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Using the technique of finding bounds on sets of copulas with particular properties, we compare the distribution of an n -dimensional ($n \geq 3$) vector of continuous pairwise independent random variables to the distribution of a similar vector of mutually independent random variables. We examine the $n = 3$ case in detail, and provide asymptotic results in the general case. (Received September 11, 2007)