

A Field Guide to Some formulas

Crucial formulas:

Probabilities:

$$p_x = {}_1p_x$$

$${}_t p_x = \Pr[(x) \text{ lives to age } x + t]$$

$$= p_x \cdot p_{x+1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_{x+t}$$

$$= \frac{l_{x+t}}{l_x}$$

$${}_t q_x = \Pr[(x) \text{ dies between ages } x \text{ and } x + t]$$

$$= 1 - {}_t p_x$$

$${}_{t|u} q_x = \Pr[(x) \text{ dies between ages } x + u \text{ and } x + t + u]$$

$$= {}_u p_x - {}_{t+u} p_x$$

$$= \frac{l_x - l_{x+t}}{l_x}$$

(“ $|u$ ” defers any effect u years)

$${}_{t|u} p_x q_{x+t} = \frac{l_{x+t} - l_{x+t+1}}{l_x}$$

$$= {}_t p_x - {}_{t+1} p_x$$

$$= {}_1|u q_x$$

$$= |u q_x$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{d} \ln \left(\frac{Sd + P - e}{P - e - Id} \right)$$

$$\Pr(L_0^g \leq 0) = {}_{[\tau]} p_x, [\cdot] = \text{greatest integer function}$$

Discrete

$${}_tE_x = {}_t p_x \nu^t$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 = \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} {}_t p_x q_{x+t} \nu^{t+1}$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|}^{1(m)} = \sum_{t=0}^{mn-1} {}_{t/m} p_x {}_{1/m} q_{x+t/m} \nu^{t/m+1}$$

$$A_x^{(m)} = A_{x:\infty|}^{1(m)}$$

$$A_{x:\bar{n}|} = A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 + {}_n E_x$$

$$\ddot{a}_{x:\bar{n}|} = \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} {}_t p_x \nu^t$$

$$\ddot{a}_{x:\bar{n}|}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=0}^{nm-1} {}_{t/m} p_x \nu^{t/m}$$

$$\ddot{a}_x = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} {}_t p_x \nu^t$$

$$a_{x:\bar{n}|} = \sum_{t=1}^n {}_t p_x \nu^t$$

$$= \ddot{a}_{x:\bar{n}|} - 1 + {}_n E_x$$

$$e_x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} {}_k p_x$$

$$E(K_x) = e_x$$

$$E(K_x^2) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k({}_k p_x) - e_x$$

$$e_{x:\bar{n}|} = \sum_{t=1}^n {}_t p_x$$

$$= a_{x:\bar{n}|} \text{ with } \nu = 1 (i = 0)$$

$$P = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_x}$$

$$P^{(m)} = \frac{A_x}{\ddot{a}_x^{(m)}}$$

Note: This needs to be divided by m to give the m thly payment.

$$L_0^g = \left(S + \frac{P - e}{d}\right) v^{k_x+1} + I - \frac{P - e}{d}$$

I = initial expense, e = recurring expense

Continuous:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(x) &= S_0(x) \\
 &= {}_x p_0 \\
 S_x(t) &= {}_t p_x \\
 &= \frac{S(x+t)}{S(x)} \\
 f_x(t) &= -\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} l_{x+t}}{l_x} \\
 &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S_x(t) \\
 &= {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} \\
 \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 &= \int_0^n \nu^t {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt \\
 &= \int_0^n \nu^t f_x(t) dt \\
 \bar{A}_x &= \bar{A}_{x:\infty|}^1 \\
 \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|} &= \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 + {}_n E_x \\
 \dot{e}_x &= \int_0^\infty {}_t p_x dt \\
 E(T_x) &= \dot{e}_x \\
 E(T_x^2) &= 2 \int_0^\infty t {}_t p_x dt \\
 \bar{a}_{x:\bar{n}|} &= \int_0^n {}_t p_x \nu^t dt \\
 \bar{a}_x &= \bar{a}_{x:\infty|} \\
 \dot{e}_{x:\bar{n}|} &= a_{x:\bar{n}|} \text{ with } \nu = 1 (i = 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

De Moivre, also called “uniform”:

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_x &= \omega - x \\
 \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 &= \frac{1 - e^{-n\delta}}{\delta(\omega - x)} \\
 \bar{A}_x &= \bar{A}_{x:\omega-x|}^1 \\
 A_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 &= \frac{\delta}{i} \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1
 \end{aligned}$$

Exponential, also called “constant force of mortality”

