

GIIRR Model Solutions

Spring 2016

1. Learning Objectives:

1. The candidate will understand the key considerations for general insurance actuarial analysis.

Learning Outcomes:

- (1k) Estimate written, earned and unearned premiums.
- (1l) Adjust historical earned premiums to current rate levels.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 11 and 12.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's ability to make correct calculations of earned premium. The candidate also needs to understand earned premiums adjusted to current rate level that are used when projecting expected claim ratios, as well as calculating the weighted average rate level when a new discount is introduced.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the policy year 2015 earned premium evaluated as of December 31, 2016.

$$2015 \text{ policy year earned premium} = 12 \times 2,000 = 24,000$$

- (b) Calculate the calendar year 2015 earned premium.

Commentary on Question:

There are two approaches that can be used. Candidates could either assume that the policies written in the first half of the year are renewed during the second half of the year, or candidates could answer the question considering only new policy writings during the year.

Solution for assuming only new policy writings during the year:

- The policy written on January 1 expires on June 30, and is therefore earned for six months in calendar year (CY) 2015.
- Similarly, the policies written on February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, June 1, and July 1 are all earned for six months in CY 2015.
- The policy written on August 1 is earned for five months in CY 2015.

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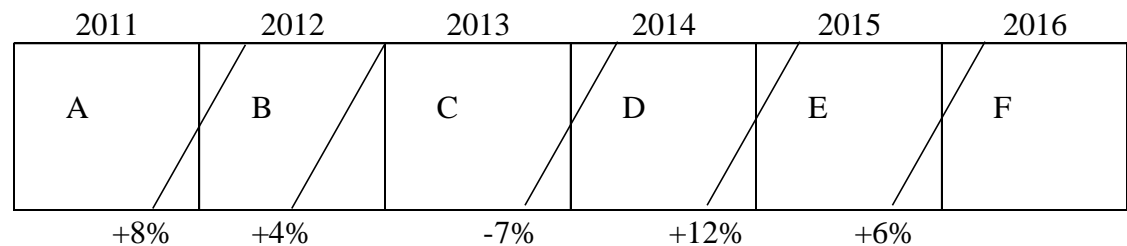
- The policy written on September 1 is earned for four months in CY 2015.
- The policy written on October 1 is earned for three months in CY 2015.
- The policy written on November 1 is earned for two months in CY 2015.
- The policy written on December 1 is earned for one month in CY 2015.

$$\text{CY 2015 earned premium} = 2,000 \times (6/6 + 6/6 + 6/6 + 6/6 + 6/6 + 6/6 + 6/6 + 5/6 + 4/6 + 3/6 + 2/6 + 1/6) = 19,000$$

- (c) Calculate the premium on-level factors for 2011 and 2012 used to project expected claim ratios for reserving purposes as of December 31, 2015.

Commentary on Question:

Note that the six-month policy terms cause the height of the triangles to be twice the base.



% at Rate Level in CY

Rate Level	Rate Level Relative Value	2011	2012	2015
A	1.0000	93.75%	6.25%	
B	1.0800	6.25%	68.75%	
C	1.1232		25.00%	
D	1.0446			6.25%
E	1.1699			87.50%
F	1.2401			6.25%
Weighted average rate level		1.0050	1.0858	1.1665

e.g., % at rate level C in CY 2012 = $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = 25\%$

Weighted average rate level = sumproduct of rate level relative value and % at rate level in CY (e.g., $1.0050 = 1.0000 \times 93.75\% + 1.0800 \times 6.25\%$).

Premium on-level factors that are used to project expected claim ratios for reserving purposes as of December 31, 2015 need to use the weighted average rate level for 2015 as the numerator.

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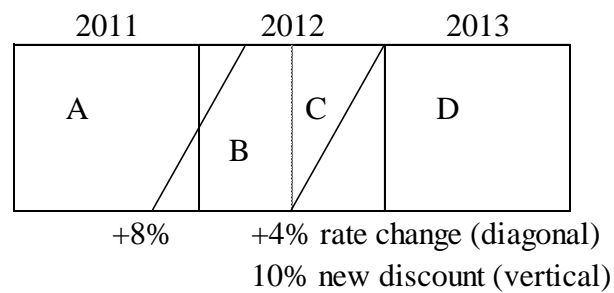
$$\text{Premium on-level factor for 2011} = \frac{1.1665}{1.0050} = 1.161$$

$$\text{Premium on-level factor for 2012} = \frac{1.1665}{1.0858} = 1.074$$

(d) Calculate the weighted average rate level for 2012.

Average discount is $40\% \times 10\% = 4\%$.

2012 can be represented using the following graph:



The rate level relative value for A is 1.

The rate level relative value for B is 1.08.

The rate level relative value for C is $1.08 \times 0.96 = 1.0368$.

The rate level relative value for D is $1.08 \times 1.04 \times 0.96 = 1.0783$.

The areas of each shape are as follows:

$$\text{A} \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} = 6.25\%$$

$$\text{B} \quad 0.5 - 0.0625 = 43.75\%$$

$$\text{C} \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = 25\%$$

$$\text{D} \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = 25\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The weighted average rate level for 2012} &= (1 \times 0.0625) + (1.08 \times 0.4375) + \\ &+ (1.0368 \times 0.25) + (1.0783 \times 0.25) = 1.0638. \end{aligned}$$

2. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.
3. The candidate will understand financial reporting of claim liabilities and premium liabilities.
6. The candidate will understand the need for monitoring results.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.
- (2c) Estimate claims-related expenses and recoveries.
- (3b) Estimate unpaid unallocated loss adjustment expenses using ratio and count-based methods.
- (3d) Evaluate the estimates of ultimate claims to determine claim liabilities for financial reporting.
- (6b) Analyze actual claims experience relative to expectations.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 14, 17, 22, 23, and 36.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of comparing actual vs. expected claims, estimating IBNR reserves using the development method, the Bornhuetter Ferguson method, and the Benktander method, and estimating unpaid ULAE using the Mango and Allen smoothing adjustment.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the difference between actual paid claims and expected paid claims for each accident year.

Accident Year	(1) Actual Paid Claims	(2) Earned Premium	(3) = (2)×0.65 A Priori Expected Claims	(4) Paid CDF	(5) = (3)/(4) Expected Paid Claims	(6) = (1) – (5) Actual vs. Expected
2013	49,000	90,000	58,500	1.20	48,750	250
2014	40,500	100,000	65,000	1.60	40,625	-125
2015	40,000	110,000	71,500	2.00	35,750	4,250
Total						4,375

2. Continued

- (b) Calculate the accident year 2014 expected paid development from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016 using linear interpolation and the a priori expected claims ratio.

