Closed-Form Absolute Ruin Problems of the Risk Models with State-Dependent Switched Claims

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Abstract
This letter mainly investigates a general risk model with the threshold dividend strategy under assumption that the claim amounts obey a state-dependent switched exponential distribution. By establishing the differential-integral equations for the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function, and applying the hypergeometric functions, the closed-form absolute ruin probability is derived.

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Ruin Probability, Threshold Dividend Strategy, Switched Exponential Distribution, Hypergeometric Function

1. Introduction
Due to its practical importance, more and more people use the ruin probability, an important leading indicator, to judge whether an insurance company can survive or not. The classical risk model was introduced by Gerber [1]. The function is of the form

\[ U(t) = u_0 + ct - S(t), \quad S(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N(t)} X_i, \]

where \( U(t) \) is the insurance company's surplus at time \( t \). \( c \) represents the risk-free rate. \( S(t) \) is the total compensation by time \( t \); \( X_i \) is the i-th compensation; \( N(t) \) means the frequency of compensation. \( u_0 \) represents the initial investment for an insurance company. In order to make the classical risk model more realistic, more and more factors have been taken into account. The aggregate premium process taking a linear function of time was considered by Zou, Gao and Xie [2], in which
the explicit solutions of ruin time were obtained under assumption that the claim amount obeyed exponential distribution. Yao, Yang and Wang [3] studied a dual risk model with fixed transaction cost, and solved the optional control problem by the techniques of quasi-variational inequalities. Yuen, Zhou and Guo [4] discussed the compound Poisson risk model with debit interest and dividend payments, and the explicit expressions for the Gerber-Shiu function and the optimal barrier with exponential claim amounts were given. When the dividend strategy was considered, Yin and Yuen [5] considered a dividend policy aiming to maximize the expected discounted value of dividend until ruin. Taking the threshold dividend strategy into account, two integro-differential equations for the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function were obtained by Lin and Pavlova [6]. The ruin model with multiple thresholds was discussed by Lin and Sendova [7]. For more about the related risk model, we can refer to [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] and cited there in. From all the literatures mentioned above, they have a common assumption that the claim sizes obey exponential distribution, i.e. \( f(x) = \eta e^{-\theta x} \). However, in fact, different dividend levels always reflect the difference of the economic environment, which results in the changes of the claim sizes. In detail, when the surplus \( u \) is more than the threshold \( b \), the claim sizes obey an exponential distribution where the strength is \( \eta_1 \); while \( u < b \), the claim sizes obey an exponential distribution with strength \( \eta_2 \). Therefore, the exponential distribution is noted like

\[
\eta_1 e^{-\eta_1 x} I_{[u \geq b]} + \eta_2 e^{-\eta_2 x} I_{[u < b]}.
\]  

(2)

\( I_{[\cdot]} \) is an indicator function, such that \( I_{[u \geq b]} = 1 \) and \( I_{[u < b]} = 0 \) if \( u \geq b \). In order to make it more general, we set the risk model with the claim sizes obeying a switched exponential distribution as follows

\[
f(x) = p\eta_1 e^{-\eta_1 x} I_{[u \geq b]} + q\eta_2 e^{-\eta_2 x} I_{[u < b]}.
\]  

(3)

where \( p \) and \( q \) are two suitable positive constants to be chosen later. Clearly, when we choose \( p = q = 1 \) and \( \eta_1 = \eta_2 \), (3) is the standard exponential distribution applied in [2].

The main aim of this letter is to compute the ruin probability under assumption that the claim sizes obey a switched exponential distribution (3).

The rest of this letter is organized as follows. In Section 2, we firstly get the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty functions with different surplus. Then, the ruin probability is calculated by assuming the claim sizes obey a switched exponential distribution.

