

**Department of Systems Engineering**  
**George Mason University**

**SYST 302: Systems Methodology  
and Design II #2**

**Kuo-Chu Chang**  
**Fairfax, Virginia**

# Outline

- **Economic Models for Evaluation**
- **Economic Equivalence**
- **Evaluating Alternatives under Uncertainty**
- **Break-Even Analysis**

# Economic Models

- **Economic Consideration is Essential**

- Feasibility
- Time value of money
- Equivalent basis

- **Interest Formulas**

- Single payment compound amount  $F = P(1 + i)^n$
- Single payment present amount  $P = F / (1 + i)^n$
- Equal payment series compound amount  $F = A[(1 + i)^n - 1] / i$
- Equal payment series sinking fund  $A = F[i / ((1 + i)^n - 1)]$
- Equal payment series present amount  $P = A[(1 + i)^n - 1] / i(1 + i)^n$
- Equal payment series capital recovery  $A = P[i(1 + i)^n / ((1 + i)^n - 1)]$

*P*: Present capital amount, *F*: Future compound amount, *A*: Annual payment  
*n*: number of periods (year), *i*: interest rate (annual)

# Equal Payment Series

- **Equal Payment Compound/Sinking**

$$F = A + A(1+i) + A(1+i)^2 + \cdots + A(1+i)^{n-1}$$
$$= A \left[ \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{(1+i) - 1} \right] = A[(1+i)^n - 1]/i$$

$$A = F[i / ((1+i)^n - 1)]$$

- **Equal Payment Capital Recovery/Present**

$$A = F[i / ((1+i)^n - 1)] = P(1+i)^n [i / ((1+i)^n - 1)]$$
$$= P[i(1+i)^n / ((1+i)^n - 1)]$$

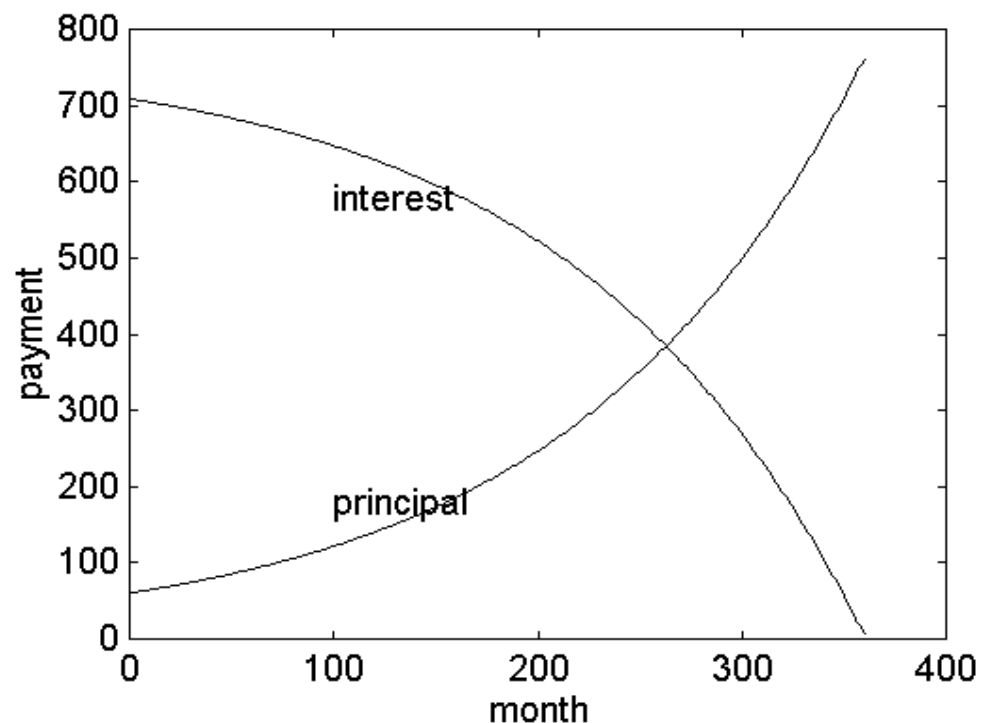
$$P = A[((1+i)^n - 1) / i(1+i)^n]$$

***P*: Present capital amount, *F*: Future compound amount, *A*: Annual payment  
*n*: number of periods (year), *i*: interest rate (annual)**

