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Risk Assessment using Stochastic Modelling in today's dynamic environment

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Deterministic Modelling and its Drawbacks

An introduction to Stochastic Modelling

Stochastic Modelling and Risk Measurement

Drawbacks of Stochastic Modelling

Relevance for an Emerging Economy like India



Is History a poor guide to the Future? estimate of Actuaries of India Indian Treasury Yields 14 Expected Levels 12 10 2 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Inflatior Dynamic Interactions

India Treasury Bill 91 Day Yield was quoted at 6.65 percent on Friday January 18. Interbank Rate in India averaged 7.45 percent from 1993 until 2019, reaching an all time high of 12.97 percent in July of 1995 and a record low of 3.10 percent in July of 2009.



 If the projected risk distribution is different from the historical distribution, the user can revisit the parameters/assumptions to obtain more realistic estimates.

model.

 Tails of the projected risk distribution can help with understanding the downside risk and upside potential.



The results will depend significantly on the choice of model, dataset, parameters and assumptions.

Stochastic Modelling: Real World Probability Measures





Stochastic Modelling: Approach



Choice of Inputs | Data Source, Data Windows, Models, Assumptions

Validation of initial results

Imposing own views | Risk Distribution, Evolution, Means, SDs

Reassess output | Changes to any Parameters, Methodology, Data Windows

Interpret the final output | Current Market Conditions vs Future Expectations

Using Real World ESGs | Data



A real world economic scenario generator will allow the user to construct multiple plausible paths for the series being modelled based on the historical dataset and the assumptions about the future expectations.

Choice of different models for modelling econometric series (example : interest rates, inflation, equity) based on the properties of the series being modelled.

Interest Rates	Equity
Mean Reverting Models	Jump Diffusion Models

Identifying the properties of risk distribution available in the historic dataset



Using Real World ESGs | Calibration & Projections



Parameterize the historical data using a suitable model to obtain a set of projections at the required simulation level



Using Real World ESGs | Imposing Judgements



Impose expert judgement on the projections along with interactions (correlations) with multiple variables

Define long term and short term means, SDs

□ Set a target evolution

Provide direct vs indirect links to other economic series (example : imposing links through a cascade or adopting a more complex copula approach or a combination of both)



Using Real World ESGs | Validations



Validate the projections using a variety of quantitative and qualitative tools

- Statistical checks
- Comparing projection evolution against defined targets
- □ Validating the assumptions against credible sources like economic research reports, views from Investment banks etc.

An Example

A percentile fan of projections allows the user to look at the best and the worst possible outcome given the set of assumptions and inputs used





Assessing Own Risk....



Results driven by data, assumptions and choice of models

Stochastic modelling results will vary based on many factors and will provide a universe of plausible scenarios.

If the deterministic modelling gave the user say X as the amount of required return on equity, the value of X can be compared with the corresponding percentile on the simulated return graph.

The results from the stochastic modelling exercise can be compared with the industry benchmarks to assess own position.



Stochastic Modelling: Considerations



Results dependent on choice of data/models/assumptions

High level of complexity

Results subject to change with changes to the current market conditions

Expert level of technical and economic knowledge required

Significant costs of implementation

Why use Stochastic Modelling?

The Indian Context...







Thank You