Risk Measures, XVA Analysis, Cost of Capital & Central Counterparties

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XVA Metrics: Quantifying the Capital Structure of Banks in Incomplete Markets
Claudio ALBANESE, Global Valuation & Cass Business School, United Kingdom

In the aftermath of the 2007 global financial crisis, banks have developed a family of XVA metrics which play a role in virtually all management and investment decisions. In this paper, we develop a mathematically rigorous and numerically tractable XVA methodology based on a capital structure model for derivative portfolios.

The cost to sustain counterparty default losses and funding costs for variation and initial margin are captured by CVA, FVA and MVA metrics, respectively. Following the principles of Solvency II, the KVA is defined as a risk margin, i.e. a process which controls dividend distribution policies and executive compensation to ensure lifetime sustainability of the portfolio. We find that the FVA and KVA are intertwined since capital is fungible as a source of funding.

This is a joint work with Stéphane CRÉPEY and Simone CAENAZZO.

Multivariate Shortfall Risk Allocation and Systemic Risk
Yannick ARMENTI, Université d'Evry, France

The ongoing concern about systemic risk since the outburst of the global financial crisis has highlighted the need for risk measures at the level of sets of interconnected financial components, such as portfolios, institutions or members of clearing houses. The two main issues in systemic risk are the computation of an overall reserve level and its allocation to the different components according to their systemic relevance. We develop here a pragmatic approach to systemic risk measurement and allocation based on multivariate shortfall risk measures, where acceptable allocations are first computed and then aggregated so as to minimize costs. We analyze the sensitivity of the risk allocations to various factors and highlight its relevance as an indicator of systemic risk. Moreover, we provide numerical schemes to assess the risk allocation in high dimensions.

This is a joint work with Stéphane CRÉPEY, Samuel DRAPEAU and Antonis PAPAPANTOLEON.

Arbitrage-Free XVA
Agostino CAPPONI, Columbia University, United States

We develop a framework for computing the total valuation adjustment (XVA) of a European claim accounting for funding costs, counterparty credit risk, and collateralization. Based on no-arbitrage arguments, we derive backward stochastic differential equations (BSDEs) associated with the replicating portfolios of long and short positions in the claim. This leads to the definition of buyer's and seller's XVA, which in turn identify a no-arbitrage interval. In the case that borrowing and lending rates coincide, we provide a fully explicit expression for the uniquely determined XVA, expressed as a percentage of the price of the traded claim, and for the corresponding replication strategies. In the general case of asymmetric funding, repo and collateral rates, we study the semilinear partial differential equation (PDE) characterizing buyer's and seller's XVA and show the existence of a unique classical solution to it. To illustrate our results, we conduct a numerical study demonstrating how funding costs, repo rates, and counterparty risk contribute to determine the total valuation adjustment.

This is a joint work with Maxim BICHUCH and Stephan STURM.

Central Clearing Valuation Adjustment
Stéphane CRÉPEY, Université d'Evry, France

This paper develops an XVA analysis of centrally cleared trading, parallel to the one that has been developed in the last years for bilateral transactions. We introduce a dynamic framework that incorporates the sequence of cash-flows involved in the waterfall of resources of the CCP. The total cost of the clearance framework for a member of the clearinghouse, called CCVA for central clearing valuation adjustment, is decomposed into a CVA corresponding to the cost of its losses on the default fund in case of defaults of other member, an MVA corresponding to the cost of funding its margins and a KVA corresponding to the cost of the capital that the member implicitly provides to the CCP through its default fund contribution (for completeness and reference we also compute a DVA term). In the end the structures of the XVA equations for bilateral and cleared portfolios are similar, but the input data to these equations are not the same, reflecting completely different financial network structures. The resulting XVA numbers are therefore very different, but interestingly they become quite comparable after scaling by a suitable netting ratio.

This is a joint work with Yannick ARMENTI (Université d'Evry, France).

Keywords: Counterparty risk, central counterparty (CCP), margins, de- fault fund, cost of funding, cost of capital, netting.

