variable selection in an additive model as well as in a varying coefficient modelling structure has been accomplished in Antoniadis, Gijbels and Verhasselt (2010a,b) using a combination of the nonnegative garotte technique and P-splines estimation.

For high-dimensional data dimension reduction will often be applied by means of a principal component analysis (PCA) method. A new kernel PCA method and diagnostic tools to detect influential data points were proposed in Debruyne, Hubert and Van Horebeke (2010). Support-vector machine techniques are among the methods used for high-dimensional data. Such kernel-based regression methods and their robustness were studied in Debruyne *et al.* (2010).

1.6.3 Psychometrics

Highdimensional object by variable data

To deal with vast data sizes, we have been working on a broad range of methods that imply a reduction of the variables (and possibly also of the objects), with this reduction being either categorical or dimensional in nature (clustering resp. dimension reduction).

A particular focus of research was on models that simultaneously perform a clustering and a dimension reduction: We studied and compared such models from a theoretical point of view (Timmerman, Ceulemans, Kiers, and Vichi, 2010), and developed generic frameworks for them (see Timmerman and Ceulemans, 2010, and Van Mechelen and Van Deun, 2010).

For the case of clustering models that simultaneously group objects and variables in overlapping clusters, a particularly useful extension was proposed that allows to unveil the nature of interactions as present in the data (see Schepers and Van Mechelen, 2010).

The methods that have been developed were mainly deterministic, but in addition a generic approach has been proposed to expand deterministic models into their immediately related stochastic counterparts (Gelman, Leenen, De Boeck, and Poblome, 2010).

As regards algorithmic developments, special attention was paid to making user-friendly software with a graphical user interface (Wilderjans, Ceulemans, Van Mechelen, and Depril, in press).

Multiway data

Almost all methods for the analysis of multiway data assume that the comparison of any two entries in the data array under study reflects or represents meaningful content-specific information. Violations of this assumption may imply data-analytic results that are of doubtful quality at best and worthless in the worst-case scenario. In Van Mechelen and Smilde (in press), the assumption of comparability is clarified, a number of reasons of why the assumption is very often violated in practice are listed, and several possible approaches to deal with problems of comparability are reviewed. It is concluded that any satisfactory solution to comparability problems requires a very careful reflection about the data collection and the ultimate goal of the data analysis.

Coupled data

As a consequence of our information society, not only more and larger data sets become available, but also data sets that include multiple sorts of information regarding the same system. Such data sets can be denoted by the terms coupled, linked, or multiset data, and the associated data analysis can be denoted by the term data fusion.

Within the framework of this IAP program, we successfully developed a novel model for data fusion problems (see Wilderjans, Ceulemans, Van Mechelen, and van den Berg, in press). Our study of model interrelations further culminated in an overall conceptual framework for data fusion, along with a generic model that subsumes an important subset of specific (existing as well as to be developed) data fusion approaches as special cases, see Van Mechelen and Smilde, 2010.

On the level of data analysis we dealt with two types of issues:

1. **Weighting:** When dealing with the estimation of a global model to coupled data at hand, an important question reads how the information from the different blocks is to be integrated into an overall loss or objective function. This question becomes especially important if the data blocks differ rather strongly in size and/or if they are subject to rather different amounts of noise. To deal with this issue, we studied different possible weighting schemes and likelihood-based approaches, making use of synthetic data. This made clear that: (a) in a homogeneous error setting, it is advisable not to correct for block size by downweighting larger blocks (Wilderjans, Ceulemans, Van Mechelen, and van den Berg, in press), and (b) when data blocks differ considerably both in size and presumed noise level, one may benefit from using a likelihood-based downweighting of error-prone data blocks (Wilderjans, Ceulemans, Van Mechelen, and van den Berg, in press).

2. Model selection: We developed a numerical convex hull based procedure for selecting among several multilevel simultaneous component solutions (Ceulemans, Timmerman, and Kiers, in press).

Finally, we compared analyses of separate data blocks with a data fusion approach in a study on gene co-expression network analysis (van den Berg et al., 2010).

2 Network Activities

2.1 Web site and newsletter

All activities of the IAP-statistics network can be followed very closely from our web site. The address of the web site is

<http://www.stat.ucl.ac.be/IAP/PhaseVI>.

