R : Modelling Tool for Life Insurers

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1. Background : Modelling in Life Insurance

- Life insurance modelling primarily involves projecting **asset** and **liability cash flows** to facilitate the calculation of:
 - Profit and loss account
 - Balance sheet
 - Pricing, supervisory reserves and capital
- As life insurance business and regulations have evolved, insurance companies now use these models to:
 - Capture the interaction between assets and liabilities
 - > Perform detailed scenario analysis, analytics, optimisation
 - Calculate additional metrics; Return of capital, cash metrics, liquidity ratios



Overall objective of a life insurance model is to enable the Actuarial function the tools to demonstrate the company is financially sound.



2. Challenges of Modelling in Life insurance

- Increased outputs/results take time!
 - Increased metrics, scenarios and model outputs take time to produce
 - Increase impact on operations teams and Actuarial function
- Output communicating
 - Presenting additional output from models to the business and C suite
 - Tailoring to suit different stakeholders with varying interests
- Platform, Hardware, Licencing costs
 - Increase outputs require additional platforms, hardware and licencing costs
 - Margin challenge already, are the Actuarial models the most demand on IT!
- Worse for medium/small life insurers:
 - Struggle to bear the cost of the expensive life modelling platforms
 - Much smaller teams, so lack expertise and experience
 - Make do with Excel based/VBA models
- Potential solutions:
 - Low cost, efficient, formal modelling platform that already has life insurance and financial packages for valuations
 - R proves to be a great fit for this purpose

3. R based Solution





4. R Tool : Demo





5. Conclusion

- Ø Evolving insurance landscape
- Ø Increased demands from the regulators
- Ø Increased reporting requirements
- Ø More and more output, faster!
- O Complexity of products = complexity of analysis
- Ø Costs rising



- Summary: Management and analysts are increasingly bombarded with vast amounts of numeric results and other qualitative, intricate and caveated information it takes time, costs a fortune to produce, and difficult to understand!
- So, what could the future modelling landscape look like?
 - Ø Analytics led life insurance modelling is the future
 - Ø Graphical presentation of results:
 - Ø Useful in showing large amounts of complex information in a structured format
 - Figure out any trends or pinch points that might need further investigation e.g. A vs L mismatch, data errors
 - Ø Flexibility of the tools to communicate with various data systems and modelling platforms to read-in data and results for performing analytics and visualizations.
 - O Lower cost platforms, open source packages, further cloud usage (serverless computing), revisit outsourcing
 - Instant results: Why not provide the management direct access to results so they get what they need, when they want it, cheaper?

Thank You !

