

*Goodness of fit via phi-divergences:  
a new family of test statistics*

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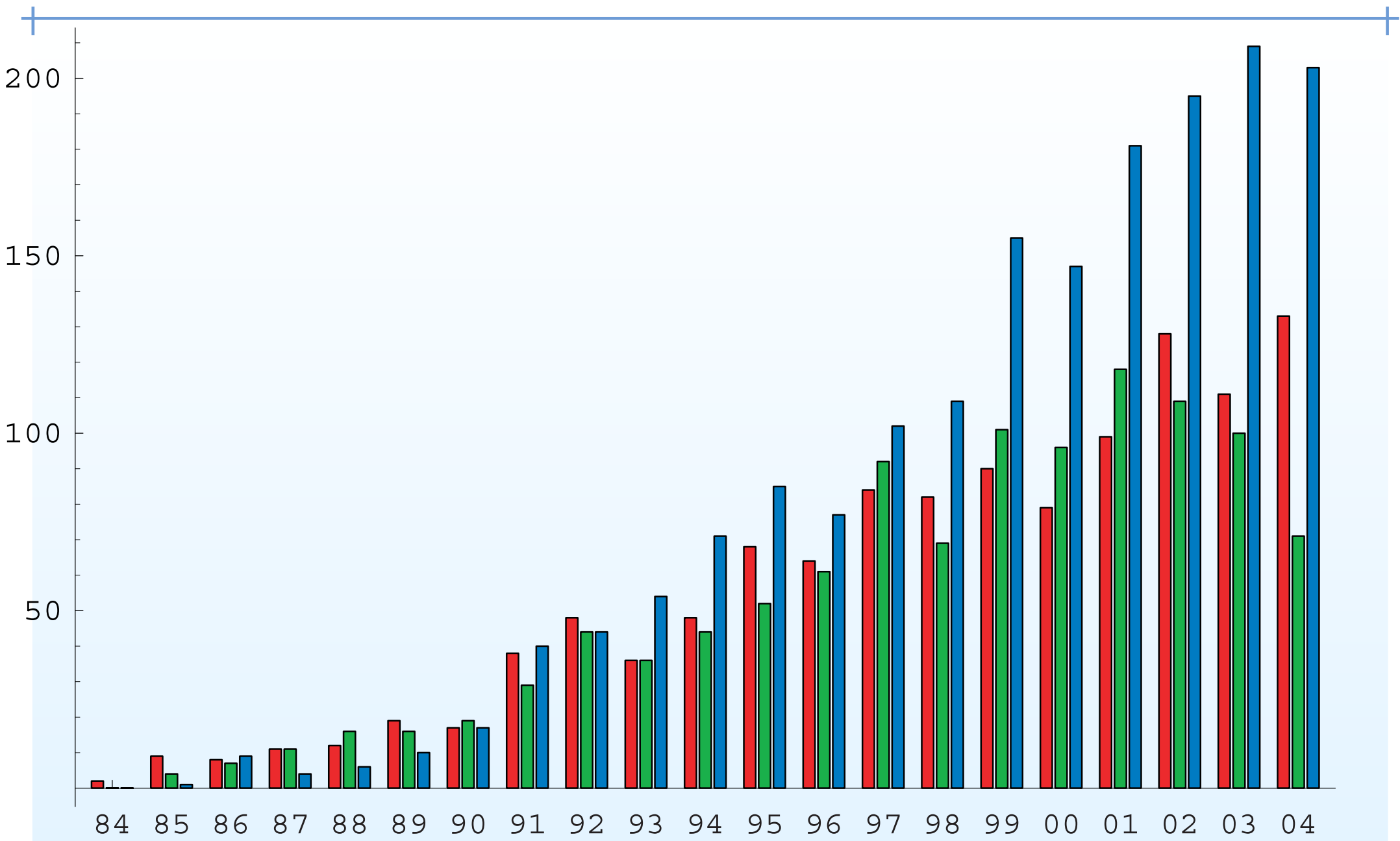


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- Likelihood ratio statistic for testing  $H_x$  versus  $K_x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_n(x) &= \frac{\sup_{F(x)} L_n(F(x))}{L_n(F_0(x))} = \frac{L_n(\mathbb{F}_n(x))}{L_n(F_0(x))} \\
 &= \frac{\mathbb{F}_n(x)^{n\mathbb{F}_n(x)} (1 - \mathbb{F}_n(x))^{n(1-\mathbb{F}_n(x))}}{F_0(x)^{n\mathbb{F}_n(x)} (1 - F_0(x))^{n(1-\mathbb{F}_n(x))}} \\
 &= \left( \frac{\mathbb{F}_n(x)}{F_0(x)} \right)^{n\mathbb{F}_n(x)} \left( \frac{1 - \mathbb{F}_n(x)}{1 - F_0(x)} \right)^{n(1-\mathbb{F}_n(x))}
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- Berk-Jones (1979) test statistic:

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$$K_s(u, v) = v\phi_s(u/v) + (1-v)\phi_s((1-u)/(1-v)).$$

- Special cases:

$$\begin{aligned}K_1(u, v) &= K(u, v) \\ &= u \log(u/v) + (1 - u) \log((1 - u)/(1 - v))\end{aligned}$$

$$K_0(u, v) = K(v, u)$$

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$$K_{-1}(u, v) = K_2(v, u) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(u - v)^2}{u(1 - u)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}K_{1/2}(u, v) &= 2\{(\sqrt{u} - \sqrt{v})^2 + (\sqrt{1 - u} - \sqrt{1 - v})^2\} \\ &= 4\{1 - \sqrt{uv} - \sqrt{(1 - u)(1 - v)}\}.\end{aligned}$$



