

On Suitable Copula Selection with Copula Garch Method

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Abstract

Copula function represents a method which defines the dependence structure of multivariate random variable and it is one of the most important new tools in finance. In this paper, we use combination of copula function and Garch model initially. Afterwards, two-step Copula-GARCH model is used to analyze the dependence structure of data sets. In the first step, we try to obtain standart residuals and construct marginal distributions. In this section, we take into account GARCH (1,1) with standardized Student-t (GARCH). In the second step, for dependence structures of the data sets, we calculate Kendall Tau and Spearman Rho which are nonparametric. With the help of this method, copula parameters are obtained. By means of the maximum-likelihood estimation method, we get likelihood values for copula families. These values, Akaike information criteria (AIC) and Schwartz information criteria (SIC), are used to determine which copula is suitable for the data set.

Key Words: Akaike information criteria; Copula Function; GARCH method; Kendall Tau; Schwartz information criteria; Spearman Rho.

1. Introduction

Copulas are multivariate uniform distributions. They represent a way of trying to extract the dependence structure from the joint distribution function and to separate dependence and marginal behavior. The main aim of this paper is to fit a multivariate distribution to given data. Since a copula function is such a multivariate distribution, it is the perfect tool to do this. A copula can be considered to represent the dependence structure in a distribution, and if fitting, the dependence structure in the data. Copulas represent a useful approach to understanding and modeling dependent random variables. They allow us to focus explicitly on the dependence structure. In recent years, the standard method of estimating dependence has been Pearson's correlation coefficient, which is based on the multivariate Gaussian distribution. However, as Fama (1963) noted, financial time series do not provide the assumption of normality. That is to say there was a need for the establishment of new

methods to overcome the drawbacks of Person's correlation coefficient. Multivariate GARCH models formed such a status. The aim of this model is modeling of the conditional covariance and conditional correlation matrix. Sklar (1973) formed structure and properties of a copulas their connection with random variables. Christian Genest and John Mackay (1986) showed how copulas can be used the existence of distribution with singular components and to give a relation with Kendall Tau. Christian Genest and Louis-Paul Rivest (1993) proposed the problem of selecting Archimedean copula providing suitable representation of the dependence structure between two variables. Ana Tustel et.al. (1997) obtained distribution-free multivariate Kolmogorov -Smirnov goodness of fit test. Nelsen (1999) examined copula and properties of copula theory. Eric Bouye et.al. (2000) were used extensively copulas in finance. Rudiger Frey et. al. (2001) modelled credit portfolio losses with copula. Gunky Mervyn J. Silvapulle and Paramsothy (2007) worked ML and IFM methods compared with SP method. Christian Genest and Anne-Catherine Favre (2007) worked to inference for copulas based on rank methods and Salvadori et.al. (2007) used copula to model extremes in nature. Du, Jiangze, and Kin (2017) search the dependence between electricity spot markets of France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland based on copula models. In this study, the daily exchanges in dependency structure of the dollar, euro and sterling taken from the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey between 1999 and 2018 years are examined by the Copula GARCH method.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. GARCH Model. GARCH model was first founded by generalizing ARCH model by Bollerslev and Eagle (1986). The GARCH (p,q) includes p lags of the variances in the linear ARCH (q) conditional variance equation. The variance equation can be generalized as:

$$\sigma_t^2 = w + \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j \varepsilon_{t-j}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \sigma_{t-i}^2 \quad (1)$$

Another extension is the generalized ARCH or GARCH model. The GARCH model adds lags of the variance, ht-p, to the standard ARCH. A GARCH (1, 1) method refers to the presence of a first-order autoregressive ARCH statement and a first-order moving average GARCH statement. For GARCH (p,q),

✓ ε_t is the error terms from the mean equation $\varepsilon_t = \sigma_t Z_t$, here, Z_t is separate stochastic piece and also Z_t is residual series, Z_t have zero mean identical and independent distribution, σ_t is a time dependent standard deviation.

