

3.2 Pricing of defaultable claims using the intensity approach

To price any defaultable claim, the recovery mechanism must be modeled.

- *recovery of Treasury*

$\phi(\tau) = \alpha P(\tau)$, $P(\tau)$ is the price of Treasury at τ , $0 < \alpha < 1$

- *multiple defaults*

In the course of reorganization, the claim holders lose a fraction q of the face value of the claim, but the claim continues to live.

- *recovery of market value (fractional recovery)*

$\phi(\tau) = (1 - q)\bar{P}(\tau_-)$, $\bar{P}(\tau_-)$ is the value of the defaultable claim right before τ .

- *recovery of par*

$\phi(\tau) = \pi \hat{p}$, \hat{p} is the par

- *zero recovery*

$\phi(\tau) = 0$

Marked point process

To incorporate magnitude risk into the point process framework, we need to attach a “marker” to each event τ_i . Thus we have a double sequence

$$\{(\tau_i, Y_i), i \in N\}$$

of points in time τ_i with marker Y_i . For default risk modeling, Y_i may be a recovery rate or a new rating class.

Assumption 1

Defaults are triggered by the jumps of a Poisson process $N(t)$ with (possibly stochastic) intensity $\lambda(t)$. The Poisson arrivals are independent of all other modeling variables. Stochastic recovery parameters are *markers* to the Poisson process.

Assumption 2

Let $\bar{p}(t)$ be the price process of a defaultable asset, given that no default has occurred until time t . If a default occurs at time τ , the asset has a recovery of $\phi(\tau)$ units of account at τ . Here, $\phi(\tau)$ may be stochastic and it is known at the time of default (\mathcal{F}_τ -measurable) but not necessarily before default.

Defaultable coupon bond

$$E \left[\beta(\tau)\phi(\tau)\mathbf{1}_{\{\tau \leq T\}} + \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{c}\beta(t_i)\mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t_i\}} + \beta(t_N)\mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t_N\}} \right]$$

Recovery of market value

Consider the price process of a defaultable claim V promising a payoff $f(X_T)$ at T . The recovery upon default is

$$\Phi(\tau) = \delta V(\tau_-) \quad \text{for } \tau \leq T$$

where δ is a constant, and $\delta \in [0, 1)$. Given that there has not been a default at time t , we would like to show that

$$V(t) = E_t \left[\exp \left(- \int_t^T [r + (1 - \delta)\lambda](X_s) ds \right) f(X_T) \right].$$

Discrete-time argument

In the discrete-time setting

- λ_s is the probability of defaulting in $(s, s + 1]$ given survival up to time s
- r_s is the (continuously compounded) rate between s and $s + 1$
- δ is the fractional recovery received at time $s + 1$ in the event of a default in $(s, s + 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= \lambda_t e^{-r_t} E_t[\delta V(t + 1)] + (1 - \lambda_t) e^{-r_t} E_t[V(t + 1)] \quad \text{for } t < T \\ &= e^{-R_t} E_t[V(t + 1)] \end{aligned}$$

where $e^{-r_t} = \lambda_t e^{-r_t} \delta + (1 - \lambda_t) e^{-r_t}$.

Iterating the expression, we obtain

$$V(t) = E_t[e^{-(R_t+R_{t+1})}V(t+2)]$$

and continuing on

$$V(t) = E_t \left[\exp \left(- \sum_{i=0}^{T-t-1} R_{t+i} \right) f(X_T) \right].$$

Next, we move from a period of unit length to length of Δt . Expanding $e^{-R_t\Delta t}$ in powers of Δt

$$e^{-R_t\Delta t} \approx 1 - R_t\Delta t \approx \lambda_t\delta\Delta t(1 - r_t\Delta t) + (1 - \lambda_t\Delta t)(1 - r_t\Delta t)$$

so that

$$R_t \approx r_t + (1 - \delta)\lambda_t.$$

Repeated fractional recovery of terminal payoff

If there is a default, the promised payment is reduced from $f(X_T)$ to $\delta f(X_T)$.

$$V_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_t \left[\exp \left(- \int_t^T r(X_s) ds \right) \delta^k f(X_T) \mathbf{1}_{\{N_T=k\}} \right].$$

Conditioning on the evolution of X up to T

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E \left[\delta^k f(X_T) \mathbf{1}_{\{N_T=k\}} | (X_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta^k \frac{\left(\int_t^T \lambda(X_s) ds \right)^k}{k!} \exp \left(- \int_t^T \lambda(X_s) ds \right) f(X_T) \\ &= f(X_T) \exp \left(- \int_t^T \lambda(X_s) ds \right) \exp \left(\delta \int_t^T \lambda(X_s) ds \right) \\ &= f(X_T) \exp \left(- \int_t^T [(1 - \delta)\lambda(X_s)] ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$V(t) = E_t \left[\exp \left(- \int_t^T (r + (1 - \delta)\lambda)(X_s) ds \right) f(X_T) \right].$$

Tractable models of the spot intensity

- Stochastic intensity allows us to capture the risk of a change in the credit quality.
- Most empirical studies find a negative correlation of around 20% between default intensity and default-free interest rate.
- Analytic tractability and easy calibration of the model
 - Gaussian dynamics could mean negative default intensity.

