

Problem 6.6.

The 350-day LIBOR rate is 3% with continuous compounding and the forward rate calculated from a Eurodollar futures contract that matures in 350 days is 3.2% with continuous compounding. Estimate the 440-day zero rate.

Problem 6.7.

It is January 30. You are managing a bond portfolio worth \$6 million. The duration of the portfolio in six months will be 8.2 years. The September Treasury bond futures price is currently 108-15, and the cheapest-to-deliver bond will have a duration of 7.6 years in September. How should you hedge against changes in interest rates over the next six months?

Problem 6.8.

The price of a 90-day Treasury bill is quoted as 10.00. What continuously compounded return (on an actual/365 basis) does an investor earn on the Treasury bill for the 90-day period?

Problem 6.9.

It is May 5, 2011. The quoted price of a government bond with a 12% coupon that matures on July 27, 2014, is 110-17. What is the cash price?

Problem 6.10.

Suppose that the Treasury bond futures price is 101-12. Which of the following four bonds is cheapest to deliver?

Bond	Price	Conversion Factor
1	125-05	1.2131
2	142-15	1.3792
3	115-31	1.1149
4	144-02	1.4026

Problem 6.11.

It is July 30, 2013. The cheapest-to-deliver bond in a September 2013 Treasury bond futures contract is a 13% coupon bond, and delivery is expected to be made on September 30, 2013. Coupon payments on the bond are made on February 4 and August 4 each year. The term structure is flat, and the rate of interest with semiannual compounding is 12% per annum. The conversion factor for the bond is 1.5. The current quoted bond price is \$110. Calculate the quoted futures price for the contract.

Problem 6.17.

On August 1 a portfolio manager has a bond portfolio worth \$10 million. The duration of the portfolio in October will be 7.1 years. The December Treasury bond futures price is currently 91-12 and the cheapest-to-deliver bond will have a duration of 8.8 years at maturity. How should the portfolio manager immunize the portfolio against changes in interest rates over the next two months?

Problem 6.18.

How can the portfolio manager change the duration of the portfolio to 3.0 years in Problem 6.17?