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Loss Elimination Ratio.

... is the ratio of the decrease in the insurer's expected payment w/ an ordinary deductible d to the insurer's expected payment w/ no deductible.

As usual: $X \dots$ (ground up) loss r.v. / severity

Assuming: $\boxed{\mathbb{E}[X] < \infty}$

By def'n:

$$LER = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X] - \mathbb{E}[(X-d)_+]}{\mathbb{E}[X]} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X \wedge d]}{\mathbb{E}[X]}$$

Note: $\mathbb{E}[X \wedge d] \leq \mathbb{E}[X] \Rightarrow \boxed{LER \leq 1}$

Example. Assume there is policy w/ an ordinary deductible of $d = \$2,500$.

Let the ground-up loss r.v. X be exponential w/ mean $\$5,000$.

Find the loss elimination ratio!

→: $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\text{mean} = \theta = 5,000)$

By def'n: $LER = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X \wedge d]}{\mathbb{E}[X]}$ w/ $d = 2,500$

Use the STAM tables:

$$\mathbb{E}[X \wedge d] = \theta(1 - e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{LER} = \frac{\cancel{\theta}(1 - e^{-\frac{d}{\cancel{\theta}}})}{\cancel{\theta}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}} = \boxed{F_X(d)}$$

⇒ In this problem:

$$LER = 1 - e^{-\frac{2500}{5000}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.3935$$

Sample STAM

89. You are given:

$X \sim \text{Exponential}(\text{mean} = \theta)$

(i) Losses follow an exponential distribution with the same mean in all years.

(ii) The loss elimination ratio this year is 70%. $d_{\text{old}} = d$ $LER_{\text{old}} = 0.70$

(iii) The ordinary deductible for the coming year is $\frac{4}{3}$ of the current deductible. $d_{\text{new}} = \frac{4}{3}d$

Calculate the loss elimination ratio for the coming year.

(A) 70%

(B) 75%

(C) 80%

(D) 85%

(E) 90%

$LER_{\text{new}} = ?$
 (ii) $\Rightarrow 0.7 = 1 - e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}} \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}} = 0.3$
 $LER_{\text{new}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{d_{\text{new}}}{\theta}} =$
 $= 1 - e^{-\frac{\frac{4}{3}d}{\theta}} = 1 - \left(e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}}\right)^{4/3}$
 $= 1 - (0.3)^{4/3} \approx 0.80$

90. Actuaries have modeled auto windshield claim frequencies. They have concluded that the number of windshield claims filed per year per driver follows the Poisson distribution with parameter λ , where λ follows the gamma distribution with mean 3 and variance 3.

Calculate the probability that a driver selected at random will file no more than 1 windshield claim next year.

(A) 0.15

(B) 0.19

(C) 0.20

(D) 0.24

(E) 0.31

The Effect of Inflation.

For an ordinary deductible d , after uniform inflation w/ rate r :

- the expected cost per loss is

$$\mathbb{E} \left[((1+r)X - d)_+ \right] = (1+r) \left(\mathbb{E}[X] - \mathbb{E} \left[X \wedge \frac{d}{1+r} \right] \right)$$

$$\left[\text{if } F_X\left(\frac{d}{1+r}\right) < 1 \right]$$

- the expected cost per payment is

$$\frac{1}{S_X\left(\frac{d}{1+r}\right)} (1+r) \left(\mathbb{E}[X] - \mathbb{E} \left[X \wedge \frac{d}{1+r} \right] \right)$$

$$\text{if } S_X\left(\frac{d}{1+r}\right) > 0$$

Note: Usually, it's easier to use the scaling property of the severity distribution.

126. The number of annual losses has a Poisson distribution with a mean of 5. The size of each loss has a two-parameter Pareto distribution with $\theta = 10$ and $\alpha = 2.5$. An insurance for the losses has an ordinary deductible of 5 per loss.

Calculate the expected value of the aggregate annual payments for this insurance.

- (A) 8
(B) 13
(C) 18
(D) 23
(E) 28

SAMPLE STAM

127. Losses in 2003 follow a two-parameter Pareto distribution with $\alpha = 2$ and $\theta = 5$. Losses in 2004 are uniformly 20% higher than in 2003. An insurance covers each loss subject to an ordinary deductible of 10.

Calculate the Loss Elimination Ratio in 2004.

- (A) 5/9
(B) 5/8
(C) 2/3
(D) 3/4
(E) 4/5

$$X_{OLD} \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha=2, \theta=5)$$

$$X_{NEW} = 1.2 \cdot X_{OLD}$$

$$X_{NEW} \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha=2, \theta_{NEW} = 1.2 \cdot 5 = 6)$$

Pareto is a scale distribution w/ the scale parameter θ !

By def'n:

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{LER}_{NEW} &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_{NEW} \wedge d]}{\mathbb{E}[X_{NEW}]} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\theta_{NEW}}{\alpha-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\theta_{NEW}}{d+\theta_{NEW}} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right]}{\frac{\theta_{NEW}}{\alpha-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LER}_{\text{NEW}} = 1 - \left(\frac{6}{10+6} \right)^{2-1} = 1 - \frac{6}{16} = 1 - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

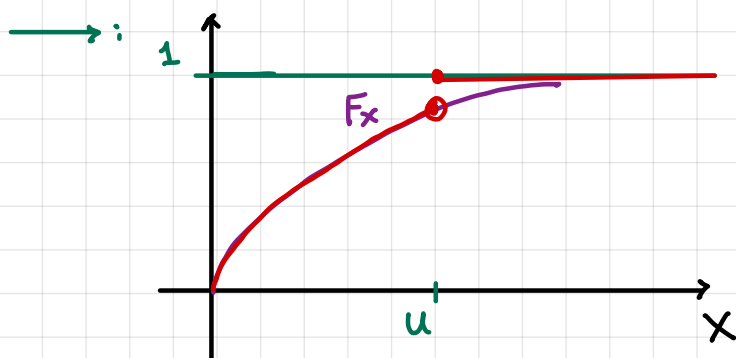
Policy Limits.

For a policy limit u , with no deductible, the effect on the insurer's payment on the loss r.v. X is:

$$Y = X \wedge u$$

In other words, Y is the RIGHT-CENSORED r.v.

Q: What is the form of the cumulative dist'n f'n of Y ?



Starting w/ a continuous dist'n for X such that $S_X(u) > 0$, what kind of dist'n of Y do I get?

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{F_X(y)}{1} & \text{if } y < u \\ 1 & \text{if } y \geq u \end{cases}$$

For $y < u$:

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}[Y \leq y] = \mathbb{P}[X \wedge u \leq y] = \mathbb{P}[X \leq y] = F_X(y)$$

$\Rightarrow Y$ has a mixed dist'n.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f_Y(y) = f_X(y) & \text{for } y < u \\ p_Y(y) = S_X(u) & \text{for } y = u \end{cases}$$