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Cash Flow and Compound Interest Factors

Terminology and Symbols

- The equations and procedures of engineering economy utilize the following terms and symbols:
 - P = value or amount of money at a time designated as the present or time 0. Also, P is referred to as present worth (PW), present value (PV), net present value (NPV), discounted cash flow (DCF), and capitalized cost (CC);
 - F = value or amount of money at some future time. Also, F is called future worth (FW) and future value (FV);
 - A = series of consecutive, equal, end-of-period amounts of money. Also, A is called the annual worth (AW) and equivalent uniform annual worth (EUAW);
 - n = number of interest periods;
 - i = interest rate or rate of return per time period.

Example 1

- A new college graduate plans to borrow \$10,000 now to help in buying a car. She has arranged to repay the entire principal plus 8% per year interest after 5 years. Identify the engineering economy symbols involved and their values for the total owed after 5 years.

- **Solution**

- In this case, P and F are involved, since all amounts are single payments, as well as n and i . Time is expressed in years.

$$P = \$10,000 \quad i = 8\% \text{ per year} \quad n = 5 \text{ years} \quad F = ?$$

- The future amount F is unknown.

Example 2

- On July 1, 2018, your new employer deposits \$5000 into your money market account, as part of your employment bonus. The account pays interest at 5% per year. You expect to withdraw an equal annual amount each year for the following 10 years. Identify the symbols and their values.

- **Solution**

$$P = \$5000$$

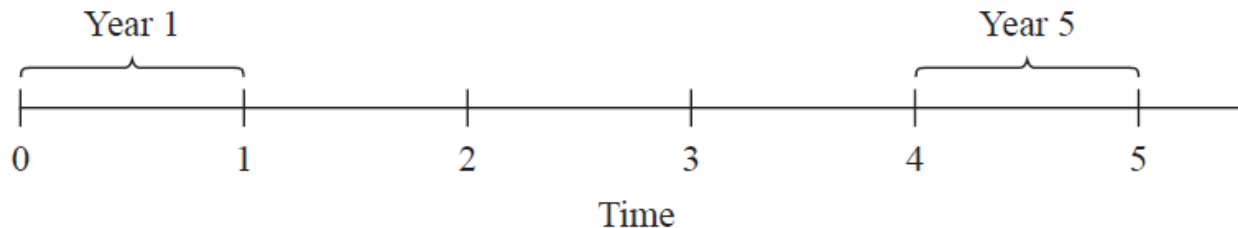
$$A = ? \text{ per year}$$

$$i = 5\% \text{ per year}$$

$$n = 10 \text{ years.}$$

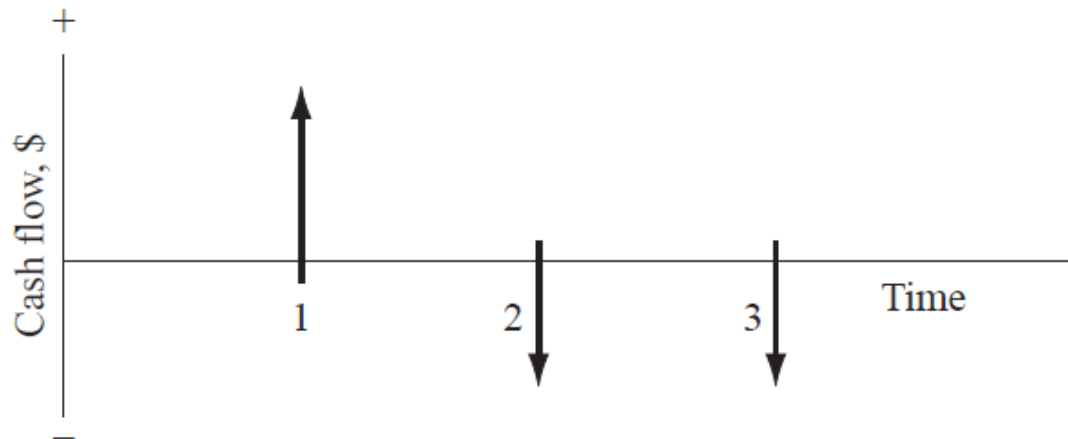
Cash Flow Diagram

- The cash flow diagram is a very important tool in an economic analysis, especially when the cash flow series is complex.
- It is a graphical representation of cash flows drawn on a time scale. The diagram includes what is known, what is estimated and what is needed.