Accident Year	(4) Paid CDF	(7) = 1/(4) Expected % Paid at Dec. 31, 2015
2013	1.20	83.33%
2014	1.60	62.50%

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Expected \% paid at Mar. 31, 2016} &= 0.75 \times 62.50\% + 0.25 \times 83.33\% = 67.71\% \\ \text{Expected paid claims from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016} &= \\ \frac{(65,000 - 40,500)}{1 - 0.6250} (0.6771 - 0.6250) &= 3,404\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Explain why linear interpolation might not be appropriate for estimating expected development for accident year 2014.

Development between periods may not be linear (particularly if development factors are large or immature).

- (d) Provide one alternative to linear interpolation for estimating expected development between annual evaluations.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

If data is available, it may be possible to derive development factors at quarterly intervals rather than using interpolation.

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(e) Calculate estimated IBNR reserves for each accident year using the following methods applied to paid claim data:

- (i) Development method
- (ii) Bornhuetter Ferguson method
- (iii) Benktander method, one iteration

Accident Year	(1) Actual Paid Claims	(3) = (2) × 0.65 A Priori Expected Claims	(4) Paid CDF	(7) = 1/(4) 1/CDF	(8) = 1 – (7) 1 – 1/CDF
2013	49,000	58,500	1.20	0.8333	0.1667
2014	40,500	65,000	1.60	0.6250	0.3750
2015	40,000	71,500	2.00	0.5000	0.5000

Accident Year	(9) = (1)(4) Development Method	(10) = (1) + (8)(3) Bornhuetter Ferguson Method	(11) = (1) + (8)(10) Benktander Method
2013	58,800	58,752	58,794
2014	64,800	64,875	64,828
2015	80,000	75,750	77,875

Accident Year	(12) Actual Reported Claims	(13) = (9) – (12) Development Method	(14) = (10) – (12) Bornhuetter Ferguson Method	(15) = (11) – (12) Benktander Method
2013	54,000	4,800	4,752	4,794
2014	50,000	14,800	14,875	14,828
2015	45,000	35,000	30,750	32,875

2. Continued

- (f) Describe one situation for which the development method might provide a better estimate for the accident year 2015 IBNR reserves.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

The development method might be more appropriate if accident year 2015 is showing true deterioration.

- (g) Describe one situation for which the Bornhuetter Ferguson method might provide a better estimate for the accident year 2015 IBNR reserves.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

The Bornhuetter Ferguson might be more appropriate if accident year 2015 includes unusual large loss(es) at 12 months which are not expected to develop normally.

- (h) Estimate accident year 2015 unpaid ULAE as of December 31, 2015 using the classical paid-to-paid method, a multiplier of 50%, estimated IBNR from the Bornhuetter Ferguson method (part (e) above), and the Mango-Allen smoothing adjustment.

Calendar Year	(1) Actual Paid ULAE	(2) Expected Paid Claims	(3) Paid-to-Paid Ratio
2013	5,580	55,800	10.0%
2014	5,890	60,100	9.8%
2015	7,100	69,600	10.2%

Selected paid-to-paid ratio = 10%

Bornhuetter Ferguson method IBNR = 30,750

Case estimate = 45,000 – 40,000 = 5,000

Unpaid ULAE = 10%×30,750 + 10%×0.5×5,000 = 3,325

2. Continued

- (i) Identify four situations in which the Mango and Allen smoothing adjustment should be considered in the selection of a ULAE ratio.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

Situations include:

- Sparse data
- Volatile data
- Long-tail lines of business
- Changing exposure volume

3. Learning Objectives:

4. The candidate will understand trending procedures as applied to ultimate claims, exposures and premiums.

Learning Outcomes:

- (4b) Describe the influences on frequency and severity of changes in deductibles, changes in policy limits, and changes in mix of business.
- (4c) Choose trend rates and calculate trend factors for claims.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 25.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of analyzing claim trend for long-tail lines when the company has insufficient experience.

Solution:

- (a) Identify one distinct consideration, for each of the following options:
 - (i) Use industry general insurance data for the applicable line of business and jurisdiction.
 - (ii) Combine your company's experience in one jurisdiction with your company's regional experience.
 - (iii) Combine your company's experience with that of other affiliated insurers in your group.
 - (i) Carefully review the applicability of external data and review the obligations and guidance set out in the Standards.
 - (ii) Review the economic, legal, and regulatory environments that influence frequency and severity.
 - (iii) Ensure there are similar operational policies, particularly with respect to underwriting, claim management, and reinsurance OR Ensure there are similarities in the types of exposures and products.
- (b) Explain the effect this change will have on a claim trend analysis if there is no adjustment in the historical data for the reform-driven policy change.

If the historical data is not adjusted, it will be higher than it should be (relative to the now lower claims level). This will lead to a trend estimate that is lower than it should be.

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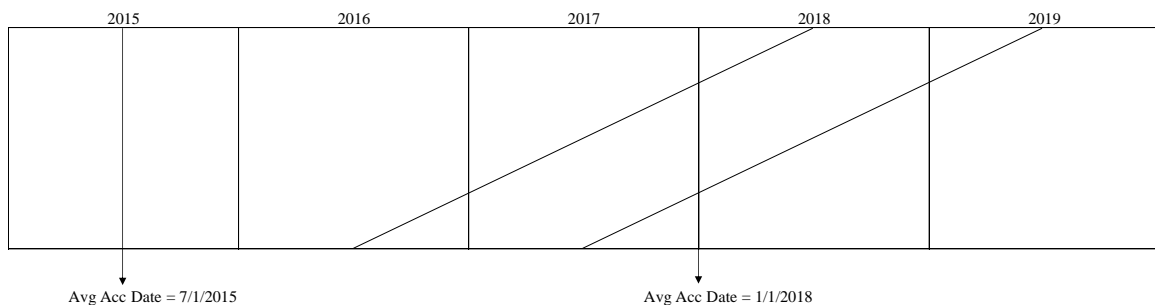
- (c) Calculate the post-reform losses net of deductible using the claim distribution above.

For the 5 claims of amount 50, reinstating the deductible gives a loss of $50 + 500 = 550$. The 20% post-reform decrease takes it to $550(0.8) = 440$. Reapplying the deductible gives a claim of 0.

For the 10 claims of 500, reinstating the deductible gives a loss of $500 + 500 = 1,000$. The 20% post-reform decrease takes it to $1,000(0.8) = 800$. Reapplying the deductible gives a claim of $800 - 500 = 300$. With 10 claims the total loss is 3,000.

- (d) Calculate the accident year 2015 pure premium trend factor.

