

471/571 - HW5

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Name: Solution

1. Project *P* requires an investment of 4000 at time 0. The investment pays 2000 at time 1 and 4000 at time 2. Project *Q* requires an investment of X at time 2. The investment pays 2000 at time 0 and 4000 at time 1. The net present values of the two projects are equal at an interest rate of 10%. Calculate X .

$$-4000 + \frac{2000}{1.1} + \frac{4000}{1.1^2} = 2000 + \frac{4000}{1.1} - \frac{X}{1.1^2}$$

$$\boxed{X = 5460}$$

2. An investor pays \$100,000 today for a 4-year investment that returns cash flows of \$60,000 at the end of each of years 3 and 4. The cash flows can be reinvested at 4.0% per annum effective. If the rate of interest at which the investment is to be valued is 5.0%, what is the net present value of this investment today?

$$-100,000 + \frac{60000(1.04)}{1.05^3} + \frac{60000}{1.05^4} = \boxed{698.72}$$

3. At the beginning of the year, an investment fund was established with an initial deposit of 1000. A new deposit of 1000 was made at the end of 4 months. Withdrawals of 200 and 500 were made at the end of 6 months and 8 months, respectively. The amount in the fund at the end of the year is 1560. Calculate the dollar-weighted yield rate earned by the fund during the year.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cancel{1000(1+i)} \\
 & + \cancel{1000\left(1+i\frac{8}{12}\right)} \\
 & - \cancel{200\left(1+i\frac{6}{12}\right)} \\
 & - \cancel{500\left(1+i\frac{4}{12}\right)} \\
 & 1000(1+i) \\
 & + 1000\left(1+i\frac{8}{12}\right) \\
 & - 200\left(1+i\frac{6}{12}\right) \\
 & - 500\left(1+i\frac{4}{12}\right) \\
 & = 1560
 \end{aligned}$$

$$i = .1851$$

4. Yield rates to maturity for zero coupon bonds are currently quoted at 8.5% for one-year maturity, 9.5% for two-year maturity, and 10.5% for three-year maturity. Let i be the one-year forward rate for year two implied by current yields of these bonds. Calculate i .

$$\frac{1.095^2}{1.085} = 1 + i = 1.1051$$

$$i = .1051$$

5. You are given the following term structure of spot interest rates:

Term (in years)	Spot interest rate
1	5.00%
2	5.75%
3	6.25%
4	6.50%

A three-year annuity-immediate will be issued a year from now with annual payments of 5000. (so 5000 is coming at $t=2,3$, and 4). Using the forward rates, calculate the present value of this annuity a year from now.

$$\frac{5000}{\frac{1.0575^2}{1.05}} + \frac{5000}{\frac{1.0625^3}{1.05}} + \frac{5000}{\frac{1.0650^4}{1.05}} = \boxed{13152.50}$$

6. The current price of an annual coupon bond is 100. The derivative of the price of the bond with respect to the yield to maturity is -700. The yield to maturity is an annual effective rate of 8%. Calculate the duration of the bond.

$$DM = \frac{-P'}{P} = \frac{D}{1+i} = \frac{700}{100} = 7$$

$$D = 7 \left(\frac{1}{1.08} \right) = \boxed{7.56}$$

7. Calculate the duration of a common stock that pays dividends at the end of each year as perpetuity. Assume that the dividend is constant, and that the effective rate of interest is 10%.

$$\text{dividend} = d$$

$$PV = \frac{d}{i}$$

$$PV' = -\frac{d}{i^2}$$

$$D = \frac{-PV'}{PV} (1+i) = \frac{d/i^2}{d/i} (1+i) = \frac{1+i}{i}$$

$$\boxed{D = \frac{1.1}{0.1} = 11}$$