

# MGMT 675

## AI-ASSISTED FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



**RICE | BUSINESS**  
Jones Graduate School of Business

# MEET YOUR PROF

- At Rice since 2009, in Jones and in Econ Dept.
  - teach core finance, quantitative investments, investments theory, and python for business research
  - to PhDs, MBAs, and Masters in Data Science students
- Previously at Northwestern, Indiana, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, and Texas A&M. Associate dean at Wash U.
- Former and current editor and associate editor of several journals. Two textbooks (derivatives and PhD asset pricing theory). Materials and info at [kerryback.com](http://kerryback.com)

# COURSE OUTLINE

- Weekly assignments: use AI to do something, submit a report of the results
- Seated final exam: use AI to do something, submit a report of the results
- Syllabus, slides, data sets, assignments, links to conversations at [mgmt675.kerryback.com](https://mgmt675.kerryback.com)
- Submit assignments through Canvas

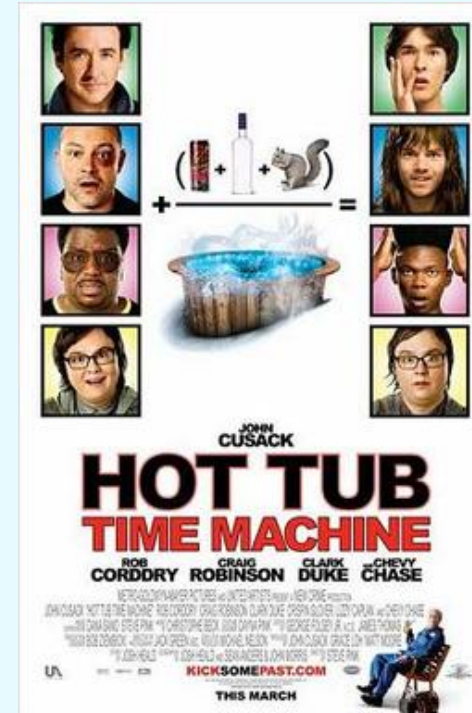
# COURSE TOPICS

1. Simulation
2. Data handling
3. Cost of capital and performance evaluation
4. Visualization
5. Optimal portfolios
6. Autocorrelation and autoregression
7. Machine learning

**WHY ARE WE HERE?**



# LET'S DO SOME TIME TRAVELING





First hand-held calculator, introduced by Texas Instruments in 1972



First financial calculator, introduced by HP in 1973



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	A	B	C	D	
	ITEM	NO.	UNIT	COST	
	HUCK RAKE	43	12.95	556.85	
	BUZZ CUT	15	6.75	101.25	
	TOE TONER	250	49.95	12487.50	
	EYE SNUFF	2	4.95	9.90	
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			9.75% TAX	1282.66	
			TOTAL	14438.16	

