

Financial Mathematics

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Chapter 1: Basic Interest Theory

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Section 1.1: Amount and accumulation functions

- **Principal:** The initial of amount of money (capital) invested.
- **Time:** The time from date of investment.
- **Measurement period (Period):** The unit in which time is measured (days, months, years, decades, etc). The most common measurement is one year and this will be assumed unless stated otherwise.
- **Amount of interest (Interest) I :** Amount of interest is the difference between the accumulated value (final balance) and the principal (invested amount):

$$I = \text{final balance} - \text{invested amount}$$

- **Effective rate of interest i :** is the ratio of the amount of interest earned during the period to the amount of principal invested at the beginning of the period:

$$i = \frac{\text{final balance} - \text{invested amount}}{\text{invested amount}}$$

■ **Note:**

- The effective rate of interest is expressed in percentage, for example, $i = 8\%$.
- If invested amount is k , then

$$i = \frac{I}{k} \Rightarrow I = i k$$

- **Accumulated value:** The total amount received after a period of time.
- **Accumulation function $a(t)$:** gives the accumulated value at time $t \geq 0$ of an original investment of 1 where $a(0) = 1$.
- **Amount function $A(t)$:** gives the accumulated value at time $t \geq 0$ of an original investment of k :

$$A(t) = k \cdot a(t) \text{ or } A(t) = A(0) \cdot a(t) \text{ where } A(0) = k$$

■ **Notes:**

- The accumulation function $a(t)$ is a special case of the amount function $A(t)$ for which $k = 1$.
- For each $t \geq 0$, $A(t) > 0$.
- The amount function $A(t)$ is nondecreasing.

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■ $A(0)$ is the principal.

■ $A(t)$ is the value at time t of the initial investment $A(0)$.

■ The amount of interest earned over the period $[s, t]$ is $A(t) - A(s)$.

■ The effective rate of interest earned in the period $[s, t]$ is $\frac{A(t) - A(s)}{A(s)}$.

■ The effective rate of interest earned in the first period is

$$i = \frac{A(1) - A(0)}{A(0)} = \frac{I}{A(0)} \Rightarrow I = ik,$$

where $A(0)$ is the amount of money invested at time zero (principal).

■ The effective rate of interest earned in the n th period is

$$i_n = \frac{A(n) - A(n-1)}{A(n-1)} = \frac{I_n}{A(n-1)}, \text{ for integer } n \geq 1$$

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■ **Cashflow:** a series of payments (deposits/withdrawals) made at different times.

The payments can be either made by the individual or to the individual.

■ An inflow is payment to the individual and represented by positive numbers.

■ An outflow is a payment by the individual and represented by negative numbers.

Consider a situation in which an investor makes deposits or contributions into an investment of C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n at times $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then,

■ If $C_t > 0$, there is a net cash flow into the investment at time t .

■ If $C_t < 0$, there is a net cash flow out the investment at time t

If deposits/withdrawals are made according with the table

Investments	C_1	C_2	\dots	C_n
Time (in periods)	t_1	t_2	\dots	t_n

■ **Rule 1: Proportionality.** If an investment strategy follows the amount function $A(t)$, $t > 0$, an investment of \$ k made at time 0 with the previous investment strategy, has a value of \$ $k \frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$ at time t .

■ **Recall:** The accumulation function $a(t)$, $t \geq 0$, is defined as the value at time t of \$1 invested at time 0.

■ By proportionality, $a(t) = \frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$. Observe that $a(0) = 1$.

■ Knowing the value function $a(t)$ and the principal $A(0)$, we can find the amount function $A(t)$ using the formula $A(t) = A(0)a(t)$.

$$\text{This implies } A(t) = A(0)a(t) \Rightarrow a(t) = \frac{A(t)}{A(0)} \Rightarrow k \cdot a(t) = k \cdot \frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$$

■ **Notes:**

■ Investing $A(0)$ at time zero, we get $A(t)$ at time t .

