



Welcome

CECL: Lessons Learned from SEC Adopters

Today's Presenter



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Session Agenda

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Myths and Facts

Don't Do What CECL Isn't

2

Starting Point: SCALE

Options and Limitations

3

Framing Concept – Two Estimates

Turning CECL into two easier problems

Poll Question #1

Which best describes your role?

- a. Finance
- b. Credit
- c. Accounting
- d. Lending
- e. Other

Poll Question #2

Where are you in your implementation?

- a. All done! We are presenting ACL on our financials
- b. In parallel testing with intended live methodology
- c. Methodology testing
- d. Data testing
- e. Standing start

Poll Question #3

How would you best describe your financial institution?

- a. Predominantly CRE
- b. Consumer/Mortgage Focused
- c. Mix of CRE and Commercial/SMB
- d. Diverse Portfolio



Road Hazards:

Be clear on what CECL isn't, and
don't do that.



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A 3-year loss rate is not 3x a 1-year loss rate



Notes on SCALE

SCALE Background

- 'Ask the Fed' Webinar July 2021 – interagency with FASB representation
- Bank institutions < \$1B assets
- Spreadsheet-based tool to assist as 'starting point' in computing ACL

SCALE Background

Acknowledges:

- Difficulty in establishing loss expectations for smaller FIs (lack of losses)
- “Internal information, external information, or a combination of both” black-letter requirement
- Data availability as productive constraint on segmentation
- Prudential regulatory expectations for small FI complexity

SCALE Theory

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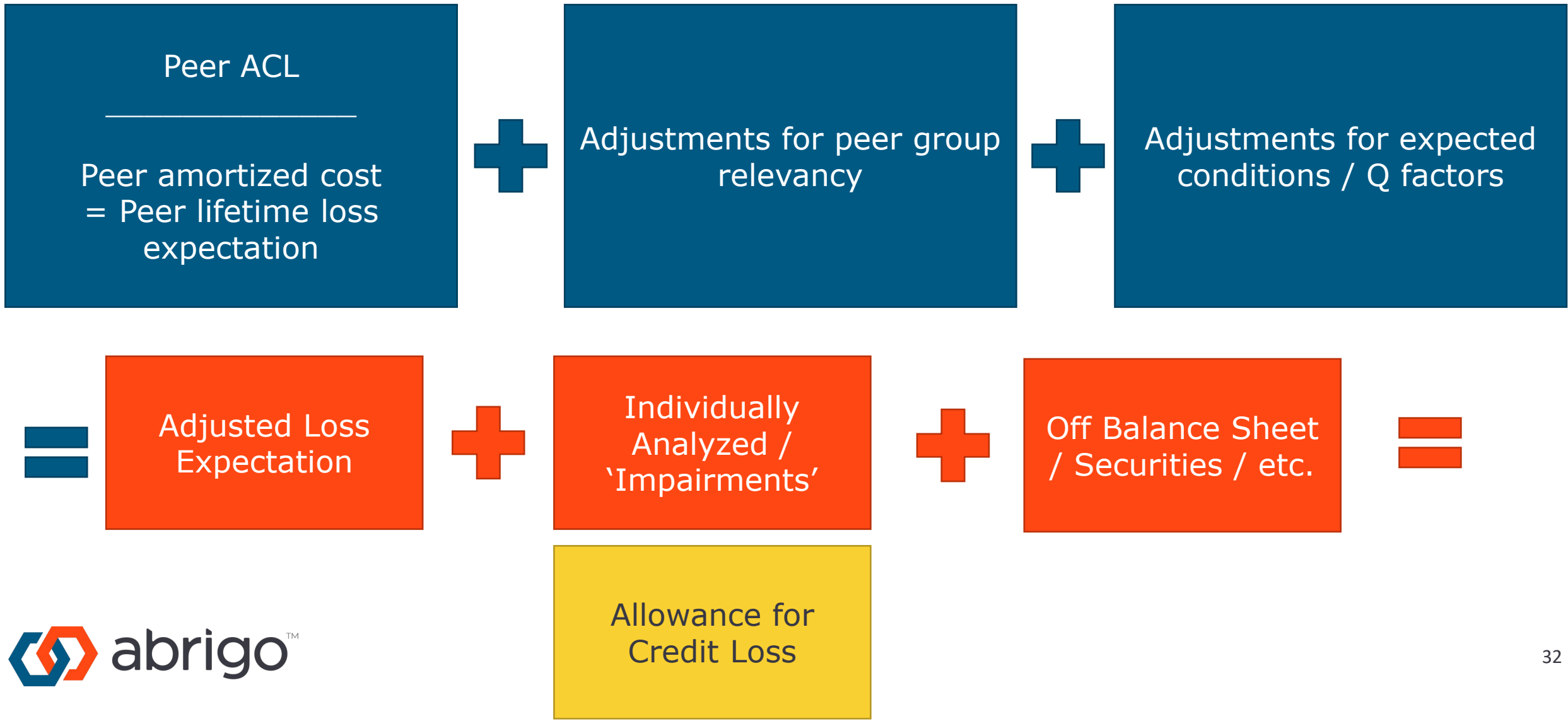


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(e.g., Schedule RI-C)



Entered into SCALE...

CECL ACL Lifetime Loss Rate		From Tab 3 Adj. for Qualitative Factors		Calculated Life of Loan Loss Rate
0.0000%	+/-	0.0000%	=	0.0000%
1.5000%	+/-	0.0000%	=	1.5000%
0.3800%	+/-	0.0000%	=	0.3800%
0.8900%	+/-	0.0000%	=	0.8900%
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- Qualitative adjustments
- Forecasted components
- Impaired reserve

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Peer Net Loss to Average Total LNLs [from page 7 of UBPR]	
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2007	0.1000%
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2009	0.5000%
2010	1.9000%
2011	1.1000%
2012	-0.4300%
2013	0.2100%
2014	0.2500%
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2016	0.0500%
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2018	0.2300%
2019	0.2000%
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From Tab 2		Calculated			From Tab 3		Calculated		Calculated
Loans Assessed on Individual Basis		Loans Assessed on Pooled Basis			Adj. for Qualitative Factors		Life of Loan Loss Rate		CECL ACL
-	\$ -	=	\$ 15,000						\$ -
-	\$ 3,700	=	\$ 71,300		0.0000%	+/- 0.0000%	=	0.0000%	\$ 1,070
-	\$ 1,500	=	\$ 28,500		1.5000%	+/- 0.0000%	=	1.5000%	\$ 108
-	\$ 2,000	=	\$ 38,000		0.3800%	+/- 0.0000%	=	0.3800%	\$ 338
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			\$ 173,760						\$ 1,635

Adjustment for Historical Loss Experience

From Tab 4

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\$ (513)

