

COMMERCE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

MIDTERM REVIEW SESSION

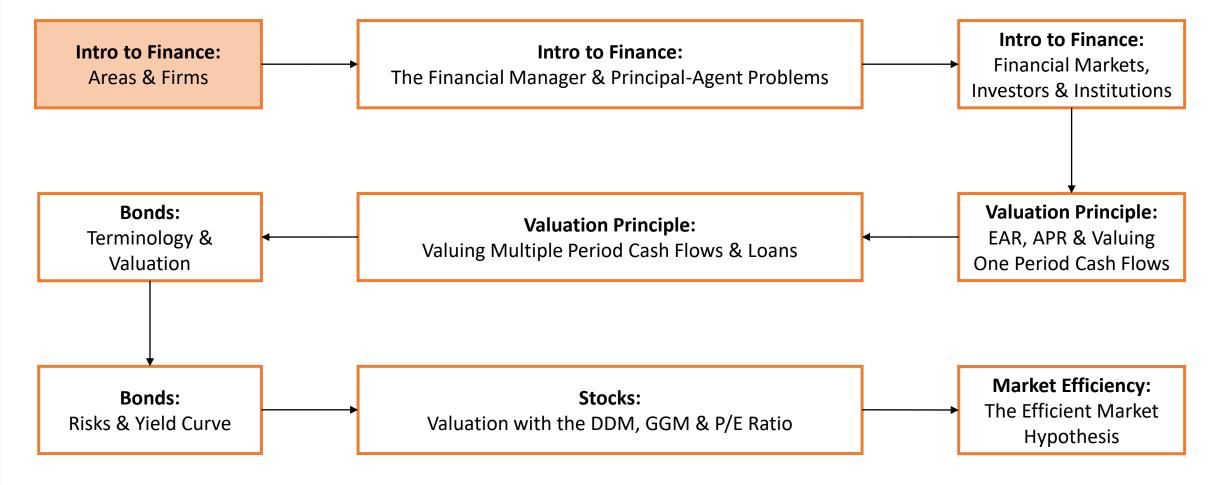
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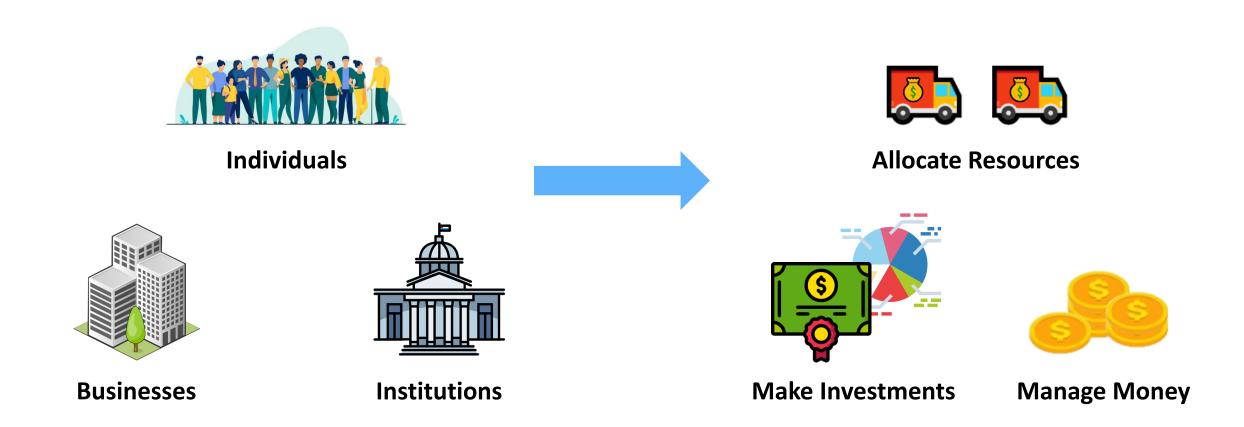


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What is Finance?



Maximize Value or Achieve Financial Objectives

Some Areas of Finance



Corporate Finance

- Corporate Decisions
- Capital Budgeting
- Capital Structure



Investments

- Bond & Stock Valuation
- Risk & Return
- Wealth Allocation



Personal Finance

- Individual/Home Decisions
- Retirement Planning
- Mortgage Loans

Some more areas: Financial institutions, markets, international finance, fintech (financial technology)

Firm Ownership



Sole Proprietorship



Partnership



Corporation

Characteristics of a Corporation

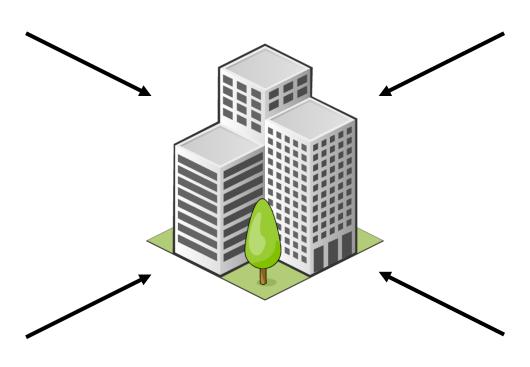
Many owners who each own a fraction of the company





Possesses Legal Powers

Contracts, Assets, Obligations



Evolved from a sole proprietorship





Separate entity from owners (shareholders)

Limited Liability

Equity & Shareholders





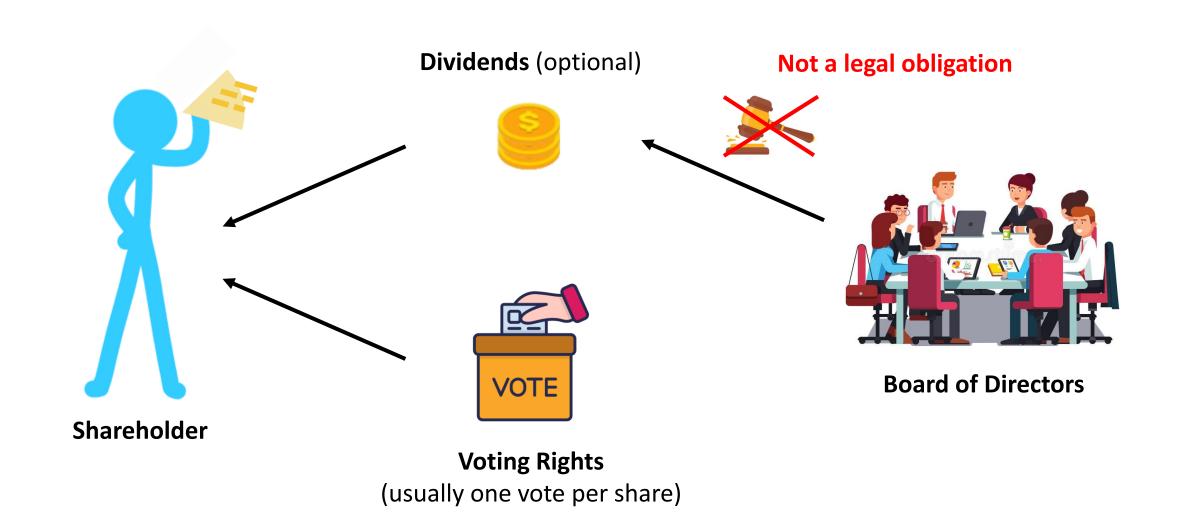








What Does a Shareholder Get?



Which of the following correctly describe a corporation? Select all that apply.

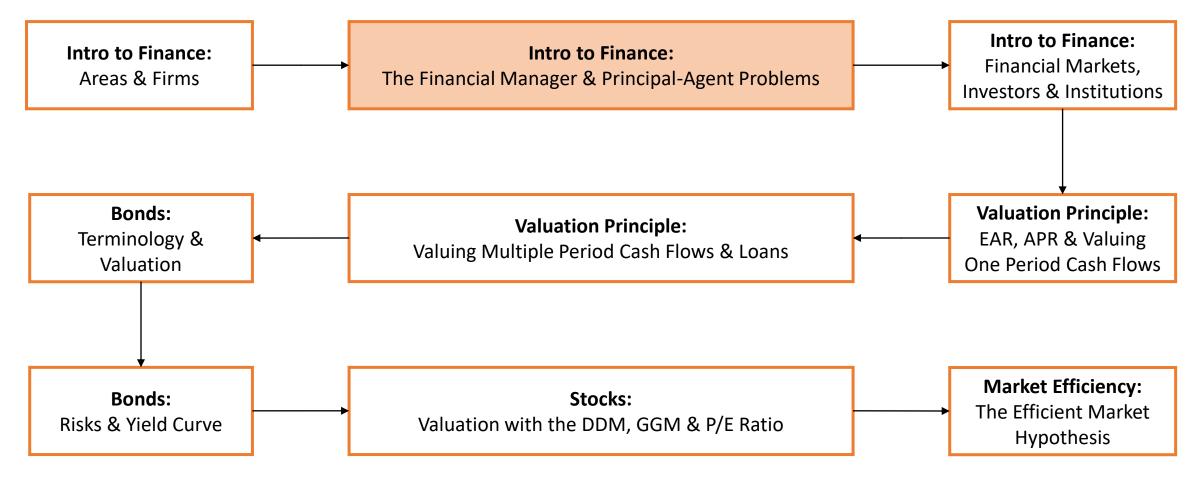
- a) Shareholders under a corporation have unlimited liability for its obligations
- b) Shareholders under a corporation are diverse and allow a substantial amount of capital to be raised
- c) The financial manager of a corporation determines whether dividends will be paid or not
- d) Usually, a shareholder who has more shares can cast more votes when electing the board of directors
- e) There is a finite limit to how many owners a corporation can have as office space is never infinite

Which of the following is/are related to the field of corporate finance? Select all that apply.

- a) A CEO wants to determine what capital structure (mix of debt & equity) to use next year
- b) A CFO wants to determine how much to save each year for his daughter's RESP
- c) A financial analyst wants to determine whether their firm should open a factory in USA given the costs
- d) A financial manager wants to determine what dividend policy to use for their company's shareholders
- e) A treasurer wants to determine the stocks he needs to purchase to obtain an efficient portfolio for his wife

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The Financial Manager's Duties

investments & projects? Weighs cost & benefits of investments & projects **Financing** Investing Do we raise money using equity or debt? What investments & Ensure company has enough cash projects are worthwhile? to meet day-to-day obligations **Managing Cash**

How do we pay for

What is the Primary Goal of a Corporation?

A firm's management should make decisions in the shareholders' interests. What should they do?

- a) Maximize profit
- b) Minimize costs
- c) Maximize market share
- d) Maximize the current value of the company's stock (maximize owners' equity)





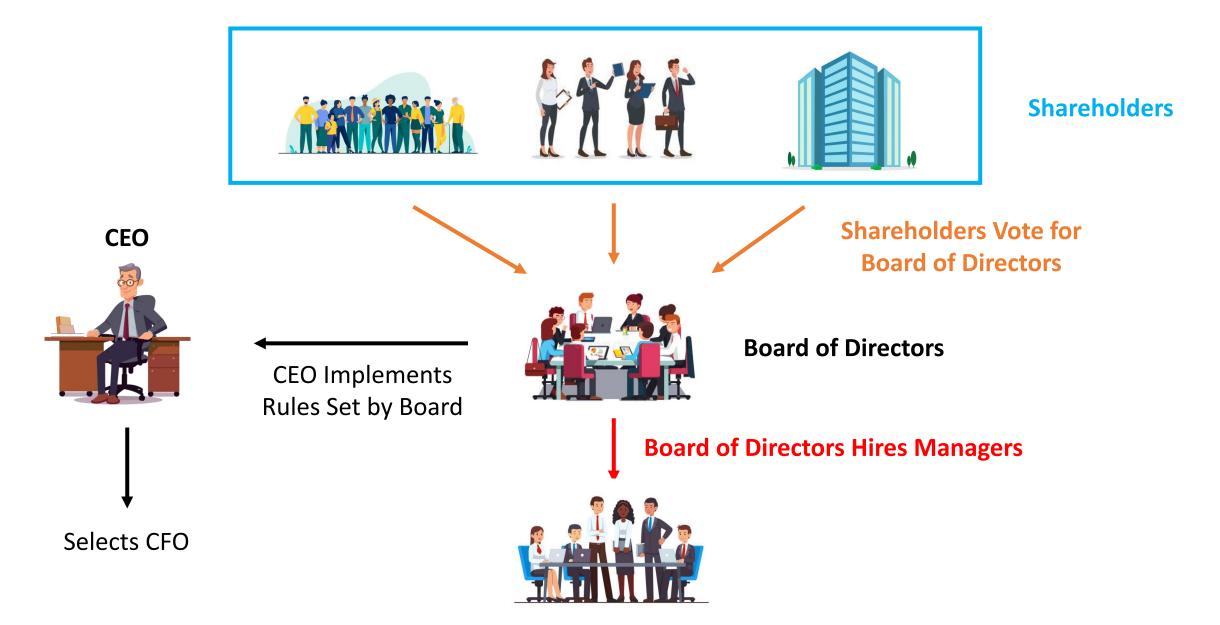
We are better off if the value of our investment is maximized!

Should Companies Pursue ESG Instead?

Should we focus on shareholder welfare maximization (SWM) over shareholder value maximization (SVM)?

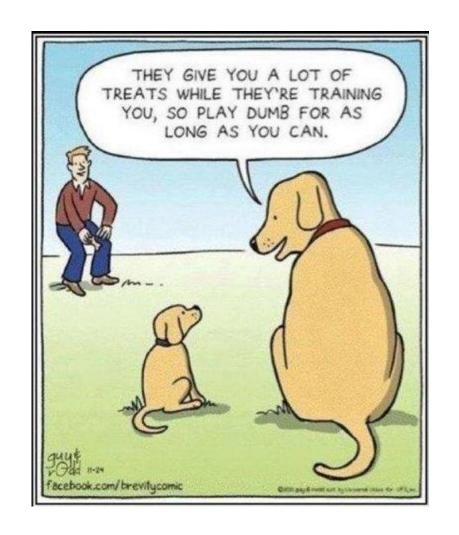
ESG distracts one from **SVM** non-ESG factors that aid in long-term value **Employee satisfaction** & governance No scope for social goals **Dangerous to deviate ESG** from SVM Focus on long-term value **Enhance social &** rather than if something financial returns falls under ESG Some ESG factors have no link to performance **Externalities are important** (e.g., climate change)

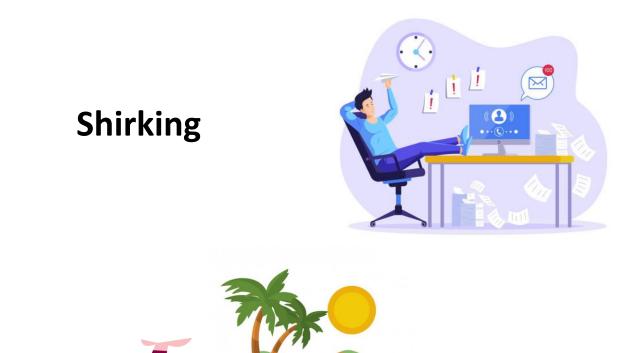
The Board of Directors



The Principal-Agent Problem

Managers (agents) may put their own self-interest before their shareholders' (principals) interests

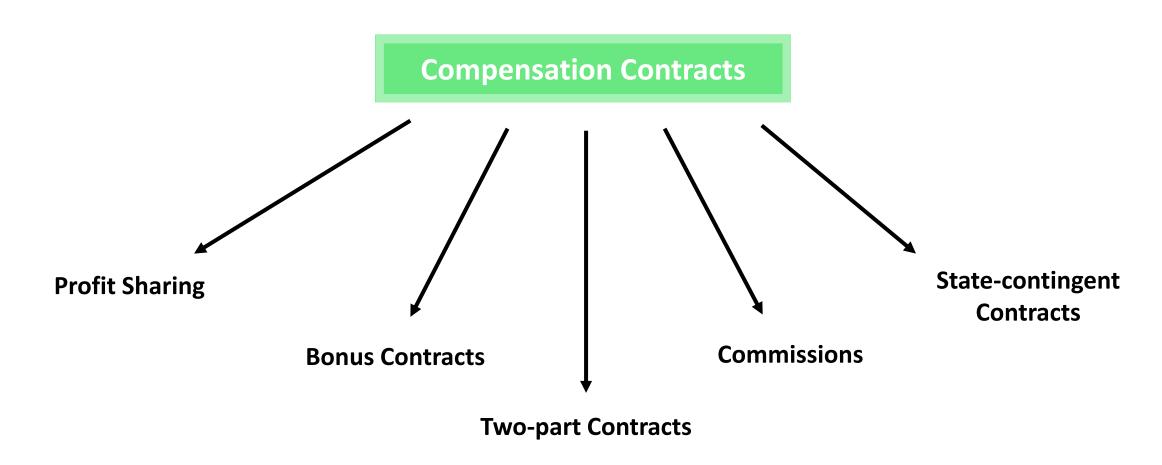






Resolving the Principal-Agent Problem

We can use compensation contracts that relate corporate performance to manager compensation



Which of the following best illustrates a principal-agent problem in the corporate environment?

