Financial Risk Management Tutorial Class — Session 2

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Question 1

We assume that the default time τ follows an exponential distribution with parameter λ . Write the cumulative distribution function \mathbf{F} , the survival function \mathbf{S} and the density function f of the random variable τ . How do we simulate this default time?

We have $\mathbf{F}(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$, $\mathbf{S}(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$ and $f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$. We know that $\mathbf{S}(\tau) \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$. Indeed, we have:

$$Pr \{U \le u\} = Pr \{S(\tau) \le u\}$$

$$= Pr \{\tau \ge S^{-1}(u)\}$$

$$= S(S^{-1}(u))$$

$$= u$$

It follows that $\tau = \mathbf{S}^{-1}(U)$ with $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$. Let u be a uniform random variate. Simulating τ is then equivalent to transform u into t:

$$t = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln u$$

Question 2

We consider a CDS 3M with two-year maturity and \$1 mn notional principal. The recovery rate \mathcal{R} is equal to 40% whereas the spread \mathcal{S} is equal to 150 bps at the inception date. We assume that the protection leg is paid at the default time.

Question 2.a

Give the cash flow chart. What is the P&L of the protection seller A if the reference entity does not default? What is the PnL of the protection buyer B if the reference entity defaults in one year and two months?

The premium leg is paid quarterly. The coupon payment is then equal to:

$$\mathcal{PL}(t_m) = \Delta t_m \times s \times N$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 150 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^{6}$$

$$= \$3750$$

In case of default, the default leg paid by protection seller is equal to:

$$\mathcal{DL} = (1 - \mathcal{R}) \times \mathcal{N}$$

= $(1 - 40\%) \times 10^6$
= \$600 000

The corresponding cash flow chart is given in Figure 1. If the reference entity does not default, the P&L of the protection seller is the sum of premium interests:

$$\Pi^{\text{seller}} = 8 \times 3750 = \$30000$$

If the reference entity defaults in one year and two months, the P&L of the protection buyer is¹:

$$\Pi^{\text{buyer}} = (1 - \mathcal{R}) \times \mathcal{N} - \sum_{t_m < \tau} \Delta t_m \times s \times \mathcal{N}$$

$$= (1 - 40\%) \times 10^6 - \left(4 + \frac{2}{3}\right) \times 3750$$

$$= \$582500$$

¹We include the accrued premium.

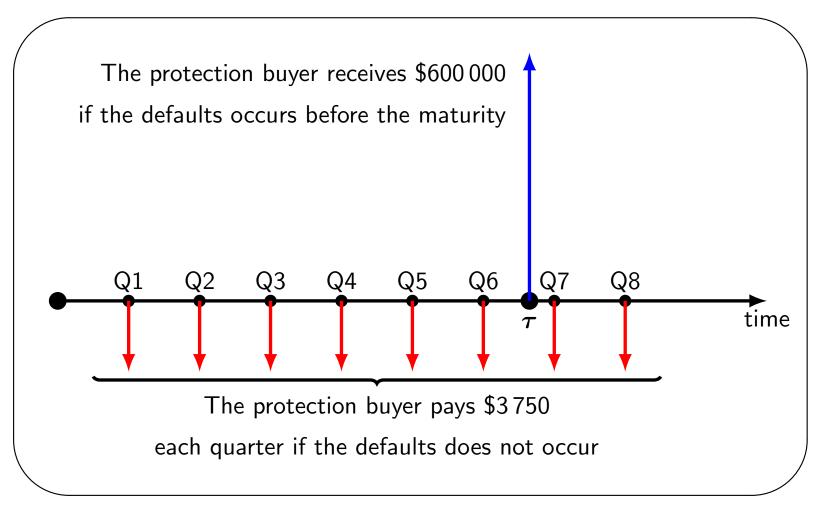


Figure 1: Cash flow chart of the CDS contract

Question 2.b

What is the relationship between s, R and λ ? What is the implied one-year default probability at the inception date?

