

Corrections and Comments for *Loss Models*, fourth edition, May 2016

Page xiii – In line 13 replace “intead” with “instead.”

Page 34 – The following should replace the last two sentences on this page: “Comparisons between distributions can be made on the basis of whether the mean excess loss function is increasing or decreasing. In particular, a distribution with an increasing mean excess loss function has a heavier tail than a distribution with a decreasing mean excess loss function.”

Page 89 – In line 5 change “Chapter 13” to Chapters 13 and 14.”

Page 138 – Example 9.1. The equation to solve should be $\frac{0.11n - 0.1n}{\sqrt{0.1(0.9)n}} = 1.645$. The solution is $n = 2,435.42$ and so at least 2,436 policies must be sold.

Page 145 – In the fourth line from the bottom, replace 0.2338 with 0.02338.

Page 205 – Add “age” after “issue” in line 2.

Page 244 – The two solutions are $\hat{q}_{33} = 1 / (53 / 12) = 0.2264$ and $\hat{q}_{34} = 1 / (40 / 12) = 0.3$.

Page 247 – The last entry on line 5 of Example 12.19 should be $1 + (0 - 1) / 2 = 0.5$.

Page 253 – End of first paragraph, change “ the next chapter” to “Chapter 15.”

Page 283 – In line 3 replace $a > b$ with $b > a$.

Page 283 – In line 6 of the second full paragraph, insert “die” between “not” and “in.”

Page 283 – In the equations for the likelihood function, replace δ_j with $1 - \delta_j$ and vice-versa. There is no exponent of -1 on the lambda at the end of the first line. The first line of the equation is

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{j=1}^n \left[\frac{S(h_j)}{S(g_j)} \right]^{1-\delta_j} \left[\frac{f(h_j)}{S(g_j)} \right]^{\delta_j} = \prod_{j=1}^n \left[e^{-(h_j - g_j)\lambda} \right]^{1-\delta_j} \left[\lambda e^{-(h_j - g_j)\lambda} \right]^{\delta_j}.$$

Page 284 – The third equation does not have a minus sign. The correct equation is

$$\frac{dq}{d\lambda} = (b - a) \exp[-(b - a)\lambda].$$

Page 284 – In Example 13.17, second line of second paragraph, replace the second equals sign with a minus sign to read $\hat{q}_{35} = 1 - \exp(-210 / 9,702.8) = 0.02141$.

Page 285- First sentence of Section 14.1, change “earlier in this chapter” to “in Chapter 13.”

Page 308 – Example 15.2 first line, “repeate” should be “repeat.” The calculations are incorrect in the example. The correct version is:

$$f(x|\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^8 (100)^{8\alpha}}{\left(\prod_{x_j < 200} x_j^{\alpha+1} \right)} \left(\frac{100}{200} \right)^{2\alpha} = \alpha^8 e^{-3.225393\alpha - 38.680460}$$

$$f(x, \alpha) = \alpha^9 e^{-4.225393\alpha - 38.680460}$$

$$f(\alpha|x) = \frac{\alpha^9 e^{-4.225393\alpha}}{(9!)(1/4.224393)^{10}}$$

Which is a gamma distribution with parameters 10 and $1/4.225393$.

$$\text{For the predictive distribution } f(y|x) = \frac{10(4.225393)^{10}}{y(-0.379777 + \ln y)^{11}}$$

Page 311 – In line 11, “red” should be “blue.”

Page 327 – In Figure 16.2, the vertical axis should be $f(x)$

Page 447 – Example 20.11, last part should be “ $y = \sqrt{-2\ln(0.1096)/0.1096} = 6.3518$ and $z_1 = -0.3(6.3518) = -1.906$ and $z_2 = 0.14(6.3518) = 0.889$.”

NOTE – The following two items will not be added at this time to the formula sheet used with Exam C.

Page 465 – For the Pareto distribution, the limited expected k th power has a different form when $k = \alpha$. It is

$$E[(X \wedge x)^\alpha] = \theta^\alpha \left(\frac{x}{x+\theta} \right)^\alpha \left[1 + \alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[x/(x+\theta)]^{n+1}}{\alpha+n+1} \right]$$

Page 473 – For the Single-parameter Pareto distribution, the limited expected k th power has a different form when $k = \alpha$. It is

$$E[(X \wedge x)^\alpha] = \theta^\alpha [1 + \ln(x/\theta)].$$

Corrections and Comments for the *Solutions Manual to Loss Models*, fourth edition

Page 19 – Solution to 3.29(f). At the end of the calculation of the derivative of $e(x)$ add “and is equal to zero only at $x = 0$.”

Page 64 - Solution to 8.30. The original Pareto distribution is for losses. So adjusting for a deductible of 1000 should be with respect to a deductible of 0. The cdf should be

$$F(x) = \frac{F(x+1000) - F(1000)}{1 - F(1000)} = \frac{\left(\frac{1000}{1000+1000}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1000}{1000+1000+x}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1000}{1000+1000}\right)^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{2000}{2000+x}\right)^2, \text{ which is Pareto}$$

with $\alpha=1$ and $\theta=2000$.

Page 71 – Solution to 9.12. The fourth line of the variance calculation should include 248 to be $33(3.2) + 248 + 9(8)(0.4)(0.6) = 370.88$. The answer is correct.

Page 77 – Solution to 9.33. Replace the published solution with the following:

The probabilities of 0, 1, and 2 claims are, respectively, $1/(1 + 1.5) = 0.4$, $0.4(0.6) = 0.24$, and $0.24(0.6) = 0.144$. The insured's expected payment is $0.4(0) + 0.24(100) + 0.144(200) + (1 - 0.4 - 0.24 - 0.144)(300) = 117.6$. The insurance company's expected payment is $1.5(100) - 117.6 = 32.4$.

Page 79 – Solution to 9.40. The standard deviation (requested in the question) is $\sqrt{7.7 \times 10^{10}} = 277,489$. The last two lines of the solution should be:

$$\Pr(S = 3) = \frac{140}{3} \left[\frac{5}{14} 1,310e^{-140} + 2 \frac{6}{14} e^{-140} \right] = 23,833.33e^{-140}$$

$$\Pr(S > 3) = 1 - 25,194.33e^{-140}.$$

Page 123 – Solution to 13.20, in the third to last line, there should be a gamma multiplying $\ln(336/466)$.

Page 134 – Solution to 13.53. The first equation should have $w - 4 - p$ in the numerator, rather than $4 - w - p$.

Page 142 – Solution to 13.71, In line 7, $S(1,000)$ should be $S(1,500)$.

Page 230 – Solution to 20.14, the first line should have $1 - \exp(-2x)$ rather than $1 - \exp(-x/2)$.