

# "Compounding" situations

## A basic compounding situation

Recurrence Relation  
 $V_{n+1} = RV_n, \quad V_0 = \text{---}$

Rule  
 $V_n = V_0 R^n$

## A "Reducing balance loan"

You take out a **loan**, which **accrues interest**, and you're **paying it off in instalments**

Recurrence Relation  
 $V_{n+1} = RV_n - d, \quad V_0 = \text{---}$

There is no 'rule' for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term as they're complex calculations

### Amortisation table

Payment number (n)	Payment made (\$)	Interest paid (\$)	Principal reduction (\$)	Balance of loan (\$)
0	0	0	0	$V_0$
1	★	☾	♥	⚡
2	★	☾	♥	⚡
3	★	☾	♥	⚡

Entries in an amortisation table follow a pattern...

★ =  $r\% \times \text{⚡}$

★ + ☾ = ♥

⚡ - ♥ = ⚡

**Question:** How much interest was paid in the 4<sup>th</sup> payment?

Steps:

- 1) Find 'FV' at N=3
- 2) Calculate  $r\% \times V_3$

Finance Solver  
 N:  
 I(%):  
 PV: **Positive**  
 Pmt: **Negative**  
 FV: **Negative** → zero → (**Positive** if you've paid too much off)  
 Cpy/Ppy:

**Question:** How much did the principal reduce by in the 10<sup>th</sup> payment?

Steps:

- 1) Find 'FV' at N=10
- 2) Find 'FV' at N=11
- 3) Calculate  $V_{10} - V_{11}$

**Total Interest Paid = Total Repayments – Principal Value**

number of full payments × payment amount + last 'bit' owed + interest owed on the last 'bit'

## Annuities

### An "Annuity"

You take have money in an **interest-bearing account**, which is being **paid to you in equal instalments** for a **set amount of time**

Finance Solver  
 N:  
 I(%):  
 PV: **Negative**  
 Pmt: **Positive**  
 FV: **Positive** → zero  
 Cpy/Ppy:

This is what happens to superannuation when you retire

Payment to the person

### An "Annuity Investment"

You take have money in an **interest-bearing account**, which you **contribute to each time period**, with the view to use the **lump sum** at a future point in time

Finance Solver  
 N:  
 I(%):  
 PV: **Negative**  
 Pmt: **Negative**  
 FV: **Positive**  
 Cpy/Ppy:

This is what happens when you keep adding money to a savings account

Payment from the person to the investment

Payment number (n)	Payment made (\$)	Interest earned (\$)	Principal reduction (\$)	Balance of annuity (\$)
0	0	0	0	$V_0$
1				
2				
3				