- a) Managers taking an approved one-month vacation from work to go to Europe
- b) Two employees arguing over the formatting and structure of an instruction manual, reducing productivity
- c) Executives pursuing non-ESG activities that enhance profitability over the ESG activities shareholders want
- d) Board of directors using their lunch breaks for personal matters (e.g., checking their phones)
- e) Customer Engagement director travelling overseas to conduct business meetings with stakeholders

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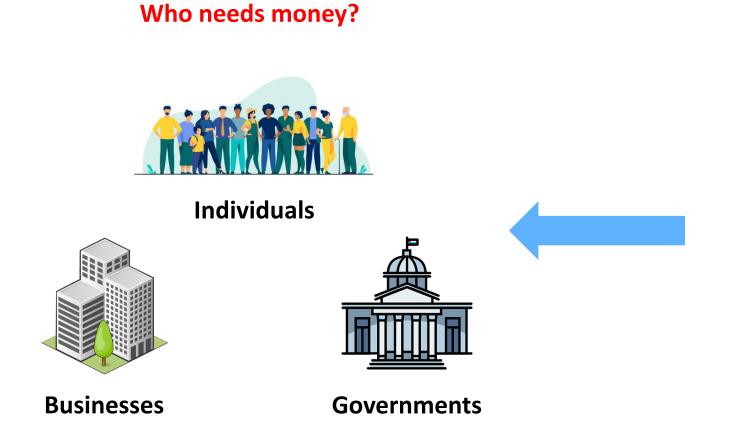
Financial Markets

Platforms or systems where financial assets (e.g., stocks, bonds, derivatives, etc.) are bought and sold



Financial Market Functions

(1) Allows individuals, governments, and businesses to efficiently raise capital through fund allocation



Who supplies money?



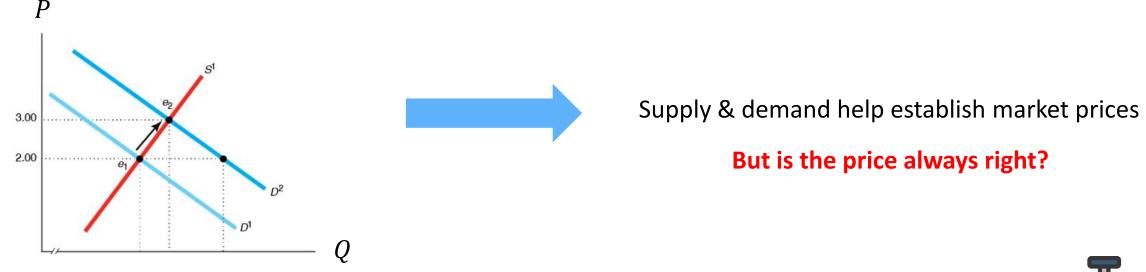
Investors





Financial Market Functions (Continued)

(2) A tool to help determine the fair value (market value) of financial assets (e.g., stocks)



(3) Can sell assets for cash with ease without significantly impacting the asset's price (liquidity)



- (4) Allows investors to manage financial risks (e.g., via derivatives options, futures, etc.)
- (5) Helps transmit information to investors as prices & trading volumes encode publicly available information

Financial Market Categorization

Primary Market

















By Asset



Bonds



Stocks



Derivatives

By Maturity

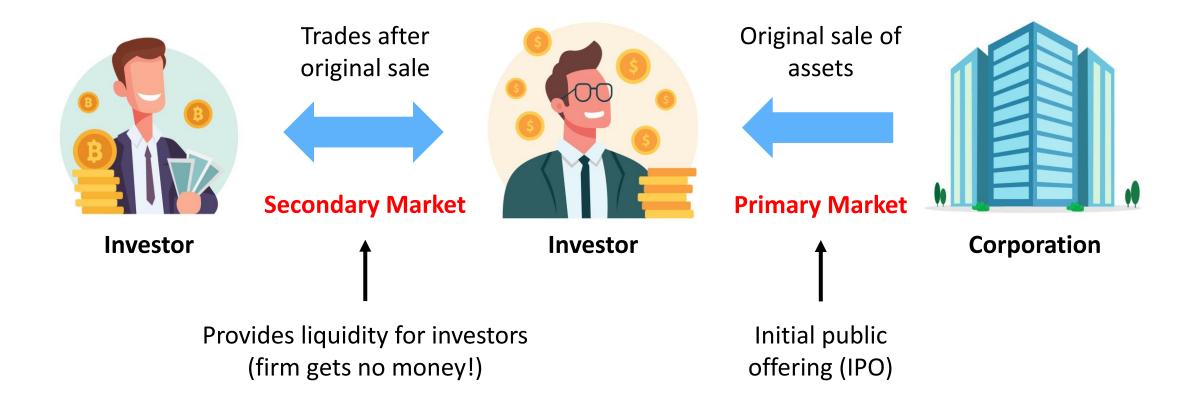


Money Market



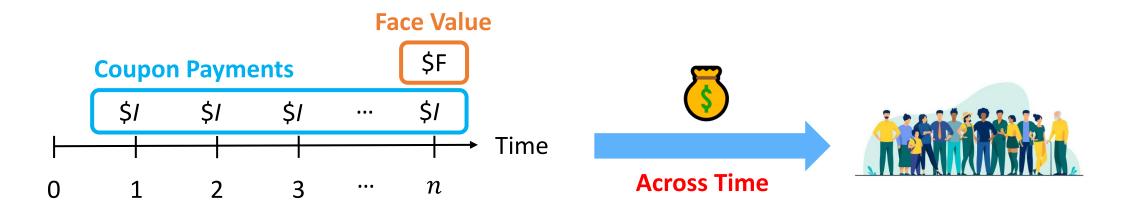
Capital Market

Categorization by Sale



Categorization by Asset Traded (Bonds – Fixed Income Market)





Categorization by Asset Traded (Stocks – Equity Market)



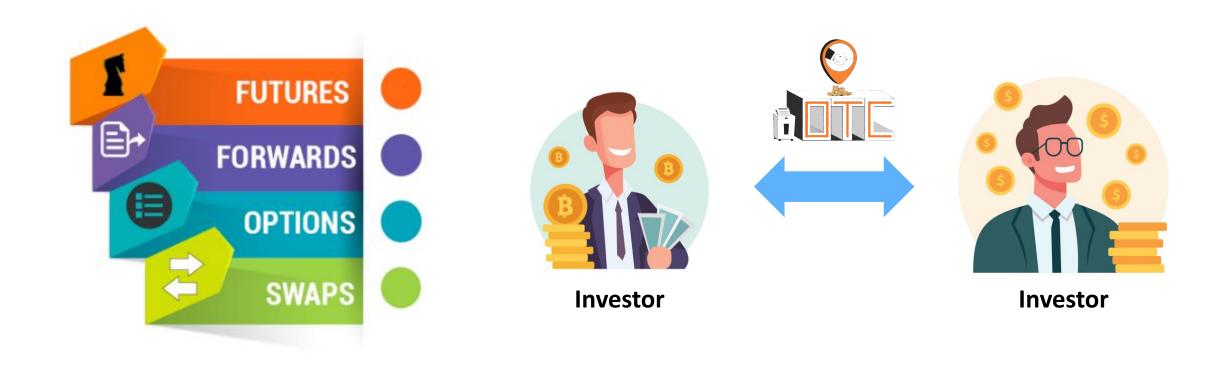
New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX)

National Association of Securities
Dealers Automated Quotations
(NASDAQ)

Categorization by Asset Traded (Derivatives Market)

Financial contracts whose value is derived from an underlying benchmark – used for risk management



Categorization by Maturity

Maturity is the date on which a financial asset reaches its end





Short-term assets: Bonds (treasury bills), Certificates of Deposit, Commercial Paper

Money Market



<u>Long-term assets</u>: Bonds (e.g., consol bond) & Stocks

Capital Market

The main roles of a financial market constitute which of the following? Select all that apply.

- a) Provides liquidity to investors who want to sell securities
- b) Solves principal-agent problems within corporations as public information is encoded in the prices of stocks
- c) Enables investors to determine the fair value of assets traded
- d) Allows corporations to issue debt (e.g., bonds) and equity (e.g., stocks) to fund their capital projects
- e) Bridges the gap between shareholder value maximization and shareholder welfare maximization

Which of the following is/are true about financial assets? Select all that apply.

- a) Investors who own a stock receive periodic payments (interest and principal) from the issuer
- b) Financial assets with a maturity of more than one year are sold within the money market
- c) The over-the-counter market is an example of a primary financial market where bonds are sold
- d) Derivatives are used as a medium to achieve shareholder welfare maximization
- e) None of the above

Which of the following is/are traded on the money market? Select all that apply.

- a) A Government of Canada (GOC) bond issued on Jan. 7th, 2023 and matures on Dec. 16th, 2036
- b) A zero-coupon treasury bill with 8 months until maturity
- c) 100 shares from Apple Inc. that have no fixed maturity date
- d) A commercial paper used to finance short-term liabilities
- e) None of the above

Investors & Financial Institutions



Investors



Corporations

- Net demander of financing
- Raise capital from markets
- \$\$ from investment paid back to investors



Households

- Net supplier of financing
- Purchase securities issued by corporations

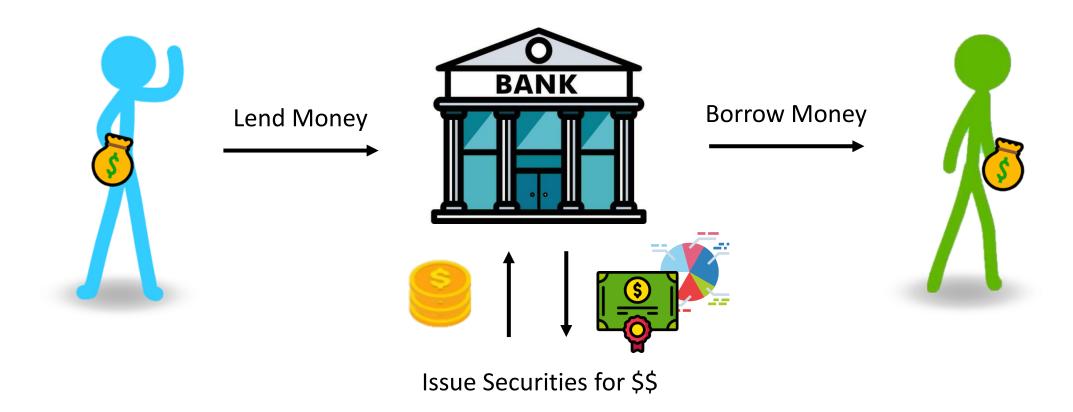


Governments

- Net supplier or demander
- Issues majority of debt instruments in bond market

Intermediation

"Matchmaking" between buyers (demand) and sellers (supply) is hard – we need intermediaries!



Do lenders and borrowers ever need to meet? NO!

Some Other Intermediaries

Investment Companies (e.g., mutual fund providers)



- Exploit economies of scale to pool and manage money from many investors
- Reduce access fees for investors as a large-scale portfolio with many financial assets is built

Investment Banks (e.g., Goldman Sachs)



- Help firms issue securities (via underwriting), go public, acquire other firms, or sell assets
- Advise the company on their asset's IPO price and market the asset

Venture Capital Funds & Private Equity Funds



- Equity investment in young, immature startups is called venture capital (VC)
- Private Equity funds are investments in private companies (one may convert a public firm to private)

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A dollar today is ...

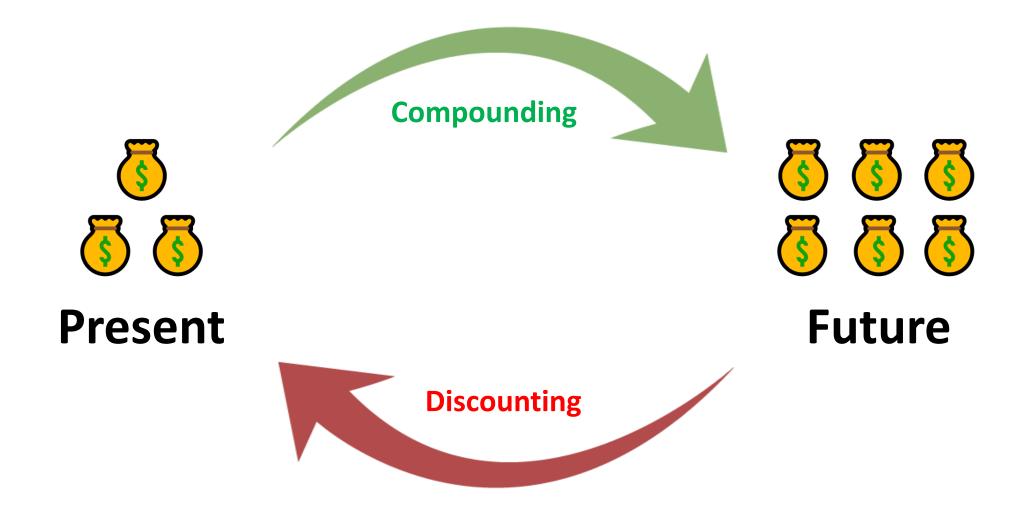






... worth more than a dollar tomorrow

Present & Future Value



Compounding & Future Value of One Period Cash Flows

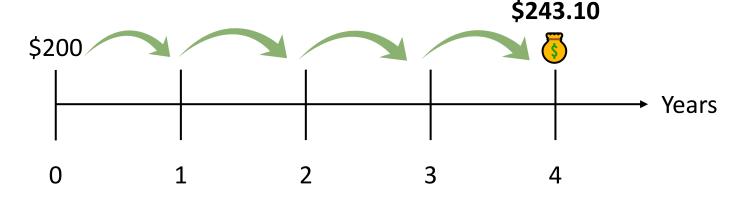
What is the value of a \$200 investment compounded annually at 5% for 4 years?

After 1 Year: $200 \cdot (1.05) = 210

After 2 Years: $210 \cdot (1.05) = 220.50

After 3 Years: $220.50 \cdot (1.05) = 231.53

After 4 Years: $231.53 \cdot (1.05) = 243.10



The **future value** of \$200 after 4 years

Our calculations can be seen as $200 \cdot (1.05)^4 = 243.10

Future Value Formula

$$FV_n = C_0 \cdot (1+r)^n$$

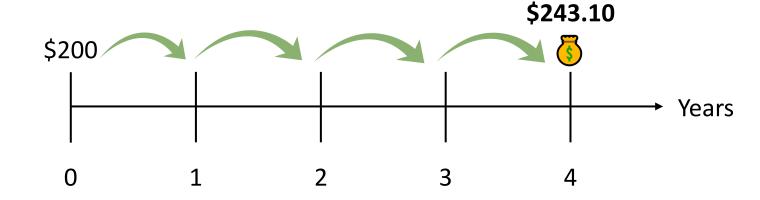
t stands for time here!

 FV_n = Future value of cash flow at t = n

$$C_0$$
 = Value of cash flow at $t = 0$

r =Effective interest rate

n =Number of periods



In our example:

$$n = 4$$

$$n = 4$$
 $r = 0.05$

$$C_0 = 200$$

$$FV_4 = 243.10$$



Note: n and r must be in the same time units (e.g., if r is a yearly rate, n must be in years!)

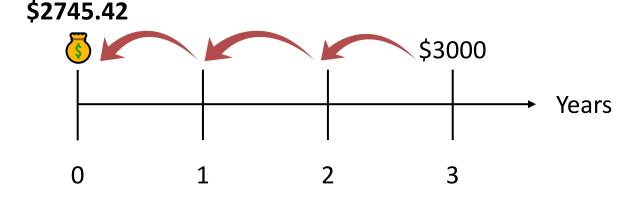
Discounting & Present Value of One Period Cash Flows

You will receive \$3000 in lottery winnings 3 years from today. If your bank offers a 3% interest rate compounded annually, what is the value of your earnings today?

