

MARTINGALE METHODS FOR OBTAINING  
GERBER-SHIU TYPE FORMULAS  
IN RISK THEORY

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Risk process

$$X_t = x + ct - \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} Y_n$$

with  $x \geq 0$ ,  $c > 0$ . The *time to ruin*

$$\tau = \inf \{t \geq 0 : X_t < 0\}$$

with  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ . (*Overshoot and surplus prior to ruin.*)

$$X_\tau \quad \text{and} \quad X_{\tau-}$$

defined on  $(\tau < \infty)$  only. Gerber-Shiu problem: finding the joint distribution of  $(\tau, X_{\tau-}, X_\tau)$ .

Basic example:  $\mathbf{X}$  is compound Poisson with linear drift, intensity  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $(Y_n)$  iid independent of  $\mathbf{N}$ .

Basic subexample:  $Y_n$  exponential rate  $\mu > 0$ . Ruin certain ( $\mathbb{P}_x(\tau < \infty) = 1$  for all  $x \geq 0$ ) iff  $\mu \leq \lambda c$  — what is then the  $\mathbb{P}_x$ -distribution of  $X_{\tau-}$ ?

$F$  the distribution of  $Y_n$ ,

$$F = \pi F^+ + (1 - \pi) F^-$$

with  $0 < \pi \leq 1$ ,  $F^+$  a probability on  $]0, \infty[$ ,  $F^-$  a probability on  $] -\infty, 0]$ :

$$F^+ (dy) = \sum_{r=1}^m \alpha_r \mu_r e^{-\mu_r y} dy \quad (y > 0)$$

with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \mu_1 < \dots < \mu_m$ , all  $\alpha_r \neq 0$ ,  $\sum_r \alpha_r = 1$ , density  $\geq 0$ .

Laplace transforms

$$L^+ (\nu) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\nu y} F^+ (ds) = \sum_{r=1}^m \alpha_r \frac{\mu_r}{\mu_r + \nu} \quad (\operatorname{Re} \nu \geq 0),$$

$$L^- (\nu) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\nu y} F^- (ds) \quad (\operatorname{Re} \nu \leq 0),$$

$$\bar{L} (\nu) = \pi \bar{L}^+ (\nu) + (1 - \pi) L^- (\nu) \quad (\operatorname{Re} \nu \leq 0, \nu \neq \text{all } -\mu_r),$$

$\bar{L}^+$  analytic extension of  $L^+$ .

MARTINGALE STRUCTURE:  $Q = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{(T_n, Y_n)}$  random counting measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}$ , compensating measure (natural filtration)  $\Lambda = \lambda \ell \otimes F$ , martingales

$$\begin{aligned} M_t &= \int_{]0, t] \times \mathbb{R}} S(s, y) (Q(ds, dy) - \Lambda(ds, dy)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} S(T_n, Y_n) - \lambda \int_0^t ds \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(dy) S(s, y) \end{aligned}$$

with each process  $S(\cdot, y)$  predictable (here just adapted, *left*-continuous). (True MG if  $S$  uniformly bounded on  $]0, t] \times \mathbb{R} \times \Omega$  for all  $t > 0$ ).

The joint distribution of  $(\tau, X_\tau)$ : for  $\theta \geq 0$ ,  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  suitably nice, want MG of the form

$$M_t = e^{-\theta(\tau \wedge t)} h(X_{\tau \wedge t}).$$

Can obtain ( $X_0 \equiv x \geq 0$ )

$$e^{-\theta \tau \wedge t} h(X_{\tau \wedge t}) = h(x) + \int_0^t V_s \, ds + M_t.$$

For  $t \leq \tau$ , Identify  $\mathbf{S}$  by matching jumps, then identify  $\mathbf{V}$  by matching derivatives  $d/dt$ :

$$e^{-\theta \tau \wedge t} h(X_{\tau \wedge t}) = h(x) + \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\tau \geq s} e^{-\theta s} (\mathcal{A}h(X_s) - \theta h(X_s)) \, ds + M_t$$

with  $\mathcal{A}$  infinitesimal generator for  $\mathbf{X}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}h(x) = ch'(x) + \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}} (h(x-y) - h(x)) F(dy) \quad (x \geq 0),$$

$h$  bounded,  $h$  on  $]0, \infty[$  'nice',  $h$  on  $] -\infty, 0]$  measurable.

