

Part III: Examples of Monthly Credit Card Activity

You have a credit card with an APR of 22%. You have paid off all but \$1972 of your September balance. Your October billing period runs from October 8 through November 7. You then had the following activity on your credit card for the month of October:

- ✓ You made a charge \$530 on October 14
- ✓ You made a **payment** of \$1000 on October 16
- ✓ You made a charge of \$135.35 on October 21
- ✓ You had a charge of \$102.62 on October 31
- ✓ You made a **payment** of \$800 on November 4
- ✓ You made a charge of \$144 on November 5

Make a table summarizing the credit card's activity for the month.

DATE	PURCHASE/PAY	BALANCE	NO. OF DAYS	TOTAL
OCT. 8 - OCT. 13	+ \$0	\$1972	6	= \$11,832
OCT. 14 - OCT. 15	↳ \$530	\$2502	2	= \$5004
OCT. 16 - OCT. 20	- \$1000	\$1502	5	= \$7510
OCT. 21 - OCT. 30	↳ \$135.35	\$1637.35	10	= \$16,373.50
OCT. 31 - NOV. 3	\$102.62	\$1739.97	4	= \$6939.88
NOV. 4	- \$800	\$939.97	1	= \$939.97
NOV. 5 - NOV. 7	↳ \$144	\$1083.97	+ 3	= \$3251.91
			<u>31 DAYS</u>	<u>\$51,851.26</u>

OPTION 1: PAY \$1083.97 😊

Using the table above, compute your average daily balance for the October billing period.

$$\text{AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE} = \frac{\$51,851.26}{31} = \$1672.62$$

Compute the finance charge on the card for the October billing period should the balance not be paid in full.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FINANCE CHARGE} &= (\text{AVG. DAILY BALANCE}) \times \frac{\text{APR}}{12} \\ &= (\$1672.62) \times \left(\frac{0.22}{12}\right) \\ &= \$30.66 \end{aligned}$$