After 1 Year: $3000 \cdot (1.03)^{-1} = 2912.62

After 2 Years: $2912.62 \cdot (1.03)^{-1} = 2827.79

After 3 Years: $2827.79 \cdot (1.03)^{-1} = \2745.42



The **present value** of \$3000 today

Our calculations can be seen as $3000 \cdot (1.03)^{-3} = \2745.42

Present Value Formula

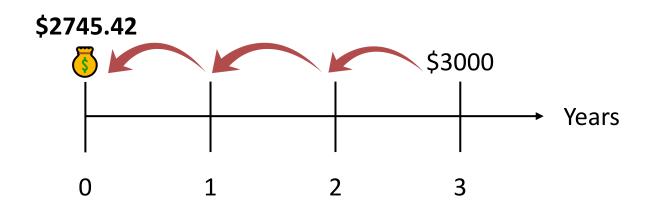
$$PV_0 = C_n \cdot (1+r)^{-n}$$

 C_n = Value of cash flow at t = n

 PV_0 = Present value of cash flow at t=0

r =Effective interest rate

n =Number of periods



$$n=3$$

$$r = 0.03$$

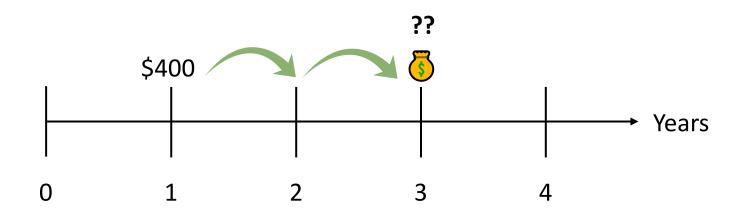
$$n = 3$$
 $r = 0.03$ $PV_0 = 2745.42$

$$C_3 = 3000$$

Remark: As r increases, PV decreases – we are more impatient to receive our \$!

Valuation of One Period Cash Flows not at t=0

I want to find the FV at t=3 of a \$400 cash flow at t=1 given a 5% yearly interest rate



We can modify the formula

$$FV_n = C_0 \cdot (1+r)^n$$

How many periods are we moving this cash flow forward? Two!

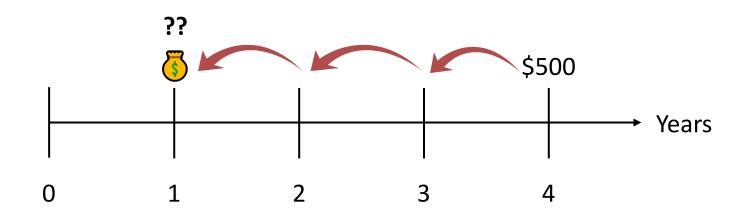
$$FV_3 = C_1 \cdot (1+r)^2$$

Solution: $FV_3 = 400 \cdot (1 + 0.05)^2 = 441

Want FV at The cash flow (\$400) t = 3 is at t = 1

Valuation of One Period Cash Flows not at t=0 (Continued)

I want to find the PV at t=1 of a \$500 cash flow at t=4 given a 2% yearly interest rate



We can modify the formula

$$PV_0 = C_n \cdot (1+r)^{-n}$$

How many periods are we moving this cash flow back? Three!

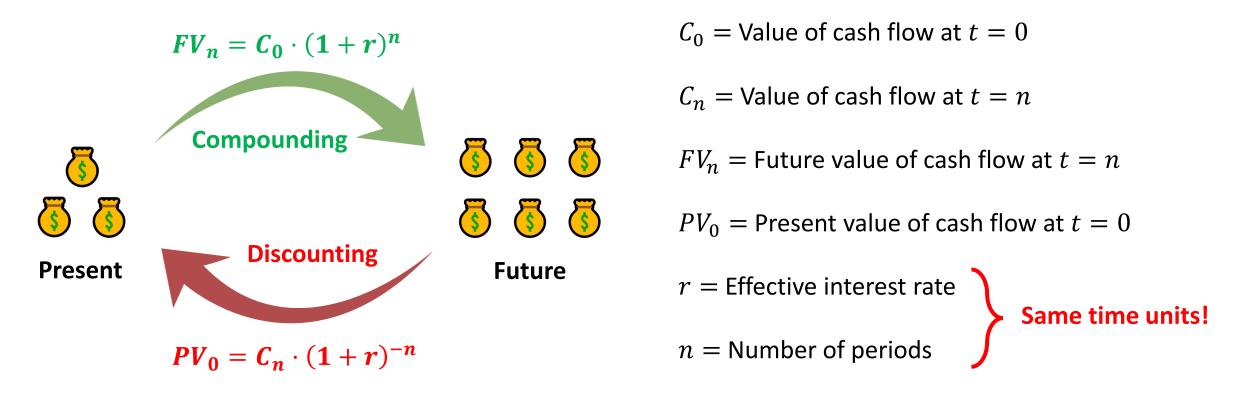
$$PV_1 = C_4 \cdot (1+r)^{-3}$$

Solution: $PV_1 = 500 \cdot (1 + 0.02)^{-3} = \471.16

Want PV at The cash flow (\$500) t = 1 is at t = 4

Summary of Discounting & Compounding One Period Cash Flows

Valuation of cash flows at t=0



Valuation of cash flows NOT at t = 0

- Consider the time period of the cash flow and where it needs to be compounded/discounted
- Look at the number of periods one has to compound/discount

You received a \$250 stipend one year ago and immediately put it in a mutual fund that offers a yearly return of 1.7%. How much is your money worth 3 years from today?

Kita is a musician who mistakenly spent her money on a 6-string bass instead of a guitar. She now must save \$1000 to obtain a guitar but only can put \$300 in the bank today. If she can obtain a guitar in 15 years, what yearly interest rate does her bank offer?



Effective Rates

What is my actual return over a time period? An effective rate (denoted by r) will tell us that!

- 1) Suppose I start with \$100 and end with \$107 after 3 months (a quarter). This is a gain of 7%!
- $\Rightarrow r_{quarterly} = 0.07$
- 2) Suppose I start with \$200 and end with \$250 after 1 month. This is a gain of 25%!
- $\Rightarrow r_{monthly} = 0.25$
- 3) Suppose I start with \$50 and end with \$60 after 1 year. This is a gain of 20%!
- $\Rightarrow r_{annual} = 0.20$ [There is a special name for r_{annual} it is called the effective annual rate (EAR)]

Annual Percentage Rate

Shows the amount of yearly interest without considering the effects of compounding

How to determine if you are given an APR rate?

- You are explicitly told it is an APR rate
- It is annual (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, etc. rates CANNOT be annual)
- You are told the compounding frequency

Example: Your bank offers you an interest rate of 10% compounded semi-annually. What is the APR?

The APR is 10% (But the real return is 10.25% – more on how to compute this later)



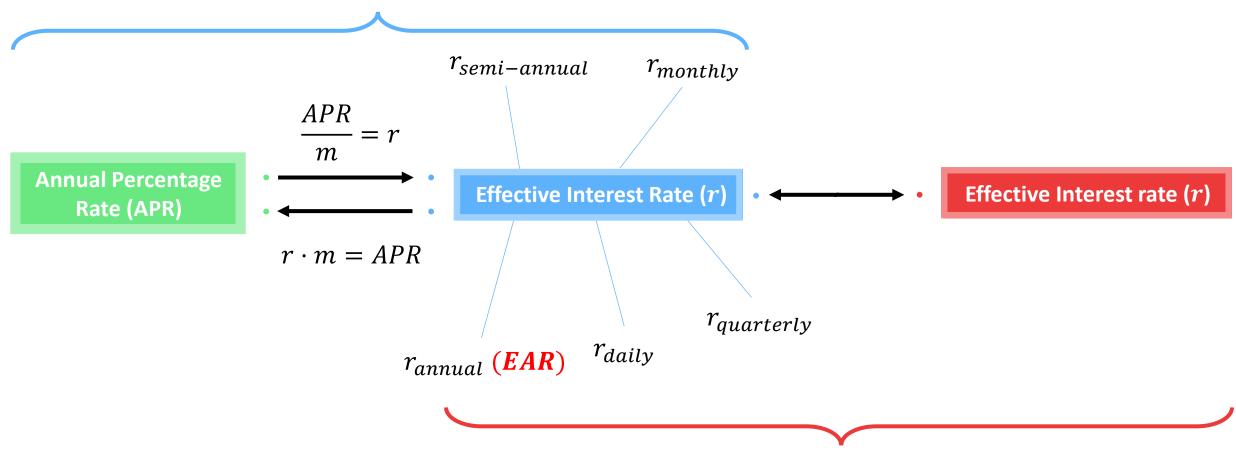
Note: You MUST convert an APR rate to an effective rate before thinking of compounding/discounting!!!



How do I get an effective rate then?

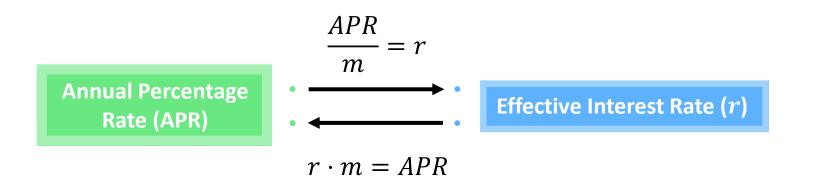
A Conversion Map for Interest Rates

How do I get from APR to an effective rate and vice versa?



How do I convert between effective rates? (e.g., suppose I want to find $r_{monthly}$ given $r_{semi-annual}$)

Going Between APR & Effective Rates



m=# of compounding periods in ONE year

APR = Annual percentage rate

Remark: The type of effective rate (r) you get from APR entirely depends on the compounding frequency given

Compounding Frequency	(APR to Effective Rate)	Compounding Frequency	(APR to Effective Rate)
Daily ($m = 365$)	$\frac{APR}{365} = r_{daily}$	Quarterly ($m=4$)	$\frac{APR}{4} = r_{quarterly}$
Weekly ($m=52$)	$\frac{APR}{52} = r_{weekly}$	Semi-annually ($m=2$)	$\frac{APR}{2} = r_{semi-annual}$
Monthly ($m=12$)	$\frac{APR}{12} = r_{monthly}$	Annually ($m=1$)	$\frac{APR}{1} = APR = r_{annual}$ (EAR)

Converting Between Effective Rates

Sometimes the occurrence of cash flows do not match up with the effective interest rate we get from APR.

If we wanted to discount/compound cash flows that occur monthly, we must use $r_{monthly}$. But what if we only can get $r_{semi-annual}$ from APR (compounded semi-annually)? We need to convert $r_{semi-annual}$ to $r_{monthly}$!

Here, n is the number of times the time period of rate #1 goes into #2.

In our example we need to think, "how many half-years goes into one month?" - the answer is 1/6

Solution:
$$r_{monthly} = (1 + r_{semi-annual})^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1$$



More Examples of Effective Rate Conversions

$$r_{quarterly} \longrightarrow r_{annual} \text{ (EAR)}$$

$$r_{annual} = \left(1 + r_{quarterly}\right)^{4} - 1$$

There are 4 quarters in a year

$$r_{weekly} \longrightarrow r_{annual}$$
 (EAR)

$$r_{annual} = \left(1 + r_{weekly}\right)^{52} - 1$$

There are **52** weeks in a year

$$r_{2-year} \longrightarrow r_{quarterly}$$

$$r_{quarterly} = \left(1 + r_{2-year}\right)^{\frac{1}{8}} - 1$$

1/8 of a 2-year period is a quarter (3 months)

$$r_{3-week} \longrightarrow r_{6-week}$$

$$r_{6-week} = (1 + r_{3-week})^2 - 1$$

Two 3-week periods make up a 6-week period

$$r_{quarterly} \longrightarrow r_{monthly}$$

$$r_{monthly} = \left(1 + r_{quarterly}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1$$

1/3 of a quarter (3 months) is a single month

Adjust the interest rate to match the cash flow frequency

The Effect of Compounding

How does r_{annual} (EAR) change when the number of compounding periods increases (holding APR fixed)?

Assume APR = 0.1 (10%) for the following scenarios

Compounding Frequency	APR → Effective	Effective $ ightarrow$ Effective [r_{annual} (EAR)]
Annually ($m=1$)	$r_{annual} = \frac{APR}{1} = 0.1$	$r_{annual} = 0.1$
Semi-annually ($m=2$)	$r_{semi-annual} = \frac{APR}{2} = 0.05$	$r_{annual} = (1 + r_{semi-annual})^2 - 1 = 0.1025$
Quarterly ($m=4$)	$r_{quarterly} = \frac{APR}{4} = 0.025$	$r_{annual} = (1 + r_{quarterly})^4 - 1 = 0.1038$
Monthly ($m=12$)	$r_{monthly} = \frac{APR}{12} = 0.00833$	$r_{annual} = (1 + r_{monthly})^{12} - 1 = 0.1047$
Daily ($m = 365$)	$r_{daily} = \frac{APR}{365} = 0.000274$	$r_{annual} = (1 + r_{daily})^{365} - 1 = 0.1052$



Conclusion: As the compounding frequency (m) increases, the EAR **increases**

A \$40000 investment you own today offers a 5% rate, compounded semi-annually. If you sell this investment 18 months later, how much money would you obtain?

A loan shark offers you \$10000 at an APR rate that is compounded monthly. As a finance student, you realize this is illegal as you would have to pay him back \$538972 after one year. If this is the case, what APR rate is the loan shark offering?

Which of the following is/are true about interest rates? Select all that apply.

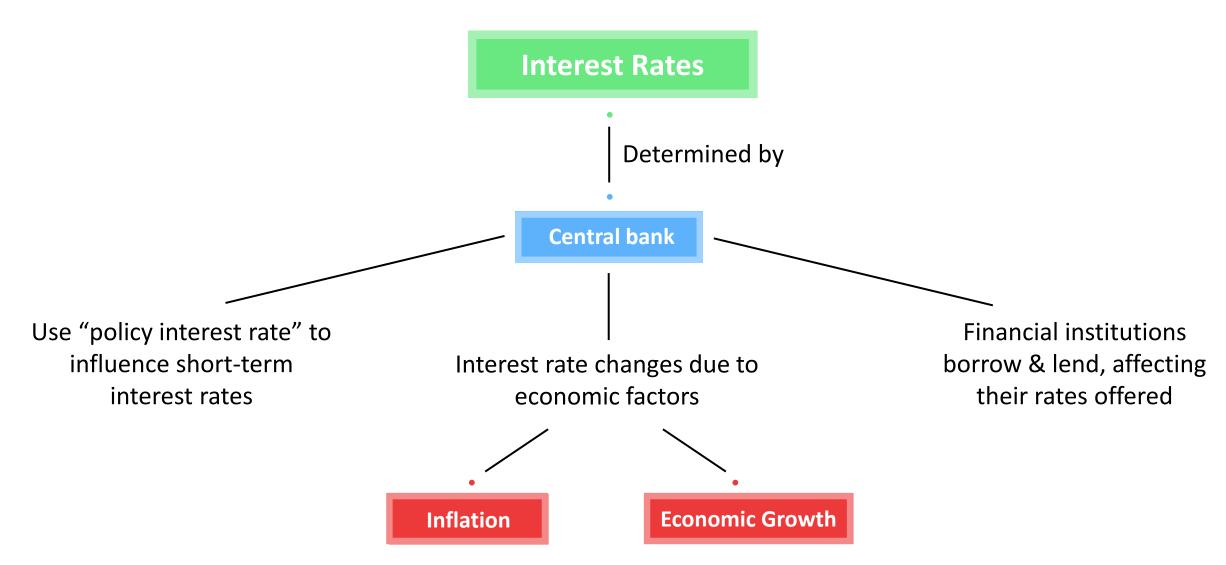
- a) Under annual compounding, the APR rate will always be equal to the EAR rate
- b) Holding all else fixed, increasing the compounding frequency will decrease the EAR
- c) The APR rate will have a greater chance at surpassing the EAR rate as we compound more frequently
- d) If a bank offers an APR rate of 5% compounded monthly, then $\frac{APR}{2}$ will give us $r_{semi-annual}$
- e) None of the above

Determinants of Interest Rates



Interest Rates and the Central Bank

The market (nominal) interest rate (r) is determined by the supply of savings and demand for borrowing



Economic Determiner #1 - Inflation

Earning 5% yearly interest on your assets does not mean you can buy 5% more next year – there is inflation!

From ECON 102 (Fisher Equation): Real interest rate \approx Market (nominal) interest rate (r) – Inflation

How much your buying What the central power increases bank influences

Investors save less if inflation is high as the real interest rate will be low

Real interest rate \approx Market (nominal) interest rate (r) – Inflation

To increase the real interest rate so people save more, the market interest rate (r) needs to increase

Real interest rate \approx Market (nominal) interest rate (r) – Inflation

Economic Determiner #2 – Investments & Growth

The level of economic growth desired comes from investment – what determines our willingness to invest?

Answer: The present value of future benefits that come from the investment

Suppose interest rates are high (r^{\uparrow})

$$PV_0 = C_n \cdot (1+r)^{-n} = \frac{C_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

Would you be more inclined to invest? NO!

