

This thesis focuses on the evaluation of different backtesting methods that are routinely applied to one of the most commonly used risk measure Value-at-Risk. The main goal of this thesis is to present approaches used to backtest Value-at-Risk (including an introduction to common methods associated with Value-at-Risk forecasting). These statistical evaluation methods are then applied to historical data from the years 2005 to 2010, during which we experienced two major financial crises. Afterwards, the output of our analysis is thoroughly discussed.