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GenOrd-package

*Simulation of Discrete Random Variables with Given Correlation Matrix and Marginal Distributions*

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## Description

The package implements a procedure for generating samples from a multivariate discrete random variable with pre-specified correlation matrix and marginal distributions. The marginal distributions are linked together through either a Gaussian or a Student's t copula. The procedure is developed in two steps: the first step (function `ordcont`) sets up the Gaussian/t copula in order to achieve the desired correlation matrix on the target random discrete components; the second step (`ordsample`) generates samples from the target variables. The procedure can handle both Pearson's and Spearman's correlations, and any finite support for the discrete variables. The intermediate function `contord` computes the correlations of the multivariate discrete variable derived from correlated normal variables through discretization. Function `corrcheck` returns the lower and upper bounds of the correlation coefficient of each pair of discrete variables given their marginal distributions, i.e., returns the range of feasible bivariate correlations. Function `estcontord`, to be used with bivariate samples only, estimates the parameters of the Gaussian/t copula and possibly of the margins.

Compared to version 1.4.0, this version has introduced the multivariate Student's t copula as an alternative latent structure

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**See Also**

[contord](#), [ordcont](#), [corrcheck](#), [ordsample](#), [estcontord](#)

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contord

*Correlations of discretized variables*

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**Description**

The function computes the correlation matrix of the  $k$  variables, with given marginal distributions, derived discretizing a  $k$ -variate standard normal or Student's  $t$  variable with given correlation matrix

**Usage**

```
contord(marginal, Sigma,
support = list(),
Spearman = FALSE,
df=Inf,
integerdf=TRUE,
prob=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>marginal</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> is the vector of the cumulative probabilities defining the marginal distribution of the $i$ -th component of the multivariate variable. If the $i$ -th component can take $k_i$ values, the $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> will contain $k_i - 1$ probabilities (the $k_i$ -th is obviously 1 and shall not be included).
<code>Sigma</code>	the correlation matrix of the standard multivariate normal variable
<code>support</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>support</code> is the vector containing the ordered values of the support of the $i$ -th variable. By default, the support of the $i$ -th variable is $1, 2, \dots, k_i$
<code>Spearman</code>	if TRUE, the function finds Spearman's correlations (and it is not necessary to provide <code>support</code> ), if FALSE (default) Pearson's correlations
<code>df</code>	the degrees of freedom of the multivariate Student's $t$
<code>integerdf</code>	if TRUE uses <code>pmvt</code> , which requires an integer value for <code>df</code> ; otherwise, uses <code>pmvt.alt</code> , which integrates <code>dmvt</code> with possibly non-integer <code>df</code>
<code>prob</code>	if TRUE, it return also the probability table of the bivariate discrete random variable

**Value**

the correlation matrix of the discretized variables; if `prob=TRUE`, it returns a list containing the correlation along with the probability table, in case of a bivariate random variable

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**See Also**[ordcont](#), [ordsample](#), [corrcheck](#)**Examples**

```

# Example 1
# consider a bivariate discrete random vector
k <- 2
# with these cumulative margins
marginal <- list(c(1/3, 2/3), c(0.1, 0.3, 0.6))
# generated discretizing a multivariate standard normal variable
# with correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(c(1, .75, .75, 1), 2, 2)
# the resulting joint distribution and correlation matrix
# for the bivariate discrete random vector are
res <- contord(marginal, Sigma, prob=TRUE)
res$pij
res$Sigma0
# let's check the margins are those assigned
cumsum(margin.table(res$pij,1))
cumsum(margin.table(res$pij,2))
# -> OK
# Example 2
# consider 4 discrete variables
k <- 4
# with these marginal distributions
marginal <- list(0.4,c(0.3,0.6), c(0.25,0.5,0.75), c(0.1,0.2,0.8,0.9))
# generated discretizing a multivariate standard normal variable
# with correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(0.5,4,4)
diag(Sigma) <- 1
# the resulting correlation matrix for the discrete variables is
contord(marginal, Sigma)
# note all the correlations are smaller than the original 0.6
# change Sigma, adding a negative correlation
Sigma[1,2] <- -0.15
Sigma[2,1] <- Sigma[1,2]
Sigma
# checking whether Sigma is still positive definite
eigen(Sigma)$values # all >0, OK
contord(marginal, Sigma)
# Example 2
# the same margins and the same correlation matrix
# but now we consider a 4-variate Student's t with df=3
contord(marginal, Sigma, df=3)
# -> a slight reduction in magnitude for all the correlations

```

corrcheck

*Checking correlations for feasibility***Description**

The function returns the lower and upper bounds of the correlation coefficients of each pair of discrete variables given their marginal distributions, i.e., returns the range of feasible bivariate correlations.

**Usage**

