

Manual for SOA Exam FM/CAS Exam 2.
Chapter 1. Basic Interest Theory.
Section 1.1. Amount and accumulation functions.

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Cashflows

Often, we consider the case when several deposits/withdrawals are made into an account following certain amount function. A series of (deposits/withdrawals) payments made at different times is called a **cashflow**. The payments can be either made by the individual or to the individual. An **inflow** is payment to the individual. An **outflow** is a payment by the individual. We represent inflows by positive numbers and outflows by negative numbers. In a cashflow, we have a contribution of C_j at time t_j , for each $j = 1, \dots, n$. C_j can be either positive or negative. We can represent a cashflow in a table:

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Let x be the amount which need to invest at time zero to get a balance of k at time t . We have that $k = \frac{x A(t)}{A(0)}$. So, $x = \frac{k A(0)}{A(t)}$. Hence, the present value at time 0 of a balance of k had at time t is $\frac{k A(0)}{A(t)}$.

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$$700 \frac{a(2)}{a(4)} = 700 \frac{1.1}{1.2} = 641.67.$$

Theorem 3

Present value of a cashflow. *If an investment account follows the amount function $A(t)$, $t > 0$, the (equation of value) present value at time t of the cashflow*

<i>Deposits</i>	C_1	C_2	\cdots	C_n
<i>Time</i>	t_1	t_2	\cdots	t_n

where $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_n$, is

$$V(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{A(t)}{A(t_j)}.$$

Proof. Let $s > t_n$.

Time	Balance before deposit	Balance after deposit
t_1	0	C_1
t_2	$C_1 \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)} = \sum_{j=1}^1 C_j \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_j)}$	$C_1 \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)} + C_2 = \sum_{j=1}^2 C_j \frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_j)}$
t_3	$\sum_{j=1}^2 C_j \frac{a(t_3)}{a(t_j)}$	$\sum_{j=1}^3 C_j \frac{a(t_3)}{a(t_j)}$
t_4	$\sum_{j=1}^3 C_j \frac{a(t_4)}{a(t_j)}$	$\sum_{j=1}^4 C_j \frac{a(t_4)}{a(t_j)}$
...
t_n	$\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} C_j \frac{a(t_n)}{a(t_j)}$	$\sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{a(t_n)}{a(t_j)}$

Since the balance after deposit at time t_1 is C_1 , the balance before deposit at time t_2 is $\frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)} C_1$.

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Hence, the balance at time s is

$$\frac{a(s)}{a(t_n)} \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{a(t_n)}{a(t_j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{a(s)}{a(t_j)}.$$

The future value of the cashflow at time t is

$$\frac{a(t)}{a(s)} \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{a(s)}{a(t_j)} = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j \frac{a(t)}{a(t_j)}.$$

end of proof.

Notice that the present value at time t of the cashflow

Deposits	C_1	C_2	\cdots	C_n
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is the same as the sum of the present values at time t of n separated investment accounts each following the amount function A , with the j -th account having a unique deposit of C_j at time t_j .

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Solution: The cashflow is

deposit/withdrawal	1000	-500
Time (in years)	1	3

The value of Jared's account at time 5 is

$$\begin{aligned}
 1000 \frac{a(5)}{a(1)} - 500 \frac{a(5)}{a(3)} &= 1000 \frac{1 + \frac{5}{20}}{1 + \frac{1}{20}} - 500 \frac{1 + \frac{5}{20}}{1 + \frac{3}{20}} \\
 &= (1000) \frac{1.25}{1.05} - (500) \frac{1.25}{1.15} = 1190.48 - 543.48 = 647.00.
 \end{aligned}$$