

Credit risk plays an important role in the pricing of financial instruments. In effort to avoid the dangers resulting from this risk were developed new financial instruments called credit derivatives. In this work, the main features of three types of credit derivatives are discussed: credit default swap, total return swap and credit linked note. Regarding to the major portion of credit default swap on the credit derivatives market, the work deals with the valuation of this exact instrument with three models for valuing a credit default swap. These models estimate the value of credit default swap, under which the premium required from one participant of the contract is meant.