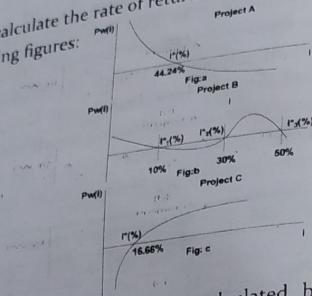


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Project B is the non-Simple investment
Project C is the simple borrowing

If we calculate the rate of return for each project, we obtain the following figures:



The IRR of a project can be calculated by the following methods.

1. Direct Solution Method
2. Trial and error method
3. Computer Solution method

1. Direct Solution Method

For the very special case of a project with only a two-flow transaction (an investment followed by a single future payment) or service life of 2 years of return, we can apply direct mathematical solution for determining the rate of return.

Example 4.15

Period (n)	Project 1	Project 2
0	-Rs 1,000	-Rs 2,000
1	Rs 0	Rs 1,300
2	Rs 0	Rs 1,500
3	Rs 0	
4	Rs 1500	

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Consider two investment projects with the cash flow transactions as above. Compute the rate of return for each project.

Project A

$$Rs 1,000 = Rs 1,500(P/F, i, 4)$$

$$Rs 1,000 = Rs 1,500(1+i)^{-4}$$

$$0.6667 = (1+i)^{-4}$$

$$\ln 0.6667 = \ln(1+i)$$

$$-4 = \ln(1+i)$$

$$0.101365 = \ln(1+i)$$

$$e^{0.101365} = 1+i$$

$$i = e^{0.101365} - 1$$

$$= 10.67\%$$

Project B

$$PW(i) = -Rs 2,000 + \frac{Rs 1,300}{(1+i)} + \frac{Rs 1,500}{(1+i)^2} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{1}{1+i}, \text{ then}$$

$$PW(i) = -2,000 + 1,300x + 1,500x^2$$

Solve for x :

$$x = 0.8 \text{ or } -1.667$$

Solving for i yields

$$0.8 = \frac{1}{1+i} \rightarrow i = 25\%, \quad -1.667 = \frac{1}{1+i} \rightarrow i = -160\%$$

Since $-100\% < i < \infty$, the project's $i^* = 25\%$.

1. Trial and error method

Step 1: Guess an interest rate, say $i = 15\%$

Step 2: Compute $PW(i)$ at the guessed i value. (Consider the project C of example 4.8)

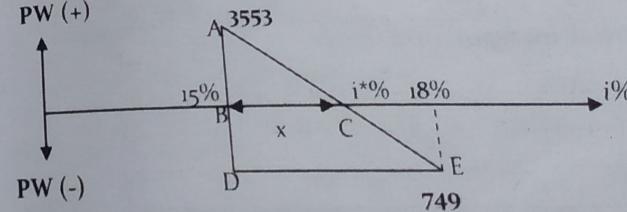
$$PW(15\%) = Rs 3,553$$

Step 3: If $PW(i) > 0$, then increase i . If $PW(i) < 0$, then decrease i .

$$PW(18\%) = -Rs 749$$

Step 4: If you bracket the solution, you use a linear interpolation to approximate the solution.

$$PW(+)$$



$$\text{Here, } i^* \% = 15\% + BC$$

Using the equilateral triangle,

$$BC/DE = AB/AD$$

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$$x/(18-15)\% = 3553 / (3553 + 749) \\ x = 3\% \quad i^* = 3553 / (3553 + 749) = 2.45\%$$

$$i^* = 15\% + 2.45\% = 17.45\%$$

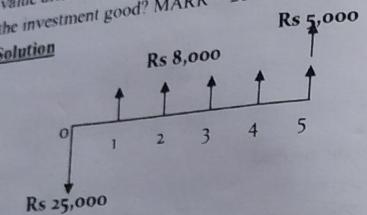
If $i^* > MARR$, select the project.

If $i^* < MARR$, reject the project.
This rule does not work for a situation where an investment has multiple rates of return

Example 4.16

Consider the project with the initial investment = Rs 25,000, salvage value after 5 years = Rs 5,000, Net revenue = Rs. 8,000 / year. Is the investment good? MARR = 20%. Use IRR method.

Solution



Using PW formulation

$$PW(i^*) = 0$$

$$PW \text{ inflow} - PW \text{ outflow} = 0$$

$$5,000(P/F, i^*, 5) + 8000(P/A, i^*, 5) = 25,000$$

$$5,000 \frac{(1+i^*)^5 - 1}{i^*(1+i^*)^5} + 8,000 \frac{(1+i^*)^5 - 1}{i^*(1+i^*)^5} - 25,000 = 0 \quad (1)$$

By trial and error

At	$i^* = 20\%$,	$PW = 934.30$
	$i^* = 25\%$	$PW = -1847.10$

Using linear interpolation

$$\frac{25\% - 20\%}{934.30 - (-1847.10)} = \frac{i^* - 20\%}{934.30 - 0}$$

$$i^* = 21.679\%$$

Putting $i^* = 21.679\%$ in eq.1, $PW(21.679\%) = -58.20$

IRR lies between 20% and 21.679%

Again using linear interpolation

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$$\frac{21.679\% - 20\%}{934.30 - (-58.20)} = \frac{i^* - 20\%}{934.30 - 0}$$

$$i^* = 21.58\%$$

Putting $i^* = 21.58\%$ in eq.1

$$PW(21.58\%) = -1.40$$

IRR lies between 20% and 21.58%

Again, interpolating

$$IRR, i^* = 21.577\%, \text{ where } PW(21.577\%) = 0$$

Here, $IRR > MARR$, investment is acceptable

Unrecovered Project Balance Calculation

Year	Unpaid balance at beginning year (Rs)	Return on Unpaid Balance (Rs)	Payment received	Unpaid balance at end of year (Rs)
0	-25,000	0	0	-25,000
1	-25,000	-5,394.25	8,000	-22,394.25
2	-22,394.25	-4,832	8,000	-19,226.25
3	-19,226.25	-4,148.45	8,000	-15,374.70
4	-15,374.70	-3317.40	8,000	-10,692
5	-10,692	-2307	13,000	0