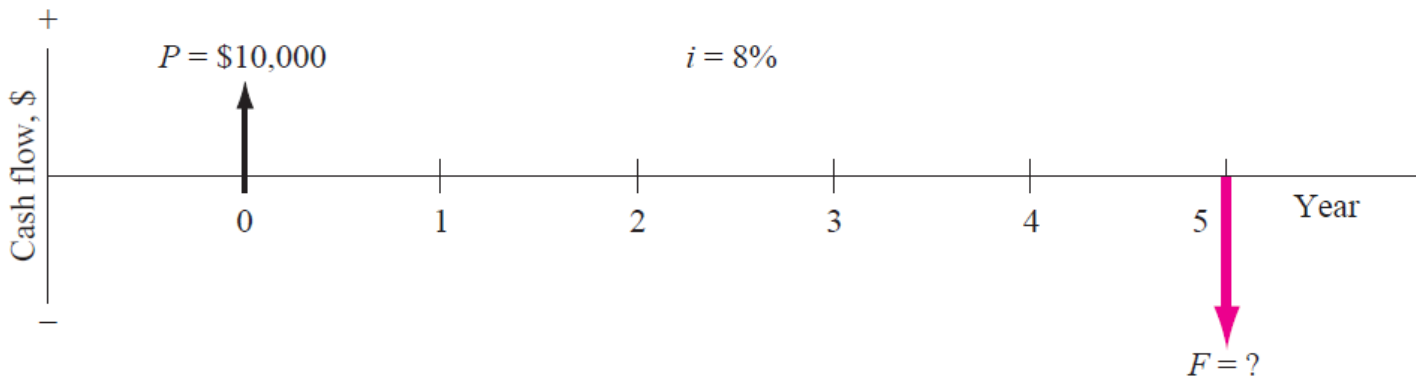
Cash Flow Diagram

- The direction of the arrows on the cash flow diagram is important.
 - A vertical arrow pointing up indicates a positive cash flow.
 - An arrow pointing down indicates a negative cash flow.



Example 3

- Reread Example 1, where $P = \$10,000$ is borrowed at 8% per year and F is sought after 5 years. Construct the cash flow diagram.
- Solution**
- The present sum P is a cash inflow of the loan principal at year 0, and the future sum F is the cash outflow of the repayment at the end of year 5. The interest rate should be indicated on the diagram.



Single-Payment Formulas

- The most fundamental equation in engineering economy is the one that determines the amount of money F accumulated after n years (or periods) from a **single** present worth P , with interest compounded one time per year.

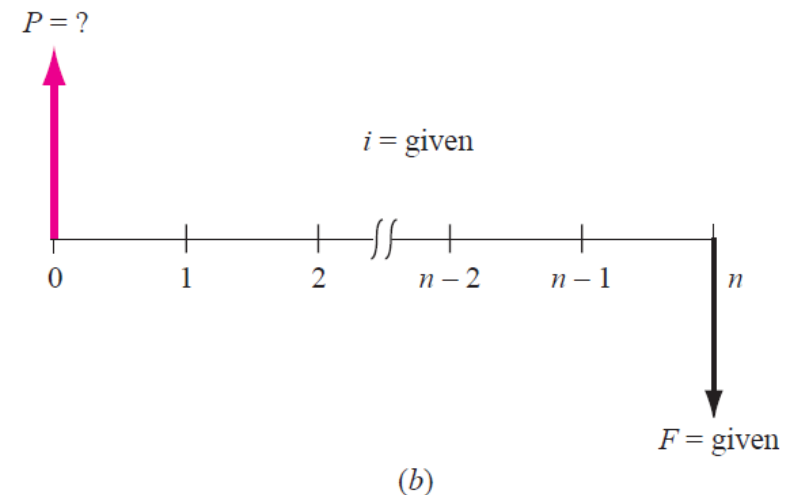
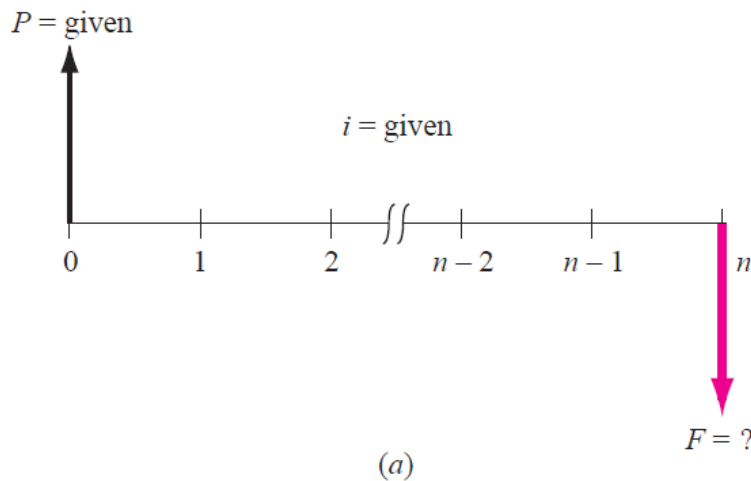
$$F = P(1 + i)^n$$

