

The Understanding of Dependent Structure and Co-movement of World Stock Exchanges Under the Economic Cycle

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Abstract. This study was to focus on the patterns of economic booms (bull markets) and recessions (bear markets) among world stock exchanges such as Europe (Euro Stoxx), USA (S&P 500), Asia (SSE composite index and Nikkei 225 index) and ASEAN (FTSE ASEAN). Monthly data was collected during 2000 to 2016. Econometrically, we employed Markov Switching Bayesian Vector Autoregressive model (MSBVAR) to determine regional switches within these financial data sets as well as CD-Vine copula approaches was used to explore the contagions and patterns of structural dependences. To clarify the connectional details in each type of switching regimes, the results presented the Elliptical copula was chosen and it indicated these monthly collected data contained symmetrical dynamics co-movements. In addition, it implied the stock markets were assumed to have small fluctuations since the governments had stable policies to control the risk and asymmetric information in financial markets efficiently. Base on CD-Vine copula trees, the results indicated Asia and European stock markets had a strongly dependence in economic booms and recessions during the pre-crisis period (2000 to 2008). Conversely, in the post-crisis period, the US stock market and ASEAN stock market became the strong dependence with Europe. This meant that capital flows was mostly transferred between Europe and Asia financial markets during the pre-crisis periods (2009 to 2016). After that, the direction of capital flows were changed dramatically to the US stock market in the post-crisis periods. Predictively, this seems that the capital flows will return to European and US financial market, which these two continents have a strongly long-term financial dependence and deeply positive diplomacy.

Keywords: MSBVAR · CD-vine copula · Bull markets
Bear markets · Stock markets

1 Introduction

Because the financial crisis negatively affected the economic system in the United States during 2008, triggered by collapse in house prices, and caused

the Great Recession. This led the world economy to be suffered dramatically (Bloomberg 2009). This was the underline of the global financial crisis and caused European banks to enormously lost their liquidity in the ABS market. Moreover, the reliance on US currency for European banks had been sharply decreased (Lane 2013). Additionally, this can be seen from the low expansion rates of GDP in ASEAN, US, Europe, Japan and China during the period between 2000 and 2015, which were respectively represented in Figs. 1 and 2. For the pre-crisis (2000–2008), GDP in these five countries slightly grew up. In particular, the economic expansion rate of japan did not change. In the post-crisis (2009–2015), this can be seen that the economic growth in many countries around the world continuously grew up. This is because the effect from the transferences of capital flows in the term of financial markets. Accordingly, this paper intensively explored a structural cycling pattern between them in the Worlds Stock

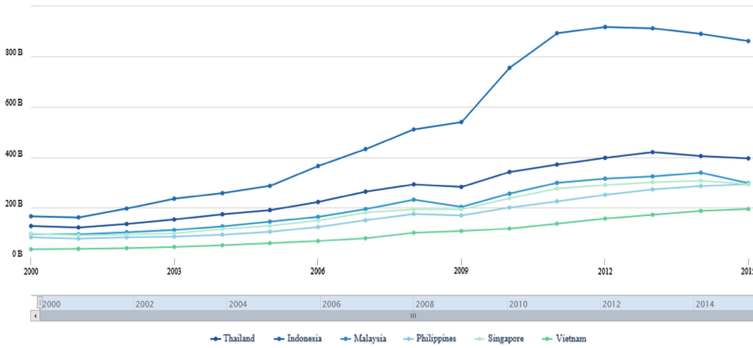


Fig. 1. Gross Domestic Product or GDP of ASEAN in current US dollar for during period of 2000–2015 Source: World development indicators.

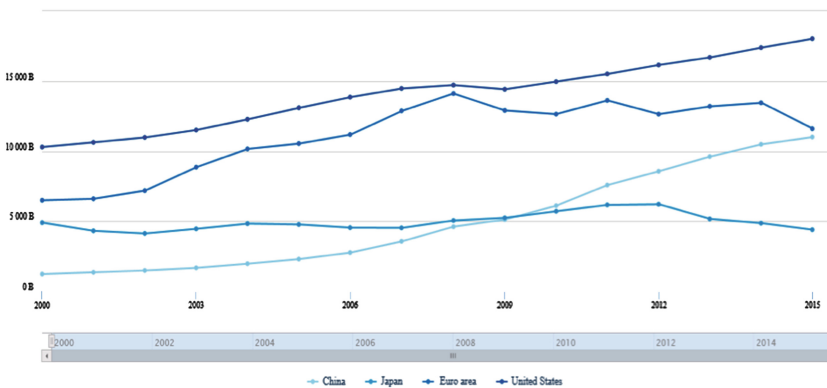


Fig. 2. Gross Domestic Product or GDP of China, Japan, Euro area and the United States in current US dollar for during period of 2000–2015 Source: World development indicators.

Exchanges as well as rare financial structural dependences, and these findings can be the solution to understand the deeply financial structures between major stock markets around the world that is useful information for supporting domestic and foreign investors to predict and plan their investments.