The web site contains e.g. the following information:

- Our logo
- Call for applications
- Description of the project
- List of scientific personnel working under the IAP project
- List of IAP members and their email addresses
- List of visitors
- Research activities (workshops, seminars, short courses,...)
- Defended theses and theses in preparation
- Downloadable technical reports, list of publications and list of books
- Annual reports and reports of scientific meetings
- Contact details

2.2 Scientific meetings

2.2.1 Annual workshop

The 2010 annual workshop entitled ‘Cross-fertilization within the IAP network’ was organized by KUL-1 (Leuven, 18-19 November 2010). The workshop focused on cross-links between the different work packages and on recurrent research themes that are being studied by several partners from different angles (such as copulas as a key tool to deal with dependencies, and variable selection / sparseness methods to deal with high dimensional data.) More information can be found on the web page of the workshop:

<http://ppw.kuleuven.be/okp/iapworkshop4/>.

The 2011 annual workshop will be organized by the UCL group and will take place in November 2011. The goal of this workshop will be to focus on major breakthroughs in the network over the last 5 years, and also on important and promising future research directions the network likes to take a lead in in the near future.

2.2.2 Meetings

The following meetings were organized by the network in 2010:

- The European partner of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) has organized, with IAP support, the METMAV Conference from 30 June to 2 July 2010, which is an international workshop on spatio temporal modelling. The purpose of this conference is to promote the development and

application of spatio-temporal statistical methods in different fields related to environmental sciences. A total of 130 participants from 19 countries participated to the meeting.

- On October 14-15, 2010, the 18th Annual Meeting of the Belgian Statistical Society took place in Spa. The IAP network took part in the organization of this meeting, and organized one session.
- The University of Hasselt (UH) organizes on May 19-20, 2011 a conference on ‘Recent Advances in Statistics and Probability’. The conference is in honor of Noël Veraverbeke, who retires at the end of this academic year. The list of invited speakers includes four IAP members: L. Duchateau, I. Gijbels, W. González-Manteiga and I. Van Keilegom.

2.3 Organization of the network: administrative meeting

The annual administrative meeting took place on 18 November 2010 in Leuven, during the annual workshop. The meeting was attended by : A. Antoniadis (UJF), L. Duchateau (UG), P. Eilers (EMC), I. Gijbels (KUL-1), W. González-Manteiga (USC), J. Johannes (UCL), M. Kenward (LSHTM), I. Van Keilegom (UCL), I. Van Mechelen (KUL-1) and N. Veraverbeke (UH). The participants to this administrative meeting discussed issues related to past and future scientific activities organized by the network, scientific collaborations in the network, work valorization (such as web page, reports, ...), network organization, management and visibility. A detailed report of this meeting was sent to all participants.

2.4 Collaborations, working groups and seminars

2.4.1 Collaborations

The IAP network is working on a broad range of research topics in statistics. There is a large number of scientific collaborations within the network, as can be seen from the list of technical reports and publications (see Section 3, and in particular Subsection 3.10, where all joint technical reports and publications are collected). Below, we mention a few examples of ongoing collaborations between members of different teams of the network.

- G. Molenberghs (UH/KUL-2) and G. Verbeke (KUL-2) are preparing a book on mixed models.
- UH, KUL-2, and LSHTM are involved in a Taylor & Francis book project on missing data, together also with North Carolina State University.
- There is a continuing collaboration between KUL-1 and UH on the use of generalized linear mixed models in psychometric applications and test theory (including the study of test speediness).
- There exists a lot of collaboration between KUL-1 and UJF on variable selection and sparseness within the context of mixture, component, and unfolding models.

- P. Janssen (UH), L. Duchateau (UG), C. Legrand (UCL) and PhD students of their respective research groups are working together on projects related to frailty models and competing risks in survival analysis.
- KUL-1 and KUL-2 are both partners in a KUL Center of Excellence for computational systems biology. The teams have made several methodological contributions (of immediate relevance for WP5) in the context of statistical bioinformatics, which have led to new biological insights.
- R. Crujeiras Casais (USC) has stayed with the UCL group for 10 days in November 2010. She worked on spatial regression with censored observations.
- M. Garcia Magarios and W. González Manteiga (USC) have collaborated with A. Antoniadis (UJF).

2.4.2 Working groups

Below are a few examples of active working groups in the network. They are an important tool to stimulate interactions between network partners, and to stay informed of the research achievements of other partners of the network.

