mguchi()

Run Types

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Overview

mguchi is a financial and actuarial system whereby users build models representing their financial obligations. mguchi then allows users to run different types of analyses through these models to access different types of information.

This document describes the different run types currently available in mguchi .

Note that all results are available in the **web browser** or can be downloaded to **Excel**.

Introduction

mguchi is a forward-looking calculation engine that calculates the values of the **functions** of a model for **time periods** out into the future. It produces results along the following lines:

For every **item** in a given data set (e.g., for every policy in a book of policies)

For each **time period** (t) from 1 to n (e.g., a number of months into the future)

For each **function** in the model specified in the run

Calculate the value of that function

mguchi can currently create 6 different types of results sets:

Туре	Result Set	Description
	Aggregate	Performs calculations on individual data items (e.g. policies) for a range of
		time periods (t) and aggregates the results into a result set. Only the
		aggregated (book level) results are stored.
	Repetitive	Similar to Aggregate result set but applies the chosen Scenarios repetitively
		starting from increasing time intervals. Only the calculated values for the
		specified time intervals are stored in the result set.
Deterministic	Individual	Performs calculations for a given time period (t) and stores results per
Deterministic		individual data item (e.g. policy). This allows an expansion of the values
		calculated in the Aggregate result set for a chosen time period (t).
	Goal seek	Goal seeks a particular Function for each individual data item at a given
		time period (t)
	Audit	Creates an Excel spreadsheet of the calculations for a chosen data item (e.g.
		policy). Note that the Excel spreadsheet is populated with actual formulae
		(not values) so that the models Functions can be audited.
Stochastic	Aggregate	Performs an aggregate calculation for each scenario in the stochastic data
		set, with each scenario's values being stored. Results can be extracted
		either as the average of all the scenarios or by selecting different
		percentiles of the calculated data.

Just to recap, when a model is built a number of elements are specified, namely:

Element	Description
Instance Variables	Those variables specific to an individual product (e.g. a policy). Such variables
	might include a policy holders Age At Inception, Sum Assured, etc.
Non-Instance Variables	Those variables shared by more than one individual data item, e.g. a Yield
	Curve or a Life Table
Functions	The set of calculations that can be performed by a model on a data item, such
	as Net Cash Flow, Best Estimate Liability, etc.
Conditions	A partitioning of the results according to certain criteria, for example a result
	set for policy holders younger than 30 years old
Scenarios	A rerun of the calculations after adjusting any number of the Non-Instance
	Variables, for example a rerun after changing mortality rates or a rerun after
	shifting a yield curve

A word on Conditions

Conditions do not add significantly to the execution time of a run as they do not require functions to be recalculated.

A word on Scenarios

When a run is initiated the first result set calculated is called the **Base** Scenario and it has **Absolute** values. The **Base** Scenario uses the input variables as they are initially defined, i.e. without any adjustments.

Adding scenarios to a run necessitates a recalculation as input variables to functions may have changed. mguchi does optimize this process so that only those functions affected by the scenario are recalculated. Thus, as a general rule, each extra scenario specified will increase the execution time accordingly. If a single base run takes, say 10 seconds to execute, choosing 3 extra scenarios will increase the execution time by approximately 30 seconds.

When an additional scenario is specified in a run it instructs mguchi to recalculate the chosen Functions again with an adjusted set of input values, the adjustments being the specification of the scenario, e.g. adjusting mortality rates upwards. This new result set is called an Absolute result set for the chosen Scenario as it provides absolute values. mguchi will also, if instructed, create another result set called a Difference result set, which is, on the face of it, the result of subtracting the Absolute result set for the scenario from the Base result set. In practice the Difference result set is not always equal to (Absolute – Base), the Difference result set may not equal (Absolute – Base) if any of the Functions in the model are specified with the attribute Only Positive Difference. This attribute states that mguchi may only add this Functions value to the Difference result set if the Difference is positive.

Let's assume we specify the following in our run:

Input	Description
Functions	NetCF (net cashflow)
	BEL (best estimate liability)
Conditions	Juniors (current age < 30 years)
Scenarios	Mortality Up (mortality rates increase)
Scenarios Absolute	Yes
Scenarios Difference	Yes

This run will produce the following 6 result sets each containing **NetCF** and **BEL**:

Condition	Scenario	Absolute Result Set	Difference Result Set
All	Base	All (Base)	
All	Mortality Up	All (Mortality Up) [absolute]	All (Mortality Up) [difference]
Juniors	Base	Juniors (Base)	
Juniors	Mortality Up	Juniors (Mortality Up) [absolute]	Juniors (Mortality Up) [difference]

The following pages describe in detail each of the different run types.

