

Estimation non paramétrique de la fonction de Gerber–Shiu dans le modèle de Cramér–Lundberg

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The compound Poisson risk model [Asmussen and Albrecher, 2010]

Let $(U_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be the reserve process of an insurance company. In the compound Poisson risk model, this process is given by:

$$U_t = u + ct - \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} X_i,$$

where:

- $u \geq 0$ is the initial reserve,
- $c > 0$ is the premium rate,
- the claim number process $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity λ ,
- the individual claim sizes $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$ are positive, i.i.d. with density f and mean μ , independent of $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

The Gerber–Shiu function

We denote the time of ruin by $\tau := \inf\{t \geq 0 \mid U_t < 0\} \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$.

Assumption (Safety Loading Condition)

A1 We assume that $c > \lambda\mu$. Introducing the parameter $\theta := \frac{\lambda\mu}{c}$, the previous condition is equivalent to $\theta < 1$.

Under the SLC, we have $\mathbb{P}[\tau < \infty] < 1$.

The Gerber–Shiu function, also called the *Expected Discounted Penalty Function (EDPF)*, is defined as:

$$\phi(u) := \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\delta\tau} w(U_{\tau-}, |U_{\tau}|) \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau < \infty\}} \mid U_0 = u\right],$$

where $\delta \geq 0$ is a discounting force of interest, and $w: \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a penalty function.

Observations and goal

We assume that c is known but the parameters (λ, μ, f) of the compound Poisson process are not. We suppose we have access to a trajectory of the reserve process $(U_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ on a time interval $[0, T]$, on which we observe:

$$N_T \text{ and } X_1, \dots, X_{N_T}.$$

Goal

We want to estimate the Gerber–Shiu function from the observations $(N_T, X_1, \dots, X_{N_T})$ with c known but (λ, μ, f) unknown.

Key result

Theorem ([Gerber and Shiu, 1998])

Under Assumption A1, the EDPF satisfies the equation:

$$\phi = \phi * g + h,$$

with:

$$g(x) := \frac{\lambda}{c} \int_x^{+\infty} e^{-\rho_\delta(y-x)} f(y) dy,$$

$$h(u) := \frac{\lambda}{c} \int_u^{+\infty} e^{-\rho_\delta(x-u)} \left(\int_x^{+\infty} w(x, y-x) f(y) dy \right) dx,$$

and ρ_δ the non-negative solution of the Lundberg equation:

$$cs - \lambda(1 - \mathcal{L}f(s)) = \delta.$$

When $\delta = 0$, we have $\rho_\delta = 0$ as well.

Estimation strategy in a nutshell

- 1 We have:

$$g(x) = \frac{\lambda}{c} \mathbb{E} \left[e^{-\rho_\delta(X-x)} \mathbf{1}_{\{X>x\}} \right],$$

$$h(u) = \frac{\lambda}{c} \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\int_u^X e^{-\rho_\delta(x-u)} w(x, X-x) dx \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{X>u\}} \right],$$

with ρ_δ solution of $cs - \lambda(1 - \mathbb{E}[e^{-sX}]) = \delta$. These quantities can be estimated from the observations.

- 2 Once we have estimated g and h , we solve the equation $\phi = \phi * g + h$ to estimate ϕ .

Following the work of [Zhang and Su, 2018], we estimate g and h by projection on the Laguerre basis.

Laguerre basis decomposition

The Laguerre functions $(\psi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are defined as:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \psi_k(x) := \sqrt{2} L_k(2x) e^{-x}, \quad L_k(x) := \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{(-x)^j}{j!}.$$

The Laguerre functions form a basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$. We decompose ϕ , g and h on this basis:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k \psi_k, & g &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} b_k \psi_k, & h &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} c_k \psi_k, \\ a_k &= \langle \phi, \psi_k \rangle, & b_k &= \langle g, \psi_k \rangle, & c_k &= \langle h, \psi_k \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of g and h

Assumption

A2 $\int_0^{+\infty} (1+x) \int_x^{\infty} w(x, y-x) f(y) dy dx$ is finite. ($\implies h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$)

A3 Let $W(X) := \int_0^X \left(\int_u^X w(x, X-x) dx \right)^2 du$. If $\delta = 0$ we assume that $\mathbb{E}[W(X)]$ is finite, if $\delta > 0$ we assume that $\mathbb{E}[W(X)^2]$ is finite.

