

COMM 370 – Corporate Finance

MIDTERM REVIEW SESSION

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CMP Midterm Review Session

Agenda



0	AC Introduction & Midterm Exam Info	5 mins
1	Topic 1 – Financial Analysis (Cash cycles, working capital)	20 mins

Topic 2 – Finance Planning, Forecasting and EFN

- Break 10 minute break
- Topic 3 Valuation & Capital Budgeting (APV, WACC, CFTE) 45 mins
- Topic 4/5 Raising Capital & Corporate Governance 15 mins
- Break 10 minute break
- 7 Practice Mid-term Questions & Walk through Remainder of time

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30 mins

Information about the Midterm Exam 2020



Exam Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020

Exam Time: 7:00 pm PDT* The exam will be 2 hours long.

*Start the exam as close to 7pm as possible, because UBC exam policy requires all students to start their exam within 30 minutes of the official start time. After 30 minutes, students will be locked out of the exam.

<u>Exam Location:</u> Online Canvas exam written remotely and proctored online by Proctorio. Due to the online and offsite nature of the exam, students will be required to do an academic integrity pledge as part of the exam.

Exam content:

- Students are responsible for all the material contained in lecture notes, recordings, problem sets, class discussions and assignments for Topics 1 through 5.
- Students are responsible for the key concepts illustrated in the Clarkson Lumber Case and discussed in class.

The following items are permitted:

- A formula sheet will be provided in a link on the exam. A copy of this formula sheet is also posted on Canvas in the Midterm Exam Information module and may be printed out in advance of the exam.
- Calculators are essential, but must NOT have graphing, text display, or wireless communication capabilities. Only non-graphing calculators are allowed.
- Scrap paper may be used during the exam for calculations, but all answers must be entered directly in the Canvas exam as indicated. Students will *not* be required to upload any work

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Introductory Poll



Question 1: How is everyone feeling for the 370 midterm? (Single choice)

- A) Confident I've studied a lot and done most of the practice problems
- B) Good I've reviewed the lectures and done some practice problems
- C) Okay I've reviewed some notes but have NOT done any practice problems
- D) Bad I haven't even started reviewing the notes
- E) Really bad I don't even know what I'm doing

Question 2: What are you looking to get most out of this session? (Multi choice)

- A) Answers for the practice midterm
- B) Basic memory refresher of core concepts
- C) I need to learn the entire course in the next 3 hours
- D) Tips and tricks to do well on the exam
- E) Just here for a good time, not a long time
- F) Step-by-step guidance to answering questions
- G) All of the above (Don't select any other ones if you choose this option)

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Learning objectives

- Why do we need financial ratios?
- 5 Types of financial ratios (Leverage Ratios, Liquidity Ratios, Profitability Ratios, Efficiency Ratios, Market Value Ratios)
- Using Z-Score as an indicator of bankruptcy
- Operating Cycle, Cash Cycle, Sources & Uses of Cash





Why do we need financial ratios?

Financial Ratios

- Financial ratios help describe a firms CURRENT and PAST financial situations
- Tools are useful in the real world! Financial analysts look at ratios and compare it all the time
- Helps investors monitor a firms activities
- Sources & uses of cash can be derived from accounting data

5 types of financial ratios

Leverage Ratios (LT Solvency)

Book Leverage

Total Debt / BV of Assets

Market Leverage

Total Debt / (Total Debt + MV of Equity)

Book Debt to EquityRatio

Total Debt / BV of Equity

Market Debt to Equity Ratio

Total Debt / MV of Equity

Interest Coverage

(EBIT + Depreciation) / Interest Expense

Liquidity Ratios (ST Solvency)

Current Ratio

Current Assets / Current Liabilities

Quick (Acid-Test) Ratio

(Cash + Accounts Receivables) / Current Liabilities

Profitability Ratios

Net Profit Margin

Net Income / Revenue

Return on Assets (ROA)

Net Income / Total Assets

Return on Equity (ROE)

Net Income / Equity

Payout Ratio

Dividends / Net Income

Retention Ratio

1 – Payout ratio

Efficiency Ratios

Total Asset Turnover

Revenues / Asset

Inventory Turnover

COGS / (Avg. Inventory)

Inventory Period

365 / Inventory Turnover

Receivables Turnover

Sales / Avg. Receivables

Payables Turnover

COGS / Avg. Payables

Market Value Ratios

P/E Ratio

- 1) Share Price / EPS
- 2) Market cap / Net income

Dividend Yield

Dividends per Share / Share Price

Market-to-Book Equity Ratio (M/B)

Market Equity / Book Equity

Operating Cycle

Inventory Period + Receivables Period

Cash Cycle

Operating Cycle – Payables Period

Topic 1 – Financial Analysis



Exam tip! Label your formula sheet and outline the categories

Ratios and Financial Analysis:

Book Leverage = Total Debt / BV of A

Market Leverage = Total Debt / (Total Debt + MV of E)

Book Debt to Equity = Total Debt / BV of E

Market Debt to Equity = Total Debt / MV of E

Interest Coverage = (EBIT + Depreciation) / Interest Expense

Current Ratio = CA / CL

Quick (Acid-Test) Ratio = (Cash + Receivables) / CL

Net Profit Margin = NI / Revenues

Total Asset Turnover = Revenues / A

ROA = NI / A (or Net profit margin x Total Asset Turnover)

ROE = NI / E (or Net profit margin x Total Asset Turnover x Assets/Equity)

Payout Ratio = Dividends / NI

Retention Ratio = 1 - Payout Ratio

P/E Ratio = Share Price / EPS

Dividend Yield = Dividend per Share / Share Price

Market-to-Book Equity = MV of E / BV of E

Inventory Turnover = COGS / Avg. Inventory

Inventory Period = 365 / Inventory Turnover

Receivables Turnover = Revenues / Avg. Receivables

Receivables Period = 365 / Receivables Turnover

Payables Turnover = COGS / Avg. Payables

Payables Period = 365 / Payables Turnover

Operating Cycle = Inventory Period + Receivables Period

Cash Cycle = Operating Cycle – Payables Period

Leverage Ratios

Liquidity Ratios

Profitability Ratios

Market Value Ratios

Efficiency Ratios



Altman's Z-Score Model for Bankruptcy Prediction

Altman's Z-Score Model

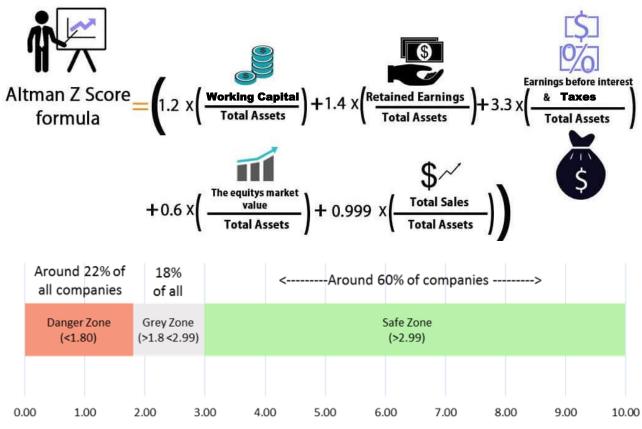
Z-Score Formula = 1.2 (A) + 1.4 (B) + 3.3 (C) + 0.6 (D) + 1.0 (E)

