# Banking Techniques. A Didactical Application 

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#### Abstract

This work is a presentation of the Excel software containing 15 computing sheets and proposed problems in order to improve the students' abilities to perform calculus about banking specific area. Thus calculus related to bank deposits, taking a loan, refinancing a credit and leasing operations are provided.


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## INTRODUCTION

In order to educate the students in the Banking discipline it was necessary to create a teaching software to get accustomed with the related specific items, and to offer a strong computing method for mainly operations like would be a bank deposit, a loan payment, bounds purchasing and more. The Romanian bank system received many accusations from the clients about many ambiguous contract clauses and the situation was partially regulated by a Governmental decision this year. This software could also be used by any potential bank client

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The MS Office Excel version 2008 was used to perform the work, using the financial functions and facilities offered by the program. General formulas of calculating the interest, payments and other banking related items were also used.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The simplest banking operation is a bank deposit. In order to obtain a profit for such a bank deposit we have to calculate the final interest. Thus we will need the initial data as initial deposit, interest rate and regular deposit if any.

There are three types of possible deposits: 1 year, a number of months and a number of days. Having the number of capitalizations (the minimum term deposit multiplied by an integer number) we will obtain the final amount to be withdrawn. The second problem is returning the sum necessary to be deposed periodically in order to finally obtain a certain amount.

All this desired data are exposed in Tab 1 bellow as a spread sheet image.

Tab. 1
Excel sheet to calculate the final amount of a deposit in certain conditions and the necessary regular deposit in order to obtain a certain amount


In the Tab 2 is presented the representation of a days-term deposit (left side) and also the final account amount end of each cycle. On the right side is the corresponding problem to be solved by the student. Thus the student receive instantly the confirmation if his answer is correct or no. More than that the student can create his own problem by changing the initial data of the problem

Tab. 2
Excel sheet to calculate the final amount of a deposit in certain conditions and the amount after each


In the sheet presented in Table 3 the annual interest rate is determined for a loan, knowing the loan value, the annuity and the number of periods the payment will be performed. Also this sheet is working in two variants: monthly payment and yearly payments.

Tab. 3
Excel sheet to calculate the annual interest rate for a loan


One of the most important problems is to determine the actual value of a bond (or Net Present Value). Other ways, which is the real value of the bond knowing the nominal value the bond rate, the market interest rate, the period of payments and the expired periods (Tab 4)

Tab. 4
Excel sheet to calculate the actual value of a bond and the cash flow


In Table 5 is presented a complex database the initial data being: the amount taken, the rate interest, the credit period, the promotional period with reduced interest rate and the Non payment period. This data can be easily introduced in the program. More than that a very large range of commissions could be inserted in data entry: Both fixed and variable commissions, in the three possibilities: initial, annual and monthly commissions. All of these possibilities can be specifically splinted in: included in credit or to be paid from the beginning, as percentage of sold or as percentage of credit. The different variants could be chosen by rolling lists.

Bellow the data entry section are calculated the following items for each month: the remaining credit, the interest to be paid, the principal, the annuity, the commissions, the total
amount to be paid. The results are presented as the reimbursement graphic. A synthesis of a certain month payment is available also with a month's balance presenting the total paid amount and the remaining amount to be paid. In order to report these situations a rolling list is provided thus having the possibility to choose between desired months. A rolling list is also available in order to choose between equal and decreasing credit annuity.

The indicator of "DAE" -the initial of annual effective interest including the bank interest rate and the total commissions is also provided. DAE is the proper indicator in order to assess the real interest rate of a loan and has to be calculating according with legislations.

Tab. 5
Excel sheet to calculate the reimbursement loan graphic in certain conditions


About the same explanations are available for the sheet presented in Tab 6 related to refinancing a credit. The main difference consists in the possibility to refinance the credit from the previous sheet (Tab. 5) starting with a certain amount. Thus the amount to be refinanced is automatically taken following the options from a rolling list.

Tab. 6
Excel sheet to calculate the refinancing credit graphic


The leasing procedure is reflected in table 7 which introduces some new items: the residual value and the two type of leasing: operational and functional. The residual value is the remaining value not being paid by the leasing taker after the restitution of the leasing taken good (operational leasing).

In case of functional leasing the residual value is paid in the last month of the leasing. The program offers the possibility of switching through the two types of leasing using a rolling list.

Overall the application offers about 15 spreadsheets. More than the presented sheets, the program offers the possibility to calculate the annuity of a loan, the maximum possible value of a loan considering a monthly payment, the number of month determination for a certain amount to be granted, the interest rate for certain month and conditions and others all presented gradually in order to allow students to get accustomed with the topic. Each computing spreadsheet has a related problem to be solved and the end about 20 complex problem are proposed to be solved (the number can be easily increase). Some problems are interactive meaning that the student can change the entry data. After each answer a confirmation of correct/wrong answer is provided and to some problems is calculated even the degree evaluation.

Tab. 7
Excel sheet to calculate the reimbursement leasing graphic


## CONCLUSIONS

The author of this software application hopes to offer a useful instrument for students in order to get accustomed with the necessary term and notions in order to perform a broad range of banking operations. As the author knows this is the strongest instrument of calculus nowadays on Romanian market.