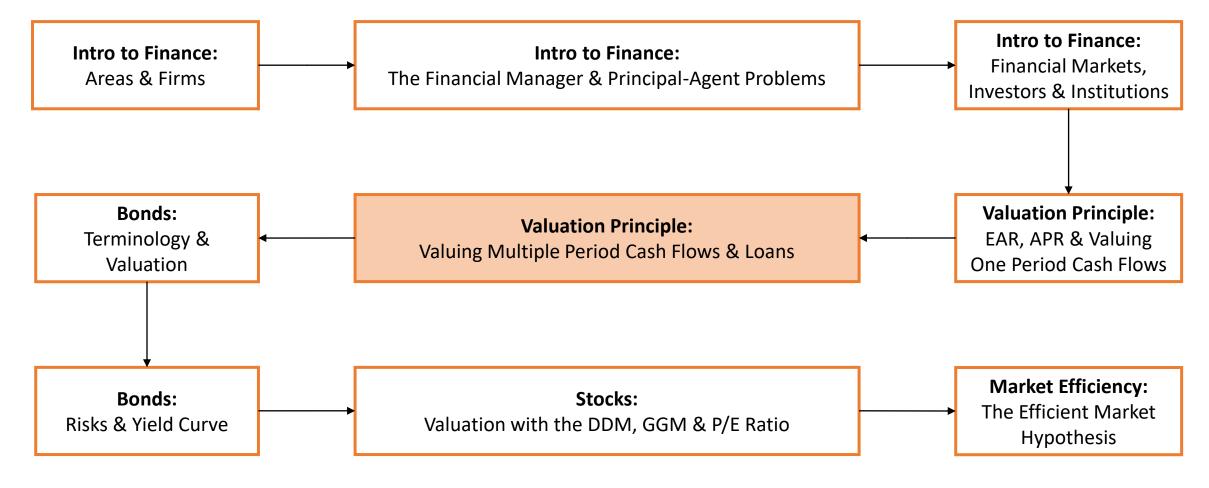
Suppose interest rates are low $(r \downarrow)$

$$PV_0 = C_n \cdot (1+r)^{-n} = \frac{C_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

Would you be more inclined to invest? YES!

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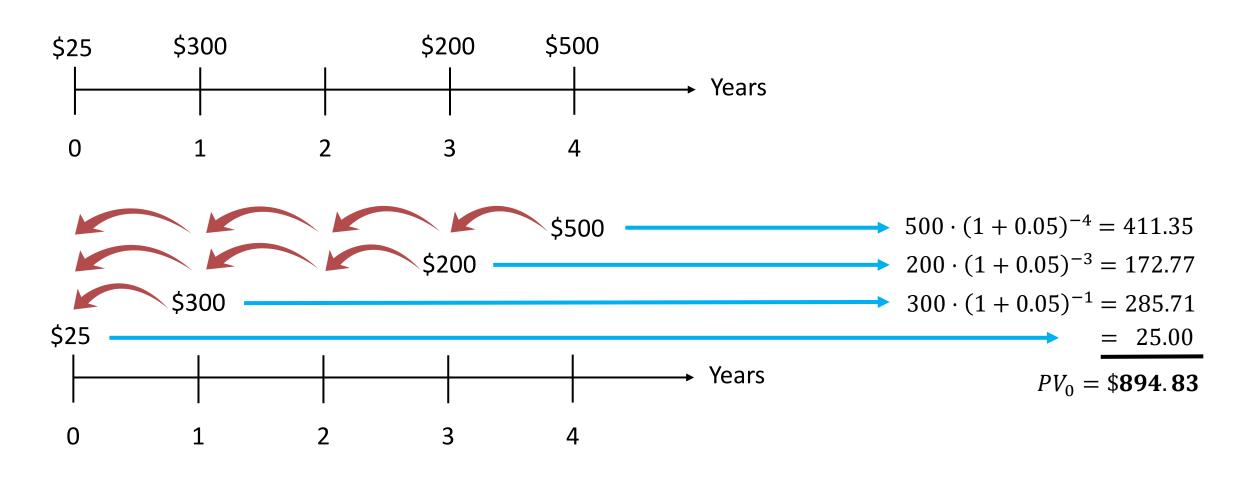




Valuing Multiple Cash Flows

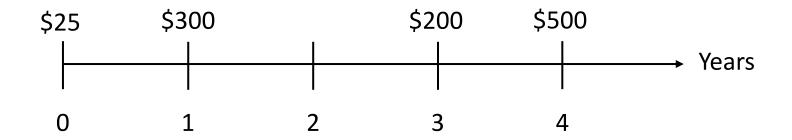
How do we value the following streams of cash flows? Value each single period's cash flow!

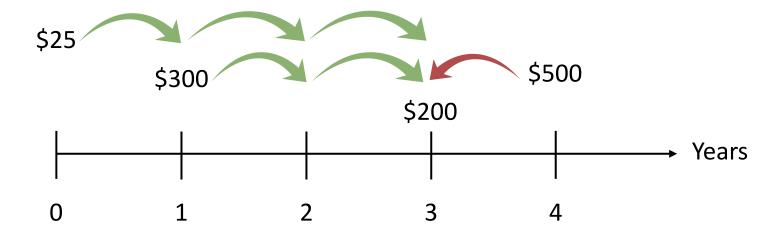
What is the present value of the following cash flows at t=0? Assume an EAR of 5% (i.e., $r_{annual}=0.05$)



Valuing Multiple Cash Flows (Continued)

What is the value of the following cash flows at t=3? Assume an EAR of 5% (i.e., $r_{annual}=0.05$)

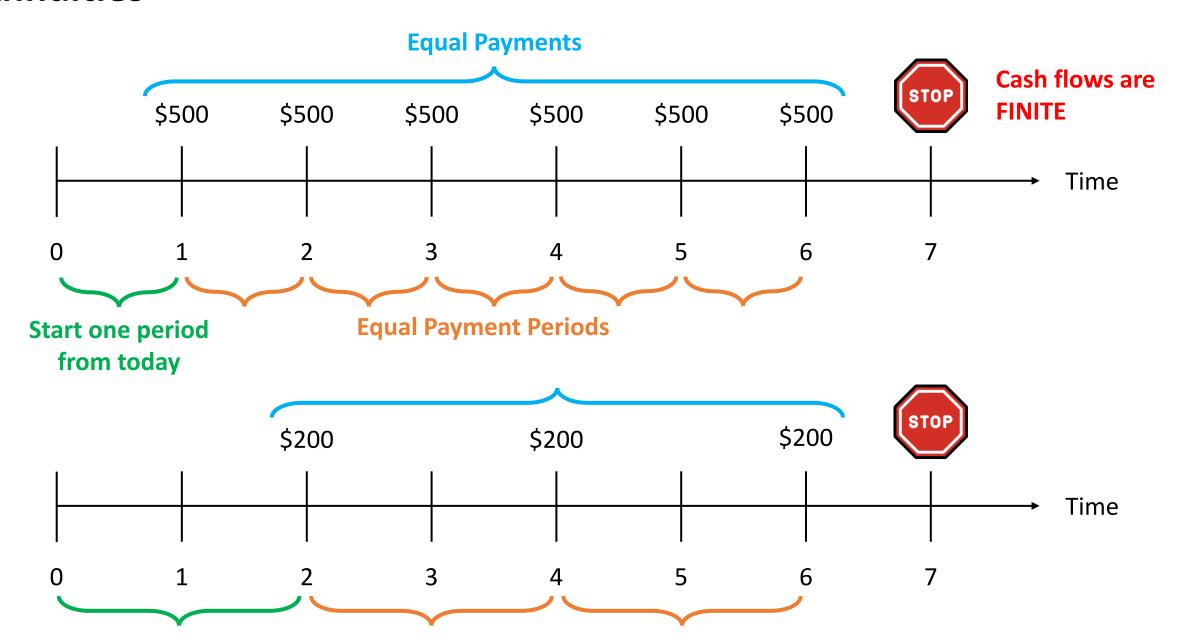




$$= 25 \cdot (1 + 0.05)^3 + 300 \cdot (1 + 0.05)^2 + 200 + 500 \cdot (1 + 0.05)^{-1} = \$1035.88$$



Annuities



Annuity Formula for Present Value

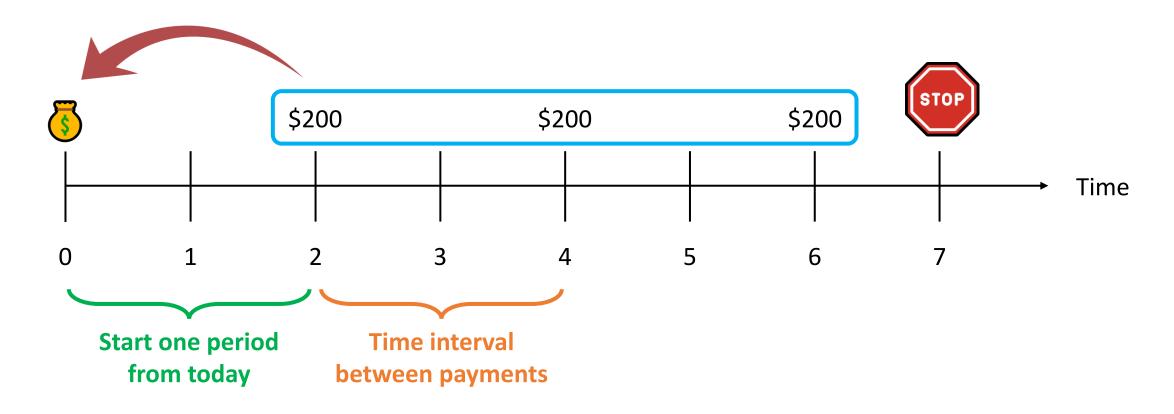
$$PV_0 = C \left[\frac{1 - (1+r)^{-n}}{r} \right]$$

C = Level payment

Same time units!

r =Effective interest rate per period

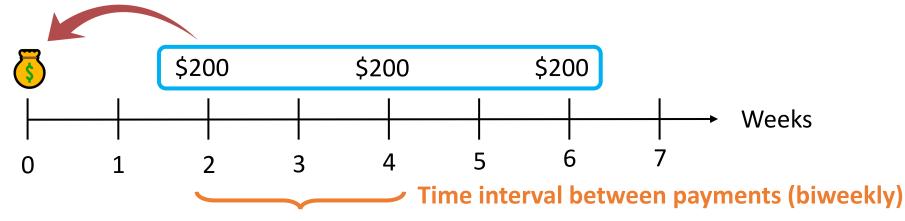
n =Number of payments in annuity period



Using the PV Annuity Formula

If $r_{weekly} = 0.1$, what is the PV of these biweekly cash flows today?

$$PV_0 = C \left[\frac{1 - (1+r)^{-n}}{r} \right]$$



$$C = 200$$

n=3 biweekly payments



Note: Do we use $r_{weekly} = 0.1$ for the formula? NO! n = 3 biweekly payments, so we need $r_{biweekly}$

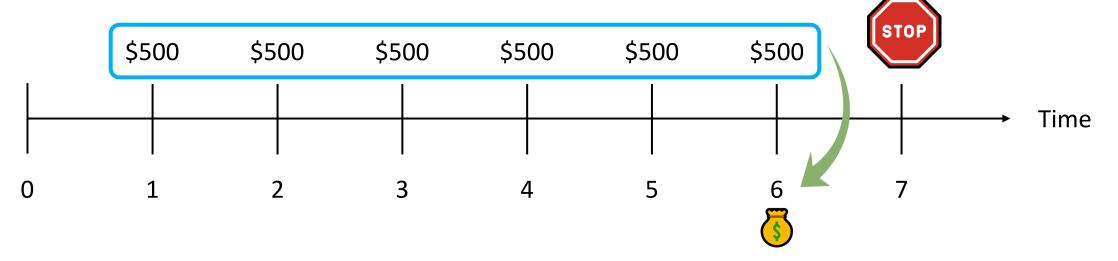
$$r_{biweekly} = (1 + r_{weekly})^2 - 1 = (1 + 0.1)^2 - 1 = 0.21$$
 $PV_0 = 200 \left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.21)^{-3}}{0.21} \right] = \414.79

Annuity Formula for Future Value

$$FV_n = C\left[\frac{(1+r)^n - 1}{r}\right]$$

C = Level payment r = Effective interest rate per period

n =Number of payments in annuity period

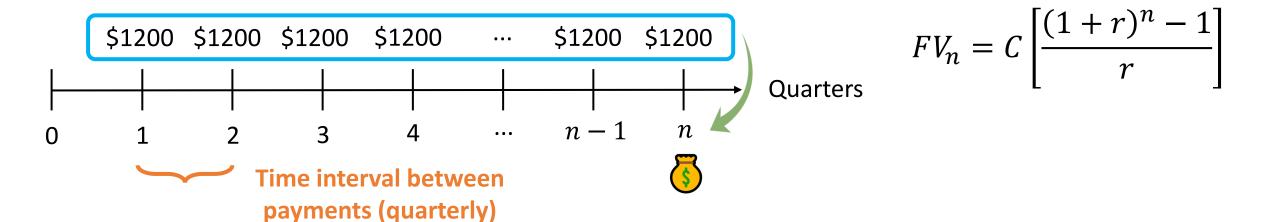




Note: This gives you the FV on the date the last cash flow occurs, NOT one period after!

Using the FV Annuity Formula

George plans to deposit \$1200 for his newborn daughter's RESP at end of each quarter. He wants \$120000 saved up by the time he makes his last deposit. If his bank offers a yearly return of 4.8% APR compounded quarterly, how many years will it take to reach his goal if his first deposit is next quarter?

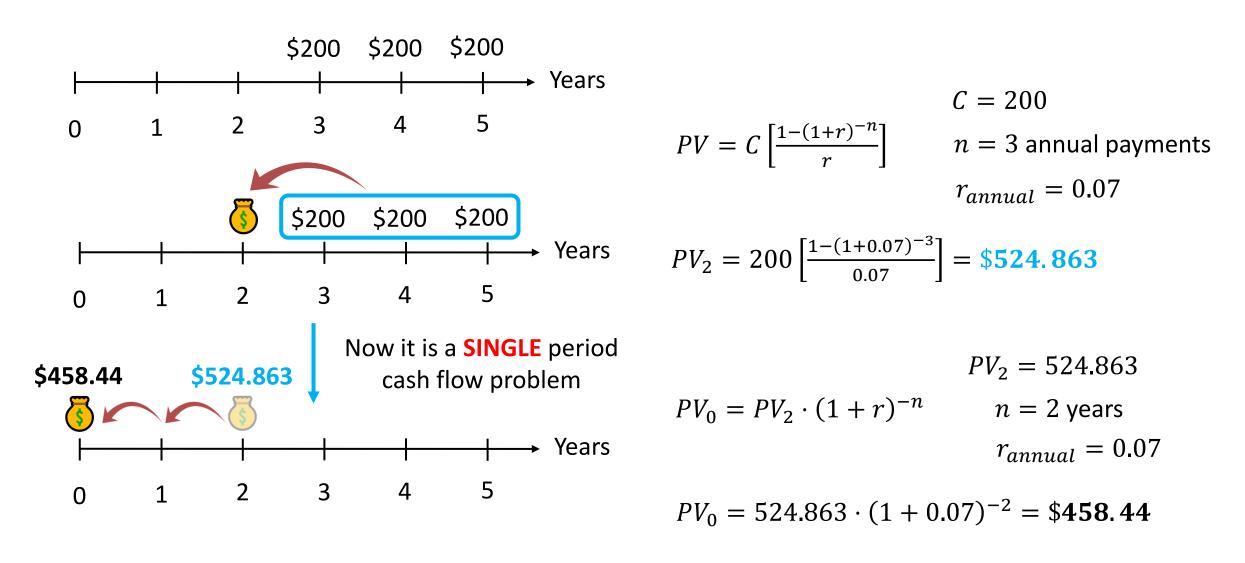


$$FV_n = 120000$$
 $C = 1200$ $m = 4$ $r_{quarterly} = \frac{APR}{m} = \frac{0.048}{4} = 0.012$ $n = ?$ quarters

$$120000 = 1200 \left[\frac{(1+0.012)^n - 1}{0.012} \right] \Rightarrow n = 66.1 \text{ quarters} \quad (16.52 \text{ years})$$

Special Annuities – Moving Annuities

What is the value of the following cash flows at t=0? Assume an EAR of 7%.