VisiCalc, released for Apple II in 1979

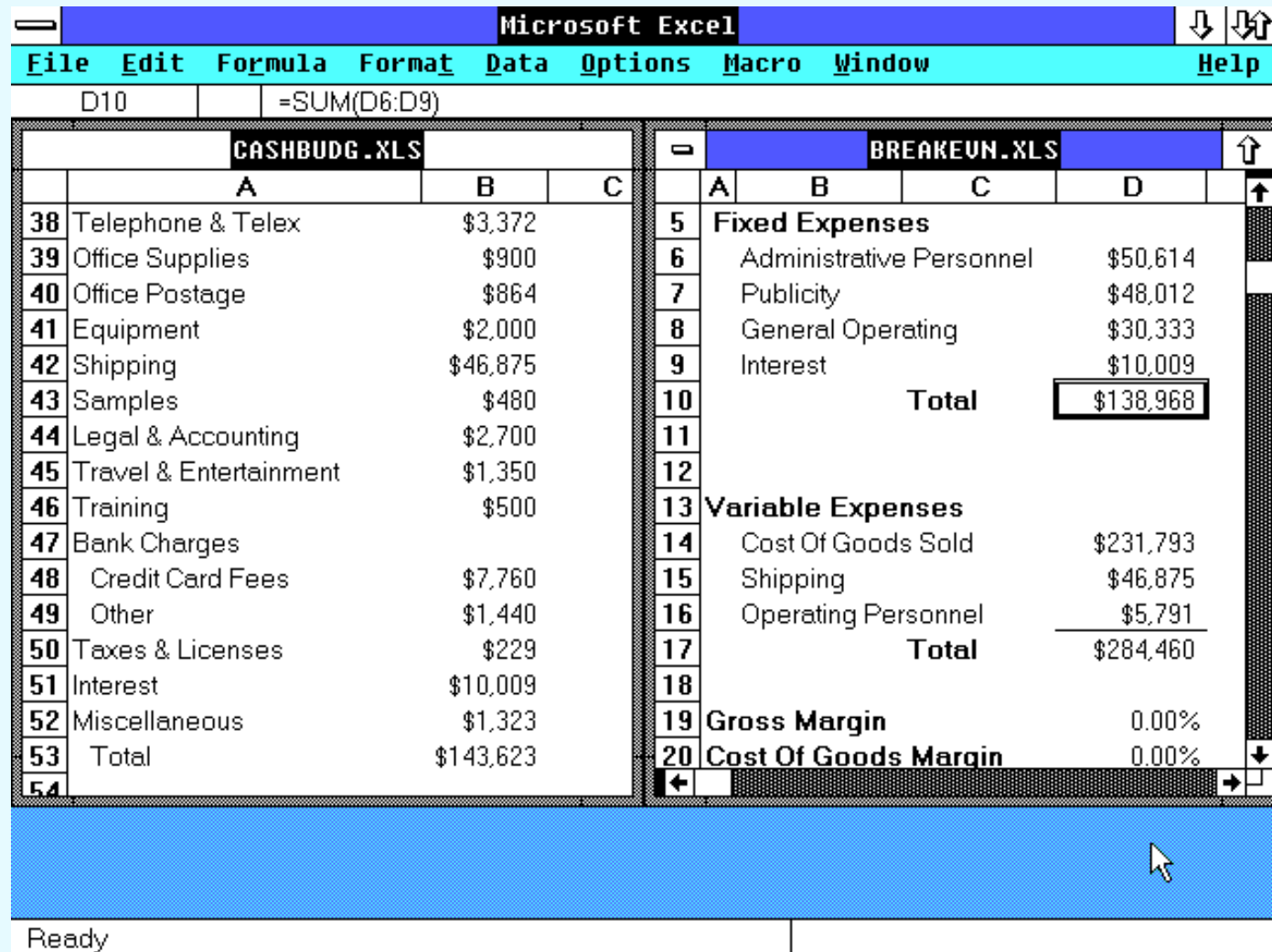
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3	81964	Brown	6000	Sales	3	45000	10000
4	40370	Burns	6000	Mgr	4	75000	25000
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6	49692	Curly	3000	Mgr	5	65000	20000
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DATA.WK3

