

Counterparty Credit Risk

MF 731 Corporate Risk Management

Outline

Counterparty credit risk.

Value adjustments for Over the Counter (OTC) derivatives.

CVA, DVA for an “OTC” European option.

CVA, DVA for CDS in a constant hazard rate model.

Counterparty Credit Risk

Counterparty credit risk:

“The risk associated to counterparty default, in an OTC transaction.”

E.g.: you are the protection buyer in a 5 year CDS, and Goldman Sachs is the protection seller. What is the risk that Goldman Sachs might default within the next 5 years?

Counterparty Credit Risk

Counterparty risk management poses a number of challenges. We need to

- Asses the risk to a given counterparty across all derivative positions.

- In particular, for different product types.

- Adjust prices to account for the risk.

- Mitigate the risk, typically through collateral postings.

Counterparty Credit Risk

We will not cover

Aggregation of counterparty risk across positions.

The details of collateral postings.

We will cover

Adjusting prices for counterparty risk.

We seek to understand the Value Aadjustments

BCVA: Bilateral Credit.

CVA: Credit.

DVA: Debt.

The Value Adjustments

Where we are headed:

Computing BCVA, CVA, DVA for a CDS.

To gain intuition:

We first treat a hypothetical situation where we have bought a European option through an OTC transaction.

Though contrived (typically, one may buy the option on an exchange), this will help us understand the calculations.

European Option

Black-Scholes model:

Risky asset: $\frac{dX_t}{X_t} = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t$.

Money market account: $\frac{dB_t}{B_t} = r dt$.

Option payoff: $V(T) = V(X_T)$ at T .

Non-negative payoff: $V(x) \geq x$ for all $x > 0$.

Examples. Call: $V(T) = (X_T - K)^+$. Put: $V(T) = (K - X_T)^+$.

Option value at $t \leq T$:

$$V(t) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [e^{-r(T-t)} V(X_T) \mid \mathcal{F}_t].$$

\mathbb{Q} : risk neutral measure. $\mathbb{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \leq T}$: underlying filtration.

Value at a stopping time $\tau \leq T$:

$$V(\tau) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [e^{-r(T-\tau)} V(X_T) \mid \mathcal{F}_\tau].$$

European Option Example

Label the buyer “B”, and the seller “S”.

How does the option value change taking into account default of B or S?

τ^B : buyer default time. τ^S : seller default time.

τ^B, τ^S : stopping times.

$$\tau_B < \tau_S \Rightarrow \xi = B$$

$$\tau_S < \tau_B \Rightarrow \xi = S$$

$\tau = \min \{ \tau^B, \tau^S \}$: first default time. $\xi \in \{B, S\}$: name of first to default.

We take the **buyer's perspective** on payoffs.

The Payoffs

If $\tau > T$ (no default by maturity):

Payoff of $V(T) = V(X_T)$ at T .

(time 0) Discounted payoff: $V(T)e^{-rT}$.

If $\tau \leq T$ (either B or S defaults):

A close-out fee is paid at τ .

Industry convention: recovery at market value.

Taking into account loss given default.

The Payoff if S Defaults First

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = \underline{S}$, to compute the close out fee we

Identify the theoretical option value at τ :

$$V(\tau) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [e^{-r(T-\tau)} V(X_T) \mid \mathcal{F}_\tau] \geq 0.$$

S owes B $V(\tau)$, but cannot pay the full amount. B instead receives $(1 - \delta^S) V(\tau)$: δ^S loss given default for S .

Payoff at τ : $1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} (1 - \delta^S) V(\tau)$.

Discounted payoff: $1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} (1 - \delta^S) V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}$.

The Payoff if B Defaults First

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = B$, to compute the close-out fee we

Identify the theoretical option value at τ :

$$V(\tau) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [e^{-r(T-\tau)} V(X_T) \mid \mathcal{F}_\tau] \geq 0.$$

S owes B $V(\tau)$. Since S has not defaulted, S pays B full amount $V(\tau)$.

Payoff at τ : $1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=B} V(\tau)$.

Discounted payoff: $1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=B} V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}$.

