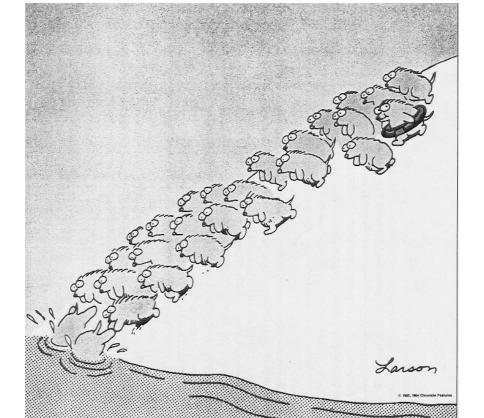
Advanced Valuation

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Some Initial Thoughts

" One hundred thousand lemmings cannot be wrong"



Graffiti

Misconceptions about Valuation

- Myth 1: A valuation is an objective search for "true" value
 - Truth 1.1: All valuations are biased. The only questions are how much and in which direction.
 - Truth 1.2: The direction and magnitude of the bias in your valuation is directly proportional to who pays you and how much you are paid.
- Myth 2.: A good valuation provides a precise estimate of value
 - Truth 2.1: There are no precise valuations
 - Truth 2.2: The payoff to valuation is greatest when valuation is least precise.
- Myth 3: The more quantitative a model, the better the valuation
 - Truth 3.1: One's understanding of a valuation model is inversely proportional to the number of inputs required for the model.
 - Truth 3.2: Simpler valuation models do much better than complex ones.

Approaches to Valuation

- **Discounted cashflow valuation**, relates the value of an asset to the present value of expected future cashflows on that asset.
- Relative valuation, estimates the value of an asset by looking at the pricing of 'comparable' assets relative to a common variable like earnings, cashflows, book value or sales.
- Contingent claim valuation, uses option pricing models to measure the value of assets that share option characteristics.

Discounted Cash Flow Valuation

- What is it: In discounted cash flow valuation, the value of an asset is the present value of the expected cash flows on the asset.
- Philosophical Basis: Every asset has an intrinsic value that can be estimated, based upon its characteristics in terms of cash flows, growth and risk.
- **Information Needed**: To use discounted cash flow valuation, you need
 - to estimate the <u>life of the asset</u>
 - to estimate the <u>cash flows</u> during the life of the asset
 - to estimate the discount rate to apply to these cash flows to get present value
- Market Inefficiency: Markets are assumed to make <u>mistakes</u> in pricing assets <u>across time</u>, and are assumed to correct themselves over time, as new information comes out about assets.