Local vs. Global Risk Assessment
Hans FÖLLMER, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

We discuss some mathematical aspects of systemic risk in large financial networks, in particular some consistency problems that are motivated by the interplay between local and global risk assessment. We focus on the systemic risk measures proposed by Chen, Iyengar, and Moallemi (2013). They involve an aggregation procedure and a convex risk measure that is applied to the aggregate position. Such a structural decomposition can be regarded as a consistency property. From this point of view, the dual representation of a systemic risk measure reduces to a criterion for consistency that is well known in the context of time-consistency. Then we discuss conditions for spatial consistency of a systemic risk measure with a given family of local conditional risk measures. We show how this is related to the analysis of spatial risk measures in Föllmer and Klüppelberg (2015).

Elicitability, Co-Elicitability, Direct and Indirect Backtesting for Risk Measures
Steven KOU, National University of Singapore, Singapore

We clarify the concepts of elicitability and co-elicitability for risk measures. This in turn helps us to know whether a risk measure can be directly backtested or not. Some counterexamples are given, suggesting that median shortfall is preferable over expected shortfall in terms of both direct backtesting and ellicitability.

This is a joint work with Xianhua Peng.

Systemic Risks in CCP Networks
Alex LIPTON, Bank of America & New York University, United States

We address the following important questions related to the broader application of central clearing to OTC derivative portfolios:

- Potential systemic risks and contagion introduced by the interconnected nature of the system;
- Liquidity issues driven by: P&L; changes in margining; losses due to default; CCP recapitalization;
- The connection between market volatility and default likelihood;
- Identification of the key points of failure;
- The magnitude of scenarios proving sufficiently large in order for a given clearing member to incur a loss or suffer liquidity issues.

We show that:

- There are material cross-risks between the default of GCMs and market volatility which must be captured in order to realistically assess default losses and contingent liquidity requirements;
- Our results do not support the fear that the move from bilateral clearing to central clearing of OTC derivatives poses a significant threat of contagion through the central counterparties, primarily attributable to the magnitude of risks being a comparatively small proportion of the capital held by the diversified financial institutions dominating the CCP membership.

This is a joint work with Russell BARKER, Andrew DICKINSON, and Rajeev VIRMANI.

From Financial Relativities to Conic Trading
Dilip MADAN, University of Maryland, United States

No arbitrage for two price economies with no locally risk free asset implies that suitably deflated prices are nonlinear martingales in which both the deflating process and the measure change depend on the process being studied. Further assumptions allow the nonlinear martingales in discrete time to become expectations with respect to a nonadditive probability. We go on to value trading strategies using such non-linear conditional expectations in a Markovian steady state. Fixed points for value and policy functions are developed. It turns out to be critical that the valuation is conducted by an expectation with respect to a non-additive probability for with a classical conditional expectation operator both the value and policy iterations fail. Illustrations are provided for Markovian systems in one, two and five dimensions. Trading positions are seen to balance prediction rewards against the demands for hedging value functions.

The Gap between P&L and RoC vs XVA Risk Analysis of Portfolio, and the Role of New Technology to Manage the Risk
Gary WONG, Global Valuation, United Kingdom

XVA is now part of the pricing and valuation of a trading portfolio, and its risk behaviour is highly complex and non-linear. Using Target Redemption Note (TARN) as a simple example, we illustrate the limitation of using first order sensitivities together with a set of x-gamma to manage and control the P&L, and the critical role played by comprehensive scenario analysis, building up a 'roadmap', to control risks. We then extend the analysis to characterise the market, credit and portfolio risk behaviour of a trading book, and see how well the XVA metrics can measure and control these risks - P&L, Capital consumption and RoC. Finally we illustrate how new technology can be used to build up comprehensive scenario analysis and produce the critical 'roadmap' for XVA P&L and capital management.

FVA Made Simple, But Not Simpler
Lixin WU, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

Funding valuation adjustment (FVA) has been a central issue in financial markets for years. There exist different and even opposing views on the definition and adoption of FVA from the viewpoints of pricing, booking or accounting. In this talk, we work under a framework of replication pricing and redefine, intuitively, FVA as well as CVA (i.e., credit valuation adjustment). With our formulations, we draw a boundary between FVA and DVA (i.e., debit valuation adjustment). From the viewpoint of accounting, we argue against the booking of FVA for derivative trades, echoing Hull and White (2013).

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