

# Package: MannWhitneyCopula (via r-universe)

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MW.comp	<i>Parametric calculation for the Mann-Whitney effect under survival copula models</i>
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### Description

MW.comp provides a parametric estimator for the Mann-Whitney effect under the parametric survival functions and copulas. See Nakazono, et al.(2024) for details.

### Usage

```
MW.comp(
  copula = c("clayton", "gumbel", "frank", "fgm", "gb"),
  copula.param = 1,
  s1 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
  S1.param,
  s2 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
  S2.param
)
```

### Arguments

copula	copula family. Available options include: "clayton", "gumbel", "frank", "fgm", "gb".
copula.param	the copula parameter.
s1	a parametric survival function for S1. Available options include: "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
S1.param	the distribution parameter for S1.
s2	a parametric survival function for S2. Available options include: "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
S2.param	the distribution parameter for S2.

### Details

copula.param is restricted as below:

- "clayton"; copula.param  $\geq 0$
- "gumbel"; copula.param  $\geq 0$
- "frank";  $-\text{Inf} < \text{copula.param} < \text{Inf}$
- "fgm";  $-1 \leq \text{copula.param} \leq 1$
- "gb";  $-1 \leq \text{copula.param} \leq 1$

**Value**

estimate of the Mann-Whitney effect.

**References**

Nakazono, K., Lin, Y. C., Liao, G. Y., Uozumi, R., & Emura, T. (2024). Computation of the Mann–Whitney effect under parametric survival copula models. *Mathematics*, 12(10), 1453.

**Examples**

```
# Under the exponential survival functions and Clayton copula
MW.comp(
  copula = "clayton",
  copula.param = 1,
  s1 = "exponential",
  S1.param = 1,
  s2 = "exponential",
  S2.param = 2
)
```

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MW.Copula

*Parametric calculation for the Mann-Whitney effect under the parametric copulas*

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**Description**

MW.Copula provides a parametric estimator and confidence interval for the Mann-Whitney effect under the parametric survival functions and copulas. The result of this function includes results for logit-transformed estimators. See Nakazono, et al. (2025) for details.

**Usage**

```
MW.Copula(
  t.event, event, group,
  copula = c("clayton", "gumbel", "frank", "fgm", "gb"),
  copula.param = 1,
  s1 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
  s2 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
  par1 = c(0, 0),
  par2 = c(0, 0),
  alpha = 0.05,
  logit = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

t.event	a vector of time-to-event data.
event	a vector for event indicator.
group	a vector for group indicator.
copula	copula family.
copula.param	the copula parameter.
s1	a parametric survival function for S1. Available options include; "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
s2	a parametric survival function for S2. Available options include; "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
par1	initial value(s) for the parameters of S1.
par2	initial value(s) for the parameters of S2.
alpha	significance level.
logit	logical; if TRUE, the estimator and CI is logit-transformed.

**Value**

parameter: a vector of MLE.

estimate: the Mann-Whitney effect estimator

SE: the standard error

CI: the 1-alpha% confidence interval for Mann-Whitney effect

P.value: the P-value for testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: p=1/2$ .

kendall: Kendall's tau

logit: the estimator and CI are logit-transformed or not.

**References**

Nakazono, K., Uozumi, R., & Emura, T. (2025). Parametric inference for the Mann-Whitney effect under survival copula models, *Statistical Papers*, in press.

**Examples**

```
##Mann-Whitney effect under exponential distributions
#set distribution parameter
lambda1 = 1
lambda2 = 2

#generate time to event
u = runif(100)
t.event1 = -log(u) / lambda1
t.event1 = sort(t.event1)

v = runif(100)
t.event2 = -log(v) / lambda2
t.event2 = sort(t.event2)
```

```

#censoring indicator
t1c = runif(100, 0, 1.5)
t.event1 = (t1c >= t.event1) * t.event1 + (t1c < t.event1) * t1c
event1 = 1 * (t1c > t.event1)

t2c = runif(100, 0, 0.8)
t.event2 = (t2c >= t.event2) * t.event2 + (t2c < t.event2) * t2c
event2 = 1 * (t2c > t.event2)

t.event = c(t.event1, t.event2)
event = c(event1, event2)

