LESSON 19

BOND PRICING THEOREMS

The following statements about bond pricing are always true:

- -- directions.

  Sure, I can summarize those statements for you: than / equal to / less than) the market's required return, the bond's market value will be (greater than / equal to / less than) its par value.

- 1. **Interest Rate and Bond Price:** Bond prices move the longer-term bond will change more to market interest rates. -term bond, for a given change in market interest rates.

- 2. **Coupon Rate vs. Required Return:** If a bond's of the lower-coupon bond will change is less than the market's required return, its market change in market interest rates. value will be less than its par value.

- 3. **Maturity Impact on Price:** Longer-term bonds'

Finding the Yield to Maturity

- We have seen that the price of a bond can be written as the sum of its annuity and lump sum components.
- Knowing that there is an $80 coupon rate for 6 years and a $1000 face value, the price of the bond is:

$$955.14 = \$80 \times [1 - 1/(1 + r)^6]/r + 1000 / (1 + r)^6$$

- r is the unknown discount rate or the yield to maturity
- To solve the above equation for r we will have to use trial and error method, as we cannot explicitly calculate r
- We can speed up the trial and error process by using our knowledge about prices and yields
- Since the bond is selling at a discount, we know that the yield is greater than 8%.
- If we compute the price at 10%, price is $912.89 which is lower than the actual price, so 10% is too high. Rather it should be between 8% and 10%
- Computing at 9% reveals that this is in fact the bond's yield to maturity.

Summary of Bond Valuation

I. Finding the value of a bond

Bond value = C x [1 - 1/(1 + r)t]/r + F/(1 + r)t
Where: C = the promised coupon payment
F = the promised face value
t = number of periods until the bond matures
r = the market's required return, YTM

II. Finding the yield on a bond

Given a bond value, coupon, time to maturity, and face value, it is possible to find the implicit discount rate, or yield to maturity, by trial and error only. To do this, try different discount rates until the calculated bond value equals the given bond value. Remember that increasing the rate decreases the bond value.

Debt vs. Equity

Debt vs. Equity:

- Securities issued by the corporations may be classified roughly a:
  - Equity Companies issue two main types of securities:
  - Debt Securities

- When cor - **Equity Securities:** This is ownership in the company
  - Make stocks. scheduled interest payments, and
    - **Debt Securities:** This is borrowing money from

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- o Repay the original amount borrowed (principal)
- The main differences between debt and equity are the following:
  - o Debt is not an ownership interest in the firm. Creditors generally do not have voting power.
  - o Corporation's payment of interest on debt is considered as a cost of doing business and is fully tax deductible. While dividends paid to stockholders are not tax-deductible.
  - o Unpaid debt is a liability of the firm. If it is not paid, the creditors can legally claim the assets of the firm, resulting in bankruptcy or financial failure. This possibility does not arise when equity is issued.

Long Term Debt

- Long term debt securities are promises made by the issuing firm to pay principal when due and to make timely interest payments on the unpaid balance.
- A number of features that distinguish the securities from one another
  - o Maturity is the length of time debt remains outstanding with some unpaid balance.
  - o Short-term debt (having maturity of one year or less) is sometimes referred to as unfunded debt
  - o Debt securities are typically called notes, debentures or bonds
- Strictly speaking a bond is a secured debt, but the word bond refers to all kinds of secure and unsecured debt.
- Public-issue bonds
  - o offered to general public
- Privately placed bonds
  - o placed with a private lender and not offered to general public

Features of a Super Stores Bond

Term		Explanation
Amount of Issue	$125 Million	The company will issue $125 million worth of bonds.
Date of Issue	28th Feb. 1986	The bonds were sold on 28th Feb. 1986.
Maturity	1st April. 2016	The principal will be paid in 30 years.
Face Value	$1,000	The denomination of the bonds is $1,000.
Annual Coupon	9.25 %	Each bondholder will receive $92.50 per bond per year (9.25% of the face value).
Offer Price	$1,000	The offer price will be 100% of the $1,000 face value per bond.
Coupon Payment	1st Mar, 1st Sep.	Coupons of $92.50/2 = $46.25 will be dates paid on these dates.
Security	None	The bonds are debentures.
Sinking Fund	Annual	The firm will make annual payments toward the sinking fund. Beginning on 1st April, 1997
Call Provision	Not Callable	The bonds have a deferred call feature before 28th Feb. 1993
Call Price	106.48 Initially	After 28th Feb. 1993, the company declining to 100 can buyback the bonds for $1,064.80 per bond, declining to $1,000 on 28th Feb. 2005.
Rating	A2	This is a higher rating. The bonds have a low probability of default.

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THE BOND INDENTURE

- The bond indenture is a *contract* between the bond issuer and the bondholders. Usually, a trustee (perhaps a bank) is hired by the issuer to protect the bondholders' interests.
- The trust company must:
  - Make sure the terms of indenture are obeyed
  - Manage the sinking fund
  - Represent the bondholders in default
- The indenture includes:
  - The basic terms of the bond issue
  - The total amount of bonds issued
  - A description of the security
  - The repayment arrangements
  - The call provisions
  - Details of the protective covenants

Terms of a Bond

- Corporate bonds usually have a face value of $1000, called principal value and it is stated on the bond certificate.
- The par value (initial accounting value) of a bond is almost always same as the face value, and terms are used interchangeably.
- The corporate bonds are usually in registered form.
- The company keeps a register recording the ownership of each bond and any changes thereof.
- The company will pay the interest and principal by cheque mailed directly to the address of the owner of record.
- The bond may be **registered and have attached coupons**. To obtain the interest payment, the owner must separate a coupon from the bond certificate and send it to company registrar
- Alternatively, the bond could be in **bearer form**, in which case, the certificate is the evidence of ownership and the company will pay the bearer. Ownership is not recorded, and the holder of the bond certificate detaches coupons and sends to company to receive payments.
- Bearer bonds are difficult to recover if lost or stolen.
- Company having no record of ownership cannot notify the bondholders of important events.

Security

- Debt securities are classified as collateral and mortgages used to protect the bondholders
- Collateral means securities (bonds, stocks) or any asset pledged as security for payment of debt.
- Mortgage securities are secured by a mortgage on the real property of the borrower, involving usually real estate.
- Debenture is an unsecured bond for which no specific pledge of property is made
- The term note is used for such instruments if the maturity of the bonds is less than 10 years when issued

Seniority

- Seniority indicates preference in position over lenders, and debts are sometimes labeled as senior or junior to indicate seniority.
- In the event of default, the holders of subordinated debt must give preference to other specified creditors. However, debt cannot be subordinated to equity

Repayment

- Bonds can be repaid at maturity or they may be repaid in part or in entirety before maturity. Earlier repayment is handled through a sinking fund.
- A sinking fund is an account managed by the bond trustee for the purpose of repayment of bonds.
- The company makes annual payment to trustee who uses the funds to retire a portion of the debt, by either buying up some of the bonds in the market or, calling in a fraction of outstanding bonds
- Some types of sinking fund arrangements are:
  - Some sinking funds start about 10 years after initial issuance
  - Some sinking funds establish equal payments over the life of bond
  - Some sinking funds are insufficient to redeem the entire issue of high-quality bonds, creating a possibility of a large "balloon payment" at maturity

Call Provision

- A call provision allows the company to repurchase, or "call" part or all of the bond issue at stated prices over a specific period.
- Generally, the call price is above the bond's stated value (par value)
- The difference between the call price and the stated value is the call premium. The amount of premium, initially set equal to the annual coupon payment, becomes smaller over time and declines to zero as call date moves closer to time of maturity.
- Call provisions are not usually operative during the first part of a bond's life, making it less of a worry for bondholders.
- For example, a company may be prohibited from calling its bonds for the first 10 years, making the bond call protective. This is called a deferred call provisions.

Protective Covenants

- A protective covenant is that part of the indenture or loan agreement that limits certain actions a company might wish to take during the term of the loan.
- These covenants can be classified into two types:
  - Negative covenants
  - Positive covenants
- A negative covenant limits or prohibits actions that company might take. For example:
  - Limitation on the amount of dividend according to some formula
  - Restrict pledging assets to other lenders
  - Barring merger with another firm
  - Restricting selling or leasing assets
  - Barring issuance of additional long-term debt.
- A positive covenant specifies an action that the company agrees to take or a condition the company must abide by. For example:
  - The firm must maintain its working capital at or above some specified minimum level
  - The firm must periodically furnish audited financial statements to the lender
  - The firm must maintain any collateral or security in good condition.

Bond Ratings

- The bond ratings are an assessment of the creditworthiness of the corporate issuer.
- The definitions of creditworthiness used by the rating agencies are based on how likely the issuer firm is to default and the protection creditors have in the event of a default.
- These ratings are concerned only with the possibility of the default. Since they do not address the issue of interest rate risk, the price of a highly rated bond may be quite volatile.

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- Long Term Ratings by PACRA

  o AAA: Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk.
  o AA: Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk.
  o A: High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote a low expectation of credit risk.
  o BBB: Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that there is currently a low expectation of credit risk.

- Long Term Ratings by PACRA
  Speculative Grades:

  o BB: Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing,
  o B: Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains.
  o CCC, CC, C: High default risk. Default is a real possibility.

- Short Term Ratings by PACRA

  o A1+: highest capacity for timely repayment.
  o A1: strong capacity for timely repayment.
  o A2: satisfactory capacity for timely repayment may be susceptible to adverse economic conditions.
  o A3: an adequate capacity for timely repayment. More susceptible to adverse economic conditions.

- Short Term Ratings by PACRA

  o B: timely repayment is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
  o C: an inadequate capacity to ensure timely repayment.
  o D: high risk of default or which are currently in default.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF BONDS

- Government Bonds
- Zero Coupon Bonds
- Floating-Rate Bonds
- Other Bonds

Government Bonds

- When the government wishes to borrow money for more than one year, it sells what are known as treasury notes and bonds (mostly in the form of ordinary coupon bond) to the public.
- Govt. treasury issues have no default risk
- These issues are exempted from income taxes

Zero Coupon Bonds

- A bond that pays no coupon at all and is offered at a price that is much lower than its stated value.
- Suppose N company issues a $1000 face value, 5 year zero coupon bond.
- Initial price is set at $497, yielding 15% to maturity
- Total interest paid over the life of the bond is $1000 – 497 = $503
- For tax purposes, the issuer of a zero coupon bond deducts interest every year even though no interest is actually paid.
- Because of the tax break, the yields are lower than the yields on taxable bonds.

Different Types of Bonds
Zero Coupon Bonds

Year	Beginning Value	Ending Value	Implicit Interest Expenses	Straight Line Interest Expense
1	$497	$572	$75	$100.60
2	572	658	86	100.60
3	658	756	98	100.60
4	756	870	114	100.60
5	870	1000	130	100.60
Total			$503	$503.00

Floating Rate Bonds

- In case of floating rate bonds, the coupon payments are adjustable with respect to an interest rate index such as treasury bills interest rate.
- The value of a floating rate bond depends on this adjustment and its definition. In most cases, the coupon adjusts with a lag to some base rate.
- The majority of the floating rate bonds have the following features.
- Holder has the right to redeem the note at par on the coupon payment date after some specified period of time. This is called a put provision.
- Coupon rate has a floor and a ceiling i.e. coupon is subjected to a minimum and a maximum. Thus coupon rate is capped and upper and lower rates are the called the collar.
- An interesting type of floating rate bonds is an Inflation-linked bond.
- Such bonds have coupons that are adjusted according to the rate of inflation (the principal amount may be adjusted as well).

Other types of Bonds

- **Income bonds** have coupon payments dependent on company income sufficient enough to support such payment
- **Convertible bonds** can be swapped for a fixed number of shares at any time before maturity at the holder's option.
- **Put bonds** allows the holder to force the issuer to buy the bond back at a stated price.

Inflation and Interest Rates

- Real versus Nominal Rates
  - Real rates are interest rates or rates of returns that have been adjusted for inflation
  - Nominal rates are not adjusted for inflation
- Suppose rate of inflation is 5%
- An investment costing $100 today will be worth $115.50 in one year, giving a rate of return of 15.5%. But this 15.5% does not consider the effect of inflation, so this is nominal return
- Now suppose a pen costs $5 a piece at the beginning of the year, giving 20 pens for $100
- With inflation rate of 5%, pens will cost $5.25 at the end of the year.
- How many pens can be bought?
- What is rate of return?
- $115.50 from the investment will buy us $115.50/5.25 = 22 pens
- This is up from 20 pens, so pen rate of return is 10%
- With nominal return of 15.5%, our buying power goes up by only 10%, because of inflation. So real rate of return is 10%.
- Alternatively, with 5% inflation, each of the 115.50 nominal dollars we get is worth 5% less in real terms.
- Real value of our investment in an year is $115.50/1.05 = $110
- giving a real rate of return of 10%
- Real versus nominal returns:
  - Your nominal return is the percentage change in the amount of money you have.
  - Your real return is the percentage change in the amount of stuff you can actually buy.

The Fisher Effect

The relationship between real and nominal returns is described by the Fisher Effect. Let:

$$R = \text{the nominal return}$$
$$r = \text{the real return}$$
$$h = \text{the inflation rate}$$

According to the Fisher Effect:

$$1 + R = (1 + r) \times (1 + h)$$

From the example; the nominal rate is 15.5%, and the inflation rate is 5% so real rate is

$$1 + 0.155 = (1 + r) \times (1 + 0.05)$$
$$(1 + r) = 1.155/1.05 = 1.10$$
$$r = 10\%$$

Rearranging the fisher effect,

$$1 + R = (1 + r) \times (1 + h)$$
$$R = r + h + r \times h$$

It tells that nominal rate has three components
- Real rate on investment r
- Compensation for the decrease in value of original investment because of inflation h
- Compensation for the decrease in value of income earned on investment due to inflation
- Dropping the third component (being very small), nominal rate gives us then approximately equal to:

$$R \approx r + h$$

LESSON 22

TERM STRUCTURE OF INTEREST RATES

- The relationship between short- and long-term Interest rates
- Tells us what nominal interest rates are on default free, pure discount bonds of all maturities
- These are pure interest rates because they involve no risk of default and a single, lump-sum future payment
- When long term rates are higher than short term rates we say term structure is upward sloping and vice versa.

Determinants of Term Structure

- Real Rate of Interest
- Expected Inflation
- Interest Rate Risk

Real Rate of Interest

- When real rate is high, all interest rates will tend to be higher and vice versa.
- Thus real rate does not really determine the shape of the term structure rather it influences the overall level of interest rates.
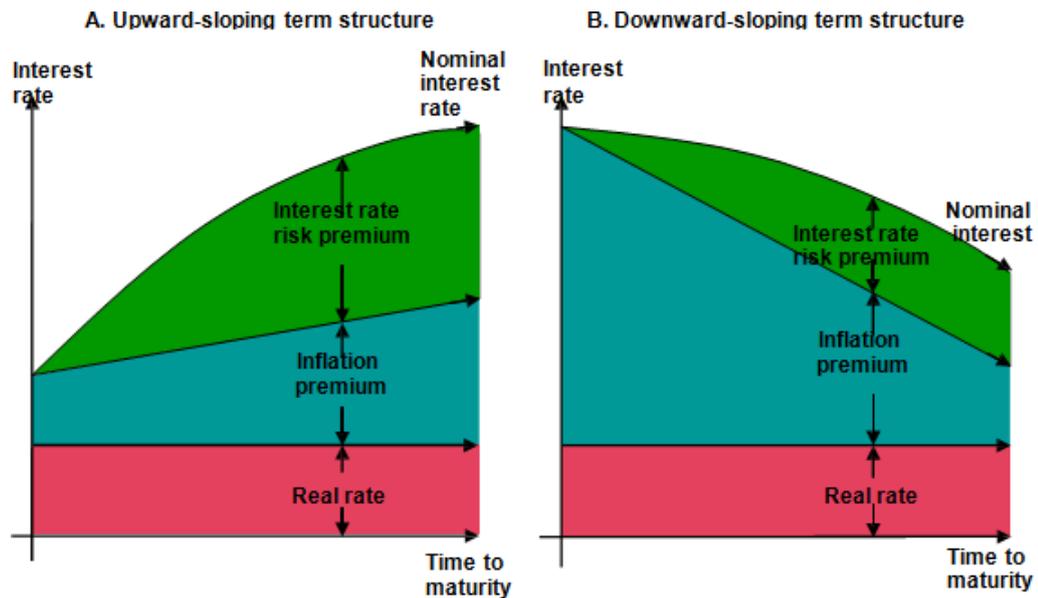
Prospect for Future inflation

- It very strongly influences the shape of the term structure.
- Value of dollar returns on investment for various periods of time may be eroded by future inflation.
- So investors demand a compensations for this loss in the form of Inflation premium (higher interest rates)
- Expectation of a higher inflation rate will push long term interest rates higher than short term rates reflected by an upward term structure.

Interest Rate Risk

- Long term bonds have much greater risk of loss resulting from changes in interest rates than do short-term bonds.
- Investors recognize this risk and demand extra compensation in the form of higher rates for bearing it. This extra compensation is called the interest rate risk premium.
- The longer the term to maturity, the greater is the interest rate risk and the interest rate risk premium.
- Interest rate risk premium increases at a decreasing rate in line with the interest rate risk.

The Term Structure of Interest Rate

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A. Upward-sloping term structure

B. Downward-sloping term structure

Bond Yields and the Yield Curve

We know that yields on treasury notes and bonds of different maturities are not the same. Plotting the treasury yields relative to maturity gives us a treasury yield curve (or just yield curve.)

Bond Yields and the Yield Curve
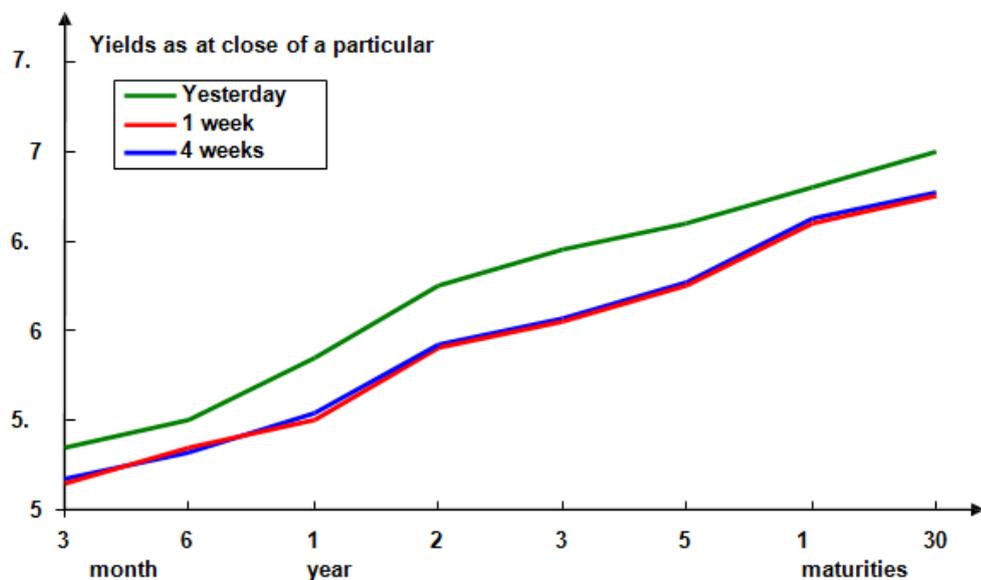
- The shape of yield curve is a reflection of the term structure of the interest rates making these almost the same thing.
- The only difference is that the term structure is based on pure discount bonds whereas the yield curve is based on coupon bond yields.
- Treasury notes and bonds have three important features: they are:
  o Default free
  o Taxable
  o Highly liquid
- Credit risk is the possibility of default.
- Investors demand a higher yield as compensation to the risk of possible default.
- This extra premium is called default risk premium

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- We know that government bonds are free from most taxes, and have much lower yield than taxable bonds.
- Investors demand extra yield on a taxable bond as a compensation for the unfavorable tax treatment, known as taxability premium
- Bonds have varying degrees of liquidity.
- Due to a large number of bonds issued, you may not get as much good price if you want to sell quickly.
- Investor demand a liquidity premium for the compensation

Common Stock Valuation

Valuation of a share of common stock is difficult due to:
- Not even promised cash flows are known in advanced
- Life of investment is forever, since common stock has no maturity
- Market rate of return is not easily observed

Cash Flows

Suppose you buy a share of stock today, with a plan to sell it in a year, hoping that its worth will be $70 at that time, along with a dividend payment of $10 per share.
- If you require a 25% return on your investment, what is the most would you pay for the stock?
- Alternatively, what is the present value of the $10 dividend along with the $70 ending value at 25%?
- The present value of the investment is
- Present value = ($10 + $70)/1.25 = $64
- So, $64 is the value you would assign to the stock today.
- Generalizing this valuation, let
- P_0 => current price of stock
- P_1 => price in one period
- D_1 => Dividend paid at the end of the period
- So,

$$P_0 = \frac{(D_1 + P_1)}{(1+R)}$$

- Where R is the market rate of return
- But this possible only if we know P1, making the problem more complicated
- So, if we want to know the price in one year i.e. P1 and we somehow know the price in two years P2 with D2 dividend expected in two years, then

$$\frac{(D_2 + P_2)}{(1+R)}$$

- Now substituting this expression for P1 into our previous expression for P0 , we would have the following equation:

$$P_o = \frac{D_1 + \frac{(D2+P2)}{(1+R)}}{(1+R)}$$

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{P_2}{(1+R)^2}$$

If we continue the substitution for 2 periods:

$$\frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{P_3}{(1+R)^3}$$

- Note that no matter what the stock price is, the present value is essentially zero if we push the sale of stock far enough away.
- So, the current price of stock can be written as the present value of the dividends beginning in one period and extending out forever
- Alternatively, we can say that the price of stock today is equal to the present value of all of future dividends.

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{D_4}{(1+R)^4}$$

Zero Growth Stocks

- A share of common stock in a company with a constant dividend is termed as zero growth type of stocks, which implies:
  D1 = D2 = D3 = D = constant
- So the value of the stock is:

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{D_4}{(1+R)^4} - - - -$$

- Since dividend is always the same, the stock can be viewed as an ordinary perpetuity with a cash flow equal to 'D' every period.
- So, the per share value is:

$$P_o = \frac{D}{R}$$

  Where R is the required rate of return

- CVP Corporation has a policy of paying a $10 per share dividend every year.
- If this policy is to continue indefinitely, what is the value of a share of stock if the required rate of return is 20%?
- Since the stock amounts to be a perpetuity, value of the share is

  $10/0.20 = $50 per share

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Constant Growth Stocks

- Stocks, the dividend for which grows at a steady rate termed as growth rate g.
- If we let D0 be the dividend just paid, then the next dividend, D1 is

    $$D_1 = D_0 \text{ x } (1 + g)$$

- Dividend in two periods is :

    $$D_2 = D_1 \text{ x } (1 + g)$$
    $$D_2 = [D_0 \text{ x } (1 + g)] \text{ x } (1 + g)$$
    $$D_2 = D_0 \text{ x } (1 + g)^2$$

- We can repeat this process to generalize it for any number of periods as

    $$D_t = D_0 \text{ x } (1 + g)^t$$

- An asset with cash flows that grow at a constant rate forever is called a growing perpetuity
- The reason for the constant growth of dividend lies in the fact that the companies have this aspect as an explicit goal.
- The H Company has just paid a dividend of $3 per share. The dividend of this company grows at a steady rate of 8% per year.
- Based on this information, what will be the dividend in 5 years?
- The future amount is
        $3 x 1.08^5 = $3 x 1.4693 = $4.41

- The dividend will therefore grow by $1.41 over the coming years
- If dividend grow at a steady rate, we have replaced the problem of forecasting an infinite number of future dividends with the problem of coming up with a single growth rate.
- So, if we take D_0 to be the dividend just paid and g to be the constant growth rate, the value of a share of stock can be written as:

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{D_4}{(1+R)^4} - - -$$

$$P_o = \frac{D_o(1+g)}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_o(1+g)^2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_o(1+g)^3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{D_o(1+g)^4}{(1+R)^4} - - -$$

As long as the growth rate, g, is less than the discount rate, R, the present value of cash flows can be written as:

$$P_o = \frac{D_o(1+g)}{R-g} = \frac{D_1}{R-g}$$

- This is commonly known as dividend growth model
- Suppose D_0 is $2.30, R is 13% and g is 5%. The price per share in this case is:

$$P_o = \frac{D_o(1+g)}{R-g}$$
$$P_o = \frac{\$2.30\,(1.05)}{0.13-0.05}$$
$$P_o = \frac{2.41}{0.08}$$
$$P_o = \$30.1$$

- We can use the dividend growth model to get the stock price at any point in time.
- The price of the stock as of time t is:

$$P_o = \frac{D_t(1+g)}{R-g} = \frac{D_{t+1}}{R-g}$$

- Continuing with the previous example; D5 will be:

$$D_5 = \$2.30 \times 1.05^5 = 2.30 \times 1.2763 = \$2.935$$

- From the dividend growth model, we get the price of the stock in 5 years

$$P_5 = \frac{D_5(1+g)}{R-g}$$
$$P_5 = \frac{\$2.935 \times 1.05}{0.13-0.05}$$
$$P_5 = \frac{3.0822}{0.08}$$
$$P_5 = \$38.5275$$

- GG Company
- The next dividend of the company will be $4 per share. Investors require a 16% return on the similar stocks. The company's dividend grows by 6% every year.

- Based on the dividend growth model
  - What is the value of GG stock today?
  - What is the value in four years?
- The only tricky thing is that the next dividend is $4. so we won't multiply this by $(1 + g)$. With this in mind the price per share is given by:

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{R-g}$$
$$P_o = \frac{\$4}{0.16-0.06}$$
$$P_o = \frac{\$4}{0.10}$$
$$P_o = \$40$$

- Since we already have dividend in one year, we know that the dividend in four years is equal to

$$D_1 \times (1 + g)_3 = \$4 \times 1.06_3 = \$4.764$$

- The price in four years is therefore:

$$P_4 = \frac{D_4(1+g)}{R-g}$$
$$P_4 = \frac{\$4.764 \times 1.06}{0.16-0.06}$$
$$P_4 = \frac{\$5.05}{0.10}$$
$$P_4 = \$50.50$$

- Notice that

$$P_4 = P_0 \times (1 + g)_4$$
$$P_4 = \$40 \times 1.06_4$$
$$P_4 = \$50.50$$

- To see why this is so, notice that:

$$P_4 = \frac{D_5}{R-g}$$

- However, D_5 is just equal to $D_1 \times (1 + g)_4$, so we can write P_4 as:

$$P_4 = \frac{D_1(1+g)^4}{R-g}$$
$$P_4 = \frac{D_1}{R-g} \times (1 + g)^4$$
$$P_4 = P_0 \times (1 + g)_4$$

- This example illustrates that the dividend growth model makes the implicit assumption that the stock price will grow at the same constant rate as the dividend.
- What it tells us is that if the cash flows on an investment grow at a constant rate through time, so does the value of that investment.
- If the growth rate, g is bigger than discount rate, R, then the present value of the dividends keeps on getting bigger and bigger. So the stock price is infinitely large.

- The same is true if growth rate and discount rate are equal.
- The expression we came up with for the constant growth case will work for any growing perpetuity, not just dividends on common stock.
- If C1 is the next cash flow on a growing perpetuity, then the present value of the cash flows is given by:

$$PV = \frac{C_1}{R-g} = \frac{C_0\,(1+g)}{R-g}$$

Non-Constant Growth Stocks

Consider the case of a company that is currently not paying any dividends.
- You predict that in 5 years, the company will pay a dividend for the first time, say $0.50.
- You expect that this dividend will grow at a rate of 10% per year indefinitely.
- The required rate of return on similar companies is 20%.
- What is the price of the stock today?
- First we calculate what it will be worth once dividends are paid. We can then calculate the present value of that future price to get today's price.
- 1st dividend will be paid in 5 years and it will grow steadily then onwards. So the price in 4 years will be:

$$P_4 = \frac{D_4(1+g)}{R-g}$$

$$P_4 = \frac{D_5}{R-g} = \frac{\$0.50}{0.20-0.10}$$

$$P_4 = \$5$$

- Now we can calculate the current value by discounting this price back four years at 20%

$$P_0 = \$5 \,/\, 1.20^4 = \$5 \,/\, 2.0736 = \$2.41$$

- The problem of non-constant growth is slightly complicated if the dividends are not zero for the first time.
- For example consider the following dividend forecasts for next three years.

