

Assume that you can buy or sell (or short-sell) any of the following securities:

Risk-free bonds: bonds that mature one year from today earn 1.3% per year and bonds that mature two years from today earn 2.4% per year.

Risky securities:

Security	Prices Today:		Payoff one year from today if the economy is:		Payoff two years from today if the economy is:	
	Bid	Ask	Strong	Weak	Strong	Weak
Second Apple	\$760	\$765	\$350	\$50	\$1100	\$100
Market	\$275	\$280	\$150	\$0	\$500	\$0

What set of transactions today will generate an arbitrage profit for you today. In your answer list all transactions required today and all individual and total cash flows today, a year from today, and two years from today. Use a "+" for an inflow of cash and a "-" for an outflow of cash. Note: I recommend setting up a table like is in the notes, but this is not required.

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

Eg. Portfolio = 2 Market + PV(50@t=1) + PV(100@t=2)

Price to buy = $\frac{560}{1.013} + \frac{50}{1.013} + \frac{100}{(1.024)^2} = 704.73 < 760$

Price to sell = $2 \times 275 + \frac{50}{1.013} + \frac{100}{(1.024)^2} = 694.73$

Trans	CF ₀	CF ₁		CF ₂	
		S	W	S	W
+2 Buy 2 MKT	-560 ⁺²	+300 ⁺²	0 ⁺²	+1000 ⁺²	0 ⁺²
+2 Buy 1-year risk-free	-49.36 ⁺²	+50 ⁺²	+50 ⁺²	0 ⁺²	0 ⁺²
+2 Buy 2-year risk-free	-95.37 ⁺²	0 ⁺²	0 ⁺²	+100 ⁺²	+100 ⁺²
+2 short SA	+760 ⁺²	-350 ⁺²	-50 ⁺²	-1100 ⁺²	-100 ⁺²
<u>Total</u>	<u>+55.27⁺²</u>	<u>0⁺²</u>	<u>0⁺²</u>	<u>0⁺²</u>	<u>0⁺²</u>