■ Investing 1 at time zero, we get $\frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$ at time t .

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■ **Present value (PV):** The present value at certain time of a cashflow is the amount of the money which need to invest at certain time in other to get the same balance as that obtained from a cashflow.

■ **Note.** Let x be the amount which need to invest at time zero to get a balance of k at time t . So, we have

$$k = x \frac{A(t)}{A(0)} \Rightarrow x = k \frac{A(0)}{A(t)} .$$

Hence, the present value at time 0 of a balance of k had at time t is $k \frac{A(0)}{A(t)}$.

■ **Accumulated value or future value (FV):** The accumulated value at certain time in the future of a cashflow is the amount obtained by investing at time 0.

■ **Note.** If we invest k at time zero, we get \$ $k \frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$ at time t . We say that: the accumulated value at time t (**sometimes we say: the present value at time t**) of a deposit of k made at time zero is \$ $k \frac{A(t)}{A(0)}$.

■ **Summary.** if we know the value of an investment as of a particular date and we want to find its value as of an earlier date, we are calculating a present value as of the earlier date. And if we want to find the value as of a later date, then we are calculating a future value (or an accumulated value) as of that later date.

■ Using the accumulation function $a(t)$, $t \geq 0$, we have:

■ The accumulated value at time t (the balance or the present value at time t) of a deposit of k made at time zero is

$$ka(t) = k \frac{A(t)}{A(0)} .$$

■ The present value at time 0 of a balance of k had at time t is $\frac{k}{a(t)} = k \frac{A(0)}{A(t)}$.

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■ **Rule 2: Grows-depends-on-balance rule.**

■ If an investment follows the amount function $A(t)$, $t \geq 0$, the growth during certain period where no deposits/withdrawals are made depends on the balance on the account at the beginning of the period.

■ If an account has a balance of k at time t and no deposits/withdrawals are made in the future, then the future balance in this account does not depend on how the balance of k at time t was attained.

In particular, the following two accounts have the same balance for times bigger than s :

1. An account where a unique deposit of k is made at time s .
2. An account where a unique deposit of $\frac{k}{A(s)}$ is made at time zero.

Time	0	s	t
Contribution		k	$k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)}$
	$\frac{k}{A(s)}$	k	$k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)}$

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■ **Theorem.** If an investment follows the amount function $A(\cdot)$, the present value at time t of a deposit of \$ k made at time s is \$ $k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)} = k \frac{a(t)}{a(s)}$.

■ **Notes.**

■ The present value at time t (accumulated value) of an investment of $A(s)$ made at time s is $A(t)$.

■ The following three accounts have the same balance at any time bigger than s :

1. An account where a unique deposit of $A(0)$ is made at time zero.
2. An account where a unique deposit of $A(s)$ is made at time s .
3. An account where a unique deposit of $A(t)$ is made at time t .

Time	0	s	t
Contribution		$A(s)$	$A(s) \frac{A(t)}{A(s)} = A(t)$
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■ **Remember.**

■ The present value at time t of an investment of k made at time s is $k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)}$, i.e. k at time s is equivalent to $k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)}$ at time t .

■ The present value at time s of a balance of k had at time t is $k \frac{A(s)}{A(t)}$ i.e. k at time t is equivalent to $k \frac{A(s)}{A(t)}$ at time s .

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$$700 \frac{a(2)}{a(4)} = 700 \frac{1 + \frac{2}{20}}{1 + \frac{4}{20}} = 700 \frac{1.1}{1.2} = 641.67$$

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■ **Theorem: Present value of a cashflow.** If an investment account follows the amount function $A(t)$, $t > 0$, and $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$

Time	t_1	t_2	...	t_n
Deposits	C_1	C_2	...	C_n

■ The future value (present value at time t) of the cashflow: $V(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{A(t)}{A(t_j)} = \sum_{j=0}^n C_j \frac{a(t)}{a(t_j)}$

■ The present value at time zero: $V(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{1}{a(t_j)}$

Proof.

