

# Premium Calculation

Lecture: Weeks 12-14

## Preliminaries

An insurance policy (life insurance or life annuity) is funded by contract premiums:

- once (single premium) made usually at time of policy issue, or
- a series of payments (usually contingent on survival of policyholder) with first payment made at policy issue
- to cover for the benefits, expenses associated with initiating/maintaining contract, profit margins, and deviations due to adverse experience.

**Net premiums** (or sometimes called **benefit premiums**)

- considers only the benefits provided
- nothing allocated to pay for expenses, profit or contingency margins

**Gross premiums** (or sometimes called **expense-loaded premiums**)

- covers the benefits and includes expenses, profits, and contingency margins



## Chapter summary

- Contract premiums
  - net premiums
  - gross (expense-loaded) premiums
- Present value of future loss random variable
- Premium principles
  - the **equivalence principle** (or actuarial equivalence principle)
  - portfolio percentile premiums
- Return of premium policies
- Chapter 6 of Dickson, et al.

## Net random future loss

- An insurance contract is an agreement between two parties:
  - the insurer agrees to pay for insurance benefits;
  - in exchange for insurance premiums to be paid by the insured.
- Denote by  $PVFB_0$  the present value, at time of issue, of future benefits to be paid by the insurer.
- Denote by  $PVFP_0$  the present value, at time of issue, of future premiums to be paid by the insured.
- The insurer's **net random future loss** is defined by

$$L_0^n = PVFB_0 - PVFP_0.$$

- Note: this is also called the present value of future loss random variable (in the book), and if no confusion, we may simply write this as  $L_0$ .





## The principle of equivalence

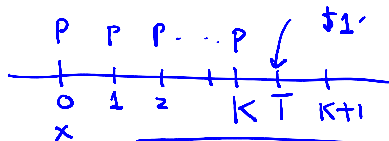
- The **net premium**, generically denoted by  $P$ , may be determined according to the **principle of equivalence** by setting

$$E[L_0^n] = 0.$$

- The expected value of the insurer's net random future loss is zero.
- This is then equivalent to setting  $E[PVFB_0] = E[PVFP_0]$ . In other words, at issue, we have

$$APV(\text{Future Premiums}) = APV(\text{Future Benefits}).$$

Whole life  $\rightarrow$  discrete fully discrete  
 premiums  $\nearrow$



$$L_0^n = L_0 = \underbrace{1 \cdot v^{K+1}} - P \ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|} \quad K=0,1,\dots$$

$$E[L_0] = E[v^{K+1}] - P E[\ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}] = 0$$

$$P = \frac{E[v^{K+1}]}{E[\ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}]} = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_x} = P_x$$

$\frac{1 - v^{K+1}}{d}$

$$L_0 = v^{K+1} \left( 1 + \frac{P}{d} \right) - \frac{P}{d} \Rightarrow \text{Var}[L_0] = \left( 1 + \frac{P}{d} \right)^2 \left[ {}^2A_x - (A_x)^2 \right]$$



$$1 + \frac{P_x}{d} = 1 + \frac{A_x / \ddot{a}_x}{d} = 1 + \frac{A_x}{d \ddot{a}_x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - A_x}$$

$$A_x = 1 - d \ddot{a}_x$$

$$d \ddot{a}_x = 1 - A_x$$

$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \frac{2A_x - (A_x)^2}{(1 - A_x)^2}$$

$$E[L_0] = 0$$

$L_0 = PVFB_0 - PVFP_0$       $A_{x:\overline{n}|} = 1 - d \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}$

n-year endowment      $\begin{cases} v^{K+1}, K < n \\ v^n, K \geq n \end{cases} - p \begin{cases} \ddot{a}_{K+1}, K < n \\ \ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}, K \geq n \end{cases}$

$L_0^n = v^{\min(K+1, n)} - p \ddot{a}_{\min(K+1, n)}$       $\frac{1-v}{d}$

- 1st prem immediately paid
- maturity if not stated
- premium payment period < maturity

