

Lecture 6: Industry Analysis

• Why do industry analysis?

• The purpose:

- help find profitable investment opportunities
- part of the three-step, top-down plan
 - For valuing individual companies &
 - selecting stocks for a portfolio.

• What do we learn from industry analysis?

- Is there a difference between

• the returns for alternative industries during specific time periods?

- Do firms within an industry show consistent performance over time?

— will an industry that performs well in one period continue to perform well in the future?

• That is, can we use past relationships between the market and an individual industry

• to predict future trends for the industry?

- Is there a difference in the risk for alternative industries?

— Does the risk for individual industries vary or

• does it remain relatively constant over time?

• Cross-sectional industry performance:

- wide dispersion in rates of return in different industries

— performance varies from year to year

— These results imply that industry analysis is important & necessary to uncover these substantial performance differences — that is, it helps identify both unprofitable & profitable opportunities.

• Industry performance over time

- there is almost no association in individual industry performance year to year or over sequential rising or falling markets
- Variables that affect industry performance change over time.

• performance of companies within an industry.

- there is wide dispersion in the performance of companies within an industry.
- this reinforces the need for company analysis in addition to industry analysis.

• Differences in industry risk

• Empirical studies

- have found a wide range of risk among different industries at a point in time,
- and that differences in industry risk typically widened during rising and falling markets.
- Although risk measures for different industries have shown substantial dispersion during a period of time,
 - individual industries' risk measures are stable over time.

• Industry analysis process

- is similar to the analysis of the economy & the aggregate equity market:

• The macroanalysis of the industry

- The business cycle & industry sectors
- Structural economic changes & alternative industries
- Evaluating an industry's life cycle
- Analysis of the competitive environment in an industry

• The microvaluation of the industry

- The usual techniques

Business cycle and industry sectors

- economic trends can and do affect industry performance

- By identifying and monitoring key assumptions & variables,
 - we can monitor the economy and gauge the implications of new information on our economic outlook & ~~and~~ industry analysis.

- different industries differentially affected by business cycle.

- Rotation strategy

- is when one switches from one industry group to another over the course of a business cycle.

• Economic variables and different industries

- Inflation

- higher inflation is generally negative for stocks

- Interest rates

- For example, financial & housing industries will be adversely affect by high interest rates.

- International economics

- economic growth in world regions or specific countries benefits industries with a large presence in the areas

- Consumer sentiment

- the performance of consumer cyclical industries will be affected by changes in consumer sentiment

- Social influences

- Demographics - rise or fall in certain age groups

- Lifestyles - fads and fashions, eg, smart phones...

- Technology - IT

- Politics and Regulations

- Economic reasoning - Fairness

- regulatory changes affect numerous industries

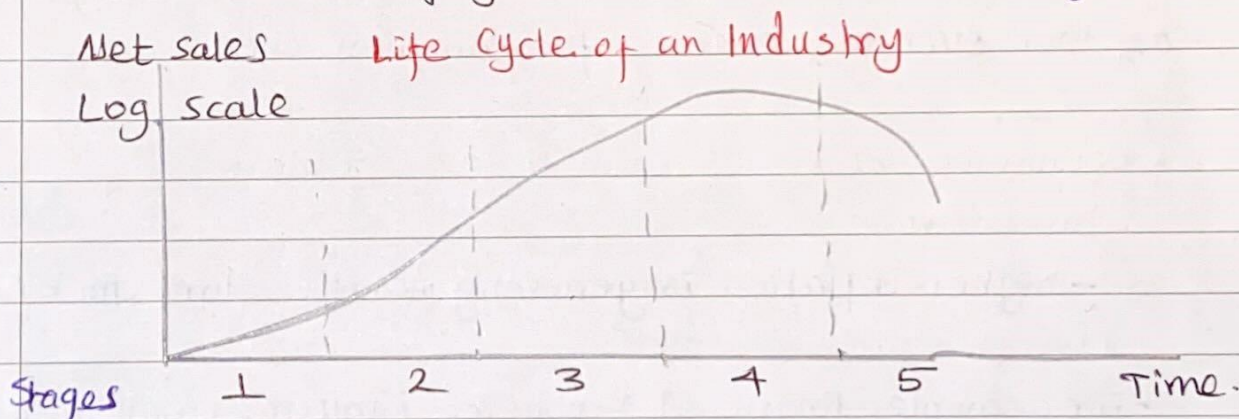
- regulations affect international commerce.

