# REVIEW OF BASIC CONCEPTS PART 3

# WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- ▶ How do you find effective interest rates?
- ► How do you adjust for compounding periods?
- ▶ What is continuous compounding?

#### **LOAN PROBLEM**

▶ The purchase price of the car you would like to buy is \$37,150. You want to take out a loan (100% financing) with a maturity of 60 months. The first loan payment will come in one month's time, and the interest rate is 4% per year, compounded monthly. What are the monthly car payments?

#### **COMPOUNDING PERIODS**

▶ The phrase "the interest rate is 4% per year, compounded monthly" tells us what the interest rate is per compounding is.

#### **ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)**





Offer: •5.99% Promotional APR on Balance Transfers.

 After this promotional offer ends, your standard variable APR for purchases of 15.49% will be applied to any unpaid promotional balances. This APR will vary with the market based on the Prime Rate.

Duration: • Until 01/01/2018.

Fee: •\$5 or 3% of the amount of each transaction, whichever is greater.

# APR (ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE) VS EFFECTIVE RATES

- ▶ The interest rate was given as 4% per year, compounded monthly.
- ▶ This is not the effective interest rate.
- ▶ This is the stated interest rate (or sometimes called the APR on your credit card statement).
- ▶ How do we find the effective annual interest rate?

#### **EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE**

- ► Suppose the stated interest rate is 4% per year, compounded monthly.
- ▶ Let's find the effective annual rate.

#### **EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE**

- ▶ Let's calculate other effective rates.
  - ▶ effective 2-month rate
  - ▶ effective 3-month rate
  - ▶ effective 6-month rate
  - ▶ effective 18-monthy rate

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- ▶ What about other effective rates?
  - ▶ effective six-month rate?
  - ▶ effective three-month rate?
  - effective 2-year rate (or 24-month rate)?
  - ▶ effective 15-month rate?

#### **CONTINUOUS COMPOUNDING**

► What if instead of every month, interest rate is compounded every instant, say continuously?

### **SUMMARY**

- ▶ Difference between stated interest rate and effective rate
- ▶ Compute effective rates
- ► Compute continuously compounded rate