Year	Expected Dividend
1	$ 1.00
2	$ 2.00
3	$ 2.50

- After 3rd year, dividend will grow at a constant rate of 5% per year
- The required return is 10%. What is the value of the stock today?
- A time line can be quite helpful in dealing with such a problem of non-constant growth.
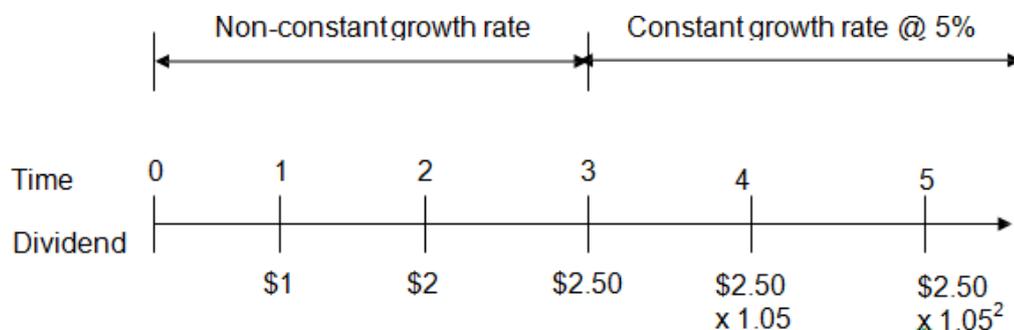
- First we compute the present value of the stock price three years down the road
- Then add in the present value of the dividends that will be paid between now and then.
- So the price in 3 years is:

$$P_3 = \frac{D_3(1+g)}{R-g}$$

$$P_3 = \frac{\$2.50 \times 1.05}{0.10-0.05}$$

$$P_3 = \$52.50$$

We can now calculate the total value of the stock as the present value of the first 3 dividends plus the present value of the price at time 3, P_3

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{P_3}{(1+R)^3}$$

$$P_o = \frac{\$1}{(1.10)^1} + \frac{\$2}{(1.10)^2} + \frac{\$2.50}{(1.10)^3} + \frac{\$52.52}{(1.10)^3}$$

$$P_o = \$0.91 + \$1.65 + \$1.88 + \$39.44$$

$$P_o = \$43.88$$

NON-CONSTANT GROWTH STOCKS

- CR Inc.: A Case of Supernormal Growth
- The company has been growing at a phenomenal rate of 30% per year. You expect that this growth rate to last for 3 more years and the rate will then drop to 10% per year.
- Total dividends just paid were $5 million, and required return is 20%
- If the growth rate then remains at 10% indefinitely, what is the total value of the stock?
- It is unlikely that a 30% supernormal growth rate can be sustained for any extended length of time.
- To value the equity in this company, we first need to calculate the total dividend over the supernormal growth period:

Year	Total Dividend (in millions)
1	$5.00 x 1.3 = $ 6.500
2	$6.50 x 1.3 = 8.450
3	$8.45 x 1.3 = 10.985

The price at time 3 can be calculated as:

$$P_3 = D_3 \times (1 + g) /(R - g)$$

Where 'g' is the long-run growth rate. So we have:

$$P_3 = \$10.985 \times 1.10 / (0.20 – 0.10) = \$120.835$$

Non-Constant Growth Stocks

To determine the value today, we need the present value of this amount plus the present value of the total dividends:

$$P_o = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} + \frac{P_3}{(1+R)^3}$$

$$P_o = \frac{\$6.50}{(1.20)^1} + \frac{\$8.45}{(1.20)^2} + \frac{\$10.985}{(1.20)^3} + \frac{\$120.835}{(1.20)^3}$$

$$P_o = \$5.42 + \$5.87 + \$6.36 + \$69.93$$

$$P_o = \$87.58 \text{ (mill.)}$$

Components of Required Return

- Let's examine the implications of the dividend growth model for the required return of Discount rate R.
- We calculated P_0 as

$$P_0 = D_1 / (R - g)$$

- Rearranging it to solve for R, we get

$$R – g = D1/P0$$
$$R = D1/P0 + g$$

- This tells us that the total return, R, has two components
- D1/P0 is called the Dividend Yield. Because this is calculated as the expected cash dividend by the current price, it is conceptually similar to the current yield on a bond

- Growth rate, g, is also the rate at which the stock price grows. So it can be interpreted as capital gains yield
- Suppose a stock is selling for $20 per share. The next dividend is $1 per share and it is expected to grow by 10% more or less indefinitely. What return does this stock offer you if this is correct?
- The dividend growth model calculates the total return as:

$$R = D_1/P_0 + g$$
$$R = \$1/20 + 10\% = 5\% + 10\% = 15\%$$

- We can verify this answer by calculating the price in one year, P1, using 15% as the required return.
- Based on the dividend growth model, the price is:

$$P_1 = D_1 \times (1 + g) / (R - g)$$
$$P_1 = \$1 \times 1.10 / (0.15 - 0.10)$$
$$P_1 = \$1.10 / 0.05$$
$$P_1 = \$22$$

- This $22 is equal to $20 x 1.10, so the stock price has grown by 10%
- If you pay $20 for the stock today, you will get a $1 dividend at the end of the year, and you will have a $22 – 20 = $2 gain
- Your dividend yield is thus $1/20 = 5%, while your capital gains yield is $2/20 = 10%
- So, total return would be 5% + 10% = 15%

Summary of Stock Valuation

The general Case

- The price today of a share of stock, P0, is the present value of all its future dividends, D1, D2, D3…

$$P_0 = \frac{D_1}{(1+R)^1} + \frac{D_2}{(1+R)^2} + \frac{D_3}{(1+R)^3} - - -$$

- Where R is the required return

Constant Growth rate

- If the dividend is constant and equal to D, then the price is:

$$P_0 = D/R$$

- If the dividend grows at a steady rate, g, then the price will be:

$$P_0 = D_1 / (R - g)$$

- This is called dividend growth model

Non-constant Growth rate

- The required return can be written as the sum of two things

$$R = D_1/P_0 + g$$

- Where D1/P0 is the dividend yield and g is the capital gains yield

Common Stock Features

Stocks having no special preference either in paying dividend or in bankruptcy
- Shareholder Rights
- Proxy Voting
- Classes of Stock
- Other Rights
- Dividends

Shareholder Rights

- Shareholders control the organization by electing the directors who, in turn, hire management to carry out their objectives.
- Directors are elected usually each year at an annual meeting through a golden rule of "one share – one vote."
- Either of two procedures is followed:
  - Cumulative voting
  - Straight voting

Cumulative Voting

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  - **Cumulative Voting:** Shareholders distribute votes among candidates, is determined first by multiplying the number of shares with the number of directors to be elected.
  - The top vote getters are all elected at once. Individual shareholders can distribute votes however they wish.
  - **Straight Voting:** Individual votes per director, any shareholders.
  - For example, a corporation has two shareholders; Sami with 20 shares and Junaid with 80 shares.
  - **Staggering:Partial board election deters takeovers, continuity.**
  - Both want to be a elected as one of the four director. But Junaid does not want Sami.
- Smith will cast 20 x 4 = 80 votes and Junaid will cast 80 x 4 = 320 votes.
- If Sami gives all his votes to himself, he is assured of a directorship. Because Junaid cannot divide 320 votes among four candidates in such a way as to give all of them more than 80 votes. So Sami will finish fourth at worst.
- Generally, [1/(N+1) % of stocks + 1] shares will guarantee you a seat.

Straight Voting

- Directors are elected one at a time in this style.
- Applying to our example, Sami can cast 20 votes and Junaid can cast 80. So Junaid will elect all the candidates.
- The only way to guarantee a seat is to own 50 % plus one shares, also guaranteeing win over every seat, making it "all or nothing."

Staggering

- Only a fraction of the directorship is up for election at a particular time.
- So if only two directors are up for election at any one time, it will take 1/(2 + 1) = 33.33% of the stocks plus one share to guarantee seat.
- It makes more difficult for a minority to elect a director when there is a cumulative voting because there are fewer directors to be elected at one time.

- It makes takeover attempts less likely to be successful since it makes it more difficult to vote in a majority of new directors.

Proxy Voting

- A proxy is a grant of authority by a shareholder to someone else to vote the shareholder's shares.
- This is a routine practice in large corporations, since they have hundreds of thousands or even millions of shareholders.
- Obviously management would like to get as many proxies as possible transferred to it.
- However, an outside group may try to obtain votes via proxy if shareholders are dissatisfied with management.
- This may result in a proxy fight to retain or replace management by electing enough directors.

Classes of Stocks

- Some firms have more than one class of common stocks with unequal voting rights
- In principle, stock exchange does not allow such classification.
- The primary reason for such stocks concerns with the control of the firm, as the firms can raise equity by issuing non-voting or limited-voting stocks while maintaining control.

Other Rights

Some additional rights are:
- Right to share proportionately in dividends paid
- Right to share proportionately in assets remaining after liabilities have been paid in a liquidation
- Right to vote on matters of great importance, such as merger (usually done at annual general meeting or special meeting)
- Moreover, shareholders sometimes have the right to share proportionately in any new stock sold.
- This i
- It means that a company that wishes to sell stock must first offer it to the existing shareholders before offering it to general public, so that they can protect their proportionate ownership in the firm.

Dividends

- Dividends paid to the shareholders represent a return on the capital directly or indirectly contributed to the corporation by the shareholders.
- The payment of the dividend is at the discretion of the board of directors.
- Some important characteristics
- Unless a dividend is declared by the board of the directors of a corporation, it is not a liability of the corporation. The amount of the dividend and whether it is paid are decisions based on business judgment of the board of directors
- Payment of dividend is not a business expense and is not deductible for tax.
- Dividends received by individuals are considered ordinary income by tax authorities and are fully tax deductible. However, corporation owning stocks in other corporations are permitted to exclude certain percentage of dividend amount they receive and are taxed only on the remaining portion.

Preferred Stock Features

* Stock with dividend priority over common stock, normally with a fixed dividend rate, sometimes without voting rights.
* Preference means only that the holders of the preferred shares must receive a dividend before holders if common shares are entitled to anything.

Stated Value

* Preferred shares have stated liquidating value
* Cash dividend is described in terms of dollars per share.

Accumulation of Dividend

* A preferred dividend is not like interest on a bond. The directors may decide not to pay the dividends on preferred stock irrespective of the net income of company.
* Dividends on preferred stock may be either cumulative or non-cumulative; most are cumulative
* If preferred stocks are cumulative and are not paid a particular year, they will be carried forward as an arrearage.
* Unpaid preferred dividends are not debts of the firm. Directors can defer the preferred dividend indefinitely. However, in this scenario, common stockholders must also forego dividends.
* Sometimes these delayed payments are compensated by voting rights.

Is Preferred Stock Debt?

* Preferred shareholders are only entitled to receive a stated dividend and they are only entitled to the stated value of their shares
* Preferred stocks hold credit ratings much like bonds
* These are sometimes convertible into common stock and are often callable.

The Stock Market

We know that the shares of stocks are bought and sold at stock exchanges.
* Stock market consists of:
  * Primary market
  * Secondary Market

Primary Market

* The market in which new securities are originally sold to the investors.
* Companies sell securities to raise money.

Secondary Market

* The market in which previously issued securities are traded among investors.

Dealer

Dealer

A dealer is an intermediary who maintains an inventory of securities and engages in buying and selling. They are prepared to purchase securities from those looking to sell and sell to those looking to buy. The bid price is the buying price, and the ask price is the sellingprice, with the difference called the spread.

* ... inventory
* ... to sell them and sells securities to

- The price that the dealer wishes to pay is the bid price and the price at which the dealer sells the securities is called the strike price.
- The difference between the bid and ask price is called the spread

Broker

Broker
A broker acts as an intermediary who connects investors who buy and sell securities. They don't hold an inventory themselves but facilitate trades between parties, arranging transactions on behalf of others. Matching buyers and sellers is their primary role.

LESSON 25
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- It stands ready to buy securities from investors wishing to sell them and sells securities to investors wishing to buy them
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Broker

- An agent who arranges security transactions among investors, matching investors wishing to buy securities with investors wishing to sell securities.
- They do not buy or sell securities for their own accounts. Facilitating trades others is their business.

Capital Budgeting

What long-term investment should the firm take on?

Net Present Value

- An investment is worth undertaking if it creates value for its owners characterized by worth in marketplace being more than what it costs to acquire.
- For example, you buy a run-down house for $25,000 and spend another $25,000 on painters, plumbers and so on to get it fixed up. So your total investment is $50,000.
- When the work is completed, you place the house on the market and find that it is worth $60,000.
- The market value ($60,000) exceeds the cost ($50,000) by $10,000.
- If you consider yourself as manager and have brought together some fixed assets, labor and material etc., you have created $10,000 in value.
- Now what you as a manager has to do is to identify the feasibility of investing $50,000 ahead of time.
- In other words you are trying to determine whether a proposed investment or project will be worth more than it costs once it is in place, a topic we call Capital Budgeting
- The difference between an investment's market value and its cost is called the net present value of the investment (NPV).
- Alternatively, NPV is a measure of how much value is created or added today by undertaking an investment.
- Given our goal of creating value for our shareholders, the capital budgeting process can be viewed as a search for investment with positive net present values.
- Investment decisions are greatly simplified when there is a market for assets similar to the investment we are considering.
- Capital budgeting becomes more difficult when we can't determine the market price for comparable investment.
- The reason is that we are then faced with problem of estimating the value of an investment using only indirect market information.

Estimating Net Present Value

($000)

Years	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Initial Cost	- $30								
Inflows		$20	$20	$20	$20	$20	$20	$20	$20
Outflows		- 14	- 14	- 14	- 14	- 14	- 14	- 14	- 14
Net Inflow		$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6
Salvage									2
Net Cash Flow	-$30	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 6	$ 8

If we want to estimate the value of a new business, say fertilizer, we will
- Try to estimate the future cash flows we expect the new business to produce
- Apply discounted cash flow procedure to estimate the present value of the cash flows
- Estimate the difference between the present value of the future cash flows and the cost of investment.
- This is know
- Suppose the cash revenues from our fertilizer business will be $20,000 per year.
- Cash costs (including taxes) will be $14,000 per year
- The business will be wound up in 8 years
- The plant, property and equipment will worth $2,000 as salvage value at that time.
- The project costs $30,000 to launch
- Discount rate on similar projects is 15%
- Is this a good investment?
- What will be the effect on price per share of 1,000 shares from taking the investment?
- Calculating the present value of the future cash flows:

$$PV = \$6,000 \text{ x } (1 - 1/1.15^8)/0.15 + 2,000 / 1.15^8$$
$$PV = \$6,000 \text{ x } 4.4873 + 2,000/3.0590$$
$$PV = \$26,924 + 654$$
$$PV = \$27,578$$

- Comparing this value with the $30,000 estimated cost, the NPV is;

$$NPV = \text{-}\$30,000 + 27,578 = \text{-}\$2,422$$

- Therefore this is not a good investment, as it would decrease the total value of stock by $2,422.
- With 1,000 shares outstanding, best estimate of impact of taking up this project is a loss of value of:

$$\$2,422/1,000 = \$2.422 \text{ per share}$$

- From this example we notice that if NPV is negative, the effect on share value will be unfavorable. If NPV were positive, the effect would be favorable.
- Given that the goal of financial management is to increase the share value, this discussion leads to the net present value rule

"An investment should be accepted if the net present value is positive and rejected if it is negative."

- In the unlikely event that NPV is turned out to be zero, we would be indifferent between taking and not taking the investment

- Two comments
  o The task of coming up with cash flows and the discount rate is much more important than the process of discounting itself.
  o The process of discounting cash flows would only give us an estimated figure of NPV. The true NPV can be found by putting the investment for sale and see what we got for it.

LESSON 26
USING NPV

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- Suppose we are asked to decide whether or not a new product be launched.
- Based on projected costs and sales, we expect that the cash flows over the 5-year life of the project will be $2,000 in first two years, $4,000 in the next two and $5,000 in the last year.
- It would cost about $10,000 to begin production.
- Given a 10% discount rate, what should we do?
- The total value of the product by discounting its cash flow to present:

$$PV = \$2,000/1.1 + 2,000/1.1^2 + 4,000/1.1^3 + 4,000/1.1^4 + 5,000/1.1^5$$
$$PV = \$1,818 + 1,653 + 3,005 + 2,732 + 3,105$$
$$PV = \$12,313$$

- The present value of the expected cash flows is $12,313, but the cost of getting those cash flows is $10,000 so the NPV is $12,313 – 10,000 = $2,313
- So, based on the NPV rule we should take on the project.

The Payback Rule

The payback period is the amount of time required for an investment to generate cash flows sufficient to recover its initial cost.
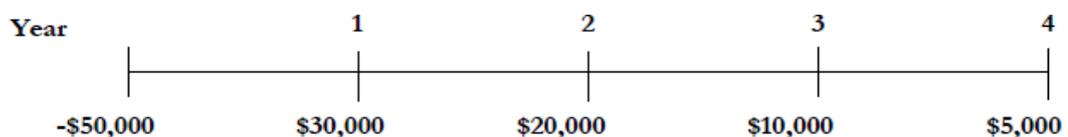
- This investment pays for itself back in exactly two year OR payback period is two years.

"An investment is acceptable if its calculated payback period is less than some specified number of years."

- Suppose the initial investment is $60,000, and the cash flows are $20,000 in the first year and $90,000 in the second.
- The cash flows over the first two years are $110,000, so the project pays back sometime in the second year.
- After the first year, the project has paid back $20,000, leaving $40,000 to be recovered
- Note that this $40,000 is $40,000/90,000 = 4/9 of the second year's cash flows.
- Spreading this ratio over 365 days:
          4/9 x 365 = 162 days (approx.)

This means, that the payback period is just over 1 year and 5 months.
- The Projected cash flows from a proposed investment are:

Year	Cash Flow
1	$100
2	200
3	500

- The project costs $500. What is the payback period for this investment?
- After the first 2 years, the cash flows total $300.
- After the 3rd year, the total cash flow is $800, so the project pays back sometimes between the end of year 2 and end of year 3.
- Out of $500 cash flows for 3rd year, we need to cover $200, so we will have to wait $200/500 = 0.40 years to do this.
- The payback period is 2.4 years or about two years and five months.
- Based on this method of calculating payback, we can make decisions on investments.
- Decide on the cutoff time, say two years, for the investment
- Accept all the projects having payback of two years or less and reject all those having payback more than two years

Year	A	B	C	D	E
0	-$100	-$200	-$200	-$200	-$50
1	30	40	40	100	100
2	40	20	20	100	-50,000,000
3	50	10	10	-200	
4	60		130	200	

- Payback period of Project A is 2.6 years.
- Project B never pays back.
- Project C has a payback period of 4 years.
- Project D has two payback periods; 2 and 4 years (both correct).
- Project E is unrealistic but it pays back in 6 months, thereby illustrating that a rapid payback does not guarantee a good investment.
- Compared to NPV, payback period rule has some shortcomings.
- Time value of money is ignored.
- It fails to consider risk differences.
- It doesn't provide an objective basis for a particular number for the cutoff period.
- Primary shortcomings of payback period rule:
- By ignoring time value, we may be led to take investments that are worth less than they cost.
- By ignoring cash flows beyond cutoff, we may be led to reject profitable long term investments.
- Generally, it tends to bias us towards shorter term investments
- Qualities of payback period rule:
- Simple and easy to calculate, useful for large number of small investment decisions by corporation
- Its biasness towards short term projects, emphasizes on liquidity, i.e. quickly freeing up cash for other uses
- It adjusts for more uncertain cash flows expected in later part of a project's life (though by ignoring them altogether)
- Consider the following investments:

Year	Long	Short
0	-$250	-$250
1	100	100
2	100	200
3	100	0
4	100	0

- The payback on long is

$$2 + \$50/100 = 2.5 \text{ years}$$

- The payback on short is

$$1 + \$150/200 = 1.75 \text{ years}$$

- With a cutoff of two years, short is accepted and long is not
- Is payback period rule giving us the right decisions?
- Suppose, we require a 15% return on this kind of investment; NPV for the two investments is:

NPV (Short) = -$250 +100/1.15 + 200/1.15^2 = -$11.81
NPV (Long) = -$250 + 100 x (1 – 1/1.15^4)/.15 = $35.5

- We can see that the NPV of shorter term investment is negative, which would diminish the value of shareholders' equity.
- Longer term investment increases share value.

Summary

- A break-even measure; in accounting sense but not in economic sense.
- Does not focus on right issue of impact of investment on value of stock.
- Simplicity helpful for decisions on minor investments.

Advantages

- Easy to understand
- Adjusts for uncertainty of later cash flows
- Biased towards liquidity

Disadvantages

off date

such as research and development and new projects

AVERAGE ACCOUNTING RETURN

It is defined as:

$$AAR = \frac{Some\ Measure\ of\ Average\ Accounting\ Profit}{Some\ Measures\ of\ Avereage\ Accounting\ Value}$$

Specifically:

Suppose we are deciding whether or not to open a store in a new shopping center.
- The required investment in improvements is $500,000
- The store has a 5-years life, as everything reverts to the owners of the shopping center after that time.
- The required investment would be 100% depreciated over 5 years, i.e.
- $500,000 / 5 = $100,000 per year
- Tax rate is 25%

Average Accounting Return

Particulars				4	Year 5
Revenues	First year Net income	$450,000	$266,667	$200,000	$133,333
Expenses	433333-233333-133333+33333 =100000		100,000	100,000	100,000
E.B.D	233,333	300,000	166,667	100,000	33,333
Depreciation	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
E.B.T	133,333	200,000	66,667	0	-66,667
Taxes 25%	33,333	50,000	16,667	0	-16,667
Net Income	100,000	150,000	50,000	0	-50,000

- Average net income   = [$100,000 + 150,000 +50,000 + 0 +(-50,000)]/5
                         = $50,000

- Average book value   = ($500,000 + 0) / 2
                         = $250,000

- The average accounting return is:

$$= \frac{Average\ Net\ Income}{Average\ Book\ Value} = \frac{\$50,000}{\$250,000}$$

"A project is acceptable if its average accounting return exceeds a target average accounting return"

- Drawbacks of AAR
  - It is not a rate of return in any meaningful economic sense, as it ignores time value of money
  - It lacks an objective or target AAR to be compared with
  - It focuses on net income and book value rather than cash flow and market value
- Advantages
  - Easy to calculate
  - Needed information will usually be available

Internal Rate of Return

- With IRR, we try to find a single rate of return that summarizes the merits of a project
- We want this rate to be an "internal" rate in the sense that it only depends on the cash flows of a particular investment, not on rates offered elsewhere
- Consider a project that costs $100 today and pays $110 in one year.
- Obviously it pays a return of 10%, since it pays $1.10 for every dollar we put in.
- This 10% is in fact the internal rate of return.

"Based on IRR rule an investment is acceptable if the IRR exceeds the required return. It should be rejected otherwise"

- Now for our example, NPV for the investment at discount rate R is:

$$\text{NPV} = 0 = \frac{-\$100 + \$110}{(1 + IRR)}$$

- Now if we don't know the discount rate, it represents a problem. But still we could ask, how high the discount rate would have to be before this project was unacceptable.
- The investment is economically a break-even proposition when the NPV is zero because the value is neither created nor destroyed.
- To find the break-even discount rate, we set NPV equal to zero and solve for R

$$\text{NPV} = 0 = \frac{-\$100 + \$110}{(1 + IRR)}$$
$$100 = \frac{\$110}{(1 + IRR)}$$
$$(1 + IRR) = \frac{\$110}{\$100} = 1.10$$
$$R = 1.10 - 1$$
$$R = 10\%$$

- This 10% is what we already have called the return on this investment.

"The IRR on an investment is the required return that results in a zero NPV when it is used as the discount rate"

- The fact that the IRR is simply the discount rate that makes the NPV equal to zero is important because it tells us how to calculate the return on more complicated investments
- Suppose you are looking at an investment with the cash flows $60 per year for two years
- With our understanding on calculating IRR by equating NPV to zero:

$$\text{NPV} = 0 = -100 + \frac{60}{(1 + IRR)} + \frac{60}{(1 + IRR)^2}$$

- The only way to find IRR in general is by trial and error method
- If we start with a 0% rate, then

$$\text{NPV} = \$120 - 100 = \$20$$

- At 10% discount rate:

$$\text{NPV} = -100 + \frac{60}{(1.10)} + \frac{60}{(1.10)^2} = \$4.13$$

- We are getting closer!
- These and other possibilities are summarized in the following table:

Discount Rate (%)	NPV ($)
0	20.00
5	11.56
10	4.13
15	-2.46
20	-8.33

Internal Rate of Return

- NPV appears to be zero between 10% and 15%, so IRR is somewhere in that range
- With a little effort we can find that the IRR is about 13.1%
- So if our required return is less than 13.1% we would take this investment, otherwise reject it.
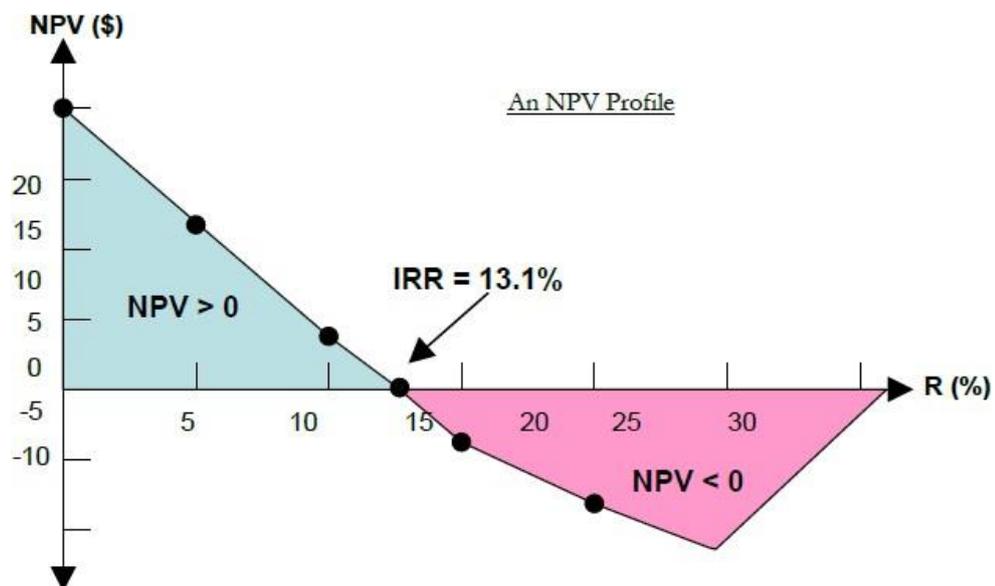
- A project has total up-front cost of $435.44. the cash flows are $100 in 1st year, $200 in 2nd year, and $300 in 3rd year
  - What is the IRR?
  - At 18% required return, should we take this investment?

- NPV calculated at different discount rates is as below:

Discount Rate (%)	NPV ($)
0	164.56
5	100.36
10	46.15
15	0.00
20	-39.61

- At 18% required rate, we should not take this investment
- IRR and NPV rules always lead to identical decisions as long as

- o Project's cash flows are conventional i.e. first cash flow (initial investment) is negative and rest are positive.
- o Projects are independent i.e. decision to accept or reject one project does not affect the decision to accept or reject any other.

Problems with IRR

- Problems with IRR come about when
  - o cash flows are not conventional or
  - o when we are trying to compare two or more investments
- Non-conventional Cash Flows
  - o Suppose we have a mining project that requires a $60 investment. Our cash flows in the 1st year will be $155. in the second year the mine is depleted, but we have to spend $100 to restore the terrain
  - o Here both the 1st and 3rd year cash flows are negative.

Problems with IRR

- Non-conventional Cash Flows
  - o To find IRR, the NPV at different rates are

Discount Rate (%)	NPV ($)
0	-5.00
10	-1.74
20	-0.28
30	0.06
40	-0.31
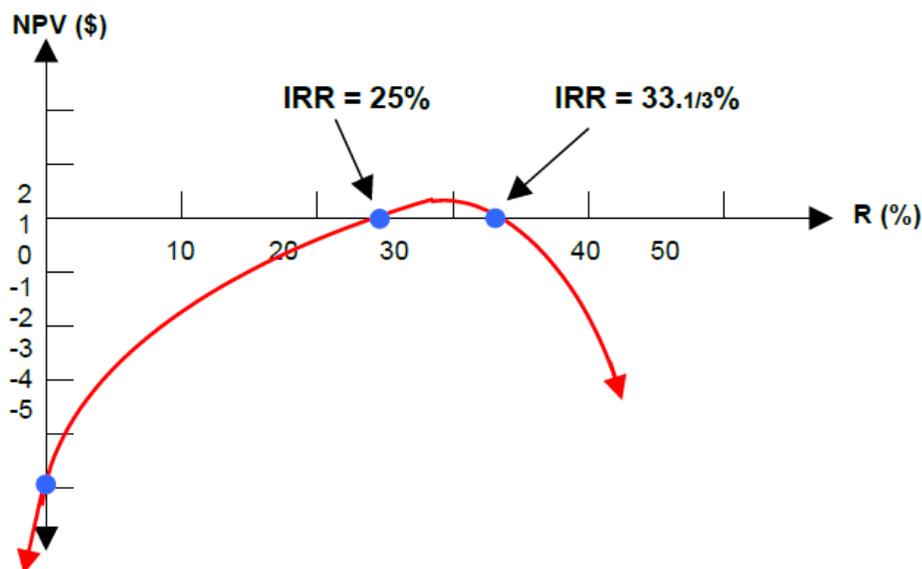
- The IRR of both 25% and 331/3% are correct, making it a Multiple rates of return problem
- In this example IRR rule breaks down completely
  - o Should we take this investment on 10% required rate? By IRR rule we should.
  - o But since NPV is negative at any discount rate less than 25%, so this is not a good investment.
 - o NP is positive only if the required return is between 25% and 331/3%

- Moral of the Story
  - Cash flows are not conventional.
  - So, the obvious question "What is the rate of return?" may not be answered, although NPV works just fine.
- Mutually Exclusive Investments
  - If two investments X and Y are mutually exclusive, then taking one of them means that we can't take the other one.
  - Two projects that are not mutually exclusive are said to be independent
    - e.g. we can build a gas station OR an apartment building on a corner plot but not both
  - So the question arises: "which investment is best?"
    - Answer: The one with largest NPV
- Cash flows from two mutually exclusive events

Year	Investment A ($)	Investment B ($)
0	100	100
1	50	20
2	40	40
3	40	50
4	30	60

- IRR for A is 24% and IRR for B is 21%
- NPV for the investments for different required returns

Discount Rate (%)	NPV (A) ($)	NPV (B) ($)
0	60.00	70.00
5	43.13	47.88
10	29.06	29.79
15	17.18	14.82
20	7.06	2.31
25	-1.63	-8.22

- IRR for A (24%) is larger than that for B (21%). However investment having higher NPV depends on required return.
- B has greater total cash flow but it pays back more slowly than A. So it has higher NPV at lower discount rates.
- If our required return is 10%, B has higher NPV and is better of the two even though A has higher returns.
- If our required return is 15%, then obviously A is better.

