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Market Risk Assessment

An analysis of the financial risk to participants in the Compound protocol.



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Part I

Background

Compound allows participants to trustlessly supply and borrow Ethereum assets, providing appealing interest rates for borrowers and passive income for suppliers. By using collateral and amortizing risk across individual suppliers in a liquidity pool, Compound's Ethereum smart contract has been a profitable place to supply crypto since its inception in 2018. The protocol implemented in Compound's smart contract is detailed in the [Compound whitepaper](#).

However, despite the fact that Compound has grown well past nine figures (of USD value) without any suppliers losing money, it is still technically possible, under extreme conditions, for borrowers to default on their borrowed assets and suppliers to lose their principal. Understanding when this failure condition can happen boils down to understanding various types of risks associated with the protocol, including protocol security risk,¹ governance risk,² and market risk. This report focuses on evaluating market risk — the risk of a user experiencing losses due to market fluctuations external to the smart contract itself.

We use a rigorous definition of market risks to construct simulation-based stress tests that evaluate the economic security of the Compound protocol as it scales to underwriting billions of dollars of borrowed assets. These stress tests are trained on historical data and put through a battery of scenarios that represent the expected and worst case economic outcomes for the protocol. Our stress tests are constructed analogously to how transaction-level backtesting is done in high-frequency and algorithmic trading. These techniques are used to estimate the market risk of a systematic trading strategy before it is deployed to the market. As there are over \$1 trillion US dollars of assets managed by funds that use these techniques to provide daily actuarial analyses to risk managers, we believe that these are the best methodologies for evaluating market risk.³ By modifying these techniques to handle the idiosyncrasies of cryptocurrencies, we are able to provide similar statistical power in these actuarial analyses.

The first portion of this report will define the set of market risks that users of the Compound protocol face, breaking them down into their principal quantitative components. Subsequently, we will describe the incentives behind the mechanism that the Compound protocol uses to ensure that it is solvent — liquidations. Finally, we will conclude by detailing how liquidators are similar to trading strategies and detail the market impact models that are used to analyze their incentives and expected returns.

The second portion will focus on methodology and results from agent-based simulations of the Compound smart contract. Our methodology utilizes careful simulation to closely replicate

¹Examined by independent smart contract auditors: [Certora](#), [OpenZeppelin](#), and [Trail of Bits](#)

²More broadly, this refers to things like administrator mismanagement, voter participation, etc.

³[Arnott et al. \(2005\)](#); [Curcuro et al. \(2014\)](#); [Hsu \(2004\)](#)

the live environment that users interact with in the Compound protocol. This approach and some of our novel technologies, such as a custom Ethereum virtual machine, ensure that our results replicate reality with high fidelity. We conclude by detailing the results of these simulations, providing actuarial assurances for the conditions under which the Compound protocol is insolvent.

Our conclusions show that **the Compound protocol can scale to a larger size and handle high volatility scenarios for a variety of collateral types**. In particular, we find statistically significant evidence that even when Ether (ETH) realizes its maximum historical volatility, the Compound system is able to grow total borrowed value by more than 10x while having a sub-1% chance of default.⁴ Note that in this report we will refer to the protocol being in ‘default’ as equivalent to being under-collateralized. Moreover, we find that the system stays significantly over-collateralized in extreme scenarios and that current liquidation incentives are sufficient for more liquid collateral types, such as ETH. We also note that for collateral that realizes super-linear slippage (e.g. trading costs per unit quantity increase with larger liquidation sizes), one needs to be more aggressive with both liquidation incentives and collateralization ratios. The same techniques used to justify these conclusions also provide guidance on how to set protocol parameters for new collateral types that are added in the future. Finally, we note that more detailed descriptions of our simulation methodology and a glossary of terms utilized throughout this report can be found in Appendix 9.

⁴This 10x is relative to the size of the Ether market. In the case where that grows a commensurate amount, as it easily could, then Compound could grow even larger.