2 The Objective and Scope of Research

The objective of this research is to explore the pattern of structurally financial dependences in bull and bear markets among stock markets in US, Europe, Asia, and ASEAN during 2000 to 2016. The monthly time-series data such as in S&P 500 index (US), Europe (the Euro Stoxx), China (SSE composite index), Japan (Nikkei 225 index) and ASEAN (FTSE ASEAN) were collected to be considered, and they were divided into 2 periods: pre-crisis (2000 to 2008) and post-crisis (2009 to 2016).

3 Methodology

3.1 The Markovian Switching Bayesian VAR Model

This paper has two steps to determine the pattern of structural dependences among the capital markets. First, the Markov Switching Bayesian VAR model was employed to determine regime changes within data, and examine correlations among the European, US, Asia and ASEAN stock market. This found regimes for bull and bear markets.

The Markovian switching is constructed by combining two or more dynamic models via the Markovian switching mechanism (Hamilton 1994) and this can be shown in Eq. 1.

$$z_t = \alpha_0 + \beta z_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, S_t = o, \tag{1}$$

$\varepsilon =$ i.i.d. random variables with zero means and variances σ_t^2
 $|\beta| < 1$.

This is stationary AR (1) processed with mean $\alpha_0/(1 - \beta)$ when $S_t = 0$, and it switches to another stationary AR (1) process with mean $(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1)/(1 - \beta)$ when S_t is changed from zero to one. Then it provided that $\alpha_1 \neq 0$, this model admits two dynamic structures at different levels, depending on the value of state variables S_t .

The evaluation of the latent variable drives regime changes, S_t , is governed by the first-order Markov chain condition with constant transition probabilities expressed as the (SxS) transition probability matrix (P):

$$pr = (S_t = j | S_{t-1} = i) = p_{ij}, \tag{2}$$

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1s} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \dots & p_{2s} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \dots & \cdot \\ p_{1s} & p_{2s} & \dots & p_{ss} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Bayesian statistics was applied to do econometrical estimations, and this inference allows us to obtain a joint posterior distribution of parameters and latent variables. Bayesian simulated methods are well suited to estimate Markov Switching models (Kim and Nelson 1999). Conditionally, the value at risk (VaR) analysis allows parameters of the model to be considered as random variables. Generally, the typical VAR analysis is often constrained by the limited size of data sets, which are not compatible models with large numbers of parameters. The Bayesian method tackles this over-parameterisational problem by assigning initial probabilities into many parameters. Furthermore, the construction of a BVAR model will reduce the complexities involved future extensions (Canova 2007).

3.2 ARMA-GJR Model for Marginal Distributions

Technically, the CD-Vine copula was adopted to estimate the pattern of structural dependences among stock markets. We will find the major stock markets of bull and bear markets in pre-post crisis. ARMA-GJR model was used to conduct marginal distributions for the copula model. The form of the ARMA (P, Q)-GJR (K, L) model can be expressed as Eq. 4.

$$r_t = c + \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i r_{t-i} + \sum_{i=1}^p \Psi_i \varepsilon_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t \tag{4}$$

$$\varepsilon_t = h_t \eta_t \tag{5}$$

$$h_t^2 = \omega + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \varepsilon_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i I[\varepsilon_{t-i} < 0] \varepsilon_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i h_{t-i}^2, \tag{6}$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i < 1, \omega > 0, \alpha_i > 0, \beta_i > 0, \alpha_i + \gamma_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^l \beta_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i < 1$. The formulas (4) and (6) are call mean equation and variance equation, respectively; the formula (5) describes the residual ε_t is consist of standard variance h_t and standardized residuals η_t ; the leverage coefficient γ_i is applied to negative standardized residuals. In addition, the standardized residual are assumed to be the skewed student-t or skewed generalized error distribution and the cumulative distributions of standardized residuals are formed to plug into copula model.

3.3 Copula

The fundamental theorem is based on the concept of (Sklar 1959) and this can be shown in Eq. 7,

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_n(x_n)). \tag{7}$$

F: n-dimensional distribution with marginal F_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$
 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n : random vectors
 C: n-copula for all x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

The function C is a distribution function that has uniform margins between zero and one, and it is labelled as the copula function. It binds the univariate margins F_1 and F_2 to produce bivariate distribution F .

3.4 The C-D Vine Copulas Construction

Vine copula models are graphical representation to specify pair copula constructions (PCCs) introduced by (Joe 1996). These models are consequently developed by Bedford and Cook (2001, 2002). Basically, a principle for constructing multivariate copula generated from the product of bivariate pair copula was statistically described as canonical (C-) vines and (D-) vines by Aas et al. (2009). This contribution was a flexible model since bivariate copulas can easily accommodate complex structural dependences such as asymmetric dependences or strong joint tail behaviors (Joe et al. 2010). Based on previous reviews, this has been already pointed out the estimated patterns of relation among financial markets in world exchanges are defined as $X = x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$, with marginal distribution function F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4, F_5 , and corresponding densities. As a result, it can be written as Eq. 8.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = f(x_1)f(x_2|x_1)f(x_3|x_1, x_2) \\ f(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3)f(x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), \tag{8}$$

