

INVERTED YIELD CURVE



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Understanding

**The meaning of an
'Inverted Yield curve'.**



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The "Yield Curve" is a graphical representation of interest rates on securities of different maturities, ranging from short to longest tenure bonds.



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This is how the “Normal Yield Curve” typically looks like.



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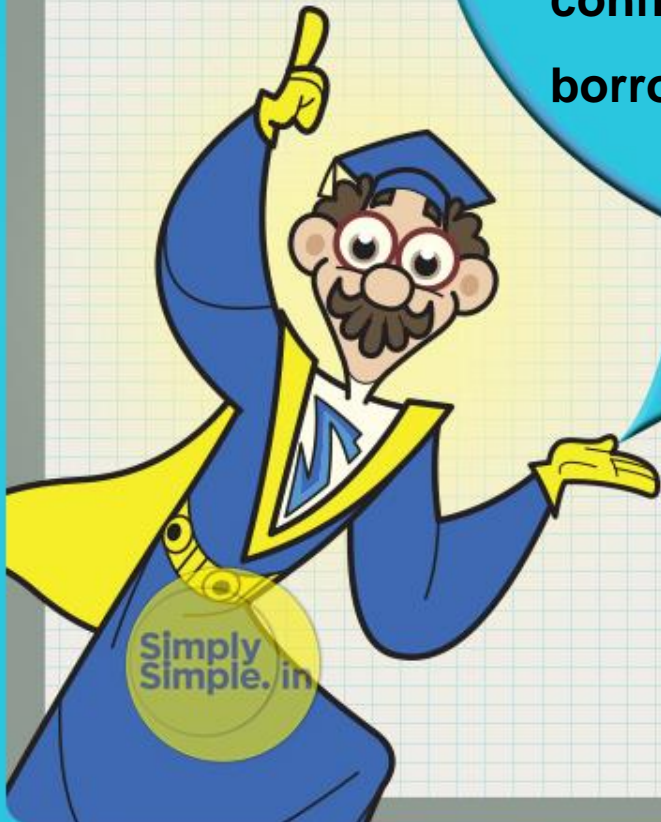
In a typical yield curve scenario, a lender would charge a lower interest if he lends for a shorter time period and higher interest for a longer term loan.

This is because he takes a bigger risk for a longer period as he is not too sure what would be the state of the borrower over a longer term.



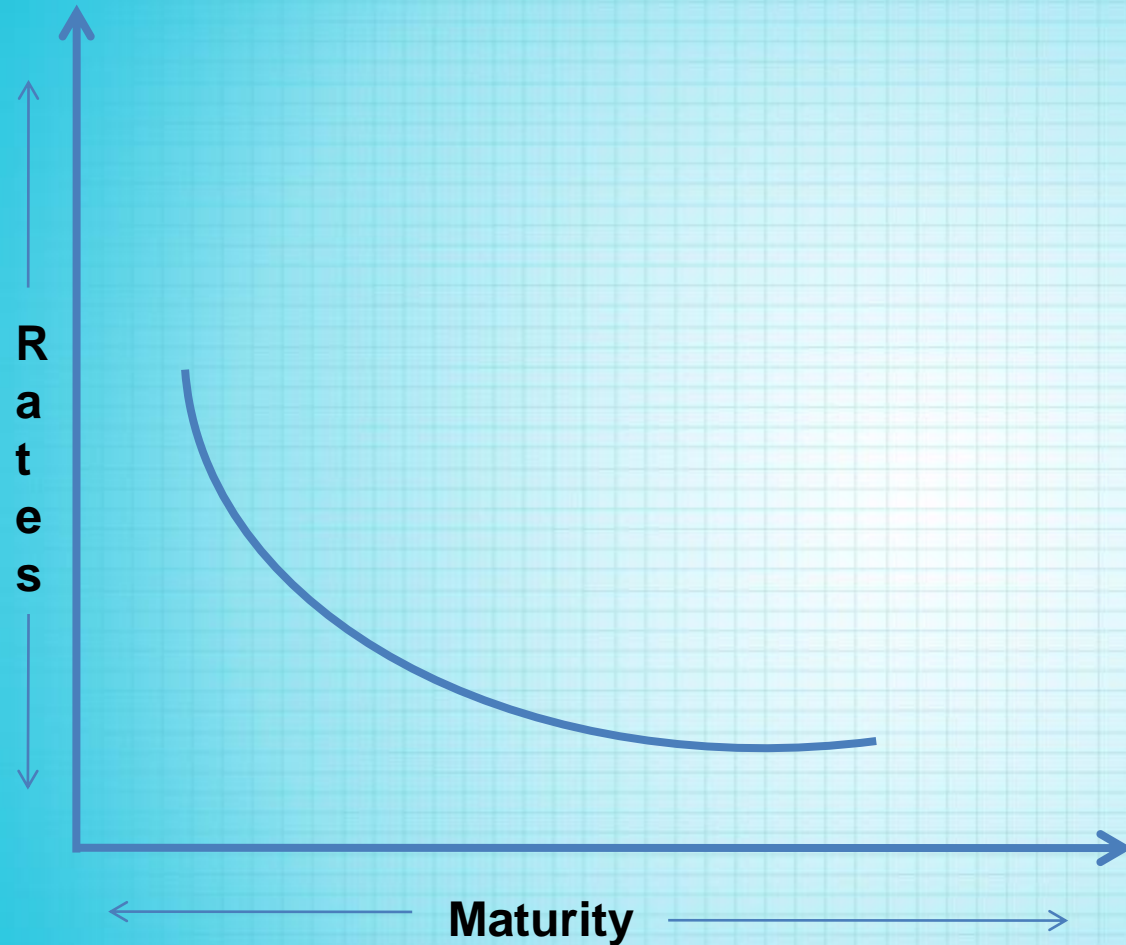
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However over the shorter term he does not mind charging a smaller rate of interest as he is more confident of the state of the borrower in the short run.



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So what is an “Inverted Yield curve”?



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As seen in the diagram, an inverted Yield Curve is a representation of a specific scenario in the market wherein the short term interest rates are higher than the long term interest rates.

Why does this happen?



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This happens due to a tight liquidity environment when money supply is inadequate. For e.g. Sometimes organizations have to borrow at a high cost to meet their working capital needs to support their operating expenses which is vital for the day to day running of an organization.



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Hence in moments of tight liquidity when companies need money badly to run their operations, they are open to paying higher in the short run than what is prevailing for long term borrowing.



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Another reason that can be attributed to the inverted shape of the Yield Curve is the pessimistic expectation of the economy in the medium to long term. If people feel that the policies of the government will be unable to push growth then the propensity for long term investments reduce which brings down the demand for long term borrowing which in turn brings down the long term rate of interest.



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However these kind of situations ease out over a period of time as liquidity and expectations improve and the “Inverted Yield Curve” reverts to its original state to become a ‘Normal Yield Curve’. This is known as “Steepening” of the Yield Curve.



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Hope you got an idea about the Yield Curve and the “Inverted Yield Curve” through this lesson



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Hope you have understood
The significance of the
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