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Lab 1

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Demonstration. The TA will go through the following example, from the course textbook, with you.

An individual wishes to take out a loan, today, of P at a monthly interest rate i . The loan is to be paid back in n monthly installments of size R , beginning one month from now. The problem is to calculate R .

Equating the present value P to the future (discounted) value of the n monthly payments R , we have

$$P = R(1+i)^{-1} + R(1+i)^{-2} + \cdots R(1+i)^{-n}$$

or

$$P = R \sum_{j=1}^n (1+i)^{-j}.$$

Summing this geometric series and simplifying, we obtain

$$P = R \left(\frac{1 - (1+i)^{-n}}{i} \right).$$

This is the formula for the present value of an annuity. We can find R , given P , n and i as

$$R = P \frac{i}{1 - (1+i)^{-n}}.$$

In R, we define variables as follows: `principal` to hold the value of P , and `intRate` to hold the interest rate, and `n` to hold the number of payments. We will assign the resulting payment value to an object called `payment`.

Of course, we need some numerical values to work with, so we will suppose that the loan amount is \$1500, the interest rate is 1% and the number of payments is 10. The required code is then

```
intRate <- 0.01
n <- 10
principal <- 1500
payment <- principal * intRate / (1 - (1 + intRate)^(-n))
payment

## [1] 158.3731
```

For this particular loan, the monthly payments are \$158.37.

In each question below, write out (or type) the required lines of R code, together with the answer to the question.

1. Calculate the monthly payment required for a loan of \$200,000, at a monthly interest rate of 0.003, based on 300 monthly payments, starting in one month's time.
2. The volume V of a sphere of radius r is given by

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3.$$

Use R to calculate the approximate volume of Earth, assuming a radius of 6378 km. Assign the result to an object named `volumeEarth`.

3. Calculate the remainder after dividing 31079 into 170166719.
4. Calculate the interest earned after 5 years on an investment of \$2000, assuming an interest rate of 3% compounded annually.
5. Using one line of R code, calculate the interest earned on an investment of \$2000, assuming an interest rate of 3% compounded annually, for terms of 1, 2, ..., 30 years.