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COLLECTIVE RISK MODEL IN NON-LIFE INSURANCE

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The operation of business insurance companies, based on assuming risks of different profiles, is accompanied by fluctuations in the business environment. The complexity of predicting a financial effect for claims in non-life insurance lies in the structure of insurers' liabilities, whose amount cannot be determined at the time of payment of the premium. By analyzing the key insurance processes, risk theory focuses on modeling claims as the financial consequences of unforeseen events. In addition, it provides the answer as to how much of a premium to charge in order to avoid bankruptcy, which makes it a complex and topical research area. The paper presents the main results of the collective risk model for the key business processes of non-life insurance companies: the claim number process and the claim amount process. In risk theory, these are treated as stochastic processes, which offers a wide range of possibilities for the modeling and simulation of specific business problems.

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INTRODUCTION

Risk avoidance has generated the establishment and operation of insurance companies which provide their clients with opportunities to disperse and minimize their losses. The insured transfer their risks to insurers who, by forming a large enough group of related risks, reduce the loss of each insured by charging an appropriate premium. The basic source of all non-life insurers' dilemmas lies in the fact that the premiums are paid prior to the occurrence of any adverse events. It is therefore necessary to assess

the likelihood of realization, as well as the monetary value of the loss that must be compensated for. The theory of probability and statistics allows insurers to see unfortunate events as phenomena that, because of certain regularities, can be predicted and modeled (Embrechts & Klüppelberg, 1993). The application of the risk theory in non-life insurance is an even more powerful tool for analyzing and defining very complex business risks. The acceptance of a variety of risks has framed three basic questions that non-life actuaries, above all others, must focus their attention on in order to adequately protect their customers:

- How much of accepted risks can be realized in a specific time, or how many compensation requests can be expected on the basis of the collected insurance policies?

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- What amount of money should be provided for the payment of claims received, i.e. what is the average expected amount of a claim?
- How much of a premium to charge to the insured in order to absorb the claim and provide income to insurance companies?

The application of the risk theory in general insurance is accompanied by criticisms of its limited practical importance in the business world, so that it has long been ignored and theoretically and mathematically developed mainly by Scandinavian scientists. Today, however, it is a major research challenge for many mathematicians and actuaries due to the broad framework and the logical context within which it is possible to simulate natural fluctuations present in real business processes. Solvency II, a new updated set of regulatory requirements for insurance companies operating in the European Union, requires the complete treatment and measurement of a risk-margin based on risk, which has promoted the application of the risk theory. Apart from the traditional methods, there is now a need for a new dynamic approach based on the stochastic concept of the realization of adverse events.

Insurers are generally interested in total payments that may follow from the insurance portfolio. If the present value of the total potential payout is seen as the sum of individual payments, we are talking about the individual risk model. The second model, which observes the aggregate amount of claims arising from all of the collected policies, is known as the collective risk model. Although more recent, it has significantly outperformed the older, individual, model because of its applicability.

This paper analyzes the modeling of the key processes in the operation of insurance companies: the claim number process and the claim amount process. The aim of this paper is to present the advantages and disadvantages of the collective risk theory in the analysis of this problem, pointing out the possibility of their application and directions for further development. Therefore, the key hypothesis considered in the paper is: the risk theory, although not very applicable in practical work, provides a broad framework for monitoring, analyzing and predicting a

number of high-risk situations and provides guidance for mitigating and overcoming the problems that may arise.

Starting from the defined object and purpose, the paper will first present the general model of the risk theory in general insurance, and then analyze the application of Poisson process and its modification in the claim number process. The integration of this processes with the process of the total amount of paid claims makes the research area very complex, but predominant when setting up the basic principles of quantifying the premium.

COLLECTIVE RISK MODEL

Mathematical models in the theory of non-life insurance analyze claims for damages to provide an answer as to how much premium to charge in order to avoid bankruptcy. Claims incoming to an insurance company can be treated as random variables reflecting the collection of the adverse outcomes realization of insured events (claims) on a set of real numbers (the monetary payoff amount) or as mapping $X: \Omega \rightarrow R$, where Ω is the set of elementary events and R is the set of real numbers. The manner and probability of the occurrence of claims or monetary payments represents the probability distribution of these random variables. Every random variable may be associated the distribution function, F_X , to, which does not describe the actual outcome of the random variable X , but rather tells us how the possible values of X are distributed. Function $F_X(x): R \rightarrow [0,1]$, defined with

