

# Modeling dependence between random variables using copulas

**Michal Dibala**

Department of Mathematics,  
Faculty of Civil Engineering,  
Slovak University of Technology,  
Radlinského 11,  
813 68 Bratislava, Slovakia  
dibala@math.sk

## Abstract

The concept of copulas is normally used to model the dependence structure between two or more random variables. Random variables are transformed to the unit interval  $I = [0, 1]$  by using quasi-inverse transformation. As a result we get a normalised multivariate distribution function called the copula. Copulas uniquely determine the dependence structure of multiple random variables. The aim of the presentation is to introduce the concept and its applications.

**Keywords:** Distribution function, Dependence structure, Correlation.

## Acknowledgment

This work was supported by grant APVV-14-0013.

## References

- [1] Embrechts, P., McNeil, A., Straumann, D.: Correlation and dependence in risk management: properties and pitfalls. Risk management: value at risk and beyond, 2002, 176-223.
- [2] Genest, Ch., Favre, A.-C.: Everything you always wanted to know about copula modeling but were afraid to ask. Journal of hydrologic engineering, 2007, 12.4: 347-368.
- [3] Nelsen. R. B.: An Introduction to Copulas. NY : Springer, 2006. 269 p. ISBN 978-0.387-28659-4
- [4] Joe, H.: Dependence modeling with copulas. CRC Press, 2014.