2. Closed Form Absolute Ruin Probability

In this letter, we consider the risk model with constant interest rate \( r > 0 \) and debit interest \( \rho \). Besides, the studied risk model includes a general threshold dividend strategy. When the surplus is over threshold dividend \( b \), we assume the insurance company gets insurance premium at a constant rate \( c_1 \) and earns in-
terest at a constant rate $r$. If the surplus is between zero and $b$, it will collect insurance premium at a constant rate $c_2$ and earns interest at a constant rate $r$. When the surplus is between $-\frac{c_2}{\rho}$ and zero, the insurer can borrow an amount of money equal to the deficit at a debit force $\rho$. Meanwhile, the insurer will repay the debts continuously from his premium income. We denote the surplus of the insurer at time $t$ with the credit interest $r$ and debit interest $\rho$ by $U(t)$ which is the solution to
\begin{equation}
    dU(t) = \begin{cases}
        c_2 dt + rU(t) dt - dS(t); & u \geq b, \\
        c_2 dt + rU(t) dt - dS(t); & 0 \leq u < b, \\
        c_2 dt + \rho U(t) dt - dS(t); & -\frac{c_2}{\rho} < u < 0,
    \end{cases}
\end{equation}
where $S(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{N(t)} X_i$ is the cumulative damages in time interval $[0, t]$, $c(>0)$ represents the constant rate of premium, $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ a Poisson process with intensity $\lambda > 0$, which counts the claim numbers in the interval $[0, t]$, and $\{X_i,i \geq 1\}$ (representing the size of claims and independent of $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$) is a sequence of independent and identically distributed nonnegative variables with common distribution function $F(x)$ that satisfies $F(0) = 0$ and has a positive mean $\mu = \int_{0}^{\infty} xdF(x)$. Let $\Omega, F, \{F_i\}_{i \geq 0}, P$ be a filtered probability space containing all processes and random variables in this letter, satisfying the usual conditions, i.e. $\{F_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ is right continuous and P-complete. In order to obtain the expression of the ruin probability, we should work for two things. First of all, we should get the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function. Then, we calculate the ruin probability. So, let’s firstly define the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function $\phi(u,b)$.
\begin{equation}
    \phi(u,b) = E\left\{ e^{-\beta T} W\left(U_s\left(T^-\right),U_s\left(T\right)\right) | R(T < \infty) | U_s(0) = u \right\},
\end{equation}
where $T$ is the time of bankrupting, $R(T < \infty)$ is an indicator function, which means $R(T < \infty) = 1$, if the time of bankrupting is finite value. Else if $R(T < \infty) = 0$. $W(x,y)$ is a non-negative measurable function satisfying $W(x,y) \in \left[-\frac{c_2}{\rho}, \infty\right] \times \left[-\frac{c_2}{\rho}, \infty\right]$. $U_s\left(T^-\right)$ is the surplus immediately before the company bankrupts. Next, we give the integro-differential equations for $\phi_i(u,b)(i=1,2,3)$.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let $\phi_i(u,b)(i=1,2,3)$ be the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function by the surplus $u$ and the threshold $b$ for model (4). Then
\begin{equation}
    (ru + c_1)\phi_1(u,b) - (\lambda + \beta)\phi_1(u,b) + \lambda \int_{u-b}^{u-b} \phi_1(u-x,b) dF(x) \\
    + \lambda \int_{ \frac{c_2}{\rho} }^{\infty} \phi_2(u-x,b) dF(x) + \lambda \int_{0}^{\frac{c_2}{\rho} } \phi_3(u-x,b) dF(x) \\
    + \lambda \int_{\frac{c_2}{\rho}}^{\infty} W(u,x-u) dF(x) = 0, (u \geq b); \end{equation}
\[(ru+c_2)\phi_2'(u,b)-(\lambda+\beta)\phi_2(u,b)+\lambda\int_0^u \phi_3(u-x,b) dF(x)
+\lambda \int_0^{u+c_2} \rho \phi_3(u-x,b) dF(x)
+\lambda \int_0^{u+c_2} W(u,x-u) dF(x) = 0, (0 \leq u < b);\]

\[(\rho u+c_2)\phi_1'(u,b)-(\lambda+\beta)\phi_1(u,b)+\lambda\int_0^u \rho \phi_3(u-x,b) dF(x)
+\lambda \int_0^{u+c_2} W(u,x-u) dF(x) = 0, \left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho} < u < 0\right).\]

the boundary conditions are given like
\[\phi_1(b,b) = \phi_2(b^+,b), \phi_2(0,b) = \phi_1(0^-,b), (rb+c_2)\phi_2'(b^+,b) = (rb+c_1)\phi_1'(b,b),\]
\[\phi_1'(0^-,b) = \phi_2'(0,b), \phi_3\left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho},b\right) = W\left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho},\frac{c_2}{\rho}\right).\]

**Proof.** When \( u \geq b \), define the cumulative value
\[h = ue^\alpha + c_1 \int_0^u e^{(u-s)} ds = ue^\alpha + \frac{c_1}{\rho} (e^\alpha - 1).\]

