

Counterparty Credit Risk

From Statistics

Monte Carlo, Monaco



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Introduction

Counterparty credit risk

**How much money would we lose in the future if
a counterparty defaults**

**Can we derive OSFI prescribed formulas from
statistics?**

Can we account for correlations?

Introduction

We will derive

- **Part 1: ECL Formula**
- **Part 2: Alpha Factor in EAD**
- **Part 3: PD term in RWA formula**

Notation

- T : future reference time
- $D = \{0,1\}$: default at $t \in (0,T]$
- $E \in [0,\infty)$: how much they owe us at t
- $L \in [0,1]$: loss incurred at t as a % of E
 - $L = 0$ when $D = 0$
- N_D defaults between $(0,T]$
- N_{ND} non-defaults between $(0,T]$
- $N = N_N + N_{ND}$
- $\bar{D} \equiv PD = \sum D_i/N = N_D/N$: Probability Default
- $\text{LGD} = \sum_{\text{defaulted cpty}} L_i/N_D$
- $\bar{L} = \sum L_i/N = \text{LGD} \cdot N_D/N = \text{LGD} \cdot PD$

Part 1

Expected Credit Loss

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

$L \in [0,1]$: loss incurred at t as a % of exposure E



$D = \{0,1\}$: default at $t \in (0,T]$

- $ECL \equiv \cdot \mathbb{E}(L \cdot D)$
- Assume for simplicity that $EAD = 1$ is a constant (fixed loan)

What is meant by this \mathbb{E} average?

Frequentist approach: draw many samples of L and D for the same counterparty and take the average. Impossible!

Workarounds:

- 1) Do Monte Carlo Simulation (e.g Merton model)
- 2) Consider *similar* counterparties (e.g. industry, geography) as realizations of a single hypothetical counterparty.

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

First Principles (easy method)

Using law of total expectation $\mathbb{E}(X) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(X | Y))$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(L \cdot D) &= \mathbb{E}(L \cdot D | \text{default})P(\text{default}) + \mathbb{E}(L \cdot D | \text{non-default})P(\text{non-default}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(L | \text{default})P(\text{default}) \\ &= LGD \cdot PD\end{aligned}$$

$L = D = 0$ when no default

Too easy...

Did we *really* account for correlations between L and D ?

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

First Principles (hard method)

Using $\mathbb{E}(L \cdot D) = cov(L, D) + \mathbb{E}(L) \cdot \mathbb{E}(D)$ we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} cov(L, D) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (L_i - \bar{L})(D_i - \bar{D}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{defaulted cpty}}^{N_D} (L_i - \bar{L})(D_i - \bar{D}) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\text{non-defaulted cpty}}^{N_{ND}} (L_i - \bar{L})(D_i - \bar{D}) \\ &= \frac{N_D N_{ND}}{N^2} \cdot (1 - PD) \cdot LGD + \frac{N_D N_{ND}}{N^2} \cdot PD \cdot LGD \\ &= LGD \frac{N_D N_{ND}}{N^2} \\ &= LGD \cdot PD \cdot (1 - PD) \\ &\quad (= LGD \cdot var(D)) \end{aligned}$$

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the covariance term. It shows two separate summations: one for 'defaulted cpty' (with count \$N_D\$) and one for 'non-defaulted cpty' (with count \$N_{ND}\$). Arrows point from the terms \$(L_i - \bar{L})(D_i - \bar{D})\$ in the original formula to these respective summations. Above the first summation, there is a small '1' with an arrow pointing to it, likely indicating the first term in the sequence. To the right of the second summation, there are two '0's with arrows pointing up to them, likely indicating the second term in the sequence.

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

First Principles (hard method)

Using $\mathbb{E}(L \cdot D) = cov(L, D) + \mathbb{E}(L) \cdot \mathbb{E}(D)$ we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(L) \cdot \mathbb{E}(D) &\equiv \bar{L} \cdot \bar{D} \\ &= (\text{LGD } PD) \cdot PD \\ &= \text{LGD} \cdot PD^2\end{aligned}$$

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

First Principles (hard method)

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(L \cdot D) &= cov(L, D) + \mathbb{E}(L) \cdot \mathbb{E}(D) \\ &= LGD \cdot PD(1 - PD) + LGD \cdot PD^2 \\ &= LGD \cdot PD\end{aligned}$$

Expected Credit Loss

$$ECL = EAD \times LGD \times PD$$

Insights

- Without correlations between L and D , we would have $ECL \propto PD^2$
- Correlations correct the PD^2 scaling to a PD scaling

Part 2

Alpha Factor

Alpha Factor

Motivation

In many formulas from Basel, we often see a mysterious factor α , which we are told to set to 1.4

$$EAD_{SACCR} = \alpha \cdot (RC + PFE)$$

$$EAD_{IMM} = \alpha \cdot \text{Effective EPE}$$

Why do we need α ?

