

Saddlepoint approximations to the probability of ruin in finite time for the compound Poisson risk process perturbed by diffusion (Complement)

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Introduction

This document serves as a complement to

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The joint or double Laplace transform of the time of ruin T and the initial capital Y_0 is given in GB (Theorem 2.1). A proof using the Laplace transform of the Gerber–Shiu function is given in GB (Appendix) and a complete proof, which does not require the Gerber–Shiu function, is the following.

Alternative proof of Theorem 2.1

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Within any small time interval of length $h > 0$, either zero, one or more than one jumps (or claims) occur with the corresponding probabilities $1 - \lambda h + o(h)$, $\lambda h + o(h)$ and $o(h)$, as $h \downarrow 0$. Thus, from the independence and the stationarity of the increments of $\{Y_t\}_{t \geq 0}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_\alpha(x) &= (1 - \lambda h) \mathbb{E} \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\alpha(T+h)} \mathbb{1}(T < \infty) \mid Y_0 = x + ch + \sigma W_h \right] \\ &\quad + \lambda h \mathbb{E} \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\alpha(T+h)} \mathbb{1}(T < \infty) \mid Y_0 = x + ch + \sigma W_h - X_1 \right] + o(h) \\ &= (1 - \lambda h) e^{\alpha h} \mathbb{E} [f_\alpha(x + ch + \sigma W_h)] + \lambda h e^{\alpha h} \mathbb{E} [f_\alpha(x + ch + \sigma W_h - X_1)] + o(h), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

as $h \downarrow 0$ and for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f_\alpha(x) < \infty$. The first expectation in (1) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [f_\alpha(x + ch + \sigma W_h)] &= f_\alpha(x) + \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{f_\alpha^{(k)}(x)}{k!} (ch + \sigma W_h)^k + o(\{ch + \sigma W_h\}^2) \right] \\ &= f_\alpha(x) + \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\frac{f_\alpha^{(k)}(x)}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (ch)^{k-i} \sigma^i \mathbb{E} [W_h^i] \right) + \mathbb{E} [o(W_h^2)] \\ &= f_\alpha(x) + ch f'_\alpha(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 h f''_\alpha(x) + o(h). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Similarly, the second expectation in (1) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x + ch + \sigma W_h - X_1)] &= \mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x - X_1)] + \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{f_\alpha^{(k)}(x - X_1)}{k!} (ch + \sigma W_h)^k + o(\{ch + \sigma W_h\}^2)\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x - X_1)] + \sum_{k=1}^2 \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}[f_\alpha^{(k)}(x - X_1)]}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (ch)^{k-i} \sigma^i \mathbb{E}[W_h^i]\right) + \mathbb{E}[o(W_h^2)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x - X_1)] + ch \mathbb{E}[f'_\alpha(x - X_1)] + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 h \mathbb{E}[f''_\alpha(x - X_1)] + o(h).\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

As indicated by a Referee, the existence of f''_α , required in the Taylor expansions in (2) and (3), is established by Feng (2011, Lemma C.1), because the function f_α is a special case of the more general functional of T given in GB (Equation 15). Replacing the expectations in (1) with their respective expansions (2) and (3), dividing both sides by $e^{\alpha h} h(1 - \lambda h)$ and rearranging terms results in

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{1}{h} \left(1 - \frac{e^{-\alpha h}}{1 - \lambda h}\right) f_\alpha(x) + c f'_\alpha(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f''_\alpha(x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda h} \left(\mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x - X_1)] + ch \mathbb{E}[f'_\alpha(x - X_1)] + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 h \mathbb{E}[f''_\alpha(x - X_1)]\right) + o(1).\end{aligned}$$

Let $g(h) = e^{-\alpha h} (1 - \lambda h)^{-1}$, then by the rule of de l'Hospital the coefficient of $f_\alpha(x)$ converges to $\lim_{h \downarrow 0} (g(0) - g(h))/h = -g'(0) = \alpha - \lambda$. Thus, by letting $h \downarrow 0$, we obtain the integro-differential equation

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f''_\alpha(x) + c f'_\alpha(x) + (\alpha - \lambda) f_\alpha(x) + \lambda \mathbb{E}[f_\alpha(x - X_1)]$$

or, equivalently,

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f''_\alpha(x) + c f'_\alpha(x) + (\alpha - \lambda) f_\alpha(x) + \lambda \int_0^x f_\alpha(x - \xi) dF_X(\xi) + \lambda [1 - F_X(x)].\quad (4)$$

