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**Remark**

The package VineCopula is a continuation of the package CDVine by U. Schepsmeier and E. C. Brechmann (see Brechmann and Schepsmeier (2013)). It includes all functions implemented in CDVine for the bivariate case (BiCop-functions).

**Bivariate copula families**

In this package several bivariate copula families are included for bivariate analysis as well as for multivariate analysis using vine copulas. It provides functionality of elliptical (Gaussian and Student-t) as well as Archimedean (Clayton, Gumbel, Frank, Joe, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8) copulas to cover a large bandwidth of possible dependence structures. For the Archimedean copula families rotated versions are included to cover negative dependence too. The two parameter BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas are however numerically instable for large parameters, in particular, if BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas are close to the Joe copula which is a boundary case of these three copula families. In general, the user should be careful with extreme parameter choices.

The following table shows the parameter ranges of bivariate copula families with parameters `par` and `par2`:

Copula family	<code>par</code>	<code>par2</code>
Gaussian	$(-1, 1)$	-
Student t	$(-1, 1)$	$(2, \infty)$
(Survival) Clayton	$(0, \infty)$	-
(Survival) Gumbel	$[1, \infty)$	-
Frank	$\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$	-
(Survival) Joe	$(1, \infty)$	-
Rotated Clayton (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, 0)$	-
Rotated Gumbel (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, -1]$	-
Rotated Joe (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, -1)$	-
(Survival) Clayton-Gumbel (BB1)	$(0, \infty)$	$[1, \infty)$
(Survival) Joe-Gumbel (BB6)	$[1, \infty)$	$[1, \infty)$
(Survival) Joe-Clayton (BB7)	$[1, \infty)$	$(0, \infty)$
(Survival) Joe-Frank (BB8)	$[1, \infty)$	$(0, 1]$
Rotated Clayton-Gumbel (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(-\infty, -1]$
Rotated Joe-Gumbel (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, -1]$	$(-\infty, -1]$
Rotated Joe-Clayton (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, -1]$	$(-\infty, 0)$
Rotated Joe-Frank (90 and 270 degrees)	$(-\infty, -1]$	$[-1, 0)$

**R-vine copula models**

The specification of an R-vine is done in matrix notation, introduced by Dissmann et al. (2013). One matrix contains the R-vine tree structure, one the copula families utilized and two matrices corresponding parameter values. These four matrices are stored in an `RVineMatrix` object created by the function `RVineMatrix`. Each matrix is a  $d \times d$  lower triangular matrix. Since C- and D-vines are special cases, boundary cases, of R-vines one can write each C- or D-vine in R-vine notation. The transformation of notation to or from an R-vine can be done via `C2RVine`, `D2RVine`, `R2CVine` and `R2DVine`, which provide an interface to the package CDVine. For more details see the documentation of the functions.

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BiCopCDF

*Distribution function of a bivariate copula***Description**

This function evaluates the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a given parametric bivariate copula.

**Usage**

```
BiCopCDF(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0)
```

**Arguments**

u1, u2	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)</li> </ul>
par	Copula parameter.
par2	<p>Second parameter for bivariate copulas with two parameters (t, BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8; default: par2 = 0). par2 should be an positive integer for the Student's t copula family=2.</p>

**Value**

A numeric vector of the bivariate copula distribution function evaluated at  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ .

**Note**

The calculation of the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the Student's  $t$  copula (`family=2`) is not implemented any more since the calculation was wrong for non-integer degrees-of-freedom.

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**See Also**

[BiCopPDF](#), [BiCopHfunc](#), [BiCopSim](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate from a bivariate Clayton
simdata = BiCopSim(300,3,3.4)

# evaluate the distribution function of the bivariate t-copula
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopCDF(u1,u2,3,3.4)
```

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BiCopChiPlot

*Chi-plot for bivariate copula data*


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**Description**

This function creates a chi-plot of given bivariate copula data.

**Usage**

```
BiCopChiPlot(u1, u2, PLOT=TRUE, mode="NULL", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1, u2</code>	Data vectors of equal length with values in $[0,1]$ .
<code>PLOT</code>	Logical; whether the results are plotted. If <code>PLOT = FALSE</code> , the values <code>lambda</code> , <code>chi</code> and <code>control.bounds</code> are returned (see below; default: <code>PLOT = TRUE</code> ).
<code>mode</code>	Character; whether a general, lower or upper chi-plot is calculated. Possible values are <code>mode = "NULL"</code> , <code>"upper"</code> and <code>"lower"</code> . <code>"NULL"</code> = general chi-plot (default) <code>"upper"</code> = upper chi-plot <code>"lower"</code> = lower chi-plot
<code>...</code>	Additional plot arguments.

## Details

For observations  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , the chi-plot is based on the following two quantities: the chi-statistics

$$\chi_i = \frac{\hat{F}_{U_1 U_2}(u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}) - \hat{F}_{U_1}(u_{i,1})\hat{F}_{U_2}(u_{i,2})}{\sqrt{\hat{F}_{U_1}(u_{i,1})(1 - \hat{F}_{U_1}(u_{i,1}))\hat{F}_{U_2}(u_{i,2})(1 - \hat{F}_{U_2}(u_{i,2}))}},$$

and the lambda-statistics

$$\lambda_i = 4 \operatorname{sgn} \left( \tilde{F}_{U_1}(u_{i,1}), \tilde{F}_{U_2}(u_{i,2}) \right) \cdot \max \left( \tilde{F}_{U_1}(u_{i,1})^2, \tilde{F}_{U_2}(u_{i,2})^2 \right),$$

where  $\hat{F}_{U_1}$ ,  $\hat{F}_{U_2}$  and  $\hat{F}_{U_1 U_2}$  are the empirical distribution functions of the uniform random variables  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  and of  $(U_1, U_2)$ , respectively. Further,  $\tilde{F}_{U_1} = \hat{F}_{U_1} - 0.5$  and  $\tilde{F}_{U_2} = \hat{F}_{U_2} - 0.5$ .

These quantities only depend on the ranks of the data and are scaled to the interval  $[0, 1]$ .  $\lambda_i$  measures a distance of a data point  $(u_{i,1}, u_{i,2})$  to the center of the bivariate data set, while  $\chi_i$  corresponds to a correlation coefficient between dichotomized values of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ . Under independence it holds that  $\chi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{N})$  and  $\lambda_i \sim \mathcal{U}[-1, 1]$  asymptotically, i.e., values of  $\chi_i$  close to zero indicate independence—corresponding to  $F_{U_1 U_2} = F_{U_1} F_{U_2}$ .

When plotting these quantities, the pairs of  $(\lambda_i, \chi_i)$  will tend to be located above zero for positively dependent margins and vice versa for negatively dependent margins. Control bounds around zero indicate whether there is significant dependence present.

If mode = "lower" or "upper", the above quantities are calculated only for those  $u_{i,1}$ 's and  $u_{i,2}$ 's which are smaller/larger than the respective means of  $u1 = (u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{N,1})$  and  $u2 = (u_{1,2}, \dots, u_{N,2})$ .

## Value

lambda	Lambda-statistics (x-axis).
chi	Chi-statistics (y-axis).
control.bounds	A 2-dimensional vector of bounds $((1.54/\sqrt{n}, -1.54/\sqrt{n}))$ , where $n$ is the length of $u1$ and where the chosen values correspond to an approximate significance level of 10%.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[BiCopMetaContour](#), [BiCopKPlot](#), [BiCopLambda](#)

## Examples

```
# chi-plots for bivariate Gaussian copula data
n = 500
tau = 0.5

# simulate copula data
fam = 1
theta = BiCopTau2Par(fam,tau)
dat = BiCopSim(n,fam,theta)

# create chi-plots
dev.new(width=16,height=5)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
BiCopChiPlot(dat[,1],dat[,2],xlim=c(-1,1),ylim=c(-1,1),
             main="General chi-plot")
BiCopChiPlot(dat[,1],dat[,2],mode="lower",xlim=c(-1,1),
             ylim=c(-1,1),main="Lower chi-plot")
BiCopChiPlot(dat[,1],dat[,2],mode="upper",xlim=c(-1,1),
             ylim=c(-1,1),main="Upper chi-plot")
```

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BiCopDeriv

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*Derivatives of a bivariate copula density*


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## Description

This function evaluates the derivative of a given parametric bivariate copula density with respect to its parameter(s) or one of its arguments.

## Usage

```
BiCopDeriv(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0, deriv="par", log=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>u1,u2</code>	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
<code>family</code>	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton") 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel") 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe") 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)



par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for bivariate t-copula; default: par2 = 0.
deriv	Derivative argument "par" = derivative with respect to the first parameter (default) "par2" = derivative with respect to the second parameter (only available for the t-copula) "u1" = derivative with respect to the first argument u1 "u2" = derivative with respect to the second argument u2
log	Logical; if TRUE then the derivative of the log-likelihood is returned (default: log = FALSE; only available for the derivatives with respect to the parameter(s) (deriv = "par" or deriv = "par2")).

**Value**

A numeric vector of the bivariate copula derivative with respect to deriv evaluated at u1 and u2 with parameter(s) par and par2.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Schepsmeier, U. and J. Stoeber (2012). Derivatives and Fisher information of bivariate copulas. Submitted for publication. <http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/node?id=1106541>.

**See Also**

[RVineGrad](#), [RVineHessian](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,2,-0.7,par2=4)

# derivative of the bivariate t-copula with respect to the first parameter
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopDeriv(u1,u2,2,-0.7,par2=4, deriv="par")
```

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BiCopDeriv2

*Second derivatives of a bivariate copula density*


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**Description**

This function evaluates the second derivative of a given parametric bivariate copula density with respect to its parameter(s) and/or its arguments.

**Usage**

```
BiCopDeriv2(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0, deriv="par")
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1, u2</code>	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in $[0,1]$ .
<code>family</code>	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”) 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”) 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”) 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
<code>par</code>	Copula parameter.
<code>par2</code>	Second parameter for bivariate t-copula; default: <code>par2 = 0</code> .
<code>deriv</code>	Derivative argument “par” = second derivative with respect to the first parameter (default) “par2” = second derivative with respect to the second parameter (only available for the t-copula) “u1” = second derivative with respect to the first argument <code>u1</code> “u2” = second derivative with respect to the second argument <code>u2</code> “par1par2” = second derivative with respect to the first and second parameter (only available for the t-copula) “par1u1” = second derivative with respect to the first parameter and the first argument “par2u1” = second derivative with respect to the second parameter and the first argument (only available for the t-copula) “par1u2” = second derivative with respect to the first parameter and the second argument “par2u2” = second derivative with respect to the second parameter and the second argument (only available for the t-copula)

**Value**

A numeric vector of the second bivariate copula derivative with respect to `deriv` evaluated at `u1` and `u2` with parameter(s) `par` and `par2`.

**Author(s)**

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## References

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## See Also

[RVineGrad](#), [RVineHessian](#), [BiCopDeriv](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#)

## Examples

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,2,-0.7,par2=4)

# second derivative of the bivariate t-copula with respect to the first parameter
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopDeriv2(u1,u2,2,-0.7,par2=4, deriv="par")
```

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BiCopEst	<i>Parameter estimation for bivariate copula data using inversion of Kendall's tau or maximum likelihood estimation</i>
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## Description

This function estimates the parameter(s) for a bivariate copula using either inversion of empirical Kendall's tau for single parameter copula families or maximum likelihood estimation for one and two parameter copula families supported in this package.

## Usage

```
BiCopEst(u1, u2, family, method="mle", se=FALSE, max.df=30,
         max.BB=list(BB1=c(5,6),BB6=c(6,6),BB7=c(5,6),BB8=c(6,1)),weights=NA)
```

## Arguments

u1,u2	Data vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
family	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula 8 = BB6 copula 9 = BB7 copula 10 = BB8 copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton") 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel") 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")

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	18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")
	19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")
	20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
method	Character indicating the estimation method: either maximum likelihood estimation (method = "mle"; default) or inversion of Kendall's tau (method = "itau"). For method = "itau" only one parameter bivariate copula families can be used (family = 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24, 26, 33, 34 or 36).
se	Logical; whether standard error(s) of parameter estimates is/are estimated (default: se = FALSE).
max.df	Numeric; upper bound for the estimation of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula (default: max.df = 30).
max.BB	List; upper bounds for the estimation of the two parameters (in absolute values) of the BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: max.BB = list(BB1=c(5,6), BB6=c(6,6), BB7=c(5,6), BB8=c(6,1))).
weights	Numerical; weights for each observation (optional).