The pure premium trend rate is $(1 + 3\%) \times (1 - 1.5\%) = 1.01455$. The trending period is 7/1/2015 to 1/1/2018, which is 2.5 years. See the diagram below for a derivation. Thus the AY2015 pure premium trend factor is $1.01455^{2.5} = 1.0368$.



4. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 17.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of the Bornhuetter Ferguson method as well as estimating ultimate salvage using the Bornhuetter Ferguson method.

Solution:

- (a) Explain how the Bornhuetter Ferguson method of estimating ultimate claims combines the development method and the expected method.

The observed experience is based on actual experience through the valuation date; the balance of the ultimate value is based on the a priori estimate of the expected method.

- (b) Calculate the ultimate salvage for each accident year using the Bornhuetter Ferguson method.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) = (1)(4)
		Age-to-Age		Age-to-	Projected
Accident	Reported	Development	Ultimate	Ultimate	Ultimate
Year	Salvage	Factors	Claims	Development	Based on
				Factors	Reported
2012	62,000	1.00	230,100	1.000	62,000
2013	66,000	0.99	229,400	0.990	65,340
2014	65,000	0.98	232,700	0.970	63,050
2015	67,000	0.95	239,200	0.922	61,774

Note: Column (4) = Cumulative product of column (2).

e.g., $1.00 \times 0.99 \times 0.98 \times 0.95 = 0.922$

4. Continued

$$(6) = 27\% \times (3) \quad (7) = 1 - 1/(4) \quad (8) = (6)(7) \quad (9) = (1)+(8)$$

Accident Year	Expected Salvage	Expected % Undeveloped	Expected Salvage Undeveloped	Projected Ultimate Salvage
2012	62,127	0.0%	0	62,000
2013	61,938	-1.0%	-619	65,381
2014	62,829	-3.1%	-1,948	63,052
2015	64,584	-8.5%	-5,490	61,510

- (c) Compare the actual reported salvage to the expected reported salvage for each accident year.

$$(10) = 1 - (7) \quad (11) = (6)(10) \quad (12) = (1) - (11) \quad (13) = (12)/(11)$$

Accident Year	Expected % Developed	Expected Salvage Developed	Difference Actual and Expected	Difference Actual and Expected as a % of Expected
2012	100.0%	62,127	-127	-0.2%
2013	101.0%	62,557	3,443	5.5%
2014	103.1%	64,777	223	0.3%
2015	108.5%	70,074	-3,074	-4.4%

- (d) Explain whether or not any accident years from part (c) merit further investigation.

Accident year 2013 has much higher actual reported salvage than expected and should be investigated.

Accident year 2015 has much lower actual reported salvage than expected and should be investigated.

5. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2a) Use loss development triangles for investigative testing.
- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 13 and 19.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's ability to estimate ultimate claims using Berquist-Sherman adjustments when there has been an adjustment in case reserves and a change in settlement rates.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the average case estimate triangle.

Average Case = Case / Outstanding Counts

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	93.2	148.8	100.0
2014	97.8	373.9	
2015	400.0		

$$\text{Average Case} = \frac{\text{Reported Claims} - \text{Paid Claims}}{\text{Reported Counts} - \text{Closed Counts}} = \frac{12,800 - 8,700}{200 - 156} = 93.2$$

- (b) Explain whether the average case estimate triangle indicates decreasing, increasing or stable case reserve adequacy.

Average case estimates are increasing in the last calendar year (diagonal). This suggests an increase in case reserve adequacy.

- (c) Select ultimate counts for each accident year and justify your selection.

Reported count ultimate needs to be selected, since paid ultimate is distorted by settlement pattern changes.

5. Continued

- (d) Calculate the disposal ratio triangle using the selections from part (c).

Disposal ratios = Closed Counts / Ultimate Counts

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	0.520	0.697	0.933
2014	0.519	0.758	
2015	0.613		

e.g., $0.520 = 156 / 300$

- (e) Explain whether the disposal ratio triangle indicates decreasing, increasing or stable claim settlement rates.

Disposal ratios are higher in last calendar year (diagonal), suggesting increasing settlement rates, consistent with claims manager report of faster settlement of small claims.

- (f) Calculate the adjusted paid claims triangle.

	12	24	36
Selected Disposal	0.6132	0.7581	0.9333

Adjusted Closed Counts = Disposal Ratio \times Ultimate Reported

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	184	227	280
2014	190	235	
2015	195		

Paid to Closed Ratio

AY13-15	55	50	68
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Adjusted Paid = Adjusted Closed Counts \times Paid to Closed Ratio

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	10,120	11,350	19,040
2014	10,450	11,750	
2015	10,725		

5. Continued

- (g) Calculate the adjusted reported claims triangle.

Adjusted Average Case = Selected Case (diagonal) detrended at 3%

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	377.0	363.0	100.0
2014	388.3	373.9	
2015	400.0		

e.g., $388.3 = 400 / 1.03$

Adjusted Open Counts = Reported Counts – Adjusted Closed

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	16	23	20
2014	16	23	
2015	17		

Adjusted Case = Adjusted Average Case \times Adjusted Open Counts

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	6,032	8,349	2,000
2014	6,213	8,600	
2015	6,800		

Adjusted Reported = Adjusted Paid + Adjusted Case

Accident Year	12	24	36
2013	16,152	19,699	21,040
2014	16,663	20,350	
2015	17,525		

6. Learning Objectives:

5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

Learning Outcomes:

- (5d) Calculate loadings for catastrophes and large claims.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 30.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of claim loadings for ratemaking.

Solution:

- (a) Describe four considerations for your assessment.

Any four of the following are acceptable:

- The actuary should consider comparing historical insurance data to noninsurance data to determine the extent to which the available historical insurance data are fully representative of the long-term frequency and severity of the perils.
- The actuary should consider the sensitivity of the provision to changes in the historical insurance data relating to the following: (1) the frequency of catastrophes; (2) the severity of catastrophes; and (3) the geographic location of catastrophes.
- The actuary should consider the applicability of historical insurance data for the insured coverage.
- This includes determining:
 - whether catastrophe losses are likely to differ significantly among elements of the rate structure, such as construction type and location;
 - whether such differences should be reflected in the ratemaking procedures; and
 - how to reflect such differences, taking into account both homogeneity and the volume of data.
- The actuary should consider whether there is a sufficient number of years of comparable, compatible historical insurance data.

6. Continued

- (b) Calculate the hail catastrophe loading as a claim ratio for annual policies starting on April 1, 2016.