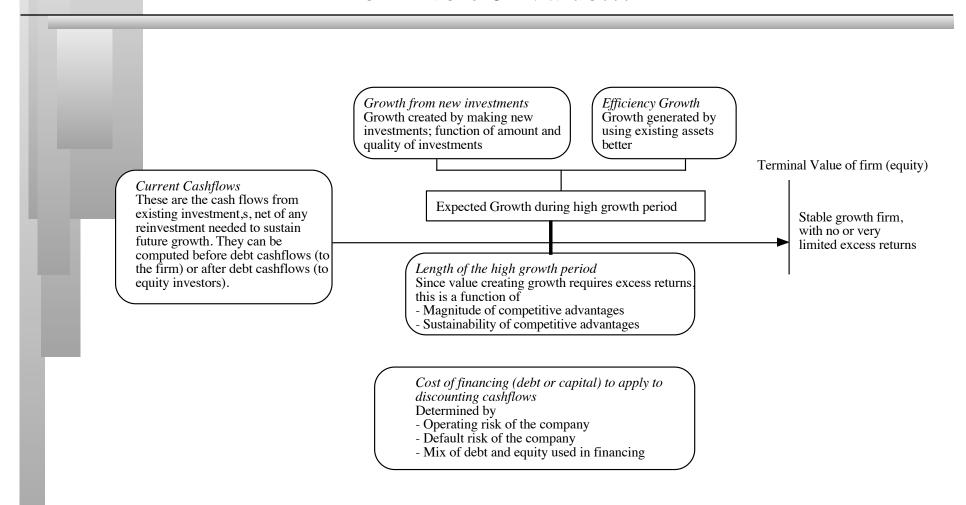
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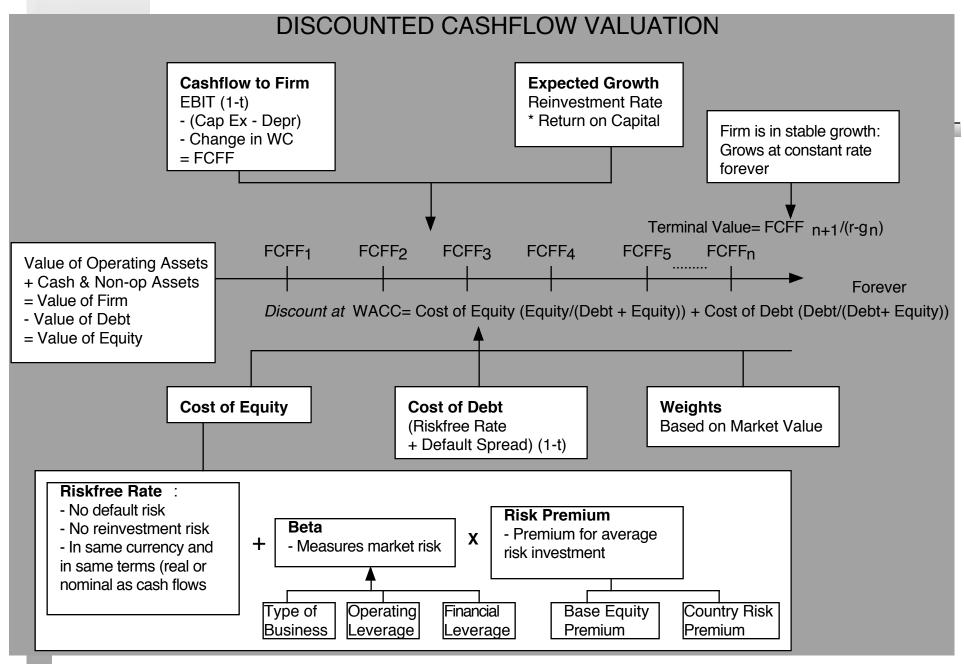
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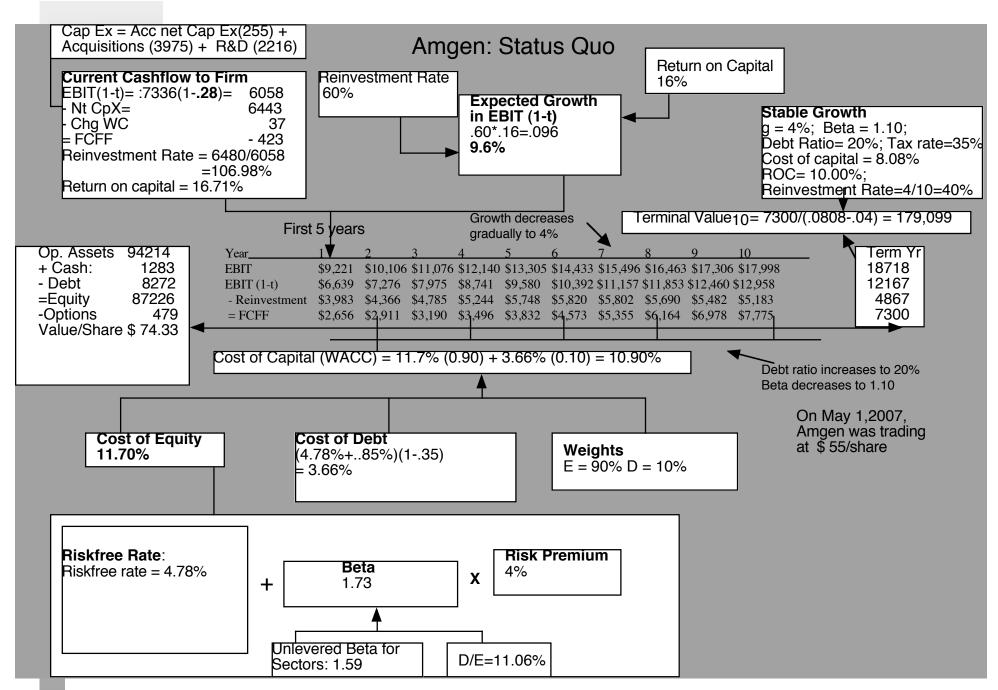
| Assets | Liabilities | |
|--|---|--|
| Existing Investments Generate cashflows today Includes long lived (fixed) and short-lived(working capital) assets Assets in Place | Debt Fixed Claim on cash flows Little or No role in management Fixed Maturity Tax Deductible | |
| Expected Value that will be created by future investments Growth Assets | Equity Residual Claim on cash flows Significant Role in management Perpetual Lives | |

