

Inhomogeneous Dependence Modelling with Time Varying Copulae

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Linear Portfolio

- value of portfolio $w = (w_1, \dots, w_d)^\top$ of assets $S_t = (S_{1,t}, \dots, S_{d,t})^\top$:

$$V_t = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j S_{j,t}$$

- profit and loss (P&L) function:

$$L_{t+1} = (V_{t+1} - V_t) = \sum_{j=1}^d w_j S_{j,t} (e^{X_{j,t+1}} - 1)$$

$$X_{t+1} = (\log S_{t+1} - \log S_t)$$

- Value-at-Risk at level α :

$$\text{VaR}(\alpha) = F_L^{-1}(\alpha)$$



Log returns DCX & VW

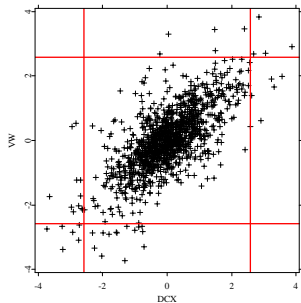


Figure 1: Standardized log returns, DaimlerChrysler (DCX) and Volkswagen (VW), quantiles $\Phi^{-1}(0.005)$ and $\Phi^{-1}(0.995)$ (red). [maxmindep.xpl](#)



Log returns DCX & VW at 20030408

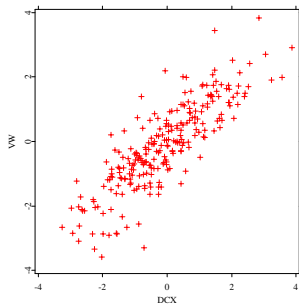


Figure 2: Standardized log returns, DaimlerChrysler (DCX) and Volkswagen (VW), 20020415-20030408. [maxmindep.xpl](#)



Log returns DCX & VW at 20041027

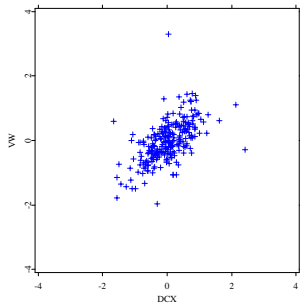


Figure 3: Standardized log returns, DaimlerChrysler (DCX) and Volkswagen (VW), 20031103-20041027. [maxmindep.xpl](#)



The VaR depends on the distribution F_X of the risk factor increments $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)^\top$.

1. How to model the dependency among X_1, \dots, X_d ?
2. How does F_X and the dependency among X_1, \dots, X_d vary over time ?



Traditional approach

- the conditional distribution of log-returns is multivariate normal: $X_t \sim N(0, \Sigma_t)$
- the covariance matrix Σ_t is estimated by:

$$\widehat{\Sigma}_t = (e^\lambda - 1) \sum_{s < t} e^{-\lambda(t-s)} X_{t-s} X_{t-s}^T$$

- decay factor* λ ($0 < \lambda < 1$) is determined by backtesting
- $\lambda = 0.94$ provides best results (Morgan/Reuters, 1996)
- Drawbacks:
 - does not allow to generate tail dependence
 - does not allow heavy tails



Copula based approach

- the conditional distribution of log-returns is modelled with Copula C :

$$X_t \sim C\{F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d), \theta_t\}$$

- F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_d} are marginal distributions
- θ_t dependence parameter

(Embrechts, 1999)



A single global copula parameter $\theta_t = \theta$ is too optimistic.
Copula parameter θ_t almost constant on certain intervals.

- ▣ find the largest interval I for which parametric assumption is acceptable ($\varnothing\rho\alpha\kappa\lambda\epsilon$)
- ▣ find this interval for each t adaptively
- ▣ practically speaking: estimate the dependence parameter θ_t in a time varying interval



Modelling Dependence over Time

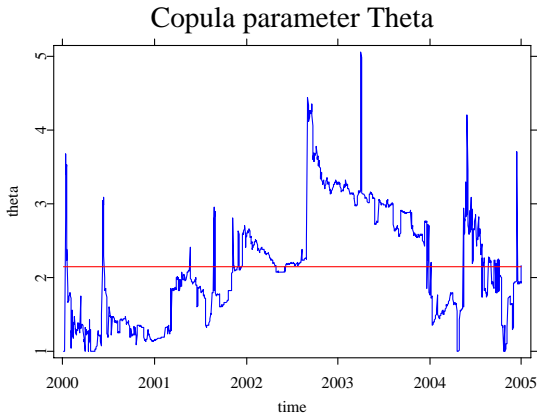


Figure 4: Dependence over time for DaimlerChrysler(DCX) and Volkswagen(VW), 20000103-20041230. [plotrealtheta.xpl](#)



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Copulae

Theorem (Sklar's theorem)

For a distribution function F with marginals F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_d} . There exists a copula $C : [0, 1]^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_d) = C\{F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d)\} \quad (1)$$

If F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_d} are cts, then C is unique. If C is a copula and F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_d} are cdfs, then the function F defined in (1) is a joint cdf with marginals F_{X_1}, \dots, F_{X_d} .



With copula density

$$c(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \frac{\partial^d C(u_1, \dots, u_d)}{\partial u_1 \dots \partial u_d}$$

the density function of $F(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ is

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = c\{F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d)\} \prod_{j=1}^d f_j(x_j)$$

where $u_j = F_{X_j}(x_j)$ and $f_j(x_j) = F'_{X_j}(x_j)$, $j = 1 \dots d$



1. Gaussian Copula

$$C_{\Psi}^{Ga}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \Phi_{\Psi}\{\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \Phi^{-1}(u_d)\}$$

Φ univariate standard normal cdf

Φ_{Ψ} d -dimensional standard normal cdf with correlation matrix Ψ

- ▣ Gaussian copula contains *the dependence structure*
- ▣ *normal* marginal distributions + Gaussian copula = multivariate normal distributions
- ▣ *non-normal* marginal distributions + Gaussian copula = *meta-Gaussian* distributions



Explicit expression for the Gaussian copula

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\Psi}^{\text{Ga}}(u_1, \dots, u_d) &= \Phi_{\Psi}\{\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \Phi^{-1}(u_d)\} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(u_1)} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(u_d)} 2\pi^{-\frac{d}{2}} |\Psi|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{(-\frac{1}{2}r^{\top}\Psi^{-1}r)} dr_1 \dots dr_d \end{aligned}$$

where

$$r = (r_1, \dots, r_d)^{\top}, u_j = \Phi(x_j)$$

- $C_{\Psi}^{\text{Ga}}(u_1, \dots, u_d)$ allows to generate joint symmetric dependence, but no tail dependence (i.e., there are no joint extreme events)