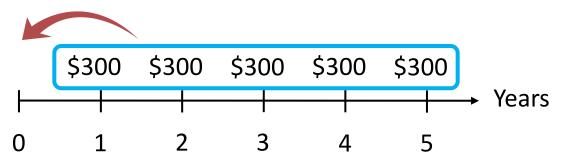
Special Annuities – Annuity Due

What is the value of the following streams cash flows at t=0? Assume an EAR of 7%.

$$C = 300$$

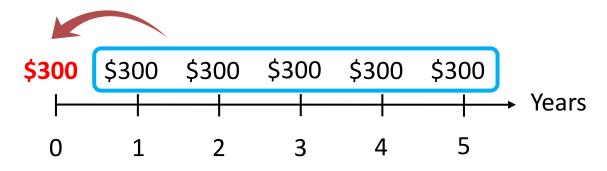
$$r_{annual} = 0.07$$

Regular Annuity
$$C = 300$$
 $r_{annual} = 0.07$ $n = 5$ annual payments



$$PV_0 = 300 \left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.07)^{-5}}{0.07} \right] = \$1230.06$$

Annuity Due



$$PV_0 = 300 \left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.07)^{-5}}{0.07} \right] + 300 = $1530.06$$

Perpetuities

Like an annuity, but the cash flows are *perpetual* – they never end (e.g., a consol bond)

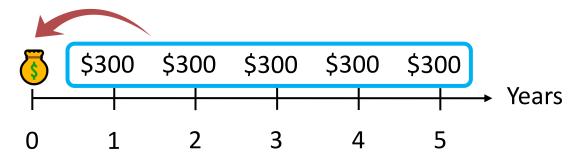
$$PV_0 = \frac{C}{r}$$

C = Level payment

r = Effective interest rate per period

Still need to match the timing of cash flows (e.g., if payments occur every month, you must use $r_{monthly}$)

Regular Annuity

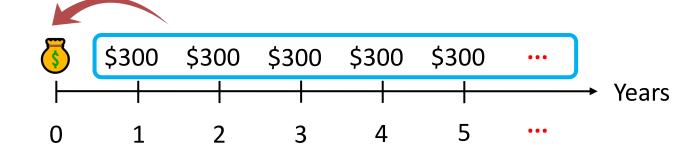


$$PV_0 = 300 \left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.07)^{-5}}{0.07} \right] = \$1230.06$$

Perpetuity

$$C = 300$$

$$r_{annual} = 0.07$$

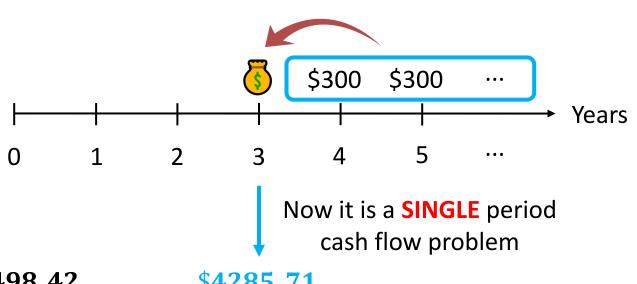


$$PV_0 = \frac{300}{0.07} = $4285.71$$

Applying the Special Cases of Annuities to Perpetuities

In the future, you will own a consol bond that pays \$300 every year for an indefinite amount of time. The first payment will start 4 years from today. If $r_{annual} = 0.07$, what is the PV of this perpetuity today?

"Moving Perpetuities"



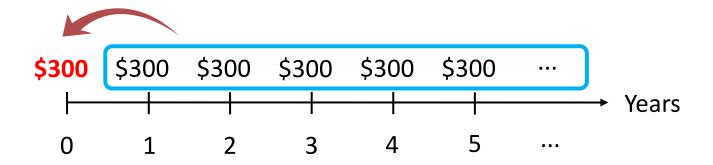
$$PV_3 = \frac{c}{r} = \frac{300}{0.07} = $4285.71$$

$$PV_0 = PV_3 \cdot (1+r)^{-n}$$
 $PV_0 = 4285.71 \cdot (1+0.07)^{-3} = \3498.42

Applying the Special Cases of Annuities to Perpetuities (Continued)

A consol bond you own pays \$300 every year for an indefinite amount of time. Somehow, the issuer has mistakenly given you the first payment today. If $r_{annual} = 0.07$, what is the PV of this perpetuity today?

"Perpetuity Due"



$$PV_0 = \frac{300}{0.07} + 300 = $4585.71$$

Today your parents have \$10000 in the bank gaining interest at 10% APR, compounded monthly. They recently won a lottery that rewards fixed, monthly payments at the end of each month. The payments will start this month and occur for 10 years. All winnings will be immediately deposited into the bank when received.

a) If your parents can exactly afford a \$80000 car in 10 years, what is the monthly payout won from the lottery?

Assume your answer to the last question is \$275

b) Suppose the lottery changes their payout scheme and awards your parents a lump-sum of cash equal to the present value of their winnings instead. What is the price of the most expensive car your parents can buy today?

Your enrollment in a pension fund has landed you with an annuity of \$900 every 2 months! The first payment will be a month from today on Jan. 31st, 2025 and the last payment will be on Nov. 30th, 2032. If you can reinvest all your money into a stock that gives a return of 1.48% every 2 months, how much would you have gained by the end of the 2032 (i.e., 8 years from today)?

How much is a perpetuity of \$75 per year starting today if the interest rate is 22% APR compounded weekly?

Which of the following is/are true assuming all cash flows are positive? Select all that apply.

- a) Holding all else constant, the PV of a perpetuity can never be less than the PV of an annuity
- b) An example of an annuity is a consol bond
- c) Holding all else constant, one would prefer a perpetuity of \$300 every 2 months starting today over a perpetuity of \$150 every month starting today
- d) The fixed interval payments in a mortgage loan is an example of a perpetuity
- e) One would prefer an annuity of \$200 per year starting today under a 5% APR rate compounded semiannually over the same annuity with annual compounding instead

Applications of Annuities: Mortgage Loans



Mortgage Loans

At the beginning of the month, Noble took out a \$200000 mortgage to buy a townhouse. The 15-year loan requires him to make monthly payments under an APR of 7.54% compounded quarterly. How much does he need to pay each month if his first payment is due at the end of this month?



$$n = 180$$
 monthly payments $PV_0 = 200000$ $r_{quarterly} = \frac{APR}{m} = \frac{0.0754}{4} = 0.01885$

$$r_{monthly} = \left(1 + r_{quarterly}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = 0.00624426$$
 (Want $r_{monthly}$ as payments are monthly)

$$PV_0 = C\left[\frac{1-(1+r)^{-n}}{r}\right] \Rightarrow 200000 = C\left[\frac{1-(1+0.00624426)^{-180}}{0.00624426}\right]$$
 $C = \$1853.24$

What is Behind the Scenes?

$$C = \frac{\text{Period}}{\text{Interest }(I)} + \frac{\text{Period}}{\text{Principal }(p)} PV \text{ at time } t$$

Months	Beginning Period Mortgage Principal	Period Payment	Period Interest Accrued	Period Principal Payment	End Period Account Balance		
1	$$200,000 = PV_0$	\$1,853.24	\$1,248.85	\$604.39	\$199,395.61	PV_1	
2	\$199,395.61	\$1,853.24	\$1,245.08	\$608.16	\$198,787.45	PV_2	
3	\$198,787.45	\$1,853.24	\$1,241.28	\$611.96	\$198,175.48	4	
4	\$198,175.48	\$1,853.24	\$1,237.46	\$615.78	\$197,559.70	As time passes $p \uparrow$ and $I \downarrow$	
5	\$197,559.70	\$1,853.24	\$1,233.61	\$619.63	\$196,940.07		
6	\$196,940.07	\$1,853.24	\$1,229.75	\$623.50	\$196,316.58		
7	\$196,316.58	\$1,853.24	\$1,225.85	\$627.39	\$195,689.19		•
8	\$195,689.19	\$1,853.24	\$1,221.93	\$631.31	\$195,057.88	\$2,000.00	
9	\$195,057.88	\$1,853.24	\$1,217.99	\$635.25	\$194,422.63	\$1,500.00	
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175	\$10,880.43	\$1,853.24	\$67.94	\$1,785.30	\$9,095.13	\$500.00	
176	\$9,095.13	\$1,853.24	\$56.79	\$1,796.45	\$7,298.68	\$0.00	_
177	\$7,298.68	\$1,853.24	\$45.57	\$1,807.67	\$5,491.01	1 1 16 16 11 10 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	
178	\$5,491.01	\$1,853.24	\$34.29	\$1,818.95	\$3,672.05		Period Principal Payment
179	\$3,672.05	\$1,853.24	\$22.93	\$1,830.31	\$1,841.74		
180	\$1,841.74	\$1,853.24	\$11.50	\$1,841.74	\$0.00	■ Period Interest Accrued	



a) Michael's 40-year mortgage of \$650000 has a contract interest rate of 4.24% APR compounded semiannually. He is required to make quarterly payments, with the first starting a quarter from today. Under these terms, how much will he need to pay each quarter?

For the rest of the question, assume that the quarterly payments are \$8500 each

b) How much does Michael owe after he makes his 37th payment?

For the rest of the question, assume that the quarterly payments are \$8500 each

c) If \$2663.18 of the 50th payment went to pay the interest, how much went to pay the principal?

For the rest of the question, assume that the quarterly payments are \$8500 each

- d) Let's rewind time. In an alternative world, Michael realized he had trouble paying off his mortgage after he made his 37th payment. His friend offered to pay off the remaining payments if Michael gave him ownership of the house. If the house is worth \$590000 today, which of the following is true? Select the best option.
- i) Michael should take the offer as the PV of his house is less than the PV of his remaining payments
- ii) Michael should take the offer as the PV of his house is more than the PV of his remaining payments
- iii) Michael should not take the offer as the PV of his house is less than the PV of his remaining payments
- iv) Michael should not take the offer as the PV of his house is more than the PV of his remaining payments
- v) Michael is indifferent between the choices as the PV of both options is the same

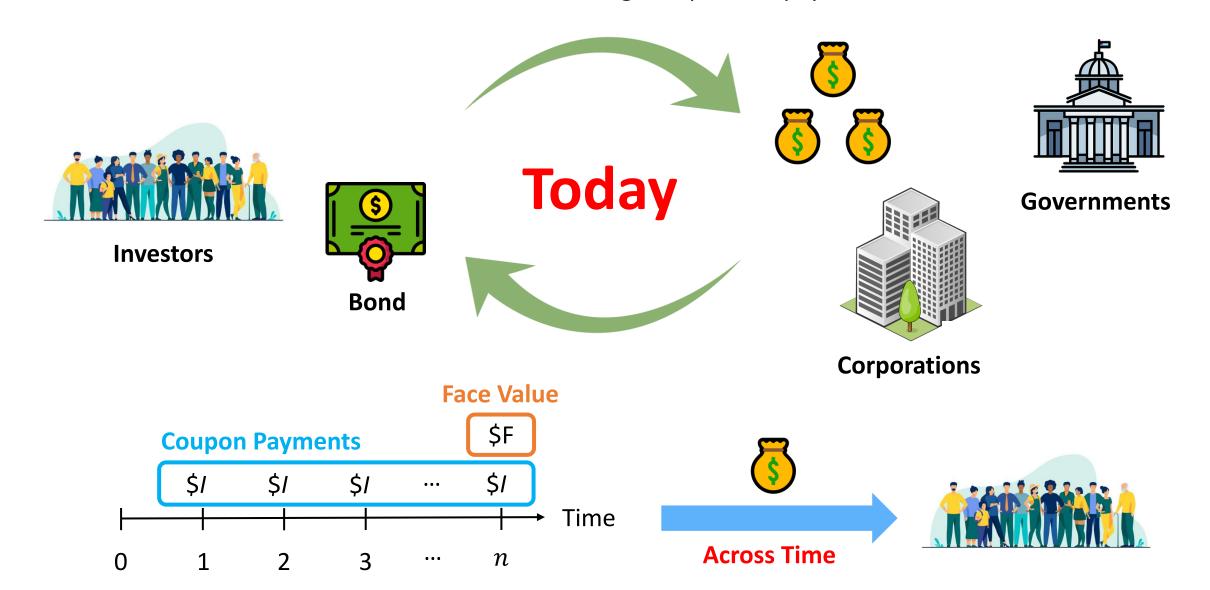
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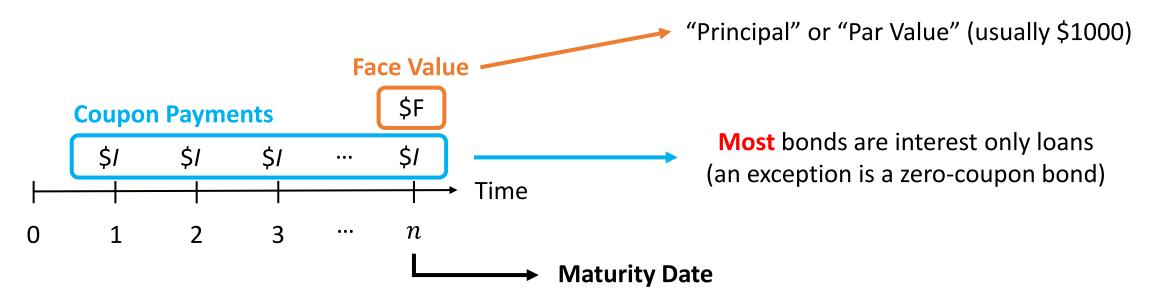


What is a Bond?

Debt instrument issued to investors for funds in exchange for periodic payments back to the investors



What is a Bond? (Continued)





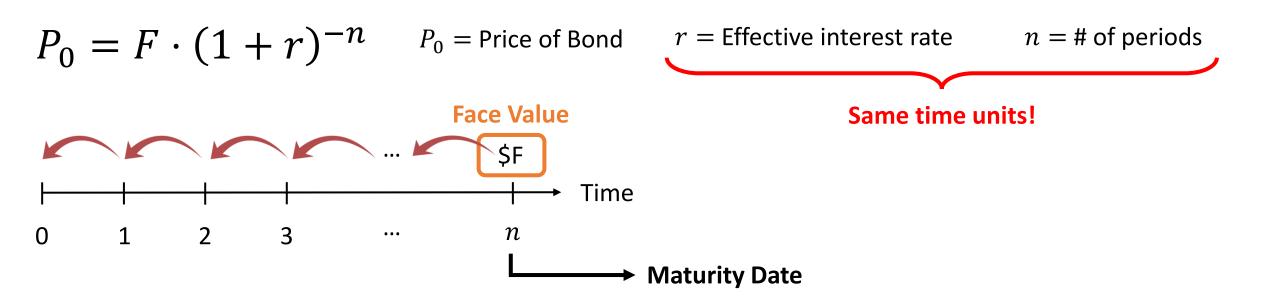
"Fixed income" securities – strictly defined payments (interest payments don't change)





Zero-coupon Bonds

A bond without coupons (e.g., treasury bills) where the investor only receives the face value at maturity



Remarks:

- Zero-coupon bonds always sell at a discount (i.e., bond price < face value)
- r is the rate of return (i.e., the reward for taking on risk the higher the risk, the higher the r)
- Bond prices and r are inversely proportional (i.e., as r increases, bond price decreases)

How to get the Effective Rate r for Zero-coupon Bonds?

Markets quote the return on bonds using an APR rate called the "Yield to Maturity" (YTM)

 $\frac{YTM}{m} = r$ Yield to Maturity (YTM) $r \cdot m = YTM$ Effective Interest Rate (r)

m=# of compounding periods in ONE year

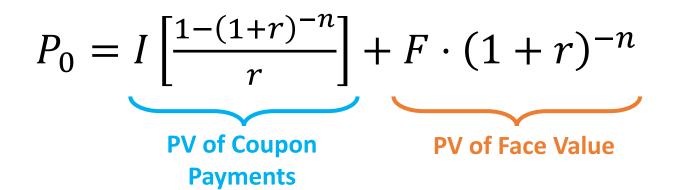
YTM = Yield to maturity

Compounding Frequency	(YTM to Effective Rate)	Compounding Frequency	(YTM to Effective Rate)	
Daily ($m = 365$)	$\frac{YTM}{365} = r_{daily}$	Quarterly ($m=4$)	$\frac{YTM}{4} = r_{quarterly}$	
Weekly ($m=52$)	$\frac{YTM}{52} = r_{weekly}$	Semi-annually ($m=2$)	$\frac{YTM}{2} = r_{semi-annual}$	
Monthly ($m=12$)	$\frac{YTM}{12} = r_{monthly}$	Annually ($m=1$)	$\frac{YTM}{1} = YTM = r_{annual}$ (EAR)	

Most common compounding period for bonds

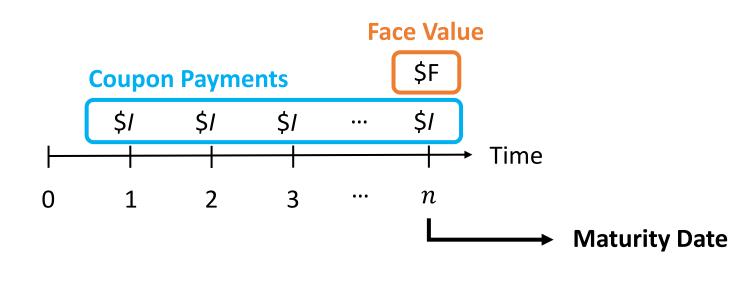
Coupon Bonds

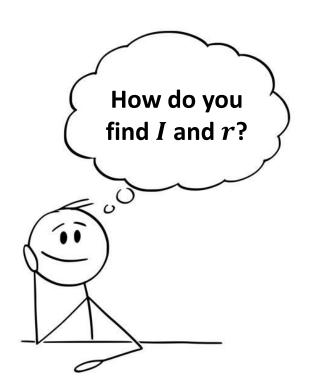
A bond with coupons where the investor receives an annuity of coupons + principal at maturity



 P_0 = Price of Bond

Same time units! r = Effective interest rate n = # of payments before bond matures





How to get the Coupon Payments (I)

Unlike yield to maturity (YTM), the coupon rate (CR) is a **FIXED** APR rate and never changes across time

$$I=F\cdot rac{CR}{k}$$
 $I=$ Coupon (Interest) Payment $F=$ Face Value $CR=$ Coupon Rate $k=$ # of coupon payments in ONE year

If we rearrange to solve for the coupon rate (CR), we can define it as the total coupon payment you get in one year expressed as a percentage of the bond's face value

$$CR = \frac{I \cdot k}{F} = \frac{Total\ Coupon\ Payment\ in\ One\ year}{Face\ Value}$$



Note: The number of coupon payments in a year (k) equals the frequency of compounding (m)

How to get the Effective Rate *r* for Coupon Bonds?