NPV Profiles for Mutually Exclusive Events
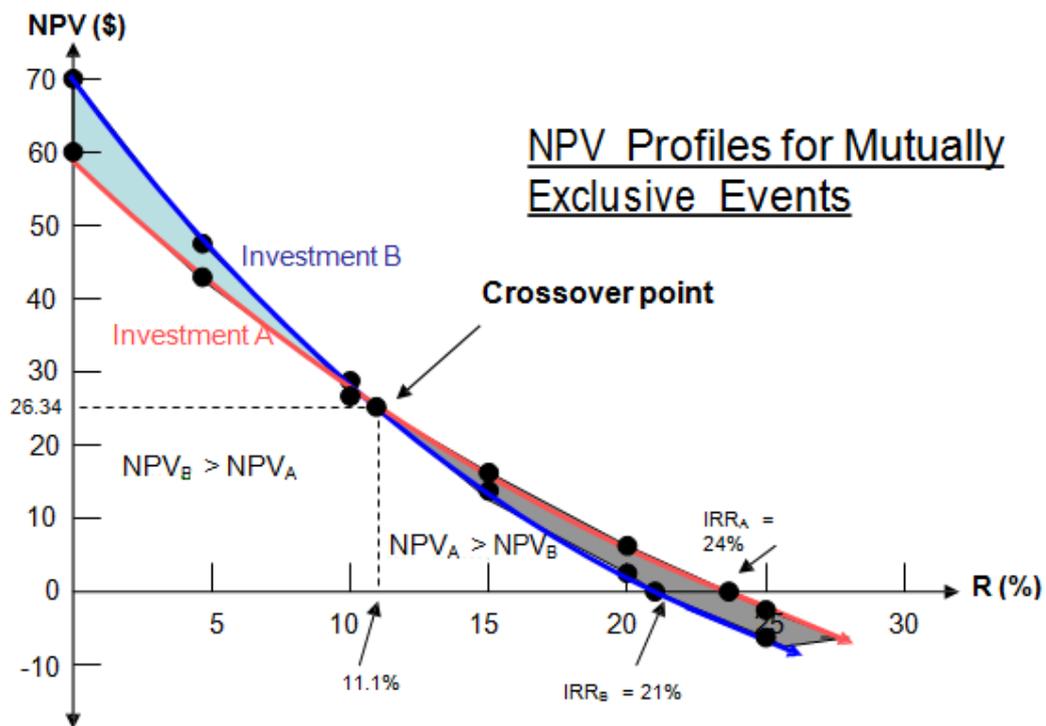
- At any discount rate less than 11.1%, NPV for B is higher, so B benefits more than A, even though A's IRR is higher
- At any rate greater than 11.1%, investment A has greater NPV
- Moral of the story
    - Whenever we have mutually exclusive investments, we shouldn't rank them based on their returns
    - In other words, IRR can be misleading in determining the best investment
    - Instead we should look at their relative NPVs to avoid possibility of choosing incorrectly

Qualities of IRR

- Most widely used
- Easily communicated and understood
- We can estimate IRR even if we don't know the discount rate

PROFITABILITY INDEX

- Also defined as benefit cost ratio, this index is defined as the present value of the future cash flows divided by the initial investment.
- So if a project cost $200 and the present value of its future cash flows is $220, then the profitability index would be:

$$PI = \$220 / 200 = 1.10$$

- Also, the NPV for this investment is $20, so this a desirable investment.
- The profitability index for a positive NPV investment would be bigger than 1.00 and less than 1.00 for a negative NPV investment
- The PI of 1.10 tells us that per dollar invested, $1.10 in value or $0.10 in NPV results. So it measures value created per dollar invested.
- It is often proposed as a measure of performance of government or other non-profit investments.
- When capital is scarce, it is sensible approach to allocate it to those projects with highest PI
- Consider an investment which costs $5 and has a $10 present value and an investment costing $100 with a $150 present value.
- The first of these investments has an NPV of $5 and a PI of 2, while the second one has an NPV of $50 and a PI of 1.50.
- If these are mutually exclusive investments, then the second one is preferred even though it has a lower PI
- This ranking problem is very similar to IRR ranking problem.

- Advantages
  - Closely related to NPV, generally leading to identical decisions
  - Easy to understand and communicate
  - May be useful when available investment funds are limited

- Disadvantages
  - May lead to incorrect decisions in comparisons of mutually exclusive investments

Capital Budgeting Practice

- Why alternative procedures used if NPV seems to tell us directly what we want to know?
- We are trying to make an investment decision while operating under considerable uncertainty
- We can only estimate the NPV of an investment in this case but the true NPV might be quite different.
- Since the true NPV is unknown, the financial manager seeks clues to assess the reliability of the estimated NPV.
- For this purpose firms often use multiple criteria for evaluating a proposal.
- Suppose, we have an investment with positive NPV, with a short payback and a very high AAR.
- In this case all different indicators give a green signal. In other words, payback and AAR are consistent with the conclusion that NPV is positive.
- Now suppose, we have a positive estimated NPV, a long payback and a low AAR. This could be good investment but we should be much more careful in making the decision since we are getting conflicting signals.
- If the estimated NPV is based on projections in which we have little confidence then further analysis is probably in order.

- A Historical Comparison of Primary Use of Various Capital Budgeting Techniques

Particular	1959	1964	1970	1975	1977	1979	1981
Payback Period	34%	24%	12%	15%	9%	10%	5%
AAR	34	30	26	10	25	14	10.7
IRR	19	38	57	37	54	60	65.3
NPV	---	---	---	26	10	14	16.5
IRR or NPV	19	38	57	63	64	74	81.8

- Percentage of CFOs who always Use a Given Technique in 2000

Capital Budgeting Technique	Percentage Always or Almost Always Use	Overall	Average Score Large Firms	Average Score Small Firms
Internal Rate of Return	76%	3.09	3.41	2.87
Net Present Value	75	3.08	3.42	2.83
Payback Period	57	2.53	2.55	2.72
Discounted payback period	29	1.56	1.55	1.58
Average Accounting Return	20	1.34	1.25	1.41
Profitability Index	12	0.83	0.75	0.88

Summary of Investment Criteria

The investment criteria can be summarized as follows:

Discounted Cash Flow Criteria

1. **Discounted Cash Flow Criteria:**
   -- **Net Present Value (NPV):** Difference between value and cost. Take a project if NPV is positive. Calculated by finding present value of future cash flows and then minus cost.
   -- **Internal Rate of Return (IRR):** Discount rate

- 1. **Net Present Value (NPV)**
  - o The NPV of an investment...
    -- NPV is the difference between market value and cost, subtracting the cost.
    -- Choose projects with positive NPV
    -- Calculated by finding present value of future cash flow minus cost.
  - Internal Rate of Return (IRR)
    - o ...that makes estimated NPV of an investment equal to zero.
    - o IRR rule is to take a project when its IRR exceeds the required return.
    - o It leads to the same decision as NPV for conventional, independent projects.
    - o For mutually exclusive and non-conventional projects, IRR may be misleading.
- Profitability Index
  - o PI is the ratio of present value to cost. It measures the present value of an investment per dollar invested.
  - o PI rule is to take an investment if the index exceeds 1.
  - o It is sometimes use to rank projects when a firm has more positive NPV investments than it can currently finance.

Accounting Criteria

- Average Accounting Return
  - o ...value.
  - o ...benchmark AAR.

1...AAR compares accounting profit to book value.
2...Choose investments if AAR surpasses a specified benchmark AAR.

Payback Criteria

- Payback Period
  - o ...cash flows equals its costs.
  - o ...less than some cutoff.
  - o ...cutoff point.

Payback Period...
- Time taken for investment's cash flows to cover costs.
- Choose projects if payback period is shorter than a cutoff.
- Doesn't consider risk, time value of money, or cash flows beyond the cutoff point.
This criterion focuses on the speed of cash recovery.

LESSON 29
MAKING CAPITAL INVESTMENT DECISIONS

- We shall now spread the numbers for a proposed investment or project and, based on those numbers make an initial assessment about whether or not the project should be undertaken.
- We will focus on the process of setting up a discounted cash flow analysis.
- While evaluating a proposed investment, special attention is paid to the relevance of the information available for decision making.

Project Cash Flows

- -- ...e changes in the firm's cash flows and

  *Project Cash Flows:** Evaluate investment by examining changes in its cash flows for added value. Identify relevant cash flows.

  - **Relevant Cash Flows:** Result from investment ...so affecting future cash flows. Known as incremental cash flows.

Relevant Cash Flows

- A relevant cash flow for a project is a change in the firm's overall future cash flow that comes about as direct consequence of the decision to take the investment.

  - **Incremental Cash Flows:** Include all changes to the ...

- Since the relevant cash flows are defined in terms of changes in, or increments to, the firm's existing cash flow, they are called the incremental cash flows associated with the project.

Incremental Cash Flows

- The incremental cash flows for project evaluation consist of any and all changes in the firm's future cash flows that are a direct consequence of taking the project.

The Stand-Alone Principle

- The assumption that evaluation of a project may be based on the project's incremental cash flows
- Analysis of the project as a "minifirm" with its own future revenues and costs, its own assets and its own cash flows

Incremental Cash Flows

- It seems easy enough to decide whether a cash flow is incremental or not. Even so there are situations where mistakes are easy to make.
  - Sunk Costs
  - Opportunity Costs
  - Side Effects
  - Net Working Capital
  - Financing Costs
  - Other Issues

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  Sunk Costs:
  - A cost that has already been incurred and cannot be recouped and therefore should not be

  Costs already incurred, not recoverable, and irrelevant to investment decisions.
  ...'s fee for evaluating the option of launching a new product.
  Example: Consultant's fee for evaluating a new

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  Opportunity Costs:
  ...particular investment is undertaken

  Value of the best alternative forgone due to an investment
  Example: Choosing to build a school on a land instead of selling it at market rates

- o e.g. option of selling a piece of land (bought years ago) at market rates instead of establishing a school upon it
- o How much should be charged to school project in terms of opportunity costs; amount at which we bought the piece of land or its current market price?

Side Effects:

Projects may have positive or negative side effects.
Example: New car sales affecting sales of existing cars.
Adjust cash flows for side effects like lost profits.

- o It is not unusual for a project to have side or spillover effects both good and bad.
- o e.g. sales of a newer buy a certain car may might come at the expense of the other cars of the line of firm.
- o This phenomenon is called erosion, piracy or cannibalism.
- o So costs flows from the new product line should be adjusted downward to reflect lost profits on other lines.

Net Working Capital:

Projects need net working capital (NWC) alongside assets.
NWC includes cash, inventory, receivables, and payables.
Investment in NWC is like a loan, returned as project ends.

((Net Working Capital: Short-term assets - liabilities))).

- o Normally a project will require that the firm invest in net working capital in addition to long term assets.
- o This includes investment in inventory and receivables as well as accounts payables; the resultant is the net working capital.
- o As the project winds down, net working capital gets freed-up. So investment in NWC resembles a loan as firm provides NWC at the beginning and recovers it towards the end.

Financing Costs:

Financing costs like interest, dividends not considered in analysis.
Focus is on cash flows generated by project's assets.

- o We don't include interest paid or any other financing costs like dividend or principle paid while analyzing a proposed investment, as we are interested in the cash flow generated by the assets of the project.
- o The mixture of debt and equity a firm actually chooses to use in financing a project is a managerial variable and does not form part of the project evaluation process.

Other Issues

Other Issues:

Timing of cash flows is more important than accounting timing.
After-tax cash flows are essential for investment evaluation.

- o We are only concerned in measuring cash flows and when it actually occurs rather than when it occurs in accounting sense.
- o We concerned with after-tax cash flows as in fact incremental cash flows means after-tax incremental cash flows.

Pro Forma Financial Statements

- Pro forma financial statements project future years' operations in a summarized format.
- To prepare these statements, we need estimates of quantities like
  - o Unit sales
  - o Selling price per unit
  - o Variable cost per unit
  - o Total fixed cost
- Suppose we want to prepare a set of pro forma financial statements for a project for ND Enterprises. In order to do so, we must have some background information. In this case, assume:
  - o Sales of 10,000 units/year @ $5/unit
  - o Variable cost/unit is $3. Fixed costs are $5,000/year. Project has no salvage value. Project life is 3 years.
  - o Project cost is $21,000. Depreciation is $7,000/year.
  - o Investment in net working capital is $10,000.
  - o The firm's required return is 20%. The tax rate is 34%.

Projected Income Statements

Particular	Amount
Sales (10,000 units / year @ $5 per unit)	$50,000
Variable Cost ($ 3 / Unit)	30,000
Fixed Cost	5,000
Depreciation	7,000
EBIT	8,000
Taxes (34 %)	2,720
Net Income	$5,280

(handwritten notes: 50-30 =20   5-7   =8000%34   =2720-   =5280…)

Projected Balance Sheets

Particular	0	1	2	3
Net working Capital	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
Net Fixed Assets	21,000	14,000	7,000	0
Total	$31,000	$24,000	$17,000	$10,000

Projected Cash Flows

We know that

Project Cash Flow = Project operating cash flow – Project change in net working capital – Project capital spending

We also know that
Operating Cash flows = Earnings before interest and taxes + Depreciation – Taxes

Let's use the information from the previous example to do a capital budgeting analysis.

Projected Operating Cash Flows (OCF):

Particular	Amount
EBIT	$8,000
Depreciation	+7,000
Taxes	-2,720
Operating Cash Flow	$12,280

Projected Cash Flows

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Operating Cash Flow	---	$12,280	$12,280	$12,280
Changes in NWC	-10,000	0	0	10,000
Capital Spending	-21,000	0	0	0
Total	-31,000	12,280	12,280	22,280

- Now we know that firm must spend $21,000 up front for fixed assets and invest an additional $10,000 in net working capital. So the immediate outflow is $31,000
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The Tax Shield Approach

The tax shield definition of operating cash flow is:

OCF = (Sales – Costs) x (1 – T) + Dep. X T
Where T is the corporate tax rate (34% in this case)
OCF = ($50,000 – 35,000) x 0.66 + 7,000 x 0.34
OCF = $9,900 + 2,380 = $12,280

This shows that operating cash flows has two components:
- Project's would be cash flows, had there been no depreciation expense i.e. $9,900
- Depreciation tax shield = $2,380

A Closer Look on NWC

- Until now we have not explicitly considered the facts that
  - Some of the sales might be on credit, and
  - We may not have paid all the costs shown
- These are not big problems until we don't forget to include additions to net working capital in our analysis.
- Suppose we had the following income statement during a year of a project.
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Sales	$500
Costs	310
Net income	$190

- We assume here that
    - Depreciation and taxes are zero,
    - No fixed assets are purchased during the year
    - Only components of NWC are accounts receivable and accounts payable

Particular	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Change
Accounts Receivable	$880	$910	+$30
Accounts Payable	550	605	+55
Net Working Capital	$330	$305	-25

- Operating cash flow in this example is the same as EBIT as there are not taxes or depreciation
- NWC declined by $25, there was no capital spending during the year. So,

$$\text{Total cash flow} = \text{Operating cash flow} - \text{change in NWC} - \text{Capital spending}$$
$$\text{Total cash flow} = \$190 - (-25) - 0$$
$$\text{Total cash flow} = \$215$$

- Now we need to know
    - What were cash revenues for the year?
    - What were cash costs?
- We had sales of $500, while accounts receivable rose by $30 over the year, so cash inflow is $500 – 30 = $470
- We show costs of $310 on our income statement but accounts payable increase by $55 during the year. So, the cash costs for the year are $310 – 55 = $255
- Cash inflows less cash outflows is $470 – 255 = $215 (matching our previous result)

$$\text{Cash Flow} = \text{cash inflow} - \text{cash outflow}$$

$$= \text{OCF} - \text{Change in NWC}$$
$$= \$190 - (-25)$$
$$= \$215$$

The Pencil Company

- For the year just completed, sales were $998 and costs $734. following are the beginning and ending balance sheets

Particular	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Accounts Receivable	$100	$110
Inventory	100	80
Accounts Payable	100	70
Net Working Capital	$100	$120

- Sales were $998 but receivables rose by only $10. So cash revenues were $998 – 10 = $988
- Costs were $734 but inventories fell by $20 and payables by $30. Thus cash costs were:

$$\$734 - 20 + 30 = \$744$$

- Net cash flow is:

$$\$988 - 744 = \$244$$

- Accounting depreciation is a non-cash deduction. As a result depreciation has cash flow consequences only because it influences the tax bill.
- So, the way the depreciation is computed becomes relevant for capital investment decisions.
- Modified ACRS Depreciation
  - The basic idea is that every asset is assigned to a particular class. The class establishes asset's life for tax purposes
  - We compute the depreciation for each year by multiplying the cost of the asset by a fixed percentage.
  - The expected salvage value and the actual expected economic life are not explicitly considered in calculation of depreciation
  - MACRS Property Classes

Class	Examples
3-year	Equipment used in research
5-year	Autos, Computers
7-year	Most of industrial equipment

Year	Property Classes		
	3-Year	5-Year	7-Year
1	33.33%	20.00%	14.29%
2	44.44	32.00	24.49
3	14.82	19.20	17.49
4	7.41	11.52	12.49
5	-	11.52	8.93
6	-	5.76	8.93
7	-	-	8.93
8	-	-	4.45

- Depreciation for an automobile costing $12,000

Year	MACRS %	Depreciation
1	20.00%	$2,400.00
2	32.00	3,840.00
3	19.20	2,304.00
4	11.52	1,382.40
5	11.52	1,382.40
6	5.76	691.20
	100.00%	$12,000.00

- Book Value versus Market Value

Year	Beginning Book Value	Depreciation	Ending Book Value
1	$12,000.00	$2,400.00	$9,600.00
2	9,600.00	3,840.00	5,760.00
3	5,760.00	2,304.00	3,456.00
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DEPRECIATION

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- Suppose we want to sell the car after 5 years. Based on historical averages, it will be worth, say 25% of the purchase price, i.e. 0.25 x 12,000 = $3,000
- •If sold on this price we would have to pay taxes on the difference between the price of $3,000 and the book value of $691.20.
- So, the tax liability would be

$$0.34 \ \$2,308.80 = \$784.99$$

- The reason for tax payment is that the difference between the market and book value is the excess depreciation that must be recaptured when the asset is sold.
- This is not a tax on capital gain, because a capital gain occurs if the market price exceeds the original cost.
- If the book value exceeds the market value, then the difference is treated as a loss for tax purposes.

The SS Company

- The company just purchased a new IT system with an installed cost of $160,000. the computer is treated as 5-year property under MACRS.
  - What are the yearly depreciation allowances?
- The system will have an estimated worth of only $10,000, if sold in 4 years.
  - What are the tax consequences of the sale?
  - What is the total after tax cash flow from sale?

Year	MACRS %	Depreciation	Ending Book Value
1	20.00%	$32,000	$128,000
2	32.00	51,200	76,800
3	19.20	30,720	46,080
4	11.52	18,432	27,648
5	11.52	18,432	9,216
6	5.76	9,216	0
	100.00%	$160,000	-

- The book value at the end of year 4 is $27,648. if we sell the system for $10,000 at that time, we will have a loss of $17,648 for tax purposes.
- We get $10,000 from buyer.
- We save 0.34 x $17,648 = $6,000 in taxes. So the total after tax cash flow from the sale is a $16,000 cash inflow.

The M Inc.

- The company is considering the feasibility of a new line of product. Based on the market research, it projects unit sales as given:

Year	Unit Sales
1	3,000
2	5,000
3	6,000
4	6,500
5	6,000
6	5,000
7	4,000
8	3,000

- The new product will be priced to sell at $120 per unit to start. However the competitions may affect the price to drop to $110 after three years.
- The project will require $20,000 in net working capital at the start. Subsequently, total NWC at the end of each year will be 15% of sales for that year.
- The variable cost per unit is $60 and total fixed costs are $25,000 per year.
- It will cost about $800,000 to buy the equipment necessary to begin the production. This equipment comes under 7-year MACRS property.
- The equipment will be worth 20% of its cost in 8 years, or 0.20 x $800,000 = $160,000. Tax rate is 34% and required return is 15%
- Should the company proceed?

Year	Unit Price	Unit Sale	Revenues
1	$120	3,000	$360,000
2	120	5,000	600,000
3	120	6,000	720,000
4	110	6,500	715,000
5	110	6,000	660,000
6	110	5,000	550,000
7	110	4,000	440,000
8	110	3,000	330,000

Year	1	2	3	4
Unit Price	$120	$120	$120	$110
Unit Sale	3,000	5,000	6,000	6,500
Revenues	$360,000	$600,000	$720,000	$715,000
Variable Cost	180,000	300,000	360,000	390,000
Fixed Cost	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Depreciation	114,320	195,920	139,920	99,920
EBIT	$40,680	$79,080	$195,080	$200,080
Taxes (34%)	13,381	26,887	66,327	68,027
Net Income	$26,849	$52,193	$128,573	$132,053

Year	5	6	7	8
Unit Price	$110	$110	$110	$110
Unit Sale	6,000	5,000	4,000	3,000
Revenues	$660,000	$550,000	$440,000	$330,000
Variable Cost	360,000	300,000	240,000	180,000
Fixed Cost	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Depreciation	71,440	71,440	71,440	35,600
EBIT	$203,560	$153,560	$103,560	$89,400
Taxes (34%)	69,210	52,210	35,210	30,396
Net Income	$134,350	$101,350	$68,350	$59,004

Changes in Net Working Capital

- Net working Capital starts out at $20,000 and then rises to 15% of sales.
- For first year, net working capital grows from $20,000 to 0.15 x 360,000 = $54,000
- The increase is thus $54,000 – 20,000 = $34,000
- Rest of the figures are given in the next table

Year	Revenue	Net Working Capital	Cash Flow
0	-	$20,000	-$20,000
1	$360,000	54,000	-34,000
2	600,000	90,000	-36,000
3	720,000	108,000	-18,000
4	715,000	107,250	750
5	660,000	99,000	8,250
6	550,000	82,500	16,500
7	440,000	66,000	16,500
8	330,000	49,500	16,500

Capital Spending
- Invested $800,000 at year 0, which by assumption will be worth $160,000 at the end of the project. It will have a book value of zero at that time.
- This $160,000 excess of market value over book value is taxable. So after tax proceeds will be:

$$\$160,000 \times (1 – 0.34) = \$105,600$$

- Project Total Cash Flows

Year	0	1	2	3	4
Operating CF		$141,169	$248,113	$268,113	$231,973
NWC Changes	-20,000	- 34,000	- 36,000	- 18,000	750
Capital Spending	-800,000				
Total Project Cash Flow	-$820,000	$107,169	$212,113	250,673	232,723
Cumulative Cash Flow	-$820,000	-$712,831	-$500,718	-$250,045	-$ 17,322
Discounted Cash flow @15%	-820,000	93,190	160,388	164,821	133,060

Year	5	6	7	8
Operating CF	$ 205,790	$172,790	$139,790	$94,064
NWC Changes	8,250	16,500	16,500	66,000
Capital Spending				$105,600
Total Project Cash Flow	$ 214,040	$189,290	$156,290	$266,204
Cumulative Cash Flow	196,718	$386,008	$542,298	$808,502
Discounted Cash flow @15%	106,416	81,835	58,755	87,023

- Net Present Value at 15% is calculated to be $65,488, indicating that the project is acceptable
- Internal rate of return is greater than 15% since NPV is positive, and is calculated to be $17.24%, again indicating the acceptance of the project
- Payback period is calculated to be 4.08 years.

LESSON 32
RETURNS

- One of the responsibilities of the financial manager is to assess the value of the proposed investment.
- In doing this, it is important that we first look at what financial investments have to offer.
- At a minimum, the return we require from a proposed non-financial investment must be at least as large as what we can get from buying financial assets of similar risk.
- Lessons from market history:
  o There is a reward for bearing risk
  o The greater the potential reward, the greater the risk.
- If you buy an asset of any sort, your gain (or loss) from that investment is called your return on investment.
- This return, usually termed as dollar returns, has normally two components:
  o Income earned (Dividend)
  o Capital gain
- Alternatively, dollar returns are the sum of the cash received and the change in dollar value of the asset.
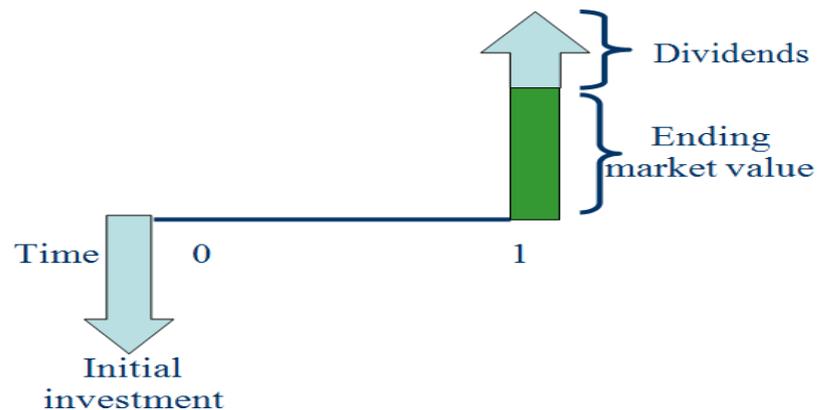
- Suppose you bought 100 shares of a corporation one year ago at $25.
- Over the last year, you received $20 (= 20 cents per share × 100 shares) in dividends.
- At the end of the year, the stock sells for $30.
- How did you do?
- You invested $25 × 100 = $2,500.
- At the end of the year, you have stock worth $3,000 and cash dividends of $20.
- Your dollar gain was $520 = $20 + ($3,000 – $2,500).
- Dollar returns: $520 gain
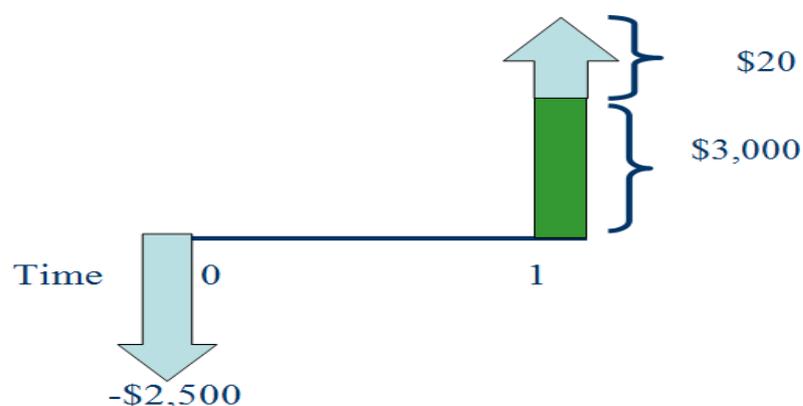
- If you sell the stock at the end of the year:

$$Total\ Cash\ Inflow = \$2,500 + 520$$
$$Total\ Cash\ Inflow = \$3,020$$

- If you don't sell the stocks of the company, rather hold it
- You should still consider the capital gain as part of your return
- It is not just a paper gain

Percentage Returns

- It is more convenient to summarize the information about returns in percentage terms, as in this way, your return does not depend on how much you actually invest.
- **Dividend Yield** = Dividend / beginning price
- **Capital Gains Yield** = (ending price – beginning price) / beginning price
- **Total Percentage return** = dividend yield + capital gains yield

$$Percentage\ Return = \frac{Dollar\ Return}{Beginning\ Market\ Value}$$

$$= \frac{Dividend + Change\ in\ Market\ Value}{Beginning\ Market\ Value}$$

$$= Dividend\ Yield + Capital\ Gains\ Yield$$

- In our example:
  - Dividend Yield = $20 / 2,500 = 0.8\%$
  - Capital Gains Yield = $(\$3,000 – 2,500) / 2,500 = 20\%$
  - Total Percentage Return = $20\% + 0.8$
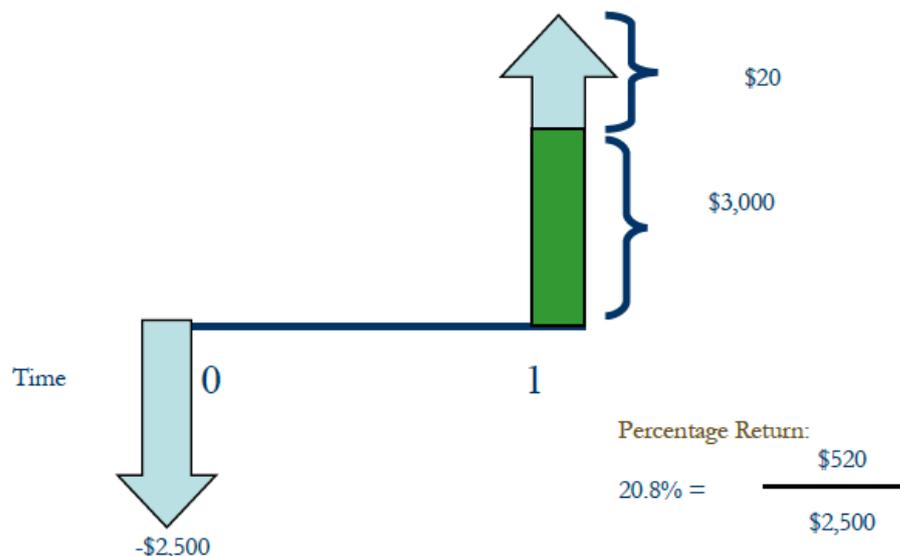
- Suppose you buy some stock for $25 per share. At the end of the year, the price is $35 per share. During the year, you get a $2 dividend per share
- What is the Dividend Yield? Capital Gains Yield? Total Percentage Return?
- If your total investment was $1,000 how much do you have at the end of the year?
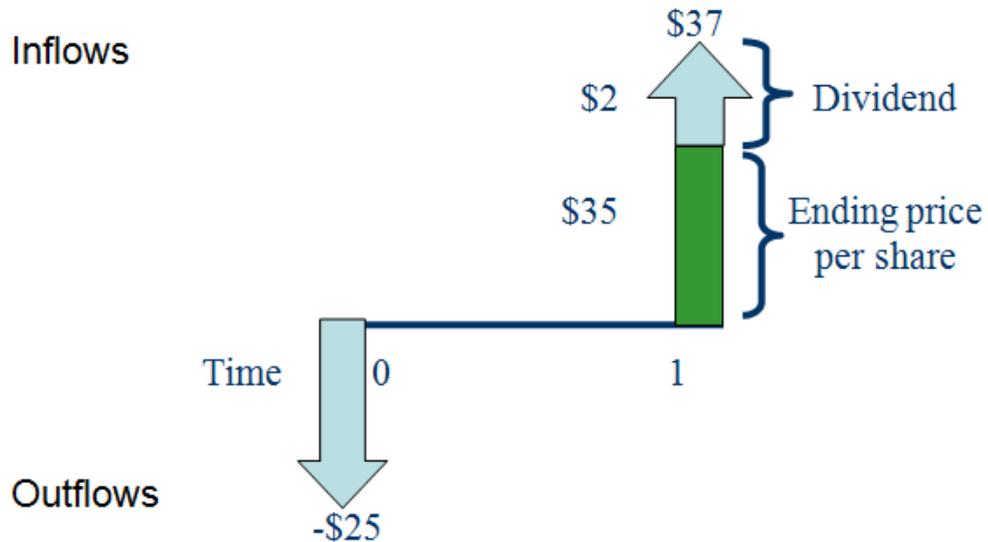
- Dividend yield = $2/25 = 0.08 = 8%
- Capital gains yield = ($35 - 25)/25 = 40%
- Percentage Return = 8% + 40% = 48%
- So, if you had invested $1,000, you would have had $1,480 (1,000 x 48%) at the end of the year.