Note that the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty functions have different expressions when the surplus lies within different ranges, we discuss that with the following four cases:

1) When \( u_b(t) \leq -\frac{c_2}{\rho} \), the amount of compensation is \( X = h - U_b(t) \). Let
\[\phi_3\left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho},b\right) = 1, \] its counterpart in the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function is
\[\lambda \int_0^{x-h} W(h,x-h) dF(x);\]

2) When \( -\frac{c_2}{\rho} < u_b(t) < 0 \), \( \lambda \int_{-h}^{x-h} \phi_3(h-x,b) dF(x);\)

3) When \( 0 \leq u_b(t) < b \), \( \lambda \int_{-h}^{x} \phi_3(h-x,b) dF(x);\)

4) When \( u_b(t) \geq b \), \( \lambda \int_{-h}^{b} \phi_3(h-x,b) dF(x).\)

Therefore, the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function is given like,
\[\phi_1(u,b) = \lambda \int_{-h}^{x-h} W(h,x-h) dF(x) + \lambda \int_{-h}^{x-b} \phi_3(h-x,b) dF(x)
+\lambda \int_{h}^{b} \phi_2(h-x,b) dF(x) + \lambda \int_{0}^{b} \phi_1(h-x,b) dF(x)
+(1-\lambda t)\phi_3(h,b) + o(t).\]

For \( \phi_1(h,b) \), by using Taylor expansion, we get
\[\phi_1(h,b) = \phi_1(u,b) + \left[\frac{\partial^2 \phi_1(h,b)}{\partial u^2}\right]_{(u,b)} t^2 + \left[\frac{\partial \phi_1(h,b)}{\partial u}\right]_{(u,b)} t + o(t),\]
\[= \phi_1(u,b) + (ru+c_1) t \frac{\partial \phi_1(u,b)}{\partial u} + o(t).\]

Insert (11) into (10) and divide it by \( t \). Let \( t \to 0 \), we get the desired result. Since
(7) and (8) can be proved by using the same method, the detail is omitted. □

Next, we prove the main result on the absolute ruin probability. For convenience, we denote

$$
M = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L_5 \left( -\frac{c_2}{\rho} \right) & L_6 \left( -\frac{c_2}{\rho} \right) \\
L_1 (b) & L_2 (b) & -L_3 (b) & -L_4 (b) & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & L_3 (0) & L_4 (0) & -L_5 (0) & -L_6 (0) \\
-q_1 (b) & -q_2 (b) & p_2 (b) & p_3 (b) & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -L_3 (0) & -L_4 (0) & -L_5 (0) & -L_6 (0) \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L_5 \left( -\frac{c_2}{\rho} \right) & L_6 \left( -\frac{c_2}{\rho} \right)
\end{bmatrix}.
$$

$$
p_i (u) = (ru + c_i) L_i' (u), (i = 3, 4), \quad q_i (u) = (ru + c_i) L_i' (u), (i = 1, 2),
$$
$$
C = (C_1, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8)^T, \quad B = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^T.
$$

The hyper-geometric function used later is introduced as follows

$$
M (a, b, x) = \frac{\Gamma (b)}{\Gamma (b - a) \Gamma (a)} \int_0^1 e^{ux} t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-a-1} \, dt, \ b > a > 0,
$$

where the Gamma function is $\Gamma (x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} \, dt$.

In view of (6), let $\beta = 0$ and $W (x, y) = 1$ in the Gerber-Shiu discounted penalty function $\phi_i (u, b)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$), we can get the following theorem on the ruin probability.

**Theorem 2.2.** In model (4), the closed-form ruin probability $\phi_i (u)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) are given like

$$
\phi_1 (u) = C_5 e^{\eta u} M \left( \frac{r - \lambda p}{r} - 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{ru + c_1}{r} \right) \\
+ C_5 \left( \frac{ru + c_1}{r} \right) \frac{\lambda}{r} \lambda \eta \phi \left( \frac{ru + c_1}{r} \right); \tag{13}
$$

$$
\phi_2 (u) = C_5 e^{\eta u} M \left( \frac{r - \lambda q}{r} - 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{ru + c_2}{r} \right) \\
+ C_5 \left( \frac{ru + c_2}{r} \right) \frac{\lambda}{r} \lambda \eta \phi \left( \frac{ru + c_2}{r} \right); \tag{14}
$$

$$
\phi_3 (u) = C_5 e^{\eta u} M \left( \frac{\rho - \lambda q}{\rho} - 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, \frac{ru + c_2}{\rho} \right) \\
+ C_5 \left( \frac{ru + c_2}{\rho} \right) \frac{\lambda}{\rho} \lambda \eta \phi \left( \frac{ru + c_2}{\rho} \right); \tag{15}
$$

where $C = (C_5, C_4, \cdots, C_8)^T$ is solution of $\tilde{MC} = B$.

