

Quiz 12 for Oct 5

Started: Oct 1 at 6:27pm

Quiz Instructions

Complete this quiz by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 5.



Question 1

1 pts

A zero-coupon bond with a time until maturity of 10 years has on a Monday a continuously-compounded yield to maturity equal to 0.0200. On the next day, Tuesday, its continuously-compounded yield to maturity is 0.0192. What is the bond's rate of return over the period from Monday to Tuesday?

State your answer to 4th decimal point, e.g., -0.0063



Question 2

1 pts

As a zero-coupon bond's maturity increases,

- ☐ its expected rate of return decreases.
- ☐ the volatility of its rate of return increases but the volatility of its yield decreases.

- ☐ its expected rate of return increases and its average yield decreases.
- ☒ the volatilities of both its rate of return and yield increase.



Question 3

1 pts

An annuity that makes semi-annual payments has a time until maturity of 10 years. A coupon bond also makes semi-annual payments, has a time until maturity of 10 years, and a coupon rate of 10%.

- ☒ Depending on the discount function, the duration of the annuity could be larger or smaller than that of the coupon bond.
- ☐ The annuity has a shorter duration than that of the coupon bond only if its semi-annual payments are more than those of the coupon bond's semi-annual coupons.
- ☐ The annuity has a longer duration than that of the coupon bond if its semi-annual payments are less than those of the coupon bond's semi-annual coupons.
- ☐ The annuity has a shorter duration than the coupon bond.



Question 4

1 pts

A bank's assets consist of \$50 billion in mortgages and \$30 billion in commercial loans. The mortgages have a duration of 10 years and the commercial loans have a duration of 2 years. The duration of the bank's total assets are

State your answer in years to the second decimal point, e.g. 5.32

**Question 5****1 pts**

Ask one or more questions or make one or more comments on the material covered in this class.

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Though the calculation is straight forward, the concept of duration is vague. Can you specify what can duration bring us? Thank you.

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