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Exercise 1. a. See lecture notes, the continuous rate is obtained as $\ln 1.1 = 0.0953$.

$(1 + \frac{r_m}{12})^{12} = 1.1$ then $\frac{r_m}{12} = 1.1^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 0.79741\%$. Annualised: $r_m = 9.569\%$.

b. $x \mapsto (1 + \frac{x}{m})^m - (1 + x)$ is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R}^{*+} and worth 1 at 0.

c. and **d.** See lecture notes.

e. Over $[\frac{k-1}{m}, \frac{k}{m}[$, investor A holds $M(1 + \frac{r_m}{m})^{k-1} = Me^{r\frac{k-1}{m}}$ while investor B holds $Me^{r\frac{k}{m}}$ at time $\frac{k}{m}$ (which is more). The maximal difference is then the maximum over k of: $M[e^{r\frac{k}{m}} - e^{r\frac{k-1}{m}}]$ (left limit at $\frac{k}{m}$), i.e. (for $k = m - 1$): $Me^r(1 - e^{-\frac{r}{m}})$.

Exercise 2. Present Value: $PV = \frac{100}{1.04} + \frac{200}{1.042^2} + \frac{300}{1.045^3} = 543.244919 \text{ M€} = 543,244,919.17\text{€}$.

Cf Excel file:	Year	1	2	3
	Rate (%)	4	4.2	4.5
	Cash Flow (M^{on})	100	200	300
	Discount Factor	0.96154	0.92101	0.87630

Exercise 3.

a. The present value at 0 of an annuity with maturity date T is: $PV = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{A}{(1+r)^t}$.

Using: $\sum_{t=1}^T x^t = x \frac{1-x^T}{1-x}$ we get: $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} = \frac{1}{1+r} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^T}}{1 - \frac{1}{1+r}} = \frac{1}{r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^T} \right]$.

Then $PV = \frac{A}{r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^T} \right]$.

With $T = 10$, $r = 0.05$ and $A = 100 \text{ k€}$, we get: $PV = 772.173 \text{ k€} = 772,173\text{€}$.

b. We take the limit when $T \rightarrow +\infty$ in $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} = \frac{1}{r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+r)^T} \right]$, assuming $r > 0$.

We obtain: $\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} = \frac{1}{r}$, therefore $PV = \frac{A}{r}$.

With $r = 0.05$ and $A = 100\text{€}$, we get: $PV = 2000\text{€}$.

Exercise 4.

a. $\frac{P}{N} = c \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^t} + \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T} = f(\rho)$, can be written $f(\rho) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{c}{\rho} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T} \right] + \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T}$ as well.

b. $f(c) = 1$ (we saw $P = N \iff \rho = c$). f decreasing then $\rho < c \iff P > N$.

c. $\frac{C}{P} = \frac{5.5\%}{1.2665} = 4.343\%$.

Note: YTM=3.231658, duration= 10.880707, convexity=144.014 (see later).

d.1 $P > N \Rightarrow \frac{C}{P} < \frac{C}{N} = c$.

d.2 1st investment: return = ρ . 2nd investment: return = $\frac{C}{P}$. 2nd is better, then $\frac{C}{P} > \rho$.
 Note that the 2nd investment is equivalent to investing P every year at rate $\frac{C}{P}$.

By direct computation: from (*), $\frac{\rho P}{cN} = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T} \left(\frac{\rho}{c} - 1 \right) < 1$ from $\rho < c$. Then $\rho P < C$.

e. It is easy to reverse the argument when the bond trades at a discount.

At par: YTM = c and $\frac{C}{P} = \frac{C}{N} = c$.

Exercise 5. cf Excel file **a.** $\frac{P}{N}$ and ρ are linked through $\frac{P}{N} = \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T}$.

Here $T = 10$ at issue date, then $5 + \frac{10,2}{12}$ on 09-oct-23 and $5 + \frac{10,02}{12}$ on 11-oct-24
 (gives the price actually observed on the market for these dates).

b. $\frac{P}{N}$ and ρ are linked through $\frac{P}{N} = \frac{c}{\rho} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T} \right] + \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T}$ (*).

