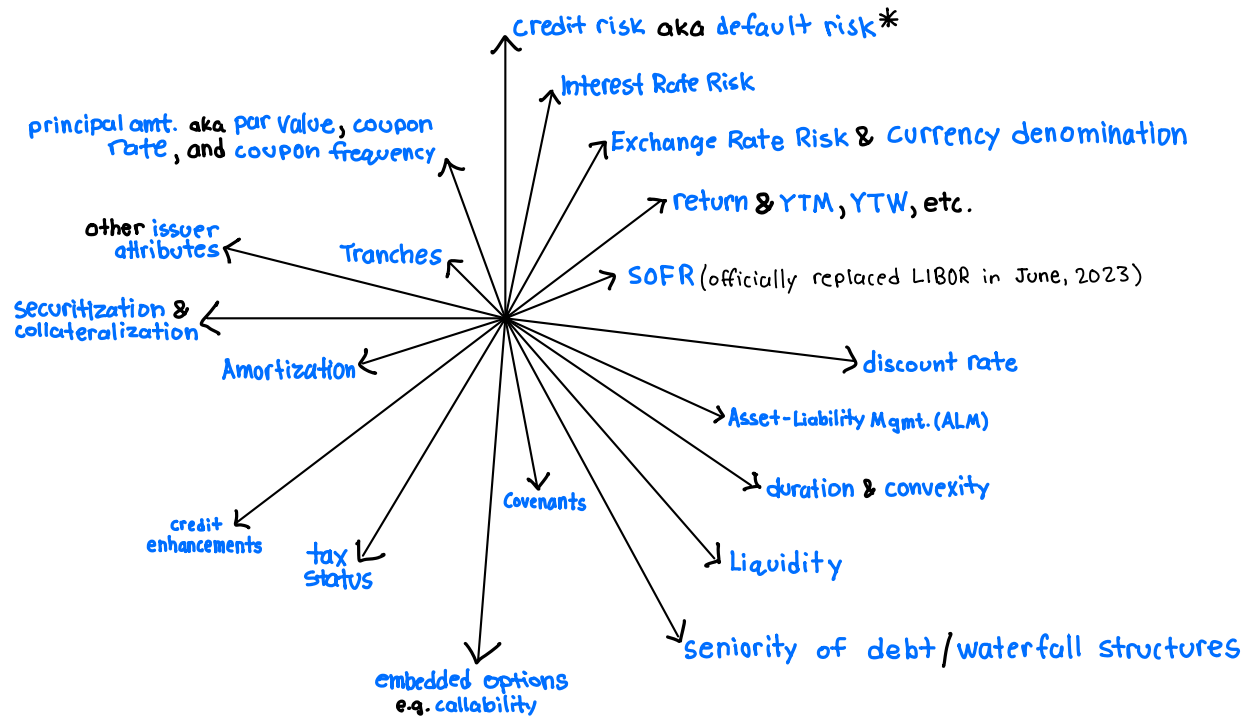


# Pricing Fixed Income Securities is HIGH DIMENSIONAL,

less complex than equities, but a LOT more to keep track of...



## some basics:

- Fundamentally, bonds are contractual agreements (**debentures**) between borrower & lender = main difference from stocks!
- "If you don't understand duration, then you don't understand Fixed Income"
- "A huge part of Fixed Income analysis is measuring & hedging risk"
- Flat/"clean" price = Full/"dirty" price + **AI** (pg. 106-9)  $\neq$  Present Value
- coupon types: fixed v.s. float v.s. zero-coupon discount bonds v.s. ...
- discount rate (YTM,  $r$ ,  $i$ ,  $y$ ) and coupon rate get divided by  $n$  in PV formula
- U.S. Treasuries almost always pay semi-annual coupons | T-Bills (4w: 1yr); T-Notes (2yr: 10yr); T-Bonds ( $\geq 30$ yr.)
- SOFR officially replaced LIBOR on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 but many bond still "carry" LIBOR
- Present Value formulas assume all cash flows are reinvested at the bond's Internal Rate of Return (IRR) aka Yield to Maturity, which is unrealistic
- Good practice to quote bonds on a "per \$100 par" basis

## Yields

$$BEY = \frac{par - pv}{pv} \left( \frac{365}{\tau} \right), \quad \tau = T - t \quad \text{or} \quad = YTM * n : \text{annualized YTM}$$

