



Interest Rate Futures and Valuation

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Interest Rate Future Definition

- ◆ An interest rate future is a contract between the buyer and seller to deliver an interest rate asset at a specified rate on a specified date.
- ◆ The future allows the buyer and seller to lock in the price of the interest rate asset at a future date.
- ◆ Interest rate futures are usually traded in an exchange.
- ◆ It is used to hedge against adverse changes in interest rates.
- ◆ Interest rate futures are mainly listed for 3-month Eurodollar, 1-month LIBOR, 1-month banker's acceptance futures and 3-month banker's acceptance futures.

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Advantages of trading interest rate futures

- ◆ Interest rate futures are used to hedge against interest rate risk.
- ◆ Investors can use interest rate futures to secure an interest rate for money it plans to borrow or lend in the future.
- ◆ Futures markets tend to be more liquid than underlying cash markets.
- ◆ Other benefits
 - ◆ Price transparency and liquidity
 - ◆ Immediate execution and confirmation
 - ◆ Reduction of counterparty risk
 - ◆ Centralized clearing.

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Valuation

- ◆ The price of an interest rate future is quoted by the exchange.
- ◆ A model is mainly used for calculating sensitivities and managing market risk.
- ◆ The present value of an interest rate future is given by

$$PV(t) = n\tau(F_t - F) + C$$

where

- t – the valuation date,
- n – the contract size,
- τ – day count fraction for period $[T, T_E]$; in particular, $\tau = 90/360$ for 30-month Eurodollar future.

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Valuation (Cont)

- T – the maturity of the future contract and also the start date of forward period
- T_E – the end date of the forward period
- F – the quoted future contract price at the trading date.
- $F_t = 100 - Y(t; T, T_E) + C$ – the future contract price at valuation date t .
- $Y(t; T, T_E)$ – the annually compounded forward yield for the forward period $[T, T_E]$.
- C – a constant used to match the market price.

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A Real World Example

Interest rate future specification	
Buy Sell	Buy
Currency	USD
Contract Size	10000
First Delivery Date	5/30/2018
Last Delivery Date	6/29/2018
Future Maturity Date	6/18/2018
Tenor	3M
Future Ticker	EDM18
Future Ticker Size	100
Future Ticker Value	25
Number of Contract	100
Quote Price	98.405
Trade Date	12/2/2016



Thanks!



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