



# On Multivariate Extensions of Value-at-Risk

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- Regulatory capital rule relies on the VaR paradigm and the risk diversification effect.
- How could we deal with risks that cannot be aggregated together ?
- Presence of non-monetary risks ?
- Exogenous risks ?

## Construction of Multivariate Risk Measures

$$\rho : \mathbf{X} := (X_1, \dots, X_d) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \rho^1[\mathbf{X}] \\ \vdots \\ \rho^d[\mathbf{X}] \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d,$$

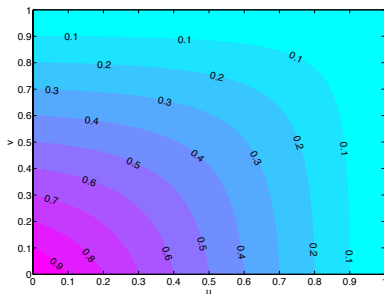
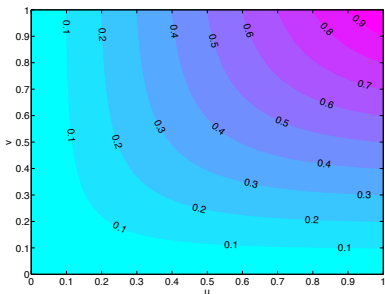
### Some desirable properties:

- Combine in a concise way information on both marginals and risks dependencies
- Compatible with univariate version when  $d = 1$
- Easily computable for large class of multivariate distribution functions
- Consistent with usual invariance properties (Artzner et al.'s axioms)
- Consistent behavior with respect to risk perturbations

Multivariate *Value-at-Risk* as quantile curve (Embrechts & Puccetti, 2006; Nappo & Spizzichino, 2009):

$$\partial \underline{L}(\alpha) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : F(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha\}$$

$$\partial \bar{L}(\alpha) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : \bar{F}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \alpha\}$$



**Figure:** **left:** quantile curves of Frank copula with parameter 4; **right:** quantile curves of the associated survival distribution function

## Lower-Orthant and Upper-Orthant **Value-at-Risk**

### Definition

Consider a random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  with absolutely continuous cdf  $F$  and survival function  $\bar{F}$ . For  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we define:

$$\underline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) := \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | F(\mathbf{X}) = \alpha] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1 | F(\mathbf{X}) = \alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}[X_d | F(\mathbf{X}) = \alpha] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) := \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) = 1 - \alpha] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1 | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) = 1 - \alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}[X_d | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) = 1 - \alpha] \end{pmatrix}$$

When  $d = 1$ :  $\underline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}(X) = \overline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}(X) = \text{VaR}_{\alpha}(X)$

## VaRs for risk portfolios with Archimedean copula dependence structure

### Proposition

Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a  $d$ -dimensional portfolio of risks with marginal distributions  $F_1, \dots, F_d$ .

- If  $\mathbf{X}$  admits an *Archimedean copula* with generator  $\phi$ , then

$$\underline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}^i(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ F_i^{-1} \left( \phi^{-1}(S_i \phi(\alpha)) \right) \right], \quad i = 1, \dots, d$$

- If  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  admits an *Archimedean survival copula* with generator  $\phi$ , then

$$\overline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha}^i(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ F_i^{-1} \left( 1 - \phi^{-1}(S_i \phi(1 - \alpha)) \right) \right], \quad i = 1, \dots, d$$

where  $S_i$  is a random variable with  $\text{Beta}(1, d - 1)$  distribution.

## Explicit expressions for bivariate Clayton copulas

Copula	$\theta$	$\underline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha, \theta}^i(X, Y)$	$\overline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha, \theta}^i(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$
Clayton $C_\theta$	$(-1, \infty)$	$\frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{\alpha^\theta - \alpha}{\alpha^{\theta-1}}$	$1 - \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{(1-\alpha)^\theta - (1-\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)^{\theta-1}}$
Counter-monotonic	-1	$\frac{1+\alpha}{2}$	$\frac{\alpha}{2}$
Independent	0	$\frac{\alpha-1}{\ln \alpha}$	$1 + \frac{\alpha}{\ln(1-\alpha)}$
Comonotonic	$\infty$	$\alpha$	$\alpha$

**Table:** Components  $i = 1, 2$  of  $\underline{\text{VaR}}^i$  and  $\overline{\text{VaR}}^i$  where  $(X, Y)$  follows a Clayton copula and  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) := (1 - X, 1 - Y)$ , i.e.,  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$  has a survival Clayton copula with uniform margins



