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STRUCTURAL RELATION

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The author finds two conditions for a function C to be identifiable from a relation $\eta = C(\xi)$ between two random variables and studies the dependence between random variables if the observed quantities are obtained with random errors.

1. Introduction and summary.

Let ξ, α, β, X, Y be random variables and

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \xi + \alpha, \\ Y &= C(\xi) + \beta, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where C is a function measurable in the Borel sense (further B-measurable). (ξ, α, β are called latent variables, X, Y observable variables, (1.1) structural relation, α, β components of error.)

Under the assumption $C(x) = ax + b$, REIERSØL [8]¹⁾ found necessary and sufficient conditions for C to be identifiable by knowledge of F_{X,r^2} .

In the present paper the identification problem is studied without the assumption that C is a linear function. Certain knowledge of $F_{\xi, \alpha, \beta}$ is required:

In sections 3, 4 we suppose that F_α and F_β are known, that the sets $A = \{t; \varphi_\alpha(t) \neq 0\}$ and $B = \{t; \varphi_\beta(t) \neq 0\}$ are dense in E_1 (by E_k we denote the k -dimensional Euclidian space) and that ξ is independent of α and of β . Thus φ_ξ is determined by φ_X and φ_α , for

$$\varphi_\xi(t) = \frac{\varphi_X(t)}{\varphi_\alpha(t)} \quad \text{if } t \in A,$$

φ_ξ is continuous and A is dense. Similarly $\varphi_{\alpha(\xi)}$ is determined by φ_Y and φ_β . Hence in the sections 3, 4 we give sufficient conditions for C to be identifiable by the knowledge of F_ξ and $F_{\alpha(\xi)}$.

In section 5 we suppose that F_α is known, $\varphi_\alpha(t) \neq 0$ on a set dense in E_1 , ξ, α, β are independent and $E(\beta) = 0$. Then F_ξ is determined by the knowledge

¹⁾ See references at the end of the paper.

²⁾ The distribution function of a vector random variable (T_1, \dots, T_n) is denoted by F_{T_1, \dots, T_n} . Similarly we use the letters φ and f for denoting the characteristic and frequency functions respectively.

of F_x and F_y , $E_x(Y) = E_x(C(\xi))$. Hence in the section 5 we give a sufficient condition for C to be identifiable by knowledge of F_ξ and $E_x(C(\xi))$.

In section 5 the conditions imposed on $F_{\xi, \alpha, \beta}$ and on C are essentially less restrictive than those in sections 3, 4. But when the conditions of sections 3, 4 are satisfied, we can determine C by F_x and F_y , which is easier than in sec. 5., where we need the knowledge of $E_x(Y)$.

In section 6 the results of sections 3, 4, 5 are applied to prove that (i) if F_x and F_y are normal distribution functions, C is monotone or C has a continuous derivative, then C is a linear function (ii) if F_x is normal or F_x is a Poisson distribution function, then C is linear when and only when $E_x(Y)$ is linear.

2. Basic definitions and notations.

If T is a transformation of a set A into a set B , V is a transformation of the set B into a set C , we denote by VT the transformation of A into C defined by the relation $VT(x) = V(T(x))$ for all $x \in A$. For $M \subset A$ we denote by $T(M)$ the set $\{y; y = T(x), x \in M\}$ and by T_M the transformation of M into B defined by $T_M(x) = T(x)$ for $x \in M$. For $N \subset B$ we denote $T^{-1}(N) = \{x; x \in A, T(x) \in N\}$. If there exists an inverse function to the function T , we denote it T^{-1} .

A probability space (Ω, \mathbf{F}, P) is a set Ω , a σ -algebra \mathbf{F} of subsets $A \subset \Omega$ and a probability measure P on \mathbf{F} . A random variable X is a function measurable (\mathbf{F}) and defined and finite on a set $A \in \mathbf{F}$, $P(A) = 1$. Frequently we shall write $P(X \in A)$ instead of $P(X^{-1}(A))$. The d. f. F_x is defined by the relation $F_x(x) = P(X \leq x)$ for all real x .