Unrecovered balance

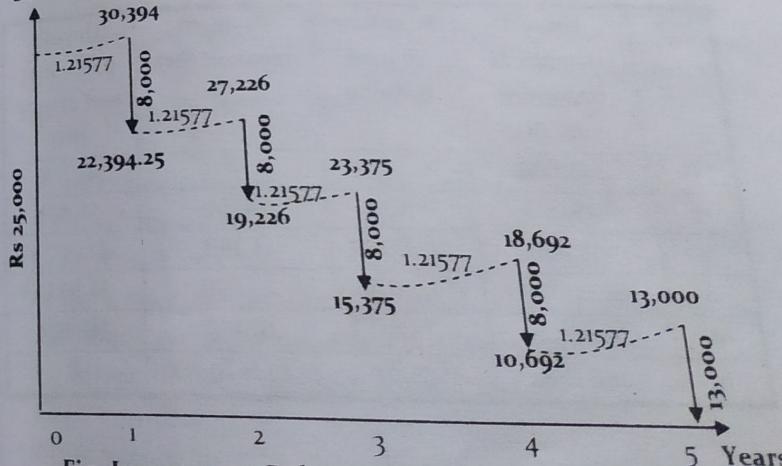


Fig: Investment Balance diagram of example 4.10

Example 4.17
Consider the investment project which has a project cash flow as follows. Is the project feasible if MARR = 10%. Use IRR method and draw investment balance diagram.

End of year	Net Cash flow
0	- Rs 45,000
1	-Rs 4250
2	Rs 9280
3	Rs 38600
4	Rs 61460
5	-Rs 20220

Solution

Using PW formulation

$$PW \text{ inflow} - PW \text{ outflow} = 0$$

$$\text{Or, } 4250 (P/F, i^*, 1) + 9280 (P/F, i^*, 2) + 38600 (P/F, i^*, 3)$$

$$+ 61460 (P/F, i^*, 4) - 20220 (P/F, i^*, 5) - 45,000 = 0$$

By solving we get $i^* \% = 21.40\%$

Unrecovered Project Balance Calculation

Year	Unpaid balance at beginning year (Rs)	Return on Unpaid Balance	Payment received (Rs)	Unpaid balance at end of year (Rs)
0	-45,000	0	0	-45,000
1	-45,000	-9,630	-4250	-58,880
2	-58,880	-12,600.32	9,280	-62,200.32
3	-62,200.32	-13310.86	38,600	-36,911.18
4	-36,911.18	-7899	61460	16649.8
5	16649.8	3563.06	20,212=20,200	0

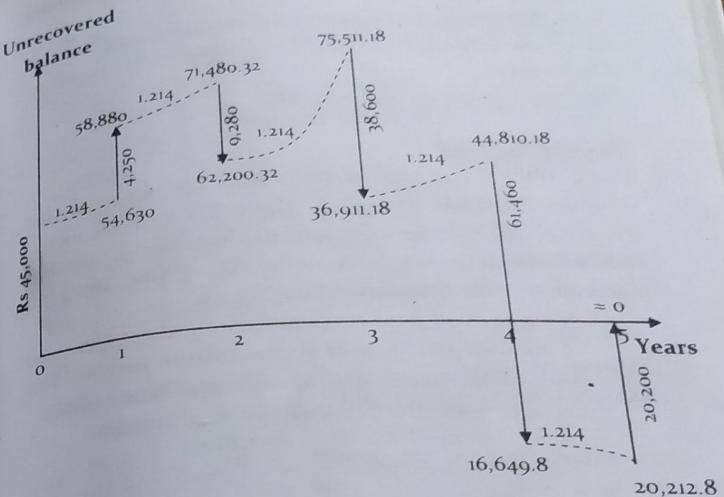


Fig: Investment balance diagram of example 4.11

2. Computer Solution Method

Consider the example 4.12,

$$PW (i^* \%) = 0$$

$$8,000 (P/A, i^* \%, N) + 5,000 (P/F, i^* \%, N) - 25,000 = 0$$

$$8,000 ((1+i^*)^N - 1) / ((1+i^*)^{N-1}) + 5,000 (1+i^*)^{-N} - 25,000 = 0$$

$$8 ((1+i^*)^N - 1) / ((1+i^*)^{N-1}) + 5 (1+i^*)^{-N} - 25 = 0$$

Write the equation in calculator as

$$8 ((1+A)^N - 1) / ((1+A)^{N-1}) + 5 (1+A)^{-N} - 25 = 0$$

Press SHIFT → CALC

It may take some time to calculate. The value in the calculator gives the value of A and this is the IRR.

In Microsoft Excel 2007 and 2010,

Click Formula

Click Auto Sum

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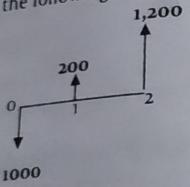
Click More Function
 Type IRR in Search for a Function, Click Ok
 Insert the value of Cash Flow
 Click Enter,
 The result gives the value of IRR.

