

# Derivatives HW 3

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**Due Date:** October 7th, 3:30pm

## 1 Interest Rate Futures

### 1.1 CTD Bond

Suppose that the Treasury bond futures price is 102-15. Which of the following four bonds is cheapest to deliver?

Bond	Price	Conversion factor
1	124-15	1.2031
2	140-24	1.3643
3	117-31	1.1341
4	138-02	1.2726

### 1.2 Conversion Factor & Futures Invoice

Consider a deliverable candidate for a 10y treasury note futures contract:

- Futures: September TNNote, settlement price: 118-20
  - Deliverable Bond: T 4.00%
  - Timing assumptions: delivery occurs on a coupon date
  - Remaining time to maturity at delivery: 2.5 years
  - Conversion Factor convention: discount all cash flows at 6% p.a., semiannual
1. Compute conversion factor
  2. Using computed conversion factor, compute the converted futures price per \$100,000
  3. What is the invoice amount the buyer pays?

### 1.3 Dirty Price, YTM, Duration, Price change

For a TBond that has 0.1 years to maturity, an annual coupon rate of 3%, and a clean price of 98. Assume continuous compounding. Determine:

1. Dirty Price

2. Yield to Maturity
3. Duration
4. Percentage change in price assuming yields fall by 0.01

## 1.4 Duration Hedge

On August 1, a portfolio manager has a bond portfolio worth \$10 million. The duration of the portfolio in October will be 6.9 years. The December Treasury bond futures price is currently 91-12 and the cheapest-to-deliver bond will have a duration of 8.6 years at maturity.

1. Compute the number of futures contract the PM should long/short to immunize the portfolio against changes in interest rates over the next 2 months
2. Explain why the portfolio manager should long/short the futures contract to have an effective hedge.

## 1.5 Cheapest-to-Deliver (CTD) for TYZ5 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures

**Objective.** Using Bloomberg and Python, pull the deliverable bond basket for the December 2025 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note futures contract (TYZ5 Comdty) and determine the cheapest-to-deliver (CTD) security. You must *compute the conversion factor (CF) yourself* for each candidate, then use it to evaluate delivery cost.

### Data Retrieval (Bloomberg Excel API)

1. Using the Excel Bloomberg add-in, run:

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=BDS("TYZ5 Comdty", "FUT_DELIVERABLE_BONDS")
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This returns CUSIPs/maturities, coupons, and reference fields for all bonds eligible for delivery into TYZ5 Comdty.

2. For each deliverable bond, pull its *clean price*  $P_{\text{clean},0}$  and *accrued interest today*  $\text{AI}_0$  (e.g., PX\_LAST and ACCRUED\_INTEREST).
3. Record the futures price  $F$  for TYZ5 Comdty.

### Assumptions

- **Settlement/Delivery date:** use the *first calendar day* of the delivery month, i.e., 1 Dec 2025. Denote it  $t_D$ .
- **Coupon/Day count:** U.S. Treasuries pay semiannual coupons; use ACT/ACT (Treasury) for accrued interest and time fractions.

- **Yield for CF:** Using CBOT convention, conversion factors are defined using a yield of 6% with *semiannual compounding*.
- **Prices:** Distinguish clean vs. dirty consistently. Dirty price at time  $t$  is  $P_{\text{dirty},t} = P_{\text{clean},t} + \text{AI}_t$ .

### Task A — Compute the Conversion Factor (you may use Python)

For a deliverable bond with annual coupon rate  $c$  (in %), semiannual coupon  $C = \frac{c}{2} \times 100$ , maturity at  $t_M$ , and number of remaining semiannual periods  $N$  as of  $t_D$ , let the next coupon date after  $t_D$  be  $t_1$ . Define  $k = 1, \dots, N$  as the semiannual cashflow indices after  $t_D$ .

**Step A1: Accrual at delivery.** Compute accrued interest at the delivery date,

$$\text{AI}_D = \frac{\text{Days from last coupon to } t_D}{\text{Days in coupon period}} \times C.$$

**Step A2: Present value at 6% (semiannual).** Discount all remaining cashflows from  $t_D$  at  $y = 3\%$  per half-year:

$$\text{PV}_{6\%} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{C}{(1+y)^k} + \frac{100}{(1+y)^N}.$$

**Step A3: Conversion factor.** The conversion factor is the dirty price at a 6% yield, normalized by \$100 par and then adjusted by accrued interest at delivery:

$$\boxed{\text{CF} = \frac{\text{PV}_{6\%} - \text{AI}_D}{100}}$$

*Implementation note:* You will need to (i) build the semiannual cashflow schedule from  $t_D$  to  $t_M$ , (ii) compute ACT/ACT accrual to get  $\text{AI}_D$ , and (iii) count  $N$  correctly when a coupon date falls exactly on  $t_D$ .

### Task B — Compute Delivery Economics and Identify CTD

1. Compute the **invoice price** if you deliver the bond on  $t_D$ :

$$\text{Invoice} = F \times \text{CF} + \text{AI}_D.$$

2. Using today's observed bond price, compute the **net basis** (use dirty prices for consistency):

$$\text{Net Basis} = P_{\text{dirty},0} - (F \times \text{CF} + \text{AI}_D).$$

**Decision rule:** The CTD is typically the bond with the *lowest net basis*, subject to consistent use of dirty prices and the same  $t_D$  and conventions across candidates.

## **Deliverables**

1. A table listing, for each deliverable bond: CUSIP/maturity, coupon, your computed CF,  $P_{\text{clean},0}$ ,  $\text{AI}_0$ ,  $P_{\text{dirty},0}$ ,  $\text{AI}_D$ , invoice price, and net basis.
2. Justification of selected CTD Bond.