

Financial Mathematics

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Solutions to practice questions – Chapter 4

Solution 4.1

The monthly effective rate of interest is:

$$\frac{i^{(12)}}{12} = 1.09^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 0.007207$$

There are $8 \times 12 = 96$ months in 8 years. Each monthly payment is $4,000/12$. Working in months, the accumulated value is:

$$\frac{4,000}{12} \ddot{s}_{\overline{96}|}$$

This is evaluated at the monthly effective rate of interest. The accumulated value is:

$$\frac{4,000}{12} \ddot{s}_{\overline{96}|0.7207\%} = \frac{4,000}{12} \times \frac{1.007207^{96} - 1}{1 - 1.007207^{-1}} = \$46,236.14$$

Solution 4.2

The nominal interest rate convertible twice per year is $i^{(2)} = 0.08$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(2)}}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = 8.16\%$$

Solution 4.3

Working in years, the present value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$500a_{\overline{20}|}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible monthly is $i^{(12)} = 0.05$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(12)}}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.05}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 5.1162\%$$

The present value is:

$$500a_{\overline{20}|} = 500 \times \frac{1 - 1.051162^{-20}}{0.051162} = \$6,170.17$$

Solution 4.4

The accumulated value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$35\ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible twice per year is $i^{(2)} = 0.07$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(2)}}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.07}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = 7.1225\%$$

The accumulated value is:

$$35\ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|} = 35 \times \frac{(1+i)^{20} - 1}{d} = 35 \times \frac{1.071225^{20} - 1}{1 - 1.071225^{-1}} = \$1,557.76$$

Solution 4.5

Given a nominal discount rate convertible 4 times per year, the annual effective interest rate is:

$$\begin{aligned} i &= \left(1 - \frac{d^{(4)}}{4}\right)^{-4} - 1 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{0.06}{4}\right)^{-4} - 1 \\ &= 6.23\% \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4.6

The present value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$1,000a_{\overline{5}|}$$

The nominal discount rate convertible twice per year is $d^{(2)} = 0.1$. The annual effective discount rate is:

$$d = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{d^{(2)}}{2}\right)^2 = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{2}\right)^2 = 0.0975$$

This means that:

$$v = 1 - d = 0.9025$$

Since $i = \frac{1}{v} - 1$, the present value is:

$$1,000a_{\overline{5}|} = 1,000 \times \frac{1 - 0.9025^5}{0.9025^{-1} - 1} = \$3,714.26$$

Solution 4.7

The accumulated value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$455\ddot{s}_{\overline{15}|}$$

The nominal discount rate convertible monthly is $d^{(12)} = 0.035$. The annual effective discount rate is:

$$d = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{d^{(12)}}{12}\right)^{12} = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{0.035}{12}\right)^{12} = 0.0344444$$

This means that:

$$v = 1 - d = 0.9655556$$

So the accumulated value is:

$$455\ddot{s}_{\overline{15}|} = 455 \times \frac{0.9655556^{-15} - 1}{0.0344444} = \$9,138.00$$

Solution 4.8

Working in years, the present value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$4,800a_{\overline{7}|}^{(12)}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible 3 times per year is $i^{(3)} = 0.09$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(3)}}{3}\right)^3 - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.09}{3}\right)^3 - 1 = 9.2727\%$$

The nominal interest rate convertible monthly is:

$$i^{(12)} = 12 \left((1.092727)^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 \right) = 0.089005$$

So the present value is:

$$4,800a_{\overline{7}|}^{(12)} = 4,800 \times \frac{1 - 1.092727^{-7}}{0.089005} = \$24,939.80$$

Alternatively, we could also work in months. The monthly effective interest rate is:

$$\frac{i^{(12)}}{12} = 1.092727^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 0.007417$$

There are 84 months in 7 years. The present value is:

$$\frac{4,800}{12} a_{\overline{84}|0.7417\%}$$

The present value is:

$$\frac{4,800}{12} a_{\overline{84}|} = \frac{4,800}{12} \times \frac{1 - 1.007417^{-84}}{0.007417} = \$24,939.80$$