Using the credit triangle relationship, we have:

$$s \simeq (1 - \mathcal{R}) \times \lambda$$

We deduce that²:

PD
$$\simeq \lambda$$

$$\simeq \frac{s}{1 - R}$$

$$= \frac{150 \times 10^{-4}}{1 - 40\%}$$

$$= 2.50\%$$

²We recall that the one-year default probability is approximately equal to λ :

PD =
$$1 - \mathbf{S}(1)$$

= $1 - e^{-\lambda}$
 $\simeq 1 - (1 - \lambda)$
 $\simeq \lambda$

Question 2.c

Seven months later, the CDS spread has increased and is equal to 450 bps. Estimate the new default probability. The protection buyer B decides to realize his P&L. For that, he reassigns the CDS contract to the counterparty C. Explain the offsetting mechanism if the risky PV01 is equal to 1.189.

We denote by s' the new CDS spread. The default probability becomes:

PD =
$$\frac{s'}{1 - R}$$

= $\frac{450 \times 10^{-4}}{1 - 40\%}$
= 7.50%

The protection buyer is short credit and benefits from the increase of the default probability. His mark-to-market is therefore equal to:

$$\Pi^{\text{buyer}} = \mathcal{N} \times (\mathcal{S}' - \mathcal{S}) \times \text{RPV}_{01}$$

$$= 10^6 \times (450 - 150) \times 10^{-4} \times 1.189$$

$$= $35671$$

The offsetting mechanism is then the following: the protection buyer B transfers the agreement to C, who becomes the new protection buyer; C continues to pay a premium of 150 bps to the protection seller A; in return, C pays a cash adjustment of \$35 671 to B.

Question 3

We consider the following CDS spread curves for three reference entities:

Maturity	#1	#2	#3
6M	130 bps	1 280 bps	30 bps
1Y	135 bps	970 bps	35 bps
3Y	140 bps	750 bps	50 bps
5Y	150 bps	600 bps	80 bps

Question 3.a

Define the notion of credit curve. Comment the previous spread curves.

For a given date t, the credit curve is the relationship between the maturity T and the spread $s_t(T)$. The credit curve of the reference entity #1 is almost flat. For the entity #2, the spread is very high in the short-term, meaning that there is a significative probability that the entity defaults. However, if the entity survive, the market anticipates that it will improve its financial position in the long-run. This explains that the credit curve #2 is decreasing. For reference entity #3, we obtain opposite conclusions. The company is actually very strong, but there are some uncertainties in the future³. The credit curve is then increasing.

³An example is a company whose has a monopoly because of a strong technology, but faces a hard competition because technology is evolving fast in its domain (e.g. Blackberry at the end of 2000s).

Question 3.b

Using the Merton Model, we estimate that the one-year default probability is equal to 2.5% for #1, 5% for #2 and 2% for #3 at a five-year horizon time. Which arbitrage position could we consider about the reference entity #2?

If we consider a standard recovery rate (40%), the implied default probability is 2.50% for #1, 10% for #2 and 1.33% for #3. We can consider a short credit position in #2. In this case, we sell the 5Y protection on #2 because the model tells us that the market default probability is over-estimated. In place of this directional bet, we could consider a relative value strategy: selling the 5Y protection on #2 and buying the 5Y protection on #3.

Question 4

We consider a basket of n single-name CDS.

Question 4.a

What is a first-to-default (FtD), a second-to-default (StD) and a last-to-default (LtD)?

Let $\tau_{k:n}$ be the k^{th} default among the basket. FtD, StD and LtD are three CDS products, whose credit event is related to the default times $\tau_{1:n}$, $\tau_{2:n}$ and $\tau_{n:n}$.

Question 4.b

Define the notion of default correlation What is its impact on three previous spreads?