## Details

If method = "itau", the function computes the empirical Kendall's tau of the given copula data and exploits the one-to-one relationship of copula parameter and Kendall's tau which is available for many one parameter bivariate copula families (see [BiCopPar2Tau](#) and [BiCopTau2Par](#)). The inversion of Kendall's tau is however not available for all bivariate copula families (see above). If a two parameter copula family is chosen and method = "itau", a warning message is returned and the MLE is calculated.

For method = "mle" copula parameters are estimated by maximum likelihood using starting values obtained by method = "itau". If no starting values are available by inversion of Kendall's tau, starting values have to be provided given expert knowledge and the boundaries max.df and max.BB respectively. Note: The MLE is performed via numerical maximization using the L\_BFGS-B method. For the Gaussian, the t- and the one-parametric Archimedean copulas we can use the gradients, but for the BB copulas we have to use finite differences for the L\_BFGS-B method.

A warning message is returned if the estimate of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula is larger than max.df. For high degrees of freedom the t-copula is almost indistinguishable from the Gaussian and it is advised to use the Gaussian copula in this case. As a rule of thumb max.df = 30 typically is a good choice. Moreover, standard errors of the degrees of freedom parameter estimate cannot be estimated in this case.

**Value**

par, par2          Estimated copula parameter(s).  
 se, se2            Standard error(s) of the parameter estimate(s) (if se = TRUE).

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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**See Also**

[BiCopPar2Tau](#), [BiCopTau2Par](#) [RVineSeqEst](#), [BiCopSelect](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: bivariate Gaussian copula
dat = BiCopSim(500,1,0.7)
u1 = dat[,1]
v1 = dat[,2]

# empirical Kendall's tau
tau1 = cor(u1,v1,method="kendall")

# inversion of empirical Kendall's tau
BiCopTau2Par(1,tau1)
BiCopEst(u1,v1,family=1,method="itau")$par

# maximum likelihood estimate for comparison
BiCopEst(u1,v1,family=1,method="mle")$par

## Example 2: bivariate Clayton and survival Gumbel copulas
# simulate from a Clayton copula
dat = BiCopSim(500,3,2.5)
u2 = dat[,1]
v2 = dat[,2]

# empirical Kendall's tau
tau2 = cor(u2,v2,method="kendall")

# inversion of empirical Kendall's tau for the Clayton copula
BiCopTau2Par(3,tau2)
BiCopEst(u2,v2,family=3,method="itau",se=TRUE)

# inversion of empirical Kendall's tau for the survival Gumbel copula
BiCopTau2Par(14,tau2)
BiCopEst(u2,v2,family=14,method="itau",se=TRUE)

# maximum likelihood estimates for comparison
BiCopEst(u2,v2,family=3,method="mle",se=TRUE)
BiCopEst(u2,v2,family=14,method="mle",se=TRUE)
```

**Description**

This function performs a goodness-of-fit test for bivariate copulas, either based on White's information matrix equality (White 1982) as introduced by Wanling and Prokhorov (2011) or based on Kendall's process. It computes the test statistics and p-values.

**Usage**

```
BiCopGofTest(u1, u2, family, par=0, par2=0, method="white", max.df=30, B=100,
             level=0.05)
```

**Arguments**

u1, u2	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula) (only for method = "white"; see details)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula (only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula (only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula (only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula (only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula (only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1"; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6"; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7"; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8"; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> <li>40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees; only for method = "kendall")</li> </ul>

par	Copula parameter (optional).
par2	Second parameter for bivariate t-copula (optional); default: par2 = 0.
max.df	Numeric; upper bound for the estimation of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula (default: max.df = 30).
method	A string indicating the goodness-of-fit method: "white" = goodness-of-fit test based on White's information matrix equality (default) "kendall" = goodness-of-fit test based on Kendall's process
B	Integer; number of bootstrap samples (default: B = 100). For B = 0 only the test statistics are returned. WARNING: If B is chosen too large, computations will take very long.
level	Numeric; significance level of the goodness-of-fit test (default: level = 0.05).

### Details

method="white":

This goodness-of-fit test uses the information matrix equality of White (1982) and was investigated by Wanling and Prokhorov (2011). The main contribution is that under correct model specification the Fisher Information can be equivalently calculated as minus the expected Hessian matrix or as the expected outer product of the score function. The null hypothesis is

$$H_0 : \mathbf{H}(\theta) + \mathbf{C}(\theta) = 0$$

against the alternative

$$H_0 : \mathbf{H}(\theta) + \mathbf{C}(\theta) \neq 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{H}(\theta)$  is the expected Hessian matrix and  $\mathbf{C}(\theta)$  is the expected outer product of the score function. For the calculation of the test statistic we use the consistent maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  and the sample counter parts of  $\mathbf{H}(\theta)$  and  $\mathbf{C}(\theta)$ . The correction of the covariance-matrix in the test statistic for the uncertainty in the margins is skipped. The implemented tests assumes that where is no uncertainty in the margins. The correction can be found in Wanling and Prokhorov (2011). It involves two-dimensional integrals.

WARNING: For the t-copula the test may be instable. The results for the t-copula therefore have to be treated carefully.

method = "kendall":

This copula goodness-of-fit test is based on Kendall's process as investigated by Genest and Rivest (1993) and Wang and Wells (2000). For rotated copulas the input arguments are transformed and the goodness-of-fit procedure for the corresponding non-rotated copula is used.

### Value

For method = "white":

p.value	Asymptotic p-value.
statistic	The observed test statistic.

For method = "kendall"

p.value.CvM	Bootstrapped p-value of the goodness-of-fit test using the Cramer-von Mises statistic (if B > 0).
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p.value.KS	Bootstrapped p-value of the goodness-of-fit test using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic (if $B > 0$ ).
statistic.CvM	The observed Cramer-von Mises test statistic.
statistic.KS	The observed Kolmogorov-Smirnov test statistic.

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### See Also

[BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopDeriv](#), [BiCopIndTest](#), [BiCopVuongClarke](#)

### Examples

```
# simulate from a bivariate Clayton copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,3,2)
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]

# perform White's goodness-of-fit test for the true copula
BiCopGofTest(u1,u2,family=3)

# perform Kendall's goodness-of-fit test for the Frank copula
BiCopGofTest(u1,u2,family=5)

## Not run:
# perform Kendall's goodness-of-fit test for the true copula
gof = BiCopGofTest(u1,u2,family=3,method="kendall")
gof$p.value.CvM
gof$p.value.KS

# perform Kendall's goodness-of-fit test for the Frank copula
gof = BiCopGofTest(u1,u2,family=5,method="kendall")
gof$p.value.CvM
gof$p.value.KS

## End(Not run)
```



BiCopHfunc

*Conditional distribution function (h-function) of a bivariate copula***Description**

This function evaluates the conditional distribution function (h-function) of a given parametric bivariate copula.

**Usage**

```
BiCopHfunc(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0)
```

**Arguments**

u1, u2	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)</li> </ul>
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for bivariate copulas with two parameters (t, BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8; default: par2 = 0).

**Details**

The h-function is defined as the conditional distribution function of a bivariate copula, i.e.,

$$h(u|v, \boldsymbol{\theta}) := F(u|v) = \frac{\partial C(u, v)}{\partial v},$$

where  $C$  is a bivariate copula distribution function with parameter(s)  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . For more details see Aas et al. (2009).

**Value**

hfunc1	Numeric vector of the conditional distribution function (h-function) evaluated at u2 given u1, i.e., $h(u2 u1, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ .
hfunc2	Numeric vector of the conditional distribution function (h-function) evaluated at u1 given u2, i.e., $h(u1 u2, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ .

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier

**References**

Aas, K., C. Czado, A. Frigessi, and H. Bakken (2009). Pair-copula constructions of multiple dependence. *Insurance: Mathematics and Economics* 44 (2), 182-198.

**See Also**

[BiCopPDF](#), [BiCopCDF](#), [RVineLogLik](#), [RVineSeqEst](#)

**Examples**

```
# load data set
data(daxreturns)

# h-functions of the Gaussian copula
h1 = BiCopHfunc(daxreturns[,2],daxreturns[,1],1,0.5)
```

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BiCopHfuncDeriv

*Derivatives of the h-function of a bivariate copula*


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**Description**

This function evaluates the derivative of a given conditional parametric bivariate copula (h-function) with respect to its parameter(s) or one of its arguments.

**Usage**

```
BiCopHfuncDeriv(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0, deriv="par")
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1, u2</code>	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
<code>family</code>	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”) 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”) 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”) 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
<code>par</code>	Copula parameter.
<code>par2</code>	Second parameter for bivariate t-copula; default: <code>par2 = 0</code> .
<code>deriv</code>	Derivative argument “par” = derivative with respect to the first parameter (default) “par2” = derivative with respect to the second parameter (only available for the t-copula) “u2” = derivative with respect to the second argument <code>u2</code>

**Value**

A numeric vector of the conditional bivariate copula derivative with respect to `deriv` evaluated at `u1` and `u2` with parameter(s) `par` and `par2`.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier

**References**

Schepsmeier, U. and J. Stoeber (2012). Derivatives and Fisher information of bivariate copulas. Submitted for publication. <http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/node?id=1106541>.

**See Also**

[RVineGrad](#), [RVineHessian](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,2,-0.7,par2=4)
```

```
# derivative of the conditional bivariate t-copula
# with respect to the first parameter
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopHfuncDeriv(u1,u2,2,-0.7,par2=4, deriv="par")
```

BiCopHfuncDeriv2

*Second derivatives of the h-function of a bivariate copula***Description**

This function evaluates the second derivative of a given conditional parametric bivariate copula (h-function) with respect to its parameter(s) and/or its arguments.

**Usage**

```
BiCopHfuncDeriv2(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0, deriv="par")
```

**Arguments**

u1,u2	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
family	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton") 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel") 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe") 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for bivariate t-copula; default: par2 = 0.
deriv	Derivative argument "par" = second derivative with respect to the first parameter (default) "par2" = second derivative with respect to the second parameter (only available for the t-copula) "u2" = second derivative with respect to the second argument u2 "par1par2" = second derivative with respect to the first and second parameter (only available for the t-copula) "par1u2" = second derivative with respect to the first parameter and the second argument

"par2u2" = second derivative with respect to the second parameter and the second argument (only available for the t-copula)

### Value

A numeric vector of the second conditional bivariate copula derivative with respect to `deriv` evaluated at `u1` and `u2` with parameter(s) `par` and `par2`.

### Author(s)

Ulf Schepsmeier, Jakob Stoeber

### References

Schepsmeier, U. and J. Stoeber (2012). Derivatives and Fisher information of bivariate copulas. Submitted for publication. <http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/node?id=1106541>.

### See Also

[RVineGrad](#), [RVineHessian](#), [BiCopDeriv](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#)

### Examples

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,2,-0.7,par2=4)

# second derivative of the conditional bivariate t-copula
# with respect to the first parameter
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopHfuncDeriv2(u1,u2,2,-0.7,par2=4, deriv="par")
```

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BiCopIndTest

*Independence test for bivariate copula data*

---

### Description

This function returns the p-value of a bivariate asymptotic independence test based on Kendall's tau.

### Usage

```
BiCopIndTest(u1, u2)
```

### Arguments

`u1, u2` Data vectors of equal length with values in  $[0,1]$ .

**Details**

The test exploits the asymptotic normality of the test statistic

$$\text{statistic} := T = \sqrt{\frac{9N(N-1)}{2(2N+5)}} \times |\hat{\tau}|,$$

where  $N$  is the number of observations (length of  $u1$ ) and  $\hat{\tau}$  the empirical Kendall's tau of the data vectors  $u1$  and  $u2$ . The p-value of the null hypothesis of bivariate independence hence is asymptotically

$$\text{p.value} = 2 \times (1 - \Phi(T)),$$

where  $\Phi$  is the standard normal distribution function.

**Value**

statistic	Test statistic of the independence test.
p.value	P-value of the independence test.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dissmann

**References**

Genest, C. and A. C. Favre (2007). Everything you always wanted to know about copula modeling but were afraid to ask. *Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*, 12 (4), 347-368.