Part II

Defining Market Risks

1 Market Risks

The decentralized nature of the Compound protocol renders risk assessment both more complex and crucial than similar assessments in traditional markets. The main causes for this increase in complexity are the multitude of participant behaviors in the Compound protocol as well as their interactions with exogenous markets, such as centralized cryptocurrency trading venues. Unlike formal verification and smart contract auditing, which focus on *WVaYVZ`age* risks within a smart contract, economic analysis of protocols focuses on how *VjaYWage* shocks affect participant behavior. As the Compound protocol uses a deterministic function of liquidity supply and borrowing demand to determine the interest rates that suppliers and borrowers receive, one need only consider market prices, supplier supply behavior, and borrowing demand to accurately model exogenous risk (see Appendix 10). More specifically, the primary sources of exogenous risk stem from the following components:

1. Shocks to market prices of collateral that cause the contract to become insolvent due to under-collateralization
2. Loss of liquidity in an external market place, leading to a liquidator being disincentivized to liquidate defaulted collateral
3. Cascades of liquidations impacting external market prices which in turn lead to further liquidations (i.e. a deflationary spiral)

In order to quantify the effects of these risk components, we first need to delve into the notions of assets and liabilities within the Compound protocol.

1.1 Assets and Liabilities

In the Compound protocol, the main assets are the collateral tokens that suppliers have committed to liquidity pools, whereas the main liabilities are the outstanding borrowed assets. Token holders contribute their ERC-20 assets to a liquidity pool, and are in turn paid a yield on their supplied tokens. Borrowers borrow an asset by first committing collateral before withdrawing up to a certain amount from the liquidity pool. This amount is controlled by the *LaZ^SfVb^XSuq*⁵ which is the ratio of the maximum outstanding debt to collateral. The system

⁵You can find more information on the collateral factor in the [Compound developer documentation](#).

forces borrowers to over-collateralize their borrowed assets (e.g. a fully-secured credit facility), thus enforcing the invariant that assets must always be greater than liabilities. For instance, one can deposit \$100 of ETH⁶ into the contract and withdraw \$75 if the contract has a collateral factor of 75%. The borrower's collateral requirement is the value of outstanding debt divided by the collateral factor. When the value of the borrower's collateral asset falls below the collateral requirement, the collateral position becomes liquidatable.

The *Net Worth* of Compound are defined as the asset values less liabilities, so that the system is deemed solvent when the net liabilities are positive. As a decentralized protocol, Compound utilizes a series of economic incentives to ensure that net liabilities are always positive. When the market value of the collateral backing a lien falls below the collateral requirement, the protocol sells the collateral at a discount to a liquidator. This discount, termed the *liquidation discount*, provides a liquidator with financial incentive to buy the collateral from the protocol, effectively repaying the borrowed asset on behalf of the borrower. With liquidation, the protocol acts much like a bank selling a defaulted asset at a foreclosure auction to increase their net liabilities. In particular, the liquidator acts analogously to the foreclosure auction winner, who is usually able to claim the defaulted asset at a discount.

As an oversimplified example, suppose that the Compound protocol has an ETH borrow position that is in default, with the current collateral amount equal to \$100. If the liquidation incentive is 105% (5% extra bonus), then the liquidator would pay the Compound Smart Contract \$95 for the ETH collateral. Moreover, if the liquidator has low time preference (Appendix 11.6.2), then they will sell the collateral as soon as possible. In practice, the Compound protocol only lets liquidators liquidate a portion of the borrow amount, and they receive collateral equal to 105% of the borrow value repaid. This has the benefit of increasing the collateralization ratio on the remaining portion of the borrowed asset, while avoiding complicated mechanics of completely closing borrow positions.⁷ In this sense, liquidation in Compound resembles an algorithmic trading strategy, as there is a race to be the first liquidator to claim portions of the collateral and sell it on the market with minimal transaction and slippage costs.

1.1.1 Synthetic Assets: cTokens

There is a slight nuance in how assets and liabilities are treated — technically, the assets that suppliers and borrowers interact with are cTokens. These tokens, which wrap standard ERC-20 assets, serve as contingent claims on assets and earned interest. Suppliers supply assets

⁶In this stylized example, we use US Dollars as a numéraire, whereas in reality, one would have to execute this transaction in the Compound protocol against a USD stablecoin. Stablecoins are digital representations of US dollars, with some backed by bank deposits (USDC, TUSD) and others backed by digital collateral (DAI).

