

Random processes related to accidents on Baltic Sea waters and ports

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Abstract

A crucial role in construction of the models related to accidents on the Baltic Sea water and ports play nonhomogeneous Poisson and nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process. The model of consequences and connected to it model of accidents number on sea and seaports are here presented. Moreover some procedures of the models parameters identification are presented in the chapter. Estimation of model some parameters was made based on data from reports of HELCOM and Interreg project Baltic LINES.

1. Introduction

In the paper [7] the models of accidents number in the sea and seaports are presented. A crucial role in construction of the models plays a Poisson process and its extensions especially a nonhomogeneous Poisson process. Moreover some procedures of the model parameters identification are presented in the paper. Estimation of models parameters was made based on available data coming from reports of HELCOM (2014) and Interreg project Baltic LINES (2016–2019). The models allow us to anticipate number of accidents on Baltic Sea water and ports in future. In this chapter a nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process as a model of the accidents consequences is also presented.

2. Statistical analysis

Annual report on shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea coming from report we can estimate some parameters in our models. The *Table 1* and *Figure 1* show a total number of ships crossing in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013. The minimum number of ships crossing amounted 376671 in 2006 and maximum was 430064 in 2008. From 2009 to 2013 the number of ships crossing was in interval 342754 – 391699. Based on the data coming from [10] we have drawn up *Figure 2* that shows a total number of shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013. According to the reports 149 ship accidents occurred in the Baltic Sea area in 2013, which is the highest recorded number in the last ten years. The

number of accidents in the Baltic Sea has shown a slight increase in the last three years. Compared to 2010 the total number of accidents increased by 17% in 2013 (*Figures 3–4*). Over recent years the number of maritime transport accidents increased, most of cargo ships, followed by passenger ships and tankers [9]–[11]. Human error is a major cause of accidents and is primarily related to unintentional action. However, 17% of the accidents occurred after intentional decisions against common rules and plans [9]. The number of collisions with other vessels and contacts to fixed or floating objects has southwestern Baltic Sea is the main hotspot for these types of accidents. In the future, the offshore wind power sector will have high spatial requirements, especially when all safety distances are assigned to all components additional space is when ample safety distances are assigned to all components and additional space is reserved for the related service traffic. The expected increase in free traffic will also require more space, which should allow for a greater safety distance to maintain the commercial viability of increasing the safety distance to maintain commercial traffic [9].

Using data from *Table 1* and *Figure 2* we can compute the indicators of shipping accidents intensity in relation to the ships crossing number

$$\alpha = \frac{NSC}{NAC}, \beta = \frac{NAC}{NSC},$$

where *NSC* is a number of ship crossing and *NAC* is a number of accidents.

Table 1. The total number of ships crossing in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013

Year	Passenger	Cargo	Tanker	Other	No info	Total
2006	42721	226865	67458	39627	0	376671
2007	43998	237740	69281	53225	8204	412448
2008	43060	206755	60746	104814	14689	430064
2009	37994	198427	68008	61014	9234	374677
2010	30471	181932	59409	46950	23028	342754
2011	35398	207273	64957	60123	23948	391699
2012	33193	207056	66524	54627	22948	384359
2013	31329	182770	61193	57959	17141	350392

Table 2. Indicators of shipping accidents intensity in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013

Year	α	β
2006	3275.40	0.000305
2007	3495.32	0.000286
2008	3130.84	0.000320
2009	3258.06	0.000306
2010	2698.85	0.000370
2011	2739.15	0.000365
2012	2596.97	0.000385
2013	2351.62	0.000425

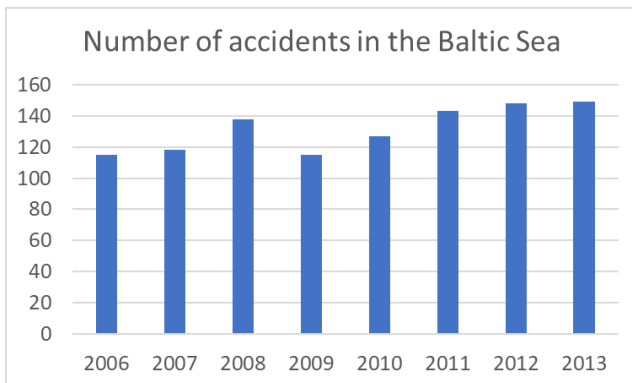


Figure 1. Number of accidents in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013 [10]

