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Infinite Discounting

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t = \beta^0 + \beta^1 + \beta^2 + \beta^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^t = \frac{1}{(1-\beta)} \quad \text{by geometric sequence}$$

$\beta \in [0, 1]$

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Compound Interest

$$\Rightarrow A_0 (1+r)^t = A_0 \underbrace{(1+r)(1+r)(1+r) \dots}_{t=2}$$

↑  
today  
principal

$$\Rightarrow V_t = A_0 (1+r)^t$$

where, Given that you take out a loan of  $A_0$ ,  $V_t$  is the amount you will have to pay back at time  $t$  with an interest rate  $r$ .

Ⓢ Given you lend out an initial amount  $A_0$ ,  $V_t$  is your total return, including  $A_0$ , that you will get back

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Present Discounted Value

$$\Rightarrow V_t = A_0 (1+r)^t$$

$$\Rightarrow PDV \equiv A_0 = \frac{V_t}{(1+r)^t}$$

which is how much you would have to pay today

to get rid of the loan you took out for  $t$  periods at interest rate  $r$ .

Ⓢ How much you would need to be paid right now to make you indifferent between the money you will gain in the future.

## Present Discounted Value of Payment Streams

Given that we are to make/receive payments over time we get

$$PDV = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} M$$

$$\Rightarrow PDV = \frac{1}{(1+r)^0} M + \frac{1}{(1+r)^1} M + \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} M + \dots$$

$$PDV = M + \frac{1}{(1+r)} M + \frac{1}{(1+r)^2} M + \frac{1}{(1+r)^3} + \dots$$

$$= M \left( \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} \right)$$

$$= M \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(1+r)} \right)^t$$

$$= M \left( \frac{1}{(1-(1+r)^{-1})} \right) = \frac{M}{r} \quad \text{By Geometric Sequence}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Given that you have to make a stream of payments on a loan, the PDV is how much you would have to pay right now to buy out of a loan in which you are contracted into  $\infty$  periods at interest rate  $r$ .

⊙ How much you would have to get bought out at.

## Net Present Value (Initial)

$$PDV - \text{Investment} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} M - C \quad \begin{matrix} \swarrow \\ \text{Initial cost} \\ \text{of Investment} \end{matrix}$$
$$= \frac{M}{r} - C$$

$\Rightarrow$

## Net Present Value w/ Different Cost & Benefits @ every period

$$\Rightarrow NPV = (B_0 - C_0) + \frac{(B_1 - C_1)}{(1+r)} + \frac{(B_2 - C_2)}{(1+r)^2} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B_t - C_t)}{(1+r)^t} \quad (\text{Infinite period})$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^T \frac{(B_t - C_t)}{(1+r)^t} \quad (\text{Finite period})$$

## Nominal vs. Real Interest Rates

Nominal: Rate quoted on the market. It is not relative to anything.  
we do not know the purchasing power of these values.

Real Interest Rate: Rate of return in terms of purchasing power.

Also called inflation-adjusted interest rate.

Typically,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \uparrow & \approx & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & \text{Real} & & \text{Nominal} & \text{Inflation Rate} \end{array}$$

## Def Expected Value (Discrete Probability structure)

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$\Rightarrow$  Let  $X$  be a RV s.t.  $X \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$\Rightarrow E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$  where, ①  $p_i$  is the probability of event  $x_i$  happening.

$$\text{② } \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$$

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$$E(m) = p_1 m_1 + p_2 m_2 + \dots + p_n m_n$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i m_i$$

which will give you a  
pay out ( $m$ ).



- Risk neutral is when payoff function is constant.
- We usually assume economic agents are risk adverse.

↳ Comes from declining marginal utility.

⇒ utility function is increasing & a decreasing rate.

Examples: ① Cobb-Douglas where  $0 < \alpha + \beta \leq 1$

$$② \quad u(x, y) = \sqrt{x} \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{xy} = x^{1/2} y^{1/2}$$

③ CES utility

$$④ \quad \log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$$

### Adam Example

$$\text{Let } u(I) = \sqrt{I}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E(u) &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{36} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{100} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} 6 + \frac{1}{2} 10 = 3 + 5 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

⚡ Calculating the risk into total utility

$$\Rightarrow E(I) = \frac{1}{2} 36 + \frac{1}{2} 100 = 68$$

plugging in 68 into the utility

$$\Rightarrow EU(68) = \sqrt{68} = 8.25$$

⚡ Calculating risk into only income.

⇒ What is the income in which Adam needs to gain the same utility when including the risk into his decision?

$$\Rightarrow 8 = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8^2 = x = 64$$

Now, to make him indifferent  $\Rightarrow 68 - 64 = 4$

⚡ CE