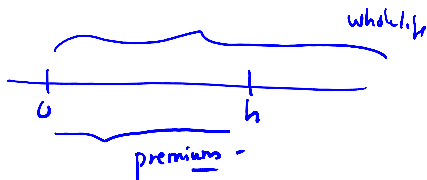
$E[L_0] = A_{x:\overline{n}|} - p \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|} = 0$

big  $p \leftarrow p = \frac{A_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} = P_{x:\overline{n}|}$

$\text{Var}[L_0] = \frac{2A_{x:\overline{n}|} - (A_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}{(1 - A_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}$



h-pay whole life -



$$P = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{h}|}}$$

variance not explicit

n-year term

$$P = \frac{A'_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}$$

n-year term, h-pay  $h \leq n$

$$P = \frac{A'_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}$$

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Remarks: ①  $B \neq 1 \Rightarrow$  multiply  $P * B$      $Var \Rightarrow B^2$

②  $APV(FB) = APV(FP)$



## An illustration

Consider an  $n$ -year endowment policy which pays  $B$  dollars at the end of the year of death or at maturity, issued to a life with exact age  $x$ . Net premium of  $P$  is paid at the beginning of each year throughout the policy term.

- If we denote the curtate future lifetime of  $(x)$  by  $K = K_x$ , then the net random future loss can be expressed as

$$L_0^n = Bv^{\min(K+1,n)} - P\ddot{a}_{\overline{\min(K+1,n)}|}$$

- The expected value of the net random future loss is

$$\begin{aligned} E[L_0^n] &= BE \left[ v^{\min(K+1,n)} \right] - PE \left[ \ddot{a}_{\overline{\min(K+1,n)}|} \right] \\ &= BA_{x:\overline{n}|} - P\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}. \end{aligned}$$

## An illustration - continued

- By the principle of equivalence,  $E[L_0^n] = 0$ , we then have

$$P = B \frac{A_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}}.$$

- Rewriting the net random future loss as

$$L_0^n = \left( B + \frac{P}{d} \right) v^{\min(K+1, n)} - \frac{P}{d},$$

we can find expression for the variance:

$$\text{Var}[L_0^n] = \left( B + \frac{P}{d} \right)^2 \left[ {}^2A_{x:\overline{n}|} - (A_{x:\overline{n}|})^2 \right].$$

- One can also show that this simplifies to

$$\text{Var}[L_0^n] = B^2 \frac{{}^2A_{x:\overline{n}|} - (A_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}{(1 - A_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}.$$

## Some general principles

Note the following general principles when calculating premiums:

- For (discrete) premiums, the first premium is usually assumed to be made immediately at issue.
- Insurance benefit may have expiration or maturity:
  - in which case, it is implied that there are no premiums to be paid beyond expiration or maturity.
  - however, it is possible that premiums are to be paid for lesser period than expiration or maturity. In this case, it will be explicitly stated.

## Fully discrete annual premiums - whole life insurance

Consider the case of a **fully discrete** whole life insurance where benefit of \$1 is paid at the end of the year of death with level annual premiums.

The net annual premium is denoted by  $P_x$  so that the net random future loss is

$$L_0 = v^{K+1} - P_x \ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}, \quad \text{for } K = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

By the principle of equivalence, we have

$$P_x = \frac{\mathbb{E}[v^{K+1}]}{\mathbb{E}[\ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}]} = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_x}.$$

The variance of the net random future loss is

$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \frac{{}^2A_x - (A_x)^2}{(d\ddot{a}_x)^2} = \frac{{}^2A_x - (A_x)^2}{(1 - A_x)^2}.$$





## Other expressions

You can express the net annual premiums:

- in terms of annuity functions

$$P_x = \frac{1 - d\ddot{a}_x}{\ddot{a}_x} = \frac{1}{\ddot{a}_x} - d$$

- in terms of insurance functions

$$P_x = \frac{A_x}{(1 - A_x)/d} = \frac{dA_x}{1 - A_x}$$

## Whole life insurance with $h$ premium payments

Consider the same situation where now this time there are only  $h$  premium payments.