BCVA

This yields the “real” option value

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^r(0) &= E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\underbrace{1_{\tau > T} V(T) e^{-rT}}_{\text{No default}} \right] + E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\underbrace{1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} (1 - \delta^S) V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}}_{S \text{ defaults first}} \right] \\
 &\quad + E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\underbrace{1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=B} V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}}_{B \text{ defaults first}} \right]; \quad 1_{\xi=B} + 1_{\xi=S} = 1 \\
 &= E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau > T} V(T) e^{-rT} + 1_{\tau \leq T} V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}] - \delta^S E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}]. \\
 &\quad V(\omega) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [e^{-r(\tau-\omega)} V_\tau]
 \end{aligned}$$

The bilateral credit value adjustment is:

$$\text{BCVA}(0) \triangleq V(0) - V^r(0).$$

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = V(0) - V^r(0)$$

“Bilateral”: the adjustment takes into account defaults for both the buyer and the seller.

Note: $V^r(0) = V(0) - \text{BCVA}(0)$.

[“Real” price is theoretical price less bilateral credit adjustment.]

Warning: BCVA need not always be positive.

Especially for CDS, this value may be negative.

CVA

CVA: the change in option value due to S 's default.

Basic idea (note: $V(t) \geq 0$ in our example):

Assume $\tau \leq T$ and $\xi = S$. Two options:

Buyer receives $V(\tau)$: as if there were no loss.

Buyer receives $(1 - \delta^S)V(\tau)$: incorporating the loss.

The difference is $\delta^S V(\tau)$. ← "loss" (hypothetical) of δ^S , V_t at τ

(hypothetically) Realized at τ .

The time 0 value is the CVA:

$$\text{CVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} \delta^S V(\tau) e^{-r\tau}].$$

DVA

DVA: the change in option value due to B's default.

Basic idea (note: $V(t) \geq 0$ in our example)

Assume $\tau \leq T$ and $\xi = B$. Since S has not defaulted, the two options are:

Buyer receives $V(\tau)$: as if there were no loss.

Buyer receives $V(\tau)$: S has not defaulted.

Difference is 0 at τ so the time 0 value is $DVA(0) = 0$.

$$\mathbb{E}^Q[1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=B} 0] = 0$$

WARNING: DVA is typically not 0. That it is 0 is specific to this example. For CDS it will not be 0.

A process M is a mart. if $\mathbb{E}^Q[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s$, $s < t$.

Risk neutral pricing theory:

$t \mapsto e^{-rt} V_t$ is a Q -mart.

Optional Sampling thm:

- I can plug stopping times into the mart. equation.

- bounded stopping time

$$\mathbb{E}[M_\tau | \mathcal{F}_0] = M_0$$

$$= 0 \equiv 0, \quad \mathbb{E}^Q[M_\tau] = M_0$$

$$V(0) = \mathbb{E}^Q[e^{-rT} V_T] = M_0 = V(0)$$

$$M_t = e^{-rt} V_t$$

optional sampling



$$V^r(0) = \mathbb{E}^Q[e^{-r(t \wedge T)} V_{t \wedge T}] + DVA(0) - CVA(0) = V(0) + DVA(0) - CVA(0)$$

$$BCVA(0) = V(0) - V^r(0) = CVA(0) - DVA(0)$$

Notes on CVA and DVA

Since $\{V(t)e^{-rt}\}_{t \leq T}$ is a \mathbb{Q} Martingale

$$\begin{aligned} V^r(0) &= E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau > T} V(T)e^{-rT} + 1_{\tau \leq T} V(\tau)e^{-r\tau} - \delta^S 1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} V(\tau)e^{-r\tau}] ; \\ &= E^{\mathbb{Q}} [V(T \wedge \tau)e^{-r(T \wedge \tau)} - \delta^S 1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} V(\tau)e^{-r\tau}] ; \quad \text{DVA}(0) = 0 \\ &= V(0) - \text{CVA}(0) + \text{DVA}(0) \quad \text{CVA}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\text{BCVA}(0) = V(0) - V^r(0) = \text{CVA}(0) - \text{DVA}(0)$.

