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First Pillar: AOW

- AOW is the basic pension in the Netherlands that everyone gets, who lived in the Netherlands.
- This pillar is not related to how much the retiree worked.
- The pension depends on how many years the retiree lived in the Netherlands before retirement.
- If the retiree lived the fifty years before retirement in the Netherlands, he/she gets the full amount. If someone lived a shorter period of time in the Netherlands, this amount will be scaled down proportionally.
- Changes in life expectancy can affect whether the government can afford AOW.
 - Life expectancy has increased dramatically during the last decades.
 - It is unclear whether and how it will continue to increase (macro longevity risk).
- Other factors such as the number of newborns influence the stability and sustainability of the pension system.

Increase in Life Expectancy









Dependency Ratio (Source: World Bank)





Possible Future Scenarios (Source: CBS)





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Possible Future Scenarios





Possible Future Scenarios





- Best estimate projections were wrong in the past!
- Macro Longevity Risk: Need to quantify the uncertainty around the projections as well.

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- Statistics Netherlands (CBS) and the Royal Dutch Actuarial Association produce point forecasts for future one-year death probabilities by age and gender.
 - \rightarrow Are available on the website of the AG.
- These point forecasts ("best-estimate" death probabilities) are nowadays based on underlying models. These models can also be used to quantify macro longevity risk, for example, in terms of confidence intervals around the point forecasts.
- Part III of the course is going to illustrate this.
 - The models are not only used to derive the best estimates.
 - They can also be used to estimate confidence intervals describing the uncertainty around the point estimates.

Illustrating Macro Longevity Risk







Period life expectancy for females at age 65





Period life expectancy for males at age 65



Illustrating Macro Longevity Risk







- Describes the build-up of pension entitlements.
 - Many different contracts.
 - Alternative build-up percentages (around 2%).
 - Alternative ambitions (nominal, real).
 - Alternative indexation rules (price inflation, wage inflation).
- Changes all the time...
- New pension contract under construction...

Illustrating Entitlements



• Building up entitlements (for some given year *t*):

$$\pi_{x} = \sum_{\tau=T_{Ret,x}}^{\infty} \tau_{-x} p_{x} \frac{f_{x}}{\left(1 + R(\tau - x)\right)^{\tau - x}}$$

Notation:

x : age

- π_{x} : pension contribution
- f_{x} : pension entitlement per year

 $_{\tau-x}p_x$: $(\tau - x)$ -years survival probability of an individual of age x $R(\tau - x)$: discount rate with maturity $(\tau - x)$ years $T_{Ret,x}$: retirement age for the generation of age x



Liabilities

84	(1/40)*	(2/40)*		(39/40)*	(40/40)*	*	*	$a_{rt}^{(g)}$	*	*
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Contributions, Entitlements, and Pensions





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Assets

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• Balance sheet of a pension fund:

• Funding Ratio (FR) = Assets/Liabilities.





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Simulation: Annuity Factor (see Part IV)





Simulation: Funding Ratios (see Part IV)