Drawbacks of IRR

Using IRR is common. Unfortunately, its misuse is also common. Although net present value is a more stable metric, the use of IRR is common, despite its shortcomings. Investors should know all the drawbacks of the IRR and when using it is inappropriate. The drawbacks of the IRR are:

- It assumes all inter temporal cash flows are reinvested at its own rate, usually higher than is possible. This leads to the concept of External Rate of Return (ERR).

Let us consider the following cash flow diagram



For the above cash flow pattern, we find IRR = 20%, but at the end of 1st year, recovered fund is Rs 200 which may be reinvested in other than 20%. If it is invested in say 30%. The new cash flow diagram will be

$$1,200 + 200 \times (1+0.3) = 1,460$$

IRR will be

$$1000 (1+i)^2 = 1,460$$

$$i = 20.83\%$$

- IRR method involves linear interpolation of non linear function and when solved manually by trial and error

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method, may not give accurate result and it is more time consuming.

There are situations in which its iterative calculation process fails to produce a solution.

- When the algebraic sign of the cash flow changes in the middle of the series it is possible to obtain two "right" answers.

Let us consider the following cash flow

EOY	Net Cash Flow
0	-1,000
1	+2,300
2	-1,320

From the above cash flow pattern, we find IRR = 10% and 20%, but both of them are incorrect. So we may abandon the IRR method for practical purpose and use the NPW criterion to make the decision.

- When mutually exclusive projects are considered it can recommend the wrong investment and does not consider the scale of the investment.

Let us consider the two mutually exclusive projects.

EOY	Mutually Exclusive Alternatives	
	A	B
0	-Rs. 100	-Rs 500
1	+Rs. 150	+Rs 650
IRR	50%	30%
PW (10%)	36	90.90

Here both projects are acceptable at MARR = 10%, but project B with higher PW is more worthwhile, whereas from IRR point of view, Project A seems better. Since IRR is a relative measure of investment worth, this inconsistency in ranking occurs. Under this circumstance, incremental analysis is necessary.

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4.6 External Rate of Return (ERR) / Modified IRR
 The drawback of the IRR method (reinvestment assumption) may not be valid in the engineering economy. For example, if firm's MARR is 20% per year and the IRR for a project is 42.4%, it may not be possible for the firm to reinvest net cash proceeds from the project at much more than 20%. This situation, coupled with the computational demands of the method, has given rise to other rate of return methods that can remedy this weakness which is referred as *External rate of Return or Modified IRR*.

The external Rate of Return (i') is the unique rate of return for a project that assumes that net positive cash flows, which represent money not immediately needed by the project, are reinvested at the reinvestment rate $\epsilon\%$. The reinvestment rate depends upon the market rate available for investments.

Steps of ERR calculation

- All cash outflows are discounted to period zero (present) at $\epsilon\%$ per compounding period
- All cash inflows are Compounded to period N at $\epsilon\%$
- ERR is the interest rate that equivalence between the two equation.

$$\sum_{k=0}^N R_k (F/P, \epsilon\%, N-k) = \sum_{k=0}^j E_k (P/F, \epsilon\%, k) + \sum_{k=j+1}^N E_k (P/F, \epsilon\%, k) (F/P, i', N-j)$$

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Where,

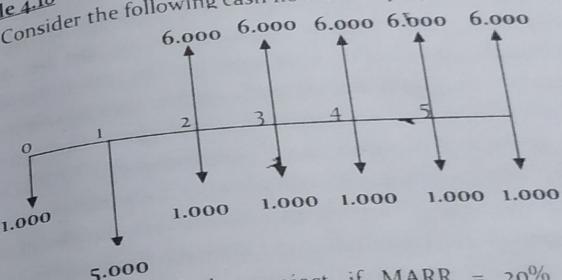
R_k = receipts in period k
 E_k = expenditures in period k
 N = project life or number of study period.
 $\epsilon\%$ = external reinvestment rate per period.

Accept / Reject Decision Rule

If	$ERR > MARR$,	accept the project
	$ERR = MARR$,	remain indifferent
	$ERR < MARR$,	reject the project

Example 4.18

Consider the following cash flow of the project.



Calculate the ERR of the project if MARR = 20% and reinvestment rate $\epsilon\% = 15\%$. Is the project accepted?

Solution

- Discounting all the cash outflows to the time zero at 15%.
 $1,000 + 5,000 (P/F, 15\%, 1) = 1,000 + 5,000 (1+0.15)^{-1} = 5,347.82$
- Compounding all the cash inflows to the year 6 at 15%
 $5,000 (F/A, 15\%, 5) = 5,000 \{(1.15)^5 - 1 / 0.15\} = 33,711.90$
- Establishing the equivalence between the two equation
 $5,347.82 (F/P, i', 6) = 33,711.90$
 $5,347.82 (1+i')^6 = 33,711.90$
 $(1+i')^6 = 6.303$
 $i' = 1.359 - 1 = 35.91\%$ is the ERR of the project.

Here $ERR (35.91\%) > MARR (20\%)$, the project is accepted.

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Advantages of ECR over IRR

- It does not need trial and error approach determination of i^* %
- There is no possibility of multiple rate of return.

4.7 Benefit Cost Analysis (B/C ratio)

Benefit-Cost-Analysis is a decision making tool used systematically develop useful information about the desirable and undesirable effects of public project. Benefit Cost Analysis estimates and totals up the equivalent money value of the benefits and costs to the community of projects to establish whether they are worthwhile. These projects may be dams, irrigation, water supply highways etc. or can be training programs and health care systems. In other words the benefit/cost ratio is defined as the ratio of the equivalent worth of benefits to the equivalent worth of costs. The equivalent worth measure applied can be present worth (PW), future worth (FW), and annual worth (AW). It is also called "savings-investment ratio". To perform an economic analysis of public alternatives, the cost (initial and annual), the benefits and the dis-benefits, if considered, must be estimated as accurately as possible in monetary units. It is difficult to estimate and agree upon the economic impact of benefits and dis-benefits for a public sector alternative. Dis-benefit may not be known at the time of economic analysis.