Where:

- (A) = Net Working Capital / Total Assets
- (B) = Retained Earnings / Total Assets
- (C) = EBIT / Total Assets
- (D) = Market Value of Equity / Book Value of Total Liabilities
- (E) = Total Sales / Total Assets

Also known as:

- (A) = Net Working Capital / Total Assets
- (B) = Retained Earnings / Total Assets
- (C) = EBIT / Total Assets
- (D) = Market Capitalization / Book Value of Total Liabilities
- (E) = Revenue / Total Assets





Operating Cycle, Cash Cycle, Sources & Uses

Formulas and Illustration

Operating Cycle (OC)
Inventory Period (IP) + Avg. Receivables Period (ARP)

Cash Cycle (CC)

OC – Avg. Payable Period (APP)

= IP + ARP - APP

Cash cycle formula will determine need for short-term financing! Important to recognize.

Cash Conversion Cycle Example

Operating Cycle					
Inventory Days = 90		Accounts Receivable Days = 60			
← Buy	Pay →		Sell →	Receive →	
	unts Payak Days = 30	ole	Cash Conversion Cycle = 120		

Sources & Uses of Cash

∆Cash = Sources of cash – Uses of cash

Sources of cash: Uses of cash:

Long-term debt issued Long-term debt reduced

New equity issued Equity retired

Increases in CL items Decreases in CL items

Decreases in CA items (excl. cash) Increases in CA items (excl. cash)

Operating Cash Flow Dividends

Sources and uses of cash are CHANGES to operational balance sheet items for example, it is 'increases in CL items' instead of 'CL items'



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Topic 2 – Financial Planning, Forecasting, and EFN



Learning objectives

- Making assumptions for ratios, growth rates, and determining the external financing needed (EFN)
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- Clarkson lumber case high level summary





Forecasting assumptions and steps to forecasting

Forecasting and assumptions

In addition to the forecast sales growth rate you need to use past ratios or industry information for the following:

- Operating cost structure: variable and fixed costs, gross margin, operating margin etc
- Turnover ratios: use credit terms given to customers / obtained from suppliers / inventory level required and historical ratios
- Interest expense: from loan agreements and o/s debt
- Tax rate: use effective tax rate from past
- Capital asset requirements: does sales growth lead to additional capacity requirements or not
- Dividends: consider dividend policy and past payout rate

On the exam

- Growth rates and metrics are usually given
- Just forecast out each line item
- Be careful with your calculations!

Steps to forecasting

Step 1: Write down all the assumptions (usually given) and solve for unknown variables

Step 2: Forecast the income statement

Step 3: Forecast the balance sheet

Step 4: Sum your Assets & Liabilities + Equity and

determine the External Financing needed

Example #1 – CMP Holdings

Suppose CMP Holdings wants to grow sales by 30% in 2021

Assumptions for pro-forma income statement:

- Cost structure remains fixed: COGS is 60% of sales
- Operating expenses increases by 5%
- Interest expense is 5% of notes payable + long-term debt
- Tax rate is 40%
- Dividend policy is 1/3 of net income

Assumptions for pro-forma balance sheet:

- All current assets grow by 25%
- Net fixed assets grow by 25%
- Accounts payable grows by 20%



CMP Holdings Income Statement & Balance Sheet Example

Example #1 – CMP Holdings

CMP Holdings Income Statement for 2020	
(in thousands of dollars)	
	2020
Sales	7000
(-) COGS (60% of sales)	4200
(-) Operating Expenses	600
EBIT	2200
(-) Interest Expense	250
Taxable Income	1950
(-) Tax (40% tax rate)	780
Net income	1170
(-) Dividend (1/3 of NI)	390
Addition to retained earnings	780

CMP Holdings Balance Sheet as of Dec 2020						
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Assets	2020					
Cash	500					
Accounts receivable	500					
Inventory	600					
Current Assets	1600					
Net Fixed Assets	4150					
Total Assets	5750					

CMP Holdings					
Balance Sheet as of Dec 2020					
Liabilities & Equity	2020				
Accounts payable (AP)	250				
Notes payable	500				
Current Liabilities	750				
Long-term debt	2000				
Total Liabilities	2750				
Common Stock	1500				
Retained Earnings	1500				
Total Equity	3000				
Total Liablities + Equity	5750				

Write down all your assumptions and forecast the income statement

Step 1: Write down all the assumptions (usually given) and solve for unknown variables

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Solve for interest expense figure

Given:

Notes Payable = \$500 LT Debt = \$2000 Total Interest-Bearing Debt = \$2500

Solve:

Interest Expense = \$2500 * (0.05)
Interest Expense = \$125

CMP Holdings	
Balance Sheet as of Dec 2	020
Liabilities & Equity	2020
Accounts payable (AP)	250
Notes payable	500
Current Liabilities	750
Long-term debt Total Liabilities	2000 2750
Common Stock	1500
Retained Earnings	1500
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Total Liablities + Equity	5750

Step 2: Forecast the income statement

CMP Holdings

Pro-Forma Income Statement for 2020

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	(in thousands of dollars)			
		2020	2021	Calculation
	Sales (+ 30%)	7000	9100	= 7000 * 1.30
(-)	COGS (60% of sales)	4200	5460	= 9100 * 0.6
(-)	Operating Expenses (+5%)	600	630	= 600 * 1.05
	EBIT	2200	3010	= 9100-5460-630
(-)	Interest Expense (5% of debt)	250	125	= (0.05)*(500+2500)
	Taxable Income	1950	2885	= 3010-125
(-)	Tax (40% tax rate)	780	1154	= 2885 * 0.40
	Net income	1170	1731	= 2885-1154
(-)	Dividend (1/3 of NI)	390	577	= 1731 * (1/3)
	Addition to retained earnings	780	1154	= 1731-577

Topic 2 – Financial Planning, Forecasting, and EFN



Forecast the balance sheet and determine the EFN

Step 3: Forecast the balance sheet

Assumptions for pro-forma balance sheet:

- All current assets grow by 25%
- Net fixed assets grow by 25%
- Accounts payable grows by 20%

CMP Holdings Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (Assets) as of Dec 2020							
Assets	2020	2021	Change				
Cash (+25%)	500	625	125				
Accounts receivable (+25%)	500	625	125				
Inventory (+25%)	600	750	150				
Current Assets	1600	2000	400				
Net Fixed Assets (+25%)	4150	5187.5	1037.5				
Total Assets	5750	7187.5	1437.5				

