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# A BIVARIATE RELATIVE POVERTY LINE FOR LEISURE TIME AND INCOME POVERTY: DETECTING INTERSECTIONAL DIFFERENCES USING DISTRIBUTIONAL COPULAS

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Empirical research on poverty today often goes beyond a focus on income to consider other dimensions of well-being. However, relatively few multidimensional poverty measures explicitly consider time-use, despite its particular relevance to women's double burden of paid and unpaid work. We construct a bivariate relative poverty line between income and leisure, based on their joint distribution in the population. Because the strength of the dependence between income and leisure influences the vulnerability to poverty, we incorporate distributional regression into copula models. Utilizing the 2018 Mexican National Survey of Households, Income and Expenses, we investigate differences in bidimensional poverty with respect to gender and ethnicity. We find that the fraction defined as bidimensional poor is 18 percent points higher than the poverty rate computed from separate time and income measures. Those below the relative but above the absolute poverty line are primarily non-indigenous women whose poverty is made visible by our approach.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Income alone cannot adequately define poverty. Available time for leisure is also an important determinant of living standards. While a growing literature defines poverty in multidimensional terms, it rarely includes leisure, despite its particular relevance to women's double burden of paid and unpaid work. Further, multidimensional poverty indices usually summarize poverty dimensions into one measure to calculate a univariate poverty threshold. Such indices obscure the interconnected nature of leisure and income. The strength of this dependence can shed light on differences in vulnerability to poverty at the intersection of gender and ethnicity.

This paper constructs a bivariate relative poverty line (BRPL) for income and leisure based on their distribution in the population. We share the motivation of previous approaches that incorporate measures of time-use into gender-sensitive poverty assessment (Vickery, 1977; Bardasi and Wodon, 2010; Zacharias et al., 2012; Merz and Rathjen, 2014). We define the BRPL as a specific quantile of the joint leisure and income distribution of the population. This approach avoids the need to reduce bidimensional poverty measures to scalar poverty indices and allows for different units of measurement as well as nonlinear substitutability.

To capture the conditional dependence between income and leisure time poverty, we develop an applied distributional copula model. Copulas provide a convenient mathematical tool for modeling the joint distribution of leisure and income. Distributional aspects—the way deprivations occur simultaneously—can unveil persistent poverty caused by a higher strength of the dependence at lower levels of income and leisure. Instead of looking at leisure time or income poverty separately, we focus on how these two deprivations coincide. Suffering both burdens at the same time is considered more unjust than experiencing one poverty dimension (Pogge, 2002). We expect differences in the association between income and leisure by gender and ethnicity, which varies with different characteristics such as the number of children.

We illustrate our model using data from the 2018 Mexican Survey of Households, Incomes and Expenses (Encuesta Nacional de Ingresos y Gastos, ENIGH), which provides a rich household data set including information on household income, consumption by gender, and individual leisure time (INEGI, 2020). The analysis focuses on couples or single-adult households with or without children and uses consumption shares of male and female household members as a proxy for income shares. While previous research acknowledges the importance of temporal constraints on women in particular (Rodin et al., 2012; Lyon et al., 2017), the only multidimensional poverty index estimated for Mexico does not include any measures of time allocation (Ortega Diaz 2014). Given the economic vulnerability of indigenous people, we expect indigenous women to have a higher likelihood for leisure and income poverty to coincide (González de Alba 2010; Canedo 2018; Canedo 2019).

Estimation of the BRPL yields insights beyond those provided by standard approaches. Overall, the percentage of those below the BRPL is 18 percentage points higher than indicated by the separate absolute leisure and income poverty

thresholds. While indigenous women are absolutely poor in standard poverty assessments, many non-indigenous women fall above the absolute poverty line but below the relative poverty line, a pattern not apparent in standard poverty assessment. The most important factors increasing the vulnerability of this group are low educational levels and high numbers of children.

Section 2 outlines the current literature on time and income poverty to motivate the analysis of the distributional dependence between income and leisure time. Section 3 defines the BRPL and introduces distributional copula models. Section 4 outlines the rich data set for Mexico used to apply our method. The results in Section 6 provide evidence of differences by gender and ethnicity. Section 7 concludes.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Time-use is widely considered a relevant resource for well-being (Narayan et al., 2000; World Bank, 2011; Ferrant et al., 2014; UN Women 2015). Like income, time availability determines opportunities for achievements and well-being in life (Burchardt, 2008). Due to the constraints of paid and unpaid work, people cannot always choose the leisure time they prefer (Bittman and Folbre, 2004). Especially in poor households, the need for market income requires household members to work long hours. Women perform a disproportionate share of unpaid work, which reduces the time they can devote to paid work (Connelly and Kongar, 2017). Deprivation of time for leisure is an important dimension of poverty.

Both utilitarian and capability approaches acknowledge leisure time as a component of well-being, but seldom incorporate it into definitions of poverty (important exceptions are discussed below). Utility-maximizing choices based on subjective perceptions do not provide any rationale for a specific threshold. By contrast, the capability approach postulates a minimum level of resources and functionings required to live a valuable life (Sen, 1976; Sen, 1987). Both income and time-use aspects are often necessary for the realization of capabilities and functionings (Sen, 1976). This minimum level, however, is difficult to operationalize and seldom includes consideration of leisure time (Ortega Diaz, 2014; Alkire et al., 2015; Santos and Villatoro, 2018).

Expenditure shares provide information on intra-household income division. Collective models depart from the unitary assumption and measure intra-household income sharing based on private goods (Chiappori, 1988; Chiappori and Mazzocco, 2017). Empirical studies use assignable goods—goods that are exclusively consumed by one member but observed for every household member—or exclusive goods to study income sharing (Browning et al., 1994; Chiappori et al., 2002; Blundell et al., 2007; Lise and Seitz, 2011; Dunbar et al., 2013). Attanasio and Lechene (2014) use food expenditures to provide evidence for the collective model in Mexico. Building on this literature we use all exclusive goods to estimate income sharing.

Several bidimensional poverty approaches show that relationships between income and time allocation differ on the household and individual levels. Vickery (1977) argues that hours devoted to unpaid work increase household

consumption and constructs a threshold curve between money and time on the household level. Within the household, however, gender differences are apparent. Responsibilities for housework and family care reduce both the quantity and quality of women's leisure time (Badgett and Folbre, 1999; Antonopoulos et al., 2017). By limiting opportunities for directly remunerative work, these responsibilities also lower women's bargaining power in the household (Antonopoulos and Hirway, 2010; UN Women, 2015; Amarante and Rossel, 2018).

Time and income poverty analyses that take individuals as units of analysis use separate thresholds, scalar indices, or bivariate measures to detect gender differences. Bardasi and Wodon (2010) define an individual as time and income poor if the individual works more than the time poverty threshold and lives in an income poor household. The Levy Institute Measure of Time and Income Poverty (LIMTIP) measure defines households as “hidden” poor if the household members work long hours and would fall below the income poverty line, if they purchased market substitutes for their unpaid work. This household measure is supplemented by individual time-use measures that capture gender differences (Zacharias et al., 2012; Antonopoulos et al., 2017).