Two types of B/C ratio

1. Conventional B/C ratio
2. Modified B/C ratio

Benefits - advantages to be experienced by the owners, the public. (Favorable outcomes)

Dis-benefits - expected undesirable or negative consequences to the public, if the alternative is implemented. (Unfavorable outcomes)

$$\text{User's benefit} = \text{Benefits} - \text{Dis-benefits}$$

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Cost: estimated expenditures to the government entity for construction, operation and maintenance of the project, less any expected salvage value. Include capital investment and annual operating costs.

$$\text{Sponsor's Cost} = \text{Capital cost} + \text{Operating and Maintenance costs} - \text{Revenues}$$

Public Sector Project

Public sector project are owned, used and financed by the citizenry of any government level. Public sector projects have a primary purpose to provide services to the citizenry for the public good at no profit. Areas such as health, safety, economic welfare, and utilities comprise a majority of alternatives that require engineering economic analysis. Usually public sector investment decisions involve a great deal of expenditure, and their benefits are expected to occur over an extended period of time. One of the important issues that the toll authority must address is how it can determine whether its decisions, which affect the use of public funds, are, in fact, in the best public interest. In identifying the benefits of a project of this nature, we need to consider both primary benefits -the ones directly attributable to the project- and the secondary benefits - the ones indirectly attributable to the project.

Accept /Reject Decision Rule

For the project to be feasible

Benefit (B) > Cost (C)

Or $B/C > 1$

- If $B/C > 1$,
 $B/C = 1$,
 $B/C < 1$,

accept the project
remain indifferent
reject the project

1. PW method

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conventional B/C ratio} &= \frac{\text{PW (benefits of proposed project)}}{\text{PW (total cost of proposed project)}} \\ &= \frac{\text{PW (B)}}{(I) - \text{PW (S)} + \text{PW (O\&M)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Modified B/C ratio} = \frac{PW(B) - PW(O\&M)}{(I) - PW(S)}$$

Where, $PW(B)$ = Present worth of benefits of project.
 $PW(O\&M)$ = Present worth of Operation and maintenance project.
 $PW(S)$ = Salvage value of investment.
 I = Initial investment of the project.

$$2. FW \text{ method}$$

$$\text{Conventional B/C ratio} = \frac{FW(B)}{FW(I) - (S) + FW(O\&M)}$$

$$\text{Modified B/C ratio} = \frac{FW(B) - FW(O\&M)}{FW(I) - (S)}$$

Where,
 $FW(B)$ = Future worth of benefits of project.
 $FW(O\&M)$ = Future worth of Operation and maintenance project.
 $PW(S)$ = Salvage value of investment.
 I = Initial investment of the project.

$$3. AW \text{ method}$$

$$\text{Conventional B/C ratio} = \frac{AW(\text{benefits of proposed project})}{AW(\text{total cost of proposed project})}$$

$$= \frac{AW(B)}{CR + AW(O\&M)}$$

$$\text{Modified B/C ratio} = \frac{AW(B) - AW(O\&M)}{(CR)}$$

Where,

$AW(B)$ = Annual worth of benefits of project.
 CR = Capital Recovery.

$AW(O\&M)$ = Annual worth of operation and maintenance cost
 I = Initial investment of the project.

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Note: Whichever method we use, value remains same, similarly
 $B/C_{\text{modified}} > B/C_{\text{conventional}}$, if $B/C > 1$
 $B/C_{\text{modified}} < B/C_{\text{conventional}}$, if $B/C < 1$
 $B/C_{\text{modified}} = B/C_{\text{conventional}}$, if $B/C = 1$

Example 4.19 Find both types of B/C ratio using PW, FW and AW method.

Initial investment	=	Rs 20,000
Revenue / year	=	Rs 10,000
Expenses / year	=	Rs 4,400
Salvage value	=	Rs 4,000
Useful life	=	5 years
MARR	=	8%

Solution
Using PW method

$$PW(B) = 10,000 (P/A, 8\%, 5) = 10,000 \left[\frac{(1.08)^5 - 1}{(1.08)^5 * 0.08} \right]$$

$$= Rs 39,927$$

$$PW(S) = 4,000 (P/F, 8\%, 5)$$

$$= 4,000 (1 / (1.08)^5)$$

$$= Rs 2,722.33$$

$$PW(O\&M) = 4,400 (P/A, 8\%, 5)$$

$$= 4,400 \left[\frac{(1.08)^5 - 1}{(1.08)^5 * 0.08} \right]$$

$$= Rs 17,567.90$$

$$\text{Conventional B/C ratio} = \frac{PW(B)}{(I) - PW(S) + PW(O\&M)}$$

$$= \frac{39,927}{20,000 - 2,722.33 + 17,567.90}$$

$$= 1.146 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

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Modified B/C ratio

$$= \frac{PW(B) - PW(O\&M)}{(I) - PW(S)}$$

$$= \frac{39,927 - 17567.90}{20,000 - 2722.33}$$

$$= 1.294 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

Using AW method
Conventional B/C ratio

$$= \frac{AW(B)}{CR + AW(O\&M)}$$

$$CR = 20,000 [A/P, 8\%, 5] - 4,000 [A/F, 8\%, 5]$$

$$= 20,000 \left[\frac{(1+0.08)^5 - 1}{0.08} \right] - 4,000 \left(\frac{0.08}{(1+0.08)^5 - 1} \right)$$

$$= Rs 4,327$$

$$\text{Conventional B/C ratio} = 10,000 / 4,327 + 4,400$$

$$= 1.146 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

$$\text{Modified B/C ratio} = \frac{AW(B) - AW(O\&M)}{(CR)}$$

$$= 10,000 - 4,400 / 4,327$$

$$= 1.294 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

4.8 Payback Period Method (PB)

Payback considers the initial investment costs and the resulting annual cash flow. The payback time (period) is the length of time needed before an investment makes enough to recoup the initial investment. The payback method screens the projects on the basis of how long it takes for net receipts to equal investment. But the payback method doesn't account for savings after the initial investment is paid back from the profits (cash flow) generated by the investment (project).

