



Financial Market Analysis (FMAx)

Module 0

Pre-Course Basics
Financial Mathematics

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The Time Value of Money – 1

Claim: “A dollar today is more valuable than a dollar received in the future”

Why?

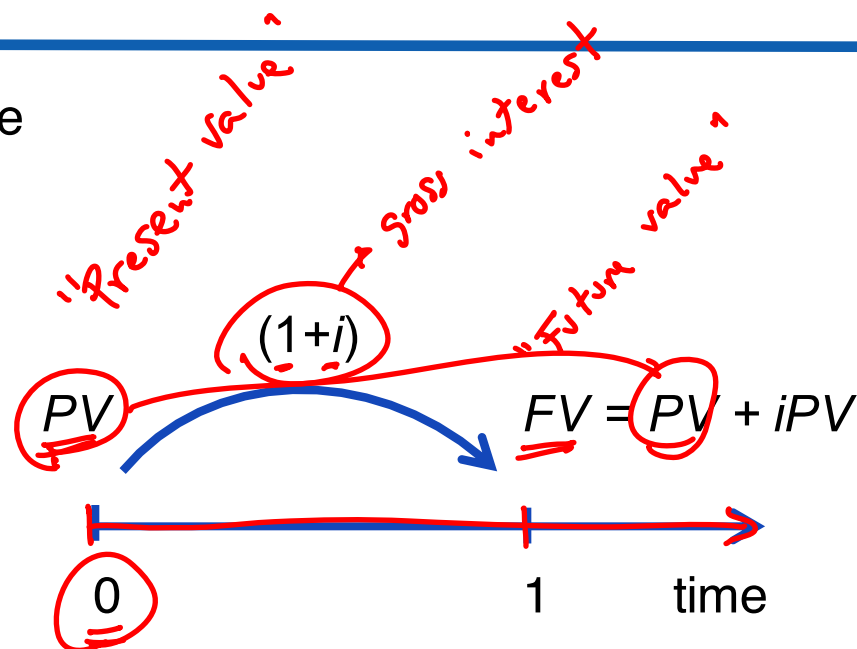
- People have “time preference”
- Inflation erodes the value of money over time
- There is uncertainty about the future

The Time Value of Money – 2

Interest rates are the **price of money** over time

Interest Rates reflect:

- People's time preference
- Expectations about inflation
- Uncertainty about future events



$$FV = PV \times (1+i)$$

The Time Value of Money – 3

Interest Rates reflect	Nominal Interest Rates contain	i
<u>People's "time preference"</u>	Real interest rate (a real remuneration or return)	r
<u>Erosion in the value of money</u>	Expectations about inflation	π^e
<u>Uncertainty</u> about future events	Risk premium	ϕ

$$\text{nominal } (1+i) = (1+r) \times (1+\pi^e) \times (1+\phi)$$

Simple and Compound Interest

Interest earned on an instrument depends on...

- Interest Rate
Usually expressed per year
- Payment frequency
Interest might be paid out periodically before maturity, so that it can be reinvested
- Maturity
Time (i.e., expressed in years t)

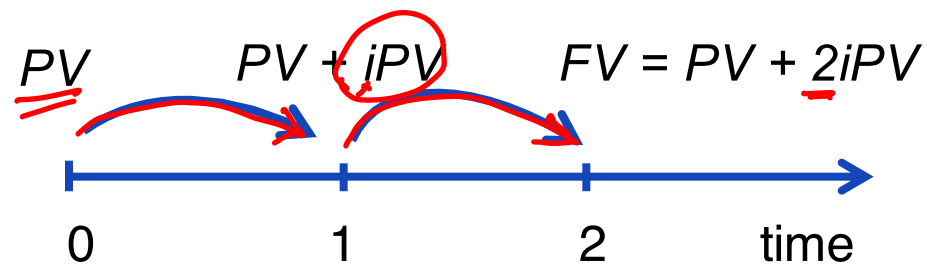
Simple Interest – interest does not earn interest

- Short-term instruments ($t < 1$ year) quoted on simple interest basis

Compound Interest – interest-on-interest

Simple Interest

Interest **does not earn** interest



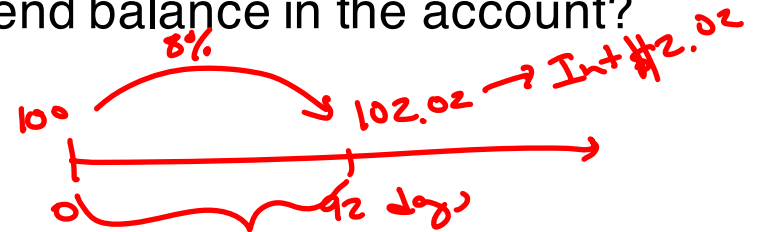
$$FV = PV(1 + ti)$$

An Example: Simple Interest – 1

Deposit \$100 at 8 percent for 92 days, what is the end balance in the account?