CMP Holdings						
Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (L+E) as of Dec 2020						
Liabilities & Equity	2020	2021	Change			
Accounts payable (AP) (+20%)	250	300	50			
Notes payable	500	500	-			
Current Liabilities	750	800	50			
Long-term debt (no change)	2000	2000	-			
Total Liabilities	2750	2800	50			
Common Stock (no change)	1500	1500	-			
Retained Earnings	1500	2654	1,154			
Total Equity	3000	4154	1,154			
Total Liablities + Equity	5750	6954	1,204			

2021 Assets (7187.5) DOES NOT equal 2021 Liabilities + Equity (6954)

Balance sheet needs to balance. A = L + E, remember to add 2020 RE to 2021 RE

Step 4: Sum your Assets & Liabilities + Equity and determine the External Financing needed

Last step:

Total Assets (2021) = 7187.5 Total Liabilities + Equity (2021) = 6954

External Financing Needed (EFN)

7187.5 - 6954 = 233.5

Difference in the change

1437.50 - 1204 = 233.5

CMP Holdings

Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (L+E) as of Dec 2020

Liabilities & Equity	2020	2021	Change
Accounts payable (AP) (+20%)	250	300	50
Notes payable	500	500	-
Current Liabilities	750	800	50
Long-term debt (debt financing)	2000	2233.5	234
Total Liabilities	2750	3033.5	284
Common Stock (no change)	1500	1500	-
Retained Earnings	1500	2654	1,154
Total Equity	3000	4154	1,154
Total Liablities + Equity	5750	7187.5	1,437.5

Topic 2 – Financial Planning, Forecasting, and EFN



3 different ways to finance: debt, equity, and debt+equity

Different ways to finance externally – financing the 233.5 needed

1) Issue Long-term debt								
CMP Holdings (Debt Financing)								
Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (L+E)	as of Dec	2020						
Liabilities & Equity	2020	2021	Change					
Accounts payable (AP) (+20%)	250	300	50.0					
Notes payable	500	500	-					
Current Liabilities	750	800	50.0					
Long-term debt (debt financing)	2000	2233.5	233.5					
Total Liabilities	2750	3033.5	283.5					
Common Stock (no change)	1500	1500	-					
Retained Earnings	1500	2654	1,154.0					
Total Equity	3000	4154	1,154.0					
Total Liablities + Equity	5750	7187.5	1,437.5					

2) Issue Equity							
CMP Holdings (Equity Financing)							
Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (L+E) a	as of Dec	2020					
Liabilities & Equity	2020	2021	Change				
Accounts payable (AP) (+20%)	250	300	50.0				
Notes payable	500	500	-				
Current Liabilities	750	800	50.0				
Long-term debt (no change)	2000	2000	-				
Total Liabilities	2750	2800	50.0				
Common Stock (equity financing)	1500	1733.5	233.5				
Retained Earnings	1500	2654	1,154.0				
Total Equity	3000	4387.5	1,387.5				
Total Liablities + Equity	5750	7187.5	1,437.5				

3) Issue Debt + Equity					
CMP Holdings (Debt + Equity Financing)					
Pro-Forma Balance Sheet (L+E) as of Dec 2020					
Liabilities & Equity	2020	2021	Change		
Accounts payable (AP) (+20%)	250	300	50.0		
Notes payable	500	500	-		
Current Liabilities	750	800	50.0		
Long-term debt (debt financing)	2000	2116.75	116.8		
Total Liabilities	2750	2916.75	166.8		
Common Stock (no change)	1500	1616.75	116.8		
Retained Earnings	1500	2654	1,154.0		
Total Equity	3000	4270.75	1,270.8		
Total Liablities + Equity	5750	7187.5	1,437.5		

Alternative scenarios to financing

- 1. Changing asset turnover ratios or days (ie. Increase AP period, reducing AR period, shortening inventory period) Think: sources of cash
- Adjust AP to take advantage of supplier discounts (reference to Clarkson Lumber), using 2/10 net 45, which basically means you get 2% off if you pay in 10 days

Internal Growth Rates (Gi)

Review

Internal Growth Rate Gⁱ: Sales growth rate that can be supported internally with no EFN

$$G^i = ROA * r / (1 - ROA * r)$$

Growth is financed with retained earnings only

Where:

ROA = Return on Assets
r = Retention rate = (1 - Payout ratio);
Payout ratio = Dividend/NI

Assumes:

Everything on income statement and assets grows at Gi

Drivers for Internal Growth Rate

- Retention ratio (r) increasing = money retained earnings = more funds to grow
- Dividend payout ratio decreasing
- Increase in Total Asset Turnover
- Increase in profit margin

What happens to debt/equity ratio if we grow at **G**ⁱ?

Question

- A) Debt to equity ratio remains the stay
- B) Debt to equity ratio decreases
- C) Debt to equity ratio increases

Answer: Debt to equity ratio DECREASES since DEBT remains unchanged and equity (retained earnings) keeps growing!

- Reminder from topic 2 we can determine external financing needed if we have a specific growth rate in mind.
- But we can also do the opposite: based on target EFN, we can determine the growth rate needed

Sustainable Growth Rate (G*)

Review

Sustainable Growth Rate G*: The *Maximum s*ales growth rate that be achieved by borrowing (debt)

 $G^* = ROE * r / (1 - ROE * r)$

Growth is financed with retained earnings and borrowing

Where:

ROE = Return on Equity

 \mathbf{r} = Retention rate = (1 - Payout ratio);

Payout ratio = Dividend/NI

Assumes:

- No external equity financing
- Borrowing an amount to maintain a constant debt/equity ratio

Drivers for Sustainable Growth Rate

- Increasing D/E ratio (increasing leverage)
- Increase in Total Asset Turnover
- · Increase in profit margin
- · Increasing retention ratio by reducing dividends

Question:

- A) Debt to equity ratio remains the stay
- B) Debt to equity ratio decreases
- C) Debt to equity ratio increases

Answer: Debt to equity ratio Stays the same

Summary & Takeaways

- Financial planning models are simple, but very useful to forecast a firm's external financial needs.
- They are useful to construct pro-forma financial statements, which lead to cash flow forecasts.
- Any assumptions can be built into the analysis if you use a spreadsheet.
- External financing needs increase with the speed of growth.

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Clarkson Lumber case

Case Details / Summary

Case Details

- Clarkson was growing at an unsustainable growth rate, external financing was needed to support poor cash cycle management
- Issues related to A/P management (trade discount) and A/R collection
- Clarkson is profitable, but not profitable enough to sustain growing at 21.6% with INTERNAL funds, it needs to raise EXTERNAL FINANCING
- For EFN, it has to be debt, since he does not want to issue equity (as illustrated by the buy out of another shareholder)
- Decisions made on the inputs on the cash conversion cycle (CCC) ultimately will put more pressure on EFN

What you need to know

Summary

- (1) Unsustainable sales growth rate of 21.6% together with (2) a long sales cycle (CCC) and
- (3) lack of uber-profitability that creates more pressure on EFN.
- (4) Exacerbating that issue is that any EFN would have to be debt (and not equity because he does not want to give up control)
- (5) Trade credit has expanded 35 to 54 days
- (6) A/R collection has slowed from 38 to 49 days
- 1. High level understanding of the case
- 2. Professor said don't worry, exam won't be as hard as the case
- 3. Understand how to calculate a supplier discount 2/10, net 45, etc.

