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**RELATIONS between KENDALL DISTRIBUTIONS  
and FAMILIES of BIVARIATE VALUES at RISK  
in EXCHANGEABLE SURVIVAL MODELS**

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Outline of talk

The family  $\mathcal{D}$  of Bivariate VaR Curves

(upper-orthant) Kendall distribution  $\hat{K}$

The problem of *compatibility* between  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\hat{K}$

\* Semicopulas & representation of  $\mathcal{D}$

\* The relation between  $\mathcal{D}$  and the survival copula  $\hat{C}$

A transformation result by Genest & Rivest (2001)

The Archimedean case

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A non Archimedean Example

\*based on previous papers of Bruno Bassan and Fabio Spizzichino

$X, Y$  non-negative exchangeable random quantities

with  $\bar{F}(x, y)$  *joint survival function*

$$\bar{F}(x, y) := P\{X > x, Y > y\}, \quad x > 0, y > 0.$$

with  $\bar{G}(x)$  *marginal survival function*

$$\bar{G}(x) := \bar{F}(x, 0) = P\{X > x\} = P\{Y > x\}$$

**Definition:** (Bivariate (upper-orthant) Value at Risk at a probability level  $v$ , [Embrechts & Puccetti (2006)])

$$\overline{\text{VaR}}_v(\bar{F}) := \partial A_v, \quad v \in [0, 1]$$

where

$$A_v := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : \bar{F}(x, y) \leq 1 - v\}.$$

(for  $A \subset \mathbb{R}_+^2$ ,  $\partial A$  boundary of  $A$ )

**Assumptions:**  $\bar{G}$  continuous, strictly decreasing, strictly positive on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $\bar{G}(0) = 1$

$$\partial A_v \text{ regular curve, } \forall v \in [0, 1]$$

**Notation:**  $\mathcal{D}_{\bar{F}}$  := family of *bivariate upper-orthant Value at Risk curves*:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\bar{F}} := \{\partial A_v; v \in [0, 1]\}$$

(upper-orthant) **Bivariate Probability Integral Transformation:**

$$\mathbf{Z} := \overline{F}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \quad (\text{BIPIT})$$

(upper-orthant) **Kendall distribution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{K}_{\overline{F}}(\mathbf{v}) &:= P\{\mathbf{Z} \leq \mathbf{v}\} = P\{\overline{F}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \leq \mathbf{v}\} \\ &= 1 - P\{(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \in A_{1-\mathbf{v}}\}, \quad \mathbf{v} \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

(”upper-orthant” used in order to distinguish from the objects respectively considered in [Genest, Rivest (2001)], [Nelsen et al. (2003)] and ref. therein)

**Facts:**

\*  $\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} (= \widehat{K}_{\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}})$  only determined by the **survival copula**  $\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}$ , where

$$\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \overline{F} \left( \overline{G}^{-1}(u), \overline{G}^{-1}(v) \right),$$

\*  $\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}}$  is a Kendall distribution, i.e.  $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{t}) \geq \mathbf{t}, \forall \mathbf{t} \in [0, 1]$

Kendall distributions are characterized as distribution functions on  $[0,1]$ , with the above property

(upper-orthant) ***Kendall distribution:***

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}}(v) &:= P\{Z \leq v\} = P\{\overline{F}(X, Y) \leq v\} \\ &= P\left((X, Y) \in \{(x, y) : \overline{F}(x, y) \leq 1 - (1 - v)\}\right) \\ &= P\{(X, Y) \in A_{1-v}\}, \quad v \in [0, 1]\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\widehat{K}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  be given, with

$\widehat{K}$  a Kendall distribution ( $\widehat{K}(t) \geq t$ )

$\mathcal{D}$  a family of biv. (upper-orthant) Value at Risk curves

**Compatibility Problem:** Can we find  $\overline{F}$  such that

$$\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} = \widehat{K}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\overline{F}} = \mathcal{D} ?$$

Responses will be given under the further assumptions

\*  $\overline{F}$  strictly one-decreasing

\*  $\overline{G}$  abs. continuous  $\Rightarrow \widehat{K}_{\overline{F}}(t^-) > t, t \in (0, 1)$

\*  $P(\overline{F}(X, Y) = t) = 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$

### Methods

- Describe  $\mathcal{D}_{\overline{F}}$  by means of a **semicopula**  $B_{\overline{F}}$
- Find the relation between  $\mathcal{D}_{\overline{F}}$  and  $\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}$  (i.e. between  $B_{\overline{F}}$  and  $\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}$ )
- Exploit (and extend the use of) a transformation result by Genest & Rivest (2001)
- Exploit the properties of the class  $\mathcal{C}_{\widehat{K}}$  of survival copulas  $\widehat{C}$  such that  $\widehat{K}_{\widehat{C}} = \widehat{K}$

