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**Description**

Age a VA policy specified in `inPolicy` from `currentDate` (specified in `inPolicy`) to `targetDate`. The aging scenario is given in `fundScen`. The time step length is specified in `dT`. Here we input a rather irrelevant parameter `df` to "hack" for a more flexible user-defined projection function.

**Usage**

```r
ageOnePolicy(
  inPolicy,
  mortTable,
  fundScen,
  scenDates,
  dT = 1/12,
  targetDate,
  df
)
```

**Arguments**

- `inPolicy` A vector containing 45 attributes of a VA policy, usually a row of a VA portfolio dataframe.
- `mortTable` A dataframe with three columns of doubles representing the mortality table.
ageOnePolicy

- fundScen: A numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund array of doubles of return factors (i.e., \( \exp(\mu_t dt) \)) in each period.
- scenDates: A vector containing strings in the format of "YYYY-MM-DD" of dates corresponding to each period in fundScen.
- dT: A double of stepsize in years; dT = 1 / 12 would be monthly.
- targetDate: A string in the format of "YYYY-MM-DD" of valuation date of the portfolio.
- df: A vector of doubles of risk-free discount rates of different tenor (not forward rates), should have length being numStep.

Value

Outputs a vector containing 45 attributes of a VA policy, where currentDate, gbAmt, GMWBbalance, withdrawal, & fundValue could be updated as a result of aging. Usually a row of a VA portfolio dataframe.

Note

Target date MUST be PRIOR to the last date of historical scenario date, Current date MUST be LATER than the first date of historical scenario date.

Examples

```r
exPolicy <- VAPort[1, ]
targetDate <- "2016-01-01"
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
ageOnePolicy(exPolicy, mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12, targetDate, cForwardCurve)
## Not run:
targetDate <- "2001-01-01"
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
ageOnePolicy(exPolicy, mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12, targetDate, cForwardCurve)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
exPolicy <- VAPort[1, ]
exPolicy[1, c("currentDate", "issueDate")]<- c("2001-01-01", "2001-01-01")
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
ageOnePolicy(exPolicy, mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12, targetDate, cForwardCurve)
## End(Not run)
```
Description

Age a portfolio of VA policies specified in each inPolicy of inPortfolio from currentDate (specified in inPolicy) to targetDate. The aging scenario is given in fundScen. The time step length is specified in dT. Here we input a rather irrelevant parameter df to "hack" for a more flexible user-defined projection function.

Usage

agePortfolio(
  inPortfolio,
  mortTable,
  fundScen,
  scenDates,
  dT = 1/12,
  targetDate,
  df
)

Arguments

- **inPortfolio**: A dataframe containing numPolicy rows and 45 attributes of each VA policy.
- **mortTable**: A dataframe with three columns of doubles representing the mortality table.
- **fundScen**: A numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund array of doubles of return factors (i.e., \( \exp(\mu_t \ dt) \)) in each period.
- **scenDates**: A vector containing strings in the format of "YYYY-MM-DD" of dates corresponding to each period in fundScen.
- **dT**: A double of stepsize in years; dT = 1/12 would be monthly.
- **targetDate**: A string in the format of "YYYY-MM-DD" of valuation date of the portfolio.
- **df**: A vector of doubles of risk-free discount rates of different tenor (not forward rates), should have length being numStep.

Value

Outputs a dataframe containing numPolicy rows and 45 attributes of each VA policy, where currentDate, gbAmt, GMWBbalance, withdrawal, & fundValue of each policy could be updated as a result of aging.

Note

Target date MUST be PRIOR to the last date of historical scenario date, Current date MUST be LATER than the first date of historical scenario date.
buildCurve

Examples

targetDate <- "2016-01-01"
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
agePortfolio(VAPort[1:2, ], mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12,
targetDate, cForwardCurve)
## Not run:
targetDate <- "2001-01-01"
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
agePortfolio(VAPort, mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12,
targetDate, cForwardCurve)

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
VAPort[1, c("currentDate", "issueDate")]<- c("2001-01-01", "2001-01-01")
histFundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, histIdxScen)
agePortfolio(VAPort, mortTable, histFundScen, histDates, dT = 1 / 12,
targetDate, cForwardCurve)

## End(Not run)

buildCurve

Build Curve

Description

Bootstrap discount factors from a yield curve.