$F_X(x) = P(\omega \in \Omega | X(\omega) \leq x) = P(X \leq x)$, for $x \in R$, is the distribution function of random variable X and represents a probability that random variable X should take values less than or equal to x . In the context of insurance, if a random variable is the amount of the claim of an insured, the distribution function is a probability that the total amount of insured damage observed will be less than or equal to the fixed amount x . For a continuous random variable, the distribution function is $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(x) dx$, $x \in R$

where $g(x)$ is the probability density function. The most important numerical characteristics of random

variables are obtained by using the expected value and variance. The expected value or expectation of a discrete random variable is $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p_i$, while

the continuous random variable $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xg(x)dx$.

The variance is often used as an indicator of the homogeneity of a population or a sample. For a discrete random variable, the variance is

$Var(X) = \sigma^2 = E(X - E(X))^2$, so it is a measure of the deviation of a random variable from its expected value. For a continuous random variable,

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - E(X))^2 \cdot g(x)dx.$$

The concept of a random variable is independent of time. However, many business processes are to be analyzed and their implementation monitored at random times, so it is necessary that the time component should be included. Random variable X , whose implementation is monitored in time, is denoted by X_t or $X(t)$. If $T \subset R$ is a set of time, then X_t is determined for every a certain family of random variables, which defines the stochastic process. A stochastic process $X = \{X_t, t \in R\}$ can be treated as a function of two variables and defined as $X: T \times \Omega \rightarrow K$, where K is the set of states, a set containing all the values of the observed process. For a selected time $t \in T$ and an elementary event $\omega \in \Omega$, the realization of the process is denoted by $X(t, \omega)$. Therefore, if the time is fixed, then the function $\omega \rightarrow X(t, \omega)$ is the random variable describing the process of implementation in a future time t , whereas if the event is fixed $\omega \in \Omega$, then the function $t \rightarrow X(t, \omega)$ describes the implementation of the process X over time. This time function is the realization or trajectory of the stochastic process. Moreover, if the set T is countable, there is a discrete random process or a series of random variables, otherwise there is a continuous process.

For a process to model, it is necessary that realistic assumptions faithfully describing the basic characteristics of this problem be introduced, as well as such that can mathematically be formulated while their characteristics and implications can easily be proved. "In the collective risk model, one starts from the following hypotheses (Ramasubramanian, 2005, 2):

1. The total number of claims, B , received at a time, is a random variable. Claims arrive at an insurance company in times $\{T_i\}$, valid for $0 \leq T_1 \leq T_2 \leq \dots$, and they are claims arrival times;
2. Any claim, arrived in time T_i induces the payment of damages X_i , or an amount of the claim. Sequence $\{X_i\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative, independent identically distributed random variables (i.i.d. random variables);
3. The claim size process $\{X_i\}$ and the time of maturity $\{T_i\}$ are independent of each other. The process size and the claims number, $\{X_i\}$ and B , are also independent."

The two most important processes accompanying the process of business insurers are the claims number process and the total claim amount process. As both processes are followed in time, they are stochastic processes. In addition, the claims number process, i.e. the number of claims incurred, is defined:

$$B(t) = \max \{i \geq 0 : T_i \leq t\} \quad (1)$$

and represents the number of claims received at time $t \geq 0$, while the process of the total amount of claims paid is

$$Z(t) = X_1 + \dots + X_{B(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^{B(t)} X_i, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (2)$$

As the deterministic index n of the partial sum $Z_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ is replaced with a random variable $B(t)$, the process $Z = (Z(t), t \geq 0)$ is a random process of partial sums, often referred to as the compounded or collective process.

MODELING THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS

The Poisson process, introduced in F. Lundberg (1903) as a model for the claim number process

$\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}$, where $B(t)$ is a random variable, has the central and dominant place in non-life insurance mathematics, in the collective risk theory in particular.

According to the classical definition of the probability theory, an integer random variable Y is said to have a

Poisson distribution if: $P(Y = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$, for $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and for $\lambda > 0$. The Poisson random variable is used as a model for the number of phone calls per unit of time, the number of cars and buses that pass through a point per unit of time, the number of users who accessed a web site, the number of radioactive particles per unit of time, and so on. It has a very rare, but very useful property that $E(Y) = \text{var}(Y) = \lambda$.

