Loss Given Default:

Estimating by analyzing the distribution of credit assets and Validation

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Abstract

The Basel II Accord offers banks the opportunity to estimate Loss Given Default (LGD) if they wish to calculate their own value for the capital required to cover credit losses in extreme circumstances. This paper will analyze the various methods of modeling LGD and will provide an alternative estimate of LGD using Merton's model for the valuation of assets. Four components will be developed in this document: estimation of the minimum value that could have a financial asset, estimation of the loss given default LGD, development of a practical component, and finally validation of the proposed model.

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1 Introduction

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Loss Given Default (LGD) is one of the most crucial key parameters needed to evaluate the expected and unexpected credit losses necessary for credit pricing as well as for calculation of the regulatory Basel requirement. While the credit rating and probability of default (PD) techniques have been advancing in recent decades.

A lot of focus has been devoted to the estimation of PD while LGD has received less attention and has at times been treated as a constant. Das and Hanouna noted in 2008 that using constant loss estimates could be misleading inasmuch as losses vary a great deal. According to Moody's 2005 findings; average recovery rates, defined as 1- LGD, can vary between 8% and 74% depending on the year and the bond type. For sophisticated risk management, LGD undoubtedly needs to be assessed in greater detail.

If a bank uses the Advanced IRB approach, the Basel II Accord allows it to use internal models to estimate the LGD. While initially a standard LGD allocation may be used for The Foundation Approach, institutions that have adopted the IRB approach for probability of default are being encouraged to use the IRB approach for LGD because it gives a more accurate assessment of loss. In many cases, this added precision changes capital requirements.

This paper is formulated into two sections:

The theoretical section, which has highlighted the overall LGD estimation models in recent decades as well as a theoretical model proposed by way of:

- Calculating the minimum value that could be an asset for T based on the Merton model.
- Elaborating a mathematical development to estimate LGD calculated using the minimum value.
- A detail will be provided in the model developed to specify the LGD formula in the case of a single asset then again in the case of several assets.

The Practical Section, which includes:

- An application made according to the proposed model using actual data from a Moroccan bank. This application will be done in two cases: single asset then again in several assets to highlight the effect of the correlation of assets that could minimize LGD rates.
- A Backtesting program will be conducted to check the estimated power of the proposed model.

2 Literature Review of LGD Estimation Models

LGD has attracted little attention before the 21st century; one of the first papers on the subject written by Schuermann 2004 provides an overview of what was known about LGD at that time. Since the first Basel II consultative papers were published there has been an increasing amount of research on LGD estimation techniques (Altman – Resti – Sironi, 2004; Frye, 2003; Gupton, 2005; Huang – Oosterlee, 2008; etc.).

One of the last models produced to estimate the LGD is the LossCalc model introduced by Moody's KMV3 The general idea for estimating the recovery rate is to apply a multivariate linear regression model including certain risk factors, e.g., industry factors, macroeconomic factors, and transformed risk factors resulting from "mini-models".

Another estimation model proposed by Steinbauer and Ivanova (2006)4, consists of two steps, namely a scoring and a calibration step. The scoring step includes the estimation of a score using collateralization, haircuts, and expected exposure at default of the loan and recovery rates of the uncollateralized exposure. The score itself can be interpreted as a recovery rate of the total loan but is only used for relative ordering in this case.

2.1 Theoretical Framework for Estimating Expected Loss Given Default

Merton (1974) and Black and Scholes (1973) proposed a simple model of the firm that provides a way of relating credit risk to the capital structure of the firm. In this model the value of the firm's assets is assumed to follow a lognormal diffusion process with a constant volatility.

³ Losscalc v2: dynamic prediction of LGD, modeling methodology, Gupton and Sttein (2005)

Internal LGD Estimation in Practice

$$
A_{i,t} = A_{i,0} e^{\left(\left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}\right)t + \sigma i X_{i,t}\right)}
$$
(1)

$$
X_{i,t} \sim N(0,\sqrt{t})
$$
 (2)

 $X_{i,t}$ is a Wiener process with an expectation of 0 and variance t

(1) et (2)
$$
=> ln (A_{i,t}) = ln (A_{i,0}) + ((\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}) \cdot t + \sigma i X_{i,t})
$$

 $=> ln (A_{i,t}) ~ N (ln (A_{i,0}) + (\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}) \cdot t, \sigma i \sqrt{t})$