- The net random future loss in this case can be expressed as

$$L_0 = v^{K+1} - P \times \begin{cases} \ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}, & \text{for } K = 0, 1, \dots, h-1 \\ \ddot{a}_{\overline{h}|}, & \text{for } K = h, h+1, \dots \end{cases}$$

- Applying the principle of equivalence, we have

$$P = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{h}|}}.$$

## Illustrative example 1

Consider a special endowment policy issued to (45). You are given:

- Benefit of \$10,000 is paid at the end of the year of death, if death occurs before 20 years.
- Benefit of \$20,000 is paid at the end of 20 years if the insured is then alive.
- Level annual premiums  $P$  are paid at the beginning of each year for 10 years and nothing thereafter.
- Mortality follows the Illustrative Life Table with  $i = 6\%$ .

Calculate  $P$  according to the equivalence principle.

$$APV(FB) = 10,000 A_{45:\overline{20}|}^1 + \underline{20,000} \cdot {}_{20}E_{45}$$

$$APV(FP) = P \ddot{a}_{45:\overline{10}|}$$

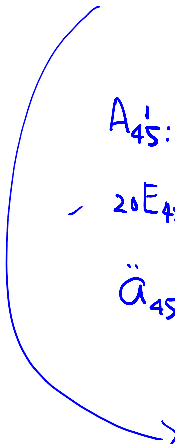
$$P = \frac{10,000 [A'_{45:\overline{20}|} + 2 {}_{20}E_{45}]}{\ddot{a}_{45:\overline{10}|}}$$

p.12

$$A'_{45:\overline{20}|} = .08846167 = A_{45} - {}_{20}E_{45} A_{65}$$

$$- {}_{20}E_{45} = 0.25634$$

$$\ddot{a}_{45:\overline{10}|} = \ddot{a}_{45} - {}_{10}E_{45} \ddot{a}_{55} = 7.648646$$


$$\underline{\underline{P = 758.9452}}$$

## SOA-type question

benefit discrete e.o.y.  
 premium discrete b.o.y.  
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Two actuaries use the same mortality table to price a fully discrete two-year endowment insurance of 1,000 on  $(x)$ . You are given:

- Kevin calculates non-level benefit premiums of 608 for the first year, and 350 for the second year.
- Kira calculates level annual benefit premiums of  $\pi$ .
- $d = 0.05$

Calculate  $\pi$ .

$$APV(FP) = APVFB$$

$$608 + 350v p_x = 1000 \ddot{A}_{x:\overline{2}|}$$

$$\pi \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|} = 1000 \overline{A}_{x:\overline{2}|} \rightarrow 1-d \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi = 1000 \left[ \frac{1}{\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|}} - 0.05 \right]$$



$$608 + 350 v p_x = 1000 (1 - d \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|}) \quad \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|} = 1 + v p_x$$

$$(1 - d \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|})$$

$$\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{2}|} = 742/400$$

$$\pi = 1000 \left[ \frac{1}{742/400} - .05 \right] = \underline{489.08}$$

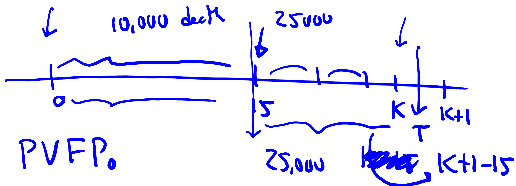


## Illustrative example 2



An insurance company issues a 15-year deferred life annuity contract to (50). You are given:

- Level monthly premiums of  $P$  are paid during the deferred period.
  - The annuity benefit of \$25,000 is to be paid at the beginning of each year the insured is alive, starting when he reaches the age of 65.
  - Mortality follows the Illustrative Life Table with  $i = 6\%$ .
  - Mortality between integral ages follow the Uniform Distribution of Death (UDD) assumption.
- 1 Write down an expression for the net future loss, at issue, random variable.
  - 2 Calculate the amount of  $P$ .
  - 3 If an additional benefit of \$10,000 is to be paid at the moment of death during the deferred period, how much will the increase in the monthly premium be?