where C is the copula associated with F via Sklar theorem. From Eq. 5, it can be determined the conditional density of x_2 , and given x_1 as

$$f_{2|1}(x_2|x_1) = \frac{f(x_1, x_2)}{f_1(x_1)} = c_{1,2}(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2))f_2(x_2), \tag{9}$$

and

$$f_{2,3|1}(x_3|x_1, x_2) = \frac{f(x_2, x_3|x_1)}{f(x_2|x_1)} \\ = c_{2,3|1}(F(x_2|x_1), F(x_3, x_1))f(x_3|x_1) \\ = c_{2,3|1}(F(x_2|x_1), F(x_3, x_1))c_{1,3}(F_1(x_1), F_3(x_3))f_3(x_3), \tag{10}$$

and

$$f_{3,4|1,2}(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{f(x_3, x_4|x_1, x_2)}{f(x_2, x_3|x_1)} \\ = c_{3,4|1,2}(F(x_3|x_1, x_2), F(x_4|x_1, x_2))f_3(x_3)f(x_4|x_1, x_2) \\ = c_{3,4|1,2}(F(x_3|x_1, x_2), F(x_4|x_1, x_2))c_{1,4} \\ (F_1(x_1)F_4(x_4))f_4(x_4)c_{2,4}(F_2(x_2)F_4(x_4))f_4(x_4), \tag{11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{4,5|1,2,3}(x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= \frac{f(x_4, x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3)}{f(x_3, x_4|x_1, x_2)} \\
 &= c_{4,5|1,2,3}(F(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3), F(x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3))f(x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3) \\
 c_{1,5}(F_1(x_1)F_5(x_5))f_5(x_5) \\
 &= c_{4,5|1,2,3}(F(x_4|x_1, x_2, x_3), F(x_5|x_1, x_2, x_3))c_{2,5} \\
 (F_1(x_1)F_5(x_5))f_5(x_5)c_{2,5}f_5(x_5)c_{3,5}(F_3(x_3)F_5(x_5))f_5(x_5).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{12}$$

Therefore, the five-dimensional joint can be shown in terms of bivariate copula $c_{1,2}, c_{2,3|1}, c_{1,3}, c_{3,4|1,2}, c_{1,4}, c_{2,4}, c_{4,5|1,2,3}, c_{1,5}, c_{2,5}, c_{3,5}$. Based on graphical of canonical (C-) and D-vines copula was presented by Fig. 3.

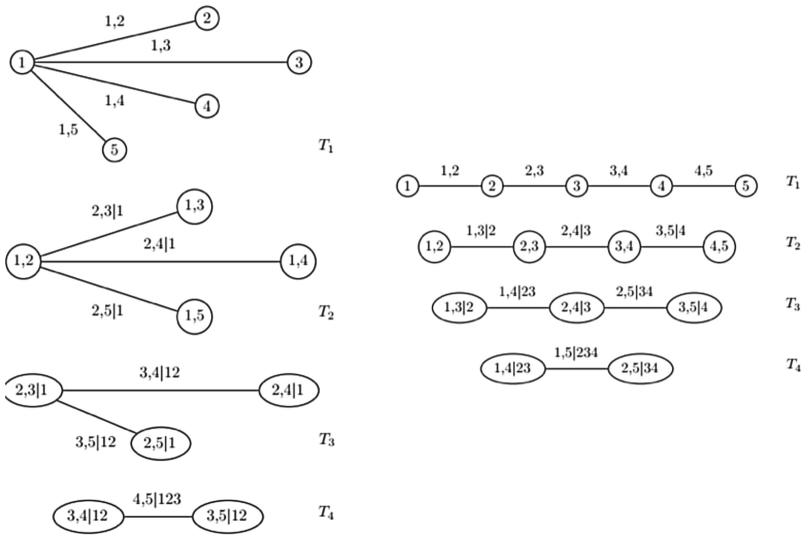


Fig. 3. Examples of five-dimensional C-vine tree (left panel) and D-vine tree (right panel) Source: Brechmann and Schepsmeier (2013)

Considering Fig. 3, on the left-panel trees represented the decomposition of a five-dimensional joint density function. The circled nodes are on the first-tree and it showed the four marginal density functions, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5 . The remaining nodes on the other trees are not used in the figure. Each edge corresponds to a pair-copula function.

On the other hand, on the right-panel trees represented the decomposition of five-dimensional joint density functions. The circles nodes showed the five marginal density functions written as f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5 . Each edge is labeled with the pair-copula of the variables. The edges in level i become nodes for level $i + 1$. The edges for the first tree are labeled as 1,2, 2,3, 3,4 and 4,5. The second tree

has edges labeled as 1, 3|2, 2, 4|3 and 3, 5|4. The third tree's edges were labeled as 1, 4|23 and 2, 5|34. Finally, the tree number fourth has only one edge labeled as 1, 5|234 (Durante and Sempi 2009).

