

problems into a more general framework and, on the other side, by leaving all statistical problems out of consideration. This is probably the only possible choice for an introduction, but in such a context (or more precisely without context), it seems to me that chapter 4 with all its elaborated principles and properties is too long in relation to other chapters, and must therefore appear as a more or less academic exercise to the reader.

Despite this criticism, this book is in my opinion a good introduction to the topic. It is pleasant to read and will motivate the reader to look further into the subject. In addition to this, it is to my knowledge the first book in this category to have been published in the German language.

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E. KREMER (1985). *Einführung in die Versicherungsmathematik*. Vandenhoeck and Rupprecht, Göttingen, 158 pages, 38DM.

In this book the following topics have been dealt with: principles of premium calculation; credibility; life insurance mathematics; applications of premium; calculation in different lines of non-life insurance; loss reserving methods.

In each chapter interesting aspects of the various problems have been dealt with, but in my opinion, because of the very selective choice of the topics as well as because of the extremely technical approach to the problems, the book can hardly be recommended as an "Introduction to Insurance Mathematics".

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