Chapter 12 Introduction to Asset Liability Management

Introduction

depositors { checking accounts saving accounts fixed deposits }
 Bank's structural position { commercial loans credit-card debt car loans home-improvement loan mortgage }

- ★ALM risk is arisen from the difference between the bank's asset and liabilities
- ★ALM is most important for universal or retail banks and less important for trading or investment banks

Interest rate risk

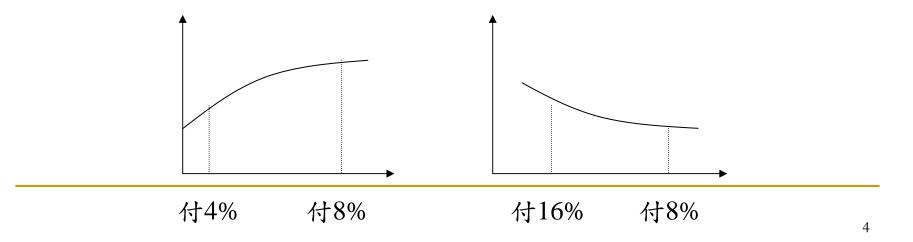
- Interest rate risk: arising from the possibility that profits will change if interest rates change
- Liquidity risk: arising from the possibility of losses due to the bank having insufficient cash on hand to pay customers
- ★ However, different from the aspect of the market risk, here the risks are caused from the mismatch between the bank's asset and liabilities

• ALM vs. VaR

流動性大 (trading instruments)→用 VaR (day by day) (within a month)

流動性小 (ALM instruments)→用ALM (monthly basis)

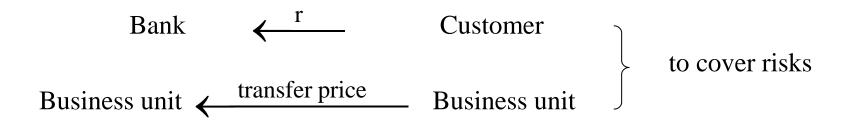
• Interest rate risk: Savings and loan (S&L), which is the most famous example of ALM risk



• Funding Liquidity Risk

- "run on the bank"(擠兌),在開發中國家,政府會辦 deposit insurance
- 若銀行很依賴短期銀行間借貸,而借錢給它之銀行對它 之信用喪失信心而抽銀根(類似1997亞洲金融風暴中, 銀行與企業間所發生之問題)

• Funds Transfer Pricing

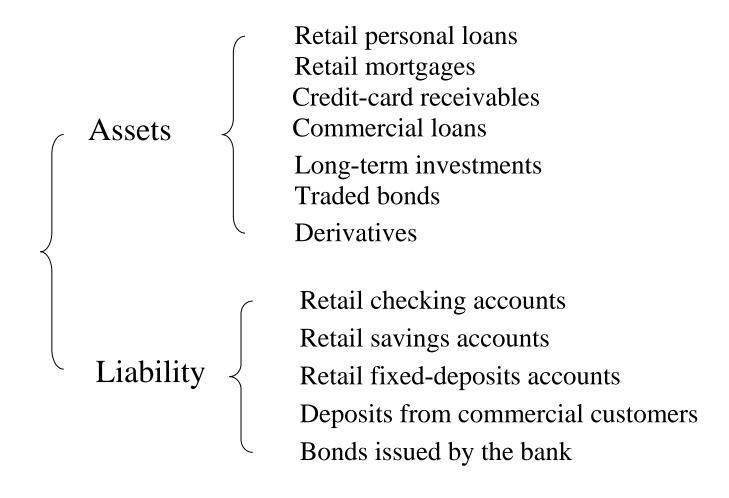


Sources of Interest-Rate Risk

- ALM oversees the management of the long-term, structural interest-rate position (banking book)
- All other market risks are typically managed by the trading room (trading book)
- 最常見之structural interest-rate risk是銀行收遠天期 fix,付近天期float, asset與liability之收入與支出可能mismatch,例如:p.178 Figure 12-1

- 管理ALM risk比管理bond portfolio之market risk難 (此為trading room之工作),因為除了market rate改變之外,還要考慮顧客之行為所引起之 indeterminate maturity problem,例如顧客可能随時要來提款 (put option),或是隨時多還房貸 (prepayment)
- 除此之外, retail products還有一項特色,顧客付的 rate,通常為銀行的prime rate (or administered rate) 加上一個spread,但prime rate的變化通常跟market rate變化並非完全相關,例如,prime rate一季調一次,market rate每天都在變
 - * Basis risk: difference between the yield from primebased assets and the yield on market-based liability

Main Product Classes held in ALM Portfolios



• Retail Personal Loans

- Equal Installments
- Fixed
 - prepayment risk (significant for mortgage)
 - prepayment penalty
- Float
 - Capped r (however, bank should pay float r for the liability, or say, deposit)

Retail Mortgage

- 在美國,利率固定且期間長,在發展中國家,期間短且 可能只有頭幾年固定
- PSA, CPR, SMM (prepayment rate is a function of T)
- Logistic function (prepayment rate is a function of r) p.183 Table 12-1, p.184 Figure 12-4, 12-5 (PO), and 12-6 (IO)
- In reality, the value of an MBS is even more complex because customer payments are also path dependent
- MBS(r), MBS(prepayment), prepayment(r,t) => Valuation of mortgage-backed securities is highly complex

Credit-Card Receivables

- Issued by a bank itself or via investing credit-cardreceivable backed securities
- The value of credit-card receivables depends on:
 - 1. Default rate (10%~20%) (the same as credit risk)
 - 2. Difference between market rates and the card rates
 - 3. Revolving outstanding (it can be modeled as an ALM risk similar to the modeling of prepayments for mortgages)

- Commercial Loans
 - Bond + prepayment options
- Long-Term Investments
 - Real estate or long-term investment owned by the back sensitive to interest rate
 - ◆ Sensitivity of r for a real estate is difficult to estimate
 - Market index as a proxy to study the sensitivity of r
 - Bank's excess funds (strategic investment)
- Traded Bonds, swaps, and options
 - Parking money or holding for hedging

- Retail Checking and Savings Accounts
 - Those are also known as demand deposit accounts (DDA)
 - Contractual maturity is zero and interests payments are close to zero
 - In practice the balance for DDA is relatively stable, and banks can rely on having most of this money for months or years
 - The balance for DDA is affected by r (p.187-188 example)
 - ◆ r上升,對債務人(銀行)好,但存款人也會提出部分款項 去做其他較高報酬率之投資(r上升,balance下降)
 - Deposit accounts (or money market accounts) pay a small amount of floating-rate interest and its NPV is less sensitive to changes in market rates

- Retail Fixed Deposits
 - Not to withdraw for a given period
 - The prevailing market rates is as the new rate to redeposit
 - Similar to a short-term bond
- Deposits from Commercial Customers
 - 大額存款,利率約為interbank rate
- Bonds issued by the Bank
 - To adjust their interest-rate position, raise funds, or modify the capital structure
 - Useful benchmark in determining the bank's true cost of debt (而非用存款利率當資金成本)