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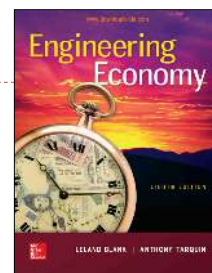
**Course Title:  
Engineering Economics**

## **1. Foundations of Engineering Economy**

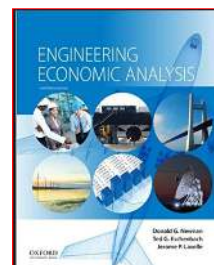
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### Learning Stage 1: The Fundamentals

- ▶ Chapter 1
  - ▶ **Foundations of Engineering Economy**
- ▶ Chapter 2
  - ▶ Factors: How Time and Interest Affect Money
- ▶ Chapter 3
  - ▶ Combining Factors and Spreadsheet Functions
- ▶ Chapter 4
  - ▶ Nominal and Effective Interest Rates



**Chapter 1 of EE (BT)  
book 8<sup>th</sup> edition**



**Chapter 1 of EEA (NELL)  
book 13<sup>th</sup> edition**



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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

### ► Purpose:

- Understand and apply fundamental concepts and use the terminology of engineering economics.

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| 1. Economics role in decision making | 6. Economic equivalence                     |
| 2. Economic Study approach           | 7. Simple and compound interest             |
| 3. Interest rate                     | 8. Minimum attractive rate of return (MARR) |
| 4. Terms and symbols                 | 9. Spreadsheet functions                    |
| 5. Cash flows                        |   |



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## Why Engineering Economy is Important to Engineers

- Engineers **design** and **create**
- Designing involves **economic** decisions
- Engineers must be able to incorporate **economic analysis** into their creative efforts
- Understanding and applying **time value of money**, **economic equivalence**, and **cost estimation** are vital for engineers
- Project decisions are made more on the **return on investment** or **payback** than on technology
- You must communicate the **basics of economy** for your proposals to get funding



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## Time Value of Money (TVM)

### ► Description of TVM

- It explains the **change** in the amount of money **over time** for funds owed by or owned by a corporation or individual
  - Corporate investments are expected to earn a return
  - Investment always involves money
  - Money has a 'time value'

**The time value of money is the **most important** concept in engineering economics**



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## Engineering Economy

### ► Engineering Economy involves

- Formulating
- Estimating
- Evaluating
  - Evaluating **expected economic outcomes** of alternatives designed to accomplish a defined purpose
- Easy-to-use math techniques simplify the evaluation
- Estimates of economic outcomes can be
  - deterministic or stochastic in nature



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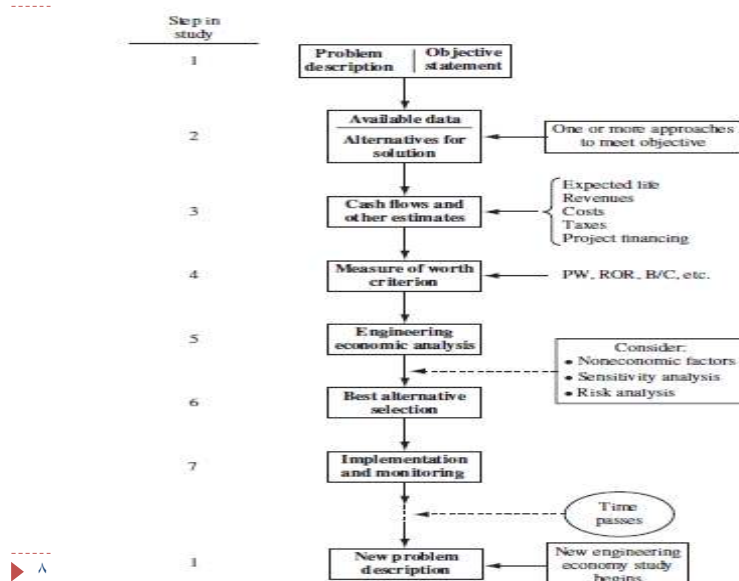
## General Steps for Decision Making Processes

1. Understand the **problem** – define objectives
2. Collect **relevant information** – e.g. cash flows, interest rate, estimated life.
3. Define the set of feasible **alternatives**
4. Define the **criteria** for decision making
5. **Evaluate the alternatives** and explore sensitivity analysis
6. Select the **best alternative** (typically measured by dollars)
7. **Implement** the alternative and **monitor** the results.



