

Stratified Importance Sampling for Bernoulli Mixture Model of Portfolio Credit Risk

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Introduction

Credit Portfolio

- We consider a credit portfolio consisting of m obligors whose defaults during a fixed time interval $[0, T]$ are dependent.
- The default probability of obligor j is \bar{p}_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
- The exposure at the default of obligor j is c_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$.
- Let Y_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, be the default indicator of obligor j in time interval $[0, T]$, i.e.

$$Y_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{obligor } j \text{ defaults in } [0, T], \\ 0, & \text{obligor } j \text{ does not default in } [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

- We call $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m)$ the default vector.
- The sample space of \mathbf{Y} is $\{0, 1\}^m$, which is denoted by \mathcal{Y} .

Loss of the credit portfolio and tail loss probability

- The loss of the portfolio in time interval $[0, T]$ is given by

$$L(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{j=1}^m c_j Y_j, \quad \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (1)$$

- For a large value of $x > 0$, the tail loss probability over the threshold x is defined as

$$\theta = \Pr\{L(\mathbf{Y}) > x\} \quad (2)$$

- We propose an importance sampling scheme to estimate θ under the Bernoulli mixture of model for the dependence of Y_1, \dots, Y_m .

Bernoulli mixture model for dependent defaults of obligors

Bernoulli mixture model

- The dependency of default events is modeled by introducing a number of d common factors $\Psi = (\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$.
- When the value of $\Psi = \psi$ is given,
 - Default indicators Y_1, \dots, Y_m are conditionally independent.
 - The conditional default probability of obligor j is determined by ψ .
- Let $p_j(\psi)$ be the conditional default probability of obligor j . Then, the conditional joint pmf of the default vector \mathbf{Y} given $\Psi = \psi$ is as follows: for $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathcal{Y}$,

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\psi) = \prod_{j=1}^m p_j(\psi)^{y_j} (1 - p_j(\psi))^{1-y_j}. \quad (3)$$

Nominal probability measure

- Let $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{Y}$ be the sample space of (Ψ, \mathbf{Y}) .
- Define \mathbb{P} as the probability measure on \mathcal{S} induced from the pdf $f(\psi; \mu)$ of Ψ and the conditional pmf $p(\mathbf{y}|\psi)$ of \mathbf{Y} given $\Psi = \psi$.
- We call \mathbb{P} the nominal probability measure.
- For an event A depending on (Ψ, \mathbf{Y}) , we denote by $\mathbb{P}(A)$ the probability of the occurrence of the event A .
- Let $E_{\mathbb{P}}[h(\Psi, \mathbf{Y})]$ be the expectation of $h(\Psi, \mathbf{Y})$ for a real valued function $h(\psi, \mathbf{y})$ under the probability measure \mathbb{P} .
- Let L be the abbreviation of $L(\mathbf{Y})$. Then,

$$\theta = \mathbb{P}(L > x).$$

The proposed scheme

Stratifying the sample space

- Without loss of generality, we assume that c_1, \dots, c_m are in their descending order.
- We stratify the sample space \mathcal{S} according to the defaults of the first K obligors.
- \mathcal{S} is stratified into the strata $\{\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{Y}_{\mathbf{h}}, \mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K\}$, where

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{h} \times \{0, 1\}^{m-K}, \quad \mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K. \quad (4)$$

- We call $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}$ the stratum \mathbf{h} , $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K$.
- Let $\bar{p}_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbb{P}((\Psi, \mathbf{Y}) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{h}}) (= \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{Y}_{\mathbf{h}}))$, $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K$.

