

**Reading:** Klann.ReinsComm  
**Model:** 2017.Spring #26b  
**Problem Type:** change in taxable income

(tax effect HARD) x-Question

**Given** The following pertains to a reinsurance contract that was commuted:

quota-share percentage	25%	
primary insurer DIRECT loss reserve	1,250,000	${}_p\bar{R}_{gross}$
primary insurer DIRECT ultimate loss	2,550,000	${}_p\bar{U}_{gross}$
discount factor for primary insurer	0.875	
discount factor for reinsurer	0.875	

REINSURER'S carried loss reserves (prior to commutation)  
 are higher than the INSURED'S carried reserves by: 15%

REINSURER'S ultimate loss reserves, as a result of  
 commutation, increased by: 10%

**Find** change in taxable income for both insurer and reinsurer

**Notation**  
 $P$  = commutation price  
 ${}_p\bar{R}_{ceded}$  = CEDED carried reserve for primary insurer  
 ${}_{re}\bar{R}_{gross}$  = GROSS carried reserve for reinsurer  
 $d_1$  = discount factor for primary insurer  
 $d_2$  = discount factor for reinsurer

**Formulas**  
 change in taxable income for primary insurer = price -  $({}_p\bar{R}_{ceded}) \times d_1$   
 change in taxable income for reinsurer =  $({}_{re}\bar{R}_{gross}) \times d_2$  - price

$$\begin{aligned} \text{insurer} &= 154,375 \text{ (increase)} \\ \text{reinsurer} &= -113,359 \text{ (decrease)} \end{aligned}$$

(tax effect HARD) y-Answer

25% quota-share reinsurance means that 25% is CEDED to reinsurer:

$$\begin{aligned} pR_{ceded}^- &= pR_{gross}^- \times qs\% \\ &= 1,250,000 \times 25\% = 312,500 \\ reR_{gross}^- &= pR_{ceded}^- \times 1.15 \\ &= 312,500 \times 1.15 = 359,375 \end{aligned}$$

The hard part of this problem is calculating the commutation price P:

$$\begin{aligned} pP_{gross}^- &= \text{primary insurer PAID LOSS direct} = pU_{gross}^- - pR_{gross}^- \\ &= 2,550,000 - 1,250,000 \\ &= 1,300,000 \\ pP_{ceded}^- &= \text{primary insurer PAID LOSS ceded} = pP_{gross}^- \times qs\% \\ &\text{(also equals } reP_{gross}^-) = 1,300,000 \times 25\% \\ &= 325,000 \\ &= reP_{gross}^- \text{ (reinsurer PAID LOSS gross)} \\ reU_{gross}^- &= \text{reinsurer ULTIMATE LOSS gross} = reP_{gross}^- + reR_{gross}^- \\ &= 325,000 + 359,375 \\ &= 684,375 \end{aligned}$$

But this is the GROSS ultimate loss PRIOR to commutation. **AFTER** commutation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} reU_{gross}^+ &= \text{reinsurer ULTIMATE LOSS gross} = reU_{gross}^- \times 110\% \\ &= 684,375 \times 110\% \\ &= 752,813 \end{aligned}$$

now, reinsurer's reserve goes to 0, and the "extra" money in the ultimate must be the commutation price:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{price} &= 752,813 - 325,000 \\ &= 427,813 \end{aligned}$$

We now have what we need to substitute into the **given formulas** for change in taxable income:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{change in taxable income for primary insurer} &= 154,375 \text{ (increase)} \\ \text{change in taxable income for reinsurer} &= -113,359 \text{ (decrease)} \end{aligned}$$