

Learning Outcomes

After this section you will be able to:

- Explain what we mean with the concept of the Time Value of Money and why it is important.
- Where does the Time Value of Money come from.
- Apply the Time Value of Money Equation (for example for discounting amounts).

Note:

It is possible that you are already familiar with this topic; if this is the case just go through the slides to make sure the Learning Outcomes above are indeed achieved.





Time Value of Money

Money today at hand > Money tomorrow

- "A dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow"
- (The first basic principle of Finance!)

Better sooner than later (time preference)

Why better sooner than later?

Opportunity Cost

- Save (interest)
- Invest (return)
- Pay off debt
- Spend now (instant gratification)
- Risk
 - Just a promise!
- Inflation
- Liquidity



Value perception

€100m at hand now > The promise of €100m in the future





Value perception and r

- If I choose to accept the promise, I inevitably sacrifice having the money at hand today.
- Therefore, I can demand a positive return, r (i.e. more money!) as a compensation for the Opportunities lost, for the Risk, and for the Inflation!

So, if I invest an amount P now, in the future, I expect to get:

P + something extra

You have to promise me that extra.

Value perception and r

So, let **F** be the future amount of money that I require to be promised to me in order to accept to invest **P** today.

For one year, F is:

F = P + something extra

$$F = P + P*r$$

$$F = P(1+r)$$

To generalize for more than one year (or time periods, t), this becomes:

$$F = P(1+r)(1+r)(1+r)(1+r)$$
 [i.e. we have t parentheses]

The Equation

What should be the "Promised Future Amount" F in t years in order for me to be willing to invest the amount P now, given r?

$$F = P(1 + r)^t$$

Eq. 1

- **F** = Promised Future Amount (or simply "Future Value")
- **P** = Price of the Promise (or "Present Value"), how much you invest now
- t = How much time you have to wait to get F (in time periods, e.g. years), "time to maturity"
- r = Rate of Return

What should be the "Promised Future Amount" F to receive in t= 2 years in order for me to be willing to invest the amount P = €100 now, given r is 10% = 0.10?

$$F = P(1+r)^t$$

$$F = €100(1 + 0.10)^2$$

$$F = \text{€}100(1.10)^2$$

$$F =$$
€100(1.21)

F=? P=€100 t=2 years r=0.10

I should be happy if the "Promised Future Amount" F is at least €121.

The (Present Value) Equation

How much should I be willing to invest (P) now if the "Promised Future Amount" is F in t years, given r?

$$P = \frac{F}{(1+r)^t}$$

Eq. 2

- **F** = Promised Future Amount (or simply "Future Value")
- **P** = Price of the Promise (or "Present Value"), how much I invest
- t = How much time you have to wait to get F (in time periods, e.g. years), "time to maturity"
- r = Rate of Return

How much should I be willing to invest (P) now if the "Promised Future Amount" (F) is €121 to be paid in t=2 years, given r is 10%=0.10?

$$P = \frac{F}{(1+r)^t}$$

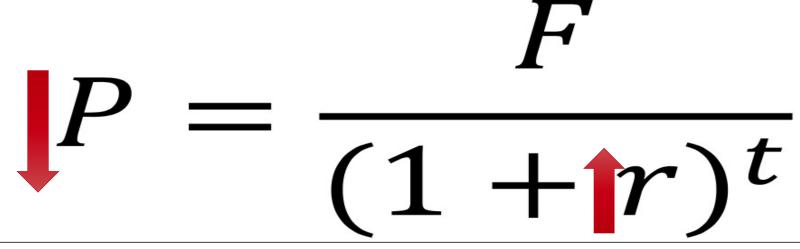
P=? F=€121 t=2 r=0.10

$$P = \frac{£121}{(1+0.10)^2}$$

I would be willing to invest a maximum of €100.

The Present Value Equation

r = risk-free rate + risk premiums



The greater the perceived risk, the higher the required risk premium, thus the higher the required return (r) one demands, and the lower the price (P) one is willing to pay for some expected future benefit (F).

$$P = \frac{F}{(1+r)^t}$$



• What is the P (or what the Price should be) of an asset that promises to pay F= €1100 in t = 5 years assuming (a) r = 5%? and (b) assuming r = 10%?

$$P = ?$$
 $t=0$ $t=5$ $F = £1100$

(a) Plugging in the values (r=5%):

 $P = £1100/(1+0.05)^5$ $= £1100/(1.05)^5$

= €1100/1.2762815625

=**€861.88** (rounded)

(b) Plugging in the values (r=10%):

P = €1100/(1+0.10)^5

= €1100/(1.10)⁵

= €1100/1.61051

=**€683.02** (rounded)

When r = 5%, I am willing to pay maximum €861.88 for the promise to receive €1100 in 5 years, while when r = 10%, I am willing to pay only a maximum of €683.02.

The Present Value Equation



t: time to maturity/expiration, i.e. how many time periods one has to wait to get F after investing P.

$$P = \frac{T}{(1+r)^t}$$

The longer one expects to wait (t) for some future benefit (F), the less one is willing to pay (P) for it.

$$P = \frac{F}{(1+r)^t}$$



What is the P (or what the Price should be) of an asset that pays F= €1100 in (a) t = 5 years assuming r = 5%? And (b) t = 7 years, assuming same r?

(a) Plugging in the values (t=5):

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(b) Plugging in the values (t=7):

When r = 5%, I am willing to pay maximum €861.88 for the promise to receive €1100 in 5 years, while, I am willing to pay only a maximum of €781.75 to receive it in 7 years.

Risk and Reward

r = Rate of Return= Risk-free rate + Risk Premiums

$$P = \frac{F^{\uparrow}}{(1 + r)^t}$$

If one perceives higher risk (r) they demand a higher reward, i.e. to be promised a higher future amount (F).

Notation Note

- Tris denoted also as i
- Also, P as PV
- and F as FV
- Even t is sometimes denoted as n (number of time periods)

Let
$$i = .10$$

In one year $$100 \times (1+0.10) = 110
In two years $$110 \times (1+0.10) = 121
or $100 \times (1+0.10)^2$
In three years $$121 \times (1+0.10) = 133
or $100 \times (1+0.10)^3$
In n years
 $$100 \times (1+i)^n$

Also note:

The Time Value of Money Equation can be also solved for r and for t.