Recall that m = k for a coupon bond so we can find r using the following

Yield to Maturity (YTM) $r \cdot k = YTM$ Effective Interest Rate (r)

k=# of coupon payments in ONE year

YTM =Yield to maturity

Coupon Payment Frequency	(YTM to Effective Rate)	Coupon Payment Frequency	(YTM to Effective Rate)
Daily ($k = 365$)	$\frac{YTM}{365} = r_{daily}$	Quarterly ($k=4$)	$\frac{YTM}{4} = r_{quarterly}$
Weekly ($k = 52$)	$\frac{YTM}{52} = r_{weekly}$	Semi-annually ($k=2$)	$\frac{YTM}{2} = r_{semi-annual}$
Monthly ($k=12$)	$\frac{YTM}{12} = r_{monthly}$	Annually ($k=1$)	$\frac{YTM}{1} = YTM = r_{annual}$ (EAR)

Most common frequency of coupon payments

Example Calculation of Coupon Bond

Today, you bought a Government of Canada (GOC) bond that has a coupon rate of 9%, a face value of \$1000, and a YTM of 6%. It pays semi-annual coupons and matures in 40 years. How much did the bond cost you?

$$I=F\cdot \frac{\mathcal{C}R}{k}$$
 $F=1000$ $\mathcal{C}R=0.09$ $k=2$ coupons per year $I=1000\cdot \frac{0.09}{2}=\45 $n=80$ semi-annual payments

40

39.5

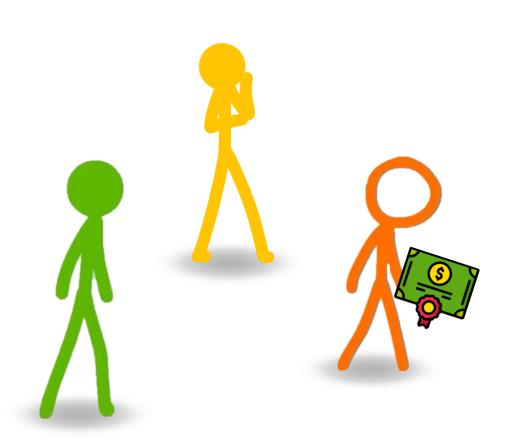
0.5

$$r_{semi-annual} = \frac{YTM}{k} = \frac{0.06}{2} = 0.03$$

$$P_0 = I\left[\frac{1 - (1 + r)^{-n}}{r}\right] + F \cdot (1 + r)^{-n} = 45\left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.03)^{-80}}{0.03}\right] + 1000(1 + 0.03)^{-80} = \$1453.01$$
PV of Coupon
Payments

Bond Price Quotations

Bond prices are quoted as a percent of its face value – a \$1000 face value bond trading at \$1052 would be quoted as 105.20 (105.20% of the face value)





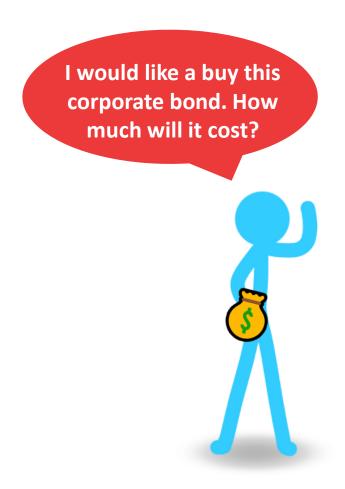
Bid Price

In an OTC bond market, the bid price is the maximum price a bond dealer is willing to pay to obtain a bond



Ask Price

In an OTC bond market, the ask price is the minimum price a bond dealer is willing to sell a bond for





What is the YTM of a one year, \$1000 face value zero-coupon bond if it currently sells for \$987.65? Assume the frequency of compounding is semi-annual.

a) A 30-year corporate bond has a YTM of 12%, a coupon rate of 9.6%, and a face value of \$5000. How much money do you receive per coupon if the bond's coupon payments are yearly?

For the rest of the question, assume that the coupon payments are \$500 each

b) If you bought the corporate bond today, how much would you have to pay?

For the rest of the question, assume that the coupon payments are \$500 each

c) It has been a few years and you found out that your brother bought the same corporate bond 8 years ago and received his most recent coupon today. If the YTM is now 8%, how much money would he get from selling his bond right now?

Which of the following is/are true about bonds? Select all that apply.

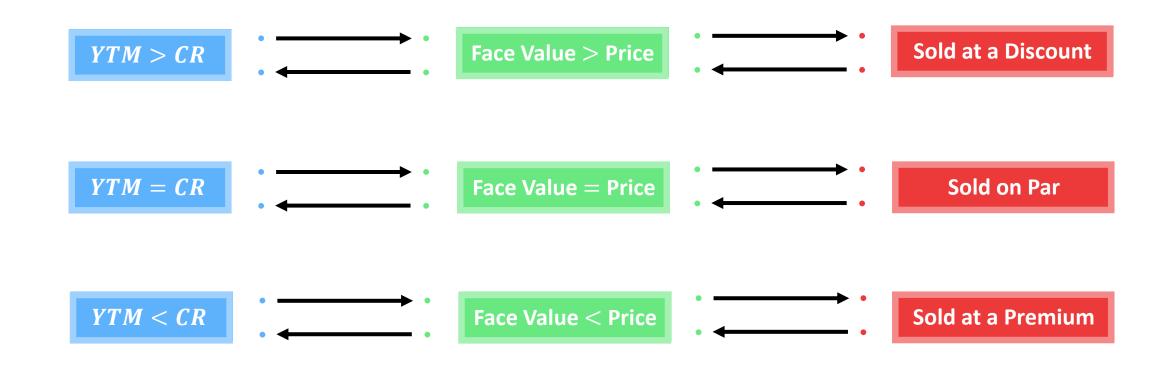
- a) Holding all else constant, a zero-coupon bond would always be priced lower than a coupon-bond
- b) Bonds can be traded in a primary market but not in a secondary market
- c) If a bond is sold at double its face value, the price would be quoted as 100 because the selling price is 100% more than its face value
- d) Treasury bills are an example of a zero-coupon bond
- e) Both the coupon rate (CR) and YTM are APR rates that can fluctuate as time passes



More on YTM & Coupon Rates

YTM & Coupon Rates

The YTM and coupon rate are both APR rates, so we can do a comparison to understand bond prices



Conclusion: The better deal you get (i.e., higher CR relative to YTM), the more you must pay

More on YTM

Unlike the coupon rate (which stays constant across time), a bond's YTM can fluctuate across time

How do we interpret the YTM? What does it mean?

Answer: YTM is the expected average annual rate of return in APR terms when the following conditions are met

- (1) You buy the bond today and hold it until maturity (hence it is called yield to maturity)
- (2) You reinvest the coupons earned at that same YTM rate

When may your expectation deviate? (i.e., you get something different than your YTM)

- (1) When you sell off the bond before it matures
- (2) You reinvest the coupons earned at a different YTM rate or don't reinvest them at all

State whether the following bonds are traded at a premium, at a discount, or at par

a) A \$1234.56 corporate bond that has a face value of \$1000

b) An Apple Inc. bond that offers semi-annual coupons of \$44.50, has a face value of \$2000, and a YTM of 4.9%

c) A 7-year John Deere bond that pays semi-annual coupons, has a coupon rate of 4.7%, and offers an effective semi-annual return of 2.5%

- a) List the following bonds' prices from smallest to largest. Each bond has the same face value and pays annual coupons.
- i) 10-year bond with a coupon rate of 5% and YTM of 8%
- ii) 12-year bond with a coupon rate of 9% and YTM of 8%
- iii) 15-year bond with a coupon rate of 9% and YTM of 8%
- iv) 8-year bond with a coupon rate of 5% and YTM of 8%

- b) Select the correct option listed in brackets
- i) Fixing all else, a premium bond will (increase/decrease) in price as its maturity period becomes longer
- ii) Fixing all else, a discount bond will (increase/decrease) in price as its maturity period becomes longer

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What Determines a Bond's Yield?

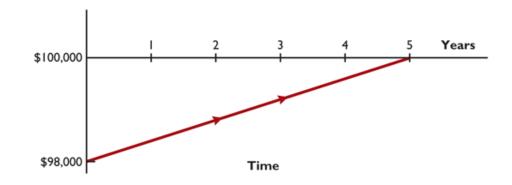
The following contribute to a bond's YTM

- (1) Nominal interest rate (inflation & purchasing power : the real interest rate)
 - Real Interest Rate ≈ Nominal Interest Rate Inflation
- (2) Interest rate risk premium
 - How sensitive is the bond's price when r changes?
- (3) Default (credit) risk premium
 - How likely will we never be paid back for the bond we purchased?
- (4) Liquidity premium
 - How easy is it to sell off the bond for cash (i.e., liquidate it)?

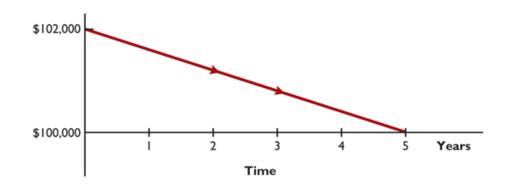
The focus for the next few slides

Why do Bond Prices Change?

Holding all else constant, a bond's price tends towards its face value as it gets closer to maturity



Bond sold at discount



Bond sold at premium

The market interest rate (r) can fluctuate

$$P_0 = I\left[\frac{1-(1+r)^{-n}}{r}\right] + F \cdot (1+r)^{-n}$$

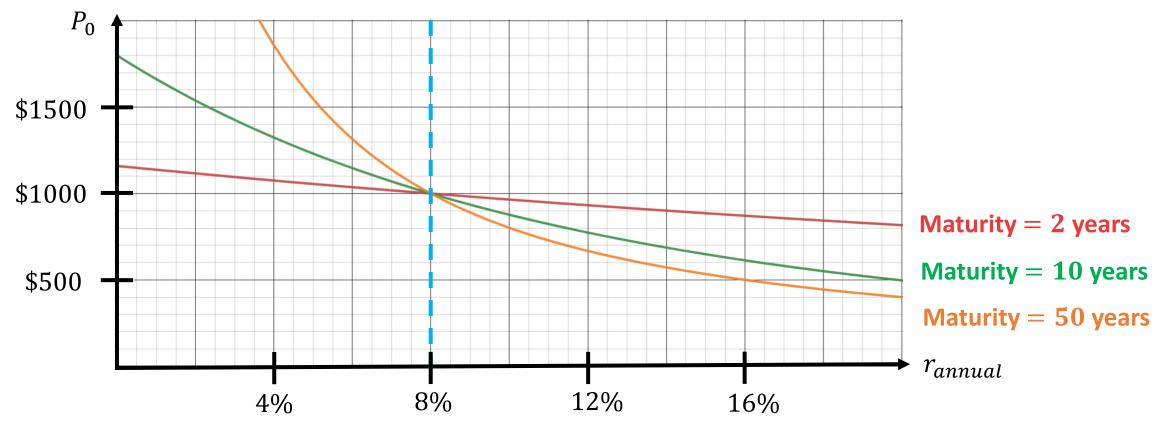
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Interest Rate Risk (Maturity Length)

Prices fluctuate as r changes, but depending on a bond's characteristics, they will fluctuate more or less

The following bonds have : CR = 8% Yearly coupon payments Face Value: \$1000



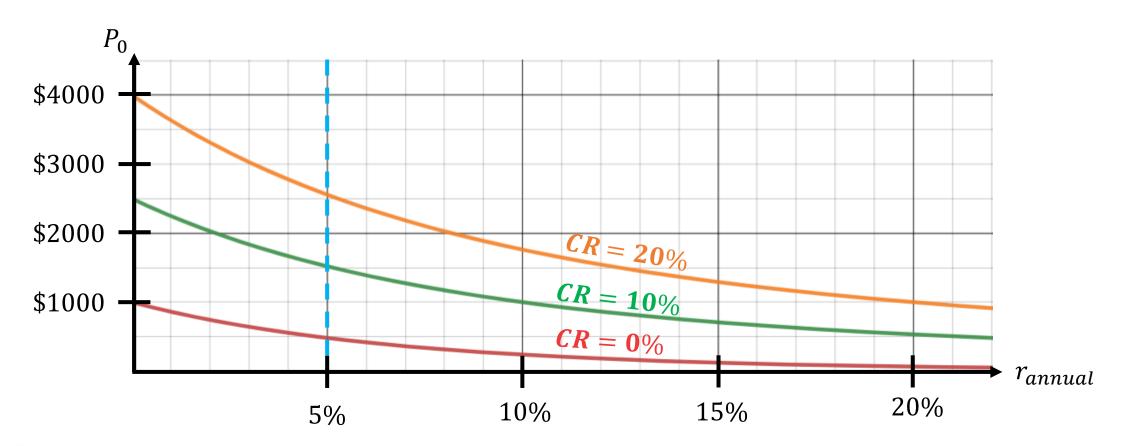


Conclusion: Longer maturity bonds have greater **percentual** price fluctuation (more interest rate risk!)

Interest Rate Risk (Coupon Rate)

How does the coupon rate (CR) affect bond prices as r changes?

The following bonds have: 15 years until maturity Yearly coupon payments Face Value: \$1000



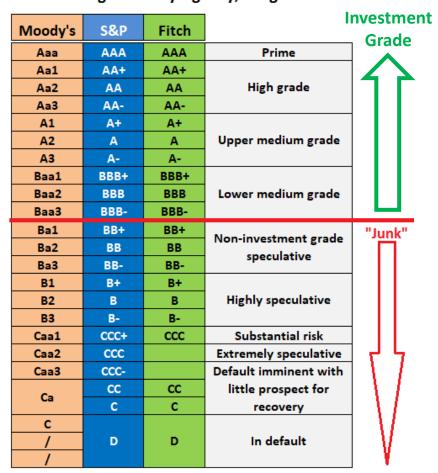


Conclusion: Bonds with lower coupon rates have greater **percentual** price fluctuation (more interest rate risk!)

Default (Credit) Risk & Bond Ratings

How likely will a bond issuer default on your payments? We can compare this likelihood with bond ratings!

Credit Rating Scales by Agency, Long-Term



Remarks:

- The **default premium** is the difference between the YTM on a risky bond vs a government bond of *similar* maturity and coupon
- Assume government bonds do not have default risk
- The lower the grade, the higher chance for default, so investors need to be compensated with a greater reward (r)

Why does Greater Risk Result in a Higher YTM?

