

2. Life Insurance

Introduction

- Insurance systems aim to reduce the adverse financial impact of some random events.
- *Utility models* to represent preferences,
Stochastic models to represent uncertain financial impact,
Economic principles to guide pricing
>> Agreements are reached after these analyses.
- In this chapter we shall develop models for life insurance designed to reduce the financial impact of the random event of untimely deaths.
- Our model will be built in terms of the insured's future-lifetime T .

Insurances payable at the moment of death

- The life insurance benefit will depend only on the length of the interval from the issue of the insurance to the death of the insured.
- t : the length of the interval from issue to death
- b_t : the benefit function
- v_t : the discount function
 - the interest discount factor from the time of payment back to the time of policy issue
 - the underlying force of interest is assumed deterministic

$$\text{(e.g.) } v_t = v^t = \left(\frac{1}{1+r} \right)^t = e^{-\delta t}$$

↑
(the force of interest)

- $z_t = b_t v_t$: the present value function
- In practice, we deal with $Z = z_T = b_T v_T$, a random variable. Hence we need to develop the probability model for Z .

(I) Level benefit insurance

- An n-year term life insurance:

$$b_t = \begin{cases} 1, & t \leq n \\ 0, & t > n \end{cases} \quad v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^T & T \leq n \\ 0, & T > n \end{cases}$$

- The expectation of PV of the payments $E(Z)$ is called the *net single premium*.
- The net single premium for the n-year term insurance with a unit payable at the moment of death of (x) is denoted by $\bar{A}_{x:n|}^1$.

$$b_t = \begin{cases} 1, & t \leq n \\ 0, & t > n \end{cases}$$

$$v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^T & T \leq n \\ 0, & T > n \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{A}_{x:n|}^1 = E(Z) = E(z_T) = \int_0^n v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

$$(\text{c.f.}) \quad E(Z^j) = \int_0^n (v^t)^j {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt = \int_0^n e^{-j\delta t} {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt = {}^j \bar{A}_{x:n|}^1$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = {}^2 \bar{A}_{x:n|}^1 - \left(\bar{A}_{x:n|}^1 \right)^2$$

- A whole life insurance:

$$b_t = 1, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$v_t = v^t, \quad v \geq 0$$

$$Z = v^T$$

The net single premium is

$$\bar{A}_x = E(Z) = \int_0^{\infty} v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt.$$

Example

Assume that each of 100 independent lives

- is age x ,
- is subject to a constant force of mortality $\mu = 0.04$,
- is insured for a death benefit amount of 10 units, payable at the moment of death.

The benefit payments are to be withdrawn from an investment fund earning $\delta = 0.06$.

Calculate the minimum amount at $t = 0$ so that the probability is approximately 0.95 that sufficient funds will be on hand to withdraw the benefit payment at the death of each individual.

(2) Endowment insurance

- An n-year pure endowment:

$$b_t = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq n \\ 1, & t > n \end{cases} \quad v_t = v^n, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} 0, & T \leq n \\ v^n, & T > n \end{cases}$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = E(Z) = v^n \Pr(T > n) = v^n {}_n p_x$$

$$\text{c.f. } \text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) - E(Z)^2 = {}^2A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 - \left(A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1\right)^2 = v^{2n} {}_n p_x {}_n q_x$$

- An n-year endowment insurance:

$$b_t = 1, \quad t \geq 0 \qquad v_t = \begin{cases} v^t, & t \leq n \\ v^n, & t > n \end{cases}$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^T, & T \leq n \\ v^n, & T > n \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|} = E(Z) = \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 + A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1$$

Note: $Z = v^T I(T \leq n) + v^n I(T > n)$

n-year term
life insurance

+

n-year pure
endowment

HW

$$\text{Var}(Z) = ?$$

(3) Deferred insurance

- An m-year deferred insurance:

$$b_t = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq m \\ 1, & t > m \end{cases} \quad v_t = v^t, \quad t > 0$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} 0, & T \leq m \\ v^T, & T > m \end{cases}$$

$${}_m|\bar{A}_x = E(Z) = \int_m^{\infty} v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

$$\text{c.f.} \quad \text{Var}(Z) = {}^2{}_m|\bar{A}_x - ({}_m|\bar{A}_x)^2$$

HW

$$Z = Z_{\text{whole}} - Z_{\text{term}}$$

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$${}_{m|}\bar{A}_x = \bar{A}_x - \bar{A}_{x:\bar{m}|}^1$$