- *Variable selection and sparseness*
Members of the KUL-1 (in particular I. Gijbels and A. Verhasselt) and of UJF (A. Antoniadis) have extensive collaborations on the development of semi- and nonparametric methods for complex data, such as heavy noisy data. One of the aspects of the work is exploring regularization techniques. These collaborations are situated in WP1 and on the interface between WP1 and WP4.
- *Frailty models*
The working group on frailty models and related models with members from UH, UG, UCL, and KUL-2 continues to meet on a regular basis. The main research topics discussed in this working group are related to competing risks and to transformation models for survival data (where the transformed cumulative hazard is modeled as a function of covariates in a linear way and where such models are extended to time-varying covariates and frailties).
- *Bioinformatics*
I. Van Mechelen (KUL-1) and G. Verbeke (KUL-2) are both partners in a KUL Center of Excellence for computational systems biology. Their teams have made several methodological contributions (of immediate relevance for WP5) in the context of statistical bioinformatics, which have led to new biological and medical insights.
- *Copulas*
The working group on ‘Modeling dependencies and inference based on copulas’ consisting of members of KUL-1 and UH has already led to several joint publications of members of these two universities. In 2010 the IAP-postdoc F. Abegaz (jointly hired by KUL-1 and UH) has been very active in this working group.

- *Sensitivity analysis*

An incomplete data and sensitivity analysis working group with researchers from KUL-2, UH and EMC meets regularly and is hosted in alternation by UH and KUL-2. There are also contributions from LSHTM.

- *Goodness-of-fit tests*

C. Heuchenne and I. Van Keilegom (UCL) have extensive collaborations with members of the USC partner (W. González-Manteiga and R. Crujeiras Casais) on goodness-of-fit tests in (semi)-parametric regression, when the data are or are not subject to right censoring. They also work together on a project dealing with ROC-curves in regression, and a project on inference for censored spatial data. The research is mostly situated in WP1, but also in WP2 and WP3. Recently, they started working on a project on semiparametric cure models in survival analysis.

2.4.3 Seminars

Each of the participating partners organizes on a regular basis statistics seminars at their universities. Announcements of these seminars are sent out to most Belgian statisticians, including those participating in the network.

Apart from the regular statistics seminars at the universities involved, several seminars have been organized by the network itself, around central themes of the network. They are on some occasions given by members of the network, in order to foster research interactions and exchange of ideas. These seminars are indicated by a star (*).

- 8 January, 2010: Yi Li (Harvard University), ‘The Dantzig selector for censored linear regression models: identifying predictive genes for myeloma disease progression’, at UG
- *January 22, 2010: Auguste Gaddah (UH), ‘Flexible modeling in the generalized conditional Koziol-Green model by a copula function’, at UCL
- *February 11, 2010: Jan Johannes, (UCL), ‘Adaptive circular deconvolution by model selection under unknown error distribution, at KUL-1
- *March 18, 2010: Auguste Gaddah (UH), ‘Flexible modeling in the generalized conditional Koziol-Green model by a copula function’, at KUL-1
- *March 18, 2010: Fentaw Abegaz (postdoc IAP, joint at KUL-1 and UH), ‘Semiparametric estimation of conditional copulas’, at KUL-1. This seminar and the previous one were organized together around the common theme ‘modeling dependencies in complex data using copulas’.
- May 21, 2010: Uschi Müller-Harknett (Texas A&M University), ”Nonlinear regression with missing responses”, at UCL
- May 21, 2010: Melanie Birke (University of Bochum), ”Testing for monotonicity - an empirical process approach”, at UCL

- November 11, 2010: Arne Kovac (Bristol University), ‘Penalized regression on a graph’, at UCL
- November 11, 2010: Juan Carlos Pardo Fernandez (University of Vigo), ‘Nonparametric tests for risk-return relationship’, at UCL

In addition, we like to mention that Anastasios Tsiatis (North Carolina State University) has been awarded the 2010-2011 Princess Lilian Visiting Professorship. The promoters (hosts) are Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2), Geert Verbeke (KUL-2) and Marc Aerts (UH). During his visit, which is planned in May-June 2011, Anastasios Tsiatis will teach a doctoral-training course, he will provide guidance to the doctoral students of KUL-2 and UH, and he will give a sequence of research seminars at UH, KUL-2 and UCL.

Finally, Anthony Davison (EPFL, Lausanne), who is member of the follow-up committee of our IAP network, has been awarded the Francqui Chair 2011. He will give a series of lectures on ‘Likelihood theory’ and ‘Statistics of extremes’. The host university is the University of Hasselt (UH). The lectures take place at UH, KUL-1 and UCL. There are 10 lectures in total between March 28 and May 5, 2011.

2.5 Short courses

Several short (intensive) courses have been organized. These courses were intended for all members of the network, and in particular (but not exclusively) for the PhD-students. The announcements were each time sent out to all members and posted on the web site. No (or reduced) registration fees were required for IAP-members.