Deterministic Aggregate

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Functions	Which Functions must be included in the result set.
Conditions	Which extra Conditions must be included in the result set.
Scenarios	Which extra Scenarios must be included in the result set.
Scenarios Absolute	Whether to create Absolute result sets for the extra scenarios chosen
Scenarios Difference	Whether to create Difference result sets for the extra scenarios chosen

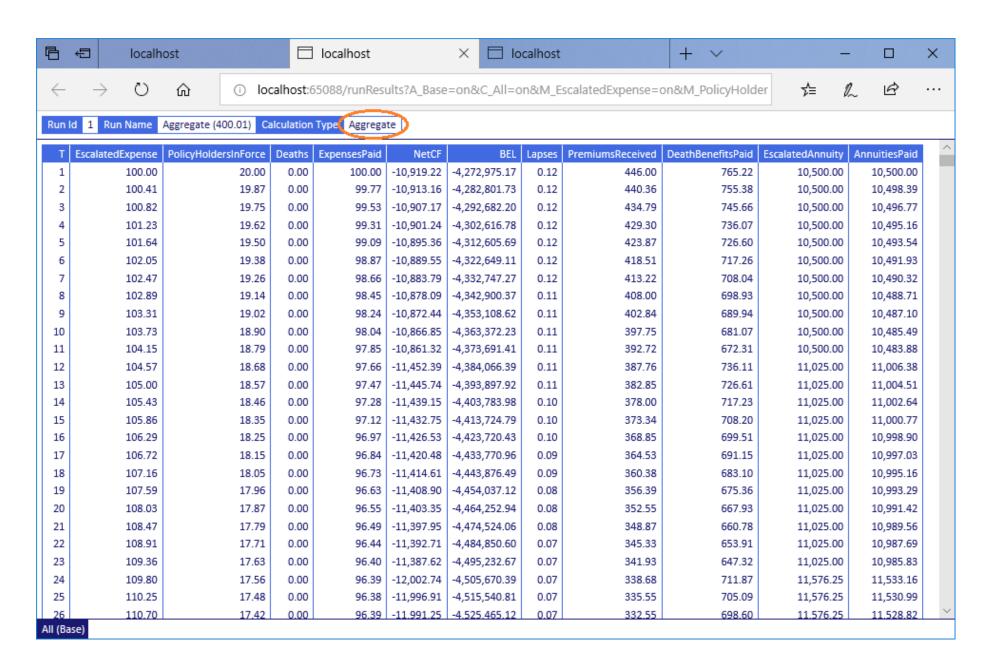
Given a set of data (e.g. a set of policies) calculations are performed as follows ...

For each data item (policy)

for each time period from 1 to maxT

for each function chosen

the results are then aggregated per time period t and function.