The Poisson process monitors the occurrence of an event over time and the moments in which the event occurred, so that it has widely been applied in the modeling of rare events or events for which there is no more than one possible realization in a short period of time. "The Poisson process is a random process, defined on a set of time, as a family of random variables

$\{B(t)\}, t \in T$, where there is set $T = [0, +\infty)$, if the following is fulfilled (Ramasubramanian, 2005, 3):

- (1) $B(t)$ is a non-negative integer random variable which is true $B(0) \equiv 0, \forall t \geq 0$, which means that there is no claim at time $t = 0$;
- (2) $\{B(t): t \geq 0\}$ is a non-decreasing process, i.e. if $0 \leq s < t$, then $B(t) \geq B(s)$, where $B(t) - B(s)$ denotes the number of claims received in the time interval $(s, t]$;
- (3) $\{B(t): t \geq 0\}$ has independent increments such that for $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n < \infty$ number of claims received in the disjoint intervals $B(t_1), B(t_2) - B(t_1), \dots, B(t_n) - B(t_{n-1})$, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ are independent random variables;
- (4) a probability of the arrival of a certain number of claims at a time interval depends only on the length of the interval, so that the claim number process has stationary increments, i.e. for $0 \leq s < t$ and $h > 0$, independent random variables $B(t) - B(s)$ and $B(t+h) - B(s+h)$ have the same distribution;
- (5) a probability of the arrival of two or more claims in a particular time interval is negligibly low, i.e. $P(B(h) \geq 2) = o(h)$, ie. $P(B(t+h) - B(t) \geq 2) = o(h)$, where $o(h)$ is an infinitely small size with the property $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(h)}{h} = 0$;

- (6) in a very short time, a probability of the arrival of a request is approximately proportional to the length of the interval, so there is a $\lambda > 0$ such that $P(B(h) = 1) = \lambda h + o(h)$, when $h \rightarrow 0$. Number λ is the claim arrival rate."

Although the Poisson process is not the most realistic process for the claim number process due to its many attractive and applicable properties developed and detected over several decades, it is a reference point in modeling. The limitation of the standard Poisson process can be reduced and the models expanded by various modifications of the standard Poisson process, analyzed in detail by J. F. C. Kingman (1993). Thus, for modeling the claims number process, there are two, much broader and more realistic, other processes that appear: the renewal process and the mixed Poisson process.

"For the formulation and mathematical modeling of the claims number process, we start from the following assumptions, which are both natural and necessary (Minkowa, 2010, 31):

- $B(t) \geq 0$
- $B(t)$ is the integer
- $0 \leq s < t$, then $B(t) \geq B(s)$,
- $B(t) - B(s)$, for $s < t$, is the number of claims received in the interval $(s, t]$."

The definition of the Poisson process implies that, for each stochastic process, which includes the claim number process, $\{B(t): t \geq 0\}$ for $s \geq 0, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ is valid:

$$\begin{aligned} P(B(t+s) - B(s) = k) &= \\ &= P(B(t) = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

or the claim number process is a homogeneous Poisson process, with the rate of the arrival of claim λ , where λ is a constant. The proof of this result and different approaches performing it can be found in the works of many authors, such as N. L. Bowers et al (1997), C. T. Daykin et al (1994), S. Klugman et al (1998).

For the claim number process, from the aspect of insurance, the time between the arrivals of two consecutive claims is also important. If the arrival time

of the n -th claim or the waiting time of the n -th claim is defined by:

$$T_n = \inf \{t \geq 0 : B(t) = n\}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad T_0 = 0, \quad (4)$$

it can be assigned a series of time between two successive claims A_i , defined by $A_i = T_i - T_{i-1}$. Analogously to these definitions, it follows

$$\forall s : \{T_1 > s\} = \{B(s) = 0\} \quad (5)$$

where

$$P(A_1 > s) = P(B(s) = 0) = e^{-\lambda s} \quad (6)$$

Inductively, it can be seen that, for the Poisson process $\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}$ with a growth rate λ , the random variables A_i are independent random variables, exponentially distributed, with parameter λ , ie $A_i : \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$, so that $E(A_i) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \forall i, \lambda > 0$.

As $T_n = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n$ is the sum of random variables with exponential distribution, it means that the arrival time of the n -th claim T_n has a gamma distribution, $T_n : \Gamma(n, \lambda)$ (Rolski et al, 1999).

