

# Math 177 Week 1 Notes

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- Accumulated amount function:  $A(t)$  = [accumulated amount at time  $t$ ]
  - Accumulation function:  $a(t)$  = when the initial fund is 1 at time 0
  - $a(0) = 1$  and  $A(t) = A(0)a(t)$
- Effective rate of interest in the  $t^{th}$  period:  $i_t = \frac{a(t) - a(t-1)}{a(t-1)} = \frac{A(t) - A(t-1)}{A(t-1)}$ 
  - $a(t) = (1 + i_t)a(t-1) = \prod_{j=1}^t (1 + i_j)$
  - Compound interest:  $a(t) = (1 + i)^t \implies i_t = i$
  - Simple interest:  $a(t) = 1 + it \implies i_t = \frac{i}{1 + i(t-1)}$
- Equivalent rates of interest: if two rates result in the same accumulated values at each point in time
- Present value (PV): "how much should I invest today to have a given amount at the end of  $t$  years?"
  - Discount function:  $PV = \frac{1}{a(t)}$
  - For compound interest:  $PV = \frac{1}{(1 + i)^t} = \left(\frac{1}{1 + i}\right)^t$ 
    - \* Present value factor/discount factor:  $v = \frac{1}{1 + i}$
- Equation of value: the equation balancing the current values of cash inflows and outflows
  - Note: a reference point must be chosen
  - Current value at a given time: [accumulated value prior to given time] + [present value occurring on or after given time]
- Nominal interest ( $i^{(m)}$ ): interest expressed as an annual amount payable in equal installments during the year
  - Compounding period:  $\frac{1}{m}$  years
  - Interest rate per period:  $\frac{i^{(m)}}{m}$
  - Equivalent effective annual interest:  $1 + i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(m)}}{m}\right)^m$
- Effective rate of discount in the  $t^{th}$  period:  $d_t = \frac{a(t) - a(t-1)}{a(t)} = \frac{A(t) - A(t-1)}{A(t)}$

- $d_t = \frac{i_t}{1 + i_t}$  and  $i_t = \frac{d_t}{1 - d_t}$
- Simple discount:  $\frac{1}{a(t)} = 1 - d_t \implies a(t) = \frac{1}{1 - d_t}$
- Interest payable
  - In arrears: payable at the end of an interest period (standard way)
  - In advance: payable at the start of an interest period
- Nominal discount ( $d^{(m)}$ ):
  - Compounding period:  $\frac{1}{m}$  years
  - Interest rate per period:  $\frac{d^{(m)}}{m}$
  - Equivalent effective annual interest:  $1 - d = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(m)}}{m}\right)^m$
- Force of interest:  $\delta_t = \frac{a'(t)}{a(t)} = \frac{A'(t)}{A(t)}$ 
  - $A(t) = A(0)e^{\int_0^t \delta_s ds}$
  - When  $\delta_t$  is constant, we may drop the subscript and denote it as  $\delta$ 
    - \*  $a(t) = e^{\int_0^t \delta ds} = e^{\delta t}$
  - $i^{(\infty)} := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} i^{(m)} = \ln(1 + i) = \delta$