

## Reflection Questions

*Please consider the following questions before class begins:*

- Why do we adjust for terms of the transaction at the beginning of a comparable sales valuation?
- How are rental leases usually structured?
- What renovations or capital investments can be made on an office building? What about an apartment building? Hotel?

# Readings

- *Chapters 7 & 8 of Real Estate Principles: A Value Approach, Ling and Archer.*
- *Chapter 10 of Real Estate Finance and Investments, Brueggeman and Fisher.*

# Upcoming assignments

- HW2 now live and **due on February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- First case study **due on March 5<sup>th</sup>**

# Homework 1 commentary

- Average in the 90s, good work
- Deadlines will be more heavily enforced in future problem sets, be mindful of submission preparation
- Do not need to copy the question in your submission, but be sure to label everything carefully –  
1(a), 1(b), ....

# Homework 1 commentary

- Bid-rent model

*Cost per-mile*

$$\frac{w \text{ per hour}}{s \text{ miles per hour}} = \$ \frac{w}{s} \text{ per mile}$$

*Total travel cost*

$$(T \text{ round trips per month}) \times (X \text{ miles per round trip}) \times \left( \frac{w}{s} \right) \\ = (\$ \text{ time value of closer location})$$

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**Wage: \$30/hour & Speed: 15 mph => \$2/mile**

**Assuming 20 work-days in a month**

Miles	2	4	6
Travel cost	20*4*\$2 = \$160	20*8*\$2 = \$320	20*12*\$2 = \$480

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These are travel costs,  
but not the bid-rent  
curve!

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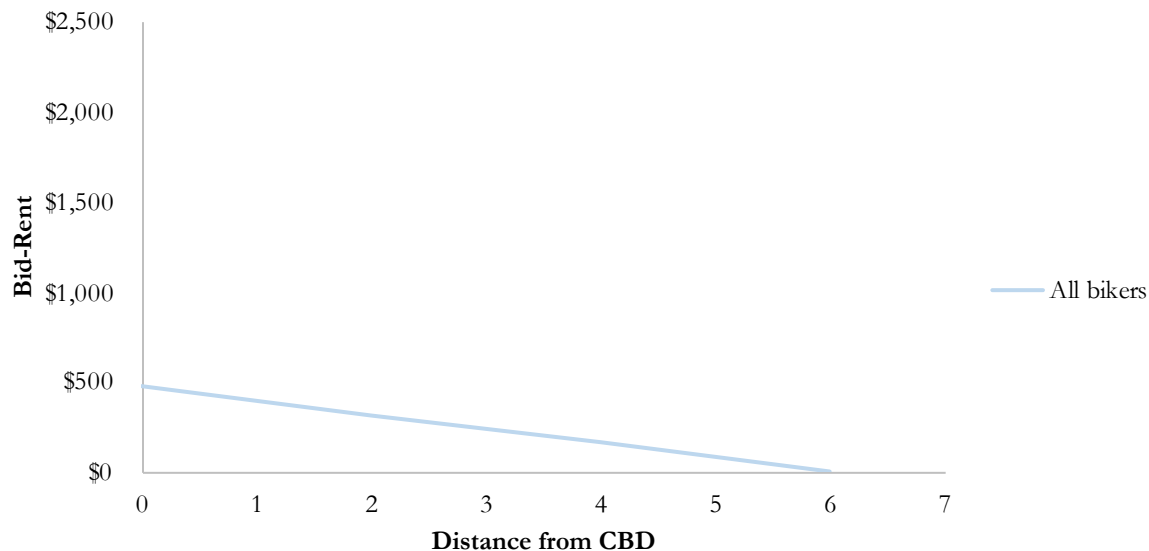
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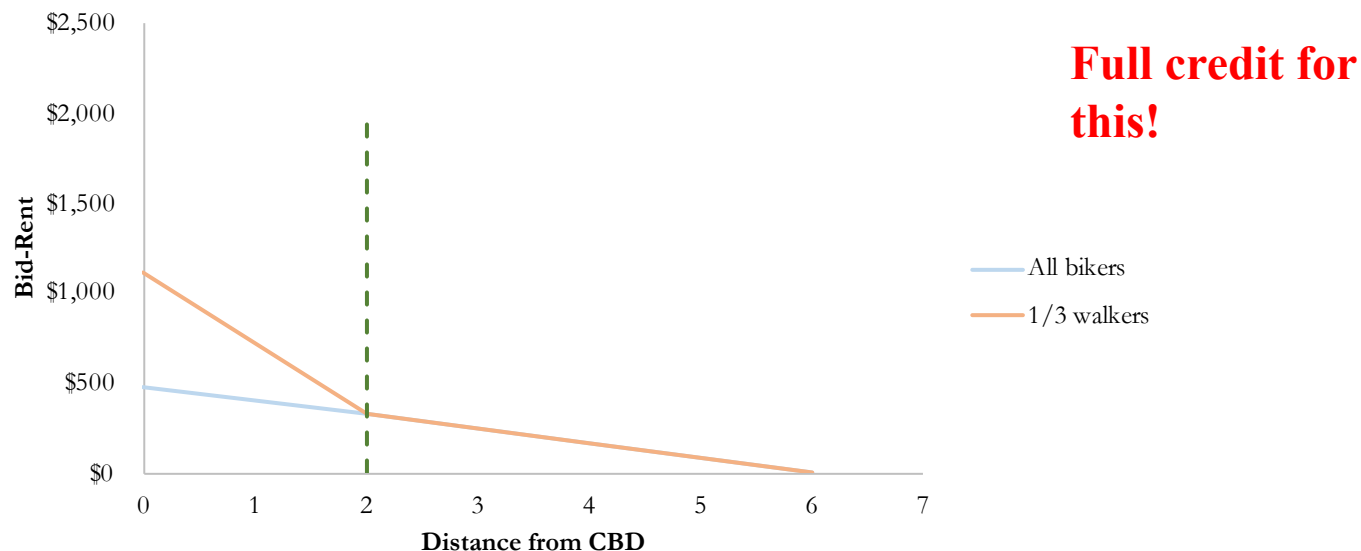
# Homework 1 mixing borrowers