For  $\theta > 0$ ,  $\left(e^{-\theta(\tau \wedge t)} h(X_{\tau \wedge t})\right)_{t \geq 0}$  is a martingale and

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ e^{-\theta \tau} h(X_\tau); \tau < \infty \right] = h(x) \quad (x \geq 0)$$

provided  $h$  is a *partial eigenfunction* for  $\mathcal{A}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\theta$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}h(x) = \theta h(x) \quad (x \geq 0).$$

With  $F^+$  as above, the desired partial eigenfunction essentially has the form

$$h(x) = \sum_{k=1}^m d_k e^{\gamma_k x} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

where for  $\theta > 0$  the  $\gamma_k = \gamma_k(\theta)$  are the precisely  $m$  solutions  $\gamma$  to the *Cramér-Lundberg equation*

$$c\gamma - (\lambda + \theta) + \lambda \bar{L}(\gamma) = 0 \quad (1)$$

with  $\text{Re } \gamma < 0$  and the  $d_k$  are found as the solutions to the linear system (2) below.

**Theorem 1** Let  $\phi : ]0, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and measurable.

(i) For  $\theta > 0$

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ e^{-\theta\tau} \phi(-X_\tau); \tau < \infty \right] = \sum_{k=1}^m d_k e^{\gamma_k x} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

provided the solutions  $\gamma_k$  to (1) are distinct and with the  $d_k$  the unique solutions to the system

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\mu_r}{\mu_r + \gamma_k} d_k = I_r(\phi) \quad (1 \leq r \leq m) \quad (2)$$

where

$$I_r(\phi) = \int_0^\infty \mu_r e^{-\mu_r z} \phi(z) dz.$$



(ii) For  $\theta = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}_x [\phi(-X_\tau); \tau < \infty] = \sum_{k=1}^m d_k e^{\gamma_k} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

where if  $c/\lambda \leq \mathbb{E}Y_n$  (ruin is certain)  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{m-1}$  are the precisely  $m - 1$  (assumed distinct) solutions to (1) with  $\theta = 0$  having  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma_k < 0$  and  $\gamma_m = 0$  while if  $c/\lambda > \mathbb{E}Y_n$  (ruin is uncertain)  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$  are the precisely  $m$  (assumed distinct) solutions to (1) with  $\theta = 0$  having  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma_k < 0$ . In both cases find the  $d_k$  by solving (2).

MORE SOPHISTICATED MODELS: MJ AAP 2005.  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{J})$  Markov with  $\mathbf{J}$  Markov chain on finite state space; between jumps  $\mathbf{X}$  moves as a  $\mathbf{J}$ -dependent Brownian motion (could be degenerate); intensity for  $\mathbf{X}$  to jump state-dependent,  $\mathbf{J}$  regenerates at each jump; ruin by 'creeping' possible.  
 MJ JAP 2012,  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z})$  Markov,  $c \geq 0$  (only ruin by jump)

$$X_t = x + \int_0^t c(Z_s) ds - \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} U_n,$$

$\mathbf{Z}$ -dependent jump intensity. Generator

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}f(x, z) &= \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{Z}^\circ} f(x, \cdot)(z) + c(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, z) \\ &\quad + \lambda(z) \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(dy) \int_E B(dv) (f(x - y, v) - f(x, z)). \end{aligned}$$

Results of form

$$\mathbb{E}_{x,z} \left[ e^{-\theta\tau + \zeta X_\tau}; \tau < \infty \right] = \sum_{k=1}^m d_k(z) e^{\gamma_k x} \quad (x \geq 0, \text{ all } z).$$

GERBER-SHIU: attempt a decomposition

$$e^{-\theta\tau\wedge t}g(X_{\tau\wedge t-}, X_{\tau\wedge t}) = g(x, x) + \int_0^t V_s ds + M_t$$

with  $M$  a martingale? Of course not, non-sensical!

Consider processes  $\mathbf{Z}$  of the form

$$Z_t = \begin{cases} e^{-\theta t} h(X_t) & (t < \tau) \\ e^{-\theta \tau} g(X_{\tau-}, X_\tau) & (t \geq \tau). \end{cases}$$

Decomposition

$$Z_t = h(x) + \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\tau \geq s} e^{-\theta s} \left( ch'(X_s) - (\lambda + \theta) h(X_s) + Q(X_s) \right) ds + M_t$$

where for  $x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) = & \lambda(1 - \pi) \int_{]-\infty, 0]} F^-(dy) h(x - y) \\ & + \lambda\pi \int_0^x F^+(dy) h(x - y) + \lambda\pi \int_x^\infty F^+(dy) g(x, x - y). \end{aligned}$$

If  $h, g$  are bounded with  $h$  nice and

$$ch'(x) - (\lambda + \theta)h(x) + Q(x) = 0 \quad (x \geq 0),$$

then  $Z$  is a martingale and

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ e^{-\theta\tau} g(X_{\tau-}, X_{\tau}); \tau < \infty \right] = h(x) \quad (x \geq 0).$$

With  $F^+$  as before and simple choices for  $g$ ,  $h$  can be found as a linear combination of  $2m$  exponentials:

**Theorem 2** Let  $\gamma_k$  be the solutions to (1) as before (whether  $\theta > 0$  or  $\theta = 0$ ), let  $\phi : [0, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and measurable and let  $\rho \geq 0$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ e^{-\theta\tau - \rho X_\tau} \phi(-X_\tau); \tau < \infty \right] = \sum_{k=1}^m d_k e^{\gamma_k x} + \sum_{r=1}^m A_r e^{-(\mu_r + \rho)x} \quad (x \geq 0)$$

where

$$A_r = \frac{\lambda \pi \alpha_r I_r(\phi) \rho}{c(\mu_r + \rho) \rho + (\lambda + \theta) \rho - \lambda \rho \bar{L}(-(\mu_r + \rho))}$$

and the  $d_k$  are the unique solutions to the system

$$\sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\mu_r}{\mu_r + \gamma_k} d_k = \sum_{r_0=1}^m \frac{\mu_r A_{r_0}}{(\mu_{r_0} + \rho) - \mu_r} \quad (1 \leq r \leq m).$$

**Remark 3** Note that for  $\rho = 0$ ,  $\lambda \rho \bar{L}(-(\mu_r + \rho)) = -\lambda \pi \alpha_r \mu_r$  so  $A_r = 0$  while  $\mu_r A_r / \rho \big|_{\rho=0} = I_r(\phi)$ .

**Example 4** *Downward jumps only, exponential at rate  $\mu$ :  $m = 1$ ,  $\pi = 1$ . Ruin certain iff  $c/\lambda \leq 1/\mu$  and then  $-X_\tau \perp (\tau, X_{\tau-})$  and  $-X_\tau$  is  $\exp(\mu)$ . For  $\theta = 0$  use  $\gamma = 0$  so*

$$A = \frac{\lambda I(\phi) \rho}{(\lambda + c\rho)(\mu + \rho)}, \quad d = A \frac{\mu}{\rho},$$

Taking  $\phi \equiv 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_x \left[ e^{-\rho X_{\tau-}; \tau < \infty} \right] = \frac{\lambda/c}{\lambda/c + \rho} \left( \frac{\mu}{\mu + \rho} + \frac{\rho}{\mu + \rho} e^{-(\mu + \rho)x} \right) \quad (x \geq 0).$$

*Result: let  $U \perp V$ ,  $U \sim \exp(\mu)$ ,  $V \sim \exp(\lambda/c)$ . The  $\mathbb{P}_x$ -distribution of  $X_{\tau-}$  is that of*

$$V + \min(U, x).$$

*Second result: if ruin is uncertain,  $c/\lambda > 1/\mu$ , the conditional  $\mathbb{P}_x$ -distribution of  $X_{\tau-}$  given  $\tau < \infty$  is that of*

$$U + \min(V, x).$$

NON iid JUMPS, THE ALBRECHER-BOXMA MODEL.  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{J})$  Markov with  $\mathbf{J}$  Markov chain on finite state space. Generator

$$\mathcal{A}f(x, i) = c_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, i) + \lambda_i \sum_{j \in E} p_{ij} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_j(\mathbf{d}y) (f(x - y, j) - f(x, i)).$$

Assume  $F_j = \pi_j F_j^+ + (1 - \pi_j) F_j^-$ ,

$$F_j^+(\mathbf{d}y) = \sum_{r=1}^{m_j} \alpha_{jr} \mu_{jr} e^{-\mu_{jr} y} \mathbf{d}y.$$

Real challenge: which Cramér-Lundberg equation? Sometimes the following is true: define

$$q_j(\gamma) = \frac{\lambda_j}{c_j \gamma - \lambda_j - \theta}, \quad h_{ij}(\gamma) = p_{ij} q_j(\gamma) \bar{L}_j(\gamma)$$



Then for  $\theta > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}_{x,i} \left[ b_{J_\tau} e^{-\theta\tau} \phi(-X_\tau); \tau < \infty \right] = \sum_{k \in K} q_i(\gamma_k) v_i^{(k)} \beta_k e^{\gamma_k x} \quad (x \geq 0, i \in E)$$

with  $K$  an index set of  $\bar{m} = \sum_j m_j$  elements, the  $\gamma_k$  the precisely  $\bar{m}$  solutions (assumed distinct) to the equation

$$\det(I + H(\gamma)) = 0$$

with  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma < 0$ ,  $\left( v_i^{(k)} \right)_{i \in E}$  is for each  $k$  a non-zero right eigenvector for the matrix  $H(\gamma_k)$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-1$  and the  $\beta_k$  are the unique solutions to the system

$$\sum_{k \in K} \frac{1}{\mu_{jr} + \gamma_k} q_j(\gamma_k) v_j^{(k)} \beta_k = b_j I_{jr}(\phi) \quad (j \in E, 1 \leq r \leq m_j).$$