⁷Contrast this with the [model MakerDAO uses](#), where there are auctions to liquidate the entire borrowed asset. This can create a delay which adds to market risk as well as unnecessarily closes borrow positions which could be merely reduced to a safe level.

as ERC-20 tokens and are returned cTokens, whereas borrowers supply collateral, which is converted to a cToken and used to make outstanding interest payments. Unlike traditional assets, cTokens immediately realize earned interest as payments are paid pro rata to holders on every block update.

Technically, there is a security risk that a cToken cannot be converted back to the underlying asset if the contract has many outstanding borrowed assets that are not being repaid as collateral is redeemed. This would mean that the contract is illiquid, but not necessarily insolvent. This report focuses on solvency, and liquidity will be considered more deeply in future analysis.

1.2 Risk Sensitive Parameters of the Protocol

The main levers protocol designers can wield in Compound to reduce risk are the collateral factor and liquidation incentive. However, these two levers impact the incentives of the protocol in different ways. The collateral factor controls the riskiness of borrowers — the closer it is to 100%, the more likely risky borrowers will default by borrowing USD stablecoin against collateral that is rapidly decaying in value. On the other hand, the liquidation incentive controls how likely liquidators are to take liabilities off of the smart contract’s balance sheet. The higher the liquidation incentive, the less time a defaulted borrowed asset will be a liability on the Compound protocol. If we dissect how the three risk components of §1 connect to these two parameters, we find the following:

- The risk inherent in the collateral factor is connected to the nature of shocks to the market price of the collateral
- The risks that liquidators with low time preference face is connected to the loss of liquidity in an external market place
- Cascading liquidations affect both the collateral factor and the liquidation incentive because they create a feedback loop between price shocks and a loss of liquidity

This implies that under normal market conditions, when liquidations are independently distributed (e.g. uncorrelated), the collateral factor and liquidation incentive control borrower risk and supplier’s ability to recoup losses, respectively. However, in situations when liquidations have a ‘knock-on’ effect and are correlated, these parameters affect both borrower and supplier behavior. Therefore, to study the true market risk of the system, we need to sample a variety of market and liquidity conditions in order to stress test these scenarios.

2 Liquidation

Akin to foreclosure sale participants in traditional finance, liquidators can repay the outstanding debt with discounts in exchange for the borrower's cToken collateral. In both foreclosure sales and in Compound liquidations, discounts are used to incentivize purchases of defaulted collateral. The Compound protocol provides a discount by giving liquidators additional collateral as the liquidation incentive to perform liquidation. However, unlike the all-or-nothing transactions of foreclosure sales, an individual liquidator can only repay a portion of the debt. The $U_{ae}WSU_{fac}$ is the protocol parameter that specifies the proportion eligible to be liquidated by any individual liquidator. When a liquidator finds a profitable trade, she repays a portion of the outstanding debt (determined by the close factor) in return for the borrower's collateral. Depending on a liquidator's risk preference, she may sell the collateral immediately to protect against price-fluctuation risk or just hold the received collateral.

Liquidation incentives create an arbitrage opportunity or a price discount for the liquidator in exchange for the reduction of Compound's risk exposure. The higher the liquidation incentive is, the more liquidators will participate in the liquidation process as they get steeper discounts relative to market prices. In other words, tuning the liquidation incentive is one of the most effective ways to adjust the protocol's safety boundary. The liquidation incentive also has an influence on a borrower's decision to borrow asset within the protocol. When a borrower's lien is liquidated, the liquidation incentive can be viewed as a bonus amount of a borrower's collateral that is given to the liquidator to compensate for the risk they engender while taking a liability off of the protocol's balance sheet. If the liquidation incentive is too high, a borrower may be unwilling to borrow assets from Compound in the first place, or she may open a borrowing position and maintain a high collateral factor. In general, one expects that increased liquidation incentives negatively impact borrowing demand.

The collateral factor defines a maximum borrowing capacity for each asset enabled within the protocol. Borrowers must manage their own debt and keep their liens over-collateralized to ensure a certain margin of safety with respect to the maximum borrowing capacity. This margin of safety fluctuates with market conditions and depends on the borrowers' own risk profile. When the market volatility is high, risk-averse borrowers maintain a high margin of safety to avoid their collateral being liquidated. In contrast, risk-seeking borrowers maintain a low margin of safety and actively refinance their debt to optimize their usage of borrowed capital. Understanding the interaction between collateral factor and the safety margin requires studying the influence of psychology on the participant's behavior. Randomized controlled trials and other experimental methods are designed to understand this type of causal relationship.

