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Remark: The k -dimensional marginal distributions of a d -dimensional copula are k -dimensional copulas, for all $2 \leq k \leq d$.

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C as above is called *the copula of F* . For a random vector $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with c.d.f. F we say that C is *the copula of X* .

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Exercise: The Fréchet lower bound W_d is not a copula for $d \geq 3$.

Hint: Check that the rectangle inequality

$\sum_{k_1=1}^2 \sum_{k_2=1}^2 \cdots \sum_{k_d=1}^2 (-1)^{k_1+k_2+\dots+k_d} W_d(u_{1k_1}, u_{2k_2}, \dots, u_{dk_d}) \geq 0$ with $u_{j1} = a_j$ and $u_{j2} = b_j$ for $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$, is not fulfilled for $d \geq 3$ and $a_i = \frac{1}{2}$, $b_i = 1$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$.