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Lecture 24-27

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- The adjustment coefficient.
- Lundberg inequality.
- Solving the differential equations.

The Cramér-Lundberg Process.

$$C_t = u + ct - \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} Y_j,$$

where

- C_t is the insurance portfolio at time $t \geq 0$
- u is the initial capital
- c is the premium rate
- N_t is the Poisson process with rate $\lambda > 0$

Premium calculation: finding the right c

The Cramér-Lundberg Process.

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- **Integral equation:**

$$\delta(u) = e^{-\lambda h} \delta(u + ch) + \int_0^h \int_0^{u+ct} \delta(u + ct - y) f_Y(y) dy \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt$$

- **Differential equation:**

$$c\delta'(u) = \lambda \left[\delta(u) - \int_0^u \delta(u - y) f_Y(y) dy \right]$$

Initial conditions: if $c > \lambda\mu$,

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \delta(u) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(0) = 1 - \frac{\lambda\mu}{c}.$$

The (Lundberg) adjustment coefficient.

Recall **the compound Poisson model**:

There, $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$. Then $E[S] = \lambda\mu$,

$$\text{Var}(S) = \lambda\mu_2, \quad \text{and} \quad M_S(s) = \exp\{\lambda(M_Y(s) - 1)\}.$$

For $0 \leq t' \leq t$, consider the difference

$$C_{t'} - C_t = -c(t - t') + \sum_{j=N_{t'}+1}^{N_t} Y_j,$$

where $N_t - N_{t'} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda(t - t'))$. Thus,

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$$s^* = \alpha - \frac{\lambda}{c}.$$

Recall: $\frac{\lambda}{\alpha c} < 1$ and

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Recall

$$c(\delta(u) - \delta(0)) = \lambda \int_0^u \delta(x) \int_{u-x}^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx = \lambda \int_0^u \delta(u-x) \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx,$$

where $\delta(0) = 1 - \frac{\lambda\mu}{c}$. Plugging $\psi(u) = 1 - \delta(u)$, obtain

$$c\psi(u) = \lambda\mu - \lambda \int_0^u (1 - \psi(u-x)) \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx.$$

Next, since $\mu = \int_0^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx$,

$$c\psi(u) = \lambda \left(\int_u^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx + \int_0^u \psi(u-x) \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx \right).$$

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• Proof:

$$c\psi(u) = \lambda \left(\int_u^\infty \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx + \int_0^u \psi(u-x) \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx \right).$$

Here, ψ is continuous and $\psi(0) < 1 = e^{-s^* \cdot 0}$. Suppose there is smallest $u_0 > 0$ such that $\psi(u_0) = e^{-s^*u_0}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} c\psi(u_0) &= \lambda \left(\int_{u_0}^\infty \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx + \int_0^{u_0} \psi(u_0-x) \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx \right) \\ &< \lambda \left(\int_{u_0}^\infty \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx + \int_0^{u_0} e^{-s^*(u_0-x)} \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

Lundberg inequality: $\psi(u) < e^{-s^*u}$

• **Proof (cont.):**

$$\begin{aligned}
 c\psi(u_0) &< \lambda \left(\int_{u_0}^{\infty} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx + \int_0^{u_0} e^{-s^*(u_0-x)} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx \right) \\
 &\leq \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s^*(u_0-x)} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx = \lambda e^{-s^*u_0} \int_0^{\infty} e^{s^*x} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx \\
 &= \lambda e^{-s^*u_0} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^y e^{s^*x} f_Y(y) dx dy = \lambda e^{-s^*u_0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^*} (e^{s^*y} - 1) f_Y(y) dy \\
 &= \lambda e^{-s^*u_0} \frac{M_Y(s^*) - 1}{s^*} = ce^{-s^*u_0} \quad - \text{CONTRADICTION.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there is no $u_0 > 0$ such that $\psi(u_0) = e^{-s^*u_0}$.

Existence of the adjustment coefficient.

The value of $s^* > 0$ (if exists) such that

$$cs^* - \lambda M_Y(s^*) + \lambda = 0$$

is called **the adjustment coefficient**.

- **Claim:** The adjustment coefficient $s^* > 0$ exists if and only if

$$c > \lambda\mu.$$

The (Lundberg) adjustment coefficient.

- **Theorem.** Suppose the adjustment coefficient coefficient exists ($c > \lambda\mu$), and

$$M'_Y(s^*) = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{s^* x} f_Y(x) dx < \infty.$$

Then

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} e^{s^* u} \psi(u) = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c}.$$

Solution to the differential equation.