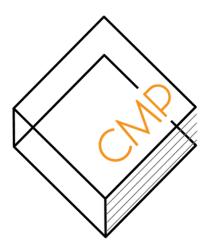
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10-min Break



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Learning objectives

- Value firms and projects financed solely with equity as well as those financed in part by debt
- Determine when and how to use three standard valuation methods: cash flow to equity (CFTE), adjusted present value (APV), and weighted average cost of capital (WACC)
- Discuss the discount rate used to value firms and projects (denominator of valuation formulas) and determine what cash flows should be used in valuation and why (numerator of valuation formula)
- Explain how depreciation (capital cost allowance, CCA) is treated in Canada and use the "tax shield approach" to incorporate this in the valuation of Canadian businesses



COMM 370 Midterm Formula Sheet



COMM/COEC 370 Midterm Formula Sheet continued

Valuation and Capital Budgeting:

FCF =
$$(S - C) \times (1 - \tau) + \tau \times Dep - CapEx - \Delta NWC$$

FCF = EBIT×
$$(1-\tau)$$
 + Dep - CapEx - Δ NWC

FCF = NI + Interest
$$\times (1-\tau)$$
 + Dep - CapEx - \triangle NWC

where: NI =
$$(SR - C - Dep - Interest) \times (1 - \tau)$$

FCFE = FCF - Interest
$$\times (1-\tau)$$
 + Δ LTD

Present Value of an n-payment annuity of \$A =
$$A\left[\frac{1-(1+r)^{-n}}{r}\right]$$

Present Value of a perpetuity of \$A =
$$\frac{A}{r}$$

Present Value of a growing perpetuity =
$$\frac{C_1}{r-g}$$

PV of perpetual CCA tax shield =
$$\frac{\text{Cd }\tau}{(r+d)} \times \frac{[1+.5(r)]}{(1+r)}$$

PV of CCA tax shield lost from salvage =
$$\frac{Sd\tau}{(r+d)} \times \frac{1}{(1+r)^n}$$

WACC:
$$r_{\text{WACC}} = \left[\frac{E}{D+E}\right] \times r_{E} + \left[\frac{D}{D+E}\right] \times r_{D} \times (1-\tau)$$

CAPM (SML equation):
$$r_E = r_f + \beta [E(r_M) - r_f]$$

Operating Leverage: DOL =
$$\frac{\% \Delta \text{ in EBIT}}{\% \Delta \text{ in Sales}}$$

APV:
$$V_L = V_U + PV(ITS)$$

$$r_{E} = r_{U} + \frac{D}{E} (r_{U} - r_{D}) (1 - \tau)$$

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Valuation Methodology

Valuation Methods

1. Cash Flow to Equity (CFTE)

2. Adjusted Present Value (APV)

$$V_L = V_U + PV(ITS)$$

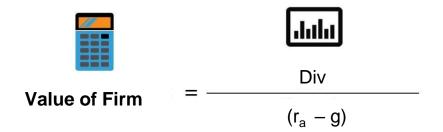
3. Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

Method 1: Cash flow to equity (CFTE) - valuation of all equity firm (no debt)

1) Review

Recall: Dividend Growth Model with zero growth, (g = 0)

Gordon Growth Model Formula



Where:

Div = ex-dividend (dividend that has just been paid) r_A = discount rate, g = growth rate

- "A" in r_A stands for "assets", it is also called r_U where U means "unlevered" because the firm has zero leverage (no debt)
- Since the firm is unlevered, assets and equity are the same so r_A is also the discount rate (r_E) : $r_{A=}r_E$

Example 1 – Valuation of all equity firm

Income Statement for Firm CMP Holdings

(\$Million)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
- Cost of goods sold	0	-800	-800	-800	-800
- Depreciation	0	-100	-100	-100	-100
EBIT	0	100	100	100	100
- Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Taxable Income	0	100	100	100	100
- Taxes @ 30%	0	-30	-30	-30	-30
Net Income	0	70	70	70	70
+ Depreciation	0	100	100	100	100
CF from Operations	0	170	170	170	170
- Capital Expenditures	0	-100	-100	-100	-100
+ Debt Issuance	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends*	0	70	70	70	70

Suppose the discount rate (r_A is 10%) calculate the value of the firm assuming no growth.

Solution 1 – Valuation of all equity firm (CFTE)

Step 1: $V_L = Div / (r_F - g)$

Step 2: $V_1 = $70M / (0.10 - 0)$

Answer: $V_1 = $70M / 0.10 = $700M$



Method 2: Adjusted Present Value (APV) - firm with perpetual debt

Example 2 – Valuation of firm with perpetual debt

Assume CMP Holdings issues \$400M in perpetual debt at a 5% coupon rate. Calculate the value of the firm using

1) Adjusted Present Value (APV)

Income Statement for Firm CMP Holdings

(\$Million)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues	0	1000	1000	1000	1000
- Cost of goods sold	0	-800	-800	-800	-800
- Depreciation	0	-100	-100	-100	-100
EBIT	0	100	100	100	100
- Interest	0	-20	-20	-20	-20
Taxable Income	0	80	80	80	80
- Taxes @ 30%	0	-24	-24	-24	-24
Net Income	0	56	56	56	56
+ Depreciation	0	100	100	100	100
CF from Operations	0	156	156	156	156
- Capital Expenditures	0	-100	-100	-100	-100
+ Debt Issuance	400	0	0	0	0
Dividends*	400	56	56	56	56

Solution 2 – Using APV Method

Recall: $V_L = V_U + PV(ITS)$

Where:

From our CFTE method

 V_L = Value of levered firm

 V_U = Value of unlevered firm

PV(ITS) = Present value of Interest Tax Shields

PV(ITS) = (Interest on debt) * (Tax Rate)

Step 1: From our last example we know that $V_1 = $700M$

Step 2: We know that interest on debt (5% of 400M) is \$20M, so multiply this by the tax rate (30%) and we get the value of the interest tax shields \$6M

Step 3: In order to get the PV, we need to discount \$6M by a discount rate, in this case, the cost of debt (5%)

PV(ITS) = \$6M / 0.05 = \$120M

Answer: Value of firm = V_U + PV(ITS) = \$700M + \$120M = \$820M

Method 3: Weighted average cost of capital (WACC) - firm with perpetual debt

Example 2 – Valuation of firm with perpetual debt

Assume CMP Holdings issues \$400M in perpetual debt at a 5% coupon rate. Calculate the value of the firm using 1) WACC

Solution 2.1 – Using WACC Method

Recall: $r_{WACC} = r_{E} \times W_{E} + (1 - \tau) \times r_{D} \times W_{D}$

Where:

rWACC = Weighted average cost of capital

rE = cost of equity

wE = proportion of equity in the capital structure (E/(E+D))

rD = cost of debt

wD = proportion of debt in the capital structure (D/(D+E))

