AMS-511 Foundations of Quantitative Finance

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Introduction to the notions of investment and financial markets, the time value of money, and fixed income securities.

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The Program in Quantitative Finance

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Program in Quantitative Finance offered by the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics at Stony Brook University is to produce applied mathematicians whose area of practice is finance, and not financial analysts with enhanced mathematics skills.

Our choice of the term “Quantitative Finance” was made carefully. We wanted to distinguish our program as producing analysts and researchers who would be capable of operating at the highest level of competency across a broad range of financial problem solving. Our curriculum is designed to cover a range of quantitative disciplines associated with finance:

- **Financial Engineering** (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_finance) is usually defined as the application of technical methods to finance. Its two main subfields are financial mathematics and computational finance:
  - **Financial Mathematics** (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_finance) deals with the study and development of mathematical techniques used in the quantitative modeling financial markets. Mathematical consistency is the primary focus, not economic theory.
  - **Computational Finance** (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computational_finance) is a branch of computer science that deals with financial modeling.

Financial engineers generally concentrate on the pricing of financial securities and on the development of new financial products that meet the needs of investors.

- **Mathematical Economics** (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_economics) covers the application of mathematical methods to economic analysis and modeling. We do not cover the full range of traditional economics, however, but focus on analyses needed by economic agents, such as portfolio optimization, asset-liability management, and the dynamics of financial markets (as opposed to individual securities).
The Program’s requirements for Masters and doctoral degrees include the core courses that all students within the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics must complete as well as the additional core requirements of the Program in Quantitative Finance itself. In addition, students are encouraged to take approved electives in the Department of Economics and in the School of Business.

### Course Description

**AMS-511 Foundations of Quantitative Finance**

This course is the foundation of the Program in Quantitative Finance. It is required by all students in the program and is a prerequisite for most of its other courses.

**AMS 511 - Foundations of Quantitative Finance**

Fixed income securities and their valuation, statistical analysis, and portfolio selection. Introduction to risk neutral pricing, stochastic calculus and the Black-Scholes Formula. Common stocks and their valuation, statistical analysis, and portfolio selection in a single-period, mean-variance context will be explored along with its solution as a quadratic program. Introduction to capital markets and modern portfolio theory, including the organization and operation of securities markets, the Efficient Market Hypothesis and it implications, the Capital Asset Pricing Model, the Arbitrage Pricing Theory and more general factor models. Discussion of the development and use of financial derivatives. Whenever practical examples will use real market data. Numerical exercises and projects in a high-level programming environment will also be assigned. 3 credits.

The textbook for the course is David G. Luenberger’s *Investment Science, Second Edition*, Oxford University Press, 2013. The material in the text will be extended by weekly class notes which are delivered as Mathematica notebooks. Students are required to secure a copy of the Student Version of Mathematica which can be downloaded without cost by registered Stony Brook students. All student assignments must be electronically submitted as Mathematica notebooks.

### Financial Markets

In economics, a financial market is a mechanism that brings people together to buy and sell (trade) financial securities (such as stocks and bonds), commodities (such as precious metals or agricultural goods), currencies, and other fungible items of value.

By bring buyers and sellers together in one place they can trade more efficiently, reducing costs, and share information, resulting in fairer pricing.


### Markets

Markets are "places" where people come together to trade goods; having a common currency facilitates this exchange.

### Financial Securities

Financial securities are tradeable assets dealing with the exchange of money and ownership, e.g.,
- Currencies - monies of various countries held in trust
- Equities - ownership shares of business entities
- Debts - contracts representing loans of cash and the terms of its repayment
- Derivative - contracts for either the right or obligation to either buy or sell another security

Investment Science and Quantitative Finance

Quantitative Finance is an applied discipline dealing with the application of mathematical techniques to decision problems in finance. We can divide these problems into two main branches: the pricing of individual financial securities or opportunities or the management of portfolios of such securities and opportunities. Ultimately, its analyses rest on the estimation of cash-flows across time and of the uncertainties associated with those cash-flows.

Investment Science or Quantitative Finance is an applied science (an engineering discipline), dealing with the development, estimation, and validation of primarily quantitative models to guide the investment decisions of economic agents (a decision science). It has two main branches: investment analysis dealing with the modeling of financial opportunities, and investment management, dealing with the construction of portfolios of financial investments.

Investment Analysis / Financial Modeling

Investment analysis or financial modeling (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investment_analysis) is the process of both describing and valuing a financial security or opportunity

- Through comparison with other financial securities or opportunities available to an economic agent under the presumption that like benefits, costs, and risks will result in like prices, or
- By economic analysis based on market dynamics and equilibrium conditions which are posited or observed to exist in financial markets or the larger economy.

These two approaches are not mutually exclusive, however, and financial modeling usually involves elements of both.

Investment Management / Portfolio Management

Investment management or portfolio management (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investment_management) is the creation and continued management of a portfolio of various investments to meet the economic goals of investors. It typically involves the trade-off of two aspects of investment performance at specified time horizons.

- Reward is represented by various measures which describe the economic benefits realized by the portfolio over time. The simplest example is the expected return of the portfolio.
- Risk is represented by various measures which describe the uncertainties associated economic returns realized by the portfolio. The simplest example is the volatility (or variance) of the return of the portfolio.

The Comparison Principle

Some investments can be evaluated by comparing them with other available investments. Financial markets, in particular, have features that allow us to quantify and compare different alternatives in purely economic terms.
Arbitrage

An arbitrage, put simply, is a risk-free profit (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arbitrage). When one talks about a market being “fair” that usually means arbitrage is impossible.

Mispricing Example

Consider an agent who buys an asset for a given price in one market and then simultaneously sells the identical asset for a higher price in another. Sometimes this makes sense, e.g., one market might be near the asset’s producers and the other near its consumers. However, if the two markets are equivalent, then the agent can make a theoretically infinite riskless profit by continuously buying in the “cheap” market and “selling” in the expensive one.

Commodity Pricing Example

Consider the pricing of bushels of winter wheat which are sold on an organized commodities markets (http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/agricultural/grain-and-oilseed/wheat_contract_specifications.html). Each bushel of wheat is much like any other (i.e., they are fungible) and the balance of supply and demand will reveal a price. Regardless of whether a person things the price of wheat will rise or fall in the future, there is no basis for one person to buy or sell wheat at a different price than any other person.

Risk-Free Rate

There is a risk-free rate that represents a floor at which one can borrow or lend money. There can be only one risk-free rate; otherwise, a person could borrow at the lower rate and invest at the higher, making an infinite riskless return.

This is doesn't mean that earning more than the risk-free rate is impossible, only that it cannot be guaranteed. The arbitrage-free assumption means that there is no certain reward in excess of this without some risk.

Uncertainty and Risk Aversion in Markets

There are many sources of uncertainty in markets. Consider a share of stock in a company; the price is affected by factors internal to the company (e.g., its earnings) and outside the company (e.g., inflation).

All else being equal, a rational investor prefers a less risky alternative to a more risky one.

Theory of Interest

Cash that one has today is worth more than the same amount of cash in the future. This is the time value of money.

If one borrows \( F \) today one must pay \( (F + r \times F) \), \( r > 0 \), in the future so that the value of the amount borrowed equals the value of the amount paid.

This factor \( r \) is called the interest rate.
Cash Flow Diagrams

Cash flow diagrams are a simple, but extremely useful, tool for visualizing the cash flows associated with many investment problems.

**Single Payment Example**

The cash flow diagram for a situation in which someone borrows $100.00 today and pays off the loan with a single payment of $105.00 after one year is

![Cash Flow Diagram Example 1](image1)

The additional $5.00 is, of course, the interest paid on the loan and represents an interest rate of 5%.

**Multiple Payments Example**

Another example would a case in which the borrower borrows $100 and pays back the loan with two payments, one at six months and the other at a year, of $51.88. The cash flow diagram in that case would be

![Cash Flow Diagram Example 2](image2)

The additional $1.88 + 1.88 = $3.76 represents the interest on the loan. Computing the interest rate here is slightly more complicated and will covered shortly.

**Loan: A Contract to Borrow Money Now and Repay It in the Future**

A loan is a contract: The loaner gives the borrower a certain amount of money; the borrower agrees to repay this amount plus interest by making payments at specified points in time until the principal (the amount borrowed) plus interest is paid off.
A Simple Loan Example I — Multiple Payments

Frank loans $100 at 10% annual interest for 4 years to Andrea.

- The principal, $100, is the amount borrowed.
- The interest rate, 10%, represents the time value of money.
- The term, 4 years, is the lifetime of the loan.
- There will be additional conditions describing the details of the interest computations and the timing of payments from borrower to loaner.