Assume we are the buyer:

CVA: price adjustment due to seller default.

Downward: the value of our position decreases.

DVA: price adjustment due to our default.

Upward: we owe less if we default because we cannot pay!

Can our default really increase our value?

Application: Call Option

Payoff: $V(T) = (X_T - K)^+$, $V(t) = C^{BS}(t, X_t)$.

C^{BS} : Black-Scholes price for a call option.

Assume $\tau^B \perp\!\!\!\perp \tau^S$, with constant intensities γ^B, γ^S .

Explicit formula for the CVA!

$$\text{CVA}(0) = C^{BS}(0, X_0) \frac{\gamma^S \delta^S}{\gamma^S + \gamma^B} \left(1 - e^{-(\gamma^S + \gamma^B)T}\right).$$

Parameters:

$$r = 2\%, \sigma = 30\%, T = 1, K = 55, X_0 = 52.$$

$$\gamma^B = 3\%, \gamma^S = 5\%. \delta^S = 50\%.$$

Numeric values:

$$\text{CVA}(0) = 0.1298. \text{ 2.40\% of theoretical option value.}$$

The Value Adjustments for CDS

The idea behind the calculations is the same.

Compute theoretical CDS value $V(t)$ for all $t \leq T$.

Compute actual value $V^r(0)$, taking into default of B , S .

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = V(0) - V^r(0).$$

CVA(0): adjustment due to default of S .

DVA(0): adjustment due to default of B .

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = \text{CVA}(0) - \text{DVA}(0).$$

CDS

However, the calculations are much trickier.

CDS contract involves multiple payments over time.

Payments are from B to S and vice versa.

There is another default we have to worry about:

That of the underlying reference entity R .

Despite all this, we can still compute the value adjustments.

CDS: Theoretical Value

Recall the (theoretical) CDS price derivation:

Payment dates $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_{T\Delta} = T$.

$t_n = n/\Delta$ for $n = 1, \dots, T\Delta$.

Δ : payment frequency. E.g. 4 (quarterly).

B pays S a fixed premium x/Δ at each payment date.

x : annualized CDS spread.

τ^R : default time of R . If $\tau^R \in (t_{n-1}, t_n]$:

S pays B ^{IGD} δ^R . B makes no further premium payments to x .

We ignore the accrued interest B would have to pay S at τ^R .

CDS: Theoretical Value

We need the theoretical value $V(t)$ for all $t \leq T$.

Interest rate process $r = \{r(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$.

Discounted cash flows at $t \leq T$: $\tau^R > t$

buyer's perspective

$$\Pi(t) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{pay back}}}{1_{t < \tau^R \leq T}} \delta^R e^{-\int_t^{\tau^R} r(u) du} - \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n < \tau^R} e^{-\int_t^{t_n} r(u) du}.$$

Time t theoretical value is thus $V(t) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\Pi(t) \mid \mathcal{F}_t]$.

CDS: Actual Value

We now account for counterparty default.

Set

$\tau = \min \{ \tau^R, \tau^S, \tau^B \}$: first default time.

$\xi \in \{R, S, B\}$: identity of first to default.

$\Pi^r(t)$: discounted actual flows at $t \leq T$, *accounting for default.*

If $\tau > T$ (no one defaults) or $\tau \leq T, \xi = R$ (R first to default): *— no adjustment needed*

$\Pi_1^r(0) = \Pi(0)$: no change in flows.

CDS: Actual Value

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = S$ (S defaults first)

1) B already paid x/Δ at t_n for all $t_n < \tau$.

2) Close out payment at τ ($V(\tau)$: theoretical value).

If $V(\tau) > 0$, S owes $V(\tau)$, but can only pay $(1 - \delta^S)V(\tau)$.

If $V(\tau) < 0$, B owes $-V(\tau)$, and can pay full amount.

Net payment: $(1 - \delta^S)V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-$. *B's perspective*

Recall: $x^+ = \max[x, 0]$, $x^- = -\min[x, 0]$, $x = x^+ - x^-$.

