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## **CHAPTER 5**

### **Interest Rates**

- To understand interest rates, it's important to think of interest rates as a price—the price of using money.
- When you borrow money to buy a house, you are using the bank's money to purchase the house now and paying the money back over time.
- The interest rate on your loan is the price you pay to be able to convert your future loan payments into a house today.

Annual percentage rates (APR)

 The APR is a way of quoting the actual interest earned each period—without the effect of compounding:

Interest rate per compounding period =  $\frac{APR}{m}$ 

(*m* = number of compounding periods per year)

(Eq. 5.2)



### The Effective Annual Rate (EAR)

- EAR is the total amount of interest that will be earned at the end of one year.
- For example, with an EAR of r = 5%, a \$100 investment grows to:

Month: Cash Flow: 

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- Adjusting the discount rate to different time periods
  - In general, by raising the interest rate factor (1 + r) to the appropriate power, we can calculate an equivalent interest rate for a longer (or shorter) time period.
  - For example, earning 5% interest in one year is equivalent to receiving (1 + r)<sup>0.5</sup> = (1.05)<sup>0.5</sup> = \$1.0247 for each \$1 invested every six months (0.5 years).
  - A 5% EAR is equivalent to a rate of 2.47% every six months.



# Adjusting the Discount Rate to Different Time Periods

 We can convert a discount rate of r for one period to an equivalent discount rate for n periods using the following formula:

### Equivalent *n*-period discount rate = $(1+r)^n - 1$



(Eq. 5.1)

### Example 5.1 Valuing Monthly Cash Flows (pp.133-4)

### **Problem:**

- Suppose your bank account pays interest monthly with an effective annual rate of 6%.
- What amount of interest will you earn each month?

#### **Execute:**

- From Eq. 5.1, a 6% EAR is equivalent to earning (1.06)<sup>1/12</sup> 1 = 0.4868% per month.
- The exponent in this equation is 1/12 because the period is 1/12<sup>th</sup> of a year (a month).

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- Converting an APR to an EAR
  - Once we have calculated the interest earned per compounding period from Eq. 5.2, we can calculate the equivalent interest rate for any other time interval using Eq. 5.1.

$$1 + EAR = \left(1 + \frac{APR}{m}\right)^m$$

(m=number of compounding periods per year)

(Eq. 5.3)



## Table 5.1 Effective Annual Rates for a 6%APR with Different Compounding Periods

Compounding interval	Effective annual rate
Annual	$\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{1}\right)^1 - 1 = 6\%$
Semiannual	$\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = 6.09\%$
Monthly	$\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 6.1678\%$
Daily	$\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{365}\right)^{365} - 1 = 6.1831\%$

# 5.2 Application: Discount Rates and Loans

- Let's apply the concept to solve two common financial problems:
  - calculating a *loan payment*, and
  - calculating the *remaining balance on a loan*.
- Calculating loan payments
  - Consider the timeline for a \$30,000 car loan with these terms: 6.75% APR for 60 months. What is the instalment (C)?



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# 5.2 Application: Discount Rates and Loans

- Use the annuity formula to find C
- Note that 0.0675/12 = 0.005625

$$C = \frac{P}{\frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^n}\right)} = \frac{30\ 000}{\frac{1}{0.005625} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+0.005625)^{60}}\right)} = \$590.50$$

### **Problem:**

- Let's say that you are now three years into your \$30,000 car loan (at 6.75% APR, for 60 months) and you decide to sell the car.
- When you sell the car, you will need to pay whatever the remaining balance is on your car loan.
- After 36 months of payments, how much do you still owe on your car loan?

## Solution:

### Plan:

- We have already determined that the monthly payments on the loan are \$590.50. The remaining balance on the loan is the present value of the remaining two years, or 24 months, of payments.
- Thus, we can just use the annuity formula with the monthly rate of 0.5625%, a monthly payment of \$590.50, and 24 months remaining.

### **Execute:**

Balance with  
24 months = \$590.50 x 
$$\frac{1}{0.005625} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1.005625^{24}}\right) = $13,222.32$$
  
remaining

 Thus, after three years, you owe \$13,222.32 on the loan.

### **Evaluate:**

- Any time that you want to end the loan, the bank will charge you a lump sum equal to the *present* value of your remaining payments.
- The amount you owe can also be thought of as the *future value* of the original amount borrowed after deducting payments made along the way.

## **5.3 The Determinants of Interest** Rates

- The relationship between the investment term and the interest rate is called the term structure of interest rates.
- We can plot this relationship on a graph called the yield curve.
- Note that the interest rate depends on the horizon.
- The plotted rates are interest rates for Australian government bonds, which are considered as a risk-free interest rate.

#### Figure 5.3 Term Structure of Risk-Free Australian Interest Rates—Jan 2007, 2008 & 2009



Source: Data from Reserve Bank of Australia.

# 5.3 The Determinants of Interest Rates

- We can apply the term logic when calculating the PV of cash flows with different maturities.
- A risk-free cash flow of C<sub>n</sub> received in n years has the present value:

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$$PV = \frac{C_n}{(1 + r_n)^n}$$
 (Eq. 5.6)

 where r<sub>n</sub> is the risk-free interest rate for an n-year term.

# **5.3 The Determinants of Interest Rates**

### • PV of a cash flow stream

 Combining Eq. (5.6) for cash flows in different years leads to the general formula for the present value of a cash flow stream:

$$PV = \frac{C_1}{1+r_1} + \frac{C_2}{(1+r_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{C_N}{(1+r_N)^N}$$
(Eq. 5.7)



## Example 5.5 Using the Term Structure to Calculate PVs (p.145)

### **Problem:**

- Calculate the present value of a risk-free fiveyear annuity of \$1,000 per year, given the yield curve for January 2009 in Figure 5.3.
- The 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5-year interest rates in January 2009 were: 2.41%, 2.65%, 2.90%, 3.11% and 3.35%.



## Example 5.5 Using the Term Structure to Calculate PVs (p.145)

#### **Execute:**

• To calculate the present value, we discount each cash flow by the corresponding interest rate:

$$\mathsf{PV} = \frac{1000}{1.0241} + \frac{1000}{1.0265^2} + \frac{1000}{1.029^3} + \frac{1000}{1.0311^4} + \frac{1000}{1.0335^5} = 4,576$$

# Example 5.5 Using the Term Structure to Calculate PVs (p.145)

#### **Evaluate:**

- The yield curve tells us the market interest rate per year for each different maturity.
- In order to correctly calculate the PV of cash flows from five different maturities, we need to use the five different interest rates corresponding to those maturities.
- Note that we cannot use the annuity formula here because the discount rates differ for each cash flow.