In this case, the loan agreement stipulates that each year Andrea will pay the 10% interest on the $100 principal and at the end of the fourth year return the principal amount as well. The loan’s cashflow diagram from Andrea’s, the borrower’s, perspective is:

A Simple Loan Example II — Single Payment

Consider the same loan above, except that Frank loans Andrea the $100 at 10% interest and receives a single lump-sum payment at the end of 4 years. Computing the interest due, and hence the payment, depends on certain conventions.

Simple Interest: In simple interest the interest is computed solely on the principal amount of the loan. In the loan example here the final payment would be computed by

\[ 100 \times (1 + 4 \times 0.10) = 140 \]

The cashflow diagram for this loan would be
Thus, after 4 years Andrea pays Frank $140, the return of the $100 originally borrowed plus $40 interest.

**Compound Interest:** In compound interest, when interest accrues it is added to the balance owed. Future accruals of interest are applied to this new balance. If payments are made prior to the ending of the loan, then these are deducted from the balance. In our example, if interest is compounded semi-annually then every 6 months 5% interest, i.e., 10% / 2, would be charged and accumulated in the balance owed. Over 4 years there are 8 such compounding events:

$$100 \times (1 + 0.10/2)^{4 \times 2} = 100 \times (1.05)^8 = 147.75$$

The cashflow diagram for this loan would be

$$\begin{align*}
100 & \\
& \quad \downarrow \\
& \quad \downarrow \\
& \quad \downarrow \\
& \quad \downarrow \\
100 (1 + 0.10 / 2)^{4 \times 2} & = 147.746 \\
-147.75 & \\
\end{align*}$$

Consider monthly compounding:

$$100 (1 + 0.10 / 12)^{4 \times 12} = 148.935$$

In general, if we are charged interest on a present value of PV dollars at an interest of $r$ compounded at $k$ times per year for $n$ years, then we receive a future value $FV$: 

$$FV = PV \times (1 + r/k)^{nk}$$
\[
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\]

\[
100 \times \left(1 + \frac{0.10}{52}\right)^{4 \times 52} = 149.125
\]

**A Simple Loan Example III — Multiple Payments, Compound Interest**

Consider a slightly more complicated example of the basic loan. Andrea agrees to semi-annual compounding with a 10\% interest rate, but also agrees to make annual payments of $25 at years 1, 2, and 3. At the end of the 4th year she will then pay any remaining balance due.

At the end of the first year, Andrea would owe $100 \times (1 + 0.05)^2$ or $110.25. The payment of $25 would then reduce that to a balance of $85.25. At the end of the second year, she would owe $93.99 and the $25 payment would reduce that to $68.99. Continuing on we find that the end of the 4th year the balance will be $56.29 and this would be the final payment:

\[
\left(\left(100 \times 1.05^2 - 25\right) \times 1.05^2 - 25\right) \times 1.05^2 = 56.29
\]

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\left(\left(100 \times 1.05^2 - 25\right) \times 1.05^2 - 25\right) \times 1.05^2 = 56.29
\]

56.29

The cashflow diagram for this loan would be

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100

-25
-25
-25
-56.29
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The total amount of interest paid is $31.29.

\[
(3 \times 25 + 56.29) - 100 = 31.29
\]

**Compounding Frequency**

Interest rates are usually quoted in terms of a nominal annual rate \(r\) and a compounding frequency \(k\).

Interest is accrued \(k\)-times per year at the rate of \(\frac{r}{k}\).

Alternately, instead of a compounding frequency \(k\), we may specify a compounding inter-
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**Quote Conventions for Interest Rates**

\[
\begin{align*}
  r & = \text{nominal annual interest rate} \\
  k & = \text{compounding frequency} \\
  n & = \text{term in years}
\end{align*}
\]

**Accruing Discretely Compounded Interest**

\[
F \times (1 + r/k)^{n \times k}
\]

**Example**

$100 at 4% compounded at various frequencies for four years:

\[
\begin{align*}
  100 \times (1 + 0.04/12)^{12 \times 4} & = 117.32 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.04/24)^{24 \times 4} & = 117.335 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.04/52)^{52 \times 4} & = 117.344
\end{align*}
\]

Limit \[
\left[ 100 \times (1 + 0.04/k)^k \right], \quad k \to \infty
\]

\[
= 117.351
\]

**Accruing Continuously Compounded Interest**

As the compounding frequency increases interest accrues more rapidly, but it does approach a limit. Consider $1 at 10% compounded for 1 year at various frequencies:

\[
\begin{align*}
  100 \times (1 + 0.10)^{1 \times 1} & = 110.00 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.10/10)^{10 \times 1} & = 110.47 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.10/20)^{20 \times 1} & = 110.52 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.10/30)^{30 \times 1} & = 110.53 \\
  100 \times (1 + 0.10/40)^{40 \times 1} & = 110.54
\end{align*}
\]
Consider investing $F$ for $n$ years at rate $r$ at frequency $k$. Computing the limit as $k \to \infty$ results in the exponential function:

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} F (1 + \frac{r}{k})^{n \times k} = F e^{r}$$

**Example — Continuous Compounding**

$1$ at $10\%$ compounded continuously for $1$ year

$$e^{0.10}$$

$$1.10517$$

Overlaying this value on the plot above (red dashed line) we see it represents the asymptote to the compounding curve:
Effective Annual Interest Rates

The effective annual interest rate, $r_{\text{eff}}$, of a nominal rate $r$ compounded with frequency $k$ is that rate that when compounded annually results in the same interest accrual:

$$1 + r_{\text{eff}} = (1 + r/k)^k \implies r_{\text{eff}} = (1 + r/k)^k - 1$$

$$1 + r_{\text{eff}} = e^r \implies r_{\text{eff}} = e^r - 1$$

**Example**

Consider a 2-year instrument with $r = 0.05$ and $k = 12$ the effective annual interest rate is 5.1%:

$$(1 + 0.05 / 12)^{12} - 1$$

$0.0511619$

... and for $k = 4$ the effective annual interest rate is slightly lower:

$$(1 + 0.05 / 4)^4$$

$1.05095$

Be careful not to confuse the term of the debt with the compounding frequency. The fact that we were dealing with a 2-year instrument is irrelevant here.

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Calendar Conventions

In computing the length of time between two dates various calendar conventions are observed, often to simplify computation.

These are artefacts of the time before computers when these calculations were performed.
Consider the days between June 30, 2003 and December 12, 2004. Note the convention in Mathematica is to represent dates in \{yyyy, mm, dd\} form.

We'll examine two different conventions in common use: Actual/Actual and 30/360. Students are warned that terminology varies from market to market and even from instrument to instrument within a market. Sometimes similar but slightly different conventions have the same name. Thus, context is important.

A large part of the software base for financial computations is dedicated to calendar computations covering the number of days between dates, the number of business (i.e., trading) days between dates, identification of holidays (which vary from country to country and market to market within country), calculating the standard expiration dates for various contracts, and many others related to time.

The function we need is \texttt{DayCount[ ]}:

\begin{verbatim}
? DayCount
EvaluateScheduledTask::shdw: Symbol EvaluateScheduledTask appears in multiple contexts \{System`, Global\};
definitions in context System` may shadow or be shadowed by other definitions. 

DayCount[\texttt{date1, date2}] gives the number of days from \texttt{date1} to \texttt{date2}.
DayCount[\texttt{date1, date2, daytype}] gives the number of days of the specified \texttt{daytype} from \texttt{date1} to \texttt{date2}.
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Actual/Actual}

In the Actual/Actual convention each month and year is composed of the actual number of days.

\[
\text{DayCount[\{2003,12,30\},\{2004,10,31\}]} \\
306
\]

\textbf{30/360}

In the 30/360 convention months are assumed to have 30 days and a year is composed of 12 such months.

\[
360(y_2 - y_1) + 30(m_2 - m_1 - 1) + (\text{Min}[d_2, 30] + \text{Max}[30 - d_1, 0])
\]

\[
360(2004 - 2003) + 30(10 - 12 - 1) + (\text{Min}[31,30] + \text{Max}[30 - 30, 0])
\]

300

\textbf{Present and Future Value}

The concepts of \textit{present value} and \textit{future value} help us to think about how interest rates affect the price of many financial securities.

They also allow us to re-express the price and associated cashflows of an asset in terms of the implied interest rate it pays, giving us a common basis for comparing two assets whose cashflows occur at different times.
Present and future value of cashflows are basic concepts used in the valuation and, therefore, comparison of cashflows

**Single Cashflow Case**

We’ll describe future and present value first in terms of a single cashflow.