- The term $(1+i)^n$ is called a factor and is known as the **single-payment compound amount factor**, but it is usually referred to as the F/P factor.

Single-Payment Formulas

- *Single-payment present worth factor*, or the *P/F factor*.

$$P = F \left[\frac{1}{(1 + i)^n} \right]$$



Single-Payment Formulas

- A standard notation has been adopted for all factors. It is always in the general form $(X/Y, i, n)$. The letter X represents what is sought, while the letter Y represents what is given.
- For example, F/P means **find F when given P** . The i is the interest rate in percent, and n represents the number of periods involved.
- Thus, $(F/P, 6\%, 20)$ represents the factor that is used to calculate the future amount F accumulated in 20 periods if the interest rate is 6% per period. The P is given.

Example 4

- An engineer received a bonus of \$12,000 that he will invest now. He wants to calculate the equivalent value after 24 years. Assume a rate of return of 8% per year for each of the 24 years. Find the amount he can pay down.

- **Solution**

- The symbols and their values are:

$$P = \$12,000 \quad F = ? \quad i = 8\% \text{ per year} \quad n = 24 \text{ years}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= P(1 + i)^n = 12,000(1 + 0.08)^{24} \\ &= 12,000(6.341181) \\ &= \$76,094.17 \end{aligned}$$

Uniform Series Formulas

- There are four uniform series formulas that involve A , where A means the cash flow occurs in *consecutive interest periods*, and in *same amount* in each period.
- The formulas relate a present worth P or a future worth F to a uniform series amount A . The two equations that relate P and A are as follows:

$$P = A \left[\frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i(1 + i)^n} \right]$$

$$A = P \left[\frac{i(1 + i)^n}{(1 + i)^n - 1} \right]$$

Example 5

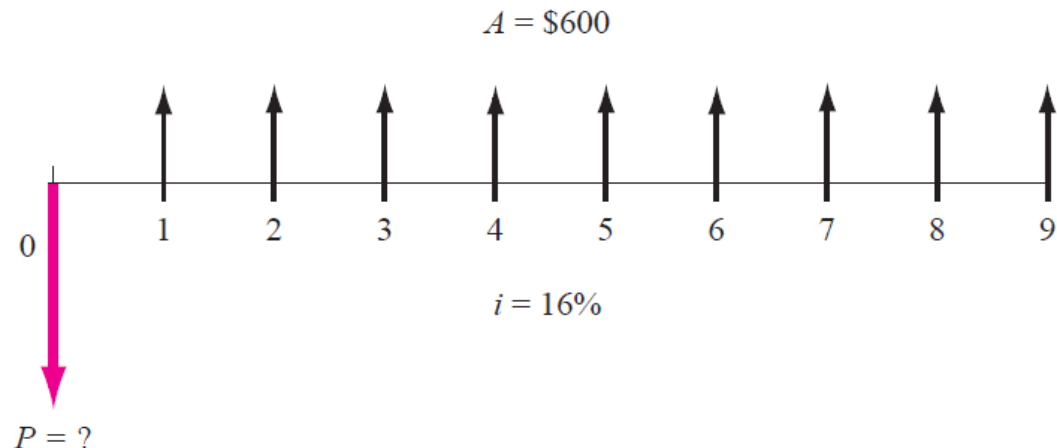
- How much money should you be willing to pay now for a guaranteed \$600 per year for 9 years starting next year, at a rate of return of 16% per year?