The nominal probability measure on \mathcal{S}_h

- We denote by $f_h(\psi)$ the conditional pdf of Ψ given $Y \in \mathcal{Y}_h$.
- From the Bayes' theorem, we have that for $h \in \{0, 1\}^K$,

$$f_h(\psi; \mu) = \frac{f(\psi; \mu) \prod_{j=1}^K p_j(\psi)^{h_j} (1 - p_j(\psi))^{1-h_j}}{\bar{p}_h}, \quad \psi \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (5)$$

- Since Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m are independent given $\Psi = \psi$, the conditional pmf of Y given $\Psi = \psi$ and $Y \in \mathcal{Y}_h$ is given by

$$p_h(y|\psi) = \prod_{j=K+1}^m p_j(\psi)^{y_j} (1 - p_j(\psi))^{1-y_j}, \quad y \in \mathcal{Y}_h. \quad (6)$$

- Let \mathbb{P}_h be the probability measure on stratum h induced by the pdf $f_h(\psi)$ of Ψ and the conditional pmf $p_h(y|\psi)$ of Y given $\Psi = \psi$.
- Then, \mathbb{P}_h is the conditional probability measure of \mathbb{P} given $(\Psi, Y) \in$ stratum h .

A representation of θ in terms of \mathbb{P}_h

- The tail loss probability over the threshold x is represented as

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \sum_{h \in \{0,1\}^K} \bar{p}_h \mathbb{P}_h(L > x) \\ &= \sum_{h \in \{0,1\}^K} \bar{p}_h E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[I(L > x)].\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Importance distributions on each stratum

- Let $g_h(\psi)$, $h \in \{0, 1\}^K$, be an importance pdf of Ψ in stratum h .
- Let $q_{h,j}(\psi)$, $j = K + 1, \dots, m$, be an conditional importance default probability of obligor j given $\Psi = \psi$ in stratum h .
- Then, the conditional importance pmf $q_h(\mathbf{y}|\psi)$ of \mathbf{Y} given $\Psi = \psi$ in stratum \mathcal{S}_h has the following form:

$$q_h(\mathbf{y}|\psi) = \prod_{j=K+1}^m q_{h,j}(\psi)^{y_j} (1 - q_{h,j}(\psi))^{1-y_j}, \quad \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}_h. \quad (8)$$

- We define \mathbb{Q}_h , $h \in \{0, 1\}^K$, as the probability measure on stratum \mathcal{S}_h induced by the pdf $g_h(\psi)$ of Ψ and the conditional pmf $q_h(\mathbf{y}|\psi)$ of \mathbf{Y} given $\Psi = \psi$.

A representation of θ in terms of \mathbb{Q}_h

- The likelihood ratio of an event (ψ, \mathbf{y}) on \mathcal{S}_h is

$$w_h(\psi, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{f_h(\psi; \boldsymbol{\mu})p_h(\mathbf{y}|\psi)}{g_h(\psi)q_h(\mathbf{y}|\psi)}, \quad (\psi, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{S}_h. \quad (9)$$

- Then, it follows that

$$E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[I(L > x)] = E_{\mathbb{Q}_h}[w_h(\boldsymbol{\Psi}, \mathbf{Y})I(L > x)], \quad \mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K, \quad (10)$$

- By applying Eq. (10) to Eq. (7), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K} \bar{p}_h E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[I(L > x)] \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K} \bar{p}_h E_{\mathbb{Q}_h}[w_h(\boldsymbol{\Psi}, \mathbf{Y})I(L > x)]. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Stratified importance sampling estimation of the tail loss probability

- Suppose that we have a number of n_h random samples $\Psi^{(h,1)}, \dots, \Psi^{(h,n_h)}$ from the pdf $g_h(\psi)$ for each $h \in \{0, 1\}^K$.
- For each $\Psi^{(h,i)}$, we also have a sample $\mathbf{Y}^{(h,i)} \in \mathcal{Y}_h$ from the conditional pmf $q_h(\mathbf{y}|\Psi^{(h,i)})$.
- An unbiased estimator of θ is given by

$$\hat{\theta} = \sum_{h \in \{0,1\}^K} \frac{\bar{p}_h}{n_h} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_h(\Psi^{(h,i)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(h,i)}) I(L^{(h,i)} > x), \quad (12)$$

where $L^{(h,i)} = L(\mathbf{Y}^{(h,i)})$.