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.1, we get

$$
ru + c_i \phi_i^* (u, b) + (r - \lambda + (ru + c_i) \eta_i) \phi_i (u, b) \\
- (1 - p) \lambda \eta \phi_i (u, b) = 0, u \geq b; \tag{16}
$$
\[
(ru + c_2)\phi^*_2(u, b) + (r - \lambda + (ru + c_2)\eta)\phi^*_1(u, b) \\
- (1-q)\lambda\eta\phi_3(u, b) = 0, 0 \leq u < b; \\
(\rho u + c_2)\phi^*_2(u, b) + (\rho - \lambda + (\rho u + c_2)\eta)\phi^*_1(u, b) \\
- (1-q)\lambda\eta\phi_3(u, b) = 0, -\frac{c_2}{\rho} < u < 0.
\]

The boundary conditions are
\[
\phi_3\left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho}, b\right) = 1, \lim_{u \to b^-} \phi_3(u, b) = 0, \phi_3(b, b) = \phi_3\left(b^-, b\right), \phi_2(0, b) = \phi_1\left(0^-, b\right), \\
(rb + c_2)\phi_3\left(b^-, b\right) = (rb + c_1)\phi_3\left(b, b\right), \phi_3\left(0^-, b\right) = \phi_2(0, b), \phi_3\left(-\frac{c_2}{\rho}, b\right) = 0.
\]

In order to obtain the expression of ruin probabilities, we employ the confluent hyper-geometric function. In (16), make auxiliary function \(\phi_1(u) = X_1(u)e^au\) where \(a\) is a constant to be determined later and then
\[
(ru + c_1)X^*_1[u] + \left[(2a + \eta)(ru + c_1) + r - \lambda\right]X^*_1(u) \\
+ \left[-(1-p)\lambda\eta + a^2(ru + c_1) + a\left(r - \lambda + (ru + c_1)\eta\right)\right]X'_1(u) = 0,
\]
Define \(ru + c_1 = z\), we have
\[
zX^*_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{r} + \frac{2a + \eta}{r}z\right)X'_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{r}
\left[-(1-p)\lambda\eta + a\left(r - \lambda + a^2\eta\right)z\right]X'_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) = 0.
\]
By choosing \(a = -\eta\),
\[
zX^*_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{r} - \frac{\eta}{r}z\right)X'_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) + \left(\frac{\lambda p - r}{r} - \frac{\eta}{r}\right)X'_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) = 0,
\]
Define \(\frac{\eta}{r}z = v\), we have by (21)
\[
vX^*_1\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_1}{r\eta_i}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{r} - v\right)X'_1\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_1}{r\eta_i}\right) + \left(\frac{\lambda p - r}{r} - \frac{\eta}{r}\right)X'_1\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_1}{r\eta_i}\right) = 0,
\]
Let \(X'_1\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_1}{r\eta_i}\right) = Y_1'(v)\), (22) can be rewritten as
\[
vY'_1(v) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{r} - v\right)Y'_1(v) - \left(\frac{r - \lambda p}{r}\right)Y_1(v) = 0,
\]
By using the first kind of confluent hypergeometric function, we obtain that
\[
Y_1(v) = C_3M\left(\frac{r - \lambda p}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, v\right) + C_4(v)^\frac{\lambda}{r}M\left(\frac{r + (1-p)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, v\right),
\]
where \(C_3\) and \(C_4\) are constants. Without extra claims, \(C_i\) are constants for \(i \geq 3\) in the following.