✓ $\beta_i \geq 0, \alpha_j \geq 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i + \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j < 1$.

✓ $\sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \sigma_{t-i}^2$ shows GARCH statements,

$\sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j \sigma_{t-j}^2$ shows ARCH statements.

✓ The parameter of ARCH statements and GARCH statements submit the influence of ARCH effect (past innovation) and GARCH effect on the conditional variance. The rate of this affects the coming periods respectively. In general, GARCH (1,1) is enough to be used for this series [12,13].

2.2. Copula Theory. The copula is defined by a $C : [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ which holds the following conditions

✓ $C(u, 0) = C(0, u) = 0$ and

$C(u, 1) = C(1, u) = u, \forall u \in [0,1]$.

✓ $(u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2) \in [0,1]^4$, such that

$u_1 \leq u_2, v_1 \leq v_2$

$C(u_2, v_2) - C(u_2, v_1)$

$-C(u_1, v_2) + C(u_1, v_1) \geq 0$.

Ultimately, for twice differentiable and 2-increasing property can be replaced by the condition

$$c(u, v) = \frac{\partial^2 C(u, v)}{\partial u \partial v} \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

where $c(u, v)$ is the copula density. For n -uniform random U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n variables, the joint distribution function C is defined by

$$C(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, \theta) = P(U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2, \dots, U_n \leq u_n).$$

Here θ is dependence parameter

[2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27].

2.2.1. Sklar Theorem. Let X and Y be random variables with continuous distribution functions F_X and F_Y , which are uniformly distributed on the interval $[0,1]$. Then, there is a copula such that for all $x, y \in R$,

$$F_{XY}(X, Y) = C(F_X(X), F_Y(Y)). \quad (3)$$

The copula C for (X, Y) is the joint distribution function for the pair $F_X(X), F_Y(Y)$ provided F_X and F_Y continuous

[2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27].

2.2.2. Plackett Copula. This copula function is defined by

$$C(u, v) = \frac{1 + (\theta - 1) - \sqrt{[1 + (\theta - 1)(u + v)]^2 - 4\theta(\theta - 1)uv}}{2(\theta - 1)} \quad (4)$$

where θ is the copula parameter restricted to $(0, \infty)$ [25].

2.2.3. Galambos's Copula. This copula is defined as follows:

$$C(u, v) = uv \exp \left\{ \left[(1-u)^{-\theta} + (1-v)^{-\theta} \right]^{-1/\theta} \right\} \quad (5)$$

for $\theta \geq 0$ [25].

2.2.4. Archimedean Copula. Let ϕ defines a function $\phi : [0,1] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ which is continuous and provides the following conditions;

- ✓ $\phi(1) = 0, \phi(0) = \infty$.
- ✓ For all $t \in (0,1)$, $\phi'(t) < 0$, ϕ is decreasing, for all $t \in (0,1)$ $\phi''(t) \geq 0$, ϕ is convex.

ϕ has an inverse $\phi^{-1} : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ which has the same properties out of $\phi^{(-1)}(0) = 1$ and $\phi^{(-1)}(\infty) = 0$. The Archimedean Copula is defined by

$$C(u, v) = \phi^{(-1)}[\phi(u) + \phi(v)]. \tag{6}$$

[25].

2.2.5. Gumbel Copula. This Archimedean copula is defined with the help of generator function

$$\phi(t) = (-\ln t)^\theta, \theta \geq 1;$$

$$C_\theta(u, v) = \exp\left(-[(-\ln u)^\theta + (-\ln v)^\theta]^{1/\theta}\right) \tag{7}$$

where θ is the copula parameter restricted to $[1, \infty)$ This copula is asymmetric, with more weight in the right tail. Beside this, it is extreme value copula [25].

2.2.6. Clayton Copula. This Archimedean copula is defined with the help of generator function

$$\phi(t) = \frac{t^{-\theta} - 1}{\theta},$$

$$C_\theta(u, v) = (u^{-\theta} + v^{-\theta} - 1) \tag{8}$$

where θ is the copula parameter restricted to $(0, \infty)$. This copula is also asymmetric, but with more weight in the left tail [25].