The coefficients of g and h are given by:

$$b_k = \frac{\lambda}{c} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^X e^{-\rho\delta(X-x)} \psi_k(x) dx \right],$$

$$c_k = \frac{\lambda}{c} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^X \left(\int_u^X e^{-\rho\delta(x-u)} w(x, X-x) dx \right) \psi_k(u) du \right].$$

We estimate the coefficients of g and h by empirical means:

$$\hat{b}_k = \frac{1}{cT} \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} \int_0^{X_i} e^{-\hat{\rho}_\delta(X_i-x)} \psi_k(x) dx,$$
$$\hat{c}_k = \frac{1}{cT} \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} \int_0^{X_i} \left(\int_u^{X_i} e^{-\hat{\rho}_\delta(x-u)} w(x, X_i-x) dx \right) \psi_k(u) du,$$

with $\hat{\rho}_\delta$ the non-negative solution of the empirical Lundberg equation:

$$cs - \frac{N_T}{T} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_T} \sum_{i=1}^{N_T} e^{-sX_i} \right) = \delta.$$

For $m \in \mathbb{N}_+$, the projection estimators of g and h are:

$$\hat{g}_m := \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \hat{b}_k \psi_k, \quad \hat{h}_m := \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \hat{c}_k \psi_k.$$

Bias-variance decomposition of the MISE

We quantify the quality of an estimator by its Mean Integrated Squared Error (MISE):

$$\mathbb{E}\|g - \hat{g}_m\|_{L^2}^2.$$

The MISE of an estimator can be decomposed as the sum of a **bias term** and a **variance term**:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\|g - \hat{g}_m\|_{L^2}^2 &= \|g - \Pi_{S_m}(g)\|_{L^2}^2 + \mathbb{E}\|\hat{g}_m - \Pi_{S_m}(g)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(g, S_m) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \mathbb{E}\left[(\hat{b}_k - b_k)^2\right],\end{aligned}$$

with $S_m := \text{Span}(\psi_0, \dots, \psi_{m-1})$.

Proposition

Under Assumptions A1, A2 and A3, if $\delta = 0$ then it holds:

$$\mathbb{E}\|g - \hat{g}_m\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(g, S_m) + \frac{\lambda}{c^2 T} \mathbb{E}[X],$$

$$\mathbb{E}\|h - \hat{h}_m\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(h, S_m) + \frac{\lambda}{c^2 T} \mathbb{E}[W(X)],$$

and if $\delta > 0$ then it holds:

$$\mathbb{E}\|g - \hat{g}_m\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(g, S_m) + \frac{C(\lambda)}{c^2 T} \left(\mathbb{E}[X] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-\theta)^2 \delta^2} \right),$$

$$\mathbb{E}\|h - \hat{h}_m\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(h, S_m) + \frac{C(\lambda)}{c^2 T} \left(\mathbb{E}[W(X)] + \frac{\mathbb{E}[W(X)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-\theta)^2 \delta^2} \right),$$

where $C(\lambda) \asymp \lambda^2$.

Interlude: Laguerre deconvolution [Mabon, 2017]

The Laguerre functions satisfy the relation:

$$\forall j, k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \psi_j * \psi_k = 2^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\psi_{j+k} - \psi_{j+k+1}).$$

Using this relation, one can show that if f and g are two functions on \mathbb{R}_+ then their Laguerre coefficients satisfy:

$$c(f * g) = c(f) * \Delta(g), \quad \Delta_k(g) := \begin{cases} 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} (c_k(g) - c_{k-1}(g)) & : k \geq 1, \\ 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} c_0(g) & : k = 0. \end{cases}$$

If $\mathbf{c}_m(f)$ denotes the vector of the first m coefficients of f , we have:

$$\mathbf{c}_m(f * g) = \mathbf{G}_m \times \mathbf{c}_m(f), \quad \mathbf{G}_m := \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_1 & \Delta_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Delta_2 & \Delta_1 & \Delta_0 & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \Delta_0 & 0 \\ \Delta_{m-1} & \Delta_{m-2} & \dots & \dots & \Delta_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Laguerre deconvolution estimator

If we use the convolution property of the Laguerre functions in the equation $\phi = \phi * g + h$, we obtain the following relation between the coefficients of ϕ , g and h :

$$\mathbf{c}_m = \mathbf{A}_m \times \mathbf{a}_m \iff \mathbf{a}_m = \mathbf{A}_m^{-1} \times \mathbf{c}_m,$$

with $\mathbf{A}_m := \mathbf{Id}_m - \mathbf{G}_m$.

Assumption

A4 $(b_{k+1} - b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$.

Lemma

Under Assumption A1 and A4, we have $\|\mathbf{A}_m^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} \leq \frac{2}{1 - \|g\|_{L^1}} \leq \frac{2}{1 - \theta}$.