Time	t_1	t_2	t_3	...	t_n
Balance before deposit	0	$C_1 \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)} = \sum_{j=1}^1 C_j \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_j)}$	$\frac{a(t_3)}{a(t_2)} \sum_{j=1}^2 C_j \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_j)} = \sum_{j=1}^2 C_j \frac{a(t_3)}{a(t_j)}$...	$\frac{a(t_n)}{a(t_{n-1})} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} C_j \frac{a(t_{n-1})}{a(t_j)} = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} C_j \frac{a(t_n)}{a(t_j)}$
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Solution: The cashflow is

Deposits	1000	-500
Time	1	3

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Remember. Present value = $k \frac{A(t)}{A(s)} = k \frac{a(t)}{a(s)}$

$$1000 \frac{a(5)}{a(1)} - 500 \frac{a(5)}{a(3)} = 1000 \frac{1 + \frac{5}{20}}{1 + \frac{1}{20}} - 500 \frac{1 + \frac{5}{20}}{1 + \frac{3}{20}} = 1000 \frac{1.20}{1.05} - 500 \frac{1.20}{1.15} = 1190.48 - 543.48 = 647.00$$

Section 1.2: Simple Interest

■ **Simple interest (S.I)** is the investment interest earned during each period so that the interest is constant.

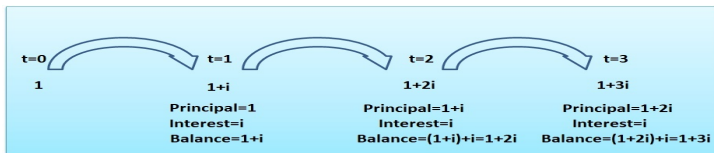
If i is the effective annual rate of simple interest, from investing \$1, we have

- At the end of the first period, the accumulated value (balance): $1 + i$.
- At the end of the second period, the accumulated value (balance): $1 + 2i$.
- At the end of the third period, the accumulated value (balance): $1 + 3i$, etc.

Note

(1) $i = \frac{I}{k} \Rightarrow I = ik$ (2)
Balance at $t =$

Amount at $(t-1) + \text{Interest}$



■ Thus, if i is the effective annual rate of simple interest, the investment of 1 at time zero, we have

- The amount of interest at time t years is it .
- The accumulation function (balance) at time t years: $a(t) = 1 + it$ for integer $t \geq 0$

■ In general, we have a linear accumulation function as follows:

If i is the effective annual rate of simple interest, the investment of k at time zero, then

- The amount of interest at time t years: kit .
- The balance at time t years: $k + kit = k(1 + it)$, i.e

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- If i is the effective annual rate of simple interest, the investment of k at time s , then
- The amount of interest at time t years ($t > s$): $ki(t - s)$. **Remember.** $I = ikt$ from $t = 0$
- The balance at time t years: $k + ki(t - s) = k(1 + i(t - s))$, i.e

The balance in the period $[s, t]$ is $A(t - s) = k(1 + i(t - s))$ for integer $t \geq 0$

Note: To find the amount of deposit at time s to get a balance of \$ x in time t where $s < t$, we use the above formula as follows:

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Section 1.3: Compound Interest

■ **Compound interest** is interest that is automatically reinvested. Meaning that the total investment of principal and interest earned to date is kept invested at all times.

Now, if you invest 1, then

■ At the end of the first period, the accumulated value (balance): $1 + i$.

