

Time Value of Money Interest rates and Cash-flows

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Interest rate



What is the appropriate interest rate?

- Real returns and inflation
- Interest rate quotes

Computation

- Should always use effective interest rates
- Consistency is key!
 - Discount nominal cash-flows with nominal interest rates and discount real cash-flows with real interest rates!



Real returns and inflation

- Need to distinguish between:
 - a nominal interest rate (the growth rate of money) and
 - a real interest rate
- Let π be the inflation rate.

$$1 + r_{nom} = (1 + r_{real})(1 + \pi)$$
$$= 1 + r_{real} + \pi + r_{real} \pi$$
$$r_{nom} \approx r_{real} + \pi$$

• To convert a nominal cash-flow into a real cash-flow:

 $CF_{real} = CF_{nom} / (1+\pi)$



Real returns and inflation

- Suppose that one year ago you deposited €1000 in a bank account with an interest rate of 10%.
- You are now about to collect \in 1100. Assume $\pi = 4\%$

Computation

- Real rate of return: $1.10 = (1 + r_{real}) \times 1.04 \iff r_{real} = 1.10 / 1.04 1 = 5.77\%$
- What is the present value of this deposit one year ago?
 - discounting nominal cash-flow at nominal interest rate: 1100/1.10 = 1000
 - discounting real cash-flow at real interest rate:
 - CF_{real} = 1100 / 1.04 = 1057.7
 - At real interest rate → 1057.7 / 1.0577 = 1000



Quoting of interest rates

Interest rates are often stated as either:

- EARs effective anual rates. This is the actual amount of interest earned at the end of one year after taking into consideration compounding.
- APRs annual proportional rate or stated annual rate. This is the amount of simple interest earned at the end of one year.

Example

Suppose your bank pays compounded interest monthly at a rate of 0.5%. How does the bank state this as an annual rate?

□ If stated as EAR: $1 + EAR = (1 + 0.005)^{12} \iff EAR = 1.005^{12} - 1 = 6.17\%$

• If stated as **APR**: APR = $12 \times 0.005 = 6\%$.

• In this case, the effect of compounding is ignored, even though the bank pays compounded interest.

The **EAR** is 6.17%

The **APR** is 6%, with monthly compounding



Quoting interest rates

Let m be the compounding frequency (e.g., week, month, quarter) per year, and r_m the effective interest rate in that period.

Generalizing for different compounding frequencies:

• APR = $m \times r_m$

Typically, the quoted interest rate is the annual one and the effective rate for the compounding frequency is then:

$$r_m = \frac{APR}{m}$$

EAR = (1+APR/m)^m-1
r_m



Example

Suppose you have a credit card that charges an interest rate of 18% (APR, compounded monthly). If you owed €100 on this account for two entire years what would your account balance be in two years?

Computation 1

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Compute EAR: EAR = (1+APR/m)^{m}-1
APR = 18% and m = 12
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EAR = (1 + 18\%/12)^{12} - 1 = 19.56\%
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Use the EAR to compute the future value of ≤ 100 in two years FV = $100 \times (1.1956)^2 = \leq 142.95$



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Computation 2

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Compute the effective monthly interest rate:
r_m = 18\%/12 = 1.5\%
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Use this rate to compute the future value of ≤ 100 in two years Number of months = 12 x 2 = 24 months FV = 100 x (1+1.5%)²⁴ = ≤ 142.95



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Special cash-flow Streams



Special types of CF streams



With constant cash-flows

With cash-flows growing at a constant rate



Perpetuity

- Suppose you have the right to receive €100 per year, forever. What is this right worth?
- We need to compute the value of this entire stream of payments.
- We can do it one by one...



• Or we can use the perpetuity formula!

Perpetuity

• Perpetuity is a stream of fixed nominal cash-flows C *at the end of every period* received forever.



• PV of perpetuity = $\frac{c_1}{r}$

Computation

Assume the EAR is 4%. Then the right is worth:

$$PV = \frac{100}{0.04} = 2500$$



Perpetuity with growth

 Stream of cash-flows C that grows periodically at a rate g and that is received at the end of every period forever



- PV of perpetuity with growth = $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_1(1+g)^{n-1}}{(1+r)^n}$
- PV of perpetuity with growth = $\frac{c_1}{r-g}$

Computation

You have the right to receive a growing cash-flow *at the end of every year* forever. The first cash-flow is €100 and grows at an annual rate g=2%. What are you willing to pay for this right if the EAR is 4%?

$$\mathsf{PV} = \frac{100}{0.04 - 0.02} = 5000$$



- Suppose you have the right to receive €100 per year, for 20 years. Are you willing to sell this right for €1,900?
- Assume an annual interest rate of r = 10%
- We can do it one by one.....

$$PV = \frac{100}{1.1} + \frac{100}{1.1^2} + \dots + \frac{100}{1.1^{20}}$$

Or, we can use the *annuity formula*!



 These are more common cashflow streams, consisting of the payment of a fixed nominal cashflow, once per period but only for a known, finite number of periods.



- PV of annuity = $\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{c_1}{(1+r)^n}$
- PV of annuity $= \frac{C_1}{r} \left(1 \frac{1}{(1+r)^N} \right)$

Computation

The value of the right in the example:
$$PV = \frac{100}{0.1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1.1^{20}} \right) = 851.4.$$

We would be willing to sell this right for €1900.



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$$PV(perp.t = 0) = \frac{C_1}{r}$$

$$PV(perp.t = n) = \frac{C_1}{r} \frac{1}{(1+r)^n}$$

$$PV(annuity n periods) = \frac{C_1}{r} - \frac{C_1}{r} \frac{1}{(1+r)^n} = \frac{C_1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^n}\right)$$

Annuity with growth

Stream of cash-flows C that grows periodically at a rate g and that is received at the end of every period for N periods, discounted at rate r

$$C_{1} \qquad C_{1}(1+g) \qquad C_{1}(1+g)^{2} \qquad C_{1}(1+g)^{3} \qquad C_{1}(1+g)^{N-1}$$

$$C_{1}(1+g)^{N-1} \qquad C_{1}(1+g)^{N-1} \qquad N$$

$$PV \text{ of annuity with growth} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{C_{1} (1+g)^{n-1}}{(1+r)^{n}}$$

$$PV \text{ of annuity with growth} = \frac{C_{1}}{r-g} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+r}\right)^{N} \right)$$

Computation

Suppose you have the right to receive 20 payments *at the end of every year*. The first will be €100 and it will then grow at an annual rate of 2%. How much is this worth if the EAR is 10%?

$$\mathsf{PV} = \frac{100}{0.1 - 0.02} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1.02}{1.1}\right)^{20} \right) = 973.90$$





How to apply the formulas correctly

Computation

- Formulas assume the first cash-flow accrues <u>at the end of the first year!</u>
 - Remember to apply the formulas taking this into account
- Use effective rates
- Consistency is key!
 - Frequency of payments, discount rates and growth rates should be the same (e.g. with monthly payments, use monthly discount and growth rates).
 - Note: the frequency of payments dictates what rates you should use
 - Discount nominal cash-flows with nominal interest rates and discount real cash-flows with real interest rates!



Key takeaways

Understand the concept of the discount rate or opportunity cost of capital.

02 Value a stream of cash flows, either using the future value or the present value.

03 Apply the perpetuity and annuity formulas.

04 Convert quoted interest rates in the form provided into effective interest rates which are appropriate to use in the valuation of a stream of cash flows.