#group indicator
group = rep(c(1, 0), each = 100)

MW.Copula(t.event, event, group,
          copula = "clayton", copula.param = 1,
          s1 = "exponential", s2 = "exponential", par1 = c(0, 0), par2 = c(0, 0), logit = FALSE)

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MW.plot

*Plot method for Mann-Whitney effect under parametric copula models*


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### Description

MW.plot plots the results, the parametric estimator and their confidence intervals, for the Mann-Whitney effect under parametric survival functions and copulas.

### Usage

```

MW.plot(t.event, event, group,
        copula = c("clayton", "gumbel", "frank", "fgm", "gb"),
        lower = 0, upper = 1,
        s1 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
        s2 = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
        par1 = c(0, 0),
        par2 = c(0, 0),
        alpha = 0.05,
        logit = FALSE,
        xaxis = 2
)

```

### Arguments

t.event            a vector for time-to-event.  
event              a vector for event indicator.

group	a vector for group indicator.
copula	copula family.
lower	the lower end points of the interval of the copula parameter.
upper	the lower end points of the interval of the copula parameter.
s1	a parametric survival function for S1. Available options include; "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
s2	a parametric survival function for S2. Available options include; "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
par1	initial value(s) for the parameters of S1.
par2	initial value(s) for the parameters of S2.
alpha	significance level.
logit	logical; if TRUE, the estimator and CI is logit-transformed.
xaxis	a indicator specifying whether the xaxis is the copula parameter (xaxis = 1) or Kendall's tau (xaxis = 2).

### Value

No return value, called for side effects (generates a plot).

### Examples

```
##Exponential distributions
#set distribution parameter
lambda1 = 1
lambda2 = 2

#generate time to event
u = runif(100)
t.event1 = -log(u) / lambda1
t.event1 = sort(t.event1)

v = runif(100)
t.event2 = -log(v) / lambda2
t.event2 = sort(t.event2)

#censoring indicator
t1c = runif(100, 0, 1.5)
t.event1 = (t1c >= t.event1) * t.event1 + (t1c < t.event1) * t1c
event1 = 1 * (t1c > t.event1)

t2c = runif(100, 0, 0.8)
t.event2 = (t2c >= t.event2) * t.event2 + (t2c < t.event2) * t2c
event2 = 1 * (t2c > t.event2)

t.event = c(t.event1, t.event2)
event = c(event1, event2)

#group indicator
```

```
group = rep(c(1, 0), each = 100)

MW.plot(t.event, event, group,
        copula = "clayton",
        lower = 0.2, upper = 0.8,
        s1 = "exponential", s2 = "exponential",
        par1 = c(0, 0), par2 = c(0, 0), alpha = 0.05, logit = FALSE, xaxis = 2)
```

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survival.mle

*Maximum likelihood estimation under parametric survival function*

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## Description

survival.mle provides the maximum likelihood estimator and their variance-covariance matrix under parametric survival functions. This function also provides AIC and Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance to evaluate the model fitting.

## Usage

```
survival.mle(
  t.event,
  event,
  distribution = c("exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3"),
  par = c(0,0))
```

## Arguments

t.event	a vector for time-to-event.
event	a vector for event indicator.
distribution	a parametric distribution for survival function. Available options include; "exponential", "weibull", "gamma", "log-normal", "burr3".
par	initial value(s) for the distribution parameters.

## Value

estimate: a vector of MLE.

var: variance-covariance matrix of MLE.

AIC: Akaike information criteria.

KS: Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance between MLE and KM estimator.

**Examples**

```
#MLE under exponential distribution
#set distribution parameter
lambda = 1

#generate time to event
u = runif(100)
t.event = -log(u)/lambda
t.event = sort(t.event)

#censoring indicator
tc = runif(100, 0, 1.5)
t.event = (tc >= t.event) * t.event + (tc < t.event) * tc
event = 1 * (tc > t.event)

survival.mle(t.event, event, distribution = "exponential")
```

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