By $\int_A h dF_x$ we understand the Lebesgue-Stieltjes intergral $\int_A h d\nu$, where $\nu(B) = P(X^{-1}(B))$ for every Borel set B . Thus if $|\int_A h dF_x| < +\infty$, then $\int_A |h| dF_x < +\infty$. When $A = E_1$, we write $\int h dF_x = \int_{E_1} h dF_x$. If two functions h and g , defined on E_1 , satisfy $h(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in A$, where $P(X \in A) = 1$, we say that $h = g$ almost everywhere (F_x), or $h(x) = g(x)$ for almost all x (F_x), or write shortly $h = g$ (F_x). If X and Y are random variables, $|E(Y)| < +\infty$, then we denote $E_x(Y)$ the conditional expectation of Y with respect to X , which is defined by the relation

$$\left[\int_{X^{-1}(A)} Y dP = \int_A E_x(Y) dF_x \text{ for every Borel set } A \right] \quad (2.1)$$

almost everywhere (F_x). (See KOLMOGOROV [6], HALMOS [5] and DOOB [3].) From (2.1) it follows, that

$$\int E_x(Y) dF_x = \int_{\Omega} Y dP = E(Y) \quad (2.2)$$

It is known that there exists a class of distribution functions $\{F_x\}_{x \in E_1}$ such that for every integrable function h

$$\int h d_{x-x} F_x = E_{x-x} h(Y) \quad (2.3)$$

for almost all $x \in E_1$.

3.

Theorem 3.1. *Let ξ and η be random variables, $\eta = C(\xi)$, where C is a non-decreasing function, defined almost everywhere (F_ξ). Then C is identifiable by the knowledge of F_ξ and F_η , i. e., the value $C(x)$ is uniquely determined by F_ξ and F_η for almost all $x \in E_1$.*

Proof: For brevity, let us denote $F_\xi = F$, $F_{C(\xi)} = H$. It is for all x (we can eventually complete the definition of C in such a way, that C remains non decreasing and defined on E_1)

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \leq x &\Rightarrow C(\xi) \leq C(x), \\ \xi < x &\Leftarrow C(\xi) < C(x) \end{aligned}$$

and thus (denoting $F(x-0) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x-} F(y)$ and similarly for H)

$$F(x) \leq HC(x), \quad F(x-0) \geq H(C(x)-0);$$

hence

$$H(C(x)-0) \leq F(x) \leq HC(x), \quad (3.2)$$

$$H(C(x)-0) \leq F(x-0) \leq HC(x) \quad (3.3)$$

for all $x \in E_1$.

Let us denote by B_1 resp. B_2 resp. B_3 the set of such $x \in E_1$, that H acquires the value $F(x)$ in no point resp. in one and only one point resp. in more points. Obviously $\bigcup_{i=1}^3 B_i = E_1$ and B_i are disjoint.

1. Let $x \in B_1$.

If $0 < F(x) < 1$, then there exists one and only one $y \in E_1$ such that

$$H(y-0) \leq F(x) < H(y) \quad (3.4)$$

and from 3.2 it follows, that $C(x) = y$.

If $F(x) = 0$ ($F(x) = 1$), then obviously $C(x) = -\infty$ ($C(x) = +\infty$).

2. Let $x \in B_2$. Then there exists one and only one y such that $H(y) = F(x)$ and $C(x) = y$, according to (3.2) and the following implications:

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) < y &\Rightarrow HC(x) < H(y) = F(x) \\ C(x) > y &\Rightarrow H(C(x)-0) > H(y) = F(x) \end{aligned}$$

3. Let $x \in B_3$. Define

$$I_x = \{y; H(y) = F(x)\}, \quad J_x = \{y; F(y) = F(x)\}.$$

I_x and J_x are non empty intervals, closed or closed to the left (for the distribution functions are continuous to the right) and the intervals I_x have non empty interiors. For every $x_1 \in B_3, x_2 \in B_3$ it is either $I_{x_1} = I_{x_2}, J_{x_1} = J_{x_2}$ or $I_{x_1} \cap I_{x_2} = 0, J_{x_1} \cap J_{x_2} = 0$.