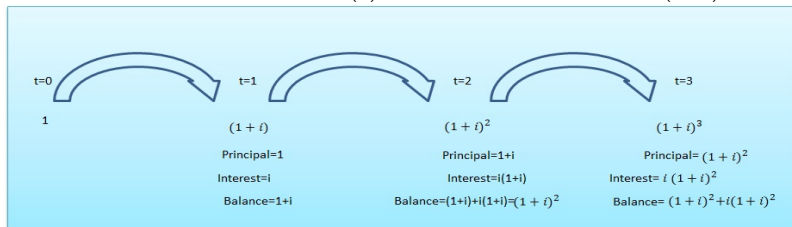
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■ The accumulated value under the compound interest

$$a(t) = (1 + i)^t \text{ for integer } t \geq 0 \text{ where } i \text{ is the effective rate of interest}$$

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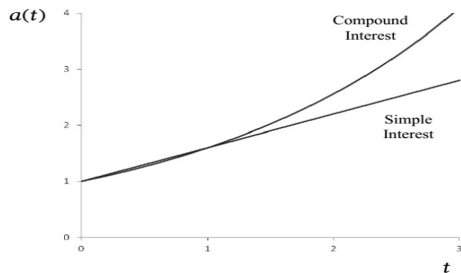
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Section: Simple and Compound Interest

The following graph compares the growth of 2 investments: simple and compound interest. In each case, an amount of 1 is invested at time 0. One investment earns simple interest at 60% annual rate; the other earns compound interest at a 60% annual rate.



- **Notes:**
- for $t = 1$, both investments are equal (they have the same value).
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Section 1.4: Present value and Discount

■ Under compound interest with effective annual rate of interest i :

■ If you invest \$ k for 1 year, the balance is $k(1 + i)$. The quantity $(1 + i)$ is called **the interest factor**.

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■ To determine how much a person must invest so that the balance will be \$1 at the end of one period:

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Section 1.4: Present value and Discount

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Solution: Peter earns an interest amount of $I = 765 - 738 = 27$.

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Section 1.4: Present value and Discount

■ Notes:

- The effective rate of interest in the n -th year is $i_n = \frac{a(n) - a(n-1)}{a(n-1)}$.
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■ Remember:

- The quantity $(1 + i)$ is called the interest factor.
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- Under the accumulation function $a(t)$, we have
- The n -th year interest factor is $\frac{a(n)}{a(n-1)} = \frac{(1+i)^n}{(1+i)^{n-1}} = (1 + i)$.
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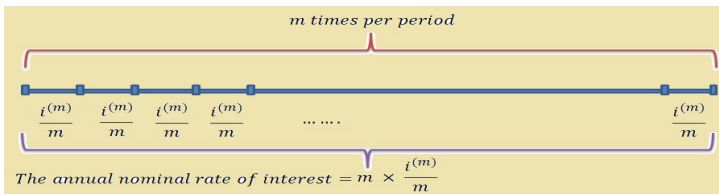
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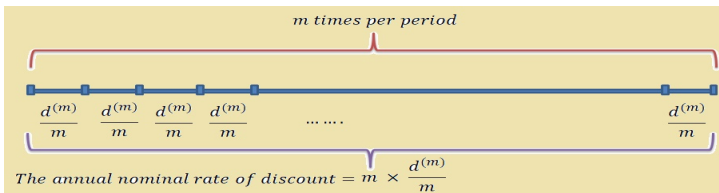
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Since $\delta_t = \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\frac{3}{4+t} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 4+t = 6 \Rightarrow t = 2$$

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$$\Rightarrow \ln(3) = 0.06t \ln(e) \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(3)}{0.06} = 18.3102 \text{ years}$$

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$$2000 = 1000(1 + 5\%)^t$$

$$2 = (1.05)^t \Rightarrow \ln(2) = t \ln(1.05)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln(1.05)} = 14.2067$$

Note that the interest is not earned until the end of the year, you will not have 2,000 after 14.2067 years, but you will have more than 2,000 at the end of the 15th year. The answer is therefore 15 years.

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$$\delta = \ln(1 + i) \Rightarrow 1 + i = e^{\delta} = e^{0.057} = 1.0587 \Rightarrow i = 5.87\%$$

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$$1 + i = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(2)}}{2}\right)^{-2} \Rightarrow 1 + i = \left(1 - \frac{0.058}{2}\right)^{-2} = 1.0606 \Rightarrow i = 6.06\%$$

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Chapter 1 Exercises:

(1) 1.15: Basic Review Problems: all except 13.

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