

On copulas constructed with Bernoulli and Coxian-2 distributions

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- 1 Dependence and copulas
- 2 Coxian-2 distributions and the GFGM copula
- 3 Bivariate case
- 4 Properties of GFGM copulas

- We consider a random vector \mathbf{X}
- Described by a multivariate cdf

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_d \leq x_d)$$

- Two components of $F_{\mathbf{X}}$:
 - 1 Marginal cdfs

$$F_1(x_1) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1), \dots, F_d(x_d) = \Pr(X_d \leq x_d)$$

- 2 Dependence structure that binds the marginal cdfs

$$F_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_d(x_d))$$

- Independence copula: $C(\mathbf{u}) = u_1 \times \dots \times u_d$
- Copulas important in applications: let us study the effect of dependence

- Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern (FGM) copula
- Implicit copula from FGM distributions [Eyraud, 1936], [Morgenstern, 1956], [Farlie, 1960], [Gumbel, 1960]
- Expression:

$$C(\mathbf{u}) = \prod_{m=1}^d u_m \left(1 + \sum_{k=2}^d \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq d} \theta_{j_1 \dots j_k} \bar{u}_{j_1} \bar{u}_{j_2} \dots \bar{u}_{j_k} \right) \quad \mathbf{u} \in [0, 1]^d,$$

- where $\bar{u}_j = 1 - u_j$, $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$
- Number of parameters: $d^* = 2^d - d - 1$
- Bivariate:

$$C(u_1, u_2) = u_1 u_2 (1 + \theta_{12} \bar{u}_1 \bar{u}_2)$$

- Trivariate:

$$C(\mathbf{u}) = u_1 u_2 u_3 (1 + \theta_{12} \bar{u}_1 \bar{u}_2 + \theta_{13} \bar{u}_1 \bar{u}_3 + \theta_{23} \bar{u}_2 \bar{u}_3 + \theta_{123} \bar{u}_1 \bar{u}_2 \bar{u}_3)$$

Advantages of FGM copulas

- Admits multiple dependence shapes ($2^d - d - 1$ parameters)
- Quadratic marginals: easy to integrate
- Admits closed-form expressions for many risk measures (association coefficients) [Nelsen, 2006, Genest and Favre, 2007]
- Admits closed-form expressions of many risk measures for aggregate risks and random sums
[Bargès et al., 2009, Bargès et al., 2011, Cossette et al., 2013, Cossette et al., 2019]

Disadvantage of FGM copulas

- Admits weak dependence (adequate for insurance)
- **Symmetric dependence structures**
- Dependence parameters are not easy to interpret (for now)
- High-dimensional sampling and estimation: tedious (for now)
- Random vectors are difficult to compare (for now)

A d -variate FGM copula exists if $\theta \in \mathcal{T}_d$, where

$$\mathcal{T}_d = \left\{ \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d^*} : 1 + \sum_{k=2}^d \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq d} \theta_{j_1 \dots j_k} \varepsilon_{j_1} \varepsilon_{j_2} \dots \varepsilon_{j_k} \geq 0 \right\},$$

for $\{\varepsilon_{j_1}, \varepsilon_{j_2}, \dots, \varepsilon_{j_k}\} \in \{-1, 1\}^d$ [Cambanis, 1977]

This family, and others like it, are not useful for statistical modeling. However, because calculations of many things can be done in closed form, it is useful for demonstrating dependence concepts. [Joe, 2015]

Theorem 1 (Stochastic representation of FGM copulas)

The FGM copula has an equivalent stochastic expression

$$C(\mathbf{u}) = E_{\mathbf{I}} \left[\prod_{m=1}^d u_m \left\{ 1 + (-1)^{I_m} \bar{u}_m \right\} \right],$$

for $\mathbf{u} \in [0, 1]^d$, where \mathbf{I} is a random vector of symmetric Bernoulli rvs. The parameters of the copula are proportional to the central mixed moments:

$$\theta_{j_1 \dots j_k} = (-2)^k E_{\mathbf{I}} \left\{ \prod_{n=1}^k \left(I_{j_n} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\},$$

for $k \in \{2, \dots, d\}$ and $1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq d$.

[Blier-Wong et al., 2022] (CSDA)

- $\mathbf{U}_0, \mathbf{U}_1$: two vectors of independent standard uniform rvs.
- \mathbf{I} : random vector of multivariate symmetric Bernoulli rvs.
- Let \mathbf{U} admits the representation

$$\mathbf{U} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \sqrt{\mathbf{U}_0} \mathbf{U}_1^{\mathbf{I}} \quad (1)$$

- Then, $F_{\mathbf{U}} = \text{FGM copula}$.