3.5 Bivariate Copula Families

The package CD-Vine provides a wide range of bivariate copula families, which are divided into two major classes such as elliptical and Archimedean copulas (Joe 1997 and Nelsen 2006). Elliptical copulas are directly obtained by inverting Sklar Theorem (Eq. 7). Given a multivariate distribution function F with invertible margins F_1 and F_2 , then

$$C(u_1, u_2) = F(F_1^{-1}(u_1), F(F_2^{-1}(u_2))), \tag{13}$$

- C: F is elliptical
- $u_1, u_2 \in [0, 1]$
- F: distribution functions of invertible marginals F_1, F_2 ,

which are also implemented in CD-Vine, and they are the multivariate Student-t copula. Consequently, this type of copula models can be expressed in Eq. 20,

$$C(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5) = t_{\rho, \nu}(t_{\nu}^{-1}(u_1), t_{\nu}^{-1}(u_2), t_{\nu}^{-1}(u_3), t_{\nu}^{-1}(u_4), t_{\nu}^{-1}(u_5)) \tag{14}$$

$\rho \in (-1, 1)$ and is dependence parameter
 ν : degree of freedom for student t copula $\nu > 2$.

Which $t_{\rho, \nu}$ is the multivariate Student-t distribution function contained correlation parameters, ρ and ν , t_{ν}^{-1} denotes the inverse univariate Student-t distribution function with ν degrees of freedom. Both copulas are obviously symmetric and have lower and upper tail dependence coefficients.

Multivariate Archimedean copulas, on the other hand, are defined as

$$C(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5) = \Psi^{[-1]}(\Psi(u_1), \Psi(u_2), \Psi(u_3), \Psi(u_4), \Psi(u_5)), \tag{15}$$

where: $[0, 1] \cdots [0, \infty]$ is a continuous strictly decreasing convex function such that $\Psi(1) = 0$ and Ψ^{-1} is the pseudo-inverse,

$$\Psi^{-1}(t) = \Psi^{-1}(t), 0 \leq t \leq \Psi(0) \text{ or } \Psi^{-1}(t) = 0, \Psi(0) \leq t \leq \infty, \tag{16}$$

Ψ is called the generator function of the copula C.

In addition, this paper implemented the common single parameter, which is in the Archimedean family (Clayton copula). This is a more flexible structure allows non-zero lower and upper tail to be the different dependent coefficient (Nelson 2006), then the Clayton are defined as

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\theta}(t^{-\theta} - 1), \tag{17}$$

parameter range: $\theta > 0$
Kendall's τ : $\frac{\theta}{\theta+2}$,
 Tail dependence (lower, upper): $(2^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}, 0)$.

4 Data Description

The world stock exchanges data considered in this study consisted five largest economics, for instances, the United States stock market (S&P 500 index), European stock markets (the Euro Stoxx), China stock market (SSE composite index), Japan stock market (Nikkei 225 index) and ASEAN stock markets (FTSE ASEAN). Basically, all of data was transformed to be standardized residuals of monthly log return observations (203 observations).

Considering Fig. 4, it provided the descriptive index returns of monthly data in world exchanges during 2000 to 2016. Furthermore, Table 1 presents the generally statistical data.

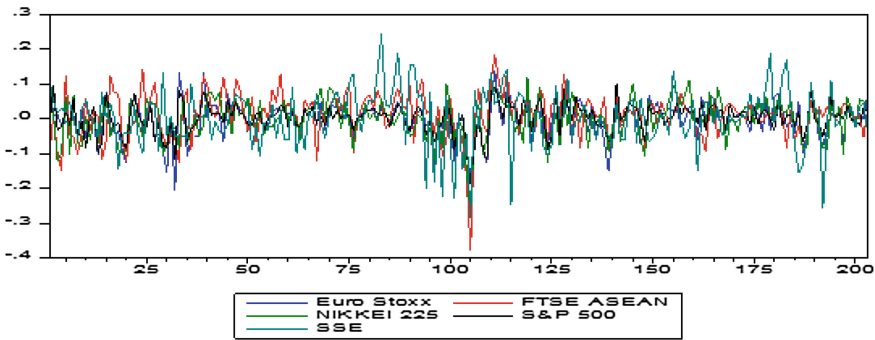


Fig. 4. The index return of monthly data in world exchange during period of 2000 to 2016. Source: Thomson Reuters Corp database.

5 Empirical Results of Research

5.1 The Results of Marginal Testing for Copula Model Estimation

Based on the LM-test, this already confirmed that all of residual terms was satisfied for marginal models, which were employed to estimate the CD-Vine copula models. Additionally, the result of the KS testing already indicated that the marginal model is efficiently specified to estimate the CD-Vine copula model (Table 2).