```
corrcheck(marginal, support = list(), Spearman = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

marginal	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of marginal is the vector of the cumulative probabilities defining the marginal distribution of the $i$ -th component of the multivariate variable. If the $i$ -th component can take $k_i$ values, the $i$ -th element of marginal will contain $k_i - 1$ probabilities (the $k_i$ -th is obviously 1 and shall not be included).
support	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of support is the vector containing the ordered values of the support of the $i$ -th variable. By default, the support of the $i$ -th variable is $1, 2, \dots, k_i$
Spearman	TRUE if we consider Spearman's correlation, FALSE (default) if we consider Pearson's correlation

**Value**

The functions returns a list of two matrices: the former contains the lower bounds, the latter the upper bounds of the feasible pairwise correlations (on the extra-diagonal elements)

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**See Also**

[contord](#), [ordcont](#), [ordsample](#)

**Examples**

```
# four variables
k <- 4
# with 2, 3, 4, and 5 categories (Likert scales, by default)
kj <- c(2,3,4,5)
# and these marginal distributions (set of cumulative probabilities)
marginal <- list(0.4, c(0.6,0.9), c(0.1,0.2,0.4), c(0.6,0.7,0.8,0.9))
corrcheck(marginal) # lower and upper bounds for Pearson's rho
```

```

corrcheck(marginal, Spearman=TRUE) # lower and upper bounds for Spearman's rho
# change the supports
support <- list(c(0,1), c(1,2,4), c(1,2,3,4), c(0,1,2,5,10))
corrcheck(marginal, support=support) # updated bounds

```

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estcontord	<i>Estimating based on a bivariate sample of the multivariate latent standard normal or Student's t distribution</i>
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## Description

Limited to the bivariate case, based on an iid sample, the function estimates the parameters of the t-copula-based discrete distribution, according to either a two-step approach (suggested) where the only unknown parameters are the copula correlation and the degrees of Freedom, whereas the marginal probabilities are estimated via the ecdf, or a full-maximum-likelihood approach, where also the two marginal probabilities are estimated jointly with the correlation and degrees of freedom

## Usage

```
estcontord(x, method="2-step")
```

## Arguments

x	a matrix with two columns containing integer values; it is the bivariate iid sample
method	"2-step" for estimating rho and df parametrically, and the margins via the ecdf; otherwise, a full-maximum-likelihood approach is carried out, where the marginal probabilities of the two random components are estimated as well

## Value

a list containing the estimates and for the "2-step" method their standard errors

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[ordcont](#), [contord](#), [ordsample](#), [corrcheck](#)

## Examples

```

## not run
#x1 <- c(rep(0,223), rep(1,269), rep(2,8))
#x2 <- c(rep(0,153), rep(1,70), rep(0,75), rep(1,187),
#       rep(2,7), rep(0,2), rep(1,4), rep(2,2))
#cor(x1,x2)
#x<-cbind(x1,x2)
#res <- estcontord(x)
#res

```

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logL

*Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model*

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## Description

Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model to be used for estimation in the bivariate case

## Usage

```
logL(arg, x)
```

## Arguments

`arg` a vector containing the values of rho and df  
`x` a matrix with two columns containing the discrete data

## Value

the value of the log-likelihood function

## Author(s)

Alessandro Barbiero, Pier Alda Ferrari

## See Also

[estcontord](#)

