Insurance annuity calculator in R

User Manual

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1 Introduction

This document describes the use and function of the *Annuity calculator* written in R. The program is intended to simulate 10,000 independent customers purchasing an annuities using a mortality table. An input file provided to the program will give a initial age range that will be used to randomly select a starting age, or the age that the person will purchase an annuity product. Then, the mortality table will be used to randomly select a death age based on the distribution provided by the mortality table. This can be used to calculate the amount of profit or loss for the insurance company for an individual annuity product.

2 Input

Three auxiliary comma-separated files are required to use the script: *input.csv*, *ROI_input.csv*, and *mortality.csv*. The *input.csv* contains the following input parameters that should be provided to the script, shown in table 2:

input_age_start	The lower bound of the age range for purchasing annuity	
input_age_end	The upper bound of the age range for purchasing annuity	
maturity_age	The age at which the annuity matures	
monthly_annuity	The desired monthly annuity benefit	
interest_rate	The interest rate	
term_length	The number of terms for N-year annuities	
iterations	The number of simulations to run	

Table 1: Input parameter descriptions

Note that column headers input_start_age, input_age_end, etc are required for the script to function correctly. Each row of the input column will represent a single simulation. An example *input.csv* file is shown in table 2. In this case, the program will simulate a group of 100 individuals, aged 25 to 40, purchasing a \$1000 annuity benefit that matures at age 60.

input_age_start	$input_age_end$	maturity_age	$monthly_annuity$	$interest_rate$	term_length	iterations
25	40	60	1000	0.05	20	100

Table 2: Example *input.csv* file

The mortality.csv file should contain two columns: an age column containing a list of integer ages, and a mortality column containing the probability of death at each age. An example mortality.csv file is given in table 3.

Age	Mortality
0	0.02042
1	0.00133
2	0.00122
98	0.67499

Table 3: Example mortality.csv file

Finally, table 4 shows an example $ROI_input.csv$ file. The number of rows in this file should not exceed the number of rows in the input.csv file. However, if the number of rows is less than the input.csv file, the last row of the ROI file will be used for all subsequent simulations.

company_years	$ROI_interest$	$investment_percent$	policy_sales_goal
75	0.05	0.25	100

Table 4: Example ROI_input.csv file

3 Use

To invoke the program, simply use the Rscript command from the directory containing the *input.csv* and *mortality.csv* files. The program will output a report and a set of tables containing the expected profit or loss to the company based on the simulated business block. Plots and output will be placed in the *output* folder, with a single subfolder for each row in the input file.