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Copula Probability Model for Determining Dependency and Generations

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Abstract: The statistical idea of a copula was developed in 1959 under the base of sklar's theorem; it was not applied to financial markets and finance until the late 1990s. In this study, copula was used as a probability model that represents a multivariate uniform distribution (MUD), first to examines the association or dependence between many variables as a vector of random variables (V_n) having different probability densities, that helps to isolate the joint or marginal probabilities of a pair of variables that are enmeshed in a more complex multivariate system, secondly it was used for generating the probability values of dependencies for a vector of random variables together in MVCDF rather than their partial dependencies from their marginals.

Keywords: multivariate uniform distribution (MUD), vector of random variables (V_n), multivariate cumulative distribution function (MVCDF), copula distribution function(C), copula probability density function(c).

نموذج احتمالية الكوبولا لتحديد التبعية والأجيال

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المستخلص: تم تطوير الفكرة الإحصائية للكوبولا في عام ١٩٥٩ تحت قاعدة نظرية سكلار ؛ لم يتم تطبيقه على الأسواق المالية والتمويل حتى أواخر التسعينيات. في هذه الدراسة ، تم استخدام الكوبولا كنموذج احتمالي يمثل توزيعاً موحداً متعدد المتغيرات (MUD) ، أولاً لفحص الارتباط أو الاعتماد بين العديد من المتغيرات كمتجه لمتغيرات عشوائية (V_n) لها كثافات احتمالية مختلفة ، مما يساعد على عزل الاحتمالات المشتركة أو الهامشية لزوج من المتغيرات المتضمنة في نظام متعدد المتغيرات أكثر تعقيداً ، وثانياً تم استخدامه لتوليد القيم الاحتمالية للتبعيات لمتجه من المتغيرات العشوائية معاً في MVCDF بدلاً من تبعياتها الجزئية من الهامش.

الكلمات المفتاحية: التوزيع الموحد متعدد المتغيرات (MUD)، ناقل المتغيرات العشوائية (V_n)، دالة التوزيع التراكمي متعدد المتغيرات (MVCDF)، دالة توزيع الكوبولا (C)، دالة كثافة احتمال الكوبولا (c).

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1- Introduction:

Statistically in any random process, the independence among random variables in a vector $V_n'=(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d)$ is hypothetical, and rarely occurs. Then it can be said that they are not significantly depend on each other, which is depends on the multiple correlation or rate of dependency after testing this hypothesis statistically, then their dependencies (direct or indirect), (positive or negative) logically can't be ignored regardless of its size specially in those studied that characterized by extremely sensitive in their data, moreover, its applicably seldom to collect a vector of random variables having independence property, so it's too difficult to evaluate a multivariate probability distribution comes from a vector of random variables each have different population or probability distribution. Copula is a function to express joint distributions for a vector of random variables where they have dependence or not, comes from several populations. With a copula you can separate the joint distribution into two contributions: the marginal distributions of each variable by itself, and the copula that combines these into a joint distribution. One basic result is that any joint distribution can be expressed in this manner. Another convenience is that the conditional distributions can be readily expressed using the copula. What Is a Copula? Copula is a probability model that represents a multivariate uniform distribution, which examines the association or dependence between many variables. Put differently, a copula helps isolate the joint or marginal probabilities of a pair of variables that are collected in a more complex multivariate system. The copula is then the unique index or set of instructions for describing how those pairs fit together in the more complex system. This method is useful as it can help identify spurious correlations observed in the data. It is also useful in fine-tuning derivatives pricing models where the price of one depends on the price of some underlying thing. Today, copulas are employed in advanced financial analysis to better understand outcomes that involve fat tails and skewness.

2-Methodology:

This section in the study is to explained the method and criterion of copula and how it can be used for releasing a strongly correlated vector of continuous random variables to another uniform combined uncorrelated marginal vector.