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- Thus, with  $F_0(x) = x$ ,

$$S_n(1) = R_n, \quad S_n(0) = \text{“reversed” Berk-Jones} \equiv \tilde{R}_n$$

$$S_n(2) = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{(\mathbb{F}_n(x) - x)^2}{x(1-x)}, \quad S_n(-1) = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{x \in [X_{(1)}, X_{(n)}]} \frac{(\mathbb{F}_n(x) - x)^2}{\mathbb{F}_n(x)(1-x)}$$

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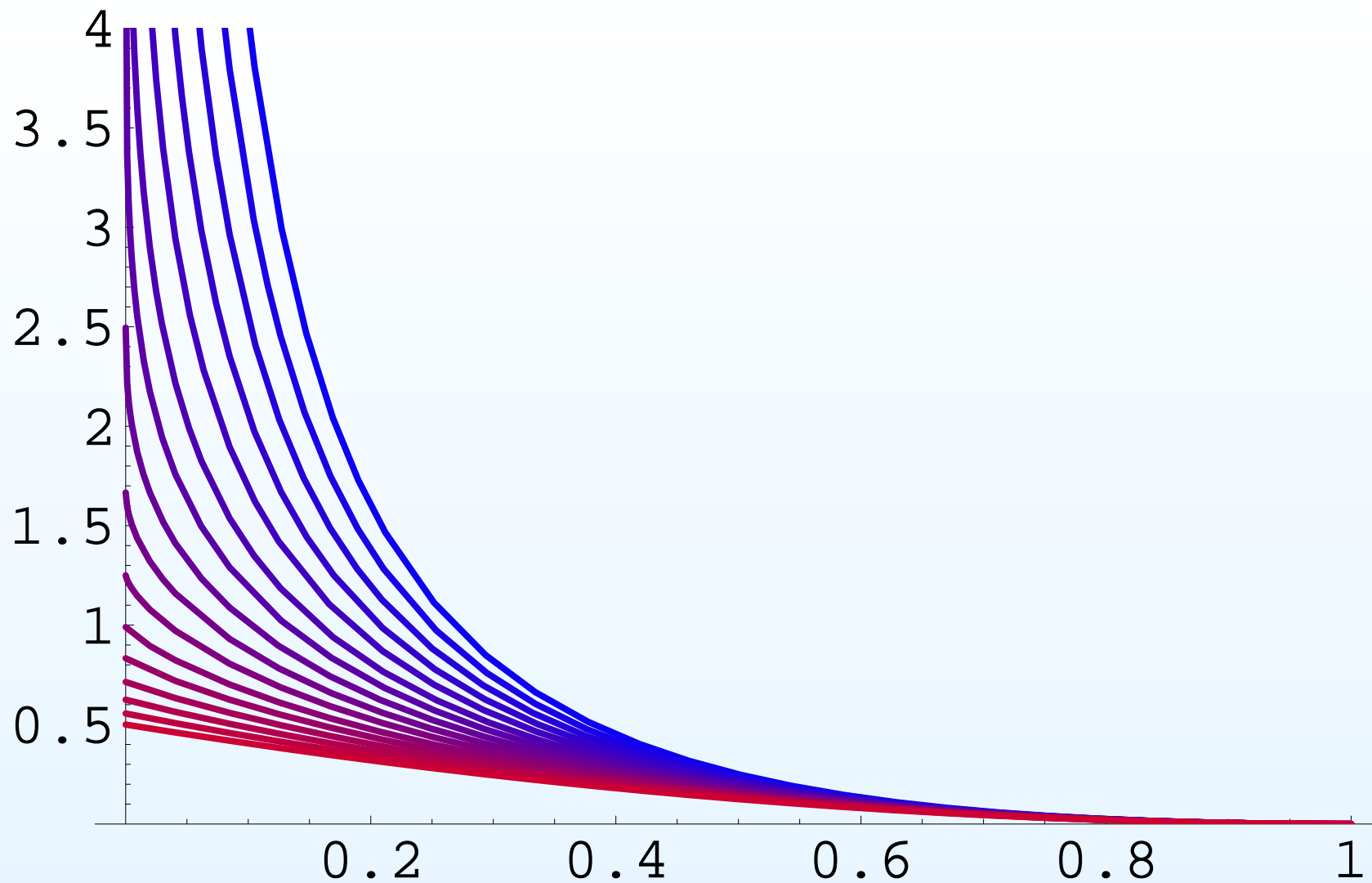


Fig. 1:  $\phi_s(x)$ ,  $s \in \{-1, -0.8, -0.6, -0.4, -0.2, 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.8, 2.0\}$