# Example: Mortgage Payment

100k, 30 years, 8.5%

$$\text{Monthly Payment} = 100,000 \left[ \frac{0.085}{12} (1 + \frac{0.085}{12})^{360} / (1 + \frac{0.085}{12})^{360} - 1 \right] = 768.91$$



# Economic Equivalence

- **Equivalent Value**

- **Key Factors: Amount, Time, Interest Rate**

$$E = f(F_i, i, n)$$

- **Examples**

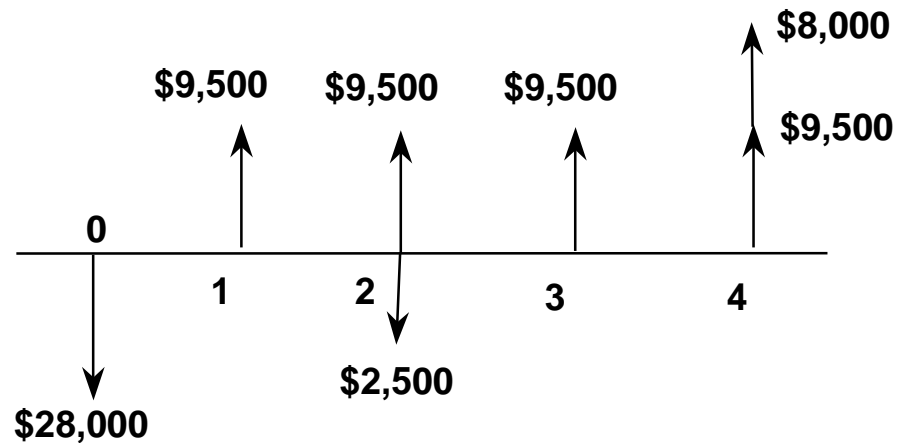
- **Single payment compound: One time investment (antique, paint, precious metal, etc)**
- **Single payment present: Short term inter-bank loan**
- **Equal payment compound: Continuous investment, one time return (ship, building construction)**
- **Equal payment sinking: Reverse mortgage**
- **Equal payment recovery: Purchase of plane, oil tanker.**
- **Equal payment present: Investment in existing business building, warehouse, land, etc.**

# Evaluating Alternatives

- **Option Selection**
  - Single alternative under certainty
  - Multiple alternatives under certainty
  - Multiple alternatives with multiple futures
- **Economic Bases for Comparison**
  - Present equivalent evaluation
  - Annual equivalent evaluation
  - Future equivalent evaluation
  - Rate-of-return evaluation
  - Payout evaluation
  - Annual equivalent cost of an asset

# An Example

- Money Flow



With  $i$  = interest rate=12%

$$PE(i) = \sum_{t=0}^n F_t(1+i)^{-t} = -28,000 + 9500\left(\frac{1}{1.12}\right) + 7000\left(\frac{1}{1.12}\right)^2 + 9500\left(\frac{1}{1.12}\right)^3 + 17500\left(\frac{1}{1.12}\right)^4 = 3,946$$

