

Financial Management Homework 3

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Question 1. You are given the following information for Company A:

Long-term debt outstanding:	\$300,000
Current yield to maturity (r_{debt}):	8%
Number of shares of common stock:	10,000
Price per share:	\$50
Book value per share:	\$25
Expected rate of return on stock (r_{equity}):	15%

Calculate Company A's cost of capital. Ignore taxes.

$$V_{debt} = \$300,000 \quad V_{equity} = 10,000 \times \$50 = \$500,000 \quad V_{total} = \$800,000$$

$$w_{debt} = 0.375 \quad w_{equity} = 0.625$$

$$WACC = w_{debt} \times r_{debt} + w_{equity} \times r_{equity} = 12.375\%$$

Question 2. Consider the following information about Stocks I and II:

State of Economy	Probability of State of Economy	Rate of Return if State Occurs	
		Stock I	Stock II
Recession	.15	.11	-.25
Normal	.55	.18	.11
Exuberance	.30	.08	.31

The market risk premium is 7.5 percent, and the risk-free rate is 4 percent.

- Which stock has the most systematic risk?
- Which one has the most unsystematic or total risk?
- Which stock is "riskier"? Explain.

$$a. \quad E R_I = 0.15 \times 0.11 + 0.55 \times 0.18 + 0.3 \times 0.08 = 0.1395$$

$$E R_{II} = 0.15 \times (-0.25) + 0.55 \times 0.11 + 0.3 \times 0.31 = 0.116$$

$$\beta_I = \frac{E R_I - R_f}{R_m - R_f} = \frac{0.1395 - 0.04}{0.075} = 1.327 \quad \beta_{II} = \frac{E R_{II} - R_f}{R_m - R_f} = 1.013$$

$\beta_I > \beta_{II}$, stock I has the most systematic risk.

$$b. \quad \sigma_I^2 = 0.15 \times (0.11 - 0.1395)^2 + 0.55 \times (0.18 - 0.1395)^2 + 0.3 \times (0.08 - 0.1395)^2 \approx 0.002095$$

$$\sigma_{II}^2 = 0.15 \times (-0.25 - 0.116)^2 + 0.55 \times (0.11 - 0.116)^2 + 0.3 \times (0.31 - 0.116)^2 \approx 0.031404$$

$\sigma_I^2 < \sigma_{II}^2$, stock II has the most total risk.

- Systematic cannot eliminate by diversified investment, so stock I is riskier at diversified investment

$$\bar{R}_i = R_f + \beta_i (\bar{R}_m - R_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_i = \frac{\bar{R}_i - R_f}{\bar{R}_m - R_f}$$

Question 3. Epsilon Corp. is evaluating an expansion of its business. The cash-flow forecasts for the project are as follows:

Years	Cash Flow (\$ millions)
0	-100
1-10	+15

The firm's existing assets have a beta of 1.4. The risk-free interest rate is 4% and the expected return on the market portfolio is 12%. What is the project's NPV?

$$r = r_f + \beta \times (r_m - r_f) = 4\% + 1.4 \times (12\% - 4\%) = 15.2\%$$

$$PV = C \times \left[\frac{1 - (1+r)^{-n}}{r} \right] = 15 \times \left[\frac{1 - (1 + 0.152)^{-10}}{0.152} \right] \approx 74.711$$

$$NPV = PV - 100 = -25.289$$

Question 4. The total market value of the common stock of the Company ABC is \$6 million, and the total value of its debt is \$4 million. The treasurer estimates that the beta of the stock is currently 1.5 and that the expected risk premium on the market is 6%. The Treasury bill rate is 4%. Assume for simplicity that the firm's debt is risk-free and the company does not pay tax.

- What is the required return on the company's stock?
- Estimate the company cost of capital.
- What is the discount rate for an expansion of the company's present business?
- Suppose the company wants to diversify into the manufacture of rose-colored spectacles. The beta of unleveraged optical manufacturers is 1.2. Estimate the required return on ABC's new venture.

$$a. r_E = r_f + \beta_E (r_m - r_f) = 4\% + 1.5 \times (10\% - 4\%) = 13\%$$

$$b. WACC = \left(\frac{E}{V} \times r_E \right) + \left(\frac{D}{V} \times r_D \right) = \left(\frac{6}{10} \times 13\% \right) + \left(\frac{4}{10} \times 4\% \right) = 9.4\%$$

c. The discount rate for a project equals the company's WACC.
Then, the discount rate = 9.4%.

$$d. \beta_U = 1.2 \quad \beta_L = \beta_U \times \left(1 + \frac{D}{E} \right) = 1.2 \times \left(1 + \frac{4}{6} \right) \approx 2.0$$

$$r_{\text{New venture}} = r_f + \beta_L \times (r_m - r_f) = 4\% + 2.0 \times 6\% = 16\%$$

Question 5. Shadow Corp. has no debt but can borrow at 6.5 percent. The firm's WACC is currently 9.8 percent, and the tax rate is 35 percent.

- What is the company's cost of equity?
- If the company converts to 25 percent debt, what will its cost of equity be?
- If the company converts to 50 percent debt, what will its cost of equity be?
- What is the company's WACC in part (b)? In part (c)?

a. $r_E^{\text{Unlevered}} = \text{WACC}_{\text{Unlevered}} = 9.8\%$

b. Use MM Proposition II (with taxes).

$$r_E^L = r_E^U + (r_E^U - r_D) \times \frac{D}{E} \times (1 - T_c) = 9.8\% + (9.8\% - 6.5\%) \times \frac{1}{3} \times (1 - 0.35) = 10.515\%$$

c. $\frac{D}{E} = 1$. $r_E^L = 9.8\% + (9.8\% - 6.5\%) \times 1 \times (1 - 0.35) = 11.945\%$

d. $\text{WACC} = \left(\frac{E}{V} \times r_E^L\right) + \left(\frac{D}{V} \times r_D \times (1 - T_c)\right)$

$$\text{WACC}_b = (0.75 \times 10.515\%) + (0.25 \times 6.5\% \times 0.65) = 8.9425\%$$

$$\text{WACC}_c = (0.5 \times 11.945\%) + (0.5 \times 6.5\% \times 0.65) = 8.085\%$$

Question 6. Compute the present value of interest tax shields generated by these three debt issues. Consider corporate taxes only. The marginal tax rate is $T_c = .35$.

- A \$1,000, one-year loan at 8%.
- A five-year loan of \$1,000 at 8%. Assume no principal is repaid until maturity.
- A \$1,000 perpetuity at 7%.

a. annual interest payment $1000 \times 8\% = 80$

one year tax shield $80 \times 0.35 = 28$

$$PV = \frac{28}{1+0.08} = 25.926$$

b. $PV = 28 \times \left[\frac{1 - (1+0.08)^{-5}}{0.08} \right] = 111.796$

c. annual interest payment $1000 \times 7\% = 70$

annual tax shield $70 \times 0.35 = 24.5$

$$PV = \frac{24.5}{0.07} = 350.$$