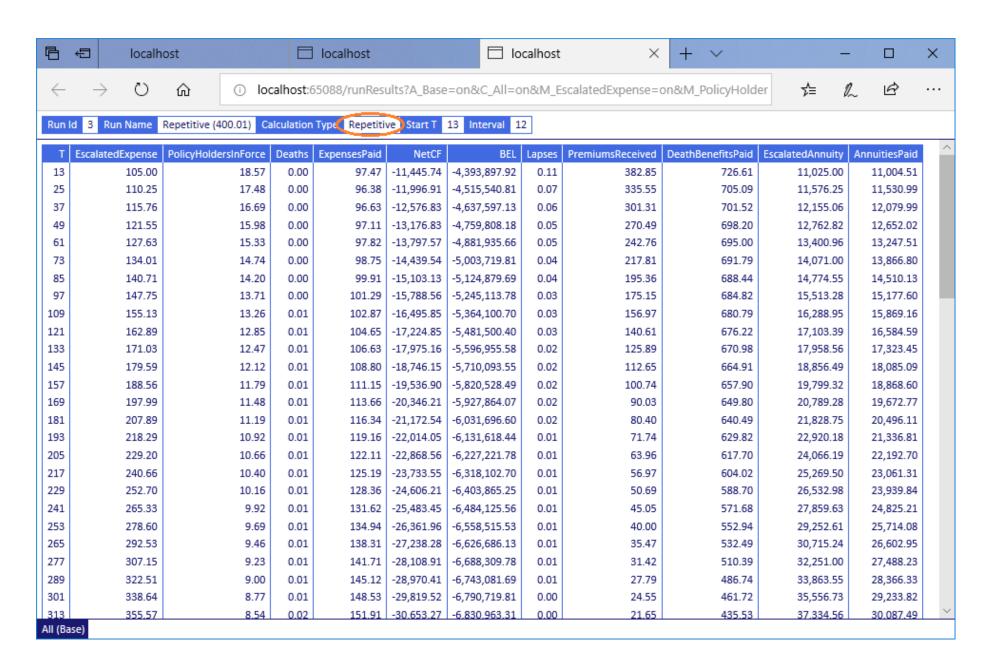


Deterministic Repetitive

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Start T	The starting point for the repetitive calculations
Interval	The interval from Start T to repeat calculations.
Functions	Which Functions must be included in the result set.
Conditions	Which extra Conditions must be included in the result set.
Scenarios	Which extra Scenarios must be included in the result set.
Scenarios Absolute	Whether to create Absolute result sets for the extra scenarios chosen
Scenarios Difference	Whether to create Difference result sets for the extra scenarios chosen

Similar to an aggregated result set, but scenarios are run repetitively, their effect only starting at the selected intervals. The results for each interval are then stored as aggregated result sets.



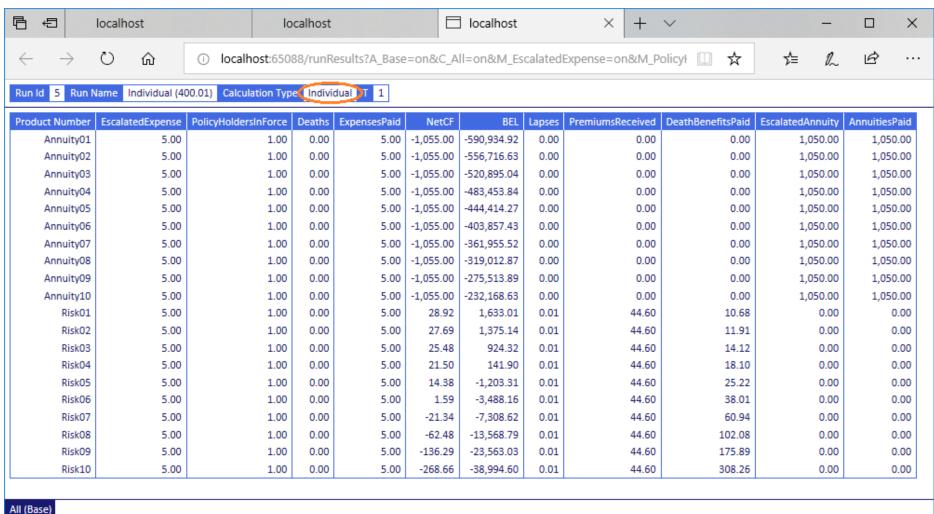
Deterministic Individual

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Т	Which time period (t) the calculations must be performed for.
Functions	Which Functions must be included in the result set.
Conditions	Which extra Conditions must be included in the result set.
Scenarios	Which extra Scenarios must be included in the result set.

Given a set of data (for example a set of policies) calculations are performed on each data item (policy) for the given **Time Period** (t). Each individual data items' **Function** values are stored in the result set. Any additional **Conditions** and **Scenarios** specified in the run will create extra **Absolute** result sets.

In arriving at values for t may have initiated calculations all the way to MaxT.