T = Tax rate

V = Total Value of firm

Solution 2.1 – Using WACC Method (continued)

Step 1: Calculate the cost of equity (rE = 13.33%)

Calculation for rE will be covered in later topics, for now assume it is 13.33%

Step 2: Determine the proportion (weights of debt and equity)

WE = 420/(420+400) = 51.22%

wD = 400/(400+420) = 48.78%

Step 3: Identify rE and rD

rE = 13.33%

rD = 5%

Step 4: Plug it into the formula $r_{WACC} = r_E \times W_E + (1 - \tau) \times r_D \times W_D$

Step 5: Compute WACC

 $r_{WACC} = 0.1333 \times 0.5122 + (1-0.3) \times 0.05 \times 0.4878 = 8.53\%$

Step 6: Calculate FCF (Rev-Cost-Depr)*(1-T) + Depr – CapEx –

(Changes in NWC) = \$70M

Answer: Divide \$70M by the newly computed WACC 8.53% to

get firm value

vL = FCF / rWACC = \$70M/(0.0853) = \$820M

Notice how all 3 methods get us the same firm value, \$820M

Comparison of CFTE, APV and WACC method



Inputs for valuation methods

- 1. To use the CFTE approach, we need:
- the free cash flow to equity holders (FCFE)
 - if D=0, FCFE = all the firm's cash flow (= FCF)
 - If D>0, FCFE = cash flow after debt is paid (< FCF)
- the cost of equity (r_E)
 - if D=0, it reflects the risk of the assets $(r_E = r_A)$
 - if D>0, it reflects the risk of the equity claim $(r_E > r_A)$
- 2. To use the APV approach (levered firm), we need:
- The firm's free cash flow (FCF)
- The all-equity cost of capital r_A and the cost of debt r_D
- 3. To use the WACC approach (levered firm), we need:
- The firm's free cash flow (FCF)
- The weighted average cost of capital (r_{WACC})

Discussion: CFTE vs. APV vs. WACC

All three methods gave the same answer; however:

- To calculate CFTE we need r_E, which requires a complicated calculation that we haven't learned yet.
- To compute WACC we needed r_E; also w_E and w_D, which we only computed after doing APV to calculate firm value.
- Computing APV seemed the simplest in this setting!

When used correctly, all 3 methods give the same answer in **any** situation. But APV is not always the simplest method:

- APV is best to use when debt is constant in dollar terms, or the debt schedule is known ahead of time (as in our example).
- WACC is best to use when the firm keeps its debt to value ratio constant – different from our example (more on this later).

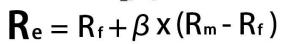


Calculating the cost of equity (Capital Asset Pricing Model)

Cost of Equity

Capital Asset Pricing Model Formula







The **cost of equity stock** (r_E) is the expected return that shareholders require to hold the firm's stock.

Use the CAPM to estimate it: $r_E = r_F + \beta \times [E(r_M) - r_F]$

where r_F is the risk-free rate, $E(r_M)$ is the expected return on the stock market, and β is the systematic risk of the stock.

For $E(r_M)$ take historical average of market index returns.

For r_F take yields on Government Bonds (e.g., 3 month).

For β, you can estimate it using a linear regression based on past stock returns and market returns. β is the key!

Cost of Equity Example

CMP Holdings is based in Canada is trying to determine its cost of equity. CMP knows that the expected market return on the S&P 500 is ~9.7%. The current 10-year risk-free rate in Canada 1%, and the company has a beta of 0.86.

Step 1: Write out the formula for Re $r_E = r_F + \beta \times [E(r_M) - r_F]$

Step 2: Determine the proportion (weights of debt and equity)

E(rM) = 9.7% = 0.097

Rf = 1.0% = 0.01

Beta = 0.86

Step 3: Plug into CAPM formula and solve

Re = (0.01) + (0.86)*(0.097-0.01)

Re = 0.08482

Re = 8.48%

Bonus question: Using the same scenario as above, PMC Enterprises is trying to determine what its beta is. They know that an identical competitor firm has a cost of equity of 9.5%. Given this, what is the implied beta for PMC Enterprise?

Solution: Re-arrange for beta, and solve

Beta = Re-Rf / (Rm-Rf)

Beta = 0.095 - 0.01 / (0.097 - 0.01)

Beta = 0.977

Determinants of Beta

Beta 101

- Cost of equity depends only on its systematic risk
- Investors are compensated for the systematic risk they bear when they hold the firm's stock (measured by beta), but not for the idiosyncratic risk they can diversify away!
- Recall that "beta" is the covariance between a firm's stock return and the return on the market portfolio
- Beta = 1, moves in line with market
- Beta > 1, more volatile (tech stocks)
- Beta < 1, less volatile (defensive/non-cyclical industries)

Nature of Business

- Type of business Cyclical firms are expected to have higher beta than non-cyclical firms
- Company's products are discretionary – Beta will be usually high
- Business of providing basic necessity such as food and clothing – Low Beta

Operating Leverage

Determinants of

Beta

- It is the measure of the proportion of fixed cost to the overall cost
- If the fixed cost component is higher, the stock will tend to have a higher beta
- The airline industry where a large proportion of their costs are fixed in nature e.g., air craft leasing, the beta will be higher

Financial Leverage

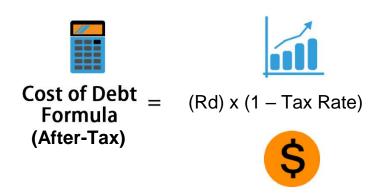
- Financial leverage refers to the debt taken on by the firm
- A company with high borrowing tends to have a higher beta
- By taking on debt, even a relatively safe business can end up having a high beta.

Beta < 0, usually gold (and apparently Zoom)



Cost of debt & the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

Cost of debt



Where Rd = interest rate on debt

The (before-tax) **cost of debt** (r_D) is the expected return investors require to lend to the firm. How to determine it:

- If the firm's debt is publicly traded, we will use the yield to maturity on existing bonds.
- If debt is private, we will use the contractual interest rate on the loans or infer it from yields of similar debt.

Note: the after-tax cost of debt is $r_D \times (1 - \tau)$.

Example: Firm with tax rate of 40% borrows \$100 at 20%. Firm pays \$20 in interest, but saves $$8=(.4\times$20)$ in taxes, so after-tax dollar interest cost is \$12=(\$20 - \$8).

Weighted Average Cost of Capital

$$\begin{split} WACC = & \frac{E}{D+E} \, (r_e) + \frac{D}{D+E} (r_d) (1-t) \\ & \text{Where:} \\ E = \text{market value of equity} \\ D = \text{market value of debt} \\ r_e = \text{cost of equity} \\ r_d = \text{cost of debt} \\ t = \text{corporate tax rate} \end{split}$$

The **weighted average cost of capital (r_{wacc})** is the average cost of all claims in the firm's capital structure, weighted by their <u>market values</u>.

For a firm whose debt has market value D and equity has market value E, then its total firm value is V = E + D.