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## Steps in an Engineering Economy Study



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## Interest and Interest Rate

- ▶ **Interest** – the manifestation of the time value of money
  - ▶ Fee that one pays to use someone else's money
  - ▶ Difference between an ending amount of money and a beginning amount of money
    - $\text{Interest} = \text{amount owed now} - \text{principal}$
- ▶ **Interest rate** – Interest paid over a time period expressed as a percentage of principal

$$\text{Interest rate}(\%) = \frac{\text{interest accrued per time unit}}{\text{principal}} \times 100\%$$

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## Rate of Return

- ▶ **Interest earned** over a period of time is expressed as a percentage of the **original** amount (principal)

$$\text{Rate of return}(\%) = \frac{\text{interest accrued per time unit}}{\text{original amount}} \times 100\%$$

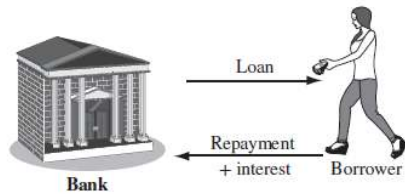
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- ▶ **Borrower's** perspective: interest rate **paid**
  - ▶ **Lender's** or investor's perspective: rate of return **earned**

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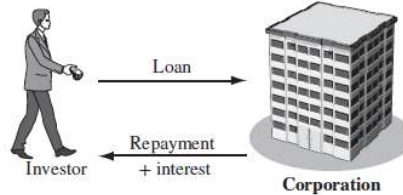
## Depends on your point of view

### Interest paid



### Interest rate

### Interest earned



### Rate of return



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## Commonly used Symbols

- ▶  $t$  = time, usually in **periods** such as years or months
- ▶  $P$  = value or amount of money at **present** (a time  $t$ )
  - designated as **present** or time 0
- ▶  $F$  = value or amount of money at some **future** time, such as at  $t = n$  periods in the future
- ▶  $A$  = **series** of consecutive, **equal**, end-of-period amounts of money
- ▶  $n$  = number of interest periods; years, months
- ▶  $i$  = interest rate or rate of return per time period; percent per year or month



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## Cash Flows: Terms

- ▶ Cash Inflows
  - ▶ Revenues (**R**), receipts, incomes, savings generated by projects and activities that **flow in**.
    - ▶ Plus sign (+) used
- ▶ Cash Outflows
  - ▶ Disbursements (**D**), costs, expenses, taxes caused by projects and activities that **flow out**.
    - ▶ Minus sign (-) used
- ▶ Net Cash Flow (**NCF**) for each time period:
  - ▶  $NCF = \text{cash inflows} - \text{cash outflows} = R - D$
- ▶ End-of-period assumption:
  - ▶ Funds flow at the end of a given interest period

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## Cash Flows: Estimating

- ▶ **Point** estimate: A single-value estimate of a cash flow element of an alternative
  - ▶ Cash inflow: Income = \$150,000 per month
- ▶ **Range** estimate: Min and max values that estimate the cash flow
  - ▶ Cash outflow: Cost is between \$2.5 M and \$3.2 M

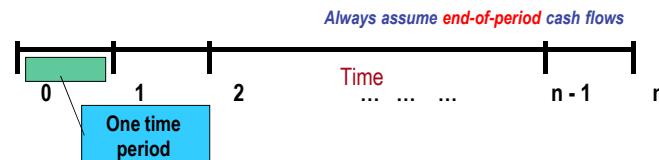
Point estimates (a constant) are **commonly used**; however, range estimates with probabilities assigned provide a **better understanding** of the variability and sensitivity of economic parameters used to make decisions.

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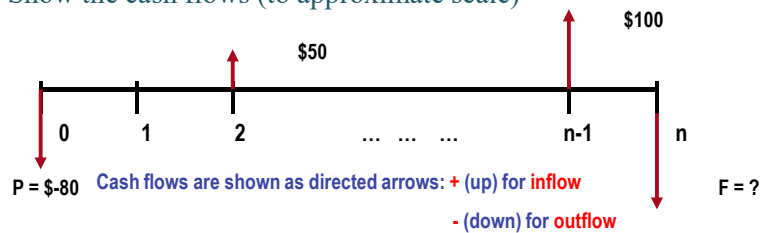
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## Cash Flow Diagrams

- ▶ What a typical **cash flow diagram** might look like
  - ▶ Draw a time line



- ▶ Show the cash flows (to approximate scale)



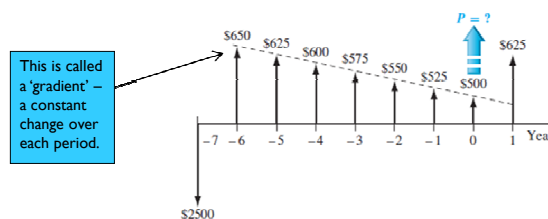
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## Cash Flow Diagram Example

- ▶ Plot observed cash flows over last 8 years and estimated sale next year for \$150. Show present worth (P) arrow at present time,  $t = 0$

End of Year	Income	Cost	Net Cash Flow
-7	\$ 0	\$2500	\$-2500
-6	750	100	650
-5	750	125	625
-4	750	150	600
-3	750	175	575
-2	750	200	550
-1	750	225	525
0	750	250	500
1	750 + 150	275	625



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## Economic Equivalence

### ► Definition:

- Combination of **interest rate** (rate of return) and **time value of money** to determine different amounts of money at different points in time that are **economically equivalent**

### ► How it works:

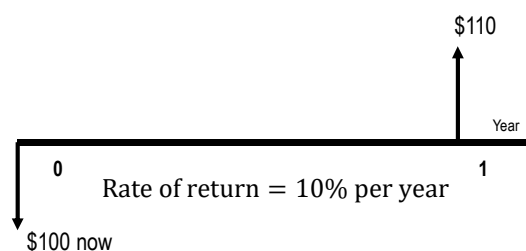
- Use interest rate  $i$  and time  $t$  in upcoming relations to move money (values of P, F and A) between time points  $t = 0, 1, \dots, n$  to make them **equivalent (not equal)** at the rate  $i$

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## Example of Equivalence

- Different sums of money at different times may be **equal in economic value** at a given rate



\$100 now is **economically equivalent** to \$110 one year from now, if the \$100 is invested at a rate of 10% per year.