Solution 4.9

Working in years, the accumulated value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$6,880s_{\overline{16}|}^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible twice per year is $i^{(2)} = 0.1$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(2)}}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right)^2 - 1 = 0.1025$$

The nominal every-other-year interest rate is:

$$i^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \left((1.1025)^2 - 1 \right) = 0.107753$$

So the accumulated value is:

$$6,880s_{\overline{16}|}^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 6,880 \times \frac{1.1025^{16} - 1}{0.107753} = \$240,390.22$$

Alternatively, working in two-yearly periods, the two-yearly effective rate of interest is:

$$\frac{i^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.1025^2 - 1 = 21.5506\%$$

The accumulated value is:

$$2 \times 6,880s_{\overline{8}|21.5506\%} = 13,760 \times \frac{1.215506^8 - 1}{0.215506} = \$240,390.22$$

Solution 4.10

Working in years, the present value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$12 \times 50 \ddot{a}_{\overline{7}|}^{(12)}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible quarterly is $i^{(4)} = 0.04$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(4)}}{4}\right)^4 - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{4}\right)^4 - 1 = 0.040604$$

The annual effective discount rate is:

$$d = \frac{0.040604}{1.040604} = 0.039020$$

The nominal discount rate convertible monthly is:

$$d^{(12)} = 12 \left(1 - (1 - 0.039020)^{\frac{1}{12}}\right) = 0.039735$$

So the present value is:

$$12 \times 50 \ddot{a}_{\overline{7}|}^{(12)} = 12 \times 50 \times \frac{1 - 1.040604^{-7}}{0.039735} = \$3,671.76$$

Solution 4.11

Working in years, the accumulated value evaluated at the annual effective rate of interest i is:

$$50,000 \ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|}^{(2)}$$

The nominal interest rate convertible monthly is $i^{(12)} = 0.06$. The annual effective interest rate is:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(12)}}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 0.061678$$

The annual effective discount rate is:

$$d = \frac{0.061678}{1.061678} = 0.058095$$

From this the nominal discount rate convertible monthly $d^{(2)}$ is:

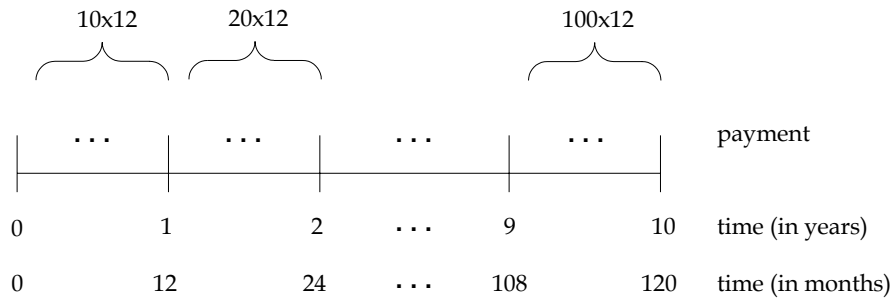
$$d^{(2)} = 2 \left(1 - (1 - 0.058095)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = 0.058964$$

So the accumulated value is:

$$50,000 \ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|}^{(2)} = 50,000 \times \frac{1.061678^{20} - 1}{0.058964} = \$1,959,000.90$$

Solution 4.12

Let's first draw the timeline diagram:



The factor $(Ia)_{\overline{10}|}^{(12)}$ expects a payment of $1/12$ at the end of each month during the first year, $2/12$ at the end of each month during the second year, and so on. This payment series is 120 times that. So, the present value is:

$$120(Ia)_{\overline{10}|}^{(12)} = 120 \times \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{10}|} - 10v^{10}}{i^{(12)}}$$

Calculating the required values:

$$\frac{i^{(12)}}{12} = \frac{0.12}{12} = 0.01$$

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 12.6825\%$$

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{10}|} = \frac{1 - (1.126825)^{-10}}{0.126825/1.126825} = 6.192807$$

$$(Ia)_{\overline{10}|}^{(12)} = \frac{6.192807 - 10(1.126825)^{-10}}{0.12} = 26.357160$$