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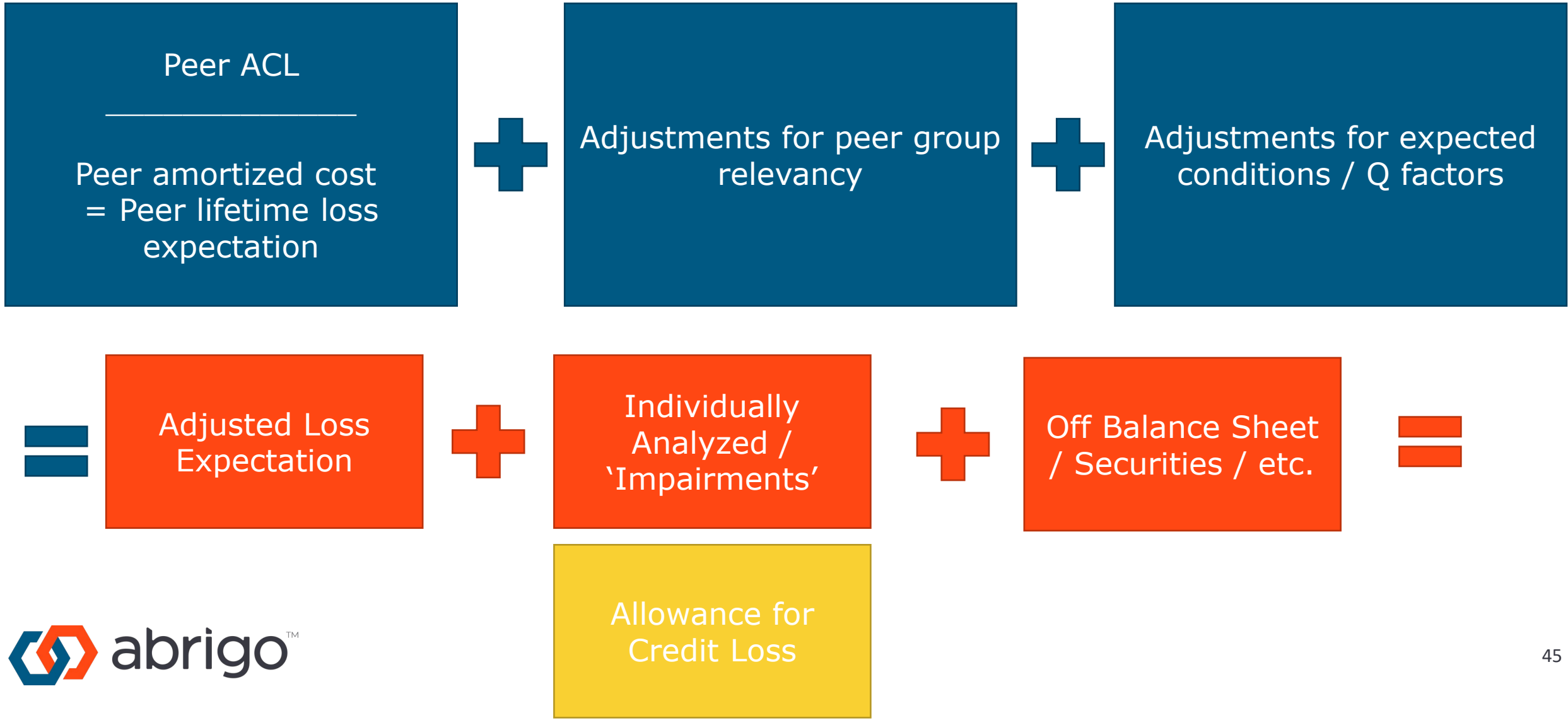
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SCALE Considerations

- Relevancy of larger FIs in pool
- Future inclusion of smaller FIs in peer pool once they are live
- Time-shifting of information incorporated in call report estimates
- Defense of peer cohort
- Projectability – what will a SCALE allowance produce in e.g., Q2 2022?
- Defensibility risk for opaque components of peer ACL preparation (PPP, etc.)
- Purchased accounting considerations