**Bid-rent curve with all bikers**



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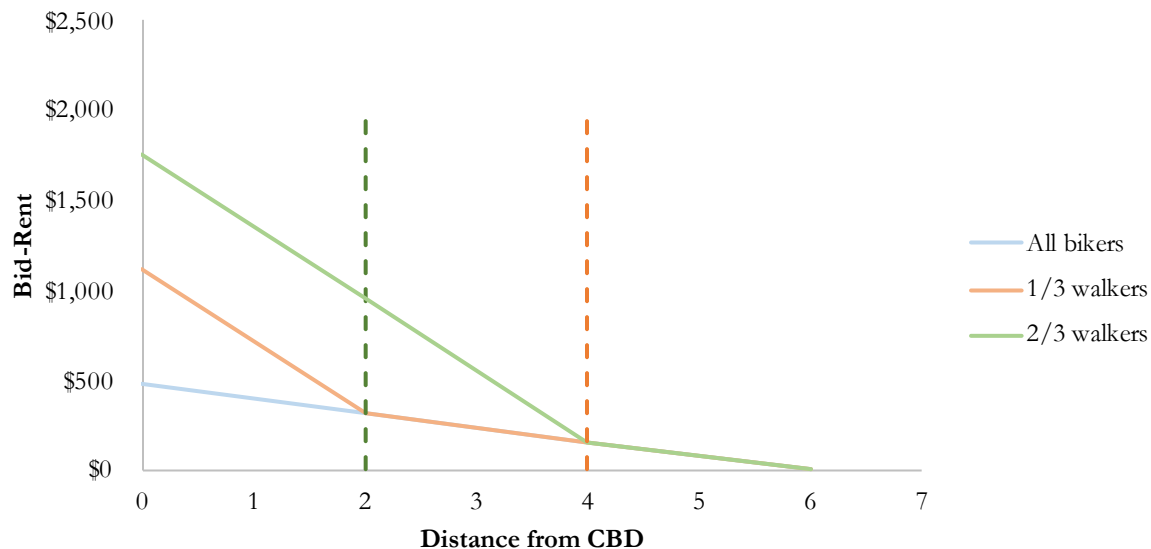
Bid-rent curve with walkers and bikers