3- Description of Copula Technique:

If $F(X)$ and $F(Y)$ are continuous, then C is unique; otherwise C is uniquely determined on $\text{Range } F(X) \times \text{Range } F(Y)$ only. Conversely, for any univariate distribution functions $F(X)$ and $F(Y)$ and any copula C , the function $F(XY)$ is a valid bivariate distribution function with marginal $F(X)$ and $F(Y)$. The popularity of copulas for dependence modelling largely follows from quotes like 'Copulas allow us to separate the dependence from multivariate to the product of marginal distributions. Clearly, if(C) is unique, then it unequivocally characterizes how the two marginal $F(X)$ and $F(Y)$ interlock for producing the joint behavior of (X, Y) , while staying ignorant of what those marginal are. For instance, if X and Y are independent, and if C is unique, then from the definition of copula (C) must be the 'independence copula or so called 'product copula'. In order to compute a copula value that corresponding the probability of dependency for a given interval inside the range of $(X, \text{ and } Y)$, then the values of each corresponding range for $(U, \text{ and } V)$ can be evaluated from the eq.(1), means: for a given interval $(x_1 < x \leq x_2, y_1 < y \leq y_2)$, using $C_{U,V}(u, v)$ produces a corresponding interval for bivariate uniform $(u_1 < u \leq u_2, u_1 < y \leq u_2)$, and then calculating bivariate copula from the property below that's the probability of dependency for random vector $(X, \text{ And } Y)$ together at a specific value .

$$C_{U,V}(u, v) = \Pr[(u_1 \leq U \leq u_2), (v_1 \leq V \leq v_2)]$$

$$C_{U,V}(u, v) = C(u_2, v_2) + C(u_1, v_1) - C(u_1, v_2) - C(u_2, v_1) \geq 0 \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

$$\text{For all } 0 \leq u_1 \leq u \leq u_2 \leq 1, \text{ and } 0 \leq v_1 \leq v \leq v_2 \leq 1$$

4-Description of Sklar's Theorem:

Sklar's theorem provides the theoretical foundation for the application of copulas. This theorem states that every multivariate cumulative distribution function with the form:

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_d \leq x_d) \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

of a random vector $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_d)$ Can be expressed in terms of its marginal

$F_i(x_i) = \Pr(X_i \leq x_i)$ and a copula (C) is $G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$

$H(x_1, \dots, x_d) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_d(x_d))$. In case that the multivariate distribution has a density $h(g)$, and if eq. (2) is differentiable then, it holds that:

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = c(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_d(x_d)) \cdot f_1(x_1) \cdot f_2(x_2) \dots f_d(x_d) \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

Where c is the probability density function of copula:

3- Example:

Let $V'_n = (X_1, X_2)$ is a bivariate vector of random variables; denoted two columns functioned with a joint probability density function given by:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{320}\right)(x_1 + 2x_2) & , \text{ where } 0 < x_1 \leq 4, \text{ and } 0 < x_2 \leq 8 \\ 0 & \text{ elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

In the first step required to derive the inverse cumulative distribution function formula for each $(X_1, \text{ and } X_2)$ as $F_{X_1}^{-1}(u)$, and $F_{X_2}^{-1}(v)$, Where $(u, \text{ and } v)$, are two uniformly distributed $[0, 1]$ random variables one to one correspondent respectively to $(X, \text{ and } Y)$. and secondly deriving bivariate copula cumulative distribution function formula as:

$$C_{U,V}(u, v) = F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{----- (5)}$$

The marginals rv's $(X, \text{ and } Y)$ each alone comes from integrating the joint p.d.f from eq.(4) we can calculate respectively: $f_{X_1}(x_1)$, and $f_{X_2}(x_2)$ given by:

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = (1/40)(8 + x_1) \quad , \text{ where } 0 < x_1 \leq 4 \quad \text{----- (6)}$$

$$f_{X_2}(x_2) = (1/40)(1 + x_2) \quad , \text{ where } 0 < x_2 \leq 8$$

Using sklar's theorem criteria:

$$\text{Let } u = F_{X_1}(x_1), \text{ and } v = F_{X_2}(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(u), \text{ and } x_2 = F_{X_2}^{-1}(v) \quad \text{----- (7)}$$