## Examples

```
x1 <- c(rep(0,223), rep(1,269), rep(2,8))
x2 <- c(rep(0,153), rep(1,70), rep(0,75), rep(1,187),
        rep(2,7), rep(0,2), rep(1,4), rep(2,2))
cor(x1,x2)
x<-cbind(x1,x2)
logL(arg=c(0.5,5), x=x)
```

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`logLfull`*Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model*

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**Description**

Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model to be used for estimation in the bivariate case

**Usage**

```
logLfull(arg, x)
```

**Arguments**

`arg` a vector containing the values of rho, of the  $m_1$  marginal probabilities for rv  $X[1]$ , of the  $m_2$  marginal probabilities for rv  $X[2]$ , and, finally, of df

`x` a matrix with two columns containing the discrete data

**Value**

the value of the log-likelihood function

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[estcontord](#)

**Examples**

```
x1 <- c(rep(0,223),rep(1,269),rep(2,8))
x2 <- c(rep(0,153), rep(1,70), rep(0,75),rep(1,187),
        rep(2,7),rep(0,2),rep(1,4),rep(2,2))
cor(x1,x2)
x<-cbind(x1,x2)
logLfull(arg=c(0.5,rep(c(0.45,0.5,0.05),2),5), x=x)
```

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`logL_mle2`*Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model*

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**Description**

Log-likelihood function for the t-copula-based model to be used for estimation in the bivariate case

**Usage**

```
logL_mle2(rho, df, x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>rho</code>	the value of rho
<code>df</code>	the value of df
<code>x</code>	a matrix with two columns containing the discrete data

**Value**

the value of the log-likelihood function

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[estcontord](#)

**Examples**

```
x1 <- c(rep(0,223),rep(1,269),rep(2,8))
x2 <- c(rep(0,153), rep(1,70), rep(0,75),rep(1,187),
        rep(2,7),rep(0,2),rep(1,4),rep(2,2))
cor(x1,x2)
x<-cbind(x1,x2)
logL_mle2(rho=0.5, df=5, x=x)
```

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ordcont	<i>Computing the "intermediate" correlation matrix for the multivariate standard normal in order to achieve the "target" correlation matrix for the multivariate discrete variable</i>
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### Description

The function computes the correlation matrix of the  $k$ -dimensional standard normal r.v. yielding the desired correlation matrix `Sigma` for the  $k$ -dimensional r.v. with desired marginal distributions `marginal`

### Usage

```
ordcont(marginal, Sigma, support = list(), Spearman = FALSE,
epsilon = 1e-06, maxit = 100, df=Inf)
```

### Arguments

<code>marginal</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> is the vector of the cumulative probabilities defining the marginal distribution of the $i$ -th component of the multivariate variable. If the $i$ -th component can take $k_i$ values, the $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> will contain $k_i - 1$ probabilities (the $k_i$ -th is obviously 1 and shall not be included).
<code>Sigma</code>	the target correlation matrix of the discrete variables
<code>support</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>support</code> is the vector containing the ordered values of the support of the $i$ -th variable. By default, the support of the $i$ -th variable is $1, 2, \dots, k_i$
<code>Spearman</code>	if TRUE, the function finds Spearman's correlations (and it is not necessary to provide <code>support</code> ), if FALSE (default) Pearson's correlations
<code>epsilon</code>	the maximum tolerated error between target and actual correlations
<code>maxit</code>	the maximum number of iterations allowed for the algorithm
<code>df</code>	the degrees of freedom of the multivariate Student's t

### Value

a list of five elements	
<code>SigmaC</code>	the correlation matrix of the multivariate standard normal variable
<code>SigmaO</code>	the actual correlation matrix of the discretized variables (it should approximately coincide with the target correlation matrix <code>Sigma</code> )
<code>Sigma</code>	the target correlation matrix of the discrete variables
<code>niter</code>	a matrix containing the number of iterations performed by the algorithm, one for each pair of variables
<code>maxerr</code>	the actual maximum error (the maximum absolute deviation between actual and target correlations of the discrete variables)

**Note**

For some choices of marginal and Sigma, there may not exist a feasible  $k$ -variate probability mass function or the algorithm may not provide a feasible correlation matrix SigmaC. In this case, the procedure stops and exits with an error. The value of the maximum tolerated absolute error epsilon on the elements of the correlation matrix for the target r.v. can be set by the user: a value between 1e-6 and 1e-2 seems to be an acceptable compromise assuring both the precision of the results and the convergence of the algorithm; moreover, a maximum number of iterations can be chosen (maxit), in order to avoid possible endless loops

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[contord](#), [ordsample](#), [corrcheck](#)

**Examples**