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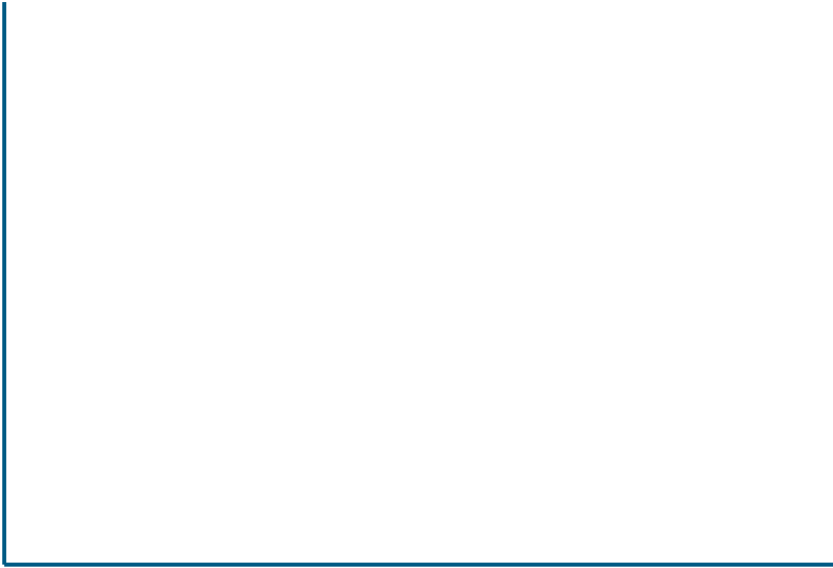
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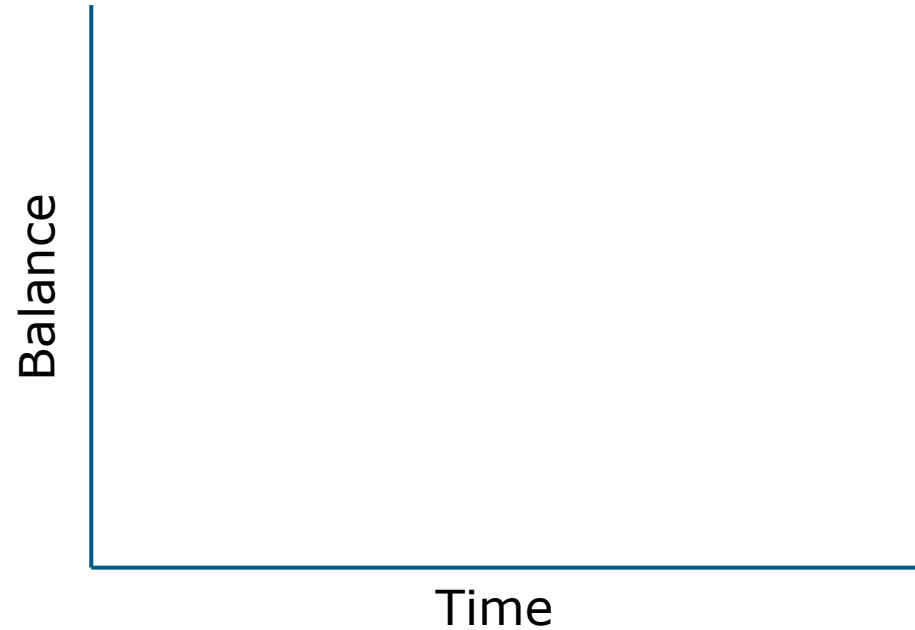
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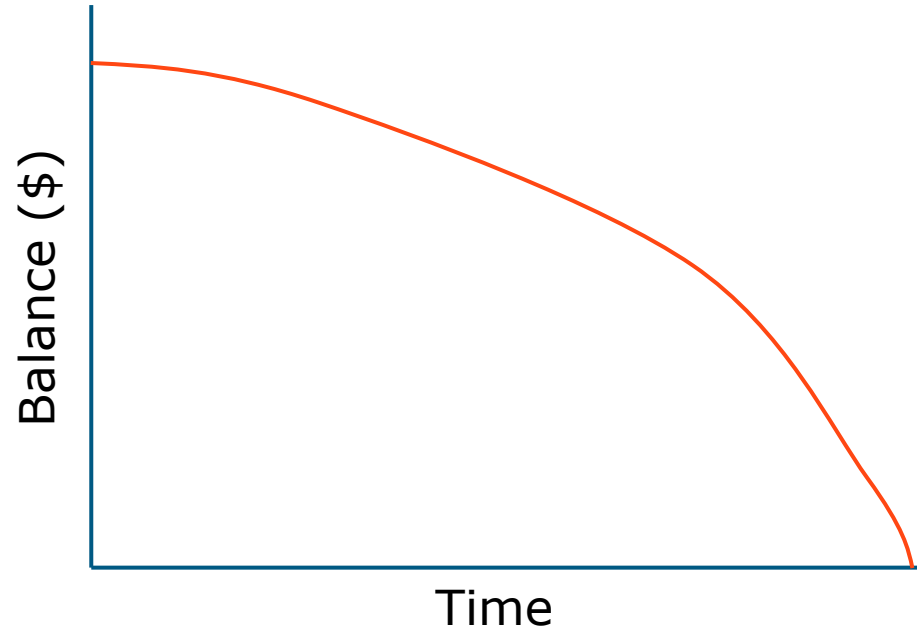