2. Frank Copula, $0 < \theta \leq \infty$

$$C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = -\frac{1}{\theta} \log \left[1 + \frac{\prod_{j=1}^d \{\exp(-\theta u_j) - 1\}}{\{\exp(-\theta) - 1\}^{d-1}} \right]$$

- dependence becomes maximal when $\theta \rightarrow \infty$
- independence is achieved when $\theta = 0$



3. Gumbel-Hougaard copula, $1 \leq \theta \leq \infty$

$$C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \exp \left[- \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d (-\log u_j)^{\theta} \right\}^{\theta^{-1}} \right]$$

- for $\theta > 1$ allows to generate dependence in the upper tail (Schmidt, 2005)
- For $\theta = 1$ reduces to the product copula, i.e.
 $C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \prod_{j=1}^d u_j$.
- for $\theta \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the Fréchet-Hoeffding upper bound:

$$C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) \xrightarrow{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \min(u_1, \dots, u_d).$$



4. Ali-Mikhail-Haq copula, $-1 \leq \theta < 1$

$$C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^d u_j}{1 - \theta \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^d (1 - u_j) \right\}}$$

- independence is achieved when $\theta = 0$
- the Fréchet-Hoeffding bounds are not achieved



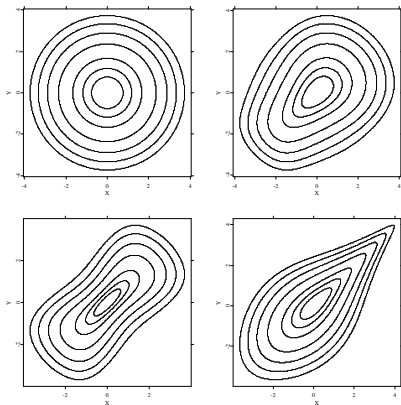



Figure 5: Pdf contour plots, $F(x_1, x_2) = C\{\Phi(x_1), \Phi(x_2)\}$ with Gaussian ($\rho = 0$), AMH ($\theta = 0.9$), Frank ($\theta = 8$), Gumbel ($\theta = 2$) copulae.  [cont4.xpl](#)



5. Clayton copula, $\theta > 0$

$$C_{\theta}(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \left\{ \left(\sum_{j=1}^d u_j^{-\theta} \right) - d + 1 \right\}^{-\theta^{-1}}$$

- ▣ dependence becomes maximal when $\theta \rightarrow \infty$
- ▣ independence is achieved when $\theta \rightarrow 0$
- ▣ the distribution tends to the lower Fréchet-Hoeffding bound when $\theta \rightarrow 1$
- ▣ allows to generate asymmetric dependence and lower tail dependence, but no upper tail dependence



Value-at-Risk with Copulae

The process $\{X_t\}_{t=1}^T$ of log-returns can be modelled as

$$X_{j,t} = \mu_{j,t} + \sigma_{j,t}\varepsilon_{j,t}$$

with $E[\varepsilon_{j,t}] = 0$, $E[\varepsilon_{j,t}^2] = 1$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ and

$$E[X_{j,t} | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \mu_{j,t}$$

$$E[(X_{j,t} - \mu_{j,t})^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}] = \sigma_{j,t}^2$$

where \mathcal{F}_t is the available information at time t .

- $\varepsilon_t = (\varepsilon_{1,t}, \dots, \varepsilon_{d,t})^\top$ are standardised *i.i.d.* innovations with a joint distribution function F_ε
- ε_j , $j = 1, \dots, d$ have continuous marginal distributions F_j



VaR with Copulae

For the log-returns $\{x_{j,t}\}_{t=1}^T$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ Value-at-Risk at level α is estimated:

1. determination of the innovations $\hat{\varepsilon}_t$ (e.g. by deGARCHing)
2. specification and estimation of marginal distributions $F_j(\hat{\varepsilon}_j)$
3. specification of a copula C and estimation of dependence parameter θ
4. simulation of innovations ε and losses L
5. determination of $\widehat{VaR}(\alpha)$, the empirical α -quantile of F_L .



Copula estimation

The distribution of $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)^\top$ with marginals $F_{X_j}(x_j, \delta_j)$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ is given by:

$$F_X(x_1, \dots, x_d) = C\{F_{X_1}(x_1; \delta_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d; \delta_d); \theta\}$$

and its density is given by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_d; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_d, \theta)$$

$$= c\{F_{X_1}(x_1; \delta_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d; \delta_d); \theta\} \prod_{j=1}^d f_j(x_j; \delta_j)$$

where c is a copula density.



For a sample of observations $\{x_t\}_{t=1}^T$ and $\vartheta = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_d, \theta)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ the likelihood function is

$$L(\vartheta; x_1, \dots, x_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T f(x_{1,t}, \dots, x_{d,t}; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_d, \theta)$$

and the corresponding log-likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\vartheta; x_1, \dots, x_T) &= \sum_{t=1}^T \log c\{F_{X_1}(x_{1,t}; \delta_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_{d,t}; \delta_d); \theta\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^d \log f_j(x_{j,t}; \delta_j) \end{aligned}$$



Full Maximum Likelihood (FML)

- FML estimates vector of parameters ϑ in one step through

$$\tilde{\vartheta}_{FML} = \arg \max_{\vartheta} \ell(\vartheta).$$

- the estimates $\tilde{\vartheta}_{FML} = (\tilde{\delta}_1, \dots, \tilde{\delta}_d, \tilde{\theta})^\top$ solve

$$(\partial \ell / \partial \delta_1, \dots, \partial \ell / \partial \delta_d, \partial \ell / \partial \theta) = 0.$$

- Drawback: with an increasing dimension the algorithm becomes too burdensome computationally.



Inference for Margins (IFM)

1. estimate parameters δ_j from the marginal distributions:

$$\hat{\delta}_j = \arg \max_{\delta} \ell_j(\delta_j) = \arg \max_{\delta} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^T \log f_j(x_{j,t}; \delta_j) \right\}$$

2. estimate the dependence parameter θ by maximizing the *pseudo log-likelihood* function

$$\ell(\theta, \hat{\delta}_1, \dots, \hat{\delta}_d) = \sum_{t=1}^T \log c\{F_{X_1}(x_{1,t}; \hat{\delta}_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_{d,t}; \hat{\delta}_d); \theta\}$$

- ▣ The estimates $\hat{\vartheta}_{IFM} = (\hat{\delta}_1, \dots, \hat{\delta}_d, \hat{\theta})^\top$ solve

$$(\partial \ell_1 / \partial \delta_1, \dots, \partial \ell_d / \partial \delta_d, \partial \ell / \partial \theta) = 0.$$

- ▣ Advantage: numerically stable.



