


**Quiz: 1/18/12 (Annotated)**

**Key**

**Quiz:** Assume the risk-free interest rate is 3% and that a risk-free bond that pays \$1,000 one year from today trades for \$980.

- a. Calculate the no-arbitrage price for the bond.
- b. What set of transactions today will generate an arbitrage profit today?
- c. What individual and total cash flow will these transactions create today and a year from today?
- d. What “events” will create the individual cash flows one year from today?


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a.  $PV(\text{bond}) = 1000 / 1.03^1 = \$970.87$  


b. (1) Short-sell the bond for its FV in one year = \$980

(2) Lend, at the risk-free rate of 3%, the amount of the  $PV(\text{bond}) = \$970.87$

c.  $t = 0: CF_{\text{bond}} = +\$980$   
 $t = 0: CF_{\text{lending}} = -\$970.87$

Total  $(t = 0) = +\$9.13$  

$t = 1: CF_{\text{bond}} = -\$1,000$   
 $t = 1: CF_{\text{lending}} = +\$1,000$

Total  $(t = 1) = \$0$  

- d.  $CF_{\text{bond}} =$  purchase bond, which we had previously shorted  
 $CF_{\text{lend}} =$  receive cash flow from our lending (investment) paying off

<b>Transaction</b>	<b>CF0</b>	<b>CF1</b>
Short-sell bond	+\$980	-\$1000
Lend at risk-free rate	-\$970.87	+\$1000
<b>Total</b>	+\$9.13	\$0