Accident Year	(1) Earned House Years	(2) Trended Hail Ultimate Claims (000)
2010	13,929	0
2011	14,070	0
2012	14,212	234
2013	14,356	0
2014	14,169	358
Total	70,736	592

- (3) Trended Pure Premium for Hail Claims: $(2) \times 1000 / (1) =$ 8.37
 (4) CY2014 Earned House Years: 14,169
 (5) Hail Expected Claims: $(3)(4) =$ 118,595
 (6) CY2014 Trended Earned Premiums at Current Level: 11,291,000
 (7) Catastrophe Claim Hail Loading Expressed as a Claim Ratio: $(5)/(6) =$ 1.05%

- (c) Describe two concerns you would have in relying on the calculation from part (b) in your rating analysis.

Any two of the following are acceptable:

- Frequency in the area not used
- Severity in the area not used
- No consideration of frequency trending
- No consideration of the number of years used
- No credibility
- No formal cat modeling used
- Change in exposure

6. Continued

- (d) Recommend one improvement to address each concern identified in part (c).

Commentary on Question:

The improvement must match the concern from part (c).

- Frequency in the area not used → compare frequency with a larger area
- Severity in the area not used → compare severity with the industry data
- No consideration of frequency trending → frequency seems too low to be credible but should check
- No consideration of the number of years used → more potential data from the industry
- No credibility → results should be credibility weighted
- No formal cat modeling used → use cat model
- Change in exposure → use simulation model or logic tree

7. Learning Objectives:

5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

Learning Outcomes:

- (5j) Perform individual risk rating using standard plans.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 35.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests individual risk rating.

Solution:

- (a) Identify two items of information to request in order to get a broader perspective on the three companies and their historical experience.

Any two of the following are acceptable (other items are possible):

- What was the premium for each year?
- Explain the claim pattern in the experience period.
- Provide individual claim data.

- (b) Evaluate each company for retrospective rating, from the perspective of IRIE.

ABC:

- Claims are relatively stable.
- If claims can be controlled at level of 0.6, there could be an opportunity for savings.

DEF:

- Claims are relatively stable.
- If claims continue at 0.8, there could be additional cost.

GHI:

- Claims are not very stable.
- Could there be a claim limitation if a large claim year like 2013 were to reoccur?

7. Continued

- (c) Recommend whether each insured should accept the retrospective premium option or a fixed 1.0 million annual premium. Justify your recommendation.
- All-average claim produces premium of 0.99, slightly less than the fixed premium of 1.0.
 - ABC: The premium could range from 0.87 to 1.23 with 0.87 more likely, so this is a reasonable candidate. Recommend retrospective premium option.
 - DEF: The premium could range from 0.75 to 1.11 with 1.11 more likely, so this is a reasonable candidate. Recommend retrospective premium option.
 - GHI: The premium is likely to be 0.15 but the maximum premium of 1.95 would be reached if there were another year like 2013. Do not recommend retrospective premium option.

8. Learning Objectives:

5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

Learning Outcomes:

- (5h) Calculate deductible factors, increased limits factors, and coinsurance penalties.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 33.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of and application of increased limit factors and deductibles.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the observed increased limit factors (ILF) for:

- (i) 250,000 limit
- (ii) 500,000 limit
- (iii) 1,000,000 limit

Limited Average Severity (LAS) @ 100,000 = $[375,000 + 100 \times (2,000+500)] / (15,000+2,000+500) = 35.71$

LAS @ 250,000 = $[375,000 + 300,000 + (250 \times 500)] / (15,000+2,000+500) = 45.71$

LAS @ 500,000 = LAS @ 1,000,000 = $[375,000 + 300,000 + 175,000] / (15,000+2,000+500) = 48.57$

ILF 100,000 to 250,000: $45.71/35.71 = 1.28$

ILF 100,000 to 500,000: $48.57/35.71 = 1.36$

ILF 100,000 to 1,000,000: $48.57/35.71 = 1.36$

- (b) Explain whether or not your selected ILF at 1,000,000 should equal your selected ILF at 500,000.

Even though there are no claims in the 500,000 to 1,000,000 layer, this does not mean the ILF should be the same.

8. Continued

- (c) Describe two challenges insurers face when determining ILFs for high limits using empirical data.

Answers could include any of the below:

- Absence of complete data – insurers may not maintain ground-up uncapped data on individual claims.
- Claim development – an ultimate loss may reach a high limit, but not before it is fully developed.
- Claim trend – empirical claim data must be adjusted for trends, which will influence the amount of claims at higher limits.
- Empirical data at high limits often lacks credibility due to low frequency of large losses.

- (d) Calculate the amount of a covered loss retained by the insured and paid by the insurer for the following covered losses:

Covered Loss	Retained by the Insured	Paid by the Insurer
900	900	0
1,400	600	800
2,000	0	2,000

e.g., for a covered loss of 1,400:

- Paid by insurer = $(1,400 - 1,000) \times 2 = 800$
- Paid by insured = $1,400 - 800 = 600$

- (e) Explain why increasing deductible amounts will reduce claim frequency, but will not necessarily reduce the insurer's claim severity.

An insurer is not responsible for paying claims below the deductible. As the deductible increases, the insurer will pay fewer claims, which will reduce frequency.

However, because increasing deductible amounts will lower both claim counts and amounts, the insurer's severity may increase when small claims are no longer covered. This may lead to an increase in the average amount paid per claim, or a higher severity.

9. Learning Objectives:

3. The candidate will understand financial reporting of claim liabilities and premium liabilities.

Learning Outcomes:

- (3e) Describe the components of premium liabilities in the context of financial reporting.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 24.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the determination of premium liabilities.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the 2016 pure premium per policy, gross and net of reinsurance.

(1) Gross Claim Per Policy	(2) Probability	(3) = (1)(2) Gross Pure Premium	(4) = (1)[1-0.25] Claim After Quota Share	(5) = min[(4),500] Claim After Excess Reins	(6) = (2)(5) Net Pure Premium
0	56%	0	0	0	0.00
100	30%	30	75	75	22.50
500	10%	50	375	375	37.50
2,000	4%	80	1,500	500	20.00
		160			80.00

- (b) Calculate the premium liabilities as of December 31, 2015, gross and net of reinsurance.

	Gross	Net
(1) Average claim cost/year [from part (a)]	160	80
(2) Policies exposed for 2015 [50,000×50%]	25,000	25,000
(3) Expected Claim Cost [(1)(2)]	4,000,000	2,000,000
(4) ULAE [4,000,000×10%]	400,000	400,000
(5) Additional reinsurance cost [50×25,000]		1,250,000
(6) General expenses [3,750,000×20%×25%]	187,500	187,500
(7) Premium liabilities [(3)+(4)+(5)+(6)]	4,587,500	3,837,500

Note: (2) Average written date is July 1, 2015, therefore 50% exposed in 2015.