Moving Window

- use static windows of size $w = 250$ scrolling in time t for VaR estimation:

$$\{x_t\}_{t=s-w+1}^s$$

for $s = w, \dots, T$

- the VaR estimation procedure generates a time series $\{\widehat{\text{VaR}}_t\}_{t=w}^T$ and $\{\hat{\theta}_t\}_{t=w}^T$ of dependence parameters estimates.



Adaptive Copula estimation

Using *Local Change Point detection (LoChaP)* (Mercurio, Spokoiny, 2004) we sequentially test: θ_t is constant (i.e. $\theta_t = \theta$) within some interval I (local parametric assumption).

“Oracle“ choice: the largest interval $I = [\nu, n[$, for which the *small modelling bias condition (SMB)*

$$\Delta_I(\theta) = \sum_{t \in I} \mathcal{K}(P_\theta, P_{\theta_t}) \leq \Delta$$

is fulfilled.

- ▣ ν denotes the change point
- ▣ θ is then estimated from the interval $I = [\nu, n[$

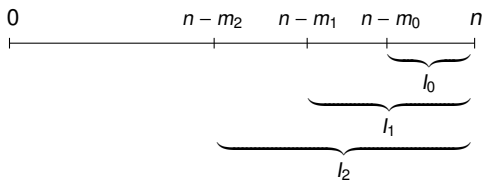


Choice of the interval of homogeneity

LoChaP is based on adaptive choice of the interval of homogeneity for the endpoint n .

Define $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ such that $I_k = [n - m_k, n]$ with m_k :
 $m_0 < m_1 < m_2 < \dots \leq n$

H_0 : copula parameter θ_t is constant within interval I_k



LoChaP procedure

1. start from the smallest interval I_0
2. test the H_0 hypothesis of homogeneity within I_0
3. if H_0 not rejected, take the next larger interval
4. continue the procedure until a possible change point $\hat{\nu}$ is detected or the largest possible interval $[0, n[$ is reached
5. if H_0 is within some I_k rejected, the estimated interval of homogeneity $\widehat{I} = [\hat{\nu}, n[$ or $\widehat{I} = [0, n[$
6. estimate copula dependence parameter θ from observation S_t for $t \in \widehat{I}$, assuming the homogeneous model within \widehat{I} , i.e., define $\hat{\theta}_n = \hat{\theta}_{\widehat{I}}$



Test of homogeneity against a change point alternative

Let $I = [n - m, n[$ be an interval candidate.

Let \mathcal{T}_I be a set of internal points within I

$$H_0: \theta_t = \theta \quad \forall \tau \in \mathcal{T}_I$$

$$H_1: \exists \tau \in \mathcal{T}_I: \theta_t = \theta_1 \text{ for } t \in J = [\tau, n[\text{ and } \theta_t = \theta_2 \text{ for } t \in J^c = I - J = [n - m, \tau[$$

- ▣ log-likelihood $\ell_I(\theta)$ corresponding to H_0
- ▣ log-likelihood $\ell_J(\theta_1) + \ell_{J^c}(\theta_2)$ corresponding to H_1



Test of homogeneity against a change point alternative

Likelihood ratio test for the fixed change point location:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{l,\tau} &= \max_{\theta_1, \theta_2} \{ \ell_J(\theta_1) + \ell_{J^c}(\theta_2) \} - \max_{\theta} \ell_I(\theta) \\ &= \ell_J(\hat{\theta}_J) + \ell_{J^c}(\hat{\theta}_{J^c}) - \ell_I(\hat{\theta}_I) \\ &= \hat{\ell}_J + \hat{\ell}_{J^c} - \hat{\ell}_I \end{aligned}$$

Test statistics for unknown change point location:

$$T_I = \max_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_I} T_{l,\tau}$$

Reject H_0 if $T_I > \lambda_I$

Change point $\hat{\nu} = \arg \max_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_I} T_{l,\tau}$



Implementation Example

Selection of interval candidates \mathcal{I} : $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k : I_k = [n - m_k, n[]$
with $m_k = \lceil m_0 c^k \rceil$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ for some $c > 1$.

Setting of \mathcal{T}_{I_k} : $\mathcal{T}_{I_k} = \{t : n - m_k + \rho_1 m_k \leq t \leq n - \rho_2 m_k\}$ for fixed
parameters $\rho_1 \leq 1/3$ and $\rho_2 \leq 1/3$.



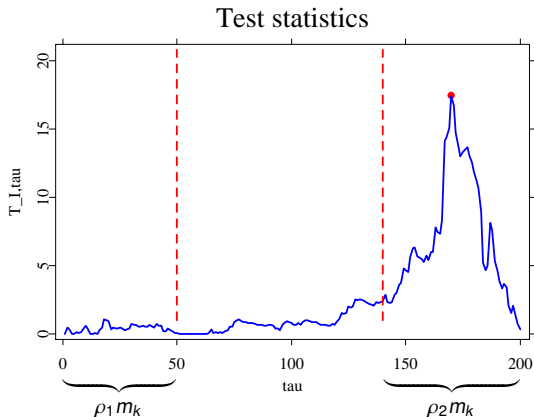


Figure 6: Test statistics $T_{I,\tau}$ for one fixed interval I_k of length $m_k = 200$ plotted against τ . Parameters $\rho_2 = 1/3$ and $\rho_1 = 0.25$ (dotted lines).