**See Also**

[BiCopGofTest](#), [BiCopPar2Tau](#), [BiCopTau2Par](#), [BiCopSelect](#),  
[RVineCopSelect](#), [RVineStructureSelect](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: Gaussian copula with large dependence parameter
par1 = 0.7
fam1 = 1
dat1 = BiCopSim(500, fam1, par1)

# perform the asymptotic independence test
BiCopIndTest(dat1[,1], dat1[,2])

## Example 2: Gaussian copula with small dependence parameter
par2 = 0.01
fam2 = 1
dat2 = BiCopSim(500, fam2, par2)

# perform the asymptotic independence test
BiCopIndTest(dat2[,1], dat2[,2])
```

BiCopKPlot

*Kendall's plot (K-plot) for bivariate copula data***Description**

This function creates a Kendall's plot (K-plot) of given bivariate copula data.

**Usage**

```
BiCopKPlot(u1, u2, PLOT=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1, u2</code>	Data vectors of equal length with values in $[0,1]$ .
<code>PLOT</code>	Logical; whether the results are plotted. If <code>PLOT = FALSE</code> , the values <code>W.in</code> and <code>Hi.sort</code> are returned (see below; default: <code>PLOT = TRUE</code> ).
<code>...</code>	Additional plot arguments.

**Details**

For observations  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , the K-plot considers two quantities: First, the ordered values of the empirical bivariate distribution function  $H_i := \hat{F}_{U_1 U_2}(u_{i,1}, u_{i,2})$  and, second,  $W_{i:N}$ , which are the expected values of the order statistics from a random sample of size  $N$  of the random variable  $W = C(U_1, U_2)$  under the null hypothesis of independence between  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .  $W_{i:N}$  can be calculated as follows

$$W_{i:n} = N \binom{N-1}{i-1} \int_0^1 \omega k_0(\omega) (K_0(\omega))^{i-1} (1 - K_0(\omega))^{N-i} d\omega,$$

where

$$K_0(\omega) = \omega - \omega \log(\omega),$$

and  $k_0(\cdot)$  is the corresponding density.

K-plots can be seen as the bivariate copula equivalent to QQ-plots. If the points of a K-plot lie approximately on the diagonal  $y = x$ , then  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are approximately independent. Any deviation from the diagonal line points towards dependence. In case of positive dependence, the points of the K-plot should be located above the diagonal line, and vice versa for negative dependence. The larger the deviation from the diagonal, the stronger is the degree of dependency. There is a perfect positive dependence if points  $(W_{i:N}, H_i)$  lie on the curve  $K_0(\omega)$  located above the main diagonal. If points  $(W_{i:N}, H_i)$  however lie on the x-axis, this indicates a perfect negative dependence between  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

**Value**

<code>W.in</code>	W-statistics (x-axis).
<code>Hi.sort</code>	H-statistics (y-axis).

**Author(s)**

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## References

Genest, C. and A. C. Favre (2007). Everything you always wanted to know about copula modeling but were afraid to ask. Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, 12 (4), 347-368.

## See Also

[BiCopMetaContour](#), [BiCopChiPlot](#), [BiCopLambda](#), [BiCopGofTest](#)

## Examples

```
# Gaussian and Clayton copulas
n = 500
tau = 0.5

# simulate from Gaussian copula
fam1 = 1
theta1 = BiCopTau2Par(fam1,tau)
dat1 = BiCopSim(n,fam1,theta1)

# simulate from Clayton copula
fam2 = 3
theta2 = BiCopTau2Par(fam2,tau)
dat2 = BiCopSim(n,fam2,theta2)

# create K-plots
dev.new(width=10,height=5)
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
BiCopKPlot(dat1[,1],dat1[,2],main="Gaussian copula")
BiCopKPlot(dat2[,1],dat2[,2],main="Clayton copula")
```

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BiCopLambda

*Lambda-function (plot) for bivariate copula data*

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## Description

This function plots the lambda-function of given bivariate copula data.

## Usage

```
BiCopLambda(u1=NULL, u2=NULL, family="emp", par=0, par2=0,
            PLOT=TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

u1,u2	Data vectors of equal length with values in [0,1] (default: u1 and u2 = NULL).
family	An integer defining the bivariate copula family or indicating the empirical lambda-function: "emp" = empirical lambda-function (default) 1 = Gaussian copula; the theoretical lambda-function is simulated (no closed formula available) 2 = Student t copula (t-copula); the theoretical lambda-function is simulated (no closed formula available)



	3 = Clayton copula
	4 = Gumbel copula
	5 = Frank copula
	6 = Joe copula
	7 = BB1 copula
	8 = BB6 copula
	9 = BB7 copula
	10 = BB8 copula
par	Copula parameter; if the empirical lambda-function is chosen, par = NULL or 0 (default).
par2	Second copula parameter for t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: par2 = 0).
PLOT	Logical; whether the results are plotted. If PLOT = FALSE, the values empLambda and/or theoLambda are returned (see below; default: PLOT = TRUE).
...	Additional plot arguments.

**Value**

empLambda	If the empirical lambda-function is chosen and PLOT=FALSE, a vector of the empirical lambda's is returned.
theoLambda	If the theoretical lambda-function is chosen and PLOT=FALSE, a vector of the theoretical lambda's is returned.

**Note**

The  $\lambda$ -function is characteristic for each bivariate copula family and defined by Kendall's distribution function  $K$ :

$$\lambda(v, \theta) := v - K(v, \theta)$$

with

$$K(v, \theta) := P(C_\theta(U_1, U_2) \leq v), \quad v \in [0, 1].$$

For Archimedean copulas one has the following closed form expression in terms of the generator function  $\varphi$  of the copula  $C_\theta$ :

$$\lambda(v, \theta) = \frac{\varphi(v)}{\varphi'(v)},$$

where  $\varphi'$  is the derivative of  $\varphi$ . For more details see Genest and Rivest (1993) or Schepsmeier (2010).

For the bivariate Gaussian and t-copula no closed form expression for the theoretical  $\lambda$ -function exists. Therefore it is simulated based on samples of size 1000. For all other implemented copula families there are closed form expressions available.

The plot of the theoretical  $\lambda$ -function also shows the limits of the  $\lambda$ -function corresponding to Kendall's tau = 0 and Kendall's tau = 1 ( $\lambda = 0$ ).

For rotated bivariate copulas one has to transform the input arguments  $u_1$  and/or  $u_2$ . In particular, for copulas rotated by 90 degrees  $u_1$  has to be set to  $1-u_1$ , for 270 degrees  $u_2$  to  $1-u_2$  and for survival copulas  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  to  $1-u_1$  and  $1-u_2$ , respectively. Then  $\lambda$ -functions for the corresponding non-rotated copula families can be considered.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier

## References

Genest, C. and L.-P. Rivest (1993). Statistical inference procedures for bivariate Archimedean copulas. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 88 (423), 1034-1043.

Schepsmeier, U. (2010). Maximum likelihood estimation of C-vine pair-copula constructions based on bivariate copulas from different families. Diploma thesis, Technische Universitaet Muenchen. <http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/?id=1079296>.

## See Also

[BiCopMetaContour](#), [BiCopKPlot](#), [BiCopChiPlot](#)

## Examples

```
# Clayton and rotated Clayton copulas
n = 1000
tau = 0.5

# simulate from Clayton copula
fam = 3
theta = BiCopTau2Par(fam,tau)
dat = BiCopSim(n,fam,theta)

# create lambda-function plots
dev.new(width=16,height=5)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
BiCopLambda(dat[,1],dat[,2]) # empirical lambda-function
BiCopLambda(family=fam,par=theta) # theoretical lambda-function
BiCopLambda(dat[,1],dat[,2],family=fam,par=theta) # both

# simulate from rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
fam = 23
theta = BiCopTau2Par(fam,-tau)
dat = BiCopSim(n,fam,theta)

# rotate the data to standard Clayton copula data
rot_dat = 1-dat[,1]

dev.new(width=16,height=5)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
BiCopLambda(rot_dat,dat[,2]) # empirical lambda-function
BiCopLambda(family=3,par=-theta) # theoretical lambda-function
BiCopLambda(rot_dat,dat[,2],family=3,par=-theta) # both
```

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BiCopMetaContour

*Contour plot of bivariate meta distribution with different margins and copula (theoretical and empirical)*

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## Description

This function plots a bivariate contour plot corresponding to a bivariate meta distribution with different margins and specified bivariate copula and parameter values or creates corresponding empirical contour plots based on bivariate copula data.

**Usage**

```
BiCopMetaContour(u1=NULL, u2=NULL, bw=1, size=100,
  levels=c(0.01,0.05,0.1,0.15,0.2),
  family="emp", par=0, par2=0, PLOT=TRUE,
  margins="norm", margins.par=0, xlim=NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

u1,u2	Data vectors of equal length with values in [0,1] (default: u1 and u2 = NULL).
bw	Bandwidth (smoothing factor; default: bw = 1).
size	Number of grid points; default: size = 100.
levels	<p>Vector of contour levels. For Gaussian, Student t or exponential margins the default value (levels = c(0.01,0.05,0.1,0.15,0.2)) typically is a good choice. For uniform margins we recommend</p> <p>levels = c(0.1,0.3,0.5,0.7,0.9,1.1,1.3,1.5)</p> <p>and for Gamma margins</p> <p>levels = c(0.005,0.01,0.03,0.05,0.07,0.09).</p>
family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family or indicating an empirical contour plot:</p> <p>"emp" = empirical contour plot (default; margins can be specified by margins)</p> <p>0 = independence copula</p> <p>1 = Gaussian copula</p> <p>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</p> <p>3 = Clayton copula</p> <p>4 = Gumbel copula</p> <p>5 = Frank copula</p> <p>6 = Joe copula</p> <p>7 = BB1 copula</p> <p>8 = BB6 copula</p> <p>9 = BB7 copula</p> <p>10 = BB8 copula</p> <p>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")</p> <p>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")</p> <p>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")</p> <p>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1")</p> <p>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")</p> <p>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")</p> <p>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")</p> <p>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)</p>

	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees) 40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	Copula parameter; if empirical contour plot, par = NULL or 0 (default).
par2	Second copula parameter for t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: par2 = 0).
PLOT	Logical; whether the results are plotted. If PLOT = FALSE, the values x, y and z are returned (see below; default: PLOT = TRUE).
margins	Character; margins for the bivariate copula contour plot. Possible margins are: "norm" = standard normal margins (default) "t" = Student t margins with degrees of freedom as specified by margins.par "gamma" = Gamma margins with shape and scale as specified by margins.par "exp" = Exponential margins with rate as specified by margins.par "unif" = uniform margins
margins.par	Parameter(s) of the distribution of the margins if necessary (default: margins.par = 0), i.e., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a positive real number for the degrees of freedom of Student t margins (see <a href="#">dt</a>),</li> <li>• a 2-dimensional vector of positive real numbers for the shape and scale parameters of Gamma margins (see <a href="#">dgamma</a>),</li> <li>• a positive real number for the rate parameter of exponential margins (see <a href="#">dexp</a>).</li> </ul>
xylim	A 2-dimensional vector of the x- and y-limits. By default (xylim = NA) standard limits for the selected margins are used.
...	Additional plot arguments.

**Value**

x	A vector of length size with the x-values of the kernel density estimator with Gaussian kernel if the empirical contour plot is chosen and a sequence of values in xylim if the theoretical contour plot is chosen.
y	A vector of length size with the y-values of the kernel density estimator with Gaussian kernel if the empirical contour plot is chosen and a sequence of values in xylim if the theoretical contour plot is chosen.
z	A matrix of dimension size with the values of the density of the meta distribution with chosen margins (see margins and margins.par) evaluated at the grid points given by x and y.

