

Financial Risk Management Tutorial Class — Session 4

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Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Exercise

We consider a sample of n individual losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. We assume that they can be described by different probability distributions:

- (i) X follows a log-normal distribution $\mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.
- (ii) X follows a Pareto distribution $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, x_-)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = 1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_-}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

with $x \geq x_-$ and $\alpha > 0$.

- (iii) X follows a gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = \int_0^x \frac{\beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt$$

with $x \geq 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$.

- (iv) The natural logarithm of the loss X follows a gamma distribution: $\ln X \sim \Gamma(\alpha; \beta)$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 1

We consider the case (i).

- (i) X follows a log-normal distribution $\mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 1.a

Show that the probability density function is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

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The density of the Gaussian distribution $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is:

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

Let $X \sim \mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$. We have $X = \exp Y$. It follows that:

$$f(x) = g(y) \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|$$

with $y = \ln x$. We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) \times \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

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Question 1.b

Calculate the two first moments of X . Deduce the orthogonal conditions of the generalized method of moments.

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For $m \geq 1$, the non-centered moment is equal to:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^m] = \int_0^{\infty} x^m \frac{1}{x\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx$$

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By considering the change of variables $y = \sigma^{-1} (\ln x - \mu)$ and $z = y - m\sigma$, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X^m] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{m\mu + m\sigma y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} dy \\ &= e^{m\mu} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2 + m\sigma y} dy \\ &= e^{m\mu} \times e^{\frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y - m\sigma)^2} dy \\ &= e^{m\mu + \frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}z^2\right) dz \\ &= e^{m\mu + \frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2}\end{aligned}$$

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We deduce that:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = e^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(X) &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}^2[X] \\ &= e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2} - e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} \\ &= e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} (e^{\sigma^2} - 1)\end{aligned}$$

We can estimate the parameters μ and σ with the generalized method of moments by using the following empirical moments:

$$\begin{cases} h_{i,1}(\mu, \sigma) = x_i - e^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2} \\ h_{i,2}(\mu, \sigma) = \left(x_i - e^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2}\right)^2 - e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} (e^{\sigma^2} - 1) \end{cases}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 1.c

Find the maximum likelihood estimators $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The log-likelihood function of the sample $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\mu, \sigma) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{n}{2} \ln 2\pi - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\ln x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

To find the ML estimators $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$, we can proceed in two different way.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

#1 $X \sim \mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ implies that $Y = \ln X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$. We know that the ML estimators $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ associated to Y are:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$
$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2}$$

We deduce that the ML estimators $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ associated to the sample $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ are:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$$
$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln x_i - \hat{\mu})^2}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

#2 We maximize the log-likelihood function. The first-order conditions are $\partial_{\mu} \ell(\mu, \sigma) = 0$ and $\partial_{\sigma} \ell(\mu, \sigma) = 0$. We deduce that:

$$\partial_{\mu} \ell(\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln x_i - \mu) = 0$$

and:

$$\partial_{\sigma} \ell(\mu, \sigma) = -\frac{n}{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\ln x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} = 0$$

We finally obtain:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$$

and:

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln x_i - \hat{\mu})^2}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 2

We consider the case (ii).

(ii) X follows a Pareto distribution $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, x_-)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = 1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_-}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

with $x \geq x_-$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 2.a

Calculate the two first moments of X . Deduce the GMM conditions for estimating the parameter α .

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The probability density function is:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\partial \Pr\{X \leq x\}}{\partial x} \\ &= \alpha \frac{x^{-(\alpha+1)}}{x_{-}^{-\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

For $m \geq 1$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X^m] &= \int_{x_{-}}^{\infty} x^m \alpha \frac{x^{-(\alpha+1)}}{x_{-}^{-\alpha}} dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{x_{-}^{-\alpha}} \int_{x_{-}}^{\infty} x^{m-\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{x_{-}^{-\alpha}} \left[\frac{x^{m-\alpha}}{m-\alpha} \right]_{x_{-}}^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-m} x_{-}^m \end{aligned}$$

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We deduce that:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1} x_-$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}^2[X] \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 2} x_-^2 - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1} x_- \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha - 1)^2 (\alpha - 2)} x_-^2 \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