Table 1. The descriptive statistics of the index return of monthly data in world exchanges during period of 2000 to 2016

Items	S&P 500	Euro Stoxx	SSE	NIKKEI 225	FTSE ASEAN
Mean	0.002332	-0.001768	0.003468	0.000108	0.010439
Median	0.007791	0.007097	0.007078	0.003953	0.017787
Maximum	0.102307	0.137046	0.242528	0.120888	0.18341
Minimum	-0.185636	-0.206236	-0.282783	-0.27216	-0.377193
Std. Dev	0.043343	0.054506	0.08062	0.05823	0.066147
Skewness	-0.728593	-0.638291	-0.543509	-0.735032	-1.124449
Kurtosis	4.492987	4.102723	4.554236	4.379683	8.028629
Jarque-Bera	36.81406	24.06951	30.42681	34.37986	256.6652
Probability	0	0.000006	0	0	0
Phillips-Perron test statistic	-12.76037 (0.0000)	-13.01843 (0.0000)	-12.65397 (0.0000)	-12.37694 (0.0000)	-11.36490 (0.0000)
Sum	0.473446	-0.358927	0.704046	-0.022008	2.119088
Sum Sq. Dev	0.379481	-0.358927	1.312931	0.684933	0.883836
Observations	203	203	203	203	203

Table 2. Testing of the marginal distribution models based on LM-test (lag 2) and K-S test.

	S&P 500	Euro stoxx	SSE	Nikkei 225	FTSE ASEAN
L-M test	0.7985	0.4919	0.9574	0.2783	0.6446
K-S test	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

5.2 The Estimated Results of the Bull and Bear Markets in Pre-crisis and Post-crisis Periods Based on the Markovian Switching Bayesian VAR Model

Expressly, the results were represented in Table 3 showed that the Markovian Switching Bayesian VAR model computationally estimated the fluctuated regimes of five financial stock indexes. Econometrically, the regimes are defined as Bull and Bear market. First, the index of the S&P financial market contained boom periods rather than recessions, which were 113 months and 90 months, respectively. Second, Euro stock indexes had recession situations more than expansions, which were 94 months and 109 months, respectively. Third, the financial market in China (SSE) included expanding times more than recessions, which were 110 months and 93 months, respectively. Forth, Japanese financial equity (Nikkei 225) contained booming situations more than recessing times, which were 109 months and 94, respectively. Lastly, the financial market in South East Asia (FTSE ASEAN) had the fluctuated situations between bull and bear markets, which had 103 months for the booming periods and 100 months for recessions.

Table 3. Testing number of bull market and bear market based on MSBVAR

	S&P 500	Euro stoxx	SSE	Nikkei 225	FTSE ASEAN
Bull market (Months)	113	94	110	109	103
Bear market (Months)	90	109	93	94	100

5.3 The Estimation Results of the Contagion and Pattern of Structural Dependences Toward World Exchanges in Bull and Bear Markets Based on CD-Vine Copula Approach

There are two kinds of copula estimations. Elliptical and Archimedean copulas were used to estimate the pattern of dependences among world exchanges. The estimated result was investigated by CD-vine copula approach and it was represented in Appendix A. The best model based on AIC and BIC is Elliptical copula, which is the T-copula model. Accordingly, this result based on CD-vine indicated that there is a contagion among the two periods, which are the pre-crises periods (2000–2008) and post-crises periods (2009–2016).

5.4 The Results of Estimation in the Pattern of Structural Dependences Among Five Stock Markets of Economic Boom (Bull Market) and Economic Recession (Bear Market) Based on CD-Vine Trees from T-copula

5.4.1 Pre-crises Periods (2000–2008)

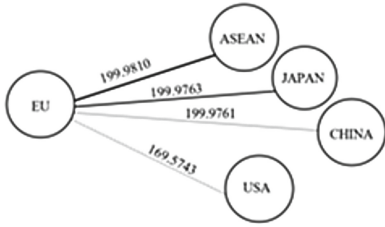
(a) The Elliptical t-copula of C-vine in Bull and Bear markets

As we see in Fig. 5, the financial market in Europe was assumed to be the central place that capital inflows and outflows were transferred during the post-crises periods. Obviously, in the Bull situation, the markets between Europe and Asia (ASEAN, Japan, and China) were the strongly structural dependence in terms of capital flows. Similarly, in the Bear market, the Asian financial market still strongly depended on the recessing time in the European market, but the US financial market had a weakly structural dependence with European in the post-crisis periods. As a result, this implied that the capital flows had been mostly transferred between Europe and Asia during 2000 to 2008.

(b) The Elliptical t-copula of D-vine in Bull and Bear markets

Considering Fig. 6, the D-vine copula model provided the different structural dependence from the C-vine model. In other words, the estimated result stated that the Asean stock market strongly depended on the Japanese financial market. This structural dependence was stronger than the pair of European and Asean. Accordingly, this can be indicated that most of capital inflows were transferred around Asia continent for bull situations during the pre-crises periods. On the other hand, for recessing times during pre-crises periods, the D-vine result

Bull markets



Bear markets

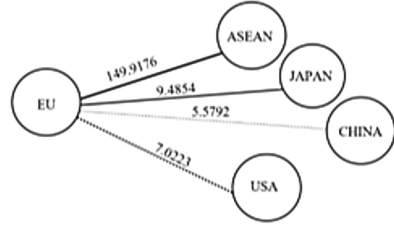


Fig. 5. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bull and Bear markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from C-Vine during the pre-crisis periods (2000–2008)