The present value of the payments is:

$$120(Ia)_{\overline{10}|}^{(12)} = 120 \times 26.357160 = \$3,162.86$$

Solution 4.13

The accumulated value at 15 years is:

$$4 \times 35 (I\ddot{s})_{\overline{15}|}^{(4)} = 4 \times 35 \times \frac{\ddot{s}_{\overline{15}|} - 15}{d^{(4)}}$$

Calculating the required values:

$$i = \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 12.6825\%$$

$$d^{(4)} = 4 \left[1 - (1.126825)^{-\frac{1}{4}}\right] = 11.7639\%$$

$$\ddot{s}_{\overline{15}|} = \frac{1.126825^{15} - 1}{0.126825/1.126825} = 44.387095$$

$$(I\ddot{s})_{\overline{15}|}^{(4)} = \frac{44.387095 - 15}{0.117639} = 249.806556$$

The present value of the payments is:

$$4 \times 35 (I\ddot{s})_{\overline{15}|}^{(4)} = 4 \times 35 \times 249.806556 = \$34,972.92$$

Solution 4.14

Here, $p = 2$. Working in years, the present value of payments of $1/4$ now, $2/4$ after 6 months, $3/4$ after 12 months, and so on, is:

$$(I^{(2)}\ddot{a})_{\overline{6}|}^{(2)} = \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{6}|}^{(2)} - 6v^6}{d^{(2)}}$$

Since we have payments of 5, 10, 15, and so on, the present value is:

$$5 \times 2^2 \times (I^{(2)}\ddot{a})_{\overline{6}|}^{(2)} = 20 \times \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{6}|}^{(2)} - 6v^6}{d^{(2)}}$$

Calculating the required values when the nominal discount rate convertible every 6 months is 12%:

$$i = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(2)}}{2}\right)^{-2} - 1 = \left(1 - \frac{0.12}{2}\right)^{-2} - 1 = 13.1734\%$$

$$a_{\overline{6}|} = \frac{1 - 1.131734^{-6}}{0.131734} = 3.978323$$

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{6}|}^{(2)} = \frac{0.131734}{0.12} (3.978323) = 4.367331$$

So the present value is:

$$20 \left(\frac{4.367331 - 6(1.131734)^{-6}}{0.12} \right) = \$251.97$$

Alternatively, working in semiannual periods, the semiannual effective interest rate is:

$$\frac{i^{(2)}}{2} = 1.131734^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 = 6.3830\%$$

The factor $(I\ddot{a})_{\overline{12}|}$ expects a payment of 1 at the end of the first period, 2 at the end of the second period, and so on. This payment series is 5 times that. So, the present value is:

$$5(I\ddot{a})_{\overline{6 \times 2}|6.3830\%} = 5 \times \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{12}|6.3830\%} - 12v^{12}}{d^{(2)}/2}$$

Calculating the required values:

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{12}|6.3830\%} = \frac{1 - 1.063830^{-12}}{0.063830 / 1.063830} = 8.734661$$

The present value is:

$$5 \times \frac{8.734661 - 12(1.063830)^{-12}}{0.12/2} = \$251.97$$

Solution 4.15

There are 20 quarters in 5 years. The monthly increasing payments can be split into a level series of monthly payments and an increasing series of monthly payments. The timeline diagram is:

50	55	60	...	145	payment
0	1	2	3	...	20
	5	10	15	...	100
	45	45	45	...	45
					time (in quarters)
					increasing payment
					level payment

Working in years, the accumulated value at 5 years is:

$$4 \times 45s_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} + 5 \times 4^2 \times (I^{(4)}s)_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} = 180s_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} + 80 \times \frac{\ddot{s}_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} - 5}{d^{(4)}}$$

