## Average Daily Balance: When should you pay your bills? §6.5

Find the average daily balance, finance charge, and ending balance if $1.5 \%$ monthly interest rate:

8/1-8/13 Balance at the end of the day $=\$ 350$
8/14 \$90 Payment

8/15-8/31 No Payment made

Pauly always make his VISA payments when he receives his second bimonthly check. Does the timing of his payment influence the amount he pays in interest?

What would his ending balance have been in Jan. if he paid on the first day or last day of the month instead of on the $24^{\text {th }}$ ?

- How much would he save by paying on the $1^{\text {st }}$ or $31^{\text {st }}$ ?

| Dates | Payment | Balance at <br> end of Day | Number of <br> days | Sum of <br> daily <br> balances |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1 / 1$ | $\$ 60.00$ | $\$ 271.00$ | 1 | $\$ 271.00$ |
| $1 / 2-1 / 31$ | 0.00 | $\$ 271.00$ | 30 | 8130.00 |

Average daily balance
$B=8401 / 31=271.00$
Finance charge

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0.014 * 271=3.79
$$

Ending Balance for Jan

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271+3.79=274.79
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| Dates | Payment | Balance at <br> end of Day | Number of <br> days | Sum of <br> daily <br> balances |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1 / 1-1 / 30$ | 0.00 | $\$ 331.00$ | 30 | $\$ 9930.00$ |
| $1 / 31$ | 60.00 | $\$ 271.00$ | 1 | 271.00 |

Average daily balance

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B=10201 / 31=329.07
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Finance charge

$$
0.014 * 329.07=4.61
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Ending Balance for Jan

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271+4.61=275.61
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If he pays on $1 / 1$ instead of $1 / 24$ he saves $\$ 275.42-274.79=0.63$

If he pays on $1 / 24$ instead of $1 / 31$ he saves:

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275.61-275.42=0.19
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If he pays on $1 / 1$ instead of $1 / 31$ he saves:

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275.61-274.79=0.82
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Additional charges throughout the month affect the average daily balance.

Pauly VISA account has a monthly interest rate of $1.4 \%$. He had the following daily balances and payments for the month of January:

From $1 / 1$ to $1 / 12$ his daily balance was $\$ 331$ 1/13 see below...
On $1 / 24$ he made a payment of $\$ 60$
From $1 / 25-1 / 31$ his balance remained $\$ 271$
If Pauly purchases a new set of headphones for $\$ 45.00$ on $1 / 13$, what is his daily average balance?

| Dates | Payment | Purchase | Balances <br> at End of <br> day | \# of <br> Days | Sum of <br> daily <br> balances |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1 / 1-1 / 12$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $\$ 331.00$ | 12 | $\$ 3972.00$ |
| $1 / 13$ | 0.00 | $\$ 45.00$ | 376.00 | 1 | 376.00 |
| $1 / 14-$ <br> $1 / 23$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 376.00 | 10 | 3760.00 |
| $1 / 24$ | $\$ 60.00$ | 0.00 | 316.00 | 1 | 316.00 |
| $1 / 25-$ <br> $1 / 31$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 316.00 | 7 | 2212.00 |

## Average Daily Balance <br> = 10636/31 = 343.10

Finance Charge

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=343.10 * .014=4.80
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Ending Balance for Jan

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=316.00+4.80=320.80
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- What if he purchases his headphones on $1 / 30$ instead?

| Dates | Payment | Purchase | Balances <br> at End of <br> day | \# of <br> Days | Sum of <br> daily <br> balances |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1 / 1-1 / 23$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $\$ 331.00$ | 23 | $\$ 7613.00$ |
| $1 / 24$ | 60.00 | 0.00 | 271.00 | 1 | 271.00 |
| $1 / 25-$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 271.00 | 5 | 1355.00 |
| $1 / 29$ | 0.00 | 45.00 | 316.00 | 1 | 316.00 |
| $1 / 30$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 316.00 | 1 | 316.00 |
| $1 / 31$ |  |  |  | 31 | $\$ 9871.00$ |

Average daily Balance:

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9871 / 31=318.42
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Finance Charge
$=318.42 * .014=4.46$
Ending Balance for Jan
$316+4.46=320.46$

- Amount Saved by buying the headphones at the end of the month:
$320.80-320.46=.34$

According to this example when should you make purchases?

VISA balance of $\$ 3000.00$. Monthly interest rate is $1.5 \%$

8/1-8/11 you do not make a payment. $8 / 12$ you make a payment of $\$ 1900.00$ 8/13-8/25 you do not make a payment $8 / 26$ you buy a new shuffle i-pod for $\$ 80$ 8/27-8/31 you do not make a payment

1. What is the average daily balance?
2. Compute the finance charge.
3. Find the ending balance for August.

| Dates | Payment | Purchase | Balance <br> at end of <br> day | \# of <br> days | Sum of <br> Daily <br> Balances |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| $8 / 1-8 / 11$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $\$ 3,000.00$ | 11 | $\$ 33,000.00$ |
| $8 / 12$ | $\$ 1,900.00$ | 0.00 | $1,100.00$ | 1 | $1,100.00$ |
| $8 / 13-$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $1,100.00$ | 13 | $14,300.00$ |
| $8 / 25$ | 0.00 | $\$ 80.00$ | $1,180.00$ | 1 | $1,180.00$ |
| $8 / 26$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $1,180.00$ | 5 | $5,900.00$ |
| $8 / 27-$ <br> $8 / 31$ |  |  |  | 3 | $\$ 55480.00$ |

Average daily balance

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=55480 / 31=1789.68
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Finance Charge

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=1789.68 * .015=26.85
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- Ending Balance For August
$=1180+26.8=1206.85$
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## Assignment

