

EE431 Economics of Financial Markets and Institutions

Exercise 4: Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)

1. You own 50 shares of stock A, which has a price of \$12 per share, and 100 shares of stock B, which has a price of \$6 per share. What is the portfolio weight for stock B in your portfolio?

ANSWER.

Investment in Stock A	=	(50×12)	=	600
Investment in Stock B	=	(100×6)	=	600
<i>Total</i>	=	$600 + 600$	=	1,200
weight of stock B	=	$\frac{\text{value of stock B}}{\text{total value}}$	=	$\frac{600}{1,200}$
			=	0.5

weight of stock B in the portfolio is 0.5.

2. 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.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= \frac{0.03}{0.06} \\
 &= 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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 $\sigma_p = a\sigma_m = 0.5(0.10) = 0.05 = 5\%$.

3. If the covariance of stock 1 with stock 2 is -.0065, then what is the covariance of stock 2 with stock 1?

Answer. -0.0065. $COV(X, Y) = COV(Y, X)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 COV(X, Y) &= E(X - E(X))(Y - E(Y)) \\
 &= E(Y - E(Y))(X - E(X)), \text{ (commutative property)} \\
 &= COV(Y, X)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{According to CAPM, } ER_i = R_f + \beta(E(R_m) - R_f)$$

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

5. 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	1
Risk free asset	5	0	0

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

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

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

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

6. 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?

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

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

$$\text{Total Value of Market} = \$150 + \$300 = \$450$$

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

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

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?

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

(c) What is the beta of stock A?

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

Find $COV(R_A, R_m)$.

$$\begin{aligned} COV(R_A, R_m) &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))(R_m - E(R_m))]) \\ &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))(w_A R_A + w_B R_B - w_A ER_A - w_B ER_B)]) \\ &= E([(R_A - E(R_A))\{(w_A R_A - w_A ER_A) + (w_B R_B - w_B ER_B)\}]) \\ &= E[w_A(R_A - E(R_A))^2 + w_B(R_A - ER_A)(R_B - ER_B)] \\ &= w_A \sigma_A^2 + w_B COV(R_A, R_B) \\ &= w_A \sigma_A^2 + w_B r_{AB} \sigma_A \sigma_B \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (15\%)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) (15\%) (9\%) \\ &= 105 \\ \beta_A &= \frac{COV(R_A, R_m)}{\sigma_m^2} \\ &= \frac{105}{9^2} \\ &= 1.2963 \end{aligned}$$

(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 and the security market line.

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

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

7. Imagine you have a portfolio of two risky stocks which turns out to have no diversification. The reason you have no diversification isthe returns move perfectly with one another.....