9. Continued

- (c) Determine either the premium deficiency reserve or the equity in the unearned premium.

$$\text{Premium deficiency reserve} = 3,837,500 - 3,750,000 = 87,500.$$

- (d) State the maximum deferred policy acquisition expense (DPAE) ABC Insurance could record as an asset.

Maximum DPAE = 0 (lower of the gross equity in the unearned premium and the net equity in the unearned premium plus the ceded unearned commissions).

10. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 14 and 16.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the estimation of Allocated Loss Adjustment Expenses (ALAE) using the development method and the expected method.

Solution:

- (a) Identify one practical consideration in your decision .

Either of the following are acceptable:

- The reporting and payment patterns are similar for indemnity and ALAE.
- Differences in the reporting and payments of indemnity and ALAE are consistent from year to year and consistent in the relationship of one to another.

- (b) Identify one situation where you should project indemnity and ALAE separately.

Either of the following are acceptable:

- Where the insurer's practices for setting case estimates differ.
- IT systems considerations, i.e., the insurer separates case estimates between indemnity and ALAE.

10. Continued

- (c) Calculate the ratio of ALAE to claims for each report year.

Report Year	(1) Projected Ultimate ALAE Based on Reported Development Method	(2) Selected Ultimate Claims	(3) = (1)/(2) Ratio
2012	720	15,000	0.048
2013	740	16,100	0.046
2014	930	16,000	0.058
2015	820	16,400	0.050
Total	3,210	63,500	0.051

- (d) Select an expected ratio of ALAE to claims. Justify your selection.

- 2014 seems to be an outlier.
- Average of 2012, 2013, 2015 = 4.8%.
- Select 4.8% as a reasonable estimate.

- (e) Calculate the projected ultimate ALAE by report year using the expected ratio from part (d).

Report Year	(2) Projected Ultimate Claims Based on Reported	(4) = (2)×0.048 Expected ALAE Based on Ratio
2012	15,000	720
2013	16,100	773
2014	16,000	768
2015	16,400	787
Total	63,500	3,048

10. Continued

- (f) Calculate the indicated ALAE IBNR by report year using the projected ultimate ALAE from part (e).

Report Year	(4) = (2)×0.048 Expected ALAE Based on Ratio	(5) Reported ALAE at Dec. 31, 2015	(6) = (4) – (5) Expected Method Indicated IBNR
2012	720	655	65
2013	773	630	143
2014	768	735	33
2015	787	570	217
Total	3,048	2,590	458

- (g) Select the ALAE IBNR by comparing the indicated ALAE IBNR calculated in part (f) with the indicated ALAE IBNR from the reported development method. Justify your selection.

Report Year	(1) Projected Ultimate Reported ALAE	(5) Reported ALAE at Dec. 31, 2015	(6) = (4) – (5) Expected Method Indicated IBNR	(7) = (1) – (5) Development Method Indicated IBNR
2012	720	655	65	65
2013	740	630	143	110
2014	930	735	33	195
2015	820	570	217	250
Total	3,210	2,590	458	620

Candidates could recommend either of two options (the key is the justification for the selection):

Option 1: IBNR for 2014 is too low using the expected method so select development method IBNR of 195.

Report Year	Selected IBNR
2012	65
2013	143
2014	195
2015	217
Total	620

10. Continued

Option 2: The IBNR for 2014 using the expected method is reasonable, even if it is a little low. The question says that there is uncertainty in the development method so it is reasonable to use the expected method.

Report Year	Selected IBNR
2012	65
2013	143
2014	33
2015	217
Total	458

11. Learning Objectives:

5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

(5g) Calculate risk classification changes and territorial changes.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 32.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of risk classification.

Solution:

(a) Describe how a more refined risk classification system might lead to a competitive advantage for a company.

An insurer with more refined pricing can charge a rate that is more closely related to expected claims, attracting customers with a low risk of claims. Conversely, an insurer with less refined pricing will encourage adverse selection; higher risk customers will be attracted to the company.

(b) Calculate age one-way relativities and gender one-way relativities.

Overall average pure premium:

$$(90 \times 200 + 100 \times 125 + 80 \times 150 + 110 \times 120) / (90 + 100 + 80 + 110) = 146.58$$

One-way relativities for age:

$$\text{Young: } [(90 \times 200 + 80 \times 150) / (90 + 80)] / 146.58 = 1.20$$

$$\text{Old: } [(100 \times 125 + 110 \times 120) / (100 + 110)] / 146.58 = 0.83$$

One-way relativities for gender:

$$\text{Male: } [(90 \times 200 + 100 \times 125) / (90 + 100)] / 146.58 = 1.10$$

$$\text{Female: } [(80 \times 150 + 110 \times 120) / (80 + 110)] / 146.58 = 0.90$$

(c) Calculate indicated pure premiums for each age and gender combination without rebalancing.

$$\text{Young Male} = 146.58 \times 1.20 \times 1.10 = 193.49$$

$$\text{Old Male} = 146.58 \times 0.83 \times 1.10 = 133.83$$

$$\text{Young Female} = 146.58 \times 1.20 \times 0.90 = 158.31$$

$$\text{Old Female} = 146.58 \times 0.83 \times 0.90 = 109.50$$

11. Continued

- (d) Explain why one-way analysis fails to replicate the observed pure premiums in this scenario.

Distributional bias and dependence cause the one-way relativities to produce different pure premiums than observed.

- (e) Calculate the revised pure premiums.

$$\text{Young} = 146.58 \times 1.20 = 175.90$$

$$\text{Old} = 146.58 \times 0.83 = 121.66$$

- (f) Describe the potential rating effects on male and female policyholders.

Restrictions on using gender as a rating variable would result in females being charged a rate higher than their relative risk and males being charged a rate lower than their relative risk.

12. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2a) Use loss development triangles for investigative testing.
 (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 13 and 14.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the investigation of reported count triangles as well as estimating ultimate counts using the development method.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the ultimate claim counts for each accident year using the development method with a simple all-year average and a tail factor of 1.05.

Accident Year	12-24	24-36	36-48	48-Ult
2012	3.700	1.369	1.135	
2013	3.724	1.403		
2014	4.398			
Simple average	3.941	1.386	1.135	1.050
Age-to-Ultimate	6.510	1.652	1.192	1.050

e.g., $3.700 = 1,850 / 500$

Accident Year	(1) Reported Counts at Dec. 31, 2015	(2) Age-to-Ultimate Development Factors	(3) = (1)(2) Ultimate Counts
	2012	2,875	1.050
2013	3,030	1.192	3,612
2014	2,243	1.652	3,705
2015	515	6.510	3,353
Total			13,689

- (b) Identify one item to investigate based on the reported count triangle and the development factors calculated in part (a).