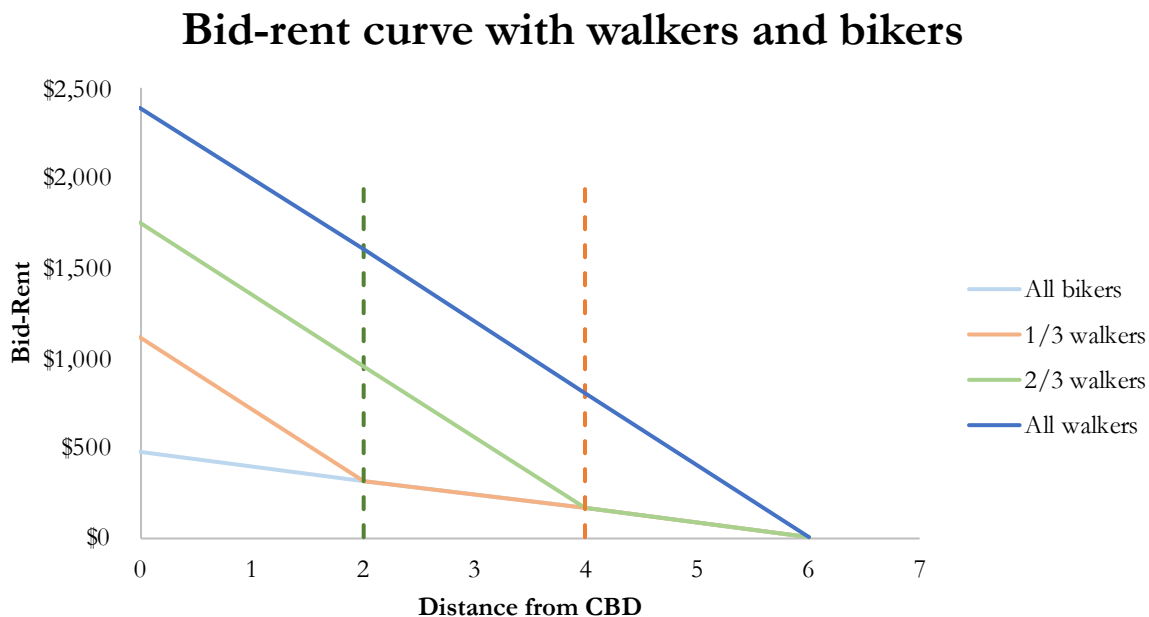
**In reality, this question was badly specified...**

# Homework 1 mixing borrowers

## Bid-rent curve with walkers and bikers



# Homework 1 mixing borrowers



# Today's class

- Brief reflection on last lecture – sales comparison approach to valuation
- Real estate valuation: **Income approach**
  - Estimating the net operating income (NOI)
  - Direct capitalization and discounted cash flow valuation



# Valuation of real estate – Income approach

HADM 4200, Spring 2024

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# Three approaches to valuation

Sales  
comparison  
approach

Common approach  
for **residential**  
**property**

Income  
approach

Common approach  
for **income-**  
**producing**  
commercial property

Cost  
approach

When reliable  
comparable sales or  
income **data are**  
**absent**

# Review –

## Sequence of adjustments to sale price of comparable

Sale price of comparable	
<i>Transaction adjustments:</i>	
Adjustment for property rights conveyed	+/-
Adjusted price	
Adjustment for financing terms	+/-
Adjusted price	
Adjustment for conditions of sale	+/-
Adjusted price	
Adjustment for expenditures immediately after purchase	+/-
Adjusted price	
Adjustment for market conditions	+/-
Adjusted price	
<i>Property adjustments for</i>	
Location	+/-
Physical characteristics	+/-
Economics characteristics	+/-
Use	+/-
Nonrealty components	-
Final adjusted sale price	

