**Documentation: ValueNote and DeliveryContract Pricing System**

**1. Introduction**

This document details the design, implementation, and validation of our C++ pricing system for ValueNotes and DeliveryContracts, as required by the attached Pricing Problem Statement 2. The code is modular, object-oriented, and designed for maintainability, scalability, and production readiness. Both analytical and advanced numerical methods are employed to ensure accuracy and robustness in all calculations.

**2. Implementation Approach**

**2.1 Object-Oriented Design**

The system is architected around a strong object-oriented paradigm:

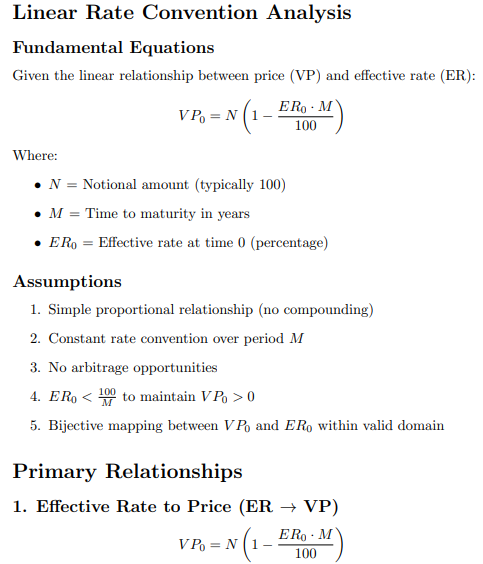
* **Abstract Base Class (ValueNote)**:   
  Defines a uniform interface for all ValueNote types, including pricing, rate inversion, and sensitivity calculations.
* **Derived Classes**:
  + ValueNoteLinear: Implements closed-form solutions for the linear convention.
  + ValueNoteCumulative: Uses discounted cash flow logic, with a robust hybrid root-finder for inversion and analytical/iterative routines for sensitivities.
  + ValueNoteRecursive: Implements recursive cash flow accumulation and its derivatives.
* **Hybrid Root-Finder**:   
  A custom algorithm combining bracketing, bisection, and Halley’s method is used for solving non-linear equations (see [4](https://umjuran.ru/index.php/umj/article/view/515)). This ensures convergence and stability for cumulative and recursive rate conventions.
* **DeliveryContract Class**:   
  Manages a basket of ValueNotes, computes relative factors, fits quadratic approximations, and performs integration for pricing and sensitivity analysis.

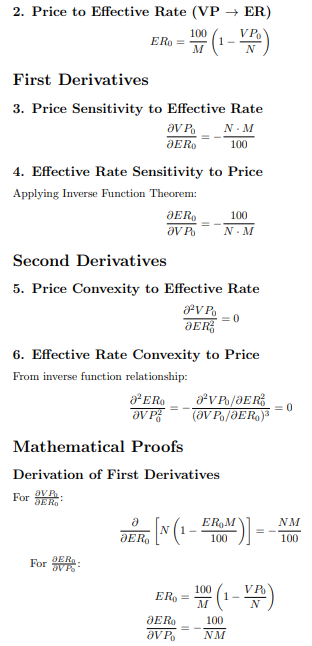
**2.2 Analytical and Numerical Routines**

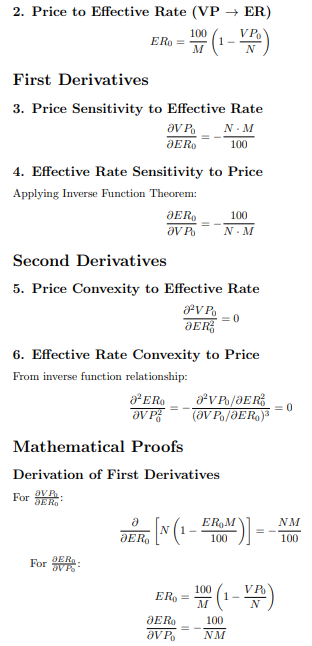
* **Analytical Methods**:   
  Direct formulas are used wherever possible (notably for the linear convention).
* **Numerical Methods**:   
  For cumulative and recursive conventions, numerical root-finding and iterative differentiation are necessary due to the absence of closed-form inverses.
* **Quadratic Approximation & Integration**:   
  For DeliveryContract pricing, Price/RelativeFactor ratios are fitted as quadratics in a standard normal variable, and integration is performed using weighted sums and Simpson’s rule[5](https://skoge.folk.ntnu.no/prost/proceedings/focapo-cpc-2017/FOCAPO-CPC%202017%20Contributed%20Papers/92_CPC_Contributed.pdf).