 [testChangePointMod.xpl](#)



Choice of the critical values

Choose critical values λ_l to provide a prescribed first kind error probability α :

1. Set β_l for every l : $\sum_{l \in \mathcal{I}} \beta_l = \alpha$, e.g. for M_{l_k} denoting the number of points in interval I_k we have

$$\beta_{l_k} = \alpha M_{l_k}^{-1} \left(\sum_{l_j \in \mathcal{I}} M_{l_j}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \approx \frac{\alpha(1 - c^{-1})}{c^k}$$

and the corresponding value α_{l_k} :

$$\alpha_{l_k} \approx \alpha(1 - c^{-(k+1)})$$

2. Select by Monte Carlo critical values λ_{l_k} for every interval I_k :

$$P_{H_0} \left(\max_{k' \leq k} T_{l_{k'}} > \lambda_{l_{k'}} \right) = \alpha_{l_k}$$



Simulated Examples

A set of 240 observations was simulated from a bivariate Gumbel-Hougaard copula

$$C_{\theta}(u, v) = \exp \left[- \left\{ (-\log u)^{\theta} + (-\log v)^{\theta} \right\}^{1/\theta} \right]$$

with parameter:

$$\theta_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 80 \\ 3 \text{ or } 2 & \text{if } 81 \leq t \leq 160 \\ 1 & \text{if } 161 \leq t \leq 240 \end{cases}$$



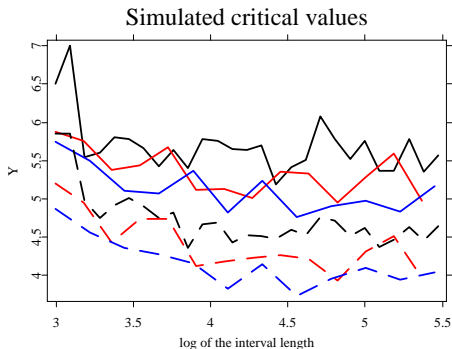


Figure 7: Critical values for $\alpha = 0.05$ (solid line) and $\alpha = 0.1$ (dashed line), computed by simulations using Gumbel-Hougaard copula with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $c = 1.1$, $\rho_1 = 0.1$ (black line), $c = 1.2$, $\rho_1 = 0.2$ (red line), $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ (blue line).

 [critplot.xpl](#)



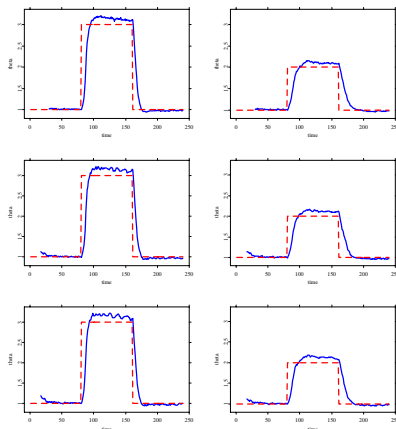


Figure 8: Pointwise mean (blue) based on 200 simulations of the data, simulated from the Gumbel-Hougaard copula and real parameter (dashed); jump size 2 (left panel), jump size equal 1 (right panel); with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $c = 1.1$, $\rho_1 = 0.1$ (upper panel); $c = 1.2$, $\rho_1 = 0.2$ (middle panel); $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ (lower panel).

[thetaplotmean.xpl](#)



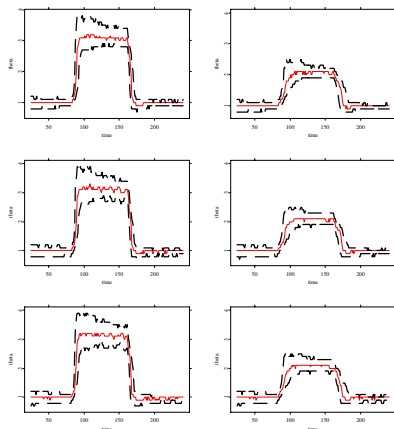



Figure 9: Pointwise median (red) and quartiles (dashed), based on 200 simulations of the data, simulated from the Gumbel-Hougaard copula; jump size 2 (left panel), jump size equal 1 (right panel); with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $c = 1.1$, $\rho_1 = 0.1$ (upper panel); $c = 1.2$, $\rho_1 = 0.2$ (middle panel); $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ (lower panel). 



Detection delays with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$

to the first jump at $t = 80$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	9.215	3.596	21	1
50% rule	9.475	3.697	21	2
60% rule	9.740	3.860	24	2
to the second jump at $t = 160$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	6.175	3.158	15	1
50% rule	6.890	3.216	17	1
60% rule	7.605	3.634	21	2

Table 1: Descriptive statistics for the detection speeds to sudden jumps of the Gumbel-Hougaard copula dependence parameter with a jump size of 2. The results are obtained with parameters $\alpha = 0.05$, $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ and $\rho_2 = 0.3$. Statistics are based on 200 simulations.



Detection delays with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$

to the first jump at $t = 80$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	10.210	5.829	28	1
50% rule	11.535	5.150	29	1
60% rule	13.030	5.801	37	1
to the second jump at $t = 160$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	8.885	5.428	28	1
50% rule	10.075	5.719	32	1
60% rule	11.800	7.880	61	1

Table 2: Descriptive statistics for the detection speeds to sudden jumps of the Gumbel-Hougaard copula dependence parameter with a jump size of 1. The results are obtained with parameters $\alpha = 0.05$, $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ and $\rho_2 = 0.3$. Statistics are based on 200 simulations.



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with parameter:

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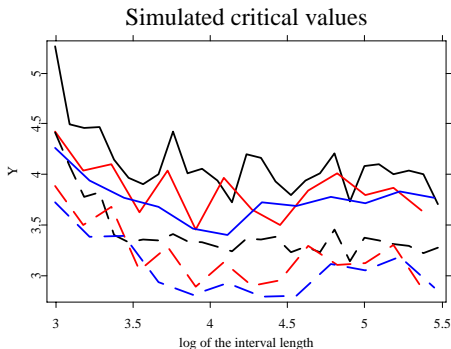


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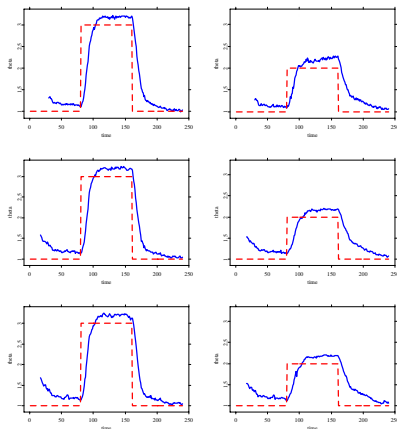


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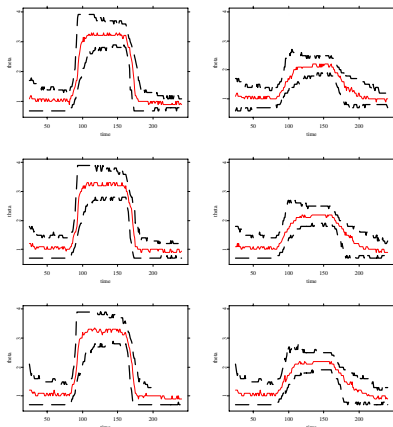


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Detection delays with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$

to the first jump at $t = 80$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	10.940	6.519	32	1
50% rule	12.440	7.326	39	1
60% rule	13.410	7.708	39	1
to the second jump at $t = 160$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	9.688	6.716	36	1
50% rule	10.764	7.416	53	1
60% rule	12.352	8.109	53	1

Table 3: Descriptive statistics for the detection speeds to sudden jumps of the Clayton copula dependence parameter with a jump size of 2. The results are obtained with parameters $\alpha = 0.05$, $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ and $\rho_2 = 0.3$. Statistics are based on 200 simulations.



