

The lowest of these yields is called the **yield-to-worst**.

$$YTW = \text{Min}[y_{t_1}, y_{t_2}, \dots, y_{t_k}] = \text{Yield to worst, given } P$$

If the bond is not redeemed until maturity, then its yield is known as its **yield-to-maturity**:

$$YTM = \text{Yield to maturity} = y_{t_k}$$

For a given yield  $y$ , there are  $k$  possible prices, depending on when the bond is redeemed. Each of these prices is a price to redemption ( $PTR$ ):

$$PTR_{t_1}, PTR_{t_2}, \dots, PTR_{t_k}$$

We call the minimum of these prices the **price-to-worst**, which is denoted by  $PTW$ :

$$PTW = \text{Min}[PTR_{t_1}, PTR_{t_2}, \dots, PTR_{t_k}] = \text{Minimum price, given } y$$

If a  $YTW$  is used to calculate a  $PTW$ , then the resulting price is the price that was originally used to calculate the  $YTW$ . And if a  $PTW$  is used to calculate a  $YTW$ , then the resulting yield is the yield that was originally used to calculate the  $PTW$ .

**Example  
13.07**

A 4-year bond makes annual coupon payments at an annual rate 10% per year. The par value is \$100. The annual effective yield is 6.50% per year.

The bond is callable after 1 year for \$110, after 2 years for \$106, and after 3 years for \$104. The redemption value after 4 years is \$100.

Calculate the price-to-worst.

**Solution**



Let's use the BA II Plus to obtain the 4 prices to redemption.

$$1 [N] \quad 6.5 [I/Y] \quad 10 [PMT] \quad 110 [FV] \\ [CPT] [PV]$$

$$\text{Result is } -112.68. \quad PTR_1 = 112.68$$

$$2 [N] \quad 106 [FV] \\ [CPT] [PV]$$

$$\text{Result is } -111.66. \quad PTR_2 = 111.66$$

$$3 [N] \quad 104 [FV] \\ [CPT] [PV]$$

$$\text{Result is } -112.58. \quad PTR_3 = 112.58$$

$$4 [N] \quad 100 [FV] \\ [CPT] [PV]$$

$$\text{Result is } -111.99. \quad PTR_4 = 111.99$$

The price-to-worst is:

$$PTW = \text{Min}[112.68, 111.66, 112.58, 111.99] = \mathbf{111.66}$$

In the next example, we use the same bond as in the example above, and we use the  $PTW$  to find the  $YTW$ .

**Example  
13.08**

A 4-year bond makes annual coupon payments at an annual rate 10% per year. The par value is \$100. The price of the bond is \$111.66.

The bond is callable after 1 year for \$110, after 2 years for \$106, and after 3 years for \$104. The redemption value after 4 years is \$100.

Calculate the yield-to-worst.

**Solution**



Let's use the BA II Plus to obtain the 4 possible yields.

$$1 [N] \quad -111.66 [PV] \quad 10 [PMT] \quad 110 [FV]$$