**Future Value**

The future value, $FV$, is the total value realized from investing $S$ at rate $r$ compounded with frequency $k$ for $n$ years:

$$FV[S \mid r, k, n] = S \times (1 + r/k)^{n \times k}$$

$$FV[S \mid r, \infty, n] = S \times e^{n \times r}$$

The FV of $1,000 at 10% compounded monthly for 5 years is:

$$1000 \times (1 + 0.10/12)^{(5 \times 12)} \approx 1645.31$$

The FV of $1,000 at 10% compounded continuously for 5 years is:

$$1000 \times e^{5 \times 0.10} \approx 1648.72$$

**Present Value**

The present value is amount one would need to invest now to realize a given future cashflow. The present value, $PV$, of a cashflow $F$ at interest rate $r$ with compounding frequency $k$ received $n$ years in the future is:

$$PV[F \mid r, k, n] = \frac{F}{(1 + r/k)^{n \times k}}$$

$$PV[F \mid r, \infty, n] = F \times e^{-n \times r}$$

Alternately, it can be said that the PV value represents the discounted value of $F$. The value $1/(1 + r/k)^{n \times k}$ is called the discount factor.

The present value of $1,000 at 7.5% compounded quarterly received 5 years hence is:

$$\frac{1000}{(1 + 0.075/4)^{(5 \times 4)}} \approx 689.68$$

And note that the present and future value are consistent.

$$689.68 \times (1 + 0.075/4)^{(5 \times 4)} \approx 1000.$$

**Multiple Cash Flows**

The computation of the FV and PV for multiple cashflows are straightforward generalizations of the single cashflow cases. Let $c_i$ denote the $i^{th}$ cashflow of $1 + (n \times k)$ cashflows generated over $n$ years with compounding
frequency $k$.

**Future Value**

The $i^{th}$ cashflow experiences compound interest for $(n \times k) - i$ periods. We then sum the resulting FVs over all periods:

$$FV[[c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{n \times k}] \mid r, k, n] = \sum_{i=0}^{n \times k} c_i (1 + r/k)^{(n \times k) - i}$$

**Present Value**

The $i^{th}$ cashflow is discounted for $i$ periods. We then sum the resulting PVs over all periods:

$$PV[[c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{n \times k}] \mid r, k, n] = \sum_{i=0}^{n \times k} \frac{c_i}{(1 + r/k)^{i}}$$

The terms $(1 + r/k)^{-i}$ are, as above, called *discount factors*. If we have a vector of cashflows $c$ and vector of associated discount factors $d$, then working from the summation above the PV is the inner product of the cashflows and their associated discount factors.

**Internal Rate of Return (or Yield)**

The internal rate of return, IRR, is that interest rate consistent with a PV of 0 for a given set of cashflows. Consider a case where the cashflows are received at each compounding interval, then

$$\text{IRR}[[c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{n \times k}] \mid k, n] = \text{solve } \left[ 0 = \sum_{i=0}^{n \times k} \frac{c_i}{(1 + y/k)^{i}} \right]$$

Except in special cases, the IRR does not have a closed-form solution and must be estimated numerically.

**Examples**

**PV of Stream of Constant Cashflows**

$$PV\left[ c \text{ received at } \frac{1}{k} \text{ to } n \text{ in steps of } \frac{1}{k} \mid r, k, n \right] = c \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{1}{(1 + r/k)^{i}}$$

$$1000 \times \sum_{i=1}^{10 \times 12} \frac{1}{(1 + 0.08 / 12)^{i}} = 82421.5$$

**PV of Periodic Cashflows with Continuous Compounding**

Consider a series of monthly payments of $200 for $10 \frac{1}{2}$ years at 4% compounded continuously. Note that the $i^{th}$ payment occurs at time $i / k$:
IRR Example

Consider a case in which an investor buys a bond for $950 that pays a semi-annual coupon of $50 for 10 years. For the final payment the investor receives a settlement of $1,000 in addition to the last coupon payment.

We’ll use a brute force approach here but will show later how it can be considerably simplified.

We will use two Mathematica functions in this computation, the iterator Table[ ] and the selector Which[ ]. In addition, note that given two vectors $x$ and $y$, their inner product is denoted by $x.y$:

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i, \text{imin}, \text{imax}\}\]
\[
\text{generates a list of } \text{imax} \text{ copies of } \text{expr}.
\]

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i, \text{imin}, \text{imax}\}\]
\[
\text{generates a list of the values of } \text{expr} \text{ when } i \text{ runs from 1 to } \text{imax}.
\]

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i, \text{imin}, \text{imax}\}\]
\[
\text{starts with } i = \text{imin}.
\]

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i, \text{imin}, \text{imax}, \text{di}\}\]
\[
\text{uses steps } \text{di}.
\]

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i_1, i_2, \ldots\}\]
\[
\text{uses the successive values } i_1, i_2, \ldots.
\]

\[
\text{Table}[
\text{expr}, \{i, \text{imin}, \text{imax}, \{i_1, i_2, \ldots\}\}\]
\[
\text{gives a nested list. The list associated with } i \text{ is outermost. } \Rightarrow
\]

\[
\text{Table}[i^2, \{i, 1, 10\}]
\]
\[
\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100\}
\]

\[
\text{Which}[
\text{test}_1, \text{value}_1, \text{test}_2, \text{value}_2, \ldots\]
\[
\text{evaluates each of the test}_i \text{ in turn, returning the value of the value}_i \text{ corresponding to the first one that yields True. } \Rightarrow
\]

\[
\text{vnCashFlows} = \text{Table}[
\text{Which}[i = 0, -950, i = 2 \times 10, 1050, \text{True}, 50], \{i, 0, 2 \times 10\}]
\]
\[
\]

The cashflow diagram for this problem from the bond purchaser’s perspective is:

![Cashflow Diagram](image)

The associated discount factors for each period are:
\text{vnDiscountFactors} = \text{Table}\left[\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{-i}, \{i, 0, 2 \times 10\}\right]

\begin{align*}
1, & \quad \frac{1}{1 + \frac{y}{2}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{2}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{3}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{4}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{5}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{6}} \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{7}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{8}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{9}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{10}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{11}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{12}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{13}} \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{14}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{15}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{16}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{17}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{18}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{19}}, \quad \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{20}}
\end{align*}

\text{vnCashFlows.vnDiscountFactors}

\begin{align*}
-950 + & \quad \frac{1050}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{20}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{19}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{18}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{17}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{16}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{15}} \\
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& \quad \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{7}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{6}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{5}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{4}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{3}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)^{2}} + \frac{50}{\left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)}
\end{align*}

There are several approaches in \textit{Mathematica} for solving this problem. One of the most straightforward is \texttt{FindRoot[ ]}:

\texttt{? FindRoot}

\begin{verbatim}
FindRoot[f, \{x, x0\}] searches for a numerical root of f, starting from the point x = x0.
FindRoot[lhs == rhs, \{x, x0\}] searches for a numerical solution to the equation lhs == rhs.
FindRoot[{f1, f2, ...}, \{\{x1, x01\}, \{y1, y01\}, ...\}] searches for a simultaneous numerical root of all the fi.
FindRoot[{eqn1, eqn2, ...}, \{\{x1, x01\}, \{y1, y01\}, ...\}]
    searches for a numerical solution to the simultaneous equations eqn.  \Rightarrow
\end{verbatim}

We need a starting point for \texttt{FindRoot[ ]}. The bond pays $100 per year in coupon and the price is 950, so our initial estimate will be 100/950:

\texttt{FindRoot[vnCashFlows.vnDiscountFactors == 0, \{y, 100. / 950.\}]}

\{y \to 0.108309\}

The IRR for this cashflow problem is 10.83%.

There is usually more way than one to accomplish something in \textit{Mathematica}. Consider an alternate set up:

\texttt{100. / 950.}

0.105263
Timing[FindRoot[\[Theta\] == -950 + 50 \[Sum\] (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-i} + 1000 (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-10 \times i}, \{\[Hat{y}, 100. / 950.\}]\]]

\{0.001249, \{\[Hat{y} \rightarrow 0.108309\}\}\}

FindRoot[\[Theta\] == -950 + 50 \[Sum\] (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-i} + 1000 (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-10 \times i}, \{\[Hat{y}, 0.10\}]\]

\{\[Hat{y} \rightarrow 0.108309\}\}

Timing[FindRoot[\[Theta\] == -950 + 50 \[Sum\] (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-i} + 1000 (1 + \[Hat{y}/2])^{-10 \times i}, \{\[Hat{y}, 0.08\}]\]]

\{0.001235, \{\[Hat{y} \rightarrow 0.108309\}\}\}

**Mathematica Tools for PV and FV Calculations**

Mathematica contains a number of objects that work together to simplify the computation of time value of money computations. The main difference in form from the computations above is that they use the compounding interval \(q\) instead of the compounding frequency \(k\).