Neymann allocation

- Let $\sigma_h^2 = V_{\mathbb{Q}_h}[w_h(\Psi, \mathbf{Y})I(L > x)]$, $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K$. Then, the variance of the estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is given by

$$V[\hat{\theta}] = \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K} \frac{\bar{p}_h^2 \sigma_h^2}{n_h}. \quad (13)$$

- The Neymann allocation minimizes $V[\hat{\theta}]$, i.e. when the sum of n_h 's are given to be n , the optimal value of n_h is

$$n_h = n \frac{\bar{p}_h \sigma_h}{\sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K} \bar{p}_h \sigma_h}, \quad \mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^K. \quad (14)$$

- In order to allocate the number of samples to each of the states according to the Neymann allocation, we need to compute the value of σ_h , which is not an easy task. Instead, we estimate it by a pilot simulation.

Exponential twisting to choose the optimal conditional pmf of \mathbf{Y} given Ψ

- For $j > K$ and $\psi \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we let $q_j(t, \psi)$ be the exponentially twisted default probability of $p_j(\mathbf{y}|\psi)$, i.e.

$$q_j(t, \psi) = \frac{p_j(\psi) \exp(c_j t)}{1 - p_j(\psi) + p_j(\psi) \exp(c_j t)}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (15)$$

where t is the parameter of the twisting.

- An asymptotically optimal value of t is as follows (Glassermann and Li (2005)): if $x > E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[L|\psi]$,

$$t_h(\psi) = \text{the solution of } \mathbf{h} \cdot (c_1, \dots, c_K) + \sum_{j=K+1}^m c_j q_j(t, \psi) = x,$$

otherwise, $t_h(\psi) = 0$.

Cross entropy method to choose the optimal pdf of Ψ

- The zero variance pdf of Ψ on \mathcal{S}_h is proportional to

$$E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[I(L > y)|\psi]f_h(\psi; \mu).$$

- We confine the parametric family of the importance pdf of Ψ to

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f(\psi; \nu)\}.$$

- The optimal value of ν in stratum h can be found by solving the following maximization problem (Chan and Kroese (2010)):

$$\nu_h^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\nu} \int E_{\mathbb{P}_h}[I(L > y)|\psi] \log f(\psi; \nu) f_h(\psi; \mu) d\psi, \quad (16)$$

or equivalently,

$$\nu_h^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\nu} \int E_{\mathbb{Q}_h} \left[\frac{p_h(\mathbf{Y}|\psi)}{q_h(\mathbf{Y}|\psi)} I(L > y)|\psi \right] \log f(\psi; \nu) f_h(\psi; \mu) d\psi, \quad (17)$$

- Suppose that we have samples $(\Psi^{(1)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(1)}), \dots, (\Psi^{(M)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(M)})$ in stratum \mathbf{h} from the distribution $f_{\mathbf{h}}(\psi; \boldsymbol{\mu})q_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{y}|\psi)$. Then, the stochastic optimization problem corresponding to Eq. (17) is that

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\mathbf{h}}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{p_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{Y}^{(i)}|\Psi^{(i)})}{q_{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{Y}^{(i)}|\Psi^{(i)})} I(L^{(i)} > x) \log f(\Psi^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\nu}). \quad (18)$$

Numerical Results

Simulation setting

- The number of obligors, m , are set to be 10^3 .
- The marginal default probabilities $\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m$ are generated m independently from the uniform distribution on $[0, 0.02]$.
- Two sets of exposures with different tail behavior are used.
 - Case 1 exposures was generated from the Pareto distribution with shape parameter 0.8.
 - Case 2 exposures was generated from the Pareto distribution with shape parameter 1.2.
- For simplicity, the factor variable Ψ follows the standard normal distribution $N(0, 1)$.
- For the mixing distribution, we consider the probit-normal distribution, i.e. given $\Psi = \psi$, the conditional default probability $p_j(\psi)$ of obligor j has the following form:

$$p_j(\psi) = \Phi(a_j\psi + b_j) \quad j = 1, \dots, m, \quad (19)$$

where Φ is the c.d.f. of the standard normal,

- For the simulations with the case 1 exposures, we set

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m) = (0.5, -3, 0.5, -3, \dots, 0.5, -3), \quad (20)$$

and for the simulations with the case 2 exposures, we set

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m) = (1, -1.2, 1, -1.2, \dots, 1, -1.2). \quad (21)$$