Detection delays with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$

to the first jump at $t = 80$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	10.100	10.051	60	1
50% rule	11.745	10.918	60	1
60% rule	13.870	11.912	60	1
to the second jump at $t = 160$	mean	standard deviation	maximum	minimum
40% rule	16.626	14.837	74	1
50% rule	19.843	17.547	75	1
60% rule	21.727	18.064	79	1

Table 4: Descriptive statistics for the detection speeds to sudden jumps of the Clayton copula dependence parameter with a jump size of 1. The results are obtained with parameters $\alpha = 0.05$, $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$ and $\rho_2 = 0.3$. Statistics are based on 200 simulations.



Kullback-Leibler Divergence

- *Kullback-Leibler divergence* is defined as:

$$\mathcal{K}(P_{\vartheta}, P_{\vartheta'}) = E_{\vartheta} \log \frac{p(y, \vartheta)}{p(y, \vartheta')}$$

	$K(1, 2)$	$K(1, 3)$	$K(2, 1)$	$K(3, 1)$
Gumbel-Hougaard	123.01	339.36	79.377	158.08
Clayton	24.938	84.439	18.096	48.803

Table 5: Kullback-Leibler information number $K(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ and $K(\theta_2, \theta_1)$ for fixed $\theta_1 = 1$ and parameter $\theta_2 = 2.0, 3.0$; for the Gumbel-Hougaard and the Clayton copula.

- ▶ density $p(y, \vartheta) = dP_{\vartheta}(y)/dP$
- ▶ P_{ϑ} is dominated by a σ -finite measure P
- ▶ P_{ϑ} belongs to some parametric family \mathbb{P}



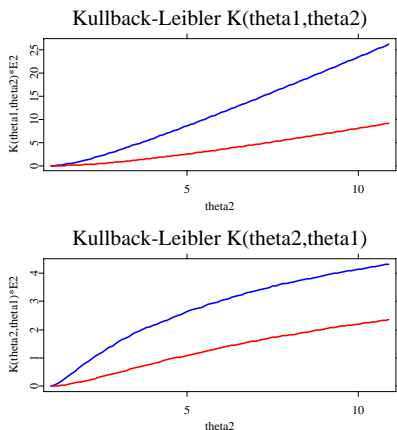


Figure 13: Kullback-Leibler information number $K(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ (upper panel) and $K(\theta_2, \theta_1)$ (lower panel) plotted against θ_2 for fixed $\theta_1 = 1$. The blue line refers to the Gumbel-Hougaard copula and the red line to the Clayton copula. [KullbackLeibler.xpl](#)



Applications

Data sets from the DAX portfolio: DaimlerChrysler, Volkswagen, Bayer, BASF, Allianz and Münchener Rückversicherung, 20000101-20031231.

Marginal parameters $\hat{\delta}_{t,j} = \hat{\sigma}_{t,j}^2$, $j = 1, 2$ (DaimlerChrysler, Volkswagen) are estimated at time t by exponential smoothing:

$$\hat{\delta}_{t,j} = \hat{\sigma}_{t,j}^2 = (e^\lambda - 1) \sum_{s < t} e^{-\lambda(t-s)} X_{s,j}^2$$

$X_{s,j}$ denotes log returns at time s and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ is a smoothing parameter (set $\lambda = 1/20$).

Choose Gumbel-Hougaard copula:

$$C_\theta(u, v) = \exp \left[- \left\{ (-\log u)^\theta + (-\log v)^\theta \right\}^{1/\theta} \right]$$

Recall: $\theta = 1$ indicates independence.



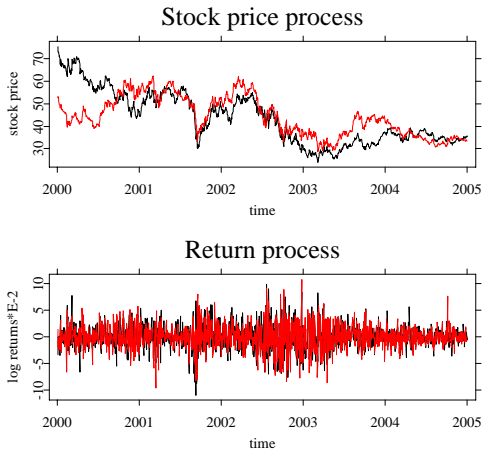


Figure 14: Stock price process (upper panel), log returns (middle panel) and copula dependence parameter θ (lower panel) for DaimlerChrysler (black line) and Volkswagen (red line). The estimates of θ are obtained with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 0.05$. [plotDCXVW .xpl](#)



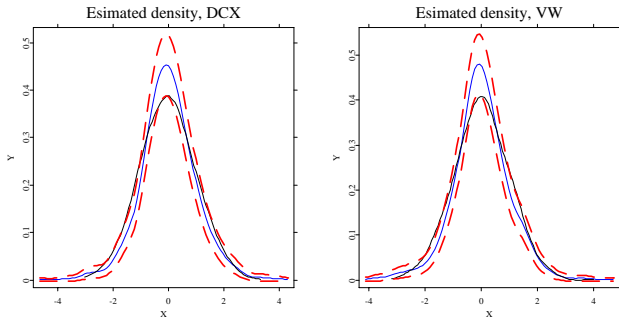


Figure 15: Kernel density estimator of the residuals from DaimlerChrysler (left panel, blue line) and Volkswagen (right panel, blue line) and of the normal density (black line); confidence bands (dashed red lines) at level 0.05. Quartic Kernel is used with $\hat{h} = 2.78\hat{\sigma}n^{-0.2}$.

