

Financial Engineering Exam Questions.

Question 1.

Duration is 5. Convexity of 75. I think we know just by looking that it will increase. There's an equation online $\text{New Price} = \text{Old Price} + \text{Derivative of Price at old rate} * \text{change in rate} + \frac{1}{2} * \text{Price}.$

Don't need initial price cuz equation is concerned with rates. $-5 * .01 * .5 * 75 * .01^2.$

.05375 is the correct answer. Always better to assume something and do the question, though you never should have to.

Question 2a.

Average daily return = .0008. Assume that the return given was arithmetic. So we do $(1 + \text{DailyReturn})^{252} - 1$
22.23%

2b.

Monthly return is same as above but use 12. Get 19.6%

2c.

Annual Variance = $252 * \text{Daily Variance}$
Annual stdev = $\sqrt{252} * \text{daily std dev} = 35\%$

2d.

Get 36%. Annual stdev = $\sqrt{52} * \text{std week}.$

3a. Can't answer with info we learned this semester.

3b. Can use a program if you want, though you just need to add and multiply.

Covariance matrix = variances in diagonal and covariances in off-diagonal .

$U = [.31; .43]$ and $\text{Sigma} = [[.27^2, .64 * .27 * .45], [\text{Same}, .45^2]]$

$A = [[a, b], [b, c]] = [\mu, 1]' \text{Sigma}^{-1} [\mu, 1]$.

There's a way to calculate the inverse of A in the week 40 slides.

$A = [[1.4, 4.197], [4.197, 13.75]].$

$\text{Stdev} = 1/\sqrt{c} = 1/\sqrt{13.75} = .2697. \mu = b/c = .03051$

$\text{Weights} = 1/c * \text{inverse of sigma} * 1. = [1.045, -.0405]$

3c. Excess return = .2471

Check slides from week 41. Stdev = .2963 and waits = [.686, 0.319]

3d. Sharpe Ratios

Asset 1 = $.37 - .1 / .22 = .778$. Asset 2 = .0733. GMV = .761. Tan = $(.2471 / .29) = .852$

4th.

Calculate market size by doing # shares * price for every stock.

Get weights of market portfolio by doing value / total market value.

In CAPM all investors hold some proportion of their wealth in tangent portfolio.

Market portfolio = tangent portfolio

Know for a fact that santa doesn't hold market portfolio cuz 0% in mcdonalds.

Excel sheet online

5th

Beta of portfolio is the weighted average of the asset betas.

When the question says show I think that means you have to derive.

Check phone.

Show the formula for beta of an asset. Formula for return of portfolio.

If beta is 1 then expected return is equal to market but not in reality cuz expectations.

If beta = 0. Then expected return is the risk free rate.

Question 8.

Take a combination of assets that may not be efficient. Then combine them to become efficient. False.

Question 14 – B.

Question 15 – F.

Question 16 –

Question 19 -