$$AE(i) = PE(i) \frac{A}{P} = PE(i) [i(1+i)^n / (1+i)^n - 1] = 1,299$$

$$FE(i) = PE(i) \frac{F}{P} = PE(i)(1+i)^n = 6,211$$

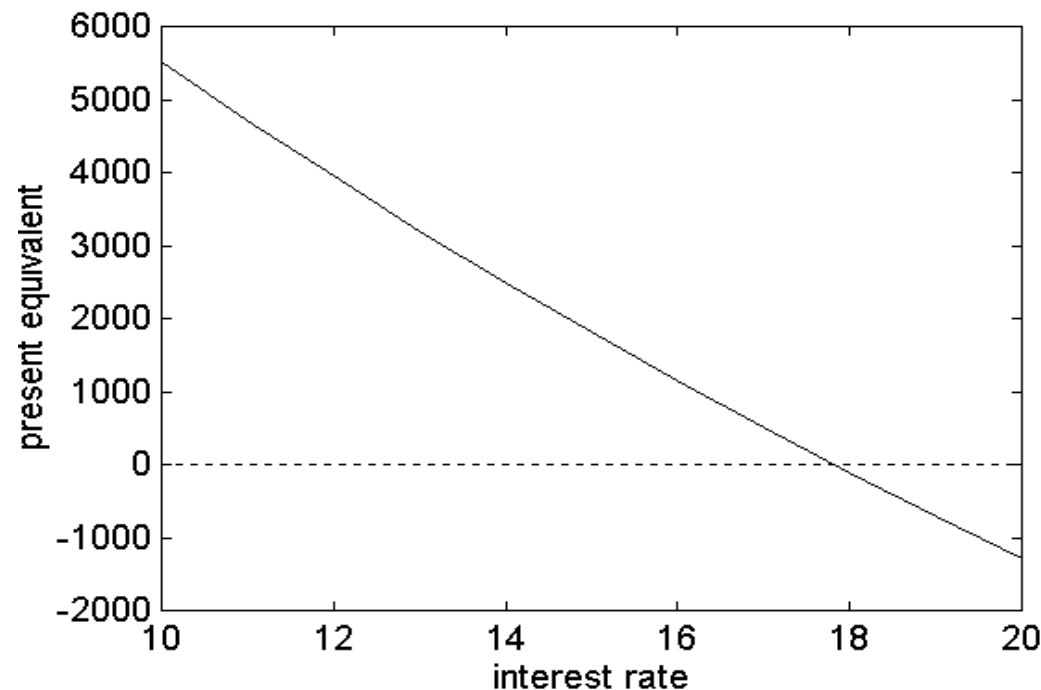
PE: present equivalent, AE: annual equivalent, FE: future equivalent



# Rate-of-Return Evaluation

- **Rate-of-return:** the interest rate that causes the profit equal to zero (best method for single alternative evaluation)

$$PE(i) = \sum_{t=0}^n F_t(1+i)^{-t} = -28,000 + 9500\left(\frac{1}{1+i}\right) + 7000\left(\frac{1}{1+i}\right)^2 + 9500\left(\frac{1}{1+i}\right)^3 + 17500\left(\frac{1}{1+i}\right)^4$$



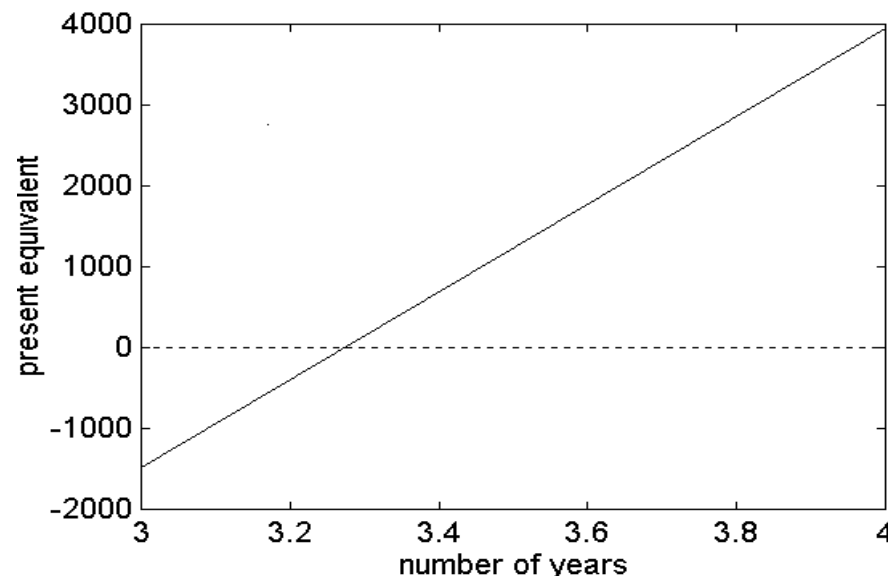
# Payout Evaluation

- **Payout Period:** amount of time required for the system to pay for itself (i.e., costs = savings)

$$n = 4: PE(i) = \sum_{t=0}^4 F_t(1+i)^{-t} = 3,946;$$

$$n = 3: PE(i) = \sum_{t=0}^3 F_t(1+i)^{-t} = -1,482 \text{ (assuming the salvage value is still 8,000)}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^* = 3.3 \text{ years}$$