Denote by \mathfrak{M} the class of the sets I_x and \mathfrak{N} the class of the sets J_x . \mathfrak{M} is at most countable, because it contains disjoint intervals with non empty interiors. We can easily define a one-to-one correspondence between \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{N} and thus \mathfrak{N} is at most countable.

Let now A be the set of such left edges a of intervals $J \in \mathfrak{N}$, that $P(\xi = a) > 0$. Following implications hold:

$$\begin{aligned} J \in \mathfrak{N}, \quad J = \langle a, b \rangle &\Rightarrow P(\xi \in \langle a, b \rangle) = F(b - 0) - F(a) = 0 \\ J \in \mathfrak{N}, \quad J = \langle a, b \rangle &\Rightarrow P(\xi \in \langle a, b \rangle) = F(b) - F(a) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for F is constant on $J \in \mathfrak{N}$.

Thus, from countability of \mathfrak{N} it follows, that

$$P(\xi \in B_3 - A) = P(\xi \in \bigcup_{J \in \mathfrak{N}} J - A) = 0.$$

Let $x \in A$. It is then $C(x) = \inf I_x$. Let us denote $\langle a, b \rangle$ the closure of I_x . We shall prove, that $C(x) = a$. But this is an immediate consequence of (3.2), (3.3) and the following implications:

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) < a &\Rightarrow HC(x) < F(x), \text{ which contradicts (3.2)} \\ C(x) > b &\Rightarrow H(C(x) - 0) > F(x), \text{ which contradicts (3.2)} \\ C(x) \in \langle a, b \rangle &\Rightarrow 0 = H(b - 0) - H(a) = P(C(\xi) \in \langle a, b \rangle) \geq P(\xi = x) > 0. \\ C(x) = b &\Rightarrow H(C(x) - 0) = F(x) \text{ and } F(x - 0) < F(x) \text{ for } P(\xi = x) > 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow H(C(x) - 0) > F(x - 0), \text{ which contradicts (3.3).} \end{aligned}$$

Since $P(\xi \in B_1 \cup B_2 \cup A) = 1$, the proof is completed.

In the proof, the assumption that C is non-decreasing, is essential. In the next section we shall prove a theorem analogous to (3.1) without this assumptions. Other conditions, of course, are required.

4.

Theorem 4.1. *Let U be a random variable, h a function with a continuous derivative on $(0, 1)$. Let $F_v(x) = F_{h(v)}(x) = x$ for $x \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$.*

Then it is $h(x) = x$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$, or $h(x) = 1 - x$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$.

Proof: Denote by L the Lebesgue measure. It is for every Borel set $A \subset \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

$$L(A) = L(h^{-1}(A)). \quad (4.2)$$

It is sufficient to prove that h is a monotone function, the assertion of (4.1) being then a consequence of the theorem (3.1).

Let h be non monotone on $(0, 1)$. Then there exists a $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that $h'(x_0) = 0$. But h' is continuous and thus there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$x \in I = \langle x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta \rangle \Rightarrow |h'(x)| < 1. \quad (4.3)$$

The function h acquires on I a minimum value y_1 and a maximum value y_2 ; let x_1 and x_2 be these points. Without loss of generality, we may assume, that $x_1 < x_2$, $h(x_1) = y_1 \leq y_2 = h(x_2)$.

From the first mean value theorem

$$0 \leq y_2 - y_1 = h'(\mu)(x_2 - x_1), \quad \mu \in I$$

and thus, according to (4.3)

$$0 \leq y_2 - y_1 < x_2 - x_1. \quad (4.4)$$

Further, if $x \in \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$, then $y_1 \leq h(x) \leq y_2$ and thus

$$\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle \subset h^{-1}(\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle). \quad (4.5)$$

From (4.5) and (4.2) it follows

$$L(\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle) \leq L(h^{-1}(\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle)) = L(\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle) \quad (4.6)$$

and

$$x_2 - x_1 \leq y_2 - y_1 \quad (4.7)$$

which is a contradiction to (4.4).