$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad L_0^n &= PVFB_0 - PVFP_0 \\
 &= \begin{cases} \phi, & K < 15 \\ 25000 v^{15} \ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}, & K \geq 15 \end{cases} - P \begin{cases} \ddot{a}_{\overline{K+1}|}^{(12)}, & K < 15 \\ \ddot{a}_{\overline{15}|}, & K \geq 15 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underbrace{APV(FP)} = \underbrace{APV(FB)}$$

$$P \ddot{a}_{\overline{50}|}^{(12)} = 25000 {}_{15}E_{50} \ddot{a}_{\overline{65}|} \Rightarrow P = \frac{25000 {}_{15}E_{50} \ddot{a}_{\overline{65}|}}{\ddot{a}_{\overline{50}|}^{(12)}}$$

$$P = 763.0536$$

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{50}|}^{(12)} = \ddot{a}_{\overline{50}|} - {}_{15}E_{50} \ddot{a}_{\overline{65}|}^{(12)}$$

$$\alpha^{(12)} \ddot{a}_{\overline{50}|} - \beta^{(12)} \ddot{a}_{\overline{65}|}^{(12)}$$



$$APV(FP) = APV(FB)$$

$$P \ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|}^{(12)} = \underbrace{25000}_{15E_{50}} \ddot{a}_{65} + 10,000 \overline{A}_{50:\overline{15}|}$$

$$\bar{i} = 6\%$$

$$\frac{\bar{i}}{\delta} A_{50:\overline{15}|}$$

UDD

$$\frac{\bar{i}}{\delta} (A_{50} - 15E_{50} A_{65})$$

0.09739964

$$P = \dots$$

$$\text{Increase} = \frac{973.9964}{\ddot{a}_{50:\overline{15}|}^{(12)}} = \underline{\underline{8.552853}}$$

## Different possible combinations

Premium payment	Benefit payment
<i>discrete</i> annually	at the end of the year of death at the end of the $\frac{1}{m}$ th year of death at the moment of death
<i>m</i> -thly of the year	at the end of the year of death at the end of the $\frac{1}{m}$ th year of death at the moment of death
continuously ✓	at the end of the year of death <i>discrete</i> at the end of the $\frac{1}{m}$ th year of death at the moment of death ✓

*fully continuous*

## Fully continuous premiums - whole life insurance

Consider a fully continuous level annual premiums for a unit whole life insurance payable immediately upon death of  $(x)$ .

- The insurer's net random future loss is expressed as

$$L_0 = v^T - P \bar{a}_{\overline{T}|}$$

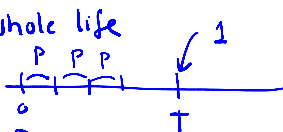
- By the principle of equivalence,

$$P = \frac{\bar{A}_x}{\bar{a}_x} = \frac{1}{\bar{a}_x} - \delta = \frac{\delta \bar{A}_x}{1 - \bar{A}_x}$$

- The variance of the insurer's net random future loss can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[L_0] &= [1 + (P/\delta)]^2 [{}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2] \\ &= \frac{{}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2}{(\delta \bar{a}_x)^2} = \frac{{}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2}{(1 - \bar{A}_x)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Fully continuous - whole life



issue time ↙

$$L_0 = PVFB_0 - PVFP_0$$

$$= v^T - P \bar{a}_{\overline{T}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[L_0] = \bar{A}_x - P \bar{a}_x = 0$$

$$P = \frac{\bar{A}_x}{\bar{a}_x}$$

↙

$$\frac{1-v^T}{\delta}$$

$$= v^T \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right) - \frac{P}{\delta}$$

$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \frac{{}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2}{(1 - \bar{A}_x)^2}$$

monthly payment, continuous whole life

$$L_0 = v^T - P \ddot{a}_{\overline{T}|}^{(m)}$$



$P$  = annualized premium

$P/m$  = monthly prem



## A simple illustration

For a fully continuous whole life insurance of \$1, you are given:

- Mortality follows a constant force of  $\mu = 0.04$ .
- Interest is at a constant force  $\delta = 0.08$ .
- $L_0$  is the loss-at-issue random variable with the benefit premium calculated based on the equivalence principle.

