

# Tips and Tricks for Checking Numbers

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## Agenda

- Welcome Basics and example questions 1 and 2–15 mins
- 1<sup>st</sup> Breakout questions 3-5 10 mins
- Discuss answers 10 mins
- 2nd Breakout questions 6-8 12 mins
- Discuss answers and close 10 mins



### **Basics**

Ground up > Gross	loss currency	
Aggregate >occurrence	Compare losses with previous year	
sub portfolio AALs add to portfolio AAL	Compare industry losses with model doc/resource (AAL, 100 year loss)	
loss units	Take industry AAL/TIV and 100 yr/TIV from model doc/database and compare with portfolio AAL/TIV and 100 yr/TIV (better match for well distributed portfolios)	
Check SQL script results match UI	Check RP of industry event loss on industry EP curve is similar to that of company's event loss on its EP curve. If not, think why.	
	Real time: Multiply company's market share by industry loss to benchmark expected company's loss vs Real time portfolio loss estimate	

# 1) Materiality of sub-perils





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# **Counterintuitives**

Adjective: contrary to intuition or to common-sense expectation.

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## Kahneman and Tversky's Availability Heuristic



The <u>availability heuristic</u> operates on the notion that if something can be recalled, it must be important, or at least more important than alternative solutions which are not as readily recalled.[1] ... the easier it is to recall the consequences of something the greater those consequences are often perceived to be.

 Many people think that the likelihood of dying from shark attacks is greater than that of dying from being hit by falling airplane parts, when more people actually die from falling airplane parts.







## 1) Materiality of sub-perils

Approximately what proportion of the loss from Tohoku earthquake (Mar 2011, Japan) was due to tsunami?

A) <20%, B) 20-40% C) 40-100%

If I run a portfolio without tsunami and then run with tsunami, approximately how much should my AAL change by, e.g. 0.1%, 1%, 10%, 50%?



#### Industry EP curve - standard RPs

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# 2) Return period reasonability



What is the return period of a Hurricane Katrina sized loss (say \$90b today) on the industry insured US hurricane EP curve?

A) 20 years, B) 50 years, C) 100 years, D) 200 years

	Gulf Hurricane	U.S. Hurricane
P <sub>Loss</sub> > \$90B	~1%	~5%



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3) AAL reasonability

#### 5) Percentage Changes

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All else equal (similar exposure distribution, similar EQ risk, vulnerability) – which should be higher, 200-year loss/TIV for Greece or for Cyprus?

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#### https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\_Irma

St Martin, Irma - "As many as 95% of the buildings there were damaged to some degree; 60% of those were totally uninhabitable"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\_Maria#Dominica

Dominica, Maria - "Overall, the hurricane damaged the roofs of as much as 98% of the island's buildings, including those serving as shelters; half of the houses had their frames destroyed."



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# 7) Return period for single countries within a domain vs domain wide

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However, when I look at the EU-wide EP curve there is a loss at much lower RPs, even 2 year. Have I done something wrong?

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Which perils are more likely to see this behaviour? Could you see the opposite behaviour (model<observed)? Why?

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# Do Industry and Company Portfolios Always Have Similar Return Periods of Loss? How Does this Vary by Peril?

For highly localised perils like hail, very similar industry losses can have very different implied return periods (similar observation with concentrated exposure). This difference reduces for broad brush perils like extratropical cyclone.





# Thank You

Bonus Question: On industry insurable exposure, what is the ratio of the French extratropical cyclone AAL compared to Martinique and Guadeloupe tropical cyclone AAL?

A) About the same (i.e. 1), B) 10 times, C) 50 times