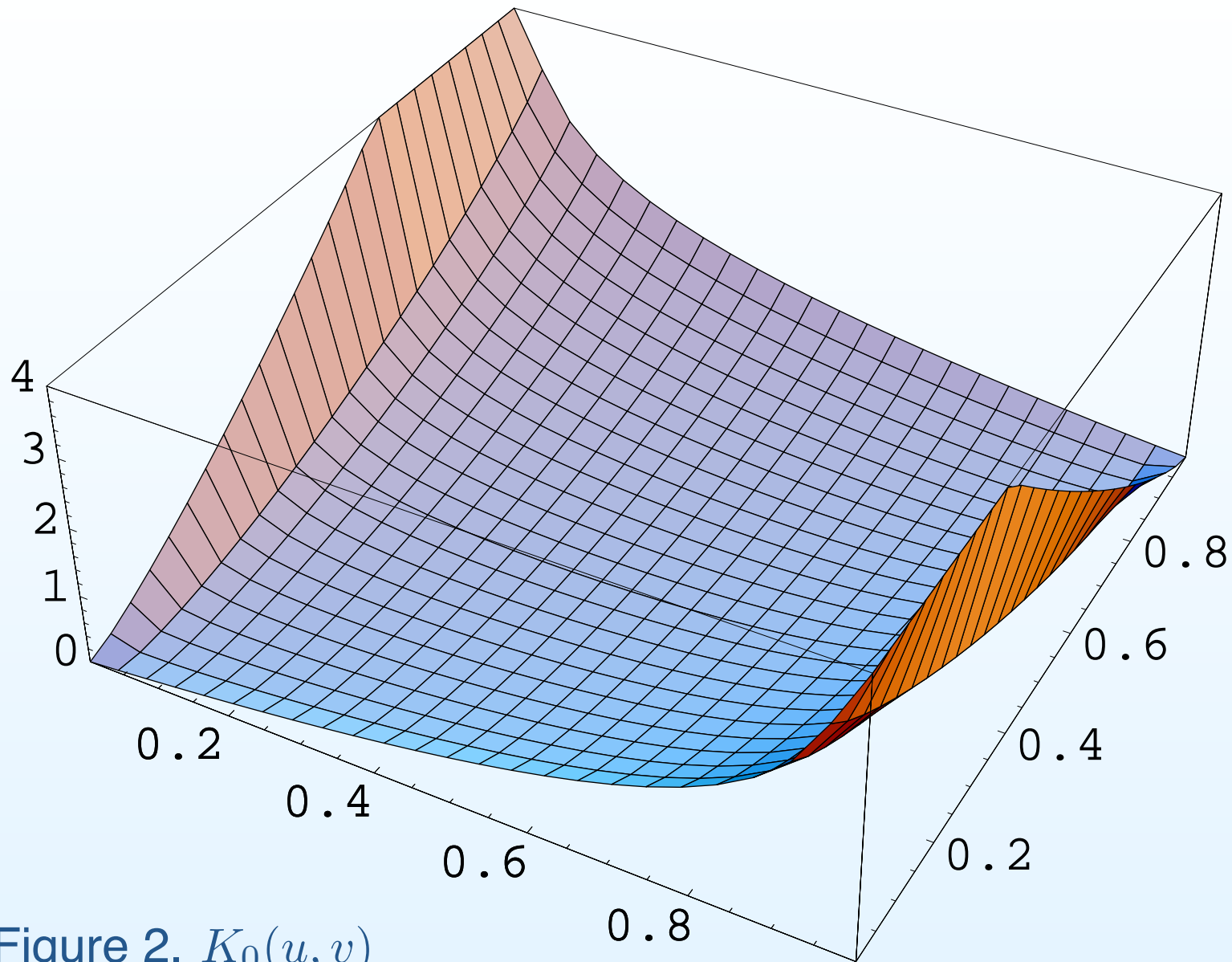


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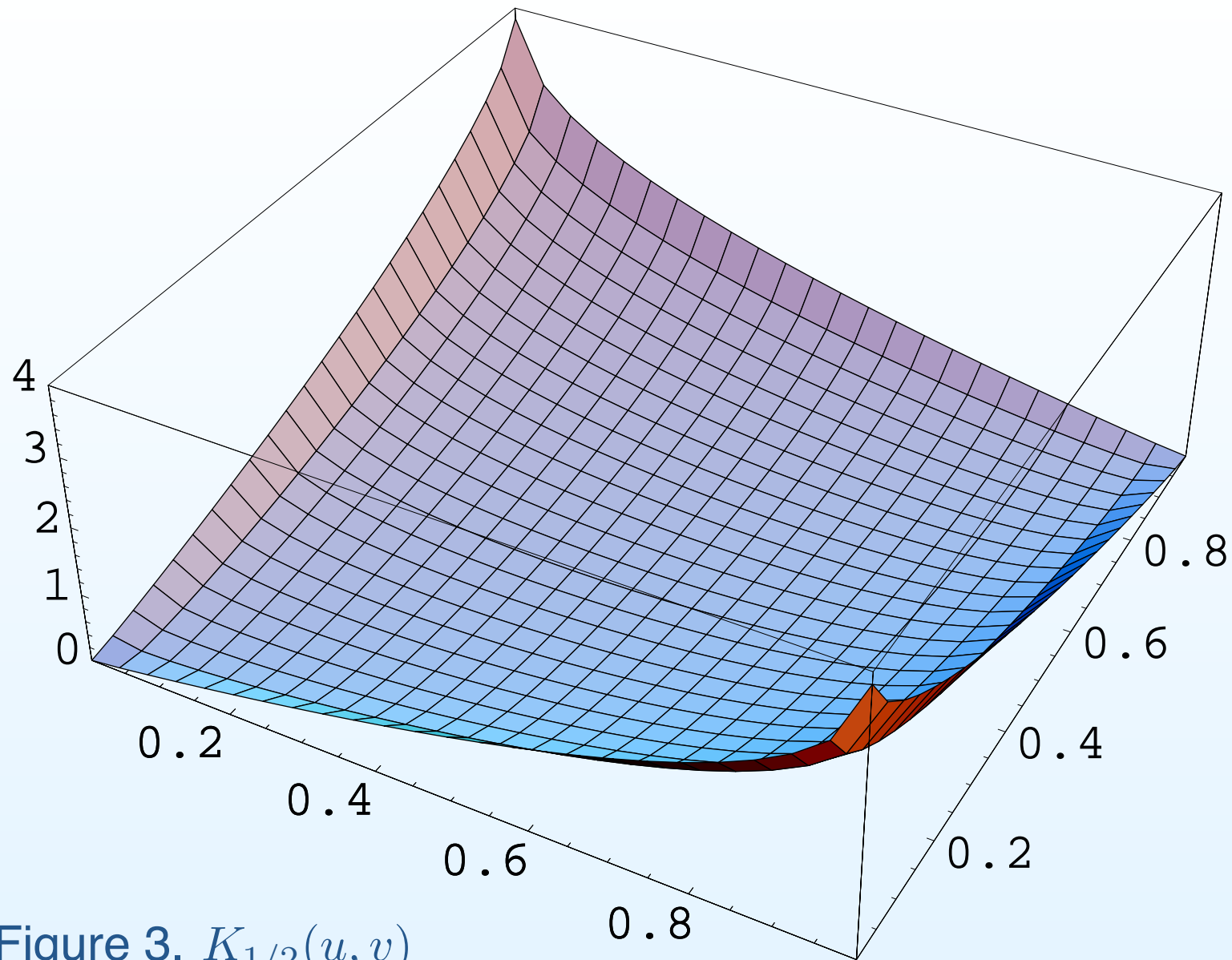