From an observed P , ρ can be computed through a numerical method like the NewtonRaphson method.
 If ρ is given, we check the relationship.

Exercise 6.

a. $P = 95.6705\%$, $D = 4,702$ years for $c = 3\%$ and $D = 4,62$ years for $c = 4\%$ (cf Excel file).

To compute the price, the formula (*) in Exercise 5. can also be used).

Intuitively, we can imagine that the duration diminishes when the coupon rate increases (more of the investment gets reimbursed earlier) - and this is satisfied in this example -, but this has to be checked more precisely as the price changes in that case. This is the purpose of exercise 11.

b. The yield-to-maturity of this annuity is r , as the payment is risk-free and the price is computed by using the discount rate r for any payment date (as the YTM for a sovereign bond is an average of the prevailing yield curve).

We have:
$$D = \frac{r}{A} \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{tA}{(1+r)^t} = r \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{t}{(1+r)^t}.$$

But
$$\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} = \frac{1}{r} \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{-t}{(1+r)^{t+1}} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \frac{t}{(1+r)^t} = \frac{1+r}{r^2}$$
 then $D = \frac{1+r}{r}$ (not $+\infty$).

N.A.: 21 years. (*): as a power series, the lefthandside quantity is infinitely differentiable on its area of convergence, and one can differentiate under the sign \sum .

Notes: - we will see in chapter II, section 3. of the course that the duration is linked to the first derivative of the price w.r.t the yield-to-maturity, which is what above calculus uses.

- We saw that for $x \in]0, 1[$, $X = \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} tx^t$ can be computed by taking the first derivative in $\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} x^t = \frac{x}{1-x}$.

Other method:

$$X(1-x) = \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} tx^t - \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} tx^{t+1} = \sum_{t=0}^{+\infty} (t+1)x^{t+1} - \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} tx^{t+1} = \sum_{t=0}^{+\infty} x^{t+1} = \frac{x}{1-x}$$
 then $X = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$.

Exercise 7.

a. The bond paying annually a coupon at rate $c(0, T)$ with a N face value quotes at par if and only if $c(0, T)$ satisfies:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T c(0, T)NB(0, t) + NB(0, T) = N, \text{ therefore: } c(0, T) = \frac{1 - B(0, T)}{T} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1 + r(0, T))^T}}{\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1 + r(0, t))^t}}$$

The par rate for the maturity T , $c(0, T)$, is an "average" of the 0-coupon rate curve between 0 and T , for this issuer. Note that $c(0, 1) = r(0, 1)$.

Note that the notion of par yield is used in constructing interest rate swaps.

b. For a bond at par, the YTM equals the coupon rate, hence the result. The par rate for the maturity T , $c(0, T)$, is the coupon rate of a bond which would be issued today, for maturity T .

c. $c(0, T)$ is the yield of a coupon-bearing bond, it is then affected by the fact that the holder gets some payments before T , at times corresponding to lower rates. $c(0, T)$ is then an "average" of the $r(0, t)$ for t between 0 and T , hence below $r(0, T)$.

Equivalently, the 0-coupon rate $r(0, T)$ corresponds to a longer maturity than $c(0, T)$.

Note that in that case, the par yield curve itself is increasing as well.

Mathematical proof:

from b., $c(0, T)$ is the YTM and the coupon rate of a bond which would be issued today, for maturity T .

$$\text{Therefore: } c(0, T) \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1 + c(0, T))^t} + \frac{1}{(1 + c(0, T))^T} = c(0, T) \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1 + r(0, t))^t} + \frac{1}{(1 + r(0, T))^T}$$

With $c(0, T) \geq r(0, T)$, we would have $\forall t = 1, \dots, T$, $c(0, T) > r(0, t)$, and the above inequality would not be possible (the left-hand side term would be lower).

Exercise 8. T being the time-to-maturity of the bond, we need to discount payments done at dates $\frac{k}{m}$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, mT$.

Let ρ be the yield-to-maturity for the asset corresponding to this payment frequency m (we could denote it by ρ_m to recall its compounding frequency per year).

a. Between two payment dates (spaced by $\frac{1}{m}$ years), the discount factor in the bond price computation is $\frac{1}{1 + \frac{\rho}{m}}$ (ρ is annualised as usual).