The default correlation ρ measures the dependence between two default times τ_i and τ_j . The spread of the FtD (resp. LtD) is a decreasing (resp. increasing) function with respect to ρ .

Question 4.c

We assume that n = 3. Show the following relationship:

$$s_1^{\text{CDS}} + s_2^{\text{CDS}} + s_3^{\text{CDS}} = s^{\text{FtD}} + s^{\text{StD}} + s^{\text{LtD}}$$

where s_i^{CDS} is the CDS spread of the i^{th} reference entity.

To fully hedge the credit portfolio of the 3 entities, we can buy the 3 CDS. Another solution is to buy the FtD plus the StD and the LtD (or the third-to-default). Because these two hedging strategies are equivalent, we deduce that:

$$s_1^{\text{CDS}} + s_2^{\text{CDS}} + s_3^{\text{CDS}} = s^{\text{FtD}} + s^{\text{StD}} + s^{\text{LtD}}$$

Question 4.d

Many professionals and academics believe that the subprime crisis is due to the use of the Normal copula. Using the results of the previous question, what could you conclude?

We notice that the default correlation does not affect the value of the CDS basket, but only the price distribution between FtD, StD and LtD. We obtain a similar result for CDO⁴. In the case of the subprime crisis, all the CDO tranches have suffered, meaning that the price of the underlying basket has dropped. The reasons were the underestimation of default probabilities.

⁴The junior, mezzanine and senior tranches can be viewed as FtD, StD and LtD.

Question 1

We note L the portfolio loss of n credit and w_i the exposure at default of the ith credit. We have:

$$L(w) = w^{\top} \varepsilon = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \times \varepsilon_i$$
 (1)

where ε_i is the unit loss of the $i^{\rm th}$ credit. Let **F** be the cumulative distribution function of L(w).

Question 1.a

We assume that $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$. Compute the value-at-risk $\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w)$ of the portfolio when the confidence level is equal to α .

The portfolio loss L follows a Gaussian probability distribution:

$$L(w) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sqrt{w^{\top} \Sigma w}\right)$$

We deduce that:

$$\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right) = \Phi^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)\sqrt{w^{\top}\Sigma w}$$

Question 1.b

Deduce the marginal value-at-risk of the i^{th} credit. Define then the risk contribution \mathcal{RC}_i of the i^{th} credit.

We have:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w)}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(\Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \left(w^{\top} \Sigma w \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)
= \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \frac{1}{2} \left(w^{\top} \Sigma w \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2\Sigma w)
= \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \frac{\Sigma w}{\sqrt{w^{\top} \Sigma w}}$$

The marginal value-at-risk of the i^{th} credit is then:

$$\mathcal{MR}_{i} = \frac{\partial \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w)}{\partial w_{i}} = \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \frac{(\Sigma w)_{i}}{\sqrt{w^{\top} \Sigma w}}$$

The risk contribution of the i^{th} credit is the product of the exposure by the marginal risk:

$$\mathcal{RC}_{i} = w_{i} \times \mathcal{MR}_{i}$$
$$= \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \frac{w_{i} \times (\Sigma w)_{i}}{\sqrt{x^{\top} \Sigma x}}$$

Question 1.c

Check that the marginal value-at-risk is equal to:

$$\frac{\partial \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w)}{\partial w_{i}} = \mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_{i} \mid L(w) = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\alpha)\right]$$

Comment on this result.

By construction, the random vector $(\varepsilon, L(w))$ is Gaussian with:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \varepsilon \\ L(w) \end{array}\right) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{0} \\ 0 \end{array}\right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \Sigma & \Sigma w \\ w^{\top} \Sigma & w^{\top} \Sigma w \end{array}\right)\right)$$

We deduce that the conditional distribution function of ε given that $L(w) = \ell$ is Gaussian and we have:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon \mid L(w) = \ell\right] = \mathbf{0} + \Sigma w \left(w^{\top} \Sigma w\right)^{-1} \left(\ell - 0\right)$$

We finally obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon \mid L(w) = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\alpha)\right] = \sum w \left(w^{\top} \Sigma w\right)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \sqrt{w^{\top} \Sigma w}$$

$$= \Phi^{-1}(\alpha) \frac{\sum w}{\sqrt{w^{\top} \Sigma w}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w)}{\partial w}$$

The marginal VaR of the i^{th} credit is then equal to the conditional mean of the individual loss ε_i given that the portfolio loss is exactly equal to the value-at-risk.

