

# Closed-form solutions for GMABs

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# What are Variable Annuities

- **Variable Annuities** (VA) are (deferred), fund-linked annuity and insurance products allowing guaranteed payments and participation in the financial markets at the same time.
- Examples for guaranteed payments include
  - ▶ roll-ups
  - ▶ ratchets
- Variable annuities are often referred to as GMxB, **Guaranteed Minimum Benefits** of type x:
  - ▶ GM**D**B (Death)
  - ▶ GM**A**B (Accumulation)
  - ▶ GM**I**B (Income)
  - ▶ GM**W**B (Withdrawal)

# Markets for Variable Annuities

- Motivation
  - ▶ Increasing life expectancy
  - ▶ Reduction of the state retirement pensions in several countries
- Consequences
  - ▶ VA - major success story in North American insurance market
  - ▶ Rapid growth of VA business in Japan - from \$1.3 billion in 2001 to more than \$216 billion in 2011 (assets under management)
  - ▶ Europe as the latest market for Variable Annuities
- Risks: financial, actuarial, behavioral

## Our contribution to existing literature

Most of the papers in the academic literature differentiate in: guarantees, financial and insurance models, consideration of policyholder behavior, pricing methods

- Milevsky and Posner [2001] GMDB
- van Haastrecht et al. [2009] GMAB
- Boyle and Hardy [2003], Marshall et al. [2010] GMIB
- Milevsky and Salisbury [2006], Jaimungal et al. [2012] GMWB
- Bauer et al. [2008], Bacinello et al. [2011] general framework for pricing GMxB's.

**Our contribution:** Derivation of explicit solutions for the prices of GMAB products currently offered on the market in a hybrid model for insurance and market risks.

Valuation model

## Financial market model

- Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{Q})$  be a filtered probability space with  $\mathbb{Q}$  being a risk-neutral measure
- Financial market under  $\mathbb{Q}$  is described via Hull-White-Black-Scholes hybrid model with time-dependent volatility (HWBS<sup>tdv</sup>)

$$\begin{aligned}dr(t) &= (\theta_r(t) - a_r r(t))dt + \sigma_r dW^r(t), \\dY(t) &= \left( r(t) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_Y^2(t) \right) dt + \sigma_Y(t)dW^Y(t),\end{aligned}$$

where  $Y(t) = \ln(S(t)/S(0))$  and  $dW^r(t)dW^Y(t) = \rho dt$ .

## Insurance market model

- Random lifetime of a person aged  $x$  at  $t = 0$  is modeled as a stopping time  $\tau_x$  of a counting process  $N_{x+t}(t)$  with corresponding mortality intensity  $\lambda_{x+t}(t)$
- Two subfiltrations  $\mathbb{G} = (\mathcal{G}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $\mathbb{H} = (\mathcal{H}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  of  $\mathbb{F}$ :

$$\mathcal{G}_t = \sigma(\lambda_{x+s}(s) : s \leq t), \quad \mathcal{H}_t = \sigma(\mathbb{1}_{\{\tau_x \leq s\}} : s \leq t).$$

- Survival probability measured at time  $t$  of a person at the age of  $x + t$  to survive up to time  $T$

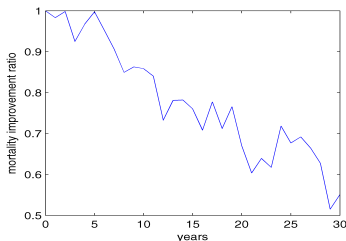
$$p_{x+t}(t, T | \mathcal{F}_t) := \mathbb{P}(\tau_x > T | \mathcal{F}_t) = \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\int_t^T \lambda_{x+s}(s) ds} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right]$$

Valuation model

## Insurance market model

- Compare the mortality intensity at time 0 with mortality intensity at time  $t$
- Introduce **mortality improvement ratio** as

$$\xi_{x+t}(t) = \frac{\lambda_{x+t}(t)}{\lambda_{x+t}(0)}$$



Sample path for the mortality improvement ratio



## Insurance market model

- We model  $\xi_t$  as an extended Vasicek process

$$d\xi(t) = k(e^{-\gamma t} - \xi(t))dt + \sigma_\xi dW^\xi(t)$$

- Initial mortality intensity is described via Gompertz model

$$\lambda_{x+t}(0) = bc^{x+t}$$

and is calibrated to the current life table.

- Future mortality intensity can be calculated as

$$\lambda_{x+t}(t) = \lambda_{x+t}(0) \cdot \xi(t)$$

- Survival probabilities can be expressed as

$$p_{x+t}(t, T | \mathcal{F}_t) = C_\lambda(t, T) e^{-D_\lambda(t, T) \lambda_{x+t}(t)},$$

where  $C_\lambda(t, T)$  and  $D_\lambda(t, T)$  satisfy two ordinary differential equations, which can be solved analytically.

