Risk Evaluation Model Building of Logistics Financial Business for the Bank and Empirical Research

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Abstract. The information asymmetry between banks and enterprises and imperfect mechanism bring some risk to banks carrying out the logistics and financial business. Based on the study of the logistics financial risk indicators, the risk evaluation index system of logistics finance from the pledge risk, financing enterprise credit risk, logistics enterprise risk and regulatory risk is set, and the risk evaluation model of logistics financial business for the bank, which supports one or more project risk assessment, is established by using fuzzy mathematics theory and analytic hierarchy process. At last, the collaborative projects between the Zhongshan branch of Bank Guangfa and finance enterprises are chosen as examples to indicate the feasibility of the model, which maximum controls the risk factors of logistics and financial services and maximizes the benefits of supply chain finance.

Keywords: logistic finance, risk evaluation model, risk prevention, fuzzy mathematics theory, analysis hierarchy process

1. Introduction

The Logistics Finance is the product of the combination of logistics and financial development, which is a way of financing which provides financing, settlement, insurance and other financial business in the supply chain by the bank and the third-party logistics enterprises [21]. The logistics finance is mainly about the banks and logistics enterprises. With the financial innovation, the logistics corporation use their product or the right of the product as guarantee, finance enterprises invests and regulates the cash flow, then the cash flow from the trade in goods under the regulatory system repays the banks.
Logistics financial business is developed by the warehouse receipt pledge. The warehouse receipt pledge is a credit operation in which the financer takes the warehouse receipt issued by the logistics enterprise as the pledge. It’s a pledge of rights business with the logistics enterprises take part in \([24]\). Logistics financial business has high risks as a new business form because of its imperfect mechanism design. The bank should increase its efforts to the risk prevention and control in the logistics finance. In order to manage the market risk, the bank have to know the risk in the logistics financial business clearly. An effective disruption management strategy that enhances supply chain resilience is a necessary component of a firm’s overall hedging strategy. Firms that do not account for the risk of disruptions are susceptible to the risk of severe financial and market-share loss \([12]\). The banks are facing the enterprise repayment risk, market risk, regulatory risk and liquidity risk, they should take the evaluation method of optimized decision and justify the feasibility of the project scientifically \([11]\). This article summarizes the risk classification of the logistics finance, sets the risk index system based on the risks faced by the bank, determines the risk evaluation model ‘multi-person, multi-criteria’, and provides a referable risk evaluation system for the bank to carry out the logistics finance.

Shaolin Tang \([17]\) and Huanhuan Yang \([7]\) pointed out the corresponding risk with the Game Theory, and control the risk through the standardized management system. Through the game risk model analysis, Hongdi Wan \([10]\) found that the bank and the core enterprise could achieve the supply chain financial expectations if they gave full play to their advantages. Guangpei Yuan \([6]\) analyzed the logistics financial business risk from the perspective of third-party logistics enterprises, and showed the optimal choice and the measures should be selected during the risk. The literatures \([17,7,10,26]\) determine the reason for the formation of logistics financial risk, and determine the specific logistics financial risk. Yang Yu \([26]\) and Xiaoyuan Zou \([22]\) qualitatively discussed the risk of logistics finance. On the basis of the risk evaluation index system, Junhong Yan \([13]\) evaluated the risk of supply chain finance using the multi-level grey comprehensive evaluation method. Nan-nan Shan \([16]\) used the structural equation modeling to evaluate the logistics financial business risks. Yaodong Bao \([25]\) judged the risk evaluation with the AHP method, determining the optimal risk evaluation program by the weight of the total ranking. Chuansong Wang \([5]\) studied the risk with the fuzzy evaluation method. Huiping Dong, Dingtao Zhao \([8]\) gives the analysis of China’s regional tourism industry efficiency evaluation. The study of the above literatures determines the classification of the risk, provides support to the risk index system. Xiuzhi Zhang \([23]\) used the factor analysis method, the reviewers scoring method and triangular fuzzy number to calculate the weight and the total sorts of each index to evaluate the risk. Yu Hu \([27]\) put forward the model of a risk factor fuzzy complementary judgment matrix ordering based on the fuzzy ordered weighted averaging, to control the risk.