 [densest.xpl](#)



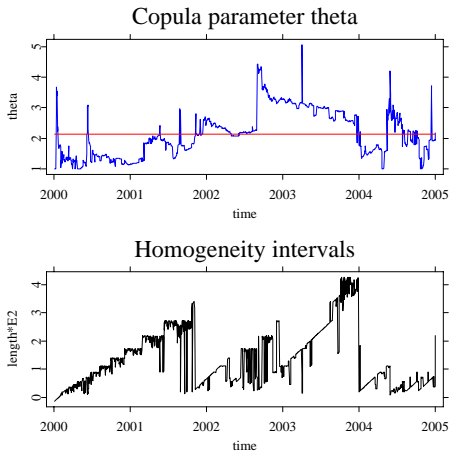


Figure 16: Upper panel: estimated copula dependence parameter θ for DaimlerChrysler and Volkswagen (blue line) and its mean (red line). Lower panel: estimated intervals of time homogeneity. The results are obtained with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 0.05$. [realthetahomlength.xpl](#)



Applications

Marginal parameters $\hat{\delta}_{t,j} = \hat{\sigma}_{t,j}^2$, $j = 1, \dots, 6$ are estimated at time t by exponential smoothing:

$$\hat{\delta}_{t,j} = \hat{\sigma}_{t,j}^2 = (e^\lambda - 1) \sum_{s < t} e^{-\lambda(t-s)} X_{s,j}^2$$

Choose Gumbel-Hougaard copula since it allows to generate a lower tail dependence that is crucial for VaR estimation:

$$C_\theta(u_1, \dots, u_d) = (u_1^{-\theta} + \dots + u_d^{-\theta} - d + 1)^{-1/\theta}$$

with copula density

$$c_\theta(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \prod_{j=1}^d \{1 + (j-1)\theta\} \prod_{j=1}^d u_j^{-(\theta+1)} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d u_j^{-\theta} - d + 1 \right\}^{-(1/\theta+d)}$$

Recall: $\theta = 0$ indicates independence.



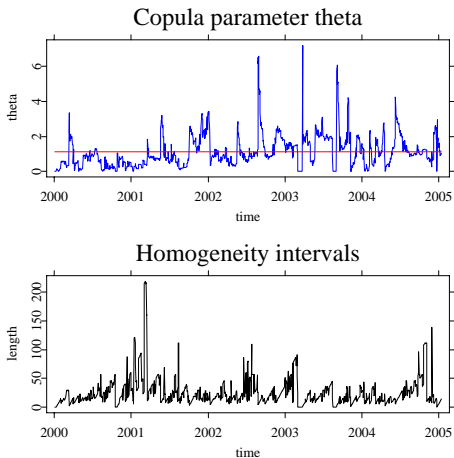


Figure 17: Upper panel: estimated copula dependence parameter θ for 4-dim data: DaimlerChrysler, Volkswagen, Bayer and BASF (blue) and its mean (red). Lower panel: estimated intervals of time homogeneity; with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 0.05$. [realthetahomlength.xpl](#)



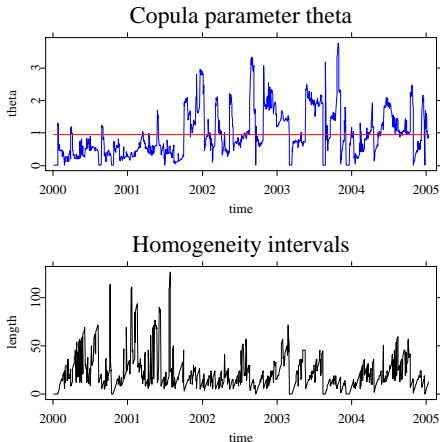


Figure 18: Upper panel: estimated copula dependence parameter θ for 6-dim data: DaimlerChrysler, Volkswagen, Bayer, BASF, Allianz and Münchener Rückversicherung (blue) and its mean (red). Lower panel: estimated intervals of time homogeneity; with parameters $m_0 = 20$, $c = 1.25$, $\rho_1 = 0.25$, $\rho_2 = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 0.05$. [realthetahomlength.xpl](#)



Backtesting

compare the estimated values for the VaR with the true realizations $\{l_t\}$ of the P&L function

the *exceedances ratio* is given by

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{T-w} \sum_{t=w}^T \mathbf{1}\{l_t < \widehat{\text{VaR}}_t(\alpha)\}$$



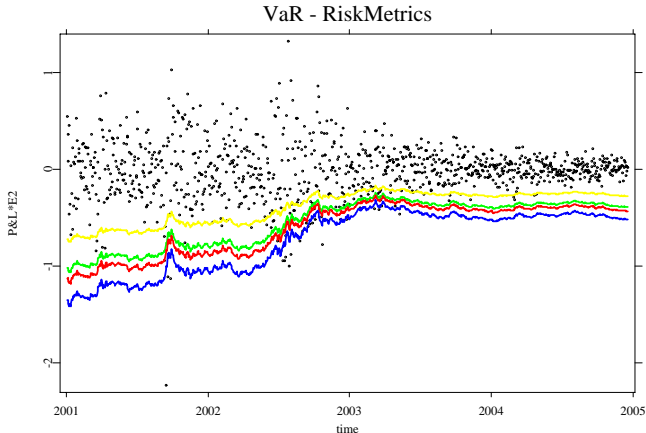


Figure 19: P&L (dots) and $\widehat{VaR}(\alpha)$ at level $\alpha_1 = 0.05$, $\alpha_3 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.001$, $w = (3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)^T$, estimated using RiskMetrics approach. [RiskMetrics.xpl](#)



Table 6: Exceedances ratio $\hat{\alpha}$ for different portfolios, calculated using Riskmetrics.

Portfolio	Exceedances ratio $\alpha(\times 10^2)$			
	5	1	0.5	0.1
(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)	7.4583	3.6310	3.0422	1.7664
(1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 3)	7.5564	3.631	3.0422	1.6683
(2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3)	6.6732	3.4347	2.6497	1.5702
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1)	9.2247	4.1217	3.7291	2.3553
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2)	8.4396	3.7291	3.3366	2.1590
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1)	5.3974	2.9441	2.3553	0.68695
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 3)	8.2434	3.8273	3.6310	2.0608
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1)	7.8508	3.8273	3.3366	2.1590
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3)	7.8508	3.7291	3.1403	1.8646
.....
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)	10.3040	4.8086	4.0236	2.6497
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, -2)	12.3650	7.7527	5.6919	4.1217
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, -1)	6.3788	3.5329	2.5515	1.1776
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, -3)	7.8508	3.7291	3.2385	1.6683
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, -1)	8.6359	4.2198	3.6310	2.4534
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, -3)	8.7341	4.2198	3.4347	2.2571
(2, 3, 1, 1, 2, -3)	10.2060	5.0049	4.4161	2.7478
(2, 3, 2, 3, 2, -3)	6.7713	3.3366	2.8459	1.1776
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -3)	10.0100	4.9068	4.1217	2.9441
avg.	7.8958	3.9091	3.2180	1.8973
std.dev.	1.8337	1.0768	0.8886	0.8178
$\sum_{W \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2$	2.7859	2.2977	1.9547	0.9291
$\sum_{W \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2 / \alpha$	0.5572	2.2977	3.9093	9.2909