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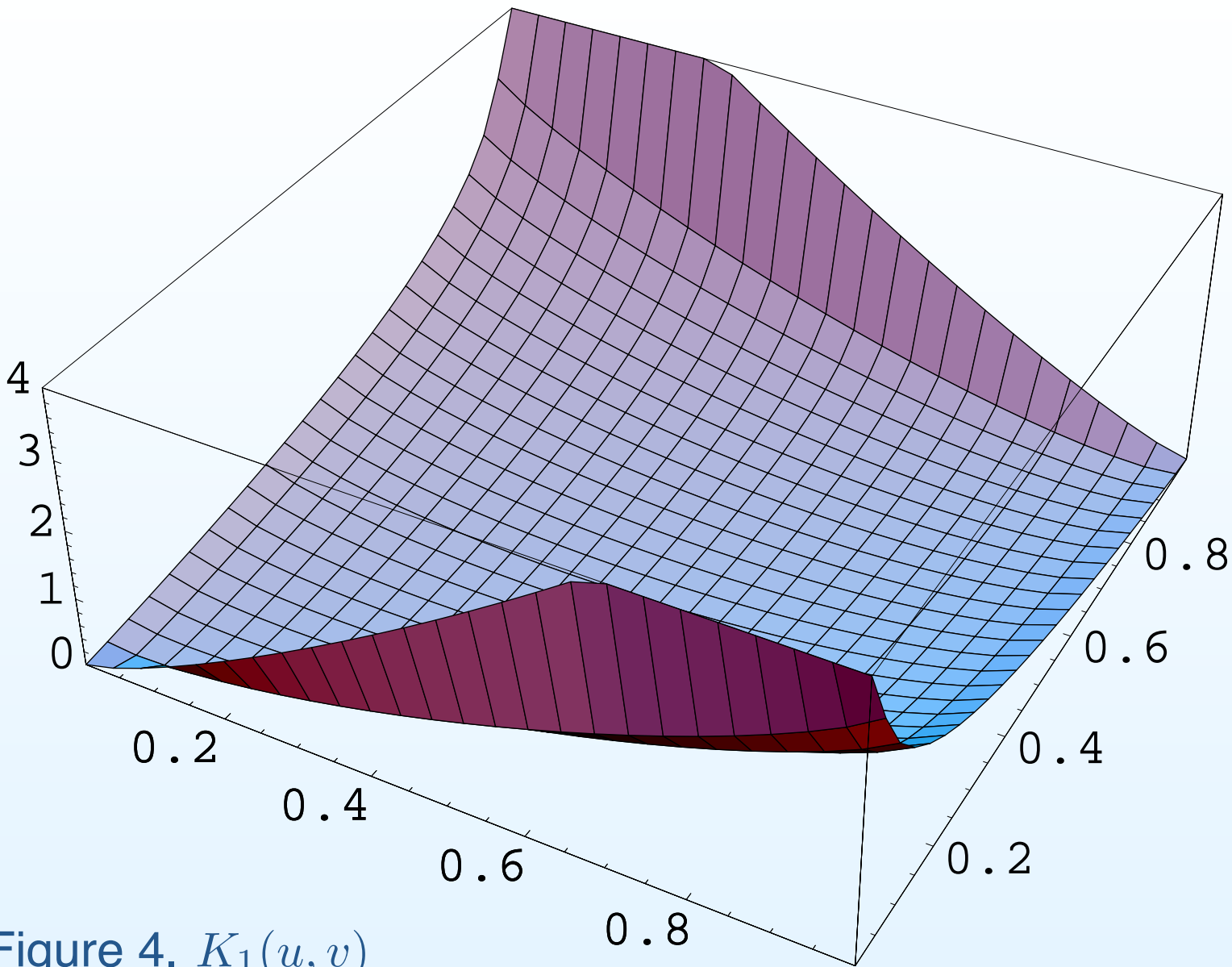


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- **Theorem.** If  $F = F_0$ , the uniform distribution on  $[0, 1]$ , then for  $-1 \leq s \leq 2$

$$nS_n(s) - r_n \rightarrow_d Y_4$$

where  $P(Y_4 \leq x) = \exp(-4 \exp(-x))$ .

