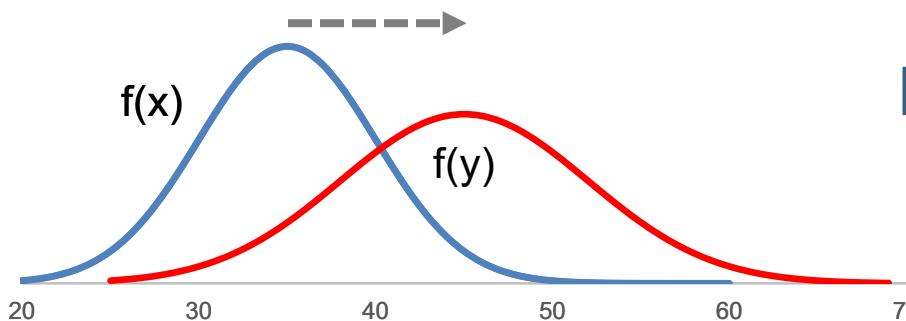


MAIC - Which Method is Best?



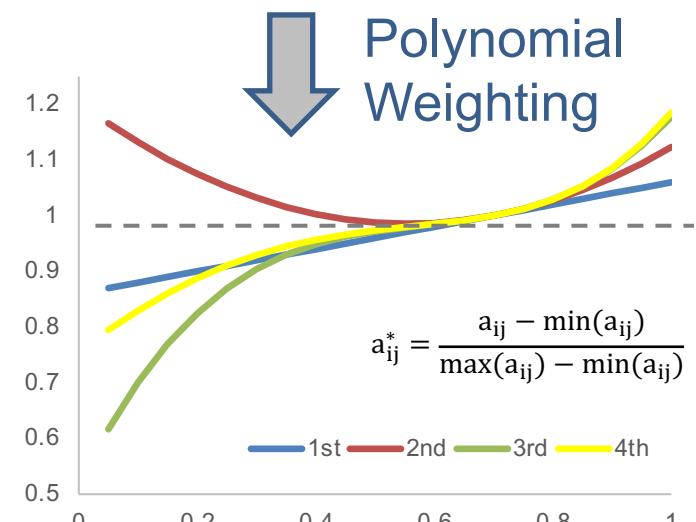
Signorovitch
or Entropy
Balancing?

- $w_{ij}^* = \left| \beta_{2j} + \beta_{3j}(a_{ij}^* - \beta_{1j}) + \beta_{4j}(a_{ij}^* - \beta_{1j})^2 + \beta_{5j}(a_{ij}^* - \beta_{1j})^3 + \beta_{6j}(a_{ij}^* - \beta_{1j})^4 \right|$

- $w_i = \frac{\sum_j w_{ij}^*}{\sum_j w_{ij}^*}$, then calculate weighted mean Mw_j & SD SDw_j of a_{ij}

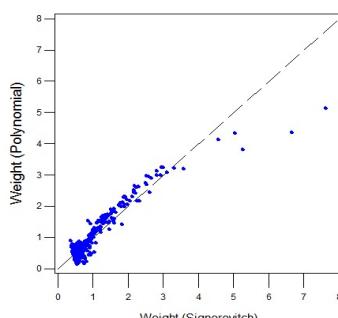
- Minimise $L = \sum_j \frac{[(Mw_j - Mt_j)^2 + (SDw_j - SDt_j)^2]}{SDt_j}$ w.r.t. β_{ij}

j =baseline parameter, i =patient. Mt_j , SDt_j = target mean & SD (aggregated data)



Which method is best?

- Signorovitch/Entropy balancing produced similar weights
- Polynomial weighting matched target



- BUT...Polynomials offer
- ✓ Non-central moment matching
 - ✓ ESS maximisation
 - ✓ Easier implementation!