For  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ , let

$$h(x, y) := \bar{G}^{-1} [\bar{F}(x, y)]$$

### Properties of $h$

\*  $h : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is one-increasing,  $h(x, 0) = x, \forall x \geq 0$

\*  $h$  describes  $\mathcal{D}_{\bar{F}}$  :

$$\overline{\text{VaR}}_v(\bar{F}) = \{(x, y) : h(x, y) = \bar{G}^{-1}(1 - v)\}$$

\*  $\bar{F}$  is determined from the knowledge of  $h$  and  $\bar{G}$ : in fact, trivially,

$$\bar{F}(x, y) = \bar{G}[h(x, y)]$$

**Remark:** In the above representation of  $\bar{F}$  the information provided by the marginal is separated from the information provided by  $\mathcal{D}$

**Question:** In the representation of  $\mathcal{D}$ , can one replace  $h$  by a copula  $B_{\bar{F}}$ ?

The idea is to transform  $h$  into a function  $B$  such that

$$B_{\bar{F}} : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

Define:  $B_{\bar{F}}(u, v) = \exp\{-h(-\log u, -\log v)\}$

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \exp\{-\overline{G}^{-1}(\overline{F}(-\log u, -\log v))\}$$

whence

$$\overline{F}(x, y) = \overline{G}(-\log B_{\overline{F}}(e^{-x}, e^{-y}))$$

$B_{\overline{F}}$  is called *aging function*, and it turns out that [Bassan, Spizzichino (2001), (2003), (2005)]:

\*  $B_{\overline{F}}$  can be used to describe  $\mathcal{D}_{\overline{F}}$

\*  $B_{\overline{F}}$  is a *semicopula* ( $B_{\overline{F}}$  has all the properties of a copula but ... it may be not 2-increasing)

If  $\overline{F}(x, y) = (e^{-\beta x} + e^{-\beta y} - 1)^+$ , with  $\beta > 0$ , then  $B(u, v) = [(u^\beta + v^\beta - 1)^+]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$ . When  $\beta > 1$ ,  $\exists$  a  $u_\beta$  such that  $\frac{1}{2} < u_\beta \leq (\frac{1}{2})^{1/\beta}$ , and therefore  $B(1, 1) - B(u_\beta, 1) - B(1, u_\beta) + B(u_\beta, u_\beta) = 1 - 2u_\beta + ((2(u_\beta)^\beta - 1)^+)^{1/\beta} = 1 - 2u_\beta < 0$ .

### Equivalent Compatibility Problem:

Given a Kendall distribution  $\widehat{K}$  and an aging function  $B$ ,  
can we find a bivariate survival function  $\overline{F}$  such that

$$\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} = \widehat{K}, \quad B_{\overline{F}} = B ?$$

**Example 1. (*perfect dependence*):**    *When*

$$\overline{F}(x, y) = \overline{G}(x \vee y)$$

*$B_{\overline{F}}$  is the maximal copula*

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = u \wedge v$$

**Example 2. ("*Schur-constant*" case):**    *The condition*

$$\overline{F}(x, y) = \overline{G}(x + y)$$

*holds if and only if  $B_{\overline{F}}$  is the product copula:*

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = u \cdot v.$$

**Example 3. (*i.i.d. variables*):**

$$\overline{F}(x, y) = \overline{G}(x) \cdot \overline{G}(y)$$

*if and only if*

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = Q^{-1}[Q(u) + Q(v)],$$

*with  $Q(u) := -\log \overline{G}(-\log u)$ ,*

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The relation between  $B_{\overline{F}}$  and  $\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}$  is

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \gamma \left( \widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(\gamma^{-1}(u), \gamma^{-1}(v)) \right),$$

$$\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \gamma^{-1} \left( B_{\overline{F}}(\gamma(u), \gamma(v)) \right)$$

where  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is the increasing function defined by

$$\gamma(w) = \exp\{-\overline{G}^{-1}(w)\},$$

and such that, then,

$$\gamma^{-1}(w) = \overline{G}(-\log w).$$

Indeed, starting from

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \exp\{-h(-\log u, -\log v)\}$$

$$\overline{F}(x, y) = \overline{G}(-\log B_{\overline{F}}(e^{-x}, e^{-y}))$$

$$\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \overline{F}(\overline{G}^{-1}(u), \overline{G}^{-1}(v)),$$

one can easily obtain

$$B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \exp\{-\overline{G}^{-1}(\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(-\log \overline{G}(u), -\log \overline{G}(v)))\},$$

$$\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \overline{G}(-\log B_{\overline{F}}(e^{-\overline{G}^{-1}(u)}, e^{-\overline{G}^{-1}(v)})),$$

i.e.