Question 2

We consider the Basel II model of credit risk and the value-at-risk risk measure. The expression of the portfolio loss is given by:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \text{EAD}_{i} \times \text{LGD}_{i} \times \mathbb{1} \left\{ \boldsymbol{\tau}_{i} < M_{i} \right\}$$
 (2)

Question 2.a

Define the different parameters EAD_i , LGD_i , τ_i and M_i . Show that Model (2) can be written as Model (1) by identifying w_i and ε_i .

 EAD_i is the exposure at default, LGD_i is the loss given default, $\boldsymbol{\tau}_i$ is the default time and T_i is the maturity of the credit i. We have:

$$\begin{cases} w_i = \mathrm{EAD}_i \\ \varepsilon_i = \mathrm{LGD}_i \times \mathbb{1} \{ \boldsymbol{\tau}_i < T_i \} \end{cases}$$

The exposure at default is not random, which is not the case of the loss given default.

Question 2.b

What are the necessary assumptions (\mathcal{H}) to obtain this result:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_{i}\mid L=\mathbf{F}^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)\right]=\mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{LGD}_{i}\right]\times\mathbb{E}\left[D_{i}\mid L=\mathbf{F}^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)\right]$$

with $D_i = 1 \{ \tau_i < M_i \}$.

We have to make the following assumptions:

- (i) the loss given default LGD_i is independent from the default time τ_i ;
- (ii) the portfolio is infinitely fine-grained meaning that there is no exposure concentration:

$$\frac{\mathrm{EAD}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathrm{EAD}_i} \simeq 0$$

(iii) the default times depend on a common risk factor X and the relationship is monotonic (increasing or decreasing).

In this case, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\varepsilon_{i}\mid L=\mathbf{F}^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)\right]=\mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{LGD}_{i}\right]\times\mathbb{E}\left[D_{i}\mid L=\mathbf{F}^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)\right]$$

with
$$D_i = 1 \{ \tau_i < T_i \}$$
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Question 2.c

Deduce the risk contribution \mathcal{RC}_i of the i^{th} credit and the value-at-risk of the credit portfolio.

It follows that:

$$\mathcal{RC}_{i} = w_{i} \times \mathcal{MR}_{i}$$

$$= \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i} \right] \times \mathbb{E} \left[D_{i} \mid L = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \left(\alpha \right) \right]$$

The expression of the value-at-risk is then:

$$VaR_{\alpha}(w) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{RC}_{i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} EAD_{i} \times \mathbb{E} [LGD_{i}] \times \mathbb{E} [D_{i} \mid L = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\alpha)]$$

Question 2.d

We assume that the credit i defaults before the maturity M_i if a latent variable Z_i goes below a barrier B_i :

$$\tau_i \leq M_i \Leftrightarrow Z_i \leq B_i$$

We consider that $Z_i = \sqrt{\rho}X + \sqrt{1-\rho}\varepsilon_i$ where Z_i , X and ε_i are three independent Gaussian variables $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$. X is the factor (or the systematic risk) and ε_i is the idiosyncratic risk.

Question 2.d (i)

Interpret the parameter ρ .

We have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[Z_{i}Z_{j}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sqrt{\rho}X + \sqrt{1-\rho}\varepsilon_{i}\right)\left(\sqrt{\rho}X + \sqrt{1-\rho}\varepsilon_{j}\right)\right]$$

$$= \rho$$

 ρ is the constant correlation between assets Z_i and Z_i .

