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(i) ① Since $\lambda(t) = \lambda \gamma (\lambda t)^{\gamma-1}$, λ, γ are constant, $\lambda(t)$ is only depend on time t .

② From Lecture 10, we know that prepayment modeling needs to capture both observable (cox model) and unobservable (fractly/threshold model) factors.

③ As hazard model only capture the factor of time t , which makes it is inadequate for prepayment modeling.

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \quad S(0, T) &= \exp\left(-\int_0^T \lambda(s) ds\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\int_0^T \lambda \gamma (\lambda s)^{\gamma-1} ds\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-(\lambda s)^\gamma \Big|_0^T\right) \\ &= e^{-(\lambda T)^\gamma + (\lambda \cdot 0)^\gamma} = e^{-\lambda^\gamma [T^\gamma - 0^\gamma]} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) From Lecture 10, we have:

$$P(T) = E \left\{ \sum_j Z^\pi(T, T_j) (C_j + \bar{\lambda}(T_{j-1}, T_j) B_j) \right\}$$

where $Z^\pi(T, T_j) = Z(T, T_j) S(T, T_{j-1})$, $\bar{\lambda}(T_{j-1}, T_j) \approx \int_{T_{j-1}}^{T_j} \lambda(u) du$.

$$Z(T_j, T) = e^{-r(T-T_j)}$$

$$S(T_j, T) = e^{-\lambda^y [T^y - T_j^y]}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z^x(T_j, T) = Z(T_j, T) S(T_{j-1}, T) = e^{-\lambda^y [T^y - T_j^y] - r(T-T_j)}$$

Notes: $Z^x(T, T_j) = Z(T, T_j) S(T, T_{j-1})$ in Lecture 10 should be

$$Z^x(T_j, T) = Z(T_j, T) S(T_j, T)$$

$$\lambda(T_{j-1}, T_j) = \frac{S(T_{j-1}, T) - S(T_j, T)}{S(T_{j-1}, T)} = 1 - \frac{S(T_j, T)}{S(T_{j-1}, T)}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda^y [T^y - T_j^y]}}{e^{-\lambda^y [T^y - T_{j-1}^y]}}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda^y [T_{j-1}^y - T_j^y]}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(T) = E \left\{ \sum_j \left[e^{-\lambda^y (T^y - T_j^y) - r(T-T_j)} \cdot (G + (1 - e^{-\lambda^y (T_{j-1}^y - T_j^y)}) B_j) \right] \right\}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{deterministic}}{=} \sum_j \left[e^{-\lambda^y (T^y - T_j^y) - r(T-T_j)} \cdot (G + (1 - e^{-\lambda^y (T_{j-1}^y - T_j^y)}) B_j) \right]$$

where G and B_j are the notations used in Lecture 10.

2. (i) $\lambda(t)$ in model 2 is also only depend on time t . The reason of it is inadequate for prepayment modeling is same as $\lambda(t)$ in model 1 (Q1).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad S(t, T) &= \exp \left[- \int_t^T \lambda(s) ds \right] \\
 &= \exp \left(- \int_t^T \frac{\lambda^r (\lambda s)^{r-1}}{1 + (\lambda s)^r} ds \right) \\
 &= \exp \left(- \int_t^T \frac{1}{1 + (\lambda s)^r} \cdot d((\lambda s)^r + 1) \right) \\
 &= \exp \left(- \ln(1 + (\lambda s)^r) \Big|_t^T \right) \\
 &= \exp \left[\ln \frac{1 + (\lambda t)^r}{1 + (\lambda T)^r} \right] = \frac{1 + (\lambda t)^r}{1 + (\lambda T)^r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad Z(T_j, T) = e^{-r(T - T_j)}$$

$$S(T_j, T) = \frac{1 + (\lambda T_j)^r}{1 + (\lambda T)^r}$$

$$Z^r(T_j, T) = Z(T_j, T) S(T_j, T) = \frac{1 + (\lambda T_j)^r}{1 + (\lambda T)^r} \cdot e^{-r(T - T_j)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\lambda}(T_{j-1}, T_j) &= 1 - \frac{S(T_j, T)}{S(T_{j-1}, T)} = 1 - \frac{1 + (\lambda T_j)^r}{1 + (\lambda T)^r} \cdot \frac{1 + (\lambda T)^r}{1 + (\lambda T_{j-1})^r} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1 + (\lambda T_j)^r}{1 + (\lambda T_{j-1})^r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(T) = E \left[\sum_j \left[\frac{(1 + \lambda T_j)^{\gamma}}{1 + (\lambda T)^{\gamma}} \cdot e^{-\gamma(T - T_j)} \cdot \left(G_j + \left(1 - \frac{(1 + \lambda T_j)^{\gamma}}{1 + (\lambda T_{j+1})^{\gamma}} \right) \cdot B_j \right) \right] \right]$$

$$\underline{\text{deterministic}} \sum_j \left[\frac{(1 + (\lambda T_j)^{\gamma})}{1 + (\lambda T)^{\gamma}} \cdot e^{-\gamma(T - T_j)} \cdot \left(G_j + \left(1 - \frac{(1 + (\lambda T_j)^{\gamma})}{1 + (\lambda T_{j+1})^{\gamma}} \right) \cdot B_j \right) \right]$$

with G_j and B_j as same notations in Lecture 10.

(iv) Model 1: $\lambda(t) = \lambda \gamma (\lambda t)^{\gamma-1}$
 Model 2: $\lambda(t) = \frac{\lambda \gamma (\lambda t)^{\gamma-1}}{1 + (\lambda t)^{\gamma}}$

Clearly, we can see $\lambda(t)$ in model 1 is monotone increasing as t increase. However, $\lambda(t)$ in model 2 has compensation term $\frac{1}{1 + (\lambda t)^{\gamma}}$ to adjust the trend as t increasing.

Moreover, $\lambda(t)$ in model 2 has a bell shape than increasing shape in model 1.

Therefore, $\lambda(t)$ in model 2 can capture more factors than $\lambda(t)$ in model 1. ~~Also, $\lambda(t)$ in model 2 is better for prepayment modeling.~~
 In other words,