Usage

buildCurve(
  swapRates,
  tenors,
  fixFreq = 6,
  fixDCC = "Thirty360",
  fltFreq = 6,
  fltDCC = "Thirty360",
  calendar = "General",
  bdc = c("Actual", "Preceding", "Following", "Modified_Prec", "Modified_Foll"),
  curveDate,
  numSetDay,
  yieldCurveDCC = "Thirty360",
  holidays = NULL
)

Arguments

  swapRates A vector of doubles of swap rates.
  tenors    A vector of integers of corresponding tenors.
**buildCurve**

- **fixFreq**
  An integer of fixed leg frequency of payment in months.
  Default is 6, semi-annual payments.

- **fixDCC**
  A string of fixed leg day count convention from four options: "Thirty360", "ACT360", "ACT365", or "ACTACT".
  Default is "Thirty360".

- **fltFreq**
  An integer of floating leg frequency of payment in months.
  Default is 6, semi-annual payments.

- **fltDCC**
  A string of floating leg day count convention from four options: "Thirty360", "ACT360", "ACT365", or "ACTACT".
  Default is "Thirty360".

- **calendar**
  A string of the desired calendar convention from two options:
  - "NY": New York holiday calendar
  - "General": all weekdays are business days

- **bdc**
  A string of business day convention from five options:
  - "Actual": No rolling on the date applied even if it is a non-business day
  - "Preceding": 1st business day before holiday
  - "Following": 1st business day after holiday
  - "Modified_Prec": Same as "Preceding" unless it belongs to a different month, in which case 1st business day after holiday
  - "Modified_Foll": Same as "Following" unless it belongs to a different month, in which case 1st business day before holiday
  Default is "Actual".

- **curveDate**
  A string in the format of "YYYY-MM-DD" of yield curve date.

- **numSetDay**
  An integer of settlement days from yield curve date.

- **yieldCurveDCC**
  A string of yield curve day count convention from four options: "Thirty360", "ACT360", "ACT365", or "ACTACT". Default is "Thirty360".

- **holidays**
  An optional vector dates of user-defined holidays. If provided, within the given holidays range, the calendar provided in the parameter "calendar" will not be applied;
  If the date is not in the given holidays range, it will follow the calendar provided in the "calendar" parameter

**Value**

Outputs a data frame of strings of discount dates and doubles of discount factors.

**Examples**

```r
rate <- c(0.69, 0.77, 0.88, 1.01, 1.14, 1.38, 1.66, 2.15) * 0.01
tenor <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 30)
fixFreq <- 6
fixDCC <- "Thirty360"
fltFreq <- 6
fltDCC <- "ACT360"
```
Calculate Mortality Factors

Description

Calculates the mortality factors \((t - 1)px q(x + t - 1)\) and \(tpx\) required to valuate the inPolicy. Extract gender, age (birth date & current date), valuation date (current date), and maturity date from inPolicy, mortality rates from mortTable.

Usage

```
calcMortFactors(inPolicy, mortTable, dT = 1/12)
```

Arguments

- **inPolicy**: A vector containing 45 attributes of a VA policy, usually a row of a VA portfolio dataframe.
- **mortTable**: A dataframe with three columns of doubles representing the mortality table.
- **dT**: A double of stepsize in years; \(dT = 1 / 12\) would be monthly.

Value

Outputs a two-column data frame of doubles of mortFactors \((t - 1)px q(x + t - 1)\) and \(tpx\).

Examples

```
exPolicy <- VAPort[1, ]
calcMortFactors(exPolicy, mortTable, dT = 1 / 12)
```
cForwardCurve  
**Constant Forward Curve**

Description

A dataset containing 2 percent continuously compounded annual interest rate for illustration purposes.

Usage

cForwardCurve

Format

A vector with 360 elements:

rate  discount rate ...

fundMap  
**Fund Map for 10 Funds**

Description

A dataset containing a default mapping from five indices to ten different funds.

Usage

fundMap

Format

A matrix with 10 rows and 5 columns:

index name  name for each index
fund number  proportion of fund allocated to a particular index ...
**genFundScen**

*Generate Fund Scenario*

**Description**

Calculate numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund fund scenarios based on given index scenarios indexScen and fund map fundMap that maps indices to funds.