**Note**

The combination family = 0 (independence copula) and margins = "unif" (uniform margins) is not possible because all z-values are equal.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[BiCopChiPlot](#), [BiCopKPlot](#), [BiCopLambda](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: contour plot of meta Gaussian copula distribution
## with Gaussian margins
tau = 0.5
fam = 1
theta = BiCopTau2Par(fam,tau)
BiCopMetaContour(u1=NULL,u2=NULL,bw=1,size=100,
                  levels=c(0.01,0.05,0.1,0.15,0.2),
                  family=fam,par=theta,main="tau=0.5")

## Example 2: empirical contour plot with standard normal margins
dat = BiCopSim(N=1000,fam,theta)
BiCopMetaContour(dat[,1],dat[,2],bw=2,size=100,
                  levels=c(0.01,0.05,0.1,0.15,0.2),
                  par=0,family="emp",main="N=1000")

# empirical contour plot with exponential margins
BiCopMetaContour(dat[,1],dat[,2],bw=2,size=100,
                  levels=c(0.01,0.05,0.1,0.15,0.2),
                  par=0,family="emp",main="n=500",
                  margins="exp",margins.par=1)
```

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BiCopName	<i>Bivariate copula family names</i>
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## Description

This function transforms the bivariate copula family number into its character expression and vice versa.

## Usage

```
BiCopName(family, short=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

**family** Bivariate copula family, either its number or its character expression (see table below).

No.	Short name	Long name
0	"I"	"Independence"
1	"N"	"Gaussian"
2	"t"	"t"
3	"C"	"Clayton"
4	"G"	"Gumbel"
5	"F"	"Frank"
6	"J"	"Joe"
7	"BB1"	"Clayton-Gumbel"
8	"BB6"	"Joe-Gumbel"
9	"BB7"	"Joe-Clayton"
10	"BB8"	"Frank-Joe"

13	"SC"	"Survival Clayton"
14	"SG"	"Survival Gumbel"
16	"SJ"	"Survival Joe"
17	"SBB1"	"Survival Clayton-Gumbel"
18	"SBB6"	"Survival Joe-Gumbel"
19	"SBB7"	"Survival Joe-Clayton"
20	"SBB8"	"Survival Joe-Frank"
23	"C90"	"Rotated Clayton 90 degrees"
24	"G90"	"Rotated Gumbel 90 degrees"
26	"J90"	"Rotated Joe 90 degrees"
27	"BB1_90"	"Rotated Clayton-Gumbel 90 degrees"
28	"BB6_90"	"Rotated Joe-Gumbel 90 degrees"
29	"BB7_90"	"Rotated Joe-Clayton 90 degrees"
30	"BB8_90"	"Rotated Frank-Joe 90 degrees"
33	"C270"	"Rotated Clayton 270 degrees"
34	"G270"	"Rotated Gumbel 270 degrees"
36	"J270"	"Rotated Joe 270 degrees"
37	"BB1_270"	"Rotated Clayton-Gumbel 270 degrees"
38	"BB6_270"	"Rotated Joe-Gumbel 270 degrees"
39	"BB7_270"	"Rotated Joe-Clayton 270 degrees"
40	"BB8_270"	"Rotated Frank-Joe 270 degrees"

**short** Logical; if the number of a bivariate copula family is used and `short = TRUE` (default), a short version of the corresponding character expression is returned, otherwise the long version.

### Value

The transformed bivariate copula family (see table above).

### Author(s)

Ulf Schepsmeier

### See Also

[RVineTreePlot](#)

### Examples

```
# family as number
family = 1
BiCopName(family,short=TRUE) # short version
BiCopName(family,short=FALSE) # long version

# family as character expression (short version)
family = "C"
BiCopName(family) # as number

# long version
family = "Clayton"
BiCopName(family) # as number
```

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BiCopPar2TailDep	<i>Tail dependence coefficients of a bivariate copula</i>
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### Description

This function computes the theoretical tail dependence coefficients of a bivariate copula for given parameter values.

### Usage

```
BiCopPar2TailDep(family, par, par2=0)
```

### Arguments

family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)</li> <li>40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)</li> </ul>
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for the two parameter t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: par2 = 0).

**Value**

lower Lower tail dependence coefficient of the given bivariate copula family  $C$ :

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{u \searrow 0} \frac{C(u, u)}{u}$$

upper Upper tail dependence coefficient of the given bivariate copula family  $C$ :

$$\lambda_U = \lim_{u \nearrow 1} \frac{1 - 2u + C(u, u)}{1 - u}$$

Lower and upper tail dependence coefficients for bivariate copula families and parameters ( $\theta$  for one parameter families and the first parameter of the t-copula with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom,  $\theta$  and  $\delta$  for the two parameter BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas) are given in the following table.

No.	Lower tail dependence	Upper tail dependence
1	-	-
2	$2t_{\nu+1} \left( -\sqrt{\nu+1} \sqrt{\frac{1-\theta}{1+\theta}} \right)$	$2t_{\nu+1} \left( -\sqrt{\nu+1} \sqrt{\frac{1-\theta}{1+\theta}} \right)$
3	$2^{-1/\theta}$	-
4	-	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$
5	-	-
6	-	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$
7	$2^{-1/(\theta\delta)}$	$2 - 2^{1/\delta}$
8	-	$2 - 2^{1/(\theta\delta)}$
9	$2^{-1/\delta}$	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$
10	-	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$ if $\delta = 1$ otherwise 0
13	-	$2^{-1/\theta}$
14	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	-
16	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	-
17	$2 - 2^{1/\delta}$	$2^{-1/(\theta\delta)}$
18	$2 - 2^{1/(\theta\delta)}$	-
19	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	$2^{-1/\delta}$
20	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$ if $\delta = 1$ otherwise 0	-
23, 33	-	-
24, 34	-	-
26, 36	-	-
27, 37	-	-
28, 38	-	-
29, 39	-	-
30, 40	-	-

**Author(s)**

Eike Brechmann

**References**

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**See Also**[BiCopPar2Tau](#)**Examples**

```
## Example 1: Gaussian copula
BiCopPar2TailDep(1,0.7)

## Example 2: t copula
BiCopPar2TailDep(2,0.7,4)
```

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BiCopPar2Tau	<i>Kendall's tau value of a bivariate copula</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the theoretical Kendall's tau value of a bivariate copula for given parameter values.

**Usage**

```
BiCopPar2Tau(family, par, par2=0)
```

**Arguments**

family	<p>An integer defining the bivariate copula family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1")</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</li> <li>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</li> </ul>
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	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for the two parameter BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: par2 = 0). Note that the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula does not need to be set, because the theoretical Kendall's tau value of the t-copula is independent of this choice.

### Value

Theoretical value of Kendall's tau corresponding to the bivariate copula family and parameter(s) ( $\theta$  for one parameter families and the first parameter of the t-copula,  $\theta$  and  $\delta$  for the two parameter BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas).

No.	Kendall's tau
1, 2	$\frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin(\theta)$
3, 13	$\frac{\theta}{\theta+2}$
4, 14	$1 - \frac{1}{\theta}$
5	$1 - \frac{4}{\theta} + 4 \frac{D_1(\theta)}{\theta}$ with $D_1(\theta) = \int_0^\theta \frac{x/\theta}{\exp(x)-1} dx$ (Debye function)
6, 16	$1 + \frac{4}{\theta^2} \int_0^1 x \log(x) (1-x)^{2(1-\theta)/\theta} dx$
7, 17	$1 - \frac{2}{\delta(\theta+2)}$
8, 18	$1 + 4 \int_0^1 -\log(-(1-t)^\theta + 1)(1-t - (1-t)^{-\theta} + (1-t)^{-\theta}t)/(\delta\theta) dt$
9, 19	$1 + 4 \int_0^1 ((1 - (1-t)^\theta)^{-\delta} - 1)/(-\theta\delta(1-t)^{\theta-1}(1 - (1-t)^\theta)^{-\delta-1}) dt$
10, 20	$1 + 4 \int_0^1 -\log(((1-t\delta)^\theta - 1)/((1-\delta)^\theta - 1))$ $\times (1 - t\delta - (1-t\delta)^{-\theta} + (1-t\delta)^{-\theta}t\delta)/(\theta\delta) dt$
23, 33	$\frac{\theta}{2-\theta}$
24, 34	$-1 - \frac{1}{\theta}$
26, 36	$-1 - \frac{4}{\theta^2} \int_0^1 x \log(x) (1-x)^{-2(1+\theta)/\theta} dx$
27, 37	$-1 - \frac{2}{\delta(2-\theta)}$
28, 38	$-1 - 4 \int_0^1 -\log(-(1-t)^{-\theta} + 1)(1-t - (1-t)^\theta + (1-t)^\theta t)/(\delta\theta) dt$
29, 39	$-1 - 4 \int_0^1 ((1 - (1-t)^{-\theta})^\delta - 1)/(-\theta\delta(1-t)^{-\theta-1}(1 - (1-t)^{-\theta})^\delta) dt$
30, 40	$-1 - 4 \int_0^1 -\log(((1+t\delta)^{-\theta} - 1)/((1+\delta)^{-\theta} - 1))$ $\times (1 + t\delta - (1+t\delta)^\theta - (1+t\delta)^\theta t\delta)/(\theta\delta) dt$

### Author(s)

Ulf Schepsmeier

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**See Also**[BiCopTau2Par](#)**Examples**

```
## Example 1: Gaussian copula
tt1 = BiCopPar2Tau(1,0.7)

# transform back
BiCopTau2Par(1,tt1)

## Example 2: Clayton copula
BiCopPar2Tau(3,1.3)
```

BiCopPDF

*Density of a bivariate copula***Description**

This function evaluates the probability density function (PDF) of a given parametric bivariate copula.

**Usage**

```
BiCopPDF(u1, u2, family, par, par2=0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1,u2</code>	Numeric vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
<code>family</code>	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula 8 = BB6 copula 9 = BB7 copula 10 = BB8 copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”) 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”) 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”) 17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”) 18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”) 19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”) 20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”) 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)

	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
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	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for bivariate copulas with two parameters (t, BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8; default: par2 = 0).

**Value**

A numeric vector of the bivariate copula density evaluated at u1 and u2.

**Author(s)**

Eike Brechmann

**See Also**

[BiCopCDF](#), [BiCopHfunc](#), [BiCopSim](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300,2,-0.7,par2=4)

# evaluate the density of the bivariate t-copula
u1 = simdata[,1]
u2 = simdata[,2]
BiCopPDF(u1,u2,2,-0.7,par2=4)
```

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BiCopSelect	<i>Selection and maximum likelihood estimation of bivariate copula families</i>
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**Description**

This function selects an appropriate bivariate copula family for given bivariate copula data using one of a range of methods. The corresponding parameter estimates are obtained by maximum likelihood estimation.

**Usage**

```
BiCopSelect(u1, u2, familyset=NA, selectioncrit="AIC",
            indeptest=FALSE, level=0.05, weights=NA)
```

**Arguments**

<code>u1, u2</code>	Data vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
<code>familyset</code>	Vector of bivariate copula families to select from (the independence copula <b>MUST NOT</b> be specified in this vector, otherwise it will be selected). The vector has to include at least one bivariate copula family that allows for positive and one that allows for negative dependence. If <code>familyset = NA</code> (default), selection among all possible families is performed. Coding of bivariate copula families: 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula 8 = BB6 copula 9 = BB7 copula 10 = BB8 copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton") 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel") 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe") 17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1") 18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6") 19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7") 20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8") 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees) 28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees) 29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees) 30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees) 37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees) 38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees) 39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees) 40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
<code>selectioncrit</code>	Character indicating the criterion for bivariate copula selection. Possible choices: <code>selectioncrit = "AIC"</code> (default) or <code>"BIC"</code> .
<code>indeptest</code>	Logical; whether a hypothesis test for the independence of <code>u1</code> and <code>u2</code> is performed before bivariate copula selection (default: <code>indeptest = FALSE</code> ; see <a href="#">BiCopIndTest</a> ). The independence copula is chosen if the null hypothesis of independence cannot be rejected.
<code>level</code>	Numeric; significance level of the independence test (default: <code>level = 0.05</code> ).
<code>weights</code>	Numerical; weights for each observation (optional).

**Details**

Copulas can be selected according to the Akaike and Bayesian Information Criteria (AIC and BIC, respectively). First all available copulas are fitted using maximum likelihood estimation. Then the

criteria are computed for all available copula families (e.g., if  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are negatively dependent, Clayton, Gumbel, Joe, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 and their survival copulas are not considered) and the family with the minimum value is chosen. For observations  $u_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , the AIC of a bivariate copula family  $c$  with parameter(s)  $\theta$  is defined as

$$AIC := -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \ln[c(u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}|\theta)] + 2k,$$

where  $k = 1$  for one parameter copulas and  $k = 2$  for the two parameter t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas. Similarly, the BIC is given by

$$BIC := -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \ln[c(u_{i,1}, u_{i,2}|\theta)] + \ln(N)k.$$

Evidently, if the BIC is chosen, the penalty for two parameter families is stronger than when using the AIC.

Additionally a test for independence can be performed beforehand.

### Value

family	The selected bivariate copula family.
par, par2	The estimated bivariate copula parameter(s).
p.value.indeptest	P-value of the independence test if performed.