At the present stage, the study of the logistics financial risk is mainly about the study of third-party
logistics enterprises, game theory, the specific risk and risk integration from the growing prominence of top-down and bottom-up risk integration perspectives according to the evolution of financial markets and the enforcement of international supervisory requirements, and less study of how the banks should strengthen the control of the logistics financial risk. Meysam Bolgorian and Reza Raei [15] provided a new measure for evaluation of risk in financial markets, which was based on the return interval of critical events in financial markets or other investment situations. Their main goal was to devise a model like Value at Risk (VaR). As VaR, for a given financial asset, probability level and time horizon, gave a critical value such that the likelihood of loss on the asset over the time horizon exceeds this value was equal to the given probability level, their concept of Time at Risk (TaR), using a probability distribution function of return intervals, provided a critical time such that the probability that the return interval of a critical event exceeds this time equals the given probability level. As an empirical application, they applied our model to data from the Tehran Stock Exchange Price Index (TEPIX) as a financial asset (market portfolio) and reported the results. Tiziano Bellini [19] brought together different approaches developed in the recent literature elaborating a general model to assess banking solvency in both the long-run (economic capital) as well as in the short period (liquidity mismatching). He considered banking capability to face credit, interest rate and liquidity risks associated to macro-economic shocks affecting both assets and liabilities. Following the perspective of commercial banks, he concentrated on information available in the risk management practice to propose an easy to implement statistical framework. He put in place this framework estimating its scenario generation parameters on Italian macro-economic time series from 1990 to 2009. Once applied to a stylized commercial bank, he compared the results of our approach to regulatory capital requirements. He emphasized the need for policy makers as well as risk managers, to take into account the entire balance sheet structure to assess banking solvency. Andrew Ellul and Vijay Yerramilli [2] constructed a risk management index (RMI) to measure the strength and independence of the risk management function at bank holding companies (BHCs). The U.S. BHCs with higher RMI before the onset of the financial crisis had lower tail risk, lower nonperforming loans, and better operating and stock return performance during the financial crisis years. Over the period 1995 to 2010, BHCs with a higher lagged RMI had lower tail risk and higher return on assets, all else equal. Overall, these results suggested that a strong and independent risk management function could curtail tail risk exposures at banks. Leo Ferraris and Raoul Minetti [14] considered that in emerging countries, credit market liberalization was often motivated with the financial deepening generated by the entry of foreign financial institutions. However, there was a risk that liberalization may benefit internationally active, export-oriented businesses at the expense of domestically oriented ones. Their paper modeled a two-sector economy in which foreign lenders were more efficient than local lenders at extracting value from internationally tradable collateral assets. Under some conditions the entry of foreign lenders eases entrepreneurs’ access to the credit market and raises asset prices and output, but in other circumstances it reduced the depth of the credit market and depresses the price of nontradables and output. Liberalization could have a contractionary impact by inducing a reallocation of credit from the nontradables to the tradables sector. Benjamin M. Tabak, Dimas M. Fazio, Daniel O. Cajueiro [3] addressed the issue on how bank size and market concentration affect performance and risks in 17 Latin American countries between 2001 and 2008. The objective was to evaluate whether a too-big-to-fail behavior has been present in the region. Surprisingly, they did not find evidence to support a higher fragility of large Latin American banks. Their results showed that systemically important financial institutions appear to outperform others in terms of both cost and profit without the need of taking more risks. This result held even in concentrated markets, i.e., where there were few dominant banks and many others with small size in relation to the market. A highly unequal banking market in terms of assets, however, was detrimental for the performance of smaller banks and it also decreased stability of the
They concluded that regulators should deal with market concentration by reducing the size gap between large and small banks, instead of dealing specifically with systemically important banks. Tu Nguyen [20], using data for publicly listed commercial banks and bank holding companies around the world, investigated the disciplinary effect of subordinated debt on bank risk taking in the period 2002–2008. In addition, he examined whether this effect depended on national bank regulations and legal and institutional conditions and provided evidence that subordinated debt had a mitigating effect on bank risk taking. Further, the results suggested a threshold level of national bank regulations and economic development above which subordinated debt mitigates risk taking. Overall, the evidence supports the efficacy of proposals calling for increased use of subordinated debt in banking firms. Alaa Guidara, Van Son Lai, Issouf Soumaré, Fulbert Tchana Tchana [1] using quarterly financial statements and stock market data from 1982 to 2010 for the six largest Canadian chartered banks, documented positive co-movement between Canadian banks’ capital buffer and business cycles. The adoption of Basel Accords and the balance sheet leverage cap imposed by Canadian banking regulations did not change this cyclical behavior of Canadian bank capital. They found Canadian banks to be well-capitalized and that they held a larger capital buffer in expansion than in recession, which might explain how they weathered the recent subprime financial crisis so well. This evidenced that Canadian banks rode the business and regulatory periods underscores the appropriateness of a both micro- and a macro-prudential ‘through-the-cycle’ approach to capital adequacy as advocated in the proposed Basel III framework to strengthen the resilience of the banking sector.