So A_{i,t} follows a lognormal distribution with parameters $\ln(A_{i,0}) + (\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2})$.t and $\sigma i\sqrt{t}$ with a density function $g(x) = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{b\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $rac{1}{2}$ $\left(\frac{\ln(x)-a}{b}\right)^2$ a = $\ln(A_{i,0}) + |\mu - \mu|$ σi ଶ $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. t et b = $\sigma i\sqrt{t}$

It is possible to calculate and expectation of
$$
A_{i,t}
$$
 according to the log normal

distribution
$$
\mu_{A_{i,t}} = E(A_{i,t}) = e^{\ln(A_{i,0}) + (\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2})t + \sigma i^2 \frac{t}{2}}
$$

So $\mu_{A_{i,t}} = A_{i,0}.e^{\mu i.t}$

As the variance

$$
\sigma_{A_{i,t}}^{2} = e^{2(a+b^{2})} \cdot \left(\frac{e^{b^{2}} - 1}{e^{b^{2}}}\right)
$$
\n
$$
= e^{2\left(\ln(A_{i,0}) + \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^{2}}{2}\right)t + \sigma i^{2} \cdot t\right)} \cdot \left(\frac{e^{\sigma i^{2} \cdot t} - 1}{e^{\sigma i^{2} \cdot t}}\right)
$$
\n
$$
= e^{2\ln(A_{i,0}) + 2\mu i \cdot t + \sigma i^{2} \cdot t} \cdot \left(\frac{e^{\sigma i^{2} \cdot t} - 1}{e^{\sigma i^{2} \cdot t}}\right)
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_{A_{i,t}}^{2} = A_{i,0}^{2} e^{2\mu i \cdot t} \cdot \left(e^{\sigma i^{2} \cdot t} - 1\right)
$$

Calculation of the minimum value of the asset A_i

We have
$$
\ln (A_{i,t}) \sim N \left(\ln (A_{i,0}) + \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) \cdot t, \sigma i \sqrt{t} \right)
$$

\nFor a fixed probability α , we define Min_{α} by $P(\ln (A_{i,t}) < \text{Min}_{\alpha}) = \alpha$
\n $\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\ln(A_{i,t}) - \ln(A_{i,0}) - \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) \cdot t}{\sigma i \sqrt{t}} \right) \le \frac{\text{Min}_{\alpha} - \ln(A_{i,0}) - \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) \cdot t}{\sigma i \sqrt{t}} \right) = \alpha$
\n $\Rightarrow \text{Min}_{\ln(A_{i,t}),\alpha} = \ln (A_{i,0}) + \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) \cdot t + \sigma i \sqrt{t} \cdot N^{-1}(\alpha)$
\n $\Rightarrow \text{Min}_{A_{i,t},\alpha} = e^{\ln(A_{i,0}) + \left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) \cdot t + \sigma i \sqrt{t} \cdot N^{-1}(\alpha)}$
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In the fact that

$$
t = \frac{n}{T} \quad \text{And} \quad n = 1 \dots T
$$

In the maturity $n = T$

The formula (3) is very useful for financial calculations under the minimum value that could reach the asset Ai at any time t, specifically at maturity T, which can be regarded as a VaR according to a previously specified risk level.

2.2 Estimated loss rate (LGD)

LGD is calculated in various ways, but the most popular is 'Gross' LGD, where total losses are divided by exposure at default (EAD). An alternate method is to divide losses by the unsecured portion of a credit line (where security covers a portion of EAD. This is known as 'Blanco' LGD. If the collateral value is zero in the last case then Blanco LGD is equivalent to Gross LGD. A variety of statistical methods may be applied.

In this article, the rate of LGD will be calculated according to the minimum value With the formula (3), we can already get an idea of the impairment of financial assets over time (t), which is essential to calculate the rate of percentage loss of the initial value of a financial asset.

In this section, a development of the formula (3) will be established by calculating loss rates (LGD) that could represent a financial asset.

The chart below revealed two losses of asset $A_{i,t}$, an average loss and other unexpected with a level of risk α .