Solution:

- Interest rate is annual, but maturity is 92 days
- Daily interest rate $0.08 / 365 = 0.00021918$
- At end of 92 days, will receive
- Total proceeds (future value) under simple interest



$$100 \times \left(1 + .08 \times \frac{92}{365} \right) = 102.02$$

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 + i \times \frac{\text{days}}{365} \right)$$

An Example: Simple Interest – 2

This can also be rearranged to solve for the interest rate

- If I invest 100 today and receive 102.02 in 92 days, what is the simple interest rate?

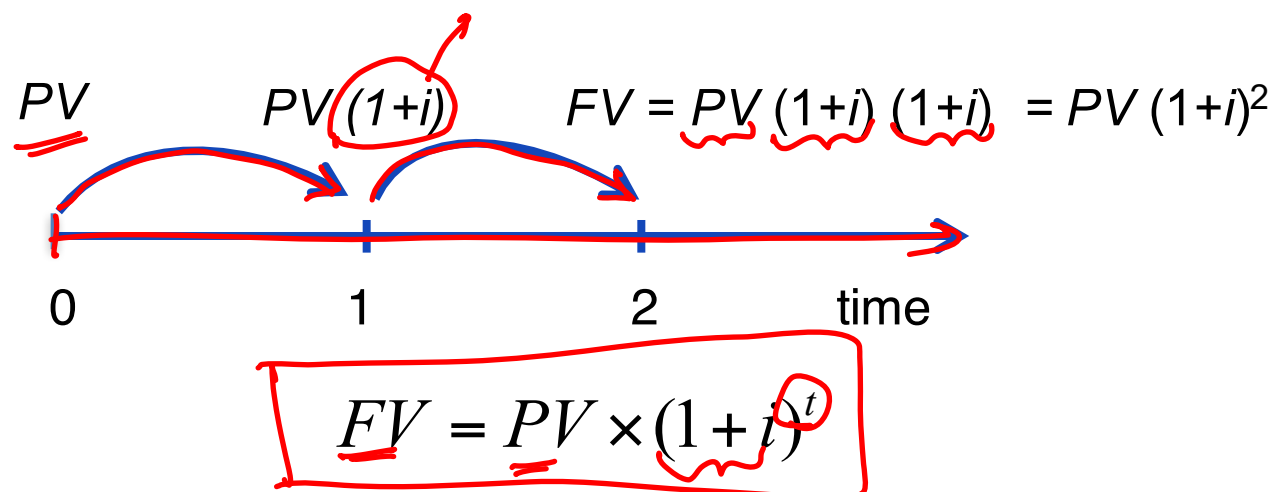
$$i = \left(\frac{102.02}{100} - 1 \right) \times \frac{365}{92} = 0.08 \rightarrow 8\%$$

(Handwritten red annotations: a circle around the fraction, a box around 365, a box around 92, an arrow from 0.08 to 8%, and a curved arrow from the question text to the variable i)

- In standard notation
$$i = \left(\frac{FV}{PV} - 1 \right) \times \frac{365}{days}$$

Compound Interest

Interest **earns** interest



Intra-Year Compounding

Compounding can be intra-year: quarterly (n=4), monthly (n=12), daily (n=365)...

$$FV = PV \times \left(1 + \frac{i}{n} \right)^{n \times t}$$

Handwritten notes:
 - i : interest rate
 - n : frequency
 - $n \times t$: number of periods
 - $n \times t$ is circled in red, with an arrow pointing to "Agree".
 - "Gross rate" is written below the fraction $\frac{i}{n}$.

What happens as n tends to infinity? (called continuous compounding)

$$FV = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} PV \times \left(1 + \frac{i}{n} \right)^{n \times t} = PV \times \exp^{i \times t}$$

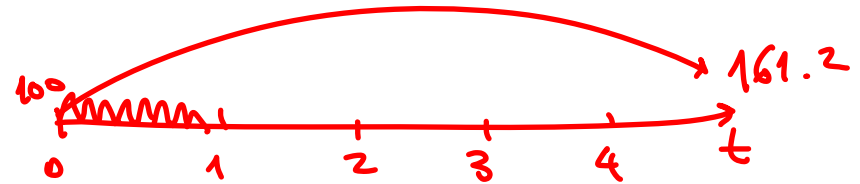
Handwritten notes:
 - $\exp \approx 2.72$ is written below the \exp term.
 - $i \times t$ is circled in red.
 - A blue arrow points from the \exp term to the $i \times t$ term.