Of the existing individual approaches, Merz and Rathjen (2014) come closest to ours. Their bidimensional poverty line is constructed based on a model of utility maximization and the assumption of constant elasticity of substitution between income and leisure. Thus, they base their approach on self-reported subjective well-being. We, on the contrary, relax the aforementioned assumptions by developing a data-driven approach based on reported leisure time. A specifically set quantile level of the joint distribution between income and leisure—corresponding to a certain percentage of the combined observations of income and leisure—defines the BRPL. To capture the influence of the dependence structure—i.e., the shape of the joint distribution of leisure and income—on the vulnerability to poverty, we use distributional copula models.

Copula regression models are proven tools to account for the dependence structure of poverty dimensions while controlling for covariates (Nelsen, 2006; Decancq, 2014; Marra and Radice, 2017; Aaberge et al., 2018; Hohberg et al., 2020; García-Gómez et al., 2021). We incorporate distributional aspects into copula models to disentangle persisting poverty by analyzing the varying strength of the dependence between income and leisure. Specifically, vicious cycles can be uncovered, as we expect the dependence to be more pronounced at the tails of the distribution between income and leisure. For example, time constraints hinder people in getting decent jobs. At the same time, low wages lead to higher working hours and more domestic work, as fewer market substitutes can be purchased. The income poor therefore have less leisure time (Ghosh, 2016). We expect these dependencies to be more pronounced among women, due to their double work burden (Psacharopoulos and Tzannatos, 1992; Colinas, 2008; Ferrant et al., 2014).

The Mexican survey of Households, Incomes and Expenses enables us to explore these issues. Mexican poverty is exacerbated by a weak social safety net and conservative gender norms (Segrest et al., 2003; Pedrero Nieto, 2005). Women devote substantial time to family care but are often forced into low-income jobs to contribute to the financial support of the family (Rodin et al., 2012; Lyon et al., 2017). Ethnic differences are significant and indigenous people in

rural areas are especially vulnerable to poverty (González de Alba, 2010; Carré et al., 2016; Canedo, 2019). Thus, intersections between gender and ethnicity shape the trade-offs between income and leisure.

This paper adds to the literature on bidimensional poverty in leisure time and income in four aspects. First, we construct a measure for income division in the household, based on consumption spending by gender in Mexico. Second, we derive a BRPL based on the underlying data. Third, we consider the varying strength of dependence between income and leisure time by applying distributional copula models to understand the drivers. Fourth, we add to the Mexican poverty assessment using the ENIGH 2018 to analyze differences based on gender and ethnicity.

### 3. METHODOLOGY

To identify the poor, we construct a BRPL described in Section 3.1. Bivariate distributional copula models identify the dependence structure and provide estimates of the likelihood of falling below the BRPL (see Sections 3.2 and 3.3).

#### 3.1. *Bivariate Relative Poverty Line*

To account for bidimensional poverty in leisure and income, we derive a BRPL using the Mexican ENIGH. We specify the BRPL as a specific quantile line of the bivariate cumulative distribution function (CDF) of income and leisure. For the population-based poverty assessment, we use the empirical CDF of the observed data, considering all leisure and income combinations. This resembles similar population-based definitions for univariate poverty lines. The BRPL avoids the necessity of monetizing leisure time to enable the composition of an index. Our data-based approach allows for nonlinear substitutability among income and leisure time.

Figure 1 illustrates the bivariate relative poverty approach in contrast to the union and intersection approach to time and income poverty. The dashed lines illustrate the separate absolute thresholds and the black line the BRPL. Area 1 plus area 2 define univariate leisure time poor and area 2 plus area 3 define univariate income poor. These areas combined define the union approach. Area 2 represents joint absolute leisure and income poverty defined as intersection approach (Bourguignon and Chakravarty, 2003; Atkinson, 2003; Alkire and Foster, 2011). Area 4 defines individuals that are simultaneously leisure time and income poor according to our bidimensional approach but neither income nor leisure time poor according to univariate measures. Instead of defining only an area of leisure time but not income poor, the bivariate approach defines a space including all those living at the societal margin of the joint distribution of income and leisure.

Depending on the joint distribution of income and leisure, the bivariate poverty line varies in shape where, in particular, the strength of the dependence determines how large area 4 will be. By construction, it will never fall below the marginal quantiles. The quantile line also implicitly accounts for the substitutability between income and leisure observed in the data. Area 5 includes all non-bidimensional poor individuals.



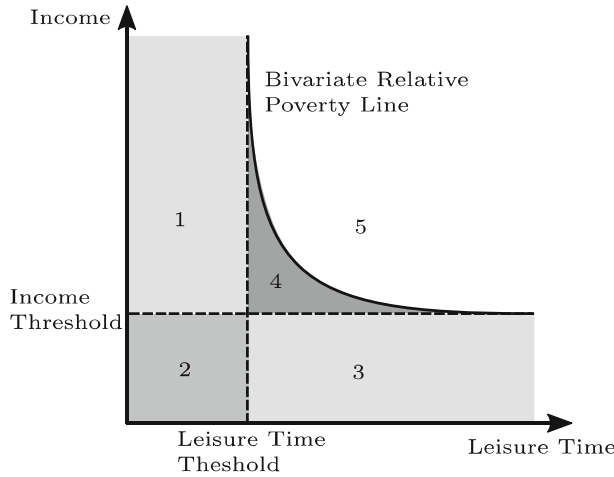


Figure 1. Intersection, Union, and BRPL Approach for Leisure Time and Income Poverty.

Notes: Figure 1 illustrates the bivariate relative poverty approach in contrast to the union and intersection approach to time and income poverty. The dashed lines illustrate the absolute thresholds for leisure and income and the black line the bivariate relative poverty line. Area 1 plus area 2 define univariate leisure time poor and area 2 plus area 3 define univariate income poor. These areas combined define the union approach. Area 4 defines individuals that are simultaneously leisure time and income poor according to our bidimensional approach but neither income nor leisure time poor according to univariate measures.

To formalize the basic idea of BRPL illustrated above, let  $F_{1,2}(q_1, q_2)$  be the joint CDF of income and leisure (either estimated from a statistical model or via the empirical CDF). The black curve is then defined by fixing a quantile level  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  and determining the contour line with  $F_{1,2}(q_1, q_2) = \tau$  (Maasoumi and Racine, 2016; Klein and Kneib, 2020). The area below the BRPL of level  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  is then given by  $Q_\tau = \{q = (q_1, q_2) \in R^2 : F_{1,2}(q_1, q_2) \leq \tau\}$  and the poverty risk can be quantified as

$$P(Y_i \in Q),$$

where  $Y_i = (Y_{i1}, Y_{i2})$  are the two dimensions of poverty (income and leisure, in our case), i.e., the poverty risk reflects the probability of falling below the BRPL. This can be assessed both in an ex-post and an ex ante approach, where the latter relates to vulnerability to poverty in the future as well as in a model-based fashion (when the joint CDF of  $Y_i$  is derived from a statistical model) or purely data-based using the bivariate empirical CDF. We use the population-based BRPL and therefore rely on the empirical CDF of all data in the following. Note that  $P(Y_i \in Q)$  is substantially larger than the quantile level  $\tau$  used to construct the poverty line even if  $Y_i$  follows exactly the CDF that was used to construct the poverty line. Note also that once conditioning on covariates, the distribution of the bivariate outcome  $Y_i$  will deviate from the population-based CDF such that the actual poverty risk varies according to covariates.