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Simple payback period

Simple payback period doesn't consider the time value of money ($i=0$). Simple Payback period is calculated using the following equation if the annual savings are equal:

$$\text{Simple Payback Period (in years)} = \frac{\text{Initial Investment}}{\text{Annual Savings (Cashflow)}}$$

Where:

Initial Investment = Initial investment for a project

Annual Savings (Cash Flow) = Annual savings derived from the investment

In other way, the simple payback period for a project having one time investment at time zero can be computed as follows:

$$\text{Simple payback period: } (\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\theta} (R_k - E_k) - I \geq 0$$

Advantages of simple payback period

- Easy to calculate
- It is interpreted in tangible terms (in years)
- It doesn't require any assumptions about the project in terms of timing, life time or interest rates.

Disadvantages of simple payback period

- It takes no account of any savings after the payback period.
- It takes no account of the residual value in the capital asset.
- It takes no account of the time value of money.

Example 4.20

Consider an example of evaluating the purchase of pollution prevention equipment for a cost of Rs.8,000, but provide a net annual operational saving of Rs.3,500. When the net annual savings is divided into the initial investment, the simple payback period is calculated as follows:

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$$\text{Payback Period (in years)} = \frac{\text{Initial Investment}}{\text{Annual Savings (Cash Flow)}}$$

$$= \frac{80,000}{8,000} = 10 \text{ years}$$

Example 4.16
Calculate the simple payback period for the given cash flow of the project.

Period	Net Cash flow (Rs)
0	-25,000
1	+8,000
2	+8,000
3	+8,000
4	+8,000
5	+13,000

Period	Net Cash flow (Rs)	Cumulative Cash Flow (Rs)
0	-25,000	-25,000
1	+8,000	-17,000
2	+8,000	-9,000
3	+8,000	-1,000
4	+8,000	+7,000
5	+13,000	+20,000

Here the cumulative Cash flow turns to positive in year 4.
Therefore Payback period lie between year 3 and 4. By interpolating, we get the payback period = $3 + 1000/8000 = 3.125$ years (Ans)

Discounted payback period

The problem with the Simple payback period is that it ignores the time value of money. In order to correct this, we can use

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discounted cash flows in calculating the payback period. Discounted Payback Period is one of several methods to determine if an investment is a good one or not. In this method, you discount each of the future cash flows and then count the number of years necessary to recoup your investment.

In other way, the discounted payback period for a project having one time investment at time zero can be computed as follows:

Discounted payback period (θ')

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\theta'} (R_k - E_k) (P/F, i\%, k) - I \geq 0$$

Advantages of discounted payback period

- Considers the time value of money
- Considers the riskiness of the project's cash flow (through the cost of capital)

Disadvantages of discounted payback period

- No concrete decision criteria that indicate whether the investment increases the firm's value.
- Requires an estimate of the cost of capital in order to calculate the payback.
- Ignores cash flows beyond the discounted payback period

Example 4.21

Consider the example 4.12 and Calculate the discounted payback period at $i=20\%$

Solution

Discounted Period	Net cash flow (Rs)	PW of net cash flow	Cumulative Cash Flow
0	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000
1	+8,000	+8,000	-17,000
2	+8,000	+8,000	-9,000
3	+8,000	+8,000	-1,000
4	+8,000	+8,000	+7,000
5	+13,000	+13,000	+20,000

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(n)		(i=20%)	(Rs)
0	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000
1	+8,000	6,667	-18,333
2	+8,000	5,556	-12,777
3	+8,000	4,630	-8,147
4	+8,000	3,858	-4289
5	+13,000	5,223	+934

Here the cumulative Cash flow turns to positive in year 5. Therefore Payback period lie between year 4 and 5. By interpolating, we get the payback period = $4 + \frac{4,289}{5,223} = 4.82$ years (Ans)

Some solved examples

- Find IRR of the following project with the initial investment of 350,000 and the cash flow as shown. Also draw the investment balance diagram.

End of year	Cash Outflow	Cash Inflow
1	15,000	50,000
2	15,000	75,000
3	15,000	1,00,000
4	15,000	1,25,000
5	15,000	1,50,000

Solution

Net cash flow for each year

End of year	Net cash flow	A	G
1	35,000	35,000	0
2	60,000	35,000	25,000
3	85,000	35,000	50,000

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4	110,000	35,000	75,000
5	135,000	35,000	100,000

Here the cash flow is in gradient series

Using gradient to present worth series factor
 $PW(i^*) = 0$

$$-3,50,000 + 35,000(P/A, i^*, 5) + 25,000(P/G, i^*, 5) = 0$$

$$-3,50,000 + 35,000[((1+i^*)^5 - 1)]/[i^*(1+i^*)^5] + 25,000 \\ \{(1+i^*)^5 - 5 \cdot i^* \cdot 1 / i^* \cdot 2 \cdot (1+i^*)^5\} = 0$$