( & solves potential 360 days )  
( assumed in pricing formulas )

$$EAY = \left( \frac{par}{PV} \right)^{\left( \frac{365}{\tau} \right)} - 1$$

: continuously compounded

$$YTM \approx \frac{\text{zero coupon}}{p} \sqrt{\frac{fv}{p}} - 1 \quad \sim \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{BEY}{n} \right) \right]^n - 1$$

$$YTM \approx \frac{\text{coupon}}{\text{Bond}} \quad \text{Use financial calculator (solve for I/Y)}$$

expected rate of return for a bond only if held to maturity; no defaults; coupons reinvested at YTM

poor est. if

1. Interest Rates are Vol.
2. Steep yield curve
3. Significant default risk
4. bond is callable

$$YTM < BEY < EAY$$

## Spreads

$$G\text{-spread} = NYS = r^* - r_f$$

↳ aka Default Spread aka Credit Spread aka Yield Spread

$$I\text{-spread} = r^* - r_{\text{swap}}$$

Z-spread = the basis point spread that would need to be added to the default-free (risk-free) spot curve, usually a government or interest rate spot curve, for market price to equal PV

↳ aka Zero Volatility Spread (ZVS) aka Static Spread

$$OAS = Z\text{-spread} - \text{Option cost}$$

## Duration Formulas

$$\text{macaulay} = \frac{\partial PV}{\partial YTM} \frac{\frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}}}{N} = nt, \quad n = \frac{\text{compounding frequency}}{\text{frequency}}, \quad t = \text{time to maturity (in years)}$$

$$\text{mod} = \text{macaulay} \div \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{\frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}}}{1 + r} = \text{elasticity}$$
$$\approx \frac{(PV_-) - (PV_+)}{2 * \Delta \text{yield} * PV_0}$$

$$\text{PVBP/DV01} = [(PV_-) - (PV_+)] / 2$$

$$\text{yield convexity} \approx \frac{[(PV_-) - (PV_+)] - [2 * PV_0]}{(\Delta \text{yield})^2 * PV_0} \frac{\frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}}}{N^2}$$

$$\text{KRD} \approx T_i \frac{CF_i * Z(0, T_i)}{P_i} \leftarrow \frac{P_i}{\text{par}}$$

$$\text{curve convexity} \approx \sum_{i=1} \frac{CF_i * Z(0, T_i)}{P_i} (T_i)^2$$

The 3 types of interest rate risk are:

1. Parallel Shifts
2. Curvature/convexity (large changes)
3. Nonparallel Shifts

## Other Formulas

PV based on spot: dynamic discount rate (price each individual coupon payment as a zero-coupon bond)

PV based on YTM: constant discount rate

$f(7,1)$  = future discount rate agreed on today on a one-year bond issued in seven years

$$f_n = \text{forward rate} = \mathbb{E}_t(\text{spot}) = \frac{(1+S_n)^n}{(1+S_{n-1})^{n-1}} - 1$$

$$S = \text{spot rate} \frac{\frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}}}{\left(\frac{\text{par}}{PV}\right)^{\frac{1}{T}}} - 1$$

## Valuation Formulas (plain vanilla bonds)

$$PV = \frac{\left(\frac{\text{coupon rate}}{n}\right) \times (\text{par})}{\left(1 + \frac{YTM}{n}\right)^1} + \frac{\left(\frac{\text{coupon rate}}{n}\right) \times (\text{par})}{\left(1 + \frac{YTM}{n}\right)^2} + \dots + \frac{\left[\left(\frac{\text{coupon rate}}{n}\right) \times (\text{par})\right] + \text{par}}{\left(1 + \frac{YTM}{n}\right)^{(n)(T)}}$$

$n \times T$  number of cash flows,  $n$  = no. coupon payments per year

## Valuation Formulas (ABS & callable bonds)

An example of an embedded call option is prepayment.

$$PV(MBS) = PV(\text{plain vanilla}) - PV(\text{call option})$$

$$\text{pool factor} = \frac{\text{outstanding principal balance}}{\text{par}} = \% \text{ of principal amt. still eligible for prepayment (exposure)}$$

$$WAL = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T t(SP + PR)}{\text{Principal Balance, } t=0}$$

$$\text{EffDur} = \frac{(PV_-) - (PV_+)}{2 * \Delta \text{curve} * PV_0}$$

$$\text{EffConv} = \frac{[(PV_-) - (PV_+)] - [2 * PV_0]}{(\Delta \text{curve})^2 * PV_0}$$