- Solution**

- The present worth is:

$$P = 600(P/A, 16\%, 9)$$

$$= 600(4.6065) = \$2763.90$$

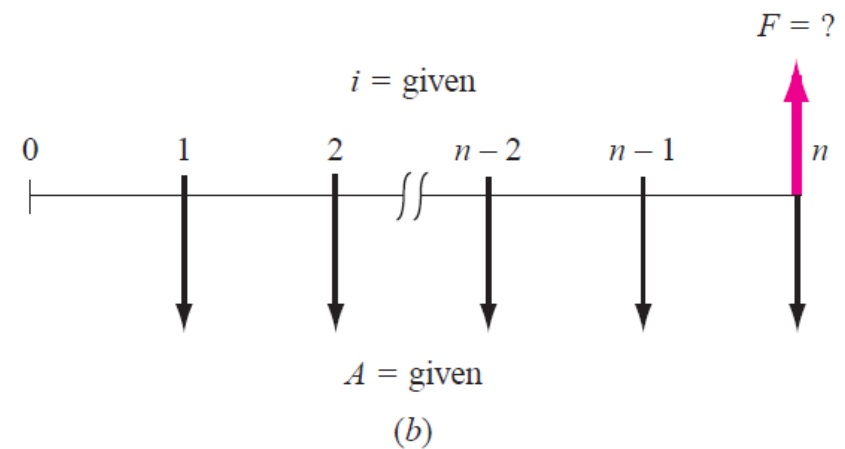
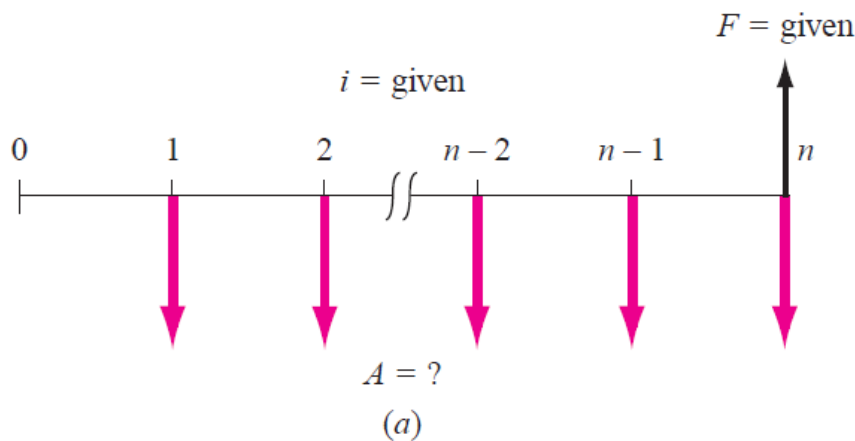


Uniform Series Formulas

- The uniform series formulas that relate A and F follow.

$$A = F \left[\frac{i}{(1 + i)^n - 1} \right]$$

$$F = A \left[\frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i} \right]$$

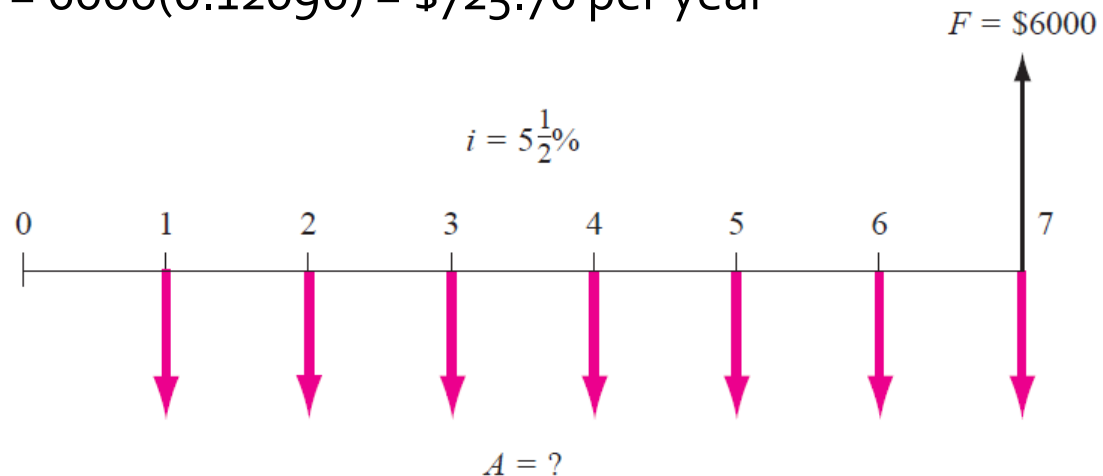


Example 6

- How much money must an electrical contractor deposit every year in his savings account starting 1 year from now at 5.5% per year in order to accumulate \$6000 seven years from now?