2014 12-24 development factor is higher than 2012 and 2013.

12. Continued

- (c) Describe how you would investigate the item identified in part (b).

One could approach the claims department to see if there has been a process change in the speed of settling claims.

- (d) Identify three reasons a reinsurer's experience may be more variable than the primary insurer's experience.

Any three of the following are acceptable (other answers are possible):

- Reinsurer typically covers higher layer which has more uncertainty.
- Reinsurer will have less data so lower credibility.
- There are often lengthy lags in reporting experienced by reinsurers.
- Random deviations in reported claims will have a magnified effect because the projected ultimate values are highly dependent on reported claims.

13. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 15.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the frequency-severity closure method of estimating ultimate claims.

Solution:

- (a) Describe a data adjustment to use with the closure method if the line of business has a significant number of partial payments.

The closed count triangle should ideally be matched with a triangle of paid claims on closed counts.

- (b) Calculate the proportion of closed counts at each maturity age for accident year 2012.

First calculate the incremental closed counts at each maturity age for 2012:

$$\begin{aligned}12: & 9,670 \\24: & 12,120 - 9,670 = 2,450 \\36: & 12,980 - 12,120 = 860 \\48: & 13,380 - 12,980 = 400\end{aligned}$$

Next, at each maturity age, the proportion of closed counts is equal to the incremental counts closed divided by the counts not yet closed.

$$\begin{aligned}12: & 9,670 / 13,380 = 0.723 \\24: & 2,450 / (13,380 - 9,670) = 0.660 \\36: & 860 / (13,380 - 12,120) = 0.683 \\48: & 400 / (13,380 - 12,980) = 1.000\end{aligned}$$

13. Continued

- (c) Calculate the incremental closed counts for accident year 2014 at all maturities 12 through 48 months.

The incremental closed count for age 12 is given as 5,960.

The incremental closed count for age 24 is $7,420 - 5,960 = 1,460$.

For the remaining ages, it is equal to (the ultimate count minus the cumulative closed count) \times selected proportion of closed counts:

$$36: (8,500 - 7,420) \times 0.70 = 756$$

$$48: (8,500 - 7,420 - 756) \times 1.000 = 324$$

- (d) Calculate the incremental paid severity for accident year 2014 at all maturities 12 through 48 months.

The incremental paid severity for ages 12 and 24 are as shown in the table provided: 1,175 for age 12 and 4,200 for age 24.

For the remaining ages, it is simply the selected severity adjusted for the cumulative trend of 1.035 from 2015 to 2014:

$$36: 12,800 / 1.035 = 12,367$$

$$48: 14,500 / 1.035 = 14,010$$

- (e) Calculate the accident year 2014 projected ultimate claims.

Incremental paid claims are equal to the incremental closed counts from part (c) multiplied by the corresponding incremental severities from part (d). Thus:

$$12: 5,960 \times 1,175 = 7,003,000$$

$$24: 1,460 \times 4,200 = 6,132,000$$

$$36: 756 \times 12,367 = 9,349,452$$

$$48: 324 \times 14,010 = 4,539,240$$

$$\text{Total} = 7,003,000 + 6,132,000 + 9,349,452 + 4,539,240 = 27,023,692$$

14. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2b) Estimate ultimate claims using various methods: development method, expected method, Bornhuetter Ferguson method, Cape Cod method, frequency-severity methods, Berquist-Sherman methods.

Sources:

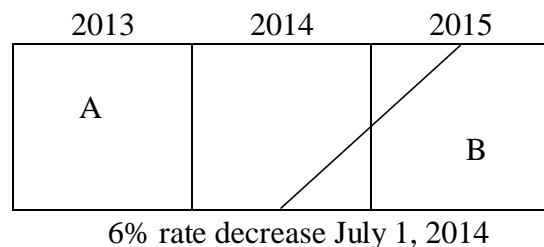
Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 18.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding (calculation and purpose) of the Cape Cod method and the Generalized Cape Cod method.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the used-up on-level earned premiums for each accident year.



On-level Calculation:

Rate Level	Rate Level Relative Value	% Earned in CY		
		2013	2014	2015
A	1.00	100.0%	87.5%	12.5%
B	0.94	0.0%	12.5%	87.5%
Average rate level		1.0000	0.9925	0.9475

On-level factor	0.948	0.955	1.000
(relative to 2015 average rate level)			

14. Continued

	(1)	(2)	(3) = (1)(2)	(4)	(5) = 1/(4)	(6) = (3)(5) Used-Up On-Level Earned Premium
Accident Year	Earned Premium	Premium On-Level Factor	On-Level Earned Premium	Reported CDF	Expected % Reported	
2013	40,000	0.948	37,900	1.250	0.80	30,320
2014	41,000	0.955	39,141	2.000	0.50	19,571
2015	40,000	1.000	40,000	5.000	0.20	8,000
Total						57,891

(b) Calculate the expected claims for each accident year.

	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)=(7)(8)(9)	(11) = 0.694×(3)/[(8)(9)]
Accident Year	Actual Reported Claims	Trend Factor	Tort Reform	Adjusted Claims	Expected Claims
2013	22,000	1.040	0.900	20,600	28,083
2014	14,000	1.020	0.950	13,566	28,026
2015	6,000	1.000	1.000	6,000	27,753
Total				40,166	83,862

Notes: Trend factor = $1.02^{(2015-AY)}$

Adjusted expected claim ratio = $40,166 / 57,891 = 0.694$

(c) Calculate the estimated ultimate claims for each accident year.

	(7)	(12) = 1 - (5)	(13) = (11)(12)	(14) = (7) + (13)
Accident Year	Actual Reported Claims	Expected % Unreported	Expected Unreported	Projected Ultimate
2013	22,000	0.20	5,617	27,617
2014	14,000	0.50	14,013	28,013
2015	6,000	0.80	22,202	28,202
Total			41,832	83,832

14. Continued

- (d) Explain why the Cape Cod method may not be appropriate for coverages such as property or collision.

Development factor may be less than 1.0 which will result in used-up exposures that are greater than the original exposures.

- (e) Explain the purpose of a decay factor.

The decay factor allows different weighting of the years in the experience period with the greatest weight being applied to the year under consideration (origin year) and then decreasing weights to the years preceding and subsequent to the origin year. The decay factor is judgmentally selected between 0% and 100%.

- (f) Identify the methods that the Generalized Cape Cod method approaches when the decay factor approaches zero and approaches one.

When decay factor = 0, the Generalized Cape Cod method returns the development method result.