Solving by hit and trial, we get IRR (i^* %) = 5.634%

Unrecovered project balance

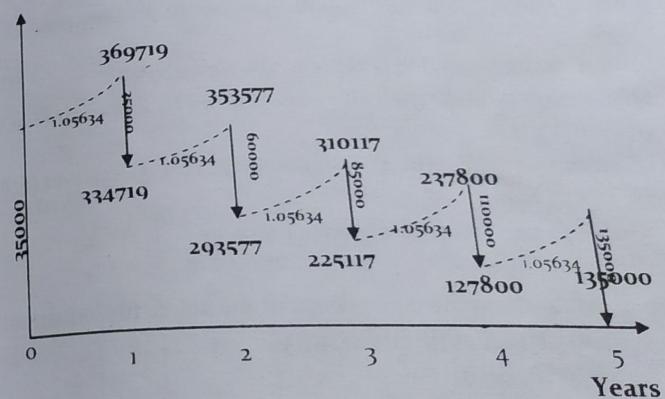
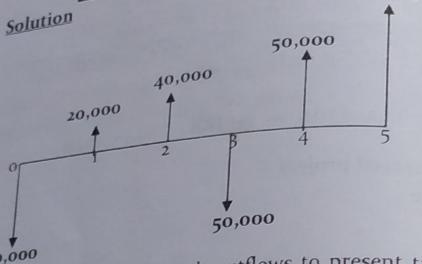


Fig: Investment balance Diagram

- Find the ERR (external rate of return) when $\epsilon\% = 15\%$.
 (TU, IOE, 2064)

End of year	Annual Cash Flow
0	Rs - 60000

1	Rs +20000
2	Rs +40000
3	Rs - 50000
4	Rs +50000
5	Rs +70,000



Step 1: Discounting all the cash outflows to present time at $i = 15\%$.
 $60,000 + 50,000 (P/F, 15\%, 3) = \text{Rs } 92,875.8$

Step 2: Compounding all the cash inflows to future time at $i = 15\%$.
 $20,000 (F/P, 15\%, 4) + 40,000 (F/P, 15\%, 3) + 50,000 (F/P, 15\%, 1) + 70,000$
 $= 34,980 + 60,835 + 57,500 + 70,000$
 $= \text{Rs } 223,315$

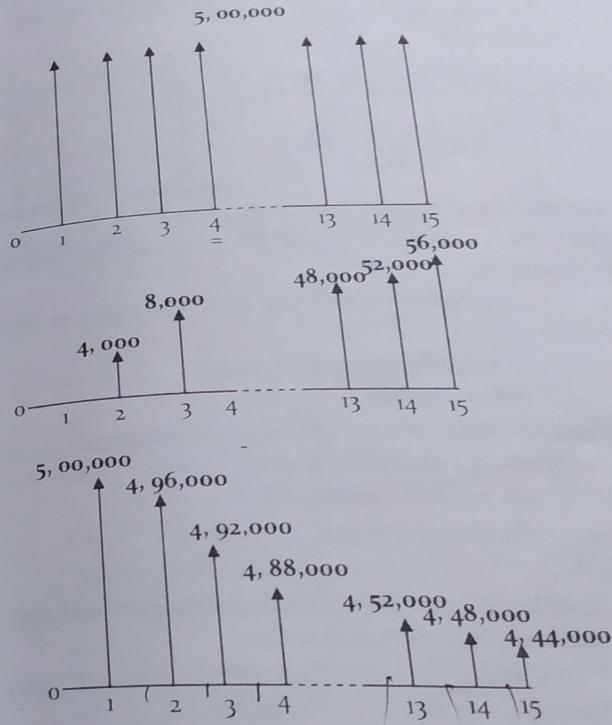
Step 3: Establishing the equivalence of the above two equations
 $92875.8 (F/P, i\%, 5) = 22,3315$
 $(1+i)^5 = 2.40$
 $i' = 19.135\%$

The external rate of return (ERR) is 19.315% (Ans)

3. The annual income of the project starts from Rs 5,00,000 at the end of first year and decreases at the rate of Rs 4000/yr for 15 years. What is the equivalent present worth when the MARR is 12%. (TU, IOE, 2064)

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Solution:
 Here, the cash flow is in decreasing gradient series.
 $N=15, G=4000, i=12\%,$



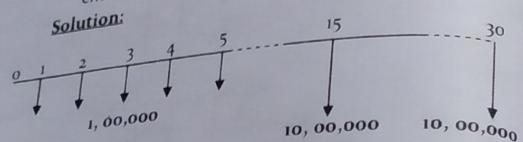
Applying gradient to present worth series factor we get

$$\begin{aligned} PW(12\%) &= 5,00,000 (P/A, 12\%, 15) - 4000 (P/G, 12\%, 15) \\ &= 5,00,000 * 6.8109 - 4,000 * 33.9202 \\ &= \text{Rs } 32,69,769.2 \text{ (Ans)} \end{aligned}$$

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4. Maintenance cost for a new communication tower with an expected 50 years life are estimated to be Rs 100,000 each year for the first 5 years, followed by a Rs 10,000 expenditure in the 15th year and another Rs 10,000 expenditure in the 30th year. If MARR = 10%, what is the equivalent uniform annual cost over the entire 50 period? (PU 2006)

Solution:



Discounting all the cash flows to the present
 $PW(10\%) = 1,00,000(P/A, 10\%, 5) + 10,00,000(P/F, 10\%, 15) + 10,00,000(P/F, 10\%, 30)$

$$= 1,00,000 * 3.7908 + 10,00,000 * 0.2394 + 10,00,000 * 0.0573 \\ = 3,79,080 + 2,39,400 + 57,300 \\ = \text{Rs } 6,75,780$$