Variability of Returns

- We know that year-to-year returns on common stocks tend to be more volatile than the returns on long term bonds.
- Measuring this variability is the key factor in examining the topic of risk.
- First we draw a frequency distribution for the common stock returns to count up the number of times the annual return on large stock portfolios falls within a certain percentage range.

Frequency Distribution of Returns on Common Stocks for 72 years
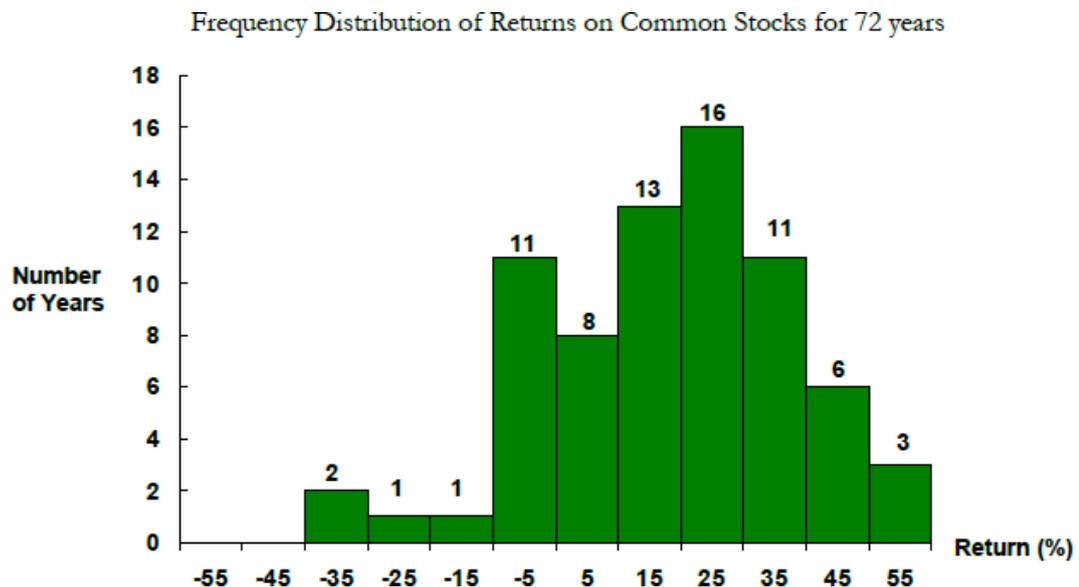
- Now we need to measure the spread in returns.
- For example, if the returns on small stock in a particular year was 17.3%, we need to know how far the actual return deviate from this average, or we need a measure of the volatility of returns.

- The most commonly used measures for this purpose are variance and its square root, the standard deviation.
- Variance measures the average squared differences between the actual returns and the average return. The biggest the number is the more the actual returns tend to differ from the average return.
- The larger the variance or standard deviation is the more spread out the returns will be.
- Suppose, a particular investment had returns of 10%, 12%, 3% and -9% over the last four years.
- Average return is $(0.10 + 0.12 + 0.03 – 0.09)/4 = 4\%$
- To compute the variance, we take deviations of the actual returns from this average return, take squares of these deviations and the average of the squared deviations will be our variance.

Year	Actual Return	Average Return	Deviation from the Mean	Squared Deviation
1	0.10	0.04		
2	0.12	0.04		
3	0.03	0.04		
4	-0.09	0.04		
Total	0.16			

0.10-0.4 ~~Deviation = 0.06^2 = 0.0036~~
=0.06

Variance = 0.0270 / (4-1) = 0.00⬛
Standard Deviation = √0.009 = .⬛

- In general, the variance for T historical returns is:

$$\text{Var(R)} = \frac{(R_1 - R)^2) + \ldots\ldots\ldots + (R_T - R)^2)}{(T-1)}$$

- The standard deviation is always the square root of the variance.

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Year	Company X Return	Company Y Return
2000	-0.20	0.05
2001	0.50	0.09
2002	0.30	-0.12
2003	0.10	0.20

- What are the average returns, variances, standard deviations?
- Which investment was more volatile?

- Company X average returns,

$$R_x = (-.20 + .50 + .30 + .10)/4 = .175$$

- Company Y average returns,

$$R_Y = (.05 + .09 - .12 + .20)/4 = .055$$

- Now, we calculate variance for Company X

Year	Actual Return	Average Return	Deviation from the Mean	
2000	-0.20	0.175	-0.375^2=0.14625	
2001	0.50	0.175	0.125	0.015625
2002	0.30	0.175	0.075	0.005623
2003	0.10	0.175	0.000	0.267500
Total	0.70			

- Summarizing the calculations:

	Company X	Company Y
Variance (σ^2)	$0.2675/3 = 0.0892$	$0.0529/3 = 0.0176$
Standard Deviation (σ)	$\sqrt{0.0892} = 0.2987$	$\sqrt{0.0176} = 0.1327$

- Standard deviation for company X, 29.87% more than twice Company Y's 13.27%. This indicates that company X is more volatile investment.

Expected Return

- Consider a single period of time, say a year. We have two stocks, L and U. and they are expected to have a return of 25% and 20% respectively in the coming year
- Why to invest and hold stock U?

- Stock L having higher expected return may actually perform abnormally. It could go up to 70% in economic boom or may slide to -20% in recession.
- While stock U may earn 30% in recession and 10% during a boom.
- If the probabilities of occurring a boom and a recession are 0.5 each then the expected return for both the stocks can be calculated as:

State of Economy	P	Stock L		Stock U	
		R_L	$P \times R_L$	R_U	$P \times R_U$
Recession	0.50	-0.20	-0.1		
Boom	0.50	0.70	0.3 *0.30 *0.5=0.15*	10	0.05
	1.00	$E(R_L)$	0.25	$E(R_L)$	0.20

Risk Premium

- The difference between the return on a risky investment and that on a risk-free investment.
- Suppose, risk-free investments are currently offering 8 percent. In other words, risk-free rate (R_f) is 8%.
- Using this information, we can calculate the projected risk premia on stocks U and L.

$$\text{Risk Premium} = \text{expected return} - \text{Risk-free rate}$$

$$\text{Risk Premium (U)} = E(R_U) - R_f$$
$$= 20\% - 8\%$$
$$= 12\%$$

$$\text{Risk Premium (L)} = E(R_L) - R_f$$
$$= 25\% - 8\%$$
$$= 17\%$$

- Unequal Probabilities Case:

State of Economy		Stock L		Stock U	
		R_L	$P \times R_L$	R_U	$P \times R_U$
Recession	0.80	-0.20	-0.16	0.30	0.24
Boom	0.20	0.70	0.14	0.10	0.02
	1.00	$E(R_L)$	-0.02	$E(R_L)$	0.26

- If the risk-free rate is 10%

$$\text{Risk Premium (U)} = E(R_U) - R_f$$
$$= 26\% - 10\%$$
$$= 16\%$$

$$\text{Risk Premium (L)} = E(R_L) - R_f$$
$$= -2\% - 10\%$$
$$= -12\%$$

Calculating the Variance

- To calculate the variances of the returns
  - Determine the squared deviations from the expected return
  - Multiply each possible squared deviation by its probability
  - Add up all the products

State of Economy	P	Return Dev. From ER	Squared Return Dev. From ER	Product
Stock L				
Recession	0.50	-0.20 - 0.25 = -0.45	0.2025	0.10125
Boom	0.50	0.70 -0.25 = 0.45	0.2025	0.10125
	1.00			$\sigma^2_L = 0.2025$
Stock U				
Recession	0.50	0.30 – 0.20 = 0.10	0.01	0.00500
Boom	0.50	0.10 – 0.20 = -0.10	0.01	0.00500
	1.00			$\sigma^2_U = 0.0100$

- Summarizing the expected return and variability information:

Particulars	Stock L	Stock U
Expected Return (ER)	25 %	20 %
Variance , σ^2	0.2025	0.0100
Standard Deviation, σ	45%	10%
Coefficient of variation, CV = σ / E(R)	1.8	0.5

- Stock L has a higher expected return, but U has less risk.
- You could get 70% return on your investment in L but you could also lose 20%
- An investment in U will always pay at least 10%
- Which of these stocks should you buy?
- For the economy conditions with unequal probabilities, we have summarized the computations in the following table:

State of Economy	P	Return Dev. From ER	Squared Return Dev. From ER	Product
Stock L				
Recession	0.80	-0.20 – (-0.02) = -0.18	0.0324	0.02592
Boom	0.20	0.70 - (-0.02) = 0.72	0.5184	0.10368
	1.00			$\sigma^2_L = 0.12960$
Stock U				
Recession	0.80	0.30 - 0.26 = 0.04	0.0016	0.00128
Boom	0.20	0.10 - 0.26 = -0.16	0.0256	0.00512
	1.00			$\sigma^2_U = 0.00640$

- Standard deviation for Stock L is

$$\sigma_L = \sqrt{0.1296} = 0.36 \text{ or } 36\%$$

- Standard deviation for Stock U is much smaller

$$\sigma_U = \sqrt{0.0064} = 0.08 \text{ or } 8\%$$

Portfolios

- Portfolio is the group of assets such as stocks and bonds held by an investor
- Portfolio weights are the percentages of the total portfolio's value that are invested in each portfolio asset.

- If we have $50 in one asset and $150 in another, then our total portfolio is worth $200.
- The percentage of first asset in portfolio is $50∕200 = 0.25, while the same for the second asset is $150∕200 = 0.75
- So, the portfolio weights are 0.25 and 0.75
- Let's return to our stocks L and U, where you pay half your money in each, i.e. portfolio weights are 0.50 and 0.50.

State of Economy	P	Portfolio Return if State occurs	Product
Recession	0.50	$0.50 \times -20\% + 0.50 \times 30\% = 5\%$	0.025
Boom	0.50	$0.50 \times 70\% + 0.50 \times 10\% = 40\%$	0.200
	1.00	ER(P) =	0.225

- Alternatively, Portfolio expected return can be calculated as:

$$E(R_P) = 0.50 \times E(R_L) + 0.50 \times E(R_U)$$
$$= 0.50 \times 25\% + 0.50 \times 20\%$$
$$= 22.5\%$$

- Suppose we had 'n' assets in our portfolio, where n is any number, and let 'x_i' stand for percentages of our money in asset i, then the expected return is:

$$E(R_P) = x_1 \times E(R_1) + x_2 \times E(R_2) + \ldots + x_n \times E(R_n)$$

- Variance on a portfolio is not generally a simple combination of the variances of the assets in the portfolio.

State of Economy	P	Portfolio Return if State	Squared Return Dev. Form ER	Product
Recession	0.50	5%	$(0.05 – 0.225)^2 = 0.030625$	0.0153125
Boom	0.50	40%	$(0.40 – 0.225)^2 = 0.030625$	0.0153125
	1.00		$\sigma^2_P =$	0.030625
			$\sigma_P = \sqrt{0.030625} = 17.5\%$	

- Applying a different set of weights, i.e. 2/11 (about 18%) in stock L and other 9/11 (about 82%) in stock U:
  - If a recession occurs, portfolio returns will be
    $$R_P = 2/11 \times -20\% + 9/11 \times 30\% = 20.91\%$$

  - If a boom occurs, portfolio returns will be
    $$R_P = 2/11 \times 70\% + 9/11 \times 10\% = 20.91\%$$

- The returns are the same, showing zero variance.
- Hence, combining assets into portfolios can substantially alter the risks faced by the investor
- Suppose we have the following projections on three stocks:

State of Economy	Probability of State (P)	Returns		
		Stock A	Stock B	Stock C
Boom	0.40	10%	15%	20%
Bust	0.60	8%	4%	0

- What would be the expected return on a portfolio
  - with equal amounts invested in each of the assets?
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- The expected returns on individual stocks are calculated as
  - $E(R_A) = 8.8\%$
  - $E(R_B) = 8.4\%$
  - $E(R_C) = 8.0\%$
- If a portfolio has equal investment in each asset, the portfolio weights are all the same, 1/3 each in this case. So portfolio expected return is:

$$E(R_P) = 1/3 \text{ x } 8.8\% + 1/3 \text{ x } 8.4\% + 1/3 \text{ x } 8.0\%$$
$$= 8.4\%$$

- In case of Stock A having half the investment (1/2 weight) and remainder divided equally (1/4 each) between B and C, portfolio returns are:

$$E(R_P) = 1/2 \text{ x } 8.8\% + 1/4 \text{ x } 8.4\% + 1/4 \text{ x } 8.0\%$$
$$= 8.5\%$$

- Portfolio returns pattern for the case where A has 50% weights and B and C have 25% each are:

State of Economy	Probability of State (P)	Returns			
		Stock A	Stock B	Stock C	Portfolio
Boom	0.40	10%	15%	20%	13.75%
Bust	0.60	8%	4%	0	5.00%

- Portfolio returns when economy booms is calculated as:
  $$0.50 \text{ x } 10\% + 0.25 \text{ x } 15\% + 0.25 \text{ x } 20\% = 13.75\%$$

- Portfolio returns when economy goes bust is calculated as:
  $$0.50 \text{ x } 8\% + 0.25 \text{ x } 4\% + 0.25 \text{ x } 0\% = 5.00\%$$

- Variance is thus:
  $$\sigma^2 = 0.40 \text{ x } (0.1375 - 0.085)^2 + 0.60 \text{ x } (0.05 - 0.085)^2$$
  $$= 0.0018375$$

- Standard Deviation is calculated to be 4.3%
- For equally weighted portfolio, standard deviation is about 5.4%

Risk

- The true risk of an investment is the unanticipated or surprising part of the return.
- If we always receive exactly what we expect then the investment will be risk-free.

- Systematic Risk
  - A risk that influences a large number of assets. It is also called market risk.
    - Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
    - Interest rate
    - Inflation
  - Affects wages, cost of supplies, values of the assets owned by company and selling price
- Unsystematic Risk
  - A risk that affects a single or at most a small number of assets. Because these risks are unique to individual companies or assets, they are also called unique or asset specific risks.
    - The oil strike call in a company will affect that company and perhaps, its primary competitors and suppliers. But it will have little effect on world oil markets and companies not in the oil business
- We know till now that the actual return, R can be broken down into its expected and surprise components:

$$R = E(R) + U$$
Where U is the surprise component

- Since the surprise component has a systematic and an unsystematic component, so:

$$R = E(R) + \text{Systematic portion (m)} + \text{Unsystematic portion } (\varepsilon)$$

- Thus,
$$R = E(R) + m + \varepsilon$$

Diversification and Portfolio Risk

- Suppose if the standard deviation of annual return on a portfolio of 500 large common stocks is, say 20%, does that mean that the standard deviation of annual returns of a certain stock in that portfolio is 20%?
- No. Why?

Diversification and Portfolio Risk

(1) Number of Stocks in Portfolio	(2) Average Standard Deviation of Portfolio Return	(3) Ratio of Portfolio Standard Deviation to Standard Deviation of Single Stock
1	49.24%	1.00
10	23.93	0.49
50	20.20	0.41
100	19.69	0.40
300	19.34	0.39
500	19.27	0.39
1000	19.21	0.39

Source; Meir Statman, "How Many Stocks Make a Diversified Portfolio?" *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* 22 (Sep. 1987), pp. 353–64.

- Standard deviation declines as the number of securities is increased.
- By the time we have 100 randomly chosen stocks, the portfolio's standard deviation has declined by about 60% (from 49% to 20%)
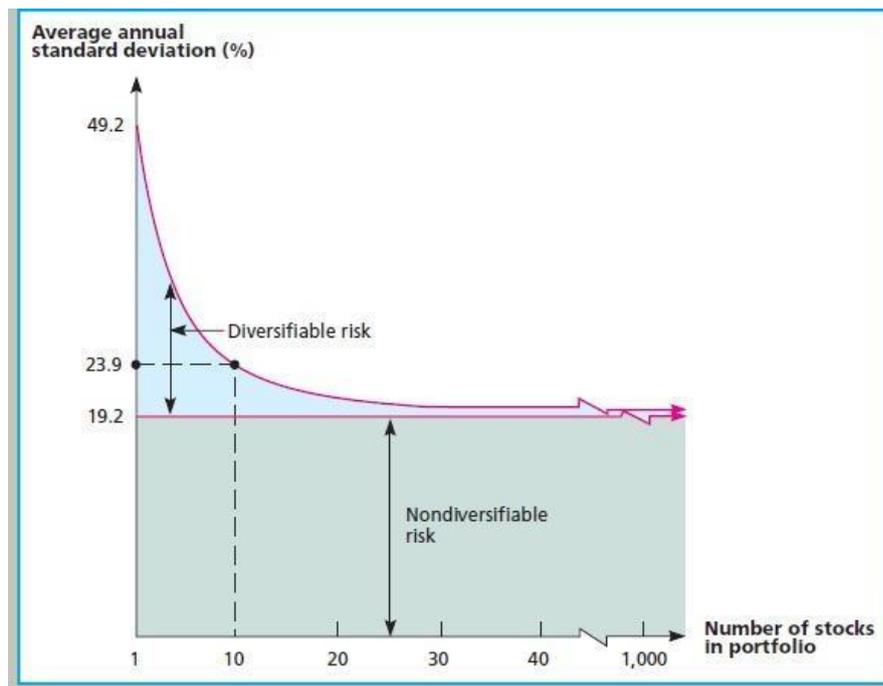
- Principle of Diversification
  - Benefit in terms of risk reduction from adding securities drops off as we add more and more securities.
  - With 10 securities most of the effect is already utilized, and with 30, there is very little remaining benefit.
- Two key points:
  - Some of the riskiness associated with individual assets can be eliminated by forming portfolios.
    - The process of spreading an investment across assets (and forming portfolio) is called diversification
    - The principle of diversification tells us that spreading an investment across many assets will eliminate some of the risk.
  - There is a minimum level of risk that cannot be eliminated simply by diversifying. This minimum level is called non-diversifiable risk.
- If we hold a single stock the value of our investment would fluctuate because of company-specific events.
- If we hold a large portfolio, some of the stocks in the portfolio will go up and other may go down because of respective company-specific events.
- Net effect on the overall value of the portfolio will be relatively small.

"Unsystematic risk is essentially eliminated by diversification, so a relatively large portfolio has almost no unsystematic risk."

- Systematic risk cannot be eliminated by diversification, as it affects almost all assets to some degree.
- So the size or type of portfolio will have little effect on systematic risk making it non-diversifiable risk.

Summarizing

- Total risk = Systematic risk + Unsystematic risk
  - Systematic risk is also called non-diversifiable risk or market risk
  - Unsystematic risk is also called diversifiable risk, unique risk or asset-specific risk.

LESSON 35
COST OF CAPITAL

- When we say that the required return on an investment is, say, 10% we mean that the investment will have a positive NPV only if its return exceeds 10%.
- Alternatively, the firm must earn 10% on the investment just to compensate its investors for the use of the capital needed to finance the project.
- Thus, 10% is the cost of capital associated with the investment.
- While evaluating a risk-free project, we:
- Look at the capital markets and observe the current rate offered by risk-free investments.
- Use this rate to discount the project's cash flows
- So, the cost of capital here is the risk-free rate.
- If the project is risky, then required return is obviously higher.
- In other words, the cost of capital for a risky project is greater than the risk free rate, and the appropriate discount rate would exceed the risk free rate.
- So, we can use the terms required return, appropriate discount rate and cost of capital interchangeably.
- The cost of the capital associated with an investment depends on the risk of that investment.
- Thus, it is the use of money, not the source of money that matters.
- We know that a firm's overall cost of capital will reflect the required return on the firm's assets as a whole.
- Given that a firm uses both 'debt' and 'equity' capital, this overall cost of capital will be a mixture of the returns needed to compensate its creditors and stockholders.
- Cost of capital will reflect
  - o Cost of equity capital
  - o Cost of debt capital

Cost of Equity

- Recall that under the assumption that the firm's dividend will grow at a constant rate g, the price per share of the stock, P0, is:

- Where,
  - o D_0 is the dividend just paid
  - o D_1 is the next period's projected dividend
  - o R_E is the required return on the stock

- We can rearrange this to solve for RE as:

$$R_E = \frac{D_1}{P_o} + g$$

- To estimate we need three things; D_0, P_0 and g. The first two can be directly observed while g must be estimated.
- Suppose, GSS company paid a dividend of $4 per share last year. The stock's current price is $60 per share. Assuming that the dividends are estimated to grow steadily at 6% per year, what is the cost of the capital for GSS?
- Under the dividend growth model:

$D_1 = D_0 \times (1 + g)$
$D_1 = \$4 \times 1.06 = \$4.24$

- The cost of equity is:

$$R_E = \frac{D_1}{P_o} + g = \frac{4.24}{60} + 0.06 = 13.07\ \%$$

- Estimating g
  - To estimate the dividend growth rate, we can use the dividend observations for previous years.
  - Alternatively we can use analysts' forecasts of future growth rates.
- Suppose a company has the following dividend pattern in the past years:

Year	Dividend	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
1999	$1.10	-	-
2000	1.20	$0.10	9.09%
2001	1.35	0.15	12.20
2002	1.40	0.05	3.70
2003	1.55	0.15	10.71

- The average of the four growth rates is:

$$(9.09 + 12.50 + 3.70 + 10.71) / 4 = 9\%$$

- This 9% can be used as an estimate for expected growth rate, g.
- Dividend growth approach
  - The dividend growth approach is simple but only works for stable growth rate companies. Cost of equity estimation depends heavily on growth assumptions and doesn't fully consider risk.

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Cost of Debt

- Cost of debt is the return that firm's creditors demand on the new borrowings.
- This cost of debt can be observed directly or indirectly using the interest rates in the financial markets.
- Alternatively, we can use the firm's bond ratings to estimate the interest rates on newly issued bonds of same rating.
- Coupon rate on the firm's outstanding debt is irrelevant as it relates the firm's cost of debt when the bonds were issued not the cost of debt today.
- Suppose, the GenTech Company issued a 30-year, 7% bond 8 years ago. The bond is currently selling for 96% of its face value, i.e. $960. What is GenTech's Cost of debt?
- Using our knowledge of bond valuation, we can calculate that yield to maturity is about 7.37%. So, the GenTech's Cost of debt, RD is 7.37%

Cost of Preferred Stock

- Preferred stock has a fixed dividend paid every period forever making it a perpetuity.
- Cost of preferred stock, R_P is:

$$R_P = D/ P_0$$

Where,   D is fixed dividend
                P_0 is the current price per share of preferred stock

- Alternatively, the cost of preferred stock can be estimated by observing the required return on other similarly rated shares of preferred stock.
- One issue of the preferred stocks of CG Inc. paid $1.78 annually and sold for $25.35 per share. The other issue paid $1.72 annually sold for $24.90 per share. What is the cost of preferred stock of CG Inc.?
- Using the first issue, cost of preferred stock was:

    $R_P = D/ P_0$
    $R_P = \$1.78/25.35 = 7.02\%$

- Using the second issue, the cost was:

    $R_P = D/ P_0$
    $R_P = \$1.72/24.90 = 6.91\%$

- So, the CG Inc.'s cost of preferred stock appears to have been in between 6.9 to 7%.

Capital Structure Weights

- We can calculate the market value of the firm's equity, E by multiplying the number of shares outstanding by the price per share.
- Market value of firm's debt D can be calculated by multiplying the market price of a single bond by the number of bonds outstanding.
- For multiple bond issues, we repeat this calculation for each and then add up the results.
- For the debt not publicly traded, we observe the yield on similar publicly traded debt and estimate the market value of privately held debt using this yield as discount rate.
- For short term debt we use the book values as estimate of the market value as both should be similar.
- Now the combined market value of debt and equity, V is:

    $V = E + D$

- Dividing both sides by V, we get the percentages of the total capital represented by debt and equity: $100\% = E/V + D/V$

- These percentages are called capital structure weights
- For example, if the total market value of a company's stocks were calculated as $200 million and the total market value of the company's debt were calculated as $50 million, then combined value would be $250 million.
- Now, $E/V = \$200/250 = 80\%$. So 80% of the firm's financing would be equity and remaining 20% would be debt.

The Tax Effect

- Interest paid by corporation is tax deductible but payments to stockholders, such as dividends are not tax deductible.
- This means that the government pays some of the interest.
- So, we need to distinguish between the pretax and after-tax
- Suppose a firm borrows a $1 million at 9%. Tax rate is 34%
- The total interest bill will be $90,000 per year. This amount is tax deductible, so the $90,000 reduces the tax bill by $0.34 \times \$90,000 = \$30,600$
- The after-tax interest bill is thus $\$90,000 - 30,600 = \$59,400$
- The after-tax interest rate is $\$59,400/1$ million $= 5.94\%$
- Alternatively, if T_C stands for corporate tax rate, then the after tax rate that we use for the cost of debt can be written as $R_D \times (1 - T_C)$.
- So, $9\% \times (1 - 0.34) = 5.94\%$

LESSON 36

WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF CAPITAL

- To calculate the firm's overall cost of capital, we multiply the capital structures with the associated costs and add up the pieces. The result is called the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

$$\text{WACC} = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$

- The WACC is the overall return the firm must earn on its existing assets to maintain the value of the stock.
- It is also the required return on any investments by the firm that have the same risks as exiting operations. So, for evaluating the cash flows a proposed expansion project, this is the discount rate to be used.
- For the firm using preferred stocks in its capital structure, the WACC would be:

$$\text{WACC} = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{P}{V} \times R_P + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$

- Suppose a company wants to renovate its warehouse distribution system. The plan will cost $50 million and is expected to save $12 million per year after the taxes over next six years.
- The company has a target debt-equity ratio of 1/3 (i.e. E/V is 0.75 and D/V is 0.25).
- The company has a cost of debt of 10% and a cost of equity of 20%.
- Assuming a tax rate of 34%, should the company go for the project?
- The Weighted Average Cost of Capital is:

$$\frac{E}{V} \qquad \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$

$$\text{WACC} = 0.75 \text{ x } 20\% + 0.25 \text{ x } 10\% \text{ x } (1 - .34)$$

$$\text{WACC} = 16.65\%$$

- Now the NPV will be:

$$\text{NPV} = -\$50 + \frac{12}{(1+WACC)^1} + \ldots\ldots\ldots + \frac{12}{(1+WACC)^6}$$

- Since the cash flows are in the form of an ordinary annuity, we can calculate this NPV using 16.65% as the discount rate as following:

$$\text{NPV} = -\$50 + \frac{1 - \frac{1}{(1+0.1665)^6}}{0.1665}$$

$$\text{NPV} = -\$50 + 12 \text{ x } 3.6222$$

$$\text{NPV} = -\$6.53 \text{ million}$$

- The negative NPV means that the financial market offers superior projects in the same risk class, so the project should be rejected.

EMN Corporation

- EMN Corporation has 77.3 million shares of stock outstanding. The book value per share is $17.62, but the stock actually sells for $45.41.

- The total equity is about $1.36 billion on a book value basis but is closer to $3.51billion on a market value basis.
- EMN paid $1.76 per share in dividends last year and analysts estimate this dividend to grow by 7% through next 5 years.
- The estimated cost of equity using dividend growth model is thus:

$$R_E = \frac{\$1.76\ (1+0.07)}{\$45.41} + 0.07$$

$$R_E = 0.115 \text{ or } 11.5\ \%$$

- EMN has four long term bond issues that account for essentially all of its long term debt. To calculate the cost of debt, we will have to combine these four issues by computing a weighted average.
- The basic information (as in year 2005) is as follows:

Coupon Rate	Maturity	Book Value (in Millions)	Price (% of par)	Yield to Maturity
6.375%	2007	$496	102.375	4.857
7.25	2027	496	102.007	7.067
7.625	2027	200	113.045	6.502
7.60	2030	297	101.000	7.509

- To calculate the weighted average cost of debt, we take the percentage of the total debt represented by each issue and multiply by the yield on the issue
- We then add to get the overall weighted average cost of debt. For comparison purpose, we use both book and market values.