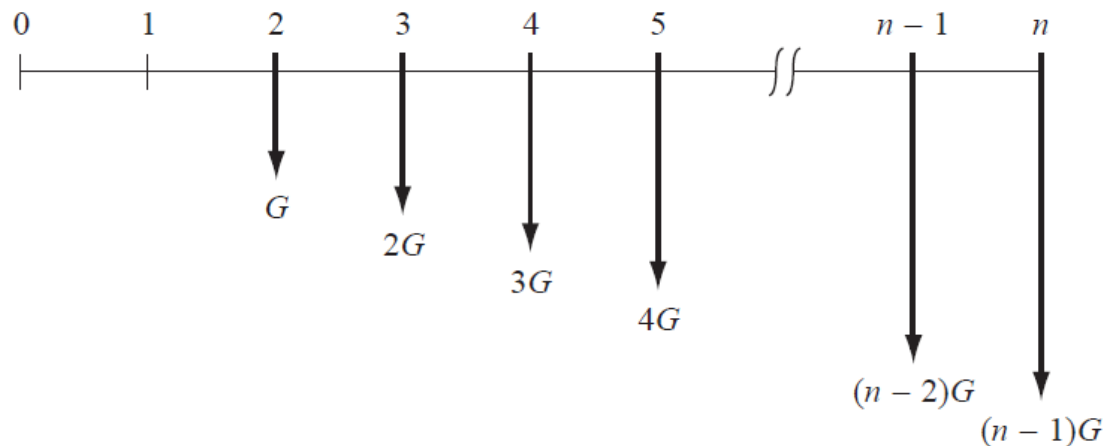
- Solution**

$$A = \$6000(A/F, 5.5\%, 7) = 6000(0.12096) = \$725.76 \text{ per year}$$



Gradient Formulas

- Sometimes the cash flows that occur in consecutive interest periods are not the same amount (not an A value), but they do change in a predictable way. These cash flows are known as *gradients*, and there are two general types: arithmetic and geometric.
- An *arithmetic* gradient is one wherein the cash flow changes (increases or decreases) by the same amount in each period.



Gradient Formulas

$$P = \frac{G}{i} \left[\frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i(1 + i)^n} - \frac{n}{(1 + i)^n} \right]$$

- This equation finds the present worth of the *gradient only*. It does not include the base amount of money that the gradient was built upon.
- The general equation to find P of an arithmetic gradient is:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \text{Present worth of base amount} + \text{present worth of gradient amount} \\ &= A(P/A, i\%, n) + G(P/G, i\%, n) \end{aligned}$$

where A = amount in *period 1*

G = amount of *change* in cash flow between periods 1 and 2

n = number of periods from 1 through n of gradient cash flow

i = interest rate per period

Example 7

- The Highway Department expects the cost of maintenance for a piece of heavy construction equipment to be \$5000 in year 1, to be \$5500 in year 2, and to increase annually by \$500 through year 10. At an interest rate of 10% per year, determine the present worth of 10 years of maintenance costs.

- **Solution**

- The cash flow includes an increasing gradient with $G = \$500$ and a base amount of \$5000 starting in year 1.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 5000(P/A, 10\%, 10) + 500(P/G, 10\%, 10) \\ &= 5000(6.1446) + 500(22.8913) \\ &= \$42,169 \end{aligned}$$

