

# Bivariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli Distribution. An Application to Insurance Risk Theory

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# 1. Introduction

In this talk a convolution of Poisson distribution and Pólya-Aeppli distribution is analyzed. The resulting distribution is called a Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution.

Suppose that the nonnegative random variable  $Z_3$  with a given parameter  $\lambda_3$  has a Poisson distribution, i.e.,

$$P(Z_3 = i | \lambda_3) = \frac{\lambda_3^i}{i!} e^{-\lambda_3}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda_3 > 0$  and we use the notation  $Z_3 \sim Po(\lambda_3)$ . It is known that  $E(Z_3) = \text{Var}(Z_3) = \lambda_3$ .

## 2. Univariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution

The mean and the variance of  $Z_1$  are given by

$$E(Z_1) = \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \rho}$$

and

$$\text{Var}(Z_1) = \frac{\lambda_1(1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho)^2}$$

The Fisher index is

$$FI(Z_1) = \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho}$$

The Pólya-Aeppli distribution is a compound Poisson with geometric compounding distribution and it is analyzed in Minkova (2002) [4].

## 2.1. Probability generating function

The Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution is a sum of independent Pólya-Aeppli distribution and Poisson distribution, i.e.,  $M = Z_1 + Z_3$ , where  $Z_1$  and  $Z_3$  are independent random variables. Then the probability generating function (PGF) of the random variable  $M$  is given by

$$\Psi_N(s) = e^{-\lambda_1(1-\psi_1(s))} e^{-\lambda_3(1-s)}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\psi_1(s) = \frac{(1-\rho)s}{1-\rho s} \quad (3)$$

is the PGF of the geometric distribution,  $Ge_1(1-\rho)$ .

### Definition

*The random variable  $M$ , defined by the PGF (2), has a Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution (NPAD).*

## 2.2. Probability mass function

In 1979 Ong and Lee defined the Noncentral negative binomial distribution, [8]. It is the distribution of a sum of two independent variables. The first variable has a Negative binomial distribution and the second one is Pólya-Aeppli distributed. This was our motivation to name the resulting distribution Non-central Pólya-Aeppli distribution.

## 2.2. Probability mass function

The probability mass function (PMF) of the Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution is given by

$$P(M = i) = \begin{cases} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)}, & i = 0 \\ e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(\lambda_3)^{i-j}}{(i-j)!} \sum_{k=1}^j \binom{j-1}{k-1} \frac{[\lambda_1(1-\rho)]^k}{k!} \rho^{j-k} + \frac{\lambda_3^i}{i!} \right], & i = 1, 2, \dots, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

## 2.2. Probability mass function

### Proposition

Denote by  $p_i = P(M = i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots$

Then the PMF of the Univariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution satisfies the following recursions:

$p_1 = [\lambda_1(1 - \rho) + \lambda_3]p_0$ , where  $p_0 = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)}$  and for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

$$p_{i+1} = \frac{[\lambda_1(1 - \rho) + \lambda_3]}{i + 1} p_i + \lambda_1(1 - \rho) \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left[ 1 - \frac{j}{i + 1} \right] \rho^{i-j} p_j$$



The mean and the variance of the Univariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution are given by:

$$E(M) = \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \rho} + \lambda_3 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(M) = \left( \lambda_1 \frac{1 + \rho}{(1 - \rho)^2} + \lambda_3 \right)$$

For the Fisher index we obtain:

$$FI(M) = \frac{\lambda_3(1 - \rho)^2 + \lambda_1(1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho)[\lambda_3(1 - \rho) + \lambda_1]}$$

It is easy to check that:

$$FI(M) = 1 + \frac{2\lambda_1\rho + \lambda_3(1 - \rho)}{(1 - \rho)[\lambda_3(1 - \rho) + \lambda_1]},$$

i.e., NPAD is over-dispersed related to a Poisson distribution and

$$FI(M) = \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho} - \frac{2\lambda_3\rho}{\lambda_3(1 - \rho) + \lambda_1} < \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho},$$

i.e., NPAD is under-dispersed related to Pólya-Aeppli distribution.

### 3. Bivariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution

Let  $Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  are independent variables. Suppose that  $Z_i, i = 1, 2$  are Pólya-Aeppli distributed with parameters  $\lambda_i$  and  $\rho_i$ , i.e,  $Z_i \sim PA(\lambda_i, \rho_i)$ . The random variable  $Z_3$  has a Poisson distribution with parameters  $\lambda_3$ , i.e  $Z_3 \sim Po(\lambda_3)$ .