Coupon Rate	Book Value (in millions)	% of total	Market Value (in millions)	% of total	Yield to Maturity	Book Values	Market Values
6.375%	$496	0.33	$507.8	0.33	4.857	1.62%	1.60%
7.25	496	0.33	506.0	0.33	7.067	2.35	2.32
7.625	200	0.13	226.1	0.15	6.502	0.87	0.95
7.60	297	0.20	300.0	0.19	7.509	1.50	1.46
Total	**$1,489**	**1.00**	**$1,539.8**	**1.00**		**6.34%**	**6.34%**

- As these calculations show for EMN, whether market values or book values are used, cost of debt remains 6.34%.
- This is because:
  - Market values and book values are similar
  - EMN has no preferred stock
- Now to calculate the WACC for EMN on book value basis, we have the following information:
  - EMN's equity is worth $1.362 billion
  - EMN's debt is worth $1.489 billion
  - Total value is $2.851 billion
- So,
  - E/V = $1.362b/ 2.851b = 0.48, and
  - D/V = $1.489b/ 2.851b = 0.52

- Assuming a tax rate of 34%, EMN's WACC will is:

$$\text{WACC} = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$

WACC = 0.48 x 11.15% + 0.52 x 6.34% x (1 - 0.34)
WACC = 7.53%

- Now to calculate the WACC for EMN on market value basis, we have the following information
  - EMN's equity is worth $3.510 billion
  - EMN's debt is worth $1.540 billion
  - Total value is $5.050 billion
- So,
  - E/V = $ 3.510b/ 5.050b = 0.70, and
  - D/V = $ 1.540b/ 5.050b = 0.30
- Assuming a tax rate of 34%, EMN's WACC will is:

$$WACC = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$
WACC = 0.70 x 11.15% + 0.30 x 6.34% x (1 - 0.34)
WACC = 9.06%

- Thus, using market value weights, we get 9.06% for EMN's WACC which is much higher than 7.53% WACC we get using book value.
- So, using book values can lead to trouble particularly if equity book values are used.
- EMN's market-to-book ratio is about 2.6, so book values significantly overstate the percentage of EMN's financing that comes from debt.

Summary of Capital Cost

- The Cost of Equity R_E
  - Dividend growth model gives:

$$R_E = \frac{D_1}{P_o} + g$$
Where D_1 is the expected dividend in one period, g is the dividend growth rate, and P_0 is the current stock price.

- The Cost of debt, R_D
  - For a firm with publicly held debt, the cost of debt can be measured as the yield to maturity on the outstanding debt. The coupon rate is irrelevant.
  - If the firm has no publicly traded debt, then the cost of debt can be measured as the yield to maturity on similarly rated bonds

- The Weighted Average Cost of Capital, WACC
  - The firm's WACC is the overall required return on the firm as a whole. It is the appropriate discount rate to use for cash flows similar in risk to the overall firm
- The Weighted Average Cost of Capital, WACC
- WACC is calculated as:

$$WACC = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D \times (1 - T_C)$$

Where, T_C is the corporate tax rate,
                E is the market value of the firm's equity,
                D is the market value of the firm's debt
                V = E + D.
                E/V is the percentage of the firm's financing that is equity
                D/V is the percentage that is debt.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

- The guiding principle in choosing the debt-equity ratio is again to choose a course of action that maximizes the value of a share of stock.
- When it comes to capital structure decisions, this is the same thing as maximizing the value of the whole firm.
- Recall, WACC tells us that the firm's overall cost of capital is the weighted average of the costs of various components of the firm's capital structure.
- Usually, while describing WACC, we take the capital structure of the firm as given. But what happens to the cost of capital when we vary the amount of debt financing, or Debt-equity ratio?
- Recall that the WACC is the discount rate appropriate for the firm's overall cash flows.
- Since the values and discount rates move in the opposite directions, we can say that the value of the firm's cash flows (or the value of the firm) is maximized when the WACC is minimized.
- So we can safely say that one capital structure is better than the other if it results in a lower weighted average cost of capital
- Further, a particular debt-equity ratio represents the optimal capital structure if it results in the lowest possible WACC.
- This optimal capital structure is also called firm's target capital structure.

Financial Leverage

- Financial leverage refers to the extent to which a firm relies on the debt. The more debt financing a firm uses in capital structure, the more financial leverage it employs.
- Financial leverage can dramatically alter the payoffs to the shareholders in the firm, but it may not affect the overall cost of capital.
- While illustrating how financial leverage works, we shall ignore taxes here, and describe the impact of leverage in terms of its effect on earnings per share, EPS and return on equity, ROE.
- For meaningful analysis, we shall use cash flows instead of these accounting figures, but results will be the same
- The TA Corporation currently has no debt in its capital structure. The company is considering a restructuring that would involve issuing debt and using proceeds to buy back some of the outstanding equity.
- The following table presents both current and proposed capital structures.

	Current	Proposed
Assets	$8,000,000	$8,000,000
Debt	$ 0	$4,000,000
Equity	$8,000,000	$4,000,000
Debt/Equity Ratio	0	1
Share Price	$20	$20
Shares Outstanding	400,000	200,000
Interest Rate	10%	10%

- EPS and ROE under current capital structure

	Recession	Expected	Expansion
EBIT	$ 500,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,500,000
Interest	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Net Income	$ 500,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,500,000
EPS	$ 1.25	$ 2.50	$ 3.75
ROE	6.25%	12.5%	18.75%

- EPS and ROE under proposed capital structure

	Recession	Expected	Expansion
EBIT	$ 500,000	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,500,000
Interest	$ 400,000	$ 400,000	$ 400,000
Net Income	$ 100,000	$ 600,000	$ 1,100,000
EPS	$ 0.50	$ 3.00	$ 5.50
ROE	2.5%	15%	27.5%

- The impact of leverage is evident in the above figures, when we examine the restructuring effect on EPS and ROE.
- Particularly, the variability in both EPS and ROE is much larger under the proposed capital structure, illustrating how financial leverage acts to magnify gains and losses to shareholders.
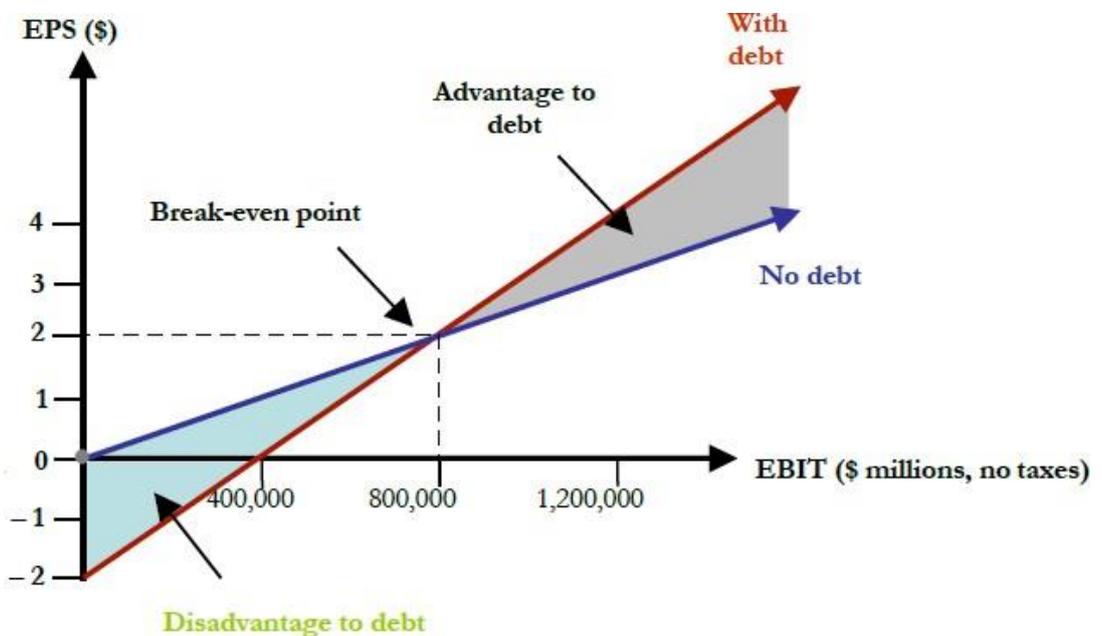
- Calculating Break-Even Point

    A. With no debt:

$$EPS = EBIT/400,000$$

    B. With $4,000,000 in debt at 10%:

$$EPS = (EBIT - \$400,000)/200,000$$

- Calculating Break-Even Point

    C. Solve for the break-even EBIT$_{BE}$:

$$EBIT_{BE}/400,000 = (EBIT_{BE} - \$400,000)/200,000$$

    D. With a little algebra:

$$EBIT_{BE} = \$800,000$$
$$And\ EPS_{BE} = \$2.00/share$$

- The MPD Corporation currently uses no-debt financing and it has decided to go for capital restructuring which would incorporate $1 million debt at 9% debt.
- MPD has 200,000 shares outstanding and the price per share is $20.
- If the restructuring is expected to increase EPS, what is the minimum level for EBIT that MPD's management must be expecting?
- To answer we have to calculate the Break-even EBIT

  o Under the old capital structure:

    $$EPS = EBIT/200,000$$

  o Under the new capital structure, interest expense will be $1 million x 0.09 = $90,000
  o With $1 million proceeds MPD will repurchase $1million/20 = 50,000 shares of stock, leaving 150,000 outstanding.
  o EPS is thus (EBIT -$90,000)/150,000

- Equating both scenarios

    $$EBIT/200,000 = (EBIT -\$90,000)/150,000$$
    $$EBIT = (4/3) \times (EBIT -\$90,000)$$
    $$EBIT = \$360,000$$

- While EPS is $1.80 and management of MPD expects this figure to exceed
- From the above discussion, the following conclusions can be drawn :
  o The effect of financial leverage depends on the company's EBIT. When EBIT is relatively high, leverage is beneficial.
  o Under the unexpected scenario, leverage increases the returns to the shareholders, as measured by ROE and EPS.
- From the above discussion, the following conclusions can be drawn
  o Shareholders are exposed to more risk under the proposed capital structure since the EPS and ROE are much more sensitive to changes in EBIT in this case.
  o Because of impact that financial leverage has on both the expected return to stockholders and the riskiness of the stock, capital structure is an important consideration

Homemade Leverage

- The last conclusion is not necessarily correct because the shareholders can adjust the amount of financial leverage by borrowing and lending on their own.
- The use of personal borrowing to alter the degree of financial leverage is called homemade leverage.
- Returning to our discussion of TA Corporation, we will now illustrate that it makes no difference whether or not TA uses the proposed capital structure.

- Proposed Capital Structure

	Recession	Expected	Expansion
EPS	$ 0.50	$ 3.00	$ 5.50
Earning for 100 shares	$ 50.00	$ 300.00	$ 550.00
Net Cost = 100 share at $20 = $2,000			

- Original capital structure and homemade leverage

	Recession	Expected	Expansion
EPS	$ 1.25	$ 2.50	$ 3.50
Earning for 200 shares	$ 250.00	$ 500.00	$ 750.00
Less Interest on $2,000 at 10%	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
Net Earnings	$ 50.00	$ 300.00	$ 550.00

Net Cost = 200 shares at $20 – amount borrowed
            = $4,000 – $2,000 = $2,000

- The proposed capital structure results in a debt-equity ratio of 1.
- To replicate this capital structure at the personal level, the stockholder must borrow enough to create this same debt-equity ratio of 1.

Unlevering

- Now, under the condition that TA management adopted the proposed capital structure, suppose, an investor who owned 100 shares preferred the original capital structure
- To create leverage, investors borrow on their own, while to unlever investors must loan out the money.
- In TA, the corporation borrowed an amount equal to half its value. The investor can unlever the stock by simply solving loaning out the money in the same proportion
- The investor sells 50 shares for $1,000 total and then loans out $1,000 at 10%.

	Recession	Expected	Expansion
EPS (Proposed Structure)	$ 0.50	$ 3.00	$ 5.50
Earning for 50 shares	$ 25.00	$ 150.00	$ 275.00
Plus Interest on $1,000 at 10%	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
Total Payoff	$ 125.00	$ 250.00	$ 375.00

M&M PROPOSITIONS

- We have seen that corporate borrowing is relatively less significant when it comes to corporate structure, because investors can borrow or lend on their own.
- So, in our TA Corporation, the stock price remains almost the same whichever capital structure company chooses.
- This result is based upon a famous argument by two noble laureates, Franco Modigliani and Merton Miller (commonly known as M&M).
- We shall discuss the two propositions presented by M&M.
- The 1st proposition states that it is completely irrelevant how a firm chooses to arrange its finances.
- Imagine two firms having identical assets and operations depicted on the left hand side of the balance sheet.
- But the right hand side is different because the two firms finance their operations differently.
- In this case we can view the capital structure question in terms of a pie model.
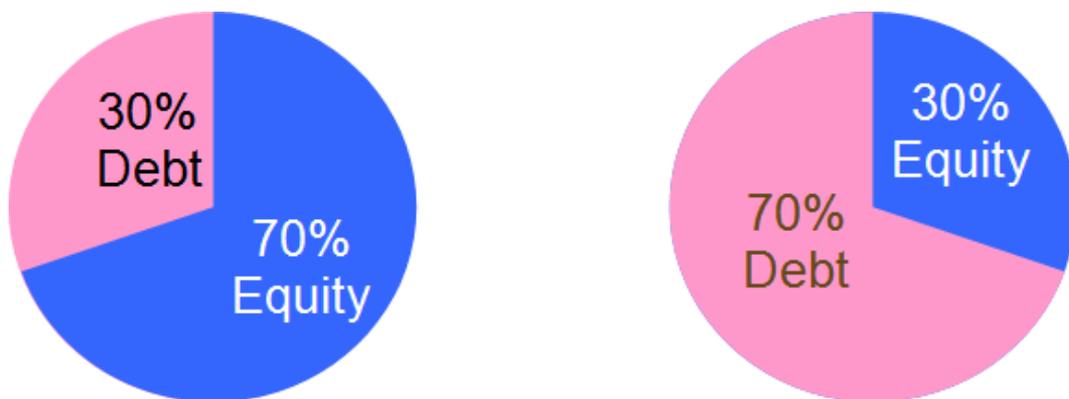
- *The size of the pie does not depend on how it is sliced.*
- Although changing the capital structure may not change the firm's total value, it does cause important changes in the firm's debt and equity.
- Now we examine the firm which changes its debt-equity ratio; and for simplification we ignore taxes here.
- We know that:

$$WACC = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D$$

Where $V = E + D$

- We also know that WACC can be interpreted as the required return on the firm's overall assets (R_A). Thus

$$R_A = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D$$

- Rearranging

$$R_E = R_A + (R_A - R_D) \times (D/E)$$

- This 2nd proposition tells us that the cost of equity depends on three things
  - The required return on firm's assets R_A
  - The firm's cost of debt R_D, and

     o   The firm's debt-equity ratio D/E

Cost of Capital (%)
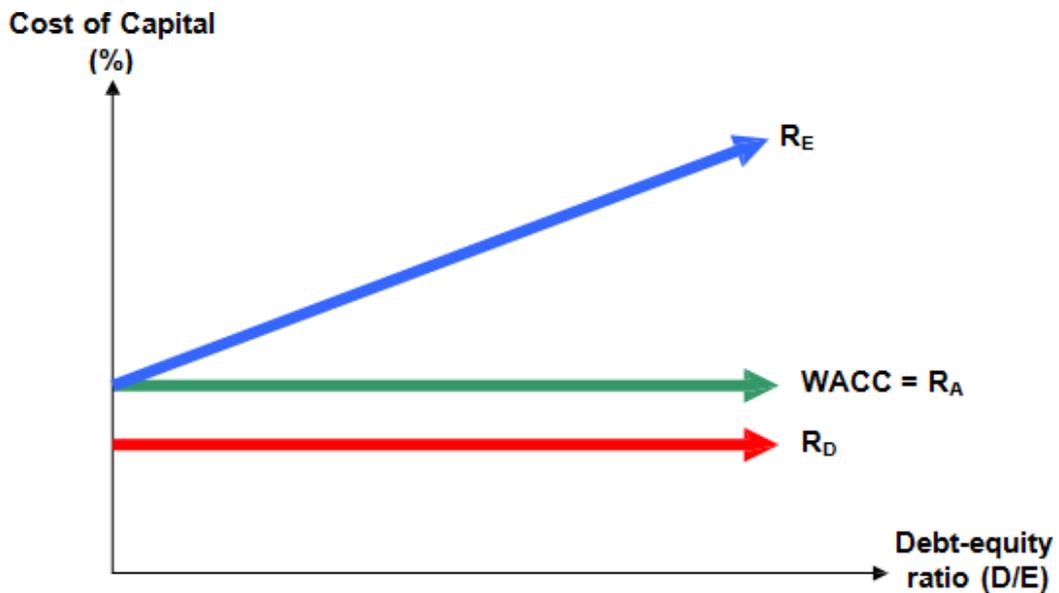
- As the firm raises its debt-equity ratio, the increase in leverage raises the risk of the equity and therefore the required return or cost of equity (RE)
- WACC remains the same, supporting M&M proposition 1
- RCD Corporation has a WACC of 12% (ignoring taxes). It can borrow at 8%.
- Assuming that RCD has a target capital structure of 80% equity and 20% debt, what is its cost of equity?
- What is the cost of equity if the target capital structure is 50% equity?
- Calculate WACC in both cases to verify it remains the same.
- According to M&M proposition 2, the cost of equity, RE, is:

$$R_E = R_A + (R_A - R_D) \times (D/E)$$

- In the 1st case, debt-equity ratio is .2/.8 = .25, so the cost of equity is

$$R_E = 12\% + (12\% - 8\%) \times 0.25$$
$$R_E = 13\%$$

- In the second case, debt-equity comes out to be 1.0, so the cost of equity is 16%
- Now assuming equity financing is 80%, the cost of equity is 13% and tax rate is zero, WACC is

$$\frac{}{V} \qquad \frac{D}{V} \times R_D$$
$$WACC = 0.80 \times 13\% + 0.20 \times 8\%$$
$$WACC = 12\%$$

- In the second case, equity financing is 50%, the cost of equity is 16%. WACC is

$$WACC = \frac{E}{V} \times R_E + \frac{D}{V} \times R_D$$
$$WACC = 0.50 \times 16\% + 0.50 \times 8\%$$
$$WACC = 12\%$$

- So, WACC is 12% in both cases.

Business and Financial Risk

Business Risk:

- *Business Risk:*
  This is the uncertainty in a firm's earnings and cash flows due to factors within its operations. It's influenced by industry competition, technology changes, market ... internal operational cost components ...ystematic asset risk ... firm's operating ... the business risk, and we know that this ... firm's assets.

- *Financial Risk:*
  Financial risk arises from a firm's financial structure, say its use of debt. More debt means higher interest payments, which can increase variability in earnings for equity holders. This results in a higher required return on equity to compensate for added risk due to debt financing, known as financial risk. ...t means higher interest components ...equity holders. This ...ired return on equity because the risk

Corporate ...

- Debt features
  - o Interest paid on debt is tax deductible; a benefit for the firm
  - o Failure to meet debt financing may lead to bankruptcy; a cost

- To examine the effect of corporate taxes, we consider two firms (Firm U & Firm L), identical on left side of balance sheet. So their assets and operations are the same.
- Assuming EBIT to be $1,000 every year for both firms, the difference is that Firm L has issued $1,000 worth of perpetual bonds at 8% interest every year.

	Firm U	Firm L
EBIT	$1,000	$1,000
Interest	0	80
Taxable Income	$1,000	$920
Taxes (30%)	300	276
Net Income	$700	$644

- To simplify, we assume
  - o Depreciation is zero
  - o Capital spending is zero
  - o There are no additions to Net Working Capital
- Thus cash flow from assets is simply equal to EBIT – Taxes.

Cash Flow from Assets	Firm U	Firm L
EBIT	$1,000	$1,000
– Interest	300	276
Total	$700	$724

- Now the cash flow to stockholders and bondholders are:

Cash Flow	Firm U	Firm L
To Stockholders	$700	$644
To Bondholders	0	80
Total	$700	$724

- Total cash flow to Firm L is $24 more, as its tax bill is $24 less.
- Interest being tax deductible has generated a tax saving equal to interest payment multiplied by tax rate, i.e.

$$\$80 \times 0.30 = \$24$$

- This tax saving is called the Interest Tax Shield
- Since debt is perpetual, the same $24 shield will be generated every year forever.
- Since Firm L's cash flow is always $24 greater, its worth is more than Firm U by the value of this $24 perpetuity.
- Because the tax shied is generated by paying interest, it has the same risk as the debt, and 8% is therefore the appropriate discount rate.
- The value of the tax shield is:

$$PV = \frac{\$24}{0.08} = \frac{0.30 \times \$1,000 \times 0.08}{0.08}$$

$$= 0.30 \times \$1,000 = \$300$$

Corporate Taxes & Capital Structure

- So:

$$\text{PV of interest tax shield} = (T_C \times D \times R_D)/R_D$$
$$= T_C \times D$$

- We may conclude here that the value of Firm L, V_L, exceeds the value of the firm U, V_U, by the present value of the interest tax shield, $T_C \times D$.
- M&M Proposition 1 With taxes therefore states that:

$$V_L = V_U + T_C \times D$$
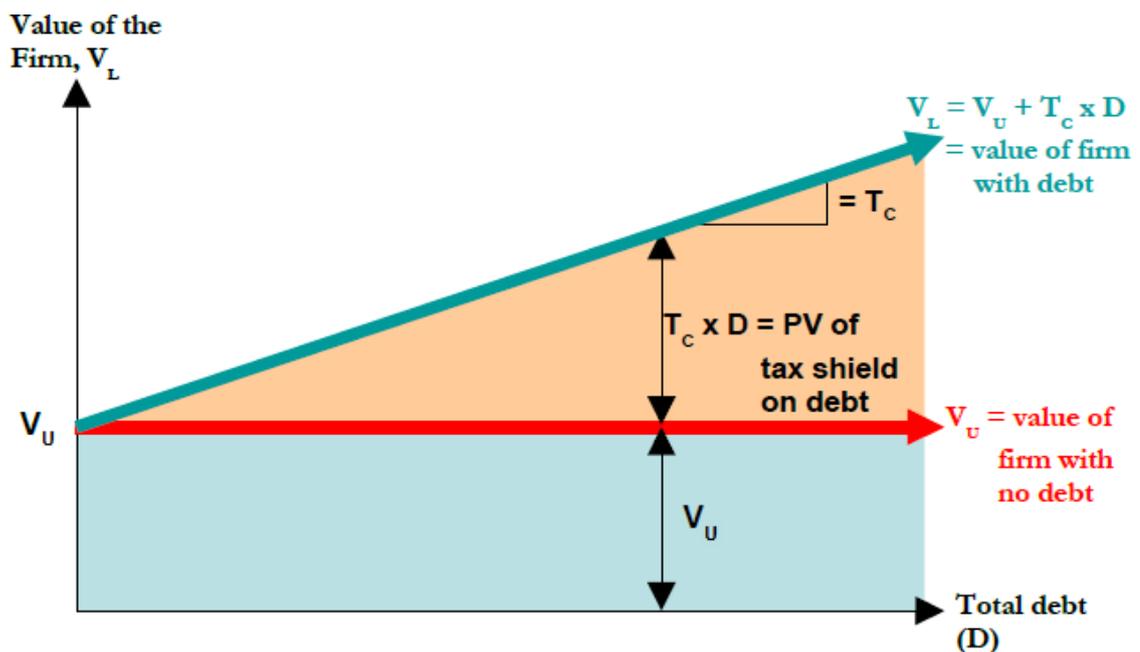
M&M Summary

- The no-tax case
  - Proposition 1

$$V_L = V_U$$

- o Implications of proposition 1:
  - ▪ A Firm's capital structure is irrelevant
  - ▪ A firms WACC is the same no matter what mixture of debt and equity is used to finance the firm

- The no-tax case
  - o Proposition 2: The cost of equity, R_E is:

  $$R_E = R_A + (R_A - R_D) \times D/E$$

  Where R_A is the WACC, R_D is the cost of debt and D/E is debt-equity ratio

  - o Implications of Proposition 2:
    - ▪ Cost of equity rises as the firm increases its use of debt financing
    - ▪ The risk of the equity depends on:
      - – riskiness of firms operations (business risk) which determines R_A
      - – Degree of financial leverage (financial risk) determined by D/E

- The Tax Case
  - o Proposition 1 with taxes: the value of the firm levered (V_L) is equal to the value of the firm unlevered (V_U) plus the present value of the interest tax shield.

  $$V_L = V_U + T_C \times D$$

- The Tax Case
  - o Implications of Proposition 1 with taxes
    - ▪ Debt financing is highly advantageous and in the extreme a firm's optimal capital structure is 100% debt.
    - ▪ A firm's WACC decreases as the firm relies more heavily on debt financing

BANKRUPTCY COSTS

- -------------------------------------- uptcy, such as legal and administrative

  Direct Bankruptcy Costs: Expenses directly tied to bankruptcy, like legal and administrative fees.

  - Indirect Bankruptcy Costs

    Indirect Bankruptcy Costs: Costs of avoiding bankruptcy, d by a financially distress firm by financially distressed firms.

  - Financial Distress Costs

    Financial Distress Costs: Both direct and indirect costs going bankrupt or experiencing financial to bankruptcy or financial troubles.

Static Theory of Capital Structure

- -------------------------------------- n extra dollar in debt is exactly equal to nancial distress.

  The Static Theory of Capital Structure suggests that a company will to the point where the tax advantages of debt equal the costs associated with the risk of financial distress. It aims to find the right balance between tax benefits and the potential downsides of increased debt.
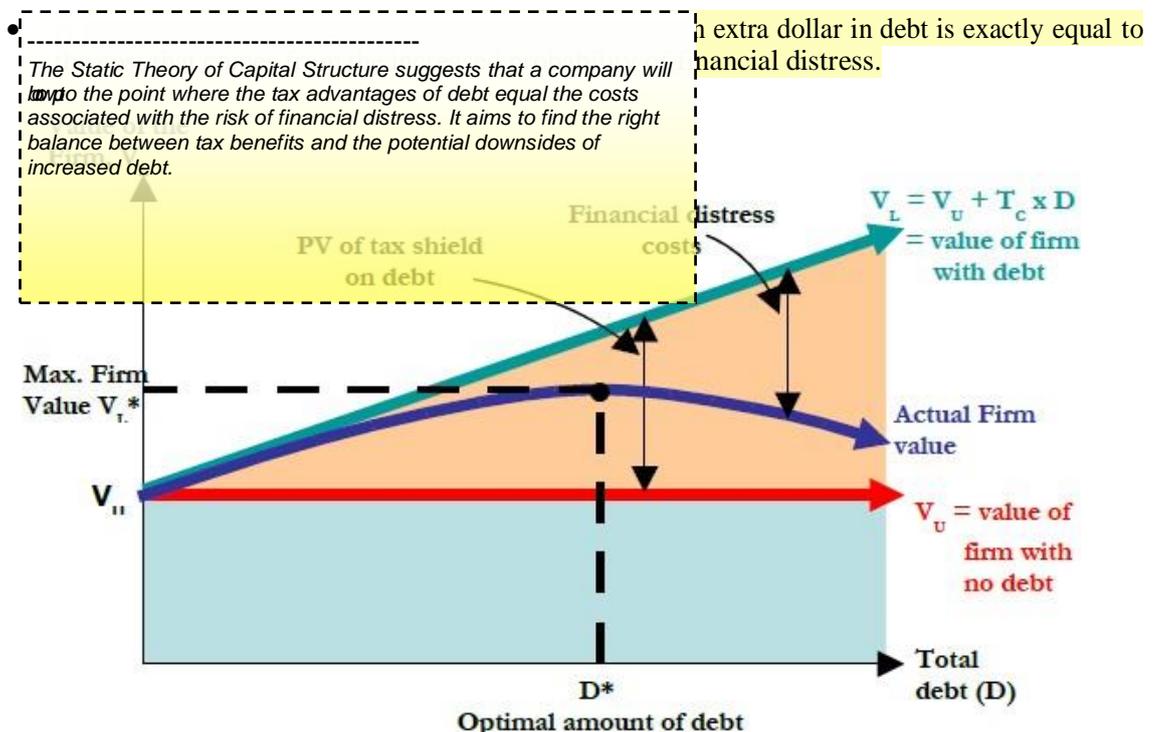
Optimal Capital Structure

- The maximum value of the firm, V_L* is reached at a debt level of D*, so this is the optimal amount of borrowing.
- Alternatively, the firm's capital structure is composed of D*/ V_L* in debt and (1 - D*/ V_L*) in equity.
- The difference between the value of firm in static theory and the M&M value of the firm with taxes is the loss in value from the possibility of financial distress
- The difference between the static theory value of the firm and the M&M value with no taxes is the gain from leverage, net of distress costs.
- We know that the capital structure that maximizes the value of the firm is also the one that minimizes the cost of capital.
- We illustrate this discussion focusing on the three cases:

Case 1

With no taxes and bankruptcy costs, the value of the firm and its weighted average cost of capital (WACC) are not affected by capital structure.

