

Reading: Klann.ReinsComm
Model: 2016.Spring #27
Problem Type: mutually beneficial commutation price

(Klann - 2016.Spring Q27) a-Question

Given

gross paid loss	4.0	
gross reserves (case + IBNR)	5.0	
gross discounted reserves (case + IBNR)	3.5	<== economic discount
ceded paid loss	0.5	
ceded reserves (case + IBNR)	3.0	
ceded discounted reserves (case + IBNR)	2.0	<== economic discount

The following discount factors are for **tax purposes**:

	primary insurer	reinsurer	
average discount factor	0.850	0.800	<== for statutory discounting
tax rate	35%	20%	

The reinsurer's assumed losses equal the primary insurer's ceded losses

Calculate

range of the mutually beneficial commutation price (if possible)

We need to solve these 2 inequalities for 'price' and HOPE that the solution ranges overlap.

(If the solution ranges do NOT overlap then there is no MUTUALLY beneficial commutation price)

(A)	price	-	${}_pR_c$	+	${}_pT$	>	0	<== for primary insurer
(B)	- price	+	${}_{re}R_g$	+	${}_{re}T$	>	0	<== for reinsurer

Now:

$${}_pR_c = 2.0 \quad \text{<== use company discounted reserves (economic value)}$$

$${}_{re}R_g = 2.0 \quad \text{<== use company discounted reserves (economic value)}$$

For the primary insurer:

$${}_pT = \text{tax rate} \times (\text{decrease in taxable income for primary insurer})$$

$$= \text{tax rate} \times (\text{reserves commuted} - \text{price})$$

$$= 35\% \times (2.550 - \text{price})$$

where: reserves commuted

$$= \text{undiscounted ceded reserves} \times \text{discount factor} \quad \text{<== tax discounting}$$

$$= 3.0 \times 0.850$$

$$= 2.550$$

Using these values to solve inequality (A) gives:

$$\text{price} > 1.704 \quad \text{<== for insurer's benefit}$$

And a similar calculation for the reinsurer is as follows:

$${}_{re}T = \text{tax rate} \times (\text{decrease in taxable income for primary insurer})$$

$$= \text{tax rate} \times (-\text{reserves commuted} + \text{price})$$

$$= 20\% \times (-2.400 + \text{price})$$

where: -reserves commuted

$$= -\text{undiscounted ceded reserves} \times \text{discount factor} \quad \text{<== tax discounting}$$

$$= -3.0 \times 0.800$$

$$= -2.400$$

Using these values to solve inequality (B) gives:

$$\text{price} < 1.900 \quad \text{<== for reinsurer's benefit}$$

Final price range:

$$(1.704, 1.900)$$