

Reinsurance - Single risk

An insurance company faces a risk X over a period.

Reinsurance:

- $f(X)$! reinsurer
- $R_f(X) = X - f(X)$! insurer
- The insurer pays premium $(f(X))$ to the reinsurer
- Total risk exposure $S^f(X) = X - f(X) + (f(X))$

To minimize

$$(S^f(X))$$

Three factors

- the optimization objective or $S^f(X)$
- is a the premium principle
- f is the ceded loss function

- Value-at-Risk: $\text{VaR}_\alpha(X) = (F_X)_L^{-1}(\alpha)$ (Solvency II);
- Expected Shortfall (ES): (Swiss Solvency Test) For $\alpha \in [0; 1)$,

$$\text{ES}_\alpha(X) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \int_\alpha^1 \text{VaR}_t(X) dt;$$

- Range-Value-at-Risk (RVar) (Cont-Deguest-Scandolo'10 QF): For $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$,

$$R_{\alpha;\beta}(X) = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \int_\alpha^\beta \text{VaR}_t(X) dt;$$

Clearly, $R_{0;\alpha}(X) = \text{ES}_\alpha(X)$ and $\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} R_{\alpha;\beta}(X) = \text{VaR}_\alpha(X)$.

Example of premium principles

- **Expectation principle:**

$$P(X) = (1 + \theta)E(X)$$

for $X \geq X$ with $\theta > 0$;

- **Standard deviation principle:**

$$P(X) = E(X) + \theta \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

for $X \geq X$ with $\theta > 0$;

- **Wang's principle:**

$$P_g(X) = \int_0^{Z_1} g(P(X > x)) dx$$

for $X \geq X_g$, where $g : [0; 1] \rightarrow [0; 1]$ with $g(0) = 0$ and $g(1) = 1$, and g is increasing.

Book: **Young' 04**, eleven widely used premium principles.

Loss function

Both f and R_f are **non-negative** and **increasing** on \mathbb{R}_+ (0) =) Lipschitz-continuous, i.e.,

$$0 \leq f(y) - f(x) \leq y - x; \quad 0 \leq x - y; \quad 0 \leq f(x) - x; \quad x \geq 0:$$

Examples:

- Quota-share: $f(x) = ax$ with $0 \leq a \leq 1$;

- Stop-loss: $f(x) = (x - c)_+$ with $c > 0$;

- Limited stop-loss:

$$f(x) = (x - a)_+ - (x - b)_+ = \min((x - a)_+; b - a) \text{ with } 0 \leq a \leq b.$$

(Cai-Chi'20 STRF: review)

Multiple risks

An insurance company usually has many lines of business and each line generates a risk X_i .

Life insurance and non-life insurance.

- Reinsurance for each business X_i : $f_i(X_i) + \rho_i(f_i(X_i))$
- The total risk: $S^f = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + f_i(X_i) + \rho_i(f_i(X_i))$, where $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$
- The task is to minimize $\rho(S^f)$.

- **Cai-Wei'12 IME**: $\pi(X) = E(u(X))$, $\pi_i(X) = (1 + \beta_i)E(X)$, and $(X_1; \dots; X_n)$ are **positive dependence through stochastic ordering**
- **Cheung-Sung-Yam'14 JRI**: π : convex risk measure, $\pi_i(X) = (1 + \beta_i)E(X)$, $(X_1; \dots; X_n)$ are **comonotonic** (the worst case scenario)
- **Bernard-Liu-Vanduehl'20 JEBO**: $\pi(X) = E(u(X))$, general premium principle, and **some specific dependence structure** $\pi_i(x) = a_i x$
Quota-Share policy

Conditions on premium principle

We impose the following conditions on π :

- (i) **Distribution invariance:** For $Y, Z \in \mathcal{X}$, $\pi(Y) = \pi(Z)$

Limited stop loss policy:

Theorem

For $n = 2$, suppose that F_1^{-1} and F_2^{-1} are continuous over $(0; 1)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{(f_1; f_2) \in \mathcal{D}^2} \sup_{(X_1; X_2) \in \mathcal{E}_2(F)} \text{VaR} (S_2^f(X_1; X_2)) \\ &= \inf_{(a_1; a_2; b_1; b_2) \in \mathcal{A}} \inf_{t \in [0; 1]} L_1(a_1; a_2; b_1; b_2; t); \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_1(a_1; a_2; b_1; b_2; t) = \text{VaR}_{1-t}(X_1 |_{a_1; b_1}(X_1)) + \text{VaR}_{1-t};$$