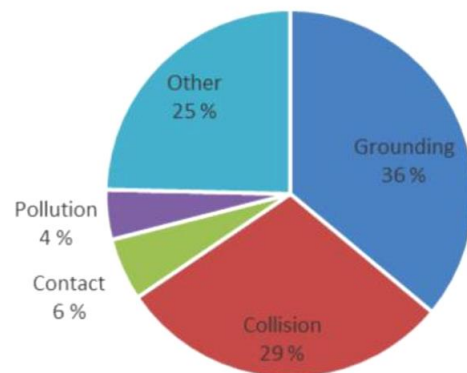


Figure 3. Types of accidents in the Baltic Sea in 2012 [10]

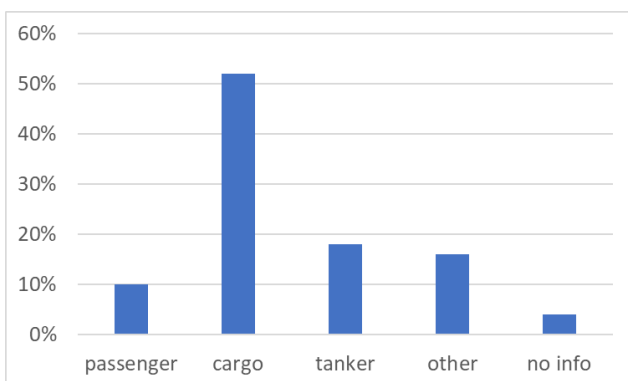


Figure 2. Different types of cruises in ships crossing in the Baltic Sea during 2006–2013

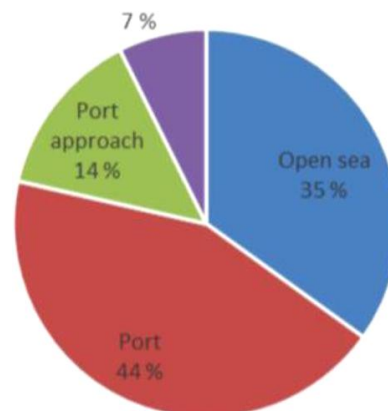


Figure 4. Location of accidents in the Baltic Sea during 2004–2013 [11]

3. Nonhomogeneous Poisson process

We will begin with a reminder of the concept of nonhomogeneous Poisson's process.

We suppose

$$\tau_0 = \vartheta_0 = 0, \tau_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \vartheta_i \quad (1)$$

where $\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \dots, \vartheta_n$ are positive independent and identical distributed random variables. Let

$$\tau_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau_n = \sup\{\tau_n: n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}. \quad (2)$$

A stochastic process $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ defined by the formula

$$N(t) = \sup\{n \in \mathbb{N}_0: \tau_n \leq t\} \quad (3)$$

is called a *counting process* corresponding to a random sequence $\{\tau_n: n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$.

Let $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ be a stochastic process taking values on $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, value of which represents the number of events in a time interval $[0, t]$.

A counting process $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ is said to be nonhomogeneous Poisson process (NPP) with an intensity function $\lambda(t) \geq 0, t \geq 0$, if

$$1) \quad P(N(0) = 0) = 1; \quad (4)$$

2) the process $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ is the stochastic process with independent increments, the right continuous and piecewise constant trajectories;

$$3) \quad P(N(t+h) - N(t) = k) = \frac{\left(\int_t^{t+h} \lambda(x) dx\right)^k}{k!} e^{-\int_t^{t+h} \lambda(x) dx}. \quad (5)$$

From this definition it follows that the one dimensional distribution of NPP is given by the rule

$$P(N(t) = k) = \frac{\left(\int_0^t \lambda(x) dx\right)^k}{k!} e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(x) dx}, \quad (6)$$

where $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

The expectation and variance of NPP are the functions

$$A(t) = E[N(t)] = \int_0^t \lambda(x) dx, t \geq 0, \quad (7)$$

$$V(t) = V[N(t)] = \int_0^t \lambda(x) dx, t \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

The corresponding standard deviation is

$$D(t) = \sqrt{V[N(t)]} = \sqrt{\int_0^t \lambda(x) dx}, t \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

The expected value of the increment $N(t+h) - N(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(t; h) &= E(N(t+h) - N(t)) \\ &= \int_t^{t+h} \lambda(x) dx, t, h \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The corresponding standard deviation is

$$\sigma(t; h) = \sqrt{\int_t^{t+h} \lambda(x) dx}, t, h \geq 0. \quad (11)$$

An nonhomogeneous Poisson process with $\lambda(t) = \lambda, t \geq 0$ for each $t \geq 0$, is a regular Poisson process. The increments of an nonhomogeneous Poisson process are independent, but not necessarily stationary. A nonhomogeneous Poisson process is a Markov process.

