

Quiz A for 2:30 Class: 10/09/13

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Short Answer 1 (15 points): Set up the calculations to determine the required return on Cutlucent Inc. if the correlation between Cutlucent and the market is $+0.4$, the standard deviation of returns on Cutlucent is 34% , the standard deviation of returns on the market is 15% , the expected return on the market is 8% , and the risk-free interest rate is 3% .

Short Answer 2 (15 points): Assume you invest $\$200,000$ in Starbucks which has a beta of 0.8 and $\$600,000$ in Hewlett-Packard which has a beta of 1.65 . Set up the calculations to determine the beta of your portfolio.

Problem (75 points): Assume the expected return on USDefault (USD) Inc. is 8% and on Japan Airbus Lines (JAL) is 16% . Assume also that the correlation between USD and JAL is 0.2 and that the standard deviation of returns on USD is 10% and on JAL is 23% . Assume also that the return on T-bills is 5% . Assume also that you wish to construct a portfolio with a standard deviation of returns of 22% .

- Show your optimal portfolio of USD, JAL, and T-bills and show how much better off you are than if there were no risk-free asset.
- On the same graph, show how your expected return changes if the correlation between USD and JAL falls to -0.3 and the rate on T-bills falls to 1% . Note: Be sure to clearly indicate which part of the graph answers part a) and which answers part b).
- Because of the changes in part b), will you buy, buy and return, sell, or short-sell additional T-bills? How will the relative weights of JAL and USD change?

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