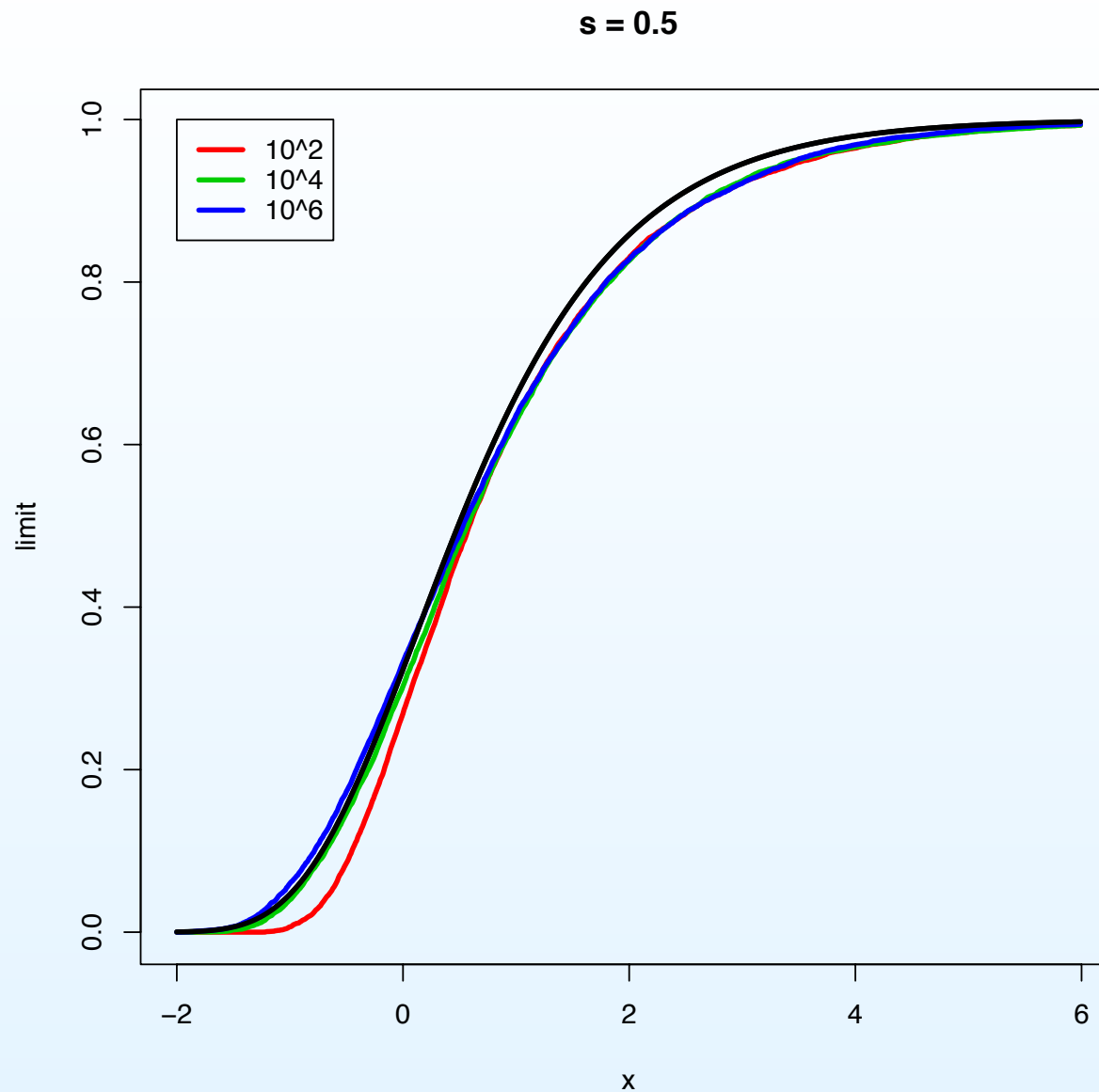


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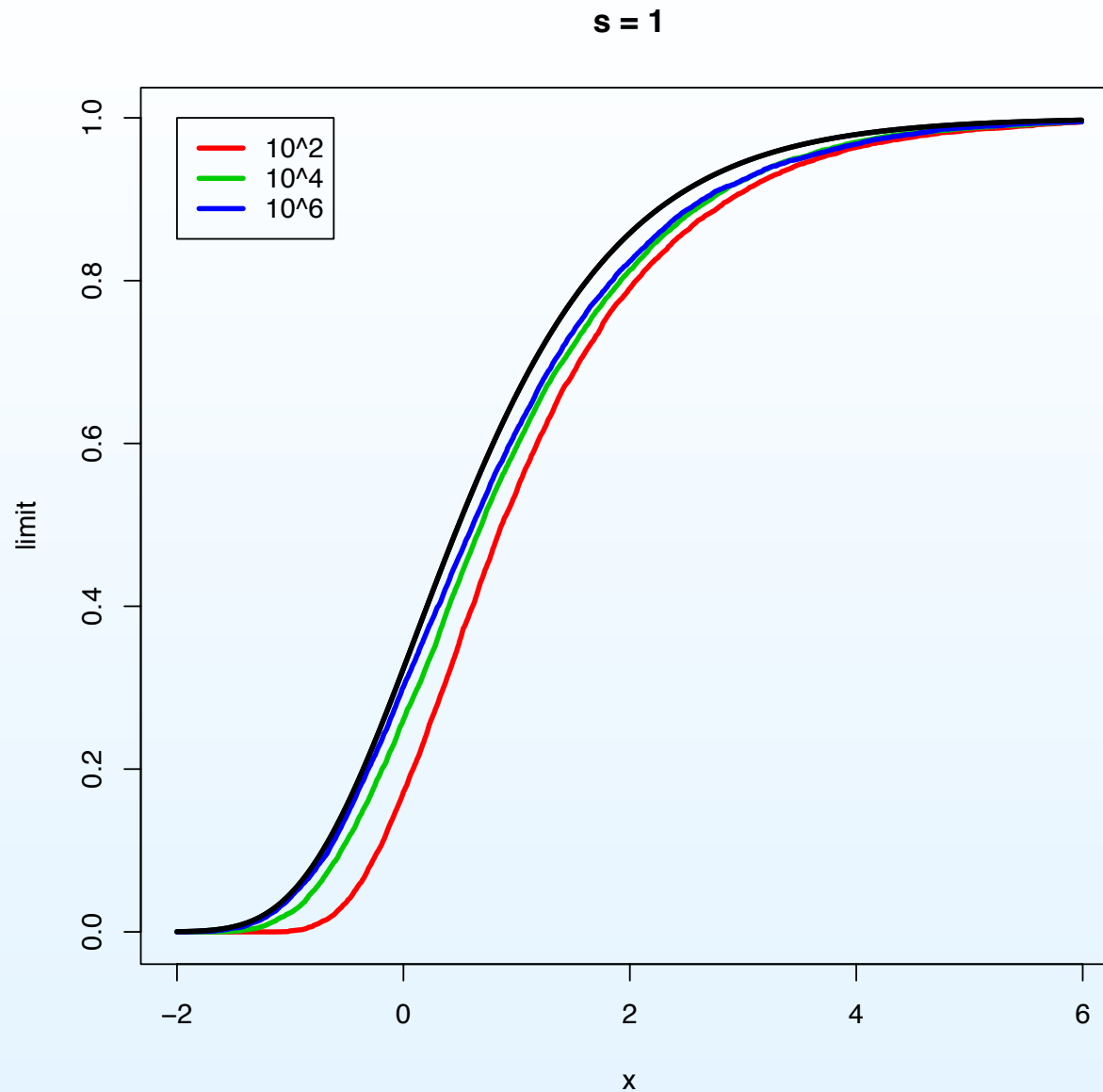