Investors need to be compensated for the risk they take – greater risk means greater return (r)

$$\frac{YTM}{k} = r \Leftrightarrow YTM = r \cdot k$$

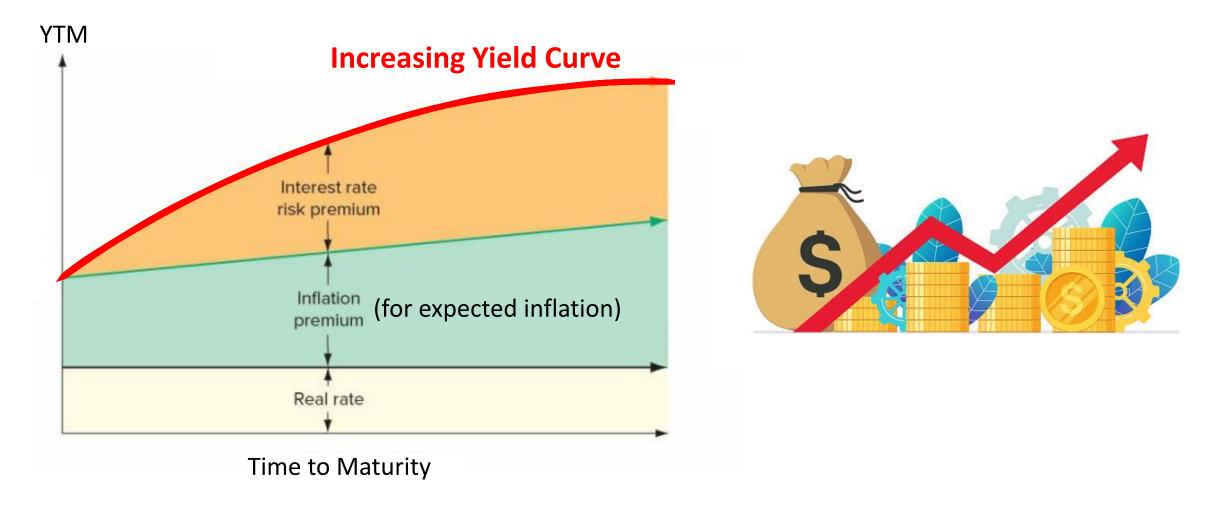
Holding k fixed, we see that YTM moves in the same direction as r

$$YTM \uparrow = \uparrow r \cdot k$$
 As r increases, the YTM increases

$$YTM = Ir \cdot k$$
 As r decreases, the YTM decreases

Yield Curve Example

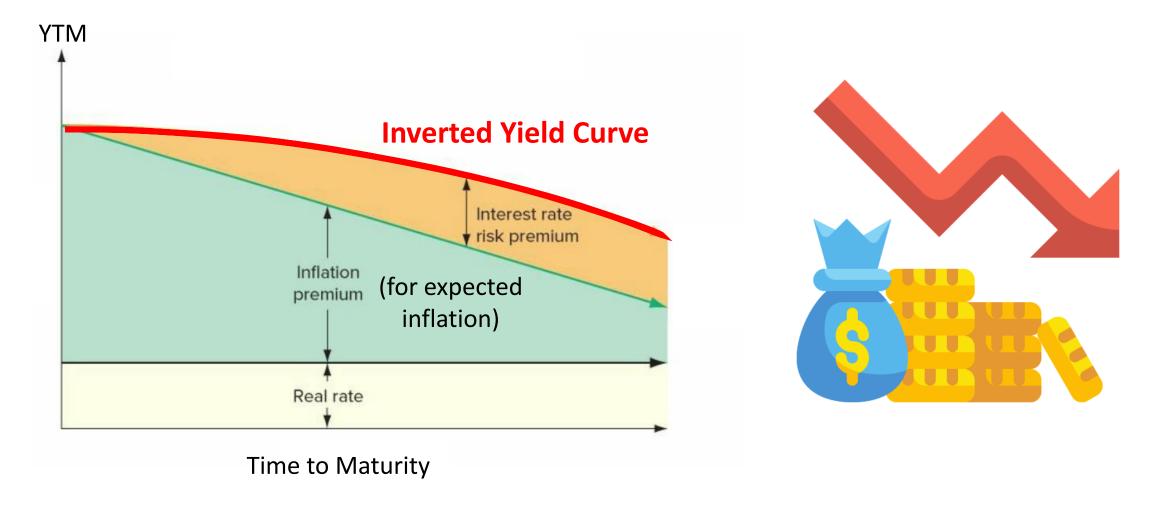
An increasing (steep) yield curve signals economic growth and rising interest rates in the future



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Yield Curve Example (Continued)

A decreasing (inverted) yield curve signals economic recession and declining interest rates in the future



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Suppose you are giving the following three bonds – assume all of them have a face value of \$1000

- i) A- grade John Deere bond with 8 years until maturity, coupon rate of 3.05%, and semi-annual coupons
- ii) BBB grade WSP Global bond with 12 years until maturity, coupon rate of 2.74%, and semi-annual coupons
- iii) BB grade Tesla bond with 10 year until maturity, coupon rate of 3.42%, and semi-annual coupons
- a) Which bond has the highest credit risk?

b) Which bond has the highest interest rate risk?

c) You found a comparable Government of Canada bond with a YTM of 7% to the Tesla bond. If the Tesla bond has a YTM of 12%, what is the default premium of the Tesla bond?

Which of the following is/are true about an inverse sloping yield curve for bonds? Select all that apply.

- a) A smaller interest rate risk premium will be expected in longer maturity bonds
- b) The economy is forecasted to undergo a recession
- c) Interest rates are expected to rise in the future
- d) Longer maturity bonds will have a smaller YTM
- e) A larger interest rate risk premium will be expected in shorter maturity bonds

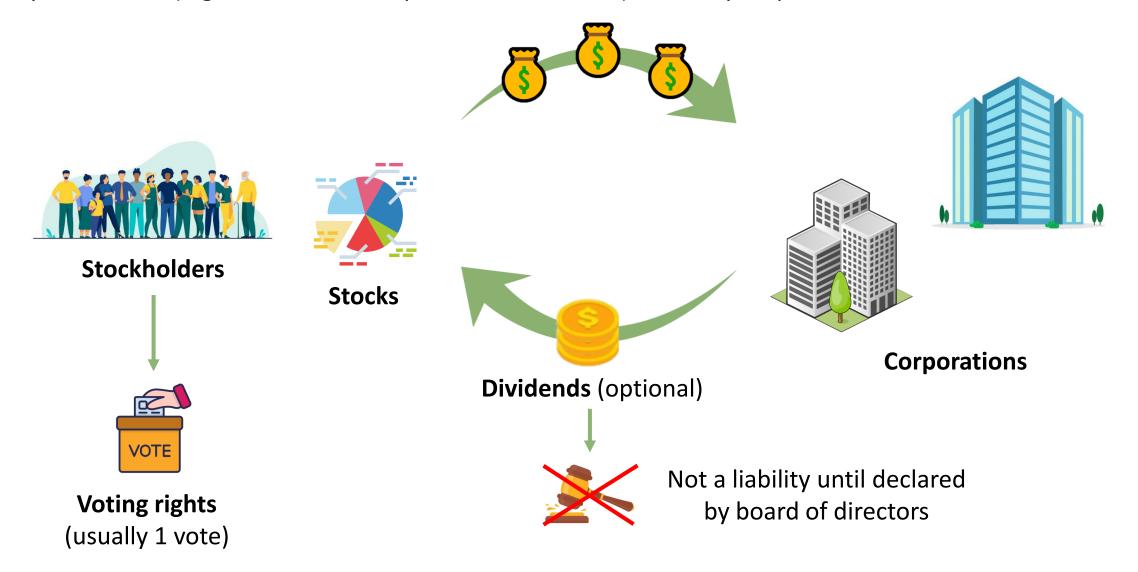
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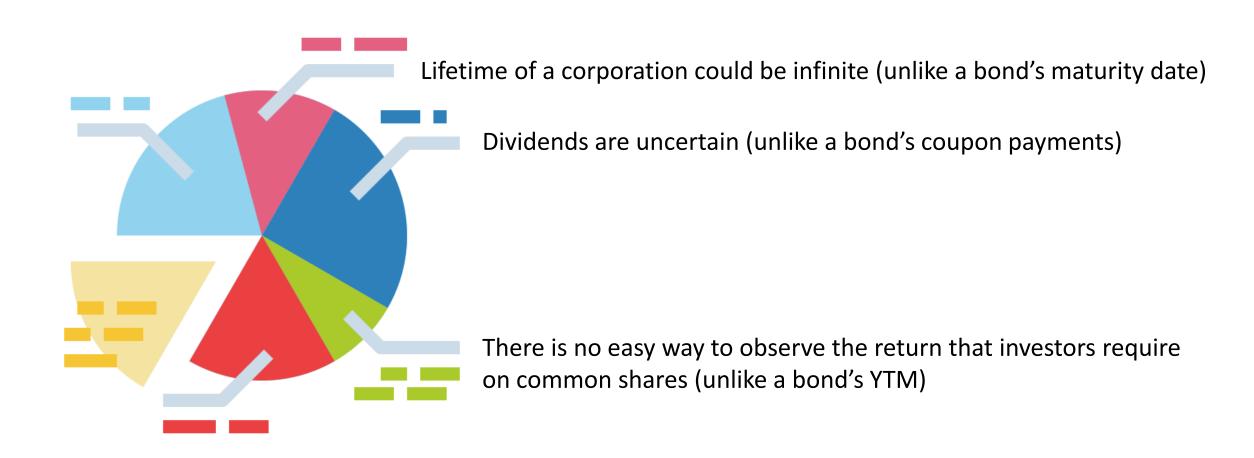


Information About Stocks

Equity instrument (e.g., common stock, preferred stock, etc.) issued by corporations in efforts to raise funds



Common Stock Characteristics

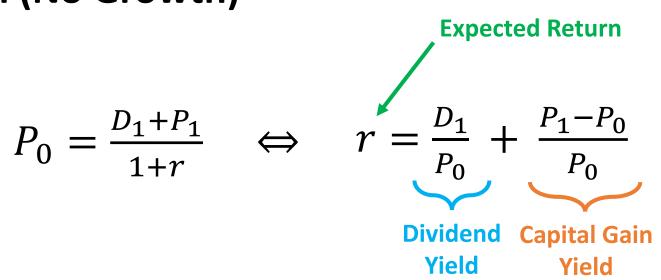


Common Stock Valuation (No Growth)

One-period Investor:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} D_1 + P_1 \\ \hline & & \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array}$$
 Time

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1 + P_1}{1 + r} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad$$



Two-period Investor:

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{1+r} + \frac{D_2 + P_2}{(1+r)^2}$$

In general (Dividend Discount Model – DDM):

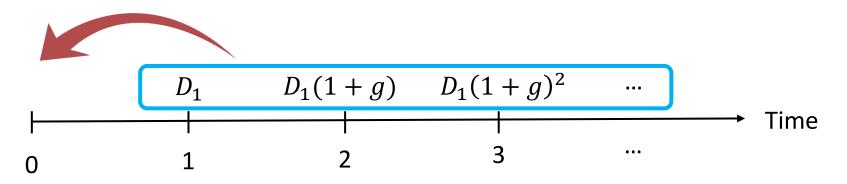
$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{1+r} + \frac{D_2}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+r)^3} + \frac{D_4}{(1+r)^4} + \cdots$$

The stock price equals the present value of ALL expected future dividends

Common Stock Valuation (Constant Growth)

It is difficulty to forecast dividend payments in the far future, so we need future dividend projections

What if the dividends acted like a perpetuity but changed at a fixed percentage (g) each period?



Where
$$D_1 = D_0(1 + g)$$

Gordon Growth Model (GGM):

$$P_0 = rac{D_0(1+g)}{r-g} = rac{D_1}{r-g}$$
 Under the condition of $g < r$

If $g \ge r$ the sum of our discounted dividends would diverge to infinity as the PV of each subsequent period's dividend would never decrease



Note: The dividend today (D_0) is not part of the PV of future cash flows for P_0 but is used to find D_1

Constant Growth Valuation Example

It is far in the future and Reddit has finally done it's initial public offering (IPO). They just paid a dividend of \$5 per share today. Yearly dividends are expected to increase at a rate of 2% per year forever. If the yearly market return is 3% on securities with the same risk as Reddit's stock, what is the price of their stock today?

$$P_0 = \frac{D_0(1+g)}{r-g} = \frac{D_1}{r-g}$$

We are not given D_1 so we need to obtain it from D_0

$$g = 0.02$$
 $r = 0.03$

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 $r = 0.03$ $D_1 = D_0(1+g) = 5 \cdot (1+0.02) = 5.10$

$$P_0 = \frac{5.10}{0.03 - 0.02} = \$510$$



Interpreting the GGM Formula & Growth

We can write the GGM formula in terms of r to get a glimpse of what it is made up and determined by?

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{r - g} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad r = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g$$

 $\frac{D_1}{P_0}$ is the dividend yield and is "forward looking" – looks into the future as it uses next period's dividend (D_1)

g is the capital gain yield and is also "forward looking" – looks at the expected future growth in dividends

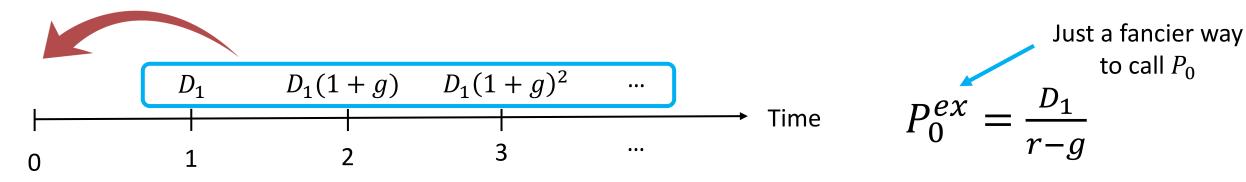
Is r determined by expected dividends (D_1) and the growth of the firm (g)?

NO! The expected rate of return (r) is market determined and driven by returns on similar risk securities

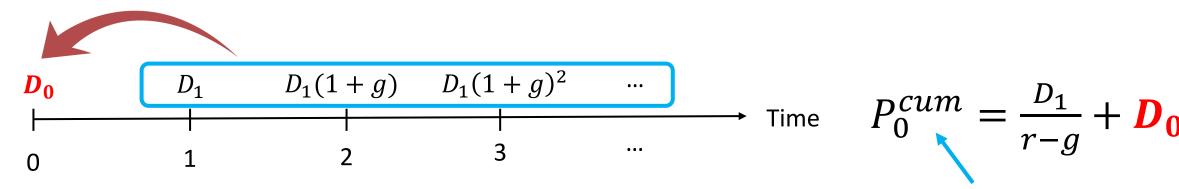
If a company changes their dividend (D_1) or growth rate (g), P_0 will change – a company cannot control r

What About Including D_0 ?

In the GGM, our calculation excludes D_0 – in this case we are calculating the ex-dividend price (P_0^{ex})



What if we wanted to include D_0 into our stock's price? We can do that as well!

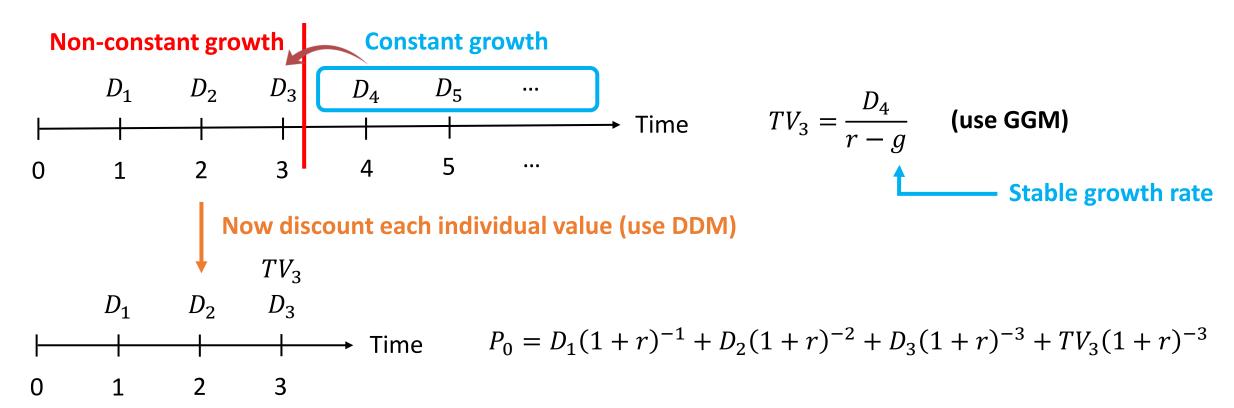


Means "with" in Latin – it is with the extra dividend, D_0

Common Stock Valuation (Non-constant Growth)

What if our growth rate g is not constant for a finite period but stables off at some period in the future?

- Step 1: Find the numerical value of all dividends up to and including the period where growth first stabilizes
- Step 2: Discount the constant growth dividends using the GGM to get its terminal value (TV)
- Step 3: Discount the terminal value and each individual dividend in the non-constant growth period to t=0



Non-constant Growth Valuation Example

A firm just paid a dividend of \$2 today. While the expected annual growth rate is 12% over the next year, it will be -3% the following year. After that, annual dividend growth is expected to be 8% each year forever. If the required return is 10% per year, what is the price of the firm's stock today if it pays yearly dividends?