Bull markets

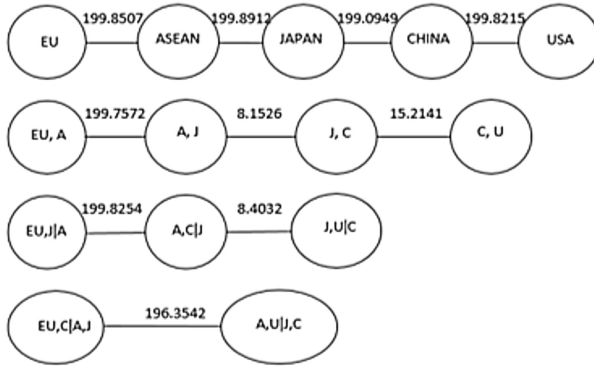


Fig. 6. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bull markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from D-Vine during the pre-crisis periods (2000–2008)

(as seen details in Fig. 7) showed that capital inflows were inversely moved from Asean to Europe, but the structural dependence between the US financial market (Euro stxx) and European market are quite weak.

5.4.2 Post-crisis Periods (2009–2016)

(a) The Elliptical t-copula of C-vine in Bull and Bear markets

Considering into C-vine’s trees in Fig. 8, the European financial market and Asia stock indexes were a strong dependence during 2009 to 2016. In other words, capital inflows were still exchanged intensively between European and Asian stock markets after the economic crisis, especially the subprime crisis, had been passed. Conversely, US and Japanese stock markets became the strongly structural dependence with the European financial market in recessing periods.

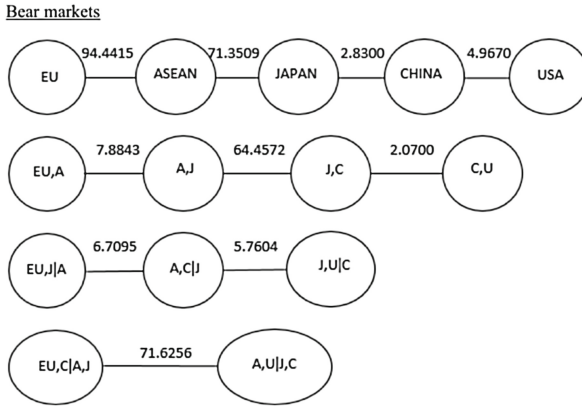


Fig. 7. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bear markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from D-Vine during the pre-crises periods (2000–2008)

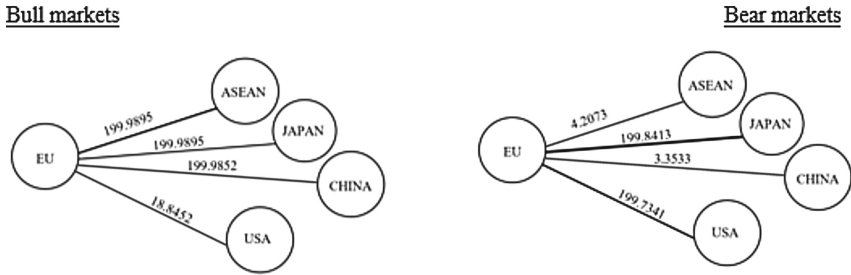


Fig. 8. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bull and Bear markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from C-Vine during the post-crises periods (2009–2016)

(b) The Elliptical t-copula of D-vine in Bull and Bear markets

According to details of the D-vine copula in bull periods during the post-crises periods (as seen in Fig. 9), it is obvious that US and Asean stock markets strongly depended on the Euro financial market. This can be implied that capital inflows from Europe had been started to change the direction from Asian continent to North America. However, the structural dependences of financial markets between Asia, North America, and Europe were still strong in the post-crises periods. On the other hand, speaking to details of the D-vine copula in bear periods during the post-crises periods (as seen in Fig. 10), the result showed that capital inflows were transferred inside Asia continent rather than internationally moving to other continents in the recessing time during 2009 to 2016.

Bull markets

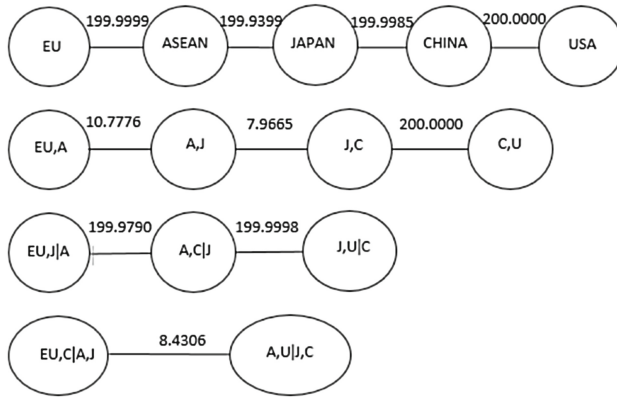


Fig. 9. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bull markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from D-Vine during the post-crises periods (2009–2016)