## Behavior of VaR components: bivariate Clayton case

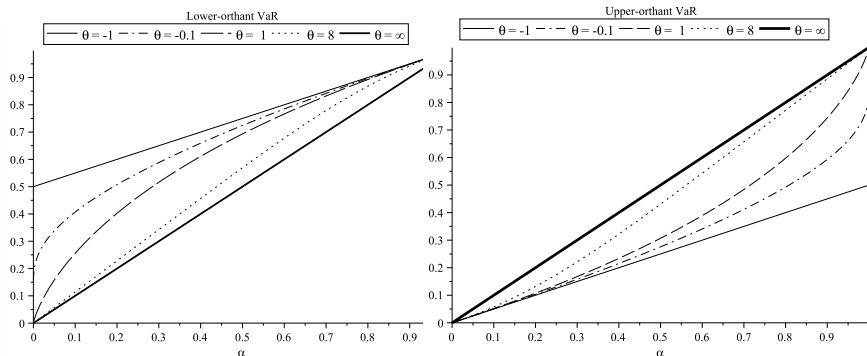


Figure: Behavior of  $\underline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha,\theta}^1(X, Y)$  (left) and  $\overline{\text{VaR}}_{\alpha,\theta}^1(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$  (right) with respect to risk level  $\alpha$  and dependence parameter  $\theta$

# Invariance properties, comparison with univariate VaR, behavior with respect to $\alpha$

	$\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$	$\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$
Several (axiomatic) properties	<p><b>Invariance properties (<math>\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d</math>):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{c}\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{c} \underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})</math>,</li> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{c} + \underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})</math>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Univariate VaR is a lower bound:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \geq \text{VaR}_\alpha(X_j), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comonotonic case:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) = \text{VaR}_\alpha(X_j), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Invariance properties (<math>\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d</math>):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{c}\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{c} \overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})</math>,</li> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{c} + \overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})</math>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Univariate VaR is an upper bound:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \leq \text{VaR}_\alpha(X_j), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Comonotonic case:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) = \text{VaR}_\alpha(X_j), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul>
Risk level	<p><math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X})</math> is a non-decreasing function of <math>\alpha</math>. (<math>\mathbf{X}</math> with Archimedean copulas)</p>	<p><math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\tilde{\mathbf{X}})</math> is a non-decreasing function of <math>\alpha</math>. (<math>\tilde{\mathbf{X}}</math> with Archimedean survival copulas)</p>

## Effect of a risk perturbation

	$\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$	$\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$
Change in marginals	<p>For a fixed copula <math>C</math>, if <math>X_i \stackrel{d}{=} Y_i</math>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) = \underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p>For a fixed copula <math>C</math>, if <math>X_i \leq_{st} Y_i</math>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \leq \underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul>	<p>For a fixed copula <math>C</math>, if <math>X_i \stackrel{d}{=} Y_i</math>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) = \overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p>For a fixed copula <math>C</math>, if <math>X_i \leq_{st} Y_i</math>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \leq \overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul>
Change in dependence structure	<p>For fixed marginals, if <math>\theta \leq \theta^*</math> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \leq \underline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p><math>\mathbf{X}</math> with Archimedean copula</p>	<p>For fixed marginals, if <math>\theta \leq \theta^*</math> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>\overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{X}) \leq \overline{\text{VaR}}_\alpha^i(\mathbf{Y}), \forall \alpha \in (0, 1)</math>.</li> </ul> <p><math>\tilde{\mathbf{X}}</math> with Archimedean survival copula</p>

## Perspectives

- Are efficient computation procedure available for other kind of dependence structures (heterogeneous one in particular) ?
- What about Multivariate CTE ?
- Comparisons of our multivariate VaR and CTE with existing multivariate risk measures
- Extension to discrete distribution functions

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Thank you for your attention

## Other multivariate risk measures in the literature

Several multivariate generalizations of CTE. For  $i = 1, \dots, d$

- $\text{CTE}_\alpha^{\text{sum}}(X_i) = \mathbb{E}[X_i | S > Q_S(\alpha)]$  where  $S = X_1 + \dots + X_d$
- $\text{CTE}_\alpha^{\text{min}}(X_i) = \mathbb{E}[X_i | X_{(1)} > Q_{X_{(1)}}(\alpha)]$  where  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$
- $\text{CTE}_\alpha^{\text{max}}(X_i) = \mathbb{E}[X_i | X_{(d)} > Q_{X_{(d)}}(\alpha)]$  where  $X_{(d)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$

For Farlie-Gumbel-Morgenstern copula (Bargès *et al.*, 2009). For elliptic distribution functions (Landsman and Valdez, 2003). For phase-type distributions (Cai and Li, 2005).