Question 2.d (ii)

Calculate the unconditional default probability:

$$p_i = \Pr\left\{ \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \leq M_i \right\}$$

We have:

$$p_i = \Pr \{ \tau_i \leq T_i \}$$

$$= \Pr \{ Z_i \leq B_i \}$$

$$= \Phi (B_i)$$

Question 2.d (iii)

Calculate the conditional default probability:

$$p_i(x) = \Pr\left\{ \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \leq M_i \mid X = x \right\}$$

It follows that:

$$p_{i}(x) = \Pr \{Z_{i} \leq B_{i} \mid X = x\}$$

$$= \Pr \left\{ \sqrt{\rho}X + \sqrt{1 - \rho}\varepsilon_{i} \leq B_{i} \mid X = x \right\}$$

$$= \Pr \left\{ \varepsilon_{i} \leq \frac{B_{i} - \sqrt{\rho}X}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \middle| X = x \right\}$$

$$= \Phi \left(\frac{B_{i} - \sqrt{\rho}x}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \right)$$

$$= \Phi \left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}(p_{i}) - \sqrt{\rho}x}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \right)$$

Question 2.e

Show that, under the previous assumptions (\mathcal{H}) , the risk contribution \mathcal{RC}_i of the i^{th} credit is:

$$\mathcal{RC}_{i} = \text{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\text{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right) + \sqrt{\rho}\Phi^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right) \tag{3}$$

when the risk measure is the value-at-risk.

Under the assumptions (\mathcal{H}) , we know that:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i} \right] \times \rho_{i} (X)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E} \left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i} \right] \times \Phi \left(\frac{\Phi^{-1} (\rho_{i}) - \sqrt{\rho} X}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} \right)$$

$$= g(X)$$

with g'(x) < 0. We deduce that:

$$\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w) = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\alpha) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{Pr}\left\{g\left(X\right) \leq \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right\} = \alpha$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{Pr}\left\{X \geq g^{-1}\left(\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right)\right\} = \alpha$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{Pr}\left\{X \leq g^{-1}\left(\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right)\right\} = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad g^{-1}\left(\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right) = \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right) = g\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right)\right)$$

It follows that:

$$VaR_{\alpha}(w) = g(\Phi^{-1}(1-\alpha))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} EAD_{i} \times \mathbb{E}[LGD_{i}] \times p_{i}(\Phi^{-1}(1-\alpha))$$

The risk contribution \mathcal{RC}_i of the ith credit is then:

$$\mathcal{RC}_{i} = \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i}\right] \times p_{i}\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right) - \sqrt{\rho}\Phi^{-1}\left(1-\alpha\right)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right)$$

$$= \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right) + \sqrt{\rho}\Phi^{-1}\left(\alpha\right)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right)$$

Question 3

We now assume that the risk measure is the expected shortfall:

$$\mathrm{ES}_{\alpha}\left(w\right) = \mathbb{E}\left[L \mid L \geq \mathrm{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right]$$

Question 3.a

In the case of the Basel II framework, show that we have:

$$\mathrm{ES}_{\alpha}\left(w\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathrm{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \mathbb{E}\left[p_{i}\left(X\right) \mid X \leq \Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right)\right]$$

We note Ω the event $X \leq g^{-1}(\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}(w))$ or equivalently $X \leq \Phi^{-1}(1-\alpha)$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{ES}_{\alpha}\left(w\right) &= & \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[L \mid L \geq \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right] \\ &= & \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[L \mid g\left(X\right) \geq \operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right] \\ &= & \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[L \mid X \leq g^{-1}\left(\operatorname{VaR}_{\alpha}\left(w\right)\right)\right] \\ &= & \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i}\right] \times p_{i}\left(X\right) \mid \Omega\right] \\ &= & \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{EAD}_{i} \times \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \operatorname{\mathbb{E}}\left[p_{i}\left(X\right) \mid \Omega\right] \end{aligned}$$