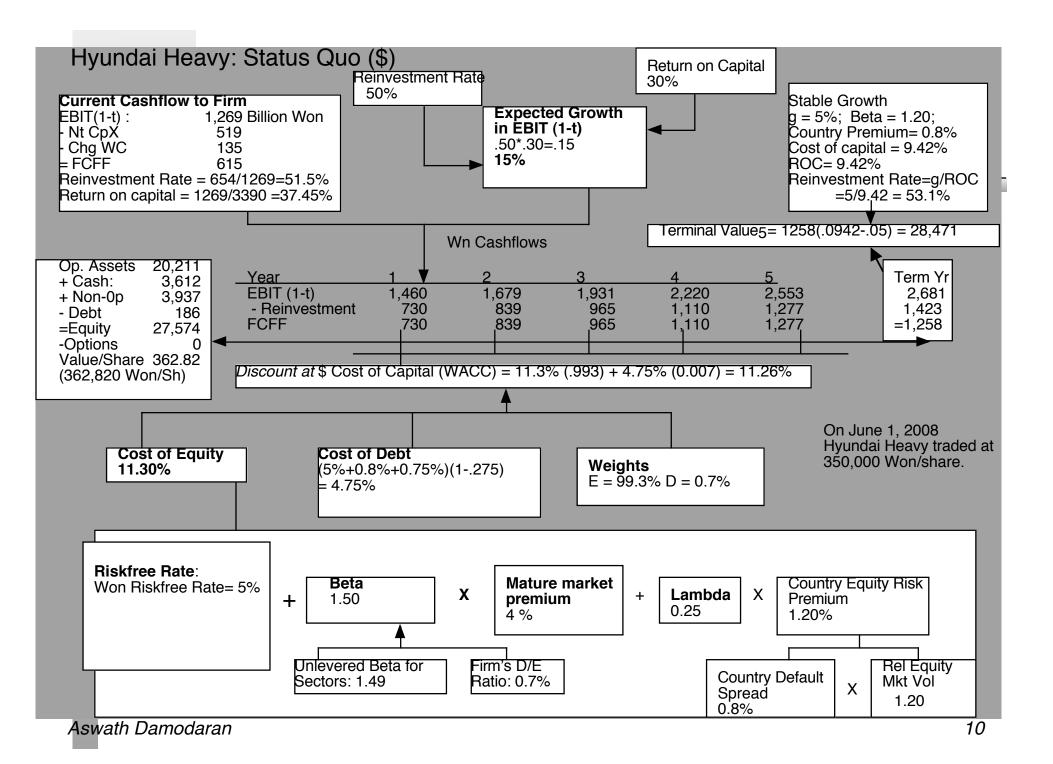
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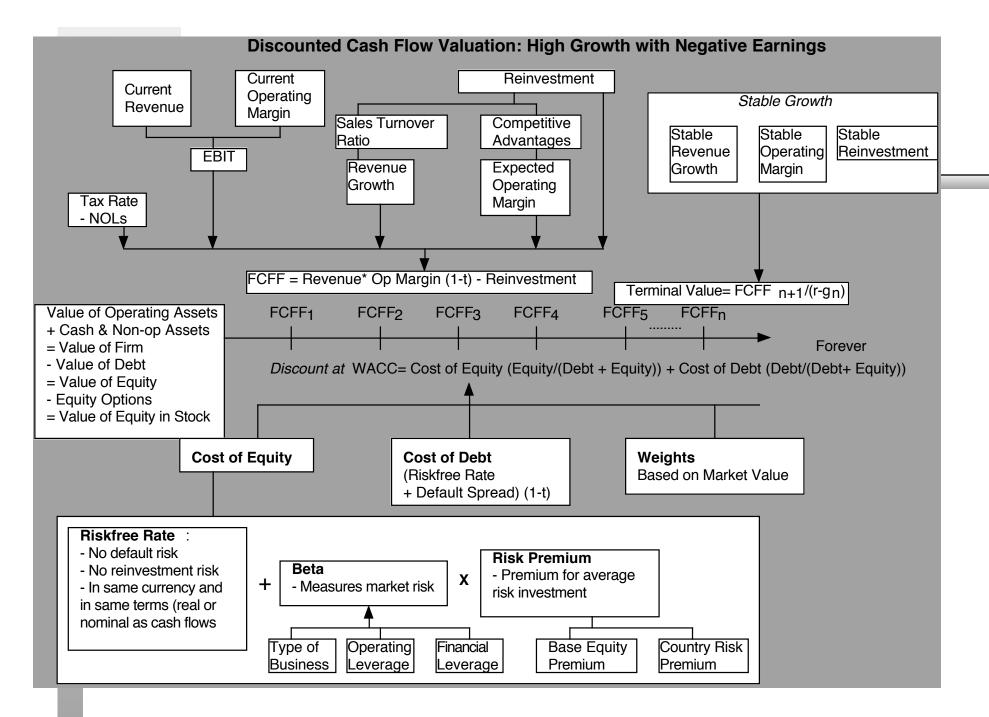