Theorem

Suppose $F_1^{-1}(\cdot); \dots; F_n^{-1}(\cdot)$ are all continuous over $(0; 1)$ and $\alpha \in (0; 1)$. If each of $F_1; \dots; F_n$ is **convex beyond its α -quantile**, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{F_1^{-1}(\alpha); \dots; F_n^{-1}(\alpha)} \sup_{(X_1; \dots; X_n) \in E_n(F)} \text{VaR}_\alpha(S_n^f(X_1; \dots; X_n)) \\ &= \inf_{(a; b; c; d) \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha} \inf_{(h_1; \dots; h_n)} H(a; b; c; d; \cdot); \end{aligned}$$

where

$$H(a; b; c; d; \cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^n f R_{i; \alpha}(X_i) - R_{i; \alpha}(h_{a_i; b_i; c_i; d_i}(X_i)) + g_i(h_{a_i; b_i; c_i; d_i}(X_i)).$$

Additionally, if g_i are continuous, $(h_{a_1; b_1; c_1; d_1}; \dots; h_{a_n; b_n; c_n; d_n})$ is the optimal ceded loss functions for the worst case scenario provided

$$(a; b; c; d) = \arg \inf_{(a; b; c; d) \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha} \inf_{(h_1; \dots; h_n)} H(a; b; c; d; \cdot)$$

Concave distributions on tail part

To guarantee that $X = f(X)$ has a concave distribution on its tail part,

$D_2^n = \{f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : f \in D; f_i \text{ is concave for } i = 1, \dots, n\}$

$$g_{a,b}(x) := a \min(x, b) + a$$

Concave tail distributions

Theorem

Suppose $F_1^{-1}(\cdot); \dots; F_n^{-1}(\cdot)$ are all continuous over $(0, 1)$ and $\rho \in (0, 1)$. If each of $F_1; \dots; F_n$ is **concave beyond its-quantile**, then

$$\inf_{(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in \mathcal{D}_\rho^n(F)} \sup_{E_n(F)} \text{VaR}_\rho(S_n^f(X_1; \dots; X_n)) \\ = \inf_{(a; b) \in \mathcal{A}_\rho} \inf_{(g_1; \dots; g_n)} G(a; b; g);$$

where $G(a; b; g) = \mathbb{P} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n F_{R_{i;0}}(X_i) \leq R_{i;0}(g_{a_i; b_i}(X_i)) + g_i(g_{a_i; b_i}(X_i)) \right]$.

Additionally, if g_i are continuous, $(g_{a_1; b_1}; \dots; g_{a_n; b_n})$ is the optimal ceded loss functions for the worst case scenario provided

$$(a; b) = \arg \inf_{(a; b) \in \mathcal{A}_\rho} \inf_{(g_1; \dots; g_n)} G(a; b; g)$$

- We extend the result (Theorem 1) of [Blanchet-Lam-Liu-Wang 20'](#) on convolution bounds on RVaR aggregation from marginal with decreasing densities in the tail part to those with concave distribution in the tail part.
- We obtain similar results on the optimal reinsurance problems.

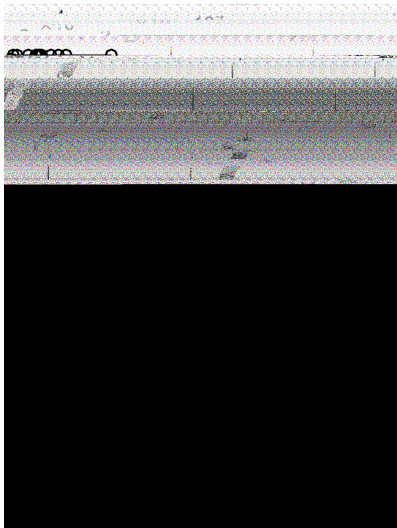
We solve

$$\min_{f \in \mathcal{D}^2(X_1; X_2)} \max_{2E_2} \text{VaR} S_2^f(X_1; X_2) ; \quad (1)$$

The optimal copula is $C_{opt}(x_1, x_2) = \max\{0, \min\{x_1, x_2\} - 0.0005\}$.

Example: Exponential marginals

- $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_i)$ with $E(X_i) = \lambda_i^{-1} > 0$
- $\lambda_1 = 8000$, $\lambda_2 = 3000$, $\alpha_1 = 0.8$, $\alpha_2 = 0.3$, $\beta = 0.95$ and $n = 200$



- Our main results show that finding the optimal ceded loss functions for the worst case reinsurance models with dependence uncertainty boils down to finding the minimiser of a deterministic function.

Thank You!