The profit-and-loss attribution test

January 2018- Peter Thompson (RM at ANZ Bank), Hayden Luo (Quantative M. at ANZ Bank) and Kevin Fergusson (specialising in quantitative modelling of financial and insurance products)

In this paper, we analyze the failure probabilities of the profit-and-loss attribution (PLA) test as defined in the final market risk standard published in January 2016 by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. We calculate theoretical failure probabilities under the assumption that both the hypothetical and unexplained profit-and-loss (P&L) for an individual instrument are normally distributed random variables with zero mean and a prescribed ratio of their respective variances.

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BlackRock, the world’s largest asset manager, is looking to use text sentiment analysis to gauge geopolitical risk, which it says is at its highest level since the Russian invasion of Crimea in 2014. The BlackRock Geopolitical Risk Indicator (BGRI) works by tracking the number of times geopolitical risk is mentioned in the Dow Jones Global Newswire and Thomson Reuters’ broker report database.

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