Thus h is monotone and the theorem is proved.

Theorem 4.8. Let ξ and η be random variables, (a, b) an interval (finite or infinite), $F_\xi(b) - F_\xi(a) = 1$, C a function with a continuous derivative on (a, b) , $\eta = C(\xi)$. Let F_ξ and F_η be continuous on E_1 . Let F_ξ have a continuous positive derivative on (a, b) , let F_η have a continuous derivative on $C((a, b))$.

Denote $H = (F_\eta)_{C(a,b)}$, $G = (F_\xi)_{(a,b)}$,

Then H is a increasing function and either

$$C = H^{-1}G$$

or

$$C = H^{-1}(1 - G)$$

Proof: Define new variables

$$U = F_\xi(\xi), \quad V = F_\eta(\eta) = F_\eta C(\xi). \quad (4.9)$$

Thus $\xi = G^{-1}(U)$ almost everywhere (P) and

$$V = F_\eta C G^{-1}(U) \quad (4.10)$$

almost everywhere (P).

Denote $F_\eta C G^{-1} = h$. From (4.9) and (4.10) it follows, that $F_v(x) = F_{h(v)}(x) = x$ for all $x \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$. Further G^{-1} has a continuous derivative in $(0, 1)$, C has a continuous derivative on $G^{-1}(0, 1) = (a, b)$ and F_η has a continuous deriva-

tive on $C(a, b)$. Thus h has a continuous derivative on $(0, 1)$. Hence it follows from the preceding theorem, that $h(x) = x$ or $h(x) = 1 - x$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$. Denoting E the identical transformation of $(0, 1)$ on $(0, 1)$, we have

$$E = F_\eta CG^{-1} \text{ or } 1 - E = F_\eta CG^{-1};$$

hence

$$G = F_\eta C \text{ or } 1 - G = F_\eta C.$$

F_η is increasing on $C(a, b)$, since G is increasing. Thus

$$C = H^{-1}G \text{ or } C = H^{-1}(1 - G), \text{ q. e. d.}$$

5.

Theorem 5.1. *Let ξ, α be independent random variables, $X = \xi + \alpha$, C a B -measurable function. Let $E(\xi), E(\alpha), E(C(\xi))$ be finite. Let $\varphi_\alpha(t) \neq 0$ on a set dense in E_1 . Let for some functions h, G ,*

$$E(e^{itX}h(X)) = \varphi_\alpha(t)E(e^{it\xi}G(\xi)). \quad (5.2)$$

Then:

(5.2) holds for

$$h = E_x(C(\xi)) \text{ and } G = C. \quad (5.3)$$

If (5.2) holds, then

$$h = E_x(C(\xi)) (F_x) \text{ when and only when } G = C (F_\xi). \quad (5.4)$$

Consequence 5.5. *Let $\xi, \alpha, X, \varphi_\alpha, C$ be as in the preceding theorem, let C_1 be a B -measurable function and $E_x(C(\xi)) = E_x(C_1(\xi)) (F_x)$. Then $C = C_1 (F_\xi)$.*

Proof of Consequence: It is $E(C_1(\xi)) = E(E_x(C_1(\xi))) = E(E_x(C(\xi))) = E(C(\xi))$ and thus $E(C_1(\xi))$ is finite and C_1 satisfies the conditions of theorem 5.1 imposed on C . From $E_x(C(\xi)) = E_x(C_1(\xi))$ and from (5.3) it follows, that (5.2) holds for $h = E_x(C(\xi))$ and $G = C_1$. From (5.4) it follows, that $C = C_1 (F_\xi)$, q. e. d.

For the proof of theorem (5.1) we need the following lemma, which is a consequence of the one-to-one correspondence between characteristic and distribution functions.

Lemma 5.6. *Let F be a distribution function, H a measurable function and*

$$\int e^{itx}H(x) dF(x) = 0 \text{ for all } t \in E_1$$

Then $H = 0 (F)$.