When decay factor = 1, the Generalized Cape Cod method returns the traditional Cape Cod method result.

14. Continued

- (g) Calculate the expected claims for accident year 2015 using the Generalized Cape Cod method with a decay factor of 70%.

Accident Year	(1) Earned Premium	(6) Used-Up On-Level Earned Premium	(10) Adjusted Claims	(15) 70% Decay Factors	(16) Expected Claim Ratio	(17) = (1)(16) Expected Claims
2013	40,000	30,320	20,600	49%		
2014	41,000	19,571	13,566	70%		
2015	40,000	8,000	6,000	100%	0.700	28,000
		57,891	40,166			

Notes: Expected claim ratio (16) = $\text{sumproduct}[(10),(15)] / \text{sumproduct}[(6),(15)]$
 Expected claims (17) = (1)(16) = $40,000 \times 0.700$

15. Learning Objectives:

2. The candidate will understand how to calculate projected ultimate claims and claims-related expenses.

Learning Outcomes:

- (2d) Explain the effect of changing conditions on the projection methods cited in (2b).

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 20.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of changing conditions on data, assumptions, and methods.

Solution:

- (a) Explain the likely row, column, or diagonal effects each event had on the data.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

- (i) Expect higher claim ratios in AY 2012 and subsequent (multiple rows).
- (ii) Expect a temporary slowdown (decrease) in reported claim activity on accident year (AY) 2013 which means the reported claims (frequency) evaluated at 12 months could be low. However, cumulative patterns will self-correct by 24 months.

There could also be a temporary slowdown (decrease) in paid or closed activity on other AYs in the calendar year (CY) 2013 diagonal. This slowdown (decrease) should be offset by an increase in the next CY diagonal (2014).

- (iii) Expect claims to increase for CYs 2010 and subsequent (CY effect) (i.e., all open claims are affected).
- (b) Explain how you would handle each event through a data adjustment, assumption, or method selection.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

- (i) Development on AYs 2012 and subsequent should be given higher weight in making age-to-age development factor selections on AYs 2012 and subsequent.

15. Continued

- (ii) Since we are now evaluating experience as of Dec 31, 2015, this anomaly should not be an issue in estimating AY 2013 claims. AY 2013 12-24 month development factor (or the entire row) should be excluded from future analyses.
 - (iii) Development factors from CYs 2010 and subsequent should be given higher weight in making age-to-age development factor selections on all AYs.
- (c) Describe one situation (different from those above) that might lead you to use a Berquist-Sherman adjustment in estimating ultimate claim ratios for auto liability business.

Commentary on Question:

Other explanations are possible.

A change in claim department settlement patterns.

16. Learning Objectives:

7. The candidate will understand the nature and application of catastrophe models used to manage risks from natural disasters.

Learning Outcomes:

- (7b) Apply catastrophe models to insurance ratemaking, portfolio management, and risk financing.

Sources:

Catastrophe Modeling: A New Approach to Managing Risk, Grossi, P. and Kunreuther, H., Chapter 6.

Solution:

- (a) Rank the following portfolios from least to most catastrophe risk from GIC's perspective, with the possibility that some may be roughly equal in risk. Justify your ranking.

- I. ABC only
- II. FGH only
- III. XYZ only
- IV. ABC and FGH
- V. ABC and XYZ
- VI. FGH and XYZ
- VII. ABC, FGH, and XYZ

Commentary on Question:

Candidates generally did poorly, failing to understand that combining portfolios brings diversification and thus reduces risk. Alternative answers could earn full credit. For example, ABC and XYZ could be ranked with one riskier than the other. This is acceptable provided a reasonable explanation was provided. Another alternative is to have so little risk associated with FGH that any portfolio that includes it will be viewed as less risky than those that do not.

For the individual portfolios, FGH is less risky than ABC and XYZ, which are about equal. That is because tornados cause less widespread damage (and hence are not discussed in the text). The other consideration is that combining any of these portfolios provides diversification and thus a reduction in overall riskiness. This leads to a ranking of

$$\text{VII} < \text{IV} = \text{VI} < \text{V} < \text{II} < \text{I} = \text{III}.$$

- (b) Describe an action GIC may take to improve its underwriting to account for ABC's earthquake risk.

GIC could obtain detailed underwriting information about each property, perhaps including inspection by an engineer.

16. Continued

- (c) Describe coverage modifications GIC may use to reduce its earthquake risk.

GIC should consider coverage limits both for each location and for aggregate losses.

- (d) Describe how a catastrophe model could be used to set the coverage modifications from part (c).

The model can be run incorporating various trial limits. Each run produces an exceedance curve. This continues until limits are found that produce a curve with the desired risk profile.

- (e) Describe an action other than using coverage modifications that GIC may use to reduce its earthquake risk.

Commentary on Question:

Any one of the actions listed is sufficient to receive credit.

- Purchase reinsurance
- Securitization
- Insure additional risks to add diversification
- Improve the quality of the insured structures

17. Learning Objectives:

5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

Learning Outcomes:

- (5j) Perform individual risk rating using standard plans.
(5k) Calculate rates for claims-made coverage.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 34 and 35.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests individual risk rating and claims-made ratemaking.

Solution:

- (a) Provide two advantages of claims-made and two advantages of occurrence coverage for ERR.

Two advantages of claims-made:

- less uncertainty in pricing
- less effect due to sudden changes in either the trend or the reporting pattern

Two advantages of occurrence coverage:

- greater opportunity for investment income
- less risk of coverage gaps

- (b) Identify three risk characteristics that can be used in schedule rating for the group.

Any three of the following are acceptable (other characteristics are possible):

- risk management program
- geographical scope of practice
- range of assignments
- experience
- peer review

- (c) Provide a reason why the total allowable schedule rating credits or debits for all risk characteristics combined is generally limited.

Schedule credits and debits generally have a limit due to either regulatory rules and regulations or internal company policies.

17. Continued

- (d) Assess the credibility of the historical data from ERR.

For a long experience period of ten years, there are only 100 claims. Even assuming a credibility standard of 400 claims and the square root rule, ERR's experience is only partially credible ($\sqrt{100/400} = 0.5$).

- (e) Calculate the step factors from first-year through maturity for the following cases:
- (i) Claims-made
 - (ii) Claims-paid

Commentary on Question:

An amount of 10 per year is used as an illustrative example.