Bear markets

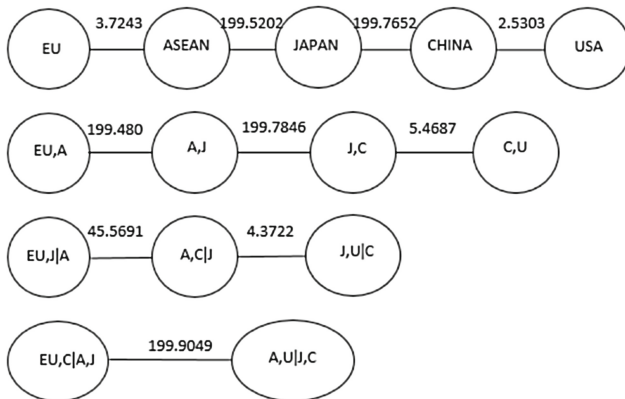


Fig. 10. The estimation results of the pattern of structural dependences among Bear markets in Elliptical (t-copula) from D-Vine during the post-crises periods (2009–2016)

6 Conclusion

For this paper, the patterns of structural dependences among world stock exchanges were successfully estimated. Empirically, the section of MSBVAR results were confirmedly divided the five financial indexes into two periods, including economic boom (bull markets) and economic recession (bear markets). This explained that all of five financial markets contained cyclical movements and fluctuated time-series trends, which cannot be directly estimated by assumptions of linearity. This study also found that there is a contagion among these financial indexes as well as two types of copula models, including Elliptical and Archimedean, were investigated. However, the Elliptical copula is chosen to estimate collected variables in this paper. The study on the structural cycling patterns clarified the Elliptical t-copula indicated the information is symmetric. This implied that investors could easily receive same information inside these five financial markets (Nermuth 1982). Therefore, this stated that governments have freedom choices to interfere the financial markets or let them adjust themselves to have an independently stable system for controlling risks and asymmetric information in their financial structures. Interestingly, the prior research of Lemmon and Ni (2008) found that speculative demands for equity options were positively related to most investor sentiments. Especially, if they have high leverage, they are also perfect vehicles for speculation. This empirical research confirmed that the Elliptical copula was suitable to estimate stock markets in this paper.

Specifically considering Elliptical CD-vine copula's results (t-copulas), in the pre-crisis (2000–2008), this seemed that capital flows were mostly transferred between Europe and Asia stocks in both bull and bear markets, but there was a small capital flow between US and European financial markets. In other words, there was the strongly structural dependence of European and Asia stocks since the financial crisis in US was starting, and this cause negatively impacted the confidence rate of financial sectors in US during that period. In the post-crisis (2009–2016), similar to the result of the pre-crisis periods, the capital flows between Europe and Asia were still a strong dependence in bull situations, and the financial markets between US and Europe were defined as a structural independence, meaning that capital flows from these two continents mostly moved out to other places rather than domestically transferring. Interestingly, in recessing time, the CD-vine copulas' results indicated that the direction of capital flows from Europe to US stock markets (North America) had been returned since US's economy was systematically recovered. Hence, this can be implied that the transference of funds, especially from Europe to US financial markets, would be predictively increased in the upcoming future, and financial investments in US can be positively mentioned.

Appendix A

See (Tables 4, 5, 6 and 7).

Table 4. C-vine copula testing in bull markets during pre-crisis and post-crisis periods

Canonicals (C-vine)	2000–2008		2009–2016	
Bull markets	Parameters	SE.	Parameters	SE.
	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton
$\beta_{1,2}$	199.9810, 0.0604	0.448, 0.007	199.9895, 0.0000	0.035, 0.000
$\beta_{1,3}$	199.9763, 0.0000	2.398, 0.000	199.9895, 0.2128	0.012, 0.048
$\beta_{1,4}$	199.9761, 0.0000	0.020, 0.000	199.9852, 0.0000	0.015, 0.000
$\beta_{1,5}$	169.5743, 0.0000	948.211, 0.000	18.8452, 0.0001	0.002, 0.006
$\beta_{2,3 1}$	199.9466, 0.0000	0.292, 0.000	199.7074, 0.0000	0.217, 0.000
$\beta_{2,4 1}$	9.0388, 0.0994	16.042, 0.005	11.4471, 0.0925	28.950, 0.129
$\beta_{2,5 1}$	5.9405, 0.0603	7.870, 0.007	199.9219, 0.0001	0.125, 0.001
$\beta_{3,4 12}$	199.2320, 0.0000	1.474, 0.000	199.9749, 0.0302	0.023, 0.057
$\beta_{3,5 12}$	198.5553, 0.0000	3.183, 0.000	5.9234, 0.0566	4.964, 0.075
$\beta_{4,5 123}$	199.9657, 0.0000	0.022, 0.000	193.9490, 0.0003	373.888, 0.038
AIC	12.2180, 16.9958		5.3087, 11.6756	
BIC	30.7194, 35.4972		23.8102, 30.1771	
Log-likelihood	3.891, 1.502		7.346, 4.162	

Table 5. C-vine copula testing in bear markets during pre-crisis and post-crisis periods