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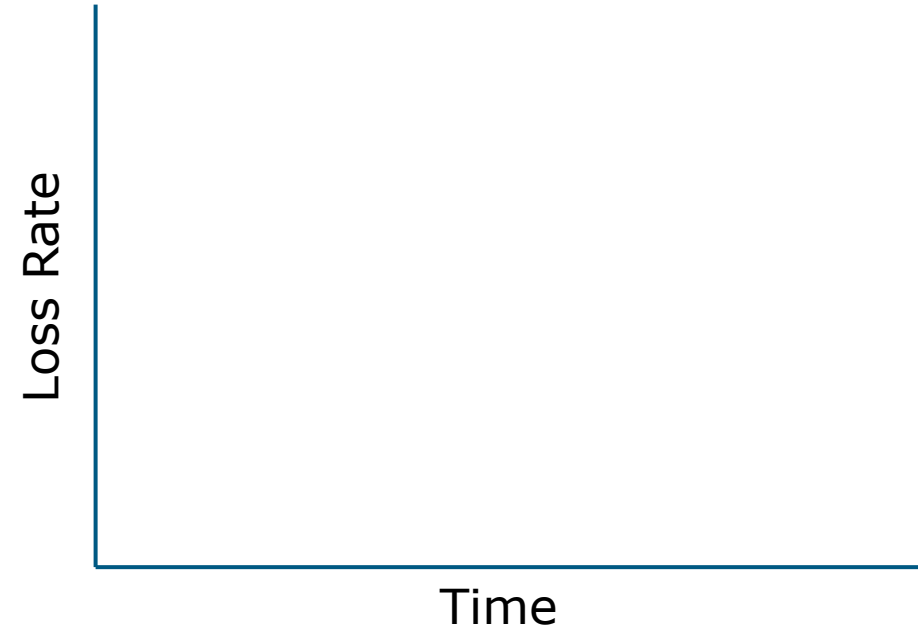
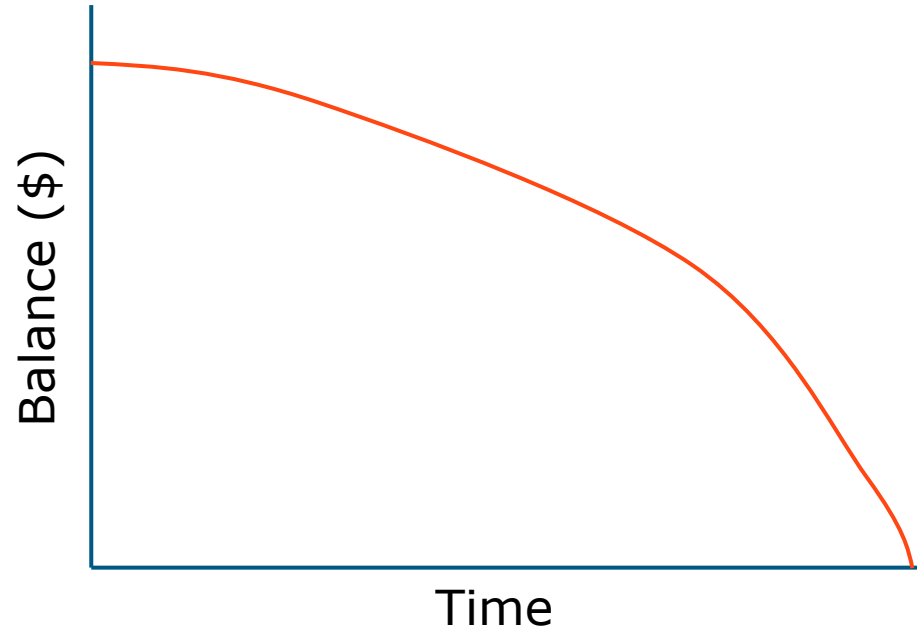
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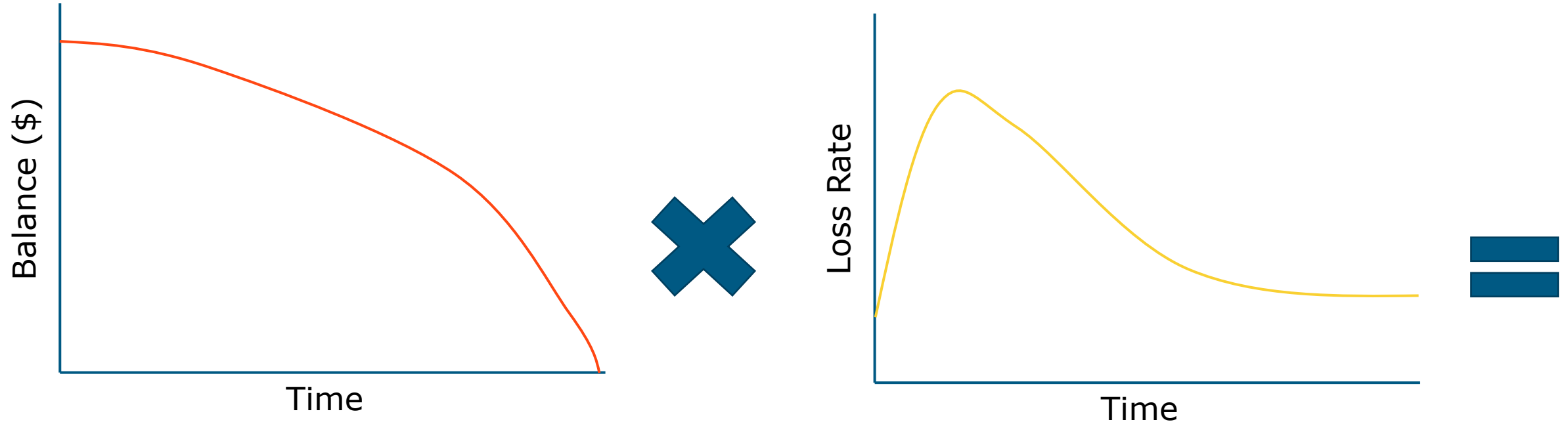
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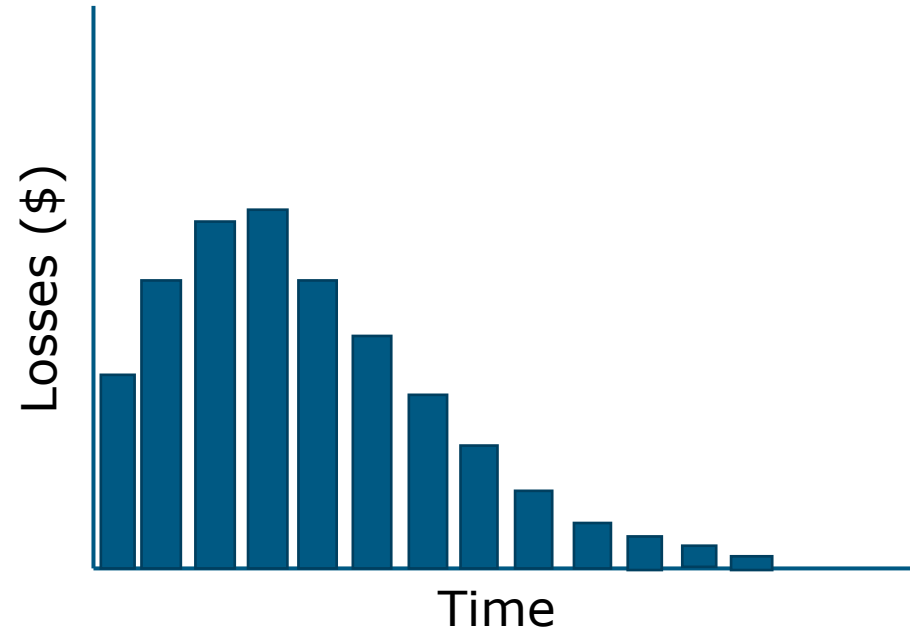