Figure 6.  $P(nS_n(1) - r_n \leq x)$  for  $n = 10^2$ ,  $10^4$ ,  $10^6$  and  $P(Y_4 \leq x)$

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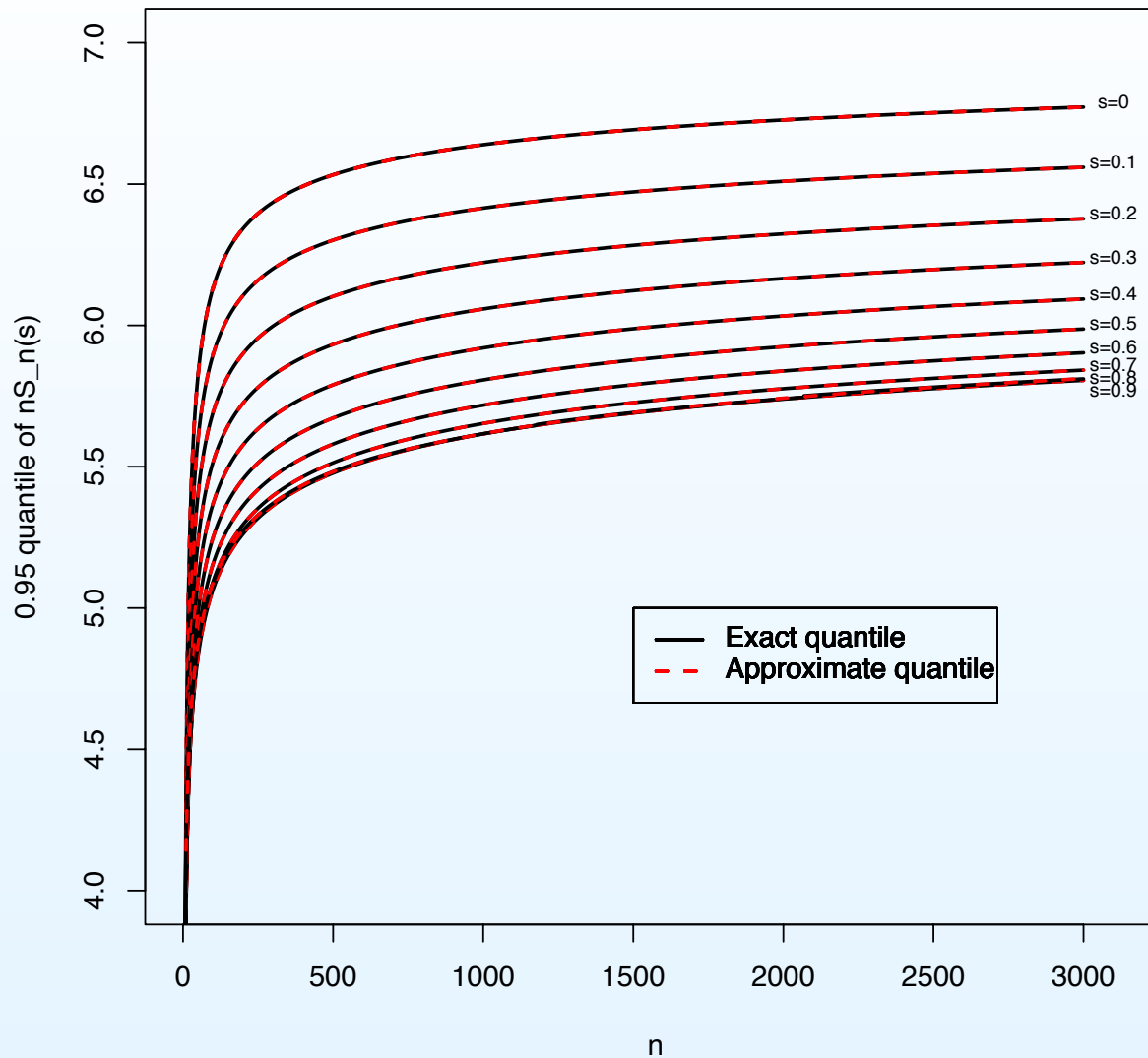


Figure 7. Exact and approximate .95 quantiles of  $nS_n(s)$ ,  $10 \leq n \leq 3000$ .