We can then estimate the parameter α by considering the following empirical moments:

$$h_{i,1}(\alpha) = x_i - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1} x_-$$
$$h_{i,2}(\alpha) = \left(x_i - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1} x_- \right)^2 - \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha - 1)^2 (\alpha - 2)} x_-^2$$

The generalized method of moments can consider either the first moment $h_{i,1}(\alpha)$, the second moment $h_{i,2}(\alpha)$ or the joint moments $(h_{i,1}(\alpha), h_{i,2}(\alpha))$. In the first case, the estimator is:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - nx_-}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 2.b

Find the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\alpha}$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The log-likelihood function is:

$$\ell(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i) = n \ln \alpha - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i + n\alpha \ln x_-$$

The first-order condition is:

$$\partial_{\alpha} \ell(\alpha) = \frac{n}{\alpha} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_- = 0$$

We deduce that:

$$n = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \frac{x_i}{x_-}$$

The ML estimator is then:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\ln x_i - \ln x_-)}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 3

We consider the case (iii). Write the log-likelihood function associated to the sample of individual losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. Deduce the first-order conditions of the maximum likelihood estimators $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$.

(iii) X follows a gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = \int_0^x \frac{\beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt$$

with $x \geq 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The probability density function of (iii) is:

$$f(x) = \frac{\partial \Pr\{X \leq x\}}{\partial x} = \frac{\beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

It follows that the log-likelihood function is:

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

The first-order conditions $\partial_\alpha \ell(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ and $\partial_\beta \ell(\alpha, \beta) = 0$ imply that:

$$n \left(\ln \beta - \frac{\Gamma'(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i = 0$$

and:

$$n \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 4

We consider the case (iv). Show that the probability density function of X is:

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha (\ln x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) x^{\beta+1}}$$

What is the support of this probability density function? Write the log-likelihood function associated to the sample of individual losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

- (iv) The natural logarithm of the loss X follows a gamma distribution:
 $\ln X \sim \Gamma(\alpha; \beta)$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Let $Y \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ and $X = \exp Y$. We have:

$$f_X(x) |dx| = f_Y(y) |dy|$$

where f_X and f_Y are the probability density functions of X and Y . We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \frac{\beta^\alpha y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{1}{e^y} \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha (\ln x)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \ln x}}{x \Gamma(\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha (\ln x)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) x^{\beta+1}} \end{aligned}$$

The support of this probability density function is $[0, +\infty)$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The log-likelihood function associated to the sample of individual losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\alpha, \beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i) \\ &= -n \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + n\alpha \ln \beta + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(\ln x_i) - (\beta + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i\end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 5

We now assume that the losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ have been collected beyond a threshold H meaning that $X \geq H$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 5.a

What becomes the generalized method of moments in the case (i).

(i) X follows a log-normal distribution $\mathcal{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Using Bayes' formula, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{X \leq x \mid X \geq H\} &= \frac{\Pr\{H \leq X \leq x\}}{\Pr\{X \geq H\}} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{F}(x) - \mathbf{F}(H)}{1 - \mathbf{F}(H)}\end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{F} is the cdf of X . We deduce that the conditional probability density function is:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x \mid X \geq H) &= \partial_x \Pr\{X \leq x \mid X \geq H\} \\ &= \frac{f(x)}{1 - \mathbf{F}(H)} \times \mathbb{1}\{x \geq H\}\end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

For the log-normal probability distribution, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x | X \geq H) &= \frac{1}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu}{\sigma}\right)} \times \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \varphi \times \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

We note $\mathcal{M}_m(\mu, \sigma)$ the conditional moment $\mathbb{E}[X^m \mid X \geq H]$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_m(\mu, \sigma) &= \varphi \times \int_H^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \varphi \times \int_{\ln H}^\infty \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 + mx} dx \\ &= \varphi \times e^{m\mu + \frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2} \times \int_{\ln H}^\infty \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{(x - (\mu + m\sigma^2))^2}{\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu - m\sigma^2}{\sigma}\right)}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu}{\sigma}\right)} e^{m\mu + \frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2}\end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The first two moments of $X \mid X \geq H$ are then:

$$\mathcal{M}_1(\mu, \sigma) = \mathbb{E}[X \mid X \geq H] = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu - \sigma^2}{\sigma}\right)}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu}{\sigma}\right)} e^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2}$$

and:

$$\mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \sigma) = \mathbb{E}[X^2 \mid X \geq H] = \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu - 2\sigma^2}{\sigma}\right)}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\ln H - \mu}{\sigma}\right)} e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

We can therefore estimate μ and σ by considering the following empirical moments:

$$\begin{cases} h_{i,1}(\mu, \sigma) = x_i - \mathcal{M}_1(\mu, \sigma) \\ h_{i,2}(\mu, \sigma) = (x_i - \mathcal{M}_1(\mu, \sigma))^2 - (\mathcal{M}_2(\mu, \sigma) - \mathcal{M}_1^2(\mu, \sigma)) \end{cases}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 5.b

Calculate the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\alpha}$ in the case (ii).