We substitute $\delta(x) = 1 - \psi(x)$ into

$$c\delta'(x) = \lambda \left[\delta(x) - \int_0^x \delta(x-y)f_Y(y) dy \right]$$

and obtain

$$\psi'(x) = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\psi(x) - \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy - \int_0^x \psi(x-y)f_Y(y) dy \right].$$

Since by Lundberg inequality $\psi(u) < e^{-s^*u}$, the following **integral transform**

$$\hat{\psi}(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{sx}\psi(x) dx \quad \text{is well defined for } s < s^*.$$

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Here, for $s < s^*$, we have

$$\int_0^\infty e^{sx} \psi'(x) dx = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\int_0^\infty e^{sx} \psi(x) dx - \int_0^\infty e^{sx} \int_x^\infty f_Y(y) dy dx - \int_0^\infty e^{sx} \int_0^x \psi(x-y) f_Y(y) dy dx \right].$$

Solution to the differential equation.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi'(x) dx = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi(x) dx - \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx - \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_0^x \psi(x-y) f_Y(y) dy dx \right],$$

where

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi'(x) dx = e^{sx} \psi(x) \Big|_0^{\infty} - s \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi(x) dx = -\frac{\lambda\mu}{c} - s\hat{\psi}(s),$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^y e^{sx} f_Y(y) dx dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{s} (e^{sy} - 1) f_Y(y) dy = \frac{M_Y(s) - 1}{s},$$

and
$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_0^x \psi(x-y) f_Y(y) dy dx = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^x e^{s(x-y)} \psi(x-y) e^{sy} f_Y(y) dy dx = \hat{\psi}(s) M_Y(s).$$

Solution to the differential equation.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi'(x) dx = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi(x) dx - \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx - \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_0^x \psi(x-y) f_Y(y) dy dx \right],$$

where

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi'(x) dx = -\frac{\lambda\mu}{c} - s\hat{\psi}(s), \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_x^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy dx = \frac{M_Y(s) - 1}{s},$$

$$\text{and } \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \int_0^x \psi(x-y) f_Y(y) dy dx = \hat{\psi}(s) M_Y(s).$$

Thus,

$$-\frac{\lambda\mu}{c} - s\hat{\psi}(s) = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\hat{\psi}(s) - \frac{M_Y(s) - 1}{s} - \hat{\psi}(s) M_Y(s) \right].$$

Solution to the differential equation.

For $s < s^*$, the **integral transform**

$$\hat{\psi}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi(x) dx \quad \text{is well defined}$$

and

$$-\frac{\lambda\mu}{c} - s\hat{\psi}(s) = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left[\hat{\psi}(s) - \frac{M_Y(s) - 1}{s} - \hat{\psi}(s)M_Y(s) \right].$$

Thus, we have the following **solution**:

$$\hat{\psi}(s) = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{cs - \lambda(M_Y(s) - 1)} - \frac{1}{s} \quad (s < s^*).$$

Solution to the differential equation.

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$$\hat{\psi}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{cs - \lambda(M_Y(s) - 1)} - \frac{1}{s}.$$

For any choice of $r > 0$, let $s = s^* - r$, then

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{c(s^* - r) - \lambda(M_Y(s^* - r) - 1)} - \frac{1}{s^* - r},$$

where for r small enough,

$$M_Y(s^* - r) = M_Y(s^*) - M'_Y(s^*)r + O(r^2).$$

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Thus,

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c + O(r)} \cdot \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s^* - r}$$

as

$$cs^* - \lambda M_Y(s^*) + \lambda = 0.$$

Hardy-Littlewood Tauberian Theorem.

- Hardy-Littlewood Tauberian Theorem

(Feller, Vol. II): Suppose $f(x) \begin{cases} \geq 0 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ = 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$.

Consider the Laplace transform of $f(x)$,

$$\omega(r) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} f(x) dx \quad (r \geq 0).$$

If

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} r^{\rho} \omega(r) = C$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1-\rho} f(x) = \frac{C}{\Gamma(\rho)}.$$

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- **Theorem.** Suppose the adjustment coefficient coefficient exists ($c > \lambda\mu$), and

$$M'_Y(s^*) = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{s^*x} f_Y(x) dx < \infty.$$

Then

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} e^{s^*u} \psi(u) = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c}.$$

- **Proof:** Recall

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c + O(r)} \cdot \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s^* - r}$$

The (Lundberg) adjustment coefficient.

- **Proof (cont.):** Recall

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c + O(r)} \cdot \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s^* - r}$$

- **Hardy-Littlewood Tauberian Theorem:**

$$\text{If } \lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} r^{\rho} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} f(x) dx = C \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1-\rho} f(x) = \frac{C}{\Gamma(\rho)}.$$

$$\text{Thus, since } \lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} r \int_0^{\infty} e^{-rx} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) dx = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c},$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{s^*x} \psi(x) = \frac{c - \lambda\mu}{\lambda M'_Y(s^*) - c} \quad (\text{for } \rho = 1).$$

Connection to martingales.

For $0 \leq t' \leq t$, the moment generating function

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Let $h(u) = e^{-s^*u}$. Then, $M_t = h(C_t)$ is a **martingale**: for $0 \leq t' \leq t$,

$$E[M_t \mid C_{t'}] = M_{t'}.$$

Such $h(u)$ is said to be the **probability harmonic function**, and we know from the Lundberg inequality that

$$\psi(u) < h(u).$$