

**Level I
of the
CFA® Program**

Quantitative Methods
TIME VALUE OF MONEY

Learning Objectives

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- Would you prefer \$1,000 today or \$1,000 in five years?
 - Obviously, you would rather have the \$1,000 today.
 - This concept is called the **time value of money**.
 - Expressed more generally, 1 dollar **received today is worth more** than a similar amount be received some time in the future, due to earning potential.

- Time allows you the opportunity to **postpone consumption** and **earn interest**.

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Interest rates can be thought of in three ways:

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- i. Required rate of return:** The minimum rate of return an investor must receive in order **to accept an investment**.
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- ii. Discount rate:** The rate used to discount future cash flows to allow for the time value of money (to determine the present value **equivalent** of some money to be received some time in future).
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- iii. Opportunity cost:** The value of the **best forgone alternative**; the most valuable alternative investors give up when they choose what to do with money.

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- The real risk-free interest rate is the **single-period interest rate** for a completely **risk-free security** if no inflation was expected.
- The inflation premium compensates investors for **expected inflation**.

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- The **default risk premium** compensates investors for the possibility that the borrower **will fail to make a promised payment** at the contracted time and in the contracted amount.
- The **liquidity premium** compensates investors for the risk of loss relative to an investment's fair value if the investment needs to be **converted to cash quickly**.

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- Maturity premium accounts for **additional risks** resulting from **longer time to maturity**.

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The effective annual rate of interest (EAR) refers to the rate of return earned by an investor in a year, taking into account the effects of compounding.

$$\text{EAR} = (1 + \text{Periodic rate})^m - 1 = \left(1 + \frac{\text{Stated annual rate}}{m} \right)^m - 1$$

i. **Compounding** is the process of accumulating interest over a period of time. It can be **discrete**, in which the **number of compounding periods** within a year is finite, or **continuous**, if the number of compounding periods is **infinite**.

ii. **Periodic rate of interest** is the rate of interest earned over a single compounding period. For example, a fixed bank account might pay a periodic quarterly interest rate of 3% that compounds 4 times a year.

iii. **The stated annual rate** is an often-quoted annual rate of interest that does not account for within-the-year compounding. It's equal to the **periodic rate multiplied by the number of compounding periods per year**.

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Example

Suppose we are given a stated interest rate of 10%, **compounded quarterly**, here is what we get for EAR:

$$\text{EAR} = \left(1 + \frac{0.10}{4}\right)^4 - 1 = 0.10381 \text{ or } 10.38\%$$

If the compounding was **monthly**,

$$\text{EAR} = \left(1 + \frac{0.10}{12}\right)^{12} - 1 = 0.10471 \text{ or } 10.47\%$$

- Therefore, **the more frequent the frequency of compounding, the higher the EAR.**
- The effective annual rate will always be higher than the stated rate if there is more than one compounding period.

LOS : Solve time value of money problems for different frequencies of compounding

An investment of \$1 today will be worth a certain amount N years from now, if it is invested at an interest rate of r per year.

$$\mathbf{FV_N = PV \times (1 + r)^N}$$

Where FV = future value at time N , PV = present value, and r = interest rate per year.

Therefore, in order to a single cash flow of \$1 N years from today, you must make a single investment today of the following amount:

$$\mathbf{PV = \frac{FV_N}{(1 + r)^N}}$$

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When compounding periods are different than annual compounding, use the formula below.

$$PV = \frac{FV_N}{\left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{m \times N}}$$

Where m is the number of compounding periods in a year, and r is the stated annual rate of interest.

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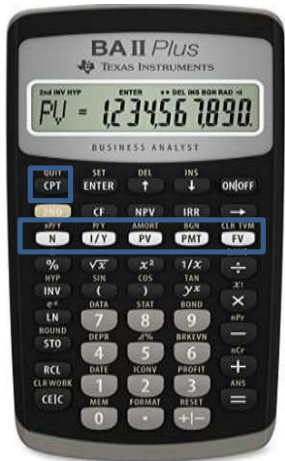
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Which can also be done on the financial calculator:



N: Number of periods

I/Y: Interest rate per period

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Press 2nd FV to clear memory