### Note

When the bivariate t-copula is considered and the degrees of freedom are estimated to be larger than 30, then the bivariate Gaussian copula is taken into account instead. Similarly, when BB1 (Clayton-Gumbel), BB6 (Joe-Gumbel), BB7 (Joe-Clayton) or BB8 (Joe-Frank) copulas are considered and the parameters are estimated to be very close to one of their boundary cases, the respective one parameter copula is taken into account instead.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[RVineStructureSelect](#), [RVineCopSelect](#), [BiCopIndTest](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: Gaussian copula with large dependence parameter
par1 = 0.7
fam1 = 1
dat1 = BiCopSim(500,fam1,par1)

# select the bivariate copula family and estimate the parameter(s)
cop1 = BiCopSelect(dat1[,1],dat1[,2],familyset=c(1:10),indeptest=FALSE,
  level=0.05)
cop1$family
cop1$par
cop1$par2

## Example 2: Gaussian copula with small dependence parameter
par2 = 0.01
fam2 = 1
dat2 = BiCopSim(500,fam2,par2)

# select the bivariate copula family and estimate the parameter(s)
cop2 = BiCopSelect(dat2[,1],dat2[,2],familyset=c(1:10),indeptest=TRUE,
  level=0.05)
cop2$family
cop2$par
cop2$par2

## Example 3: empirical data
data(daxreturns)
cop3 = BiCopSelect(daxreturns[,1],daxreturns[,4],
  familyset=c(1:10,13,14,16,23,24,26))
cop3$family
cop3$par
cop3$par2
```

BiCopSim

*Simulation from a bivariate copula***Description**

This function simulates from a given parametric bivariate copula.

**Usage**

```
BiCopSim(N, family, par, par2=0)
```

**Arguments**

N	Number of bivariate observations simulated.
family	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula)

	3 = Clayton copula
	4 = Gumbel copula
	5 = Frank copula
	6 = Joe copula
	7 = BB1 copula
	8 = BB6 copula
	9 = BB7 copula
	10 = BB8 copula
	13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")
	14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")
	16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")
	17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1")
	18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")
	19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")
	20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	Copula parameter.
par2	Second parameter for bivariate copulas with two parameters (t, BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8; default: par2 = 0).

**Value**

An N x 2 matrix of data simulated from the bivariate copula.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier

**See Also**

[BiCopCDF](#), [BiCopPDF](#), [RVineSim](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate from a bivariate t-copula
simdata = BiCopSim(300, 2, -0.7, par2=4)
```



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BiCopTau2Par	<i>Parameter of a bivariate copula for a given Kendall's tau value</i>
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**Description**

This function computes the parameter of a one parameter bivariate copula for a given value of Kendall's tau.

**Usage**

```
BiCopTau2Par(family, tau)
```

**Arguments**

tau	Kendall's tau value (numeric in [-1,1]).
family	An integer defining the bivariate copula family: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton") 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel") 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe") 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees) Note that two parameter bivariate copula families cannot be used.

**Value**

Parameter corresponding to the bivariate copula family and the value of Kendall's tau ( $\tau$ ).

No.	Parameter
1, 2	$\sin(\tau \frac{\pi}{2})$
3, 13	$\max(0, 2 \frac{\tau}{1-\tau})$
4, 14	$\max(1, \frac{1}{1-\tau})$
5	no closed form expression (numerical inversion)
6, 16	no closed form expression (numerical inversion)
23, 33	$\max(0, 2 \frac{\tau}{1+\tau})$
24, 34	$\min(-1, -\frac{1}{1+\tau})$
26, 36	no closed form expression (numerical inversion)

**Author(s)**

Jakob Stoeber, Eike Brechmann

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## See Also

[BiCopTau2Par](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: Gaussian copula
tt1 = BiCopTau2Par(1,0.5)

# transform back
BiCopPar2Tau(1,tt1)

## Example 2: Clayton copula
BiCopTau2Par(3,0.4)
```

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BiCopVuongClarke	<i>Scoring goodness-of-fit test based on Vuong and Clarke tests for bivariate copula data</i>
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## Description

Based on the Vuong and Clarke tests this function computes a goodness-of-fit score for each bivariate copula family under consideration. For each possible pair of copula families the Vuong and the Clarke tests decides which of the two families fits the given data best and assigns a score—pro or contra a copula family—according to this decision.

## Usage

```
BiCopVuongClarke(u1, u2, familyset=NA,
                  correction=FALSE, level=0.05)
```

## Arguments

u1,u2	Data vectors of equal length with values in [0,1].
familyset	An integer vector of bivariate copula families under consideration, i.e., which are compared in the goodness-of-fit test. If familyset = NA (default), all possible families are compared. Possible families are: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula

	8 = BB6 copula
	9 = BB7 copula
	10 = BB8 copula
	13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")
	14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")
	16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")
	17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1")
	18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")
	19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")
	20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
correction	Correction for the number of parameters. Possible choices: correction = FALSE (no correction; default), "Akaike" and "Schwarz".
level	Numerical; significance level of the tests (default: level = 0.05).

## Details

The Vuong as well as the Clarke test compare two models against each other and based on their null hypothesis, allow for a statistically significant decision among the two models (see the documentations of [RVineVuongTest](#) and [RVineClarkeTest](#) for descriptions of the two tests). In the goodness-of-fit test proposed by Belgorodski (2010) this is used for bivariate copula selection. It compares a model 0 to all other possible models under consideration. If model 0 is favored over another model, a score of "+1" is assigned and similarly a score of "-1" if the other model is determined to be superior. No score is assigned, if the respective test cannot discriminate between two models. Both tests can be corrected for the numbers of parameters used in the copulas. Either no correction (correction = FALSE), the Akaike correction (correction = "Akaike") or the parsimonious Schwarz correction (correction = "Schwarz") can be used.

The models compared here are bivariate parametric copulas and we would like to determine which family fits the data better than the other families. E.g., if we would like to test the hypothesis that the bivariate Gaussian copula fits the data best, then we compare the Gaussian copula against all other copulas under consideration. In doing so, we investigate the null hypothesis "The Gaussian copula fits the data better than all other copulas under consideration", which corresponds to  $k - 1$  times the hypothesis "The Gaussian copula  $C_j$  fits the data better than copula  $C_i$ " for all  $i = 1, \dots, k, i \neq j$ , where  $k$  is the number of bivariate copula families under consideration (length of familyset). This procedure is done not only for one family but for all families under consideration, i.e., two scores, one based on the Vuong and one based on the Clarke test, are returned for each bivariate copula family. If used as a goodness-of-fit procedure, the family with the highest score should be selected.

For more and detailed information about the goodness-of-fit test see Belgorodski (2010).

**Value**

A matrix with Vuong test scores in the first and Clarke test scores in the second row. Column names correspond to bivariate copula families (see above).

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier, Eike Brechmann, Natalia Belgorodski

**References**

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**See Also**

[BiCopGofTest](#), [RVineVuongTest](#), [RVineClarkeTest](#), [BiCopSelect](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# simulate from a t-copula
dat = BiCopSim(500,2,0.7,5)

# apply the test for families 1-10
vcgof = BiCopVuongClarke(dat[,1],dat[,2],familyset=c(1:10))

# display the Vuong test scores
vcgof[1,]

## End(Not run)
```

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C2RVine

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*Transform C-vine to R-vine structure*


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**Description**

This function transforms a C-vine structure from the package CDVine to the corresponding R-vine structure.

**Usage**

```
C2RVine(order, family, par, par2=rep(0,length(family)))
```

**Arguments**

order	A d-dimensional vector specifying the order of the root nodes in the C-vine.
family	<p>A <math>d*(d-1)/2</math> vector of pair-copula families with values</p> <p>0 = independence copula</p> <p>1 = Gaussian copula</p> <p>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</p> <p>3 = Clayton copula</p> <p>4 = Gumbel copula</p> <p>5 = Frank copula</p> <p>6 = Joe copula</p> <p>7 = BB1 copula</p> <p>8 = BB6 copula</p> <p>9 = BB7 copula</p> <p>10 = BB8 copula</p> <p>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)</p> <p>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)</p> <p>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)</p> <p>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)</p> <p>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)</p> <p>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)</p> <p>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)</p> <p>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)</p> <p>33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)</p> <p>40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)</p>
par	A $d*(d-1)/2$ vector of pair-copula parameters.
par2	<p>A <math>d*(d-1)/2</math> vector of second pair-copula parameters (optional; default:</p> <p>par2 = rep(0,length(family))), necessary for the t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas.</p>

**Value**

An [RVineMatrix](#) object.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier, Eike Brechmann

**See Also**

[RVineMatrix](#), [D2RVine](#)

## Examples

```
# simulate a sample of size 500 from a 4-dimensional C-vine
# copula model with mixed pair-copulas
# load package CDVine
library(CDVine)
d = 4
dd = d*(d-1)/2
order = 1:d
family = c(1,2,3,4,7,3)
par = c(0.5,0.4,2,1.5,1.2,1.5)
par2 = c(0,5,0,0,2,0)
type = 1
simdata = CDVineSim(500,family,par,par2,type)

# determine log-likelihood
out = CDVineLogLik(simdata,family,par,par2,type)
out$loglik

# transform to R-vine matrix notation
RVM = C2RVine(order,family,par,par2)

# check that log-likelihood stays the same
out2 = RVineLogLik(simdata,RVM)
out2$loglik
```

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D2RVine

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*Transform D-vine to R-vine structure*


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## Description

This function transforms a D-vine structure from the package CDVine to the corresponding R-vine structure.

## Usage

```
D2RVine(order, family, par, par2=rep(0,length(family)))
```

## Arguments

order	A d-dimensional vector specifying the order of the nodes in the D-vine.
family	A $d*(d-1)/2$ vector of pair-copula families with values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 = independence copula</li> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> </ul>

	13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)
	14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)
	16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)
	17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)
	18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)
	19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)
	20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	A $d*(d-1)/2$ vector of pair-copula parameters.
par2	A $d*(d-1)/2$ vector of second pair-copula parameters (optional; default: par2 = rep(0,length(family))), necessary for the t-, BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas.

**Value**

An [RVineMatrix](#) object.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier

**See Also**

[RVineMatrix](#), [C2RVine](#)

**Examples**

```
# simulate a sample of size 500 from a 4-dimensional D-vine
# copula model with mixed pair-copulas
# load package CDVine
library(CDVine)
d = 4
dd = d*(d-1)/2
order = 1:d
family = c(1,2,3,4,7,3)
par = c(0.5,0.4,2,1.5,1.2,1.5)
par2 = c(0,5,0,0,2,0)
type = 2
simdata = CDVineSim(500,family,par,par2,type)

# determine log-likelihood
```

```

out = CDVineLogLik(simdata,family,par,par2,type)
out$loglik

# transform to R-vine matrix notation
RVM = D2RVine(order,family,par,par2)

# check that log-likelihood stays the same
out2 = RVineLogLik(simdata,RVM)
out2$loglik

```

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daxreturns

*Major German Stocks*


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### Description

This data set contains transformed standardized residuals of daily log returns of 15 major German stocks represented in the index DAX observed from January 2005 to August 2009. Each time series is filtered using a GARCH(1,1) model with Student t innovations.

### Format

A data frame with 1158 observations on 15 variables. Column names correspond to ticker symbols of the stocks.

### Source

Yahoo! Finance

### See Also

[RVineStructureSelect](#)

### Examples

```

# load the data set
data(daxreturns)

# compute the empirical Kendall's tau matrix
TauMatrix(daxreturns)

```

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RVineAIC/BIC

*AIC and BIC of an R-vine copula model*


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### Description

These functions calculate the Akaike and Bayesian Information criteria of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model for a given copula data set.

### Usage

```

RVineAIC(data, RVM, par=RVm$par, par2=RVm$par2)
RVineBIC(data, RVM, par=RVm$par, par2=RVm$par2)

```



**Arguments**

data	An $N \times d$ data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure and the pair-copula families and parameters.
par	A $d \times d$ matrix with the pair-copula parameters (optional; default: <code>par = RVM\$par</code> ).
par2	A $d \times d$ matrix with the second parameters of pair-copula families with two parameters (optional; default: <code>par2 = RVM\$par2</code> ).

**Details**

If  $k$  denotes the number of parameters of an R-vine copula model with log-likelihood  $l_{RVine}$  and parameter set  $\theta$ , then the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) by Akaike (1973) is defined as

$$AIC := -2l_{RVine}(\theta|\mathbf{u}) + 2k,$$

for observations  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_N)'$ .

Similarly, the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) by Schwarz (1978) is given by

$$BIC := -2l_{RVine}(\theta|\mathbf{u}) + \log(N)k.$$

**Value**

AIC, BIC	The computed AIC or BIC value, respectively.
pair.AIC, pair.BIC	A $d \times d$ matrix of individual contributions to the AIC or BIC value for each pair-copula, respectively. Note: <code>AIC = sum(pair.AIC)</code> and similarly <code>BIC = sum(pair.BIC)</code> .

**Author(s)**

Eike Brechmann

**References**

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- Schwarz, G. E. (1978). Estimating the dimension of a model. *Annals of Statistics* 6 (2), 461-464.

