

Summary of Discounting Factors

Equation		Description	End of Period Cash Flow Discrete Discounting	End of Period Cash Flow, Continuous Discounting	Continuous or Uniform Cash Flow, Continuous Discounting
To Find	Given				
P	F	Single Payment, Present Worth	$(1+i)^{-n}$	e^{-rn}	
F	P	Single Payment, Compound Amount	$(1+i)^n$	e^{rn}	
P	A	Uniform Series, Present Worth	$\frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i(1+i)^n}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1}{e^{rn}(e^r - 1)}$ or $\frac{1 - e^{-rn}}{e^r - 1}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1}{re^{rn}}$ or $\frac{1 - e^{-rn}}{r}$
A	P	Uniform Series, Capital Recovery	$\frac{i(1+i)^n}{(1+i)^n - 1}$	$\frac{e^{rn}(e^r - 1)}{e^{rn} - 1}$ or $\frac{e^r - 1}{1 - e^{-rn}}$	$\frac{re^{rn}}{e^{rn} - 1}$ or $\frac{r}{1 - e^{-rn}}$
F	A	Uniform Series, Compound Amount	$\frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1}{e^r - 1}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1}{r}$
A	F	Uniform Series, Sinking Fund	$\frac{i}{(1+i)^n - 1}$	$\frac{e^r - 1}{e^{rn} - 1}$	$\frac{r}{e^{rn} - 1}$
P	G	Gradient Series, Present Worth	$\frac{[1 - (1+ni)(1+i)^{-n}]}{i^2}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1 - n(e^r - 1)}{e^{rn}(e^r - 1)^2}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - 1 - n(e^r - 1)}{re^{rn}(e^r - 1)}$
A	G	Gradient Series Conversion to Uniform Series	$\frac{(1+i)^n - (1+ni)}{i[(1+i)^n - 1]}$	$\frac{1}{e^r - 1} - \frac{n}{e^{rn} - 1}$	$\frac{1}{e^r - 1} - \frac{n}{e^{rn} - 1}$
P	A ₁ , j or c, i≠j or r≠c	Geometric Series, Present Worth	$\frac{1 - (1+j)^n(1+i)^{-n}}{i - j}$	$\frac{1 - e^{(c-r)n}}{e^r - e^c}$	$\frac{e^{(r-c)n} - 1}{(r-c)e^{(r-c)n}}$ or $\frac{1 - e^{(c-r)n}}{r - c}$
P	A ₁ , j or c, i=j or r=c		$\frac{n}{(1+i)}$	$\frac{n}{e^r}$	n
F	A ₁ , j or c, i≠j or r≠c	Geometric Series, Future Worth	$\frac{(1+i)^n - (1+j)^n}{i - j}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - e^{cn}}{e^r - e^c}$	$\frac{e^{rn} - e^{cn}}{r - c}$
F	A ₁ , j or c, i=j or r=c		$n(1+i)^{n-1}$	$ne^{r(n-1)}$	ne^{rn}

P = Present Worth, F = Future Worth, A = annual amount, A₁ = annual amount 1st year of geometric series, G = gradient amount, i = discount or interest rate, r = continuous discount or interest rate, j = discrete compounding geometric growth rate, c = continuous compounding geometric growth rate Relationship of i to r and j to c: $i_{\text{effective}} = e^i - 1$ and $j_{\text{effective}} = e^j - 1$
 $r = \ln(1 + i_{\text{effective}})$ and $c = \ln(1 + j_{\text{effective}})$