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## Simple and Compound Interest<sup>(1)</sup>

### ▶ Simple Interest

- ▶ Interest is calculated using **principal** only

$$\text{Interest} = (\text{principal})(\text{number of periods})(\text{interest rate})$$

$$I = Pni$$

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- ▶ **Example:** \$100,000 lent for 3 years at simple  $i = 10\%$  per year. What is repayment after 3 years?

$$\text{Interest} = 100,000(3)(0.10) = \$30,000$$

$$\text{Total due} = 100,000 + 30,000 = \$130,000$$

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## Simple and Compound Interest<sup>(2)</sup>

### ▶ Compound Interest

- ▶ Interest is based on principal plus all **accrued** interest
  - ▶ That means interest **earns** interest and compounds over time

$$\text{Interest} = (\text{principal} + \text{all accrued interest}) (\text{interest rate})$$

- ▶ Interest for time period  $t$  is

$$I_t = \left( P + \sum_{j=1}^{j=t-1} I_j \right) (i)$$

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## Compound Interest Example

- **Example:** \$100,000 lent for 3 years at  $i = 10\%$  per year compounded. What is repayment after 3 years?

Interest, year 1:  $I_1 = 100,000(0.10) = \$10,000$

Total due, year 1:  $T_1 = 100,000 + 10,000 = \$110,000$

Interest, year 2:  $I_2 = 110,000(0.10) = \$11,000$

Total due, year 2:  $T_2 = 110,000 + 11,000 = \$121,000$

Interest, year 3:  $I_3 = 121,000(0.10) = \$12,100$

Total due, year 3:  $T_3 = 121,000 + 12,100 = \$133,100$

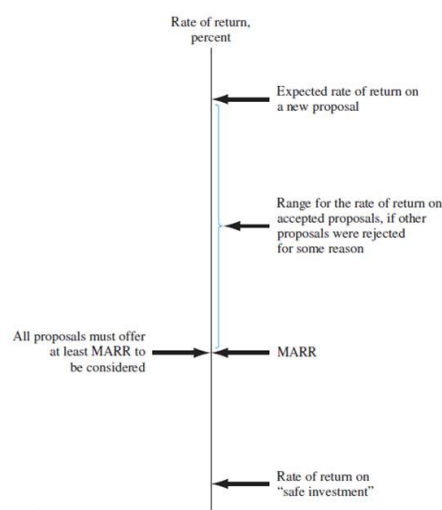
Compounded: \$133,100    Simple: \$130,000

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## Minimum Attractive Rate of Return (MARR)

- MARR is a reasonable rate of return (percent) established for **evaluating** and **selecting** alternatives.
- An investment is **justified economically** if it is expected to return **at least** the MARR.
- Also termed **hurdle rate**, **benchmark rate** and **cutoff rate**



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## MARR Characteristics

- ▶ MARR is established by the financial managers of the firm
- ▶ MARR is fundamentally connected to the **cost of capital**
- ▶ Both types of capital financing are used to determine the **weighted average cost of capital (WACC)** and the MARR
- ▶ MARR usually considers the **risk** inherent to a project
  - ▶ the **higher** the risk means the **higher** the MARR.

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## Types of Financing

- ▶ Equity Financing
  - ▶ **Funds** either from retained earnings, new stock issues, or owner's infusion of money.
- ▶ Debt Financing
  - ▶ Borrowed funds from **outside sources** – loans, bonds, mortgages, venture capital pools, etc.
  - ▶ Interest is paid to the lender on these funds
- ▶ For an economically justified project

$$\mathbf{ROR \geq MARR > WACC}$$

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## Chapter Summary <sup>(1)</sup>

- ▶ Engineering Economy fundamentals
  - ▶ Time value of money
  - ▶ Economic equivalence
  - ▶ Introduction to capital funding and MARR
  - ▶ Spreadsheet functions
- ▶ Interest rate and rate of return
  - ▶ Simple and compound interest
- ▶ Cash flow estimation
  - ▶ Cash flow diagrams
  - ▶ End-of-period assumption
  - ▶ Net cash flow
  - ▶ Perspectives taken for cash flow estimation

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## Chapter Summary <sup>(2)</sup>

- ▶ Economic Equivalence
  - ▶ Combination of interest rate and time value of money
- ▶ Simple and Compound Interest
  - ▶ Simple interest is Pni (Principal, #periods, and interest rate)
  - ▶ Compound interest is where interest is earned/paid on interest
- ▶ MARR and Opportunity Cost
  - ▶ Debt or equity capital financing
  - ▶ Impact of not selecting an project opportunity

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