# Annual Equivalent Cost of an Asset

## - Annual Equivalent Cost:

(1) cost of depreciation (2) cost of interest on the un-depreciated balance

$$\begin{aligned} AE &= PE \frac{A}{P} - FE \frac{A}{F} = PE \frac{A}{P} - FE \left( \frac{A}{P} - i \right) = (PE - FE) \frac{A}{P} + FE \cdot i \\ &= (PE - FE) [i(1+i)^n / (1+i)^n - 1] + FE \cdot i \end{aligned}$$

PE: initial cost, FE: salvage value, i: interest rate

## - Example: proposal costing on equipment

(1) equipment cost = \$3,250,000 (2) four year contract  
(3) salvage value = \$750,000 (4) interest rate = 10%

$$(3,250,000 - 750,000) \frac{0.1(1.1)^4}{(1.1)^4 - 1} + 750,000 * 0.1 = \$863,750$$

# Multiple Alternatives with Multiple Futures

## - Example: New product investment

<i>Cost \ Demand</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>High</i>
Initial Investment	500	1,300	2,000
Annual Income (3 yrs)	400	700	900

### (1) Financing interest rates(%)      (2) Present equivalent values\*

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>A</i>	15	13	7
<i>B</i>	14	12	8
<i>C</i>	20	11	6

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>A</i>	413	353	362
<i>B</i>	429	382	320
<i>C</i>	343	411	406

\* PE = - initial investment + annual income (P/A(i,n))

# Selecting an Alternative

## - Decision under risk

Assuming  $P(L)=.3$ ,  $P(M)=.2$ ,  $P(H)=.5$

then with expected value criterion, decision = C (388)

## - Decision under uncertainty

Laplace: Assuming  $P(L) = P(M) = P(H) = 1/3$

then decision = C (386)

Maximin: decision = A (353)

Maximax: decision = B (429)

	<i>Exp.Val</i>	<i>Laplace</i>	<i>Maxi min</i>	<i>Maxi max</i>
<i>A</i>			<i>X</i>	
<i>B</i>				<i>X</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		

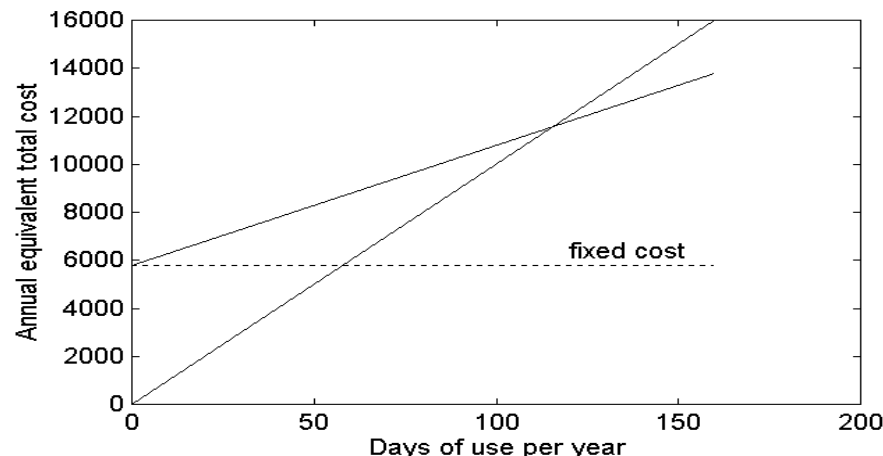
# Break Even Analysis

- Break Even:
  - (1) comparing the costs of two alternatives
  - (2) evaluating profitability
- Example: Lease or Buy
  - Buy: \$25,000, 15yrs life, \$4,000 salvage, annual maintenance \$2,800, interest 9%, operating \$50/day
  - Lease: \$50/day, operating \$50/day

