

# Finite-Time Ruin Probabilities for Risk Models with Sequences of Independent and Continuously Distributed Random Variables

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**Abstract:** In this article, we proved the estimation formula for the ruin probability for risk model with sequences of independent and continuously distributed random variables. We generalized the Picard-Lefvre formula (see [7]) for the ruin probability for risk models as well as the results of Claude Lefvre and Stephane Loisel (see [2]). In their studies, the authors gave only the formula of ruin probability for classical risk model while in our study, we established the formula for continuously distributed random variables. Otherwise, we extended the results for the model with sequences which are dependent of Markov type.

**Keywords:** Ruin probability, non-ruin probability, premiums, claims.

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## 1 Introduction

In recent years, the finance services in general and insurance industry in particular have played a crucial role in economy helping to adjust and promote all other economic activities. This area has also become a platform for launching various ideas and intellectual applications. Over the past few decades, questions in insurance and finance have been among the focus of many mathematicians in the area of probability theory and statistics.

Financial investment is an integral part of any business and sector that wants to make a profit. However, investments always carry risk elements in itself, which might even result in loss or bankruptcy. While the nature of insurance is to share risks, the underlying part of an insurance company is also an investment, and therefore carries risk itself. Assessment of risk level and likelihood of occurrence is apparently a much needed research to mitigate risk and minimize possible loss. The risk theory has been widely studied recently, particularly on insurance and financial risks. One of the key issues that the theory deals with is the Ruin Probability in the risk models over discrete or continuous-time horizon.

This paper aims to provide an estimation formula for the ruin probability for risk models with sequences of independent and continuously distributed random variables. Picard and Lefvre [7] recently derived an explicit formula (hereinafter referred to P-L formula) for the finite non-ruin probability in a compound Poisson model where the claim amounts are integer-valued. Such a case is important because discretization of claim amounts is often required for numerical calculations in practice. Many (see De Vylder [3], [4] and Ignatov [?,?, 5] [6]) have pointed out the importance of the P-L formula as well as its wide applications. Claude Lefvre and Stephane Loisel (see [2]) has recently extended P-L formula for the compound binomial and compound Poisson risk models. Moreover, the ruin probability formula is also given explicitly. The key idea in the two authors proof is the use of ballot theorem. Bui Khoi Dam and Phung Duy Quang [1] recently derived an explicit formula for the finite time Ruin Probabilities In a Generalized Risk Processes under Interest Force.

Now we consider the risk models with sequences of Markov dependent random variables.

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## 2 The exact formula for the ruin probability for the model with sequences are dependent Markov

Let us consider an insurance company that evaluates its revenues, expenses and costs, losses, profits at periodic times fixed in advance (for example month, quarter or year).

Assume that the insurance company's initial capital is  $u > 0$ . At the end of each period  $t, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  we denote:

$X_t$  are claim size in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  period

$Y_t$  are premiums in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  period.

The reserves  $U_t$  of the company at time  $t$  are given by

$$U_t \equiv u + \sum_{i=1}^t Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \quad (1)$$

At the end of each period  $t, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  the ruin would occur if  $U_t < 0$ .

The ruin probability within finite time  $\Psi(u, t)$  is defined by:

$$\Psi(u, t) = P(U_t < 0 \text{ for some } t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, T; 1 \leq T \leq +\infty).$$

$T_u$  stands for the first time of ruin.  $T_u \geq 1$  necessarily and for  $t \geq 1$ ,

$$T_u \geq t + 1 \text{ means } S_i < u + i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq t.$$

We have

$$\Psi(u, t) = 1 - P(T_u \geq t + 1),$$

where  $P(T_u \geq t + 1)$  denotes the probability of non-ruin within finite time.

We give the formula for calculating the probability of non-ruin within finite time  $P(T_u \geq t + 1)$  for the model with  $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$  and  $(Y_i)_{i \geq 1}$  sequences are dependent Markov as follows.