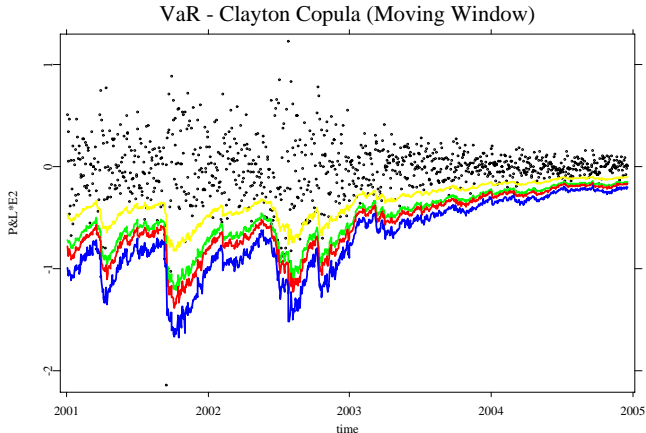


Figure 20: P&L (dots) and $\widehat{VaR}(\alpha)$ at level $\alpha_1 = 0.05$, $\alpha_3 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.001$, $w = (3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)^T$, estimated with Clayton copula using moving window approach. [MovingWindow.xpl](#)



Table 7: Exceedances ratio $\hat{\alpha}$ for different portfolios, calculated using Moving Window.

Portfolio	Exceedances ratio $\alpha(\times 10^2)$			
	5	1	0.5	0.1
(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)	6.6732	1.2758	0.7851	0.3925
(1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 3)	6.9676	1.1776	0.5888	0.3925
(2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3)	6.9676	1.2758	0.5888	0.3925
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1)	6.9676	1.0795	0.7851	0.3925
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2)	6.5751	1.4720	0.6869	0.2944
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1)	6.3788	1.3739	0.6869	0.1963
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 3)	7.1639	1.2758	0.5888	0.3925
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1)	7.1639	1.3739	0.6869	0.3925
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3)	6.6732	1.0795	0.7851	0.2944
.....
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)	7.0658	1.1776	0.6869	0.3925
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, -2)	6.8695	1.3739	0.6869	0.2944
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, -1)	6.5751	1.2758	0.7851	0.2944
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, -3)	7.262	1.3739	0.8832	0.4907
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, -1)	6.8695	1.472	0.6869	0.3925
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, -3)	7.0658	1.3739	0.7851	0.4907
(2, 3, 1, 1, 2, -3)	6.5751	1.2758	0.8832	0.2944
(2, 3, 2, 3, 2, -3)	6.9676	1.4720	0.8832	0.3925
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -3)	6.869	1.4720	0.7851	0.3925
avg.	6.8449	1.3371	0.7565	0.3762
std.dev.	0.2854	0.1352	0.0937	0.0899
$\sum_{w \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2$	0.8356	0.0315	0.0178	0.0202
$\sum_{w \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2 / \alpha$	0.1671	0.0315	0.0356	0.2016



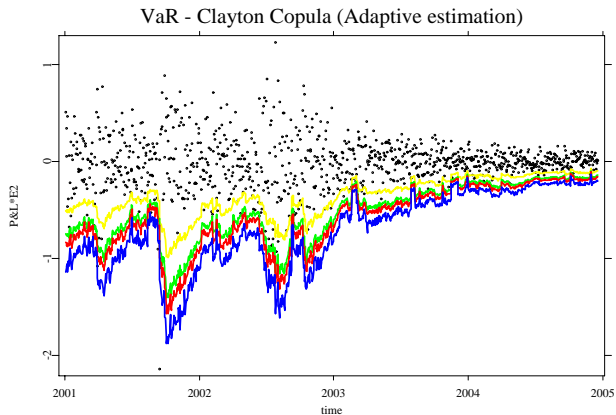


Figure 21: P&L (dots) and $\widehat{VaR}(\alpha)$ at level $\alpha_1 = 0.05$, $\alpha_3 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.005$, $\alpha_1 = 0.001$, $w = (3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)^T$, estimated with Clayton copula using adaptive estimation procedure. [LoChaP.xpl](#)



Table 8: Exceedances ratio $\hat{\alpha}$ for different portfolios, calculated using LoChaP procedure.

Portfolio	Exceedances ratio $\alpha(\times 10^2)$			
	5	1	0.5	0.1
(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)	7.5564	1.7664	0.9814	0.3925
(1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 3)	7.5564	1.7664	0.8832	0.3925
(2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3)	7.1639	1.6683	0.9813	0.3925
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1)	7.5564	1.7664	0.9814	0.2944
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2)	7.3602	1.9627	1.1776	0.3925
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1)	6.8695	1.6683	0.7851	0.1963
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 3)	7.6546	1.7664	0.8832	0.4907
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1)	7.7527	1.6683	0.8832	0.2944
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3)	7.5564	1.9627	1.0795	0.2944
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(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -1)	7.5564	1.4720	0.9814	0.2944
(3, 1, 2, 1, 3, -2)	7.1639	1.5702	0.88322	0.1963
(1, 3, 1, 2, 3, -1)	6.9676	1.668	0.6869	0.1963
(2, 1, 3, 2, 1, -3)	7.6546	1.4720	0.8832	0.3925
(2, 3, 3, 2, 1, -1)	7.6546	1.6683	0.8832	0.2944
(3, 1, 2, 2, 2, -3)	7.6546	1.4720	0.9814	0.2944
(2, 3, 1, 1, 2, -3)	6.3788	1.2758	0.6869	0.3925
(2, 3, 2, 3, 2, -3)	7.1639	1.5702	0.9813	0.1963
(3, 2, 3, 2, 3, -3)	7.3602	1.6683	0.9813	0.2944
avg.	7.3561	1.6519	0.9364	0.3189
std.dev	0.3393	0.1912	0.1417	0.0880
$\sum_{W \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2$	1.3587	0.1104	0.0503	0.0133
$\sum_{W \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2 / \alpha$	0.2717	0.1104	0.1006	0.1328



Summary

Table 9: Relative squared deviation $\sum_{w \in W} (\hat{\alpha} - \alpha)^2 / \alpha$ for Riskmetrics, Moving Window and LoChaP approach.