Calculate the annual benefit premium and  $\text{Var}[L_0]$ .

## Published SOA question #14

$$\bar{A}_x = \frac{\mu}{\mu + \delta} \quad \bar{a}_x = \frac{1}{\mu + \delta}$$

$$P = \frac{\bar{A}_x}{\bar{a}_x} = \mu$$

For a fully continuous whole life insurance of \$1 on  $(x)$ , you are given:

- The forces of mortality and interest are constant.

$$\bullet \quad {}^2\bar{A}_x = 0.20 \rightarrow \frac{\mu}{\mu + 2\delta} = 0.20 \Rightarrow \frac{.03}{.03 + 2\delta} = 0.20 \Rightarrow \frac{.03 - .06}{.14} = \delta$$

- The benefit premium is 0.03.  $= P = \mu$

- $L_0$  is the loss-at-issue random variable based on the benefit premium.

Calculate  $\text{Var}[L_0]$ .  $\rightarrow L_0 = v^T - P\bar{a}_{\overline{T}|} = \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right)v^T - \frac{P}{\delta}$

$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right)^2 \text{var}(v^T)$$

$$0.20 = \left(1 + \frac{.03}{.06}\right)^2 \left( {}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2 \right)$$

$\downarrow$  .20                       $\downarrow$  .20                       $\downarrow$  (.03/.06)<sup>2</sup>

## Endowment insurance

Consider an  $n$ -year endowment insurance with benefit of \$1:

- The net random future loss is

$$L = \begin{cases} v^T - P \bar{a}_{\overline{T}|}, & T \leq n \\ v^n - P \bar{a}_{\overline{n}|}, & T > n \end{cases}$$

- Net annual premium formulas:

$$P = \frac{\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|}}{\bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} = \frac{1}{\bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|}} - \delta = \frac{\delta \bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|}}{1 - \bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|}}$$

- The variance of the net random future loss:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[L_0] &= [1 + (P/\delta)]^2 \left[ 2\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|} - (\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|})^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{2\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|} - (\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}{(\delta \bar{a}_{x:\overline{n}|})^2} = \frac{2\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|} - (\bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|})^2}{(1 - \bar{A}_{x:\overline{n}|})^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Illustrative example 3

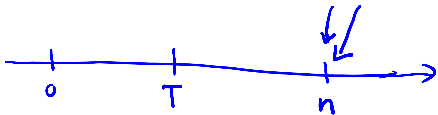
*continuous benefit*  
*continuous premium*

For a fully continuous  $n$ -year endowment insurance of \$1 issued to  $(x)$ , you are given:

- $Z$  is the present value random variable of the benefit for this insurance.
- $E[Z] = 0.5198$  ✓
- $\text{Var}[Z] = 0.1068$  ✓
- Level annual premiums are paid on this insurance, determined according to the equivalence principle.

Calculate  $\text{Var}[L_0]$ , where  $L_0$  is the net random future loss at issue.





$$\begin{cases} v^T, & T < n \\ v^n, & T \geq n \end{cases} = v^{\min(T, n)}$$

$$L_0 = PVFB_0 - PVFP_0$$

$$= v^{\min(T, n)} - P \frac{\bar{a}_{\min(T, n)}}{1 - v^{\min(T, n)}}$$

$$L_0 = \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right)}_Z v^{\min(T, n)} - \frac{P/\delta}{\delta}$$

