

Credit Cards

EX 1: You have \$4000 of credit card debt that you would like to pay off in the next 3 years. You will not make any additional charges on your card during that time. The APR on your card is 21%.

a) What will your monthly payments be?

$$PMT = \frac{P \cdot (\frac{APR}{n})}{[1 - (1 + \frac{APR}{n})^{(-nY)}]}$$

b) How much will you pay during those 3 years?

c) What is the overall percentage you paid in interest?

EX 2: If you put \$3000 on a credit card with 21% interest rate at age 20 and just make minimum payments of \$60 each month, how much will you still owe at age 25?

$$\mathsf{PMT} = \frac{P \cdot (\frac{APR}{n})}{[1 - (1 + \frac{APR}{n})^{(-nY)}]}$$