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(x) &= e^{-\mu x} \\
 {}_t p_x &= e^{-\mu t} \\
 \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 &= \frac{\mu}{\mu + \delta} (1 - e^{-(\mu+\delta)n}) \\
 \bar{A}_x &= \frac{\mu}{\mu + \delta} \\
 \bar{a}_{x:\bar{n}|} &= \mu^{-1} \bar{A}_{x:\bar{n}|}^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{\mu + \delta} (1 - e^{-(\mu+\delta)n})
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Below is a summary of some formulas and their range of validity, when suitably modified. In particular discrete formulas use $d = i/(1+i)$ instead of $\delta = \ln(1+i)$. Things payable m thly (m) will use $d^{(m)}$ and $i^{(m)}$ instead of d and i . “C” means “continuous,” “D” means “discrete,” and “WL” means “whole life”.

Table 1: Life Table Formulas

<i>Formula</i>	<i>Valid</i>
$l_{x+t} = (1-t)l_x + tl_{x+1}$	UDD, $0 \leq t \leq 1$
${}_tq_x = t(q_x)$	UDD, $0 \leq t \leq 1$
$l_{x+t} = (l_x)^{(1-t)} \cdot (l_{x+1})^t$	CFM, $0 \leq t \leq 1$
${}_tp_x = (p_x)^t$	CFM, $0 \leq t \leq 1$
$\mu_{x+t} = \frac{q_x}{1-t(q_x)}$	UDD, $0 \leq t \leq 1$
$a_{x:\bar{n} } = a_x - {}_nE_x a_{x+n}$	C,D,(m)
$\ddot{a}_{x:\bar{n} } = \ddot{a}_x - {}_nE_x \ddot{a}_{x+n}$	C,D,(m)
$A_{x:\bar{n} }^1 = A_x - {}_nE_x A_{x+n}$	T, C, D,
$A_x = q_x v + p_x A_{x+1}$	D,(m)
$\bar{A}_x + \delta \bar{a}_x = 1$	C,D,(m),T,
$\bar{A}_x = \frac{i}{\delta} A_x$	UDD, De Moivre, WL, T,(m)
$\bar{A}_x = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{2}} A_x$	Claims Acceleration
$\bar{A}_x^{(m)} = (1+i)^{\frac{m-1}{2m}} A_x$	Claims Acceleration
$Var(\bar{A}_x) = 2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2$	C, D,WL, T, E, (m)
$Var(\bar{a}_x) = \frac{1}{\delta^2} (2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2)$	C, D,WL, T,(m)
$Var(L_0^g) = (S + \frac{P-e}{d})^2 (2A_x - (A_x)^2)$	C, D,WL, E, (m)
$Var(S\bar{A}_x - P\bar{a}_x) = (S + \frac{P}{\delta})^2 (2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2)$	C, D,WL
$= S^2 \frac{2\bar{A}_x - (\bar{A}_x)^2}{(1-\bar{A}_x)^2}$	benefit premium, C, D,WL
$E({}_tL(x) L(x) \geq t) = {}_tV$	
${}_tV = SA_{x+t} - P\ddot{a}_{x+t}$	WL
$= S \left(1 - \frac{\ddot{a}_{x+t}}{\ddot{a}_x}\right)$	benefit premium, C, D,WL,E
$= S \frac{A_{x+t} - A_x}{1-A_x}$	benefit premium, C, D,WL,E
${}_tV = (b_{t+1}q_{x+t}v - P_t) + p_{x+t}v({}_{t+1}V)$	Discrete, T, WL
$Var({}_tL(x) L(x) \geq t) = (S + \frac{P}{\delta})^2 (2\bar{A}_{x+t} - (\bar{A}_{x+t})^2)$	C, D,WL
$= S^2 \frac{2\bar{A}_{x+t} - (\bar{A}_{x+t})^2}{(1-\bar{A}_x)^2}$	benefit premium, C, D,WL
$Var({}_kL) = p_{x+k}q_{x+k}[v(b_{k+1} - {}_{k+1}V)]^2$	
$+ v^2 p_{x+k} Var({}_{k+1}L)$	General
$\ddot{a}_x^{(m)} = \alpha(m)\ddot{a}_x - \beta(m)$	UDD, not temp., not $A_x^{(m)}$
$A_x^{(m)} = \frac{i}{i^{(m)}} A_x$	UDD, WL, T, De Moivre, not $\ddot{a}_x^{(m)}$