4. Compound Poisson process

Let $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process with intensity $\lambda > 0$ and X_1, X_2, \dots be sequence of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables independent of $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$. A stochastic process

$$X(t) = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)}, t \geq 0, \quad (12)$$

is called a compound Poisson process (CPP).

The probability discrete distribution function of $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ at k is

$$p(k; t) = P(N(t) = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We quote a well-known result.

If $E(X_1^2) < \infty$, then

$$1) \quad E[X(t)] = \lambda t E(X_1), t \geq 0, \quad (13)$$

$$2) \quad V[X(t)] = \lambda t E(X_1^2), t \geq 0. \quad (14)$$

The concepts and facts can be generalized. We assume now that $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$ is a nonhomogeneous Poisson process (NPP) with an intensity function $\lambda(t), t \geq 0$, such that $\lambda(t) \geq 0$, for $t \geq 0$, and X_1, X_2, \dots , is a sequence of the independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables independent of $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$. A stochastic process $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ determines by the formula

$$X(t) = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)}, t \geq 0, \quad (15)$$

is said to be a nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process (NCPP).

Proposition 1

If $\{N(t); t \geq 0\}$ is a nonhomogeneous Poisson process (NPP) with an intensity function $\lambda(t), t \geq 0$, such that $\lambda(t) \geq 0$ for $t \geq 0$, then cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process is given by the rule:

$$G(x, t) = I_{[0, \infty)}(x) e^{-\Lambda(t)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p(k; t) F_X^{(k)}(x), \quad (16)$$

where $F_X^{(k)}(x)$ denotes the k -fold convolution of CDF of the random variables $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, and

$$p(k; t) = \frac{(\Lambda(t))^k}{k!} e^{-\Lambda(t)}, t \geq 0, k = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (17)$$

where

$$\Lambda(t) = E[N(t)] = \int_0^t \lambda(x) dx. \quad (18)$$

Proof: Using total probability law, we obtain cumulative distribution function (CDF) of NCPP.

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, t) &= P(X(t) \leq x) \\ &= P(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} \leq x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_1 + \dots + X_{N(t)} \leq x | N(t) = k) \\ &\cdot P(N(t) = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p(k; t) F_X^{(k)}(x) \\ &= I_{[0, \infty)}(x) e^{-\Lambda(t)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p(k; t) F_X^{(k)}(x), \end{aligned}$$

where $F_X^{(k)}(x)$ denotes the k -fold convolution of CDF of the random variables $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, and

$$p(k; t) = \frac{(\Lambda(t))^k}{k!} e^{-\Lambda(t)}, t \geq 0, k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where

$$\Lambda(t) = E[N(t)] = \int_0^t \lambda(x) dx.$$

Conclusion 1

If the random variables $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, are absolutely continuous with density function $f_X(\cdot)$, then the density of NCPP is given by the rule

$$g(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p(k; t) f_X^{(k)}(x), x \neq 0, t > 0, \quad (19)$$

where $f_X^{(k)}(x)$ denotes k -fold convolution of the density function $f_X(x)$.

Conclusion 2

If the random variables $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$, are discrete distributed with density function

$p_X(x) = P(X = x), x \in S$, then the density of NCPP is given by the rule:

$$g(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p(k; t) p_X^{(k)}(x), x \neq 0, t > 0, \quad (20)$$

where $p_X^{(k)}(x)$ denotes k -fold convolution of the discrete density function $p_X(x)$.

Proposition 2

Let $\{X(t); t \geq 0\}$ be a compound nonhomogeneous Poisson process (NCPP).