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4×3 "N"	N= 12	12 ENTER n	12
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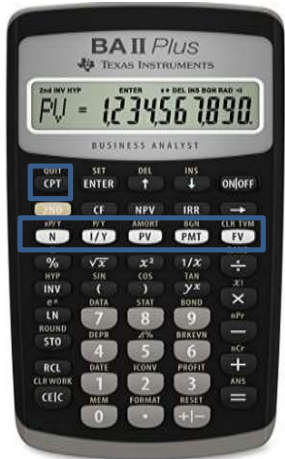
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$$\begin{aligned} FV &= 50,000 \times (1 + 1\%)^{(12 \times 12)} \\ &= \$209,530.77 \end{aligned}$$

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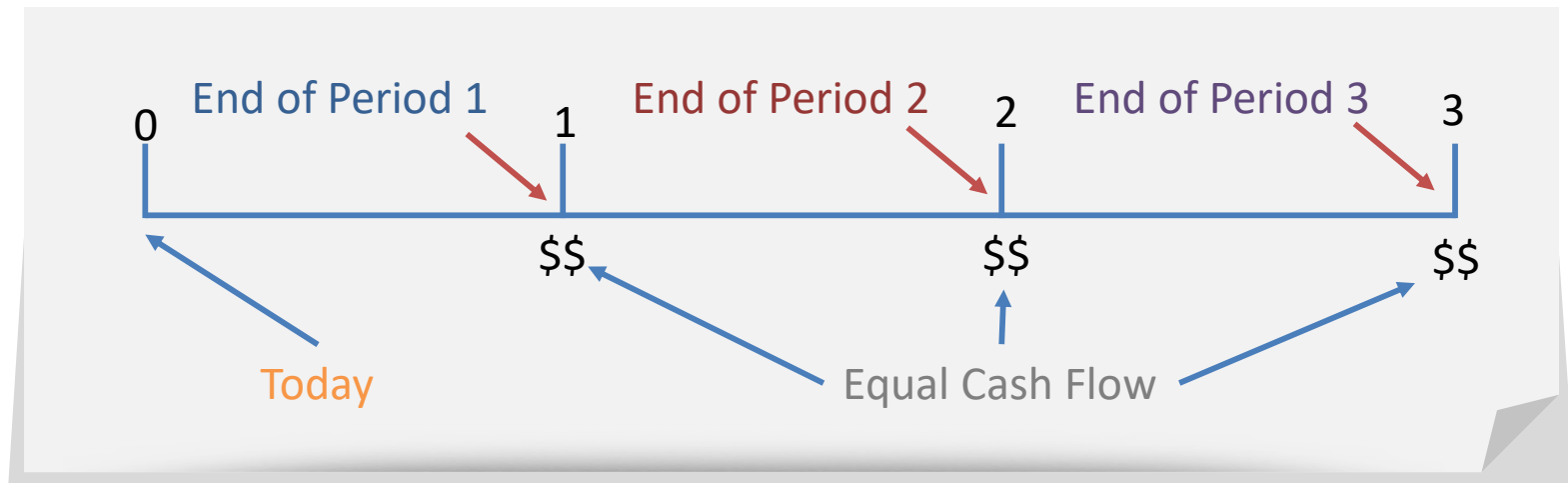
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An **annuity** is a finite series of cash flows, all with the same value.

In an **ordinary annuity**, payments are made at the end of each time period, usually a month or year, beginning at time $t = 1$.

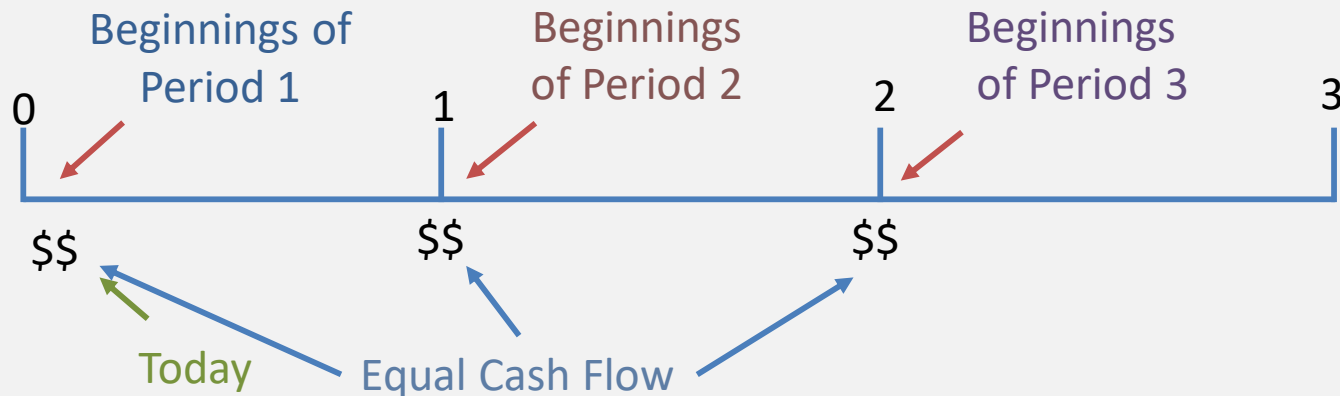
- Example: Mortgage payments.