Ben R. Craig and Valeriya Dinger revisited this long-standing debate and proposed a new empirical approach that was concentrated on the relationship between deposit market competition and bank risk. This approach closely followed the traditional theoretical views of the competition and risk relationship and was focused on testing the classical moral hazard problem of the bank: deposit market competition raises the optimal risk choice of the bank by raising the costs of bank liabilities. Since banks could substitute between retail and wholesale funding, they related deposit market competition to wholesale market conditions and examined their joint effect on the risk of bank assets. The analysis was based on a unique, comprehensive dataset, which combined retail deposit rate data with data on bank characteristics and data on local deposit market features for a sample of 589 US banks. Their results supported the notion of a risk-enhancing effect of deposit market competition.

This article summarizes the logistics financial risk classification in the bank’s perspective at the base of the existing research of the fuzzy risk theory. The risk index system is set based on the existing research of the literatures [22, 13, 16, 6], and use the fuzzy mathematical theory and analytic hierarchy process to control and avoid the risks of the logistics finance.

2. Logistics financial risk Evaluation Indicator System

The logistics financial risk is an abstract concept, which must be studied qualitatively and quantificationally, and demand a well-bedded, clear and objective indicator system. And the integrity and independence of the indicator should be kept.

According to the process of logistics financial business, the risks of banks can mainly be classified as: the pledge risk, financial enterprise credit risk, logistics enterprise credit risk, regulatory risk and other risks. Considering the unpredictability of the market, other risks will not be analyzed.

The detailed Classifications of risks above can be seen in table 1. This secondary indicators of the risk are main factors of level indicators. This paper summarizes main factors of evaluation indicators at the base of the results of the literatures. The scientifcity of factor indicators can be measured by reliability analysis. Literature [6] studied the rationality of the system of indicators initially, using coefficient alpha to
judge the system of indicators, a higher alpha means a stronger relevance and a more reasonable system of indicators. This paper sets data in SPSS, the ones whose alpha below 0.7 will be altered or deleted.

Based on the study of the logistics financial risk indicators above, combining analytic hierarchy process, deleting indicators with low reliability of alpha, the indicator system of evaluating risks of logistics finance can be set. The secondary risk categories have different weights below level indicator, which constitute level indicator, shown as table 1.