We get $P = \sum_{k=1}^{mT} \frac{C_k}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^k}$, where C_k is the k^{th} payment.

Note that a payment C , done at $t \in \{\frac{1}{m}, \frac{2}{m}, \dots, T\}$, has a present value equal to $\frac{C}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mt}}$.

For example, for a standard bond, $C_k = \frac{cN}{m}$ or $\frac{cN}{m} + N$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P}{N} &= \frac{c}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{mT} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^k} + \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mT}} = \frac{c}{m} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\rho}{m}} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mT}}}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\rho}{m}}} + \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mT}} \\ &= \frac{c}{\rho} \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mT}} \right] + \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{mT}}. \end{aligned}$$

b. The k^{th} payment is done at time $\frac{k}{m}$, hence the duration is: $D = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{k=1}^{mT} \frac{C_k \frac{k}{m}}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^k}$.

c. We have $P'(\rho) = - \sum_{k=1}^{mT} \frac{C_k \frac{k}{m}}{(1 + \frac{\rho}{m})^{k+1}} = - \frac{D}{1 + \frac{\rho}{m}} P$. Hence $\frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim - \frac{D}{1 + \frac{\rho}{m}} \Delta \rho$.

Remark:

The rate defined above is called the Bond Equivalent Yield (BEY). Dividing by m , we get the periodic yield-to-maturity, $\frac{\rho_{BEY}}{m}$.

The bond equivalent yield (BEY) allows fixed-income securities whose payments are not annual to be compared with securities with annual yields. The BEY is a calculation for restating semi-annual, quarterly or monthly discount bond or note yields into an annual yield, and is the yield stated in the quotations.

The rate ρ such that $(1 + \frac{\rho_{BEY}}{m})^m = 1 + \rho$ is called the Effective Annual Yield.

Exercise 9.

1. The risk is that interest rates go up: in that case bond prices go down as existing bonds become less attractive compared to newly issued bonds having a higher coupon.

2. a. The value at $T - 1$ of $1 + r(T - 1, T)$ at time T is 1 ($r(T - 1, T)$ is known at $T - 1$), the value at $T - 2$ of $1 + r(T - 2, T - 1)$ at time $T - 1$ is 1, ... continuing backward, we get the present value at 0, which is 1 as well.

Multiplying by N , we get that the value of the FRB just after any coupon payment date is N .

Note that the FRB is equivalent to N invested at for 1 year at 0 (then at rate $r(0, 1)$), then N reinvested at time 1 (rate $r(1, 2)$),...

b. Between 2 coupons dates: $t - 1 < s < t$. Just before t , price is still N (as the accrued coupon is equal to the whole coupon). No cash-flow between s and t .

Then price at $s = NB(s, t) + \{\text{accrued coupon between } t - 1 \text{ and } s\} = NB(s, t) + [s - (t - 1)]r(t - 1, t)N$ (remember that the dates are in years). $B(s, t)$ is the discount factor between s and t .

Exercise 10. 1. Slope = $P'(\rho) = -SP(\rho)$.

2. Taking the 1st order approximation, means that we are approximating the curve $\rho \mapsto P(\rho)$ by its tangent at $(\rho, P(\rho))$. Because of the convexity of $\rho \mapsto P(\rho)$, the curve is above its tangent.

Consequence (draw the curve):

- 1st order only: overvalues (in absolute value) the effect of a rate increase.
- undervalues the effect of a rate drop.

Ie: asymmetry of the effect of a rate increase / drop: for a same absolute variation of the rate $|\Delta\rho|$, the variation $|\Delta P|$ for a rate increase is smaller than the variation for a rate drop (while it is the same if we look at 1st order only).

Exercise 11.

• 1st order approximation: $\Delta P(\rho) \sim P'(\rho)\Delta\rho$, where $P(\rho) = \frac{N}{(1 + \rho)^T}$. Then $P'(\rho) = \frac{-NT}{(1 + \rho)^{T+1}}$.

We get: $\Delta P(\rho) \sim -\frac{NT}{(1 + \rho)^{T+1}}\Delta\rho$.