# Review – Might have many adjustments in practice

Elements of Comparison	Subject	Comp Sale 1	Comp Sale 2	Comp Sale 3
Sale price of comparable		\$169,900	\$167,200	\$157,100
<i>Transaction adjustments</i>				
Adj. for property rights conveyed	Fee simple	0	0	0
Adjusted price		\$169,900	\$167,200	\$157,100
Adjustment for financing terms	Conventional	0	0	0
Adjusted price		\$169,900	\$167,200	\$157,100
Adjustment for conditions of sale	Arm's length	0	0	0
Adjusted price		\$169,900	\$167,200	\$157,100
Adjustment for expenditures immediately after purchase		0	0	0
Adjusted price		\$169,900	\$167,200	\$157,100
Adjustment for market conditions	Today	0	1,500	1,900
Adjusted price		\$169,900	\$168,700	\$159,000
<i>Property Adjustments for</i>				
Location	Suburban	0	0	0

*Source: Ling & Archer  
Chapter 7*

# Three approaches to valuation

Sales  
comparison  
approach

Today  
Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>

Income  
approach

Thursday  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

Cost  
approach

Next week  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

**Might need to read ahead for homework!**

# Income approach to valuation

- Value of commercial real estate property should be thought of as a function of **expected cash flows**
- At a high level:
  1. Define and estimate cash flows
  2. The apply a multiplier or discount rate to **convert cash flows into a current market value**

# Getting at cash flows

- In the commercial real estate setting, lease terms are closely tied to cashflows. We want to use these terms to build an **operating statement**
- General structure:
  - Gross income
  - Account for losses and expense
  - Account for improvements
  - Find estimate for **net operating income (NOI)**

# Estimating net operating income (NOI)

	Abbrev.	Description
	PGI	Potential gross income
-	VC	Vacancy & collection loss
+	MI	Miscellaneous income
=	EGI	Effective gross income
-	OE	Operating expenses
-	CAPX	Capital expenditure
=	NOI	Net operating income

- May be referred to as a “**pro forma**” or a “**reconstructed operating statement**”
- There could be some difference –  
pro forma (accounting),  
reconstructed operating  
statement (appraisal specific)

# Rental income comes from leases

- General types of commercial real estate leases:
  - **Level lease payments:** Constant over time
  - **Step-up or graduated lease:** Increases on a schedule
  - **Indexed leases:** Rent tied to an inflation index, like the consumer price index (CPI)
  - **Percentage lease:** Rent includes a % of tenant sales (retail)

*What does your rental lease look like?*



# Rent concepts

- **Market rent:** Rental income that a property would be able to earn if leased out at current market rates
- **Contract rent:** Actual rent being paid under contractual commitments. **Could differ from current market rent!**
- **Natural vacancy rate:** The proportion of gross income not collected in stable markets / in equilibrium

# Potential gross income

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- Rental income assuming 100% occupancy
- Includes:
  - Contract rent from in place leases
  - Rent that could be collected from vacant space if leased at market rental rates

# Centre Point Office Building (L&A)

- Property consists of eight office suites, three on the first floor and five on the second.
- Contract rents: two 1,000-square-foot suites on the first floor renting at \$1,800 per month, one 2,000-square-foot suite on the first floor renting at \$3,600 per month, and five second-floor suites renting at \$1,560 per month.
- Annual market rent increases: 3% per year
- Vacancy and collection losses: 10% per year
- Operating expenses: 40% of effective gross income each year
- Capital expenditures: 5% of effective gross income each year
- Expected holding period: 5 years

# Centre Point Office Building (L&A)

## Three offices on first floor:

- 2 suites renting at \$1,800 per month
- 1 suite renting at \$3,600 per month

## Five offices on second floor:

- 5 suites renting at \$1,560 per month

**5 mins: What is the collective annual income from these properties?**

# Vacancy & collection loss

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VC based on:

- Historical experience of property
- Competing properties in the market
- Natural vacancy rate

Assumed 10% loss per year in example

# Miscellaneous income

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MI includes:

- Garage rentals & parking fees (office)
- Laundry and vending machines (apartments & office)

What else could be miscellaneous income?