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<th>Level Indicator</th>
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<td>Pledge Risk</td>
<td>Legitimacy, Stability, Liquidity, Natural Attribute</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financing Enterprise Risk</td>
<td>Corporate Credit, Credit of Executives, Management Structure, Development Prospect</td>
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<tr>
<td>Logistics Enterprise Risk</td>
<td>Corporate Reputation, Information Platform, Hardware Facilities, Service Capability</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regulatory Risk</td>
<td>Management of Warehouse Receipt, Rules and Regulations, Early Warning Mechanism, Professional Quality</td>
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Table 1. Logistics financial risk indicator system

The upper norms of level indicator are \( t^i_i(i=1,2,...,4) \), the lower norms of secondary indicator are \( t^d_d(d=1,2,...,16) \). The secondary indicator can increase the number of indicators, included to level indicator. This paper obtains the number of secondary indicator based on main factors of level indicator.

3. The establishment of the logistics financial risk evaluation model

By using fuzzy mathematics theory, multi-person and multi-criteria risk fuzzy evaluation method are proposed to evaluate the risk of the logistics finance project irregularly, which provides a good mechanism and model for greatest extent possible to reduce the risk for banks and logistics enterprises in business, concentrate superior resources of banks and logistics enterprises, and conduct supervision and improvement.

Because risk evaluation relates to the objective and subjective factors, that would cause fuzziness, it is better to design a model that transfers fuzzy message into certain message. This paper is based on fuzzy mathematics theory \(^9\), applies analytic hierarchy process and fuzzy variable decision-making method comprehensively, in order to set the risk evaluation model of logistics financial business for the bank.

The \( N \) reviewers (\( P_1, P_2, ..., P_N \)) are set, the upper indicators \( t^i_i(i=1,2,...,4) \) are supposed, and based on the lower indicators \( t^d_d(d=1,2,...,16) \), the logistics finance project are evaluated, which can evaluate \( m \) projects (\( \lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_m \)).

The weights of the upper indicators are determined by analytic hierarchy process, which synthesizes subjective factors of the reviewers, making the decision uncertain and fuzzy. Therefore this paper uses triangular fuzzy number to describe the weights of the upper indicators.

The specific weights of the upper indicators weights describes as:

\[
S^i_i = \left[ A_i, B_i, C_i \right] \tag{1}
\]

\[
A_i = \min \{ S^i_m \} \tag{2}
\]

\[
B_i = \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^{n} S^j_m \right\}^{1/n} \tag{3}
\]

\[
C_i = \max \{ S^i_m \} \tag{4}
\]

In which, \( S^i_i \) means the weights of the upper indicators, \( S^i_m \) means the evaluation of the importance from the \( n \) reviewer to the \( S^i_i \) upper indicator.

Due to the complicated lower indicators, the decision objects are uncertain and fuzzy. Therefore, we
introduce triangular fuzzy number and variables of degrees to emphasize importance and satisfaction in evaluation. Reviewers take the weight set of $H = \{\text{low, mid, high}\}$ to evaluate the importance of indicators, level set of $F = \{\text{bad, medium, good}\}$ to express satisfaction of different criteria. The specific fuzzy variable and fuzzy numbers are shown in the table 2.

**Table 2. The fuzzy numbers of fuzzy variables**

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<th>Grade variable</th>
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<td>Bad</td>
<td>$(0,0.25,0.5)$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>$(0.25,0.5,0.75)$</td>
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<td>Good</td>
<td>$(0.5,0.75,1.00)$</td>
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The fuzzy weights of lower indicators and satisfaction of each project expressed through the fuzzy variables in table 1, including the reviews of the reviewers by average algorithm. The fuzzy integration method of lower indicators weights and the integration method of satisfaction of projects to be evaluated is shown as follows:

\[
S_d^2 = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} S_{di} \right)^{1/n}\tag{5}
\]

\[
P_{jd} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{ijd} \right)^{1/n}\tag{6}
\]