To get each $u = F_{X_1}(x_1)$, and $v = F_{X_2}(x_2)$, it can be calculated by integrating the marginal $f_{X_1}(x_1)$, and $f_{X_2}(x_2)$ given by:

$$u = F_{X_1}(x_1) = \int_0^{x_1} f_{X_1}(x_1) dx_1 = (x_1/5)[1 + (x_1/16)] \quad 0 < x_1 \leq 4 \quad \text{----- (8)}$$

$$\text{And } v = F_{X_2}(x_2) = \int_0^{x_2} f_{X_2}(x_2) dt = (x_2/40)[1 + (x_2/2)] \quad 0 < x_2 \leq 8$$

From eq(4) each of x_1 , and x_2 can be calculated

$x_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(u) = (-16 \pm \sqrt{256 + 320u})/2$. Because of $0 < x_1 \leq 4$ hence the negative root ignored then

$$x_1 = F_{X_1}^{-1}(u) = (-16 + \sqrt{256 + 320u})/2 \quad , \text{ with range } 0 \leq u \leq 1 \quad \text{----- (9)}$$

$$x_2 = F_{X_2}^{-1}(v) = (-2 + \sqrt{4 + 320v})/2 \quad , \text{ with range } 0 \leq v \leq 1$$

In order to derive copula distribution function given by eq. (2), then

$$C_{U,V}(u, v) = F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \int_0^{x_2} \int_0^{x_1} f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

$$C_{U,V}(u, v) = F_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \left(\frac{1}{640}\right)(x_1^2 x_2 + 2x_1 x_2^2) \quad \text{----- (10)}$$

Substituting the values of x_1 , and x_2 from eq. (6) in eq. (7) produces bivariate copula cumulative distribution function given by:

$$C_{U,V}(u,v) = (1/640) \left[\left\{ \frac{-16 + \sqrt{256 + 320u}}{2} \right\}^2 \left(-2 + \frac{\sqrt{4 + 320v}}{2} \right) + 2 * \left(\frac{-16 + \sqrt{256 + 320u}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-2 + \sqrt{4 + 320v}}{2} \right)^2 \right] \quad \text{----- (11)}$$

Table (1): the univariate probability of dependency for each (x_1 , and x_2), separately with corresponding uniform random variable (U, and V) respectively using eq. (11):

Range of r.v, X	Range of r.v, U	Prob. of Dependency Between (x,y)	Range of r.v, Y	Range of r.v, V	Prob. of Dependency Between (u,v)
0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1.000	Completely dependent	8	1.000	Completely dependent
1	0.2125	weak	1	0.03750	weak
1.5	0.3281	weak	1.5	0.06563	weak
2.2	0.5001	strong	2	0.10000	weak
3	0.7125	strong	3	0.18750	weak
3.5	0.8531	strong	3.5	0.24060	weak
2.5	0.578	strong	4	0.30000	weak
2.7	0.6311	strong	2.5	0.13200	weak
2.9	0.6851	strong	5.5	0.51560	strong
3.8	0.9405	strong	6	0.60000	strong
3.9	0.97013	strong	7.5	0.89100	strong

This table explains dependency values for each (X_1 , and X_2) versus uniform random Variables (U, and V) .