N.A.: If the rate goes from 10% to 9%, $\Delta\rho = -0.01$. $P'(\rho)\Delta\rho = \frac{-100 \times 10}{(1.1)^{11}}(-0.01) = \frac{10}{(1.1)^{11}} = 3.504939$ M€.

Then $\Delta P(\rho) \sim 3,504,939$ €.

Other method: using the formula involving the sensitivity:

$\frac{\Delta P}{P} \sim -S\Delta\rho$ where $S = \frac{D}{1 + \rho}$, with D the duration.

Then $\Delta P(\rho) \sim -SP\Delta\rho$ which gives, as $D = T$: $\Delta P(\rho) \sim -\frac{TN}{(1 + \rho)^{T+1}}\Delta\rho$, same result.

- 2nd order approximation: $\Delta P \sim P'(\rho)\Delta\rho + \frac{1}{2}P''(\rho)(\Delta\rho)^2$.

We have $P''(\rho) = \frac{NT(T+1)}{(1+\rho)^{T+2}}$ then $P''(\rho)(\Delta\rho)^2 = \frac{100 \times 10 \times 11}{(1.1)^{12}}(0.01)^2 = \frac{10 \times 10 \times 1.1}{(1.1)^{12}} \times 0.01 = \frac{1.1}{(1.1)^{12}}$.

Then

$$\Delta P \sim \frac{10}{(1.1)^{11}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(1.1)^{11}}. \text{ Note that the 2nd term of the same is 20 times smaller than the 1st one.}$$

$$\Delta P \sim 3,504,939(1 + \frac{1}{20}) = 3,680,186 \text{€}.$$

- Exact computation: $\Delta P = \text{new price} - \text{previous price} = \frac{100}{(1+0.09)^{10}} - \frac{100}{(1+0.1)^{10}} = 3,686,752 \text{€}.$
Obviously, the approximation is indeed better with the 2nd order term.

Exercise 12.

$P = \frac{A}{\rho}$. If the YTM goes from ρ to ρ' , the relative variation of price is: $\frac{\Delta P}{P} = \frac{\frac{A}{\rho'} - \frac{A}{\rho}}{\frac{A}{\rho}} = \frac{\rho}{\rho'} - 1$.

Rate increase of 1%: $\rho' = 11\% \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta P}{P} = \frac{0.1}{0.11} - 1 = -9.09\%$.

Rate drop of 1%: $\rho' = 9\% \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta P}{P} = \frac{0.1}{0.09} - 1 = 11.11\%$.

If we want to use the approximation of the price change, we will compute the following parameters:

$$D = \frac{1+\rho}{\rho}, S = \frac{1}{\rho}, C = \frac{P''(\rho)}{P(\rho)} = \frac{2A}{\rho^3} \frac{\rho}{A} = \frac{2}{\rho^2} \text{ (with } \rho = 10\%, S = 10 \text{ and } C = 200).$$

Exercise 13. 1. $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{C}{(1+\rho)^t} + \frac{N}{(1+\rho)^T} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{C}{(1+r_t)^t} + \frac{N}{(1+r_T)^T}$ then

$$c \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^t} + \frac{1}{(1+\rho)^T} \stackrel{(*)}{=} c \left[\frac{1}{1+r_1} + \frac{1}{(1+r_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+r_T)^T} \right] + \frac{1}{(1+r_T)^T}.$$

2. Yield-to-maturity for a 0-coupon maturing at T : r_T .

3. $0 < r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_T \Rightarrow f(r_1) > c \left[\frac{1}{1+r_1} + \frac{1}{(1+r_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+r_T)^T} \right] + \frac{1}{(1+r_T)^T} > f(r_T)$

ie $f(r_1) > f(\rho) > f(r_T)$. Then $r_1 < \rho < r_T$ as f is a decreasing function.

4. A greater proportion of total payments comes on the shortest maturities, where the rates are lower.

Quantitative argument: equation (*) defines the yield-to-maturity ρ from the issuer's yield curve. The corresponding equation for any annuity of this issuer is, ρ_A being the yield-to-maturity of the annuity:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{(1+\rho_A)^t} \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{1}{1+r_1} + \frac{1}{(1+r_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(1+r_T)^T}.$$