Two-factor Gaussian model

$$\begin{aligned}dr(t) &= [k(t) - ar] dt + \sigma(t) dZ(t) \\d\lambda(t) &= [\bar{k}(t) - \bar{a}\lambda] dt + \bar{\sigma}(t) d\bar{Z}(t)\end{aligned}$$

with $dZ d\bar{Z} = \rho dt$. For default-free bonds, the discount bond price is

$$\frac{dB(t, T)}{B(t, T)} = r(t) dt - \frac{\sigma(t)}{a} \left[1 - e^{-a(T-t)} \right] dZ(t)$$

while the forward rate is

$$df(t, T) = \frac{\sigma(t)^2}{a} e^{-a(T-t)} \left[1 - e^{-a(T-t)} \right] dt + \sigma(t) e^{-a(T-t)} dZ(t).$$

Recall that

$$E \left[e^{-\int_t^T r(s) ds} | \mathcal{F}_t \right] = e^{\hat{A}(t,T) - r(t)\hat{B}(t,T)}$$

where

$$\hat{B}(t, T; a) = \frac{1}{a} \left[1 - e^{-a(T-t)} \right]$$

$$\hat{A}(t, T; a, k, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T \sigma^2(s) \hat{B}(t, s; a)^2 ds - \int_t^T \hat{B}(t, s; a) k(s) ds.$$

Recall

$$\bar{B}(t, T) = E \left[e^{-\int_t^T [r(s) + \lambda(s)] ds} \right] = B(t, T) E^{P_T} \left[e^{-\int_t^T \lambda(s) ds} \right].$$

The dynamics of default intensity under the T -forward measure is

$$d\lambda(t) = [\tilde{k}(t) - \bar{a}\lambda] dt + \bar{\sigma}(t) d\bar{Z}(t)$$

where

$$\tilde{k}(t) = \bar{k}(t) - \rho \bar{\sigma}(t) \sigma(t) \hat{B}(t, T).$$

To price the defaultable claim of paying \$1 at T if a default happens at T ,

$$e(t, T) = E \left[\lambda(T) e^{-\int_t^T [r(s) + \lambda(s)] ds} \right].$$

We use $\bar{B}(t, T)$ as the numeraire so that

$$e(t, T) = \bar{B}(t, T) E^{\bar{P}} [\lambda(T)]$$

and the dynamics under the new measure

$$d\lambda(t) = [\bar{k}(t) - \sigma(t)\bar{\sigma}(t)\rho\hat{B}(t, T; a) - \bar{\sigma}^2(t)\hat{B}(t, T; \bar{a}) - \bar{a}(t)\lambda(t)] dt + \bar{\sigma}(t) dZ^{\bar{P}}(t).$$

The evaluation of the expectation gives

$$e(t, T) = \bar{B}(t, T) \left[\lambda(t) e^{-\bar{a}(T-t)} + \int_t^T e^{-a(T-s)} \tilde{k}'(s) ds \right]$$

where

$$\tilde{k}'(t) = \bar{k}(t) - \rho \bar{\sigma}(t) \sigma(t) \hat{B}(t, T; a) - \bar{\sigma}^2(t) \hat{B}(t, T; \bar{a}).$$

Default digital put with maturity T

Payoff of \$1 at default, if default occurs before T . Its price is

$$\int_0^T e(0, t) dt = \int_0^T E \left[\lambda(t) e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds} e^{-\int_0^t r(s) ds} \right] dt.$$

Partial differential equation formulation

Payoff structure

- Final payoff: $V(T) = F(r(T), \lambda(T))$
- Continuous payoffs: At all times $t \leq T$, the security pays at the rate of $f(t, r, \lambda)$, only paid before default, $t \leq \tau$.
- Payoff at default: $g(t, r, \lambda, \pi)$, where π is the stochastic recovery rate.

