

# 2024 BAS Case Competition

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### **Objective: Lapse Rate Formula**













# Recommended Factors

### **Our Picks**



### **Correlations: Does it matter?**















### Correlations

<u>Clear Correlation</u> MVA Crediting Rate Surrender Rate Partial Correlation Policy Year Mortality Rate General Account Yield Statutory Reserves

No Correlation → Eliminate 5y Treasury Rates 10y Treasury Rates

Factor	r value 🛛 🔻
Policy Year	0.15899181
MVA	0.37952267
Mortality	0.15451973
Crediting Rate	0.44641988
5y Treasury	0.01646818
General Account Yield	0.09180008
Statuary Reserves	0.12290059
10y Treasuy	0.00153985
Surrender Charge	0.56699056

### **The Maybes**

13.9%	
9.8%	12.1%
7.4%	9.6%
12.6%	16.5%
31.0%	36.5%
14.1%	12.2%
13.3%	17.9%
13.8%	12.4%
12.0%	15.4%
13.0%	

The ninth year outlier

Policy Year!!

Let's do something about that

### Logic: Should it matter?

What information do customers have access to when deciding whether or not to lapse?

Yes		Maybe	No
MVA Surrender charge Crediting ra	ate	Policy year 5/10y treasury rates	Statutory reserves General account portfolio yield Mortality rate

### **Our Picks**





# Proposed Formula

### Considerations





### **The Ninth Year Effect**



Policyholders tend to hold until they can surrender for no charge, and then lapse in large numbers.

Add an extra predictor based on policy year to the formula (a "dummy variable")

### **The Five Predictors**

У	Policy Year	•	Lapse rates are expected to slowly subside over time
С	Crediting Rate	•	Lapse rates are expected to increase during years with low crediting rates
т	Market Value Adjustment	•	Lapse rates <i>increase</i> with decreasing MVA
5	Surrender Charge	•	Lapse rates are much lower when surrender rates are high
У <sub>9</sub>	9th Year Variable	•	9th year effect as described previously

# The Formula

$$L = 19.24\% - \beta_1 y - \beta_2 c - \beta_3 m - \beta_4 s + \beta_5 y_9 \text{ where}$$

$oldsymbol{eta}_1$	0.125% per year
$\beta_2$	0.415% per percentage increase in MVA
$\beta_3$	0.902% per percentage increase in CR
$oldsymbol{eta}_4$	0.915% per percentage increase in SC
$eta_5$	+19.85% if it is the 9th year of the policy

### **Significance Testing**



Result: All five predictors and the intercept are significant in predicting lapse



### **Evaluating Fit**

- For our lapse rate formula,  $R^2 = 80.3\%$
- 80.3% of variation can be predicted by the formula
- The remainder (19.7%) comes from elsewhere:

Variables excluded from the formula, random noise, etc.

### **Evaluating Fit**

Compare the top 10 best candidate formulas...

R <sup>2</sup>	Predictors			
80.29%	Policy Year	MVA	Crediting Rate	Surrender charge
79.58%	MVA	Crediting Rate	5yr Treasury Rate	Surrender charge
<mark>79.41%</mark>	MVA	Crediting Rate	10-Yr Treasury rate	Surrender charge
79.11%	MVA	Mortality Rate	5yr Treasury Rate	Surrender charge
78.98%	MVA	Mortality Rate	10-Yr Treasury rate	Surrender charge
78.97%	MVA	5yr Treasury Rate	Statutory Reserves	Surrender charge
78.91%	Policy Year	MVA	5yr Treasury Rate	Surrender charge
78.82%	Policy Year	MVA	Mortality Rate	Surrender charge
78.63%	MVA	5yr Treasury Rate	General Account Po	Surrender charge
78.59%	MVA	Crediting Rate	Statutory Reserves	Surrender charge



# Future Projection

### **Lapse Rate Projection**

Year	Policy Year	MVA	Crediting Rate	Surrender charge	9 Year	Projected Lapse
2023	1	0.1%	4.50%	12%	0.00	4.03%
2024	2	0.2%	4.50%	10%	0.00	5.69%
2025	3	-0.5%	4.50%	10%	0.00	5.84%
2026	4	-2.4%	4.70%	7%	0.00	9.07%
2027	5	-3.0%	4.80%	5%	0.00	10.97%
2028	6	-8.0%	4.80%	4%	0.00	13.80%
2029	7	-8.1%	5.00%	3%	0.00	14.49%
2030	8	-10.6%	5.00%	2%	0.00	16.31%
2031	9	-10.0%	5.00%	0%	1.00	37.60%
2032	10	-7.1%	5.20%	0%	0.00	16.24%
2033	11	-8.0%	5.20%	0%	0.00	16.51%
2034	12	-5.4%	5.50%	0%	0.00	15.02%
2035	13	-6.3%	5.50%	0%	0.00	15.29%
2036	14	-2.5%	5.50%	0%	0.00	13.56%
2037	15	0.3%	5.50%	0%	0.00	12.28%

### **Comparing Lapsation Rates**



### **Comparing Product Features**

	New Product	Previously Launched Product
Free Partial Withdrawal	10%	15%
Surrender Charge	12%, 10%, 10%, 7%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%	9%, 8%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%
Guaranteed Minimum Crediting Rate	1.50%	0.70%

### Market Value Adjustment

New Product	Previously Launched Product
0.1%	0%
0.2%	-1.6%
-0.5%	0.8%
-2.4%	9.5%
-3.0%	-4.5%
-8.0%	5.3%
-8.1%	1.7%
-10.6%	-1.1%

New Product	Previously Launched Product
-10.0%	5.0%
-7.1%	6.2%
-8.0%	7.3%
-5.4%	4.7%
-6.3%	3.1%
-2.5%	1.0%
0.3%	0.2%



## **Other Factors**

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- Economic Conditions
  - Economic downturn, inflation rates

- Personal Factors
  - Health issues, satisfaction, individual's financial circumstances



# Thank You!!

