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1st HOMEWORK

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Questions

1. Taken from General Interest Rate, what is happening if $m \rightarrow \infty$? Clue: derive the equation $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mn}$.
2. Suppose that you are to receive payments (in thousands of dollars) at the end of each of the next five years. Which of the following three payment sequences is preferable?
 - A. 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
 - B. 16, 16, 15, 15, 15
 - C. 20, 16, 14, 12, 10

Do your calculation for $r = 5\%$, $r = 10\%$, and $r = 15\%$. Answer it with detail explanation, as a Lender or as a Buyer.

3. A company needs a certain type of machine for the next five years. They presently own such a machine, which is now worth \$6,000 but will lose \$2,000 in value in each of the next three years, after which it will be worthless and unuseable. The (beginning-of-the-year) value of its yearly operating cost is \$9,000, with this amount expected to increase by \$2,000 in each subsequent year that it is used. A new machine can be purchased at the beginning of any year for a fixed cost of \$22,000. The lifetime of a new machine is six years, and its value decreases by \$3,000 in each of its first two years of use and then by \$4,000 in each following year. The operating cost of a new machine is \$6,000 in its first year, with an increase of \$1,000 in each subsequent year. If the interest rate is 10%, when should the company purchase a new machine?

Solutions

1. Will be derived the equation $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mn}$ for knowing the Interest Rate formula for $m \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mn} &= P_0 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mn} \\ &= P_0 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{m}{r}}\right)^{mn} \\ &= P_0 \left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{m}{r}}\right)^{\frac{m}{r}} \right)^{rn} \end{aligned}$$

Then, for any $0 < r < 1$, we know $p = \frac{m}{r} \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$P_0 \left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{m}{r}}\right)^{\frac{m}{r}} \right)^{rn} = P_0 \left(\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)^p \right)^{rn}$$

By using the Euler formula $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$, we can conclude that

$$\boxed{\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mn} = P_0 e^{rn}}$$

2. Firstly, we have to find the present value based on the case. For doing calculation, we used Microsoft Excel. Using formula $PV = FV(1 + r)^{-n}$ for $r = 5\%$, $r = 10\%$, and $r = 15\%$

- for $r = 5\%$

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	Total PV
A	11.43	12.70	13.82	14.81	15.67	68.43
B	15.24	14.51	12.96	12.34	11.75	66.80
C	19.05	14.51	12.09	9.87	7.84	63.36

- for $r = 10\%$

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	Total PV
A	10.91	11.57	12.02	12.29	12.42	59.21
B	14.55	13.22	11.27	10.25	9.31	58.60
C	18.18	13.22	10.52	8.20	6.21	56.33

- for $r = 15\%$

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	Total PV
A	10.43	10.59	10.52	10.29	9.94	51.78
B	13.91	12.10	9.86	8.58	7.46	51.91
C	17.39	12.10	9.21	6.86	4.97	50.53

Secondly, based on the result, we can conclude :

- As a Lender, the best option is :
 - a. For $r = 5\%$, take option **A**
 - b. For $r = 10\%$, take option **A**
 - c. For $r = 15\%$, take option **B**
- As a Buyer, the best option is :
 - a. For $r = 5\%$, take option **C**
 - b. For $r = 10\%$, take option **C**
 - c. For $r = 15\%$, take option **C**

After doing some calculation, our group has found few interested things. Let's take a look for $r = 20\%$ and $r = 30\%$

- for $r = 20\%$

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	Total PV
A	10.00	9.72	9.26	8.68	8.04	45.70
B	13.33	11.11	8.68	7.23	6.03	46.39
C	16.67	11.11	8.10	5.79	4.02	45.69

- for $r = 30\%$

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	Total PV
A	9.23	8.28	7.28	6.30	5.39	36.49
B	12.31	9.47	6.83	5.25	4.04	37.89
C	15.38	9.47	6.37	4.20	2.69	38.12

Based on the table above, we can conclude :

- As a Lender, the best option is :
 - a. For $r = 20\%$, take option **B**
 - b. For $r = 30\%$, take option **C**
- As a Buyer, the best option is :
 - a. For $r = 20\%$, take option **C**
 - b. For $r = 30\%$, take option **A**

From all of the results we had, our group have hypothesis that **for larger** $r > 0$, the best option for a Lender is option C and the best option for a Buyer is option A.

3. Let's take a look for the case. It describes :

- Old Machine
 - a. Worth for \$6,000 and will lose in value \$2000 yearly, then worthless and unusable.
 - b. Its operating cost is \$9,000 yearly and increases \$2,000 in each year that it is used.
- New Machine
 - a. Can be bought for \$22,000 in the beginning of any year.
 - b. Has 6 years lifetime. Its value decreases by \$3,000 in each of first two years and \$4,000 in the next following year.
 - c. Has operating cost \$6,000 in its first year and increases \$1,000 in each subsequent year.

From the information above, **there are only four types of assumptions** because the old machine's life is three years starts from 0, 1, 2, 3. Afterwards, let's take a look for case 3 when the company bought the machine in the beginning of year 3.

- First cash flows
The company doesn't buy a new machine, but use its old machine, so we will have \$9,000 for its operating cost. [**\$9,000**]
- Second cash flows
In year 2, the company still operating its old machine, so we will have $\$9,000 + \$2,000$ for its operating cost. [**\$11,000**]
- Third cash flows
In year 3, the company decides to buy a new machine. It means that the old machine still worth for $\$6,000 - \$2,000 - \$2,000$ (The company sells the machine and get \$2,000). Knowing from the case, a new machine is purchased for \$22,000 and its operating cost is \$6,000. [**\$26,000**]
- Fourth cash flows
In year 4, the company use its new machine which they bought last year, so the company must pay $\$6,000 + \$1,000$ for its operating cost. In the other hand, its new machine will lose in value \$3,000 becomes \$19,000. [**\$7,000**]
- Fifth cash flows
In year 5, the company use its new machine which they bought last two year, so the company must pay $\$6,000 + \$2,000$ for its operating cost. In the other hand, its new machine will lose again in value \$3,000 becomes \$16,000. [**\$8,000**]
- Sixth cash flows
In year 6, the company decided to sell it's machine and its worth for $\$16,000 - \$4,000 = \$12,000$. So, the company will received \$12,000. [**-\$12,000**]

From the explanation above, we have the sequence (*in thousand dollars*) as written in the textbook $\{9, 11, 26, 7, 8, -12\}$. With the same way, we have the six-year cash flows for case 1, 2, and 4 as follows:

- Case 1: $\{22, 7, 8, 9, 10, -4\}$
- Case 2: $\{9, 24, 7, 8, 9, -8\}$
- Case 3: $\{9, 11, 26, 7, 8, -12\}$
- Case 4: $\{9, 11, 13, 28, 7, -16\}$

To analyze when the company should buy the machine, we use present analysis formula where $PV = FV(1 + r)^{-n}$. By applying the formula to all sequences above and we will have the results in table as follows.

Present Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total PV
A	22.00	6.36	6.61	6.76	6.83	-2.48	46.083
B	9.00	21.82	5.79	6.01	6.15	-4.97	43.794
C	9.00	10.00	21.49	5.26	5.46	-7.45	43.760
D	9.00	10.00	10.74	21.04	4.78	-9.93	45.627

From the result, we have decided the company must buy a new machine at the beginning of year 3 (*two years from now*).

Note: Excel file for calculation is included in the email.