Handwritten note: frequency $\uparrow \rightarrow$ Int \uparrow

An Example: Compound Interest

You have invested \$100 for 4 years at an annual rate of 12 percent, compounded monthly. What is the future value of the investment at the end of the fourth year?

- Number of payments per year, $n = 12$
- Number of years, $t = 4$
- Monthly interest rate, $i = 0.12/12 = 0.01$



$$FV = 100 \times \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{12} \right)^{(4 \times 12)} = 161.2$$

monthly
interest

Nominal and Effective Interest Rates

Nominal interest rates usually quoted in terms of annual compounding

- Also known as Annual Percent Rate (APR)

Effective interest rate is the actual return earned

- Also known as effective yield (y) or Effective Annual Rate (EAR)

$$1 + \text{EAR} = \left(1 + \frac{i}{n} \right)^n$$

With intra-year compounding: EAR > APR

An Example: Nominal and Effective Interest

Compute the effective rate of an investment that offers an interest of 12 percent compounded monthly

Nominal interest rate (APR) $i = 12\% = 0.12$

Effective Annual Rate

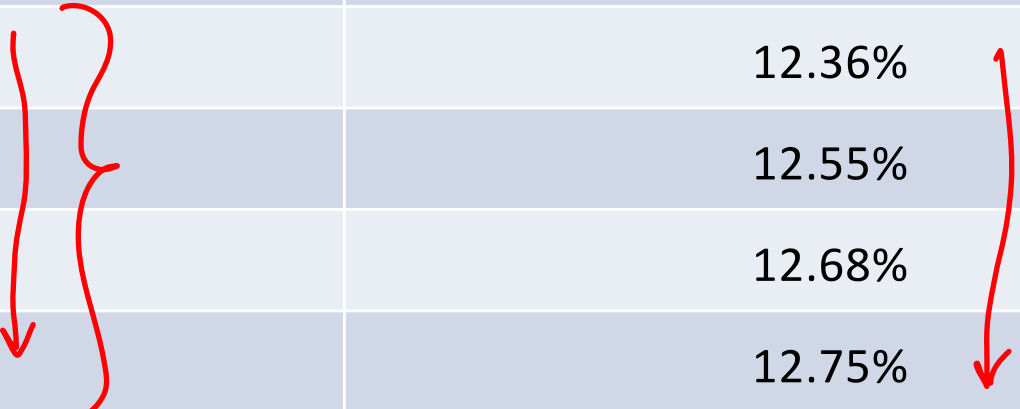
$$EAR = \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 0.1268 = 12.68\%$$

With intra-annual compounding, effective interest rates > nominal rates

An Illustration: Nominal and Effective Rates with Intra-Year Compounding

Nominal Rate = 12.00 %

Compounding Frequency	Effective Rate
Annual	12.00% ✓
Semi-Annual	12.36%
Quarterly	12.55%
Monthly	12.68%
Daily	12.75%



Net Present Value: A Fundamental Concept in Finance and Economics

To compare different streams of cash flows...

Present Value: How much the future cash flows are worth to the investor **today**.

- Recall, in a single period case:

$$FV = PV \times (1 + i)$$

- Can be rearranged to compute the present value:

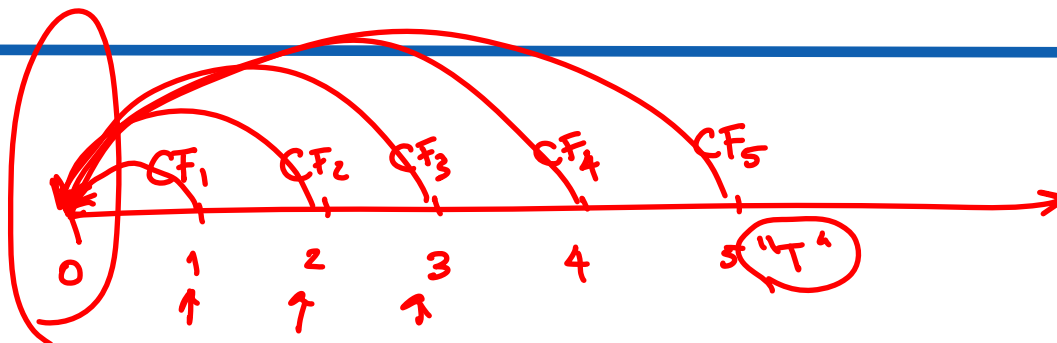


$$\underline{PV} = \frac{FV}{(1+i)} = \left(\frac{1}{1+i} \right) FV$$

Discount factor \nwarrow

Net Present Value

In multi-period case:



Present value:

$$PV = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{CF_t}{(1+i)^t}$$

If *CF's* constant:

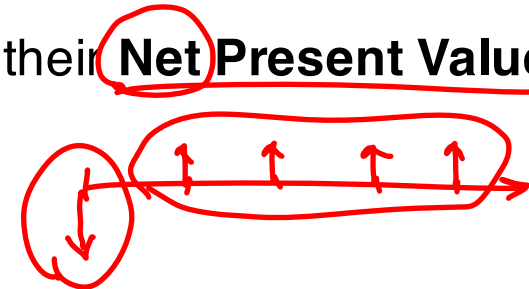
$$PV = \frac{CF}{i} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+i)^T} \right)$$

- In other words, future cash flows are “discounted” to the present at the rate i

Comparing Investment Alternatives

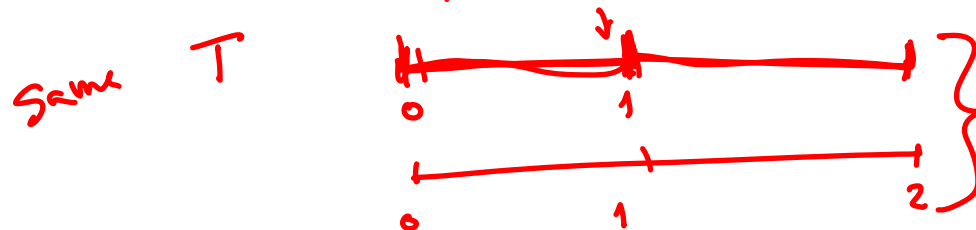
Investment alternatives can be assessed by comparing their Net Present Values (NPV)

- NPV is the sum of the PV of all cash flows
- The NPV critically depends on the interest rate
A higher interest rate will decrease the PV of the future cash flows



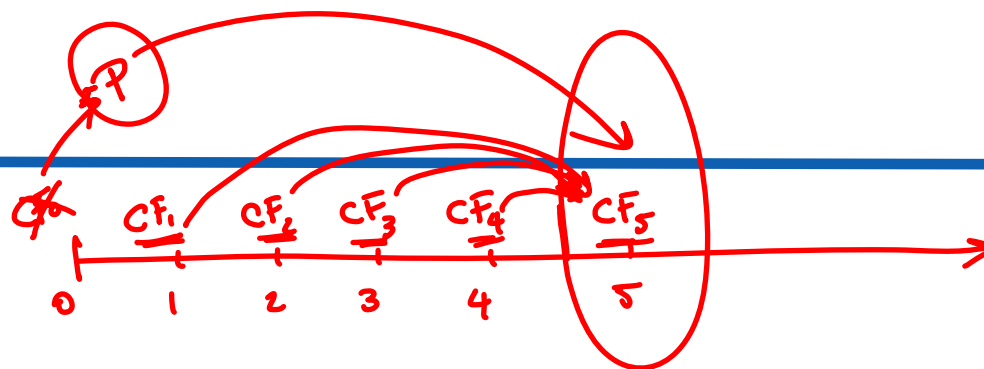
$i \uparrow \rightarrow PV \downarrow$

The investment with the higher NPV is the most profitable for the chosen interest rate



Future Value

In multi-period case:



Future value:

$$FV = \sum_{t=1}^T \underline{CF_t} \times \underbrace{(1+i)^{T-t}}$$

Under constant cash flows:

$$\underline{FV} = CF \times \left(\frac{(1+i)^T}{i} - \frac{1}{i} \right)$$

An Example Computing Future Value

What is the future value of a payment of \$5,000 today and a stream of 15 consecutive yearly revenues of \$500 each if you use an interest rate of 5 percent?

$$FV = CF_0 \times (1+i)^T + \underbrace{CF}_{\$500} \times \left(\frac{(1+i)^T}{i} - \frac{1}{i} \right)$$

$$FV = \underbrace{-\$5,000}_{P = \$5,000} \times (1 + \underbrace{0.05}_{i})^{\underbrace{15}_{T}} + \underbrace{\$500}_{CF} \times \left(\frac{(1 + \underbrace{0.05}_{i})^{\underbrace{15}_{T}}}{\underbrace{0.05}_{i}} - \frac{1}{\underbrace{0.05}_{i}} \right) = \underline{\underline{\$395}}$$

A Fundamental Concept: The Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

We have seen that:

$$\underline{NPV} = -CF_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{CF_t}{(1+i)^t}}$$

Computing NPV requires knowledge of all cash flows and the interest rate

But we can also ask what's the interest rate that satisfies:

$$\underbrace{-CF_0 + \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{CF_t}{(1 + \boxed{IRR})^t}}_{= 0} = 0$$

Intuition Behind the Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

Claim: “The IRR is the opportunity cost of the associated investment alternative”

Take note that...

- The IRR is the average interest rate for which the present value of the discounted CFs equals the initial “payment” $NPV = 0$
- The IRR also equates the FV of the CFs and the initial “payment”