Definition

For $\theta_0 < 1$ a truncation parameter, we estimate ϕ by:

$$\hat{\phi}_m := \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \hat{a}_k \psi_k, \quad \hat{\mathbf{a}}_m := \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_m^{-1} \times \hat{\mathbf{c}}_m, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_m^{-1} := \hat{\mathbf{A}}_m^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{A}}_m^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} \leq \frac{2}{1-\theta_0} \right\}}.$$

Proposition

Under Assumptions A1, A2, A3, and A4, if $\theta < \theta_0$ then it holds:

$$\mathbb{E} \|\phi - \hat{\phi}_m\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(\phi, S_m) + C \frac{m}{T},$$

where C is a constant depending on λ , c , θ , $\mathbb{E}[X]$, $\mathbb{E}[W(X)]$ and $\theta_0 - \theta$; and also δ , $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$, $\mathbb{E}[W(X)^2]$ if $\delta > 0$.

Laguerre–Fourier estimator

Since $\phi = \phi * g + h$, we have $\mathcal{F}\phi = \frac{\mathcal{F}h}{1 - \mathcal{F}g}$. We compute the coefficients of ϕ using Plancherel theorem:

$$a_k = \langle \phi, \psi_k \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \langle \mathcal{F}\phi, \mathcal{F}\psi_k \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{F}h}{1 - \mathcal{F}g}, \mathcal{F}\psi_k \right\rangle.$$

Definition

For \hat{g} and \hat{h} two estimators of g and h , and for θ_0 a truncation parameter, we estimate ϕ by:

$$\hat{\phi}_{m_1, \hat{g}, \hat{h}} := \sum_{k=0}^{m_1-1} \hat{a}_{k, \hat{g}, \hat{h}} \psi_k, \quad \hat{a}_{k, \hat{g}, \hat{h}} := \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\langle \frac{\mathcal{F}\hat{h}}{1 - \widetilde{\mathcal{F}g}}, \mathcal{F}\psi_k \right\rangle,$$
$$\widetilde{\mathcal{F}g} := (\mathcal{F}\hat{g}) \mathbf{1}_{\{|\mathcal{F}\hat{g}| < \theta_0\}}.$$

Proposition

Under Assumption A1 and A2, if $\theta < \theta_0$ then it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi - \hat{\phi}_{m_1, \hat{g}, \hat{h}}\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(\phi, S_{m_1}) + \frac{2}{(1 - \theta_0)^2} \|h - \hat{h}\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{2 \|h\|_{L^1}^2}{(1 - \theta_0)^2 (1 - \theta)^2} \left(1 + \frac{\|g\|_{L^1}^2}{(\theta_0 - \theta)^2} \right) \|g - \hat{g}\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

If we use the Laguerre projection estimators \hat{g}_{m_2} and \hat{h}_{m_3} , we obtain the following result.

Corollary

Under Assumptions A1, A2 and A3, if $\theta < \theta_0$ then it holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \|\phi - \hat{\phi}_{m_1, m_2, m_3}\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(\phi, S_{m_1}) \\ &\quad + C \left(\text{dist}_{L^2}^2(g, S_{m_2}) + \text{dist}_{L^2}^2(h, S_{m_3}) + \frac{1}{T} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Rates of convergence

Definition

For $s \in (0, +\infty)$, we define the Sobolev–Laguerre space as:

$$W^s(\mathbb{R}_+) := \left\{ v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+) \mid \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \langle v, \psi_k \rangle^2 k^s < +\infty \right\}.$$

Theorem

We assume A1, A2, A3, A4, and we assume that $\theta < \theta_0$.

- **Laguerre deconvolution:** If $\phi \in W^s(\mathbb{R}_+)$, then choosing $m_{\text{opt}} \propto T^{\frac{1}{1+s}}$ yields:

$$\mathbb{E} \|\phi - \hat{\phi}_{m_{\text{opt}}}\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim T^{-\frac{s}{1+s}}.$$





- **Laguerre–Fourier:** If $\phi \in W^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}_+)$, $g \in W^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ and $h \in W^{s_3}(\mathbb{R}_+)$, then choosing $m_i > T^{\frac{1}{1+s_i}}$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ yields:

$$\mathbb{E} \|\phi - \hat{\phi}_{m_1, m_2, m_3}\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim T^{-1}.$$

Conclusion

- 1 If ϕ belongs to a Sobolev–Laguerre space of any regularity, it is possible to estimate the EDPF with **parametric rate**.
- 2 The Laguerre deconvolution method fails to recover the parametric rate.
- 3 The absence of a bias-variance compromise raises questions about how to perform a model selection procedure.

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