 $D_0 = \$2$ (not included in P_0 as divided was just paid)

$$D_1 = D_0 \cdot (1 + 0.12) = 2 \cdot (1 + 0.12) = $2.24$$

$$D_2 = D_1 \cdot (1 - 0.03) = 2.24 \cdot (1 - 0.03) = $2.1728$$

$$D_3 = D_2 \cdot (1 + 0.08) = 2.1728 \cdot (1 + 0.08) = $2.3466$$
 (first stable growth dividend)

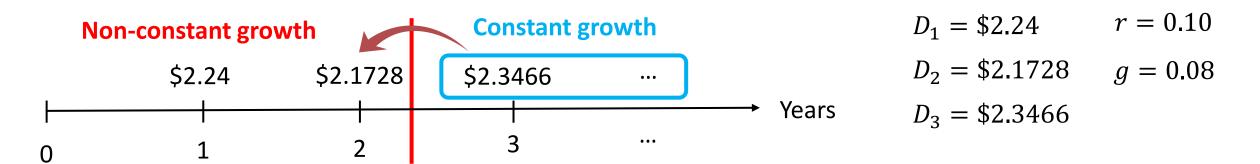
Stable growth rate

During year 1, the growth rate (g) is 12% but r is 10% – is this a violation of g < r?

NO! The condition g < r only applies to when growth has stabilized (i.e., when we apply the GGM formula)!

The stable growth rate for the rest of time is 8% – and this is *less* than our r of 10%

Non-constant Growth Valuation Example (Continued)



$$TV_2 = \frac{D_3}{r-g} = \frac{2.3466}{0.10-0.08} =$$
\$117.33



$$P_0 = 2.24 \cdot (1 + 0.10)^{-1} + 2.1728 \cdot (1 + 0.10)^{-2} + 117.33 \cdot (1 + 0.10)^{-2} = $100.98$$

Limitations of the DDM

The DDM (and GGM) relies on a firm's expected future dividends, which holds much uncertainty

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{1+r} + \frac{D_2}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+r)^3} + \frac{D_4}{(1+r)^4} + \cdots$$

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{r - g}$$

Dividend Discount Model (DDM)

Gordon Growth Model (GGM)

Why are expected dividends uncertain?

- (1) Future dividends are affected by company policies, market prices, and a firm's expected growth rate (g)
- (2) Future dividends are hard to predict with historical data
- (3) Some companies don't pay dividends currently

Comparable Firms and the P/E Ratio

We can estimate the stock price of a firm using the price-earnings (P/E) ratio of a comparable firm

$$P/E = \frac{P_0}{EPS_1} = \frac{Payout\ Ratio}{r-q} \iff P_0 = P/E \cdot EPS_1$$

$$P_0$$
 = Price of firm's stock today

$$EPS_1$$
 (Forecasted earnings per share) = $\frac{Net\ Income}{Total\ Outstanding\ Shares}$

Expected net income over the next twelve months (NTM)

Assumptions about the comparable firm:

- (1) Generates similar future cash flows
- (2) Has a similar payout ratio, growth rate, and expected return (similar risk)

Which of the following is/are true about stocks? Select all that apply.

- a) As r increases, stock price increases, and as expected growth rate (g) decreases, stock price decreases
- b) Companies are forced to pay dividends and can undergo legal action if they are not paid
- c) The expected return on a stock with growing dividends consists of a capital gain yield and a dividend yield
- d) In general, the more stocks one has, the more votes they can cast when electing the board of directors
- e) The P/E valuation method focuses on using a company's historical earnings in the last 12 months
- f) Companies control their expected return by adjusting the dividends they pay and future dividend growth rate
- g) The ex-dividend price of a stock will never be higher than the cum-dividend price of the same stock

a) This morning, Frieren & Fern paid a yearly dividend of \$10 to their shareholders. If investors require an annual return of 13% for their stock, what is their stock price today under the following yearly growth rates?

i)
$$g = 8\%$$

ii)
$$g = -5\%$$

iii)
$$g = 14\%$$

b) If g = 8% what is the company's cum-dividend price today?

Himmel Corporation offers yearly dividends to their shareholders. They just paid their shareholders \$5 and are looking at a 6% annual growth in dividends for the next 2 years. Afterwards, their annual growth rate will drop to 3% forever. Answer the following if investors require an annual return of 8%.

a) What is the terminal value at t = 2?

For the rest of the question, assume that the terminal value is \$120

b) What is the price of Himmel Corporation's stock today?

Stark Co. does not pay dividends but is considered similar to Eisen & Sons. Eisen & Sons estimates that their P/E ratio will be 8.7x next year.

a) If Stark Co.'s EPS is projected to be \$30, what is the price of their stock today?

b) Select the correct option listed in brackets

If the price of the stock is \$300 today, an investor would (buy/not buy) it because it's (overvalued/undervalued)

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Information & Valuation

I'm going to buy a few units of this stock for \$100 each!



I'm going to sell this stock once the price hits \$120!



People value the same security differently – they internalize this information and revise their valuation

Not Everyone has the Same Information

Our valuation of stocks focused on expected dividends and expected growth rate of dividends

How might our valuation of a stock be different than the market price?

(1) The quality of your information from your estimates might be different



(2) You may have superior information compared to other investors (e.g., insider information)

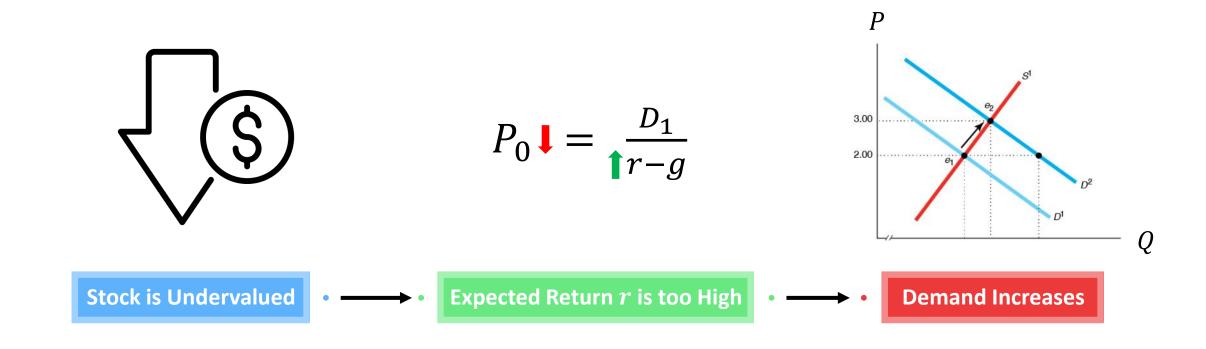


Publicly traded stocks provide accurate information, so the market price likely reflects the true stock value

What factors may cause a stock's price to change?

Investor Competition & Price Adjustment

Investor competition adjusts the price of securities when new information is announced

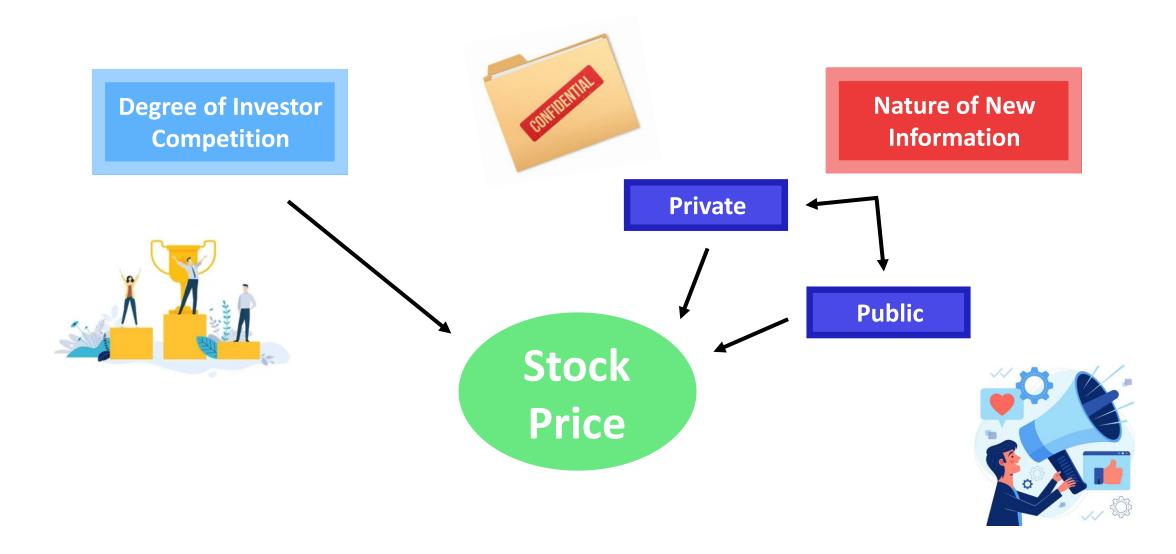




Conclusion: If investors now know that a stock is undervalued, prices will adjust and increase

EMH: Competition Among Investors Works to Eliminate Mispricing

What Else Causes Prices to Adjust?



Types of Information

(1) Public, Easily Interpretable Information (e.g., news reports, public data sources)



- Information available to all investors (hence, public)
- Competition among investors is fierce so prices reflect new information very quickly

(2) Private or Hard-to-Interpret Information

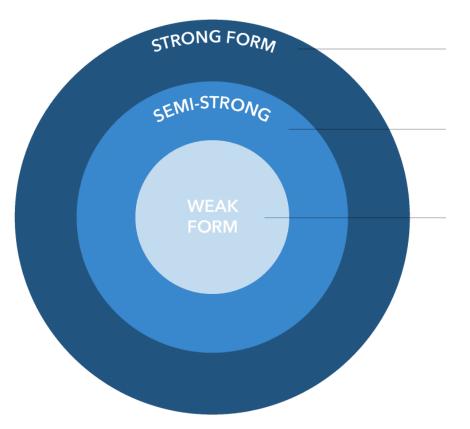


- Confidential or insider information (material, non-public, price sensitive information)
- Requires expertise and efforts to understand the consequences
- Prices move more slowly as only a select few investors will trade and potentially gain a profit
- Competition to exploit this information will increase over time, so the only barrier to reducing inefficiency is the cost of obtaining information

When is a Market Efficient?

Recall the EMH: Competition among investors works to eliminate mispricing

If EMH is true, an efficient market should quickly and accurately reflect new info (past, public, and/or private)



Strong Form Efficient: Prices reflect all information, public or private

Semi-strong Form Efficient: Prices reflect all public and historical info

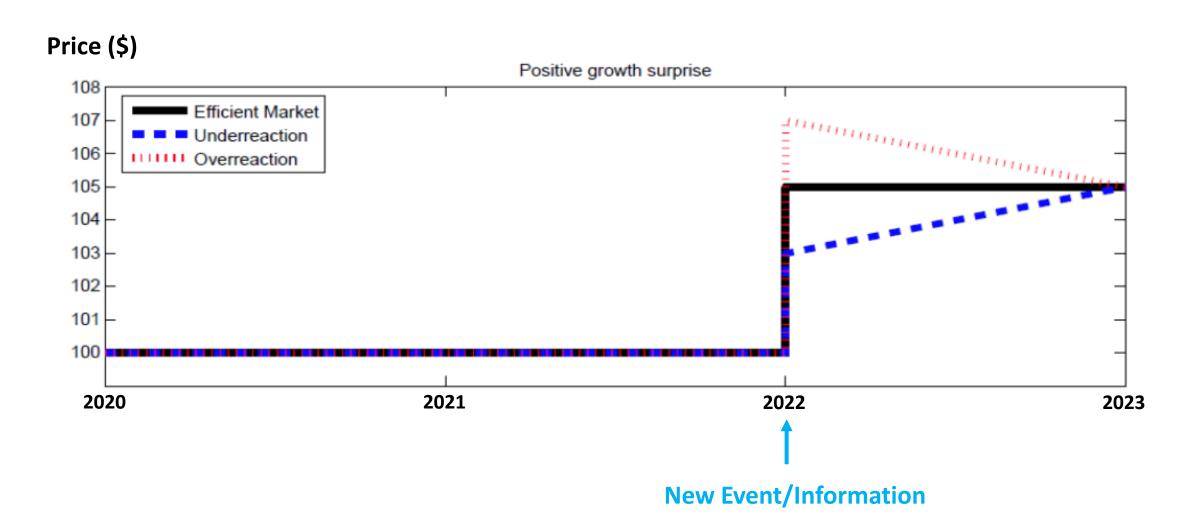
Weak Form Efficient: Prices only reflect historical information

Strong Form ⇒ Semi-strong Form ⇒ Weak Form

Weak Form ⇒ Semi-strong Form ⇒ Strong Form

Inefficient Markets

If EMH is true, an efficient market should *quickly* and *accurately* reflect new info (past, public, and/or private)



Are Markets Strong Form Efficient?

If a market is strong form efficient, we should NOT be able to gain anything with insider information as prices fully reflect all information. There are no secrets being held!

Evidence Against Strong Form Efficiency

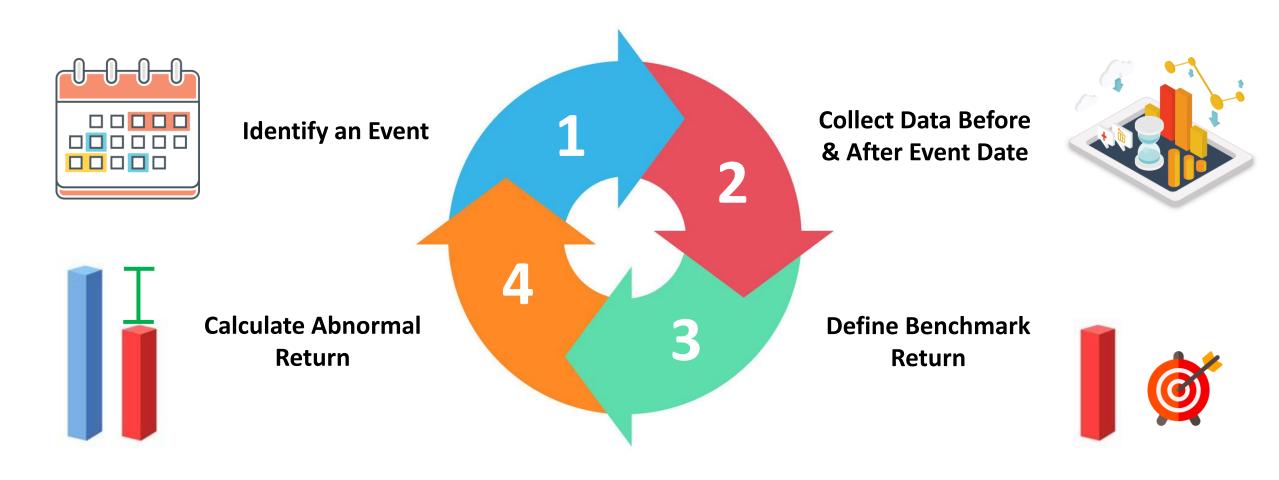
- (1) There is value in obtaining private information there are also laws preventing insider trading (it is illegal, unethical, and unfair to uninformed investors)
- (2) Analysts/researchers (who deal with private information) conduct research as they are compensated by earning trading profits if there were no profits can be made, why conduct research?
- (3) Prices follow a random walk (are unpredictable), but in a strong form efficient market, they would have to be predictable this is a contradiction!

One Caveat About (2)

Grossman-Stiglitz Paradox: If prices reflect all information, no one will conduct research. But if no one conducts research, how will prices reflect all information?

Testing Market Efficiency

Event studies allow us to analyze the impact of an event on an asset's price



Which of the following statements is/are true? Select all that apply.

- a) The stock return can be defined as the sum of the benchmark return and abnormal return
- b) The prices of securities in a semi-strong form efficient market reflect both historical and public information
- c) There is strong evidence against markets being semi-strong form efficient today
- d) A market may be weak form efficient regardless of whether it is semi-strong form efficient or not
- e) Data quality and superior information can cause differences in prices obtained from valuation methods
- f) Information held back from a company's legal policies is an example of insider information
- g) Since investor competition is less fierce over private information, prices will never adjust as time passes

Assume a semi-strong form efficient market. Your friend is a technical analyst (one who investigates past price patterns) and claims that he can predict future prices to "beat the market". Select the option that best explains the validity of his claim.

- a) Your friend is correct as a semi-form efficient market implies that one can make gains from public data
- b) Your friend is incorrect as the market must be strong form efficient
- c) Your friend is correct as a semi-form efficient market implies that one can make gains from historical data
- d) Your friend is incorrect as prices already reflect all historical information in a semi-form efficient market
- e) None of the above