Let $V = V(t, r(t), \lambda(t))$ be the price of the default-sensitive security, $t \leq \tau$. By Ito lemma,

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\sigma_r^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \lambda} d\lambda + \frac{\sigma_\lambda^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda^2} dt + \rho \sigma_r \sigma_\lambda \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda \partial r} dt + \int_0^1 [g(r, r, \lambda, \pi) - V(t, r, \lambda)] m(dt, d\pi)$$

where $m(dt, d\pi)$ is the indicator measure. The corresponding compensator measure is $K(d\pi)\lambda dt$ and $K(d\pi)$ is the conditional distribution of the recovery rate π at default.

The final integral represents the payoff of the credit derivative at default. At a default with recovery π^* , the increment in V will be

$$g(r, T, \lambda, \pi^*) - V(t, r, \lambda).$$

The expected rate of return from holding any security under the martingale measure Q must be the default-free short-term interest rate

$$E^Q[dV + f dt] = rV dt.$$

Suppose under Q , $dr = \mu_r dt + \sigma_r dZ_r$ and $d\lambda = \mu_\lambda dt + \sigma_\lambda dZ_\lambda$, then

$$\begin{aligned} rV dt = & f dt + \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dt + \mu_r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dt + \frac{\sigma_r^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} dt + \mu_\lambda \frac{\partial V}{\partial \lambda} dt + \frac{\sigma_\lambda^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda^2} dt \\ & + \rho \sigma_r \sigma_\lambda \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda \partial r} dt + \int_0^1 [g(t, r, \lambda, \pi) - V(t, r, \lambda)] K(d\pi) \lambda dt. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the jump measure is replaced by the compensator measure. We define the locally expected default payoff

$$g^e(t, r, \lambda) = \int_0^1 g(t, r, \lambda, \pi) K(d\pi).$$

The pricing pde becomes

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \mu_r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \frac{\sigma_r^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \mu_\lambda \frac{\partial V}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\sigma_\lambda^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda^2} + \rho \sigma_r \sigma_\lambda \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \lambda \partial r} - V(\lambda + r) + g^e \lambda + f = 0.$$

Let $\mathcal{L} = \mu_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\sigma_r^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \mu_\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\sigma_\lambda^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} + \rho \sigma_r \sigma_\lambda \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda \partial r}$ so that

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \mathcal{L}V - (r + \lambda)V = -g^e \lambda - f.$$

Remarks

1. Modified payout stream = $f + g^e \lambda$
2. Discount factor is modified from r to $r + \lambda$.
3. We need to append boundary conditions at $r = 0^+, r \rightarrow \infty, \lambda = 0^+$ and $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

Valuation of basket credit swap

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- Derive the joint survival probability of occurrence time of credit events in terms of *stochastic intensity processes* under the assumption of *conditional independence*.

Suppose that we are given an approximated discrete-time model for the default processes $h_i(k\Delta t), i = 1, 2, \dots, n, k = 0, 1, \dots$ and Δt is fixed. Now, $h_i(t)$ are generated with a certain correlation structure until time t . Under the assumption of conditional independence, given the realization of $(h_1(t), \dots, h_n(t))$, the default event $\{\tau_i \leq t + \Delta t\}$ occurs independently.

Conditional independence

Defaults are determined independently according to the probability

$$P_t[t < \tau_i \leq t + \Delta t] = h_i(t)\Delta t, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

while $h_i(t)$ are generated non-independently.

Model setup

Let $h_i(t), t \geq 0$, be the default intensity process of defaultable discount bond i , and assume that

[R] $h_i(t)$ is continuous, bounded in any finite interval, and satisfies

$$h_i(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty h_i(t) dt = \infty \text{ almost surely.}$$

Cumulative default intensity is defined by

$$H_i(t, T) = \int_t^T h_i(u) du, t \leq T.$$

$H_i(t, T)$ is non-decreasing in T , continuous and bounded in any finite interval almost surely.

Since $e^{-H_i(t,T)}$ is non-increasing in T and $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} e^{-H_i(t,T)} = 0$, there exists some random variable τ_i such that

$$P_T[\tau_i > t_i] = e^{-H_i(t,t_i)}, \quad t \leq t_i < T$$

given the realization \mathcal{F}_T . In other words, we can find a random variable τ_i whose distribution function equals $1 - e^{-H_i(t,t_i)}$.

Suppose $h_i(t)$ follows

$$\begin{aligned} dh_i(t) &= [\phi_i(t) - a_i h_i(t)] dt + \sigma_i dZ_i(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_i, \\ dZ_i(t) dZ_j(t) &= \rho_{ij} dt \end{aligned}$$

so that the default intensity processes $h_i(t)$ are not independent.