# Effective gross income

Description	
Potential gross income (PGI)	\$180,000
- Vacancy & collection loss (VC)	18,000 Based on 10%
+ Miscellaneous income (MI)	0
= Effective gross income (EGI)	\$162,000

**Example assumed that OPEX was 40% of EGI  
and CAPEX was 5% of EGI**

# Operating expenses

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Ordinary and regular expenditure for property function

- *Fixed*: Don't vary with occupancy
  - Insurance, property tax
- *Variable*: Vary with occupancy
  - Utilities
  - Maintenance



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## Doesn't include:

- Mortgage/financing payments
- Tax depreciation
- Capital expenditures
- Leasing commissions

# Capital expenditure

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Non-recurring expenditures that increase value of structure or prolong its useful life

- HVAC replacement
- Resurfacing parking

**What are some other examples?**

# Capital expenditure – Need to be wary

Most appraisers treat CAPX as “above line” expense

Above Line

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{EGI} \\ & - \text{OE} \\ & - \text{CAPX} \\ & = \text{NOI} \end{aligned}$$


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Institutional investors usually treat CAPX as “below line” expense.

Below Line

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{EGI} \\ & - \text{OE} \\ & = \text{NOI} \end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} & - \text{CAPX} \\ & = \text{Net Cash Flow} \end{aligned}$$


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# First-Year Pro Forma – Bringing it together

Potential gross income (PGI)	\$180,000
Less: Vacancy and collection losses (VC)	18,000
Effective gross income (EGI)	162,000

Less: Operating expenses (OE)	
Fixed expenses	25,100
Variable expenses	39,700
Total operating expenses	64,800

Less: Capital expenditure (CAPX)	
Roof and other exterior	2,800
Tenant improvements	3,200
Leasing commissions	2,100
Total capital expenditures	8,100
NOI	\$89,100

Fixed expense detail	
Taxes	15,900
Insurance	9200
	<u>\$25,100</u>

Variable expense detail	
Utilities	12,800
Garbage collection	1,000
Supplies	3,000
Repairs	5,200
Maintenance	10,500
Management	7,200
	<u>\$39,700</u>

# Sources of industry expense data

Getting all this information can be tricky

Starting points:

- Institute of Real Estate Management: [Link](#)
- Building Owners and Managers Association: [Link](#)
- International Council of Shopping Centers: [Link](#)
- Urban Land Institute (ULI): [Link](#)
- Conversations with local participants, other financial reports

# Net operating income additional

- Projected stream of future NOI is fundamental for valuation
- NOI must be sufficient to:
  - Service mortgage debt
  - Provide equity investor with an acceptable return on equity
- NOI and net cash flows (NCF) are not the same

# Other lease terms

- Lease contracts could expire while property is still being held by investor – one would expect this to cause some vacancy
  - Two months of vacancy in a year would mean vacancy loss of  $(2/12) \times \text{Rent}$
- Possible to have tenant pay for operating expenses in the lease terms
  - “Expense stops” are common in office leases. This makes tenant responsible for opex over a certain amount. Owner covers all expenses up to the stop.
  - “Reimbursable expenses” are the total amount of expenses above the stop that the tenant must reimburse the owner for

# Other lease terms

- **Management fees** are common in retail, office, hotel and multifamily
  - This involves having a third-party entity manage property
- Compensation for management of tenants and property
- Management fees could reduce EGI or PGI



# Valuation overview

With NOI estimate, we are ready to estimate property value using the **income approach**

We will focus on:

1. **Direct capitalization** with cap rates
2. **Discounted cash flow** analysis using discount rates

# Direct capitalization

Current market value given by:

$$V_0 = \frac{NOI_1}{R_0}$$

- $V_0$  – *Current value/value today*
- $NOI_1$  – *Projected income over next year*
- $R_0$  – *Capitalization rate*