$$AE_B = (25,000 - 4,000) \frac{A}{P} + 4,000(0.09) + 2800 + 50N = 5766 + 50N$$

$$AE_L = (50 + 50)N = 100N, \quad N: \text{days of use per year}$$

$$\text{Break even: } 5766 + 50N = 100N \Rightarrow N = 115$$

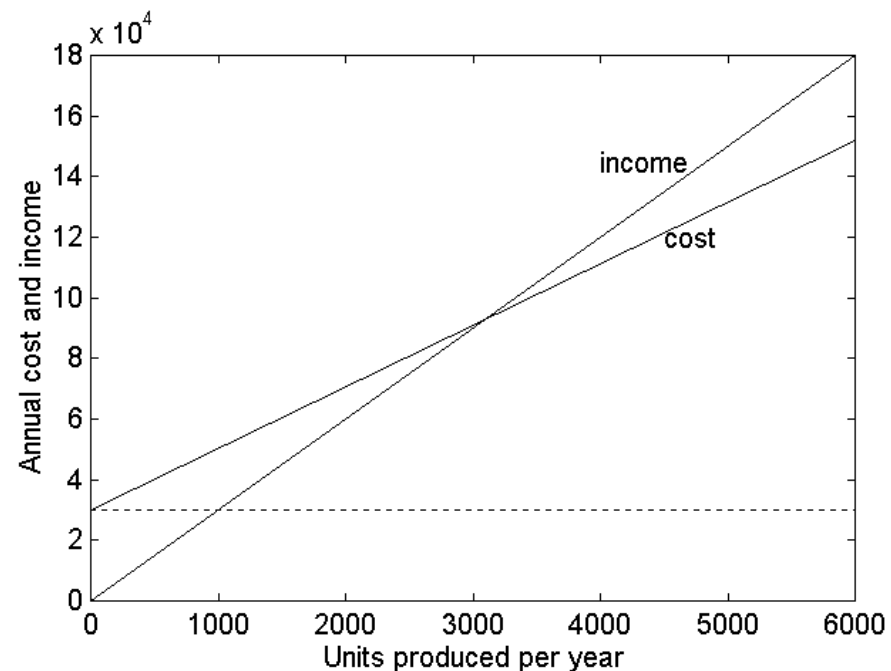


# Profitability Evaluation

- **Example: evaluating a manufacture proposal**
  - (1) **Fixed cost:** initial investment \$140,000, life: 8 yrs  
insurance: \$2,000/yr, maintenance: \$1,722/yr ( $i = 8\%$ )
  - (2) **Variable cost:** m&m: \$10/unit, labor&others \$11/unit