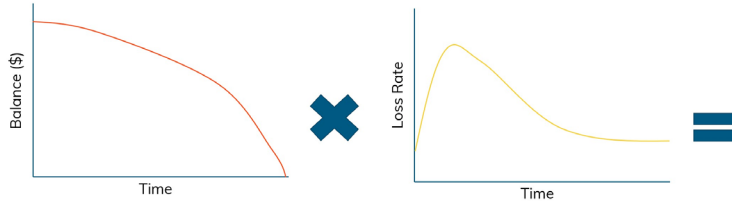
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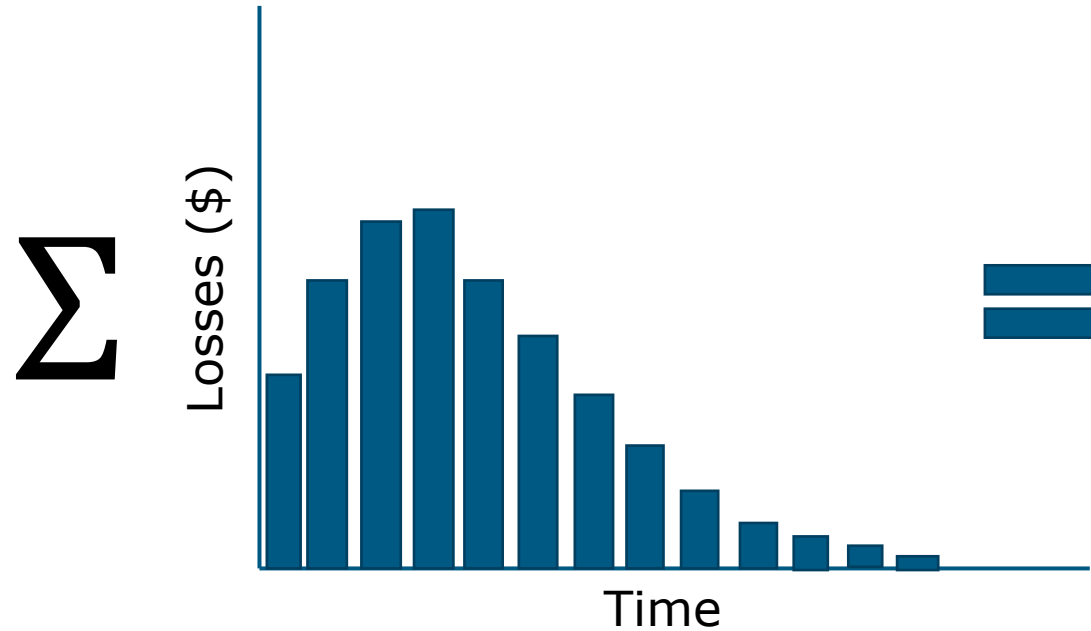
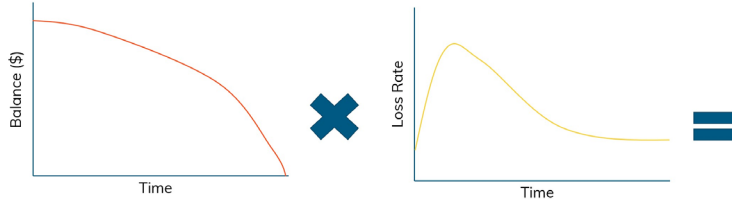
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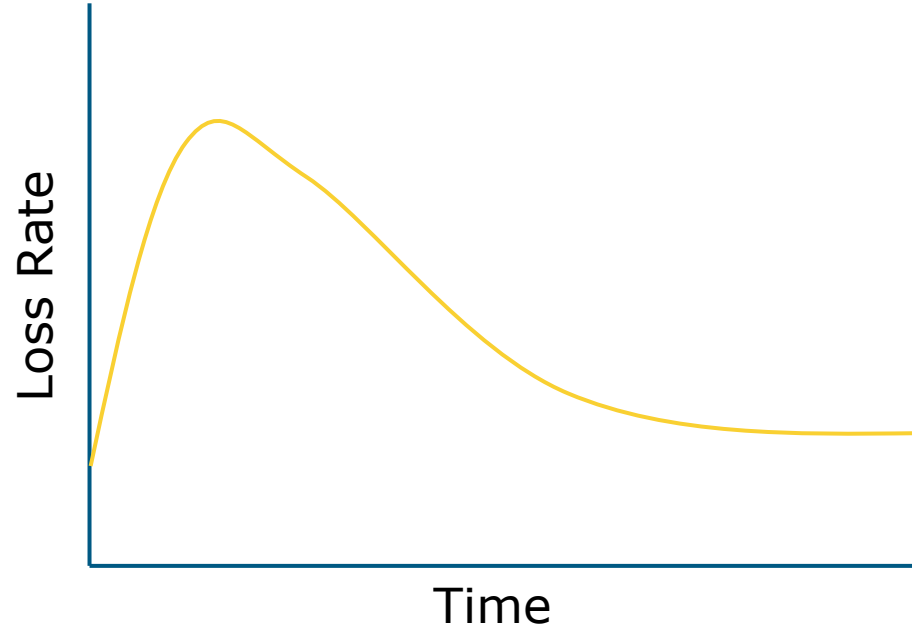
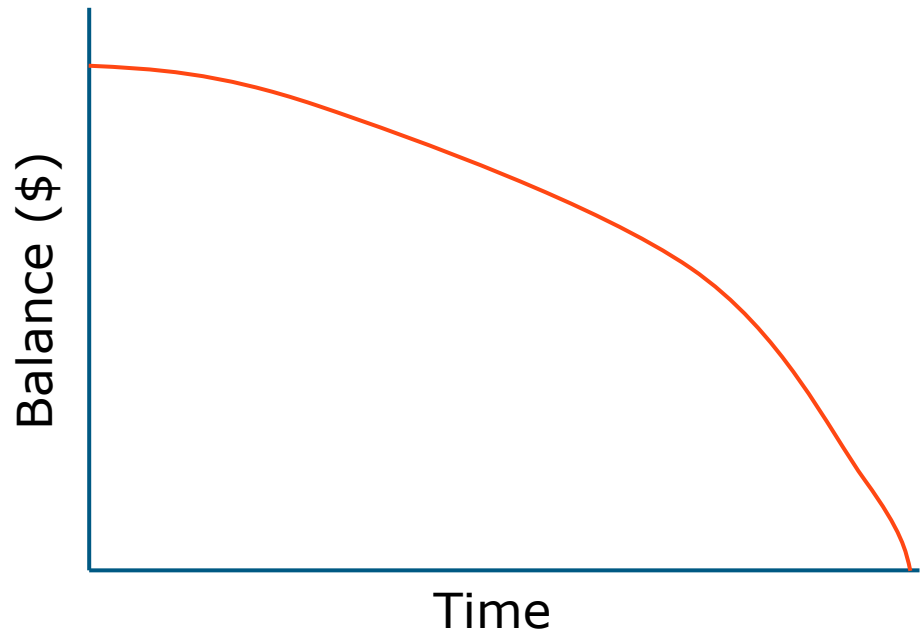