For conditional independence, we mean that given the realization \mathcal{F}_T where $T \geq \max_i t_i$, we have

$$P_T[\tau_1 > t_1, \tau_2 > t_2, \dots, \tau_n > t_n] = \prod_{i=1}^n P_T[\tau_i > t_i], \quad \text{for any } t \leq t_i \leq T.$$

Since $P_T[\tau_i > t_i] = e^{-H_i(t, t_i)}$, $t \leq t_i \leq T$, we have

$$P_t[\tau_1 > t_1, \tau_2 > t_2, \dots, \tau_n > t_n] = E_t \left[\exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(t, t_i) \right) \right].$$

Note that conditional independence does not imply the usual independence as given by

$$P_t[\tau_1 > t_1, \tau_2 > t_2, \dots, \tau_n > t_n] = \prod_{i=1}^n P_t[\tau_i > t_i]$$

since

$$E_t \left[\exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(t, t_i) \right) \right] \neq \prod_{i=1}^n P_t[\tau_i > t_i].$$

Default-free short rate process, $h_0(t)$

The time- t price of the default-free discount bond maturing at time T

$$v_0(t, T) = E_t[e^{-H_0(t, T)}] = P_t[\tau_0 > T], \quad t \leq T.$$

Here, τ_0 is the pseudo default time (killing time).

Survival probability

$$S_t(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n) = P_t[\tau_0 > t_0, \tau_1 > t_1, \dots, \tau_n > t_n].$$

Under the Gaussian model,

$$\begin{aligned} h_i(s) &= h_i(t)e^{-a_i(s-t)} + \int_t^s \phi_i(u)e^{-a_i(s-u)} du \\ &\quad + \sigma_i \int_t^s e^{-a_i(s-u)} dZ_i(u), \quad t \leq s \leq T_i. \end{aligned}$$

As a defect, $h_i(t)$ may become negative with positive probability.

The cumulative default intensities are

$$\begin{aligned} H_i(t, T) &= h_i(t)B_i(t, T) + \hat{A}_i(t, T) + \sigma_i \int_t^T B_i(s, T) dZ_i(s), \\ &\quad t \leq T, i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

$$B_i(t, T) = \frac{1 - e^{-a_i(T-t)}}{a_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{A}_i(t, T) = \int_t^T \phi_i(s) \frac{1 - e^{-a_i(T-s)}}{a_i} ds.$$

Hence, $H_i(t, T)$ are normally distributed.

The mean is given by

$$E[H_i(t, T)] = M_i(t, T) = h_i(t)B_i(t, T) + \hat{A}_i(t, T)$$

and covariance between $H_i(t, u)$ and $H_j(t, v)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ij}(t, u, v) &= \sigma_i \sigma_j \int_t^{\min(u, v)} B_i(s, u) B_j(s, v) \rho_{ij} ds \\ &= \rho_{ij} \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_j}{a_i a_j} \left[s - \frac{e^{-a_i(u-s)}}{a_i} - \frac{e^{-a_j(v-s)}}{a_j} + \frac{e^{-a_i(u-s) - a_j(v-s)}}{a_i + a_j} \right]_{s=t}^{s=\min(u, v)}. \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, the survival probability is given by

$$S_t(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n) = \exp \left(- \sum_{i=0}^n M_i(t, t_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^n C_{ik}(t; t_i, t_k) \right).$$

Basket credit default swap

Let $v_i(t, T_i)$ denote the time- t price of the i^{th} discount bond maturing at time T_i , τ_i be the default time of discount bond i , $\tau = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \tau_i$ be the first-to-default time. Assume that the discount bonds are alive at time t , $\tau_i > t$, and that T_i are longer than the maturity T of the swap contract.

Contingent payment upon first-to-default

$$Y(\tau) = v_i(\tau, T_i) - \phi_i(\tau), \quad \text{if } \tau = \tau_i \leq T,$$

$\phi_i(t)$ is the market value of discount bond i in the event of default at time t . Using the recovery of market value assumption

$$\phi_i(t) = [1 - L_i(t)]v_i(t, T_i), \quad t \leq T_i,$$

$L_i(t)$ is the (random) fractional loss of market value. Hence,

$$Y(\tau) = L_i(\tau)v_i(\tau, T_i), \quad \text{if } \tau = \tau_i \leq T.$$

First-to-default feature

Let U denote the credit swap premium paid at $t_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, where

$$t \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m = T.$$

Money market account of the time interval $[t, T]$

$$B(t, T) = \exp\left(\int_t^T h_0(u) du\right), \quad t \leq T.$$

Present value of the annuity paid:

$$R_{ann} = E_t \left[\sum_{k=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{U}{B(t, t_j)} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{t_k < \tau \leq t_{k+1}\}} \right]$$

where E_t is the time- t conditional expectation operator under the risk neutral probability measure.