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In an **annuity due**, payments start immediately (in advance), beginning at time $t = 0$.

➤ Example: Insurance premiums.



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The present value (PV) and future value (FV) of an ordinary annuity are given by the following:

$$PV = A \times \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1 + r)^N}}{r}$$

$$FV = A \times \frac{(1 + r)^N - 1}{r}$$

Where:

A = annuity amount, r = interest rate per period, and N = number of annuity payments.

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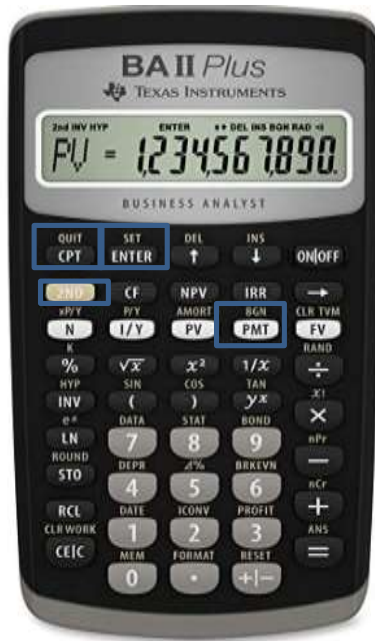
Using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} PV &= A \times \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^N}}{r} \times (1+r) \\ &= 200 \times \frac{1 - \frac{1}{1.135^{15}}}{0.135} \times 1.135 = \$1,430 \end{aligned}$$

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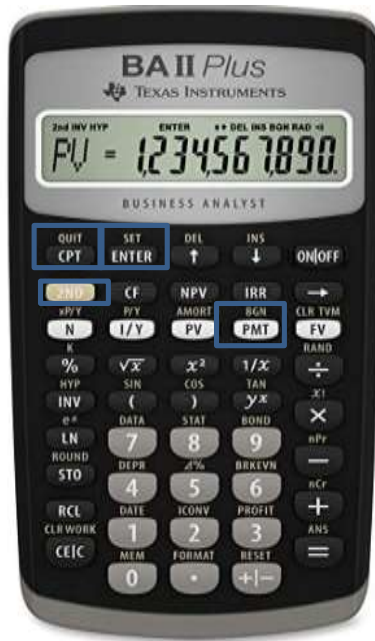


- Press **2nd** **FV** to clear all previously stored data.
- Set **BGN** since this is an annuity due. You do this by pressing **2nd** **BGN** **2nd** **SET** until **BGN** displays. After that, you must then press **2nd** **QUIT** and then continue as below:

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A timeline is a physical illustration of the amounts and timing of cash flows associated with an investment project.



It helps you to **visualize the cash flows** and therefore achieve a better understanding of the question at hand.



Cash flows that are **regular and of equal amounts** can be modeled as **annuities**.



But we need to create **timelines** for cash flows that are **not of equal amounts or timings**.

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A project has the following series of cash flows:

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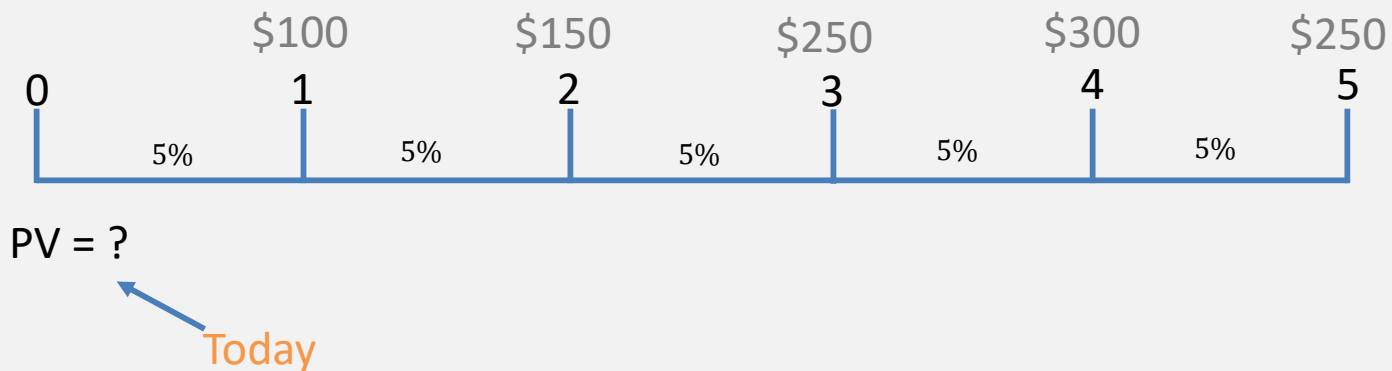
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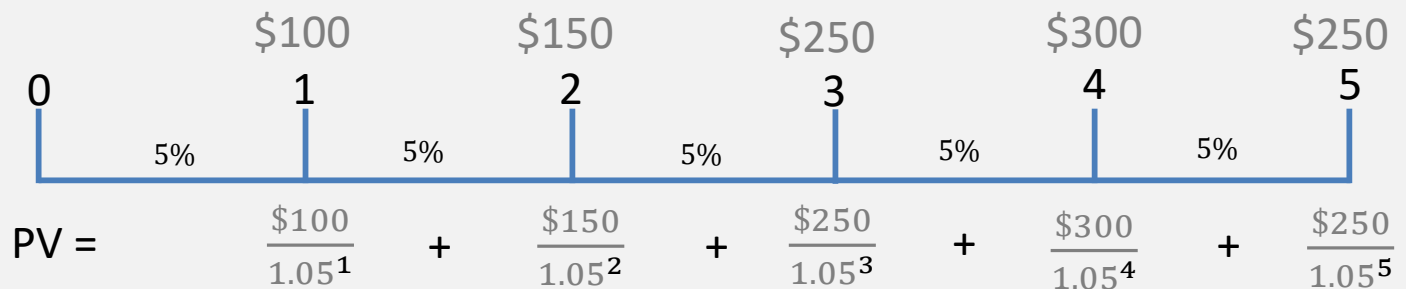
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$$= \$95.24 + \$136.05 + \$215.96 + \$246.81 + \$195.88$$

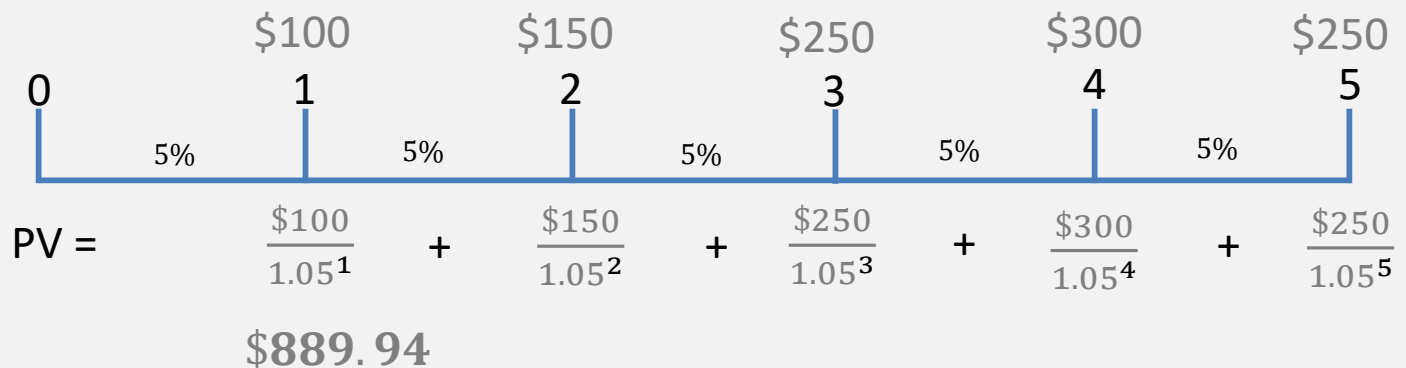
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