

Loans, credit cards and mortgages are ways you borrow money. When you borrow money, the bank is basically making a lump sum investment and getting a periodic return.

Principal is the amount of money owed at any particular time.

Interest is charged on the principal.

To pay off a loan, you should pay the interest and also some part of the principal.

An <u>installment loan</u> (amortized loan) is a loan payed off with equal regular payments.

Loan Payment Formula (Installment loans)

$$PMT = \frac{P \cdot \left( \frac{APR}{n} \right)}{\left[ 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{APR}{n} \right)^{(-nY)} \right]} \qquad PMT = \text{regular payment amount}$$

$$P = \text{starting principal}$$

$$APR = \text{annual percentage rate}$$

$$n = \text{number of payments per year}$$

Y

= the term of the loan (years)

EX 1: You have a student loan of \$40,000 with an APR of 6%. Compare monthly payment amounts and total amount paid for these options.

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

15 years

25 years

EX 2: For the loan in example 1, make a table showing the amounts of each monthly payment that goes to the principal and to the interest for the first three months. (\$40,000 at 6% for 15 yrs)

	Loan balance	interest	payment	principal paid
1				•
2				
3				

- EX 3: You borrow \$4000 to buy a used car. You can afford monthly payments of \$150. Which of these meets your needs?
  - 2 years at 8% APR

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

3 years at 9% APR

4 years at 10% APR

EX 4: A payday loan company charges \$150 to borrow \$1000 for 2 weeks. What is the APR?