Let now  $Q_{1,\tau} = \{q_1 \in R : F_1(q_1) \leq \tau\}$  and  $Q_{2,\tau} = \{q_2 \in R : F_2(q_2) \leq \tau\}$  be the areas below the univariate poverty lines at level  $\tau$  derived from the marginal CDFs  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Then conventionally, the poverty risk in a bivariate setting is either



defined as

$$P(Y_i \in Q_{1,\tau} \cap Q_{2,\tau})$$

(intersection of the two marginal poverty areas) or

$$P(Y_i \in Q_{1,\tau} \cup Q_{2,\tau})$$

(unification of the two marginal poverty areas). The latter defines individuals as poor if they are poor in at least one dimension according to the marginal poverty lines, whereas the former considers individuals as poor if they fall below the poverty line in both dimensions.

For both conventional definitions, there are individuals considered poor based on our BRPL but not by any of the two conventional approaches when the same level  $\tau$  is used for the marginal and the BRPL. Bivariate poor are out in the tails of the bivariate distribution of both potential poverty dimensions although they are not necessarily extreme in the sense of the marginal distributions of income or leisure alone. Similarly, we can consider bivariate vulnerability to poverty, i.e., the ex-ante risk of falling below the BRPL in the future. The common ways of reducing the bivariate scenario to two marginals via intersection or unification may then lead to a severe underestimation of future poverty risks.

To compute either of the poverty risks discussed so far, we rely on Monte Carlo integration; that is, we estimate probabilities by empirical frequencies. More precisely, we simulate a large number of observations from the fitted distribution of the bivariate poverty indicator  $Y_i$  and then determine the empirical frequency for each of the different regions defining the poverty risk. While the conventional poverty risk definitions could also be computed from the bivariate CDF, this is difficult for our new approach where the poverty line is a nonlinear, smooth function.

### 3.2. *Bivariate Distributional Copula Regression Models*

The advantage of distributional copula regression is twofold: Any aspect of the bivariate distribution is a function of covariates, and it allows for different types of dependencies by flexibly specifying the copula. Simple correlation methods do not capture these complexities.

The calculation of joint probabilities based on distributional aspects enables us to evaluate vulnerability to poverty among subgroups. For example, income and leisure time vary over the range of education, meaning that one additional year of education does not always, *ceteris paribus*, have the same mean additional impact on leisure time or income. Further, the deviation from the mean can differ over the range of education. In return, these marginal distributions impact the dependence between income and leisure time, which may lead to stronger dependencies at lower levels of income and leisure time (tail dependence). This indicates persistent poverty likely due to vicious cycles. Thus, asymmetric dependencies matter and mean regression methods can lead to wrong interpretations of the statistical significance and the economic relevance of the variables (Kneib, 2013). By incorporating generalized additive models for location, scale, and shape (GAMLSS)

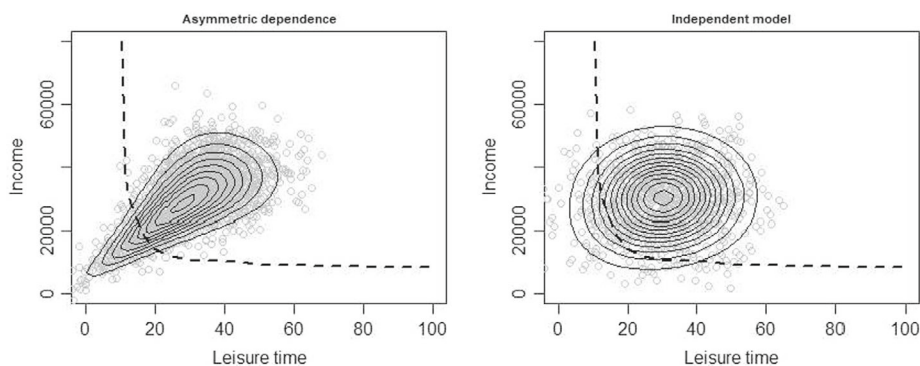


Figure 2. Copula Specification for One Possible Asymmetric Dependence and Independence.

Notes: Figure 2 illustrates possible schematic bivariate distributions of income and leisure. The left plot in Figure 2 visualizes asymmetric dependence structures (tail dependency). The right plot in Figure 2 shows the dependence structure for independent poverty dimensions where no simultaneous tendencies of income and leisure can be detected from the contour lines.

into copula models, we can describe asymmetric dependence structures (Marra and Radice, 2017; Stasinopoulos et al., 2017).<sup>1</sup>

Figure 2 illustrates possible dependence structures. The dots picture (stylized) observations of leisure and income combinations. The left plot in Figure 2 visualizes asymmetric dependence structures (tail dependency). In this example, higher dependency occurs in the lower part (tail) of the two variables income and leisure. The right plot 2 in Figure 2 shows the dependence structure for independent poverty dimensions where no simultaneous tendencies of income and leisure can be detected from the contour lines.

### 3.3. Model Specification

The bivariate CDF models the joint distribution of two variables using copulas as the mathematical tool to separate the marginal distributions from the dependence structure. We first specify the marginal distributions for the dependent variables leisure and income, which comprise the dependent vector  $(Y_1, Y_2)$ . The copula then binds the two marginal distributions via a CDF with uniform margins. We select the copula based on the marginal distributions and defined covariates (Klein et al., 2019).

In a copula specification, the bivariate CDF  $F_{1,2}(y_1, y_2) = P(Y_1 \leq y_1, Y_2 \leq y_2)$  is defined as

$$(1) \quad F_{1,2}(y_1, y_2) = C(F_1(y_1), F_2(y_2)),$$

where  $C : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  indicates the copula (i.e., a bivariate CDF with uniform margins) and  $F_j(y_j) = P(Y_j \leq y_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  are the marginal CDFs of the two response elements  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ . The copula  $C(\cdot, \cdot)$  in (1) is uniquely determined, if  $Y_1$

<sup>1</sup>The combination of GAMLSS and copulas is implemented in the GJRM package in R (Marra and Radice, 2022).

and  $Y_2$  are continuous (Nelsen, 2006). Marra and Radice (2017) enumerate several marginal distributions for continuous variables. For our application in Section 5, we only consider copulas with one dependence parameter, which allow for positive and negative dependence simultaneously, such as AMH, FGM, Frank, Gaussian, and Plackett.

Copula regression links the parameters of both the marginals and the copula to regression predictors. In the bivariate case,  $\theta = (\theta'_1, \theta'_2, \theta'_c)'$  is the  $J$ -dimensional vector of the parameters defining the marginal distribution for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  ( $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , respectively) and the copula ( $\theta_c$ ). These parameters are dependent on covariates  $\mathbf{z}$  thus  $\theta_{ij} = \theta_j(\mathbf{z}_i)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$  for observations  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . In our case we consider different types of response distributions for continuous, nonnegative responses including *normal*, *log – normal*, *dagum*, *singh – maddala*, *gumbel*, *reverse gumbel*, and *gamma*. We use a semiparametric specification for our predictors to obtain more flexibility. The additive linear predictor  $\eta_i$  is a function of an intercept and a covariate vector represented as

$$(2) \quad \eta_i^{\theta_j} = \beta_0 + \mathbf{z}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}^{\theta_j} + \sum_{k=1}^K f_k^{\theta_j}(x_{ik}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, J,$$

with overall intercept  $\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , linear effects  $\mathbf{z}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}^{\theta_j}$  based on covariates  $\mathbf{z}_i$  and regression coefficients  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^{\theta_j}$  with  $K$  nonlinear effects  $f_k^{\theta_j}(z_{ik})$  of continuous covariates  $z_{ik}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . We use penalized splines to model nonlinear effects (Eilers and Marx, 1996). Penalized splines achieve a data-driven amount of nonlinearity in the effect estimates. The parameter estimation relies on a very generic penalized maximum likelihood-based framework; the numerical implementation of GJRM is based on a trust region algorithm with integrated automatic multiple smoothing parameter selection (Marra and Radice, 2022).