AY Lag	Report Year			
	1	2	3	4
0	10			
1	10	10		
2	10	10	10	
3	10	10	10	10
Total	40	60		

AY Lag	Report Year				
	1	2	3	4	5
0	5				
1	10	10			
2	10	10	10		
3	10	10	10	10	
4	5	5	5	5	5
Total	40	80			

- (i) Claims-made step factors:
 - $10/40 = 0.25$
 - $20/40 = 0.50$
 - $30/40 = 0.75$
 - $40/40 = 1.00$
- (ii) Claims-paid step factors:
 - $5/40 = 0.125$
 - $15/40 = 0.375$
 - $25/40 = 0.625$
 - $35/40 = 0.875$
 - $40/40 = 1.000$

17. Continued

- (f) (1 point) Calculate the tail factor applicable to a mature policy for the following cases:
- (i) Claims-made
 - (ii) Claims-paid
- (i) Claims-made tail factor = $60/40 = 1.5$
- (ii) Claims-paid tail factor = $80/40 = 2.0$

18. Learning Objectives:

4. The candidate will understand trending procedures as applied to ultimate claims, exposures and premiums.

Learning Outcomes:

- (4d) Describe the influences on exposures and premiums of changes in deductibles, changes in policy limits, and changes in mix of business.
- (4e) Choose trend rates and calculate trend factors for exposures.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapter 26.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests the candidate's understanding of premium trend analysis, particularly when the trend rate changes.

Solution:

- (a) Explain one reason not to use actual premium when analyzing premium trend.

Using actual (unadjusted) premiums could result in trend estimates that reflect rate changes and not an underlying trend.

- (b) Calculate the 2010 premium trend factor.

Commentary on Question:

Candidates had difficulty setting the dates to which the two trend factors are applied.

Policies written between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 contribute toward 2010 earned premiums. The average written date is thus January 1, 2010. The first trending period is from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2012, which is 2 years. The total trend is $1.02^2 = 1.0404$.

The rates will be in effect for one year starting September 1, 2016. The average written date in the forecast period is six months later, or March 1, 2017. Thus, the second trending period is from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2017, which is $5 \frac{1}{6}$ years. The trend for this period is $1.0075^{5.167} = 1.0394$.

The 2010 premium trend factor is $1.0404 \times 1.0394 = 1.0814$.

18. Continued

- (c) Describe what would have been different in the calculation if the work done in part (b) was for a self-insurer.

The difference is that a self-insurer is essentially a single policy, not a series of policies written over the period. Therefore, the average written dates would reflect the actual date the policy is written.

- (d) Explain how the premium trend factors would be affected by the following:.
- (i) An increasing proportion of insureds choosing a higher policy limit at the beginning of 2014
 - (ii) An increasing proportion of insureds choosing a higher deductible at the beginning of 2014
- (i) The increased policy limit would increase the premiums and thus the premium trend factor would increase.
- (ii) The higher deductible would decrease the premiums and thus the premium trend factor would decrease.

19. Learning Objectives:

4. The candidate will understand trending procedures as applied to ultimate claims, exposures and premiums.
5. The candidate will understand how to apply the fundamental ratemaking techniques of general insurance.

Learning Outcomes:

- (4c) Choose trend rates and calculate trend factors for claims.
- (5b) Calculate expenses used in ratemaking analyses including expense trending procedures.
- (5f) Calculate overall rate change indications under the claims ratio and pure premium methods.

Sources:

Fundamentals of General Insurance Actuarial Analysis, J. Friedland, Chapters 25, 29, and 31.

Commentary on Question:

This question tests expense loadings and basic ratemaking.

Solution:

- (a) Calculate the weighted average trended pure premium.

	(1)	(2)	(3) <u>Average Earned Date</u>		(5)	(6)
Accident Year	Earned Exposures	Ultimate Claims	Exposure	Experience	Trending Period	Trended Ultimate PP
2013	5,100	2,082,000	7/1/2013	10/1/2017	4.25	444.08
2014	5,250	2,250,000	7/1/2014	10/1/2017	3.25	457.06
2015	5,200	2,178,000	7/1/2015	10/1/2017	2.25	437.93
Weighted average trended pure premium						444.90

Notes: (6) = (2)(1.02)⁽⁵⁾/(1)

$$(6)_{\text{Total}} = 0.2 \times 444.08 + 0.3 \times 457.06 + 0.5 \times 437.93 = 444.90$$

19. Continued

- (b) Recommend how you would include a provision for the health levy in your ratemaking analysis. Justify your recommendation.

Commentary on Question:

Either option is acceptable. The key is the justification for the approach.

Option 1: Recommend using a percentage of premium approach. The justification is that higher premium drivers are higher risks and therefore should pay more toward the health levy.

Option 2: Recommend using a flat fee per policy (exposure). The justification is that every risk should pay an equal amount toward the levy.

- (c) Calculate the provision for the health levy to include in your ratemaking analysis.

Either method is acceptable.

Option 1 (percentage): $119,000 / 2,761,000 = 4.31\%$ (assumes the levy in rating period will continue to be the same ratio to premium so no trending required).

Option 2 (fixed expense):

- Fixed expense = $119,000 / 5,200 = 22.88$
- Need to trend to future rating period (from 2015) = 2.25 years
- Trended fixed expense for levy = $22.88 \times 1.01^{2.25} = 23.40$

- (d) Calculate the indicated rate.

Option 1 (levy as variable):

Total variable expense = $0.12 + 0.0431 = 0.1631$

$$\text{Indicated rate} = \frac{(PP \times (1 + ULAE) + F)}{1 - V - Q} = \frac{(445 \times 1.05 + 20)}{1 - 0.1631 - 0.03} = 603.85$$

Option 2 (levy as additional fixed expense):

Total F = $20 + 23.40 = 43.40$

$$\text{Indicated rate} = \frac{(PP \times (1 + ULAE) + F)}{1 - V - Q} = \frac{(445 \times 1.05 + 43.40)}{1 - 0.12 - 0.03} = 600.77$$

19. Continued

- (e) Determine whether or not the target for profit and contingencies will be met based on your indicated rate from part (d).

Use formula 31.11: $P = C + (F \times E) + (V \times P) + (Q \times P)$

$$\text{Solve for } Q = 1 - \frac{C \times (1 + ULAE) + (F \times E)}{P} - V$$

Option 1: $F \times E = 20 \times 5,400 = 108,000$
 $V = 16.31\%$

$$Q = 1 - \frac{2,450,000 \times (1.05) + 108,000}{603.85 \times 5,400} - 16.31\% = 1.5\%$$

Therefore, since $Q < 3\%$ target, target is not met.

Option 2: $F \times E = 43.40 \times 5,400 = 234,360$
 $V = 12\%$

$$Q = 1 - \frac{2,450,000 \times (1.05) + 234,360}{600.77 \times 5,400} - 12\% = 1.5\%$$

Therefore, since $Q < 3\%$ target, target is not met.