$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right)^2 \text{Var}[Z]$$

0.1068

$$P = \frac{\bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}}}{\bar{a}_{x:\bar{n}}} = \frac{\bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}}}{\frac{1 - \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}}}{\delta}}$$

$$\frac{P}{\delta} = \frac{\bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}}}{1 - \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}}} - E[Z]$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{.5198}{1 - .5198}\right)^2 (.1068) = \underline{\underline{.4631556}}$$

Loss at issue

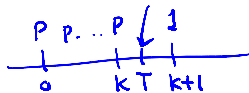
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$$L_0 = \underbrace{PVFB_0}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{insurance} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{annuity}}} - \underbrace{PVFP_0}_{\substack{\text{annuity} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{single premium}}}$$

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e.g. fully discrete whole life



$$L_0 = V^{kT+1} - P \ddot{a}_{\overline{kT+1}|}$$

or  $\pi$

Eg Principle:  $E[L_0] = 0 \Leftrightarrow$   $APVFB_0 = APVFP_0$

$$P_x = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow V^{kT+1} - P \left( \frac{1 - V^{kT+1}}{d} \right) = V^{kT+1} \left( 1 + \frac{P}{d} \right) - \frac{P}{d}$$



$$\text{Var}[L_0] = \left(1 + \frac{P}{d}\right)^2 \underbrace{\text{Var}(v^{K+1})}_{\left[{}^2A_x - (A_x)^2\right]}$$

$P$  = net premium  
or benefit premium

e.g. fully continuous

$$L_0 = v^T - P \bar{a}_{\overline{T}|} \Leftrightarrow P = \frac{\bar{A}_x}{\bar{a}_x} \Leftrightarrow E[L_0] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[L_0] = \left(1 + \frac{P}{d}\right)^2 \left({}^2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2\right)$$

$$L_0 = f(T \text{ or } K) \Rightarrow L_0 < 0 \Leftrightarrow T \text{ or } K > t$$



e.g. fully continuous  $L_0 = v^T - P \bar{a}_{\overline{T}|}$

$$= v^T \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right) - \frac{P}{\delta}$$

$T \sim$  constant force  $\mu \Rightarrow$  Exponential with mean  $1/\mu$

$$\bar{A}_x = \frac{\mu}{\mu + \delta}, \quad \bar{a}_x = \frac{1}{\mu + \delta}$$

$$f(t) = \mu e^{-\mu t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$P(T > t) = e^{-\mu t}$$

$$\log v^T = T \log v = -\delta T$$

$$P = \mu$$

$$Pr[L_0 < 0] = Pr\left[v^T \left(1 + \frac{P}{\delta}\right) < \frac{P}{\delta}\right]$$

$$= Pr\left[T > -\frac{1}{\delta} \log\left(\frac{P/\delta}{1 + P/\delta}\right)\right]$$

Profit =  $-L_0$

$$= e^{-\frac{\mu}{\delta} \log\left(\frac{P/\delta}{1 + P/\delta}\right)}$$



## Illustrative example 4

For a fully discrete whole life insurance of 100 on (30), you are given:

- $\pi$  denotes the annual premium and  $L_0(\pi)$  denotes the net random future loss-at-issue random variable for this policy.
- Mortality follows the Illustrative Life Table with  $i = 6\%$ .

Calculate the smallest premium,  $\pi^*$ , such that the probability is less than 0.5 that the loss  $L_0(\pi^*)$  is positive.

$$L_0 = v^{k+1} (100 + \frac{\pi^*}{d}) - \frac{\pi^*}{d} \quad d = 1 - v = \frac{i}{1+i}$$

$$\pi^* \rightarrow \frac{Pr(L_0 > 0)}{Pr(k \geq \cdot)} < 0.50$$

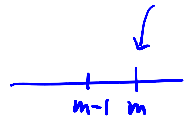
$$L_0 = v^{K+1} \left( 100 + \frac{\pi^*}{d} \right) - \frac{\pi^*}{d} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v^{K+1} > \frac{100 + \pi^*/d}{100 + \pi^*/d}$$

$$\log v^{K+1} > \frac{\log v}{-\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow K < \frac{\log \left( \frac{100 + \pi^*/d}{100 + \pi^*/d} \right)}{-\delta} - 1$$