The predictors are then linked to the distributional parameters  $\theta_j$  by pre-specified, strictly monotonically increasing function  $h_j$ , i.e.

$$(3) \quad \theta_j(\mathbf{z}_i) = h_j(\eta_i^{\theta_j}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, J.$$

We apply the bivariate distributional copula model to the 2018 Mexican National Survey of Households on Income and Expenditures outlined in the following section.

#### 4. DATA

For our analysis, we use the 2018 Mexican National Survey of Households on Income and Expenditures (ENIGH). This cross-sectional data set contains information on household income and expenses, time-use, occupational and sociodemographic characteristics of household members, and information on the infrastructure of the dwelling and the equipment in the household. With information on each household member, the data set contains 398,247 observations. It is representative on the rural/urban level (INEGI, 2020).

Income pooling and sharing between more than two adults in a household are variable and difficult to proxy. We therefore restrict our analysis to households consisting of couples or single adults with or without children (to overcome any ambiguity about income sharing that may arise in households with additional adults). This sample includes 67,335 complete cases.<sup>2</sup> In this universe 20,449 are single households and 23,443 are couple households; these may or may not include kids under age 14 (for a detailed table of number of household members, see Table A1).

#### 4.1. *Measuring Monetary Poverty and Income*

Conventional poverty assessment approaches monetary well-being in two ways: based on either income or consumption.<sup>3</sup> However, Mexico only estimates an income poverty line. We follow Mexico's poverty assessment using income measures (World Bank, 2020). The average Mexican income poverty level for 2018 is 1,501 Mexican pesos (US\$78.08)<sup>4</sup> based on the estimated cost of a food basket, necessary to secure an above-poverty standard of living. It is estimated on a monthly basis and adjusted by the National Index of Consumer Prices (CONEVAL, 2020). We use this as a benchmark for our relative poverty line to include those considered officially income poor in Mexico.

The ENIGH reports current income on an individual and a household level. Income is the sum of wages, private, institutional, and governmental transfers, capital rent, and other income. The household income measure sums up the income of all household members into a quarterly value (INEGI, 2020).<sup>5</sup> As the ENIGH calculates quarterly averages, the income measure is less prone to monthly variation and thus a sufficiently stable welfare measure for Mexico. For our analysis, we use the monthly average, by dividing the quarterly value.

The ENIGH also includes information on individual and household expenditures. This measure refers to regular direct expenses that households spend on goods and services for their own consumption. It sums up spending on food, clothing and footwear, housing, cleaning, health, transportation, education and recreation, personal care, and expenses for transfers. Expenditures can be divided into general household goods and personal goods. The data set indicates whether spending on personal goods was intended for female or male (child or adult) household members (INEGI, 2020). Again, we divide the quarterly value into a monthly average.

<sup>2</sup>Complete cases contain information for all variables of interest. Reducing the data set to complete cases relies on the implicit assumption that missing data have been introduced completely at random.

<sup>3</sup>In more industrialized countries, with a low share of self-employment, income is a reliable measure, as it barely varies over a year. In this case, collecting income data is more cost effective. In developing and transition countries, with a high share of self-employed people and large agricultural sector, income is likely to vary considerably more since seasonal differences matter. Consumption is less prone to short-term fluctuation, as savings or dissavings can even out income variation and is considered the better measure of welfare in these settings (Deaton and Zaidi, 2002).

<sup>4</sup>The average exchange rate for 2018 for US dollar to Mexican peso is US\$1 = 19.2247 MXN (<https://www.exchangerates.org.uk/USD-MXN-spot-exchange-rates-history-2018.html>).

<sup>5</sup>The survey is conducted between August and November 2018. The statistical institute states that "the quarterly income is normalized according to the ten surveys" (INEGI, 2019).

To compare the income of households, we use equivalence scales. Due to economies of scale, households with four family members do not necessarily need the double amount of income or expenditures of families of two members (Folbre et al., 2017). We apply the square root equivalence scale to account for the cost of living of households of different composition (taking the square root of household members as the scaling parameter) (OECD, 2020).

Family household members often pool a significant portion of their income, which makes them an essential entity of distribution and production. Therefore, household family income better indicates material living standards than individual earnings (Folbre et al., 2017). For an individual-based analysis, we divide family income among family members. Due to a lack of information on income pooling and sharing, this analysis compares three ways to divide the income between household members. First, we take a conservative approach and follow Merz and Rathjen (2014) by dividing the income equally among adult household members. Second, we take the ratio of the average share of female and male wages—based on all couple households in our sample—as a proxy for intra-household income division. Third, we use household-specific expenditure shares for male and female household members as an approximation for intra-household income sharing. Even though we cannot distinguish whether the expenditure is made for children or adults, it gives an approximation of income sharing based on gender in the household.

Table 1 reports average incomes by gender and ethnicity according to different forms of income pooling. The row average household share assigned to women reports the share of the income assigned to women by different forms of defining income division in the household. The columns equal, inc. share, and exp. share show averages for equal income sharing, income sharing according to the average income share of men and women in Mexico, and income by household-specific expenditure share for men and women, respectively. The average share of income generated by women in relation to men specifies the income share. In contrast, the expenditure share is calculated individually for each household. Table 1 reports the average of the household shares. The difference in income between men and women for equal income sharing occurs due to single adult households.

Summary statistics in Table 1 reveal differences in average income by gender and ethnicity.<sup>6</sup> Women have less income on average than men, and indigenous people have less income than non-indigenous people. Non-indigenous women are richer than indigenous men, while non-indigenous men are the richest and indigenous women the poorest. This holds for all three different ways of income division.

The expenditure share provides the most plausible approximation for intra-household income division, as it uses household-specific information on expenditures by gender. We argue that relative consumption expenditures are a reasonable indicator of relative income shares. The average share for women based on the expenditure measure (0.39) is slightly higher than the share for women

<sup>6</sup>We use individual sampling weights for descriptive statistics and regression analyses.

TABLE 1  
MONTHLY INCOME ON AVERAGE USING DIFFERENT INCOME POOLING SCHEMES

	Equal Share	Inc. Share	Exp. Share
Average household share assigned to women	0.5	0.36	0.39
Ind. women	2396 (3212)	1923 (2867)	2271 (3201)
Non-Ind. women	5220 (7337)	4221 (6470)	4869 (6921)
Ind. men	2449 (3813)	2938 (4184)	2633 (3940)
Non-Ind. men	5417 (8483)	6482 (9461)	5904 (9217)

*Notes:* Average monthly income by gender and ethnicity according to different forms of income pooling. The columns equal share, inc. share, and exp. share show averages for equal income sharing, income according to the average income share of men and women, and income by household-specific expenditure share for men and women, respectively. Standard deviations are in parentheses. Income is reported in Mexican pesos.

based on the share of average incomes in Mexico between men and women (0.36) but below the equal share (0.5) of household income division. Household income division based on equal shares thus serves as upper bound, and household income division based on the average share of income of men and women in Mexico serves as lower bound of the distribution of pooled household income division between men and women.