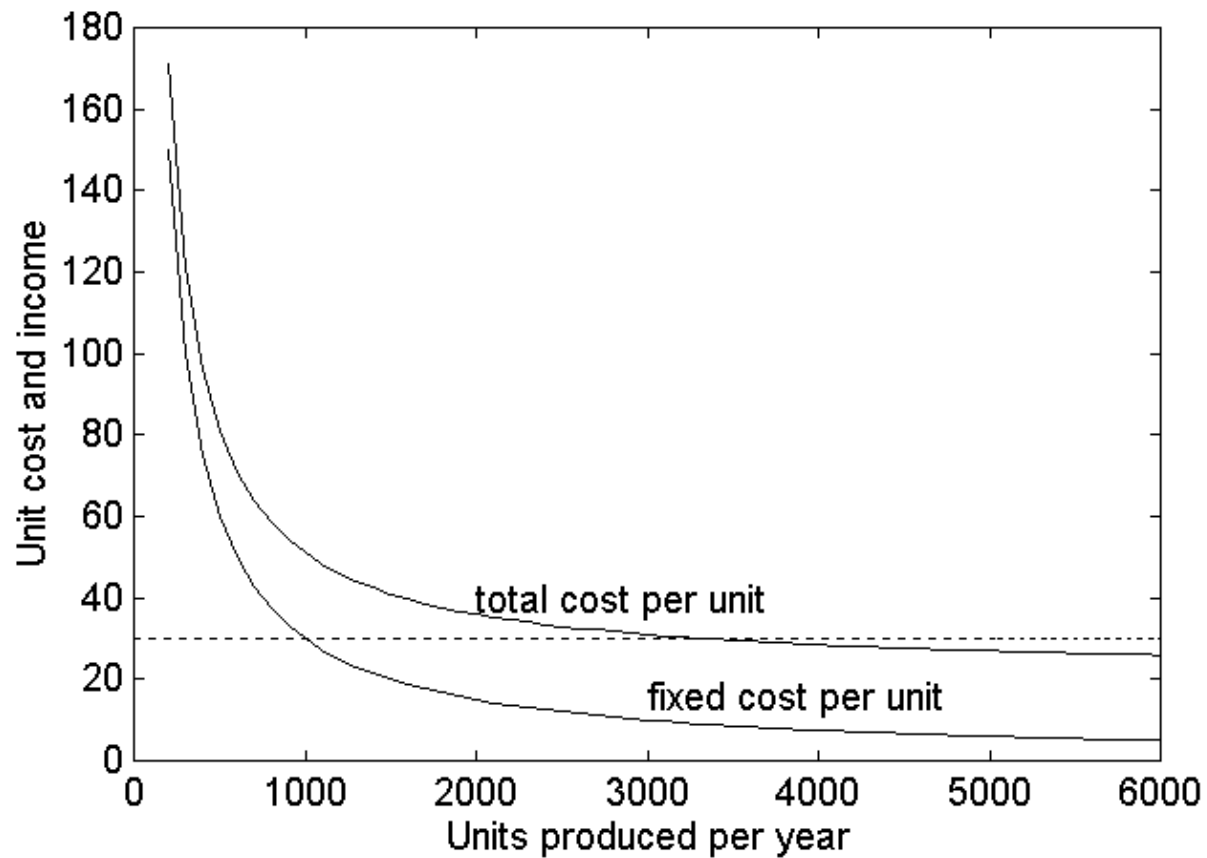
$$AE_B = 140,000 \frac{A}{P} + 2000 + 1722 + (10 + 11)N = 30,000 + 21N$$

$$\text{Annual Income} = 30N \quad \text{Break even: } 30,000 + 21N = 30N \Rightarrow N = 3,333$$



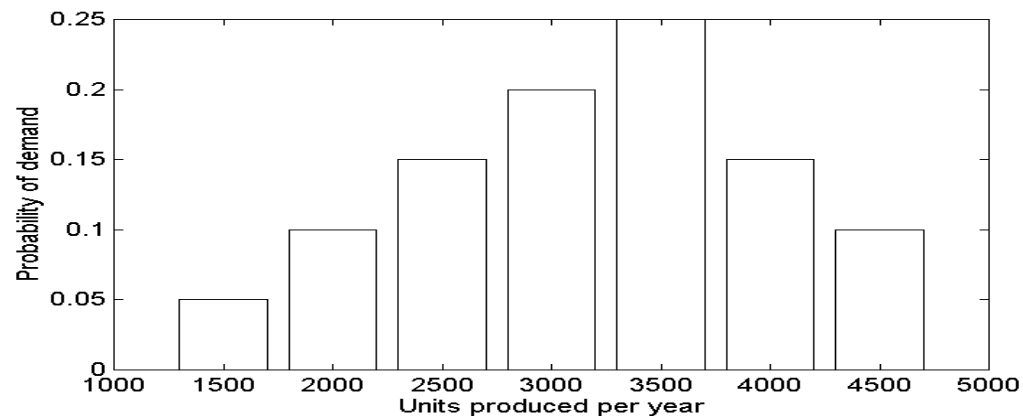
# Unit Cost Break Even

Total cost per unit:  $C_u = 30,000 / N + 21$





# Break-Even Analysis under Risk



**Expected demand =  $.05 \cdot 1500 + .1 \cdot 2000 + \dots + .1 \cdot 4500 = 3,175$**

**Question: to buy or to make?**

**(1) Based on expected demand:**

**Buy: expected cost =  $\$30 \cdot 3,175 = \$95,250$  (v)**

**Make: expected cost =  $\$30,000 + \$21 \cdot 3,175 = \$96,675$**

**(2) Based on most probable demand:**

**Buy: cost =  $\$30 \cdot 3,500 = \$105,000$**

**Make: cost =  $\$30,000 + \$21 \cdot 3,500 = \$103,500$  (v)**