$m$



$$Pr[L_0 > 0] < 0.5 \Rightarrow Pr[K < m] < 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow Pr[K \leq m-1] < 0.5$$

$$Pr[K \leq k] = q^{k+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow m q_{30} < 0.5 \Rightarrow m p_{30} \geq 0.5$$



$$m p_{30} = \frac{l_{30+m}}{l_{30}} \geq 0.5 \Rightarrow l_{30+m} \geq 0.5 l_{30}$$

$l_{30} = 9501381$   
 $0.5 l_{30} = 4750691$

$$30 + m = 77 \Rightarrow m = 47 \text{ years}$$

$$l_{77} = 4828182$$

$$l_{78} = 4530360$$

Solve for  $\pi^*$ :

$$m = \frac{\log\left(\frac{\pi^*/d}{100 + \pi^*/d}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{100}{100 + \pi^*/d}\right)} = 47 - 48.5$$

$$e^{-45/100} (100 + \pi^*/d) = \pi^*/d$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^* = d \left( \frac{100}{e^{45/100} - 1} \right) = d \left[ \frac{100}{e^{0.45} - 1} \right] = 0.3617033$$

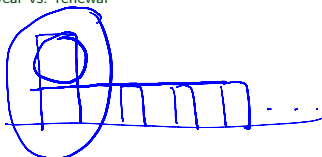
Compare  $0.64624$   
 with  $\frac{A_{30}}{a_{30}} \times 100$

# Types of Life Insurance contract expenses

- Investment-related expenses (e.g. analysis, cost of buying, selling, servicing)
- Insurance-related expenses:
  - acquisition (agents' commission, underwriting, preparing new records)
  - maintenance (premium collection, policyholder correspondence)
  - general (research, actuarial, accounting, taxes)
  - settlement (claim investigation, legal defense, disbursement)



## First year vs. renewal expenses



- Most life insurance contracts incur large losses in the first year because of large first year expenses:
  - agents' commission
  - preparing new policies, contracts
  - records administration
- These large losses are hopefully recovered in later years.
- How then do these first year expenses spread over the policy life?
- Anything not first year expense is called renewal expense (used for maintaining and continuing the policy).

## Gross premium calculations

- Treat expenses as if they are a part of benefits. The **gross random future loss** at issue is defined by

$$L_0^g = PVFB_0 + PVFE_0 - PVFP_0,$$

where  $PVFE_0$  is the present value random variable associated with future expenses incurred by the insurer.

- The **gross premium**, generically denoted by  $G$ , may be determined according to the **principle of equivalence** by setting

$$E[L_0^g] = 0.$$

- This is equivalent to setting  $E[PVFB_0] + E[PVFE_0] = E[PVFP_0]$ . In other words, at issue, we have

$$APV(FP_0) = APV(FB_0) + APV(FE_0).$$

## Illustration of gross premium calculation

A 1,000 fully discrete whole life policy issued to (45) with level annual premiums is priced with the following expense assumptions:

	% of Premium	Per 1,000	Per Policy
First year	40%	1.0	5.0
Renewal years	10%	0.5	2.5

In addition, assume that mortality follows the Illustrative Life Table with interest rate  $i = 6\%$ .

Calculate the expense-loaded annual premium. = gross annual premium

$$APVFP_0 = APVFB_0 + APVFE_0 \leftarrow$$

$$G \ddot{A}_{45}$$

$$1000 A_{45}$$

$$\frac{30G + .10G \ddot{A}_{45}}$$

$$.50 + .150 \ddot{A}_{45}$$

$$2.50 + 2.50 \ddot{A}_{45}$$

% of Premium

per 1000

per policy

$$G \left( \frac{.90 \ddot{A}_{45} - .30}{.90 \ddot{A}_{45} - 0.30} \right) = \frac{1000 A_{45} + 3 + 3 \ddot{A}_{45}}{.90 \ddot{A}_{45} - 0.30}$$

$$G = 19.88 / \text{year}$$

$$A_{45} = .20120$$

$$\ddot{A}_{45} = 14.1121$$

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## Published SOA question #239 - modified