(ii) X follows a Pareto distribution $\mathcal{P}(\alpha, x_-)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = 1 - \left(\frac{x}{x_-}\right)^{-\alpha}$$

with $x \geq x_-$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x | X \geq H) &= \frac{f(x)}{1 - \mathbf{F}(H)} \times \mathbb{1}\{x \geq H\} \\ &= \left(\alpha \frac{x^{-(\alpha+1)}}{x_-^{-\alpha}} \right) / \left(\frac{H^{-\alpha}}{x_-^{-\alpha}} \right) \\ &= \alpha \frac{x^{-(\alpha+1)}}{H^{-\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

The conditional probability function is then a Pareto distribution with the same parameter α but with a new threshold $x_- = H$. We can then deduce that the ML estimator $\hat{\alpha}$ is:

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{n}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \right) - n \ln H}$$

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

Question 5.c

Write the log-likelihood function in the case (iii).

(iii) X follows a gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ defined by:

$$\Pr\{X \leq x\} = \int_0^x \frac{\beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt$$

with $x \geq 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$.

Estimation of the loss severity distribution

The conditional probability density function is:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x | X \geq H) &= \frac{f(x)}{1 - \mathbf{F}(H)} \times \mathbb{1}\{x \geq H\} \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) / \int_H^\infty \frac{\beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\int_H^\infty \beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t} dt} \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that the log-likelihood function is:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\alpha, \beta) &= n\alpha \ln \beta - n \ln \left(\int_H^\infty \beta^\alpha t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta t} dt \right) + \\ &\quad (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i - \beta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Exercise

We consider a dataset of individual losses $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ corresponding to a sample of T annual loss numbers $\{N_{Y_1}, \dots, N_{Y_T}\}$. This implies that:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t} = n$$

If we measure the number of losses per quarter $\{N_{Q_1}, \dots, N_{Q_{4T}}\}$, we use the notation:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{4T} N_{Q_t} = n$$

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Question 1

We assume that the annual number of losses follows a Poisson distribution $\mathcal{P}(\lambda_Y)$. Calculate the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\lambda}_Y$ associated to the sample $\{N_{Y_1}, \dots, N_{Y_T}\}$.

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

We have:

$$\Pr \{N = n\} = e^{-\lambda_Y} \frac{\lambda_Y^n}{n!}$$

We deduce that the expression of the log-likelihood function is:

$$\ell(\lambda_Y) = \sum_{t=1}^T \ln \Pr \{N = N_{Y_t}\} = -\lambda_Y T + \left(\sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t} \right) \ln \lambda_Y - \sum_{t=1}^T \ln (N_{Y_t}!)$$

The first-order condition is:

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\lambda_Y)}{\partial \lambda_Y} = -T + \frac{1}{\lambda_Y} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t} \right) = 0$$

We deduce that the ML estimator is:

$$\hat{\lambda}_Y = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t} = \frac{n}{T}$$

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Question 2

We assume that the quarterly number of losses follows a Poisson distribution $\mathcal{P}(\lambda_Q)$. Calculate the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\lambda}_Q$ associated to the sample $\{N_{Q_1}, \dots, N_{Q_{4T}}\}$.

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Using the same arguments, we obtain:

$$\hat{\lambda}_Q = \frac{1}{4T} \sum_{t=1}^{4T} N_{Q_t} = \frac{n}{4T} = \frac{\hat{\lambda}_Y}{4}$$

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Question 3

What is the impact of considering a quarterly or annual basis on the computation of the capital charge?