One of the key characteristics of Poisson processes $\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is that the time between the arrivals of two successive claims is a random variable with an exponential distribution with rate λ . Another important feature of the process $\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is that these times are independent. These two features provide us another way of generalizing the Poisson process. Specifically, we can assume that nonnegative, independent random variables A_i with the same distribution can have whatever, either a discrete or an absolutely continuous distribution. This assumption leads us to the renewal process (Asmussen, 2000), which provides greater flexibility in choosing a time schedule for A_i . Unlike the Poisson process, where $B(t)$ has a Poisson distribution for each t , in the renewal process, this property does not apply, so the distribution for $B(t)$ is generally not known, and the determination of the probability of the event $B(t) = n$ is reduced to the determination of the expectation of the random variable $B(t)$ (Panjer & Willmot, 1992).

Also, as for the arrival time of the n -th claims

$$T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i, \text{ it holds that:}$$

$$T_n \leq s \Leftrightarrow B(t) = n \quad (7)$$

In general, it is difficult to determine the distribution for T_n but we know that, if $A_i : \mathcal{E}(\lambda)$ then $T_n : \Gamma(n, \lambda)$ and if $A_i : Poi(\lambda)$ then $T_n : Poi(n, \lambda)$. Studies by many scientists in the field of the renewal process (Kling & Goovaerts, 1993) have led to a powerful mathematical theory – the renewal theory, which allows you to very precisely determine the expected number of requests $E(B(t))$ for a large t . According to the strict law of large numbers, if the expectation of the time of the arrivals of two successive claims $E(A_i) = \lambda^{-1}$ finally, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B(t)}{t} = \lambda \quad (8)$$

Also, according to the elementary renewal theorem, the following applies:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(B(t))}{t} = \lambda \quad (9)$$

The most accurate information about the pending arrival times of claims is given in Blackwell's renewal theorem, according to which

$$E(B(t, t+h)) \rightarrow \lambda h, \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad (10)$$

So, the expected number of renewals per interval $(t, t+h]$, for a sufficiently large t , is proportional to the length of the interval and independent of t .

The basic premise that the average rate of claim occurrence is constant is not realistic since the claim arrival is often dependent on the weather. Looking at the parameter λ as a function of time t , the model of a homogeneous Poisson process can be extended to a non-homogeneous Poisson process. It also starts with a zero, has independent increments for which it is true that for $0 \leq s < t$, increment $B(t) - B(s)$ is Poisson

distributed with the parameter $\int_s^t \lambda(y) dy$. Furthermore, uncton $\mu(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(y) dy$ is a function of the mean

value of a non-homogeneous Poisson process, for some non-negative measurable function λ . If the function of the mean value is linear, i.e. $\mu(t) = \lambda t$, it is a homogeneous Poisson process; otherwise it is a

non-homogeneous one. By introducing the intensity function $\lambda(t)$, the arrival process can be monitored and modeled according to seasonal trends as well. If claims come from heterogeneous insured groups, the arrival claim rate varies from one policy to another, so that $\lambda(t)$ can be viewed as a random variable $\Lambda(t)$, $\forall t > 0$.

The set $\{\Lambda(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a stochastic process and therefore, the process $\{B(t): t \geq 0\}$ is a double stochastic Poisson process. Treating the λ as a random variable independent of time, this stochastic process $\{B(t): t \geq 0\}$ is a mixed Poisson process, which is an even more powerful generalization of general Poisson processes. The mixed Poisson process loses some properties of the Poisson process (increments are mutually dependent, the distribution for $B(t)$ in general is not Poisson's), but it provides many more choices than the trajectories of the Poisson process and the renewal process (Grandell, 1997).