Proof of Theorem 5.1. It is

$$\varphi_{X, C(\xi)}(t, v) = E(e^{i(t\xi + t\alpha + vC(\xi))}) = \varphi_\alpha(t) \int e^{i(ty + vC(y))} dF_\xi(y).$$

But

$$\varphi_{x,c(\xi)}(t, v) = E(e^{itx}e^{ivc(\xi)}) = E(E_x(e^{itx}e^{ivc(\xi)})) = \int e^{itx} \mathcal{G}(x, v) dF_x(x),$$

where

$$G(x, v) = E_{x=x}(e^{ivc(\xi)}) = \int e^{ivc(y)} d_{x=x}F_\xi(y) \quad (F_x). \quad (5.7)$$

Thus

$$\varphi_x(t) \int e^{i(ty+vc(y))} dF_\xi(y) = \int e^{itx} G(x, v) dF_x(x). \quad (5.8)$$

Let us compute $\frac{\partial G(x, v)}{\partial v}$

The function $\frac{\partial}{\partial v} e^{ivc(y)} = iC(y)e^{ivc(y)}$ has the integrable majorante C . Thus

$$\frac{\partial G(x, v)}{\partial v} = i \int C(y)e^{ivc(y)} d_{x=x}F_\xi(y)$$

for almost all $x (F_x)$.

It is obvious that

$$\left| \frac{\partial G(x, v)}{\partial v} \right| \leq \int C(y) d_{x=x}F_\xi(y)$$

for almost all $x (F_x)$ and the last integral, as function of x , is integrable with respect to F_x .

Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \int e^{itx} G(x, v) dF_x(x) = i \int e^{itx} \left[\int C(y)e^{ivc(y)} d_{x=x}F_\xi(y) \right] dF_x(x)$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \int e^{i(ty+vc(y))} dF_\xi(y) = i \int C(y)e^{i(ty+vc(y))} dF_\xi(y).$$

Hence and from (5.8), putting $v = 0$, we get

$$\int e^{itx} E_{x=x}(C(\xi)) dF_x(x) = \varphi_x(t) \int e^{ity} C(y) dF_\xi(y) \quad (5.9)$$

or

$$E(e^{itx} E_x(C(\xi))) = \varphi_x(t) E(C(\xi)e^{it\xi}). \quad (5.10)$$

Thus (5.3) is proved.

We shall prove (5.4). Let $h = E_x(C(\xi)) (F_x)$ and let (5.2) hold. Then

$$E(e^{itx} E_x(C(\xi))) = \varphi_x(t) E(G(\xi)e^{it\xi}), \quad (5.11)$$

and hence and from (5.10)

$$\varphi_x(t) E(e^{it\xi}(C(\xi) - G(\xi))) = 0 \quad (5.12)$$

for all t . Thus

$$E(e^{it\xi}(C(\xi) - G(\xi))) = 0 \quad (5.13)$$

for all t , since this is a continuous function of t and $q_x(t) \neq 0$ on a set dense in E_1 . From (5.13) and lemma 5.6 it follows, that $C = G(F_\xi)$. The proof of the implication $C = G(F_\xi) \Rightarrow E_x(C(\xi)) = h(F_x)$ is analogous and simpler. Thus the theorem is proved.

6. Special cases.

Theorem 6.1. *Let in (1.1) either C be monotone, or C have continuous derivative on $(-\infty, +\infty)$. Let F_x and F_y be normal distribution functions. Let ξ be independent of α and β .*

Then C is linear (F_ξ).

Proof: According to CRAMÉR [2] ξ and $C(\xi)$ being normally distributed, the theorem follows from theorems 3.1 and 4.8.

Theorem 6.2. *Let in (1.1) ξ, α, β are independent, $|E(\beta)| < +\infty$. Let F_x be a normal distribution function.*

Then C is a linear function (F_ξ) if and only if $E_x(Y)$ is a linear function (F_x).