- By setting $b_j = \sqrt{1 + a_j^2} \Phi^{-1}(\bar{p}_j)$, $j = 1, \dots, m$, the default probability of the obligor j is equal to is \bar{p}_j
- We estimate the tail loss propoability using the following simulation scheme:
 - Crude Monte Carlo simulation (CMC)
 - Two-step importance sampling (CE-ET) : the same simulation scheme as the proposed scheme, but in this scheme the sample space is not stratified.
 - The proposed scheme (SCE-ET)

Estimated tail loss probability over various thresholds

Table: Estimated tail loss probabilities for various values of thresholds

k	$\alpha = 0.8$		$\alpha = 1.2$	
	threshold	$\hat{\theta}$	threshold	$\hat{\theta}$
1	11137.59	$1.16 \cdot 10^{-2}$	587.68	$1.31 \cdot 10^{-2}$
2	12681.42	$4.53 \cdot 10^{-3}$	881.52	$4.54 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3	14114.97	$1.43 \cdot 10^{-3}$	1175.37	$1.58 \cdot 10^{-3}$
4	14886.88	$5.66 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1469.21	$4.73 \cdot 10^{-4}$
5	15658.80	$1.61 \cdot 10^{-4}$	1763.05	$1.03 \cdot 10^{-4}$

- For each estimation of θ , we generated $n = 10^6$ number of $(\Psi, \mathbf{Y})'$ s.
- $\hat{\theta}$ is the one estimated by SCE-ET.

Standard errors of the estimations and their time-variance measure for the set of $\alpha = 0.8$

k	s.e			time*variance		
	CMC	CE-ET	SCE-ET	CMC	CE-ET	SCE-ET
1	$1.06 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.30 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.57 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.21 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.73 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.81 \cdot 10^{-8}$
2	$6.73 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.10 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$6.59 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$4.65 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.20 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.06 \cdot 10^{-8}$
3	$3.81 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.59 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.62 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.46 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$6.58 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.44 \cdot 10^{-9}$
4	$2.25 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$9.55 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.08 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5.08 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$5.78 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$9.02 \cdot 10^{-10}$
5	$1.33 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$3.79 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.24 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.77 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$9.04 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$3.91 \cdot 10^{-11}$

- The time*variances of CE-ET and SCE-ET are about 10 to 10^3 times less than those of CMC.
- CE-ET and SCE-ET are about 10 to 10^3 times faster than CMC in terms of simulation time to obtain the same estimation error.
- SCE-ET is about 2 to 5 times faster than CE-ET except the case of threshold being equal to x_4 .

Standard errors of the estimations and their time-variance measure for the set of $\alpha = 1.2$

k	s.e			time*variance		
	CMC	CE-ET	SCE-ET	CMC	CE-ET	SCE-ET
1	$1.12 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.17 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$2.08 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.27 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.58 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.13 \cdot 10^{-7}$
2	$6.72 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.26 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$6.68 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$4.52 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.95 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.18 \cdot 10^{-8}$
3	$4.00 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.94 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.33 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.60 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$9.36 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$2.60 \cdot 10^{-9}$
4	$2.19 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1.75 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$5.31 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$4.83 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.14 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.20 \cdot 10^{-10}$
5	$1.05 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$4.15 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.12 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$1.11 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$6.14 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$5.49 \cdot 10^{-12}$

- The simulation with exposures of $\alpha = 1.2$ shows the similar behavior of the time*variance to the simulation with exposures of $\alpha = 0.8$
- CE-ET and SCE-ET have about 10 to 10^4 times less time*variances compared to CMC.
- SCE-ET method shows the better performance than CE-EC for all thresholds.

Conclusion

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- We proposed an importance sampling scheme to estimate the tail loss probability over a threshold.
- In the proposed scheme, the sample space of the factor variables and the default vectors is stratified according to the defaults of some obligors with heavy exposures.
- We proposed to find the optimal importance distribution of the factor variables and the conditional default probabilities of obligors on each stratum of the sample space.
- Numerical study shows that the proposed scheme is efficient compared to the existing methods.