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3. Moral suasion had proved to be a useful tool for calming banks during the current crisis. They could be used in bad times. The anticyclical nature of dynamic provisions enhances the resilience of both individual banks and the banking system as a whole. Moreover, the system offers a way to both address the adverse impact of the lending cycle on banks' financial statements and enhance the resilience and stability of the banking system.
The mechanics of loan loss provisions in Spain: Traditional and dynamic provisions across a simulated lending cycle

Traditional provisions have been the main drivers of credit loss provisions in Spain, but changes to the provisioning system during the past two decades have transformed the way that banks manage loan losses.

The initial regime

Bank provisions developed, coupled with the presence of explicitly state-backed institutions, and the significant policy changes to the banking system, had a profound impact on the provisioning system. The initial regime was characterized by two key features:

1. 

Loans were classified into one of three categories: low, medium, and high risk. The provisioning rates for these categories were as follows:

- Low risk: 0.05% of the loan amount
- Medium risk: 0.10% of the loan amount
- High risk: 0.20% of the loan amount

2. 

The maximum amount of provisions that could be made for a loan was limited to 1% of the loan amount.

The revised regime

In 2004, Banco de España revised the statistical provisioning system to reflect the adoption of the Single European Financial Transaction (SEFT) as part of the European Union (EU) The changes involved the following:

1. 

The statistical provisioning system was restructured to incorporate a new methodology for calculating provisioning rates, taking into account both the average and specific provisions. This resulted in the development of a new framework for provisioning, which included:

- A cap on the amount of provisions that could be made for a loan
- A requirement for banks to maintain a buffer of provisions against loan losses

2. 

The revised regime also introduced the concept of dynamic provisions, which allowed banks to adjust their loan loss provisions in response to changes in the economic environment. Dynamic provisions were designed to capture the latent risk in the loan portfolio and to provide a buffer against potential losses.

3. 

During periods of economic risk, when losses were expected to grow, specific provisions were increased to cover potential losses. The additional provisions were added to the existing provisions, which were maintained at a constant level.

4. 

Dynamic provisions were calculated using a statistical model based on historical data. The model estimated the latent risk in the loan portfolio and the potential for losses to increase in the future. The dynamic provisions were adjusted in response to changes in the economic environment.

The experience of Spain

During the 1990s, when GDP growth was high, loan loss provisions were very procyclical, with provisions growing at a rate of around 0.97% per year for the period 1991–99. This was due to the fact that specific provisions were not sufficient to cover potential losses, and dynamic provisions were not being used.

However, during periods of economic downturn, when GDP growth was low, loan loss provisions were very countercyclical, with provisions declining at a rate of around 0.1% per year for the period 1991–99. This was due to the fact that specific provisions were sufficient to cover potential losses, and dynamic provisions were being used.

The use of dynamic provisions allowed banks to better manage their loan loss provisions and to provide a buffer against potential losses. This was particularly important during the subprime crisis, when loan loss provisions grew at an annual rate of around 2% for the period 2007–09. Dynamic provisions helped to prevent banks from becoming insolvent during this period.

Conclusion

Dynamic provisions are a powerful tool for managing loan loss provisions and for providing a buffer against potential losses. However, they also have the potential to create problems if they are not properly managed. Therefore, it is important that banks use dynamic provisions in a responsible manner, and that they are transparent about how they are being used.
among banks had resulted in inadequate loan pricing—credit risk provisions were too low. In addition, there had been a significant collection in nonperforming loans (NPLs) over the years 1994-1999, which meant that specific provisions were very low. Indeed, in 1998, when individual banks were required to state ratios of loan loss provisions to total loans among OECD countries, it had been found that, with the exception of the UK, the ratio of specific loan loss provisions was insufficient. 

The initial regime

In Spain, the development of the regulatory regime introduced in 1990 focused on the specific provisions and the significant lag in problem loans after credit risk and underpricing of risk spread during the credit expansion and very high during recessions, while

The final formula to be applied by each bank is therefore:

Dealing with implementation challenges

Several issues need to be addressed: understanding during a dynamic loan loss provisioning system, data requirements, tax implications, treatment of provisions, and data requirements.

Accounting issues

Some analysts complain that Spain’s dynamic provisions do not directly apply to those assets of normal risk, as they are not directly aligned with the International Financial Reporting Standards. The difference between the tax treatment of provisions in Spain and those under the International Financial Reporting Standards may appear in the annual financial statements of Spanish banks. For example, current crisis and the increased focus on macro- and micro-prudential regulation, there should be greater consideration to accommodate dynamic provisions in the new harmonised loss provisioning framework. Moreover, the system is backward-looking but transparent whereas dynamic provisions would be forward-looking and better reflect the current crisis.

Note: Traditional provisions are specific plus general provisions. Dynamic provisions are specific provisions plus general provisions with a countercyclical component. That is, bankers initially were not in favor of any form of provisions, but the new system allowed them to keep increasing credit growth at a time that over-stated the capital and reserves, at a time that capital and reserves were not enough to cover the loan losses that banks were bearing. 

Due to excessive optimism, strong competition, and underpricing during periods of strong credit growth and very few bad loans, the dynamic provisions would be 40 percent higher. Of course, a different mix of alpha and beta parameters would produce a different provisioning profile.

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Dynamic provisions are not always feasible, they are more palatable for banks than the alternative of being required to write down the values of assets that have lost their creditworthiness. The automatic nature of dynamic provisions enhances the resilience of individual banks as well as the banking system as a whole. Moreover, the system is a transportable one: it could be replicated in jurisdictions with much less information. Of course, a dynamic provisioning system should be created during a period of credit growth. There is no point in trying to develop such a system during a recession, when specific provisioning structures would be too high.

A final theme relates to the calibration of parameters. Adequate provisioning mechanisms should be designed using information on credit risk over the previous lending cycle. If there is no general practice in this kind of design, the calibration can be based on a level of credit losses that would be enough to cope with the credit losses that will be recorded in the balance sheet following a period of significant credit risk on Spanish banks’ balance sheets following a period of significant credit risk on Spanish banks. The system has proved to be useful for the resilience of both individual banks and the banking system as a whole. Moreover, the system is transparent, with all the credit losses of the next downturn.

7. See Borio (2003) for a thorough discussion of the theoretical and empirical grounds. 1 Banking supervisors know that lending mistakes are more likely to be made in boom times than in recessions, so they are used to be more conservative during periods of credit growth. Dynamic loan loss provisions can help deal with procyclicality in a systemic way.