Question 3.b

By using the following result:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{c} \Phi(a+bx)\phi(x) dx = \Phi_2\left(c, \frac{a}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}; \frac{-b}{\sqrt{1+b^2}}\right)$$

where $\Phi_2(x, y; \rho)$ is the cdf of the bivariate Gaussian distribution with correlation ρ on the space $[-\infty, x] \times [-\infty, y]$, deduce that the risk contribution \mathcal{RC}_i of the i^{th} credit in the Basel II model is:

$$\mathcal{RC}_i = \text{EAD}_i \times \mathbb{E}\left[\text{LGD}_i\right] \times \frac{\mathbf{C}\left(1 - \alpha, p_i; \sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1 - \alpha}$$
 (4)

when the risk measure is the expected shortfall. Here $C(u_1, u_2; \theta)$ is the Normal copula with parameter θ .

It follows that:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[p_{i}\left(X\right) \mid \Omega\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right) - \sqrt{\rho}X}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}}\right) \mid \Omega\right]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right)} \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}} + \frac{-\sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho}}X\right) \times \frac{\phi\left(X\right)}{\Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right)\right)} dX$$

$$= \frac{\Phi_{2}\left(\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \alpha\right), \Phi^{-1}\left(p_{i}\right); \sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{C}\left(1 - \alpha, p_{i}; \sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1 - \alpha}$$

where **C** is the Gaussian copula. We deduce that:

$$\mathcal{RC}_{i} = \mathrm{EAD}_{i} \times \mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{LGD}_{i}\right] \times \frac{\mathbf{C}\left(1-\alpha, p_{i}; \sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1-\alpha}$$

Question 3.c

What become the results (3) and (4) if the correlation ρ is equal to zero? Same question if $\rho = 1$.

If $\rho = 0$, we have:

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}(p_i) + \sqrt{\rho}\Phi^{-1}(\alpha)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right) = \Phi\left(\Phi^{-1}(p_i)\right)$$

$$= p_i$$

and:

$$\frac{\mathbf{C}\left(1-\alpha,p_{i};\sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1-\alpha} = \frac{\left(1-\alpha\right)p_{i}}{1-\alpha} \\
= p_{i}$$

The risk contribution is the same for the value-at-risk and the expected shortfall:

$$\mathcal{RC}_i = \operatorname{EAD}_i \times \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{LGD}_i\right] \times p_i$$

= $\mathbb{E}\left[L_i\right]$

It corresponds to the expected loss of the credit.

If $\rho = 1$ and $\alpha > 50\%$, we have:

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}(p_i) + \sqrt{\rho}\Phi^{-1}(\alpha)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right) = \lim_{\rho \to 1} \Phi\left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}(p_i) + \Phi^{-1}(\alpha)}{\sqrt{1-\rho}}\right)$$
$$= 1$$

If $\rho = 1$ and α is high $(\alpha > 1 - \sup_i p_i)$, we have:

$$\frac{\mathbf{C}\left(1-\alpha,p_{i};\sqrt{\rho}\right)}{1-\alpha} = \frac{\min\left(1-\alpha;p_{i}\right)}{1-\alpha}$$

$$= 1$$

In this case, the risk contribution is the same for the value-at-risk and the expected shortfall:

$$\mathcal{RC}_i = \mathrm{EAD}_i \times \mathbb{E}\left[\mathrm{LGD}_i\right]$$

However, it does not depend on the unconditional probability of default p_i .

Question 4

The risk contributions (3) and (4) were obtained considering the assumptions (\mathcal{H}) and the default model defined in Question 2(d). What are the implications in terms of Pillar 2?

Pillar 2 concerns the non-compliance of assumptions (\mathcal{H}) . In particular, we have to understand the impact on the credit risk measure if the portfolio is not infinitely fine-grained or if asset correlations are not constant.