? TimeValue

TimeValue\[s, i, t\] calculates the time value of a security \(s\) at time \(t\) for an interest specified by \(i\).  

? EffectiveInterest

EffectiveInterest\[r, q\] gives the effective interest rate corresponding to interest specification \(r\), compounded at time intervals \(q\).  

? Cashflow

Cashflow\[{c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_n}\] represents a series of cash flows occurring at unit time intervals.
Cashflow\[{c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_n, q}\] represents cash flows occurring at time intervals \(q\).
Cashflow\[\{\{time_1, c_1\}, \{time_2, c_2\}, \ldots\}\] represents cash flows occurring at the specified times.  

? Annuity

Annuity\[p, t\] represents an annuity of fixed payments \(p\) made over \(t\) periods.
Annuity\[p, t, q\] represents a series of payments occurring at time intervals \(q\).
Annuity\[\{p_1, \{p\_init, p\_final\}\}, t, q\] represents an annuity with the specified initial and final payments.  

**Simple FV**

FV of $1000 at an interest rate of 5\% compounded annually for 3 years:

TimeValue[1000, 0.05, 3]

1157.63
1000 \times (1 + 0.05)^3
1157.63

**FV Quarterly Frequency**

FV of $1000 at an interest rate of 5% compounded quarterly for 10 years:

\[
\text{TimeValue}[1000, \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.05, 1/4], 10]
\]
1643.62

\[
1000 \times (1 + 0.05/4)^{10 \times 4}
\]
1643.62

**PV Semi-Annual Frequency**

PV of $1000 at 5% interest compounded semi-annually received in 10 years:

\[
\text{TimeValue}[1000, \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.05, 1/2], -10]
\]
610.271

\[
1000 \times (1 + 0.05/2)^{-10}^2
\]
610.271

\[
1000/ (1 + 0.05/2)^{10}^2
\]
610.271

Note that TimeValue[ ] works with symbolic arguments:

\[
\text{TimeValue}[\dot{c}, \dot{r}, -\dot{n}]
\]
\[
\dot{c} \times (1 + \dot{r})^{-\dot{n}}
\]

\[
\text{TimeValue}[\dot{c}, \text{EffectiveInterest}[\dot{r}, 1/k], -\dot{n}]
\]
\[
\dot{c} \times \left(1 + \frac{\dot{r}}{k}\right)^{-\dot{n}}
\]

**PV of a Series of Fixed Payments**

PV at 6% of a 4-year annuity with monthly payments of $100:

\[
\text{Annuity}[p, t]
\]
represents an annuity of fixed payments \( p \) made over \( t \) periods.
\[
\text{Annuity}[p, t, q]
\]
represents a series of payments occurring at time intervals \( q \).
\[
\text{Annuity}[[p, \{\text{initial}, \text{final}\}], t, q]
\]
represents an annuity with the specified initial and final payments.
$$\text{FV with Date Specified}$$

Future value in three years' time of $1000 invested on January 1, 2010 at 7.5%:

$$\text{TimeValue}[1000, 0.075, \{\{2013, 1, 1\}, \{2010, 1, 1\}\}]$$

1242.3

$$\dot{c} \left(1 + \dot{r}\right)^{3}$$

Consider an ending date of \{2013, 02, 01\}:

$$\text{TimeValue}[\dot{c}, \dot{r}, \{\{2013, 2, 1\}, \{2010, 1, 1\}\}]$$

$$\dot{c} \left(1 + \dot{r}\right)^{3.08493}$$

How is the exponent 3.08493 calculated? The default is to use the Actual/Actual calendar convention. The time from \{2010, 1, 1\} to \{2013, 1, 1\} is 3 years. The remaining period from \{2013, 1, 1\} to \{2013, 2, 1\} is the number of days between these dates divided by the number of days in that year. Here is a direct calculation of the exponent using DaysBetween[ ] to compute the number of days in the final year and the total number of days in that year:

$$3.08493$$

$$\text{TimeValue[ } \text{ supports a number of other calendar conventions. Read its entry in the Documentation Center for the details.}$$
Solve for the IRR

Solve for the IRR of a series of $450$ monthly payments made over 15 years that are valued at $62,500:

\[
\text{FindRoot}[\text{TimeValue}[\text{Annuity}[450, 15, 1/12], \text{EffectiveInterest}[\hat{r}, 1/12], 0] = 62500, \{\hat{r}, .03\}]
\]

\[\{\hat{r} \rightarrow 0.0360399\}\]

\[
\text{FindRoot}[450 \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\hat{r}}{12})^i} = 62500, \{\hat{r}, 0.03\}]
\]

\[\{\hat{r} \rightarrow 0.0360399\}\]

PV with Continuous Compounding

Note that \(\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 0\); hence, we specify continuous compounding with a wavelength of \(q = 0\):

\[
\text{TimeValue}[c, \text{EffectiveInterest}[\hat{r}, 0], -\hat{n}]
\]

\[
c \left( e^\hat{r} \right)^{-\hat{n}}
\]

\(c = 100\)

\(100\)

\[
\text{TimeValue}[c, \text{EffectiveInterest}[\hat{r}, 0], -\hat{n}]
\]

\(100 \left( e^\hat{r} \right)^{-\hat{n}}\)

\(r = 0.05\)

\(n = 20\)

\(0.05\)

\(20\)

\[
\text{TimeValue}[c, \text{EffectiveInterest}[r, 0], -n]
\]

\(36.7879\)

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Fixed Income Securities

Fixed income securities are financial instruments that represent the seller's promise to pay a "fixed" set of payments to the buyer (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fixed_income_securities).

The term "fixed" must be taken in context; the interest rate upon which the payments are based may vary with market conditions.
Markets for Cash

Savings Deposits
The simplest is the demand deposit, in which the cash must be returned upon the demand of the owner. The other alternates, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, require the funds to remain for a fixed period of time.

Money Market Instruments
These are short-term borrowing by corporations or banks. The term commercial paper is used to describe unsecured loans of this type.

U. S. Government Securities
These are a form of what is called sovereign debt.
- **U.S. Treasury Bills**: Issued in denominations of $10,000 or more and fixed maturities of 13, 26 and 52 weeks. They are sold at discount. Thus, for example, a $10,000 13-week bill at a 5% yield would be sold for $10,000 / (1 + 0.05 / 4) = $9,876.54.
- **U.S. Treasury Notes**: Have maturities of 1 to 10 years and are sold in denominations of $1,000 or more. The holder receives a fixed coupon payment every six months until the end of the term at which time the holder receives the final coupon payment and the return of the face or principal amount of the note.
- **U. S. Treasury Bonds**: Have maturities of 10-years or more. They make semi-annual coupon payments like Treasury notes, but are callable, *i.e.*, at scheduled coupon payment dates the Treasury can call the bond, redeeming it by returning the face amount at that time.
- **U.S. Treasury Strips**: Are Treasuries whose coupon and principal payments have been stripped into separate instruments. For example, a $1,000, 10-year bond would be stripped into its 20 coupon payments plus its principal. These individual instruments, each of which are a single fixed payment at fixed point in time, are called zero coupon bonds.

Other Bonds
- **Municipal Bonds**: Are issued by government (Federal, state and local) to help fund their operations or capital projects. Some bonds are revenue bonds, which are guaranteed by the revenue from a specific project such as a bridge or highway, and general obligation bonds, which are guaranteed by the taxing authority of the government agency. The interest income is exempt from Federal taxes and from state and local taxes in the issuing state. This allows government agencies to pay a lower rate than other borrowers.
- **Corporate Bonds**: Are issued by corporations to raise capital for their operations and capital projects. Depending upon the borrower, such bonds carry varying risks of default, *i.e.*, failure of the issuer to able to repay the debt. The higher the risk of default, the higher the interest rate that must be paid in order to compensate lenders to take that risk on.