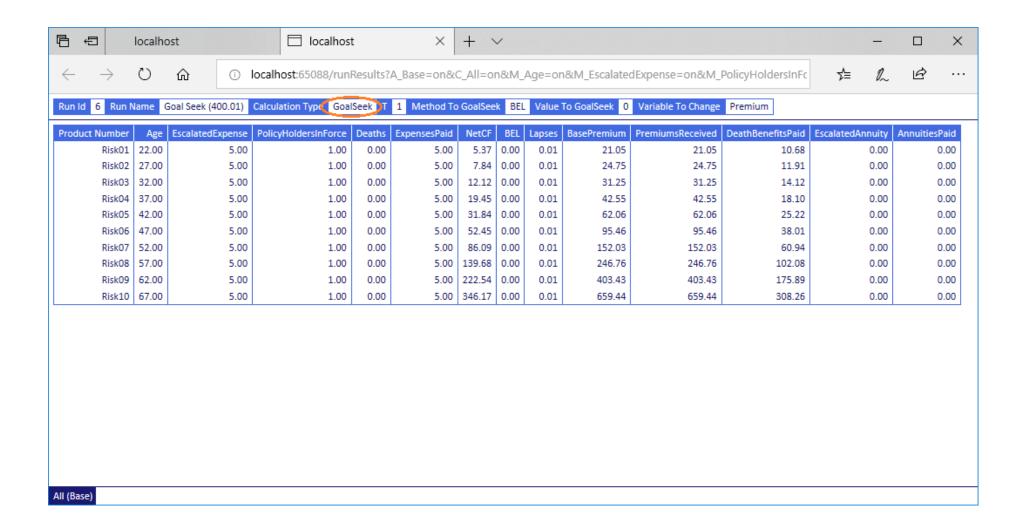
Deterministic Goal Seek

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Т	Which time period (t) the calculations must be performed for.
Function To Goal Seek	Which Function will be goal seeked to Value To Goal Seek
Value To Goal Seek	The value to goal seek for the given Function.
Variable To Change	The Instance Variable to change for each iteration of the goal seek.
Functions	Which Functions must be included in the result set.
Conditions	Which extra Conditions must be included in the result set.
Scenarios	Which extra Scenarios must be included in the result set.

Given a set of data (for example a set of policies) calculations are performed on each data item (policy) for the given **Time Period** (t). A Newton Raphson interation sequence is performed on each data item (policy) whereby the **Variable To Change** is adjusted until the value of the **Function to Goal Seek** equals the **Value To Goal Seek**. Each individual data items' **Function** values are stored in the result set. Any additional **Conditions** and **Scenarios** specified in the run will create extra Absolute result sets.

In the example below, a goal seek methodology is used to calculate the premium for a series of life policies that have the same death benefit, but start at different policy holder ages. As can be expected the premiums increase with the starting age of the policy holder.



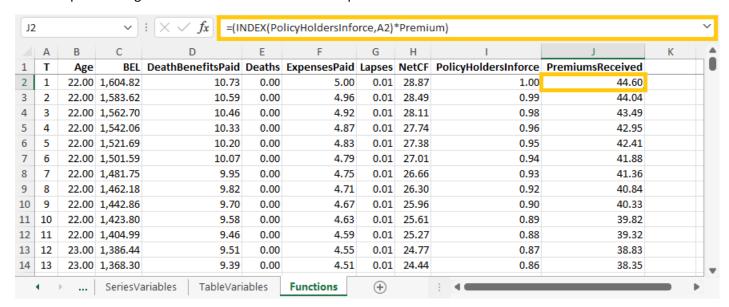
Deterministic Audit

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Product Number	Which product in the data set to use in the calculation.
Scenario	Which scenario to use in the calculation

Given a particular data item (e.g. policy) in a data set the **Audit Result Set** creates an Excel spreadsheet that contains all the calculations for the given data item for all **Time Periods** from **1** to **MaxT** for all the **Functions** of the chosen **Product Type**. The spreadsheet contains **formulae** (not mere values) so that you can inspect how the calculations are actually done. This is extremely useful for auditing models.

Below is an example showing a formula contained in the Audit spreadsheet:



Stochastic Aggregate

Inputs required:

Input	Description
Т	Which time periods values must be stored in the result set.
Scenarios	The number of scenarios in the stochastic defined input data variables

Performs an **aggregate** calculation for each **scenario** in the stochastic data set, with each scenario's values for the selected time period **t** being stored. Results can be extracted as the **average** of all the scenarios as well as for selected **percentiles**.

In the example below we have selected to show the **average** as well as the 0, 25, 50 75, and 100 **percentiles** (Note that the **average** and the **50**th **percentile** are close but not exactly the same!)

Run Id 31 Run N	ame Individual (500.03) Calculatio
	EndValue	GuaranteePayout
Average	127,667,382.37	424.18
0.000 Percentile	105,972,107.74	0.00
25.000 Percentile	123,514,472.52	0.00
50.000 Percentile	127,543,497.02	0.00
75.000 Percentile	131,660,364.24	0.00
100.000 Percentile	154,979,641.86	807,778.46