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Appendix 8: Distribution Transform Method

Assume expected claim counts for a policy equal 100 and ground up severities follow a Pareto distribution:

$$F(x) = 1 - [b/(b+x)]^q \text{ for } x > 0.$$

Therefore $G(x) = [b/(b+x)]^q$

$$E[X] = b/(q-1)$$

$$E(\text{aggregate loss}) = 100 * E[X]$$

For the transformation r , $G(x) = [b/(b+x)]^{qr}$.

If the market risk premium is 10% then risk loaded premiums equal:

$$100 \frac{b}{q-1} 1.1 = 100 \frac{b}{qr-1}$$

This expression can be solved for r :

$$r = [(q-1)/1.1+1]/q = (q+0.1)/1.1q.$$

If q were 2, r would be 0.95.

Expected values for higher layers could be computed by replacing q with qr in the Pareto distribution and using the Pareto formula for limited expected value to price the excess layers.:

$$E(X, x) = \text{Limited Expected Value function} = E[X] \left\{ 1 - [b/(b+x)]^{q-1} \right\}$$

In the above example, a transformation was applied only to the severity distribution. However, with a little more work, the transformation could be applied to both the frequency and severity distribution.

For instance the formula for the transformed mean of a Poisson distribution with a mean of 100 and transformation parameter r is:

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$$\sum_j ((e^{200}\Gamma(j) - \Gamma(j,100)) / \Gamma(j))^r$$

This formula could be combined with the formula for the transformed severity distribution to produce a risk loaded mean.