```
# consider a 4-dimensional ordinal variable
k <- 4
# with different number of categories
kj <- 2:5
# and uniform marginal distributions with variable number of categories
marginal <- list(0.5, (1:2)/3, (1:3)/4, (1:4)/5)
corrcheck(marginal)
# and the following correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.5,0.4,0.3,0.5,1,0.5,0.4,0.4,0.5,1,0.5,0.3,0.4,0.5,1),
4, 4, byrow=TRUE)
Sigma
# the correlation matrix of the standard 4-dimensional standard normal
# ensuring Sigma is
res <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma)
res[[1]]
# change some marginal distributions
marginal <- list(0.3, c(1/3, 2/3), c(1/5, 2/5, 3/5), c(0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6))
corrcheck(marginal)
# and notice how the correlation matrix of the multivariate normal changes...
res <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma)
res[[1]]
# change Sigma, adding a negative correlation
Sigma[1,2] <- -0.2
Sigma[2,1] <- Sigma[1,2]
Sigma
# checking whether Sigma is still positive definite
eigen(Sigma)$values # all >0, OK
res <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma)
res[[1]]
# consider now a multivariate Student's t with 10 dof
res.t <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma, df=10)
res.t$SigmaC
```

```
res.t$Sigma0
```

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ordsample

*Drawing a sample of discrete data*


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### Description

The function draws a sample from a multivariate discrete variable with correlation matrix `Sigma` and prescribed marginal distributions `marginal`

### Usage

```
ordsample(n, marginal, Sigma, support = list(), Spearman = FALSE,
cormat = "discrete", df=Inf)
```

### Arguments

<code>n</code>	the sample size
<code>marginal</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> is the vector of the cumulative probabilities defining the marginal distribution of the $i$ -th component of the multivariate variable. If the $i$ -th component can take $k_i$ values, the $i$ -th element of <code>marginal</code> will contain $k_i - 1$ probabilities (the $k_i$ -th is obviously 1 and shall not be included).
<code>Sigma</code>	the target correlation matrix of the multivariate discrete variable
<code>support</code>	a list of $k$ elements, where $k$ is the number of variables. The $i$ -th element of <code>support</code> is the vector containing the ordered values of the support of the $i$ -th variable. By default, the support of the $i$ -th variable is $1, 2, \dots, k_i$
<code>Spearman</code>	if TRUE, the function finds Spearman's correlations (and it is not necessary to provide <code>support</code> ), if FALSE (default) Pearson's correlations
<code>cormat</code>	"discrete" if the <code>Sigma</code> in input is the target correlation matrix of the multivariate discrete variable; "continuous" if the <code>Sigma</code> in input is the intermediate correlation matrix of the multivariate standard normal
<code>df</code>	the degrees of freedom of the multivariate Student's t distribution

### Value

a  $n \times k$  matrix of values drawn from the  $k$ -variate discrete r.v. with the desired marginal distributions and correlation matrix

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[contord](#), [ordcont](#), [corrcheck](#)

**Examples**

```

# Example 1

# draw a sample from a bivariate ordinal variable
# with 4 of categories and asymmetrical marginal distributions
# and correlation coefficient 0.6 (to be checked)
k <- 2
marginal <- list(c(0.1,0.3,0.6), c(0.4,0.7,0.9))
corrcheck(marginal) # check ok
Sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,1),2,2)
# sample size 1000
n <- 1000
# generate a sample of size n
m <- ordsample(n, marginal, Sigma)
head(m)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(m) # compare it with Sigma
# empirical marginal distributions
cumsum(table(m[,1]))/n
cumsum(table(m[,2]))/n # compare them with the two marginal distributions