Present value of contingent payment upon first default:

$$R_{con} = \sum_{i=1}^n E_t \left[\frac{1}{B(t, \tau)} L_i(\tau) v_i(\tau, T_i) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau = \tau_i \leq T\}} \right].$$

To find the fair value of the premium, we set $R_{ann} = R_{con}$, and obtain

$$U = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E_t \left[\frac{L_i(\tau) v_i(\tau, T_i)}{B(t, \tau)} \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau = \tau_i \leq T\}} \right]}{\sum_{j=1}^m E_t \left[\frac{\mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t_j\}}}{B(t, t_j)} \right]}.$$

Based on conditional independence assumption

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ann} &= U \sum_{j=1}^m E_t \left[e^{-H_0(t, t_j)} E_T \left[\mathbf{1}_{\{\tau > t_j\}} \right] \right] \\ &= U \sum_{j=1}^m E_t \left[\exp \left(- \sum_{i=0}^n H_i(t, t_j) \right) \right] = U \sum_{j=1}^m S_t(t_j, t_j, \dots, t_j). \end{aligned}$$

Present value of contingent payment

Suppose bondholder always receives \$1 at T_i if no default but δ_i dollars at T_i if default occurs before T_i , then

$$v_i(t, T_i) = \delta_i v_0(t, T_i) + (1 - \delta_i) E_t \left[e^{-H_0(t, T_i) - H_i(t, T_i)} \right] \text{ on } \{\tau_i > t\}.$$

Since τ_i are conditionally independent, given \mathcal{F}_T , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P_T \left[s < \tau_i \leq s + ds, \tau_j > s \quad \text{for all } j \neq i \right] \\ &= h_i(s) \exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(t, s) \right) ds \quad \text{for } t < s \leq T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} R_{con} &= \sum_{i=1}^n E_t \left[\int_t^T e^{-H_0(t, s)} L_i(s) v_i(s, T_i) P_T [s < \tau_i \leq s + ds, \tau_j > s \quad \text{for all } j \neq i] \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E_t \left[\int_t^T h_i(s) \exp \left(- \sum_{i=0}^n H_i(t, s) \right) L_i(s) v_i(s, T_i) ds \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i \int_t^T E_t \left[h_i(s) L_i(s) \exp \left(-H_0(t, T_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(t, s) \right) \right] ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \delta_i) \int_t^T E_t \left[h_i(s) L_i(s) \exp \left(-H_0(t, T_i) - H_i(t, T_i) - \sum_{k \neq 0, i} H_k(t, s) \right) \right] ds \end{aligned}$$

Under the Gaussian model

$$\text{1st term} = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i \int_0^T L_i(s) \left\{ m_i(s) - \rho_{i0} \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_0}{a_0} J_{i0}(s, T_i) - \sum_{k=1}^n \rho_{ik} \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_k}{a_k} J_{ik}(s, s) \right\} S_t(T_i, s, \dots, s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd term} = & \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i \int_t^T L_i(s) \left\{ m_i(s) - \sum_{k \in \{0, i\}} \rho_{ik} \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_k}{a_k} j_{ik}(s, T_i) \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{k \neq 0, i} \rho_{ik} \frac{\sigma_i \sigma_k}{a_k} J_{ik}(s, s) \right\} k_i(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

where $K_i(s) = S_t(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_0)$ with $t_0 = t_i = T_i$ and $t_j = s$ for $j \neq 0, 1$,

$$m_i(s) = h_i(t)e^{-a_i(s-t)} + \int_t^s \phi_i(u)e^{-a_i(s-u)} du$$

$$J_{ik}(s, t_k) = \left[\frac{e^{-a_i(s-u)}}{a_i} - \frac{e^{-a_i(s-u)-a_k(t_k-u)}}{a_i + a_k} \right]_{u=t}^{s \wedge t_k}.$$

Remark

Given the default-free and defaultable bond prices, the parameter function $\phi_j(t)$ can be determined by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_j(t) = & a_j g_j(0, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} g_j(0, t) + \frac{\sigma_j^2}{2a_j} (1 - e^{-2a_j t}) \\ & + \rho_{0j} \sigma_0 \sigma_j \left(\frac{1 - e^{-a_0 t}}{a_0} + \frac{e^{-a_0 t} - e^{-(a_0 + a_j)t}}{a_j} \right), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

where

$$g_j(0, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \ln \left(\frac{v_j(0, t)}{v_0(0, t)} - \delta_j \right).$$