## 4. Limit theory under alternatives and power

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- **Theorem 1.** If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $F \in K$  and  $0 < s < 1$ , then

$$S_n(s) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sup_{0 < x < 1} K_s(F(x), x) \equiv S_\infty(s, F). \quad (1)$$

- **Theorem 2.** If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $F \in K$  and  $s > 1$ , then (1) holds if and only if

$$\int_0^1 \{F^{-1}(u)(1 - F^{-1}(u))\}^{(1-s)/s} du < \infty.$$

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- **Generalization: let**

$$F_s(x) = \begin{cases} (1 + \frac{x^{1-s} - 1}{s-1})^{-1/s}, & 1 < s < \infty, \\ (1 + \log(1/x))^{-1}, & s = 1, \\ (1 - s(x^{s-1} - 1))^{1/s}, & s < 0. \end{cases}$$

- **Theorem.** (Poisson boundaries for  $s \geq 1$  and  $s < 0$ ).
  - (i) Fix  $s \geq 1$  and suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $F_s$ . Then

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where  $S_1 = E_1$  is the first jump point of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

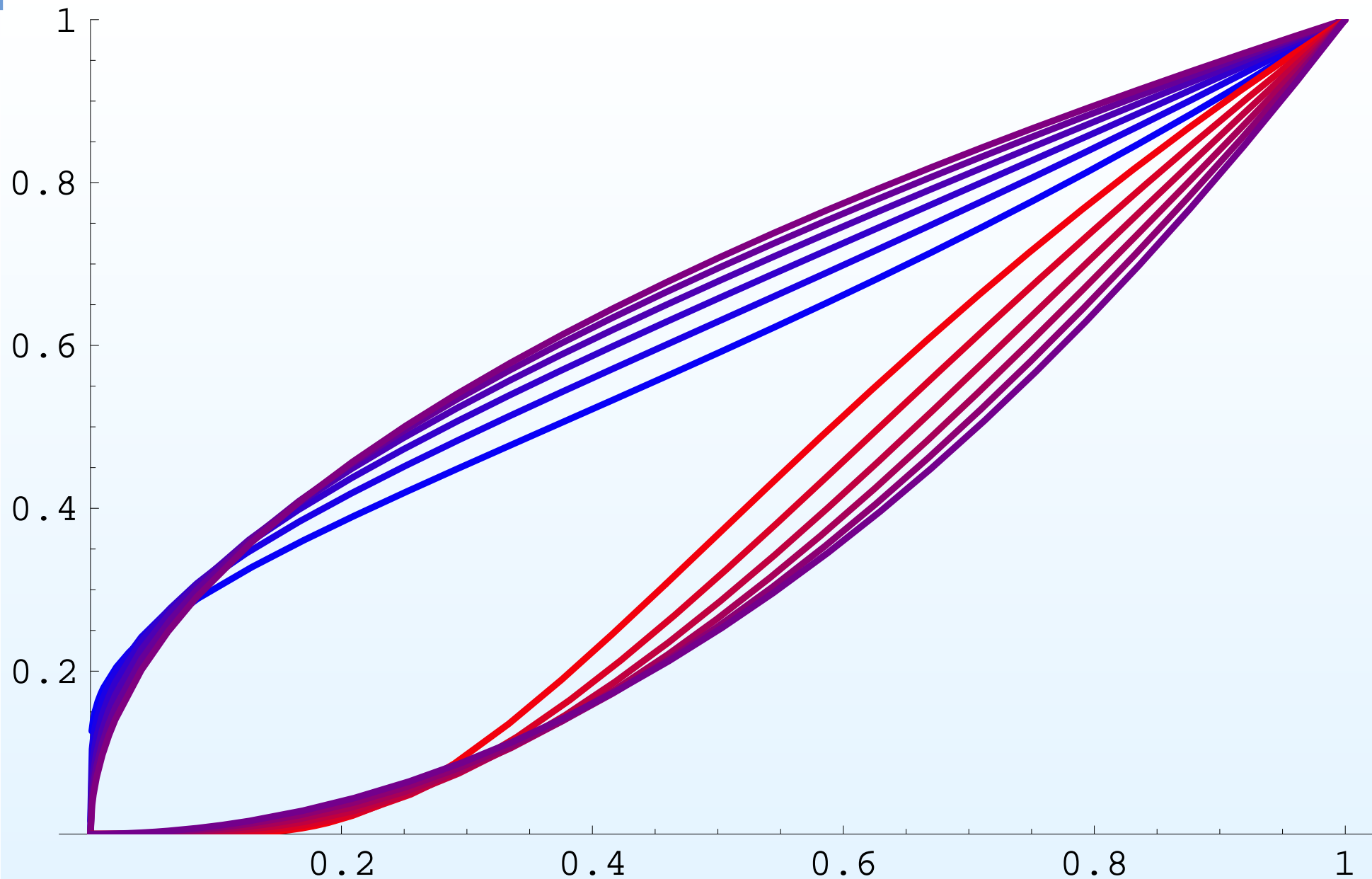


Figure 7. Poisson boundary distribution functions,  
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$$H_1^{(n)} : G = (1 - \epsilon_n)\Phi + \epsilon_n\Phi(\cdot - \mu_n)$$

for  $\epsilon_n = n^{-\beta}$ ,  $\mu_n = \sqrt{2r \log n}$   
 $1/2 < \beta < 1$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ .

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- **Test statistics: Donoho-Jin:** Berk-Jones  $R_n = S_n(1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} HC_n^* &\equiv \sup_{X_{(1)} \leq x < X_{([n/2])}} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\mathbb{F}_n(x) - x)}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \\ &\equiv \text{Tukey's "higher criticism statistic"} \end{aligned}$$