If $E(X_1^2) < \infty$, then

$$1) \quad E[X(t)] = \Lambda(t) E(X_1), t \geq 0, \quad (21)$$

$$2) \quad V[X(t)] = \Lambda(t) E(X_1^2), t \geq 0. \quad (22)$$

Proof: Applying the property of conditional expectation

$$E[X(t)] = E[E(X(t)|N(t))]$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[E(X(t)|N(t))] &= E\left(E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} | N(t))\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} | N(t) = n) \\ &\cdot P(N(t) = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) P(N(t) = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(X_1) n P(N(t) = n) = E(X_1) E(N(t)) \\ &= \Lambda(t) E(X_1). \end{aligned}$$

Using a formula

$$V[X(t)] = E[V(X(t)|N(t))] + V[E(X(t)|N(t))]$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} E[V(X(t)|N(t))] &= E\left(V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} | N(t))\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} | N(t) = n) \\ &\cdot P(N(t) = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) P(N(t) = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V(X_1) n P(N(t) = n) = \\ &V(X_1) E(N(t)) = V(X_1) \Lambda(t), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V[E(X(t)|N(t))] &= V\left(E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)} | N(t))\right) \\ &= V(E(X_1)N(t)) = (E(X_1))^2 V(N(t)) \\ &= (E(X_1))^2 \Lambda(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} V[X(t)] &= V(X_1)[\Lambda(t) + (E(X_1))^2] \\ &= \Lambda(t)[E(X_1^2) - (E(X_1))^2 + (E(X_1))^2] \\ &= \Lambda(t) E(X_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2

Let $\{X(t+h) - X(t): t \geq 0\}$ be an increment of compound nonhomogeneous Poisson process sit (CNPP).

If $E(X_1^2) < \infty$, then

$$E[X(t+h) - X(t)] = \Delta(t; h) E(X_1), \quad (23)$$

$$V[X(t+h) - X(t)] = \Delta(t; h) E(X_1^2), \quad (24)$$

$$\Delta(t; h) = \int_t^{t+h} \lambda(x) dx. \quad (25)$$

5. Models of accidents number in the Baltic Sea and seaports

We will quote information from the paper [7], which is necessary for further consideration.

From statistical analysis in chapter 2 it follows that a stochastic process $\{N(t); t \geq 0\}$ representing the number of accidents in the Baltic Sea in a time interval $[0, t]$ of this process is given by (4)–(6) while its one dimensional distribution is determined by (6). We can use practically these rules if will know the intensity function $\lambda(t) > 0$. To define this function, we utilize information presented above in statistical analysis.

Dividing the number of accidents in each year, that are shown in Figure 1, by 365 or 366 we get the intensity in units of [1 / day]. The results are shown in Table 3. Figure 7 shows the empirical intensity of accidents in the Baltic Sea and seaports.

As a parameters of the models we will approximate the empirical intensity by a linear regression function $y = ax + b$ that satisfied condition

$$S(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (ax_i + b)]^2 \rightarrow \min.$$

Recall that parameters a and b are given by the rules

$$a = \frac{\mu_{11}}{\mu_{20}}, \quad b = m_{01} - am_{10} \quad (26)$$

or

$$a = r \frac{s_Y}{s_X}, \quad b = \bar{y} - a\bar{x}, \quad (27)$$

where

$$\bar{x} = m_{10} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i,$$

$$\bar{y} = m_{01} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i,$$

$$m_{11} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i,$$

$$\mu_{11} = m_{11} - m_{10} m_{01},$$

$$r = \frac{\mu_{11}}{\sqrt{\mu_{20} \mu_{02}}}.$$

Table 3. The empirical intensity of accidents in the Baltic Sea and seaports

Year	Interval	Center of interval	Number of accidents	Intensity [1/day]
2004	[0, 366)	183	133	0.36338
2005	[366, 731)	731.5	146	0.40000
2006	[731, 1096)	913.5	115	0.31506
2007	[1096, 1461)	1278.5	118	0.32328
2008	[1461, 1827)	1644	138	0.37704
2009	[1827, 2192)	2009.5	115	0.31506
2010	[2192, 2557)	2374.5	127	0.34794
2011	[2557, 2922)	2374.5	143	0.39178
2012	[2922, 3288)	3105	148	0.40437
2013	[3288, 3653)	3470.5	149	0.40821

Applying the rules (26)–(27) for the data from Table 3 and using Excel we obtain the linear intensity of accidents

$$\lambda(x) = 0.0000147564 x + 0.3379257233, \quad (28) \\ x \geq 0.$$

From (7), we have

$$\Lambda(t) = \int_0^t (0.0000147564 x + 0.3379257233) dx.$$

Hence we obtain

$$\Lambda(t) = 0.0000073782t^2 + 0.3379257233t, \quad (29) \\ t \geq 0.$$

From (6) and (7) we obtain one dimensional distribution of NPP

$$P(N(t) = k) = \frac{(\Lambda(t))^k}{k!} e^{-\Lambda(t)}, k = 0,1,2, \dots, (30)$$

where $\Lambda(t)$ is given by (29).

