

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

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
- 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



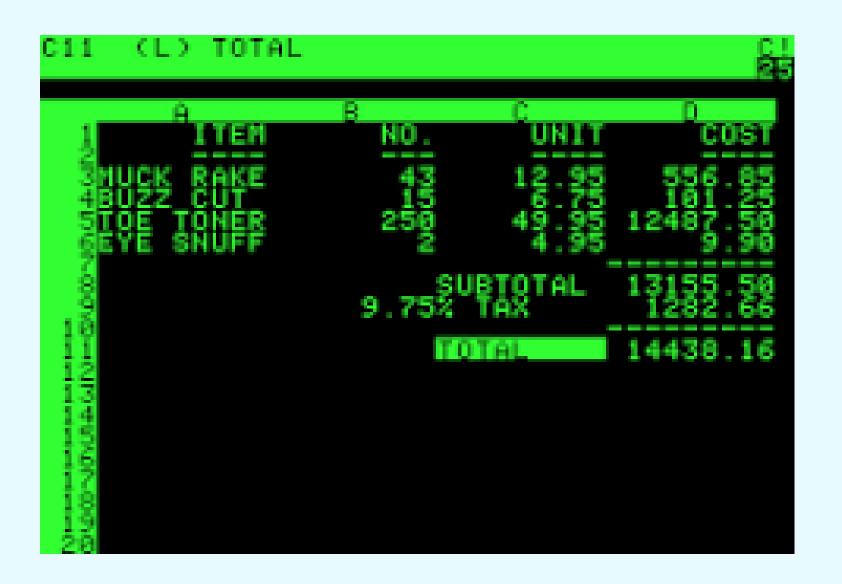




First hand-held calculator, introduced by Texas Instruments in 1972



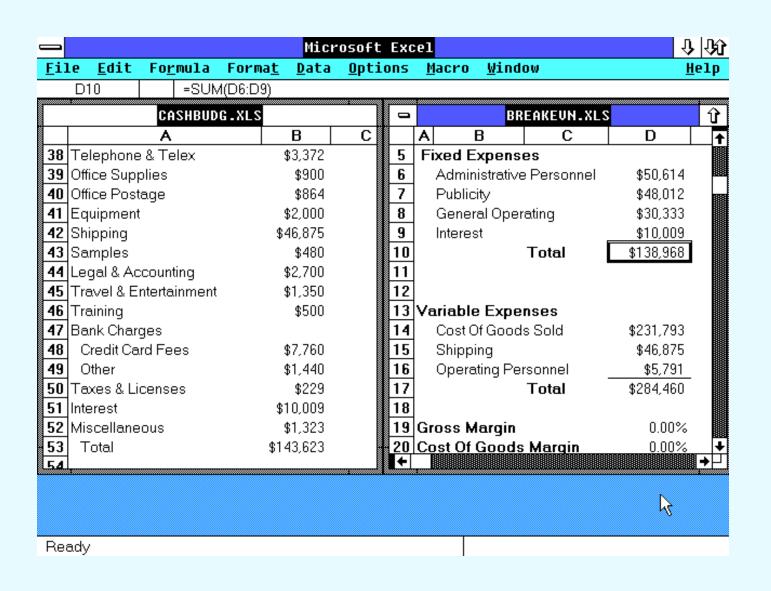
First financial calculator, introduced by HP in 1973



VisiCalc, released for Apple II in 1979

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



Microsoft Excel, released for Windows in 1987

TODAY'S TOOLS

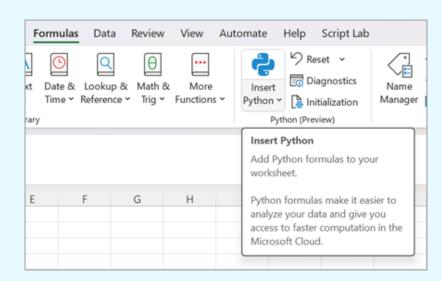




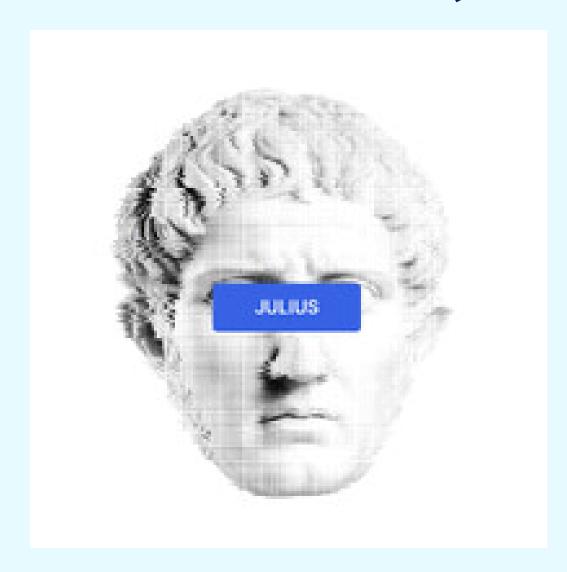
- Will Excel survive?
- Will Excel retain its dominance?

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

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- 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.