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Considering a quarterly or annual basis has no impact on the capital charge. Indeed, the capital charge is computed with a one-year time horizon. If we use a quarterly basis, we have to find the distribution of the annual loss number. In this case, the annual loss number is the sum of the four quarterly loss numbers:

$$N_Y = N_{Q_1} + N_{Q_2} + N_{Q_3} + N_{Q_4}$$

We know that each quarterly loss number follows a Poisson distribution $\mathcal{P}(\hat{\lambda}_Q)$ and that they are independent. Because the Poisson distribution is infinitely divisible, we obtain:

$$N_{Q_1} + N_{Q_2} + N_{Q_3} + N_{Q_4} \sim \mathcal{P}(4\hat{\lambda}_Q)$$

We deduce that the annual loss number follows a Poisson distribution $\mathcal{P}(\hat{\lambda}_Y)$ in both cases.

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Question 4

What does this result become if we consider a method of moments based on the first moment?

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Since we have $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{P}(\lambda)] = \lambda$, the MM estimator in the case of annual loss numbers is:

$$\hat{\lambda}_Y = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t} = \frac{n}{T}$$

The MM estimator is exactly the ML estimator.

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Question 5

Same question if we consider a method of moments based on the second moment.

Estimation of the loss frequency distribution

Since we have $\text{var}(\mathcal{P}(\lambda)) = \lambda$, the MM estimator in the case of annual loss numbers is:

$$\hat{\lambda}_Y = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T N_{Y_t}^2 - \frac{n^2}{T^2}$$

If we use a quarterly basis, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\lambda}_Q &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{4T} N_{Q_t}^2 - \frac{n^2}{4T^2} \right) \\ &\neq \frac{\hat{\lambda}_Y}{4} \end{aligned}$$

There is no reason that $\hat{\lambda}_Y = 4\hat{\lambda}_Q$ meaning that the capital charge will not be the same.

Computation of the amortization functions

Exercise

In what follows, we consider a debt instrument, whose remaining maturity is equal to m . We note t the current date and $T = t + m$ the maturity date.

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 1

We consider a bullet repayment debt. Define its amortization function $\mathbf{S}(t, u)$. Calculate the survival function $\mathbf{S}^*(t, u)$ of the stock. Show that:

$$\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{u - t}{m}\right)$$

in the case where the new production is constant. Comment on this result.

Computation of the amortization functions

By definition, we have:

$$\mathbf{S}(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \in [t, t + m[\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This means that the survival function is equal to one when u is between the current date t and the maturity date $T = t + m$. When u reaches T , the outstanding amount is repaid, implying that $\mathbf{S}(t, T)$ is equal to zero. It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^*(t, u) &= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \mathbf{S}(s, u) \, ds}{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \mathbf{S}(s, t) \, ds} \\ &= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \cdot \mathbb{1}\{s \leq u < s + m\} \, ds}{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \cdot \mathbb{1}\{s \leq t < s + m\} \, ds} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the numerator, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}\{s \leq u < s + m\} = 1 &\Rightarrow u < s + m \\ &\Leftrightarrow s > u - m \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \cdot \mathbb{1}\{s \leq u < s + m\} ds = \int_{u-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the denominator, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{1}\{s \leq t < s + m\} = 1 &\Rightarrow t < s + m \\ &\Leftrightarrow s > t - m\end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \cdot \mathbb{1}\{s \leq t < s + m\} ds = \int_{t-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds$$

We deduce that:

$$\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\int_{u-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds}{\int_{t-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case where the new production is a constant, we have $\text{NP}(s) = c$ and:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\int_{u-m}^t ds}{\int_{t-m}^t ds} \\ &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{[S]_{u-m}^t}{[S]_{t-m}^t} \\ &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \left(\frac{t - u + m}{t - t + m} \right) \\ &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{u - t}{m} \right)\end{aligned}$$

The survival function $\mathbf{S}^*(t, u)$ corresponds to the case of a linear amortization.

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 2

Same question if we consider a debt instrument, whose amortization rate is constant.