Finally we can say that the model of the accident number in the Baltic Sea and seaport is the nonhomogeneous Poisson process with the parameter $\Lambda(t)$, $t \geq 0$ determines by (29).

Example 1 [6]

The predicted number of injured person and ships in accidents in the Baltic Sea and ports from June 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017 we will get in a similar way. (Tables 4–5, Figures 5–7) In this case

$$\mu = 0.224.$$

The expected value and standard deviation of injured people number at considered period are

$$ENI = 34.45 \cdot 0.224 = 7.7168,$$

$$DNI = \sqrt{34.45} \cdot (0.224 + 0.2242) = 3.0733.$$

Table 4. Distribution of injured person number

x	$g(x)$
0	0.00099
1	0.00613
2	0.01959
3	0.04317
4	0.07358
5	0.10332
6	0.12431
7	0.13164
8	0.12507
9	0.1082
10	0.0862
11	0.0638
12	0.04426
13	0.02891
14	0.0179
15	0.01053
16	0.00592
17	0.00319
18	0.0016
19	0.0008

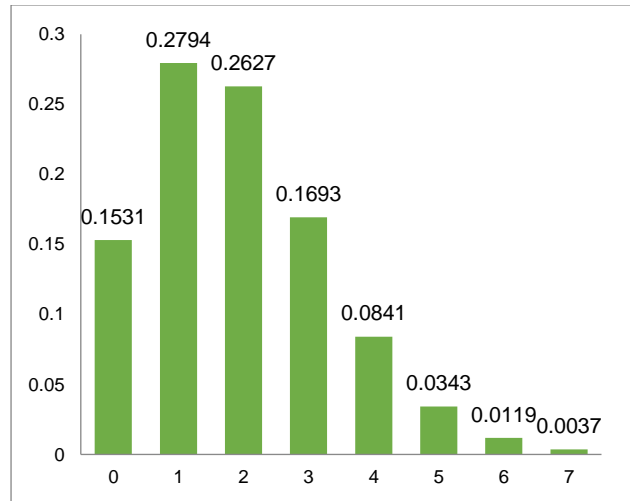


Figure 5. Distribution of injured person number in a single accident

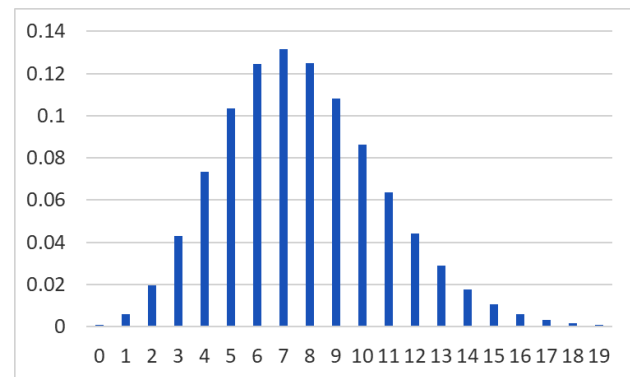


Figure 6. Distribution of injured person number

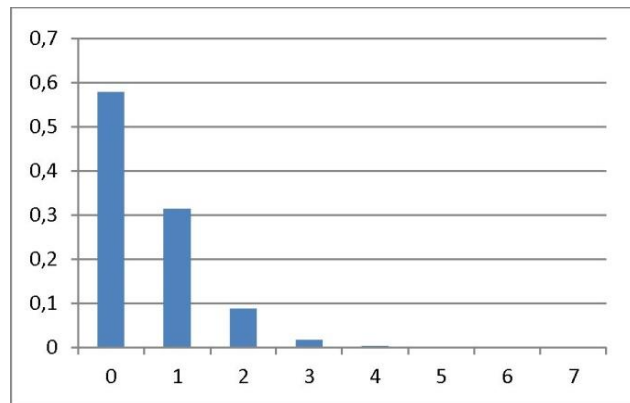


Figure 7. Distribution of the ships lost number in a single accident

Table 5. Distribution of ships lost number

x	0	1	2	3
$g(x)$	0.57879	0.31396	0.08766	0.01677
x	4	5	6	7
$g(x)$	0.00247	0.00029	0.00003	0.0000003

6. Random parameter in Poisson model

The expected number of accidents often depends on changing randomly external conditions. Thus it can be assumed that the parameter λ is a random variable.

