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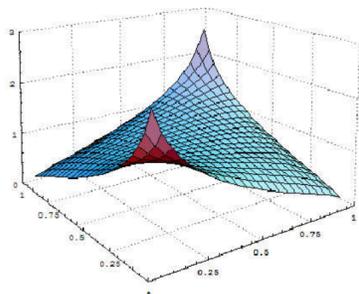*(e-mail:author@agh.edu.pl)*

Introduction

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Research problem and research methodology

As an interesting approach to deal with inter-component dependencies, this paper proposes a method based on copulas [2]. Copulas are a way of specifying joint distributions if only the marginal distributions are known. In

particular copulas are drawn up for the purposes of examining the reliability of systems with dependent elements.

The word Copula is a Latin noun that means "a link, tie, bond". In a two-dimensional case a copula C is a bivariate distribution on [0, 1] x [0, 1], whose marginal distributions are uniform. Copulas join (i.e. couple) univariate distribution functions to form multivariate distribution functions. This feature is encapsulated in the Sklar's theorem [3].

Results

Sklar's theorem enables us to generate copulas, and copulas can be used to characterize certain properties of dependent random variables. Specifically, if

$$F(t_1, t_2) = C(F_1(t_1), F_2(t_2))$$, than it implies that for,

$$0 \le u, v \le 1, \quad C(u,v) = F(F_1^{-1}(u), F_2^{-1}(v))$$, so that knowing

unreliability functions F, F_1 and F_2, we are able to generate

copula C. Alternatively, a survival copula C joins univariate survival functions to form a multivariate survival function. Thus in the bivariate case …………….…….., where it can be easily seen that, and.

Notice that C couples the join survival function to its univariate margins in a manner completely analogous to the way in which a copula connects the join unreliability function to its margins. The following theorem (Sklar's canonical representation) for survival distributions is equivalent as the one given by Sklar for distributions. Let S be an n-dimensional survival function with margins.

Conclusions

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