# Example 1bis

# draw a sample from a bivariate ordinal variable
# with 4 of categories and asymmetrical marginal distributions
# and Spearman correlation coefficient 0.6 (to be checked)
k <- 2
marginal <- list(c(0.1,0.3,0.6), c(0.4,0.7,0.9))
corrcheck(marginal, Spearman=TRUE) # check ok
Sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,1),2,2)
# sample size 1000
n <- 1000
# generate a sample of size n
m <- ordsample(n, marginal, Sigma, Spearman=TRUE)
head(m)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(rank(m[,1]),rank(m[,2])) # compare it with Sigma
# empirical marginal distributions
cumsum(table(m[,1]))/n
cumsum(table(m[,2]))/n # compare them with the two marginal distributions

# Example 1ter

# draw a sample from a bivariate random variable
# with binomial marginal distributions (n=3, p=1/3 and n=4, p=2/3)
# and Pearson correlation coefficient 0.6 (to be checked)
k <- 2
marginal <- list(pbinom(0:2, 3, 1/3),pbinom(0:3, 4, 2/3))
marginal
corrcheck(marginal, support=list(0:3, 0:4)) # check ok
Sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,1),2,2)
# sample size 1000

```

```

n <- 1000
# generate a sample of size n
m <- ordsample(n, marginal, Sigma, support=list(0:3,0:4))
head(m)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(m) # compare it with Sigma
# empirical marginal distributions
cumsum(table(m[,1]))/n
cumsum(table(m[,2]))/n # compare them with the two marginal distributions

# Example 2

# draw a sample from a 4-dimensional ordinal variable
# with different number of categories and uniform marginal distributions
# and different correlation coefficients
k <- 4
marginal <- list(0.5, c(1/3,2/3), c(1/4,2/4,3/4), c(1/5,2/5,3/5,4/5))
corrcheck(marginal)
# select a feasible correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.5,0.4,0.3,0.5,1,0.5,0.4,0.4,0.5,1,0.5,0.3,0.4,0.5,1),
4, 4, byrow=TRUE)
Sigma
# sample size 100
n <- 100
# generate a sample of size n
set.seed(1)
m <- ordsample(n, marginal, Sigma)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(m) # compare it with Sigma
# empirical marginal distribution
cumsum(table(m[,4]))/n # compare it with the fourth marginal
head(m)
# or equivalently...
set.seed(1)
res <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma)
res[[1]] # the intermediate correlation matrix of the multivariate normal
m <- ordsample(n, marginal, res[[1]], cormat="continuous")
head(m)

# Example 3
# simulation of two correlated Poisson r.v.
# modification to GenOrd sampling function for Poisson distribution
ordsamplep <- function (n, lambda, Sigma)
{
  k <- length(lambda)
  valori <- mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n, rep(0, k), Sigma)
  for (i in 1:k)
  {
    valori[, i] <- qpois(pnorm(valori[,i]), lambda[i])
  }
  return(valori)
}
# number of variables

```

```

k <- 2
# Poisson parameters
lambda <- c(2, 5)
# correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(0.25, 2, 2)
diag(Sigma) <- 1
# sample size
n <- 10000
# preliminar stage: support TRUNCATION
# required for recovering the correlation matrix
# of the standard bivariate normal
# truncation error
epsilon <- 0.0001
# corresponding maximum value
kmax <- qpois(1-epsilon, lambda)
# truncated marginals
l <- list()
for(i in 1:k)
{
  l[[i]] <- 0:kmax[i]
}
marg <- list()
for(i in 1:k)
{
  marg[[i]] <- dpois(0:kmax[i], lambda[i])
  marg[[i]][kmax[i]+1] <- 1-sum(marg[[i]][1:(kmax[i])])
}
cm <- list()
for(i in 1:k)
{
  cm[[i]] <- cumsum(marg[[i]])
  cm[[i]] <- cm[[i]][-(kmax[i]+1)]
}
# check feasibility of correlation matrix
RB <- corcheck(cm, support=l)
RL <- RB[[1]]
RU <- RB[[2]]
Sigma <= RU & Sigma >= RL # OK
res <- ordcont(cm, Sigma, support=l)
res[[1]]
Sigma <- res[[1]]
# draw the sample
m <- ordsamplep(n, lambda, Sigma)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(m)
head(m)

