

# **EA-1 SEMINAR**

## **SECTION 10**

### **JOINT LIFE STATUS**

## JOINT LIFE STATUS PROBABILITIES

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$p_{xy}$  = Probability that two lives age  $x$  and  $y$  both live one year

$$= p_x(p_y)$$

$p_{\overline{xy}}$  = Probability that at least one of the two lives age  $x$  and  $y$  both live

$$= p_x + p_y - p_{xy}$$
$$= 1 - (1-p_x)(1-p_y)$$

## JOINT LIFE STATUS ANNUITIES

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$\ddot{a}_{xy}$  = Annuity payable while two lives age  
x and y are both alive  
 $= 1 + vp_{xy} + v^2 {}_2p_{xy} + \dots$

$\ddot{a}_{\overline{xy}}$  = Annuity payable while at least one  
of the two lives age x and y are alive  
 $= 1 + vp_{\overline{xy}} + v^2 {}_2p_{\overline{xy}} + \dots$

### NOTE:

Formulas also work fine for monthly annuities.

# JOINT LIFE STATUS ANNUITIES

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Think in terms of simple probabilities

$$p_{\overline{xy}} = p_x + p_y - p_{xy}$$

Annuity formulas follow same pattern

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{xy}} = \ddot{a}_x + \ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}$$

## JOINT LIFE STATUS THREE LIVES (OR MORE)

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Use pattern from prior formulas to  
construct values for more than 2 lives

$$p_{\overline{xyz}} = p_x + p_y + p_z - p_{xy} - p_{xz} - p_{yz} + p_{xyz}$$

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{xyz}} = \ddot{a}_x + \ddot{a}_y + \ddot{a}_z - \ddot{a}_{xy} - \ddot{a}_{xz} - \ddot{a}_{yz} + \ddot{a}_{xyz}$$

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## JOINT LIFE STATUS THREE LIVES (OR MORE)

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Use prior formulas to derive values for more than 2 lives

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{\overline{xyz}} &= 1 - (1-p_x)(1-p_y)(1-p_z) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - p_x - p_y + p_{xy})(1-p_z) \\
 &= 1 - (1-p_x-p_y+p_{xy}) + (p_z - p_{xz} - p_{yz} + p_{xyz}) \\
 &= p_x + p_y + p_z - p_{xy} - p_{xz} - p_{yz} + p_{xyz}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{a}_{\overline{yz}} &= \ddot{a}_y + (\ddot{a}_z - \ddot{a}_{yz}) \\
 \ddot{a}_{\overline{xyz}} &= \ddot{a}_{\overline{x:yz}} \\
 &= \ddot{a}_x + (\ddot{a}_{\overline{yz}} - \ddot{a}_{\overline{x:yz}}) \\
 &= \ddot{a}_x + [\ddot{a}_y + (\ddot{a}_z - \ddot{a}_{yz}) - (\ddot{a}_{xy} + \ddot{a}_{xz} - \ddot{a}_{xyz})] \\
 &= \ddot{a}_x + \ddot{a}_y + \ddot{a}_z - \ddot{a}_{xy} - \ddot{a}_{xz} - \ddot{a}_{yz} + \ddot{a}_{xyz}
 \end{aligned}$$

# JOINT LIFE STATUS LAW OF UNIFORM SENIORITY

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EXTRA CREDIT – not tested on exam

Gompertz' law

$$\mu_x = Bc^x$$

Using Gompertz' law above to construct mortality table, you can derive  $t$  such that

$$a_{x:x+n} = a_{x+t}$$

Logically, you have  $x+t > x+n$ , since  $a_{x+t}$  annuity value must be smaller than  $a_{x+n}$ .

# JOINT LIFE STATUS

## LAW OF UNIFORM SENIORITY

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EXTRA CREDIT – not tested on exam

Gompertz' law

$$\mu_x = Bc^x$$

You have  $x+t > x+n$ , so  $(x+t - x+n)$  is the addition to the older age.

Values for 1937 Standard Annuity table

<u>Age difference</u>	<u>Add to older age</u>
0	9.122
1	8.632
2	8.160

Values of  $t-n$  given in problems are always integer (unlike above)



# JOINT LIFE STATUS LAW OF UNIFORM SENIORITY

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EXTRA CREDIT – not tested on exam

Makeham's law

$$\mu_x = A + Bc^x$$

Using Makeham's law above to construct mortality table, you can derive  $t$  such that

$$a_{x:x+n} = a_{x+t:x+t}$$

Logically, you have  $x+t < x+n$ , since you are replacing with two lives at age  $x+t$ .

# JOINT LIFE STATUS

## LAW OF UNIFORM SENIORITY

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EXTRA CREDIT – not tested on exam

Makeham's law

$$\mu_x = A + Bc^x$$

You have  $x+t < x+n$ , so  $(x+t - x)$  is the addition to the younger age.

Values for 1941 CSO table

<u>Age difference</u>	<u>Add to younger age</u>
1	.511
2	1.043
3	1.596

Values of  $t$  given in problems are always integer (unlike above)

## REVERSIONARY ANNUITY

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This pays \$1 annually to life x after the death of life y:

$$\ddot{a}_{y|x} = \ddot{a}_x - \ddot{a}_{xy}$$

As long as x and y are both alive, this annuity pays \$1 - \$1, or zero.

If x is alive and y is dead, the first annuity pays \$1, and the second pays 0.

# REVERSIONARY ANNUITY

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## Pop Quiz

Three lives are ages  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . Write an expression for the PV of an annuity that pays \$500 per annum as long as exactly 2 of the three are alive.

# ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENCE

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If two annuities are actuarially equivalent, then they have the same present value:

Present value of normal form benefit  
= Present value of optional form benefit

EXTRA CREDIT – not on exam

Must use unisex assumptions to determine present values

These optional form assumptions are typically NOT the same as those used to determine cost for pension plan

# ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENCE

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Problems may give you the annuity factors to determine actuarially equivalent benefits

Alternative is to give you the optional form reduction factor:

PV of normal form benefit of \$1  
= PV of optional form benefit of \$B

$B = \frac{\text{Normal form annuity factor}}{\text{Optional form annuity factor}}$

B is the optional form reduction factor

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR FACTOR

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Formulas below are for a benefit that reduces only upon employee's death. This was defined in ERISA (1974) as a Joint and Survivor benefit ("J&S").

Assume life annuity of \$1 that is actuarially equivalent to "J&S" annuity of \$B, continues at rate K to beneficiary

PV of  
Normal Form      =      PV of  
Optional form

$$1 * (\ddot{a}_x) = B * (\ddot{a}_x + K(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}))$$

$$B = \ddot{a}_x / (\ddot{a}_x + K(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}))$$

$$B = 1 / \left( 1 + \frac{K(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy})}{\ddot{a}_x} \right)$$

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR

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Formulas below are for a benefit that reduces only upon employee's death

If  $K = 50\%$

$$B = (1 + .50[(\ddot{a}_Y - \ddot{a}_{XY}) / \ddot{a}_X])^{-1}$$

If  $K = 100\%$

$$B = (1 + 1.0[(\ddot{a}_Y - \ddot{a}_{XY}) / \ddot{a}_X])^{-1}$$

### EXTRA CREDIT

Given a "J&S" factor based on one continuation fraction (K), you can derive the "J&S" factor for any other value of K

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## JOINT AND SURVIVOR

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Formulas on next page are for a benefit that reduces upon either the employee's death or joint annuitant's death. This is the correct definition of a Joint and Survivor benefit.

Due to confusion over "Joint and Survivor", problems will describe the benefit, and upon whose death the benefit reduces

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR

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Formulas below are for a benefit that reduces upon either the employee's death or joint annuitant's death.

Assume life annuity of \$1 that is actuarially equivalent to true J&S annuity of \$B, continues at rate K to survivor

PV of  
Normal Form = PV of  
Optional form

$$1 * (\ddot{a}_x) = B * (K \ddot{a}_x + K \ddot{a}_y + (1-2K) \ddot{a}_{xy})$$
$$B = \ddot{a}_x / (K \ddot{a}_x + K \ddot{a}_y + (1-2K) \ddot{a}_{xy})$$

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR

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- Can you derive the prior formula?  
Hint - use reversionary annuity concept
- This J&S factor  $B$  may be  $> 1.00$
- Unlike other J&S annuity, can't solve for factors based on other values of  $K$

# JOINT AND SURVIVOR

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## Comparison of J&S benefit types

For 100% continuation:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Reduce ee death} &= \ddot{a}_x + K(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}) \\ &= \ddot{a}_x + \ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Reduce either dies} &= K\ddot{a}_x + K\ddot{a}_y + (1-2K)\ddot{a}_{xy} \\ &= \ddot{a}_x + \ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}\end{aligned}$$

For 50% continuation:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Reduce ee death} &= \ddot{a}_x + K(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy}) \\ &= \ddot{a}_x + .5(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Reduce either dies} &= K\ddot{a}_x + K\ddot{a}_y + (1-2K)\ddot{a}_{xy} \\ &= .5\ddot{a}_x + .5\ddot{a}_y\end{aligned}$$

Verify results for all three cases -

Both X+Y alive, only X alive, only Y alive

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR WITH POP-UP

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Benefit reduces only upon employee's death. If beneficiary dies first, then the employee's benefit is restored to life annuity amount, as if no J&S option was ever elected.

Construct pieces of J&S pop-up benefit:

$B\ddot{a}_x$  benefit for life of ee  
+  $KB(\ddot{a}_y - \ddot{a}_{xy})$  benefit if ee dies first  
+  $(1-B)(\ddot{a}_x - \ddot{a}_{xy})$  benefit if benef. dies first

# JOINT AND SURVIVOR WITH POP-UP

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PV of  
Normal Form = PV of  
Optional form

$$1(\ddot{a}_x) = B \ddot{a}_x + KB\ddot{a}_y - KB\ddot{a}_{xy} \\ + \ddot{a}_x - \ddot{a}_{xy} \\ - B \ddot{a}_x + B\ddot{a}_{xy}$$

$$\ddot{a}_{xy} = KB\ddot{a}_y + (1-K)B\ddot{a}_{xy}$$

$$B = \ddot{a}_{xy} / (K\ddot{a}_y + (1-K)\ddot{a}_{xy})$$

Key result – final formula does not include  $\ddot{a}_x$

## JOINT AND SURVIVOR USEFUL FORMULAS

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$$a_x = v p_x \ddot{a}_{x+1}$$

If given three of four items in prior formula, can solve for the unknown

$$a_{xy} = v p_{xy} \ddot{a}_{x+1:y+1}$$

If given three of four items in prior formula, can solve for the unknown

# **KEY CONCEPTS**

## **SECTION X - JOINT LIFE STATUS**

- 1. Joint Life Status**
  - a. Probability**
  - b. Annuity**
- 2. Joint and Last Survivor**
  - a. Probability**
  - b. Annuity**
- 3. Reversionary Annuity**
- 4. Types of J&S Annuities**