#### 4.2. Measuring Leisure Time

The ENIGH reports a comprised set of time-use activities. The data are collected in the form of an activity list; more reliable diary-based data are unfortunately not available. Other than income, leisure is an individual measure. The short activity list includes the following question, which we use as a measure for leisure: *How much time did you spend on activities you enjoy last week?*<sup>7</sup> This measure is reported in hours and minutes spent on personal activities during the previous week (INEGI, 2020).

As Table 2 indicates, women have less leisure time than men, and the gender gap is biggest between indigenous women and non-indigenous men. Table 2 reports summary statistics for leisure, work that comprises time spent on paid and unpaid work (including commuting)<sup>8</sup> based on the underlying data set ENIGH.<sup>9</sup> In particular the variable work includes market work, community work, care for other people (including child care), repair work, housework, and collection of

<sup>7</sup>Durante la semana pasada cuánto tiempo le quedó para realizar actividades que a usted le gustan? (INEGI, 2020).

<sup>8</sup>These numbers may be subject to a simultaneity issue. Thus different tasks are accomplished at the same time yet reported in different categories.

<sup>9</sup>The values conform to the more detailed 2014 time-use survey of Mexico (ENUT), which also shows that women have less leisure time. Values are displayed in Table A2.



TABLE 2  
TIME-USE IN MINUTES PER WEEK ON AVERAGE

	Leisure	Work	Work Commute
Ind. women	1,006 (902)	3,351 (1,649)	3,365 (1,631)
Non-Ind. women	1,092 (898)	3,346 (1,712)	3,374 (1,727)
Ind. men	1,095 (924)	3,258 (1,495)	3,336 (1,537)
Non-Ind. men	1,146 (965)	3,333 (1,491)	3,341 (1,526)

*Notes:* Time spent on leisure, work (market work, community work, care for other people, repair work, housework, and collection of wood and water) including commute and work in minutes per week collected by the ENIGH. Standard deviations are in parentheses.

wood and water. Non-indigenous women have the least amount of leisure, while men have the most.

## 5. EMPIRICAL MODEL SPECIFICATION

Our empirical strategy is conducted in two parts: First, we define the marginal distributions of the continuous outcome variables income and leisure time. Second, based on these marginal distributions we determine the copula specification. The same set of covariates specifies the marginal distributions and the copula. The model includes the following variables: Age (*age*) is flexibly modeled using three basic functions to account for potentially nonlinear effects (Fahrmeir et al., 2013). Based on the Mincer wage equation (Lemieux, 2006), we include an ordinal variable for education, a dummy variable for urban citizens, for having a partner, as well as for being indigenous to control for potential differences between the corresponding groups (González de Alba, 2010). We add the ordinal variable for children under 14 (*child14*)—count of the number of children in this age range by household—as we expect people with younger children to work more and earn less, as they are more restricted in time (Maani and Cruickshank, 2009; Rodin et al., 2012; Ponthieux and Meurs, 2015). To account for gender differences, we separate the regression for male and female. This leads to the (gender-specific) regression specification:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_g^{\theta_j} = & \beta_{0g}^{\theta_j} + s(\text{age})_g^{\theta_j} + \beta_{2g}^{\theta_j} \text{educ} + \beta_{3g}^{\theta_j} \text{urban} \\
 (4) \quad & + \beta_{4g}^{\theta_j} \text{ethni} + \beta_{5g}^{\theta_j} \text{child14} + \beta_{6g}^{\theta_j} \text{partner}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the female as well as male sample, we find that the income variable follows a Dagum distribution (see Table A4), while leisure time can be modeled with a Singh Madala distribution (see Table A5). The analysis of model residuals, displayed in Figure A7 for women and Figure A8 for men, supports these model specifications. Both distributions are part of the Burr system of distributions which requires to



model three parameters (see Kleiber and Kotz, 2003). These two distributions form the response vector for the bivariate distributional copula model.

Using the marginal distributions from the GAMLSS framework and the set of variables specified in Equation (4) leads to a Gaussian copula for model on women and the Farlie–Gumbel–Morgenstern copula for the model on men. We base the selection on the copula specification on the lowest AIC level displayed in Table A6.

It follows that the bivariate distribution depends on seven parameters  $\theta_j, j = 1, \dots, 7$  (three for each marginal and one dependence parameter). Each parameter  $\theta_j = h_j(\eta_j)$  is related to one predictor  $\eta_j$  with separate specifications for men and women  $g = 1, 2$ , i.e.

$$(5) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{Time} \\ \text{Income} \end{pmatrix} \sim D_g(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4, \theta_5, \theta_6, \theta_7).$$

Before giving the results for Equation (4), we show the results for the poverty line.

## 6. RESULTS

This section outlines the results for the poverty line, variation in the relationship between income and leisure time, and vulnerability to poverty.

### 6.1. Bivariate Relative Poverty Line

The poverty line is set to a quantile level of the joint distribution between income and leisure time. As there is no commonly used leisure time threshold, the quantile for the leisure poverty threshold is aligned with the Mexican income poverty threshold. The Mexican income poverty level, based on a food basket, is on average 1,501 Mexican pesos in 2018 (CONEVAL, 2020). The poverty threshold is equivalent to the 15 percent quantile of the income distribution of the population. We set the quantile level of the BRPL to 15 percent to ensure the inclusion of the absolute income poor.

Figure 3 shows the estimated bidimensional relative poverty line based on the data. The black line represents the bidimensional relative poverty line. The gray lines represent the single absolute poverty thresholds at 1,505 pesos (estimated observed value for the 15 percent quantile). The equivalent 15 percent quantile for leisure is 420 minutes. The black line exhibits a non-smooth shape, because we use a data-driven approach and certain values are not observed. The time variable is reported in minutes, but we suspect that it is unlikely to report more precise values than 15-minute units. Further, a vast number (approximately 8,000 observations) of individuals report 420 minutes of leisure time per week.<sup>10</sup>

Table 3 displays the shares of individuals below the different poverty lines. The first column shows the share of the total population. The following columns show the share of subgroups—indigenous women, non-indigenous women, indigenous men, non-indigenous men—in relation to their group. Areas in the table refer to

<sup>10</sup>This equals an hour a day and might reflect bunching around a plausible guess-estimate.

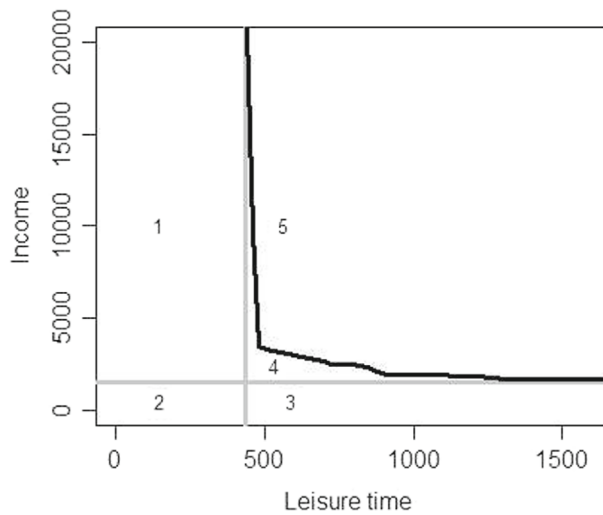


Figure 3. Relative Versus Absolute Poverty Line.

