PRECIOUS TRENDS IN GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the trading dynamics of Gold and Silver by analysing the ratio of their traded contracts, focusing on the relative stability and trends over time. The study uses monthly trading data to calculate the ratio of Gold to Silver contracts and assess its variance to determine stability. The study analysis employs a simple linear regression model to identify underlying trends in the ratio data. Findings reveal a relatively stable ratio with a slight downward trend, indicating Silver's increasing prominence in trading volumes compared to gold. These insights contribute to a deeper understanding of market behaviours and can inform investment strategies and market analyses.

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I.   INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the trading dynamics of precious metals, mainly Gold and Silver, have garnered significant attention from investors and market analysts[1]. Historically seen as safe-haven assets, these metals play a crucial role in financial markets due to their intrinsic value and market liquidity[2]. Understanding the behaviour of these commodities is essential for developing effective trading strategies and making informed investment decisions. This research aims to delve into the trading patterns of Gold and Silver by analysing their respective market behaviours, focusing specifically on the ratio of their traded contracts[3]. The central problem addressed in this study is the relative stability and trends in the trading volumes of Gold and Silver contracts. Despite the vast literature on commodity trading, there is a notable gap in understanding how these two metals' trading volumes interact and influence each other over time[4]. This gap is critical, as fluctuations in trading volumes can impact market prices and investor strategies. The study proposes to fill this gap by examining the monthly ratio of Gold to Silver traded contracts, calculating its variance, and identifying underlying trends through a linear regression model. The study methodology systematically analyses the monthly trading volumes of Gold and Silver. The study begins by calculating the ratio of Gold to Silver traded contracts, a foundational metric for further analysis. This ratio provides insight into the relative prominence of these metals in the trading market[2]. To evaluate the stability of this ratio, the study computes its variance, which helps in understanding the consistency of trading volumes between the two metals. A low variance would indicate a stable relationship, while a high variance could suggest significant fluctuations. In addition to variance analysis, The study employs a simple linear regression model to detect trends in the ratio data[5]. The regression model helps us understand whether there is a significant trend in the trading volumes of these metals over the study period. The resulting slope and intercept from the regression analysis provide crucial insights into the market behaviour of Gold and Silver, indicating whether one metal is gaining prominence over the other regarding the trading volume. The study findings reveal a relatively stable ratio between Gold and Silver trading volumes, with a slight downward trend in the ratio[6]. It suggests that silver contracts are gaining relative prominence over gold while both metals are actively traded. This trend has significant implications for market participants, highlighting the shifting dynamics in the commodity market. The detailed analysis of the trading volumes, supported by various plots and histograms, further corroborates these findings, providing a comprehensive view of the trading patterns[7].

In conclusion, this research offers valuable insights into the trading dynamics of Gold and Silver contracts. By focusing on the ratio of traded contracts, their variance, and underlying trends, the study contributes to a better

understanding of the relative stability and trends in the trading volumes of these precious metals[8]. These findings are relevant for academic researchers, investors, and market analysts seeking to develop informed trading strategies in the commodity market. The trend of increasing prominence of Silver contracts over gold may influence future investment decisions and market analyses, underscoring the importance of continuously monitoring these trading dynamics[9].

II.   LITERATURE REVIEW

The existing body of literature on trading precious metals, mainly Gold and Silver, reveals a comprehensive understanding of their roles as investment vehicles and safe-haven assets. Historically, both metals have been pivotal in economic uncertainty, often showing an inverse relationship with stock market performance[10]. Numerous studies have focused on the price movements of these commodities, examining factors such as market speculation, economic indicators, and geopolitical events. For instance, research has demonstrated that gold tends to rise in value during periods of inflation and economic downturns, reinforcing its status as a hedge against uncertainty. Similarly, Silver, while also considered a safe-haven asset, is often more volatile due to its industrial applications and lower market liquidity[11]. Despite this extensive research, there remains a significant gap in understanding the relative trading volumes of Gold and Silver and how these volumes interact over time. Most studies have concentrated on price dynamics and the macroeconomic factors influencing these prices, often overlooking the granular details of trading activities[12]. This gap is crucial because trading volume can provide deeper insights into market sentiment and investor behaviour, which are not always apparent from price data alone. For example, a consistent increase in trading volume without a corresponding price increase might indicate accumulating investor interest that could lead to future price changes. The literature also highlights various methodologies used to analyse commodity markets, including econometric models, statistical analyses, and computational techniques. These methodologies have effectively forecast price trends and understand market volatility[13]. However, applying these techniques to studying trading volumes, particularly the ratio of Gold to Silver contracts, remains underexplored. The ratio of traded contracts between these two metals could reveal underlying market trends and potential shifts in investor preference, providing a more nuanced view of market dynamics[14].