Rational liquidators with short time preference are defined to be participants who purchase collateral from the Compound smart contract and immediately sell it on a centralized venue (e.g. have low risk tolerance). For brevity, we will refer to rational liquidators with short

time preference as β . To simplify the analysis and simulate the worst-case scenario for Compound, we assume that all liquidators are greedy and sell the collateral immediately to a market, instead of having liquidators that repay the outstanding debt and hold the collateral. This focus on greedy liquidators emulates the worst-case protocol behavior as adverse market and liquidity conditions can cause cascading defaults. Greedy liquidators tend to inflame cascading defaults as they create sell pressure and can cause a deleveraging spiral.⁸ The main source of loss for greedy liquidators is the loss due to price impact, or $\lambda(q)$ that is caused by selling a large quantity of an asset. Given that greedy liquidators immediately sell, they must optimize the quantity that they are willing to liquidate based on market prices and expectations of slippage.

3 Slippage

Slippage refers to the expected change in a tradeable asset's price p due to a matched order of size q and is mathematically denoted $\lambda(q)$. Formally, $\lambda(q)$ is defined to be the difference between the market midpoint price and the actual average execution price when a market participant executes a trade. Slippage inevitably happens on every trade, and this effect tends to be magnified in thin or high volatility markets. For a liquidation opportunity, slippage is the only cost that can be partially controlled by the liquidator, whereas trading fees and smart contract transaction fees are usually external restrictions. Therefore, slippage is one of the major factors that influence a liquidator's decision-making.

Market impact, which is a synonym for slippage, has been studied extensively in traditional finance.⁹ Many market impact models have been proposed and tested for solving optimal order execution problems. In traditional markets, the marginal increase in price impact is usually observed to decrease as a function of trade quantity, which formally corresponds to $\lambda(q)$ being a concave function.¹⁰ However, this appears to not be true for cryptocurrency markets, where empirical data suggests that $\lambda(q)$ is linear or even convex (e.g. the marginal cost $\lambda(q)$ increases with quantity).¹¹ Despite each type of model having different underlying assumptions and functional forms, a majority of the models comprise trade volume-to-market size, volatility and time variables. Analyzing trade size, volatility and how these variables interact with liquidation is the primary focus of this analysis. The analysis in this report only considers greedy liquidators that sell repossessed collateral on centralized exchanges with order books, such as Coinbase and Binance. As decentralized exchanges and automated market makers, such as

⁸See Klages-Mundt and Minca (2019) for an in-depth discussion of this in MakerDAO

⁹Tóth et al. (2011); Gatheral and Schied (2011)

¹⁰Eisler et al. (2012); Gatheral (2010)

¹¹Makarov and Schoar (2019); Wei (2018)

Uniswap,¹² provide an alternative source of liquidity, one might ask why this assumption was enforced. The reasons for this choice are two-fold:

- Order book depth on centralized exchanges is order of magnitudes greater than that of decentralized exchanges for most assets¹³
- Slippage in automated market makers is usually designed to be small for small trades and expensive for large quantities, so greedy liquidators would likely end up going to a centralized exchange during the most volatile times to stay profitable

We will break up the dominant features of slippage into $p(q)$ that are exogenous to the Compound smart contract state and $bdfal$.

3.1 Key Market Variables

3.1.1 Outstanding Debt

The total traded quantity that the protocol will need liquidated in times of net negative liabilities will be a function of the total outstanding debt in the system. Since this quantity is the input to the slippage function $p(q)$, it is clear that the choice of slippage model needs to be cognizant of the amount of outstanding debt. We will define the amount of outstanding debt in this analysis to be the sum of all the borrowers' total outstanding debt value normalized by the average daily trading volume of underlying collateral. This metric captures the size of debt relative to the underlying liquidity, and gives readers a good intuition around how big Compound's market can grow safely relative to the trading markets. Since the trading volume of different assets varies, using unitless metrics (such as the amount of outstanding debt) provides a more intuitive comparison between different assets. The simulation in this report assumes borrowers borrowing USD stablecoin backed by ETH, as this is the most common use case in the Compound protocol. As an example, suppose that the ETH daily trading volume is 100 million USD, 0.5 total outstanding debt is equivalent to 50 million USD of total outstanding debt value.