*Notes:* Figure 3 displays the estimated bivariate relative poverty line. The black line represents the bidimensional relative poverty line. The gray lines represent the single absolute poverty thresholds for income and leisure. Income is reported in Mexican pesos and leisure time in minutes per week. The areas are explained in the note of Figure 1.

TABLE 3  
POVERTY LEVELS

Poverty Approach (Area)	Total Population	Women		Men	
		Non-Ind.	Ind.	Non-Ind.	Ind.
Leisure (3)	12.59	12.16	7.04	14.01	7.79
Income (1)	13.07	12.84	44.36	8.38	38.11
Intersectional (2)	2.20	2.05	7.95	1.48	6.60
Below relative & Above absolute (4)	17.86	19.94	16.99	15.60	16.28
Non-poor (5)	54.28	53.01	23.67	60.53	31.22

*Notes:* The first column shows the share of the total population by areas. The following columns show the share of subgroups—non-indigenous women, indigenous women, non-indigenous men, indigenous men—in relation to their group. Areas in the table refer to Figure 3. Area 1 refers to absolute leisure time poor, area 3 to absolute income poor, area 2 to absolute leisure time and income poor, area 4 to below the relative but above absolute poverty threshold, and area 5 are all non-poor. Numbers display total shares in percentages by group.

Figure 3. Area 1 refers to absolute leisure time poverty, area 3 to absolute income poverty, area 2 to absolute leisure time and income poverty, area 4 to below the relative but above absolute poverty threshold, and area 5 are all non-poor individuals. Numbers display the percentage share in the according areas by group.

As Table 3 indicates, more Mexicans experience relative than absolute bidimensional poverty. The percentage of Mexicans experiencing relative poverty is

about 18 percentage points higher than those experiencing absolute poverty.<sup>11</sup> The difference between absolute and relative bidimensional poverty becomes clear, considering area 4 (being in bidimensional relative poverty but not in absolute poverty) and area 2 (joint absolute leisure and income poverty). Only 2.2 percent of the total population are absolute time and income poor (intersection approach), but 18 percent of the total population experience relative poverty above absolute poverty. These individuals are at the margins of the bidimensional poverty distribution but invisible in binary absolute poverty assessment. The picture is more diverse considering subgroups of indigenous and non-indigenous men and women.

While indigenous women are more likely to live in absolute poverty, non-indigenous women are especially likely to live in relative poverty above absolute poverty. More indigenous people fall below the joint absolute poverty thresholds. The highest share exhibits indigenous women followed by indigenous men, with a difference of around 1 percent point. The share of non-indigenous people within the intersection of absolute leisure and income poverty is much lower (2 percent of non-indigenous women and 1.5 percent of non-indigenous men). The difference to their indigenous counterparts is 5 percent points for men and 6 percent points for women. The picture is different below the relative poverty line but above the absolute poverty lines. The highest share is among non-indigenous women, while non-indigenous men exhibit the lowest share. The difference between non-indigenous women and non-indigenous or indigenous men is around 4 percent points and 3 percent points higher compared to indigenous women.

The strength of dependence between income and leisure impacts the likelihood of falling below the BRPL. Different characteristics have a varying impact on the strength of dependence. Results in Section 6.2 analyze these effects on the strength of dependence. We therefore investigate specific cases at the intersection of gender, ethnicity, and other characteristics in Section 6.3.

## 6.2. *Strength of Dependence Between Income and Leisure*

To analyze the interdependence between income and time poverty, we are specifically interested in the impact of the covariates on the dependence parameter, the copula parameter  $\theta_7$  from Equation (4). Positive and negative impacts of the covariates need to be put in relation to the initial predictor. It follows that the sign of the impact can either strengthen or weaken the relationship. To identify the change in the dependence, we use Kendall's  $\tau$  for the specific cases.

To obtain comparable quantifications of the dependence between income and leisure, we rely on Kendall's  $\tau$ —which takes values between  $-1$  and  $1$ . The population version measures the concordance and discordance for two independent and identically distributed random vectors (Nelsen, 2006). Kendall's  $\tau$  is a measure of association, which is similar to the rank correlation estimates for mean statistical

<sup>11</sup>A high amount of observations lay at the poverty threshold of 420 minutes (around 8,000 observations).

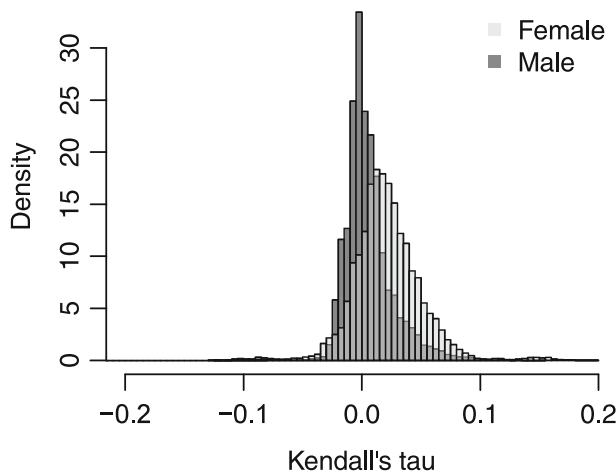


Figure 4. Kendall's  $\tau$  Men and Women: Histogram.

Notes: This figure displays the range and density of the association parameter Kendall's  $\tau$  for women (light gray) and men (dark gray).

analysis. However, it is not limited to linear dependence and only uses the ordinal scale of variables. Kendall's  $\tau$  is particularly prominent when using copulas as it allows to compare dependencies across different models irrespective of the marginal distributions. Thus, Kendall's  $\tau$  allows us to measure the dependence structure and how it varies by different covariates.

The results for Kendall's  $\tau$  show a difference in the strength and the distribution of the relationship between income and leisure for men and women. Figure 4 displays the range of the Kendall's  $\tau$  for female (light gray) and male (dark gray) sample and their overlapping area (gray). The center of the female sample locates right of the male sample which centers, with a high density, around zero. The density of the female sample spreads wider.<sup>12</sup>

To interpret the size of the effects of the covariates on the dependence structure, we estimate average marginal effects (as specified in Williams, 2012) in Table 4. We adopt the significance levels from the copula parameter coefficients displayed in Table A13 for women and Table A19 for men.<sup>13,14</sup>

Between men and women not only the statistical significance of the coefficients but also the magnitude of the effects on the strength of the dependence differs.<sup>15</sup> While nearly all variables in the male sample are not associated with the dependence between income and leisure, most variables in the female sample are significantly related to the dependence structure. Specifically, the higher the educational level, the

<sup>12</sup>The summary statistics in Table A3 support this notion.

<sup>13</sup>We report the full regression results for all parameters in Tables A7–A12 for women and Tables A14–A19 for men.

<sup>14</sup>Figure A9 for women and Figure A10 for men display the estimated smooth effects of age on the copula parameter. The estimated centered spline shows a varying effect for different ages on the dependence, indicating a nonlinear effect on the dependence which is statistically significant.

<sup>15</sup>We discuss all effects conditional on ceteris paribus interpretation.