Furthermore, the role of technological advancements and high-frequency trading in influencing the trading volumes of Gold and Silver is another area that has received limited attention. With the advent of sophisticated trading algorithms and the increasing speed of market transactions, the behaviour of trading volumes might be evolving in ways that traditional analyses do not capture. Understanding these changes is vital for developing robust trading strategies and improving market efficiency. This research aims to address these gaps by focusing on the monthly ratio of Gold to Silver traded contracts, evaluating the stability of this ratio, and identifying underlying trends through a linear regression model[15]. By doing so, it seeks to provide a comprehensive analysis of the trading dynamics between these two precious metals, offering valuable insights for both academic researchers and market practitioners. The study's findings could help predict future market movements and make informed investment decisions, contributing to a more sophisticated understanding of commodity markets.

In conclusion, while the existing literature provides a solid foundation for understanding the macroeconomic and price dynamics of Gold and Silver, there is a clear need for more detailed analyses of their trading volumes. This research endeavours to fill this gap by examining the ratio of traded contracts and its implications for market behaviour. Such an approach enhances the study understanding of the relative prominence of these metals in the trading market and offers practical insights for investors and analysts. The continuous monitoring and analysis of trading volumes can thus play a crucial role in capturing the evolving trends and improving the strategic responses to market developments.

III.   METHODOLOGY

The methodology for analysing the trade data of Gold and Silver contracts involved several critical steps in comprehensively assessing market behaviour and dynamics. Firstly, the monthly ratio of Gold to Silver traded contracts was calculated to understand the relative trading volume between these two metals. This ratio is represents in equation1

$$R = \frac{V_{Gold}}{V_{Silver}} \qquad (1)$$

Where V_{Gold} is the volume of Gold contracts and V_{Silver} is the volume of Silver contracts. This calculation provided a foundational metric for further analysis, allowing the researchers to monitor the interplay between Gold and Silver trading activities.

To evaluate the stability of the Gold /Silver trading ratio, it was computed. The variance, denoted as σ^2, was determined using equation 2

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(R_i - \overline{R})^2 \qquad (2)$$

Where R_i represents the individual ratio values over the observed period, $\overline{R}$ is the mean ratio, and n is the number of observations. The resulting low variance value of 0.001316 indicated that the ratio remained relatively stable, suggesting predictable trading volumes between Gold and Silver.

Further analysis involved applying a simple linear regression model to the ratio data to identify underlying trends. The linear regression equation 3 used in the analysis

$$R_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 t + \epsilon_t \qquad (3)$$

where R_t Is the ratio at time t, β_0 is the intercept, β_1 is the slope of the trend line, and ϵ_t Is the error term. The regression model revealed a negative slope of -0.001223 and an intercept of 0.198863, indicating a slight downward trend in the ratio of Gold to Silver contracts over the study period. It suggested that silver contracts were gaining relative prominence over gold. To support the analysis, various plots were generated. These included plots illustrating the absolute numbers of traded contracts for Gold and Silver, highlighting their market activities over time, and a plot of the Gold/silver ratio with a trend line confirming the slight downward trajectory. A histogram of the Gold/Silver ratio was also created to visualise its distribution and variability. In conclusion, the methodology employed provided a detailed examination of the trading dynamics between Gold and Silver contracts. By focusing on the ratio of traded contracts, their variance, and underlying trends, the study offered valuable insights into the relative stability and trends in the trading volumes of these commodities, aiding investors and market analysts in understanding market behavior.

IV.　RESULT

In examining the trade data for Gold and Silver contracts, the study employed a methodical approach to analyse their respective market behaviours. Initially, the study calculated the monthly ratio of Gold to Silver traded contracts to gauge the relative trading volume between the two metals. This ratio served as a basis for further analyses, allowing us to explore the dynamics between these commodities. Figure 1: Gold vs Silver Traded Contracts Over Time.

To assess the stability of this relationship, the study computed the variance of the Gold/Silver ratio. The resulting low variance value of 0.001316 suggests that the ratio between Gold and Silver traded contracts remains relatively stable. This stability indicates that, despite fluctuations in trading volumes, the proportion between Gold and Silver trades does not exhibit wild swings, thus providing predictability in this aspect of the commodities market.

Further analysis involved applying a simple linear regression to the ratio data to identify underlying trends. The regression model revealed a negative slope of -0.001223 and an intercept of 0.198863, pointing to a slight downward trend in the ratio of Gold to Silver contracts over the observed period. This trend suggests that Silver contracts might be gaining traction or that gold might be seeing a slight decline compared to Silver regarding the number of contracts traded.