Present value of payments:

$$\Pi_2^r(0) = ((1 - \delta^S)V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-) e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u)du} - \frac{x}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t_n < \tau} e^{-\int_0^{t_n} r(u)du}.$$

CDS: Actual Value

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = B$ (B defaults first)

B already paid x/Δ at t_n for all $t_n < \tau$.

Close out payment at τ ($V(\tau)$: theoretical value)

If $V(\tau) > 0$, S owes B , $V(\tau)^+$, and can pay full amount. B gets $V(\tau)$

If $V(\tau) < 0$, B owes S , $V(\tau)^-$, but can only pay $(1 - \delta^B)V(\tau)^-$.

Net payment: $V(\tau)^+ - (1 - \delta^B)V(\tau)^-$. at τ .

Present value of payments:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_3^r(0) = & (V(\tau)^+ - (1 - \delta^B)V(\tau)^-) e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u)du} \\ & - \frac{x}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t_n < \tau} e^{-\int_0^{t_n} r(u)du}. \end{aligned}$$

CDS: Actual Value

We computed the discounted value in all scenarios

No default or R defaults first.

S defaults first.

B defaults first.

The actual time 0 discounted flows are

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^r(0) = & (1_{\tau > T} + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=R}) \Pi_1^r(0) + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=S} \Pi_2^r(0) \\ & + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=B} \Pi_3^r(0).\end{aligned}$$

The actual time 0 value is $V^r(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\Pi^r(0)]$.

CDS: BCVA

BCVA is the same as before:

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = V(0) - V^r(0).$$

The difference between the theoretical and actual values, taking defaults of B and S into account.

Alternatively, $V^r(0) = V(0) - \text{BCVA}(0)$.

CDS: CVA

To compute CVA we see what happens if S defaults.

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = S$ the game stops at τ :

B actually receives $(1 - \delta^S)V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-$.

Absent default, B receives $V(\tau) = V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-$.

The loss is thus $\delta^S V(\tau)^+$ which is “realized” at τ .

$$\text{CVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\mathbf{1}_{\tau \leq T, \xi = S} \delta^S V(\tau)^+ e^{-\int_0^{\tau} r(u) du} \right].$$

CDS: DVA

For DVA we see what happens if B defaults.

If $\tau \leq T$, $\xi = B$ the game stops at τ :

B actually receives $V(\tau)^+ - (1 - \delta^B)V(\tau)^-$.

Absent its own default B receives $V(\tau) = V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-$.

The gain(!) due to B 's default is $\delta^B V(\tau)^-$, “realized” at τ .

$$\text{DVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[1_{\tau \leq T, \xi = B} \delta^B V(\tau)^- e^{-\int_0^{\tau} r(u) du} \right].$$

time 0 price of gain

Theoretical problem (revisited): how can B gain from its own default??

CDS: Formula Recap

$$\Pi(t) = 1_{t < \tau^R \leq T} \delta^R e^{-\int_t^{\tau^R} r(u) du} - \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n < \tau^R} e^{-\int_t^{t_n} r(u) du};$$

$$V(\tau) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\Pi(\tau) \mid \mathcal{F}_\tau]; \quad V(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\Pi(0)];$$

$$\Pi_1^r(0) = \Pi(0);$$

$$\Pi_2^r(0) = ((1 - \delta^S) V(\tau)^+ - V(\tau)^-) e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u) du} - \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t_n < \tau} e^{-\int_0^{t_n} r(u) du};$$

$$\Pi_3^r(0) = (V(\tau)^+ - (1 - \delta^B) V(\tau)^-) e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u) du} - \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t_n < \tau} e^{-\int_0^{t_n} r(u) du};$$

$$\Pi^r(0) = (1_{\tau > T} + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=R}) \Pi_1^r(0) + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=S} \Pi_2^r(0) + 1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=B} \Pi_3^r(0);$$

$$V^r(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} [\Pi^r(0)].$$

CDS: Value Adjustment Recap

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = V(0) - V^r(0);$$

$$\text{CVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=S} \delta^S V(\tau)^+ e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u) du} \right];$$

$$\text{DVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=B} \delta^B V(\tau)^- e^{-\int_0^\tau r(u) du} \right].$$

Similar to before, a long calculation shows:

$$\text{BCVA}(0) = \text{CVA}(0) - \text{DVA}(0).$$

The latter formula gives us an “easier” way to compute V^r , as well as $\text{BCVA}(0)$.