With α lower level of risk, it is possible to calculate an unexpected loss as in the previous section. This loss will be used to determine the unexpected loss rate with the use of the initial value of the asset A as:

$$
LGD_{A_{i,t},\alpha} = \frac{A_{i,0} - Min_{A_{i,t}\alpha}}{A_{i,0}}
$$

$$
LGD_{A_{i,t},\alpha} = 1 - \frac{e^{\ln (A_{i,0}) + (\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2})t + \sigma i \sqrt{t} \cdot N^{-1}(\alpha)}}{A_{i,0}}
$$

\n
$$
LGD_{A_{i,t},\alpha} = 1 - e^{(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2})t + \sigma i \cdot \sqrt{t} \cdot N^{-1}(\alpha)}
$$

\nWith $t = \frac{n}{T}$ And $n = 1 ... T$
\n
$$
En n = T \Rightarrow t = 1
$$

\n
$$
LGD_{A_{i,T},\alpha} = 1 - e^{(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}) + \sigma i \cdot N^{-1}(\alpha)} \quad (4)
$$

a. Case of a Single Asset Ai

When
$$
t = T
$$
 $LGD_{\alpha} = 1 - e^{N^{-1} \left(\left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2} \right) , \sigma i , \alpha \right)}$
 $LGD_{\alpha} = 1 - e^{(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}) + \sigma i . \epsilon_{\alpha}}$

 ε_{α} is the risk taken on assets (standard normal distribution law)

b. Case of two Assets

$$
Min_{\,A_{i,t} \,+ A_{j,t}\,,\alpha} = e^{N^{-\, 1}\left(\ln (A_{i,0} \,+ \,A_{j,0}\,) + \,\left(w_i.\mu i + w_j.\mu j - \frac{\sigma i j^2}{2} \right)\! .t \;\; , \;\; \sigma ij \sqrt{t} \,\; , \;\; \alpha \right)}
$$

 w_i , w_i are weights of the assets i, j

σij² = w_i². σi² + 2 * ρ. w_i. w_jσi. σj+ w_j²σj² And ρ is the correlation between A_{i,t} and $A_{i,t}$

$$
LGD_{A_i + A_j, \alpha} = 1 - e^{\left(w_i, \mu i + w_j, \mu j - \frac{\sigma i j^2}{2}\right) + \sigma i j. \epsilon_{\alpha}}
$$
(5)

c. Case of several credit portfolio as well

$$
LGD_{\Sigma_{i=1}^p A_{i,T}}, \ \alpha = 1 - e^{\Sigma_{i=1}^p \left(w_i \mu i - \frac{R}{2}\right) + \sqrt{R} \varepsilon_\alpha} \tag{6}
$$

Such as R = t_W . Σ w and Σ i is the variance covariance matrix of the assets and w_i is the weight of the asset i

With the presence of several assets (credits) in the bank's portfolio, it could

establish the correlation of assets to minimize LGD shown with this correlation. The average of LGD is less than the calculated LGD overall portfolio (diversification principle).

Main Results

2.3 Illustration of the calculation of the minimum value and the LGD

2.3.1 Case of a single Asset

Taking the formula: $Min_{A_{i,t},\alpha} = e$ N^{-1} (ln (A_{i,0}) + (μi- $\frac{\sigma i^2}{2}$) t, σi \sqrt{t} , α)

With $\sigma i^2 = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} (\mu_{i,j} - \bar{\mu}_i)^2}{n}$ $\frac{\tau_{1,j} - \tau_{1,j}}{n}$ and $\bar{\mu}_i =$ $\Sigma_{j=1}^n \mu_{i,j}$ ୬ σi = 16,35% and $\bar{\mu}_i = 7,42\%$

We would calculate Min $_{A_i,t,\alpha}$ with $\alpha = 1\%$ as a risk level from the fifth year, posing $A_{i,0} = 9.000.000$ Dhs

The chart above shows the distribution of asset Ai,t versus t, with $T = 1.000$ according to a number of simulations, the final value of Min $_{A_{1}T,1\%}$ = 6,538,538 MAD with $LGD_{1%} = 27.35\%$ which is equivalent to the A_i loss percentage.

2.3.2 Case of two Assets A_i **and** A_i

In this case, we have:

$$
LGD_{A_i + A_j, 1\%} = 1 - e^{\left(w_i, \mu i + w_j, \mu j - \frac{\sigma ij^2}{2}\right) + \sigma ij \cdot \varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2}
$$

With
$$
\sigma i j^2 = w_i^2 \cdot \sigma i^2 + 2 * \rho \cdot w_i \cdot w_j \sigma i \cdot \sigma j + w_j^2 \sigma j^2
$$

\n $A_{i,0} = 9.000.000 \text{ } \mu i = 7,42 \text{ % and } \sigma i = 16,35\text{ % } w_i = 0,38$