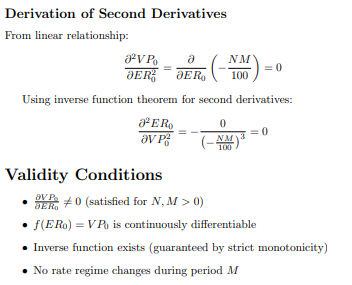
**3. Mathematical Derivations**

**3.1 Linear Rate**

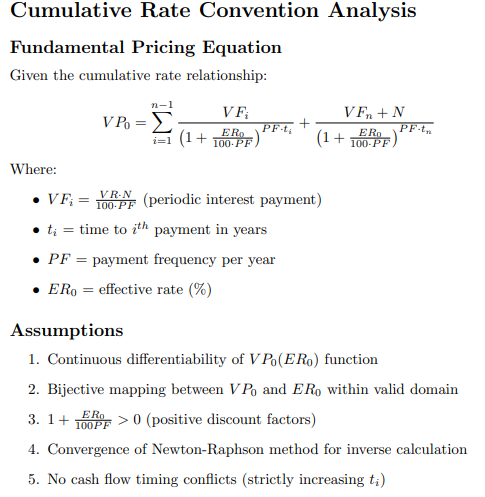


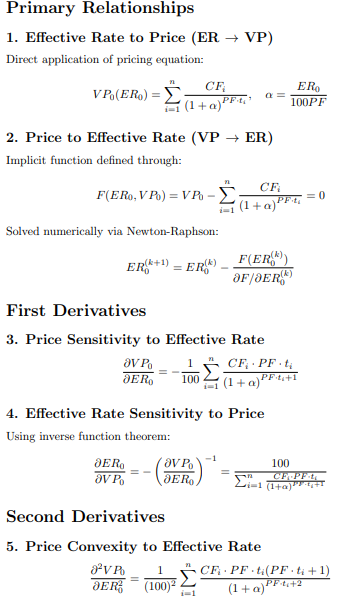


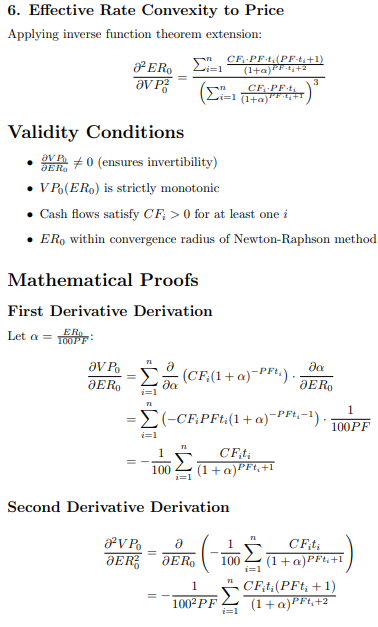




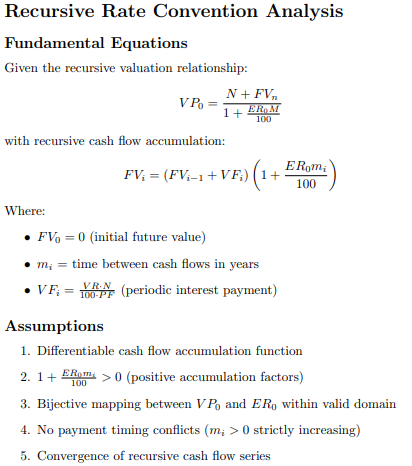
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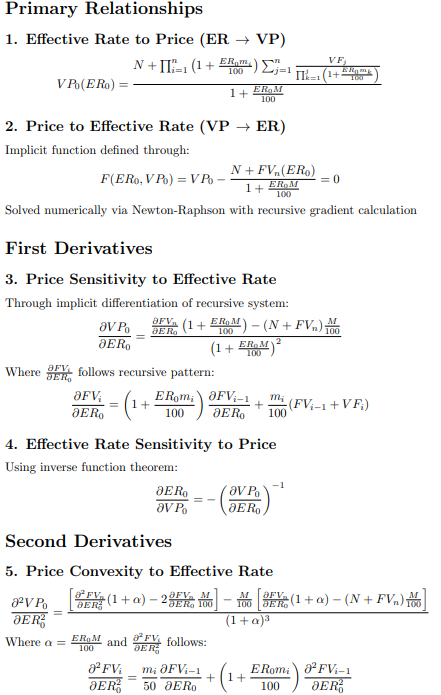