In the next step, both sides of (4) are multiplied by $e^{\beta x}$ and integrated from 0 to ∞ . This corresponds to taking Laplace transforms with reversed sign of the argument β , thus $\widehat{f'_\alpha}(\beta) = -\beta \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) - f_\alpha(0)$ and $\widehat{f''_\alpha}(\beta) = \beta^2 \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) + \beta f_\alpha(0) - f'_\alpha(0)$, for any $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) < \infty$, where $\widehat{g}(u) = \int_0^\infty e^{ux} g(x) dx$, for a generic function g . As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 [\beta^2 \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) + \beta f_\alpha(0) - f'_\alpha(0)] + c [-\beta \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) - f_\alpha(0)] \\ &\quad + (\alpha - \lambda) \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) + \lambda \widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) M_X(\beta) - \frac{1}{\beta} [1 - M_X(\beta)],\end{aligned}$$

which, when solved for $\widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta)$, which is the left-hand side of (5), leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta) &= \frac{(c - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \beta) f_\alpha(0) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f'_\alpha(0) - \frac{1}{\beta} (M_X(\beta) - 1)}{\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \beta - c \beta + \alpha + \lambda (M_X(\beta) - 1)} \\ &= \frac{(c - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \beta) f_\alpha(0) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f'_\alpha(0) - \frac{\kappa(\beta)}{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \beta - c}{\kappa(\beta) + \alpha}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that $\widehat{f_\alpha}(\beta)$ exists for all $\beta < 0$, if $\alpha < 0$. In particular, it exists for $\beta = \nu(\alpha) < 0$ with $\alpha < 0$. In this case the above denominator vanishes and therefore $\nu(\alpha)$ is a common root of both the denominator and numerator above, otherwise the existence of $\widehat{f_\alpha}(\nu(\alpha))$ would be contradicted. Because of that, setting the numerator equal to 0 and substituting $\nu(\alpha)$ for β yields

$$\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 f'_\alpha(0) = -(c - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \nu(\alpha)) f_\alpha(0) - \frac{\alpha}{\nu(\alpha)} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \nu(\alpha) + c,$$

and hence

$$\hat{f}_\alpha(\beta) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2(\beta - v(\alpha))(1 - f_\alpha(0)) - \frac{\kappa(\beta)}{\beta} - \frac{\alpha}{v(\alpha)}}{\kappa(\beta) + \alpha}.$$

Without initial reserve, i. e. for $x = 0$, ruin occurs almost surely and $T = 0$ a. s. because the regularity of the Wiener process implies that the risk process crosses the null level infinitely often over any arbitrarily small time interval containing the origin. Hence $f_\alpha(0) = 1$ and, as a consequence, GB (Equation 12), i. e.

$$\hat{f}_\alpha(\beta) = -\frac{\frac{\alpha}{v(\alpha)} + \frac{\kappa(\beta)}{\beta}}{\alpha + \kappa(\beta)} \quad (5)$$

holds for all $\alpha, \beta < 0$.

From the fact that $D = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2: \alpha \leq \hat{\alpha}, \beta < \bar{v}(\alpha)\}$ is a connected subset of \mathbb{R}^2 and the right-hand side of (5) is an analytical function for all $\alpha, \beta \in D$, follows that the double Laplace transform formula (5) holds over the entire set D . \square

A helpful picture of the domain D is given by Figure 1.

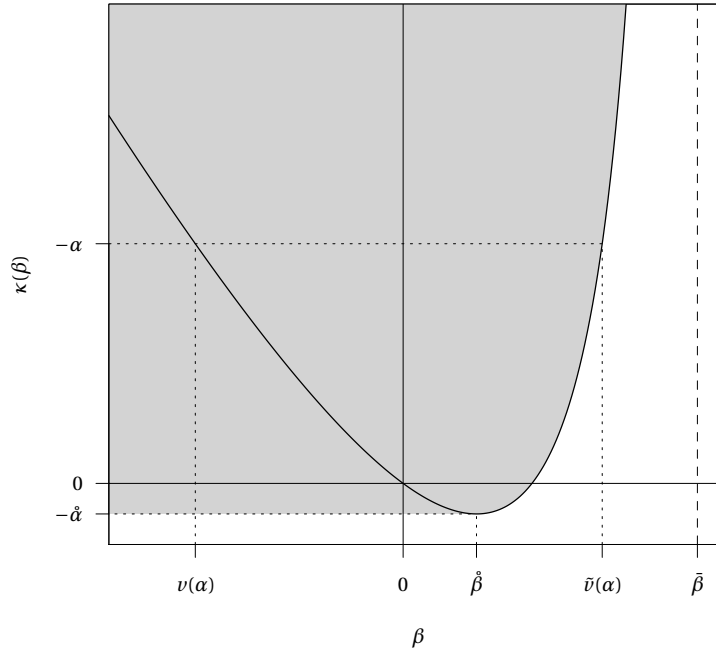


Figure 1: A representation of the domain D of the double Laplace transform $\hat{f}_\alpha(\beta)$