

13. Here we are finding the YTM of semiannual coupon bonds for various maturity lengths. The bond price equation is:

$$P = C(PVIFA_{R\%, t}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{R\%, t})$$

Miller Corporation bond:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= \$45(PVIFA_{3.5\%, 26}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{3.5\%, 26}) = \$1,168.90 \\ P_1 &= \$45(PVIFA_{3.5\%, 24}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{3.5\%, 24}) = \$1,160.58 \\ P_3 &= \$45(PVIFA_{3.5\%, 20}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{3.5\%, 20}) = \$1,142.12 \\ P_8 &= \$45(PVIFA_{3.5\%, 10}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{3.5\%, 10}) = \$1,083.17 \\ P_{12} &= \$45(PVIFA_{3.5\%, 2}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{3.5\%, 2}) = \$1,019.00 \\ P_{13} &= \$1,000 \end{aligned}$$

Modigliani Company bond:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= \$35(PVIFA_{4.5\%, 26}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{4.5\%, 26}) = \$848.53 \\ P_1 &= \$35(PVIFA_{4.5\%, 24}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{4.5\%, 24}) = \$855.05 \\ P_3 &= \$35(PVIFA_{4.5\%, 20}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{4.5\%, 20}) = \$869.92 \\ P_8 &= \$35(PVIFA_{4.5\%, 10}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{4.5\%, 10}) = \$920.87 \\ P_{12} &= \$35(PVIFA_{4.5\%, 2}) + \$1,000(PVIF_{4.5\%, 2}) = \$981.27 \\ P_{13} &= \$1,000 \end{aligned}$$

All else held equal, the premium over par value for a premium bond declines as maturity approaches, and the discount from par value for a discount bond declines as maturity approaches. This is called “pull to par.” In both cases, the largest percentage price changes occur at the shortest maturity lengths.