Computation of the amortization functions

If the amortization is linear, we have:

$$\mathbf{S}(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{u - t}{m}\right)$$

We deduce that:

$$\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\int_{u-m}^t \text{NP}(s) \left(1 - \frac{u-s}{m}\right) ds}{\int_{t-m}^t \text{NP}(s) \left(1 - \frac{t-s}{m}\right) ds}$$

In the case where the new production is a constant, we obtain:

$$\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\int_{u-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{u-s}{m}\right) ds}{\int_{t-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{t-s}{m}\right) ds}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the numerator, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{u-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{u-s}{m}\right) ds &= \left[s - \frac{su}{m} + \frac{s^2}{2m} \right]_{u-m}^t \\ &= \left(t - \frac{tu}{m} + \frac{t^2}{2m} \right) - \\ &\quad \left(u - m - \frac{u^2 - mu}{m} + \frac{(u-m)^2}{2m} \right) \\ &= \left(t - \frac{tu}{m} + \frac{t^2}{2m} \right) - \left(u - \frac{m}{2} - \frac{u^2}{2m} \right) \\ &= \frac{m^2 + u^2 + t^2 + 2mt - 2mu - 2tu}{2m} \\ &= \frac{(m - u + t)^2}{2m} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the denominator, we use the previous result and we set $u = t$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{t-s}{m}\right) ds &= \frac{(m-t+t)^2}{2m} \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\frac{(m - u + t)^2}{\frac{2m}{m}}}{\frac{2}{2}} \\ &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{(m - u + t)^2}{m^2} \\ &= \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{u - t}{m}\right)^2\end{aligned}$$

The survival function $\mathbf{S}^*(t, u)$ corresponds to the case of a parabolic amortization.

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 3

Same question if we assume^a that the amortization function is exponential with parameter λ .

^aBy definition of the exponential amortization, we have $m = +\infty$.

Computation of the amortization functions

If the amortization is exponential, we have:

$$\mathbf{S}(t, u) = e^{-\int_t^u \lambda ds} = e^{-\lambda(u-t)}$$

It follows that:

$$\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) e^{-\lambda(u-s)} ds}{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) e^{-\lambda(t-s)} ds}$$

In the case where the new production is a constant, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^*(t, u) &= \frac{\int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(u-s)} ds}{\int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} ds} \\ &= \frac{[\lambda^{-1} e^{-\lambda(u-s)}]_{-\infty}^t}{[\lambda^{-1} e^{-\lambda(t-s)}]_{-\infty}^t} \\ &= e^{-\lambda(u-t)} \\ &= \mathbf{S}(t, u) \end{aligned}$$

The stock amortization function is equal to the flow amortization function.

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 4

Find the expression of $\mathcal{D}^*(t)$ when the new production is constant.

Computation of the amortization functions

We recall that the liquidity duration is equal to:

$$\mathcal{D}(t) = \int_t^{\infty} (u - t) f(t, u) du$$

where $f(t, u)$ is the density function associated to the survival function $\mathbf{S}(t, u)$. For the stock, we have:

$$\mathcal{D}^*(t) = \int_t^{\infty} (u - t) f^*(t, u) du$$

where $f^*(t, u)$ is the density function associated to the survival function $\mathbf{S}^*(t, u)$:

$$f^*(t, u) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) f(s, u) ds}{\int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \mathbf{S}(s, t) ds}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case where the new production is constant, we obtain:

$$\mathcal{D}^*(t) = \frac{\int_t^\infty (u - t) \int_{-\infty}^t f(s, u) ds du}{\int_{-\infty}^t \mathbf{S}(s, t) ds}$$

Since we have $\int_{-\infty}^t f(s, u) ds = \mathbf{S}(t, u)$, we deduce that:

$$\mathcal{D}^*(t) = \frac{\int_t^\infty (u - t) \mathbf{S}(t, u) du}{\int_{-\infty}^t \mathbf{S}(s, t) ds}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 5

Calculate the durations $\mathcal{D}(t)$ and $\mathcal{D}^*(t)$ for the three previous cases.

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case of the bullet repayment debt, we have:

$$\mathcal{D}(t) = m$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}^*(t) &= \frac{\int_t^{t+m} (u-t) du}{\int_{t-m}^t ds} \\ &= \frac{\left[\frac{1}{2}(u-t)^2\right]_t^{t+m}}{\left[s\right]_{t-m}^t} \\ &= \frac{m}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case of the linear amortization, we have:

$$f(t, u) = \mathbb{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{1}{m}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(t) &= \int_t^{t+m} \frac{(u-t)}{m} du \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{1}{2} (u-t)^2 \right]_t^{t+m} \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the stock duration, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}^*(t) &= \frac{\int_t^{t+m} (u-t) \left(1 - \frac{u-t}{m}\right) du}{\int_{t-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{t-s}{m}\right) ds} \\
 &= \frac{\int_t^{t+m} \left(u-t - \frac{u^2}{m} + 2\frac{tu}{m} - \frac{t^2}{m}\right) du}{\int_{t-m}^t \left(1 - \frac{t}{m} + \frac{s}{m}\right) ds} \\
 &= \frac{\left[\frac{u^2}{2} - tu - \frac{u^3}{3m} + \frac{tu^2}{m} - \frac{t^2 u}{m}\right]_t^{t+m}}{\left[s - \frac{st}{m} + \frac{s^2}{2m}\right]_{t-m}^t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