Proof: The assertion that, if C is linear (F_ξ), then $E_x(Y)$ is linear (F_x), is obvious and known (see e. g. FIX[4]). We shall prove the inverse implication. Now, let $E_{x-x}(Y - E(\beta)) = E_{x-x}(C(\xi)) = ax + b$ (F_x),

$$\begin{aligned} E(\lambda) &= m_1 & E(\lambda - m_1)^2 &= \sigma_1^2 \\ E(\xi) &= m_2 & E(\xi - m_2)^2 &= \sigma_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, using the symbol f for denote frequency functions, it is

$${}_x f_\xi = \frac{f_x}{f_\xi} \xi f_x.$$

After easy calculations, we verify that ${}_x f_\xi$ is a normal frequency function with mean

$$(x - m_1) \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} + m_2 \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

and variance

$$\frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

Putting

$$C_1(x) = \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} ax + b + \frac{a}{\sigma_2^2} (m_1 \sigma_2^2 - m_2 \sigma_1^2),$$

we get $E_x(C_1(\xi)) = ax + b = E_x(C(\xi))$.

Applying theorem (5.5), we get $C = C_1(F_\xi)$ and thus C is linear (F_ξ), q. e. d.

Theorem 6.3. *Let in (1.1) ξ, α, β are independent, $|E(\beta)| < +\infty$. Let*

$$F_x(x) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=x}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}.$$

Then C is linear (F_ξ) if and only if $E_x(Y)$ is linear (F_x).

Proof: Denote $F(x; \lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!}$

From a theorem of RAJKOV [7] it follows that

$$F_\alpha(x) = F\left(\frac{x - \mu_1}{\sigma_1}; \lambda_1\right), F_\xi(x) = F\left(\frac{x - \mu_2}{\sigma_2}; \lambda_2\right),$$

where $\sigma_1 > 0$, $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ($i = 1, 2$). We can assume $\lambda_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2$), the proof being trivial in the opposite case. From the relation $\varphi_x = \varphi_\xi \cdot \varphi_\alpha$ we can verify, that $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$; without loss of generality we may assume, that $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$. Put $h(x) = ax + b$. It is $E(h(X)e^{itx}) = aE(Xe^{itx}) + bE(e^{itx}) = e^{\lambda(e^{it}-1)}[a\lambda e^{it} + b]$. Put $G(x) = a\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_2}x + b$. It is similarly

$$E(G(\xi)e^{it\xi}) = e^{\lambda_2(e^{it}-1)}[a\lambda e^{it} + b]$$

Further

$$\varphi_\alpha(t) = e^{\lambda_1(e^{it}-1)}$$

and thus

$$\varphi_\alpha(t) E(G(\xi)e^{it\xi}) = e^{\lambda(e^{it}-1)}[a\lambda e^{it} + b].$$

Now, (5.2) holds for ours h and G and the theorem follows from (5.4).

Remark: EVELYNE FIX [4] has proved this very interesting

Theorem: Let ξ , α , β be independent random variables, and $E(\xi^2) < +\infty$, or $E(\alpha^2) < +\infty$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} X &= c\xi + \alpha \\ Y &= a\xi + \beta, \quad a \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let there exists a non empty interval (c_1, c_2) such that for every $c \in (c_1, c_2)$ $E_x(Y)$ is linear. Then F_x is a normal distribution function.

From the theorem (6.3) it follows, that it does not suffice to require linearity of $E_x(Y)$ only for one value of c .

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Резюме.

СТРУКТУРНЫЕ СООТНОШЕНИЯ

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Пусть ξ, α, β, X, Y — случайные переменные, удовлетворяющие соотношению (1.1). В работе выводятся достаточные условия, при которых функцию C можно идентифицировать, если известны $F_{X,Y}$ и F_α , или если известны $F_{X,Y}, F_\alpha, F_\beta$. Общие результаты применяются к случаям, когда X и Y обладают нормальным распределением вероятностей, или когда X имеет пуассоновое распределение вероятностей, или когда, наконец, X обладает нормальным распределением вероятностей. В последних двух случаях необходимым и достаточным условием линейности функции C является линейность регрессии $E_X(Y)$, если предположить, что ξ, α, β независимы и $|E(\beta)| < +\infty$.