Lotus 1-2-3, released for IBM PC in 1983



Microsoft Excel, released for Windows in 1987

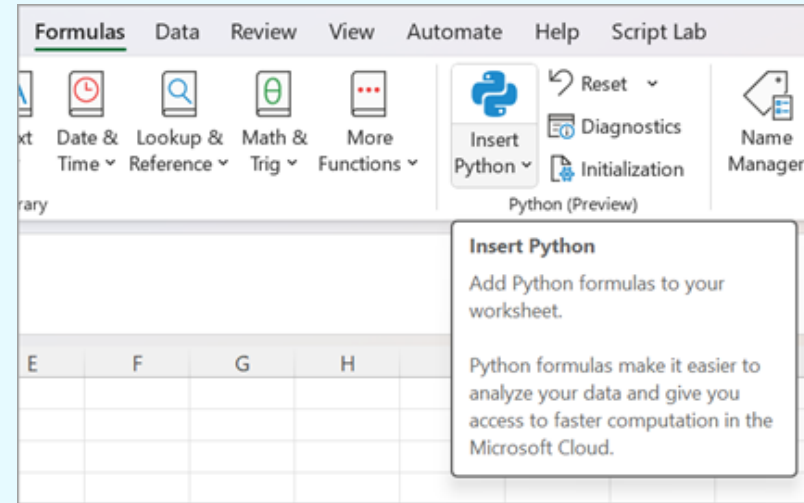
# TODAY'S TOOLS



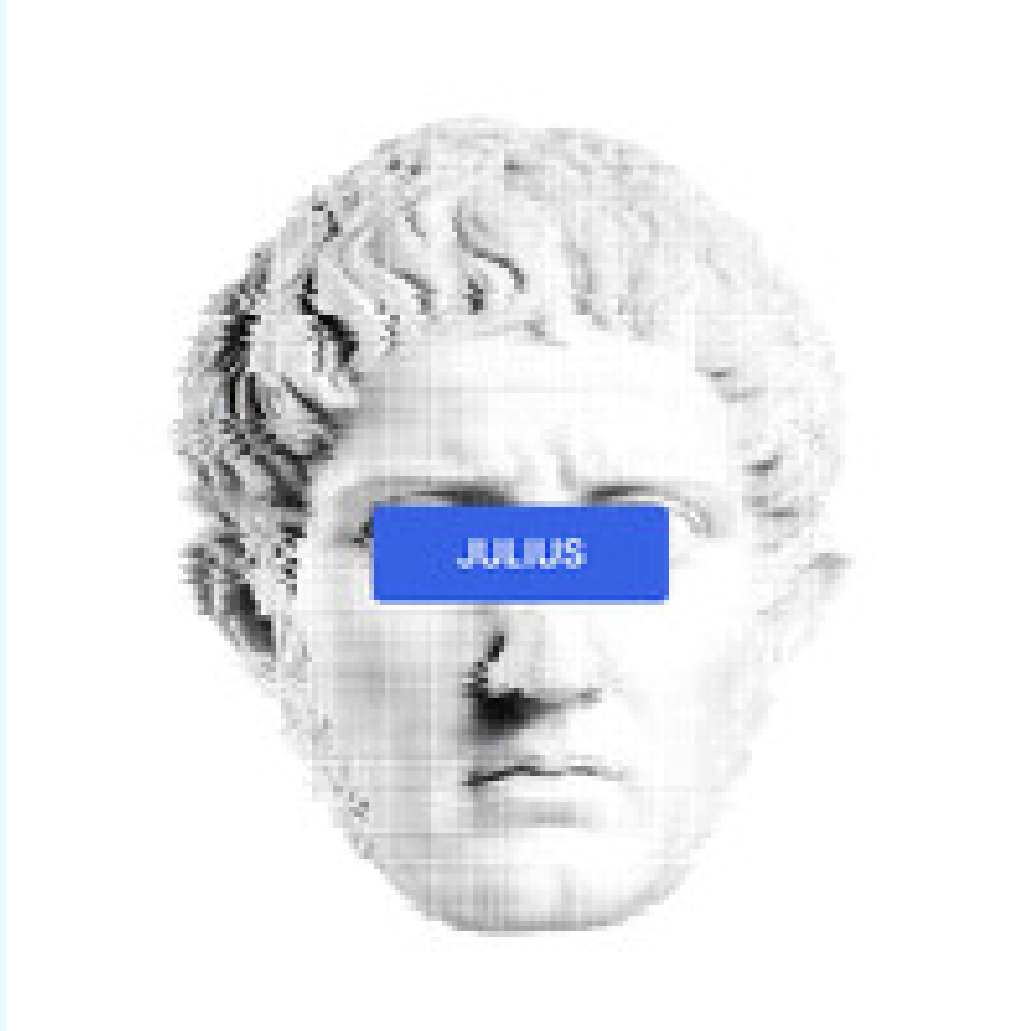
- Will Excel survive?
- Will Excel retain its dominance?



# MAYBE ...



# THE BEST WE HAVE TODAY (I THINK)



# WHAT JULIUS DOES

- Python interpreter and proprietary LLM
- Julius executes and debugs code
- Provides links to images, tables, datasets it creates
- Provides download of conversation (and code) as Jupyter notebook or Word doc
- Allows us to upload our own data
- Can get some online data
- Can install any python libraries not pre-installed

# GET A JULIUS ACCOUNT

- Free account has very strict message limit
- Basic allows 250 messages per month. Maybe enough?
- Essential allows unlimited messages.
- 50% academic discount. Sign up using your Rice email and enter the promo code STUDY2024.

# WARM-UP

- Ask Julius to plot the function  $y = x^2$ .
- Ask Julius to plot the payoff diagram of a call option with a strike of 100.
- Ask Julius to use pandas datareader to get the 10-year Treasury yield from FRED, plot it, and save as a jpeg.
- Ask Julius to use yfinance to get AAPL's adjusted closing price from Yahoo Finance, plot it, and save as a jpeg.