

Finite Math - J-term 2019
Lecture Notes - 1/14/2019

HOMEWORK

- Section 3.4 - 33, 46, 47, 49, 50

SECTION 3.4 - PRESENT VALUE OF AN ANNUITY; AMORTIZATION

Amortization. *Amortization* is the process of paying off a debt. The formula for present value of an annuity will allow us to model the process of paying off a loan or other debt. The reason the formula is the same is because receiving payments from your savings account is essentially the bank repaying you the money you loaned them by depositing it into a savings account.

Example 1. *Suppose you take out a 5-year, \$25,000 loan from your bank to purchase a new car. If your bank gives you 1.9% interest compounded monthly on the loan and you make equal monthly payments, how much will your monthly payment be?*

Solution.

We get the following formula

Definition 1 (Amortization).

where all the variables have the same meaning as for annuities.

Example 2. *If you sell your car to someone for \$2,400 and agree to finance it at 1% per month (12% annual rate) on the unpaid balance, how much should you receive each month to amortize the loan in 24 months? How much interest will you receive?*

Solution.

Application. An interesting application of annuities uses a combination of present value and future value.

Example 3. *The full retirement age in the US is 67 for people born in 1960 or later. Suppose you start saving for retirement at 27 years old and you would like to save enough to withdraw \$40,000 per year for the next 20 years. If you find a retirement savings account (for example, a Roth IRA) which pays 4% interest compounded annually, how much will you have to deposit per year from age 27 until you retire in order to be able to make your desired withdraws?*

Solution.

Example 4. *Lincoln Benefit Life offered an ordinary annuity earning 6.5% compounded annually. If \$2,000 is deposited annually for the first 25 years, how much can be withdrawn annually for the next 20 years?*

Solution.