

Stat 479
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Quiz 2
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1. Losses from a policy covering emergency room visits are distributed as a Pareto distribution with $\alpha = 3$ and $\theta = 1000$.

The insurance company wants to impose a deductible such that the expected cost per emergency room visit under the policy is reduced to 50%. In other words:

$$E[(X-d)_+] = 0.5E[X]$$

Determine d .

$$E(X) = \frac{\theta}{\alpha - 1} = \frac{1000}{3 - 1} = 500$$

$$E[(X \wedge d)] + E[(X-d)_+] = E[X]$$

$$E[(X \wedge d)] + \frac{1}{2} E[X] = E[X]$$

$$E[(X \wedge d)] = \frac{1}{2} E[X] = \frac{1}{2} (500) = 250$$

$$E[(X \wedge d)] = \frac{\theta}{\alpha - 1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta + d} \right)^{\alpha - 1} \right)$$

$$250 = \frac{1000}{3 - 1} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1000}{1000 + d} \right)^{3 - 1} \right)$$

$$250 = 500 \left(1 - \left(\frac{1000}{1000 + d} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 1 - \left(\frac{1000}{1000 + d} \right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1000}{1000 + d} \Rightarrow d = \frac{1000}{\sqrt{1/2}} - 1000 = \underline{\underline{414.21}}$$

2. The random variable X is uniformly distributed between 20 and z .

$$\text{TVaR}_{.80}(X) = 155.$$

Determine k so that the standard deviation principle is also equal to 155.

$$\text{TVaR}_p(x) = \frac{b+a+p(b-a)}{2} \quad \begin{array}{l} p = .80 \\ a = 20 \\ b = z \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{z+20+(.8)(z-20)}{2} = 155$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.8z + 4 = 310 \Rightarrow z = 170$$

$$E(X) = \frac{b+a}{2} = \frac{170+20}{2} = 95$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{(150)^2}{12} = 1875$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1875} = 43.30127019$$

Standard Deviation Principle

$$= \mu + K\sigma = 155$$

$$95 + K(43.30127019) = 155$$

$$K = \frac{155-95}{43.30127019} = \underline{\underline{1.30564}}$$