Let us also define the random variables:

$$M = Z_1 + Z_3 \quad \text{and} \quad N = Z_2 + Z_3.$$

It is clear that:

$$M \sim NPA(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3, \rho_1) \quad \text{and} \quad N \sim NPA(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3, \rho_2).$$

### 3.1. Joint Probability generating function

The Joint PGF of  $(M, N)$  is given by:

$$\psi(s_1, s_2) = e^{-\lambda_1(1 - \frac{(1-\rho_1)s_1}{1-\rho_1 s_1}) - \lambda_2(1 - \frac{(1-\rho_2)s_2}{1-\rho_2 s_2}) - \lambda_3(1-s_1 s_2)} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\psi_1(s_1) = \frac{(1-\rho_1)s_1}{1-\rho_1 s_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2(s_2) = \frac{(1-\rho_2)s_2}{1-\rho_2 s_2}$$

are the PGF-s of the compounding distribution given in (3).

#### Definition

*The probability of  $(M, N)$  corresponding to (5) is referred to as a Bivariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution, i.e.,  $\text{BivNPA}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \rho_1, \rho_2)$ .*

## 3.2. Joint Probability mass function

Denote by  $f(i, j) = P(M = i, N = j)$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$  the Joint PMF of  $(M, N)$ .

Then the following proposition gives an extension of the Panjer recursion formulas; see [9].

## Proposition

The PMF of the BivPA( $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \rho_1, \rho_2$ ) distribution satisfies the following recursions:

$$\begin{aligned} f(i+1, j) &= \left[ 2\rho_1 + \frac{(1-\rho_1)\lambda_1 - 2\rho_1}{i+1} \right] f(i, j) - \rho_1^2 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{i+1} \right) f(i-1, j) \\ &+ \frac{\lambda_3}{i+1} \left[ f(i, j-1) - 2\rho_1 f(i-1, j-1) + \rho_1^2 f(i-2, j-1) \right], \\ f(i, j+1) &= \left[ 2\rho_2 + \frac{(1-\rho_2)\lambda_2 - 2\rho_2}{j+1} \right] f(i, j) - \rho_2^2 \left( 1 - \frac{2}{j+1} \right) f(i, j-1) \\ &+ \frac{\lambda_3}{j+1} \left[ f(i-1, j) - 2\rho_2 f(i-1, j-1) + \rho_2^2 f(i-1, j-2) \right], \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

with  $f(-1, 0) = 0, f(0, -1) = 0$  and  $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$

## Theorem

The PMF of the BivPA( $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \rho_1, \rho_2$ ) distribution is given by:

$$f(i, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^i \binom{i-1}{i-m} \frac{[\lambda_1(1-\rho_1)]^m}{m!} \rho_1^{i-m} f(0, 0), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$f(0, j) = \sum_{l=1}^j \binom{j-1}{j-l} \frac{[\lambda_2(1-\rho_2)]^l}{l!} \rho_2^{j-l} f(0, 0), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(i, j) &= \left[ \left( \sum_{m=1}^i \binom{i-1}{i-m} \frac{[\lambda_1(1-\rho_1)]^m}{m!} \rho_1^{i-m} \right) \left( \sum_{l=1}^j \binom{j-1}{j-l} \frac{[\lambda_2(1-\rho_2)]^l}{l!} \rho_2^{j-l} \right) \right. \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{i \wedge j} \frac{(\lambda_3)^k}{k!} \sum_{m=0}^{i-k} \binom{i-1}{i-k-m} \frac{[\lambda_1(1-\rho_1)]^m}{m!} \rho_1^{i-k-m} \\ &\times \left. \sum_{l=0}^{j-k} \binom{j-1}{j-k-l} \frac{[\lambda_2(1-\rho_2)]^l}{l!} \rho_2^{j-k-l} \right] f(0, 0), \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

with  $f(0, 0) = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)}$ .