**Usage**

```
genFundScen(fundMap, indexScen)
```

**Arguments**

- `fundMap` A numFund-by-numIndex matrix of doubles, mapping indices to funds.
- `indexScen` A numScen-by-numStep-by-numIndex array of doubles, index scenarios.

**Value**

Outputs a numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund array of doubles of fund scenarios.

**Examples**

```
genFundScen(fundMap, indexScen)
```

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**genIndexScen**

*Generate Index Scenario*

**Description**

Simulate a 3D array, numScen-by-numStep-by-numIndex, of Black-Scholes return factors for numIndex indices in each of numStep time steps and each of numScen scenarios. Covariances among indices are specified in covMatrix. Stepsize is given is dT and interpolated discount factors are given in vDF. Random seed is optional for reproducibility.

**Usage**

```
genIndexScen(
    covMatrix, numScen, numStep, indexNames, dT = 1/12, forwardCurve, seed
)
```
Arguments

covMatrix A numIndex-by-numIndex matrix of doubles of covariances among numIndex indices.
numScen An integer of number of scenario (sample paths) to be simulated.
numStep An integer of number of periods to be simulated.
indexNames A vector of strings containing index names.
dT A double of stepsize in years; dT = 1/12 would be monthly.
forwardCurve A vector of doubles of discount rates at each time step.
seed An integer of the deterministic seed for random sampling.

Value

Outputs a 3D array (numScen-by-numStep-by-numIndex) of index scenarios

Examples

genIndexScen(mCov, 100, 360, indexNames, 1/12, cForwardCurve, 1)

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**genPortInception**  
*Generate Portfolio at Inception*

**Description**

Generate a portfolio of VA contracts at inception based on given attribute ranges and investment fund information.

**Usage**

genPortInception(
  birthDayRng = c("1950-01-01", "1980-01-01"),
  issueRng = c("2001-08-01", "2014-01-01"),
  matRng = c(15, 30),
  acctValueRng = c(50000, 5e+05),
  femPct = 0.4,
  fundFee = c(30, 50, 60, 80, 10, 38, 45, 55, 47, 46),
  baseFee = 200,
  prodPct = rep(1/19, 19),
  prodType = c("DBRP", "DBRU", "DBSU", "ABRP", "ABRU", "ABSU", "IBRP", "IBRU", "IBSU",
              "MBRP", "MBRU", "MBSU", "WBRP", "WBRU", "WBSU", "DBAB", "DBIB", "DBMB", "DBWB"),
  riderFee = c(25, 35, 35, 50, 60, 60, 60, 70, 70, 50, 60, 60, 65, 75, 75, 75, 85, 75,
              90),
  rollUpRate = rep(5, 19),
  withdrawalRate = rep(5, 19),
  numPolicy = 10)
)
histDates

**Arguments**

birthDayRng A vector of two strings in 'YYYY-MM-DD' of birthday range.
issueRng A vector of two strings in 'YYYY-MM-DD' of issue date range.
matRng A vector of two integers, range of policy maturity.
acctValueRng A vector of two doubles, range of initial account values.
femPct A double, percentage of female policyholders in the portfolio.
fundFee A vector of doubles, fees charged by each fund in bps.
baseFee A double, base fee for all funds in bps.
prodPct A vector of non-negative doubles, proportions of rider types.
prodType A vector of strings, names of different rider types.
riderFee A vector of doubles, rider fees for different riders in bps.
rollUpRate A vector of doubles, roll up rates for different rider types in bps.
withdrawalRate A vector of doubles, withdrawal rates for different rider types in bps.
numPolicy An integer, number of each type of policies to be generated.

**Value**

Outputs a data frame of 45 columns of attributes in an annuity contract.

**Examples**

```r
genPortInception(c("1980-01-01", "1990-01-01"), c("2001-08-01", "2014-01-01"), c(15, 30), c(5e4, 5e5), 0.4, c(30, 50, 60, 80, 10, 38, 45, 55, 47, 46), 200, rep(1 / 4, 4), c("WBRP", "WBRU", "WSU", "DBWB"), riderFee = c(25, 35, 35, 50), rep(5, 4), rep(5, 4), 100)
```

## Not run:

```r
genPortInception()
```

## End(Not run)

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**histDates**

*Historical Scenario Dates*

**Description**

A dataset containing the dates at which historical returns for different indices were observed.