Method	Exceedances ratio $\alpha (\times 10^2)$			
	5	1	0.5	0.1
Riskmetrics	0.5572	2.2977	3.9093	9.2909
Moving Window	0.1671	0.0315	0.0356	0.2016
LoChaP	0.2717	0.1104	0.1006	0.1328



Conclusion

- ▣ Copula was used to estimate the Value-at-Risk from the 6-dimensional portfolio (DCX, VW, ALV, MUV, BAY and BAS) using Riskmetrics, adaptive estimation and moving window approach
- ▣ Backtesting is used to compare the performance of the copula-based Value-at-Risk estimation with a Value-at-Risk estimation using Riskmetrics approach
- ▣ All three methods overestimate on average the Value-at-Risk



Conclusion

- ▣ The adaptive procedure allows a dynamic selection of the estimation interval for dependence structure
- ▣ The moving window and adaptive copula outperform a Riskmetrics in a sense of Value-at-Risk estimation
- ▣ The performance of Value-at-Risk for a fixed estimation interval (moving window) is at least as good as with an adaptive method



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Appendix I

For all $u = (u_1, \dots, u_d)^\top \in [0, 1]^d$, every copula C satisfies

$$W(u_1, \dots, u_d) \leq C(u_1, \dots, u_d) \leq M(u_1, \dots, u_d)$$

where

$$M(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \min(u_1, \dots, u_d)$$

and

$$W(u_1, \dots, u_d) = \max\left(\sum_{i=1}^d u_i - d + 1, 0\right)$$

- ▣ $M(u_1, \dots, u_d)$ is called *Fréchet-Hoeffding upper bound*
- ▣ $W(u_1, \dots, u_d)$ is called *Fréchet-Hoeffding lower bound*

(Hoeffding, 1940)



Appendix II

For a random vector $X = (X_1, X_2)^\top$

- *upper tail dependence coefficient* is defined as

$$\delta = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1} P \{X_1 > F_{X_1}^{-1}(u) \mid X_2 > F_{X_2}^{-1}(u)\}$$

- *lower tail dependence coefficient* is defined as

$$\gamma = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} P \{X_1 \leq F_{X_1}^{-1}(u) \mid X_2 \leq F_{X_2}^{-1}(u)\}$$

X is *upper/lower* tail dependent if $\delta > 0$ resp. $\gamma > 0$.



- ▣ *upper tail dependence coefficient for Copula C:*

$$\delta = \lim_{u \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - 2u + C(u, u)}{1 - u}$$

- ▣ *lower tail dependence coefficient for Copula C:*

$$\gamma = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(u, u)}{u}$$

- ▶ Gaussian copula: $\delta = \gamma = 0$
- ▶ Clayton copula: $\delta = 0, \gamma = 2^{1/\theta}$
- ▶ Gumbel copula: $\delta = 2 - 2^{1/\theta}, \gamma = 0$



Appendix III

- let \mathbb{P} denote the underlying measure, i.e.

$$X_t \sim C\{F_{X_1}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_d}(x_d), \theta_t\} = \mathbb{P}$$

- let \mathbb{P}_θ denote parametric measure corresponding to the model with a constant parameter θ
- Small modelling bias condition (SMB)* for an interval I :

$$\Delta_I(\theta) = \sum_{t \in I} \mathcal{K}(P_\theta, P_{\theta_t}) \leq \Delta,$$

where θ is constant.

$\mathcal{K}(P_\vartheta, P_{\vartheta'}) = E_\vartheta \log \frac{p(y, \vartheta)}{p(y, \vartheta')}$ denotes *Kullback-Leibler divergence*



Copula dependence parameter θ_t depends on the interval I

- ▣ “Oracle” (ideal) choice: largest interval I such that *SMB* holds
- ▣ Aim: mimic “Oracle” choice
- ▣ practically speaking: estimate the dependence parameter in time varying interval



Theorem 1 (parametric case):

Under the local parametric assumption θ can be estimated by $\tilde{\theta}_I$ in an interval I such that it holds:

$$E_{\mathbb{P}_\theta} \left| L(\tilde{\theta}_I, \theta) \right|^r \leq \mathcal{R}_{2r}$$

- ▣ \mathcal{R}_{2r} is a constant
- ▣ L denotes log-likelihood ratio



Theorem 2 (non parametric case):

Under the *SMB* condition (i.e. $\Delta_I(\theta) \leq \Delta$) it holds

$$E_{\mathbb{P}} \left| L(\tilde{\theta}_I, \theta) \right|^{r/2} \leq \mathcal{R}_{2r}^{1/2} \cdot \exp(\Delta),$$

i.e. $\tilde{\theta}_I$ is a “good” estimator of θ in an interval I .

- \mathcal{R}_{2r} due to Theorem 1
- “good” means “of parametric quality” up to the factor $\exp(\Delta)$, which is a payment for the model misspecification (approximation of a non parametric by a local parametric)



Theorem 3 (critical values):

There are exist ι_0, ι such that holds $\lambda_{l_k} \leq \iota_0 \log K + \iota(K - k)$.

- simplified procedure: select ι_0, ι due to Theorem 1 such that holds

$$E_{\mathbb{P}_\theta} \left| L \left(\tilde{\theta}_{l_k}, \hat{\theta}_{l_k} \right) \right|^r \leq \rho \mathcal{R}_{2r}$$

- ρ is a constant
- under the local parametric assumption $\hat{\theta}_{l_k}$ is a “good” estimator of $\tilde{\theta}_{l_k}$, i.e. $\hat{\theta}_{l_k}$ provides “Oracle” quality



Theorem 4 (“Oracle”):

For $\tilde{\theta}_I^*$ denoting “Oracle” estimator, $\hat{\theta}$ provides a “good” estimator for $\tilde{\theta}_I$ in an Interval I , such that under the *SMB* holds:

$$E_{\mathbb{P}} \left| L(\tilde{\theta}_I^*, \hat{\theta}) \right|^{r/2} \leq \mathcal{R}_{2r}^{1/2} \cdot \exp(\Delta) + \lambda_I.$$

- ▣ $\exp(\Delta)$ is a payment for approximation
- ▣ λ_I is a payment for adaptation