A list of the short courses organized during the working year 2010 is given below.

- January 25-26, 2010: Short course on ‘An introduction to statistical inverse problems’, by Axel Munk (University of Goettingen, Germany), at UCL, jointly organized by the FNRS Graduate School in Statistics and the IAP network.
- February 17, 2010: Short course on ‘Bayesian data analysis’, by Andrew Gelman (Columbia University, New York, USA), at KUL-1. More than 180 participants registered for this course, including many PhD students and postdocs from all IAP partners. This activity can also be considered to have contributed significantly to the visibility of our network.
- June 1 and 3, 2010: Short course on ‘Regression estimation under shape constraints - an overview’, by Melanie Birke (Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany), at UCL.
- October 18, 21 and 25, 2010: Short course on ‘Long memory processes: theory and applications’, by Francois Roueff (Telecom ParisTech), at UCL.
- November 24 and 25, 2010: Short course on ‘Nonparametric methods in ROC curves’ by Juan Carlos Pardo Fernández (University of Vigo), at UCL.
- December 20-21, 2010: Short course on ‘The craft of smoothing’ by Paul Eilers (EMC) and Brian Marx, at EMC.

2.6 PhD and postdoctoral researchers

The postdocs financed by the IAP network have been hired after a joint call, collecting all the positions offered by groups of the network in one single announcement, that was sent out on an international scale to many universities in the whole scientific community. Among those hired, we like to mention in particular the following two postdocs :

- Dan Lin is an IAP postdoc, who is for 50% financed by UH, and the other 50% by KUL-2 (contract from January 1 till December 31, 2010).
- Fentaw Abegaz is an IAP postdoc, who worked for 6 months at KUL-1 (October 2009-April 2010) followed by 6 months at UH (April 2010 - October 2010).
- Auguste Gaddah finished his PhD in September 2010 at UH, and started working as a postdoc at UCL from October on.

These types of postdoc positions are very interesting for the network, as it stimulates interactions among the different groups.

Several members of the network are members of PhD guidance committees of PhD students at other universities in the network. A list of PhD theses currently in preparation in the network can be found on the website:

http://www.stat.ucl.ac.be/IAP/PhaseVI/research_theses.html

The list mentions (among others) which members of partner universities of the network take part in the PhD committee. This participation is a very useful way to get familiar with the research carried out at other groups of the network. The website also contains a list of defended theses in the network since 2007.

2.7 Prizes obtained by network members

- Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2): Drug Information Journal's Donald E. Francke Award for Overall Excellence in Journal Publishing, for article: Molenberghs (2009). Incomplete Data in Clinical Studies: Analysis, Sensitivity, and Sensitivity Analysis. *Drug Information Journal*, **43**, 409–446.
- Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2): Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of the International Biometric Society. Awarded during the XXV International Biometric Conference, Florianópolis, Brazil, 07/12/2010.
- Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2): Editor of Biostatistics, 2010-...
- Geert Verbeke (KUL-2): Editor of Biometrics, 2010-2012
- Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2), Geert Verbeke (KUL-2) and Marc Aerts (UH) are promoters of the 2010-2011 Princess Lilian Foundation visiting professorship for Prof. Anastasios Tsiatis (University of North Carolina, U.S.A.).

- Geert Molenberghs (UH and KUL-2) and Geert Verbeke (KUL-2) received accredited as professional statistician by the American Statistical Association (ASA), 2010-2016.
- Anneleen Verhasselt (KUL-1): ‘Award for young researcher’ for the research paper ‘Regularisation and P-splines in generalised linear models’ (joint with I. Gijbels), *Journal of Nonparametric Statistics*, 22, 271–295 (Journal of Nonparametric Statistics Student Paper Award 2010).

3 Technical Reports and Publications

Below we provide the scientific output related to the IAP-statistics network. We give both the technical reports and the publications of network members in 2010 :

- Technical Reports: These are manuscripts that have been written in 2010, and have been submitted for publication to an international journal. The reports are also available on our web site:

http://www.stat.ucl.ac.be/IAP/PhaseVI/publication_tr.html.

Each Technical Report has a number of the form TR10xxx, and we mention these reference numbers below. The web site also contains the pdf-file of many of the Technical Reports.

- Refereed publications: We list all published papers in international journals in 2010 (with refereeing system). We make the distinction between published papers and papers in press. See also the IAP-Statistics Reprints Series on our web site:

http://www.stat.ucl.ac.be/IAP/PhaseVI/publication_reprint.html,

for the published papers (reference numbers are of the form R10xxx). The papers in press have a label of the form RP10xxx.