Question 1

What is the difference between the recovery rate and the loss given default?

The loss given default is equal to:

$$LGD = 1 - \mathcal{R} + c$$

where c is the recovery (or litigation) cost. Consider for example a \$200 credit and suppose that the borrower defaults. If we recover \$140 and the litigation cost is \$20, we obtain $\mathcal{R}=70\%$ and $\mathrm{LGD}=40\%$, but not $\mathrm{LGD}=30\%$.

Question 2

We consider a bank that grants 250 000 credits per year. The average amount of a credit is equal to \$50 000. We estimate that the average default probability is equal to 1% and the average recovery rate is equal to 65%. The total annual cost of the litigation department is equal to \$12.5 mn. Give an estimation of the loss given default?

The amounts outstanding of credit is:

EAD =
$$250\,000 \times 50\,000$$

= \$12.5 bn

The annual loss after recovery is equal to:

$$L = \text{EAD} \times (1 - \mathcal{R}) \times \text{PD} + C$$

= 43.75 + 12.5
= \$56.25 mn

where *C* is the litigation cost.

We deduce that:

$$LGD = \frac{L}{EAD \times PD}$$

$$= \frac{54}{12.5 \times 10^3 \times 1\%}$$

$$= 45\%$$

This figure is larger than 35%, which is the loss given default without taking into account the recovery cost.

Question 3

The probability density function of the beta probability distribution $\mathcal{B}(a,b)$ is:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{\mathbf{B}(a,b)}$$

where **B** $(a, b) = \int_0^1 u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1} du$.

Question 3.a

Why is the beta probability distribution a good candidate to model the loss given default? Which parameter pair (a, b) correspond to the uniform probability distribution?

The Beta distribution allows to obtain all the forms of LGD (bell curve, inverted-U shaped curve, etc.). The uniform distribution corresponds to the case $\alpha=1$ and $\beta=1$. Indeed, we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{\int_0^1 u^{\alpha-1} (1-u)^{\beta-1} du}$$

= 1

Question 3.b

Let us consider a sample (x_1, \ldots, x_n) of n losses in case of default. Write the log-likelihood function. Deduce the first-order conditions of the maximum likelihood estimator.

We have:

$$\ell(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln f(x_i)$$

$$= -n \ln \mathbf{B}(\alpha, \beta) + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln x_i + (\beta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln (1 - x_i)$$

The first-order conditions are:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha} = -n \frac{\partial_{\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha, \beta)}{\mathbf{B}(\alpha, \beta)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln x_{i} = 0$$

and:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \beta} = -n \frac{\partial_{\beta} \mathbf{B}(\alpha, \beta)}{\mathbf{B}(\alpha, \beta)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(1 - x_i) = 0$$

Question 3.c

We recall that the first two moments of the beta probability distribution are:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\sigma^{2}(X) = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^{2}(a+b+1)}$$

Find the method of moments estimator.

Let μ_{LGD} and σ_{LGD} be the mean and standard deviation of the LGD parameter. The method of moments consists in estimating α and β such that:

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} = \mu_{\rm LGD}$$

and:

$$\frac{\alpha\beta}{\left(\alpha+\beta\right)^{2}\left(\alpha+\beta+1\right)}=\sigma_{\mathrm{LGD}}^{2}$$

We have:

$$\beta = \alpha \frac{(1 - \mu_{\rm LGD})}{\mu_{\rm LGD}}$$

and:

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 (\alpha + \beta + 1) \sigma_{LGD}^2 = \alpha \beta$$

It follows that:

$$(\alpha + \beta)^{2} = \left(\alpha + \alpha \frac{(1 - \mu_{LGD})}{\mu_{LGD}}\right)^{2}$$
$$= \frac{\alpha^{2}}{\mu_{LGD}^{2}}$$

and:

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{\alpha^2}{\mu_{\rm LGD}^2} \left(\alpha + \alpha \frac{(1 - \mu_{\rm LGD})}{\mu_{\rm LGD}} + 1 \right) \sigma_{\rm LGD}^2 = \alpha^2 \frac{(1 - \mu_{\rm LGD})}{\mu_{\rm LGD}}$$

We deduce that:

$$\alpha \left(1 + \frac{\left(1 - \mu_{\text{LGD}} \right)}{\mu_{\text{LGD}}} \right) = \frac{\left(1 - \mu_{\text{LGD}} \right) \mu_{\text{LGD}}}{\sigma_{\text{LGD}}^2} - 1$$

We finally obtain:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{MM} = \frac{\mu_{LGD}^{2} (1 - \mu_{LGD})}{\sigma_{LGD}^{2}} - \mu_{LGD}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{MM} = \frac{\mu_{LGD} (1 - \mu_{LGD})^{2}}{\sigma_{LGD}^{2}} - (1 - \mu_{LGD})$$
(6)

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MM}} = \frac{\mu_{\text{LGD}} \left(1 - \mu_{\text{LGD}}\right)^2}{\sigma_{\text{LGD}}^2} - \left(1 - \mu_{\text{LGD}}\right) \tag{6}$$

Question 4

We consider a risk class \mathcal{C} corresponding to a customer/product segmentation specific to retail banking. A statistical analysis of 1 000 loss data available for this risk class gives the following results:

$\overline{\mathrm{LGD}_k}$	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%
$\overline{n_k}$	100	100	600	100	100

where n_k is the number of data corresponding to LGD_k .

Question 4.a

We consider a portfolio of 100 homogeneous credits, which belong to the risk class \mathcal{C} . The notional is \$10000 whereas the annual default probability is equal to 1%. Calculate the expected loss of this credit portfolio with a one-year horizon time if we use the previous empirical distribution to model the LGD parameter.

The mean of the loss given default is equal to:

$$\mu_{\text{LGD}} = \frac{100 \times 0\% + 100 \times 25\% + 600 \times 50\% + \dots}{1000}$$
= 50%

The expression of the expected loss is:

$$EL = \sum_{i=1}^{100} EAD_i \times \mathbb{E} [LGD_i] \times PD_i$$

where PD_i is the default probability of credit *i*. We finally obtain:

EL =
$$\sum_{i=1}^{100} 10\,000 \times 50\% \times 1\%$$

= \$5 000

Question 4.b

We assume that the LGD parameter follows a beta distribution $\mathcal{B}(a, b)$. Calibrate the parameters a and b with the method of moments.

We have $\mu_{\rm LGD}=50\%$ and:

$$\sigma_{\text{LGD}} = \sqrt{\frac{100 \times (0 - 0.5)^2 + 100 \times (0.25 - 0.5)^2 + \dots}{1000}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 0.5^2 + 2 \times 0.25^2}{10}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{0.625}{10}}$$

$$= 25\%$$

Using Equations (5) and (6), we deduce that:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\text{MM}} = \frac{0.5^2 \times (1 - 0.5)}{0.25^2} - 0.5 = 1.5$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{MM}} = \frac{0.5 \times (1 - 0.5)^2}{0.25^2} - (1 - 0.5) = 1.5$$

Question 4.c

We assume that the Basel II model is valid. We consider the portfolio described in Question 4(a) and calculate the unexpected loss. What is the impact if we use a uniform probability distribution instead of the calibrated beta probability distribution? Why does this result hold even if we consider different factors to model the default time?

The previous portfolio is homogeneous and infinitely fine-grained. In this case, we know that the unexpected loss depends on the mean of the loss given default and not on the entire probability distribution. Because the expected value of the calibrated Beta distribution is 50%, there is no difference with the uniform distribution, which has also a mean equal to 50%. This result holds for the Basel model with one factor, and remains true when they are more factors.