(4) Varying benefit insurance

- An increasing whole life insurance:

*benefit = 1 at the moment of death during the first year,
benefit = 2 at the moment of death in the second year,...*

$$b_t = [t + 1], \quad t \geq 0$$

$$v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = [T + 1]v^T, \quad T \geq 0$$

$$(I\bar{A})_x = E(Z) = \int_0^{\infty} [t + 1]v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

- An increasing n -year term life insurance

$$Z = \begin{cases} [T + 1]v^T, & 0 \leq T < n \\ 0, & T > n \end{cases}$$

$$(I\bar{A})_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = E(Z)$$

- An m thly increasing whole life insurance

*benefit = $1/m$ at the moment of death during the first m -th of a year of the term of the insurance,
benefit = $2/m$ at the moment of death during the second m -th of a year, ...*

$$b_t = \frac{[mt + 1]}{m}, \quad t \geq 0 \qquad v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \frac{v^T [mT + 1]}{m}$$

$$(I^{(m)} \bar{A})_x = E(Z)$$

The limiting case when m goes to infinity...

$$b_t = t, \quad t \geq 0 \qquad v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = Tv^T, \quad T \geq 0$$

$$(\bar{I} \bar{A})_x = E(Z)$$

$$(\bar{I}\bar{A})_x = \int_0^\infty t v^t_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^t ds \right) v^t_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \int_s^\infty v^t_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt ds$$

$$= \int_0^\infty {}_{s|}\bar{A}_x ds$$

- A decreasing n -year term life insurance:

benefit = n at the moment of death during the first year,

benefit = $n-1$ at the moment of death in the second year,...

$$b_t = \begin{cases} n - [t], & t \leq n \\ 0, & t > n \end{cases} \quad v_t = v^t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^T (n - [T]), & T \leq n \\ 0, & T > n \end{cases}$$

$$(D\bar{A})_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = E(Z) = \int_0^n v^t (n - [t]) {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

Insurances payable at the end of the year of death

- The size and time of payment of the benefits depend only on the number of complete years lived by the insured from policy issue up to the time of death.
- b_{k+1} : the benefit function
- v_{k+1} : the discount function
- At the time of policy issue, the insurance year of death is $K + 1$.



(I) An n -year term insurance

$$b_{k+1} = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \\ 0, & k = n, n+1, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$v_{k+1} = v^{k+1}$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^{K+1}, & K = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \\ 0, & K = n, n+1, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k}$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = {}^2A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 - \left(A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1\right)^2$$

(2) A whole life insurance

$$A_x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k}$$

(3) An n -year endowment insurance

$$b_{k+1} = 1, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$v_{k+1} = \begin{cases} v^{k+1}, & k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \\ v^n, & k = n, n+1, \dots, \end{cases}$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} v^{K+1}, & K = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \\ v^n, & K = n, n+1, \dots, \end{cases}$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k} + v^n {}_n p_x$$

(4) An increasing whole life insurance

paying $k + 1$ units at the end of insurance year $k + 1$
provided the insured dies after k complete years

$$(IA)_x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k + 1)v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k}$$

(5) A decreasing n -year term insurance

$$b_{k+1} = \begin{cases} n - k, & k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1 \\ 0, & k = n, n + 1, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$v_{k+1} = v^{k+1}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} (n - K)v^{K+1}, & K = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1 \\ 0, & K = n, n + 1, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$(DA)_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (n - k)v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k}$$

Recall:

	Uniform	Constant force	Balducci
${}_tq_x$	${}_tq_x$	$1 - e^{-\mu t}$	$\frac{{}_tq_x}{1 - (1 - t)q_x}$
${}_tp_x$	$1 - {}_tq_x$	$e^{-\mu t}$	$\frac{p_x}{1 - (1 - t)q_x}$
${}_yq_{x+t}$	$\frac{{}_yq_x}{1 - {}_tq_x}$	$1 - e^{-\mu y}$	$\frac{{}_yq_x}{1 - (1 - y - t)q_x}$
μ_{x+t}	$\frac{q_x}{1 - {}_tq_x}$	μ	$\frac{q_x}{1 - (1 - t)q_x}$
${}_tp_x\mu_{x+t}$	q_x	$e^{-\mu t}\mu$	$\frac{p_xq_x}{\{1 - (1 - t)q_x\}^2}$

x : integer, $0 \leq t \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, $0 \leq y + t \leq 1$, $\mu = -\log p_x$.