Value of
the Firm
V_L

V_U ————————————————————————→ Case 1
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　M&M (no taxes)

　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Total
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Debt (D)

WACC
(%)

————————————————————————→ Case 1
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　M&M (no taxes)

　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Debt-Equity
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Ratio (D/E)

Case 1
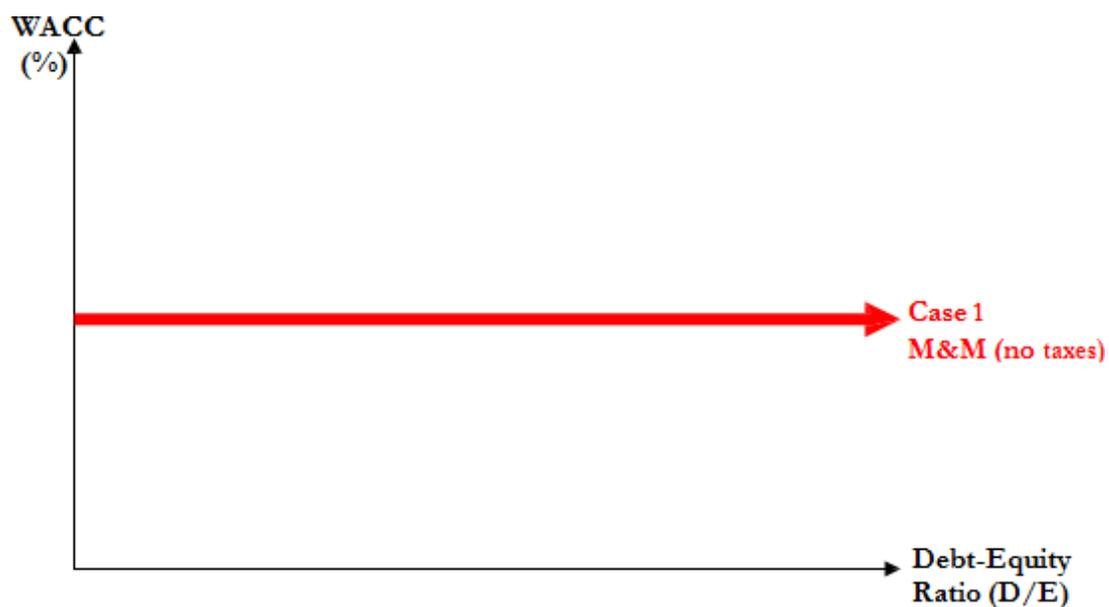
Case 2

With corporate taxes and no bankruptcy costs the value of the firm increases and the WACC decreases as the amount of debt goes up.
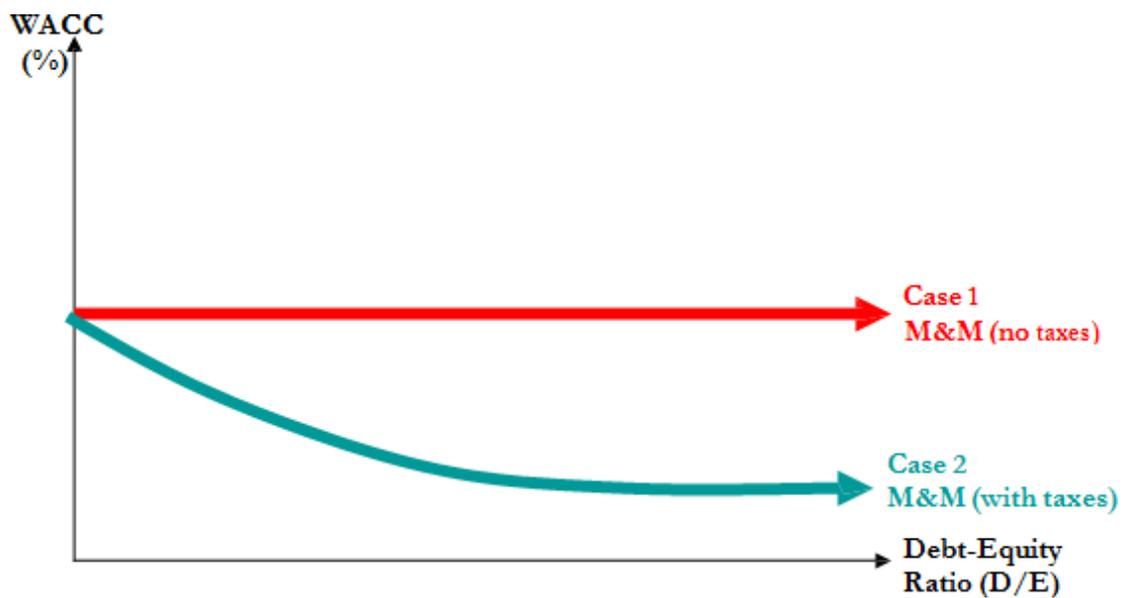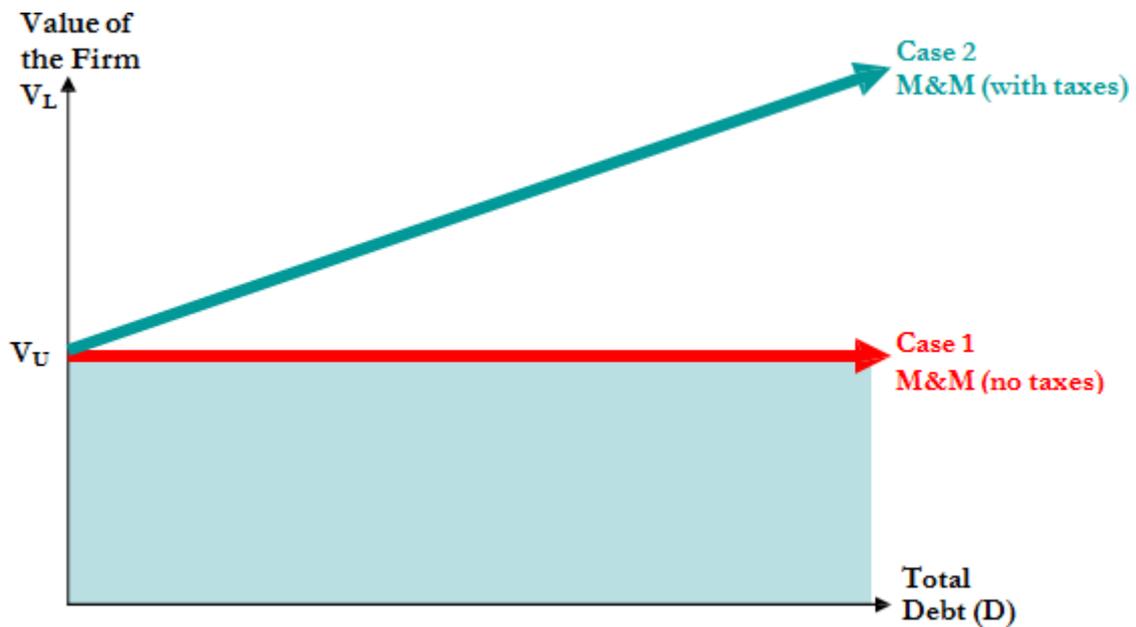
Case 3

With corporate taxes and bankruptcy costs, the value of the firm, V_L, reaches a maximum at D*, the optimal amount of borrowing. At the same time, the WACC is minimized at D*/E*
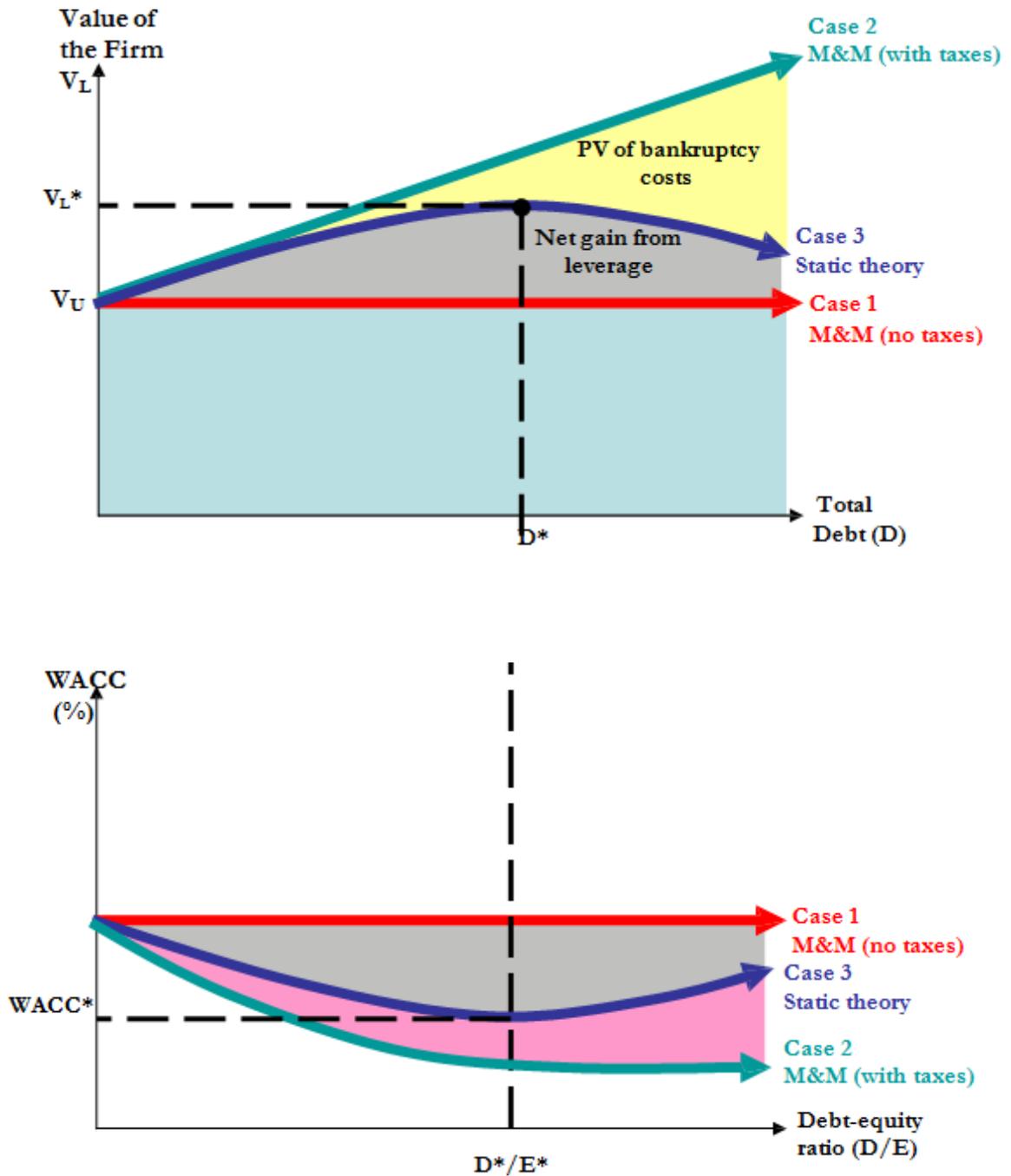
Some Managerial Recommendations

- Tax benefit from leveraging is only important to the firms that are in a tax-paying position. Firms with substantial losses will get little value from the interest tax shield.
- Firms that have substantial tax shields from other sources, such as depreciation, will get less benefit from leverage.
- Firms with a greater risk of experiencing financial distress will borrow less than the firms with a lower risk.
- The cost of financial distress depends primarily on the firm's assets and it will be determined by how easily the ownership of those assets can be transferred
  - Tangible assets vs. Intangible assets

Net Working Capital

- Net working capital (NWC) is the difference between the current assets and the current liabilities. Often the short-term financing is called net working capital management.
- The difference between short- and long- term financing is the timing of the cash flows.
- The questions to address under short-term financing are
  - What is the reasonable level of cash to keep on hand for paying bills?
  - How much the firm should borrow in short term?
  - How much credit should be extended to the customers?
- Current assets
  - Cash and other assets that are expected to convert to cash within one year
  - Presented on balance sheet in order of their liquidity
    - Cash & equivalents
    - Marketable securities
    - Accounts receivables
    - Inventories
- Current liabilities
  - Obligations that are expected to require cash payment within one year
    - Accounts payable
    - Expenses payable (including accrued wages and taxes)
    - Notes payable

The basic balance sheet identity can be written as:

NWC + Fixed assets = Long term debt + Equity

While,
NWC   =   (Cash + other current assets)
            – Current liabilities

So,
Cash   =   Long-term debt
             + Equity
             + Current liabilities
             – Current assets other than cash
             – Fixed assets

- Activities that Increase Cash (sources of cash)
  - Increasing long-term debt
  - Increasing equity
  - Increasing current liabilities
  - Decreasing current assets other than cash
  - Decreasing fixed assets

- Activities that decrease cash (uses of cash)
  - Decreasing long term debt
  - Decreasing equity
  - Decreasing current liabilities
  - Increasing current assets other than cash
  - Increasing fixed assets

- Sources of cash always involve increasing a liability (or equity) account or decreasing an asset account
- Uses of cash involve decreasing a liability or increasing assets.
- Is it a source or use?
  - If accounts payable go up by $100
  - If accounts receivable up by $100

LESSON 40

OPERATING CYCLE AND CASH CYCLE

For a typical manufacturing firm, short run activities might consist of the following sequence of events and decisions:

Events	Decisions
1. Buying raw materials	1. How much inventory to order?
2. Paying cash	2. Whether to borrow or draw down cash balances?
3. Manufacturing the product	3. What choice of production technology to use?
4. Selling the product	4. Whether credit should be extended to a particular customer?
5. Collecting cash	5. How to collect?

- These activities are
  o **Unsynchronized** because payment for purchases may not happen at the same time as the receipts of sales.
  o **Uncertain** because future sales and costs cannot be precisely predicted. Consider the following chronological events.

- Consider the following chronological events:

Day	Activity	Cash Effect
0	Acquire inventory on credit	None
30	Pay for inventory	-$1,000
60	Sell inventory on credit	None
105	Collect on sale	+$1,400

- Operating cycle
  o The time period between the acquisition of inventory and the collection of cash from receivables. (in our example, it is 105 days)
- Inventory period
  o The time it takes to acquire and sell inventory. (in our example, it is 60 days)
- Accounts receivable period
  o The time between sale of inventory and collection of receivable. (here, it is 45 days)
- So, we can describe the operating cycle as:

  Operating Cycle = Inventory period + Accounts receivable period
  105 days   = 60 days + 45 days

- An operating cycle describes how a product moves through the current asset accounts
  o It begins life as inventory
  o Converted to a receivable when it is sold
  o Converted to cash when we collect from the sale
- Accounts payable period
  o The time between receipt of inventory and payment for it. (In our example we pay for inventory purchased after 30 days.)
- Cash cycle
  o The time between cash disbursement and cash collection. (We spend cash on day 30, but don't collect until day 105. so we have to arrange finances $1,000 for 105 – 30 = 75 days)
- So, we can describe the cash cycle as:

  Cash Cycle = Operating cycle – Accounts payable period
  75 days   = 105 days – 30 days
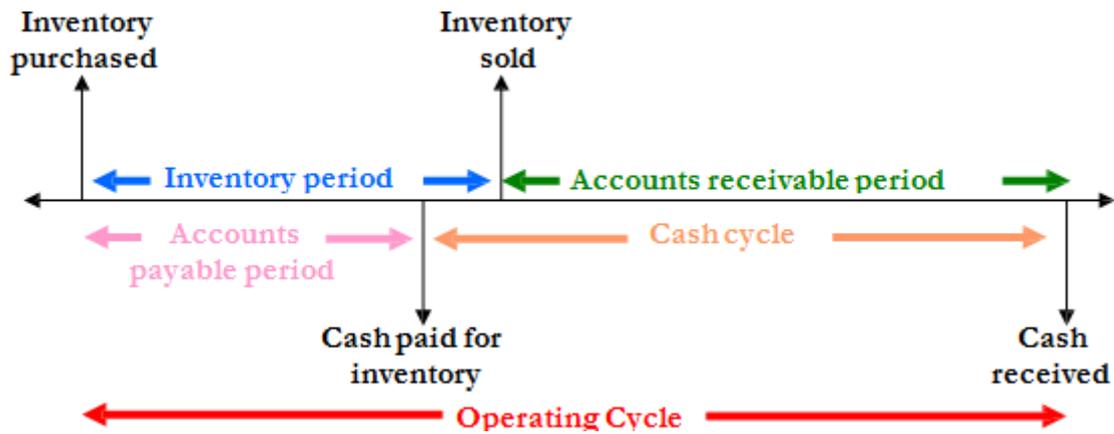
- The gap between the short-term inflows and outflows can be filled either by borrowing or by holding a liquidity reserve in the form of cash or marketable securities.
- Alternatively, the gap can be shortened by changing the inventory, receivable and payable periods.

Managing Operating Cycle

Title of Manager	Duties Relating Short-Term Financial Management	Assets/Liabilities influenced
Cash Manager	Collection, concentration, disbursement; short-term investment; short-term borrowing; bank relations	Cash, marketable securities, short-term loans
Credit Manager	Monitoring and control of accounts receivable; credit policy decisions	Accounts receivable
Marketing Manager	Credit policy decisions	Accounts receivable
Purchase Manager	Decisions on purchases, supplies; may negotiate payment terms	Inventory, accounts payable
Production Manager	Setting production schedules and materials Requirements	Inventory, accounts payable
Payables Manager	Decisions on payment policies and on whether to take discounts	Accounts payable
Controller	Accounting info. on cash flows; reconciliation of A/C receivable; application of payments to A/C receivable	Accounts receivable, accounts payable

- Following is some of the balance sheet information (in thousands):

Item	Beginning	Ending	Average
Inventory	$2,000	$3,000	$2,500
Accounts receivable	1,600	2,000	1,800
Accounts payable	750	1,000	875

- Also the most recent income statement gives the following (in thousands):

Net Sales $11,500
Cost of Goods Sold   8,200

Inventory Turnover =

$$\text{Inventory Turnover} = \frac{8,200,000}{2,500,000}$$

Inventory Turnover = 3.28 times

$$\text{Inventory Period} = \frac{365 \text{ Days}}{}$$

$$\text{Inventory Period} = \frac{365}{3.28}$$

Inventory Period = 111.3 days

- It means inventory sat for 111 days before it was sold.
- Now, assuming that all sales were credit sales, the receivables turnover is:

$$\text{Receivable Turnover} = \frac{11,500,000}{1,800,000}$$

Receivable Turnover = 6.4 times

$$\text{Receivable Period} = \frac{365}{6.4}$$

Receivable Period = 57 days

- The receivable period is also called days' sales in receivables or average collection period.
- It tells that our customers took an average 57 days to pay.
- The operating cycle is the sum of the inventory and receivable periods

Operating Cycle = Inventory period + Receivable period
Operating Cycle = 111 + 57 = 168 days

- So on average, 168 days elapse between the time we acquire inventory and having sold it, collect for sale.

$$\text{Payables Turnover} = \frac{8,200,000}{875,000}$$

Payables Turnover = 9.4 times

$$\text{Payables Period} = \frac{365 \text{ Days}}{\text{Payables Turnover}}$$

$$\text{Payables Period} = \frac{365}{9.4}$$

Payables Period = 39 days

- Cash cycle is the difference between the operating cycle and the payables period:
Cash Cycle = Operating Cycle – A/C Payables Period

$$\text{Cash Cycle} = 168 - 39 = 129 \text{ days}$$

- So on average, there is a 129-day delay from the time we pay for merchandise to the time we collect on the sales.

- SP Company has the following accounting figures:

Item	Beginning	Ending
Inventory	$5,000	$7,000
Accounts receivable	1,600	2,400
Accounts payable	2,700	4,800

- Credit sales for the year were $50,000 and cost of goods sold was $30,000
- Calculating the three turnovers:

$$\text{Inventory turnover} = \$30,000/6,000 = 5 \text{ times}$$
$$\text{Receivable turnover} = \$50,000/2,000 = 25 \text{ times}$$
$$\text{Payable turnover} = \$30,000/3,750 = 8 \text{ times}$$

- Now using these to get the various periods:

$$\text{Inventory period} = 365/5 = 73 \text{ days}$$
$$\text{Receivable period} = 365/25 = 14.6 \text{ days}$$
$$\text{Payable period} = 365/8 = 45.6 \text{ days}$$

- Operating Cycle and Cash Cycle:

$$\text{Operating cycle} = 73 + 14.6 = 87.6 \text{ days}$$
$$\text{Cash cycle} = 87.6 - 45.6 = 42 \text{ days}$$

Interpreting Cash Cycle

The cash cycle's length depends on inventory, receivables, and payables. Longer periods for inventory and receivables increase it, while extending payables shortens it. A positive cash cycle demands more financing for inventory and receivables. Total Assets Turnover (Sales/Total assets) connects the cash cycle with profitability, as higher turnover enhances Return on Assets and Equity. A shorter cash cycle reduces inventory and receivables investment, leading to lower total assets and higher turnover.

- These calculations reveal that depend on the
    - o   depend on the
    - o   Increases if in
    - o   Decreases if p
- Most firms have a positive cash cycle and they require more financing for inventories and receivables for longer cash cycle.
- The link between the firm's cash cycle and its profitability is provided by Total Assets Turnover (Sales/Total assets).
- The higher this ratio is; the greater are the firm's accounting return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE).
- So, the shorter the cash cycle is, the lower is the firm's investment in inventories and receivables.
- Thus, the firm's total assets and lower and total turnover is higher.

SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL POLICY

- Size of investments in current assets
    - Flexible policy
        - maintain a high ratio of current assets to sales
    - Restrictive policy
        - maintain a low ratio of current assets to sales
- Financing of current assets
    - Flexible policy
        - less short-term debt and more long-term debt
    - Restrictive policy
        - more short-term debt and less long-term debt
- If policies are flexible with regard to current assets
    - Keep larger cash/marketable securities balances
    - Larger investments in inventory
    - More liberal credit terms, thus higher accounts receivable
- If policies are restrictive with regard to current assets
    - Keep lower cash/marketable securities balances
    - Make smaller investments in inventory
    - Tight or no credit sales, minimal accts. receivable
- The optimum level of investment in short term assets depends on a trade-off between the costs of a restrictive policy against the costs of a flexible one.
- Current assets holdings are highest with a flexible short term financial policy and lowest with a restrictive one.
- So flexible policies are costly as they require greater investment in current assets.
- However expected future cash-flows are higher too.
- A restrictive short-term financial policy reduces future sales level than under flexible policy.
- Managing short-term assets involves a trade-off between carrying costs and shortage costs

- **Carrying costs**
    -
        - *Carrying costs are the expenses of keeping stuff like goods and money. They get higher when you have more of these things.* current assets (inventories vs. short term investments)

    -
        - *Shortage costs, decrease when you have more stuff. These costs happen when you run out of things and need to quickly replace them. It can be expensive to keep ordering frequently to avoid running out, and not* cash-outs through more frequent *having enough stuff can lead to lost sales and other problems. So, having the right amount of stuff helps avoid these costly issues.*
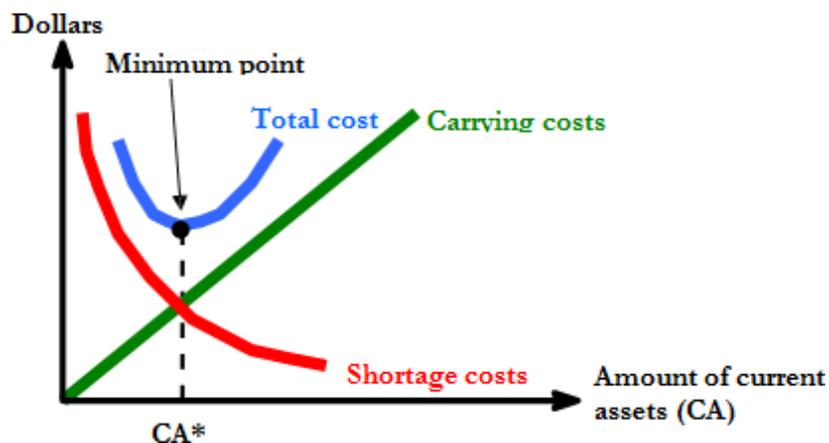   - Costs related to lack of safety reserves, i.e., lost sales and customers and production stoppages.
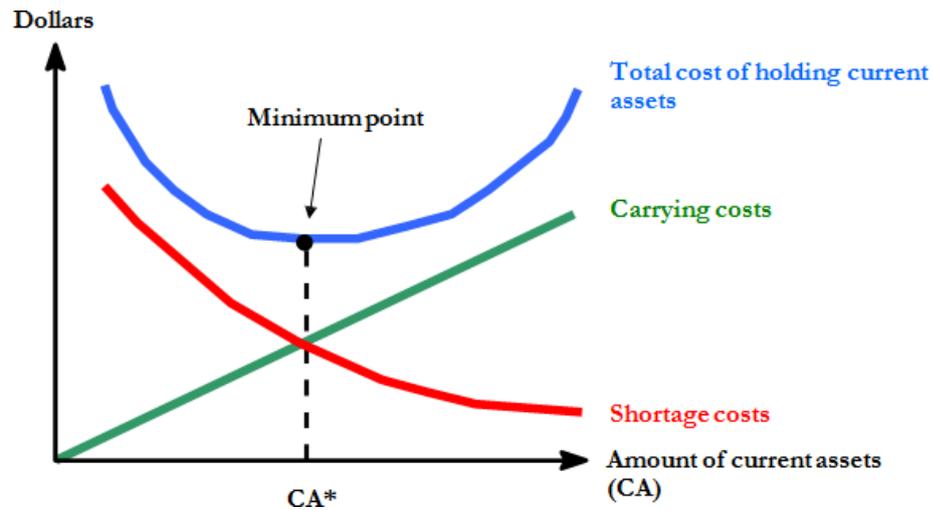
CA* represents the optimal amount of current assets. Holding this amount minimizes total costs.

A. Flexible Policy
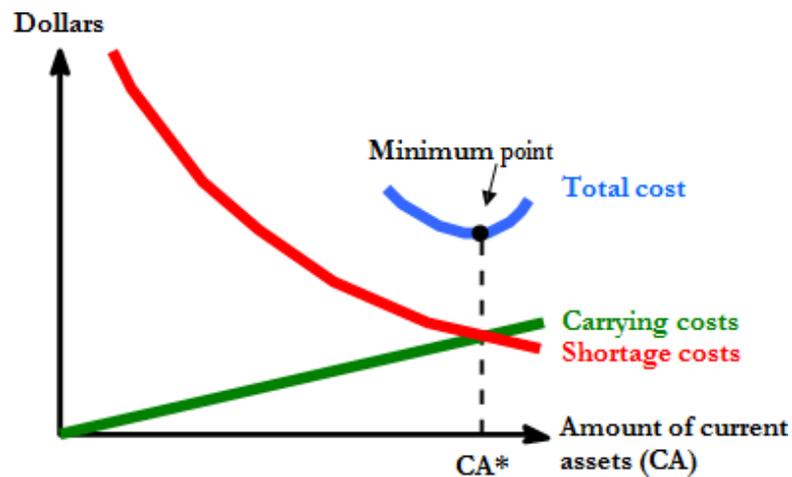
A flexible policy is most appropriate when carrying costs are low relative to shortage costs.
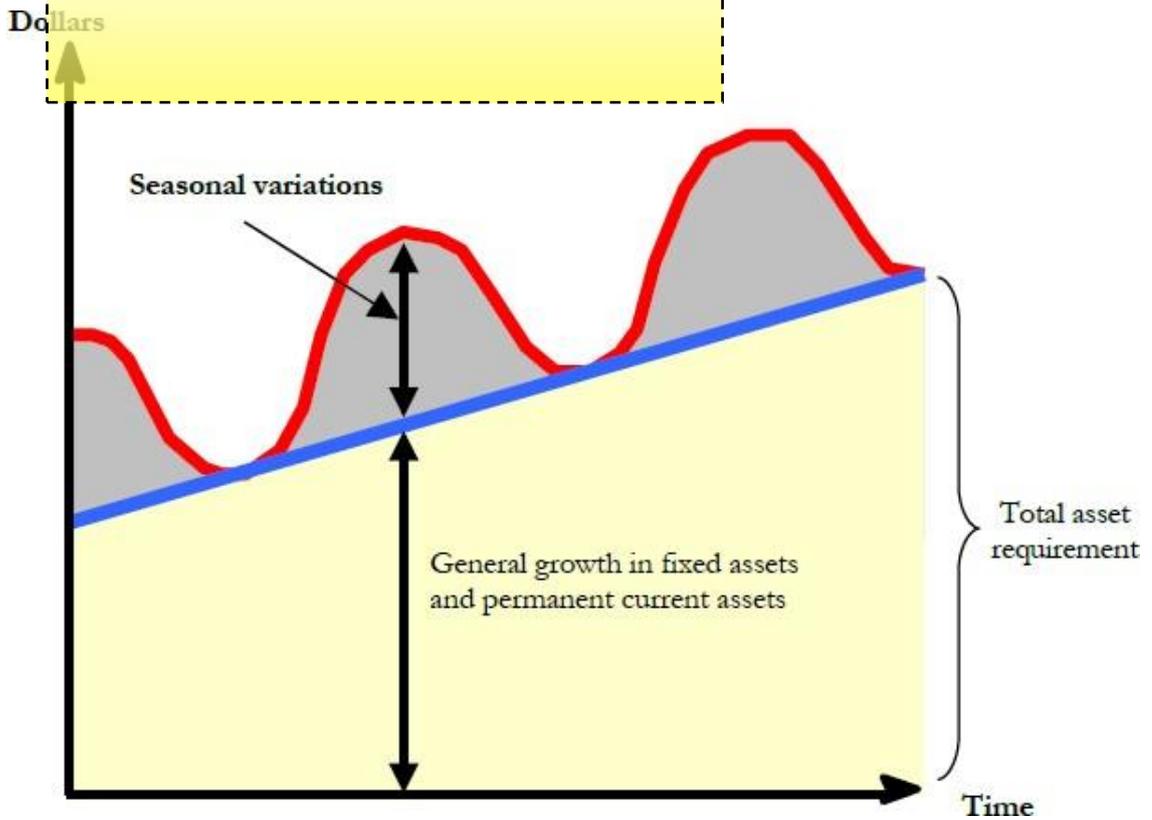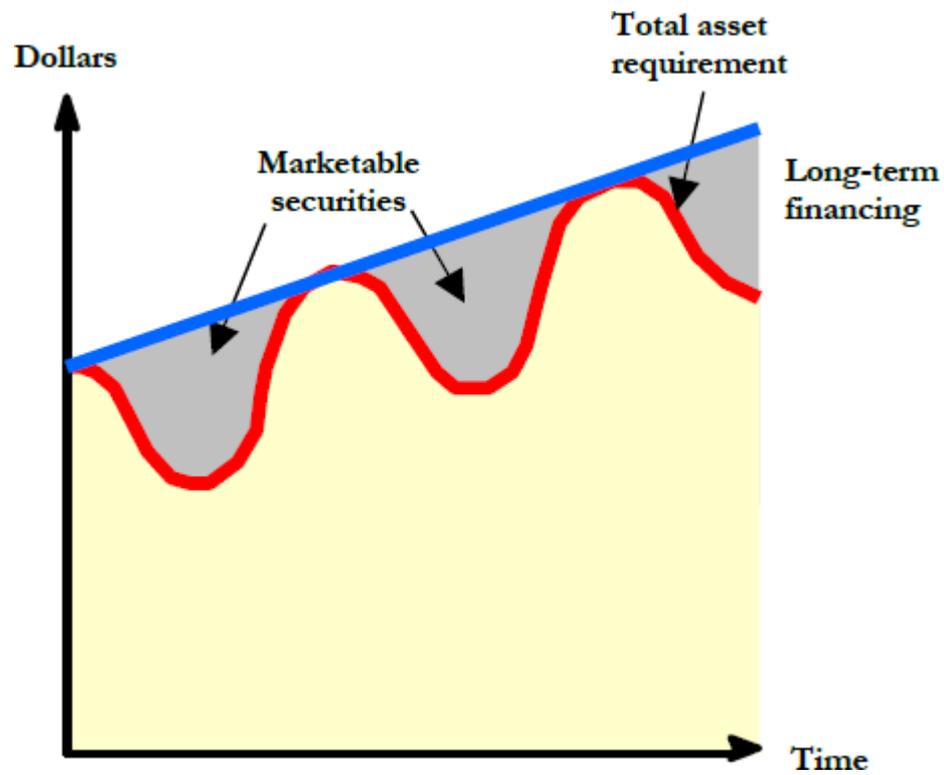
B. Restrictive policy

A restrictive policy is most appropriate when carrying costs are high relative to shortage costs.