 $A_{i,0} = 15.000.000 \text{ } \mu i = 15,84 \% \text{ and } \sigma i = 26,94% \text{ } w_i = 0,62$ Asset correlation $\rho = -59\%$ σ ij = 14,14 % So : $\sin A_{iT}$, 1% = 6.538.453 Dhs $\sin A_{iT}$, 1% = 9.056.148 Dhs LGD $_{A_{i,T},1\%}$ = 26.37 % LGD $_{A_{i,T},1\%}$ = 37.39 % $\text{Min}_{\text{A}_{i} \text{T},1\%}$ + $\text{Min}_{\text{A}_{i} \text{T},1\%}$ = 15.594.601 LGD $_{A_{i,T}}$ et $_{A_{i,T},1\%}$ (separated calculation of LGD $_{A_{i,T}}$ and LGD $_{A_{i,T}}$) = 35,02% And $Min_{A_{i,T} + A_{i,T},1\%}$ = 19.080.004 Dhs LGD $_{A_i}$ _T + $_{A_i}$ _T,1% (calculated according to the formula (5)) = 20,50 %

2.3.3 Calculations over the two separated Assets A_i and A_j

In this section an illustration was executed according to the developed model to demonstrate its utility in predicting risk related to depreciation in the value of assets of companies that could represent a risk to the bank.

It should be noted that with the developed model, a simulation was performed on 1.000 daily variations to calculate the minimum value for the two assets Ai and Aj The loss rate LGD was calculated using the formula (5).

Among the results of this section:

The minimum value of the two assets separately calculated is less than the diversification hypothesis to show that the developed model takes into consideration the correlation of assets which makes the difference in the value of LGD;

It is observed that the LGD $_{A_i} + _{A_i} + _{B_i}$ of the two assets is less than both LGD $_{A_i, T_i}$, 1% and LGD $_{A_i, T_i}$, 1% separated, this is due to the diversification effect and primarily to the negative correlation between the two assets.

2.4 Backtesting of the calculated minimum value

The two graphs below show two simulations of the assets distribution in two Ai risk levels 1% and 5%, $T = 1000$

Chart 1: calculation of Min (Ai), $\alpha = 1\%$

Chart 2: Calculation of Min (Ai), $\alpha = 5\%$

The objective of this section is to develop a backtesting program for the developed model. It is shown that the greater the number of simulations the greater the importance of estimated power.

For 100 simulations, the exceedance rate is 6.20% for a level of risk of 5%, which is a quality of 76% significance.

For 10.000 simulations, the model becomes more significant with a quality of 99.10%, the exceedance is 5.04% for a risk of 5% and 0.99% for a 1% risk.

2.5 Development of a score of LGD

From the formula:

$$
LGD_{\alpha} = 1 - e^{\left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}\right) + \sigma i.\epsilon_{\alpha}}
$$

LGD rate is between 0% and 100% in the case of total loss of assets $A_{i,0}$ The scoring system we want to develop is giving a score between 0 and 100 according to the rate of loss:

$$
LGD_{A_i} = 0\% \implies \text{Score}_{A_i} = 100 \text{ LGD}_{A_i} = 100\% \implies \text{Score}_{A_i} = 0
$$

$$
\text{Score}_{A_i} = 100. (1 - \text{LGD}_{A_i}) = 100. e^{\left(\mu i - \frac{\sigma i^2}{2}\right) + \sigma i \epsilon_{\alpha}}
$$

And the goal is to build 5 score classes with 8 notations by score:

2.6 Illustration

3 Conclusion

In this paper, a mathematical development of the Merton formula was made to calculate the LGD rates resulting in: development of a theoretical framework for measuring LGD loss rate directly related to the Merton model by using the value minimum that could have this asset to maturity at a α risk level.

Among the results of this article: In the first theoretical section, a mathematical development was conducted to determine the minimum value that could have a financial asset; thereafter a second mathematical development has been performed in order to find the results concerning the loss given default LGD rate in the case of one and in addition several assets.

Note that a Backtesting program is necessary to test the estimated level of the model developed, which has shown a positive level of estimation given that the number of simulations was set at 1.000

The limitations of this article are the limited number of searches that have been done in the development of calculating the LGD and the lack of a real database to develop classes of scoring for the LGD.

Among the perspectives of this article: The developed model for the calculation of the LGD was based primarily on the principle of VaR, but VaR was always criticized, however; can demonstrate an idea of developing an LGD calculation based on CVaR mean losses beyond the VaR, as well as compare the results of both models, notably in terms of the significance of estimated power.

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Appendices

Various models for LGD Calculation:

LGD Rating companies