Applying the capital recovery factor

$$AW(10\%) = 6,75,780(A/P, 10\%, 50) \\ = 6,75,780 * 0.10086 \\ = \text{Rs } 68,159.17 \text{ (Ans)}$$

5. Find benefit cost ratio by both methods PW and AW method where (TU, IOE 2064)

Investment	= Rs 90,000
Annual revenue	= Rs, 50,000
Annual Cost	= Rs 2000
Salvage value	= Rs 20,000
MARR	= 12%
N	= 10 years

Solution

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Using PW formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PW (12\%)}_{\text{net benefits}} &= 50,000(P/A, 12\%, 10) = 50,000 * 5.6502 \\ \text{PW (12\%)}_{\text{annual cost}} &= 2,000(P/A, 12\%, 10) = 2,000 * 5.6502 \\ \text{PW (12\%)}_{\text{salvage value}} &= 20,000(P/F, 12\%, 10) = 20,000 * 0.3220 \\ &= \text{Rs } 6,440 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conventional B/C ratio} &= \frac{\text{PW (B)}}{(I) - \text{PW (S)} + \text{PW (O&M)}} \\ &= \frac{282510}{90,000 - 6,440 + 11,300.4} \\ &= 2.98 > 1 \text{ (Justified)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Modified B/C ratio} &= \frac{\text{PW (B)} - \text{PW (O&M)}}{(I) - \text{PW (S)}} \\ &= \frac{2,82,510 - 11,300.4}{90,000 - 6,440} \\ &= 3.25 > 1 \text{ (justified)} \end{aligned}$$

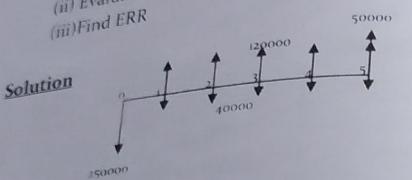
Using AW formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conventional B/C ratio} &= \frac{\text{AW (B)}}{\text{CR} + \text{AW (O&M)}} \\ &= \frac{50,000}{\{90,000(A/P, 12\%, 10) - 20,000(A/F, 12\%, 10)\} + 2,000} \\ &= 2.97 > 1 \text{ (Justified)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Modified B/C ratio} &= \frac{\text{AW (B)} - \text{AW (O&M)}}{(\text{CR})} \\ &= \frac{50,000 - 2,000}{14,788.6} \\ &= 3.25 > 1 \text{ (justified)} \end{aligned}$$

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6. Equipment costs ₹ 50,000 and has salvage value of ₹ 50,000 at the end of its expected life 5 years. Annual expenses will be ₹ 40,000. It will produce revenue of ₹ 120,000 per year. MARR = 20%
 (i) Evaluate IRR using AW formulation
 (ii) Evaluate both types of B/C ratio with FW formulation
 (iii) Find ERR



(i) Calculation of IRR

$$AW(i^*) = 0$$

$$AW_{inflow} - AW_{outflow} = 0$$

$$120000 + 50000(A/F, i^*, 5) - 40000 - 250000(A/P, i^*, 5) = 0$$

$$120000 + 50000 \left[\frac{1}{(1+i^*)^5} - 1 \right] - 40000 - 250000 \left[\frac{(1+i^*)^5 - 1}{(1+i^*)^5 - 1} \right] = 0$$

Solving by hit and trial (calculator)

We get, $i^* \% = 0.21577 = 21.577\%$

IRR = 21.577% (Ans)

(ii) Finding both B/C ratio using FW formulation

Conventional B/C ratio =

$$\frac{FW(B)}{FW(I) - (S) + FW(O\&M)}$$

Modified B/C ratio =

$$\frac{FW(B) - FW(O\&M)}{FW(I) - (S)}$$

$$FW(B) = 120,000(F/A, 20\%, 5) = 120,000 * 7.4416 = 892992$$

$$FW(I) = 250,000(F/P, 20\%, 5) = 250,000 * 2.4883 = 622075$$

$$FW(O\&M) = 40,000(F/A, 20\%, 5) = 40,000 * 7.4416 = 297664$$

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$$\text{Conventional B/C} = \frac{892992}{622075 - 50000 + 297664} \\ = 1.026 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

$$\text{Modified B/C} = \frac{892992 - 297664}{622075 - 50000} \\ = 1.04 > 1 \text{ (justified)}$$

(iii) Calculating ERR

Step I: Discount all the cash outflow to year zero at $\epsilon^0\%$
 $= 250000 + 40000(P/A, 20\%, 5)$
 $= 250000 + 40000 * 2.9906 = 369624$

Step II: Compound all the cash inflow to period N at $\epsilon^0\%$
 $= 120000(F/A, 20\%, 5) + 50,000$
 $= 120000 * 7.4416 + 50,000 = 942992$

Step III: Establishing the equivalence between above two equations

$$369624(F/P, i^*, 5) = 942992$$

$$\text{Or, } 369624(1+i^*)^5 = 942992$$

$$\text{Or, } (1+i^*)^5 = 2.5512$$

$$\text{Or, } (1+i^*) = 1.206$$

$$\text{Or, } i^* = 1.206 - 1 = 0.206$$

$$\text{Or, } i^* = 20.6\%$$

External rate of Return (ERR) = 20.6% (Ans)

6. For the cash flow given below, compute Payback Period, Net annual worth, IRR and BCR if MARR is 12%

Solution

Using payback Period.