We assume that this random variable has a gamma distribution with a density

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu)} u^{\nu-1} e^{-\alpha u} & \text{for } u \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } u < 0, \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

where $\alpha > 0, \nu > 1$.

Suppose that a condition distribution of the accidents number given λ has a Poisson distribution

$$P(N(t) = k | \lambda) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (32)$$

From the total probability law we obtain unconditional one-dimensional distribution of the process

$$P(N(t) = k) = \int_0^\infty \frac{(u t)^k e^{-u t}}{k!} \frac{\alpha^\nu}{\Gamma(\nu)} u^{\nu-1} e^{-\alpha u} du. \quad (33)$$

For $k \geq 0$ we obtain

$$P(N(t) = 0) = P(\vartheta_1 > t) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^\nu. \quad (34)$$

Finally for $k = 1, 2, \dots$ we have [2]

$$P(N(t) = k) = \frac{\nu(\nu+1)\dots(\nu+k-1)}{k!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^k \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^\nu \quad (35)$$

where $k = 1, 2, \dots, \nu > 1, \lambda > 0$.

The random variable $T = \vartheta_1$ denotes a lifetime of an object. The function

$$R(t) = P(T > t) = 1 - P(T \leq t) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^\nu \quad (36)$$

is called a survival function.

An expected value of the random variable T is

$$E(T) = \int_0^\infty \nu \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^\nu dt. \quad (37)$$

The second moment is

$$2 \int_0^\infty t \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+t}\right)^\nu dt = \frac{2\alpha^2}{(\nu-1)(\nu-2)}. \quad (38)$$

The variance is

$$V(T) = \frac{\alpha^2 \nu}{(\nu-1)^2 (\nu-2)}. \quad (39)$$

It should be mentioned that the variance there exists if $\nu > 2$. The standard deviation is

$$\sigma(T) = \sqrt{V(T)}. \quad (40)$$

7. Procedure of parameters identification

Notice that values mentioned in Section 6 depend on the two parameters: both α and ν . There is natural question, how to determine these parameters. One method of estimating the unknown parameters is the so called the method of moments. In this method the unknown parameters are replaced by their statistical estimates derived from the results of observation. In this case, the expected value is replaced by the average of the sample and the second moment of the random variable is replaced by the second moment of the sample. Solving the corresponding system of equations we obtain the unknown parameters of the distribution. An estimate of the expectation $E(T)$ is mean:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \quad (41)$$

and the estimate of its second moment from the sample

$$\overline{x^2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2. \quad (42)$$

An empirical variance takes the form

$$s^2 = \overline{x^2} - (\bar{x})^2. \quad (43)$$

A standard deviation is

$$s = \sqrt{\overline{x^2} - (\bar{x})^2}. \quad (44)$$

Then, the parameters α and ν can be evaluated by:

$$\alpha = \frac{2(\bar{x})^3}{(\bar{x})^2 + s^2}, \quad (45)$$

$$\nu = \frac{2(\bar{x})^2}{(\bar{x})^2 - s^2}. \quad (46)$$

8. Conclusion

The random processes theory delivers concepts and theorems that enable to construct stochastic models concerning accidents. The counting processes and processes with independent increments are the most appropriate for modelling number of the accidents number in the Baltic Sea waters and ports in specified period of time. A crucial role in the models construction plays a nonhomogeneous

Poisson process and nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process. Based on the nonhomogeneous Poisson process the models of accidents number in the Baltic Sea Waters and Seaports have been constructed. Moreover, some procedures of the model parameters identification are presented in the paper. Estimation of model parameters was made based on data from reports of HELCOM (2014) and Interreg project Baltic LINes (2016).

The nonhomogeneous compound Poisson process as a model of the accidents consequences is also presented in this paper. Theoretical results are applied for anticipation the number of fatalities, number injured people and number of lost ships in accidents at the Baltic Sea waters and ports in specified period of time. The expected number of accidents often depends on changing randomly external conditions. Thus it can be assumed that the parameter λ is a random variable. In the paper is assumed that this random variable has Weibull distribution.

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