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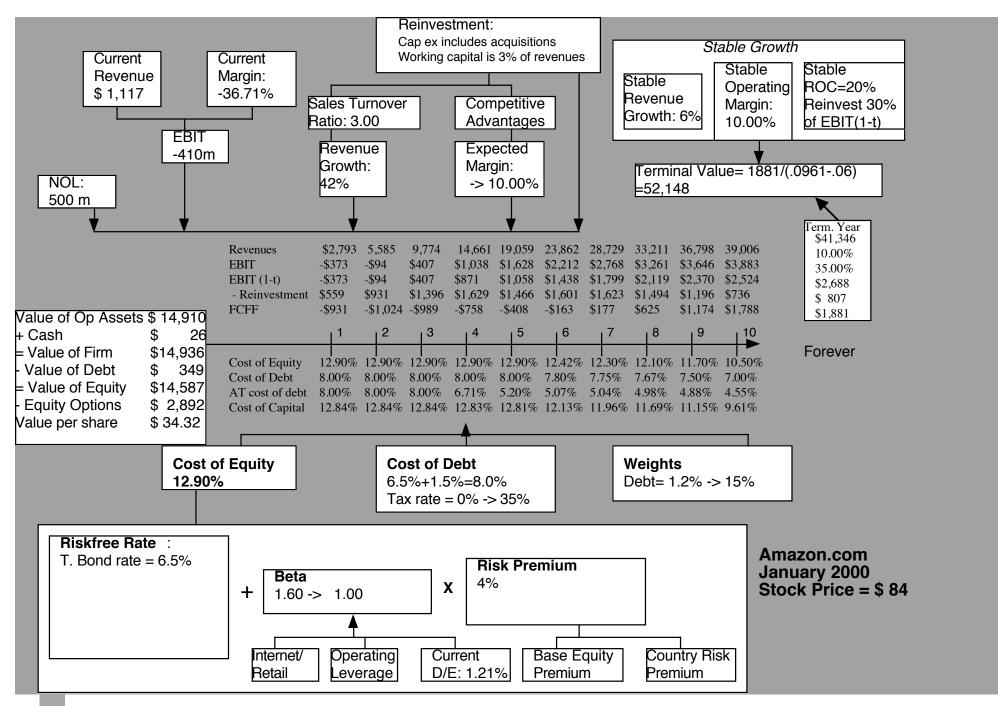




