

An Algebra of Level-Yield Amortization

$$P_0 = \frac{-U_0}{(1+y)^n} \left[1 + c \frac{(1+y)^n - 1}{y} \right] \equiv -U_0 * PVF(y, n) * [1 + c * FVFA(y, n)]$$

$P_0 > 0$: Price at $t = 0$, time of security settlement; sign convention: short position.

$U_0 < 0$: Face value at security settlement ($t = 0$) due n periods later ($t = n$); sign convention: short position.

$c > 0$: Contracted rate of interest paid periodically on the base $-U_0$.

$y > 0$: Settled periodic yield rate (market or privately agreed periodic yield rate).

$PVF(y, n) = (1+y)^{-n}$: Present value (at $t = 0$) of \$1 received n ($t = n$) periods later.

Finance vernacular refers to this as “present value factor of \$1 at yield y received in n periods,” or in some similar phrase.

$$FVFA(y, n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (1+y)^i \equiv \frac{(1+y)^n - 1}{y}$$

: Future value factor of an ordinary n -period annuity discounted at rate y . Definitional divergence: a term equivalent to ordinary n -period annuity is “an n -period annuity in arrears.”

$P_i \in \{P_0, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \equiv -U_0\}$: Unamortized basis of the debt the end of the i th period. In the United States, when the debtor has tax deductibility of interest expense, the tax deductible interest exists at the end of the n periods $t = 1, \dots, n$ and the interest amounts are $P_0 y, P_1 y, P_{n-1} y$

The periodic amortization amount for a premium ($y < c$) sale is negative and for a discount ($y > c$) is positive. Its value is $P_i - P_{i-1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with the value

$$P_i - P_{i-1} = U_0 c + P_{i-1} y \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

At the inception of a debt instrument, the amortized cumulative amount of premium ($P_0 + U_0 > 0$ for $y < c$) or discount ($P_0 + U_0 < 0$ for $y > c$) is 0. That is, $A_0 = 0$. At inception, the not-yet-amortized cumulative amount of premium or discount is

$$P_0 + U_0. \text{ That is, } A'_0 \equiv P_0 + U_0. \text{ At any time } 0 \leq t \leq n \text{ } A_t + A'_t \equiv P_0 + U_0$$

The amortized cumulative amount of premium or discount after amortization at the end of period $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is $A_j = jU_0 c + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} P_i y$

Some algebra leads to the formula for the periodic amortization (D_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) and for the period-to-date cumulative periodic amortization (A_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$).

Both A_i and D_i carry period-independent factor

$$U_0 [c - y * PVF(y, n) * [1 + c * FVFA(y, n)]]$$

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That period-independent factor happens to be the amortization of the premium or discount at the end of the first period, so defining D_1 as that constant is convenient.

$$D_1 \equiv U_0 [c - y * PVF(y, n) * [1 + c * FVFA(y, n)]] \equiv U_0 c + P_0 y$$

For D_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) in general, the formula is this.

$$D_i \equiv D_1 * (1 + y)^{i-1} \equiv D_1 * FVF(y, i-1)$$

The period-to-date sum of those D_i 's includes the common factor D_1 and the sum of the factors $(1 + y)^{i-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, j$ with j representing the period ending the summing. The sum of those factors is $FVFA(y, j)$, so

$$A_i \equiv D_1 * FVFA(y, i)$$

The period-to-date carrying balance P_i is this.

$$P_i \equiv P_0 + A_i \equiv P_0 + [U_0 c + P_0 y] * FVFA(y, i)$$