- Define the optimal detection boundary  $\rho^*(\beta)$  by

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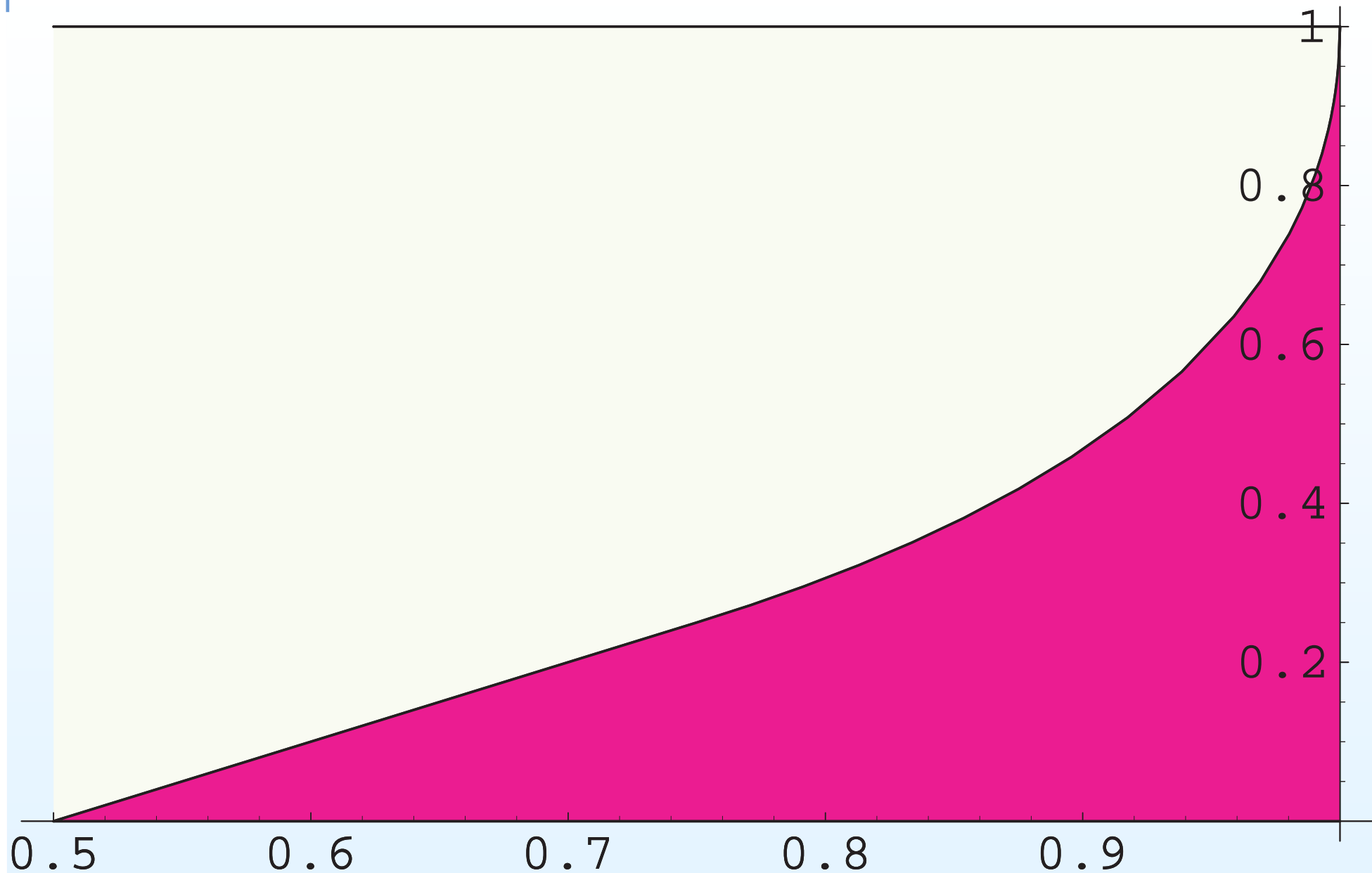
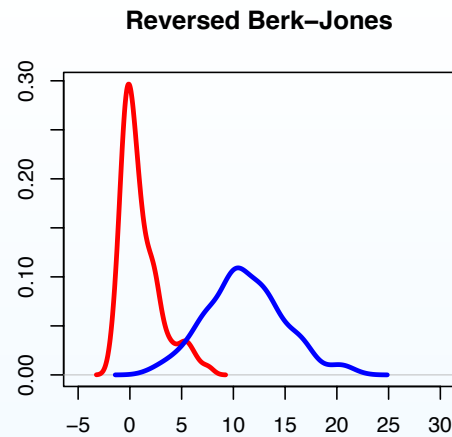
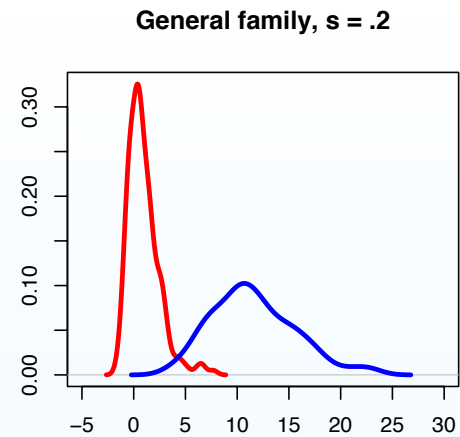


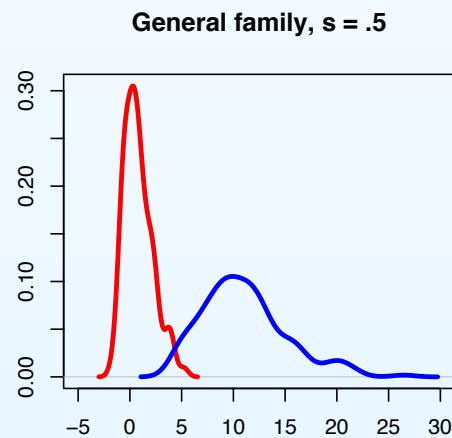
Figure 8. Detection boundary:  $r > \rho^*(\beta)$  detectable



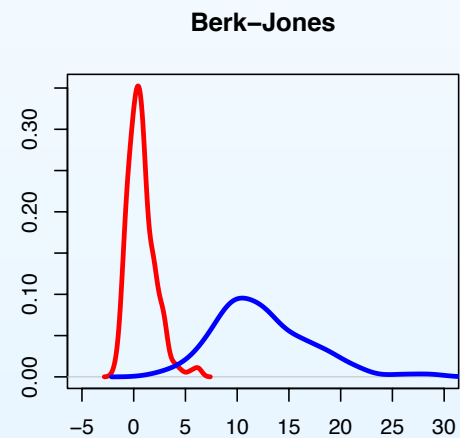
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