

Optimal Dividend payment under time of ruin constraint

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Abstract

We consider the classical optimal dividend payments problem under the Cramér-Lundberg model with exponential claim sizes subject to a constraint on the time of ruin (P1). We use the Lagrangian dual function which leads to an auxiliary problem (P2). For this problem, given a multiplier Λ , we prove the uniqueness of the optimal barrier strategy and we also obtain its value function. Next we prove that the optimal value function of (P1) is obtained as the point-wise infimum over Λ of all value functions of problems(P2) and present a series of numerical examples. Finally, we present partial results on the generalization of this problem to the case when the surplus is assumed to be a spectrally negative Lévy process.

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