Objective of this talk

In this talk, we ask

- How can we change the symmetric hypothesis for \mathbf{I} to build a stochastic representation as in (1)?
- What are the properties of this new family of copulas?

Lemma 2

Let $I \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ and U, U_0, U_1 be independent and uniform rvs. Then,

$$U \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} U_0^{1-p} U_1^I$$

Proof sketch:

- Let $X \sim Y_0 \sim \text{Exp}(\beta_1)$ and $Y_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\beta_2)$
- $X \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} Y_0 + IY_1$
- Then X is Coxian-2 distributed with LST

$$\mathcal{L}_X(t) = (1-p) \frac{\beta_1}{t + \beta_1} + p \frac{\beta_1}{t + \beta_1} \frac{\beta_2}{t + \beta_2} = \frac{1}{1+t}$$

- Solve for β_1, β_2 , notice that β_2 is linear in β_1 , so fix $\beta_2 = 1$.

We construct GFGM copulas with the stochastic representation

Definition 3

- Fix some vector $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_d)$ with $0 < p_j < 1$ for $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$.
- Let \mathbf{I} be a random vector with $I_j \sim \text{Bern}(p_j)$
- Let \mathbf{U}_0 and \mathbf{U}_1 be independent random vectors of uniform rvs
- Set

$$\mathbf{U} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \mathbf{U}_0^{1-p} \mathbf{U}_1^{\mathbf{I}}$$

- Let $C^{\text{GFGM}}(\mathbf{u}) = \Pr(\mathbf{U} \leq \mathbf{u})$

Denote the class $\mathcal{C}_{\text{GFGM}}$ as the class of copulas for $\mathbf{p} \in (0, 1)^d$.

Proposition 1

We have that

$$C^{GFGM}(\mathbf{u}) = E \left[\prod_{m=1}^d \left(u_m^{(1-p_m)^{-1}} - I_m \left\{ \frac{u_m^{(1-p_m)^{-1}} - u_m}{p_m} \right\} \right) \right]$$

Proposition 2

We have that

$$C(\mathbf{u}) = \prod_{m=1}^d u_m \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^d \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_k \leq d} v_{j_1 \dots j_k} \left(1 - u_{j_1}^{\frac{p_{j_1}}{1-p_{j_1}}} \right) \dots \left(1 - u_{j_k}^{\frac{p_{j_k}}{1-p_{j_k}}} \right) \right),$$

where

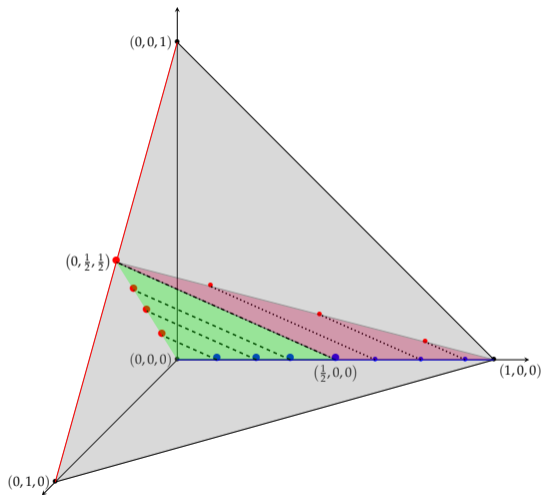
$$v_{j_1 \dots j_k} = E \left[\prod_{n=1}^k \frac{I_{j_n} - p_{j_n}}{p_{j_n}} \right]$$

Represent bivariate pmf as linear function

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{00} & f_{01} \\ f_{10} & f_{11} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} (1-p_1)(1-p_2) + p_1p_2\theta & (1-p_1)p_2 - p_1p_2\theta \\ p_1(1-p_2) - p_1p_2\theta & p_1p_2 + p_1p_2\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

for

$$-\min\left(1, \frac{(1-p_1)(1-p_2)}{p_1p_2}\right) \leq \theta \leq \min\left(\frac{1-p_1}{p_1}, \frac{1-p_2}{p_2}\right).$$



Proposition 3

The bivariate GFGM copula has the shape

$$C(u, v) = uv \left(1 + \theta \left(1 - u^{\frac{p_1}{1-p_1}} \right) \left(1 - v^{\frac{p_2}{1-p_2}} \right) \right)$$

for

$$-\min \left(1, \frac{(1-p_1)(1-p_2)}{p_1 p_2} \right) \leq \theta \leq \min \left(\frac{1-p_1}{p_1}, \frac{1-p_2}{p_2} \right).$$

Compare with the Huang-Kotz copula [Huang and Kotz, 1999]¹.