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that the initial capital of a company is  $u \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the insurer's capital at the end of period  $t, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is a random variable  $U_t$  defined by

$$U_t \equiv u + \sum_{i=1}^t Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^t X_i$$

Where  $X_i, Y_i$  are the claim size and premiums in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  period, respectively.

Also we can assume that:

There exists a positive integer  $M < \infty$  such that  $P(Y_1 \leq M) = 1$  and  $P(X_1 \leq M) = 1$  (because the total premiums and claim size are finite).

Claim size process  $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$  and premiums process  $(Y_i)_{i \geq 1}$  are the non-negative integer-valued homogeneous discrete-time Markov chain with the initial distribution and the transition probability matrix are:

$$P(X_1 = k) = p_k, \sum_{k=0}^M p_k = 1, [p_{ij}] \text{ matrix}, p_{ij} = P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i)$$

$$P(Y_1 = k) = q_k, \sum_{k=0}^M q_k = 1, [q_{ij}] \text{ matrix}, q_{ij} = P(Y_{n+1} = j | Y_n = i), \text{ respectively.}$$

Then we have the exact formula for the probability of non-ruin within finite time:

$$P(T_u \geq t + 1) = \left( \sum_{\substack{0 \leq (k_i - k_{i-1}) \leq M \\ 1 \leq i \leq t \\ k_0 = 0}} q_{k_1} q_{k_1, k_2 - k_1} \cdots q_{k_{t-1} - k_{t-2}, k_t - k_{t-1}} \left( \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1 < k_1 + u \\ 0 \leq i_1 + i_2 < k_2 + u \\ \dots \\ 0 \leq i_1 + \dots + i_t < k_t + u}} p_{i_1} p_{i_1, i_2} \cdots p_{i_{t-1}, i_t} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

**Proof.** For convenience, we denote the formula (1) in a particular way

$$U_t = u + V_t - S_t$$

where

$$V_t = \sum_{i=1}^t Y_i \text{ are total premiums (at the end of the } i\text{th period),}$$

$$S_t = \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \text{ are total claim size (at the end of the } i\text{th period),}$$

$T_u$  stands for the first time of ruin.

The goal is to calculate the non ruin probability  $P(T_u \geq t + 1)$ : That is, until the end of period  $t$ , the company is not at risk. Obviously, the first we have

$$\{T_u \geq t + 1\} = \{U_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, t\}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (T_u \geq t + 1) &= (U_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq t) = (S_i < V_i + u, 1 \leq i \leq t) \\ &= \bigcap_{i=1}^t \bigcup_{k=1}^{iM} (S_i < k + u) (V_i = k) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

since

$$P(0 \leq Y_i \leq M) = 1 \Rightarrow P(0 \leq V_i = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_i \leq iM) = 1, \forall i : 1 \leq i \leq t.$$

From (3) we get the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_u \geq t + 1) &= P\{[(S_1 < u)(V_1 = 0) \cup (S_1 < 1 + u)(V_1 = 1) \cup \dots \cup (S_1 < M + u)(V_1 = M)] \cap \\ &\quad \cap [(S_2 < u)(V_2 = 0) \cup (S_2 < 1 + u)(V_2 = 1) \cup \dots \cup (S_2 < 2M + u)(V_2 = 2M)] \cap \dots \\ &\quad \dots \cap [(S_t < u)(V_t = 0) \cup (S_t < 1 + u)(V_t = 1) \cup \dots \cup (S_t < tM + u)(V_t = tM)]\} \\ &= P[(S_1 < u) \cap (S_2 < u) \cap \dots \cap (S_t < u) \cap (V_1 = 1) \cap (V_2 = 2) \cap (V_t = t)] \cup \dots \cup \dots \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k_i - k_{i-1} \leq M \\ 1 \leq i \leq t \\ k_0 = 0}} P\{[(S_1 < k_1 + u) \cap (S_2 < k_2 + u) \cap \dots \\ &\quad \cap (S_t < k_t + u)] (V_1 = k_1)(V_2 = k_2)(V_t = k_t)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

We have (4) due to the following properties of  $V_i$ , noting that all  $Y_i$  are non-negative integers.