Estimating the average daily trading volume of cryptocurrencies is difficult, as wash trading and other market manipulation practices are known issues in the cryptocurrency market.¹⁴ Numerous studies have concluded that the reported volume from various cryptocurrency exchanges may be unrepresentative of the assets' underlying liquidity. For this reason, we aggregated the average daily trading volume from the top 10 exchanges with well-functioning

¹²[Angeris et al. \(2019\)](#)

¹³We do note that this is not true for assets such as MKR and SNX, as their primary market is Uniswap. However, for the larger assets that are listed on Compound such as ETH, DAI, and REP, there is far more centralized exchange liquidity.

¹⁴[Alameda Research \(2019\)](#)

markets identified by Bitwise Investments.¹⁵ This indexing methodology has been adopted as the de facto industry standard, with major brokers and the Securities and Exchange Commission utilizing the Bitwise index for volume estimation.¹⁶

3.1.2 Asset Volatility

Volatility measures the degree of variation of asset price changes over a given time interval. Historically, it is traditionally defined as the standard deviation of logarithmic returns and is usually denoted σ .¹⁷ Research studies show that volatility is typically a linear coefficient in a market impact model.¹⁸ Given that asset volatility changes over time and is affected by market microstructure, it's equally important to understand how liquidator behavior changes when the market volatility changes. We assess this by sweeping through a variety of different volatility levels to ensure that we emulate how greedy liquidators interact with a plethora of market environments. Note that we normalize our volatility calculation in a manner akin to what is used by exchanges such as BitMEX.¹⁹

3.2 Key Protocol Variables

3.2.1 Liquidation Incentive

The liquidation incentive is the main driver for liquidators to repay borrowers' outstanding debt. If liquidation incentives don't exist, no rational liquidator will be willing to reduce the borrower's risk exposure during the collateral price drop. The size of liquidation incentive has a substantial influence on the liquidators' decision-making process. A greedy liquidator adjusts their strategy to ensure that she receives positive returns on every liquidation opportunity. Borrowers' outstanding debt will no longer get repaid if the liquidation incentive is too low and can't cover the cost of arbitrage, which includes slippage, trading fees, and transaction fees. Note that latency costs and smart contract front-running²⁰ are intentionally left out of this analysis because these introduce additional complexity. In particular, we use constant gas costs throughout all simulations detailed in this report. We can adjust our simulations to handle front-running, should there be further empirical evidence that liquidations costs are dominated

¹⁵Hougan et al. (2019); Bitwise Asset Management (2019)

¹⁶Securities and Exchange Commission (2019)

¹⁷Hull (1991)

¹⁸Mathematically, this means that there exists a function $f : [0; 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $p(q) = f(q) + o(1)$; see Hull (1991); Almgren et al. (2005) for theoretical and empirical evidence of this. In particular, note that this appears to hold for many markets in terms of $bV_{\text{imp}} \propto S \cdot Wf$ impact cost, whereas instantaneous impact cost tends to depend much more on an asset's microstructure details.

¹⁹BitMEX (2020)

²⁰Daian et al. (2020)

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- Use multivariate kernel density estimation to fit the borrower data. The probability density contour plot is on the above right-hand side.
- Sample the collateral value and collateralization ratio from the probability density contour plot.
- During sampling, it's possible that some sampled data points are under-collateralized. For those data points, increase the collateralization ratio to the minimum value satisfying collateral factor constraint to avoid smart contract initialization failure.
- Re-scale the samples such that the sum of the total outstanding debt value equals the simulation input and uses the processed sample data for simulation.

11.5 Liquidity Supply

In the simulation, a supplier supplies DAI to the protocol, which begins accumulating interest rate. The supplier receives a quantity of cDAI equal to the underlying DAI supplied, divided by the exchange rate. The purpose of having a supplier is to provide liquidity to the system and enabling borrowers to withdraw DAI from the liquidity pool. The DAI supplied amount in the simulation equals the sum of all the borrowers' total outstanding debt + 1.