TABLE 4  
MARGINAL AVERAGE EFFECTS ON KENDALL'S  $\tau$

	Women K's $\tau$	Men K's $\tau$
Preschool	0.079	0.027***
Primary	0.109***	0.052
Secondary	0.139***	0.077
High-school	0.169***	0.102
Normal	0.199	0.126
Technical/commercial	0.228***	0.150
Bachelor	0.257***	0.174
Master	0.285***	0.198
PhD	0.313*	0.222
Indigenous	0.030**	0.025*
Urban	-0.019**	-0.010
Child 1	0.024**	-0.012
Child 2	0.034***	-0.015
Child 3	0.019	-0.026*
Child 4	0.014	-0.004
Child 5	-0.049	-0.071
Partner	0.002	-0.015
Age	0.001***	0.002***

Note: Standard errors in parentheses.

\*\*\*  $p < 1$  percent, \*\*  $p < 5$  percent, \*  $p < 10$  percent.

higher the positive association with the dependence structure. This relates to the idea that highly educated women have a higher income in general. Thus the higher the income, the more likely market substitutes can be purchased, which frees up leisure time. In addition, having one or two children as a women is positively associated with the dependence structure and exhibits an economically relevant magnitude, with 0.024 units for one and 0.034 units for two children. In comparison having children, other than having three or more, is not associated with the dependence between income and leisure for men. Only the age effect is higher for men than for women, by double the amount of units.

Other characteristics are similarly associated with the dependence between income and leisure time in the female and male sample. Having a partner has neither a statistical nor economic relevance on the strength of the dependence in both samples. Being indigenous is statistically significant in both samples with a similar magnitude of 0.030 and 0.025 units for women and men, respectively.

The dependence structure of the two poverty dimensions varies over the dimensions of the influencing factors. Due to distributional aspects, covariates have a varying economic relevance. Section 6.3 displays the probabilities of being below the separate or joint thresholds or the BRPL for different covariate combinations for indigenous and non-indigenous women and men. Contour plots illustrate the dependence structure.

### 6.3. Vulnerability to Leisure Time and Income Poverty

The case studies for men and women show differences in the vulnerability to absolute and relative poverty. Table 5 illustrates specific copula prediction for indigenous and non-indigenous women and men with the respective choices for

education—primary, secondary, bachelor, and master—and the number of children under age 14. We exclusively consider 30-year-old urban citizens with a partner. The columns show the correlation parameter Kendall's  $\tau$  and the probability of falling below the different specifications of the poverty line: the absolute leisure poverty, the absolute income poverty, absolute bidimensional poverty (intersection approach), above absolute but below BRPL, and below BRPL.

For women the strength of the dependence between income and leisure varies strongly with educational level and the number of children. We find a recognizable difference in Kendall's  $\tau$  indicating the relevance of having a master's degree. The difference in the dependence varies significantly by 0.12 units in Kendall's  $\tau$ , independent of the number of children. The difference is much lower between primary, secondary, and bachelor degree, at around 0.01 units in Kendall's  $\tau$ . Two children compared to no children is associated with a stronger relationship between income and leisure. Non-indigenous women with primary, secondary, or bachelor degree with children exhibit a positive relationship, while the relationship is negative with no children.

The likelihood of falling below the absolute bidimensional poverty threshold is higher for indigenous women than for non-indigenous women, while the reverse holds for relative poverty above absolute poverty. This varies significantly with the educational level, which indicates that the distribution of the relationship matters. Low-educated non-indigenous mothers are more vulnerable for relative poverty, and low-educated indigenous mothers are more vulnerable for absolute poverty. Non-indigenous women with two children and a primary or secondary educational degree exhibit the highest probability of falling below the relative but above the absolute poverty line. Further, the difference in falling below the relative poverty threshold but above the absolute threshold is bigger for non-indigenous women than for indigenous women. While for indigenous women with secondary education and two children the gap is around 4 percentage points, the difference is around 17 percentage points for non-indigenous women with secondary education and two children.

In turn, educational level and the number of children barely influence the relationship between income and leisure time for men. These findings support the results from Table 4, implying that we can neither identify a statistical nor an economic relevance for the reported variables. However, educational level and the number of children increase the likelihood of falling below the absolute as well as the relative poverty threshold. Like for women, the likelihood of falling below the relative poverty line but above the absolute poverty line is much higher, with a greater difference among non-indigenous men. Only non-indigenous men with primary school degree and two children have a higher probability of falling below the relative poverty line but being above the absolute poverty line compared to their indigenous counterparts.

The intersection of gender and ethnicity matters to falling into relative poverty, being most severe for low-educated non-indigenous women with children compared to all other indigenous and non-indigenous men and women. Low-educated non-indigenous people with children have the highest vulnerability of falling into relative poverty but above absolute poverty. Men are less likely of falling into relative poverty than their female counterparts. For example, low-educated indigenous

TABLE 5  
PROBABILITIES BEING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Education	Women						Men					
	Absolute			Below Relative &			Absolute			Below Relative &		
	Kendall's $\tau$	Income Poverty	Leisure Poverty	Absolute Bid. Poverty	Above Absolute Poverty	Relative Bid. Poverty	Kendall's $\tau$	Income Poverty	Leisure Poverty	Absolute Bid. Poverty	Above Absolute Poverty	Relative Bid. Poverty
Non-indigenous women with no children												
Primary	-0.014	15.8	18.4	2.8	13.38	44.1	0.002	11.2	17.8	2	11.3	37.54
Secondary	-0.023	9.3	17.9	1.5	11.26	36.26	0.016	5.7	18.7	1.2	8.84	31.54
Bachelor	-0.017	2	19.4	0.4	3.36	24.42	0.019	1.9	20.8	0.4	3.42	25.08
Master	0.114	0.5	23.9	0.2	1.92	25.54	0.004	0.3	23.6	0.1	2.16	25.46
Non-indigenous women with two children												
Primary	0.021	31.1	24	7.8	21.76	69.02	-0.013	19.6	23.9	4.5	19.2	57.36
Secondary	0.011	19.7	23.5	4.8	21.14	58.58	0.001	10.7	25	2.7	16.48	48.44
Bachelor	0.018	3.6	27.4	1.1	8.54	37.76	0.004	2.5	27.5	0.7	6	34.66
Master	0.148	0.7	32.7	0.4	2.9	36.02	-0.011	0.3	30.5	0.1	2.32	32.9
Indigenous women with no children												
Primary	0.017	37.8	21	8.2	16.62	67.24	0.027	27.5	19	5.6	15.04	55.7
Secondary	0.007	26.4	20.4	5.5	16.68	57.62	0.041	17.8	19.9	4	13.92	47.16
Bachelor	0.014	7.1	23	1.7	8.68	35.72	0.044	7.5	22.1	2	7.36	33.7
Master	0.144	2.1	27.5	1	4.14	32.38	0.029	2	25	0.6	3.44	29.42
Indigenous women with two children												
Primary	0.051	61.2	29.2	18.9	14.68	86.6	0.012	43.9	25.4	11.4	18.18	76.42
Secondary	0.041	47.1	28.8	14.4	18.16	79.94	0.026	30.5	26.6	8.6	19.98	68.3
Bachelor	0.048	12.3	34	4.8	13.64	54.36	0.029	10.1	29.2	3.2	11.14	46.3
Master	0.177	3.3	39	2.1	6.34	46.36	0.014	2.3	32.4	0.8	5.04	38.66

Notes: Specific copula prediction for indigenous and non-indigenous women and men with the respective choices for education—primary, secondary, bachelor, and master—and the number of children under age 14. We only consider 30-year-old urban citizens with a partner. The columns show the correlation parameter Kendall's  $\tau$  and the probability of falling below the different specifications of the poverty line: being below the absolute leisure time threshold, the absolute income poor threshold, absolute bidimensional thresholds (jointly below leisure time and income threshold), above absolute but below relative poverty line and below relative poverty line. Probabilities are in percentages.