Special Conditions
- Sinking Funds are often set up in which the borrower is required to set aside cash in preparation for paying the bond.
- Callable bonds can be redeemed at the issuer's discretion at specified points over the term of the debt.
- Subordination of debt occurs when other more senior debt must be paid off first. More senior debt obviously carries less risk than less senior debt.
- Secured bonds are debt whose is secured by specific assets. Holders of secured bonds can seek to recover the asset if the issuer defaults.
**Mortgages**

A mortgage is a loan secured by some asset. The terms are usually the reverse of that of a bond. The holder receives a fixed amount of cash from the issuer and usually agrees to pay a series of equal payments at regular intervals over a specified term. Most homes are purchased with the help of a mortgage.

**Annuities**

In an annuity a contract is entered into in which the holder or annuitant is paid money according to a set schedule over some period of time. There are several types of annuities. Sometimes the payments are fixed and sometimes the payments are based on an index or market rate.

**Valuation**

**Perpetual Annuity**

A perpetual annuity, sometimes called a consol, is one in which the holder gives the issuer an amount $S$ and the issuer agrees to pay the holder a coupon $c$ at regular intervals in perpetuity.

$$ S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{c}{(1 + y/k)^i} = k - \frac{c}{y} = \frac{c}{y/k} $$

For example, the value of a consol with a semi-annual coupon of $100 where the annual rate is 5% is $4,000.

$$ 2 \times \frac{100}{0.05} = 4000 \times \frac{100}{0.05 / 2} = 4000. $$

**Finite Life Streams**

Consider a variation on the above in which the payment ends after $n$ periods.

$$ P = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{c}{(1 + r)^i} = \frac{c}{r} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + r)^n} \right) $$

$$ P = \sum_{i=1}^{nk} \frac{c}{(1 + r/k)^i} = \frac{c}{r/k} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + r/k)^{nk}} \right) $$

The derivation of this formula is straightforward. We can consider the finite stream over $n$-years as represented by one perpetual annuity less another perpetual annuity that commences $n$-years hence. This difference produces the identical cashflows, and, therefore, its PV is the same as that of the finite stream. The PV of the first perpetual annuity is $c/r$ and the PV of the second perpetual annuity is $(c/r)/(1 + r)^n$. The result above follows directly.

We can also use *Mathematica* to solve for the closed-form solution:
\[
\text{FullSimplify}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{c}{(1 + r_{\text{period}})^i}\right]
\]

\[
C - c \left(1 + r_{\text{period}}\right)^{-n}
\]

\[
\frac{r_{\text{period}}}{c}
\]

For example, the value of an annuity with a semi-annual coupon of $100 where the annual rate is 5% and the term is 10 years. This is a finite stream with \( r = 2.5\% \text{ and } n = 20: \)

\[
\frac{100}{0.025} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + 0.025)^{20}}\right)
\]

1558.92

Alternately, for \( n \) years, frequency \( k \) and annual rate \( r \), the number of periods is now \( k \times n \) and the single period rate is \( r/k \). Thus,

\[
P = \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{c}{(1 + r/k)^i} = k \cdot \frac{c}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + r/k)^{n \times k}}\right)
\]

Using the same example, the value of an annuity with a semi-annual coupon of $100 where the annual rate is 5% and the term is 10 years is

\[
100 \sum_{i=1}^{10 \times 2} (1 + 0.05 / 2)^{-i}
\]

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Or using the closed-form solution:

\[
2 \times \frac{100}{0.05} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + 0.05 / 2)^{2 \times 10}}\right)
\]

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The usual convention in most markets is to describe the term in years, the rate as a nominal annual rate, and the compounding frequency in frequency per year.

**Mortgages**

Mortgages are loans secured by real property. In other words the bank or financial institution has a claim on the property in the event the mortgage is not repaid. Mortgage loans vary considerably in their terms.

Fixed-rate, fixed-term loans are the most common. Some other forms will also be covered.

Most purchases of real property are accomplished by placing a down payment to cover a portion of the price and then financing a significant portion of the residual through a mortgage.

Fixed-Rate, Fixed-Term Mortgages

In a fixed-rate, fixed-term mortgage the borrower receives the initial loan balance $B$ from the lender and agrees to pay the lender a stream of fixed payments $p$ at regular intervals $k$-times per year until the end of the term of the loan. These payments are typically monthly and are computed based on a nominal annual rate $r$. The payments $p$ are computed so that the PV of the payment stream at the mortgage’s interest rate $r$ and payment frequency $k$ matches the initial loan balance $B$:

\[
p \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{1}{(1 + r/k)^i} \right) = B
\]

Here is the cashflow from the perspective of the borrower who receives the balance $B$ of the mortgage at the beginning and makes $k$ (almost always monthly) payments $p$ over the term of the loan:

\[ B \]

← $n \times k$ payments →

\[-p \ -p \ -p \ -p \ -p \ -p \ -p \ -p \]

Example — Computing the Monthly Payment

Consider a monthly mortgage for $95,000 borrowed for 15 years at rate of 4.5%:

\[
\text{FindRoot}[\text{TimeValue}[\text{Annuity}[\hat{p}, 15, 1/12], \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.045, 1/12], 0], \{\hat{p}, 95000 \times 0.045 / 12\}]
\]

\[
\hat{p} \rightarrow 726.744
\]

The required payment is $726.744 per month.

Example — Computing an Affordable Mortgage Amount

A home buyer estimates that she can afford a mortgage of $575 per month. If current 30-year mortgage rates are 3.75%, then what is the maximum mortgage that she can afford?

\[
\text{TimeValue}[\text{Annuity}[575, 30, 1/12], \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.0375, 1/12], 0]
\]

\[
124 \ 159.0675123036
\]
The maximum mortgage is $124,159.

**Amortization of a Fixed-Rate, Fixed-Term Mortgage**

At each payment date a portion of the payment goes to paying the interest accrued since the last payment. The remainder is used to pay down the remaining balance owed on the loan.

Amortization here refers to the calculation of interest and principal paid at each payment of a loan. One approach is to compute it recursively. Let

- $B_i$ = the balance at the end of the $i^{th}$ payment period
- $I_i$ = the interest accrued during the $i^{th}$ payment period
- $P_i$ = the principal paid during the $i^{th}$ payment period

The recursion is initialized with

$$B_0 = B$$

Then for $i$ from 1 to $n \times k$

- The interest accrued is the amount owed at the end of the prior period times the periodic rate:
  $$I_i = \frac{r}{k} B_{i-1}$$

- The principal paid is that portion of the periodic payment that is not required to cover the accrued interest:
  $$P_i = p - I_i$$

- The new balance is the prior balance less the principal paid:
  $$B_i = B_{i-1} - P_i$$

**Example—Recursive Amortization Calculation**

The amortization calculation is illustrated by an example. For simplicity we will assume that the mortgage payments occur semi-annually:

```math
nLoanAmount = 100000;
nAnnualRate = 0.05;
iTerm = 15;
iFrequency = 2;
```

The semi-annual mortgage payment is:

```math
FindRoot[nLoanAmount = TimeValue[Annuity[p, iTerm, 1/iFrequency],
EffectiveInterest[nAnnualRate, 1/iFrequency], 0],
{p, nLoanAmount (nAnnualRate/iFrequency)}]
```

FindRoot::lstol: The line search decreased the step size to within tolerance specified by AccuracyGoal and PrecisionGoal but was unable to find a sufficient decrease in the merit function. You may need more than MachinePrecision digits of working precision to meet these tolerances. $\Rightarrow$

$$\{p \rightarrow 4777.76\}$$
nPayment = \( \hat{p} \). FindRoot\[ \text{nLoanAmount} = \text{TimeValue}\[\text{Annuity}\[\hat{p}, \text{iTerm}, 1 / \text{iFrequency}\], \\
\text{EffectiveInterest}\[\text{nAnnualRate}, 1 / \text{iFrequency}\], 0], \\
\{\hat{p}, \text{nLoanAmount} ( \text{nAnnualRate} / \text{iFrequency})\}\]

FindRoot::lstol: The line search decreased the step size to within tolerance specified by AccuracyGoal and PrecisionGoal but was unable to find a sufficient decrease in the merit function. You may need more than MachinePrecision digits of working precision to meet these tolerances. ➞

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Given the warning, it’s wise to double check the result by plugging the payment back in to see if we recover the proper loan amount:

\text{TimeValue}\[\text{Annuity}\[\text{nPayment}, \text{iTerm}, 1 / \text{iFrequency}\], \\
\text{EffectiveInterest}\[\text{nAnnualRate}, 1 / \text{iFrequency}\], 0] 100 000.