The required "capital structure weights" are: E/V and D/V

$$r_{WACC} = (E/V) \times r_E + (D/V) \times r_D \times (1 - \tau)$$

Weights should be based on markets values; estimate using book values if market values are not available.

Computing Free Cash Flow Examples



Formula Sheet

Valuation and Capital Budgeting:

FCF =
$$(S - C) \times (1 - \tau) + \tau \times Dep - CapEx - \Delta NWC$$

FCF = EBIT×
$$(1-\tau)$$
 + Dep - CapEx - Δ NWC

FCF = NI + Interest
$$\times (1-\tau)$$
 + Dep - CapEx - \triangle NWC

where: EBIT= S - C - Dep

where: NI = (SR - C - Dep - Interest)× $(1-\tau)$

FCFE = FCF - Interest $\times (1-\tau) + \Delta LTD$

Present Value of an n-payment annuity of \$A =
$$A\left[\frac{1-(1+r)^{-n}}{r}\right]$$

Present Value of a perpetuity of \$A = $\frac{A}{r}$

Present Value of a growing perpetuity = $\frac{C_1}{r-g}$

NPV = -(Initial Cost) + Value

Add this to your formula sheet so you don't forget

FCF Calculation Example

	CMP Holdings Income Statement for 2020	
	(in thousands of dollars)	
		2020
	Sales	7000
(-)	COGS (60% of sales)	4200
(-)	Operating Expenses	600
	EBIT	2200
(-)	Interest Expense	250
	Taxable Income	1950
(-)	Tax (40% tax rate)	780
	Net income	1170
(-)	Dividend (1/3 of NI)	390
	Addition to retained earnings	780

CMP Holdings intends to spend \$1M on capital expenditures this year and has no depreciation expense.

Compute their FCF

Sales Revenue to FCF (Topline)

- FCF = (S C)*(1-T) + (T*Dep) CapEx NWC
- FCF = (7000 4200 600)*(1-0.40) + (0.40*0) 1000 0
- FCF = (2200)*(0.60) 1000
- FCF = 1320 1000
- FCF = 320

Net Income to FCF (Bottom line)

- 1) FCF = NI + Interest*(1-T) + Dep CapEx NWC
- FCF = 1170 + (250)*(1-0.40) + 0 1000 0
- FCF = 1170 + (250)*(0.60) 1000
- FCF = 1170 + 150 1000
- FCF = 1320 1000
- FCF = 320

Free Cash Flow (FCF) and FCFE



Free Cash Flow

Free Cash Flow (FCF)

- The free cash flow (FCF) is the cash flow (dividend) that would accrue to shareholders if the firm had no debt.
- The free cash flow we need to forecast for each year is:

• FCF =
$$(S - C) \times (1 - \tau) + \tau \times Dep - \triangle NWC - CapEx$$

- Recovering the FCF from pro-forma financial statements:
- FCF = EBIT × (1τ) + Dep \triangle NWC CapEx Recall that EBIT= S – C – Dep
- FCF = NI + Interest × (1τ) + Dep \triangle NWC CapEx Recall that NI = $(S - C - Dep - Interest) \times (1 - \tau)$

Free Cash Flow to Equity (FCFE

Free Cash Flow to Equity (FCFE)

- The free cash flow to equity (FCFE) is the cash flow (dividend) to the shareholders of a levered firm.
- The FCFE is the after-tax cash flow to equity holders (i) after making debt payments and (ii) counting interest tax shields.
- Relative to FCF, FCFE takes both debt payments and interest tax shields into account, so you can write FCFE as:
- FCFE = FCF Interest + ΔLTD + τ ×Interest;
- This gives: **FCFE = FCF Interest** × (1τ) + \triangle **LTD**
- Note: with perpetual debt the last term is zero (no change in principal amount of debt; only interest payments).

Developing FCF Forecasts & CCA Tax Shield

Developing FCF Forecasts

- Need the *incremental* FCF the change in the firm's FCF if it undertakes the project relative to when it does not.
- Include all opportunity costs (e.g., forgone rent)
- Include externalities on other projects (e.g., cannibalization)
- Ignore sunk costs (e.g., prior exploration or R&D costs)
- Include only additional overhead expenses
- Accounting treatment of depreciation & related tax shields
- Corporate Taxes
- Changes in NWC (funds will be tied up)
- Required investment (can occur in multiple years)
- Salvage value of assets at end of life of the project

CCA Tax Shield

- CCA is the depreciation charge against taxable income allowed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). CCA reduces taxes paid by τ × CCA (CCA tax shield).
- Assets (except land or securities) are grouped into asset classes, each with different CCA rates set by the CRA, and all assets in a class are depreciated together.
- $CCA_t = d \times UCC_{t-1}$; where UCC is the Undepreciated Capital Cost of the class and d is the depreciation rate.
- The UCC decreases over time as the class depreciates:
- UCC_t = UCC_{t-1} CCA_t
- It also increases when an asset is purchased and added to the class and decreases when an asset is sold.

CCA Classes & Rates, and Tax Effects

Common CCA Classes & Rates

Class	Rate	Assets		
1	4%	Buildings acquired after 1987		
3	5%	Buildings acquired before 1987		
8	20%	Furniture, photocopiers		
10	30%	Vans, trucks, tractors		
12	100%	Computer software		
13	Straight-line	Leasehold improvements		
43	30%	Manufacturing equipment		
50	55%	Computer hardware		

Tax Effects when Assets are Sold

- A firm is entitled to claim CCA deductions as long as it has at least one asset in the asset class.
- When an asset is sold, the lower of its sale price or initial cost is deducted from the asset class balance (UCC).
- If the sale results in a negative asset class balance, this amount is called recaptured depreciation and is added to taxable income in the year of the sale.
- If the sale leaves a positive balance and there are no other assets left, then this is called a **terminal loss** and is deducted from taxable income in the year of the sale.
- If sale price > initial cost, the difference is called a capital gain. Half of the capital gain is added to taxable income.

PV of CCA Tax Shields & Formula



Present Values of CCA Tax Shields

- An asset can still generate CCA tax shields for a firm even after it is sold as long as there are other assets remaining in its asset class.
- Since we only deduct a fraction of the remaining UCC balance, the CCA tax shield can last forever. Thus, we need to calculate the PV of a perpetual tax shield.
- Some notation:

C = Cost of an asset acquired in year 0

d = CCA rate for the asset class of the asset

 τ = Corporate tax rate

Formula

The PV of perpetual CCA tax shields **gained** when an asset is purchased for a cost C is:

$$\frac{Cd\tau}{(r+d)} \times \frac{[1+.5(r)]}{(1+r)}$$

When an asset is sold in Year *n* for S, the PV of perpetual CCA tax shields **lost** from salvage is:

$$\frac{\mathrm{Sd}\tau}{(\mathrm{r}+\mathrm{d})} \times \frac{1}{(1+\mathrm{r})^{\mathrm{n}}}$$

PV of CCA Tax Shields & Formula (Example)

CCA Tax Shields Question

The following table presents forecast sales for a fad product. The unit price is \$40. The unit cost is \$25.

