
FACTSHEET

This factsheet summarises the main methods, formulae and information required for tackling questions on the topics in this booklet.

1 Time value of money

The accumulated value of 1 (invested at time 0) at time t is $(1+ti)$ if we have simple interest and $(1+i)^t$ if we have compound interest.

The discount factor, v , is $\frac{1}{1+i}$.

The discount factor for a period of n years using a simple rate of discount d is $1-nd$.

The connection between compound rates of interest and discount is $d = 1 - v = 1 - (1+i)^{-1}$.

2 Interest rates

The definition of the force of interest $\delta(t)$ is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{A(t, t+h) - 1}{h}$.

The accumulation factor from time t_1 to time t_2 is $A(t_1, t_2) = \exp \left[\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta(t) dt \right]$.

Correspondingly, the discount factor from time t_2 to time t_1 is

$$\exp \left[- \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta(t) dt \right].$$

The present value at time a of a payment stream of $\rho(t)$ received between time a and time b where the force of interest is $\delta(t)$ is:

$$\int_a^b \rho(t) \exp \left[- \int_a^t \delta(s) ds \right] dt$$

The accumulated value at time b of a payment stream of $\rho(t)$ received between time a and time b where the force of interest is $\delta(t)$ is:

$$\int_a^b \rho(t) \exp \left[\int_t^b \delta(s) ds \right] dt$$

If the force of interest is a constant, δ , then $A(t_1, t_2) = \exp[\delta(t_2 - t_1)]$, $i = e^\delta - 1$, $\delta = \ln(1+i)$, $v = e^{-\delta}$ and $1-d = e^{-\delta}$.

The connections between nominal and effective rates of interest are:

$$1+i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(p)}}{p}\right)^p \quad i^{(p)} = p \left((1+i)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1 \right)$$

The connections between nominal and effective rates of discount are:

$$1-d = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(p)}}{p}\right)^p \quad d^{(p)} = p \left(1 - (1-d)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)$$

3 Annuities

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 at time 1, 1 at time 2, 1 at time 3 and so on until 1 at time n , is given by $a_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $a_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

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

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 at time 0, 1 at time 1, 1 at time 2 and so on until 1 at time $n-1$, is given by $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{1-v^n}{d}$$

The connections between these values are $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} = (1+i)a_{\overline{n}|}$ and $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} = 1 + a_{\overline{n-1}|}$.

The accumulated value at time n of payments of 1 at time 1, 1 at time 2, 1 at time 3 and so on until 1 at time n , is given by $s_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $s_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

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

The accumulated value at time n of payments of 1 at time 0, 1 at time 1, 1 at time 2 and so on until 1 at time $n-1$, is given by $\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{d} = (1+i)^n \ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}$$

The connections between these values are $\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|} = (1+i)s_{\overline{n}|}$, and $\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|} + 1 = s_{\overline{n+1}|}$.

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 pa payable continuously for n years is given by $\bar{a}_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $\bar{a}_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$\bar{a}_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{1 - v^n}{\delta}$$

The accumulated value at time n of payments of 1 pa payable continuously for n years is given by $\bar{s}_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $\bar{s}_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$\bar{s}_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{\delta} = (1+i)^n \bar{a}_{\overline{n}|}$$

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 pa payable p thly in arrears for n years is given by $a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$. The amount of each payment is $\frac{1}{p}$. The formula for $a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$ is:

$$a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = \frac{1 - v^n}{j^{(p)}} = \frac{j}{j^{(p)}} a_{\overline{n}|}$$

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 pa payable p thly in advance for n years is given by $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$. The amount of each payment is $\frac{1}{p}$. The formula for $\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$ is:

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = \frac{1-v^n}{d^{(p)}} = \frac{i}{d^{(p)}} a_{\overline{n}|}$$

The connection between these values is $a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = v^{\frac{1}{p}} \ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$.

There are equivalent formulae for $s_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$ and $\ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$, namely:

$$s_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i^{(p)}} = (1+i)^n \frac{i}{i^{(p)}} a_{\overline{n}|}, \quad \ddot{s}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{d^{(p)}} = (1+i)^n \frac{i}{d^{(p)}} a_{\overline{n}|}$$

4 Deferred and increasing annuities

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 at time $m+1$, 1 at time $m+2$, 1 at time $m+3$ and so on until 1 at time $m+n$, is given by ${}_m|a_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for ${}_m|a_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$${}_m|a_{\overline{n}|} = a_{\overline{m+n}|} - a_{\overline{m}|} = v^m a_{\overline{n}|}$$

The corresponding annuity due, continuously payable annuity and p thly annuities are given by:

$${}_m|\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} = \ddot{a}_{\overline{m+n}|} - \ddot{a}_{\overline{m}|} = v^m \ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} \qquad {}_m|\bar{a}_{\overline{n}|} = \bar{a}_{\overline{m+n}|} - \bar{a}_{\overline{m}|} = v^m \bar{a}_{\overline{n}|}$$

$${}_m|a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = a_{\overline{m+n}|}^{(p)} - a_{\overline{m}|}^{(p)} = v^m a_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} \qquad {}_m|\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)} = \ddot{a}_{\overline{m+n}|}^{(p)} - \ddot{a}_{\overline{m}|}^{(p)} = v^m \ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|}^{(p)}$$

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 at time 1, 2 at time 2, 3 at time 3 and so on until n at time n , is given by $(Ia)_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $(Ia)_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$(Ia)_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} - nv^n}{i}$$

The present value at time 0 of payments of 1 at time 0, 2 at time 1, 3 at time 2 and so on until n at time $n - 1$, is given by $(\ddot{ia})_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $(\ddot{ia})_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$(\ddot{ia})_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{n}|} - nv^n}{d}$$

The present value at time 0 of payments of r made continuously through year r for n years is given by $(\overline{ia})_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $(\overline{ia})_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$(\overline{ia})_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{\overline{a}_{\overline{n}|} - nv^n}{\delta}$$

The present value at time 0 of a rate of payment of t at time t for n years is given by $(\overline{I\bar{a}})_{\overline{n}|}$. The formula for $(\overline{I\bar{a}})_{\overline{n}|}$ is:

$$(\overline{I\bar{a}})_{\overline{n}|} = \frac{\overline{\overline{a}}_{\overline{n}|} - nv^n}{\delta}$$

The accumulated values can be found by accumulating the present values, for example:

$$(Is)_{\overline{n}|} = (1+i)^n (Ia)_{\overline{n}|}$$

Deferred annuities can be calculated in the obvious way, for example:

$${}_m|(Ia)_{\overline{n}|} = v^m (Ia)_{\overline{n}|}$$