Solutions to the *compatibility* problem

$$\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} = \widehat{K}, \quad B_{\overline{F}} = B$$

have been inspired by the following results (see [Genest & Rivest (2001)] and [Nelsen et. al. (2003)])

✓ The *Kendall distribution*

$$K_F(v) := P\{F(X, Y) \leq v\}$$

of a bivariate distribution  $F$  only depends on its copula  $C = C_F$ :

$$K_F(t) = K_C(t) = t - \underbrace{\int_t^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} C(u, v_{u,t}) du}_{\lambda_C(t)}$$

where  $v_{u,t} = C_u^{-1}(t)$ , with  $C_u(v) := C(u, v)$ .

✓ If  $C$  and  $C^*$  are copulas that are related via relation

$$BC^*(u, v) = \gamma^{-1}(C(\gamma(u), \gamma(v)))$$

by a strictly increasing, differentiable bijection  $\gamma$ , then

$$\lambda_{C^*}(t) = \frac{\lambda_C(\gamma(v))}{\gamma'(v)}, \quad 0 < v < 1.$$

✓ For any Kendall distribution  $K$ , there is a unique **associative** copula  $C$  such that  $K_C = K$  (i.e. the Kendall distribution of  $C$  coincides with  $K$ ).

$C$  is *associative*  $\Leftrightarrow C(C(u, v), w) = C(u, C(u, w))$  holds  $\forall u, v$  and  $w$  in  $[0, 1]$ .

**Remark A** If  $\widehat{K}(t^-) > t$  (necessarily true under our conditions) the unique associative copula  $\widehat{C}$  in the equivalence class of the (upper orthant) Kendall distribution  $\widehat{K}$  is actually *ARCHIMEDEAN*, with generators (determined up to a constant)

$$\widehat{\theta} \widehat{\phi}(t), \text{ where } \widehat{\phi}(t) = \widehat{\phi}_{\widehat{K}}(t) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{\widehat{\lambda}(s)} ds \right\},$$

and where  $\widehat{\lambda}(s) = s - \widehat{K}(s)$ , and  $\widehat{\theta} > 0$ .

A copula  $C$  is *Archimedean*  $\Leftrightarrow C(u, v) = \phi^{-1}[\phi(u) + \phi(v)] \forall u, v$  in  $[0, 1]$ .

The function  $\phi$  (decreasing, convex,  $\phi(1) = 0$ ) is called generator of  $C$ .

**Remark B** The survival copula  $\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}$  is Archimedean iff the function  $B_{\overline{F}}$  is such:

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \widehat{\phi}^{-1}[\widehat{\phi}(u) + \widehat{\phi}(v)]} \\ \Downarrow \\ B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \gamma \left( \widehat{C}_{\overline{F}}(\gamma^{-1}(u), \gamma^{-1}(v)) \right) = \gamma \left( \widehat{\phi}^{-1}[\widehat{\phi}(\gamma^{-1}(u)) + \widehat{\phi}(\gamma^{-1}(v))] \right) \\ \Downarrow \\ \boxed{B_{\overline{F}}(u, v) = \varphi^{-1}[\varphi(u) + \varphi(v)]} \quad \text{with} \quad \boxed{\varphi(t) = \widehat{\phi}(\gamma^{-1}(t))} \end{array}$$

Replace  $\widehat{\phi} \rightsquigarrow \widehat{\theta} \widehat{\phi}$ , then, for  $\theta = 1/\widehat{\theta}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\theta \varphi(t) = \widehat{\phi}(\gamma^{-1}(t))} \\ \Downarrow \\ \boxed{\overline{G}(x) = \overline{G}_{\theta}(x) := \widehat{\phi}^{-1}(\theta \varphi(e^{-x}))} \end{array}$$

since  $\gamma^{-1}(t) = \overline{G}(-\log t)$ , and  $t \rightsquigarrow e^{-x}, \Leftrightarrow \gamma^{-1}(e^{-x}) = \overline{G}(x)$ .