MODELING THE TOTAL CLAIM AMOUNT PROCESS

Analyzing the claims process is extended when the consideration includes not just the number of the claims received but the size of the claims demands induce, too. The sum of individual claims or the aggregate amount of the claims is a key problem, both in practice and in theoretical discussion. In fact, as the number of claims and the amount of the claim are stochastic variables, there is a double stochastic model of the aggregate amount of claims. Depending on the selection of the claim number process B , there are different models for the total claim amount process until the moment of time t :

$$Z(t) = X_1 + \dots + X_{N(t)} = \sum_{i=1}^{B(t)} X_i, t \geq 0 \quad (11)$$

"One of the most popular and useful models in non-life insurance mathematics is Cramer-Lundberg's model (Cramer, 1955), which combines the claim amount and the arrival time, with the following assumptions (Mikosch, 2009, 18):

- The claim number process $B(t) = \max\{i \geq 0 : T_i \leq t\}$ is a homogeneous Poisson process with rate

$\lambda > 0$, in which claims are realized in arrival times $0 \leq T_1 \leq T_2 \leq \dots$;

- The claim received at the time T_i induces the payment of damage X_i . Sequence $\{T_i\}$ is a sequence of nonnegative, independent random variables with the same distribution function;
- Sequences $\{X_i\}$ and $\{T_i\}$ are mutually independent."

If we consider that the discounted sum i.e. the present value of the cumulative amount of claims in the time interval $[0, t]$:

$$Z_0(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{B(t)} e^{-rT_i} X_i, t \geq 0 \quad (12)$$

where $r > 0$ is the interest rate, in Cramer-Lundberg's model, the expected amount necessary for settling the claims received in the observed time interval is

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{B(t)} e^{-rT_i} X_i\right) = \lambda \frac{1}{r} (1 - e^{-rt}) E(X_1) \quad (13)$$

Insurers are generally interested in the order of the magnitude of $Z(t)$, and consequently in the distribution functions for $Z(t)$. Since determining the distribution for $Z(t)$ is a very complicated problem, the solution lies in a simulation model and in obtaining rough estimates of the mean and the variance of $Z(t)$.

The expectation of the total amount of paid claims indicates its average size. Assuming independence between X_i and B , if $E(B(t))$ and $E(X_1)$ are final, it can easily be obtained that:

$$\begin{aligned} E(Z(t)) &= E\left[E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{B(t)} X_i \mid B(t)\right)\right] = \\ &= E(B(t)EX_1) = E(B(t))E(X_1) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

As in Cramer-Lundberg's model the process $B(t)$ is a homogeneous Poisson process, then $E(B(t)) = \lambda t$, where λ is the intensity rate of a homogeneous Poisson process, so that from (14) we obtain:

$$E(Z(t)) = \lambda t E(X_1) \quad (15)$$

To have more complete information about the distribution of $Z(t)$, we should combine information about the expectation with the variance $Var(Z(t))$, for which the following is valid (Mikosch, 2004):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Z(t)) &= E(B(t))\text{Var}(X_1) + \\ &+ \text{Var}(B(t))(E(X_1))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

As in Cramer-Lundberg's model it holds that $E(B(t)) = \text{Var}(B(t)) = \lambda t$, we obtain:

$$\text{Var}(Z(t)) = \lambda t E(X_1^2) \quad (17)$$

Yet another important model for the process $\{Z(t) : t \geq 0\}$ was introduced by Sparre-Andersen (Andersen, 1957) and its implications have been studied by many authors (Sharif & Panjer, 1995; Genest et al, 2003), for whom the process $\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is a renewal process. In the renewal model, however, the determination of the estimates of expectations and variances is difficult and does not give such concrete results. We have seen that, according to the strict law of large numbers, if the expectation of the arrival times of two consecutive claims $E(A_i) = \lambda^{-1} < \infty$, then $\frac{E(B(t))}{t} \rightarrow \lambda$, when $t \rightarrow \infty$.

This means that:

$$E(Z(t)) = \lambda t E(X_1)(1 + o(1)), \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad (18)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Z(t)) &= \lambda t [\text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(A_1) \cdot \\ &\cdot \lambda^2 (E(X_1))^2] (1 + o(1)) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Based on these results, we find that the expectation and variance asymptotically grow almost linearly as a function of time t . This information can be very useful in the practical determination of premiums sufficient for the settlement of losses, the size of $Z(t)$.

PREMIUM CALCULATION PRINCIPLES

The amount of the money the insured pays the insurer, as a compensation for risk, is a premium. Risks and a premium are closely related to each other since a premium amount is determined by an average size of a risk, whose every change must be reflected in the amount of such a premium. Looking at a premium as a monetary payment from the insurer, in the context of the above processes, it is obvious that an insurance company will be operating at a loss if a premium is less than the expected amount of payments i.e. if

$p(t) < Z(t)$. As we have obtained in previous arguments that $E(Z(t)) = \lambda t E(X_1)(1 + o(1))$, $t \rightarrow \infty$, it is logical to determine a premium so that:

$$p(t) = \lambda t E(X_1)(1 + \rho) \quad (20)$$

where ρ is a positive constant and represents safety loading or a charge for security.