- Inappropriate to measure risks with heterogeneous characteristics especially in an external risks problem

Multivariate *CTE*-s based on upper-level set of multivariate cdf and lower-level set of survival functions:

$$\underline{L}(\alpha) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : F(\mathbf{x}) \geq \alpha\}$$

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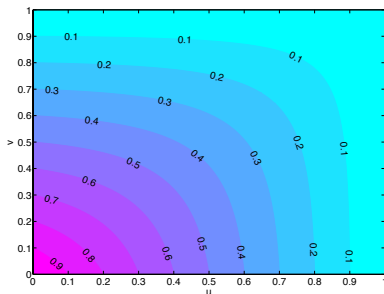
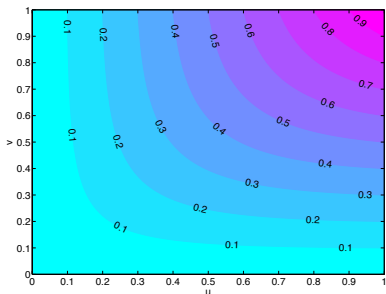


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## Lower-Orthant and Upper-Orthant **Conditional-Tail-Expectation**

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Consider a random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  with absolutely continuous cdf  $F$  and survival function  $\bar{F}$ . For  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we define:

$$\underline{\text{CTE}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) := \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | F(\mathbf{X}) \geq \alpha] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1 | F(\mathbf{X}) \geq \alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}[X_d | F(\mathbf{X}) \geq \alpha] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\text{CTE}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) := \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X} | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) \leq 1 - \alpha] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X_1 | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) \leq 1 - \alpha] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}[X_d | \bar{F}(\mathbf{X}) \leq 1 - \alpha] \end{pmatrix}$$



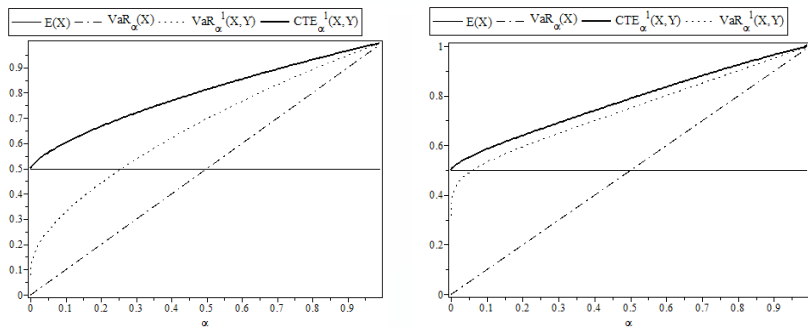
## CTE explicit expressions for bivariate Clayton copulas

Copula	$\theta$	$\underline{\text{CTE}}_{\alpha, \theta}^i(X, Y)$
Clayton $C_\theta$	$(-1, \infty)$	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \frac{\theta-1-\alpha^2(1+\theta)+2\alpha^{1+\theta}}{\theta-\alpha(1+\theta)+\alpha^{1+\theta}}$
Counter-monotonic $W$	$-1$	$\frac{1}{4} \frac{1-\alpha^2+2 \ln \alpha}{1-\alpha+\ln \alpha}$
Independent $\Pi$	$0$	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{1-\alpha+\alpha \ln \alpha}$
Comonotonic $M$	$\infty$	$\frac{1+\alpha}{2}$

Table: Components  $i = 1, 2$  of  $\underline{\text{CTE}}^i$  for different copula dependence structures.

Interestingly, one can readily show that  $\frac{\partial \text{CTE}_{\alpha, \theta}^i}{\partial \alpha} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \text{CTE}_{\alpha, \theta}^i}{\partial \theta} \leq 0$ , for  $\theta \geq -1$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

## Behavior of CTE components: bivariate Frank case



**Figure:** Frank copula with standard uniform marginals, parameter  $\theta = 2$  (left), parameter  $\theta = -10$  (right).