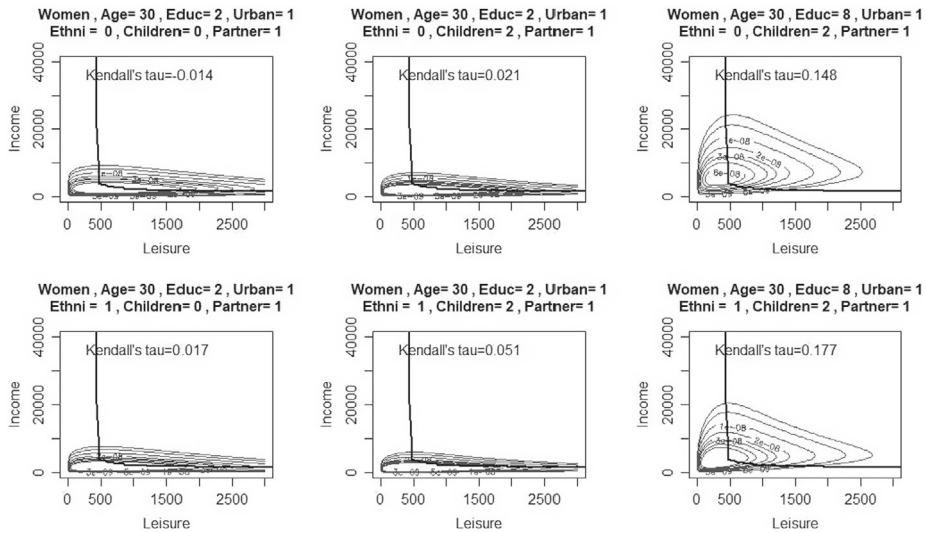


Figure 5. Contour Plots Women.

Notes: The first column represents contour plots for non-indigenous women (*ethni* = 0), and the second column shows indigenous women (*ethni* = 1); all other variables are the same for the cases by row. The educational level (*educ*) is either a master's (8) or primary school (2) degree accordingly. The sample version of Kendall's  $\tau$  shows the strength of dependence for the defined covariate combinations. Leisure measured in minutes per week and income in Mexican pesos.

men with children are more likely to fall into absolute poverty than their female non-indigenous counterparts. However, in turn low-educated non-indigenous women are more likely to fall into relative poverty, above absolute poverty, compared to their male indigenous counterparts. Thus, those vulnerable to relative bidimensional poverty become visible with our approach.

The intersection of gender and ethnicity also matters for the strength of dependence. Highly educated indigenous women with children exhibit the highest dependence, while highly educated men with children exhibit the lowest dependence. Overall the dependence is the highest among highly educated women. Women with children exhibit a higher dependence than their male counterparts, while the reverse holds for individuals without children.

In all investigated cases indigenous people are more likely to fall below the BRPL than non-indigenous people and women more than men. The probability varies between 10 and 20 percentage points at the intersection of gender and ethnicity, with all other characteristics being equal.

Figures 5 and 6 give examples of contour lines for specific samples of women and men, respectively. The first column represents contour plots for non-indigenous women/men (*ethni* = 0), and the second column shows indigenous women/men (*ethni* = 1); all other variables are the same for the cases by row. The educational level (*educ*) is either a master's (8) or primary school (2) degree. The sample version of Kendall's  $\tau$  shows the strength of dependence for the defined covariate combinations.

The shape of the contour lines indicates the relevance of the distributional aspects, as the variation in income is higher for low levels of leisure. The center

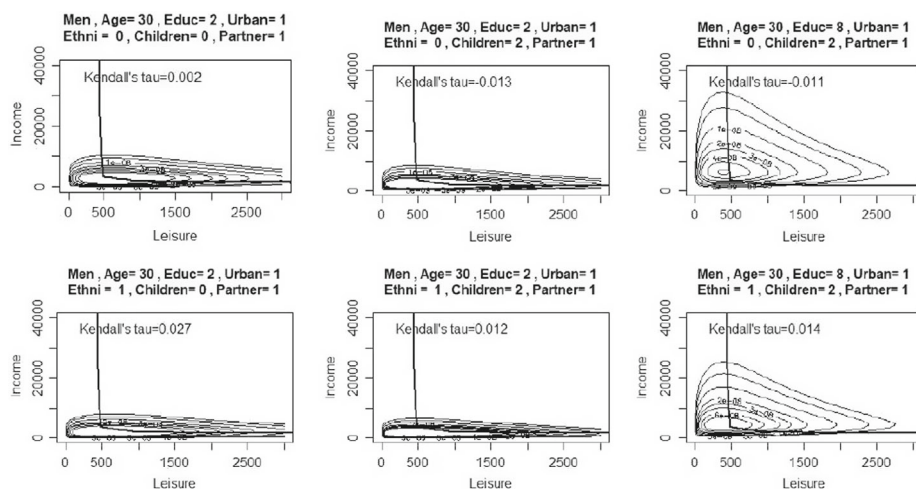


Figure 6. Contour Plots Men.

Notes: The first column represents contour plots for non-indigenous men (*ethni* = 0), and the second column shows indigenous men (*ethni* = 1); all other variables are the same for the cases by row. The educational level (*educ*) is either a master's (8) or primary school (2) degree accordingly. The sample version of Kendall's  $\tau$  shows the strength of dependence for the defined covariate combinations. Leisure measured in minutes per week and income in Mexican pesos.

of the contour lines indicates the highest density of the correlation. The location differs according to the variable combinations, being below and above the BRPL.

## 7. CONCLUSION

Developing a relative poverty line based on the joint distribution of leisure and income illuminates persisting poverty and vulnerability to poverty at the intersection of gender and ethnicity. As these two poverty dimensions are interlinked, the strength of their dependence influences the level of poverty. As a consequence, the relative poverty threshold includes 18 percentage points more people than a joint absolute leisure and income poverty approach. While indigenous women are more likely of falling into absolute time and income poverty, non-indigenous women are most likely to fall into relative poverty above absolute poverty. These patterns are not revealed by more conventional definitions and measurements of poverty.

Poverty among women is characterized by much stronger dependence between leisure and income than poverty among men, which could help explain women's greater vulnerability. The strength of the dependence between leisure and income varies with educational level and number of children. These variables thus intensify the vulnerability to bidimensional poverty for women but not for men. While indigenous mothers are more vulnerable to absolute poverty, low-educated non-indigenous mothers are more vulnerable to relative poverty above absolute thresholds.

In sum, integrating income and leisure as poverty measures into a BRPL unveils differences based on gender and ethnicity in the lower levels of the leisure

time and income distributions. The picture that emerges is more complex and diversified than offered by standard approaches, highlighting the impact of the double work burden at the intersection of gender and ethnicity.

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