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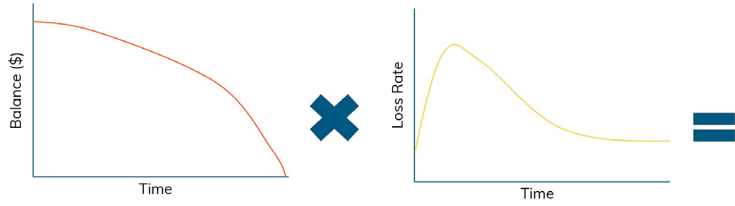


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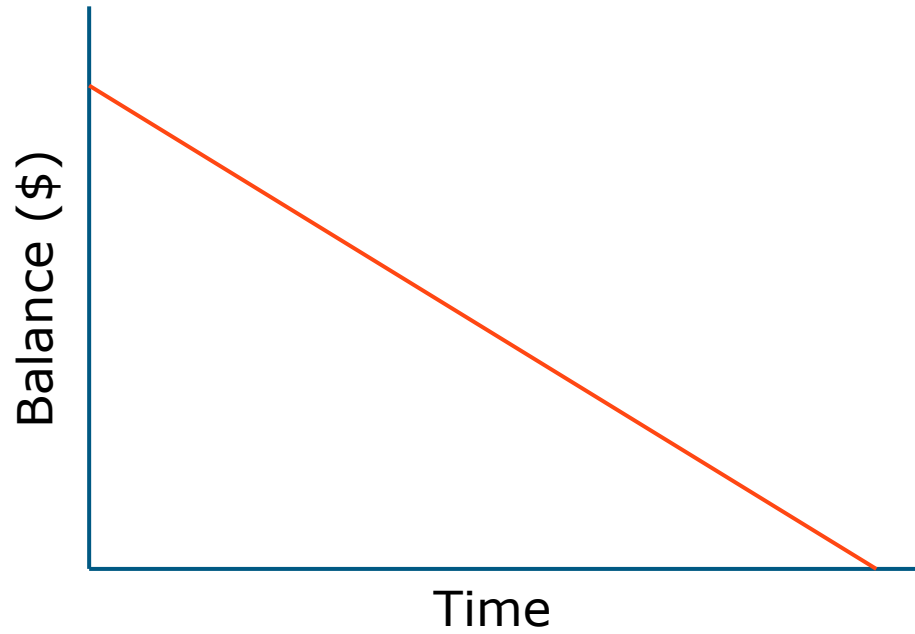
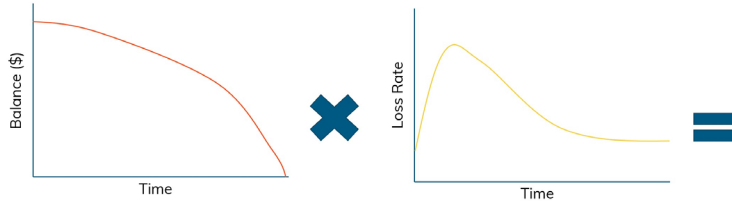
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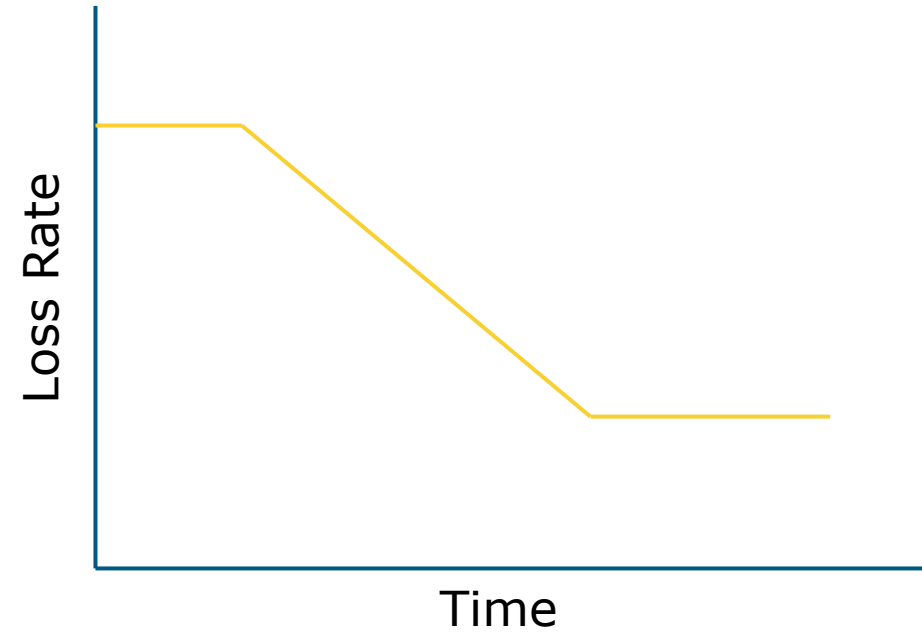
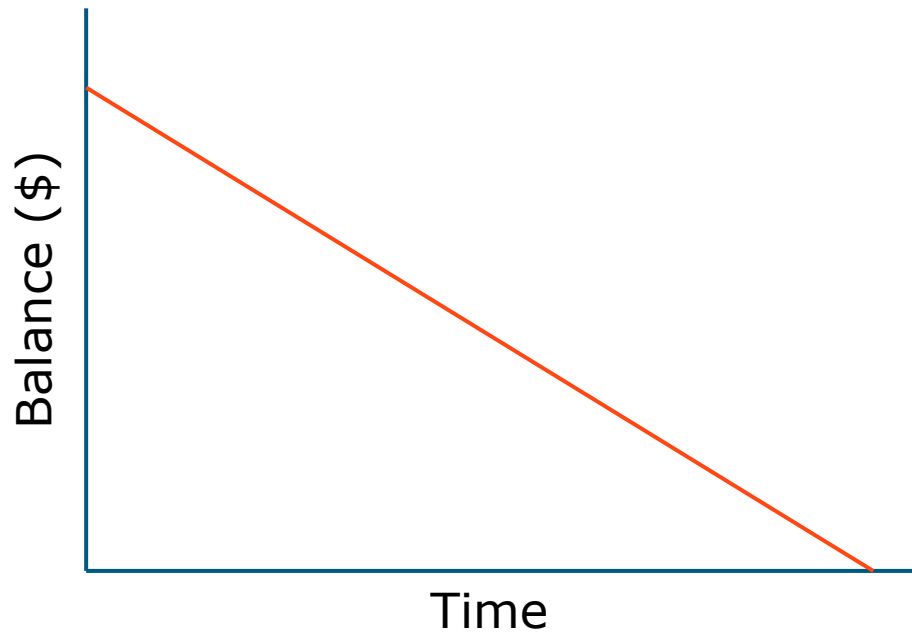
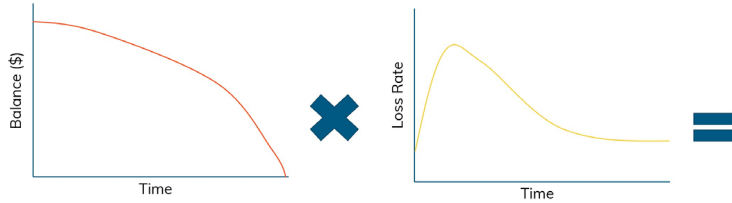