Year 1 2 3 4 thereafter Unit Sales 22,000 30,000 14,000 5,000 0

It is expected that net working capital will amount to 25 percent of the following year's sales. For example, initial (Year 0) investment in working capital of $.25 \times 22,000 \times \$40 = \$220,000$. Equipment necessary to produce this product line will require an additional investment of \$200,000. This investment will be in an asset class with a CCA rate (d) of 20 percent. After 4 years, the equipment will be sold for \$40,000. The firm's tax rate is 36 percent and the WACC is 12 percent. What is the NPV of the project?

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$$\frac{\mathrm{Sd}\tau}{(r+d)} \times \frac{1}{(1+r)!}$$

Calculate the PV of Tax Shields gained and lost

Step 1: Identify all variables

C = \$200,000

d = 20%

T = 36%

r = 0.12

S = 40,000

n = 4

Step 2: Plug variables into CCA formulas and solve

$$\frac{\text{Cd}\tau}{(\mathsf{r}+\mathsf{d})} \times \frac{[\mathsf{1}+.5(\mathsf{r})]}{(\mathsf{1}+\mathsf{r})} = \frac{(900,000)^*(0.30)^*(0.30)}{(0.12+0.30)} \times \frac{[\mathsf{1}+0.5(0.12)]}{(1+0.12)}$$

$$C = 900,000 \\
d = 0.30 \\
t = 0.30$$

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$$t = 192,857 \times 0.946429$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{Sd\tau}}{(\mathsf{r}+\mathsf{d})} \times \frac{1}{(1+\mathsf{r})^{\mathsf{n}}} = \frac{(45000)^*(0.30)^*(0.30)}{(0.12+0.30)} \times \frac{1}{(1+0.12)^{\mathsf{n}}}$$

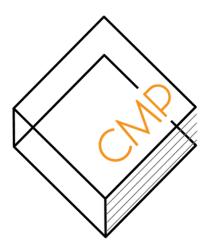
When computing the NPV, make sure to subtract this value as it is LOST



Learning Summary

- Value firms and projects financed solely with equity as well as those financed in part by debt
- Determine when and how to use three standard valuation methods: cash flow to equity (CFTE), adjusted present value (APV), and weighted average cost of capital (WACC).
- Discuss the discount rate used to value firms and projects (denominator of valuation formulas) and determine what cash flows should be used in valuation and why (numerator of valuation formula)
- Explain how depreciation (capital cost allowance, CCA) is treated in Canada and use the "tax shield approach" to incorporate this in the valuation of Canadian businesses





10-min Break



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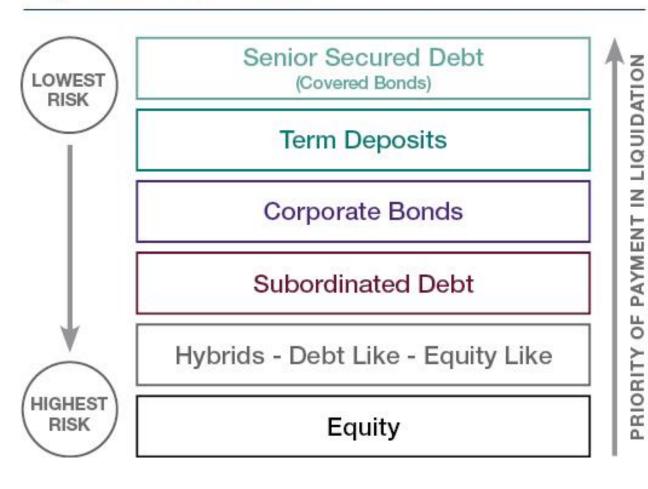
Raising Capital: Overview

Internal financing	External financing: Raising Capital			
	E	Debt		
	Public Equity	Private Equity	Debt	
	Common Stock	Angel Investors	Bank Loans	
Retained earning	Preferred Stock	Venture Capital	Leases	
	Warrant	Institutional Investors	Commercial Paper	
		Sovereign Wealth Fund	Corporate Bonds	
		Corporate Investors		

Debt and capital structure



Capital Structure of a Bank



Debt

- Debt is not an ownership interest in the firm:
- Lenders do not usually vote, but they protect themselves through the loan contract (indenture).
- Failure to pay interest or principal leads to bankruptcy.
- Even a minor violation of a covenant triggers renegotiation.
- Lenders gain control in default and can force liquidation.
- Interest payments are a business expense and not taxed at the corporate level –they generate tax shields.
- Key features:
- Principal or face value.
- Maturity date.
- Payment schedule & interest
- Indenture & covenants

Public Equity, Dual-Class Shares, Preferred Stock

Public Equity (Common Stock & Warrants)

Common stock gives ownership in a corporation

- The holder shares proportionally in dividends paid.
- The holder can vote in the firm's affairs (e.g., directors)
- Shareholders have limited liability if the firm defaults

Warrants are long-term call options on a firms's stock but are issued by the company

- Bundle one share and one warrant (staged financing)
- Bundling a bond and a warrant (convertible debt)

Preferred stock differs by:

- It is senior to common stock in liquidation.
- Its dividends have priority over those on common stock.
- It is a debt-like security; its dividend is fixed at the time of issuance; no direct effect on bond ratings.

Dual-Class Shares

Some firms have two classes of stock, usually called **class A and class B**, which differ in terms of their votes per share.

- These firms were usually family-owned firms until they grew too large to be financed by the family alone.
- Families keep the super-voting shares (usually not traded) and raise capital by issuing shares with inferior voting power.
- Thus, they obtain capital but keep full control of the firm, since voting rights > cash-flow rights.
- Google IPO: class-B shares (reserved for insiders) carry 10 votes; class-A shares sold to the public carry just one vote.
- In Canada, see Canadian Tire, Bombardier, Magna International, Rogers Communications, and Celestica.

Private Equity

Private equity is the main source of financing for small private businesses who lack resources to finance growth.

- Angel investors (e.g., owner's friends) provide some of the initial financing for start-ups.
- Venture capital firms are partnerships that specialize in raising money to invest in the private equity of young firms and in monitoring them.
- Institutional investors are large organizations such as banks, pension plans and insurance companies.
- Sovereign wealth funds are stateowned pools of money that are invested in businesses.
- Corporate investors (typically strategic partnerships)



Initial Public Offerings (IPO) & IPO Underpricing

Steps in an IPO

- Company appoints a managing underwriter and comanagers (underwriting syndicate) to market the IPO.
- Regulatory filings with the provincial securities commission (Canada), including the registration statement and the preliminary prospectus.
- Regulator (OSC) reviews preliminary prospectus and approves the issue to the general public.
- Establish initial price range, go on a road show to promote the issue, and gauge investor's interest (book-building).
- Further adjust the price and set the final price.
- Company files the final prospectus with all details, including number of shares and price.
- SEOs are similar, but easier as there is a price already.