\text{NestList}[\ ] is an iterator that applies a function recursively

\text{?NestList}

\text{NestList}[f, expr, n] gives a list of the results of applying \( f \) to \( expr \) 0 through \( n \) times. ➞

\text{NestList}[\hat{f}, \hat{x}, 3] \\
\{\hat{x}, \hat{f}[\hat{x}], \hat{f}[\hat{f}[\hat{x}]], \hat{f}[\hat{f}[\hat{f}[\hat{x}]]]\}

We next code a function to execute one iteration of the above recursion. The function takes the \((i - 1)\)th period’s amortization data and mortgage specification, and returns the \(i\)th period’s amortization data:

\( (t_i, I_i, P_i, B_i) = x\text{AmortizationRecursion}[ (t_{i-1}, I_{i-1}, P_{i-1}, B_{i-1}), \{p, r, n, k\}]\)

xAmortizationRecursion[
\{nTime_, nInterestPaid_, nPrincipalPaid_, nBalance_\}, \\
\{nPayment_, nAnnualRate_, iTerm_, iFrequency_\}]
\] := Module[
\{thisTime, thisBal, thisInt, thisPrin\}, \\
thisTime = nTime + 1. / iFrequency; \\
thisInt = nBalance nAnnualRate / iFrequency; \\
thisPrin = nPayment - thisInt; \\
thisBal = nBalance - thisPrin; \\
\{thisTime, thisInt, thisPrin, thisBal\}
];

Then apply \text{NestList}[\ ] to recursively compute the amortization schedule. The \textit{Mathematica} statement

xAmortizationRecursion[\#, \{nPayment, nAnnualRate, iTerm, iFrequency\}] & is a function that places its argument into the slot denoted by “\#” and then evaluates the expression. We do this so that the recursion performed in \text{NestList}[\ ] just has to pass the prior \( (t_i, I_i, P_i, B_i) \) state given the fixed loan definition \( \{p, r, n, k\} \).
The Chop[ ] function is used to clean up values that are "near" zero that may result from inconsequential rounding.

```
Chop[expr] replaces approximate real numbers in expr that are close to zero by the exact integer 0.
```

TableForm[ ] is used to produce formatted tabular results.

```
TableForm[list] prints with the elements of list arranged in an array of rectangular cells.
```

The amortization schedule for the loan can now be produced:
We do not need to iteratively work through an amortization schedule if we are interested in computing the balance due at a particular point in time. If there are \( n_{\text{remaining}} \) years left on the loan, then the residual balance is the PV of the remaining payments. For example, if we have paid the loan for 10 years, then the remaining balance is the PV of the remaining 5 years of payments:

\[
\text{TimeValue}[	ext{Annuity}[n\text{Payment}, 5, 1/\text{iFrequency}], \\
\text{EffectiveInterest}[n\text{AnnualRate}, 1/\text{iFrequency}], 0]
\]

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and this matches the above amortization schedule’s balance for payment 20.

Amortization is used to determine tax deductability (interest is deductible but principal is not) and the current balance in the event the borrower wishes to pre-pay.
If we plot the interest and principal paid at each payment, then we see that in as time goes on the interest owed each period decreases as more and more of the balance of the mortgage is paid:

\[
\begin{align*}
&\{(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 6)\}^T \\
&\{(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)\}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\text{ListLinePlot[}
\begin{align*}
&\{(\text{Rest[mnAmortization[All, 1]], Rest[mnAmortization[All, 2]]})^T, \\
&\{(\text{Rest[mnAmortization[All, 1]], Rest[mnAmortization[All, 3]]})^T\},
\end{align*}
\text{PlotStyle} \rightarrow \{(\text{Thick, Blue}), (\text{Thick, Red})\},
\text{PlotLegends} \rightarrow \{"I_t", "P_t"\},
\text{AxesLabel} \rightarrow \{"t", "$n"\},
\text{PlotLabel} \rightarrow \text{Style["Mortgage Amortization", FontSize} \rightarrow 14]
\]

The remaining balance at each point in time is:
The total interest paid and principal are:

\[
\text{Total}[\text{mnAmortization}[[\text{All}, 2]]] \\
\text{Total}[\text{mnAmortization}[[\text{All}, 3]]] \\
43\,332.9 \\
100\,000.
\]

**Interest-Only Mortgage**

In an interest-only mortgage, the borrower pays only the interest due on the loan each month. At the end of the term the full amount of the principal must be repaid as a balloon payment. Generally, the borrower operates under the assumption that the value of the property will appreciate over the term and, hence, he or she will be able to sell the property for a profit or use the higher value to renegotiate a new mortgage without difficulty.

The monthly payment is the monthly interest on the principal:

\[
p = B \frac{r}{k}
\]

The final payment is a balloon that is the sum of the month’s interest and the principal. The cashflow diagram from the borrower’s perspective is:
Commercial Mortgages

In some instances, especially when commercial property is involved, the mortgage payment is computed based on a term $n_{amort}$ but the actual term of the loan is $n$, where $n_{amort} > n$. At the end of $n$ years the final payment is a balloon that consists of the month’s payment plus the unpaid portion of the principal. These mortgages are attractive to the bank because it can offer a competitive fixed-rate without committing itself to that rate over a long period of time. The borrower normally expects to remortgage the property at $n$ at the mortgage rate available in the market at that time.

The required payment is:

$$p = \text{solve } [B = \text{TimeValue} [\text{Annuity} [p, n_{amort}, 1/k], \text{EffectiveInterest} [r, 1/k], 0]]$$

The residual unpaid balance $R$ is the PV of the “remaining” cashflows, i.e., of a mortgage with term $n_{amort} - n$:

$$\hat{R} = \text{TimeValue} [\text{Annuity} [\hat{p}, n_{amort} - \hat{n}, 1/k], \text{EffectiveInterest} [\hat{r}, 1/k], 0]$$

The cashflow diagram from the borrowers perspective is:

**Example**

The XYZ Corporation wishes to buy a new corporate headquarters. It takes out a $5,000,000 mortgage with a 5-year term with payments set at a rate of 7.5% with a 15-year amortization.

The monthly payment is computed based on a 15-year mortgage:
\[ n\text{PMT} = \hat{p} / . \text{FindRoot}\left[ \right. \]
\[
5 \times 10^6 = \text{TimeValue}[\text{Annuity}[\hat{p}, 15, 1/12], \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.075, 1/12], 0], \\
\left\{ \hat{p}, 5 \times 10^6 \ 0.075 / 12 \right\} \]
\]

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The residual balance owed and final balloon payment is:

\[ n\text{RESID} = \text{TimeValue}[\text{Annuity}[n\text{PMT}, 10, 1/12], \text{EffectiveInterest}[0.075, 1/12], 0] \]
\[ 3.9048 \times 10^6 \]

\[ n\text{RESID} + n\text{PMT} \]
\[ 3.95115 \times 10^6 \]

Thus, the monthly payments are $46,350.60 with a final balloon at the end of 5 years of $3,951,150.

As you might expect, if the market price of the real estate has not gone up but decreased over the term of the mortgage, then the borrower may have severe difficulty remortgaging the property to cover the balloon. In the case above the residual balance is \(3.9/5 = 0.78\). Thus, if property values have fallen more than 22% over the intervening period, this could cause serious problems for the building’s owner if it did not have enough capital to place an additional amount down to reduce the new mortgage balance.

**More Mortgages**

In recent years a number of complex schemes have emerged: mortgages whose rates are not fixed but float with the market, mortgages with fixed-rates for a certain period of time which then reset to another rate depending upon some algorithm, negative amortization mortgages where the monthly payment is insufficient to cover the interest and the balance actually grows with time. Many consumers have gotten into financial trouble because they have not understood the mortgage contracts they signed and were surprised when the monthly payments were suddenly adjusted upwards or when they tried to sell their house and found that the amount they owed was greater than the amount they originally borrowed. The Wikipedia entry cited above discusses these in more detail.

**Bonds**

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**From Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_(finance):**

A bond is a debt security, a contract to repay borrowed money plus interest. The borrower is called the *issuer* of the bond. The lender is called the *holder* of the bond. Short-term debt instruments such as certificates of deposit, CDs, are not considered bonds.

Bonds are used commercially to secure external capital without diluting the ownership of the business and are usually issued for purposes of long-term investment.

Governments and governmental agencies also issue bonds, which may be used to fund either long-term projects such as schools or bridges or to fund shortfalls in current expenditures.

Bonds typically have a defined term, or maturity and a fixed schedule of interest
payments, called the *coupons*. At the end of the term the face amount of the bond is repaid. An exception is a consol bond, which is an agreement to pay the coupon in perpetuity.