2.2.7. Frank Copula. This Archimedean copula is defined with the help of generator function;

$$\phi(t) = -\ln \frac{e^{-\theta t} - 1}{e^{-\theta} - 1};$$

$$C_\theta(u, v) = -\frac{1}{\theta} \ln \left(1 + \frac{(e^{-\theta u} - 1)(e^{-\theta v} - 1)}{(e^{-\theta} - 1)} \right)$$

(9)

where θ is the copula parameter restricted to $(0, \infty)$ [25].

2.2.8. Joe Copula. This Archimedean copula is defined with the help of generator function;

$$\phi(t) = -\ln \left[1 - (1-t)^\theta \right]$$

$$C_\theta(u, v) = 1 - \left[(1-u)^\theta + (1-v)^\theta - ((1-u)^\theta (1-v)^\theta)^{1/\theta} \right]^{1/\theta} \tag{10}$$

where θ is the copula parameter restricted to $[1, \infty)$. This copula family is similar to the Gumbel. The right tail positive dependence is stronger than Gumbel [25].

2.3. Measuring Dependence

2.3.1. Spearman Rho. Similar to approach of Pearson correlation coefficient, to compute the correlation between the pairs (R_i, S_i) of ranks have been used. Thus, Spearman's Rho

$$\rho_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (R_i - \bar{R})(S_i - \bar{S})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (R_i - \bar{R})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (S_i - \bar{S})^2}} \in [-1, 1] \tag{11}$$

where

$$\bar{R} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i = \frac{n+1}{2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_i \tag{12}$$

write. This coefficient that stated expediently in the form

$$\rho_n = \frac{12}{n(n+1)(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i S_i - 3 \frac{n+1}{n-1} \tag{13}$$

Also, ρ_n is asymptotically unbiased estimator of

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= 12 \int_{[0,1]^2} uv dC(u, v) - 3 \\ &= 12 \int_{[0,1]^2} C(u, v) dudv - 3 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where the second equality is obtained. This statement can be extended as;

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 12 \int_{[0,1]^2} uv dC_n(u,v) - 3 \\
 &= \frac{12}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{R_i}{n+1} \frac{S_i}{n+1} - 3 = \frac{n-1}{n+1} \rho_n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{15}$$

and $C_n \rightarrow C$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Here the null hypothesis $H_0 = C = \Pi$ of independence of X and Y , the distribution of ρ_n is normal with zero mean and variance $1/(n-1)$, thus for H_0 approximate $\alpha = 0.05$, $\sqrt{n-1} |\rho_n| > z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96$ [4,5,6,7,8].

2.3.2. Kendall Tau. Another measure of dependence is Kendall Tau. This measure is based on ranks given by

$$\tau_n = \frac{P_n - Q_n}{\binom{n}{2}} = \frac{4}{n(n-1)} P_n - 1 \tag{16}$$

where P_n and Q_n are number of concordant and discordant pairs respectively. Here, $(X_i, Y_i), (X_j, Y_j)$ are concordant $(X_i - X_j)(Y_i - Y_j) > 0$ and these are discordant $(X_i - X_j)(Y_i - Y_j) < 0$. If $(X_i - X_j)(Y_i - Y_j) > 0$; we can say $(R_i - R_j)(S_i - S_j) > 0$. τ_n is function of copula C_n . As $n \rightarrow \infty, C_n \rightarrow C$,

$$W = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n I_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \# \left\{ j : X_j \leq X_i, Y_j \leq Y_i \right\},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_n &= 4 \frac{n}{n-1} \bar{W} - \frac{n+3}{n-1} \\
 &= 4 \int_{[0,1]^2} C(u,v) dC(u,v) - 1
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{17}$$

τ_n is asymptotically unbiased estimator of τ and τ_n is normal with zero mean and variance $2(2n+5)/\{9n(n-1)\}$. Here the null hypothesis $H_0 = C = \Pi$ of independence of X and Y , thus for H_0 approximate

$$\alpha = 0.05, \sqrt{9n(n-1)/2(2n+5)} |\tau_n| > 1.96$$

[4,5,6,7,8,14].