**See Also**

[RVineLogLik](#), [RVineVuongTest](#), [RVineClarkeTest](#)

**Examples**

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
```

```

par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute AIC and BIC
RVineAIC(simdata,RVM)
RVineBIC(simdata,RVM)

```

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RVineClarkeTest

*Clarke test comparing two R-vine copula models*


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## Description

This function performs a Clarke test between two d-dimensional R-vine copula models as specified by their [RVineMatrix](#) objects.

## Usage

```
RVineClarkeTest(data, RVM1, RVM2)
```

## Arguments

**data** An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).  
**RVM1, RVM2** [RVineMatrix](#) objects of models 1 and 2.

## Details

The test proposed by Clarke (2007) allows to compare non-nested models. For this let  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be two competing vine copulas in terms of their densities and with estimated parameter sets  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$ . The null hypothesis of statistical indistinguishability of the two models is

$$H_0 : P(m_i > 0) = 0.5 \forall i = 1, \dots, N,$$

where  $m_i := \log \left[ \frac{c_1(\mathbf{u}_i | \hat{\theta}_1)}{c_2(\mathbf{u}_i | \hat{\theta}_2)} \right]$  for observations  $\mathbf{u}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

Since under statistical equivalence of the two models the log likelihood ratios of the single observations are uniformly distributed around zero and in expectation 50% of the log likelihood ratios greater than zero, the test statistic

$$\text{statistic} := B = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{1}_{(0,\infty)}(m_i),$$

where  $\mathbf{1}$  is the indicator function, is distributed Binomial with parameters  $N$  and  $p = 0.5$ , and critical values can easily be obtained. Model 1 is interpreted as statistically equivalent to model 2 if  $B$  is not significantly different from the expected value  $Np = \frac{N}{2}$ .

Like AIC and BIC, the Clarke test statistic may be corrected for the number of parameters used in the models. There are two possible corrections; the Akaike and the Schwarz corrections, which correspond to the penalty terms in the AIC and the BIC, respectively.

### Value

```
statistic, statistic.Akaike, statistic.Schwarz
      Test statistics without correction, with Akaike correction and with Schwarz cor-
      rection.
p.value, p.value.Akaike, p.value.Schwarz
      P-values of tests without correction, with Akaike correction and with Schwarz
      correction.
```

### Author(s)

Jeffrey Dissmann, Eike Brechmann

### References

Clarke, K. A. (2007). A Simple Distribution-Free Test for Nonnested Model Selection. *Political Analysis*, 15, 347-363.

### See Also

[RVineVuongTest](#), [RVineAIC](#), [RVineBIC](#)

### Examples

```
# define first 5-dimensional RVineMatrix object
Matrix1 = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix1 = matrix(Matrix1,5,5)

family1 = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family1 = matrix(family1,5,5)

par1 = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
         0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par1 = matrix(par1,5,5)

RVM1 = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix1,family=family1,par=par1,
                   par2=matrix(0,5,5),names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# define second 5-dimensional RVineMatrix object
Matrix2 = c(5,4,3,2,1,0,4,3,2,1,0,0,3,2,1,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix2 = matrix(Matrix2,5,5)

family2 = c(0,3,1,3,2,0,0,1,5,3,0,0,0,2,3,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0)
family2 = matrix(family2,5,5)

par2 = c(0,0.8,0.3,1.5,0.8,0,0,-0.4,1.6,1.2,0,0,0,-0.4,1.5,
         0,0,0,0,0.6,0,0,0,0,0)
par2 = matrix(par2,5,5)
```

```

nu2 = c(0,0,0,0,5,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,8,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)
nu2 = matrix(nu2,5,5)

RVM2 = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix2,family=family2,par=par2,par2=nu2,
                    names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the first R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM1)

# compare the two models based on this sample
clarke = RVineClarkeTest(simdata,RVM1,RVM2)
clarke$statistic
clarke$statistic.Schwarz
clarke$p.value
clarke$p.value.Schwarz

```

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RVineCopSelect

*Sequential copula selection and estimation of R-vine copula models*


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### Description

This function fits a R-vine copula model to a d-dimensional copula data set. Pair-copula families are selected using [BiCopSelect](#) and estimated sequentially.

### Usage

```

RVineCopSelect(data, familyset=NA, Matrix, selectioncrit="AIC",
               indeptest=FALSE, level=0.05, trunclevel=NA)

```

### Arguments

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
familyset	An integer vector of pair-copula families to select from (the independence copula MUST NOT be specified in this vector unless one wants to fit an independence vine!). The vector has to include at least one pair-copula family that allows for positive and one that allows for negative dependence. If familyset = NA (default), selection among all possible families is performed. The coding of pair-copula families is shown below.
Matrix	Lower triangular d x d matrix that defines the R-vine tree structure.
selectioncrit	Character indicating the criterion for pair-copula selection. Possible choices: selectioncrit = "AIC" (default) or "BIC" (see <a href="#">BiCopSelect</a> ).
indeptest	Logical; whether a hypothesis test for the independence of u1 and u2 is performed before bivariate copula selection (default: indeptest = FALSE; see <a href="#">BiCopIndTest</a> ). The independence copula is chosen for a (conditional) pair if the null hypothesis of independence cannot be rejected.
level	Numeric; significance level of the independence test (default: level = 0.05).
trunclevel	Integer; level of truncation.

### Details

R-vine copula models with unknown structure can be specified using [RVineStructureSelect](#).

**Value**

An `RVineMatrix` object with the following matrix components

<code>Matrix</code>	R-vine tree structure matrix as given by the argument <code>Matrix</code> .
<code>family</code>	Selected pair-copula family matrix with values corresponding to 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula 8 = BB6 copula 9 = BB7 copula 10 = BB8 copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”) 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”) 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”) 17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”) 18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”) 19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”) 20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”) 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees) 28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees) 29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees) 30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees) 37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees) 38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees) 39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees) 40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
<code>par</code>	Estimated pair-copula parameter matrix.
<code>par2</code>	Estimated second pair-copula parameter matrix with parameters of pair-copula families with two parameters.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- Brechmann, E. C., C. Czado, and K. Aas (2012). Truncated regular vines in high dimensions with applications to financial data. *Canadian Journal of Statistics* 40 (1), 68-85.
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**See Also**

[RVineStructureSelect](#), [BiCopSelect](#), [RVineSeqEst](#)

**Examples**

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 1000 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(1000,RVM)

# determine the pair-copula families and parameters
RVM1 = RVineCopSelect(simdata,familyset=c(1,3,4,5,6),Matrix)
```

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RVineGrad

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*Gradient of the log-likelihood of an R-vine copula model*


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**Description**

This function calculates the gradient of the log-likelihood of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model with respect to the copula parameter and evaluates it on a given copula data set.

**Usage**

```
RVineGrad(data, RVM, par=RVM$par, par2=RVM$par2, start.V=NA,
          posParams=(RVM$family>0))
```

**Arguments**

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure and the pair-copula families and parameters. Only the following copula families are allowed in RVM\$family 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula)

	3 = Clayton copula
	4 = Gumbel copula
	5 = Frank copula
	6 = Joe copula
	13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)
	14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)
	16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
par	A $d \times d$ matrix with the pair-copula parameters (optional; default: <code>par = RVM\$par</code> ).
par2	A $d \times d$ matrix with the second parameters of pair-copula families with two parameters (optional; default: <code>par2 = RVM\$par2</code> ).
start.V	Transformations (h-functions and log-likelihoods of each pair-copula) of previous calculations (see output; default: <code>start.V = NA</code> ).
posParams	A $d \times d$ matrix indicating which copula has to be considered in the gradient (default: <code>posParams = (RVM\$family &gt; 0)</code> ).

## Details

The ordering of the gradient is due to the ordering of the R-vine matrix. The gradient starts at the lower right corner of the R-vine matrix and goes column by column to the left and up, i.e. the first entry of the gradient is the last entry of the second last column of the `par`-matrix followed by the last entry of the third last column and the second last entry of this column. If there is a copula family with two parameters, i.e. the t-copula, the derivative with respect to the second parameter is at the end of the gradient vector in order of their occurrence.

## Value

`gradient`      The calculated gradient of the log-likelihood value of the R-vine copula model.

## Note

The gradient for R-vine copula models with two parameter Archimedean copulas, i.e. BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8 and their rotated versions.

## Author(s)

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## References

- Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.
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Stoeber, J. and U. Schepsmeier (2012). Is there significant time-variation in multivariate copulas? Submitted for publication. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.4841>.

### See Also

[BiCopDeriv](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv2](#), [RVineMatrix](#), [RVineMLE](#), [RVineHessian](#)

### Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute the gradient of the first row of the data
out2 = RVineGrad(simdata[1,],RVM)
out2$gradient
```

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RVineHessian

*Hessian matrix of the log-likelihood of an R-vine copula model*

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### Description

This function calculates the Hessian matrix of the log-likelihood of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model with respect to the copula parameter and evaluates it on a given copula data set.

### Usage

```
RVineHessian(data, RVM)
```



**Arguments**

data	An $N \times d$ data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM	An <code>RVineMatrix</code> object including the structure, the pair-copula families, and the parameters. Only the following copula families are allowed in <code>RVM\$family</code> 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) (WARNING: see details) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”) 14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”) 16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”) 23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees) 24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees) 26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees) 33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees) 34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees) 36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)

**Value**

hessian	The calculated Hessian matrix of the log-likelihood value of the R-vine copula model.
der	The product of the gradient vector with its transposed version.

**Note**

The Hessian matrix is not available for R-vine copula models with two parameter Archimedean copulas, i.e. BB1, BB6, BB7, BB8 and their rotated versions.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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- Stoeber, J. and U. Schepsmeier (2012). Is there significant time-variation in multivariate copulas? Submitted for publication. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.4841>.

**See Also**

`BiCopDeriv`, `BiCopDeriv2`, `BiCopHfuncDeriv`, `BiCopHfuncDeriv2`,  
`RVineMatrix`, `RVineMLE`, `RVineGrad`

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute the Hessian matrix of the first row of the data
out2 = RVineHessian(simdata[1,],RVM)
out2$hessian
```

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RVineLogLik

*Log-likelihood of an R-vine copula model*


---

## Description

This function calculates the log-likelihood of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model for a given copula data set.

## Usage

```
RVineLogLik(data, RVM, par=RVM$par, par2=RVM$par2, separate=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure and the pair-copula families and parameters.
par	A d x d matrix with the pair-copula parameters (optional; default: par = RVM\$par).
par2	A d x d matrix with the second parameters of pair-copula families with two parameters (optional; default: par2 = RVM\$par2).
separate	Logical; whether log-likelihoods are returned pointwisely (default: separate = FALSE).

## Details

For observations  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_N)'$  the log-likelihood of a  $d$ -dimensional R-vine copula with  $d - 1$  trees and corresponding edge sets  $E_1, \dots, E_{d-1}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{loglik} &:= l_{RVine}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{u}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\ell=1}^{d-1} \sum_{e \in E_\ell} \ln \left[ c_{j(e),k(e)|D(e)} \left( F(u_{i,j(e)}|\mathbf{u}_{i,D(e)}), F(u_{i,k(e)}|\mathbf{u}_{i,D(e)}) | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{j(e),k(e)|D(e)} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_i = (u_{i,1}, \dots, u_{i,d})' \in [0, 1]^d$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Further  $c_{j(e),k(e)|D(e)}$  denotes a bivariate copula density associated to an edge  $e$  and with parameter(s)  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{j(e),k(e)|D(e)}$ . Conditional distribution functions such as  $F(u_{i,j(e)}|\mathbf{u}_{i,D(e)})$  are obtained recursively using the relationship

$$h(u|\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) := F(u|\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial C_{uv_j|\mathbf{v}_{-j}}(F(u|\mathbf{v}_{-j}), F(v_j|\mathbf{v}_{-j}))}{\partial F(v_j|\mathbf{v}_{-j})},$$

where  $C_{uv_j|\mathbf{v}_{-j}}$  is a bivariate copula distribution function with parameter(s)  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{-j}$  denotes a vector with the  $j$ -th component  $v_j$  removed. The notation of h-functions is introduced for convenience. For more details see Dissmann et al. (2013).

## Value

loglik	The calculated log-likelihood value of the R-vine copula model.
v	The stored transformations (h-functions and log-likelihoods of each pair-copula) which may be used for posterior updates (three matrices: direct, indirect and value).

## Author(s)

Ulf Schepsmeier, Jeffrey Dissmann, Jakob Stoeber

## References

Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.

## See Also

[BiCopHfunc](#), [RVineMatrix](#), [RVineMLE](#), [RVineAIC](#), [RVineBIC](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0,0)
```

```

par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute the log-likelihood
ll = RVineLogLik(simdata,RVM,separate=FALSE)
ll$loglik

# compute the pointwise log-likelihoods
ll = RVineLogLik(simdata,RVM,separate=TRUE)
ll$loglik

```

RVineMatrix

*R-vine copula model in matrix notation*

## Description

This function creates an [RVineMatrix](#) object which encodes an R-vine copula model. It contains the matrix identifying the R-vine tree structure, the matrix identifying the copula families utilized and two matrices for corresponding parameter values.