Canonicals (C-vine)	2000–2008		2009–2016	
Bear markets	Parameters	SE.	Parameters	SE.
	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton
$\beta_{1,2}$	149.9176, 0.0588	59.615, 0.013	4.2073, 0.1184	1.772, 0.112
$\beta_{1,3}$	9.4854, 0.0000	0.014, 0.000	199.8413, 0.0000	0.064, 0.000
$\beta_{1,4}$	5.5792, 0.0000	8.531, 0.000	3.3533, 0.1246	2.293, 0.070
$\beta_{1,5}$	7.0223, 0.0000	0.000, 0.000	199.7341, 0.0000	0.339, 0.000
$\beta_{2,3 1}$	47.7609, 0.1112	208.494, 0.065	199.4929, 0.0000	0.350, 0.000
$\beta_{2,4 1}$	41.2768, 0.0000	468.237, 0.000	199.9691, 0.0825	0.018, 0.070
$\beta_{2,5 1}$	61.3775, 0.0799	140.201, 0.096	4.6029, 0.0000	0.387, 0.000
$\beta_{3,4 12}$	4.9238, 0.1120	4.347, 0.102	199.4031, 0.0784	0.326, 0.067
$\beta_{3,5 12}$	2.0072, 0.2922	2.121, 0.119	6.5769, 0.0605	3.402, 0.091
$\beta_{4,5 123}$	5.2875, 0.0000	7.527, 0.000	4.7700, 0.1838	4.747, 0.102
AIC	2.0584, 10.8949		11.7961, 11.8260	
BIC	20.1250, 28.9615		29.8628, 29.8926	
Log-likelihood	8.971, 4.553		4.102, 4.087	

Table 6. D-vine copula testing in bull markets during pre-crisis and post-crisis periods

D-vine	2000–2008		2009–2016	
Bull market	Parameters	SE.	Parameters	SE.
	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton
$\beta_{1,2}$	199.8507, 0.0322	0.257, 0.071	199.9999, 0.0000	0.000, 0.000
$\beta_{1,3}$	199.8912, 0.0000	0.164, 0.000	199.9399, 0.0000	0.331, 0.001
$\beta_{1,4}$	199.0949, 0.0000	1.233, 0.000	199.9985, 0.0000	0.000, 0.000
$\beta_{1,5}$	199.8215, 0.0002	0.286, 0.001	200.0000, 0.0008	0.001, 0.100
$\beta_{2,3 1}$	199.7572, 0.0000	0.411, 0.000	10.7776, 0.2105	0.000, 0.049
$\beta_{2,4 1}$	8.1526, 0.0915	0.002, 0.091	7.9665, 0.0900	15.599, 0.138
$\beta_{2,5 1}$	15.2141, 0.0000	44.325, 0.000	200.0000, 0.0355	17.621, 0.073
$\beta_{3,4 12}$	199.8254, 0.0000	0.202, 0.000	199.9790, 0.0000	0.000, 0.000
$\beta_{3,5 12}$	8.4032, 0.0445	14.787, 0.069	199.9998, 0.0000	0.003, 0.002
$\beta_{4,5 123}$	196.3542, 0.0000	5.720, 0.000	8.4306, 0.0002	18.963, 0.050
AIC	12.4287, 17.5261		5.2284, 12.2178	
BIC	30.9302, 36.0275		23.7298, 30.7193	
Log-likelihood	3.786, 1.237		7.386, 3.891	

Table 7. D-vine copula testing in bear markets during pre-crisis and post-crisis periods

D-vine	2000–2008		2009–2016	
Bear markets	Parameters	SE.	Parameters	SE.
	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton	t-copula, clayton
$\beta_{1,2}$	94.4415, 0.0480	293.303, 0.056	3.7243, 0.1396	0.132, 0.103
$\beta_{1,3}$	71.3509, 0.0955	172.282, 0.076	199.5202, 0.0000	0.860, 0.000
$\beta_{1,4}$	2.8300, 0.0001	0.000, 0.000	199.7652, 0.0688	0.941, 0.063
$\beta_{1,5}$	4.9670, 0.0000	0.001, 0.001	2.5303, 0.1818	2.523, 0.088
$\beta_{2,3 1}$	7.8843, 0.0000	17.143, 0.000	199.4808, 0.0000	0.499, 0.000
$\beta_{2,4 1}$	64.4572, 0.0000	482.304, 0.000	199.7846, 0.1164	7.407, 0.080
$\beta_{2,5 1}$	2.0700, 0.2827	0.215, 0.126	5.4687, 0.0444	5.356, 0.090
$\beta_{3,4 12}$	6.7095, 0.0000	12.632, 0.000	45.5691, 0.1238	4.600, 0.089
$\beta_{3,5 12}$	5.7604, 0.0334	5.838, 0.106	4.3722, 0.0000	502.558, 0.000
$\beta_{4,5 123}$	71.6256, 0.0000	225.931, 0.000	199.9049, 0.0001	0.508, 0.030
AIC	2.5875, 12.7461		10.7336, 11.9499	
BIC	20.6541, 30.8127		28.8002, 30.0165	
Log-likelihood	8.706, 3.627		4.633, 4.025	

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