

STAT 453/BEPP 453/STAT 853/BEPP 853
ACTUARIAL STATISTICS
Fall 2019

Reading material:

Klugman, Panjer, Willmot: “Loss Models: From Data to Decisions”, 4th ed., John Wiley (bookstore or Lippincott reserve). Chapters 8 and 9.

Study note from the Society of Actuaries: Daniel “Poisson Processes and mixture distributions” (in course pack)

Study note from the Society of Actuaries: Daniel: “Multi-State Transition Models with Actuarial Applications” (in course pack)

Dickson, Hardy, Waters: Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks, 2nd ed., Chapter 8, 8.1 – 8.7.

Course pack: www.study.net. Password: INSR2010

Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursday, 1:00-2:45, and by appointment, JMHH 458 (lemaire@wharton.upenn.edu)

Note: If you hit “**Reply**” to an e-mail from me to the class, you are replying to the whole class

1. Poisson Models

Lesson 1 (8/27): The Poisson process
Lesson 2 (8/29): The distribution of waiting times

2. Aggregate Loss Models. The Compound Poisson Process

Lesson 3 (9/3): The collective risk model. The Compound model
Lesson 4 (9/5): Convolutions. The Compound Poisson model
Lesson 5 (9/10): Calculation of moments
Lesson 6 (9/12): Normal approximations
Lesson 7 (9/17): Conditional expectations
Lesson 8 (9/19): Special cases

3. Coverage modifications

Lesson 9 (9/24): Regular deductibles
Lesson 10 (9/26): Stop loss premiums
Lesson 11 (10/1): Stop loss premiums II
Lesson 12 (10/3): Policy limits

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- Lesson 13 (10/15): The loss elimination ratio
- Lesson 14 (10/17): Inflation
- Lesson 15 (10/22): Applications

4. The mixed Poisson process

- Lesson 16 (10/24): Mixed distributions
- Lesson 17 (10/29): Applications of Bayes theorem

10/29, 6 pm: **Mid-term on first three parts (50% of grade)**
Open book, with SoA calculator. You may have in class: textbooks, your class notes, a few pages with formulas. You may not have in class: ACTEX manuals or any other material. Exam counts for 50% of grade

5. Markov Chains

- Lesson 18 (10/31): Definition of a Markov Chain
- Lesson 19 (11/5): Chapman – Kolmogorov equations
- Lesson 20 (11/7): The stationary distribution
- Lesson 21 (11/12): Examples: Gambler’s ruin and credit scoring
- Lesson 22 (11/14): Application to genetics
- Lesson 23 (11/19): Example: Bonus-Malus systems in automobile insurance
- Lesson 24 (11/21): Present value of cash flows in Markov Chains
- Lesson 25 (11/26): Continuous Markov Chains.
- Lesson 26 (12/3): Continuous Markov Chains
- Lesson 27 (12/5): Application to Genetics

Final exam on parts 4 and 5 (50% of grade): Same rules as mid-term.

Solutions to most course pack questions: www.soa.org. Click on Education and Exams, Past Exam and Solutions.

You will need a calculator (TI BA II PLUS or equivalent) for the mid-term and the final. To be fair to all students, graphing calculators or calculators that multiply matrices are not permitted for the final exam.