To support the study analysis, the study generated several plots. One plot illustrated the absolute numbers of traded contracts for Gold and Silver, as shown in Figure 2: Gold/Silver Traded Contracts Over Time, clearly depicting their market activities over time. Another plot focused on the fluctuation of the Gold/Silver ratio, incorporating a trend line that confirmed the slight downward trajectory.

Additionally, as illustrated in Figure 3: Histogram of Gold/Silver Ratio was created to visualise the distribution and variability of this ratio, further supporting the study findings on stability and trend. The study conclusion from these analyses is that, while both commodities are actively traded, gold contracts show a more stable

trend with relatively lower volumes than silver contracts, which, although they have higher traded volumes, show more pronounced fluctuations. It suggests that gold might offer a more stable investment in volume consistency, whereas Silver, with its higher variability, could present opportunities for traders looking for volatility.

The approach in this analysis, focusing on the ratio of traded contracts and their variance and trend, provides a unique perspective on the commodities trading dynamics of Gold and Silver. This method highlights the relative stability and trends in trading volumes and offers insights that could be useful for investors and analysts watching these markets.

The linear regression model for gold-traded contracts can be expressed as follows:

$$\text{Gold Contracts} = 1266055.24 - 20133.05$$

Where:

- 1266055.24 is the intercept,
- −20133.05 is the slope,
- t is the time index (e.g., month index).

This equation indicates that the number of golds traded contracts decreased by approximately 20133.05 lots per month over the observed period.

The linear regression model for Silver traded contracts can be expressed as:

$$\text{Silver Contracts} = 6419963.29 - 65247.79$$

Where:

- 6419963.29 is the intercept,
- −65247.79 is the slope,
- t is the time index (e.g., month index).

This equation indicates that the number of Silver traded contracts decreased by approximately 65247.79 lots per month over the observed period.
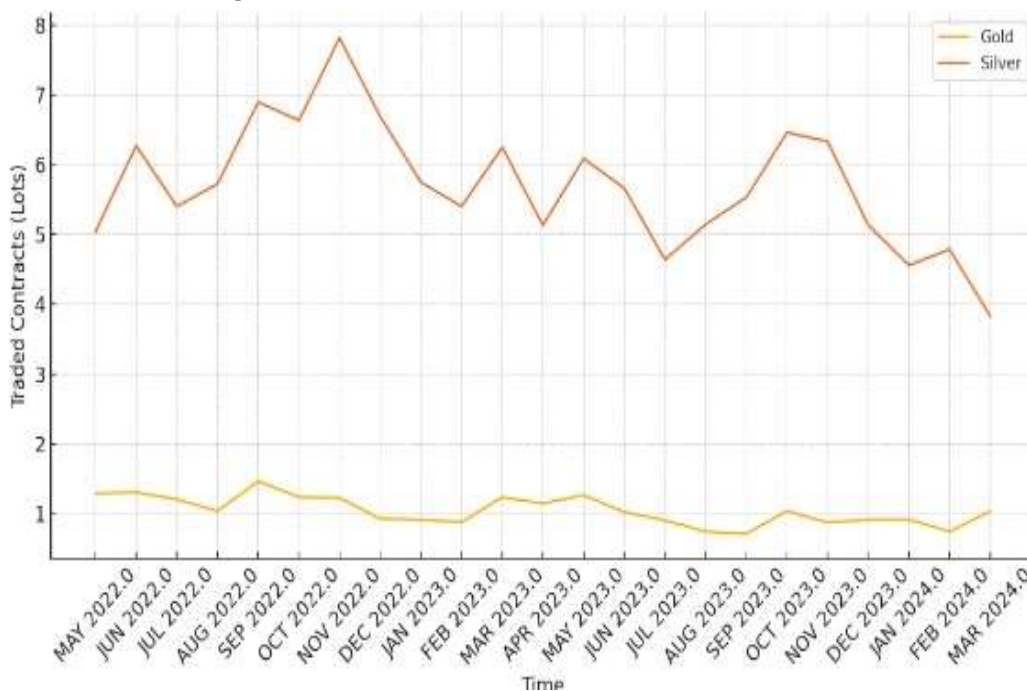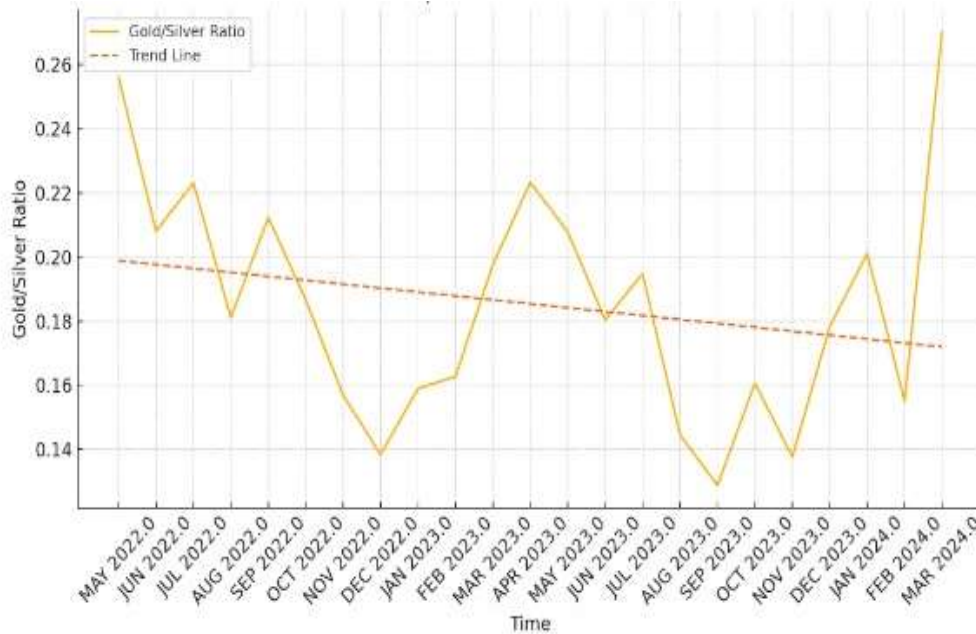

