

Quiz B for 2:30 Class: 11/28/12

Name Key

Assume your firm is considering whether or not to build a new factory. Your boss has asked you to determine the effect of being able to expand the factory later rather than building a larger factory today. Set up the calculations you would need to provide your boss with an answer.

**Information on the factory:**

Life of factory = 10 years;  
 Cost to build factory = \$110,000  
 Present value today of the factory's cash flows: all 10 years = \$100,000; first three years = \$40,000; first two years = \$30,000  
 Standard deviation of returns on factory: all 10 years = 45%; first three years = 50%; first two years = 60%  
 Proceeds if sell factory at any time over the next two years = \$70,000

**Information on possible expansion of factory:**

Time over which it is possible to expand = three years  
 Cost of expansion = \$50,000  
 Present value of expansion's cash flows: PV at the time of expansion = \$45,000, PV today = \$39,000  
 Standard deviation of returns on expansion: over next three years = 55%; over next eight years = 40%  
 Life of expansion = five years (once built)

**Returns on U.S. Treasuries:** 1-year = 3%; 2-year = 4%; 3-year = 5%; 5-year = 7%; 8-year = 9%; 10-year = 12%

Wall Street Journal Questions are on the back of this page.

+6  $C = S \times N(d_1) - PV(K) N(d_2)$

+11  $S = 39,000$

+3  $d_1 = \frac{\ln(\frac{S}{PV(K)})}{\sigma \sqrt{T}} + \frac{\sigma \sqrt{T}}{2}$

+6  $PV(K) = \frac{50,000}{(1.05)^3}$  +6 (34)

+3  $d_2 = d_1 - \sigma \sqrt{T}$

+11  $\sigma = .55$

+6  $T = 3$

+1  $\Rightarrow$  look up  $N(d_1)$  &  $N(d_2)$  on table or with Excel