11.6 Liquidator

A rational liquidator's main goal is to maximize profits, by ensuring that the revenue received from the liquidation incentive outweighs the costs. The slippage model assumes that a liquidator will submit a market order on a single exchange, so the cost is the worst-case estimate. Let the liquidation incentive be denoted by λ , the trading fee denoted by τ , and the transaction fee denoted by ϕ . We can then formulate the profit p of each trade as

$$p = \lambda - (\tau + \phi)q$$

For each liquidation opportunity, the liquidator repays the minimum value among

- Maximum repay value: borrower's outstanding debt \times close factor
- Value of borrower's liquidatable collateral
- Liquidator agent's perceived optimal repay amount

The Compound protocol defines maximum repayment amount for liquidating a borrower. If the collateral price drops too fast during periods of extreme volatility and falls below the maximum repay value, a liquidator can only repay up to the value of the borrower's liquidatable collateral. A liquidator also estimates the perceived slippage and calculates the optimal repay amount to maximize the profit. The optimal repayment amount calculation is discussed in the next section. After the liquidator acquires the collateral from the Compound protocol, she immediately sells all received ETH in exchange for USD on an open exchange to realize profit.

11.6.1 Optimal Liquidation Amount

To derive the optimal repayment amount to maximize liquidator profit, we first plug the slippage model into the profit function. For instance, in the linear slippage case, we have the following:

$$p = (l + \frac{1}{2} \alpha q)q$$

To maximize profit, we find the derivative of profit with respect to the normalized order size q and find a value q^* such that $\frac{\partial}{\partial q} p(q^*) = 0$. By construction, the value q^* is the optimal order size that maximizes the net profit. Performing this calculation yields that the optimal value of q to maximize profit is,

$$q^* = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

Figure 10 shows liquidation incentive, profit curve and the optimal repay value under various volatility assumptions. The area enclosed by rectangle with vertices $(0;0)$, $(p(q);0)$, $(q;p(q))$, $(0;p(q)) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the liquidator's net profit. Based on the above derivation, we see that a liquidator has no incentive to liquidate any collateral larger than q^* . If the value of the borrower's liquidatable collateral is less than q^* , the rational strategy for a liquidator is to liquidate maximum liquidatable collateral.

11.6.2 Compound liquidator time preferences

To be safe, we always assume that liquidators immediately sell their collateral. This may seem like a presumptuous simplification, but it is the expected outcome of any profit-maximizing strategy, regardless of your valuation of the collateral asset.

Let's say that all participants in Compound have a valuation of the collateral asset v . We'll denote the liquidation incentive as $l = 1.05$. Consider a case where there is a collateral position with \$75 of DAI borrowed against \$101 of ETH. The collateral factor for ETH is .75, so if the price drops by more than \$1, the position can be liquidated. The liquidatable position can be then claimed for \$95. There are three cases for the liquidator here:

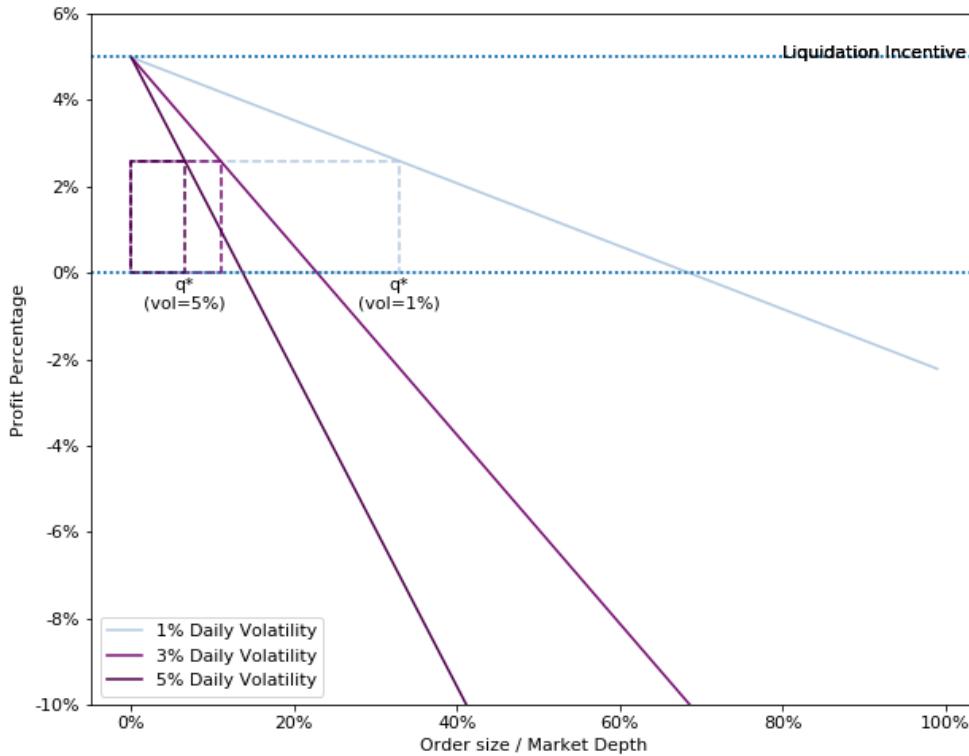


Figure 10: Profit curve and optimal liquidation amount with the assumption of linear slippage model

- Case 1:** $v = \$100$
 In this case, this participant would have bought ETH already, regardless of the liquidation. Assuming there is a large, liquid market for ETH, they will have no more assets to allocate to ETH before the liquidation even occurs.
- Case 2:** v is between \$95 and \$100
 In this case, the participant will buy the ETH from the liquidation. However, since the market price is greater than v , they will also sell immediately.
- Case 3:** $v < \$95$
 This participant will still not want to buy the ETH from the liquidation, since the liquidation incentive discount still doesn't give them an opportunity to buy at a price below

their validation.

This simple analysis excludes transaction costs, and the market impact of buying and selling the collateral, but it serves to show that the assumption that liquidators always sell the collateral immediately isn't a glib one. The only case where a rational liquidator would hang on to the collateral is in Case 1, but this implies that they acted irrationally in the past and didn't buy the asset on the open market when they had the opportunity to do so for less than their intrinsic valuation.

11.7 Raw data

		ETH Daily Volatility									
		0:03	0:1	0:15	0:2	0:25	0:3	0:35	0:4	0:45	0:5
Total Outstanding Debt	3.0	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:17	0:23	0:23	0:27	0:3
	2.5	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:13	0:23	0:23	0:23	0:27
	2.0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:1	0:2	0:23	0:23	0:27
	1.5	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:07	0:13	0:2	0:23	0:23	0:27
	1.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:07	0:1	0:13	0:2	0:2	0:27
	0:75	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:07	0:1	0:1	0:17	0:2	0:23
	0:5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:07	0:1	0:1	0:2	0:23
	0:25	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:1	0:13

Table 1: Raw data of figure 4a

		ETH Daily Volatility									
		0:03	0:1	0:15	0:2	0:25	0:3	0:35	0:4	0:45	0:5
Total Outstanding Debt	3.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:07	0:17	0:2	0:27
	2.5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:17	0:2	0:23
	2.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:13	0:2	0:23
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	0:5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:1	0:17
	0:25	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:07	0:1

Table 2: Raw data of figure 4b

		Liquidation Incentive									
		1:01	1:02	1:03	1:04	1:05	1:06	1:07	1:08	1:09	1:1
Total Outstanding Debt	3.0	0:27	0:2	0:1	0:07	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03
	2.5	0:27	0:13	0:1	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03
	2.0	0:23	0:1	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03
	1.5	0:23	0:07	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:0	0:0
	1.0	0:1	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
	0:75	0:1	0:03	0:03	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
	0:5	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
	0:25	0:03	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0

Table 3: Raw data of figure 5



		Collateral Factor								
		0:5	0:55	0:6	0:65	0:7	0:75	0:8	0:85	0:9
Total Outstanding Debt	3.0	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:13	0:2
	2.5	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:17
	2.0	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:1	0:17
	1.5	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:03	0:07	0:17
	1.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:03	0:07	0:1
	0:75	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:07
	0:5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:03
	0:25	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:03



Table 4: Raw data of figure 6a



		Collateral Factor								
		0:5	0:55	0:6	0:65	0:7	0:75	0:8	0:85	0:9
Total Outstanding Debt	3.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:1
	2.5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03	0:07
	2.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:07
	1.5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:1
	1.0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03
	0:75	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:03
	0:5	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0
	0:25	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0	0:0



Table 5: Raw data of figure 6b

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