

AGENDA

- Purpose and features of mortgages
- Types of mortgages
- Secondary mortgage markets and their role in the financial crises

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PURPOSE AND FEATURES

- Long-term loan
- Secured by real estate
- Especially for residential home purchases but also commercial/industrial assets
- Repayment involves periodic payments of principal and interest (amortisation), as opposed by balloon loans
- IR can be fixed, variable, or a combination with several possible variations

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PURPOSE AND FEATURES

- IR are influenced by:
 - market rates, duration, discount points at contract's inception
 - collateral's quality (lien), down payments (f.i. 80/20) and insurance (P/C, life and private mortgage insurance – PMI)
 - debtors' quality: credit scoring, available income, current equity and debt structure, history, etc.
 - lenders' strategy and expectations

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PURPOSE AND FEATURES

Amortisation plans (variations exist, these are the most recurrent):

- Example: principal 100k€, IR 7%, maturity 10y, yearly inst., fees: 1.000 upfront, 50€/inst.
 - "French": fixed installment

Year Instalment Principal Interest Debt paid Debt res. 100.000 -99.000 92.762 14.288 14.238 7.744 6.493 14.982 85.018 14.288 14.238 8.287 5.951 23.269 14.288 76.731 14.238 14.238 5.371 4.751 32.135 41.622 67.865 58.378 14.288 14.288 8.867 9.487 14.238 10.151 14.288 14.288 14.288 14.238 14.238 62.636 74.258 37.364 25.742 10.862 3.376 11.622 2.616 86.694 100.000 14.238 12.436 1.802 14.288 14.238 13.306 14.288 10 931

"Italian": fixed principal

Year	Instalment	Principal	Interest	Debt paid	Debt res.	CF
0					100.000	-99.000
1	17.000	10.000	7.000	10.000	90.000	17.050
2	16.300	10.000	6.300	20.000	80.000	16.350
3	15.600	10.000	5.600	30.000	70.000	15.650
4	14.900	10.000	4.900	40.000	60.000	14.950
5	14.200	10.000	4.200	50.000	50.000	14.250
6	13.500	10.000	3.500	60.000	40.000	13.550
7	12.800	10.000	2.800	70.000	30.000	12.850
8	12.100	10.000	2.100	80.000	20.000	12.150
9	11.400	10.000	1.400	90.000	10.000	11.450
10	10.700	10.000	700	100.000	0	10.750

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PURPOSE AND FEATURES

Amortisation plans: calculation

	French	Italian	
Principal (t)	$R \cdot v^{n-t+1}$	$\frac{K}{n}$	
Interests (t)	$R\cdot (1-v^{n-t+1})$	$\frac{K}{n} \cdot (n-t+1) \cdot i$	
Installment (t)	$K \cdot a_n \neg_i$	$\frac{K}{n} \cdot [1 + i \cdot (n - t + 1)]$	

- K=total debt
- *n*=number of installments
- *i*=interest rate
- *t*=t-th period
- R=installment
- $a_n \neg_i = \frac{i}{1 v^n}, v^n = \frac{1}{(1 + i)^n}$

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PURPOSE AND FEATURES

Among several variations, main types involve:

- can be guaranteed by public agencies (f.i. veterans)
- IR: fixed or variable (adjustable rate ARM), with or without caps/floors, also in combination (f.i. fixed installment, variable rate)
- increasing installments, such as graduated payment (GPM, designed to allow credit qualification) and growing equity (GEM, designed to allow early repayment)
- decreasing ("option") installments offered in the past but extremely risky for lenders
- second (multiple) mortgages on same collateral are possible
- reverse annuity (RAM) increasingly diffused among elders

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SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKETS

- Mortgages are per se illiquid for lenders
- Partially also for borrowers (but: laws and regulation)
- Illiquidity threatens lenders:
 - IR risk (A/L mismatch, but also reinvestment of future flows)
 - default risk / market risk of collateral
 - loan servicing could be expensive (administrative costs)
 - loan origination itself could generate considerable returns

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SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKETS

- Financial intermediaries contributed to build secondary mortgage markets:
 - Initially, by selling loans to other investors and therefore freeing liquidity and transferring material risks
 - After, by having government facilities buying mortgages from originators and contributing to the emerging mortgage banks
 - Recently, through securitisation

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SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKETS

Securitisation:

- Issue securities backed by specific assets (mortgages, MBS) to fund new acquisitions from originators
- Useful for a number of small-size loans, unstandardised, with different maturities and other economic features, towards borrowers with different credit scores, costly to service, uncertain in default rates
- Process
 - Creation of a pool of mortgages, serving as collateral
 - Acquisition is funded through new securities whose return and reimbursement depends on cashflows from the original pool
 - Risks are transferred to investors
 - Securities could be tranched to imply greater or lower risks of default (CDOs, collateralised debt obligations) or different maturities (CMOs, collateralised mortgage obligations): hence, +/- IR
 - Allows liquidity to originator but also diversification to investors

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SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKETS

What went wrong in 2006-07 (briefly)?

- To help selling securities in an increasingly saturated market economic features became more competitive: higher IR, aggressive tranching, multiple-level securitisations, etc.
- Some originators increase appeal of new securities by issuing a financial guarantee to investors (hence, retaining significant amounts of risk)
- With huge levels of demand, more risky mortgages were issued to be securitised afterwards (subprime/alt-a/NINJA mortgages)
- Demand was especially fueled by real-estate bubbles
- When default rates on mortgages began to rise, borrowers had little to lose (house values were decreasing below their outstanding debt)
- Low transparency levels on securities and on risk retention levels contributed to unprecedented and unpredicted portfolio losses for investors

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