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A Case Study in Firmwide Stress Testing: Engineering the CCAR Process

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ABSTRACT

Stress testing has become pervasive. The trouble lies in isolating the substantive, insightful activity from the overwrought chaff. Almost an overused platitude, the term “stress testing” can be inserted into just about any process in a financial institution, and there will be an army of consultants claiming to have a best-practice opinion on the topic. The reality is far more convoluted. Often, what is referred to as a stress test is simply a sensitivity analysis with a focus on a suboptimal outcome. Other times, an operationally focused risk assessment is termed a stress test, as it is analyzing processes performing below an optimal level.

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