# Moments of the Bivariate Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution

For the means of  $M$  and  $N$  we obtain:

$$E(M) = \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \rho_1} + \lambda_3$$

and

$$E(N) = \frac{\lambda_2}{1 - \rho_2} + \lambda_3$$



The variances of  $M$  and  $N$  are:

$$\text{Var}(M) = \lambda_3 + \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \rho_1} \left( 1 + \frac{2\rho_1}{1 - \rho_1} \right)$$

and

$$\text{Var}(N) = \lambda_3 + \frac{\lambda_2}{1 - \rho_2} \left( 1 + \frac{2\rho_2}{1 - \rho_2} \right).$$

The product moment of  $M$  and  $N$  is given by

$$E(MN) = \lambda_3 + \left( \lambda_3 + \frac{\lambda_1}{1 - \rho_1} \right) \left( \lambda_3 + \frac{\lambda_2}{1 - \rho_2} \right)$$

which readily yield to the covariance between  $M$  and  $N$  to be

$$\text{Cov}(M, N) = \lambda_3$$

The correlation coefficient:

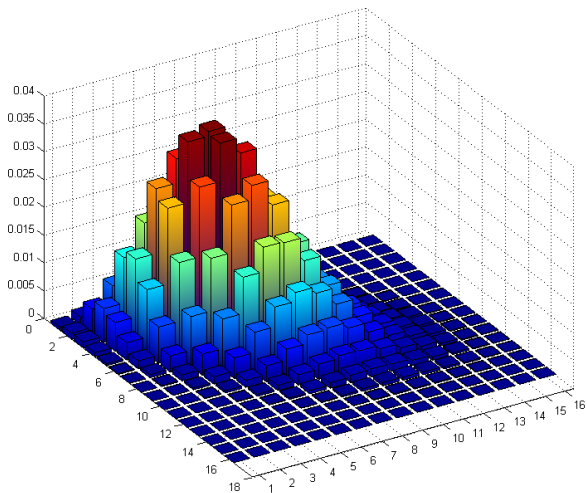
$\text{Corr}(M, N)$

$$= \frac{\lambda_3 (1 - \rho_1) (1 - \rho_2)}{\sqrt{[\lambda_3 (1 - \rho_1)^2 + \lambda_1 (1 + \rho_1)] [\lambda_3 (1 - \rho_2)^2 + \lambda_2 (1 + \rho_2)]}}$$

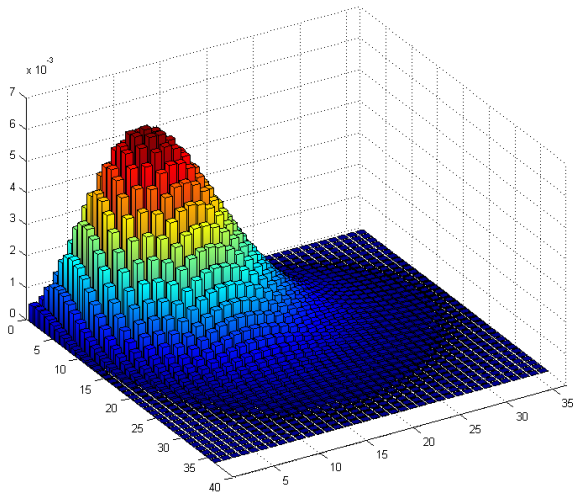
#### Remark

*When  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 0$  the PMF of the Noncentral Pólya-Aeppli distribution coincides to the bivariate Poisson distribution.*

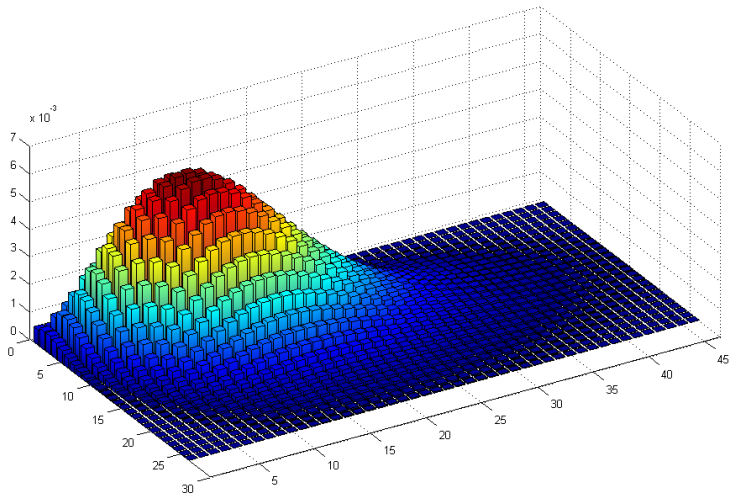
$$\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 0$$



$$\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 0.5$$



$$\rho_1 = 0.4, \rho_2 = 0.6$$



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