Relations for Cash Flows with End-of-Period Compounding

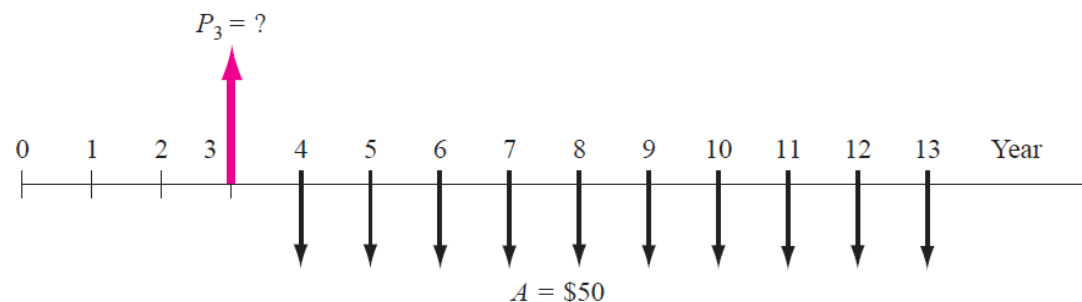
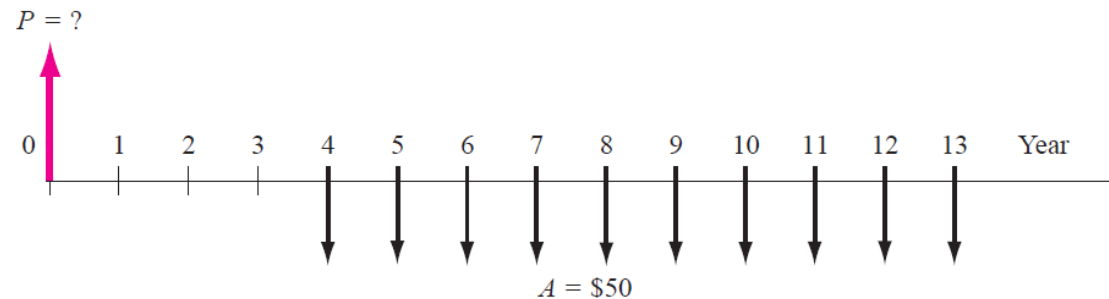
Type	Find/Given	Factor Notation and Formula	Relation	Sample Cash Flow Diagram
Single Amount	F/P Compound amount	$(F/P, i, n) = (1 + i)^n$	$F = P(F/P, i, n)$	
	P/F Present worth	$(P/F, i, n) = \frac{1}{(1 + i)^n}$	$P = F(P/F, i, n)$	
Uniform Series	P/A Present worth	$(P/A, i, n) = \frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i(1 + i)^n}$	$P = A(P/A, i, n)$	
	A/P Capital recovery	$(A/P, i, n) = \frac{i(1 + i)^n}{(1 + i)^n - 1}$	$A = P(A/P, i, n)$	
	F/A Compound amount	$(F/A, i, n) = \frac{(1 + i)^n - 1}{i}$	$F = A(F/A, i, n)$	
	A/F Sinking fund	$(A/F, i, n) = \frac{i}{(1 + i)^n - 1}$	$A = F(A/F, i, n)$	
Arithmetic Gradient	P_G/G Present worth	$(P_G/G, i, n) = \frac{(1 + i)^n - in - 1}{i^2(1 + i)^n}$	$P_G = G(P_G/G, i, n)$	
	A_G/G Uniform series (Gradient only)	$(A_G/G, i, n) = \frac{1}{i} - \frac{n}{(1 + i)^n - 1}$	$A_G = G(A_G/G, i, n)$	