Therefore, if the aging function

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \varphi^{-1}[\varphi(\mathbf{u}) + \varphi(\mathbf{v})], \text{ with } \varphi = \varphi_B$$

is an Archimedean semicopula, with  $\varphi(\mathbf{0}^+) = \infty$ , and

$$\widehat{K}(t^-) > t,$$

then the compatibility problem

$$\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} = \widehat{K}, \quad B_{\overline{F}} = B$$

has infinitely many solutions:

Indeed, necessarily  $\widehat{C}$  is Archimedean

$$\widehat{C}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \widehat{C}^{\widehat{\phi}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \widehat{\phi}^{-1}[\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{u}) + \widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{v})], \text{ with } \widehat{\phi} = \widehat{\phi}_{\widehat{K}}.$$

the possible marginal distributions are

$$\overline{G}_{\theta}(x) := \widehat{\phi}^{-1}(\theta \varphi(e^{-x})), \quad \theta > 0.$$

and the solutions are  $F = F_{\theta}$

$$\overline{F}_{\theta}(x, y) = \widehat{C}^{\widehat{\phi}}(\overline{G}_{\theta}(x), \overline{G}_{\theta}(y)),$$

or equivalently

$$\overline{F}_{\theta}(x, y) = \overline{G}_{\theta}(-\log B(e^{-x}, e^{-y})).$$

(If  $\varphi(0^+) < \infty$ , then  $\overline{G}_{\theta}$  are distribution functions only when  $\widehat{\phi}(0^+) < \infty$  and  $\theta \geq \widehat{\phi}(0^+)/\varphi(0^+)$ ; furthermore  $\overline{G}_{\theta}(x) > 0 \forall x > 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta \geq \widehat{\phi}(0^+)/\varphi(0^+)$ )

Let  $B$  be an aging function (not necessarily Archimedean). It is possible to define:

✓ **A pseudo Kendall distribution  $\mathcal{K}B$**

$$\mathcal{K}B(t) = t - \underbrace{\int_t^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} B(u, v_{u,t}^B) du}_{\mu_B(t)}$$

where  $v_{u,t}^B = B_u^{-1}(t)$ , with  $B_u(v) := B(u, v)$ .

✓ **A generator  $\varphi_B$  of a semicopula**

$$\varphi_B(t) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{s - \mathcal{K}B(s)}(s) ds \right\},$$

Therefore, under the assumptions that  $\varphi_B(\mathbf{0}^+) = \infty$  and  $\widehat{K}(t^-) > \mathbf{0}$ , the possible solutions to *compatibility* problem

$$\widehat{K}_{\overline{F}} = \widehat{K}, \quad B_{\overline{F}} = B \quad \text{are given by}$$

$$\overline{F}_\theta(x, y) = \overline{G}_\theta(-\log B(e^{-x}, e^{-y})).$$

where, recalling that  $\widehat{\phi}_{\widehat{K}}$  is a generator of the unique Archimedean copula, with Kendall distribution  $\widehat{K}$ ,

$$\overline{G}_\theta(x) := \widehat{\phi}_{\widehat{K}}^{-1}(\theta \varphi_B(e^{-x})) \quad \theta > 0.$$

(The proof is based on an extension of the transformation result by Genest & Rivest (2001))

## A non Archimedean Example

$$B(u, v) = (uv)^\alpha (u \wedge v)^{1-\alpha},$$

with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , i.e.  $B$  is a Cuadras-Augé copula.

(Note that the Cuadras-Augé copula is not associative, and therefore is not Archimedean.)

$$\widehat{K}(t) = t - H t \log t, \text{ with } H = \frac{2\alpha}{1+\alpha}.$$

Then

$$\phi_B(t) = \widehat{\phi}_{\widehat{K}}(t) = \text{const} |\log t|^{1/H},$$

and therefore necessarily the marginal distributions are exponential  $Exp(\theta)$ , and the compatible models are the ***exchangeable Marshall-Olkin models***:

Consider three independent, exponentially distributed, non-negative variables  $A, B, \tau$ , where  $A, B \sim Exp(\lambda), \tau \sim Exp(\mu)$  and set

$$X = \min(A, \tau), \quad Y = \min(B, \tau).$$

with  $\alpha = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu}$  and  $\theta = \lambda + \mu$ .

OPEN PROBLEM:

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DROP THE ASSUMPTION THAT  
 $\widehat{K}(t^-) > t$ ?

CONJECTURE:

THE ASSOCIATIVE COPULAS TAKE THE ROLE OF  
ARCHIMEDEAN COPULAS (?)

IF WE DROP THE ASSUMPTION THAT  $\varphi_B(\mathbf{0}^+) = \infty$ , THEN THERE IS ONLY ONE MARGINAL DISTRIBUTION, WHICH IS STRICTLY POSITIVE ON  $[0, \infty)$ .

EXAMPLE?? (still Archimedean) Take  $B(u, v)$  a Clayton semicopula, but not a copula:

$$B(u, v) = [(u^\beta + v^\beta - 1)^+]^{\frac{1}{\beta}} = [(u^{-b} + v^{-b} - 1)^+]^{-\frac{1}{b}}.$$

When  $\beta > 1$ , i.e.  $b \leq -1$  it is not a copula, but it is a copula for  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ . The generator is  $\varphi(u) = 1 - u^\beta = 1 - u^{-b}$