For a 20-year endowment insurance of 25,000 on  $(x)$  with benefit payable at the moment of death, you are given:

- Expenses are incurred at the beginning of the year:

	Percent of Premium	Per 1,000 of Insurance	Per Policy
First year	25%	2.0	15.0
Renewal	5%	0.5	3.0

- $\bar{A}_{x:\overline{20}|} = 0.4058$  ✓
- $\ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|} = 12.522$  ✓
- $i = 0.05$  ✓
- Level annual premiums are determined using the equivalence principle.

Calculate the level annual expense-loaded premium.

$$APVFP_0 = G \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}$$

$$25,000$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 15 \end{matrix} \Bigg) ^{1.5} \quad \begin{matrix} 15 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$APVFB_0 = 25,000 \bar{A}_{x:\overline{20}|}$$

$$+ APVFE_0 = \underbrace{.20G}_{\text{Lump sum}} + \underbrace{.05G}_{\text{Lump sum}} \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}$$

$$+ \frac{1.50}{1.50} \cdot 25,000 + .5(25) \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}$$

$$+ 12 + 3 \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}$$

$$G \left( \cancel{.95 \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}} - .20 \right) = \frac{25000 \bar{A}'_{x:\overline{20}|} + 49.5 + 15.5 \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|}}{.95 \ddot{a}_{x:\overline{20}|} - .20}$$

$$G = 888.225$$



## Portfolio percentile premium principle

Suppose insurer issues a portfolio of  $N$  “identical” and “independent” policies where the PV of loss-at-issue for the  $i$ -th policy is  $L_{0,i}$ .

The total portfolio (aggregate) future loss is then defined by

$$L_{\text{agg}} = L_{0,1} + L_{0,2} + \cdots + L_{0,N} = \sum_{i=1}^N L_{0,i}$$

Its expected value is therefore

$$\mathbb{E}[L_{\text{agg}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[L_{0,i}]$$

and, by “independence”, the variance is

$$\text{Var}[L_{\text{agg}}] = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}[L_{0,i}].$$

## Portfolio percentile premium principle

The **portfolio percentile premium principle** sets the premium  $P$  so that there is a probability, say  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , of a positive gain from the portfolio.

In other words, we set  $P$  so that

$$\Pr[L_{\text{agg}} < 0] = \alpha.$$

Note that loss could include expenses.

Consider Example 6.11 (1st edition) or Example 6.12 (2nd edition)



## Illustrative example 5

An insurer sells 100 fully discrete whole life insurance policies of \$1, each of the same age 45. You are given:

- All policies have independent future lifetimes.
- Mortality follows the Standard Select Survival Model with  $i = 5\%$ .

Using the Normal approximation:

- 1 Calculate the annual contract premium according to the portfolio percentile premium principle with  $\alpha = 0.95$ .
- 2 Suppose the annual contract premium is set at 0.010 per policy. Determine the smallest number of policies to be sold so that the insurer has at least a 95% probability of a gain from this portfolio of policies.

## Illustration of return of premium

To illustrate the concept of **return of premium policies**, consider Question #22 from Fall 2012 SOA MLC Exam:

You are given the following information about a special fully discrete 2-payment, 2-year term insurance on (80):

- Mortality follows the Illustrative Life Table.
- $i = 0.0175$
- The death benefit is 1000 plus a return of all premiums paid without interest.
- Level premiums are calculated using the equivalence principle.

Calculate the benefit premium for this special insurance.

For practice: try calculating the benefit premium if the return of all premiums paid comes with an interest of say 0.01.

## Other terminologies and notations used

Expression	Other terms/symbols used
net random future loss	loss-at-issue
$L_0$	${}_0L$
net premium	benefit premium
equivalence principle	actuarial equivalence principle
generic premium ( $P$ )	$\pi$