2.4. Copula estimation

2.4.1. Maximum Likelihood Method (MLE). Maximum likelihood method is commonly used for copula. The aim of this method is basic to find the parameters that make the likelihood functions get its maximum value. It is given

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\
 &= c(F_1(x_1), F_2(x_2), \dots, F_n(x_n)) \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{18}$$

Let $\{x_{1t}, x_{2t}, \dots, x_{nt}\}_{t=1}^T$ is the sample data matrix. The likelihood functions can be given

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\theta) &= \sum_{t=1}^T \ln(c(F_1(x_{1t}), F_2(x_{2t}), \dots, F_n(x_{nt}))) \\
 &+ \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \ln f_j(x_{jt})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{19}$$

Accordingly, the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \max_{\theta} l(\theta).$$

[1,4,5,6,7,8].

2.4.2. Inference for marginal (IFM)

This method is used to overcome the drawbacks of full maximum likelihood function. The aim of copula theory is a separation between the univariate margins and the dependence structure. From equation (19), we write

$$\begin{aligned}
 l(\theta) &= \sum_{t=1}^T \ln(c(F_1(x_{1t}, \theta_1), F_2(x_{2t}, \theta_2), \dots, F_n(x_{nt}, \theta_n), \alpha)) \\
 &+ \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^n \ln f_j(x_{jt}, \theta_j)
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

write. In this equation, the vector of the parameters for the univariate marginal is $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)$ and α is vector parameters of copula. Accordingly, the fundamental idea of inference for margins is that it forecasts the parameters for marginal distributions and copula separately in two stages.

- ✓ Estimate the parameters θ_j from marginal distributions,

$$\hat{\theta}_j = \arg \max_{\theta_j} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln f_j(x_{jt}; \theta_j) \tag{21}$$

- ✓ Estimation of the vector of the copula parameters α , used the $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2, \dots, \hat{\theta}_n)$;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\alpha}_{IFM} &= \arg \max_{\alpha} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln(c(F_1(x_{1t}, \hat{\theta}_1), F_2(x_{2t}, \hat{\theta}_2), \dots, F_n(x_{nt}, \hat{\theta}_n); \alpha)) \\
 &\tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

[1,4,5,6,7,8].

2.5. Tail Dependence of Copulas

In order to estimate the copula from bivariate observational data sets, we use the tail dependence concept. It is related to the amount of dependence in the upper-right quadrant tail or in the lower-left-quadrant tail of a bivariate distribution. The upper and lower tail dependence parameter; if a bivariate copula C is such that; it is that upper tail dependence written as;

$$\lambda_U = \lim_{v \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - 2v + C(v, v)}{(1 - v)} \tag{23}$$

Similarly, lower tail dependence is written as;

$$\lambda_L = \lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(v, v)}{v} \tag{24}$$

Table 2. For copula families upper and lower tail dependence

Copula Family	λ_U	λ_L
Gumbel	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	0
Joe Copula	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	0
Clayton Copula	0	$2^{-1/\theta}$
Frank Copula	0	0
Plackett Copula	0	0
Galambos copula	$2 - 2^{1/\theta}$	0

[1,4,5,6,7,8,25].

2.6. Copula-GARCH Estimation

There are some approaches to model dependence. Many researchers prefer multivariate normal and t distribution to model in applications and GARCH model is widely used in this application. So, we prefer copula instead of multivariate GARCH to model dependence. The most important feature of copula is not requiring any assumptions of the margins normal distribution. Besides, copula permit to separate a high dimensional joint distribution into its marginal distributions and copula function use to link them together. For GARCH model, there are many parameters of which estimation is more difficult. Compare to multivariate GARCH models and other multivariate models, copula is more suitable to model dependence structure. For the series, to model dependence structure, other selection criteria are Akaike’s information criterion (AIC) and Schwarz’s criterion (SIC). These are given as follows;

$$AIC = -2 \log L + 2k \tag{25}$$

$$SIC = -2 \log L + k \ln(n) \tag{26}$$

where, k is the number of estimated parameter for each model, n is size of sample [20,21,22].