**Usage**

```r
histDates
```

**Format**

A vector with 175 elements:

- **date** each observation date of the historical scenarios ...
**histIdxScen**  
*Historical Index Scenario for 5 Indices over 175 Months*

**Description**
A dataset containing a matrix, number of indices (5) by number of time steps (175), of observed historical returns for each index in each of time step in the past.

**Usage**

histIdxScen

**Format**
A data frame with dimensions 175 rows and 10 columns:

- **FIXED** historical return for index "FIXED" in one month
- **INT** historical return for index "INT" in one month
- **MONEY** historical return for index "MONEY" in one month
- **SMALL** historical return for index "SMALL" in one month
- **US** historical return for index "US" in one month

**Remark**
These historical index scenarios were assessed on 2008-09-12

**Source**
http://www.math.uconn.edu/~gan/software.html

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**indexNames**  
*Index Names*

**Description**
A dataset containing names for each index.

**Usage**

indexNames

**Format**
A vector with 5 elements:

-name name of the index ...
**indexScen**  

5 Indices for 10 Scenarios over 360 Months

**Description**  
A dataset containing a 3D array, number of scenarios (10) by number of indices (5) by number of time steps (360), of Black-Scholes return factors for each index in each of time step and each of scenario.

**Usage**

`indexScen`

**Format**
A 3D array with dimensions 10x360x5:

- **scenario**  scenario number
- **month**  month since valuation date
- **index number**  monthly return for a particular index in one scenario one month ...

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**mCov**  
Covariance Matrix for 5 Indices

**Description**
A dataset containing the covariance matrix among the returns of five indices.

**Usage**

`mCov`

**Format**
A matrix with 5 rows and 5 columns:

- **index number**  number for each index ...
### mortTable

**Mortality Rate for Male and Female from Ages 5 to 115**

**Description**

A dataset containing the mortality rates for male and female from ages 5 to 115 (table IAM 1996 from the Society of Actuaries).

**Usage**

`mortTable`

**Format**

A data frame with 110 rows and 3 columns:

- **age** individual’s age
- **male** mortality of a male at a particular age ranging from 5 to 115
- **female** mortality of a female at a particular age ranging from 5 to 115 ...

**Source**

[https://mort.soa.org](https://mort.soa.org)

### swapRate

**Swap Rates across 30 Years**

**Description**

A dataset containing US swap rates for various maturities.

**Usage**

`swapRate`

**Format**

A vector with 8 elements:

- **rate** swap rate ...

**Remark**

These swap rates were assessed on 2016-02-08

**Source**

valuateOnePolicy

**Description**

Valuate a VA policy specified in `inPolicy` based on the simulated fund scenarios `fundScen`. The time step length is specified in `dT` and the discount rate for each period is specified in `df`.

**Usage**

```r
valuateOnePolicy(inPolicy, mortTable, fundScen, dT = 1/12, df)
```

**Arguments**

- **inPolicy**: A vector containing 45 attributes of a VA policy, usually a row of a VA portfolio dataframe.
- **mortTable**: A dataframe with three columns of doubles representing the mortality table.
- **fundScen**: A `numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund` array of doubles of return factors (i.e., `exp(mu_t dt)` in each period.
- **dT**: A double of stepsize in years; `dT = 1/12` would be monthly.
- **df**: A vector of doubles of risk-free discount rates of different tenor (not forward rates), should have length being `numStep`.

**Value**

Outputs a list of doubles of `policyValue`, the average discounted payoff of the VA, and `riskCharge`, the average discounted risk charges.