Evaluating the industry life cycle

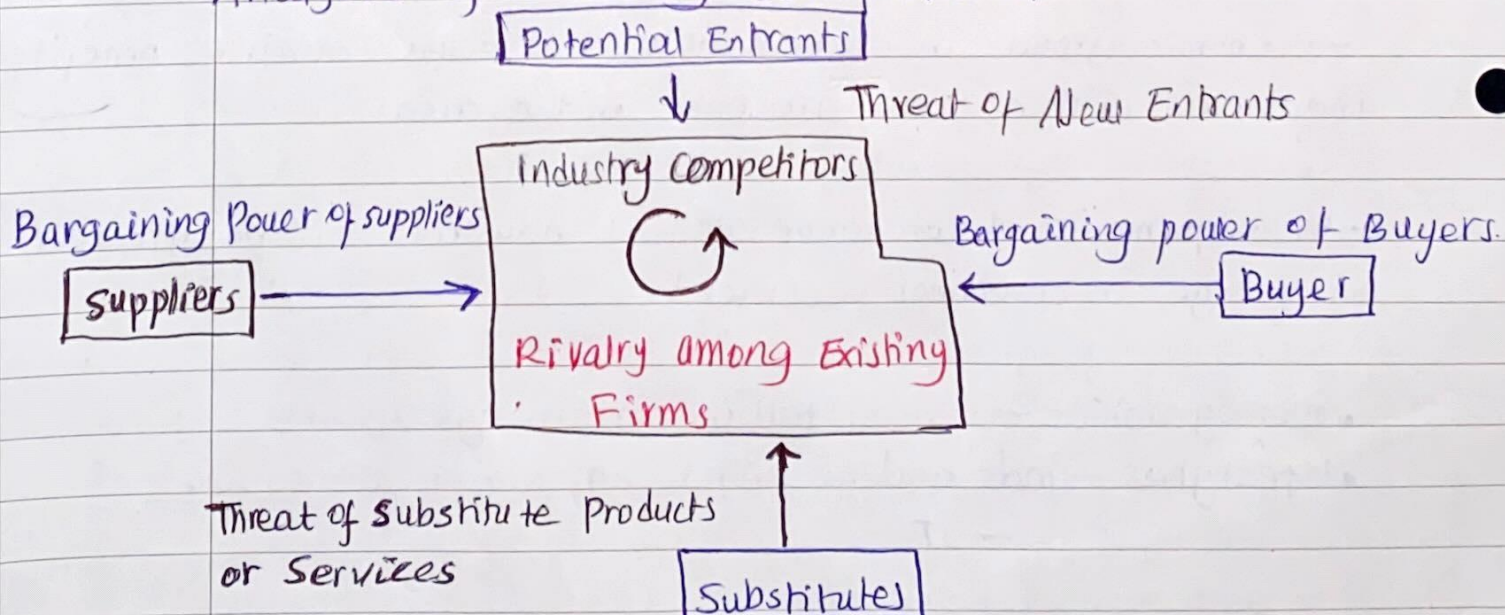
- when predicting the industry sales and trends in profitability, an insightful analysis is to view the the industry over time in different stages

• The Five-stage Model:

- Pioneering development Stage 1
- Rapidly accelerating industry growth stage 2
- Mature industry growth stage 3
- Stabilization and market maturity stage 4
- Deceleration of growth and decline stage 5



Analysis of industry competition



Industrial Competition

- Above average returns in an industry depends on
 - the intensity of competition among firms in the industry
 - (the competitive environment)
- 5 aspects to consider from the flow diagram (Michael Porter)
- Each aspect has an effect on Industry returns.

Microvaluation of Industries

- The same general techniques we used for markets can be applied at the industry level:
 - Discounted Cash Flows:
 - The Dividend Discount Model (DDM)
 - The Free Cash Flow to Equity Model (FCFE)
 - Relative Valuation Techniques:
 - The Earnings Multiplier Technique
 - Other Relative Valuation Ratios
- The main difference is in
 - the estimates of the individual variables,
 - In particular, the required rate of return.

Microvaluation of industries

Estimating Industry rates of return

- Estimating the Required Rate of Return (k)
 - Start with an estimate of the market k
 - Then, estimate ~~the market~~ the risk premium for the industry vs the market. Two alternative approaches:
 - 1) Individually estimate the components of risk for the industry:
 - business risk (BR)
 - financial risk (FR)
 - liquidity risk (LR)
 - exchange rate risk (ERR)
 - country political risk (CR)
 - 2) compute the required rate for industry from the CAPM:

$$E[R_j] = R_f + \beta_j (E[R_m] - R_f)$$

Global Industry analysis

- The macroeconomic environment in the major producing & consuming countries for this industry.
- An overall analysis of the significant companies in the industry & the products they produce.
- What are the accounting differences by country & how do these differences impact the relative valuation ratios?
- What is the effect of currency exchange rate trends for the major countries?