- **Price**: the amount the bond holder (the lender) agrees to pay the issuer (the borrower) to own the bond at origination or the price a purchaser has to pay in the secondary market to own the bond.
- **Par or face value**: the amount the coupon payment is based and, usually, the amount the bond issuer agrees to pay the bond holder at redemption.
- **Term**: the time over which the obligations represented by the bond exist.
- **Rate of interest**: the interest, usually expressed as an annual number, paid on the face amount of the bond.
- **Payment frequency**: the number of times each year the bond pays.
- **Coupon**: the periodic payment on the bond; usually an interest payment based on the face amount, interest rate and payment frequency.
- **Yield**: is the IRR of the bond at the market price. Yield, rather than price, is the primary measure used to value and compare bonds in the market.
- **Premium or Discount**: A bond that is sold at origination at a price higher that its par value is said to sell at a premium. If less, at a discount.
- **Rating**: is a measure of how likely the bond is to default; ratings are usually standardized (see, for example, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_rating). The lower the rating, the higher the interest rate that must be paid to compensate the lender for the additional risk.

**Simple Bond**

In what follows we will assume that a standard bond priced at $S$ with face value $F$, interest rate $r$, term $n$ and frequency $k$. The coupon $c$ is calculated from the face value, annual rate and frequency:

$$c = F \frac{r}{k}$$

$$c = F r q \quad \text{(where } q = 1/k)$$

In most cases a bond works by

- The buyer (the lender) pays the market price to the seller (the issuer in a primary sale or the current holder in a secondary sale).
- The borrower (the original issuer) pays the holder a periodic and (usually) fixed coupon payment, (usually) semi-annually.
- At the end of the term the borrower pays the holder the final coupon payment and the face amount of the bond.

The cashflow diagram from the issuer’s (i.e., the borrower’s) perspective at origination for a typical bond looks like:
**Zero Coupon Bond**

A zero coupon bond is a bond purchased at origination at a discount which makes a single payment of its face amount at the end of its term. The cashflow diagram from the borrower’s perspective is:

**Consol**

A consol is a bond that pays its coupon into perpetuity. Consols are normally issued by sovereign governments. The periodic coupon payment is computed in the usual manner. The cashflow diagram of a consol from the borrower’s perspective is:
Bond Yield

The yield of a bond is its IRR. The value of a bond is often quoted in terms of its yield rather than its price. This is to facilitate the comparison of different bonds that have different underlying structures. The price of the bond is the PV of the finite stream of coupon payments plus the PV of the final payment of the face amount discounted at the yield of the bond:

\[
S = \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{c}{(1 + y/k)^{i}} + \frac{F}{(1 + y/k)^{n \times k}} = k \frac{c}{y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + y/k)^{n \times k}}\right) + \frac{F}{(1 + y/k)^{n \times k}}
\]

The yield represents the return that the market demands for an instrument of this type. The price \( S \) is the PV of the cashflows at the market return. Often we have the price of the bond and must solve for the yield:

\[
\text{solve } y \left[S = k \frac{c}{y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + y/k)^{n \times k}}\right) + \frac{F}{(1 + y/k)^{n \times k}}\right]
\]

When a bond is sold such that

- \( y = r \): The bond is sold at par and its IRR matches the coupon rate. This implies that the coupon rate the bond matches the market’s rate, the yield, used to price this instrument. The PV of the cashflows matches the face amount.

- \( y < r \): The bond is sold at a premium and the coupon rate of the bond is greater than the market yield. The PV of the cashflows is higher than the face amount.

- \( y > r \): The bond is sold at a discount and the coupon rate of the bond is less than the market yield. The PV of the cashflows is less than the face amount.

Bond at Discount Example

Consider a bond with the following description:

\[
\begin{align*}
n\text{Price} & = 9900; \\
n\text{Face} & = 10000; \\
n\text{CouponRate} & = 0.05; \\
i\text{Term} & = 10; \\
i\text{Frequency} & = 2;
\end{align*}
\]

The semi-annual coupon is therefore:
To kick off the search we need an initial estimate of the yield. A reasonable value will be the amount of coupon paid over the year divided by the price of the bond. This results in a starting estimate of 5.05%.

\[ \text{nInitialRateGuess} = \frac{\text{nCoupon \times iFrequency}}{\text{nPrice}} \]

\[ 0.0505051 \]

The solution can now be calculated numerically using \text{FindRoot[ ]}:

\[ \text{FindRoot[} \]
\[ \text{nPrice} = \frac{\text{nFace}}{(1 + \frac{\text{y}}{i\text{Frequency}})^{i\text{Frequency} \times i\text{Term}}} + \]
\[ i\text{Frequency} \frac{\text{nCoupon}}{\text{y}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\text{y}}{i\text{Frequency}})^{i\text{Frequency} \times i\text{Term}}} \right), \]
\[ \{\text{y, nInitialRateGuess}\} \]
\[ {\text{y \to 0.0512908}} \]

The yield of the bond is 5.13%.

**Bond at Premium Example**

\[ \text{nPrice} = 10500; \]
\[ \text{nInitialRateGuess} = \frac{\text{nCoupon \times iFrequency}}{\text{nPrice}} \]
\[ 0.047619 \]

\[ \text{FindRoot[} \]
\[ \text{nPrice} = \frac{\text{nFace}}{(1 + \frac{\text{y}}{i\text{Frequency}})^{i\text{Frequency} \times i\text{Term}}} + \]
\[ i\text{Frequency} \frac{\text{nCoupon}}{\text{y}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\text{y}}{i\text{Frequency}})^{i\text{Frequency} \times i\text{Term}}} \right), \]
\[ \{\text{y, nInitialRateGuess}\} \]
\[ {\text{y \to 0.0437724}} \]

Note that there is an inverse relationship between the yield and the price. A bond that is selling for a yield less than its coupon rate is selling at a premium. At more than its coupon rate, at a discount.
**Zero Coupon Bond Example**

The yield computation for a zero coupon bond is straightforward:

\[ S = F \left( 1 + \frac{y}{k} \right)^{-n \times k} \implies y = k \left( \frac{S^{\frac{n \times k}{F}}} - 1 \right) \]

**Duration and Convexity**

Bond duration (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_duration) and convexity (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_convexity) are used to characterize the sensitivity of the price of a bond to changes in yield. They were originally developed pre-computers to assist in assessing the impact of yield changes. Now such changes can be quickly calculated exactly. Duration and convexity are still used, however, to provide traders with an intuitive insight into price sensitivity of bonds.

**Macaulay Duration**

Macaulay duration, \( D \), is an average of the times at which the cashflows of a bond are received weighted by the relative contribution of each cashflow’s PV to the price (i.e., the total PV). Let the cashflows occur at \( T = \{ t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_T \} \). The price \( S \) is assumed to represent the PV of the bond:

\[
\text{MacD} = \sum_{t} \frac{\text{PV}[CF_t]}{S}
\]

\[
\text{MacD} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{c}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{y}{k} \right)^i + n \frac{F}{(1 + \frac{y}{k})^{n \times k}} \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{c}{(1 + \frac{y}{k})^{n \times k}} + \frac{F}{(1 + \frac{y}{k})^{n \times k}} \right)
\]

\[
\text{FullSimplify} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n \times k} \frac{c}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{y}{k} \right)^i + n \frac{F}{(1 + \frac{y}{k})^{n \times k}} \right) \right] = \left( F \times n \times y \times \left( \frac{k + y}{k} \right)^{\frac{k \times n}{k}} - c \times (k + y) \times n \times y \right) \left( y \times F \times c \times k \times \left( 1 + \left( \frac{k + y}{k} \right)^{\frac{k \times n}{k}} \right) \right)
\]

\[
\text{xMacDuration}[nYield_, \{nFace_, nTerm_, nCoupon_, iFrequency_] :=
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
&nFace \times nTerm \times nYield^2 + \\
&nCoupon \times (iFrequency + nYield) \left( \frac{iFrequency + nYield}{iFrequency} \right)^iFrequency \times nTerm - \\
&nCoupon \times (iFrequency + nYield + iFrequency \times nTerm \times nYield) \left( \frac{nYield}{nTerm \times nYield} + nCoupon \times iFrequency \left( -1 + \left( \frac{iFrequency + nYield}{iFrequency} \right)^iFrequency \times nTerm \right) \right)
\end{align*}
\]
\[ n\text{Price} = 9900; \]
\[ n\text{Face} = 10000; \]
\[ n\text{CouponRate} = 0.05; \]
\[ n\text{Term} = 10; \]
\[ n\text{Frequency} = 2; \]
\[ n\text{Coupon} = n\text{Face} \frac{n\text{CouponRate}}{n\text{Frequency}} \]
\[ 250. \]
\[ n\text{Yield} = \frac{\dot{y}}{. \text{FindRoot}[\frac{n\text{Price}}{n\text{Face}} - (1 + \frac{\dot{y}}{n\text{Frequency}})^{n\text{Frequency} \times n\text{Term}} + \frac{n\text{Coupon}}{\dot{y}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n\text{Frequency} \times n\text{Term}} \right) \times \left(1 + \frac{\dot{y}}{n\text{Frequency}}\right)^{n\text{Frequency} \times n\text{Term}}}, \{\dot{y}, n\text{Coupon} \times n\text{Frequency} / n\text{Price}\} \]
\[ 0.0512908 \]
\[ n\text{MacDuration}[n\text{Yield}, \{n\text{Face}, n\text{Term}, n\text{Coupon}, n\text{Frequency}\}] \]
\[ 7.97742 \]