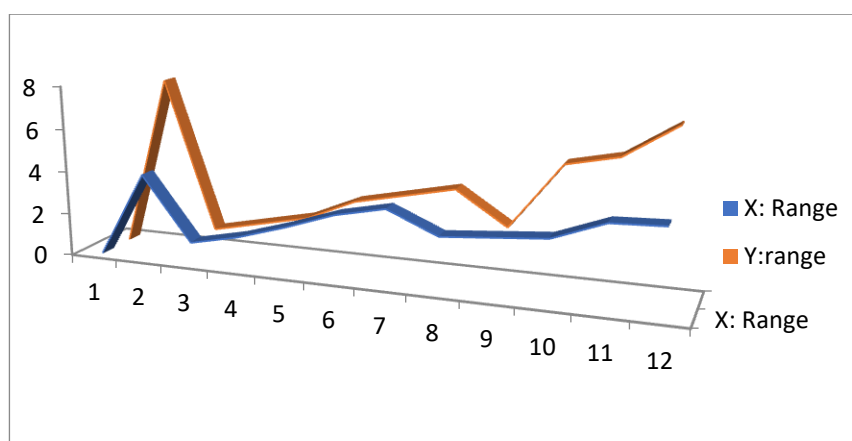


Figure 1: Dependency among (x, and y)

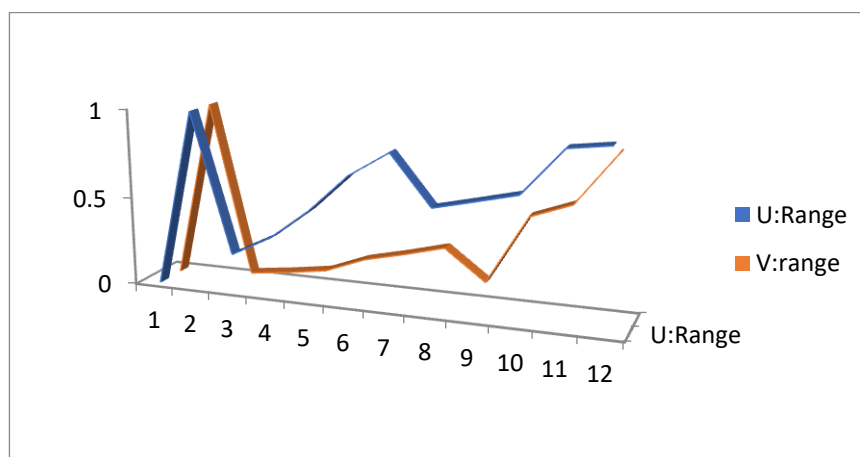


Figure 2: Dependency among (U, and V)

Note: figures (1,2) are from data in table(1) above by executing (Microsoft Excel).

5- Analysis and Results:

Copulas are popular in high-dimensional statistical applications as they allow one to easily stochastic modeling and estimating the distribution of random vectors by estimating marginal and copula separately. There are many parametric copula families available, which usually have parameters that control the strength of dependence.

From the two figures above for measures (x, and y), and (u, and v) its clear that the dependency among (u, and v) is explained more precisely than (x, and y) that's because of the regular joint d.f is not assigned for (x, and y) to be identical, but copula required for (u, and v) to be identically independent distributed. Also one can see easily that the correlation for any two order pair (u, v) in copula is smaller than the joint d.f for (x, y) is one of the important property for copula function, see the dependency probability for (x,y) and compare with this probability for (u, and v).

In other hand copula function makes generation of random numbers and simulating for any two independent random variables is much easier after transforming the joint distribution function for (x, y) to the uniform one having ranges[0,1], this because the copula breaking down the correlation among variables if its exist.

6- conclusions:

-It's concluded that about the tails of boundaries, always there are completely independence in the lower bound of the range for the variables (x=0 versus to u=0), and (y=0 versus to v=0), and completely dependency in the upper bound(x=4 versus to u= 1), and (y=8 versus to v=1).

-from the table(1) and figures(1,2) above, the effect of copula appears clearly that it succeeded to decrease the dependency among origin variables(x,y) after transforming them to copula function by more than three times.

7- recommendations:

-Its important to the researchers whom works in applied statistics, to use copula technique especially for (Regression or Classification) data modelling to get certain independence as it's required among factors or that commonly named explanatory.

-it's recommended as a future work, to expand copula for discrete type of data for joint probability density function $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

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