**Examples**

```r
fundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, indexScen)[1, , ]
exPolicy <- VAPort[1, ]
valuateOnePolicy(exPolicy, mortTable, fundScen, 1/12, cForwardCurve)
```

valuatePortfolio

**Description**

Valuate a portfolio VA policies specified in each `curPolicy` of `inPortfolio` based on the simulated fund scenarios `fundScen`. The time step length is specified in `dT` and the discount rate for each period is specified in `df`.
Usage

valuatePortfolio(inPortfolio, mortTable, fundScen, dT = 1/12, df)

Arguments

inPortfolio    A dataframe containing numPolicy rows and 45 attributes of each VA policy.
mortTable     A dataframe with three columns of doubles representing the mortality table.
fundScen     A numScen-by-numStep-by-numFund array of doubles of return factors (i.e.,
                        exp(mu_t dt)) in each period.
dT  A double of stepsize in years; dT = 1 / 12 would be monthly.
df     A vector of doubles of risk-free discount rates of different tenor (not forward
                    rates), should have length being numStep.

Value

Outputs a list of doubles of portVal, the sum of average discounted payoff of the VAs in inPortfolio, portRC, the sum of average discounted risk charges of the VAs in inPortfolio, and vectors of doubles of these average discounted values for each policy.

Examples

fundScen <- genFundScen(fundMap, indexScen)[1, , ]
valuatePortfolio(VAPort[1:2, ], mortTable, fundScen, 1 / 12, cForwardCurve)

description

The vamc package provides a Monte Carlo engine for valuating a pool of variable annuities. The key steps are: YieldCurveGeneration, ScenarioGeneration, PolicyGenerationI, and MonteCarloValuation.

YieldCurveGeneration functions

YieldCurveGeneration generates a forward curve from swap rates. The forward curve is obtained by solving for swap rates that equates values of floating and fixed notes.

ScenarioGeneration functions

ScenarioGeneration generates a random fund scenario under Black-Scholes. After simulating random index scenarios, a fundMap is used to allocate returns of indices to each fund according to proportion of investment.
PolicyGeneration functions

PolicyGeneration randomly generates a pool of variable annuities for user-input birthday range, issue-date range, maturity range, account value range, female percentage, fund management fee, fund base fee, product types, rider fee of each type, roll-up-rate for roll-up featured guarantees, withdrawal rate for GMWB, and number of policies to be generated for each type.

MonteCarloValuation functions

MonteCarloValuation discounts cash flow from living and death benefits, as well as risk charges for each policy in the portfolio.

References


VAPort

A Randomly Generated Pool of Variable Annuities

Description

A dataset containing information of the policy and the policy holder.

Usage

VAPort

Format

A data frame with 19 row and 45 columns:

- recordID  Unique identifier of the policy
- survivorShip Positive weighting number
- gender Gender of the policyholder
- productType Product type
- issueDate Issue date
- matDate Maturity date
- birthDate Birth date of the policyholder
- currentDate Current date
- baseFee M&E (Mortality & Expense) fee
- riderFee Rider fee
- rollUpRate Roll-up rate
- gbAmt Guaranteed benefit
- gmwbBalance GMWB balance
wbWithdrawalRate  Guaranteed withdrawal rate
withdrawal  Withdrawal so far
fundNum1  Fund number of the 1st investment fund
fundNum2  Fund number of the 2nd investment fund
fundNum3  Fund number of the 3rd investment fund
fundNum4  Fund number of the 4th investment fund
fundNum5  Fund number of the 5th investment fund
fundNum6  Fund number of the 6th investment fund
fundNum7  Fund number of the 7th investment fund
fundNum8  Fund number of the 8th investment fund
fundNum9  Fund number of the 9th investment fund
fundNum10  Fund number of the 10th investment fund
fundValue1  Fund value of the 1st investment fund
fundValue2  Fund value of the 2nd investment fund
fundValue3  Fund value of the 3rd investment fund
fundValue4  Fund value of the 4th investment fund
fundValue5  Fund value of the 5th investment fund
fundValue6  Fund value of the 6th investment fund
fundValue7  Fund value of the 7th investment fund
fundValue8  Fund value of the 8th investment fund
fundValue9  Fund value of the 9th investment fund
fundValue10  Fund value of the 10th investment fund
fundFee1  Fund management fee of the 1st investment fund
fundFee2  Fund management fee of the 2nd investment fund
fundFee3  Fund management fee of the 3rd investment fund
fundFee4  Fund management fee of the 4th investment fund
fundFee5  Fund management fee of the 5th investment fund
fundFee6  Fund management fee of the 6th investment fund
fundFee7  Fund management fee of the 7th investment fund
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