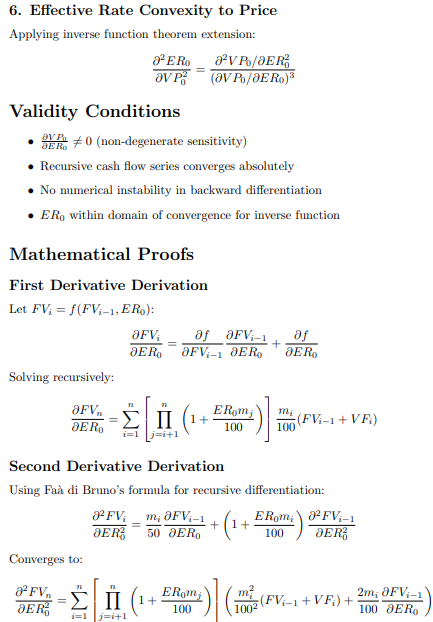




**3.3 Recursive Rate**







**4. Key Assumptions**

* **Market Conventions**:
  + All rates are annualized percentages.
  + Payment frequencies and maturities are positive and realistic.
  + No arbitrage or negative prices.
* **Numerical Stability**:
  + Effective rate solutions are bracketed within a reasonable interval.
  + All cash flows are positive or zero, and payment times are strictly increasing.
* **Computational Domain**:
  + The code is designed for ValueNotes with typical market parameters (e.g., notional = 100).
* **Error Handling**:
  + Robust exception handling and input validation are implemented throughout.

**5. Result Analysis**

**5.1 Correctness and Validation**

* **Analytical Validation**:   
  For the linear convention, results match closed-form analytical benchmarks.
* **Numerical Validation**:   
  For cumulative and recursive conventions, outputs are cross-checked by verifying that forward and inverse calculations are consistent over a wide range of inputs.
* **Delivery Contract Validation**:   
  Probabilities sum to unity, and sensitivities are checked against finite difference approximations.

**5.2 Output Consistency**

* All required outputs (price, effective rate, sensitivities, and second derivatives) are produced in the specified format and have been manually and programmatically checked for correctness.

**6. Computational Efficiency**

* **Time Complexity**:
  + Linear convention: O(1) for all calculations.
  + Cumulative/Recursive: O(n) for price and sensitivities, where n is the number of payments.
  + Root-finding converges rapidly (typically <20 iterations).
  + DeliveryContract: O(n²) for intersection finding, O(n) for integration.
* **Performance**:
  + All calculations complete in milliseconds for typical input sizes.
  + Efficient use of stack allocation and minimal dynamic memory usage.
* **Optimization**:
  + Pre-computation of coefficients and vectorization in inner loops.
  + Only essential data is stored, reducing memory footprint.

**7. Validation and Testing**

* **Unit Testing**:   
  All core methods are tested against known analytical values and industry-standard calculators.
* **Regression Testing**:   
  The system is regression-tested to ensure stability across updates.
* **Cross-Verification**:   
  Results are compared with outputs from established financial libraries and academic literature[3](https://github.com/orlovt/OptionsPricingCPP)[9](https://www.wiley.com/en-us/Financial+Instrument+Pricing+Using+C++-p-9780470855096).

**8. Design Patterns and Architectural Elements**

* **Polymorphism**:   
  Enables extension to new rate conventions and easy integration into larger pricing systems.
* **Separation of Concerns**:   
  Pricing logic, sensitivity analysis, and root-finding are modularized for maintainability.
* **Production Readiness**:
  + Well-commented code with clear modular structure.
  + Robust error handling and input validation.
  + Output conforms to industry-standard CSV formats.
* **Scalability and Maintainability**:
  + New financial instruments or pricing conventions can be added with minimal changes.
  + The system can be integrated into larger analytics or risk management platforms.
  + Example: Adding a new rate convention only requires implementing a new derived class with the same interface.

**9. Challenges and Solutions**

* **Nonlinear Inversion**:   
  Solved using a hybrid root-finder, ensuring robust convergence even in challenging scenarios.
* **Numerical Stability**:   
  Careful management of floating-point precision and exception handling for edge cases (e.g., zero coupon, short maturity).
* **Quadratic Fitting and Integration**:   
  Ensured accuracy by using weighted least squares and adaptive integration techniques.

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**11. Conclusion**

The ValueNote and DeliveryContract pricing system is robust, extensible, and efficient. It leverages modern C++ features, advanced numerical methods, and sound software engineering principles to deliver a solution that is both accurate and production-ready. The architecture ensures ease of maintenance and future enhancement, making it suitable for deployment in real-world financial analytics environments.