

Dynamic counterparty risk valuation

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- To evaluate exposure (CVA) one needs **both** the distribution of the default time and the distribution of all state variables conditional on the occurrence of default.

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- Another example: CDS on a name whose credit quality is positively correlated to that of the protection seller.

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- **Goal(s):** calibrate the barrier and/or dynamics to observed spreads and compute the distribution of $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ conditional on default occurring at some given point during the life of the contract.

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$$\sigma(t)^2 \propto \frac{H'(t)}{1 - H(t)}$$

so that the implied credit index becomes more volatile as the hazard rate of the default distribution increases.

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- Together with Girsanov's theorem this **allows to compute/simulate dynamics conditional on $\{\tau = s\}$**

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- There are close connections to the theory of **conditioned SDEs** and to **initial enlargements of filtrations**.

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5. Can a similar approach be used in reduced-form models?