## Usage

```

RVineMatrix(Matrix, family=array(0,dim=dim(Matrix)),
            par=array(NA,dim=dim(Matrix)),
            par2=array(NA,dim=dim(Matrix)), names=NULL)

```

## Arguments

Matrix	Lower triangular d x d matrix that defines the R-vine tree structure.
family	Lower triangular d x d matrix with zero diagonal entries that assigns the pair-copula families to each (conditional) pair defined by Matrix (default: family = array(0,dim=dim(Matrix))). The bivariate copula families are defined as follows: 0 = independence copula 1 = Gaussian copula 2 = Student t copula (t-copula) 3 = Clayton copula 4 = Gumbel copula 5 = Frank copula 6 = Joe copula 7 = BB1 copula 8 = BB6 copula 9 = BB7 copula 10 = BB8 copula

	13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; “survival Clayton”)
	14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; “survival Gumbel”)
	16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; “survival Joe”)
	17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB1”)
	18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB6”)
	19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB7”)
	20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; “survival BB8”)
	23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)
	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
par	Lower triangular d x d matrix with zero diagonal entries that assigns the (first) pair-copula parameter to each (conditional) pair defined by Matrix (default: par = array(NA,dim=dim(Matrix))).
par2	Lower triangular d x d matrix with zero diagonal entries that assigns the second parameter for pair-copula families with two parameters to each (conditional) pair defined by Matrix (default: par2 = array(NA,dim=dim(Matrix))).
names	A vector of names for the d variables; default: names = NULL.

**Value**

An [RVineMatrix](#) object with the following matrix components:

Matrix	R-vine tree structure matrix.
family	Pair-copula family matrix with values as above.
par	Pair-copula parameter matrix.
par2	Second pair-copula parameter matrix with parameters necessary for pair-copula families with two parameters.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.

**See Also**

[RVineMLE](#), [RVineSim](#), [C2RVine](#), [D2RVine](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))
```

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RVineMLE

*Maximum likelihood estimation of an R-vine copula model*


---

## Description

This function calculates the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of the R-vine copula model parameters using sequential estimates as initial values (if not provided).

## Usage

```
RVineMLE(data, RVM, start=RVM$par, start2=RVM$par2, maxit=200, max.df=30,
         max.BB=list(BB1=c(5,6),BB6=c(6,6),BB7=c(5,6),BB8=c(6,1)),
         grad=FALSE, hessian=FALSE, se=FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	An $N \times d$ data matrix (with uniform margins).
<code>RVM</code>	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure and the pair-copula families and parameters (if known).
<code>start</code>	Lower triangular $d \times d$ matrix with zero diagonal entries with starting values for the pair-copula parameters (optional; otherwise they are calculated via <a href="#">RVineSeqEst</a> ; default: <code>start = RVM\$par</code> ).
<code>start2</code>	Lower triangular $d \times d$ matrix with zero diagonal entries with starting values for the second parameters of pair-copula families with two parameters (optional; otherwise they are calculated via <a href="#">RVineSeqEst</a> ; default: <code>start2 = RVM\$par2</code> ).
<code>maxit</code>	The maximum number of iteration steps (optional; default: <code>maxit = 500</code> ).
<code>max.df</code>	Numeric; upper bound for the estimation of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula (default: <code>max.df = 30</code> ; for more details see <a href="#">BiCopEst</a> ).

max.BB	List; upper bounds for the estimation of the two parameters (in absolute values) of the BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: max.BB = list(BB1=c(5,6),BB6=c(6,6),BB7=c(5,6),BB8=c(6,1))).
grad	If RVM\$family only contains one parameter copula families or the t-copula the analytical gradient can be used for maximization of the log-likelihood (see <a href="#">RVineGrad</a> ; default: grad = FALSE).
hessian	Logical; whether the Hessian matrix of parameter estimates is estimated (default: hessian = FALSE). Note that this is not the Hessian Matrix calculated via <a href="#">RVineHessian</a> but via finite differences.
se	Logical; whether standard errors of parameter estimates are estimated on the basis of the Hessian matrix (see above; default: se = FALSE).
...	Further arguments for optim (e.g. factr controls the convergence of the "L-BFGS-B" method, or trace, a non-negative integer, determines if tracing information on the progress of the optimization is produced.) For more details see the documentation of <a href="#">optim</a> .

### Value

RVM	<a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object with the calculated parameters stored in RVM\$par and RVM\$par2.
value	Optimized log-likelihood value corresponding to the estimated pair-copula parameters.
convergence	An integer code indicating either successful convergence (convergence = 0) or an error: 1 = the iteration limit maxit has been reached 51 = a warning from the "L-BFGS-B" method; see component message for further details 52 = an error from the "L-BFGS-B" method; see component message for further details
message	A character string giving any additional information returned by <a href="#">optim</a> , or NULL.
counts	A two-element integer vector giving the number of calls to fn and gr respectively. This excludes those calls needed to compute the Hessian, if requested, and any calls to fn to compute a finite-difference approximation to the gradient.
hessian	If hessian = TRUE, the Hessian matrix is returned. Its calculation is on the basis of finite differences (output of optim).
se	If se = TRUE, the standard errors of parameter estimates are returned. Their calculation is based on the Hesse matrix (see above).

### Note

RVineMLE uses the L-BFGS-B method for optimization.  
If the analytical gradient is used for maximization, computations may be up to 10 times faster than using finite differences.

### Author(s)

Ulf Schepsmeier, Jeffrey Dissmann

## References

Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.

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## See Also

[RVineSeqEst](#), [RVineStructureSelect](#), [RVineMatrix](#), [RVineGrad](#), [RVineHessian](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute the MLE
mle = RVineMLE(simdata,RVM,grad=TRUE)
mle$RVM
```

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RVinePar2Tau

*Kendall's tau values of an R-vine copula model*

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## Description

This function computes the values of Kendall's tau corresponding to the parameters of an R-vine copula model.

## Usage

```
RVinePar2Tau(RVM)
```



**Arguments**

RVM                      An [RVineMatrix](#) object.

**Value**

Matrix with the same structure as the family and parameter matrices of the [RVineMatrix](#) object RVM where the entries are values of Kendall's tau corresponding to the families and parameters of the R-vine copula model given by RVM.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dissmann

**See Also**

[RVineMatrix](#), [BiCopPar2Tau](#)

**Examples**

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# compute the Kendall's tau values
tau = RVinePar2Tau(RVM)
```

---

RVineSeqEst

---

*Sequential estimation of an R-vine copula model*


---

**Description**

This function sequentially estimates the pair-copula parameters of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model as specified by the corresponding [RVineMatrix](#) object.

**Usage**

```
RVineSeqEst(data, RVM, method="mle", se=FALSE, max.df=30,
             max.BB=list(BB1=c(5,6),BB6=c(6,6),BB7=c(5,6),BB8=c(6,1)),
             progress=FALSE,weights=NA)
```

**Arguments**

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure, the pair-copula families and the pair-copula parameters (if they are known).
method	Character indicating the estimation method: either pairwise maximum likelihood estimation (method = "mle"; default) or inversion of Kendall's tau (method = "itau"; see <a href="#">BiCopEst</a> . For method = "itau" only one parameter pair-copula families can be used (family = 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 23, 24, 26, 33, 34 or 36).
se	Logical; whether standard errors are estimated (default: se=FALSE).
max.df	Numeric; upper bound for the estimation of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula (default: max.df = 30; for more details see <a href="#">BiCopEst</a> ).
max.BB	List; upper bounds for the estimation of the two parameters (in absolute values) of the BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: max.BB = list(BB1=c(5,6),BB6=c(6,6),BB7=c(5,6),BB8=c(6,1))).
progress	Logical; whether the pairwise estimation progress is printed (default: progress = FALSE).
weights	Numerical; weights for each observation (optional).

**Details**

The pair-copula parameter estimation is performed tree-wise, i.e., for each R-vine tree the results from the previous tree(s) are used to calculate the new copula parameters using [BiCopEst](#).

**Value**

RVM	<a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object with the sequentially estimated parameters stored in RVM\$par and RVM\$par2.
se	Lower triangular d x d matrix with estimated standard errors of the (first) pair-copula parameters for each (conditional) pair defined in the <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object (if se = TRUE).
se2	Lower triangular d x d matrix with estimated standard errors of the second parameters for pair-copula families with two parameters for each (conditional) pair defined in the <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object (if se = TRUE).

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier, Jeffrey Dissmann

**See Also**

[BiCopEst](#), [BiCopHfunc](#), [RVineLogLik](#), [RVineMLE](#), [RVineMatrix](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# sequential estimation
RVineSeqEst(simdata,RVM,method="itau",se=TRUE)
RVineSeqEst(simdata,RVM,method="mle",se=TRUE)
```

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RVineSim

*Simulation from an R-vine copula model*


---

## Description

This function simulates from a given R-vine copula model.

## Usage

```
RVineSim(N, RVM)
```

## Arguments

N	Number of d-dimensional observations to simulate.
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object containing the information of the R-vine copula model.

## Value

An N x d matrix of data simulated from the given R-vine copula model.

## Author(s)

Jeffrey Dissmann

## References

Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.

## See Also

[RVineMatrix](#), [BiCopSim](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)
```

---

RVineStdError

*Standard errors of an R-vine copula model*

---

## Description

This function calculates the standard errors of a d-dimensional R-vine copula model given the Hessian matrix.

## Usage

```
RVineStdError(hessian, RVM)
```

## Arguments

hessian	The Hessian matrix of the given R-vine.
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure, the pair-copula families, and the parameters.

**Value**

se	The calculated standard errors for the first parameter matrix. The entries are ordered with respect to the ordering of the RVM\$par matrix.
se2	The calculated standard errors for the second parameter matrix.

**Note**

The negative Hessian matrix should be positive semidefinite. Otherwise NAs will be returned in some entries and the non-NA entries may be wrong. If the negative Hessian matrix is negative definite, then one could try a near positive matrix. The package `Matrix` provides a function called `nearPD` to estimate a matrix which is positive definite and close to the given matrix.

**Author(s)**

Ulf Schepsmeier, Jakob Stoeber

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**See Also**

[BiCopDeriv](#), [BiCopDeriv2](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv](#), [BiCopHfuncDeriv2](#), [RVineMatrix](#), [RVineHessian](#), [RVineGrad](#)

**Examples**

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the R-vine copula model
```

```

simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM)

# compute the Hessian matrix of the first row of the data
out2 = RVineHessian(simdata,RVM)

# get the standard errors
RVineStdError(out2$hessian,RVM)

```

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RVineStructureSelect    *Sequential specification of R- and C-vine copula models*

---

## Description

This function fits either an R- or a C-vine copula model to a d-dimensional copula data set. Tree structures are determined and appropriate pair-copula families are selected using [BiCopSelect](#) and estimated sequentially (forward selection of trees).

## Usage