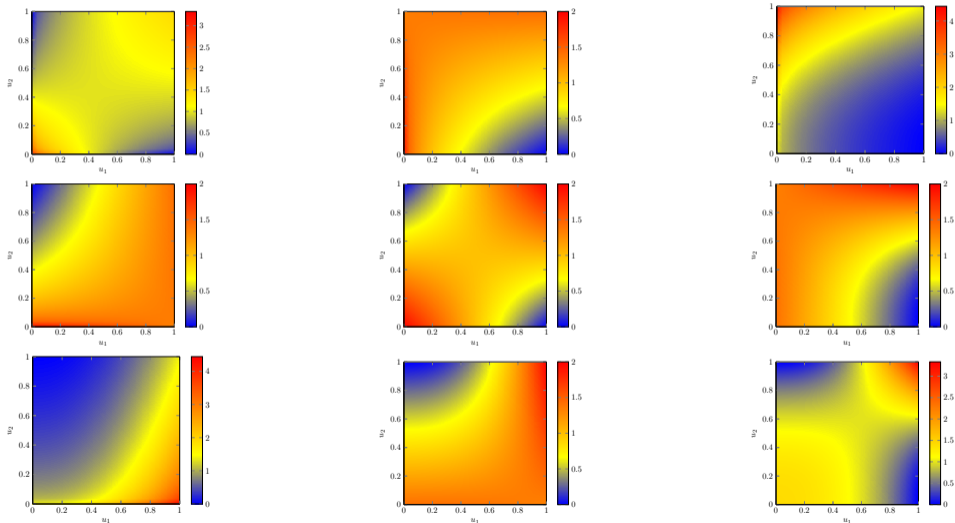
$$C(u, v) = uv \left(1 + a \left(1 - u^b \right) \left(1 - v^b \right) \right)$$

for $-(\max(1, b))^{-2} \leq a \leq b^{-1}$

¹Modifications of the Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern distributions. A tough hill to climb. *Metrika*.

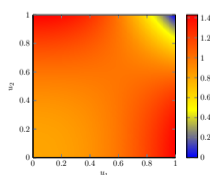
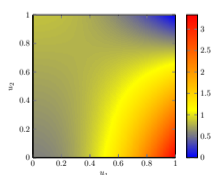
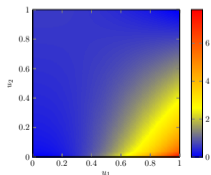
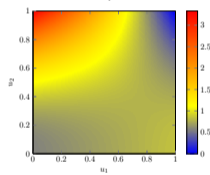
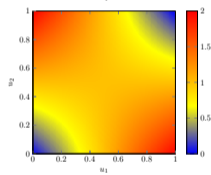
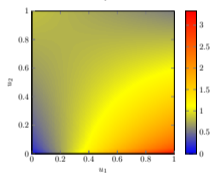
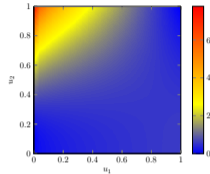
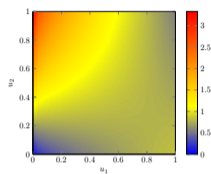
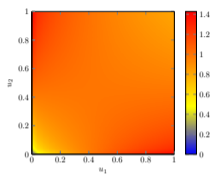
Bivariate GFGM copula

Positive dependence



Bivariate GFGM copula

Negative dependence



Algorithm 0: Stochastic simulation method

Input: Number of simulations n , pmf f_I **Output:** Set of simulations

- 1 **for** $l = 1, \dots, n$ **do**
 - 2 Generate n independent random vectors $I^{(l)}$, $U_0^{(l)}$ and $U_1^{(l)}$;
 - 3 **for** $m = 1, \dots, d$ **do**
 - 4 Compute $U_m^{(l)} = \left(U_{0,m}^{(l)}\right)^{1-p_m} \left(U_{1,m}^{(l)}\right)^{I_m^{(l)}}$;
 - 5 **Return** $\mathbf{U}^{(l)} = \left(U_1^{(l)}, \dots, U_d^{(l)}\right), l = 1, \dots, n.$
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Let $\mathbf{p} = (p, \dots, p)$ and \mathbf{I}^+ , a vector of symmetric Bernoulli rvs with

$$\Pr(\mathbf{I}^+ = \mathbf{0}) = \Pr(\mathbf{I}^+ = \mathbf{1}) = p.$$

Then $\mathbf{I} \preceq_{sm} \mathbf{I}^+$ for all \mathbf{I} .