# Example 4
# simulation of 4 correlated binary and Poisson r.v.'s (2+2)
# modification to GenOrd sampling function
ordsamplep <- function (n, marginal, lambda, Sigma)
{
  k <- length(lambda)

```

```

valori <- mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n, rep(0, k), Sigma)
for(i in 1:k)
{
  if(lambda[i]==0)
  {
    valori[, i] <- as.integer(cut(valori[, i], breaks = c(min(valori[,i]) - 1,
      qnorm(marginal[[i]]), max(valori[, i]) + 1)))
    valori[, i] <- support[[i]][valori[, i]]
  }
  else
  {
    valori[, i] <- qpois(pnorm(valori[,i]), lambda[i])
  }
}
return(valori)
}
# number of variables
k <- 4
# Poisson parameters (only 3rd and 4th are Poisson)
lambda <- c(0, 0, 2, 5)
# 1st and 2nd are Bernoulli with p=0.5
marginal <- list()
marginal[[1]] <- .5
marginal[[2]] <- .5
marginal[[3]] <- 0
marginal[[4]] <- 0
# support
support <- list()
support[[1]] <- 0:1
support[[2]] <- 0:1
# correlation matrix
Sigma <- matrix(0.25, k, k)
diag(Sigma) <- 1
# sample size
n <- 10000
# preliminar stage: support TRUNCATION
# required for recovering the correlation matrix
# of the standard bivariate normal
# truncation error
epsilon <- 0.0001
# corresponding maximum value
kmax <- qpois(1-epsilon, lambda)
# truncated marginals
for(i in 3:4)
{
  support[[i]] <- 0:kmax[i]
}
marg <- list()
for(i in 3:4)
{
  marg[[i]] <- dpois(0:kmax[i], lambda[i])
  marg[[i]][kmax[i]+1] <- 1-sum(marg[[i]][1:(kmax[i])])
}

```

```

for(i in 3:4)
{
  marginal[[i]] <- cumsum(marg[[i]])
  marginal[[i]] <- marginal[[i]][-(kmax[i]+1)]
}
# check feasibility of correlation matrix
RB <- corrcheck(marginal, support=support)
RL <- RB[[1]]
RU <- RB[[2]]
Sigma <- RU & Sigma >= RL # OK
# compute correlation matrix of the 4-variate standard normal
res <- ordcont(marginal, Sigma, support=support)
res[[1]]
Sigma <- res[[1]]
# draw the sample
m <- ordsamplep(n, marginal, lambda, Sigma)
# sample correlation matrix
cor(m)
head(m)

```

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pmvt.alt

*Probabilities for a multivariate  $t$  with non-integer degrees-of-freedom parameter*


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## Description

Computes probabilities for a multivariate  $t$  with non-integer degrees-of-freedom parameter, directly integrating the function `dmvt`

## Usage

```
pmvt.alt(low, upp, corr, df)
```

## Arguments

<code>low</code>	a vector containing the bivariate lower bounds
<code>upp</code>	a vector containing the bivariate upper bounds
<code>corr</code>	the correlation matrix of the $t$ copula
<code>df</code>	the degrees-of-freedom parameter, possibly non-integer

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## See Also

[contord](#)

**Examples**

```
margin1 <- c(0.2,0.4,0.6,0.8)
margin2 <- margin1
marginal <- list(margin1, margin2)
sigma <- matrix(c(1,0.3,0.3,1),2,2)
df <- 3.5
contord(marginal=marginal, Sigma=sigma, df=df, integerdf=FALSE, prob=TRUE)
# compare with
contord(marginal=marginal, Sigma=sigma, df=round(df), prob=TRUE)
```

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