# HW#5 solutions

# Chapter 3

#### Exercise 14

Use the formula to obtain 6.84 years.

# Exercise 16

(a)

$$P_A = 885.84,$$
  
 $P_B = 771.68,$   
 $P_C = 657.52,$   
 $P_D = 869.57$ 

(b)

$$D_A = 2.72,$$
  
 $D_B = 2.84,$   
 $D_C = 3.00,$   
 $D_D = 1.00$ 

(c) C is most sensitive to a change in yield.

(d)

$$V_A + V_B + V_C + V_D = NPV,$$
  
$$D_A V_A + D_B V_B + D_C V_C + D_D V_D = 2NPV,$$

where NPV is the present value of the obligation.

(e) Use bond D.

$$V_C + V_D = NPV,$$
  
$$D_C V_C + D_D V_D = 2NPV,$$

where

$$NPV = \frac{2,000}{1.15^2} = \$1,512.29.$$

Solving  $V_C = \$756.15$  and  $V_D = \$756.15$ .

(f) None

# Chapter 4

### Exercise 1

(One forward rate)

$$f_{1,2} = \frac{(1+s_2)^2}{(1+s_1)} - 1 = \frac{1.069^2}{1.063} - 1 = 7.5\%$$

# Exercise 2

(Spot Update)

Use

$$f_{1,k} = \left[\frac{(1+s_k)^k}{1+s_1}\right]^{1/(k-1)} - 1$$

Hence, for example,

$$f_{1,k} = \left[ \frac{(1.061)^6}{1.05} \right]^{1/5} - 1 = 6.32\%$$

All values are

$$f_{1,2}$$
  $f_{1,3}$   $f_{1,4}$   $f_{1,5}$   $f_{1,6}$   
5.60 5.90 6.07 6.25 6.32

#### Exercise 3

(Construction of a zero)

Use a combination of the two bonds: let x be the number of 9% bonds, and y teh number of 7% bonds. Select x and y to satisfy

$$9x + 7y = 0, 
x + y = 1.$$

The first equation makes the net coupon zero. The second makes the face value equal to 100. These equations give x = -3.5, and y = 4.5, respectively. The price is  $P = -3.5 \times 101.00 + 4.5 \times 93.20 =$ 65.90.

# Exercise 13

(a) 
$$D_m = -\frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{d\lambda} \approx -\frac{1}{P} \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta \lambda} = \frac{1}{990} \frac{(1000 - 990)}{(0.10 - 0.105)} = 2.0202$$
  
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# Extra Problem Solution

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Let x_i = amount of bond i purchased, i = 1,2,3

y_j = amount of excess cash generated at the end of jth year, j =1,2.

minimize 102x_1 + 99x_2 + 98x_3

subject to 105x_1 + 3.5x_2 + 3.5x_3 - y_1 = 12000

103.5x_2 + 3.5x_3 + 1.02y_1 - y_2 = 18000

103.5x_3 + 1.02y_2 = 20000

x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0, x_3 \ge 0, y_1 \ge 0, y_2 \ge 0, y_3 \ge 0
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# Solve the model by following Matlab code:

# The constructed portfolio is

	<i>X</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>X</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>X</i> <sub>3</sub>	<b>y</b> <sub>1</sub>	<i>y</i> <sub>2</sub>
Investment	102.265208	167.378469	193.236715	0.000000	0.000000
Minimum	\$45938.717690				
Total cost					

The advantage of reinvestment is that the interest can offset partial cost if the interest rate is good enough, for example, if interest is r = 5%, the total cost will reduce to \$45876.972625 or bonds that mature earlier may be cheaper and there fore carryover extra purchases could result

in lower costs in meeting liabilities.