21-378 Mathematics of Fixed Income Markets Midterm Exam Formula Sheet

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If the price P of a security can be described as a function of an interest rate factor y, P = f(y), then

$$DV01 = -\frac{f'(y)}{10,000} \approx -\frac{\Delta P}{10,000\Delta y}, \quad D = -\frac{f'(y)}{P} \approx -\frac{\Delta P}{P\Delta y}, \quad C = \frac{f''(y)}{P}$$

If

$$f(y) = \frac{F}{(1+\frac{y}{2})^{2T}} + F\frac{q}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{2T}\frac{1}{(1+\frac{y}{2})^i}$$

then

$$f'(y) = -F\left[\frac{q}{y^2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^{2T}}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{q}{y}\right)\frac{T}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^{2T+1}}\right]$$

The convexity of a coupon bond is given by

$$C = \frac{F}{P(1+\frac{y}{2})^2} \left[\frac{T(T+\frac{1}{2})}{(1+\frac{y}{2})^{2T}} + \frac{q}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2T} \frac{i(i+1)}{4(1+\frac{y}{2})^i} \right]$$

or by

$$C = \frac{F}{P} \left[\frac{2q}{y^3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^{2T}} \right) - \frac{2q}{y^2} \frac{T}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^{2T+1}} + \left(1 - \frac{q}{y} \right) \frac{T^2 + \frac{1}{2}T}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^{2T+2}} \right].$$

The convexity of a zero-coupon bond is given by

$$C = \frac{T(T + \frac{1}{2})}{(1 + \frac{y}{2})^2}$$

Duration and Macaulay duration are related by

$$D_{Mac} = \left(1 + \frac{y}{2}\right)D.$$

The price of a perpetuity that pays A every 6 months and has yield to maturity \boldsymbol{y} is given by

$$P = \frac{2A}{y}.$$