If  $i < j$  and  $k_i \geq k_j$  then

$$\begin{aligned} P[(V_i = k_i)(V_j = k_j)] &= P[(Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_i = k_i)(Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_i + \dots + Y_j = k_j)] \\ &= P[(V_i = k_i)(Y_{i+1} + \dots + Y_j = k_j - k_i)] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_u \geq t + 1) &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq (k_i - k_{i-1}) \leq M \\ 1 \leq i \leq t \\ k_0 = 0}} P[(S_1 < k_1 + u)(S_2 < k_2 + u) \dots (S_t < k_t + u)] P[(Y_1 = k_1)(Y_2 = k_2 - k_1) \dots (Y_t = k_t - k_{t-1})]. \end{aligned}$$

According to the multiplication principle in probability, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P[(Y_1 = k_1)(Y_2 = k_2 - k_1) \dots (Y_t = k_t - k_{t-1})] \\ &= P(Y_1 = k_1)P(Y_2 = k_2 - k_1 | Y_1 = k_1)P(Y_3 = k_3 - k_2 | Y_1 = k_1, Y_2 = k_2 - k_1) \dots \\ &\quad \dots P(Y_t = k_t - k_{t-1} | Y_1 = k_1, Y_2 = k_2 - k_1, \dots, Y_{t-1} = k_{t-1} - k_{t-2}). \end{aligned}$$

By the Markov property, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P[(Y_1 = k_1)(Y_2 = k_2 - k_1) \dots (Y_t = k_t - k_{t-1})] \\
 &= P(Y_1 = k_1)P(Y_2 = k_2 - k_1 | Y_1 = k_1)P(Y_3 = k_3 - k_2 | Y_2 = k_2 - k_1) \dots \\
 &\quad \dots P(Y_t = k_t - k_{t-1} | Y_{t-1} = k_{t-1} - k_{t-2}) \\
 &= q_{k_1} q_{k_1, k_2 - k_1} q_{k_2 - k_1, k_3 - k_2} \dots q_{k_{t-1} - k_{t-2}, k_t - k_{t-1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Continuing to calculate the right side of (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P[(S_1 < k_1 + u)(S_2 < k_2 + u) \dots (S_t < k_t + u)] \\
 &= P(S_1 < k_1 + u)P(S_2 < k_2 + u | S_1 < k_1 + u) P(S_3 < k_3 + u | S_1 < k_1 + u, S_2 < k_2 + u) \dots \\
 &\quad \dots P(S_t < k_t + u | S_1 < k_1 + u, S_2 < k_2 + u, \dots, S_{t-1} < k_{t-1} + u)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by the Markov property, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P[(S_1 < k_1 + u)(S_2 < k_2 + u) \dots (S_t < k_t + u)] \\
 &= P(S_1 < k_1 + u)P(S_2 < k_2 + u | S_1 < k_1 + u) P(S_3 < k_3 + u | S_2 < k_2 + u) \dots \\
 &\quad \dots P(S_t < k_t + u | S_{t-1} < k_{t-1} + u) \\
 &= p_{i_1} p_{i_1, i_2} p_{i_2, i_3} \dots p_{i_{t-1}, i_t}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Combining the results (4), (5) and (6) we have the formula (2).

The proof of Theorem 2.1 is thus complete. □

**Remark 2.1** In considering the risk model (1) with interest appearance, Bui Khoi Dam and Phung Duy Quang [1] introduced a formula calculating exactly the ruin probability for the mode when the premiums and the claim size are sequences of non-negative random variables (not necessarily take integer values in a finite set). In the case of no interest, we obtain the result as in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that the initial capital of a company is  $u \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the insurer's capital at the end of the period  $t, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is a random variable  $U_t$  defined by

$$U_t \equiv u + \sum_{i=1}^t Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^t X_i$$

$X_i$  are claim size in the  $i$ th period

$Y_i$  are premiums in the  $i$ th period

$Y = \{Y_i\}_{i=1}^t$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables,  $Y_i$  take values in a finite set of positive numbers  $E_Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$ , ( $0 < y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_N$ ) with  $q_k = P(Y_1 = y_k)$  ( $y_k \in E_Y$ ),  $0 \leq q_k \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^N q_k = 1$ ;  
 $X = \{X_i\}_{i=1}^t$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables,  $X_i$  take values in a finite set of positive numbers, with  $p_k = P(X_1 = x_k)$  ( $x_k \in E_X$ ),  $0 \leq p_k \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^M p_k = 1$ . The sequences  $X = \{X_i\}_{i=1}^t$  and  $Y = \{Y_i\}_{i=1}^t$  are assumed to be independent.