## Definition

- GMAB provides a policyholder who is alive at the end of the accumulation period  $T$  with a benefit  $V(T)$ , defined as

$$V(T) = \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > T\}} \max(A(T), G(T))$$

- where  $A(T)$  is the account value and  $G(T)$  is one of the following guarantees
  - ▶ Return of premium:  $G(T) = IP$
  - ▶ Roll-up  $G(T) = IP \cdot e^{\delta T}$ , where  $\delta$  is a roll-up rate
  - ▶ Ratchet  $G(T) = \max_{t_i < T} A(t_i)$
- The time 0 fair value of GMAB can be written as

$$V(0) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}} \left[ e^{-\int_0^T r(s) ds} \mathbb{1}_{\{\tau > T\}} \max(A(T), G(T)) \right]$$

## Roll-up guarantee

### Theorem

*Explicit expression for  $V(0)$  with  $G(T) = IP \cdot e^{\delta T}$  can be derived:*

$$\begin{aligned} V(0) = & IP \cdot p_x(0, T) \cdot \Phi \left( \frac{\mu_{Y(T)}^S - \delta T}{\sigma_{Y(T)}^S} \right) \\ & + IP \cdot P^m(0, T) \cdot e^{\delta T} \cdot \Phi \left( \frac{\delta T - \mu_{Y(T)}^T}{\sigma_{Y(T)}^T} \right), \end{aligned}$$

*where  $\Phi$  is standard normal distribution,  $P^m(0, T)$  is mortality-adjusted zero-bond,  $\mu_{Y(T)}^S, \sigma_{Y(T)}^S$  are the moments under equity measure  $\mathbb{Q}^S$  and  $\mu_{Y(T)}^T, \sigma_{Y(T)}^T$  are the moments under forward measure  $\mathbb{Q}^T$ .*

## Ratchet guarantee

### Theorem

Explicit expression for  $V(0)$  with  $G(T) = \max_{t_i < T} A(t_i)$  can be derived:

$$V(0) = IP \cdot p_x(0, T) \cdot \left( \Phi_{n-1}(0; -\mu_{\Delta_k}^S Y, \Sigma_{\Delta_k}^S Y) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \Phi_{n-1}(0; -\mu_{\Delta_k}^S Y - \Sigma_{\Delta_k}^S Y e_k, \Sigma_{\Delta_k}^S Y) \right) \cdot e^{\mu_{\Delta_{n,k}}^S Y + \frac{(\sigma_{\Delta_{n,k}}^S Y)^2}{2}} \right),$$

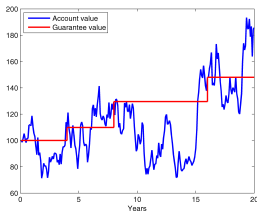
where  $e_k$  is a unit vector,  $\mu_{\Delta_k}^S Y, \Sigma_{\Delta_k}^S Y$  are mean vector and covariance matrix under equity measure  $\mathbb{Q}^S$  of

$$\Delta_k Y := \{\Delta_{i,k} Y\}_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{k\}}, \quad \Delta_{i,k} Y := \{Y(t_k) - Y(t_i)\}_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{k\}}$$

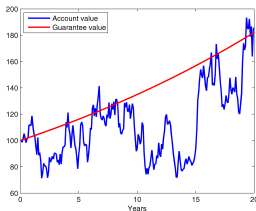
## Example

# Setup

- Type of the guarantee: single premium GMAB,  $T = 20$  years
- Policyholder: male, 45 years old
- Mortality: German mortality table for 2007/2009
- Financial model: HWBS<sup>tdv</sup> calibrated to the market data as of 30/05/2012 (VSTOXX, EUR swap based yield curve and swaptions)



Ratchet step = 4 years

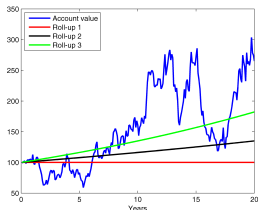


Roll-up rate = 2%

Example

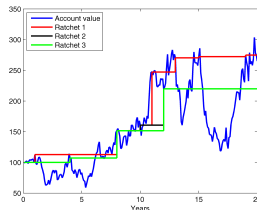
# Sensitivities to product parameters

- Roll-up guarantee



Roll-up rate	GMAB
0%	102.49
1.5%	111.51
3.0%	125.64

- Ratchet guarantee



Ratchet step	GMAB
2 years	125.28
4 years	118.49
8 years	114.19

Example

# Sensitivity analysis (roll-up)

- Interest rates

IR	Roll-up 1	Roll-up 2	Roll-up 3
Sensitivity <sup>1</sup>	-4.19%	-6.73%	-10.44%

- Equity volatility

IR	Roll-up 1	Roll-up 2	Roll-up 3
Sensitivity	0.75%	0.98%	1.19%

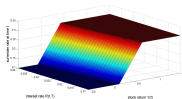
<sup>1</sup>based on a parallel shift of 0.01%

## Conclusion

- HWBS<sup>tdv</sup> for the financial market
- 2-step approach for stochastic mortality modeling
- Explicit expressions for GMABs with different guarantee riders
- Calibration of the presented hybrid model
- Sensitivity analysis

## Outlook

- Pricing of other guarantees (GMIB, GMDB)
- Incorporation of policyholder behavior risk (with Escobar, M., Ramsauer, F., Saunders, D., Zagst, R.)





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