In the risk theory, there are principles which all premiums $p(t)$ should satisfy, known as the premium principles. To determine a premium, as the mapping of uncertain future losses onto their financial equivalent, actuaries have developed a number of methods for the determination of the premium principles (Albers, 1999; Dickson, 1991; Landsman et al, 2001), the following ones being basic:

- The principle of net premium is a basic principle, according to which $p(t) = E(Z(t))$. It does not include safety loading, because actuaries often assume that there is practically no risk if the insurer sells enough of identically distributed and independent policies;
- The principle of the expected value is based on the previous one, but incorporates proportional safety loading. According to this principle, $p(t) = (1 + \rho) E(Z(t))$ for some $\rho > 0$. This principle is generally used in life insurance. The application of this principle in non-life insurance is limited due to a high heterogeneity of accepted risks;
- The principle of variance is based on the assumption that $p(t) = E(Z(t)) + \alpha \text{Var}(Z(t))$, for some $\alpha > 0$, in which a safety margin is proportional to the variance of expected losses;
- The principle of standard deviation, also based on the net premium principle, is often used in non-life insurance. According to this principle, the expected value of a loss must be covered by a premium including safety loading, which is proportional to the standard deviation of the expected damage, i.e. $p(t) = E(Z(t)) + \alpha \sqrt{\text{Var}(Z(t))}$, for $\alpha > 0$. Due to its linearity when it comes to proportional changes in claims, this principle is mostly used in property and casualty insurance.

CONCLUSION

Insurance companies are institutions absorbing undesirable effects of their users' risks. Due to the influence of political and legal as well as social and climatic factors, rapid changes in the business and economic environment require a comprehensive and dynamic risk treatment, especially in non-life insurance. Therefore, H. Cramer said that "the goal of risk theory is to provide a mathematical analysis of the fluctuations in the insurance business and to suggest various means of protection against their adverse effects" (Cramer, 1930, 7). The oldest approach to this problem is the individual-risk theory. It observes individual insurance policies, with different characteristics and risk profiles, so that the overall risk of doing business is obtained via the summing of all the claims arising from the entire portfolio of insurance policies. However, the claims arise randomly, so the risk process is a stochastic process. Thus, the collective risk model, based on the application of stochastic processes in insurance, has a very important role in the development of academic actuarial science. In this model, claims are treated aggregately, at the level of the portfolio as a whole. Although the risk process is considered as one of the simpler forms of stochastic processes, there is still much to do to have it applied.

The mathematical foundation has applied some necessary, however unrealistic, assumptions in the model construction and development for both the claim number process and the total amount of claims paid process. Despite their broad significance, the main disadvantages and limitations of theoretical considerations pertain to the determination of the distribution function which realistically reflects the statistics of insurers. The executed simulations of the proposed model use some of the known distribution functions, which can almost never represent insurers' portfolio adequately. Today, a large number of papers focus on the determination of the general distribution functions, which will increase the correspondence of the obtained results with a reality (Cossette et al, 2002; Embrechts et al, 1997; Kaas et al, 2001). Moreover, a lot of work is focused on the construction of a model which will include inflation in determining the total amount of the compensation paid. In order to have it practically applied, which is the direction in which

this theory is to further develop, it is necessary that the fact that claims are not paid at the same time or immediately after the arrival of a request to an insurance company should be taken into account. Also, special attention should be paid to the costs accompanying the treatment and settlement of claims.

The main results of the collective risk theory, which are presented in the paper, are indicative of a wide range of the modifications, modeling and simulations of events that may occur. The main disadvantage of theoretical considerations, including this paper, is their currently limited applicability in the practical business environment. However, as the range of the risk of non-life insurers in an increasingly turbulent business environment is in a constant increase, real consequences can no longer be predicted by using only business statistics. It is indisputable that the collective risk model represents a broad scientific field, engaging numerous scientists producing growingly concrete results when the convergence of theory and concrete business problems are concerned. Hence, the combination of visualization and stochastic actuarial experience is a strong mechanism to solve an increasingly complex insurers' risk.

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