The numerator is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \left[\frac{u^2}{2} - tu - \frac{u^3}{3m} + \frac{tu^2}{m} - \frac{t^2 u}{m} \right]_t^{t+m} \\ &= \frac{1}{6m} [3mu^2 - 6mtu - 2u^3 + 6tu^2 - 6t^2 u]_t^{t+m} \\ &= \frac{1}{6m} (m^3 - 3mt^2 - 2t^3) + \frac{1}{6m} (3mt^2 + 2t^3) \\ &= \frac{m^2}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

The denominator is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \left[s - \frac{st}{m} + \frac{s^2}{2m} \right]_{t-m}^t \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} [s^2 - 2s(t-m)]_{t-m}^t \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (t^2 - 2t(t-m) - (t-m)^2 + 2(t-m)^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} (t^2 - 2t^2 + 2mt + t^2 - 2mt + m^2) \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

We deduce that:

$$\mathcal{D}^*(t) = \frac{m}{3}$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the exponential amortization, we have:

$$f(t, u) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(u-t)}$$

and¹:

$$\mathcal{D}(t) = \int_t^\infty (u-t) \lambda e^{-\lambda(u-t)} du = \int_0^\infty v \lambda e^{-\lambda v} dv = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

For the stock duration, we deduce that:

$$\mathcal{D}^*(t) = \frac{\int_t^\infty (u-t) e^{-\lambda(u-t)} du}{\int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} ds} = \frac{\int_0^\infty v e^{-\lambda v} dv}{\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda v} dv} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

We verify that $\mathcal{D}(t) = \mathcal{D}^*(t)$ since we have demonstrated that $\mathbf{S}^*(t, u) = \mathbf{S}(t, u)$.

¹We use the change of variable $v = u - t$.

Computation of the amortization functions

Question 6

Calculate the corresponding dynamics $dN(t)$.

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case of the bullet repayment debt, we have:

$$dN(t) = (NP(t) - NP(t - m)) dt$$

Computation of the amortization functions

In the case of the linear amortization, we have:

$$f(s, t) = \frac{\mathbf{1}\{s \leq t < s + m\}}{m}$$

It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) f(s, t) ds &= \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^t \mathbf{1}\{s \leq t < s + m\} \cdot \text{NP}(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \int_{t-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that:

$$dN(t) = \left(\text{NP}(t) - \frac{1}{m} \int_{t-m}^t \text{NP}(s) ds \right) dt$$

Computation of the amortization functions

For the exponential amortization, we have:

$$f(s, t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-s)}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) f(s, t) \, ds &= \int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \, ds \\ &= \lambda \int_{-\infty}^t \text{NP}(s) e^{-\lambda(t-s)} \, ds \\ &= \lambda N(t) \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that:

$$dN(t) = (\text{NP}(t) - \lambda N(t)) \, dt$$

Impact of prepayment

Exercise

We recall that the outstanding balance of a CAM (constant amortization mortgage) at time t is given by:

$$N(t) = \mathbf{1}\{t < m\} \cdot N_0 \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}}$$

where N_0 is the notional, i is the interest rate and m is the maturity.

Impact of prepayment

Question 1

Find the dynamics $dN(t)$.

Impact of prepayment

We deduce that the dynamics of $N(t)$ is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}dN(t) &= \mathbb{1}\{t < m\} \cdot N_0 \frac{-ie^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}} dt \\ &= -ie^{-i(m-t)} \left(\mathbb{1}\{t < m\} \cdot N_0 \frac{1}{1 - e^{-im}} \right) dt \\ &= -\frac{ie^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}} N(t) dt\end{aligned}$$

Impact of prepayment

Question 2

We note $\tilde{N}(t)$ the modified outstanding balance that takes into account the prepayment risk. Let $\lambda_p(t)$ be the prepayment rate at time t . Write the dynamics of $\tilde{N}(t)$.

