

## Disjoint Events Constant Risk Model

In this notebook we will develop "survival models". These will be mathematical devices to (in the next notebook) evaluate our current existential risk situation.

What I want to achieve with these existential risk/survival models, is to estimate a civilization's life-span, as a function of current risk levels, and based on it's handling of these risks.

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# Imports
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as srs

from the_extinction_game.models.disjoint_events_constant_risk import DisjointEventsConstantRisk
from the_extinction_game.experiment import Experiment

# Setup seaborn
srs.set_theme()
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## The Extinction Game

The basis for developing the survival models in this notebook is what I call *The Extinction Game*.

We start with basic models, and then proceed to make them progressively more complex, allowing us to model more complex dynamics, like the change of X-Risk through the centuries, and making successive Extinction Games dependent.

So what is the Extinction Game?

It's a game that the virtual civilizations' - whose fate we're trying to capture in a mathematical model - play once every century. The game has two possible outcomes:

- The civilization survives and goes on to play again in the next century, or
- it loses, and doesn't get to play again

We're not going to go into the details of what it means to *win* or *lose* the game, that'll be a subject for later, which involves a more philosophical discussion. In this notebook, we'll focus on the more technical and mathematical aspects.

We'll devise the following survival models:

- ☒ Disjoint events with constant risk
- ☒ Single risk binary tree with constant risk change
- ☒ Multi risk binary tree with constant risk change
- ☐ Multi risk binary tree with risk change correlations
- ☐ Multi risk binary tree with asymmetric risk change

Let's get to it!

## Disjoint Events with Constant Total Risk

This is the simplest model. In it, humanity's existential risk is modeled as a probability cascade, where the extinction game is played every century, and every century is independent - meaning that the outcome in one century doesn't affect the game in other centuries. We also use a constant figure for total risk.

Though this model has the downside of modeling each century as independent - which they're arguably not - it could serve as a "business as usual" scenario, where risk levels are maintained, reflecting a lack of effort to actively reduce them, or just enough effort to not let them increase.

To describe the problem we introduce the following events and expressions:

- $E$ : Extinction in a randomly chosen century
- $E_n$ : Extinction after  $n$  centuries
- $S$ : Survival in a randomly chosen century
- $S_n$ : Survival after  $n$  centuries
- $P(E)$ : Probability of extinction in a randomly chosen century
- $P(S)$ : Probability of survival in a randomly chosen century
- $P(E_n)$ : Probability of extinction after  $n$  centuries
- $P(S_n)$ : Probability of survival after  $n$  centuries

We can establish the relationships between  $P(E)$ ,  $P(S)$ ,  $P(E_n)$ , and  $P(S_n)$ .

First we assume that  $P(S)$  and  $P(E)$  are complementary and mutually exclusive. Either there is or isn't an extinction event in a randomly chosen century. And similarly, after  $n$  centuries, either there has been or there hasn't been an extinction event, so  $P(E_n)$ , and  $P(S_n)$  are also mutually exclusive and complementary.

$$\begin{aligned}P(S) &= 1 - P(E) \\ P(S_n) &= 1 - P(E_n)\end{aligned}$$

To model the survival probability after  $n$  centuries, we can just multiply the survival probability  $n$  times, or raise it to the power of  $n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}P(S_n) &= P(S)^n \\ P(S_n) &= [1 - P(E)]^n\end{aligned}$$

The expression  $P(S_n)$  tells us then that the probability of survival after  $n$  centuries is the complementary existential risk  $(1 - P(E))$  raised to the power of  $n$ .

We've now modeled the survival probability in a very simple way. Let's see how this model behaves.

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model = DisjointEventsConstantRiskModel(1000, 0.1)
experiment = Experiment(model, n_simulations=10000)
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survival, extinction_centuries = experiment.run()

stats, survival_by_century = experiment.get_stats()

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(8, 8))
ax = experiment.plot_survival_rate(ax=axes[0])
latest_extinction = stats['latest_extinction'].max()
ax.set_xlim([0, latest_extinction + 1])

ax_hist = experiment.plot_extinction_century_histogram(ax=axes[1])

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