Interest Factor Tables

5%	TABLE 10 Discrete Cash Flow: Compound Interest Factors							5%
n	Single Payments		Uniform Series Payments				Arithmetic Gradients	
	F/P Compound Amount	P/F Present Worth	A/F Sinking Fund	F/A Compound Amount	A/P Capital Recovery	P/A Present Worth	P/G Gradient Present Worth	A/G Gradient Uniform Series
1	1.0500	0.9524	1.00000	1.0000	1.05000	0.9524		
2	1.1025	0.9070	0.48780	2.0500	0.53780	1.8594	0.9070	0.4878
3	1.1576	0.8638	0.31721	3.1525	0.36721	2.7232	2.6347	0.9675
4	1.2155	0.8227	0.23201	4.3101	0.28201	3.5460	5.1028	1.4391
5	1.2763	0.7835	0.18097	5.5256	0.23097	4.3295	8.2369	1.9025
6	1.3401	0.7462	0.14702	6.8019	0.19702	5.0757	11.9680	2.3579
7	1.4071	0.7107	0.12282	8.1420	0.17282	5.7864	16.2321	2.8052
8	1.4775	0.6768	0.10472	9.5491	0.15472	6.4632	20.9700	3.2445
9	1.5513	0.6446	0.09069	11.0266	0.14069	7.1078	26.1268	3.6758
10	1.6289	0.6139	0.07950	12.5779	0.12950	7.7217	31.6520	4.0991
11	1.7103	0.5847	0.07039	14.2068	0.12039	8.3064	37.4988	4.5144
12	1.7959	0.5568	0.06283	15.9171	0.11283	8.8633	43.6241	4.9219
13	1.8856	0.5303	0.05646	17.7130	0.10646	9.3936	49.9879	5.3215
14	1.9799	0.5051	0.05102	19.5906	0.10102	9.8986	56.5538	5.7133
15	2.0789	0.4810	0.04634	21.5786	0.09634	10.3797	63.2880	6.0973
16	2.1829	0.4581	0.04227	23.6575	0.09227	10.8378	70.1597	6.4736
17	2.2920	0.4363	0.03870	25.8404	0.08870	11.2741	77.1405	6.8423
18	2.4066	0.4155	0.03555	28.1324	0.08555	11.6896	84.2043	7.2034
19	2.5270	0.3957	0.03275	30.5390	0.08275	12.0853	91.3275	7.5569
20	2.6533	0.3769	0.03024	33.0660	0.08024	12.4622	98.4884	7.9030
21	2.7860	0.3589	0.02800	35.7193	0.07800	12.8212	105.6673	8.2416
22	2.9253	0.3418	0.02597	38.5052	0.07597	13.1630	112.8461	8.5730
23	3.0715	0.3256	0.02414	41.4305	0.07414	13.4886	120.0087	8.8971
24	3.2251	0.3101	0.02247	44.5020	0.07247	13.7986	127.1402	9.2140
25	3.3864	0.2953	0.02095	47.7271	0.07095	14.0939	134.2275	9.5238
26	3.5557	0.2812	0.01956	51.1135	0.06956	14.3752	141.2585	9.8266
27	3.7335	0.2678	0.01829	54.6691	0.06829	14.6430	148.2226	10.1224
28	3.9201	0.2551	0.01712	58.4026	0.06712	14.8981	155.1101	10.4114
29	4.1161	0.2429	0.01605	62.3227	0.06605	15.1411	161.9126	10.6936
30	4.3219	0.2314	0.01505	66.4388	0.06505	15.3725	168.6226	10.9691
31	4.5380	0.2204	0.01413	70.7608	0.06413	15.5928	175.2333	11.2381
32	4.7649	0.2099	0.01328	75.2988	0.06328	15.8027	181.7392	11.5005
33	5.0032	0.1999	0.01249	80.0638	0.06249	16.0025	188.1351	11.7566
34	5.2533	0.1904	0.01176	85.0670	0.06176	16.1929	194.4168	12.0063
35	5.5160	0.1813	0.01107	90.3203	0.06107	16.3742	200.5807	12.2498
40	7.0400	0.1420	0.00828	120.7998	0.05828	17.1591	229.5452	13.3775
45	8.9850	0.1113	0.00626	159.7002	0.05626	17.7741	255.3145	14.3644
50	11.4674	0.0872	0.00478	209.3480	0.05478	18.2559	277.9148	15.2233
55	14.6356	0.0683	0.00367	272.7126	0.05367	18.6335	297.5104	15.9664
60	18.6792	0.0535	0.00283	353.5837	0.05283	18.9293	314.3432	16.6062
65	23.8399	0.0419	0.00219	456.7980	0.05219	19.1611	328.6910	17.1541
70	30.4264	0.0329	0.00170	588.5285	0.05170	19.3427	340.8409	17.6212
75	38.8327	0.0258	0.00132	756.6537	0.05132	19.4850	351.0721	18.0176
80	49.5614	0.0202	0.00103	971.2288	0.05103	19.5965	359.6460	18.3526
85	63.2544	0.0158	0.00080	1245.09	0.05080	19.6838	366.8007	18.6346
90	80.7304	0.0124	0.00063	1594.61	0.05063	19.7523	372.7488	18.8712
95	103.0347	0.0097	0.00049	2040.69	0.05049	19.8059	377.6774	19.0689
96	108.1864	0.0092	0.00047	2143.73	0.05047	19.8151	378.5555	19.1044
98	119.2755	0.0084	0.00042	2365.51	0.05042	19.8323	380.2139	19.1714
100	131.5013	0.0076	0.00038	2610.03	0.05038	19.8479	381.7492	19.2337