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Data Description

In this study, we used data set exchange rate of dollar, euro and sterling get from Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey between 1999 and 2018 years. We define the log-returns of dollar, euro and sterling series. Table 3 and Table 4 contain respectively descriptive statistics of dollar euro and sterling series and dollar, euro and sterling return series. As submitted in these results, the means of

dollar, euro, and sterling series are not nearby to zero and standard deviations are a little bit. The Skewness means that of dollar, euro, and sterling series are positive. The Kurtosis of dollar, euro, and sterling series are positive. The meaning of positive skewness is that of dollar, euro, and sterling series have the longer right tail of density.

Table 3: Descriptive statistics of Euro, Dollar and Sterling series

	Dollar	Euro	Sterling
mean	1,614873	1,967411	2,589657
median	1,490000	1,900000	2,520000
maximum	3,870000	4,140000	4,850000
minimum	0,367383	0,397509	0,590000
Std.dev.	0,643176	0,767270	0,875590
Skewness	0,843414	0,030616	0,027904
Kurtosis	4,224579	2,953051	3,399367
Jarque-Bera	819,0289	1,122239	30,65175

Table 4: Descriptive statistics of Dollar Euro and Sterling return series

	Dollar	Euro	Sterling
mean	-0,007332	-0,000379	0,002451
median	0,008150	-0,035048	-0,008549
maximum	5,858241	7,341030	5,238800
minimum	-6,040652	-6,934251	-5,860342
Std.dev.	1,765448	1,880493	1,707246
Skewness	0,004231	0,155597	0,139830
Kurtosis	3,739595	3,666246	3,727014
Jarque-Bera	9,095071	8,989556	10,08736

3.2. Modeling the marginal distribution

In table 5, we give marginal modeling for dollar, euro and sterling return series. In these tables, there are coefficients for variance equation. In the equation (1) α is ARCH (1) and β is GARCH (1). According to this equation, the sum of the ARCH and GARCH coefficients ($\alpha + \beta < 1$) is very close to one, indicating that volatility shocks for these series are quite persistent. This result is often observed in high frequency data.

3.3. With Copula Modeling of the Dependence Structure

In this study, to model dependence, we present Joe, Gumbel, Clayton, Frank, Plackett and Galambos copula families. We selected Kendall's Tau and Spearman's Rho rank correlation statistics in our study, so the correlations parameters corresponding to each copula were obtained based on Kendall's Tau and Spearman's Rho. Maximum Likelihood Estimation method is used for application for estimation of copula parameters. Accordingly, in table 6 for copula families, parameter values and

Logl, AIC and SIC values are calculated. According to these values, with the help of equation (18), (25) and (26), in table 6, relationship of Dollar and Euro series is positive and has a strong relation and based on the AIC and SIC value, we conclude that dependence structure of Dollar and Euro series is modeled by Gumbel copula ($\theta = 4,098361$), in table 6, relationship of Dollar and Sterling series has a positive strong relation and based on the AIC and SIC value, we conclude that dependence structure of Dollar and Sterling series is modeled by Gumbel copula ($\theta = 3,460208$), similarly in table 6, relationship of Euro and Sterling series has a positive strong relation based on the AIC and SIC value, we conclude that dependence structure of Euro and Sterling series is modeled by Gumbel ($\theta = 4$).