CDS: Computational Considerations

How do we actually compute these adjustments?

Focus on CVA:

$$\text{CVA}(0) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[1_{\tau \leq T, \xi=S} \delta^S V(\tau)^+ e^{-\int_0^{\tau} r(u) du} \right].$$

To compute this we have to evaluate

$$V(t) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[1_{t < \tau^R \leq T} \delta^R e^{-\int_t^{\tau^R} r(u) du} - \frac{\delta^S}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T/\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n < \tau} e^{-\int_t^{t_n} r(u) du} \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right].$$

$$\tau = \min \{ \tau^R, \tau^S, \tau^B \}.$$

ξ : name of first to default.

$$r = \{r(t)\}_{t \geq 0}:$$

CDS: Value Adjustments for Constant Intensities

We consider a simplified setting where

Constant spot rate r .

$\{\tau^i\}_{i \in \{R, B, S\}}$ are independent with constant intensities $\gamma^i, i \in \{R, B, S\}$.

$$\mathbb{Q}[\tau^i \leq t] = 1 - e^{-\gamma^i t} \text{ for } i \in \{R, B, S\}.$$

Easy to simulate:

Sample $\tau^i \sim \text{Exp}(\gamma^i), i \in \{R, B, S\}$ independently.

Set $\tau = \min\{\tau^R, \tau^B, \tau^S\}$, write ξ accordingly.

Easy to introduce dependence via copulas.

CDS: Information Flow

Consequences of independence:

$\tau = \min \{ \tau^R, \tau^S, \tau^B \}$ has intensity $\gamma = \gamma^R + \gamma^S + \gamma^B$.

1., exponential r.v.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Q}[\tau \geq t] &= \mathbb{Q}[\tau^R \geq t, \tau^S \geq t, \tau^B \geq t]; \\ &= \mathbb{Q}[\tau^R \geq t] \mathbb{Q}[\tau^S \geq t] \mathbb{Q}[\tau^B \geq t]; \\ &= e^{-\gamma^R t} e^{-\gamma^S t} e^{-\gamma^B t} = e^{-\gamma t}.\end{aligned}$$

$\tau \stackrel{\mathbb{Q}}{\sim} \exp(\gamma = \gamma^R + \gamma^S + \gamma^B)$

$$\mathbb{Q}[\xi = i | \tau] = \frac{\gamma^i}{\gamma}; \quad i \in \{R, B, S\}.$$

Proof follows similar arguments.

CDS: CVA

Formulas simplify considerably. First, premium side

$$V(t) = E^{\mathbb{Q}} \left[\overbrace{1_{t < \tau^R \leq T} \delta^R e^{-r(\tau^R - t)}}^{\text{protection side}} - \overbrace{\frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n < \tau^R} e^{-r(t_n - t)}}^{\text{premium side}} \mid \mathcal{F}_t \right];$$

$$= 1_{\tau^R > t} \tilde{V}(t);$$

$$\tilde{V}(t) = \delta^R \int_t^T e^{-r(s-t)} \overbrace{\gamma^R e^{-\gamma^R(s-t)}}^{\text{conditional CDF}} ds \quad t < T_R < T$$

deterministic

$$- \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n} e^{-r(t_n - t)} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} \gamma^R e^{-\gamma^R(s-t)} ds;$$

$$= \frac{\delta^R \gamma^R}{r + \gamma^R} \left(1 - e^{-(r + \gamma^R)(T-t)} \right) - \frac{\chi}{\Delta} \sum_{n=1}^{T\Delta} 1_{t \leq t_n} e^{-(r + \gamma^R)(t_n - t)}$$