Alternative Financing Policies

- ... wing firm

  financing, a growing company ... trends, seasonal shifts, and ... unpredictable fluctuations.

  - Seasonal variation around the trend
  - Unpredictable day-to-day ... fluctuations

- ... nal.

  Temporary current assets are extra assets held for busy seasons and ... as sales happen.

  ... k" time.
  - The level of current assets will decrease as sales occur.

- ... rent assets at all times.

  Permanent current assets are always needed, and their level stays ... assets are called "permanent" because they're consistently required, not because they aren't sold.

  ... e level is constant, not because the

Dollars

Seasonal variations

General growth in fixed assets and permanent current assets

Total asset requirement

Time

Policy F

Policy F always implies a short-term cash surplus and a large investment in cash and marketable securities.

Policy R
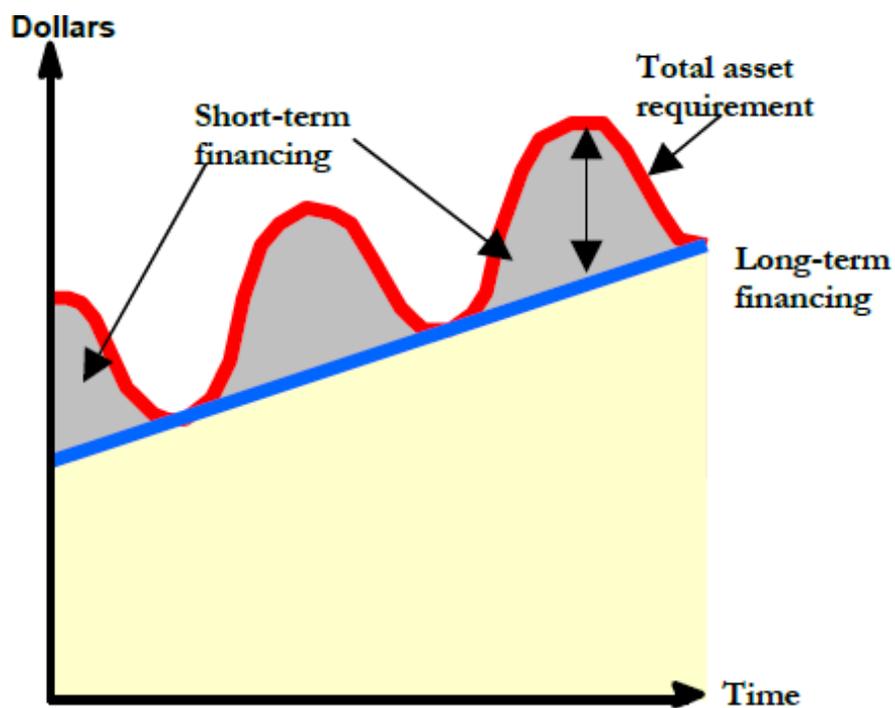
Policy R uses long-term financing for permanent asset requirements only and short-term borrowing for seasonal variations.

Which is the Best Policy

- Cash Reserves
  - o Pros – firms will be less likely to experience financial distress and are better able to handle emergencies or take advantage of unexpected opportunities
  - o Cons – cash and marketable securities earn a lower return and are zero NPV investments
- Maturity Hedging
  - o Try to match financing maturities with asset maturities
  - o Finance temporary current assets with short-term debt
    Finance permanent current assets and fixed assets with long-term debt and equity
- Interest Rates
  - o Short-term rates are often lower than long-term rates so it may be cheaper to finance with short-term debt.
  - o Firms can get into trouble if rates increase quickly or if it begins to have difficulty making payments – may not be able to refinance the short-term loans.

Cash Reserves: Keeping cash on hand has advantages like dealing with emergencies but it earns less and has zero NPV.

Maturity Hedging: Match financing terms with asset terms. Short-term debt for temporary assets, long-term for permanent ones.

Interest Rates: Short-term rates are often lower,
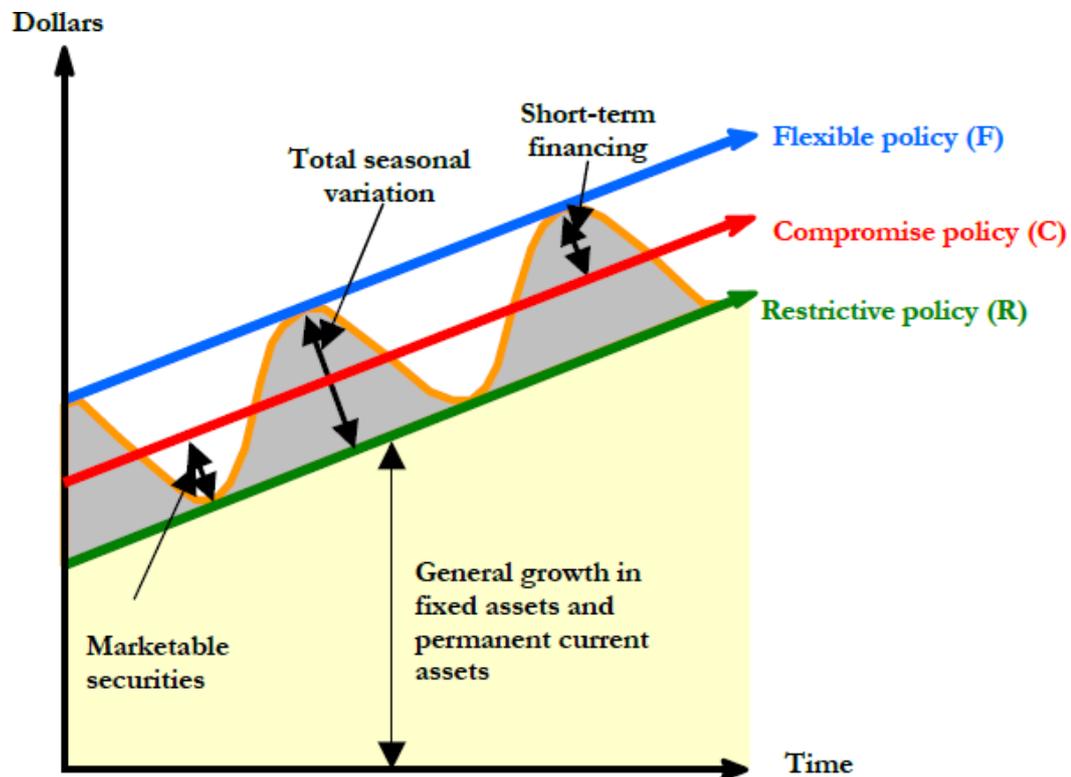
With a compromise policy, the firm keeps a reserve of liquidity which it uses to initially finance seasonal variations in current asset needs. Short-term borrowing is used when the reserve is exhausted.

Cash Budget

- Forecast of cash inflows and outflows over the next short-term planning period
- Primary tool in short-term financial planning
- Helps determine when the firm should experience cash surpluses and when it will need to borrow to cover working-capital costs
- Allows a company to plan ahead and begin the search for financing before the money is actually needed
- Records the estimates of cash receipts (cash in) and disbursements (cash out).
- PT Inc. specializes in toys and receives all income from sales.
- Sales estimates (in millions)
  - o Q1 = 500; Q2 = 600; Q3 = 650; Q4 = 800; Q1 next year = 550

- Accounts receivable
  - Beginning receivables = $250
  - Average collection period = 30 days
- Accounts payable
  - Purchases = 50% of next quarter's sales
  - Beginning payables = 125
  - Accounts payable period is 45 days
- Other expenses
  - Wages, taxes and other expense are 25% of sales
  - Interest and dividend payments are $50
  - A major capital expenditure of $200 is expected in the second quarter
- The initial cash balance is $100 and the company maintains a minimum balance of $50
- Average Collection Period = 30 days, this implies that 2/3 of sales are collected in the quarter made and the remaining 1/3 are collected the following quarter
- Beginning receivables of $250 will be collected in the first quarter

Cash Collections

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beginning Receivables	$250	$167	$200	$217
Sales	500	600	650	800
Cash Collections	583	567	633	750
Ending Receivables	167	200	217	267

- Payables period is 45 days, so half of the purchases will be paid for each quarter and the remaining will be paid the following quarter
- Beginning payables = $125
- An additional payment of $125 will be made to a vendor in second quarter, which is related to some previous transaction.

Cash Disbursement

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Payment of accounts	$275	$438	$362	$338
Wages, taxes and other expenses	125	150	163	200
Capital expenditures	-	200	-	-
(Interest and dividend payments)	50	50	50	50
Total cash disbursements	$450	$838	$575	$588

Net Cash Inflow

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total cash collections	$583	$567	$633	$750
Total cash disbursements	450	838	575	588
Net cash inflow	$133	-$271	$ 58	$162

Cash Balances

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beginning Cash Balance	$100	$233	-$38	$20
Net cash inflow	133	-271	58	162
Ending cash balance	233	-38	20	182
Minimum cash balance	-50	-50	-50	-50
Cumulative surplus (deficit)	$183	-$88	-$30	$132

SHORT-TERM BORROWING

- Unsecured Loans
  - Line of credit
  - Committed vs. Non committed
    - Committed being formal arrangements involving a commitment fee
    - Non committed being an informal channel involving lesser paper work
  - Revolving credit arrangement
    - Open for two or more years
  - Letter of credit

- Secured Loans
  - Accounts receivable financing
    - Assigning
      - Borrower is responsible even if receivables are not collected
    - Factoring
      - Receivable is discounted and sold to lender (factor) who then bears the risk of default
    - Maturity Factoring
      - Factor forwards the money on an agreed-upon future date

- Secured Loans
  - Inventory loans
    - Blanket inventory lien
      - Gives a lien against all the inventories
    - Trust receipt
      - Borrower holds specific inventory in "trust" for the lender; also called floor planning
    - Field warehouse financing
      - An independent company specialized in inventory management acts as control agent

- Other Sources
  - Commercial Paper
- Short term notes issued by large and highly rated firms
  - Trade Credit
- Increase the accounts payable period, delaying the payments

A Short-Term Financial Plan

- PT Inc. arranges to borrow any needed funds on short term basis.
- The interest rate is 20% APR, calculated on quarterly basis (20%/4 = 5%)
- There is no starting short term debt.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beginning Cash Balance	$20	$60	-$50	$5
Net cash inflow	40	-110	55	-15
Ending cash balance	$60	-$50	$5	-$10
Minimum cash balance	-10	-10	-10	-10
Cumulative surplus(deficit)	$50	-$60	-$5	-$20

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beginning Cash Balance	$20	$60	$10	$10
Net cash inflow	40	-110	55	-15
New short-term borrowing	-	60	-	15.4
Interest on short-term borrowing (5%)	-	-	3	0.4
Short-term borrowing repaid	-	-	52	-
Ending cash balance	$60	$10	$10	$10
Minimum cash balance	-10	-10	-10	-10
Cumulative surplus (deficit)	$50	0	0	0
Beginning short-term debt	0	0	60	8
Change in short-term debt	0	60	-52	15.4
Ending short-term debt	$0	$60	$8	$23.4

- Ending short-term debt is equal to cumulative deficit for the entire year, $20 mill., plus interest paid during the year, $3 + .4 = $3.4, for a total of $23.4
- In this plan, we ignored:
  o the tax deductibility of interest paid
  o Interest earnings on cash surplus
- This plan illustrates that financing the firm's short term needs will cost about $3.4 million in interest before taxes for the year.

Float and Cash Management

- The basic objective in cash management is to keep the investment in cash as low as possible while still operating the firm's activities efficiently and effectively.
  o Collect early and pay late.
- Firm must invest temporarily idle cash in short term marketable securities, having lower default risk and most are highly liquid

- Reasons of holding Cash
  o **Speculative Motive** - the need to hold cash to take advantage of additional investment opportunities, such as bargain purchases, attractive interest rates and favorable exchange rates fluctuations.
    ▪ Reserve borrowing utility and Marketable securities
  o **Transaction Motive** - the need to hold cash to satisfy normal disbursement and collection activities associated with a firm's ongoing operations.
  o **Precautionary Motive** - the need to hold cash as a safety margin to act as a financial reserve.

- Benefit of Holding Cash
  o The opportunity cost of excessive cash is the interest income that could be earned in the next best use.
  o The firm holds excessive cash to provide liquidity necessary for transaction needs.
  o In case of cash-out situation, the firm may have to raise cash on a short-term basis by borrowing or selling current assets.

LESSON 43

FLOAT AND CASH MANAGEMENT

- The difference between bank cash and book cash, representing the net effect of cheques in the process of clearing is called *float*.
- Cheques written by a firm generate **disbursement float**, causing a decrease in the firm's book balance but no change in its available balance.
- Gm Inc. has $100,000 on deposit with its bank.
- On June 8, it buys some raw material and pays with a cheque for $100,000 reducing the book balance by $100,000 immediately.
- GM's bank is unaware of this activity until the cheque is presented, say June 14 and the firm's available balance is greater than its book balance by $100,000.
- Before June 8, the GM's float is zero:

$$\text{Float} = \text{Firm's available balance} - \text{Firm's book balance}$$
$$= \$100,000 - 100,000 = 0$$

- Form June 8 to June 14, the position is:

$$\text{Disbursement Float} = \text{Firm's available balance} - \text{Firm's book balance}$$
$$= \$100,000 - 0 = 100,000$$

- Cheques collected by the firm create **collection float**, which increases book balances but does not immediately change available balance.
- In general, the firm's payment activities generate disbursement float and its collection activities generate collection float.
- The net effect, the sum of both floats is the net float, equal to the overall difference between the firm's available balance and its book balance.
- If net float is positive, then the firm's disbursement float exceeds its collection float and its available balance exceeds its book balance, and vice versa.
- Suppose you have $5,000 on deposit.
- One day, you write a cheque for $1,000 and deposit $2,000.
- What are your disbursement, collection and net floats?
- After writing the cheque, you show a balance of $4,000 on your books, but bank shows $5,000 while the cheque is clearing. So you have a disbursement float of $1,000
- Depositing $2,000 increases the book balance to $6,000, but the available balance remains the same until the cheque clears. So collection float is -$2,000.

$$\text{Net float} = \$1000 + (-2,000) = -\$1,000$$

- Cash Collection
  - o Speed up collection
  - o Reduce lag between the time customers pay their bills and time cash becomes available.
- Cash Disbursement
  - o Control payments
  - o Minimize firm's costs associated with making payments
- Total collection or disbursement time can be broken into three parts:
  - o Mailing time – the part of collection and disbursement process during which cheques are trapped in the postal system
  - o Processing delay – the time it takes the receiver of a cheque to process the payment and deposit in a bank for collection
  - o Availability delay – the time required to clear a cheque through the banking system
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
  - o Electronically transfer financial information and funds between parties, thereby eliminating paper invoices, paper cheques, mailing and handling
  - o Length of time required to initiate and complete a business transaction is shortened
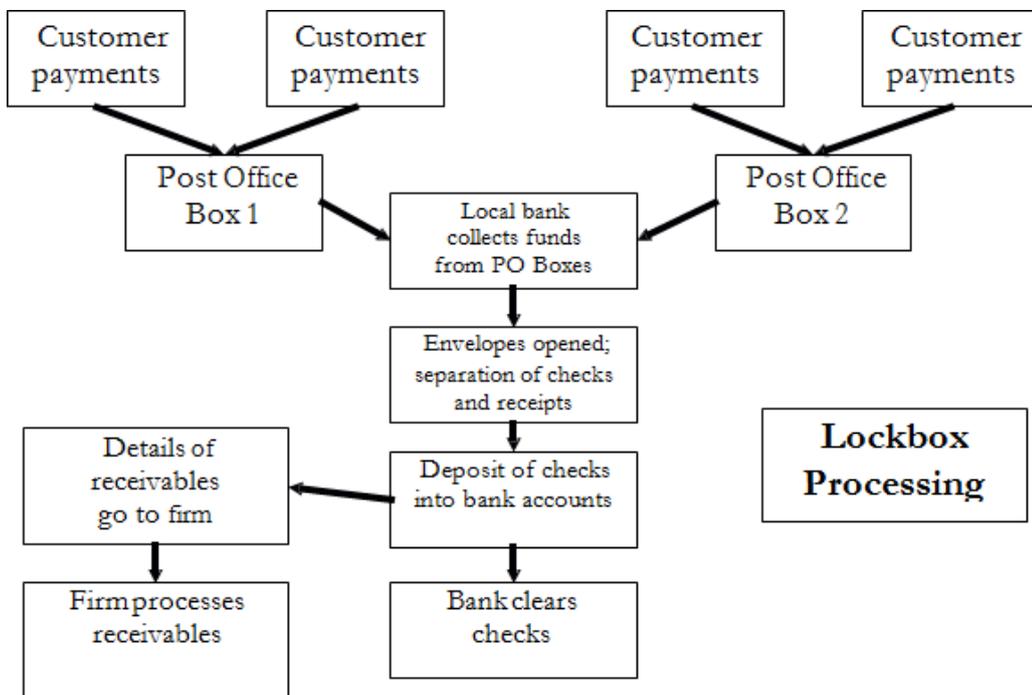
considerably, and float is sharply reduced or eliminated.

Cash Collection
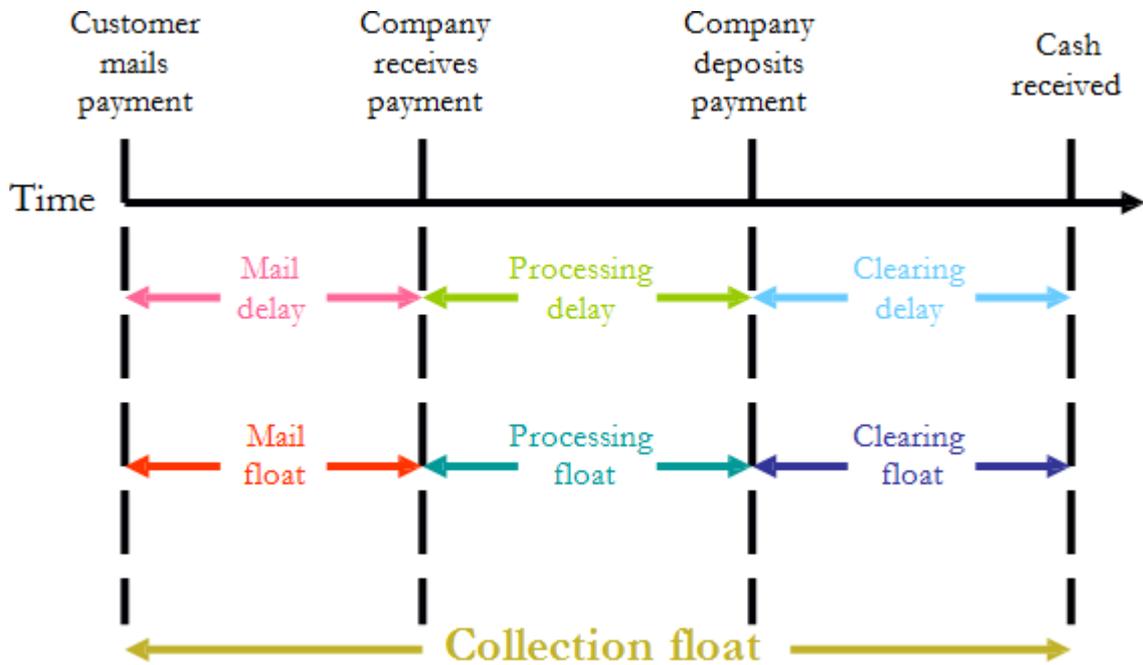
Cash Collection

- Collection for payments through cheques
- Having mailed all cheques to one location
- Have different collection points to reduce mailing time
- Outsource the collection process
- Preauthorized payment system
- Lockboxes

Cash Concentration

- Cash collections of firm having many collection points may end up in different banks and bank accounts. The process of moving these amounts to main account is called cash concentration.
- By routinely pooling its cash, the firm reduces the number of accounts that must be tracked.
- Normally, firms use concentration banks for this purpose.
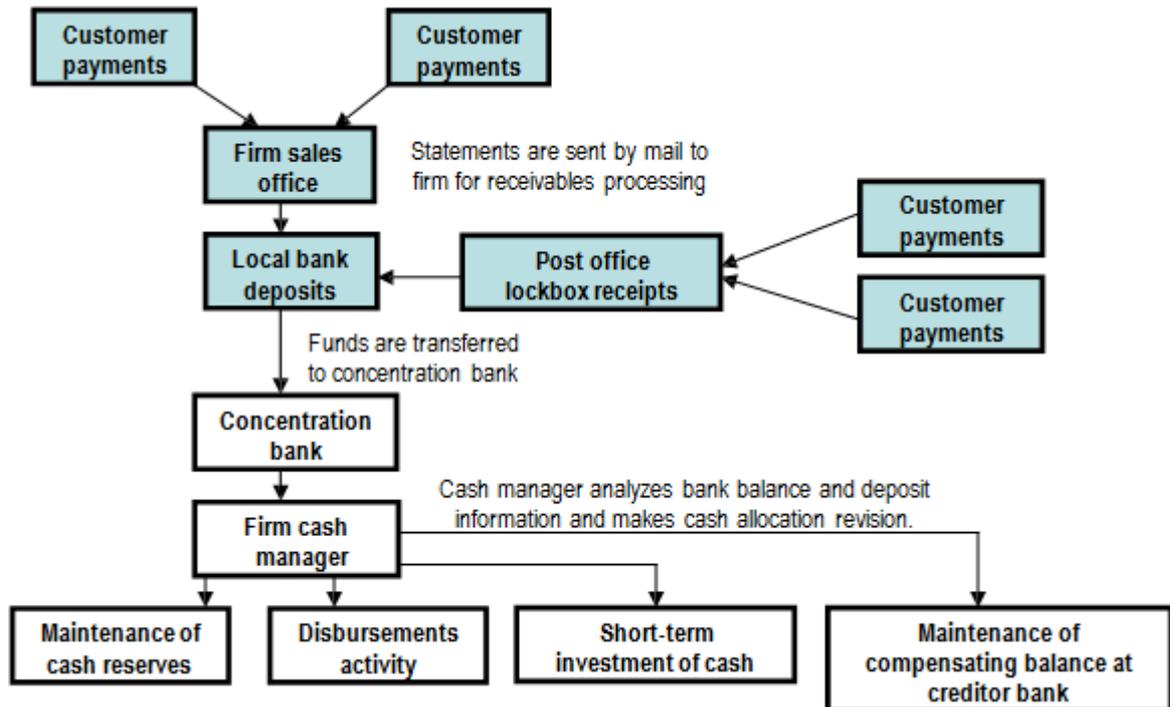
Cash Disbursement

- The goal in managing disbursement float is to slow down the disbursements as much as possible.
- The firm may adopt some strategies to increase mail float, processing float and availability float on the cheques it writes.
- These strategies may include:
  - Write check on a distant bank.
  - Hold payment for several days after postmarked in office.
  - Call supplier firm to verify statement accuracy for large amounts.
  - Mail from distant post office.
  - Mail from post office that requires a great deal of handling
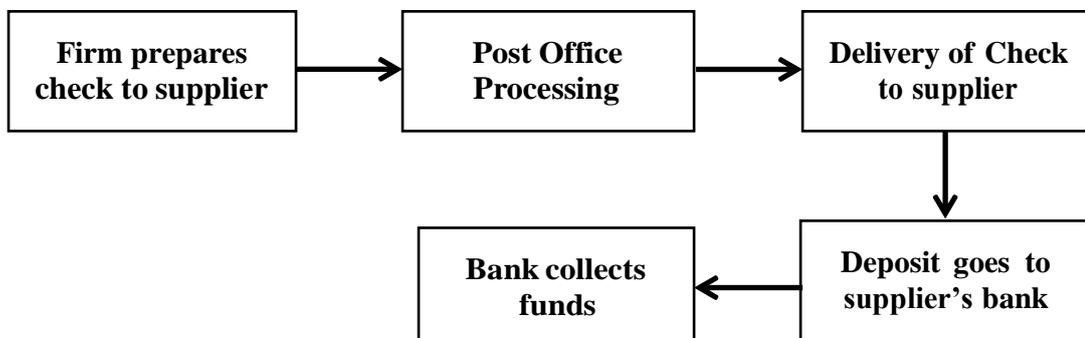
Ethical and Legal Questions

- The financial managers must always work with collected company cash balances and not with the company's book balance, which reflects checks that have been deposited but not collected.
- If you are borrowing the bank's money without their knowledge, you are raising serious ethical and legal questions.

Zero-balance account

- A disbursement account in which the firm maintains a zero balance transferring funds in from a master account only as needed to cover cheques presented for payment.
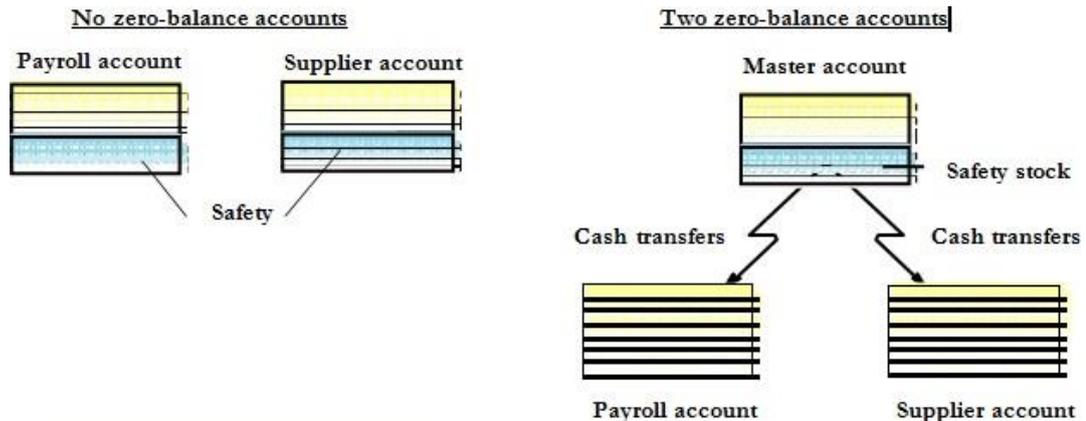
- Controlled disbursement accounts
  - A disbursement account to which the firm transfers an amount that is sufficient to cover demands for payment.

Investing Idle Cash

A firm with surplus cash can park it in the money market.
- Most large firms manage their own short-term financial assets, transacting through banks and dealers.
- Some large firms and many small ones use money market mutual funds (funds that invest in short term financial assets for some fee).

Firms have surplus cash mostly for two reasons:
- Seasonal or Cyclical Activities
- Planned Expenditures
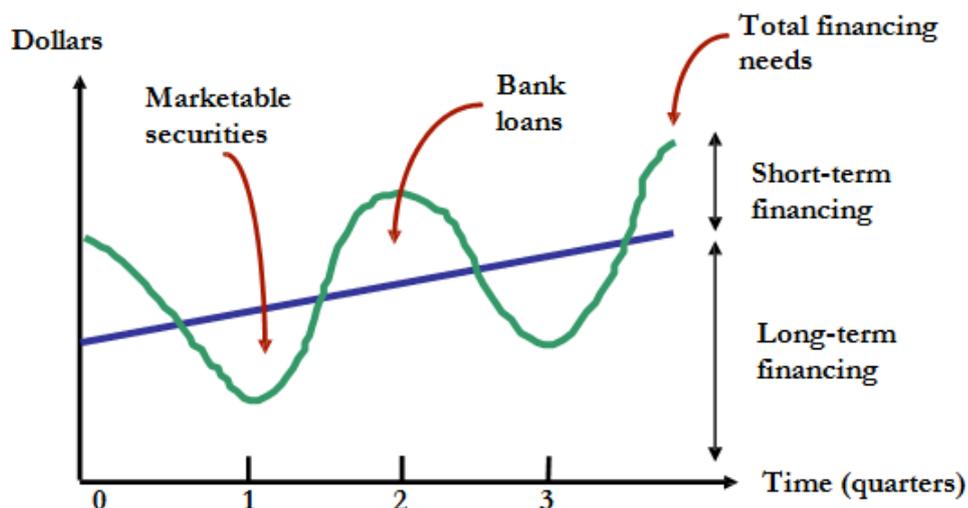
- **Time 1:** A surplus cash position exists. Seasonal demand for current assets is low. The surplus is invested in short-term marketable securities.
- **Time 2:** deficit cash flow exists. Seasonal demand for assets is high. The financial deficit is financed by the selling of marketable securities and bank borrowing.