# Direct capitalization

$$V_0 = \frac{NOI_1}{R_0}$$

- $V_0$  – Current value/value today

*Unknown, we are trying to figure this out*

- $NOI_1$  – Projected income over next year

*Estimated from operating statements*

- $R_0$  – Capitalization rate

*Computed based on comparable properties*

# Direct capitalization - Extracting R

- We still have to think of the set of **comparables**!
  - Location, size, scale, age, construction quality
  - Operating efficiency, existing leases and lease terms
- For each comp, can compute:

$$R_0 = \frac{NOI_1}{\text{Selling Price}}$$

Purchase cap rate is known as the “going-in” cap rate

# Direct capitalization - Extracting $R$

- With many comparable properties, we'll have many  $R_0$  “going-in” cap rates
- Like the comparable sales approach, we can now take a weighted average of the  $R_0$  estimates to find our relevant cap rate

# Centre Point Example and Cap Rates

Comparable	First-year <i>NOI</i>		Sale Price		$R_0$
A	\$ 80,000	÷	\$ 919,540	=	0.087
B	114,000	÷	1,390,244	=	0.082
C	100,000	÷	1,250,000	=	0.080
D	72,000	÷	808,989	=	0.089
E	90,000	÷	1,097,561	=	<u>0.082</u>
			Average	=	0.084

Defining our comparables market equally important here!

What could lead to a misleading cap rate?

Excel

# Centre Point Example and Cap Rates

Compute estimated market value, using expected first year NOI (i.e., next 12 months):

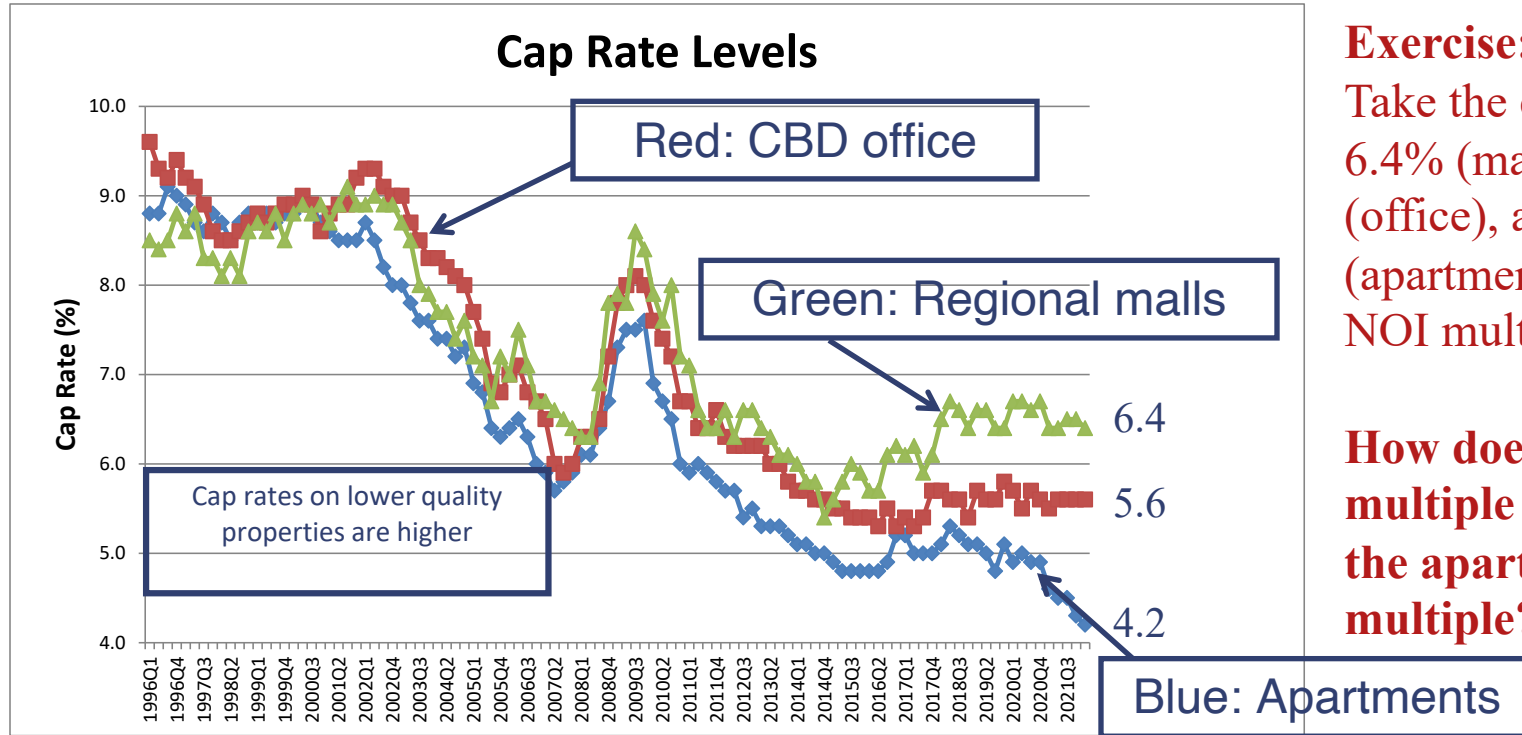
$$Value = \frac{\$89,100}{0.084} = \$1,060,714$$