Note: (Exercise 3.40) $T = K + S$

K and S are independent if and only if $\frac{{}_s q_{x+k}}{{}_q q_{x+k}}$ does not depend on k for $0 \leq s \leq 1$.

Proof. $\Pr(K = k, S \leq s) = \Pr(k < T \leq k + s)$

$$= {}_{k+s} q_x - {}_k q_x$$

$$= {}_k q_x + {}_k p_x \times {}_s q_{x+k} - {}_k q_x$$

$$= {}_k p_x q_{x+k} \times \frac{{}_s q_{x+k}}{{}_q q_{x+k}}$$

(e.g.) Under the *uniform* & the *constant force of mortality* assumptions, K and S are independent.

Relationships between whole life insurances

Under the assumption of *a uniform distribution of deaths*,

$$\bar{A}_x = \int_0^{\infty} v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_k^{k+1} v^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 v^{k+s} {}_{k+s} p_x \mu_{x+k+s} ds$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x \int_0^1 v^{s-1} {}_s p_{x+k} \mu_{x+k+s} ds$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k} \frac{i}{\delta} = \frac{i}{\delta} A_x$$

$${}_{k+s} p_x = {}_k p_x \times {}_s p_{x+k}$$

$${}_s p_{x+k} \mu_{x+k+s} = q_{x+k}$$

c.f. $\bar{A}_x = E(v^T) = E(v^{K+S}) = E(v^{K+1} v^{S-1}) = E(v^{K+1}) E(v^{S-1}) = A_x \times \frac{i}{\delta}$

Under the assumption of *the constant force of mortality*,

HW: Exercise 4.16

Relationships between increasing n -year term insurances

Under the assumption of *a uniform distribution of deaths*,

$$(I\bar{A})_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = \frac{\dot{i}}{\delta} (IA)_{x:\bar{n}|}^1$$

Proof: For the increasing n -year term insurance, the PV is

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \begin{cases} [T + 1]v^T, & 0 \leq T < n \\ 0, & T \geq n \end{cases} \\ &= (K + 1)v^T I(0 \leq T < n) \\ &= (K + 1)v^{K+1}v^{S-1} I(K = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1) \\ \therefore (I\bar{A})_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 &= E(Z) = (IA)_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 \times \frac{\dot{i}}{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Recursion equations

$$A_x = vq_x + vp_x A_{x+1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A_x &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k} \\ &= vq_x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v^{k+1} {}_k p_x q_{x+k} \\ &= vq_x + vp_x \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v^k {}_{k-1} p_{x+1} q_{x+k} \\ &\stackrel{(k' = k-1)}{=} vq_x + vp_x \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} v^{k'+1} {}_{k'} p_{x+1} q_{x+1+k'} \\ &= vq_x + vp_x A_{x+1} \end{aligned}$$

A_x will provide either a unit in the event of death within the year or A_{x+1} in case of survival.

$$l_x(1 + i)A_x = l_x A_{x+1} + d_x(1 - A_{x+1})$$

Proof:

$$l_x(1 + i)A_x = l_x q_x + l_x(1 - q_x)A_{x+1} = l_x A_{x+1} + d_x(1 - A_{x+1})$$

With one year's interest, A_x will provide A_{x+1} for all and an additional $1 - A_{x+1}$ for those expected to die within the year.

$$\text{c.f. } A_{x+1} - A_x = iA_x - q_x(1 - A_{x+1})$$

$$A_x = \sum_{y=x}^{\infty} v^{y-x+1} q_y (1 - A_{y+1})$$

Proof: $A_{x+1} - vA_x = -q_x(1 - A_{x+1})$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v^x A_{x+1} - v^{x-1} A_x &= -v^x q_x (1 - A_{x+1}) \\ v^{x+1} A_{x+2} - v^x A_{x+1} &= -v^{x+1} q_{x+1} (1 - A_{x+2}) \\ v^{x+2} A_{x+3} - v^{x+1} A_{x+2} &= -v^{x+2} q_{x+2} (1 - A_{x+3}) \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \right\} \Sigma$$

A_x is the PV of the annual costs of insurance over the lifetime of the insured.

Recursion equations

for insurance payable at the moment of death

$$\frac{d}{dx}\bar{A}_x = \delta\bar{A}_x - \mu_x(1 - \bar{A}_x)$$

Proof: (Exercise 4.17)

$$\text{c.f. } A_{x+1} - A_x = iA_x - q_x(1 - A_{x+1})$$