## Valuation Formulas (REPO)

$$\frac{\text{Price} - \text{haircut}}{\text{Loan} * \text{ann. repo rate}} \rightarrow \frac{\text{Loan} - \$ \text{ interest}}{\text{repayment} = R1} = \$ \text{ interest}$$

$$\text{borrower's profit} = P(T) - P(t) - R1$$

$$\text{lender's profit} = P(t) - P(T) + R1$$

$$ROIC = \frac{\text{profit}}{\text{haircut}}$$

30/360

- corporate
- MBSS
- Agency
- muni

Actual/360

- T-Bills ( $t_w - t_y$ )\*
- money market

Actual/365<sub>L</sub>

- T-Notes ( $2y - 10y$ )\*
- T-Bonds ( $>10y$ )\*

\* semiannual coupons

## Calculating Accrued Interest and the Full Price of a plain vanilla Bond

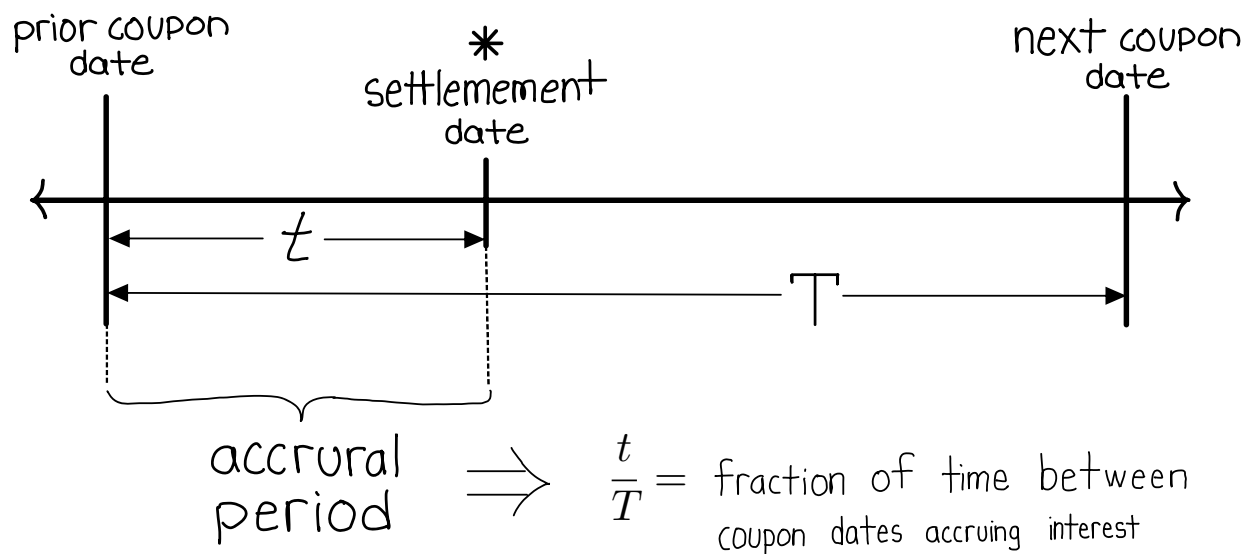
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$$P_{\text{FULL}} = P_{\text{FLAT}} + AI, AI = \frac{t}{T} (PMT) \text{ or } P_{\text{full}} = PV * \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{\text{discount rate}}{T} \right)^{\frac{t}{T}} \right]$$

# days since prior coupon date

Total # days between coupon dates

- 30/360 for corporate bonds
- Actual/360 for short-term debt including commercial paper & T-Bill
- Actual/365 for longer term govt. debt such as T-Bonds



- The full price of a fixed-rate bond between coupon payments given the market discount rate per period ( $r$ ) can be calculated as:

$$P_f = \frac{PMT}{(1+r)^{1-t/T}} + \frac{PMT}{(1+r)^{2-t/T}} + \dots + \frac{PMT + FV}{(1+r)^{N-t/T}}$$

where  $N - t/T$  represents the time before the appropriate payment is made and  $FV$  is the face value of the bond.

- The above formula can be simplified to:

$$P_f = PV \times (1+r)^{t/T}$$

AN IMPORTANT DETAIL ABOUT FIXED INCOME IS THE COMPOUNDING INTEREST RATE FREQUENCY. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, IT IS ALWAYS CORRET TO ASSUME...

In USA: **government** bonds pay semi-annual coupons

In asia: **government** bonds pay quarterly coupons

In Germany: **government** bonds (the "bund") pay annual coupons

The assumed compounding frequencies hold even for zero-coupon **government** bonds:

In USA: 
$$PV \frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}} = \frac{\text{par}}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{2}})^{t*2}} \implies \text{ModDur} = \frac{t*2}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{2}})}$$

In asia: 
$$PV \frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}} = \frac{\text{par}}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{4}})^{t*4}} \implies \text{ModDur} = \frac{t*4}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{4}})}$$

In Germany: 
$$PV \frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}} = \frac{\text{par}}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{1}})^{t*1}} \implies \text{ModDur} = \frac{t*1}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{1}})}$$

In general: 
$$PV \frac{\text{zero}}{\text{coupon}} = \frac{\text{par}}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{n}})^{n*t}} \implies \text{ModDur} = \frac{n*t}{(1 + r_{\frac{1}{n}})}$$

- "par" = Face Value
- $n$  = compounding frequency
- $t$  = time to maturity in years