Period	Cash	PW at 12%	Cumulative
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	Flow	Cash flow
0	-25,000	-25,000
1	10,000	$10,000 (1+0.12)^{-1} = 8928.57$
2	-5,000	$5,000 (1+0.12)^{-2} = -3985.97$
3	25,000	$25,000 (1+0.12)^{-3} = 17794.51$
4	30,000	$30,000 (1+0.12)^{-4} = 19065.54$

Here the Cumulative cash flow is negative on year 3 and positive on year 4. Hence the payback period lies between years 3 and 4. By Interpolating we get,

$$3 + \frac{2262.89}{19065.54} = 3.118 \text{ years (ans)}$$

Using Net annual worth

We know that, $AW(i\%) = R - E - CR$

Since salvage value is not given, we don't calculate CR
 $R = \{10,000 (P/F, 12\%, 1) + 25,000 (P/F, 12\%, 3) + 30,000 (P/F, 12\%, 4)\} (A/P, 12\%, 4)$
 $= \{(10,000 * 0.8929) + (25,000 * 0.7118) + (30,000 * 0.6355)\} * 0.3292$
 $= (8929 + 17795 + 19065) * 0.3292$
 $= 45789 * 0.3292 = 15073.74$

$$E = 5000 (P/F, 12\%, 2) (A/P, 12\%, 4)$$

$$= 3985.97 * 0.3292 = 1312.18$$

$$AW(12\%) = 15073.74 - 1312.18 = 13761.56$$

Using IRR method

Using PW formulation

$$PW(i^*) = 0$$

$$PW_{inflow} - PW_{outflow} = 0$$

$$10,000 (P/F, 12\%, 1) + 25,000 (P/F, 12\%, 3) + 30,000 (P/F, 12\%, 4) = 0$$

$$10,000 (1+i^*)^{-1} + 25,000 (1+i^*)^{-3} + 30,000 (1+i^*)^{-4} - 5,000 (1+0.12)^{-2} - 25,000 = 0$$

Solving by trial and error,

We get $i^* = 32.827\%$, hence $IRR = 32.827\%$ (Ans)

Using BCR method

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Using PW formulation
 $BCR = PW(B) / PW(C)$
 $= \{10,000 (P/F, 12\%, 1) + 25,000 (P/F, 12\%, 3) + 30,000 (P/F, 12\%, 4)\} / 5000 (P/F, 12\%, 2) + 25,000$
 $= (8929 + 17795 + 19065) / 1312.18 + 25,000$
 $= 45789 / 26312.18$
 $= 1.740 > 1 \text{ (Justified)}$

Review Questions

- What are the methodologies for evaluating the project?
- Explain briefly
- Explain present worth, future worth and annual worth.
- What do you understand by capital recovery? Explain.
- Define IRR and explain its drawbacks.
- What is External rate of return (ERR) and what are its advantages over IRR.
- What are simple and non simple investments? Explain.
- Explain simple and discounted payback period method.
- List down its advantages and disadvantages.
- What do you understand by benefit/cost analysis?
- Explain its types.
- What do you understand by public sector project?

Exercises

Equivalent worth Method

- Consider the following set of investment projects. All projects have 3 year investment life. Compute the Present worth and Future Worth of each project. MARR = 10%.

Project's cash flow (Rs)				
N	A	B	C	D
0	-1000	-1000	-1000	-1000
1	0	600	1200	900
2	0	800	800	900
3	3000	1500	1500	1800

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	1	2	3	4
1	5,400	3,000	7,000	1,500
2	14,400	1,000	2,000	5,500
3	7,200	3,000	4,000	6,500

$(26246.5, 6399, 11342.5, 10372)$

14. The owner of the business is considering investing Rs.55,000 in new equipment. He estimates that the net cash flows during the first year will be Rs 5,000 but these will increase by Rs 2,500 per year the next year and each year thereafter. The equipment is estimated to have a 10 year service life and a net salvage at this time of Rs 6,000. The firm interest rate is 12%.
- Determine the annual capital cost (ownership cost) for the equipment. (9392.224)
 - Determine the equivalent annual savings (revenues) (9303.75)
 - Determine if this is a wise investment? (-499)
15. An industrial firm is can purchase a special machine for Rs 40,000. A down payment of Rs.4,000 is required, and the balance can be paid in five equal year-end installments at 7% interest on the unpaid balance. As an alternative, the machine can be purchased for Rs 36,000 in cash. If the MARR is 10%, determine which alternative should be accepted, based on the annual equivalent method?
16. A construction firm is considering establishing an engineering computing center. This center will be equipped with three engineering workstations that would cost Rs.25,000 each, and each has a service life of 5 years. The expected salvage value of each workstation is Rs.2,000. The annual operating and maintenance cost would be Rs.15,000 for each work station. At a MARR of 15%, determine the equivalent annual costs for operating the engineering center? (66483.77)

Project's cash flow (Rs)

N	A	B	C	D
0	-2,500	-1,000	-2,500	-3,000

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Identify simple and non-simple investment and compare the IRR of each project.

(74.23%, 111.1%, -105.57%)

2) Calculate the ERR for the following project if MARR = $\epsilon = 15\%$

EOY	Net Cash Flow
0	-25,000
1	8,000
2	8,000
3	8,000
4	8,000
5	13,000

EOY	Net Cash Flow
0	-1,50,000
1	30,000
2	50,000
3	60,000
4	80,000
5	-35,000
6	45,000

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EOY	Net Cash Flow
0	-4,50,000
1	-42,000
2	92,800
3	386000
4	614600
5	-202700

(18.71%, 15.13%, 18.259%)

Benefit Cost Analysis

22. Find by using both types of B/C ratio using AW and FW method.