Then we have the exact formula for the probability of non-ruin within finite time:

$$P(T_u \geq t + 1) = \sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t=1}^N q_{n_1} q_{n_2} \dots q_{n_t} \left( \sum_{1 \leq m_1 \leq g_1} \sum_{1 \leq m_2 \leq g_2} \dots \sum_{1 \leq m_t \leq g_t} p_{m_1} p_{m_2} \dots p_{m_t} \right) \tag{7}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_1 &= \max \{m_1 : x_{m_1} \leq \min\{u + y_{n_1}, x_M\}\}, \\
 g_2 &= \max \left\{ m_2 : x_{m_2} \leq \min\left\{ u + \sum_{k=1}^1 (y_{n_k} - x_{m_k}) + y_{n_2}, x_M \right\} \right\} \\
 &\dots \dots \dots \\
 g_t &= \max \left\{ m_t : x_{m_t} \leq \min\left\{ u + \sum_{k=1}^{t-1} (y_{n_k} - x_{m_k}) + y_{n_t}, x_M \right\} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the classical risk model  $U_t = u + ct - S_t$ , the authors Claude Lefvre and Stephane Loisel [2] considered the models in which the premiums are linear time while the claim size are sequences of binomial distributed random variables. However in fact, there are many cases when the claim size have continuous distribution. Therefore how to estimate the ruin probability for such cases is a significant problem (until now there is no exact formula). In the followings, we will resolve this problem with arbitrarily small error.

### 3 Estimating the ruin probability for risk models with sequences of continuously distributed random variables

Now we consider the risk model:

$$U_t = u + ct - S_t \text{ with } S_t = \sum_{k=1}^t X_k \tag{8}$$

where  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t$  are sequences of non-negative, independent, identically and continuously random variables with the distribution function  $F$ . Then the sum  $S_t$  has the distribution  $F_s = \overset{t}{\circledast} F$  (the  $t$ -times convolution of the distribution function  $F$ ). Since  $F$  is continuous,  $F_s$  is also continuous.

For every arbitrarily small positive number  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a positive integer  $M = M(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$P(S_t \geq M) \leq \varepsilon. \tag{9}$$

For continuous  $F$  on  $[0, M]$ ,  $F_s$  is regularly continuous on  $[0, M]$ . For all given  $\varepsilon$ , there exists a positive number  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$  and for all partition of  $[0, M]$  satisfying

$$0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_i < \dots < a_n = M \text{ with } \max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} (a_{i+1} - a_i) \leq \delta,$$

we have

$$[F_s(a_{n+1}) - F_s(a_n)] < \varepsilon. \tag{10}$$

Now we estimate the ruin probability for the previous risk models with arbitrarily small error. This is shown in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that the initial capital of a company is  $u \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the insurer's capital at the end of period  $t, t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , is a random variable  $U_t$  defined by

$$U_t = u + ct - S_t \text{ with } S_t = \sum_{k=1}^t X_k.$$

Let us mention that if the premium per time unit is equal to a positive constant  $c \neq 1$ ,  $X_k$  is the claim size in the  $k$ th period. Also we suppose that the numbers  $\varepsilon, M = M(\varepsilon), \delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$  satisfy the conditions (9), (10) for all partitions  $0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_i < \dots < a_n = M$ .