Theorem 4 (Identification of maximal dependence under \preceq_{sm})

Let the EDP copula constructed with \mathbf{I}^+ . The expression of the copula is

$$C^{EPD}(\mathbf{u}) = (1 - p) \prod_{m=1}^d u_m^{1/(1-p)} + p \prod_{m=1}^d \left(\frac{p-1}{p} u_m^{1/(1-p)} - \frac{u_m}{p} \right)$$

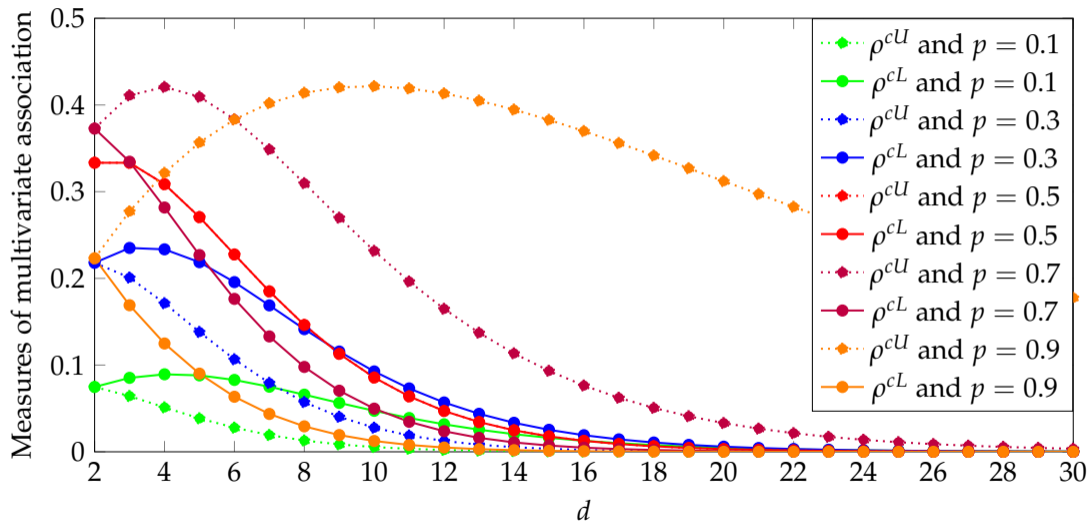
Proposition 4 (Value of ρ^{cL} , ρ^{cU} , ρ^c and τ for copulas within \mathcal{C}^{GFGM})

$$\rho^{cL}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{d+1}{2^d - d - 1} \left(\left\{ \prod_{m=1}^d \frac{1}{2-p_m} \right\} E \left[\prod_{m=1}^d (2(1-p_m) + I_m) \right] - 1 \right);$$

$$\rho^{cU}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{d+1}{2^d - d - 1} \left(\left\{ \prod_{m=1}^d \frac{1}{2-p_m} \right\} E \left[\prod_{m=1}^d (2 - I_m) \right] - 1 \right);$$

$$\rho^c(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{d+1}{2^d - d - 1} \left(\left\{ \prod_{m=1}^d \frac{1}{2-p_m} \right\} \frac{1}{2} \left(E \left[\prod_{m=1}^d (2(1-p_m) + I_m) \right] + \prod_{m=1}^d (2 - I_m) \right) \right) - 1$$

$$\tau(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2^{d-1} - 1} \left(2^d \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^d} \sum_{j \in \{0,1\}^d} f_I(i) f_I(j) \prod_{m=1}^d \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i_m + j_m}{2p_m} + \frac{j_m(1-p_m) + i_m}{p_m(2-p_m)} \right) - 1 \right).$$









We reveal a stochastic formulation of GFGM copulas

- Convenient stochastic representation
- Convenient natural representation
- Closed-form expression for many measures of multivariate association, risk measures
- Simulation algorithm

Thanks for your attention!

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