Engineering Economy

[2-1] Time Value of Money Single Cash Flow

The Five Types of Cash Flows

Cash flow transactions can be generally classified into five general categories:

(1) Single cash flow

(2) Uniform series

(3) Linear gradient series

(4) Geometric gradient series, and

(5) Irregular series

Single Cash Flow

- The simplest case involves the equivalence of a single present amount and its future worth
- Thus, the single-cash-flow formulas deal with only two amounts: a single present amount P and its equivalent future worth F

Single Cash Flow

You have P find F

You have F find P

Equal (Uniform) Series

- Includes transactions arranged as a series of equal cash flows at regular intervals, known as an equal payment series (or uniform series)
- The equal-cash-flow formulas deal with the equivalence relations P, F, and A (where A is the constant amount of the cash flows in the series)

Linear Gradient Series

- A common pattern of variation occurs when each cash flow in a series increases (or decreases) by a fixed amount
- A five-year loan repayment plan might specify, for example, a series of annual payments that increase by \$500 each year
- We call this type a *linear gradient series* because its cash flow diagram produces an ascending (or descending) straight line
- In addition to using P, F, and A, the formulas employed in such problems involve a constant amount G of the change in each cash flow

Linear Gradient Series

Geometric Gradient Series

- This type is formed when the series in a cash flow is determined not by some fixed amount like \$500, but by some <u>fixed rate</u>, expressed as a percentage
- The curving gradient in the diagram is named the *geometric gradient series*
- In the formulas dealing with such series, the rate of change is represented by a lowercase g

Geometric Gradient Series

Irregular (Mixed) Series

A series of cash flows may be irregular, in that it does not exhibit a regular overall pattern

Single-Payment Factors

- We know that the amount of money F accumulated after **n** years from a present worth **P** with interest compounded one time per year is given by the following equation \rightarrow F = P(1+i)ⁿ
- The factor $(1+i)^n$ is called the single-payment compound amount factor (SPCAF) and is usually referred to as the F/P factor
- The factor P/F is known as the single-payment present worth factor (SPPWF)

Single-Payment Factors

- Note that single payment means that only one payment or receipt is involved
- A standard notation has been adopted for all the economic factors and is always in the general form $(X/Y,i,n)$
- The letter \underline{X} represents what is sought, while the letter \underline{Y} represents what is given
- For example, F/P means $find F$ when P is given</u>
- Thus, $(F/P, 6\%, 20)$ represents the *factor* that is used to calculate the <u>future amount F </u> accumulated in 20 periods if the interest rate is 6% per period. P is given

Single-Payment Factors

The value of $(P/F, 5\%, 10) \rightarrow P = F[1/(1+i)^n] = 0.6139$

Single-Payment Factors Example

If you had \$2,000 now and invested it at 10%, how much would it be worth in eight years?

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F = P(1+i)^n = $2,000 \times (1+0.1)^8 = $4,287.18
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\frac{Or}{F} = P(F/P,i,n) = 2,000(F/P,10\%,8)
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Single-Payment Factors Example

- The office supplies for an engineering firm for different years were as follows: Year 0: \$600; Year 2: \$300; and Year 5: \$400
- What is the equivalent value in year 10 if the interest rate is 5% per year?
- Draw the cash flow diagram for the values \$600, \$300, and \$400
- Use *F/P* factors to find F in year 10
- \bullet F = 600(F/P,5%,10) + 300(F/P,5%,8) + 400(F/P,5%,5) = $600 \times (1.6289) + 300 \times (1.4775) + 400 \times (1.2763) = 1931.11

• A company wishes to set aside money now to invest over the next four years. The company can earn 10% on a lump sum deposited now, and it wishes to *withdraw* the money in the following increments: \$25,000

• How much money must be deposited now to cover the anticipated payments over the next 4 years?

- Apparently, one way to deal with an uneven series of cash flows is to calculate the equivalent present value of each single cash flow and to sum the present values to find P
- That is, the cash flow is broken into three components (decomposition) and later all the three present values are summed up (superposition)

- To see if the needed \$28,622 is sufficient, let's calculate the balance at the end of each year
- If you deposit $$28,622$ now, it will grow to $(1.10)($28,622)$, or $\frac{$31,484}{x}$ at the end of year 1. From this balance, you pay out \$25,000
- The remaining balance, \$6,484, will again grow to $(1.10)(\$6,484)$, or $\$7,132$, at the end of year 2. Now you make the second payment (\$3,000) out of this balance, which will leave you with only $\frac{$4,132}{$2]}$ at the end of year 2
- Since no payment occurs in year 3, the balance will grow to $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ (\$4,132), or $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2},000$, at the end of year 4
- The final withdrawal in the amount of \$5,000 will deplete the balance completely