

## EE431 Economics of Financial Markets and Institutions

## Exercise 4: Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

Please submit at the BE office, 5th floor department of Economics building.

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1. Use the following information to answer all parts. Assume that all assumptions of CAPM hold. An investor want 4 % rate of return

Assets	Expected Return (%)	Standard Deviation (%)
Market Portfolio	7	10
Risk-free Asset	1	

- Market port folio consists of 0.7 of risky asset X and 0.3 of risky asset Y.

- (a) What are the portfolio weights the investor put on risk free asset and the market portfolio?  
**ANSWER.** Let  $a$  is weight put on the market portfolio and  $b = (1 - a)$  is weight put on the risk free asset.

$$\begin{aligned} E(R_p) &= (1 - a)R_f + aE(R_m) \\ 0.04 &= (1 - a)(0.01) + a(0.07) \\ 0.04 &= 0.01 - 0.01a + 0.07a \\ 0.03 &= 0.06a \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{0.03}{0.06}$$

$$= 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - a) &= 1 - 0.5 \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, weight put on risk free asset is equal to 0.5 and weight put on the market portfolio is equal to 0.5.

- (b) What is the standard deviation of the portfolio in quation (a)?

**ANSWER.** The standard deviation of the portfolio in equation (a) is equal to  $\sigma_p = a\sigma_m = 0.5(0.10) = 0.05 = 5\%$ .

2. Company X has a beta of 1.45. The expected risk-free rate of interest is 2.5% amd the expected return on the market as a whole is 10%. Using the CAPM, what is Stock X's expected return?

**ANSWER.** According to CAPM,  $ER_i = R_f + \beta(E(R_m) - R_f)$

$$R_i = 2.5\% + 1.45\%(10\% - 2.5\%) = 13.375\%$$

3. Suppose CAPM holds. Given the following data, calculate the betas and the expected rates of returns of the two securities.

	Expected rate of returns (%)	Standard deviation (%)	Correlation with the market portfolio
Security 1	$ER_1?$	20	0.9
Security 2	$ER_2?$	9	0.8
Market portfolio	12	12	=? *
Risk free asset	5	0	0

**ANSWER**

The security market line (SML) is  $ER_i = R_f + \beta_i(ER_m - R_f)$ .

SML :  $ER_i = 5\% + \beta_i(12\% - 5\%) = 5\% + 7\%\beta_i$

Security 1.  $\beta_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1m}}{\sigma_m^2} = \frac{r_{im}\sigma_1\sigma_m}{\sigma_m^2} = \frac{0.9 \times 20\% \times 12\%}{12\% \times 12\%} = 1.5$ .  $ER_1 = 5\% + 1.5 \times 7\% = 15.5\%$ .

Security 2.  $\beta_2 = \frac{\sigma_{2m}}{\sigma_m^2} = \frac{r_{im}\sigma_2\sigma_m}{\sigma_m^2} = \frac{0.8 \times 9\% \times 12\%}{12\% \times 12\%} = 0.6$ .  $ER_2 = 5\% + 0.6 \times 7\% = 9.2\%$ .

4. Consider an economy with just two assets. The details of these are given below.

Stock	Number of shares	Price (\$)	Expected return (%)	Standard deviation (%)
A	100	1.5	15	15
B	150	2	12	9

The correlation coefficient between the returns on the two assets is  $\frac{1}{3}$  and there is also a risk free asset. Assume the CAPM model is satisfied.

- (a) What is the expected rate of return on the market portfolio?

**ANSWER**

Total Value of Stock A =  $100 \times \$1.5 = \$150$

Total Value of Stock B =  $150 \times \$2 = \$300$

Total Value of Market =  $\$150 + \$300 = \$450$

Weight of stock A in the market portfolio is equal to  $w_A = \frac{150}{450} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Weight of stock B in the market portfolio is equal to  $w_B = \frac{300}{450} = \frac{2}{3}$ .

Hence, the return on the market portfolio is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} ER_m &= w_A ER_A + w_B ER_B, \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \times 15\% + \frac{2}{3} \times 12\%, \\ &= 13\%. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) What is the standard deviation of the market portfolio?

**ANSWER.**

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_m^2 &= w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A w_B r_{AB} \sigma_A \sigma_B, \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times (15\%)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \times (9\%)^2 + 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) (15\%)(9\%) \\ &= 81 \\ \sigma_m &= 9\% \end{aligned}$$

(c) What is the beta of stock A?

Hint: By definition,  $\beta_A = \frac{r_{A,m}\sigma_A\sigma_m}{\sigma_m^2} = \frac{COV(R_A, R_m)}{\sigma_m^2}$ .

Find  $COV(R_A, R_m)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} COV(R_A, R_m) &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))(R_m - E(R_m))]) \\ &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))(w_A R_A + w_B R_B - w_A ER_A - w_B ER_B)]) \\ &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))\{(w_A R_A - w_A ER_A) + (w_B R_B - w_B ER_B)\}]) \\ &= E[w_A(R_A - E(R_A))^2 + w_B(R_A - ER_A)(R_B - ER_B)] \\ &= w_A\sigma_A^2 + w_B COV(R_A, R_B) \\ &= w_A\sigma_A^2 + w_B r_{AB}\sigma_A\sigma_B \end{aligned}$$

$$COV(R_A, R_m) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(15\%)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(15\%)(9\%)$$

$$= 0.0105$$

$$\beta_A = \frac{COV(R_A, R_m)}{\sigma_m^2}$$

$$= \frac{0.0105}{(0.09)^2}$$

$$= 1.2963$$

(d) What is the risk free rate of return?

The risk-free return is derived from the the security market line. The security market line gives

$$\begin{aligned} ER_A &= R_f + \beta_A(ER_m - R_f), \\ 15\% &= R_f + 1.2963(13\% - R_f), \\ 15\% &= (1 - 1.2963)R_f + (1.2963 \times 13\%), \\ 0.2963R_f &= 16.8519\% - 15\%, \\ 0.2963R_f &= 1.8519, \\ R_f &= \frac{1.8519}{0.2963}, \\ &= 6.25\%. \end{aligned}$$

(e) Construct the capital market line (CML) and the security market line (SML).

The capital market line

$$\begin{aligned} ER_p &= R_f + \left(\frac{ER_m - R_f}{\sigma_m}\right)\sigma_p, \\ &= 6.25\% + \left(\frac{13\% - 6.25\%}{9\%}\right)\sigma_p, \\ &= 6.25\% + 0.75\sigma_p. \end{aligned}$$

The security market line

$$\begin{aligned} ER_i &= R_f + \beta_i(ER_m - R_f), \\ &= 6.25\% + (13\% - 6.25\%)\beta_i, \\ &= 6.25\% + 6.75\beta_i. \end{aligned}$$