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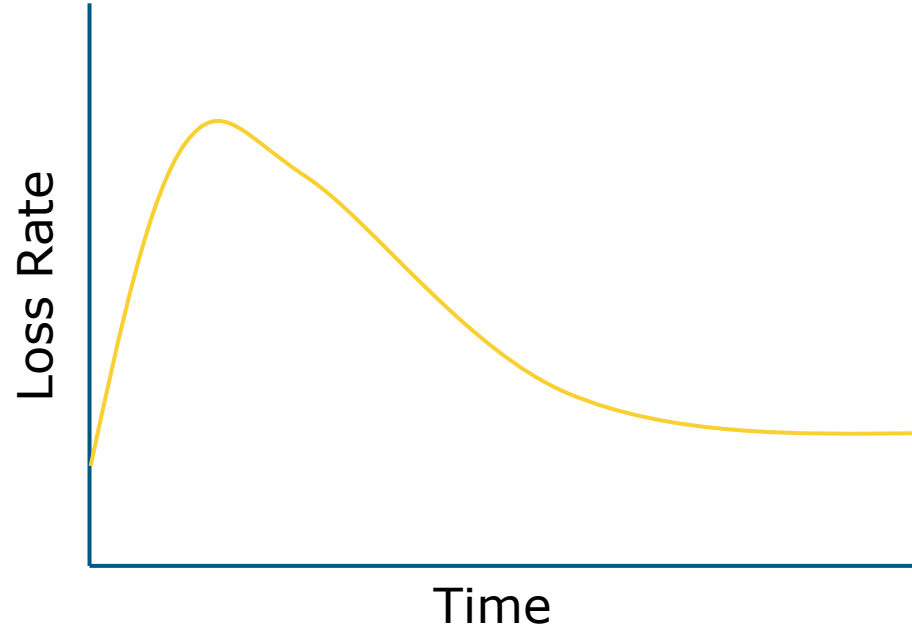
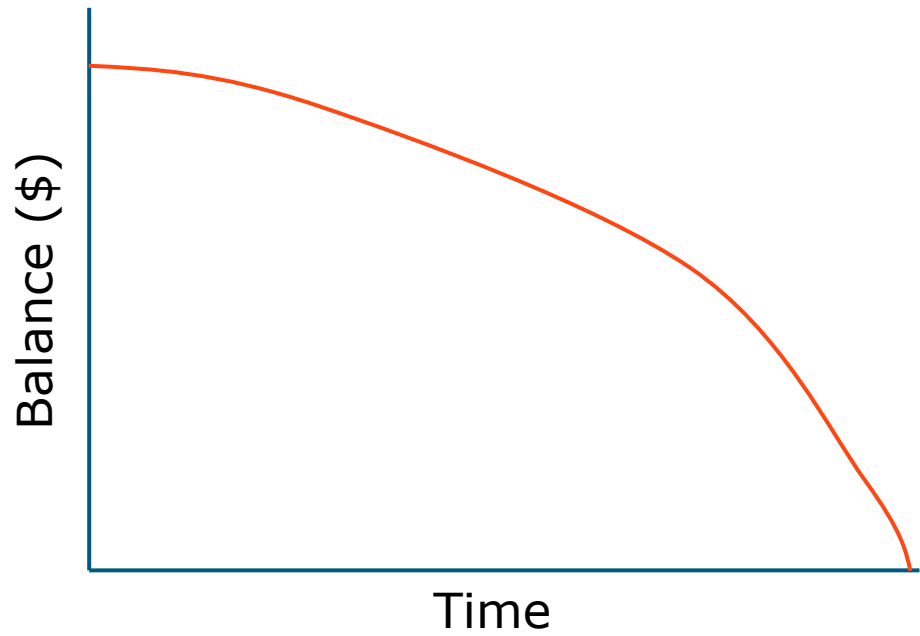
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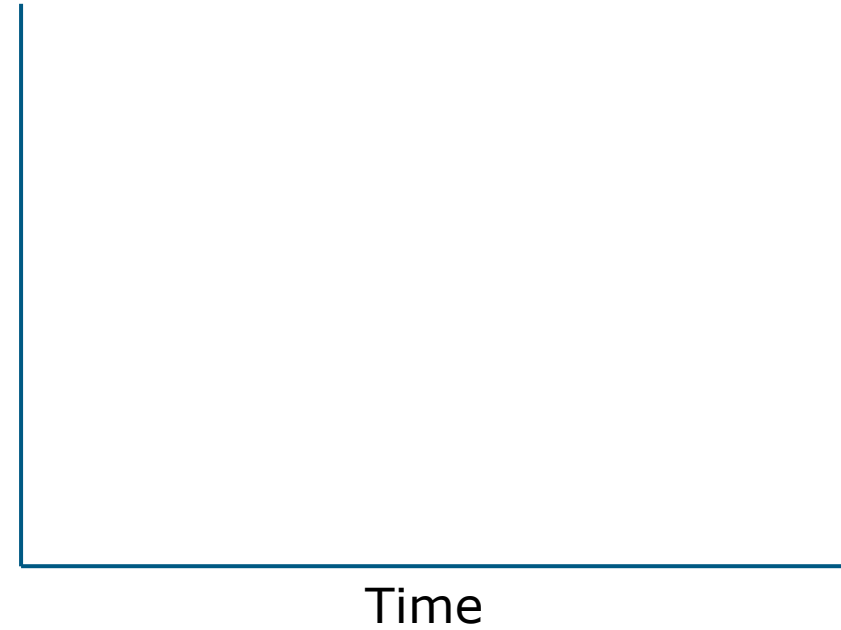
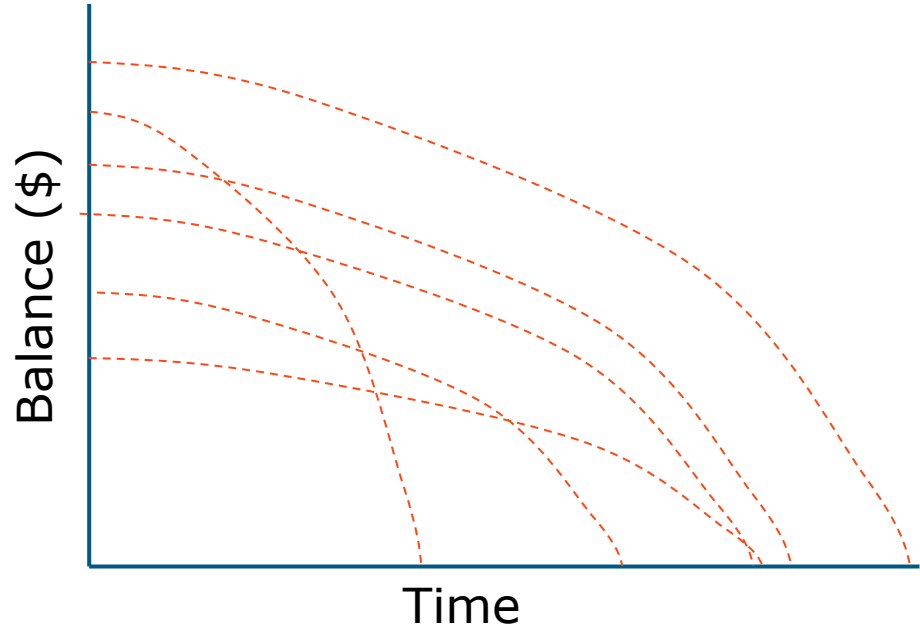
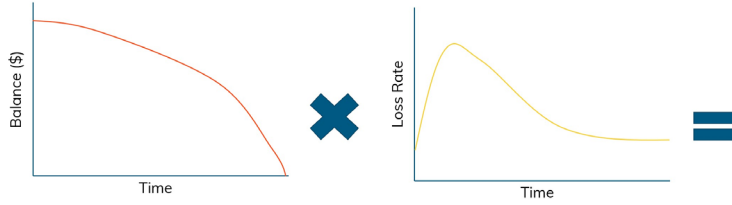
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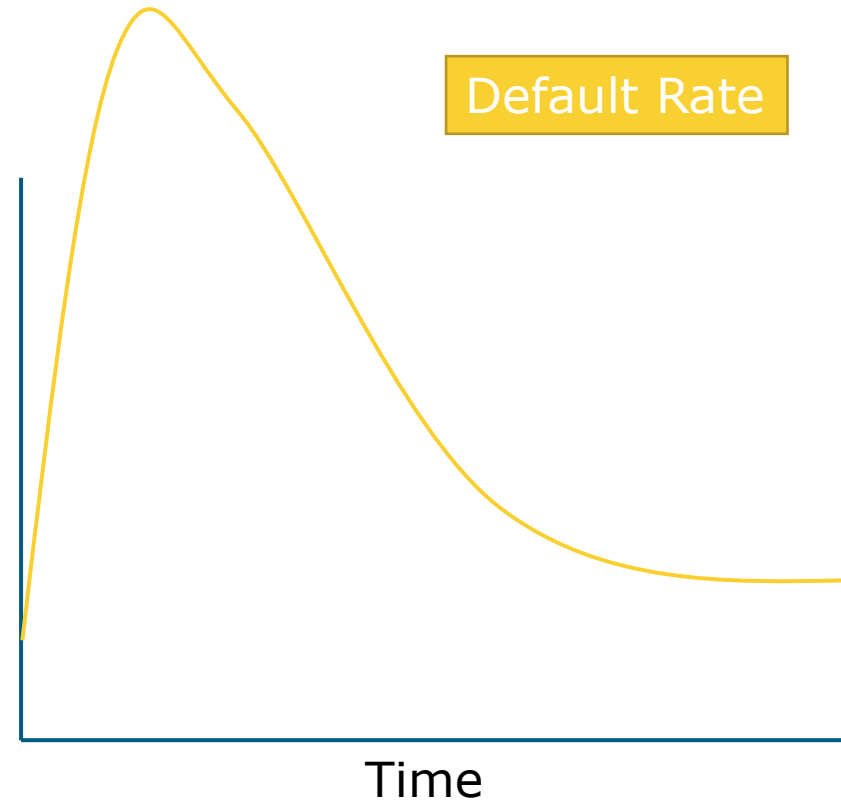