Impact of prepayment

The prepayment rate has a negative impact on $dN(t)$ because it reduces the outstanding amount $N(t)$:

$$d\tilde{N}(t) = -\frac{ie^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}}\tilde{N}(t) dt - \lambda_p(t)\tilde{N}(t) dt$$

Impact of prepayment

Question 3

Show that $\tilde{N}(t) = N(t) \mathbf{S}_p(t)$ where $\mathbf{S}_p(t)$ is the prepayment-based survival function.

Impact of prepayment

It follows that:

$$d \ln \tilde{N}(t) = - \left(\frac{ie^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}} + \lambda_p(t) \right) dt$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \tilde{N}(t) - \ln \tilde{N}(0) &= \int_0^t \frac{-ie^{-i(m-s)}}{1 - e^{-i(m-s)}} ds - \int_0^t \lambda_p(s) ds \\ &= \left[\ln \left(1 - e^{-i(m-s)} \right) \right]_0^t - \int_0^t \lambda_p(s) ds \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}} \right) - \int_0^t \lambda_p(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

Impact of prepayment

We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{N}(t) &= \left(N_0 \frac{1 - e^{-i(m-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}} \right) e^{-\int_0^t \lambda_p(s) ds} \\ &= N(t) \mathbf{S}_p(t)\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{S}_p(t)$ is the survival function associated to the hazard rate $\lambda_p(t)$.

Impact of prepayment

Question 4

Calculate the liquidity duration $\tilde{D}(t)$ associated to the outstanding balance $\tilde{N}(t)$ when the hazard rate of prepayments is constant and equal to λ_p .

Impact of prepayment

We have:

$$\tilde{N}(t, u) = \mathbf{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot N(t) \frac{1 - e^{-i(t+m-u)}}{1 - e^{-im}} e^{-\lambda_p(u-t)}$$

this implies that:

$$\tilde{S}(t, u) = \mathbf{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_p(u-t)} - e^{-im+(i-\lambda_p)(u-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}}$$

and:

$$\tilde{f}(t, u) = \mathbf{1}\{t \leq u < t + m\} \cdot \frac{\lambda_p e^{-\lambda_p(u-t)} + (i - \lambda_p) e^{-im+(i-\lambda_p)(u-t)}}{1 - e^{-im}}$$

Impact of prepayment

It follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{D}(t) &= \frac{\lambda_p}{1 - e^{-im}} \int_t^{t+m} (u - t) e^{-\lambda_p(u-t)} du + \\
 &\quad \frac{(i - \lambda_p) e^{-im}}{1 - e^{-im}} \int_t^{t+m} (u - t) e^{(i - \lambda_p)(u-t)} du \\
 &= \frac{\lambda_p}{1 - e^{-im}} \int_0^m v e^{-\lambda_p v} dv + \frac{(i - \lambda_p) e^{-im}}{1 - e^{-im}} \int_0^m v e^{(i - \lambda_p)v} dv \\
 &= \frac{\lambda_p}{1 - e^{-im}} \left(\frac{m e^{-\lambda_p m}}{-\lambda_p} - \frac{e^{-\lambda_p m} - 1}{\lambda_p^2} \right) + \\
 &\quad \frac{(i - \lambda_p) e^{-im}}{1 - e^{-im}} \left(\frac{m e^{(i - \lambda_p)m}}{(i - \lambda_p)} - \frac{e^{(i - \lambda_p)m} - 1}{(i - \lambda_p)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-im}} \left(\frac{e^{-im} - e^{-\lambda_p m}}{i - \lambda_p} + \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda_p m}}{\lambda_p} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Impact of prepayment

because we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^m ve^{\alpha v} dv &= \left[\frac{ve^{\alpha v}}{\alpha} \right]_0^m - \int_0^m \frac{e^{\alpha v}}{\alpha} dv \\ &= \left[\frac{ve^{\alpha v}}{\alpha} \right]_0^m - \left[\frac{e^{\alpha v}}{\alpha^2} \right]_0^m \\ &= \frac{me^{\alpha m}}{\alpha} - \frac{e^{\alpha m} - 1}{\alpha^2}\end{aligned}$$