Alpha Factor

First Principles (1 counterparty)

$$\mathbb{E}(D \cdot E) \equiv \sum d \cdot e P(d, e)$$

\uparrow \nearrow

$D = \{0,1\}$: default at $t \in (0, T]$

$E \in [0, \infty)$: how much money they owe us at time t

- Sum over all possible exposures and default states at future time t , weighted by the joint probability distribution $P(d, e)$
- Take $L = 1$ as constant for simplicity

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (1 counterparty)

Assumption

- Let's assume that the exposure dependence in the joint probability distribution $P(e, d)$ can be captured by a constant fudge factor α .

This can be loosely motivated by using Bayes' theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} P(d | e) &= \frac{P(e | d)}{P(e)} P(d) \\ &\approx \alpha P(d) \end{aligned}$$

Fine Print: This actually violates many theorems in probability, but let's call this a minor inconvenience and keep going

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (1 counterparty)

Using this assumption, we can write the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[D \cdot E] &= \sum_{i,k} e_i d_k P(d_k, e_i) \\ &= \sum_{i,k} e_i d_k P(d_k | e_i) P(e_i) \\ &\approx \sum_{i,k} e_i d_k \alpha P(d_k) P(e_i) \\ &= \left[\alpha \sum_i e_i P(e_i) \right] \left[\sum_k d_k P(d_k) \right] \\ &\equiv \text{EAD} \cdot \text{PD}\end{aligned}$$

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (1 counterparty)

Re-arranging the previous calculation, we obtain:

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i,k} e_i d_k P(d_k | e_i) P(e_i)}{\left[\sum_i e_i P(e_i) \right] \left[\sum_i d_k P(d_k) \right]}$$

Insights

- α accounts for the correlation between default probabilities and exposures in the regulatory capital calculation

Alpha Factor

First Principles (many counterparties)

Let's assume $N = 2$ (general case follows).

We now want to calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [(D \cdot E)_{\text{cpty A}} + (D \cdot E)'_{\text{cpty B}}] \\ &= \sum (ed + e'd')P(d, d', e, e') \end{aligned}$$

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (many counterparties)

Assumptions

- Exposures of counterparty A and B are independent:
$$P(e, e') = P(e)P(e')$$
- Defaults of A and B are independent conditional on exposures:
$$P(d, d' | e, e') = P(d | e, e')P(d' | e, e')$$
- α_A correlates defaults of A on exposures of A and B:
$$P(d | e, e') \approx \alpha_A P(d)$$
- α is universal:
$$\alpha_A = \alpha_B = \alpha$$

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (many counterparties)

Using these assumptions and a lot of algebra, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[(D \cdot E)_{\text{cpty A}} + (D \cdot E)'_{\text{cpty B}}] \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} (e_i d_k + e'_j d'_l) P(d_k, d'_l, e_i, e'_j) \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} e_i d_k P(d_k, d'_l | e_i, e'_j) P(e_i, e'_j) + \sum_{i,j,k,l} e'_j d'_l P(d_k, d'_l | e_i, e'_j) P(e_i, e'_j) \\ &\approx \sum_{i,k} \alpha e_i P(e_i) d_k P(d_k) + \sum_{j,l} \alpha e'_j P(e'_j) d'_l P(d'_l) \\ &= (EAD \cdot PD)_{\text{cpty A}} + (EAD \cdot PD)'_{\text{cpty B}} \end{aligned}$$

Alpha Factor

First Principles Derivation (many counterparties)

Re-arranging the previous calculation, we obtain more generally

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i,j,k,l} (e_i d_k + e'_j d'_l) P(d_k, d'_l, e_i, e'_j)}{\sum_{i,k} e_i P(e_i) d_k P(d_k) + \sum_{j,l} e'_j P(e'_j) d'_l P(d'_l)}$$

Insights

- α can be generalized to many counterparties

Part 3

RWA Default Probabilities

Risk Weighted Assets

Motivation

Can we write down an explicit model to correlate D and E ?

Yes - will show how it leads to Worst Case Default Rate (WCDR) in the prescribed OSFI formula:

$$RWA_{AIRB} = 12.5 \times EAD \times (WCDR - PD) \times LGD \times MA$$

Risk Weighted Assets

Consider a 1-factor model. For counterparty i , let's define:

$$M \sim N(0,1) \text{ (systemic factor)}$$

$$Z_i \sim N(0,1) \text{ (idiosyncratic factor)}$$

$$X_i = \sqrt{\rho}M + \sqrt{1 - \rho}Z_i \text{ (e.g. asset returns)}$$

X_i was chosen as such to have the following properties:

$$\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mathbb{E}(\sqrt{\rho}M + \sqrt{1 - \rho}Z_i)$$

