Chapter 3: Basic Annuities

Section 3.5: Perpetuities

A **perpetuity** is an annuity whose payment continue forever. The term of the annuity is not finite.

• The present value of a perpetuity-immediate is denoted by $a_{\overline{\infty}|}$.

• The present value of a perpetuity-due is denoted by $\ddot{a}_{\overline{\infty}|}$.

Note: Accumulated values do not exist since payments continue forever.

Example: Payments of $5000 are received at the end of each year for 10 years, after which payments of $1000 are received at the end of each year forever. The annual effective interest rate is 9%. Determine the present value of these payments.

Example: Bob wishes to leave an inheritance to 3 charities in a series of level payments at the beginning of each year, continuing in perpetuity. He wants Charity A and B to share the payments equally for 10 years, and then all payments revert to charity C. If the shares received by all three charities have the same value at the time of bequest, find the annual effective interest rate i.

Section 3.6: Unknown Time

How do you interpret annuity symbols for non-integral terms?

Consider for n an integer and $0 < k < 1$.

$$a_{\overline{n+k}|} = \frac{1 - v^{n+k}}{i} = \frac{1 - v^n + v^n - v^{n+k}}{i} = \frac{1 - v^n}{i} + \frac{v^n - v^{n+k}}{i}$$

$$a_{\overline{n+k}|} = a_{\overline{n}|} + \frac{v^{n+k}(v^{-k} - 1)}{i}$$

$$a_{\overline{n+k}|} = a_{\overline{n}|} + \frac{(1+i)^k - 1}{i} v^{n+k}$$

The above notation represent n payments of 1 and then a final payment at time $n + k$ of $\frac{(1+i)^k - 1}{i}$.

In practice payments at non-integer periods are usually not done. Usually a balloon payment or a drop payment is made.

• A **balloon payment** is a payment that combines the regular payment and a smaller additional payment made at the same time as the last regular payment.

• A **drop payment** is a smaller additional payment that is made one period after the last regular payment.

Example: Bob has $180,000 in an account and plans to withdraw $20,000 at the end of each year for as long as possible. If $i = 6\%$, find how many regular payments can be made and find the amount of the smaller payment.

(a) to be paid in addition to the last regular payment. What is the balloon payment?

(b) to be paid one year after the last regular payment. i.e. a drop payment.

(c) to be paid during the year following the last regular payment. i.e. paid during the next period consistent with the fractional time.

Example: A fund of $30,000 is to be accumulated by making deposits of $1500 at the end of every year as long as necessary. If the fund earns an effective interest rate of 10%, find how many regular deposits will be necessary and the size of the final deposit made one year after the last regular deposit.

Section 3.7: Unknown Rate of Interest

The best way to determine an unknown rate of interest for a basic annuity is to use a financial calculator.

Note: There are two approximation formulas for this in the book. Don't worry about them.

Example: At what rate of interest convertible monthly is is $10,000 the present value of $300 paid at the beginning of every month for 6 years?

Example: Find the rate of interest at which (a) $s_{\overline{2}|} = 2.35$, (b) $\ddot{s}_{\overline{4}|} = 4.7$.

Section 3.8: Varying Interest

There are two common methods for varying interest rates for an annuity.

Portfolio Method: Assumes that the interest rate for any given period is the same for all payments whose value is affected by interest during that period.

Yield Curve Method: Assumes that each payment has an associated interest rate which remains level over the entire period for which present values(or accumulated values) are being computed.

Example: Find the accumulated value of an 8-year annuity-immediate of $200 per year if the effective rate of interest is 4% for the first 5 years and 6% for the last three years.

(a) Use the portfolio method.

(b) Use the yield curve method.

Let $i_k =$ the effective rate of interest for the kth period.

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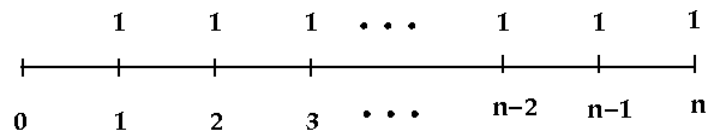
Find general formula for $s_{\overline{n}|}$.

(a) portfolio method

(b) yield curve method

Find the general formula for $a_{\overline{n}|}$

(a) yield curve method.

(b) portfolio method