# Where can we get cap rates?

- CoStar ([www.costar.com/products/analytics](http://www.costar.com/products/analytics))
- RERC ([www.rerc.com](http://www.rerc.com))
- Grubb & Ellis ([www.grubb-ellis.com](http://www.grubb-ellis.com))
- Moody's  
(<https://cre.moodyanalytics.com/capabilities/data/>)
- RCA (<https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/real-assets/real-capital-analytics>)
- Other appraisers & market participants



# U.S. Cap Rates 1996 Q1 to 2021 Q3



## Exercise:

Take the cap rates of 6.4% (mall), 5.6% (office), and 4.2% (apartment) and find the NOI multiple for each

**How does the mall multiple compare to the apartments multiple?**

Source: Real Estate Research Corporation's *Real Estate Report*

# Capitalization rate notes

## Cap rate is a multiplier – not a discount rate

- Similar to price/earning multiple or dividend yield in equity valuation

## Relationship with value

- Lower cap rate – implies higher property value
- Unanticipated increases in demand and/or lower financing costs drive cap rate lower **Why?**

# Capitalization rate notes

Private vs investment value

- Direct capitalization does not say anything about the **investment potential** of a property
- It only allows us to determine a fair **market price**

**Comparability assumptions must be satisfied** for market-derived cap rates to make sense

# Comparability assumption example

Suppose we have two office buildings with identical floorplans, location and square footage but differences in their tenant leases:

- **Office one: 4 large tenants** on long-term lease basis
- **Office two: 30 small tenants** with shorter-term average lease maturities with other different lease characteristics

# Discounted cash flows (DCF)

A key downside of the capitalization rate method is that it **relies exclusively on the first year of NOI** and ignores all other cash flows

- Value should tell us about all future cash flows!

Using a DCF approach we account for **all future cash flows** and use those those to find a present value

# Discounted cash flows (DCF)

Process for DCF valuation:

1. Select a holding period – **What makes sense?**
2. Forecast annual NOI over this period
3. Forecast future sales price
4. Choose a discount rate  $r$  and use it to estimate value

**What could go wrong with this approach?**

# Discounted cash flows (DCF)

1. **Select a holding period** —  $T$  varies by property type, investor
2. **Forecast annual NOI** — Use previously discussed methods
3. **Forecast future sales price** — Different approaches
  - Use  $T+1$  NOI forecast with “**terminal**” cap rate  $R_T$
  - Observed data from older comparable property
  - Used estimated change in property value

# DCF example

- 5 year holding period
- NOI grows 3% per year with initial NOI of \$92,000
- Estimate sales price using T+1 NOI forecast, terminal cap rate  $R_T = 8.75\%$
- Assume discount rate 10%

Excel



# DCF vs cap rate

- Fewer **explicit** assumptions and forecasting under the direct capitalization method
- But what **implicit** assumptions are we making?