Figure 1: Gold vs Silver Traded Contracts Over Time

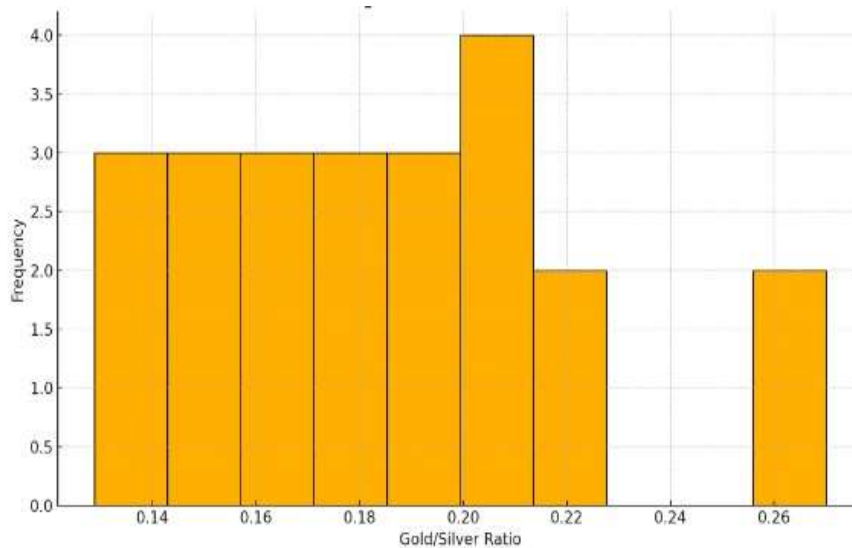**Figure 2:** Gold/Silver Traded Contracts Over Time

Figure 3: Histogram of Gold/Silver Ratio

V.   CONCLUSION

This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the trading dynamics between Gold and Silver by examining the ratio of their traded contracts over a defined period. The study research highlights the relative stability and underlying trends of trading volumes for these two precious metals, addressing a notable gap in the existing literature. By calculating the monthly ratio of Gold to Silver contracts and evaluating its variance, the study observed that the ratio remains relatively stable, although a slight downward trend suggests that Silver contracts are gaining relative prominence compared to gold. This trend is crucial for market participants, underscoring shifting dynamics that may influence future trading strategies and investment decisions. Applying a simple linear regression model further reinforced the study findings, clearly visualising the market behaviour through various plots and histograms. These insights contribute significantly to the field by offering a deeper understanding of the interplay between Gold and Silver trading volumes, a perspective often overlooked in traditional commodity market analyses.

Consequently, this research enhances the academic experience and offers practical implications for investors and analysts. Continuous monitoring and analysing trading volumes are essential for capturing evolving trends and improving strategic market responses, aiding in more informed decision-making. The study findings

suggest that while gold maintains stability, Silver's increasing prominence could present new opportunities and challenges within the commodities market. A nuanced understanding of trading dynamics can guide future research and market practices, emphasising the importance of examining price movements and trading volumes underpinning market behaviours. In conclusion, the study study fills a critical gap by providing detailed insights into the relative trading volumes of Gold and Silver, highlighting the necessity for ongoing analysis to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of commodity trading.

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