$$= \sqrt{\rho}\mathbb{E}(M) + \sqrt{1 - \rho}\mathbb{E}(Z_i)$$

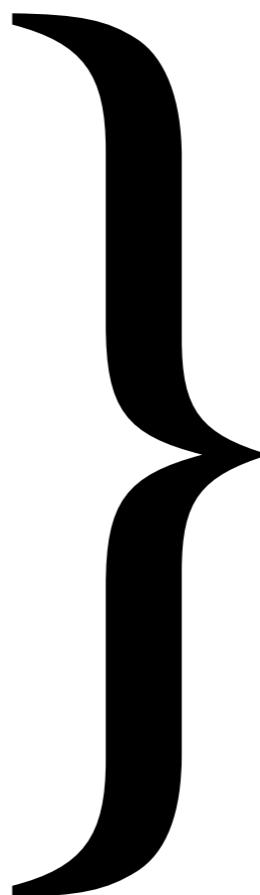
$$= 0$$

$$Var(X_i) = \mathbb{E}((X_i - \mathbb{E}(X_i))(X_i - \mathbb{E}(X_i)))$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(\rho M^2 + 2\sqrt{\rho(1 - \rho)}MZ_i + (1 - \rho)Z_i^2)$$

$$= \rho 1 + 0 + (1 - \rho)1 = 1$$

$$cov(X_i, X_j) = \rho$$



$$X_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

Risk Weighted Assets

Define defaults as when $X_i < \bar{x}_i$, for some threshold \bar{x}_i

$$PD = P(X_i < \bar{x}_i)$$

$$\equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1(X_i < \bar{x}_i) d\phi(x)$$

$$= (\phi(x_1) - \phi(-\infty)) + (\phi(x_2) - \phi(x_1)) + \cdots + (\phi(\bar{x}_i) - \phi(x_l))$$

$$= \phi_{\text{normal}}(\bar{x}_i)$$

Riemann-Stieltjes integral: like normal integral, but with $d\Phi_{CDF}$ instead of dx

Now fix $M = m$. $X_i \sim N(0,1) \rightarrow N\left(\sqrt{\rho}m, 1 - \rho\right)$

$$\text{Conditional PD} = P\left(\sqrt{\rho}m + \sqrt{1 - \rho}Z_i < \bar{x}_i \mid M = m\right)$$

$$= P\left(Z_i < \frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \mid M = m\right)$$

$$= \phi_{\text{normal}}\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}}\right)$$

Risk Weighted Assets

Average $P(X_i < \bar{x}_i | M = m)$ over all values of m .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_m(P(X_i < \bar{x}_i | M = m)) &= \mathbb{E}_m\left(\phi\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right)\right) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right) \phi'(m) dm \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}} \frac{e^{-y^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{-m^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dy dm \\ &= \phi(\bar{x}_i) \\ &= PD\end{aligned}$$

Risk Weighted Assets

Let's define

$$\begin{aligned} g(m) &= P(X_i < \bar{x}_i \mid M = m)) - E_m(P(X_i < \bar{x}_i \mid M = m)) \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{\bar{x}_i - \sqrt{\rho}m}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}}\right) - \phi(\bar{x}_i) \end{aligned}$$

Since $M \sim N(0,1)$, it is true that in 99% of scenarios, $M > \phi^{-1}(0.01)$.
Since ϕ is monotonic, we have in 99% of scenarios:

$$\begin{aligned} g(m) &< g(\phi^{-1}(0.01)) \\ &\equiv WCDR - \phi(\bar{x}_i) \\ &\equiv WCDR - PD \end{aligned}$$

Risk Weighted Assets

$$RWA = 12.5 \times EAD \times (WCDR - PD) \times LGD \times MA$$

Insights

- The statement “RWA is the unexpected loss” comes from the $WCDR$ term.
- $IMM EAD$ and PD are averaged over *all* scenarios, not just tail scenarios

Bonus!

Generalizing Results

Generalizations

Generalization #1

- Extend PD to full joint probability of X_i across all counterparties:
 $P_\phi(X_1 < \phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, X_n < \phi_n^{-1}(u_n))$

Full joint probability is complicated! However conditional on $M = m$, the various $X_i(m)$ are now independent. Hence, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} P_\phi(X_1 < \phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, X_n < \phi_n^{-1}(u_n)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_\phi(X_1 < \phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, X_n < \phi_n^{-1}(u_n) \mid M = m) d\phi(m) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_i^n P_{\phi_i}(X_i < \phi_i^{-1}(u_i) \mid M = m) d\phi(m) \end{aligned}$$

Generalizations

Generalization #2

- Relate joint CDF of X_i to the joint CDF of t_i , where t_i is the time (random variable) until counterparty i defaults.

Introduce copulas (Sklar's theorem): Given a d-dimensional continuous CDF F_n with marginals F_1, \dots, F_n , there exists a unique copula function C , such that $F_N(t_1, \dots, t_n) = C(F_1(t_1), \dots, F_n(t_n))$.

Generalizations

Generalization #2

- Relate joint CDF of X_i to the joint CDF of t_i , where t_i is the time (random variable) until counterparty i defaults.

Assume t_i copula are equal to X_i copula:

$$\begin{aligned} P_F(T_1 < t_1, \dots, T_n < t_n) &\equiv F_N(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\ &= F_N(F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n)) \\ &= C_F(u_1, \dots, u_n) \\ &= C_\phi(u_1, \dots, u_n) \\ &= \phi_N(\phi_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \phi_n^{-1}(u_n)) \\ &\equiv P_\phi(X_1 < \phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, X_n < \phi_n^{-1}(u_n)) \end{aligned}$$



Thank you!

Questions?