```

RVineStructureSelect(data, familyset=NA, type=0, selectioncrit="AIC",
                     indeptest=FALSE, level=0.05, trunclevel=NA,
                     progress=FALSE, weights=NA)

```

## Arguments

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
familyset	<p>An integer vector of pair-copula families to select from (the independence copula MUST NOT be specified in this vector unless one wants to fit an independence vine!). The vector has to include at least one pair-copula family that allows for positive and one that allows for negative dependence. If familyset = NA (default), selection among all possible families is performed. Coding of pair-copula families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 = Gaussian copula</li> <li>2 = Student t copula (t-copula)</li> <li>3 = Clayton copula</li> <li>4 = Gumbel copula</li> <li>5 = Frank copula</li> <li>6 = Joe copula</li> <li>7 = BB1 copula</li> <li>8 = BB6 copula</li> <li>9 = BB7 copula</li> <li>10 = BB8 copula</li> <li>13 = rotated Clayton copula (180 degrees; "survival Clayton")</li> <li>14 = rotated Gumbel copula (180 degrees; "survival Gumbel")</li> <li>16 = rotated Joe copula (180 degrees; "survival Joe")</li> <li>17 = rotated BB1 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB1")</li> <li>18 = rotated BB6 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB6")</li> <li>19 = rotated BB7 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB7")</li> <li>20 = rotated BB8 copula (180 degrees; "survival BB8")</li> <li>23 = rotated Clayton copula (90 degrees)</li> </ul>

	24 = rotated Gumbel copula (90 degrees)
	26 = rotated Joe copula (90 degrees)
	27 = rotated BB1 copula (90 degrees)
	28 = rotated BB6 copula (90 degrees)
	29 = rotated BB7 copula (90 degrees)
	30 = rotated BB8 copula (90 degrees)
	33 = rotated Clayton copula (270 degrees)
	34 = rotated Gumbel copula (270 degrees)
	36 = rotated Joe copula (270 degrees)
	37 = rotated BB1 copula (270 degrees)
	38 = rotated BB6 copula (270 degrees)
	39 = rotated BB7 copula (270 degrees)
	40 = rotated BB8 copula (270 degrees)
type	Type of the vine model to be specified: 0 or "RVine" = R-vine (default) 1 or "CVine" = C-vine C- and D-vine copula models with pre-specified order can be specified using <code>CDVineCopSelect</code> of the package <code>CDVine</code> . Similarly, R-vine copula models with pre-specified tree structure can be specified using <code>RVineCopSelect</code> .
selectioncrit	Character indicating the criterion for pair-copula selection. Possible choices: <code>selectioncrit = "AIC"</code> (default) or <code>"BIC"</code> (see <code>BiCopSelect</code> ).
indeptest	Logical; whether a hypothesis test for the independence of $u_1$ and $u_2$ is performed before bivariate copula selection (default: <code>indeptest = FALSE</code> ; see <code>BiCopIndTest</code> ). The independence copula is chosen for a (conditional) pair if the null hypothesis of independence cannot be rejected.
level	Numerical; significance level of the independence test (default: <code>level = 0.05</code> ).
trunclevel	Integer; level of truncation.
progress	Logical; whether the tree-wise specification progress is printed (default: <code>progress = FALSE</code> ).
weights	Numerical; weights for each observation (optional).

## Details

R-vine trees are selected using maximum spanning trees with absolute values of pairwise Kendall's taus as weights, i.e., the following optimization problem is solved for each tree:

$$\max \sum_{\text{edges } e_{ij} \text{ in spanning tree}} |\hat{\tau}_{ij}|,$$

where  $\hat{\tau}_{ij}$  denote the pairwise empirical Kendall's taus and a spanning tree is a tree on all nodes. The setting of the first tree selection step is always a complete graph. For subsequent trees, the setting depends on the R-vine construction principles, in particular on the proximity condition.

The root nodes of C-vine trees are determined similarly by identifying the node with strongest dependencies to all other nodes. That is we take the node with maximum column sum in the empirical Kendall's tau matrix.

Note that a possible way to determine the order of the nodes in the D-vine is to identify a shortest Hamiltonian path in terms of weights  $1 - |\tau_{ij}|$ . This can be established for example using the package `TSP`. Example code is shown below.

## Value

An `RVineMatrix` object with the selected structure (`RVM$Matrix`) and families (`RVM$family`) as well as sequentially estimated parameters stored in `RVM$par` and `RVM$par2`.

**Author(s)**

Jeffrey Dissmann, Eike Brechmann, Ulf Schepsmeier

**References**

Brechmann, E. C., C. Czado, and K. Aas (2012). Truncated regular vines in high dimensions with applications to financial data. *Canadian Journal of Statistics* 40 (1), 68-85.

Dissmann, J. F., E. C. Brechmann, C. Czado, and D. Kurowicka (2013). Selecting and estimating regular vine copulae and application to financial returns. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 59 (1), 52-69.

**See Also**

[RVineTreePlot](#), [RVineCopSelect](#)

**Examples**

```
# load data set
data(daxreturns)

# select the R-vine structure, families and parameters
## Not run:
RVM = RVineStructureSelect(daxreturns,c(1:6),progress=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

# specify a C-vine copula model with only Clayton, Gumbel and Frank copulas
## Not run:
CVM = RVineStructureSelect(daxreturns,c(3,4,5),"CVine")

## End(Not run)

# determine the order of the nodes in a D-vine using the package TSP
## Not run:
library(TSP)
d = dim(daxreturns)[2]
M = 1 - abs(TauMatrix(daxreturns))
hamilton = insert_dummy(TSP(M),label="cut")
sol = solve_TSP(hamilton,method="repetitive_nn")
order = cut_tour(sol,"cut")
DVM = D2RVine(order,family=rep(0,d*(d-1)/2),par=rep(0,d*(d-1)/2))
RVineCopSelect(daxreturns,c(1:6),DVM$Matrix)

## End(Not run)
```

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RVineTreePlot

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*Plot function for R-vine trees*


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**Description**

This function plots one or all trees of a given R-vine copula model.



**Usage**

```
RVineTreePlot(data=NULL, RVM, method="mle", max.df=30,
               max.BB=list(BB1=c(5,6), BB6=c(6,6), BB7=c(5,6), BB8=c(6,1)),
               tree="ALL", edge.labels=c("family"), P=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins), default: data = NULL.
RVM	An <a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> object including the structure and the pair-copula families and parameters.
method	Character indicating the estimation method: either maximum likelihood estimation (method = "mle"; default) or inversion of Kendall's tau (method = "itau").
max.df	Numeric; upper bound for the estimation of the degrees of freedom parameter of the t-copula (default: max.df = 30; for more details see <a href="#">BiCopEst</a> ).
max.BB	List; upper bounds for the estimation of the two parameters (in absolute values) of the BB1, BB6, BB7 and BB8 copulas (default: max.BB = list(BB1=c(5,6), BB6=c(6,6), BB7=c(5,6), BB8=c(6,1))).
tree	Number of the tree to be plotted or tree = "ALL" (default) to plot all trees.
edge.labels	Vector of edge labels. Possible choices: FALSE: no edge labels "family": pair-copula families (default) "par": pair-copula parameters "par2": second pair-copula parameters "theotau": theoretical Kendall's tau values corresponding to pair-copula families and parameters (see <a href="#">BiCopPar2Tau</a> ) "emptau": empirical Kendall's tau values (only if data is provided!) "pair": indices of (conditioned) pair of variables identified by the edges
P	A list of matrices with two columns for the x-y-coordinates of the nodes in the plot(s) (optional; default: P = NULL).

**Value**

A list of matrices P with two columns for the x-y-coordinates of the nodes in the plot(s).

**Note**

The function computes the positions of the nodes automatically with the Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm (see [plot.igraph](#) for a detailed description). If one would like to set the positions manually, one has to specify a list of matrices P in the argument list. A good starting point may be to run the function [RVineTreePlot](#) and manipulate the returning matrix P.

If data is provided, the parameters of the R-vine copula model are estimated sequentially using [RVineSeqEst/BiCopEst](#). Then the edge width is chosen according to the empirical Kendall's tau values. Otherwise theoretical values are used.

**Author(s)**

Eike Brechmann

**See Also**

[BiCopName](#)

## Examples

```
# define 5-dimensional R-vine tree structure matrix
Matrix = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,1)
Matrix = matrix(Matrix,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula family matrix
family = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family = matrix(family,5,5)

# define R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
        0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par = matrix(par,5,5)

# define second R-vine pair-copula parameter matrix
par2 = matrix(0,5,5)

# define RVineMatrix object
RVM = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix,family=family,par=par,par2=par2,
                  names=c("V1", "V2", "V3", "V4", "V5"))

# plot all trees with pair-copula families and
# theoretical Kendall's tau values as edge labels
P = RVineTreePlot(data=NULL,RVM=RVM,tree="ALL",
                  edge.labels=c("family","theotau"),P=NULL)

# manipulate the first matrix of x-y-coordinates
P[[1]][1,] = P[[1]][1,]*2

# plot only the first tree with new coordinates
RVineTreePlot(data=NULL,RVM=RVM,tree=1,edge.labels=FALSE,P=P)
```

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RVineVuongTest

*Vuong test comparing two R-vine copula models*


---

## Description

This function performs a Vuong test between two d-dimensional R-vine copula models as specified by their [RVineMatrix](#) objects.

## Usage

```
RVineVuongTest(data, RVM1, RVM2)
```

## Arguments

data	An N x d data matrix (with uniform margins).
RVM1, RVM2	<a href="#">RVineMatrix</a> objects of models 1 and 2.

## Details

The likelihood-ratio based test proposed by Vuong (1989) can be used for comparing non-nested models. For this let  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  be two competing vine copulas in terms of their densities and with estimated parameter sets  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$ . We then compute the standardized sum,  $\nu$ , of the log differences of their pointwise likelihoods  $m_i := \log \left[ \frac{c_1(\mathbf{u}_i|\hat{\theta}_1)}{c_2(\mathbf{u}_i|\hat{\theta}_2)} \right]$  for observations  $\mathbf{u}_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , i.e.,

$$\text{statistic} := \nu = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (m_i - \bar{m})^2}}.$$

Vuong (1989) shows that  $\nu$  is asymptotically standard normal. According to the null-hypothesis

$$H_0 : E[m_i] = 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N,$$

we hence prefer vine model 1 to vine model 2 at level  $\alpha$  if

$$\nu > \Phi^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right),$$

where  $\Phi^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of the standard normal distribution function. If  $\nu < -\Phi^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$  we choose model 2. If, however,  $|\nu| \leq \Phi^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$ , no decision among the models is possible.

Like AIC and BIC, the Vuong test statistic may be corrected for the number of parameters used in the models. There are two possible corrections; the Akaike and the Schwarz corrections, which correspond to the penalty terms in the AIC and the BIC, respectively.

## Value

statistic, statistic.Akaike, statistic.Schwarz

Test statistics without correction, with Akaike correction and with Schwarz correction.

p.value, p.value.Akaike, p.value.Schwarz

P-values of tests without correction, with Akaike correction and with Schwarz correction.

## Author(s)

Jeffrey Dissmann, Eike Brechmann

## References

Vuong, Q. H. (1989). Ratio tests for model selection and non-nested hypotheses. *Econometrica* 57 (2), 307-333.

## See Also

[RVineClarkeTest](#), [RVineAIC](#), [RVineBIC](#)

## Examples

```
# define first 5-dimensional RVineMatrix object
Matrix1 = c(5,2,3,1,4,0,2,3,4,1,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix1 = matrix(Matrix1,5,5)

family1 = c(0,1,3,4,4,0,0,3,4,1,0,0,0,4,1,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0)
family1 = matrix(family1,5,5)
```

```

par1 = c(0,0.2,0.9,1.5,3.9,0,0,1.1,1.6,0.9,0,0,0,1.9,0.5,
         0,0,0,0,4.8,0,0,0,0,0)
par1 = matrix(par1,5,5)

RVM1 = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix1,family=family1,par=par1,
                   par2=matrix(0,5,5),names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# define second 5-dimensional RVineMatrix object
Matrix2 = c(5,4,3,2,1,0,4,3,2,1,0,0,3,2,1,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,0,0,1)
Matrix2 = matrix(Matrix2,5,5)

family2 = c(0,3,1,3,2,0,0,1,5,3,0,0,0,2,3,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0)
family2 = matrix(family2,5,5)

par2 = c(0,0.8,0.3,1.5,0.8,0,0,-0.4,1.6,1.2,0,0,0,-0.4,1.5,
         0,0,0,0,0.6,0,0,0,0,0)
par2 = matrix(par2,5,5)

nu2 = c(0,0,0,0,5,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,8,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0)
nu2 = matrix(nu2,5,5)

RVM2 = RVineMatrix(Matrix=Matrix2,family=family2,par=par2,par2=nu2,
                   names=c("V1","V2","V3","V4","V5"))

# simulate a sample of size 300 from the first R-vine copula model
simdata = RVineSim(300,RVM1)

# compare the two models based on this sample
vuong = RVineVuongTest(simdata,RVM1,RVM2)
vuong$statistic
vuong$statistic.Schwarz
vuong$p.value
vuong$p.value.Schwarz

```

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TauMatrix

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*Matrix of empirical Kendall's tau values*


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## Description

This function computes the empirical Kendall's tau using the algorithm by Knight (1966).

## Usage

```
TauMatrix(data, weights=NA)
```

## Arguments

data	An N x d data matrix.
weights	Numerical; weights for each observation (optional).

## Value

Matrix of the empirical Kendall's taus.

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**References**

Knight, W. R. (1966). A computer method for calculating Kendall's tau with ungrouped data. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 61 (314), 436-439.

**See Also**

[BiCopTau2Par](#), [BiCopPar2Tau](#), [BiCopEst](#)

**Examples**

```
data(daxreturns)
Data = as.matrix(daxreturns)

# compute the empirical Kendall's taus
tau = TauMatrix(Data)
```

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