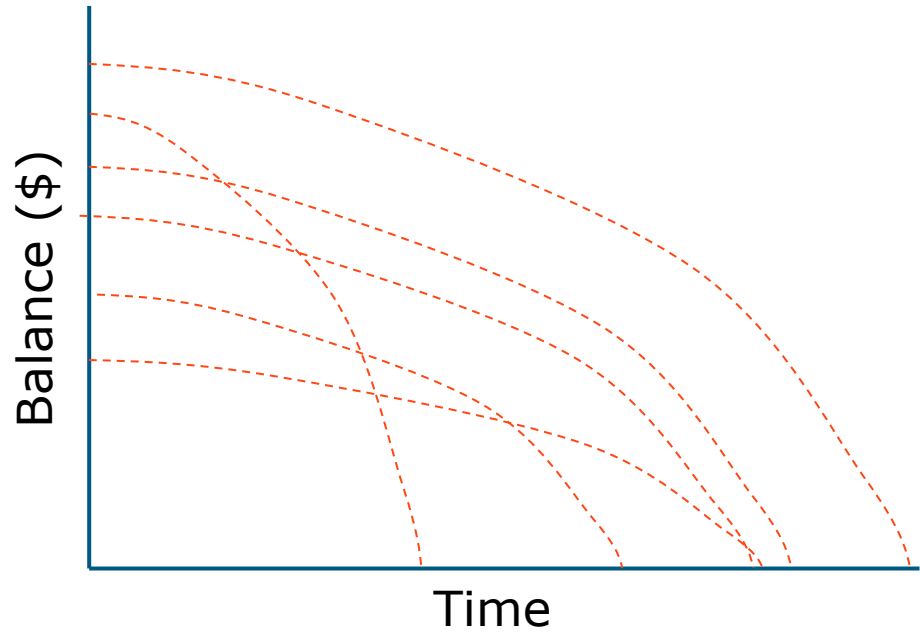
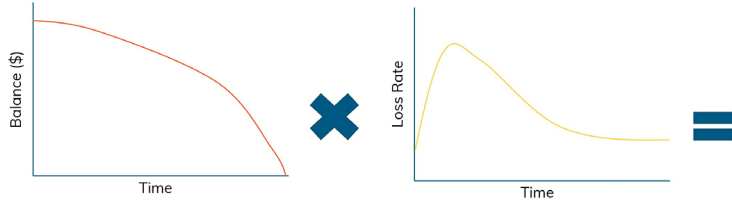
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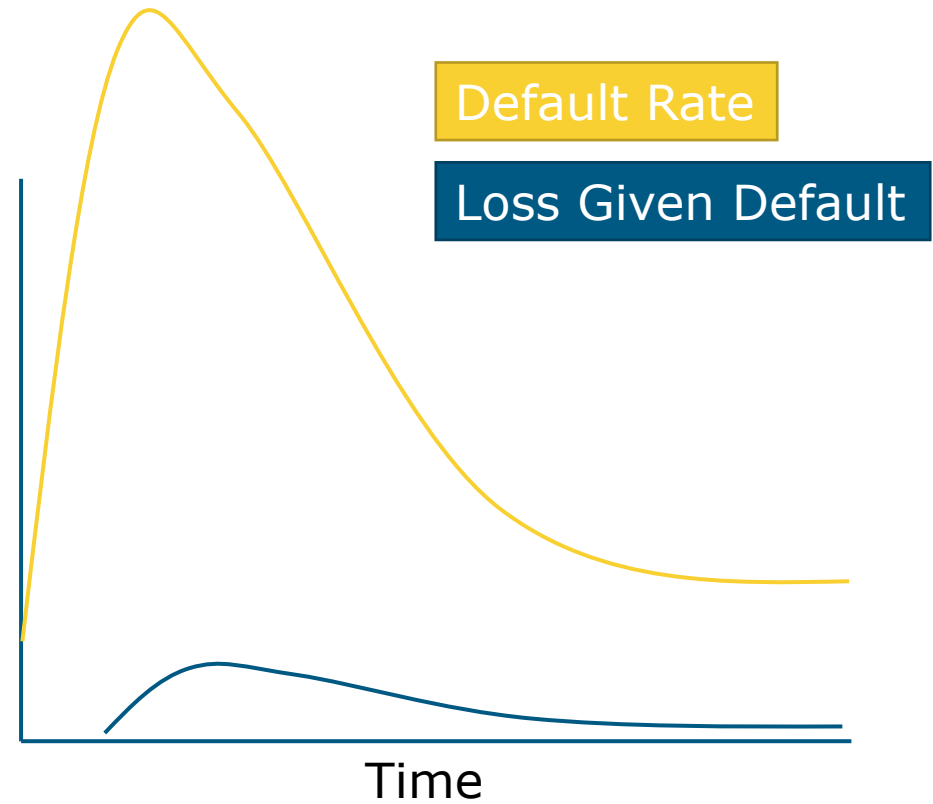
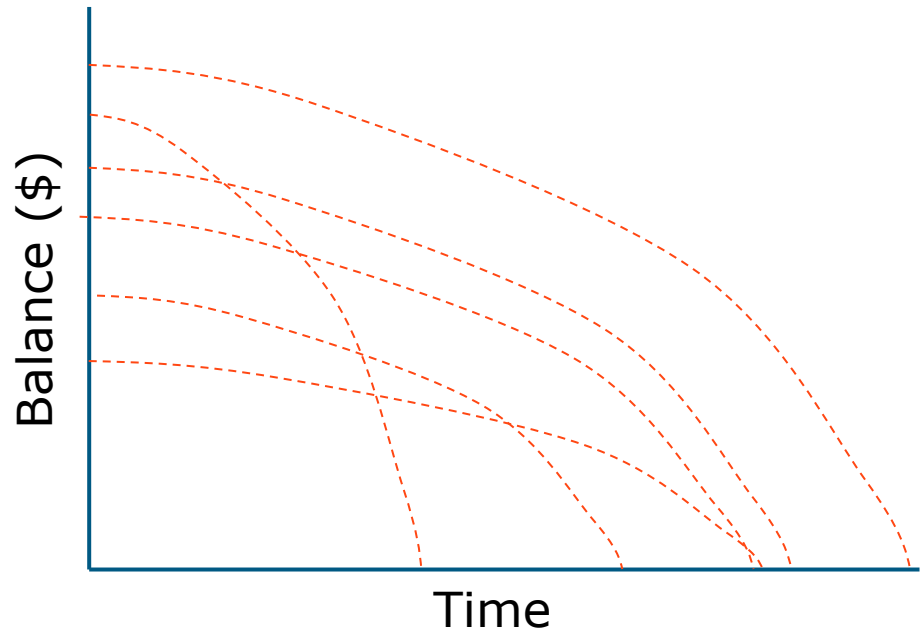
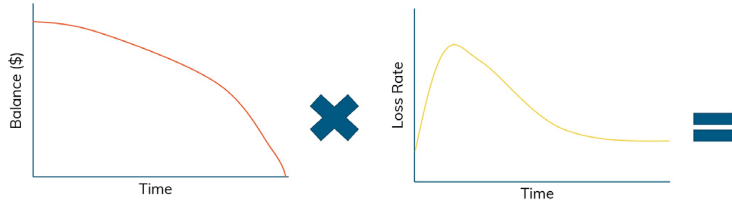
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Questions?

Thank You

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