Calculating the required values when the annual effective interest rate is 6%:

$$i^{(4)} = 4 \left[1.06^{\frac{1}{4}} - 1 \right] = 5.8695\%$$

$$d^{(4)} = 4 \left[1 - 1.06^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right] = 5.7847\%$$

$$s_{\overline{5}|} = \frac{1.06^5 - 1}{0.06} = 5.637093$$

$$s_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} = \frac{0.06}{0.058695} (5.637093) = 5.762388$$

$$\ddot{s}_{\overline{5}|}^{(4)} = \frac{0.06}{0.057847} (5.637093) = 5.846944$$

So the accumulated value is:

$$180 \times 5.762388 + 80 \left(\frac{5.846944 - 5}{0.058695} \right) = \$2,191.59$$

Alternatively, working in quarters, the quarterly effective interest rate is:

$$\frac{i^{(4)}}{4} = \frac{0.058695}{4} = 1.4674\%$$

The accumulated value of the payments of 5, 10, 15 and so on is:

$$5(Is)_{\overline{4 \times 5}|} 1.4674\% = 5 \times \frac{\ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|} 1.4674\% - 20}{0.014674}$$

Calculating the required values:

$$s_{\overline{20}|} 1.4674\% = \frac{1.014674^{20} - 1}{0.014674} = 23.049552$$

$$\ddot{s}_{\overline{20}|} 1.4674\% = 23.049552(1.014674) = 23.387777$$

The accumulated value of the level quarterly payment of \$45 and the quarterly increasing annuity-immediate is:

$$45 \times 23.049552 + 5 \left(\frac{23.387777 - 20}{0.014674} \right) = \$2,191.59$$

Solution 4.16

Here, $p = 6$. The present value of payments of $1/36$ after 2 months, $2/36$ after 4 months, $3/36$ after 6 months, and so on, is:

$$(I^{(6)}a)_{\overline{10}|}^{(6)} = \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{10}|}^{(6)} - 10v^{10}}{i^{(6)}}$$

Since we have payments of 5, 10, 15, and so on, the present value is:

$$5 \times 36(I^{(6)}a)_{\overline{10}|}^{(6)} = 180 \frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{10}|}^{(6)} - 10v^{10}}{i^{(6)}}$$

Calculating the required values when $i = 0.08$:

$$i^{(6)} = 6 \left(1.08^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1 \right) = 0.077457$$

$$d^{(6)} = 6 \left(1 - 1.08^{-\frac{1}{6}} \right) = 0.076470$$

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{10}|}^{(6)} = \frac{1 - 1.08^{-10}}{0.076470} = 7.019872$$

So the present value X is:

$$X = 180 \left(\frac{7.019872 - 10(1.08)^{-10}}{0.077457} \right) = \$5,549.27$$

Solution 4.17

We recall that the present value of a perpetuity-immediate is just the level periodic payment divided by the effective periodic interest rate. To simplify the notation, let's define j as the effective interest rate for a three-year period:

$$j = (1+i)^3 - 1$$

In three years, the perpetuity will have a present value of 10 divided by j . To find the present value at time zero, this present value must be discounted for three years, and this is accomplished by dividing by $(1+j)$. The equation of value becomes:

$$\frac{10}{j} \left(\frac{1}{1+j} \right) = 32$$

$$10 = 32j^2 + 32j$$

$$3.2j^2 + 3.2j - 1 = 0$$

Using the quadratic formula:

$$j = \frac{-3.2 \pm \sqrt{(3.2)^2 + 4(3.2)(1.0)}}{2(3.2)} = 0.25 \quad (\text{since we are only interested in positive values})$$

Now we can find i , the annual effective interest rate:

$$0.25 = (1+i)^3 - 1$$

$$i = (1.25)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = 0.077217$$

The present value of a perpetuity-immediate that pays \$1 at the end of each 4-month period is just \$1 divided by the effective interest rate for 4 months (one third of a year):

$$X = \frac{1}{(1.077217)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1} = \$39.83$$

Solution 4.18

With a constant rate of compound interest, the force of interest is constant. With a constant rate of simple interest, the force of interest is not constant.