In which, $S_d^2$ means the geometry average weight of the lower indicators, $S_{di}$ means the weight distribution from the $i$ reviewer to the lower indicator $S_d^2$, $P_{jd}$ means the geometry average fuzzy satisfaction based on the evaluation project $\hat{\lambda}_j$ of lower indicator $S_d^2$, $P_{ijd}$ means the satisfaction grade distribution from the reviewer $i$ to the project $\hat{\lambda}_j$ under the lower indicator $S_d^2$. This to be reviewed project $\hat{\lambda}_j$ aiming at the upper indicator satisfaction $R_{ij}$ can be integrated with $P_{ijd}$ and $S_d^2$:

\[
R_{ij} = 1/k \left( \left( P_{ij} * S_d^2 \right) + \left( P_{ij} * S_d^2 \right) + \left( P_{ij} * S_d^2 \right) \right)\tag{7}
\]

Suppose $P_{ijd} = (f_{ijd}, g_{ijd}, h_{ijd})$ and $S_{di} = (u_{di}, v_{di}, w_{di})$ are triangular fuzzy function, $R_{ij}$ can be expressed to $R_{ij} = (a_{ij}, y_{ij}, c_{ij})$, in which

\[
a_{ij} = 1/k \sum_{d=1}^{k} f_{ijd} * u_{di} \tag{8}
\]

\[
f_{ijd} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{ijd} \right)^{1/n} \tag{9}
\]

\[
u_{ij} = \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n} u_{di} \right)^{1/n} \tag{10}
\]

In a similar way, other projects can be known.

After knowing the weight of the upper indicator $S_i^1$, and the satisfaction to the upper indicator $R_{ij}$ from the projects to be evaluated at the same time, Now, the fuzzy evaluation to each project is:

\[
W_{ij} = R_{ij} * S_i^1 = (d_{ij}, q_{ij}, l_{ij})\tag{11}
\]

### 4. The Empirical Study

The collaborative projects between the Zhongshan branch of Bank Guangfa and finance enterprises are chosen as example [18], such as: the pledge of Mulan Daily Medical, Hanjia Steel Pipe Limited Company, Jieda Timber Products and Junyi Pneumatic Parts Company. The collaboration between the Zhongshan branch of Bank Guangfa and the four enterprises meet with success all, but there are also differences about the degree of collaboration and the economic benefit achieved. The degree of collaboration will be
discussed based on the model.

Four reviewers are chosen to evaluate the four projects. The weight evaluation of upper indicator can be get firstly, based on the steps of the model, which is shown in table 3.

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<td>$S_i^1$</td>
<td>0.13</td>
<td>0.10</td>
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<td>$S_i^2$</td>
<td>0.32</td>
<td>0.35</td>
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<td>$S_i^3$</td>
<td>0.21</td>
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<td>$S_i^4$</td>
<td>0.20</td>
<td>0.19</td>
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Using the fuzzy algorithm and combining four reviewers’ evaluation, the fuzzy weight of upper indicators are shown in table 4.

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The weight of lower indicator $S_{d_i}$ and the to be evaluated satisfaction of projects $P_{d_i}$ are evaluated separately with the grade variable and the fuzzy number above. Every fuzzy satisfactory degree indicator of lower indicator can be reached using the formula above, as is shown in table 5.

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According to the table above, the operability of the four projects can be ranked as $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_3 > \lambda_4$. The conclusion is Hanjia Steel Pipe’s project is better than Mulan Daily Medical’s, and the model’s method accords with reality in terms of the reference [27]. With the credit risks get higher, the bank can draw up the grade indicator of fuzzy weight, like (0.35, 0.75, 0.95), to choose the cooperative project.

5. Conclusion

The establishment of the evaluation system of risk indicators is consistent with the scientific principles of the index system, which removes indicators with lower alpha coefficient, making the relevancy of the entire indicators high, which can evaluate and predict the risk factors of logistics finance, then reduce and avoid the occurrence of logistics financial business risks.
Based on the analytic hierarchy fuzzy comprehensive evaluation model, many people can be chosen to judge the logistics financial business, and the risk evaluation and control of individual or a number of logistics financial projects can be processed. The study maximum controls the risk factors of logistics and financial services, and maximizes the benefits of supply chain finance.

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