The offer price and IPO underpricing

An underwriter must set the offering price (difficult task!):

- if the offer price is too high, shares might not be sold and the issue will have to be withdrawn.
- if the offer price is too low, existing shareholders sell their shares for less than they are worth.
- Note: if the offer price is correct, the return on the first trading day (end of day price vs. offer price) should be zero.

The average return *in the first trading day in* Canadian IPO is about 8% and larger for other countries - **a big puzzle!**

- Underpricing occurs especially in small speculative issues.
- Underwriters benefit lower risk of not selling the issue.
- Outside investors benefit a large return in one day.
- Pre-IPO shareholders pay the cost they sell stock for less they could get in the aftermarket.

Remember these steps for your midterm!!

IPO Underpricing & Floatation Costs



Why are IPO's underpriced?

Information asymmetry – winners' curse

- Uninformed investors buy all IPOs; informed only buy underpriced.
- Uninformed get more shares of overpriced and less of underpriced IPOs, so would lose money on average and not buy IPOs.
- To raise funds, firms underprice enough for them to break even.

Underwriters may underprice IPOs due to agency problems:

- · it is easier for underwriters to sell underpriced shares.
- underpriced issues are less likely to trigger litigation by unhappy investors (lawsuits follow from negative returns).
- anecdotes suggest some allocate underpriced shares to CEOs in exchange for future business dealings (spinning) or to investors in exchange for trading commissions (kickbacks). Illegal of course.
- firms may let their underwriters underprice their shares in in exchange for "optimistic" analyst coverage.

Floatation Costs

Components of flotation costs (costs of issuing securities)

- Spread (offer price price to issuer) underwriting fees
- Other direct expenses (filing fees, legal fees, and taxes)
- Indirect expenses (management time)
- Abnormal returns (announcement effects on SEOs)
- Underpricing (in IPOs)
- Overallotment option (underwriters can buy more shares at the offer price to cover excess demand)

Key facts:

- Roughly, IPO flotation costs are about 14% of proceeds (about 6% are fees and 8% is underpricing)
- Flotation costs decrease in \$ issued economies of scale.
- Costs are higher for IPOs than for SEOs.



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- Describe the primary duty of financial managers
- Explain how moral hazard / agency problems arise
- Identify and describe key corporate governance mechanisms for all-equity and for levered firms





Duty of managers and different types of moral hazards / agency costs

Primary duty of managers

- Shareholders (owners) delegate decision making to managers
- Shareholders want managers to maximize firm value, but managers often have incentives to deviate from value maximization
- Shareholders are typically small, dispersed and uninformed, so their monitoring of managers is very difficult and costly

Types of Managerial "Moral Hazard"

- Insufficient Effort: short hours, too little oversight, too lazy to switch to cheaper supplier, or lack of attention to detail.
- Extravagant Investment: "pet projects" & "empire building"
 - Heavy exploration in oil industry when it was cheaper just to buy oil
 - Typically negative stock market reactions to acquisitions (managers make seemingly negative NPV acquisitions to grow firm size)
- Entrenchment: CEOs secure their own position at the expense of investors
 - Example: Invest in "bad" industry which CEO is good at running
- Self-Dealing: Private benefits of control / perk consumption
 - Jets, nice offices, celebrity contacts, lavish parties

Key corporate governance mechanisms



1. Incentive Contracts:

- Tie managers' pay to firm performance and value performance stock units (PSUs), restricted stock units (RSUs), etc
- Commonly used with bonuses, stock ownership, and restricted stock/ option grants
- Incentive contracts CAN help, but they could lead to moral hazard issues because managers become risk averse or take super risky actions to influence certain performance measures to achieve their bonuses

2. Shareholder legal action

- Disgruntled shareholders can individually sue the firm / management
- This can be costly to smaller shareholders who may just "free ride" on their effort and reap the benefits

3. Voting

 Voting right is the most important shareholder right; shareholders can vote to appoint directors and on major proposals

4. Board of Directors

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 - Inside Directors: have significant connection to the firm (usually the CEO, top executives, large shareholders). They know a lot about the firm's operations (experts); but may be biased in their recommendations.
 - Outside Directors: Have no obvious connection to the firm (e.g., CEOs of other unrelated firms or business experts). They know less about company specifics, but provide unbiased, professional views on corporate matters.

Pressure for boards to make changes:

- Majority outside directors (now a requirement for listing on the NYSE)
- Compensation Committee dominated by non-executive directors

• Empirically:

- Boards tend to be passive except after extreme events.
- Independent boards are more likely to replace bad managers.

Key corporate governance mechanisms (con't)



5. Large Investors

- Large investors have more incentive to monitor the firm (no public good problem) and can more easily influence decisions
- Some firms have large family ownership stakes
- Large shareholders are associated with higher turnover of directors and managers after bad performance and increase the likelihood of takeovers

Problems with Large Investors:

Large investors can create agency conflicts between majority shareholders and minority shareholders

6. Proxy Fights

- In a proxy fight, stockholders who oppose current management seek to gain control of the firm and install new management.
- Dissenting stockholders seek support from other shareholders to enact change at the firm
- Even if proxy fights are unsuccessful and management is not replaced, firms get the message that shareholders are unhappy

7. Takeovers

- Takeovers are an important and effective corporate governance mechanism
- In a "hostile takeover" a bidder makes a tender offer to shareholders of the target firm, if successful, poorly performance managers are replaced
- Logic: firm is undervalued, shareholders can unlock value by replacing bad managers
- Most important, takeovers are a threat to poor management, and this threat induces management to adhere to value maximization

Summary

- Key mechanisms to ensure good governance include:
 - Managerial incentive contracts
 - Shareholder voting and class-action lawsuits
 - Delegation and monitoring through a board of directors
 - Concentration of ownership and control by few large investors
 - Proxy fights and hostile takeovers
 - Creditor influence through the debt contracts

Governance of a levered firm



Governance of levered firm

- In an all-equity firm the CEO's job is to maximize equity value. Equity of a poorly governed firm is worth less than with good governance.
- When a firm is financed with both debt and equity, should the CEO maximize equity value or firm value?
- If the interests of shareholders and creditors always coincided, there would be no need for creditors to be involved in governance.
- Shareholders and creditors both suffer value losses when managers destroy cash flow that can service debt or dividend payments, so both creditors and shareholders benefit from tighter control of managers.

How creditors are protected

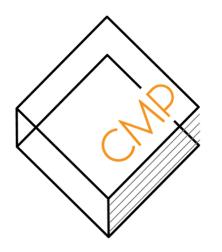
- Creditors are legally protected by debt covenants and by bankruptcy law.
- Although creditors do not vote, they can gain control of the firm when the firm violates a debt covenant.
- In that case, managers and creditors must renegotiate the debt contract; creditors can impose their terms and influence corporate decisions.
- Note: creditors offer a much more credible threat of liquidation of bad firms since they benefit from it; this controls managers.



Learning Summary

- Describe the primary duty of financial managers
- Explain how moral hazard / agency problems arise
- Identify and describe key corporate governance mechanisms for all-equity and for levered firms





Practice Midterm Questions