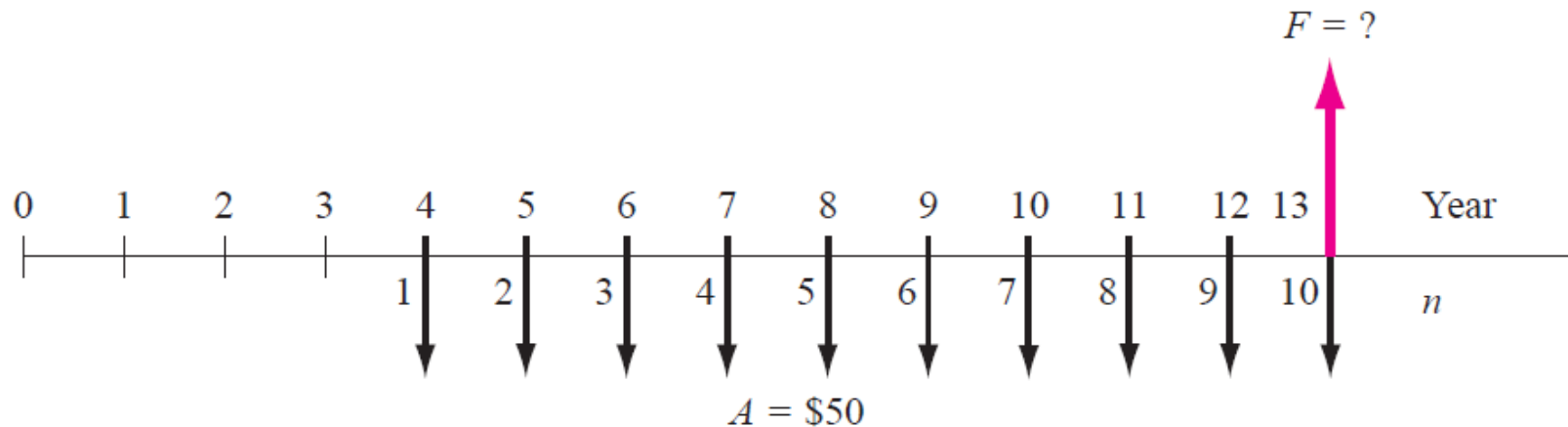
Shifted Series

- When a uniform series begins at a time other than at the end of period 1, it is called a *shifted series*. In this case use the P/A factor to compute the “present worth”, and then find the present worth in year 0 by using the $(P/F, i, n)$ factor.



Shifted Series

- To determine a future worth or F value, recall that the F/A factor has the F located in the same period as the last uniform-series amount.
- **Renumbering** the cash flow diagram to avoid errors in counting.

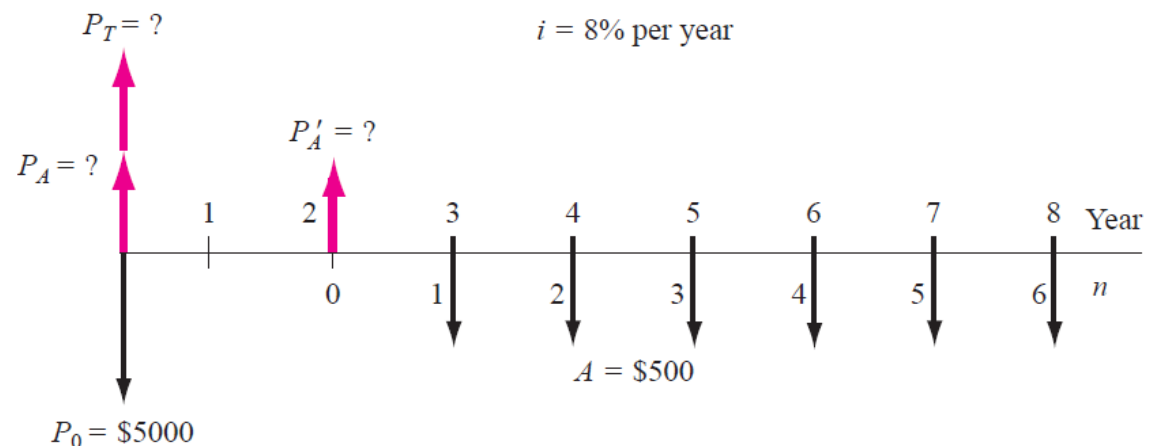


Example 8

- An engineering technology group just purchased new CAD software for \$5000 now and annual payments of \$500 per year for 6 years starting 3 years from now for annual upgrades. What is the present worth of the payments if the interest rate is 8% per year?

Solution

- First, find the value of the shifted series
 $P'_A = \$500(P/A, 8\%, 6)$



Example 8

■ Solution

- Since is located in year 2, now find in year 0.

$$P_A = P'_A(P/F, 8\%, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_T &= P_o + P_A \\ &= 5000 + 500(P/A, 8\%, 6)(P/F, 8\%, 2) \\ &= 5000 + 500(4.6229)(0.8573) \\ &= \$6981.60 \end{aligned}$$