Credits and Receivables

- The obvious reason for granting credit to the customers is to stimulate sales.
- The costs associated with granting assets are not trivial.
  - Chance that customer will not pay
  - Cost of carrying the receivables
- Credit policy decisions involve a trade-off between the benefits of increased sales and costs of granting credit.
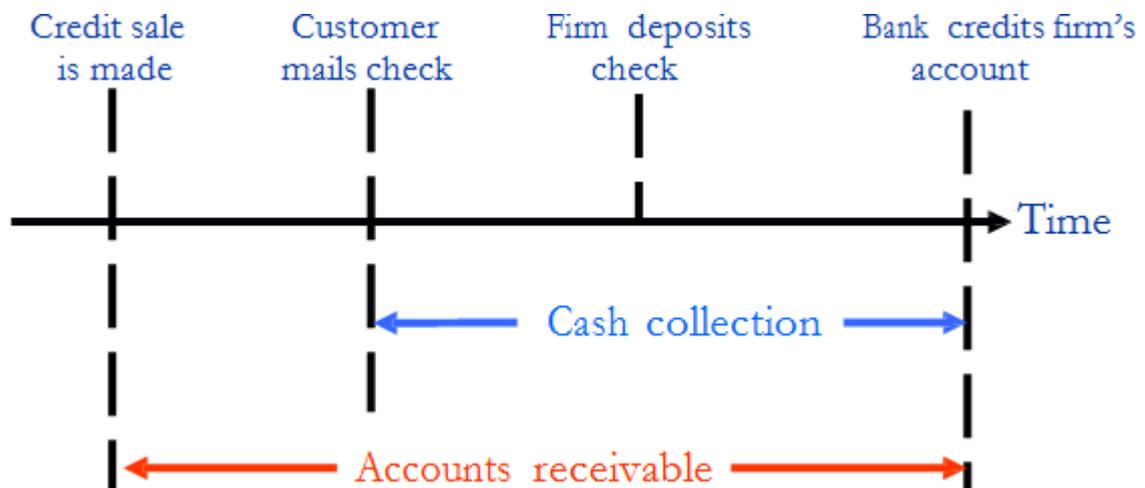
Components of Credit Policy

- Terms of sale
  Conditions under which a firm sells its goods and services for cash or credit
- Credit Analysis
  The process of determining the probability that customers will or will not pay.
- Collection Policy
  Procedures followed by a firm in collecting accounts receivable

- The terms of sale of composed of
  - Credit Period
  - Cash Discounts and discount period
  - Credit Instrun

- For example, the terms of 2/10, net 30 may be quoted for a certain customer.
  - This means that the customer has 30 days from invoice date to pay the full amount.
  - If payment is made within 10 days, a 2% discount can be taken
- A buyer places an order for $1,000 under the terms 2/10, net 60. He has the option of
  - paying $1,000 x (1 - .02) = $980 in 10 days, or
  - paying the full $1,000 in 60 days.

- In general, the credit terms are interpreted as:
  (take this discount off the invoice price) / (if you pay in this many days), (else pay the full amount in this many days)

CREDITS AND RECEIVABLES

Credit Period

- The basic length of time for which the credit is granted.
- If a cash discount is offered, then credit period has two components
  - Net credit period − length of time customer has to pay
  - Cash discount period − time during which discount is available
- Invoice date is the shipping date or billing date of invoice, a written account of merchandise shipped to the buyer.
- Two most important factors influencing the length of credit period are buyer's inventory period and operating cycle. The shorter these are, the shorter the credit period will be
- We know that operating cycle has two components
  - Inventory period
  - Receivables period
- By extending credit we finance a portion of our buyer's operating cycle and shorten the buyer's cash cycle.
- If our credit period exceeds the buyer's inventory period, we are not only financing buyer's inventory purchases but part of the buyer's receivables as well.
- If our credit period exceeds buyer's operating cycle, then we are providing financing for customer's business beyond the immediate purchase and sale of our merchandise.
  - Buyer has a loan from us even after the merchandise is resold

- A number of other factors which influence the credit period are:
  - Perish ability and collateral value
    - Perishable items have rapid turnover and low collateral value; thus credit periods for these goods are shorter.
  - Consumer demand
    - Well established products have rapid turnover. While newer or slow moving products will require longer credit periods.
  - Cost, profitability and standardization
    - Inexpensive and standardized products have lower markups and higher turnover rates, leading to shorter credit period.
  - Credit risk
    - Higher credit risk of the buyer will lead to shorter credit period
  - The size of the account
    - For smaller accounts, credit periods may be shorter as they are more costly to manage
  - Product market competition
    - In highly competitive market, longer credit periods may be offered
  - Customer type
    - On case-to-case basis

Cash discounts

- A discount given to induce prompt payment. It is also called sales discount
- This will have the effect of reducing the amount of credit offered, and firm must trade this off against cash discount.
- Buyer only credit after the discount expires
- This is a way to charging higher prices on credit sales
- An example would be "3/10 net 30"
  - The customer can take a 3% discount if he pays within 10 days.
  - In any event, he must pay within 30 days.
- A firm offering credit terms of 3/10 net 30 is essentially offering their customers a 20-day loan.
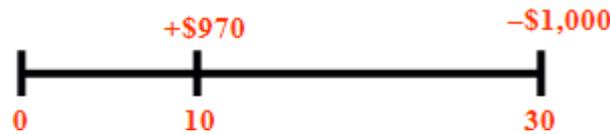- To see this, consider a firm that makes a $1,000 sale on day 0

- Some customers will pay on day 10 and take the discount.

- Other customers will pay on day 30 and forgo the discount.

- A customer that forgoes the 3% discount to pay on day 30 is borrowing $970 for 20 days and paying $30 interest:

$$\$970 + \frac{\$1,000}{(1+r)^{\frac{20}{365}}}$$

$$(1+r)^{\frac{20}{365}} = \frac{\$1,000}{\$970}$$

$$r = [\frac{\$1,000}{\$970}]^{\frac{365}{20}} - 1$$

$$r = 1.7435 - 1$$

$$r = 0.7435 \; or \; 74.35\%$$

Credit Instrument

- It is a basic evidence of indebtness
- Most credit is offered on open account — the invoice is the only credit instrument.
- Promissory notes are IOUs that are signed after the delivery of goods
- Commercial drafts call for a customer to pay a specific amount by a specific date. The draft is sent to the customer's bank, when the customer signs the draft, the goods are sent.
- Banker's acceptances allow a bank to substitute its creditworthiness for the customer, for a fee.
- Conditional sales contracts let the seller retain legal ownership of the goods until the customer has completed payment.

Optimal Credit Policy

- The optimal amount is determined by the point at which the incremental cash flows from increased sales are exactly equal to the incremental costs of carrying the increased investment in accounts receivable.
- The carrying costs associated with granting credit are of three types
  o   The required return on receivables

- o The losses from bad debts
- o The cost of managing credit and credit collection – expense associated with running the credit department.
- For a restrictive credit policy, all above costs will be low.
  - o Shortage of credit will be an opportunity cost of extra potential profit from credit sales that is low because credit is refused.
  - o This forgone benefit comes from
    - Increase in quantity sold
    - Higher prices
- *Carrying costs* are the cash flows that must be incurred when credit is granted. They are positively related to the amount of credit extended.
- *Opportunity costs* are the lost sales from refusing credit. These costs go down when credit is granted.
- The sum of carrying costs and opportunity costs is called the credit cost curve.
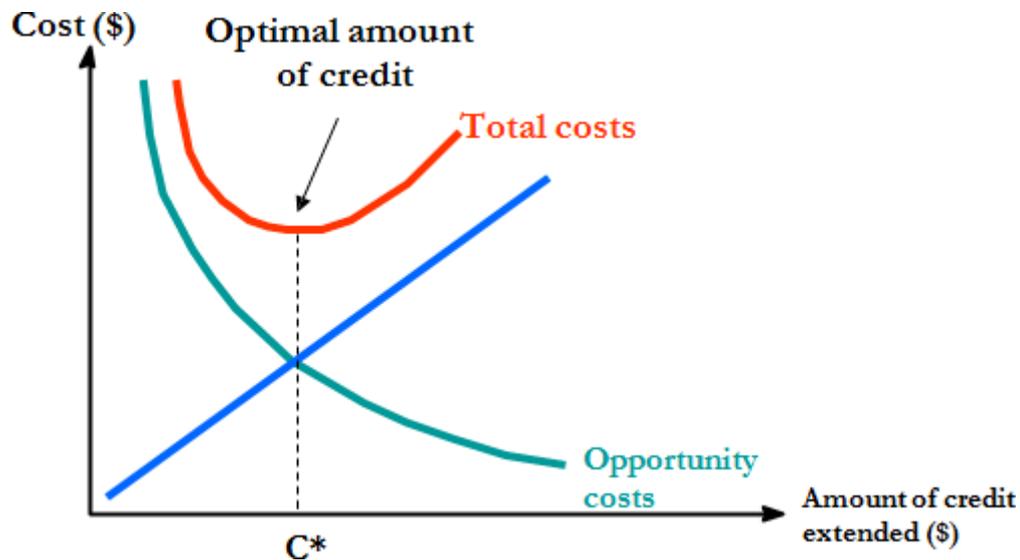
- Trade Credit is more likely to be granted if:
  - o The selling firm has a cost advantage over other lenders.
  - o The selling firm can engage in price discrimination.
  - o The selling firm can obtain favorable tax treatment.
  - o The selling firm has no established reputation for quality products or services.
  - o The selling firm perceives a long-term strategic relationship.
- The optimal credit policy depends on the characteristics of particular firms.
  - o Excess capacity
  - o Low variable operating costs
  - o Repeat customers

Credit Analysis

- Credit analysis refers to the process of deciding whether or not to extend credit to a particular customer
  - o Gather relevant information
  - o Determine creditworthiness
- Credit Information
  - o Financial statements
  - o Credit reports on customer's payment history with other firms
  - o Banks
  - o Customer's payment history with the firm
- Credit Evaluation:
  - o The traditional 5 C's of credit:

- Character - Willingness to pay
- Capacity - Ability to pay
- Capital - Financial reserves
- Collateral - Pledged assets
- Conditions - Relevant economic conditions
- Credit scoring refers to the process of calculating a numerical rating for a customer based on information collected; credit is then granted or refused based on the result.

Collection Policy

- Collection refers to obtaining payment on past-due accounts.
- Collection Policy is composed of:
  o The firm's willingness to extend credit as reflected in the firm's investment in receivables.
  o Collection Effort
- To keep track of the payments by the customers, the firm focuses on its Average Collection Period (ACP)
- Alternatively, Aging Schedule can also be used to monitor the receivables, which classifies credit accounts by age.
- Suppose a firm has $100,000 in receivables. Some of the accounts are only a few days old, but others have been outstanding for quite some time.
- Its aging schedule may look like this:

Age of Account	Amount	% of Total Value of Accounts Rec.
0 – 10 days	$50,000	50%
11 – 60 days	25,000	25%
61 – 80 days	20,000	20%
Over 80 days	5,000	5%
	$100,000	100%

- If this firm has a credit period of 60 days, then 25% of its accounts are late.
- The seriousness of the case depends on the nature of firm's collections and customers.
- The longer an account has been unpaid, the less likely it is to be paid.
- Percentages on aging schedule keep changing for the firms with seasonal sales.
- Collection Effort
  o Most firms follow a protocol for customers that are past due:
    - Send a delinquency letter.
    - Make a telephone call to the customer.
    - Employ a collection agency.
    - Take legal action against the customer.
  o Firm may refuse to grant additional credit to customers until arrearages are cleared up.

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

- We know that firm's operating cycle is made up of its inventory period and its receivables period.
- Both credit policy and inventory policy are used to derive sales, and thus must be coordinated to ensure the process of acquiring & selling inventory and collecting on sale proceeds smoothly.

- Inventory Types
  - Raw Material – starting point in production process
  - Work-in-Progress – size of this inventory depends on the length of production process
  - Finished Goods
- One company's raw material can be another's finished good.
  - Steel Sheets and Automobile Manufacturing
- Various types of inventory can be quite different in terms of their liquidity
  - Commodity-like or standardized raw materials are easily converted to cash
  - Work-in-progress can be quite illiquid
- Demand of an inventory item that becomes a part of another item is termed as Derived or Dependent Demand
- The firm's demand for finished goods not derived from demand for other inventory items

- Inventory Costs
  - Carrying costs include all direct and opportunity costs of keeping inventory on hand
    - Storage and tracking costs
    - Insurance and taxes
    - Losses due to obsolescence, deterioration, or theft
    - Opportunity cost of capital for the invested amount
  - Shortage costs are associated with having inadequate inventory on hand
    - Restocking costs – costs of placing an order with suppliers or the cost of setting up a production run
    - Safety reserve costs – opportunity losses from having inadequate inventory e.g. lost sales and goodwill

- A trade-off
  - Carrying costs increase with inventory levels and shortage or restocking costs decline with inventory levels

- The goal of inventory management is to minimize the sum of these two costs.

ABC Approach

- Basic idea in this approach of inventory management is to divide the inventory into three (or more) groups.
- A small portion of inventory in terms of quantity might represent a large portion in terms of inventory value.
- A production process involving expensive, high-tech components as well as relatively inexpensive basic materials.
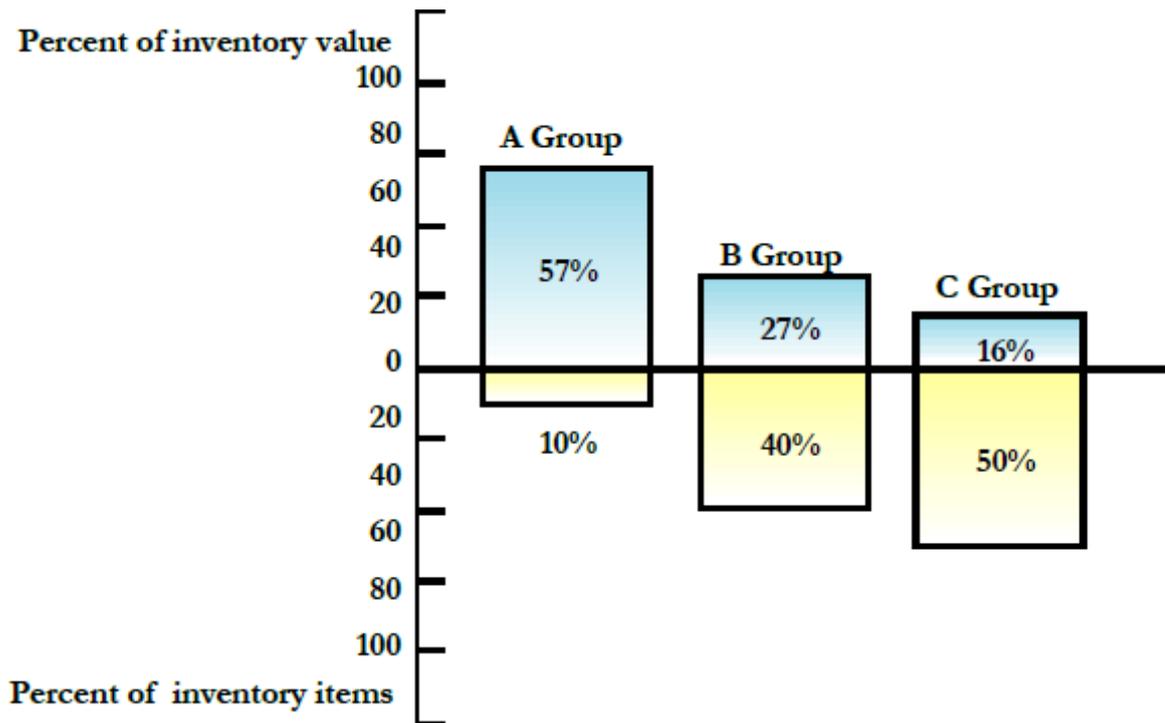
**Economic Order Quantity Model**

- Economic order quantity (EOQ) model is the best known approach to explicitly establish an optimal inventory level.
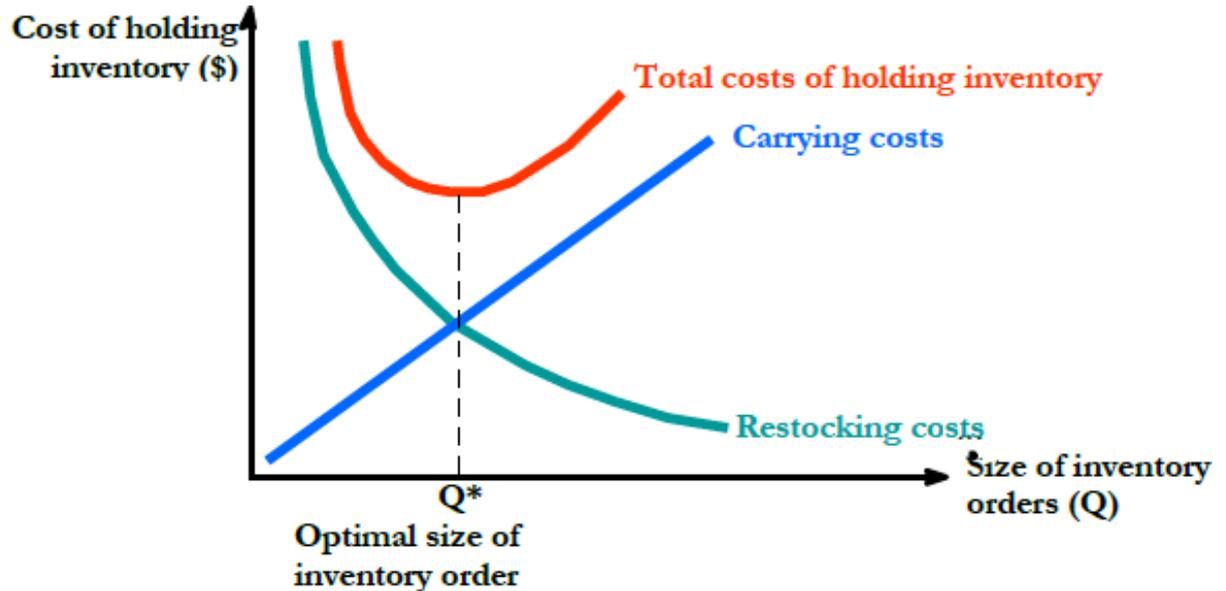
- Actual cost of inventory is not included as the total amount of inventory the firm needs in a given year is dictated by sales
- Here we are trying to determine the order size the firm should use when it restocks its inventory
- Assuming that the firm's inventory is sold off at a steady rate until it hits zero. At that point firm restocks back to some optimal level
- Suppose a firm starts off today with 3,600 units of a particular item in inventory. Annual sales

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of this item are 46,800 units (about 900 per week).

- With this pace of weekly sales, all the available inventory will be sold after four weeks, and the firms will restock by ordering (or manufacturing) another 3,600 units and start over.
- This selling and restocking process produces a saw-tooth pattern for inventory holdings:
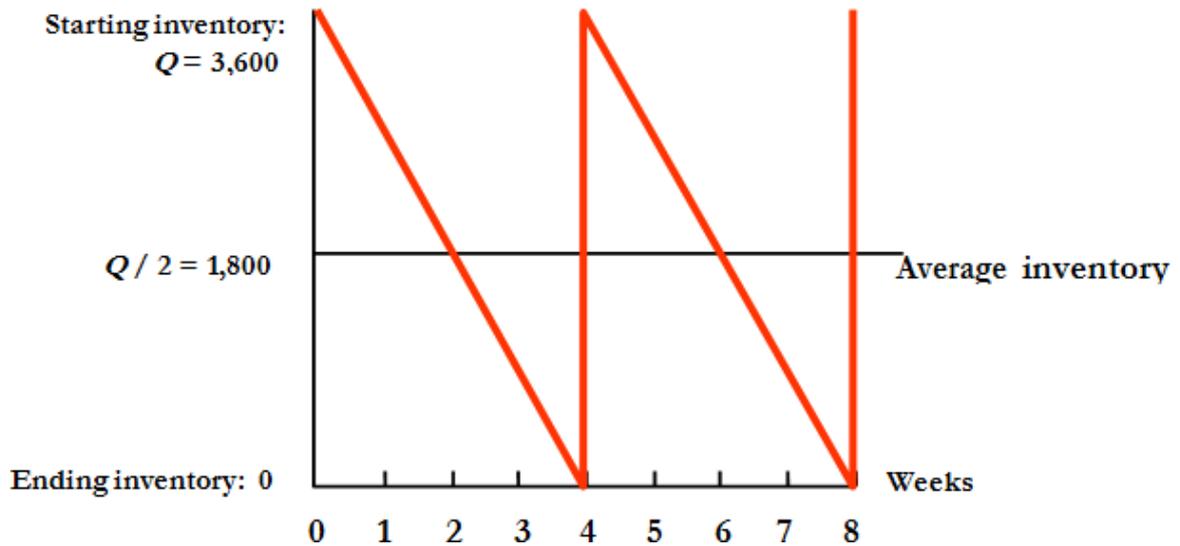
- We have seen that carrying costs are assumed to be directly proportional to inventory levels.
- If we let CC be the carrying cost per unit per year, the firm's total carrying costs will be:

$$\text{Total carrying costs} = \text{Avg. inventory} \times \text{carrying costs per unit}$$
$$= (Q/2) \times CC$$

- For carrying costs of $0.75 per unit per year total carrying costs will be 1,800 X 0.75 = $1,350 per year.
- In case of shortage costs we will focus only on restocking costs, assuming that firm never runs short of inventory.
- Restocking costs are normally assumed to be fixed.
- Now, let 'T' be the firm's total unit sales per year. If firm orders q units each time, it will need to place a total of T/Q orders.
- In our example this number would be 46,800 / 3,600 = 13 orders per year
- If fixed cost per order is F, then total restocking costs for the year will be:

$$\text{Total restocking costs} = \text{Fixed costs per order} \times \text{Number of orders}$$
$$= F \times (T/Q)$$

- In our example order costs might be $50 per order, so total restocking costs for 13 orders will be $50 \times 13 = $650 per year.

$$\text{Total costs} = \text{carrying costs} + \text{restocking costs}$$
$$= (Q/2) \times CC + F \times (T/Q)$$

- To find the value of Q, the restocking quantity, that minimizes this cost, we calculate the total costs for some different values of Q.
- We had carrying costs (CC) of $0.75 per unit per year, fixed costs (F) of $50 per order and total unit sales (T) of 46,800 units.

Restocking Quantity (Q)	Total carrying costs (Q/2 × CC)	Restocking Costs (F × T/Q)	Total Costs
500	$ 187.5	$4,680.0	$4,867.5
1,000	375.0	2,340.0	2,715.0
1,500	562.5	1,560.0	2,122.5
2,000	750.0	1,170.0	1,920.0
2,500	**937.5**	**936.0**	**1,873.5**
3,000	1,125.0	780.0	1,905.0
3,500	1,312.5	668.6	1,981.1

- To find the precise cost-minimization quantity we take a look at the basic EOQ Model diagram.
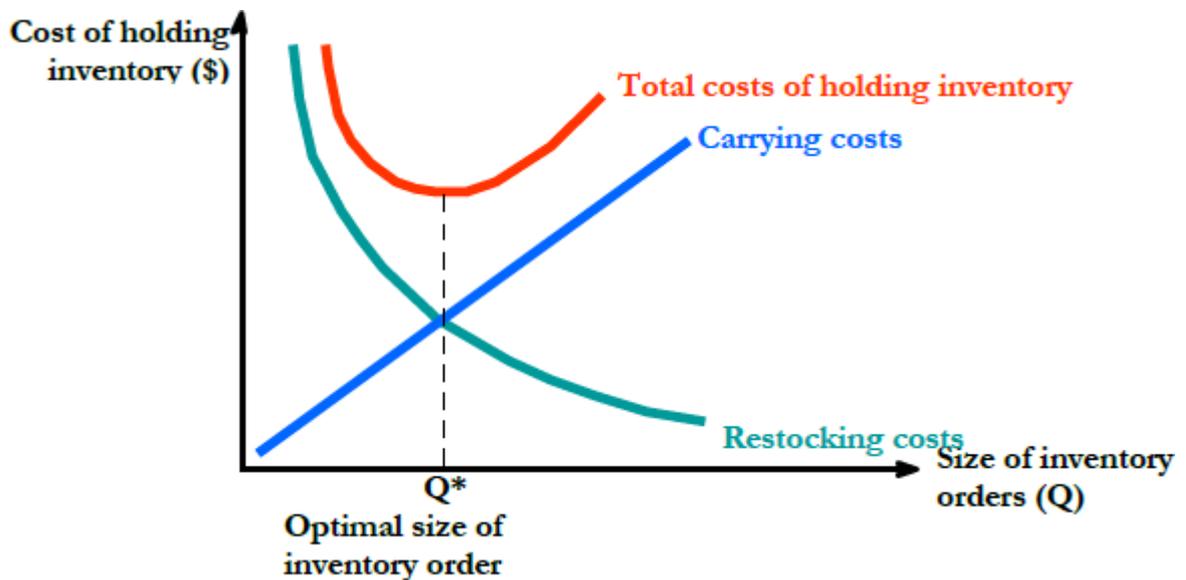
- We can find the minimum point just by equating carrying and restocking costs and solving for Q*

$$\text{Carrying costs} = \text{Restocking Costs}$$
$$(Q^*/2) \times CC = F \times (T/Q^*)$$

- Rearranging,

$$(Q^*)^2 = 2T \times F / CC$$
or $$Q^* = (2T \times F / CC)^{1/2}$$

- This reorder quantity which minimizes the total inventory cost is called the Economic order quantity (EOQ).
- For our example, the EOQ is:

$$Q^* = (2T \times F / CC)^{1/2}$$
$$Q^* = [(2 \times 46,800) \times \$50 / 0.75]^{1/2}$$
$$Q^* = 2,498 \text{ units}$$

Carrying Costs

- R Shoes begins each period with 100 pairs of hiking boots in stock, which is depleted each period and reordered. If carrying cost per pair of boots per year is $3, what are the total

carrying costs for hiking boots?

- Average inventory is 100 / 2 = 50 items. At an annual cost of $3 per item, total carrying costs are $150.

Restocking Costs

- Suppose R Shoes sells a total of 600 pairs a year. How many times per year does the company restock?
- If the restocking cost is $20 per order, what are total restocking costs?
- R Shoes restocks 600 / 100 = 6 times per year or about every two months.
- The restocking costs will be 6 orders x $20 per order = $120.

The EOQ

- What size orders shout R Shoes place to minimize costs? How often will the company restock? What are the total carrying and restocking costs? What are the total costs?
- Here T = 600, F = $20, CC = $3, so EOQ for R shoes is

$$EOQ = (2T \times F / CC)^{1/2}$$
$$EOQ = [(2 \times 600) \times \$20 / 3]^{½}$$
$$EOQ = 89.44 \text{ units}$$

- Since R shoes, sells 600 pairs per year, it will stock / 89.44 = 6.71 times
- The total restocking costs will be $20 x 6.71 = $134.16.
- Average inventory will be 89.44 / 2 = 44.72
- The carrying costs will be $3 x 44.72 $134.16, the same as restocking costs
- Total costs are thus $268.33
- In reality, firms wish to reorder before its inventory runs down to zero
- Firms minimize the risk of stock-out
- Firm covers the lead time between order and delivery
- Safety stock
- The minimum level of inventory that a firm keeps on hand, inventories are reordered the level of inventory falls to the safety stock level.
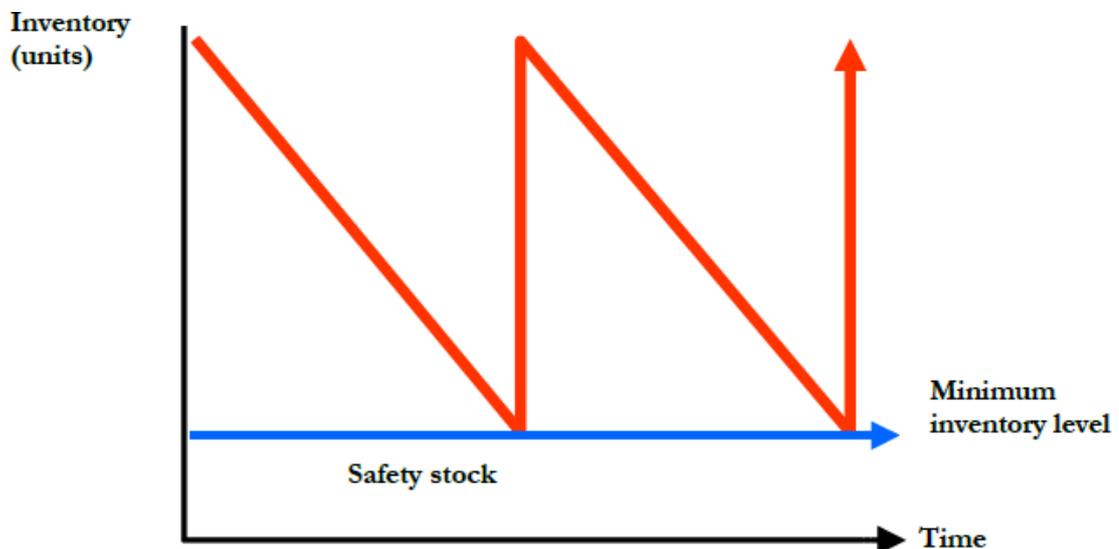
- Reorder points
  - These are the times at which the firm will actually place its inventory orders even before reaching critical level.

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