

# Stochastic Modelling of Counterparty Credit Risk, CVA and DVA – with a Glimpse at the New Regulatory Framework Basel III

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- We will make use of the important notation  $Y_t(k | l)$  to describe a random cash flow amount from the point of view of party  $k$  at time  $t$  contingent on the default of party  $l$ , where  $l \in \{0, 2\}$ .

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- Notice that the **permutation**  $s : \{0, 2\} \longrightarrow \{0, 2\}$ ,  $k \mapsto 2 - k$  is bijective. It satisfies  $s \circ s = \text{id}$ . (If  $s$  should permute the numbers 1 and 2 instead, then put  $s(k) := 3 - k$ .)

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$M_k = (M_k(t))_{0 \leq t \leq T} \equiv (M_t(k))_{0 \leq t < T}$  is then given by

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where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a “spot martingale measure” (due to the risk-neutral valuation formula). In the following we fix  $\mathbb{Q}$  and occasionally omit its extra description in the notation of (conditional) expectation operators.



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## Definition (Generalised close-out cash flow)

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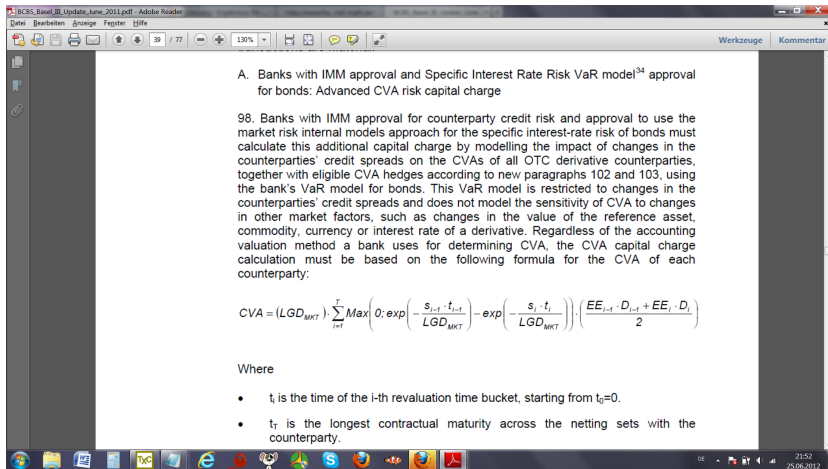
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Hence, if party  $k$  were the investor, and if  $\tau_k = +\infty$  the unilateral CVA  $UCVA_t(k | 2 - k) := TCVA_t(k | 2 - k)$  would have to be paid by party  $2 - k$  to the default free party  $k$  at  $t$  to cover a potential default of party  $2 - k$  after  $t$ .

## Excerpt from Basel III (ACVA, Para 98)



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98. Banks with IMM approval for counterparty credit risk and approval to use the market risk internal models approach for the specific interest-rate risk of bonds must calculate this additional capital charge by modelling the impact of changes in the counterparties' credit spreads on the CVAs of all OTC derivative counterparties, together with eligible CVA hedges according to new paragraphs 102 and 103, using the bank's VaR model for bonds. This VaR model is restricted to changes in the counterparties' credit spreads and does not model the sensitivity of CVA to changes in other market factors, such as changes in the value of the reference asset, commodity, currency or interest rate of a derivative. Regardless of the accounting valuation method a bank uses for determining CVA, the CVA capital charge calculation must be based on the following formula for the CVA of each counterparty:

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An analysis of “CVA volatility risk” and its capitalisation should particularly treat the following serious flaws:

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- (iv) Basel III considers unilateral CVA only. More precisely, the regulatory calculation of the ACVA is based on  $UCVA_0$  – as opposed to the calculations of CVA in FAS 157 respectively IAS 39! Latter explicitly include the  $(U)DVA_0$ . Hence, there exists a non-trivial mismatch between regulation and accounting! Moreover, as we have seen a thorough and appropriate treatment of a market price of (bilateral) CCR leads to  $TBVA_0$  and not to  $UCVA_0$ . Consequently, further research is necessary. There is work in progress such as e.g. the running “Fundamental Review of the Trading Book” or running projects in the RTF subgroup of the BCBS – hopefully leading to necessary improvements of Basel III.

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