The force of interest is constant for Tawny:

$$e^{\delta} = \left(1 + \frac{0.10}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\delta = 2 \ln(1.05) = 0.097580$$

The force of interest for Fabio depends on when it is measured. Let i be the simple interest rate earned by Fabio. The accumulated value under simple interest at time t is $1 + ti$. We recall that the force of interest at time t is the derivative of the accumulated value with respect to t divided by the accumulated value at time t :

$$\delta_t = \frac{AV_t'}{AV_t} = \frac{i}{1+ti}$$

$$\delta_5 = \frac{i}{1+5i}$$

Since the force of interest on the two accounts is equal at the end of 5 years, we can find the simple interest rate earned by Fabio:

$$0.097580 = \frac{i}{1+5i}$$

$$0.097580(1+5i) = i$$

$$0.097580 + 0.487902i = i$$

$$i = 0.190550$$

At the end of 5 years, Fabio has \$1,952.75:

$$1,000[1 + 5(0.190550)] = \$1,952.75$$

Solution 4.19

This 5-year increasing annuity-immediate pays 2 at the end of the first month, 4 at the end of the second month, 6 at the end of the third month, and each month thereafter the payment increases by 2 until the final payment of 120 at the end of the 60th month. We are also given a nominal interest rate of 9% convertible quarterly, but we need the monthly effective interest rate.

To calculate a monthly effective interest rate from a quarterly nominal rate $i^{(4)}$, we first compute the quarterly effective rate $\frac{i^{(4)}}{4}$, then we calculate the annual effective rate i , and then we can calculate the monthly effective interest rate $\frac{i^{(12)}}{12}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{i^{(4)}}{4} &= \frac{0.09}{4} = 0.0225 \\ i &= \left(1 + \frac{i^{(4)}}{4}\right)^4 - 1 = (1.0225)^4 - 1 = 0.093083 \\ \frac{i^{(12)}}{12} &= (1+i)^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = (1.0903083)^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 0.007444\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, the monthly effective interest rate can be calculated directly from the quarterly effective interest rate:

$$\frac{i^{(12)}}{12} = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(4)}}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = (1.0225)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = 0.007444$$

We can now set up the equation of value for the present value of the increasing annuity-immediate:

$$\begin{aligned}PV = X &= \frac{2}{1.007444} + \frac{4}{(1.007444)^2} + \frac{6}{(1.007444)^3} + \dots + \frac{120}{(1.007444)^{60}} \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{1}{1.007444} + \frac{2}{(1.007444)^2} + \frac{3}{(1.007444)^3} + \dots + \frac{60}{(1.007444)^{60}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

The part in the brackets is an increasing annuity-immediate. It can be calculated by:

$$\begin{aligned}X &= 2 \left[(Ia)_{\overline{60}|0.7444\%} \right] \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{\ddot{a}_{\overline{60}|0.7444\%} - 60v_{\overline{60}|0.7444\%}}{0.007444} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Calculating the required value:

$$\ddot{a}_{\overline{60}|0.7444\%} = \frac{1 - (1.007444)^{-60}}{0.007444 / 1.007444} = 48.607728$$

The present value is:

$$\begin{aligned}X &= 2 \left[\frac{48.607728 - 60(1.007444)^{-60}}{0.007444} \right] \\ &= \$2,729.21\end{aligned}$$

Solution 4.20

The accumulated value after 1 year is:

$$\begin{aligned}100\left(1 - \frac{d^{(4)}}{4}\right)^{-4} &= 100\left(1 - \frac{0.075}{4}\right)^{-4} \\ &= 107.865192\end{aligned}$$

This accumulated value is accumulated for another year to determine the accumulated value after 2 years:

$$\begin{aligned}107.865192\left(1 + \frac{i^{(4)}}{4}\right)^4 &= 107.865192\left(1 + \frac{0.075}{4}\right)^4 \\ &= \$116.19\end{aligned}$$