Denote by

$$B = \{\omega : S_t(\omega) > M\}$$

$$A_{i,n} := \{\omega : a_i \leq S_t(\omega) < a_{i+1}\}, n \text{ is a given fixed number}$$

and consider the random variables

$$S_t^{(1)}(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} a_i 1_{A_{i,n}} + M 1_B, S_t^{(2)}(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^{M-2} a_{i+1} 1_{A_{i,n}} + M 1_B$$

where

$$1_{A_{i,n}}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } \omega \notin A_{i,n} \\ 1 & \text{when } \omega \in A_{i,n} \end{cases} \text{ and } 1_B(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } \omega \notin B \\ 1 & \text{when } \omega \in B. \end{cases}$$

Then we have the estimation formula for the ruin probability on finite-time

$$\Psi^{(1)}(u, t) \leq \Psi(u, t), \text{ with } \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) = P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^t U_j^{(1)}(u) < 0\right) \tag{11}$$

and we have

$$\lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} \left( \Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) \right) = 0. \quad (12)$$

**Proof.** We have  $S_t^{(1)}(\omega) \leq S_t(\omega)$  with  $\forall \omega \in \Omega$  and  $S_t(\omega) \leq S_t^{(2)}(\omega) \forall \omega \in \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} A_{i,n}$ .

On the other hand, we observe:

$$\begin{aligned} U_t^{(1)} < 0 &\Leftrightarrow u + ct - S_t^{(1)} < 0 \\ U_t^{(2)} < 0 &\Leftrightarrow u + ct - S_t^{(2)} < 0 \\ U_t < 0 &\Leftrightarrow u + ct - S_t < 0 \end{aligned}$$

this leads to

$$\{U_t^{(1)} < 0\} \subset \{U_t < 0\} \Rightarrow P\{U_t^{(1)} < 0\} \leq P\{U_t < 0\}.$$

Hence we obtain

$$\Psi^{(1)}(u, t) \leq \Psi(u, t)$$

with

$$\Psi^{(1)}(u, t) = P\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^t U_j^{(1)}(u) < 0\right).$$

So (11) is proved.

To prove (12), we see that:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) &= P(u + ct < S_t) - P(u + ct < S_t^{(1)}) = P(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} P\left[A_{n,i}(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t)\right] + P\left[B(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t)\right] \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} P\left[A_{n,i}(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t)\right] + P(B) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} P\left[A_{n,i}(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t)\right] + \varepsilon \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} P\left[A_{n,i}(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t^{(2)})\right] + \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Since for  $\omega \in A_{n,i}$ ,  $(S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t) \subset (S_t^{(1)} \leq u + ct < S_t^{(2)})$ .

If  $u + ct < M$ , there exists uniquely index  $j$  such that

$$a_j < u + ct < a_{j+1}.$$

From (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) &\leq P\left[A_{n,j}(S_t^{(1)} < u + ct < S_t^{(2)})\right] + \varepsilon \\ &\leq P(A_{n,j}) + \varepsilon = P(a_j < S_t < a_{j+1}) + \varepsilon \\ &= P(S_t < a_{j+1}) - P(S_t \leq a_j) + \varepsilon \\ &= F_s(a_{j+1}) - F_s(a_j) + \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

(By the properties of regular continuity of  $F$  on  $[0, M]$ ,  $F_s(a_{j+1}) - F_s(a_j) < \varepsilon$ ), hence

$$0 \leq \Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) \leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon = 2\varepsilon,$$

which yields

$$\lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} (\Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t)) = 0.$$

If  $u + ct \geq M$ , then in a similar way we have

$$0 \leq \Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t) \leq P[A_{n,j}(S_t^{(1)} < u + ct < S_t^{(2)})] + \varepsilon = P(\emptyset) + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

therefore

$$\lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} (\Psi(u, t) - \Psi^{(1)}(u, t)) = 0.$$

So (12) is proved. □

**Remark 3.1** From (11), we can estimate the probability  $\Psi(u, t)$  with arbitrarily small error. We can evaluate  $\Psi^1(u, t)$  exactly due to formula (7), because  $S_t^{(1)}(\omega)$  only takes finite values since  $P(S_t^{(1)} = a_i) = F_s(a_{i+1}) - F_s(a_i)$ .

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