- Non-refereed publications: We also include (an incomplete list of) papers that have been published without undergoing a peer review. The reference numbers are of the form NR10xxx (for the published ones) and NRP10xxx (for the ones in press).
- Books: These are books written by members of the network, that are published by international editors. They can also be found on the webpage

http://www.stat.ucl.ac.be/IAP/PhaseVI/publication_books.html

(reference numbers are of the form B10xxx and BP10xxx).

Below we list the research output of the IAP-network for each of the categories described above. We start with separate lists for each partner in the network, followed by a list of the technical reports and publications that are co-signed by researchers from at least two different groups from the network.

3.1 Université catholique de Louvain, UCL

3.1.1 Technical reports

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- [2] Badin, L., Daraio, C. and L. Simar, How to measure the impact of environmental factors in a nonparametric production model?, 2010. TR10054.

- [3] Basrak, B., Krizmanic, D. and J. Segers, A functional limit theorem for partial sums of dependent random variables with infinite variance, 2010. TR10001.
- [4] Breuning, C. and J. Johannes, Minimax-optimal local nonparametric instrumental regression, 2010. TR10007.
- [5] Christiansen, M. and M. Denuit, First-order mortality rates and safe-side actuarial calculations in life insurance, 2010. TR10012.
- [6] Christiansen, M., Denuit, M. and D. Lazar, The Solvency II square-root formula for systematic biometric risk, 2010. TR10038.
- [7] Dahlke, M., Jay Breidt, F., Opsomer, J. and I. Van Keilegom, Nonparametric endogenous post-stratification estimation, 2011. TR11004.
- [8] Daraio, C., Simar, L. and P.W. Wilson, Testing whether two-stage estimation is meaningful in non-parametric models of production, 2010. TR10035.
- [9] Davydov, Y. and S. Liu, Estimation of parameters of regularly varying distributions on convex cones, 2010. TR10036.
- [10] Davydov, Y. and S. Liu, Transformations of multivariate regularly varying tail distributions, 2010. TR10011.
- [11] Denuit, M., Positive dependence of signals, 2010. TR10028.
- [12] Denuit, M. and J. Dhaene, Convex order and comonotonic conditional mean risk sharing, 2010. TR10047.
- [13] Denuit, M. and L. Eeckhoudt, A general index of absolute risk attitude, 2010. TR10016.
- [14] Denuit, M. and L. Eeckhoudt, Bivariate stochastic dominance and common preferences of decision-makers with risk independent utilities, 2010. TR10021.
- [15] Denuit, M. and L. Eeckhoudt, Stronger measures of higher-order risk attitudes: an extension, 2010. TR10051.
- [16] Denuit, M. and M. Mesfioui, Dispersive effect of cross-aging with Archimedean copulas, 2010. TR10048.
- [17] Denuit, M. and M. Mesfioui, Ordering functions of random vectors, with application to partial sums, 2010. TR10053.
- [18] Denuit, M., Eeckhoudt, L. and O. Jokung, Transformations preserving stochastic dominance: Theory and applications, 2010. TR10027.
- [19] Denuit, M., Eeckhoudt, L. and M. Menegatti, Correlated risks, bivariate utility and optimal choices, 2010. TR10018.
- [20] Denuit, M., Eeckhoudt, L. and M. Menegatti, Adding independent risks in an insurance portfolio: Which shape for the insurer's preferences?, 2010. TR10023.

- [21] Denuit, M., Eeckhoudt, L., Tsetlin, I. and R.L. Winkler, Multivariate concave and convex stochastic dominance, 2010. TR10039.
- [22] Denuit, M., Haberman, S. and A. Renshaw, Longevity-indexed life annuities, 2010. TR10026.
- [23] Denuit, M. and B. Rey, Transformations of multivariate regularly varying tail distributions, 2010. TR10024.
- [24] Devolder, P. and F. Dominguez, NDC Dynamic Equilibrium model with financial and demographic risks, 2010. TR10041.
- [25] Eeckhoudt, L. and M. Denuit, Stronger measures of higher-order risk attitudes, 2010. TR10013.
- [26] Ferraty, F., Van Keilegom, I. and P. Vieu, Bootstrap and inference when both response and regressor are functional, 2010. TR10043.
- [27] Guillotte, S., Perron, F. and J. Segers, Nonparametric Bayesian inference on bivariate extremes, 2010. TR10049.
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