Table 6: Dollar, Euro and Sterling Series Dependence Structure Modeling

	Dollar and Euro	Dollar and Sterling	Euro and Sterling
τ	0,756	0,711	0,750
ρ	0,892	0,858	0,880
Clayton	6,196721	4,920415	6,000000
θ			
σ	0,0454371	0,0567106	0,088568
Logl	699,882	725,6207	712,9262
AIC	-1399,76	-1451,24	-1425,85
SIC	-1399,64	1451,26	-1425,82
Gumbel	4,098361	3,460208	4,000000
θ			
σ	0,99826	0,997563	0,998165
Logl	14611,73	11646,73	14163,75
AIC	-29223,5	-23293,5	-28327,5
SIC	-29223,5	-23293,6	-28327,6
Frank	14,53866	11,93301	14,13850
θ			
σ	0,000221	0,000426	0,000373
Logl	-31042,3	-25865,3	-30243,1
AIC	62084,2	51730,6	60486,2
SIC	62084,6	51730,4	60486,3
Joe	6,977324	5,714261	6,782365
θ			
σ	0,000565	0,000607	0,000343
Logl	-5096,17	-4679,42	-4993,03
AIC	10192,34	9358,41	9986,061
SIC	10192,34	9358,84	9986,062
Plackett	17,81347	13,55727	17,13950
θ			
σ	0,0005525	0,0004966	0,0004949
Logl	12663,24	11395,32	12486,63
AIC	-25326,5	-22790,6	-24973,3
SIC	-25326,5	-22790,6	-24973,3
Galambos	3,388807	2,750255	3,290396
θ			
σ	0,0487887	0,057585	0,05954
Logl	-18746,15	-9119,48	-9092,65
AIC	37492,3	18238,96	18185,3
SIC	37492,3	18238,9	18185,2

	Dollar return Series Marginal Modeling		Euro return Series Marginal Modeling		Sterling return Series Marginal Modeling	
	Student-t	Standard Error	Student-t	Standard Error	Student-t	Standard Error
ARCH (1)	0,137879	0,012803	0,127816	0,012639	0,172831	0,016884
GARCH(1)	0,851743	0,011022	0,853278	0,012649	0,785212	0,014878
LogL	15674,63	-	15740,60	-	15538,95	-
AIC	-6,928868	-	-6,958038	-	-6,868868	-
SIC	-6,921774	-	-6,950044	-	-6,861778	-

Table 5: Dollar return Series, Euro return Series and Sterling return Series Marginal Modeling.

4. Conclusion

In this paper, we investigated the structure of dependence between Dollar, Euro and Sterling and the data was gotten from Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey. We used Copula- GARCH approach. Primarily, we form the marginal distribution by using GARCH (1,1) method with Student-t distribution. From these observed results, Dollar Euro and Sterling series have close and have high frequency data. Also, these series have a strong relationship. For dependency structure between Dollar, Euro and Sterling series, Joe, Gumbel, Clayton, Frank Plackett and Galambos copula functions were used. As can be observed from data sets, series have strong correlation at high values. For this reason, it has been observed that Gumbel copula is suitable to be used for the structure of dependence between Dollar Euro and Sterling. According to this, the dependence of Dollar and Euro is modeled by Gumbel copula, copula with the parameter value of 4,098361, Kendall Tau 0,0756 and Spearman Rho 0,892, for the dependence of Dollar and Sterling suitable copula is Gumbel copula with the parameter value of 3,460208, Kendall Tau 0,711 and Spearman Rho 0,858. Likewise, for the dependence of Euro and Sterling series are the best copula is Gumbel Copula with the parameter value of 4, Kendall Tau 0,750 and Spearman Rho 0,880.

5. Discussion

Investors should take into account the data sets while making financial decisions. According to our study to avoid risk, investors who bought dollar, euro and sterling should also buy other currencies and other investment tools. This is because since the correlations between these currencies are high, investors should notice that the currencies mentioned above have similar tendencies to go up and down. Risk averse investors should take into account this situation and diversify their investment tools.

Also, the currencies have a positive correlation and this situation is good for world economics. Since the buying power of dollar, euro and sterling has

similar tendencies of up and down movements, the import and export of the dollar, euro and sterling using countries will not be negatively affected within each other. This situation is good for world trade and the stability of the economies.

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