CDS: CVA

With this expression ($1_{\xi=S}1_{\tau^R>\tau} = 1_{\xi=S}$):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CVA}(0) &= E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} \delta^S V(\tau)^+ e^{-r\tau}] ; \\ &= \delta^S E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} 1_{\tau^R>\tau} \tilde{V}(\tau)^+ e^{-r\tau}] ; \\ &= \delta^S E^{\mathbb{Q}} [1_{\tau \leq T} 1_{\xi=S} \tilde{V}(\tau)^+ e^{-r\tau}] ; \\ &= \delta^S \int_0^T \gamma e^{-\gamma t} \frac{\gamma^S}{\gamma} \tilde{V}(t)^+ e^{-rt} dt ; \\ &= \delta^S \gamma^S \int_0^T \tilde{V}(t)^+ e^{-(r+\gamma)t} dt.\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\delta^S \gamma^S}{r} \int_0^T \tilde{V}(u)^+ e^{-ru} du$$

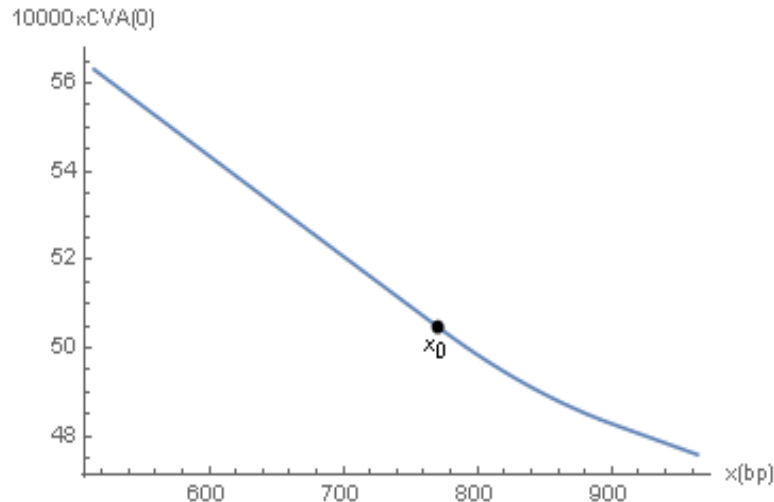
Similarly, we have

$$\text{DVA}(0) = \delta^B \gamma^B \int_0^T \tilde{V}(t)^- e^{-(r+\gamma)t} dt.$$

CDS: Numerical Application

$r = 5\%$, $\gamma^R = 20\%$, $\gamma^S = 10\%$, $\gamma^B = 3\%$.
 $\delta^R = 40\%$, $\delta^S = 50\%$, $\delta^B = 60\%$. $T = 5$, $\Delta = 4$.

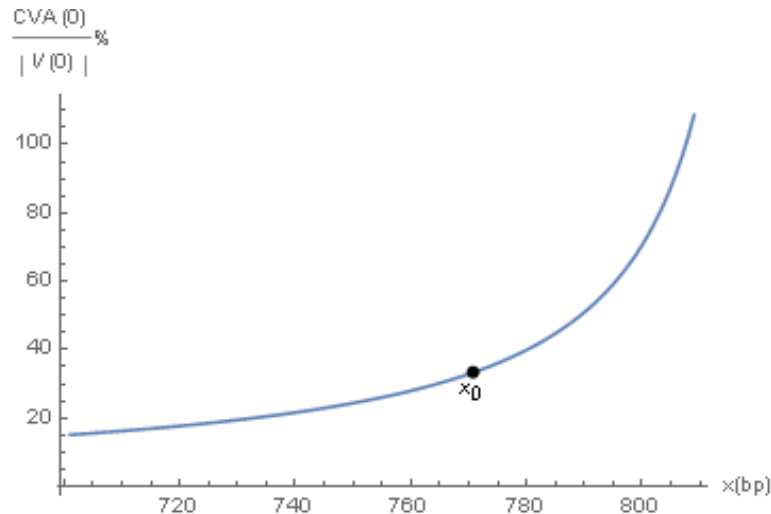
CVA(0) (bp) versus CDS spread x (bp).



x_0 : fair time 0 spread (including accrued interest).

CDS: Numerical Application

$CVA(0)$ as % of $|V(0)|$ versus CDS spread x :



Though the $CVA(0)$ is small in absolute terms, it is a relatively large percentage of the swap value.