Next, the same method can be used to calculate (17) and (18). In (17), set \(\phi_2(u) = X_2(u)e^au\), \(ru + c_2 = z\), \(a = -\eta_2\), \(\frac{\eta}{r}z = v\) and \(X'_2\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_2}{r\eta_2}\right) = Y'_2(v)\),
then we have
\[ vY_2'(v) + \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{r} - v\right)Y_2(v) - \left(\frac{r - \lambda q}{r}\right)Y_2(v) = 0, \tag{25} \]

The solution of (25) has the form
\[ Y_2(v) = C_5M\left(\frac{r - \lambda q}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, v\right) + C_6\left(v\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{r}}M\left(\frac{r + (1 - q)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, v\right). \tag{26} \]

Similarly, the solution of (18) is
\[ Y_1(v) = C_3M\left(\frac{\rho - \lambda q}{\rho}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, v\right) + C_4\left(v\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}M\left(\frac{\rho + (1 - q)\lambda}{\rho}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, v\right), \tag{27} \]

In the sequel, we turn to compute the expression of ruin probability. Inserting
\[ v = \frac{\eta}{r}z \quad \text{and} \quad X_1\left(\frac{rv - \eta c_1}{r\eta}\right) = Y_1(v) \]\nto (24) yields that
\[ X_1\left(\frac{z - c_1}{r}\right) = C_3M\left(\frac{r - \lambda p}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{\eta z}{r}\right) + C_4\left(\frac{\eta z}{r}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{r}}M\left(\frac{r + (1 - p)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{\eta z}{r}\right). \tag{28} \]

Denote \( ru + c_1 = z \), then (28) yields that
\[ X_1(u) = C_3M\left(\frac{r - \lambda p}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right) + C_4\left(\frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{r}}M\left(\frac{r + (1 - p)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right). \tag{29} \]

Define \( \phi_1(u) = X_1(u)e^{-\alpha u} \), we have by (29)
\[ \phi_1(u) = C_3e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{r - \lambda p}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right) + C_4\left(\frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{r}}e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{r + (1 - p)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_1)\eta}{r}\right). \tag{30} \]

Then we can use the same method to solve (26) and (27) like that
\[ \phi_2(u) = C_5e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{r - \lambda q}{r}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_2)\eta_2}{r}\right) + C_6\left(\frac{(ru + c_2)\eta_2}{r}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{r}}e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{r + (1 - q)\lambda}{r}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{r}, \frac{(ru + c_2)\eta_2}{r}\right); \tag{31} \]
\[ \phi_3(u) = C_7e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{\rho - \lambda q}{\rho}, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, \frac{(\rho u + c_2)\eta_3}{\rho}\right) + C_8\left(\frac{(\rho u + c_2)\eta_3}{\rho}\right)^{\frac{\lambda}{\rho}}e^{-\alpha u}M\left(\frac{\rho + (1 - q)\lambda}{\rho}, 1 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho}, \frac{(\rho u + c_2)\eta_3}{\rho}\right). \tag{32} \]

To calculate the coefficients of the ruin probability \( C = (C_3, C_4, \cdots, C_8)^T \), we firstly
rewrite (30)-(32) to be
\[\varphi_1(u,b) = C_1L_1(u) + C_2L_2(u); \varphi_2(u,b) = C_3L_3(u) + C_4L_4(u)\]
and \[\varphi_1(u,b) = C_5L_5(u) + C_6L_6(u).\] (33)

By inserting boundary conditions into (30), (31) and (32), we get
\[\begin{align*}
C_1L_1(b) + C_2L_2(b) - C_3L_3(b) - C_4L_4(b) = 0; \\
C_5L_5(0) + C_6L_6(0) - C_5L_5(0) - C_6L_6(0) = 0; \\
(rb + c_2)L'_1(b) + (rb + c_2)L'_2(b) - (rb + c_1)L'_3(b) - (rb + c_1)L'_4(b) = 0; \\
C_5L'_5(0) + C_6L'_6(0) - C_5L'_5(0) - C_6L'_6(0) = 0; \\
C_5L'_5(b) + C_6L'_6(b) - C_5L'_5(b) - C_6L'_6(b) = 0,
\end{align*}\]
which can be simplified as \[\tilde{MC} = B.\] The proof is complete. □

**Remark 1.** Let \(p = q = 1\) and \(\eta_1 = \eta_2\), Theorem 2.1 reduces to the related results given in [2]. In this sense, the previously-known results are generalized. Further, Theorem 2.2 shows us the closed-form solution of the ruin probability which is valuable in theoretical applications.

### 3. Conclusion

In this letter, we discuss the ruin probability of the risk model under assumption that the claim amounts obey the switched exponential distribution. The closed-form expressions of the ruin probability are obtained by using the first kind of hypergeometric function. The obtained results may give us guidance in facing up to the economic crisis.

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