**Modified Duration**

The Modified duration is related to the first derivative of price with respect to yield

\[ \text{ModD} = \frac{1}{S} \frac{dS}{dy} = \frac{\text{MacD}}{(1 + y/k)} \]

The modified duration helps to estimate the effect of changes in yield upon the price.

\[ \Delta S = -\text{ModD} S \Delta y \]

**Convexity**

A bond's convexity is defined in terms of the second derivative of its price with respect to yield.

\[ C = \frac{1}{P} \frac{d^2 P}{dy^2} \]

Convexity can be used to improve the estimate of the effects of yield on price.

\[ \Delta S = -\text{modD} S \Delta y + \frac{SC}{2} (\Delta y)^2 \]

What we are doing here is, in effect, using a Taylor series to estimate the effect of small changes in the yield on the price of the bond. This was useful before the advent of computers which can now rapidly compute precise answers to such questions. Nevertheless, duration and convexity are still used by bond traders to get an intuitive
understanding of the price sensitivity of the bonds in their portfolio.

FinancialBond[]

FinancialBond[] is a Mathematica object that gives the value and other properties of a bond. Using it effectively, however, demands that you understand the computations it performs. It provides a powerful tool for the valuation of fixed income instruments, including pricing after issuance, different calendar conventions, and the computation of additional measures such as accrued interest.

FinancialBond[params, ambientparams] gives the value of a financial bond instrument.
FinancialBond[params, ambientparams, prop] computes the specified property prop.

\[
a = 6
6
a + b
6 + b
a + b \rightarrow \{a \rightarrow 3, b \rightarrow -3, c \rightarrow 8\}
0
a^b
a^b
\]

Pricing at Issuance

Issue price of a 30-year semi-annual bond with face value $10,000, nominal interest rate of 10% with a 6% yield:

FinancialBond[{"Coupon" \rightarrow 0.10, "FaceValue" \rightarrow 10000, "Maturity" \rightarrow 30, "CouponInterval" \rightarrow 1/2}, {"InterestRate" \rightarrow 0.06, "Settlement" \rightarrow 0}]

15535.1

Here is an alternate PV computation using TimeValue[ ], Annuity[ ], and EffectiveInterest[ ]; note that the payments specified in Annuity[ ] includes extra terms which specify additional amounts added to the initial and final payments of the stream.
```
TreeForm[{\(\frac{0.10}{2}\times10000\),\{0,10000\}}]
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TreeForm[b \[Rule] 5]
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Rule[b, 5]
b \[Rule] 5
```
TimeValue[Annuity[{\(\frac{0.10}{2} \times 10000\), \(\{0,10000\}\)}, 30, \(\frac{1}{2}\)]], EffectiveInterest[0.06, \(\frac{1}{2}\), 0]
15535.1

**Pricing after Issuance** *(two examples: relative time and actual date)*

Price of a 10-year semiannual coupon bond with a coupon rate of 5.75% and a 5% yield 9 months after the issue date:

FinancialBond[{"FaceValue" \(\rightarrow\) 1000, "Coupon" \(\rightarrow\) 0.0575, "Maturity" \(\rightarrow\) 10,
"CouponInterval" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{1}{2}\)}, {"InterestRate" \(\rightarrow\) .05, "Settlement" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{9}{12}\)}]
1054.92

Price of a 4% coupon quarterly bond maturing December 31, 2030 and settling September 5, 2013 assuming the yield is at par:

FinancialBond[{"FaceValue" \(\rightarrow\) 1000, "Coupon" \(\rightarrow\) 0.04, "Maturity" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2030,12,31\}\),
"CouponInterval" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{1}{4}\)}, {"InterestRate" \(\rightarrow\) .04, "Settlement" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2013,9,5\}\)}]
999.99

... assuming the yield is at 6%, and, hence, the bond is at discount:

FinancialBond[{"FaceValue" \(\rightarrow\) 1000, "Coupon" \(\rightarrow\) 0.04, "Maturity" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2030,12,31\}\),
"CouponInterval" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{1}{4}\)}, {"InterestRate" \(\rightarrow\) .06, "Settlement" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2013,9,5\}\)}]
785.492

... assuming the yield is at 3%, and, hence, the bond is at premium:

FinancialBond[{"FaceValue" \(\rightarrow\) 1000, "Coupon" \(\rightarrow\) 0.04, "Maturity" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2030,12,31\}\),
"CouponInterval" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{1}{4}\)}, {"InterestRate" \(\rightarrow\) .03, "Settlement" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2013,9,5\}\)}]
1134.68

**Accrued Interest**

Accrued interest for a semiannual bond maturing on December 31, 2030 and settling on November 12, 2010, using the "Actual/360" day count convention:

FinancialBond[{"FaceValue" \(\rightarrow\) 1000, "Coupon" \(\rightarrow\) 0.07,
"Maturity" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2030,12,31\}\), "CouponInterval" \(\rightarrow\) \(\frac{1}{2}\)}, {"InterestRate" \(\rightarrow\) 0.06,
"Settlement" \(\rightarrow\) \(\{2010,11,12\}\), "DayCountBasis" \(\rightarrow\) "Actual/360"}, "AccruedInterest"]
26.25
FinancialBond[
  <|"FaceValue" -> 1000, "Coupon" -> 0.07, 
      "Maturity" -> {2030, 12, 31}, "CouponInterval" -> 1/2 |
{"InterestRate" -> 0.06, 
  "Settlement" -> {2010, 11, 12}, "DayCountBasis" -> "30/360"}, "AccruedInterest"|
] 
25.6667

**Yield Computation (using FindRoot[ ])**

Implied yield to maturity for a quarterly coupon bond settling on January 6, 2018 and valued at $900:

\[
\text{AMSexample} = \frac{\hat{y}}{. \text{FindRoot}[ \text{FinancialBond}[\{"FaceValue" -> 1000, 
"Coupon" -> 0.05, "Maturity" -> {2018, 6, 31}, "CouponInterval" -> 1/4, 
{"InterestRate" -> \hat{y}, "Settlement" -> {2012, 1, 6}}] = 900, \{\hat{y}, .05\}]}
\]

0.069269

AMSexample
0.069269

\[
z + x /. \{x -> 3.14, z -> 45.1\}
\]

48.24
Yield versus Price Analysis (Using Table[], TableForm[], and ListLinePlot[])

\[ mnYieldVsPrice = Table[ \]
\[ \]
\[ P, \]
\[ \hat{y} /. FindRoot[ \]
\[ FinancialBond[ \]
\[ \{ "FaceValue" \rightarrow 1000, "Coupon" \rightarrow 0.05, \]
\[ "Maturity" \rightarrow \{2018, 6, 31\}, "CouponInterval" \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}\}, \]
\[ \{ "InterestRate" \rightarrow \hat{y}, "Settlement" \rightarrow \{2012, 1, 6\}\} \]
\[ ] = \]
\[ \{\hat{y}, \frac{0.05}{2} \times 1000\} \]
\[ ], \]
\[ \{p, 750, 1250, 50\} \]
\[ ] \]
\[ \{(750, 0.103374), (800, 0.0911853), (850, 0.0798533), \]
\[ (900, 0.069269), (950, 0.0593426), (1000, 0.0499993), (1050, 0.0411763), \]
\[ (1100, 0.0328202), (1150, 0.0248856), (1200, 0.0173329), (1250, 0.0101282)\} \]

\[ TableForm[mnYieldVsPrice, TableHeadings \rightarrow \{None, \{"Price", "Yield"\}\}] \]
ListLinePlot[mnYieldVsPrice, AxesLabel -> {"Price", "Yield"}, PlotLabel -> Style["Yield vs. Price", FontSize -> 14]]

Yield vs. Price