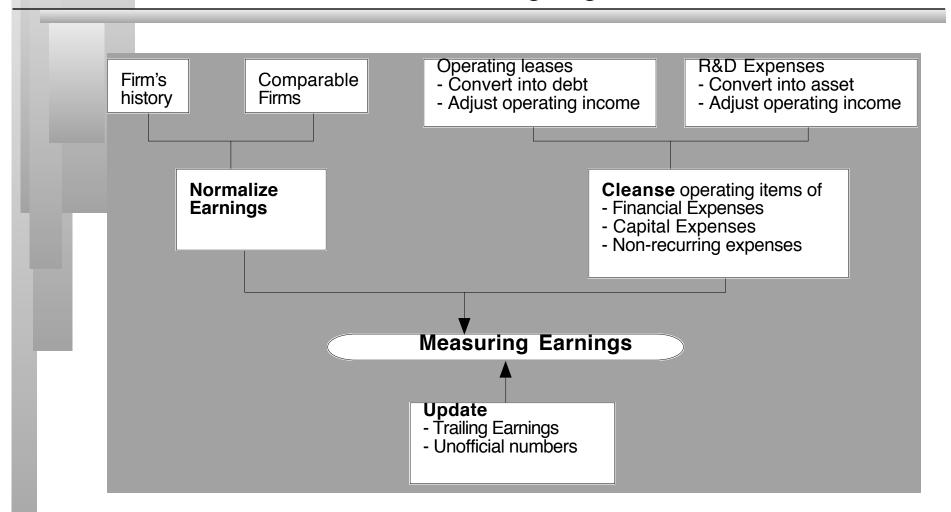








I. Measure earnings right..



Operating Leases at Amgen in 2007

Amgen has lease commitments and its cost of debt (based on it's A rating) is 5.63%.

| Year | Commitment | Present Value |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$96.00 | \$90.88 |
| 2 | \$95.00 | \$85.14 |
| 3 | \$102.00 | \$86.54 |
| 4 | \$98.00 | \$78.72 |
| 5 | \$87.00 | \$66.16 |
| 6-12 | \$107.43 | \$462.10 (\$752 million prorated) |
| Debt Value of leases = | | \$869.55 |

- Debt outstanding at Amgen = \$7,402 + \$870 = \$8,272 million
- Adjusted Operating Income = Stated OI + Lease exp this year Depreciation = 5,071 m + 69 m 870/12 = \$5,068 million (12 year life for assets)
- Approximate Operating income= \$5,071 m + 870 m (.0563) = \$5,120 million

Capitalizing R&D Expenses: Amgen

■ R & D was assumed to have a 10-year life.

| R&D Expense | Unamortiz | zed portion | Amortization this year |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| 3366.00 | 1.00 | 3366.00 | |
| 2314.00 | 0.90 | 2082.60 | \$231.40 |
| 2028.00 | 0.80 | 1622.40 | \$202.80 |
| 1655.00 | 0.70 | 1158.50 | \$165.50 |
| 1117.00 | 0.60 | 670.20 | \$111.70 |
| 865.00 | 0.50 | 432.50 | \$86.50 |
| 845.00 | 0.40 | 338.00 | \$84.50 |
| 823.00 | 0.30 | 246.90 | \$82.30 |
| 663.00 | 0.20 | 132.60 | \$66.30 |
| 631.00 | 0.10 | 63.10 | \$63.10 |
| 558.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | \$55.80 |
| ch Asset = | | \$10,112.80 | \$1,149.90 |
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Adjusted Operating Income = \$5,120 + 3,366 - 1,150 = \$7,336 million

II. Get the big picture (not the accounting one) when it comes to cap ex and working capital

- Capital expenditures should include
 - Research and development expenses, once they have been re-categorized as capital expenses.
 - Acquisitions of other firms, whether paid for with cash or stock.
- Working capital should be defined not as the difference between current assets and current liabilities but as the difference between non-cash current assets and non-debt current liabilities.
- On both items, start with what the company did in the most recent year but do look at the company's history and at industry averages.

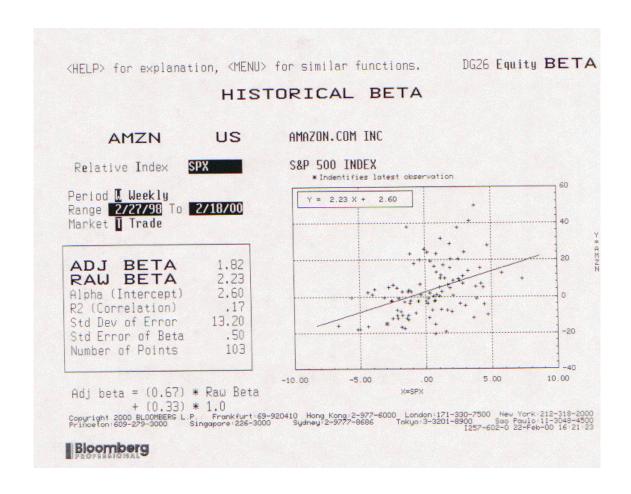
Amgen's Net Capital Expenditures

■ If we define capital expenditures broadly to include R&D and acquisitions:

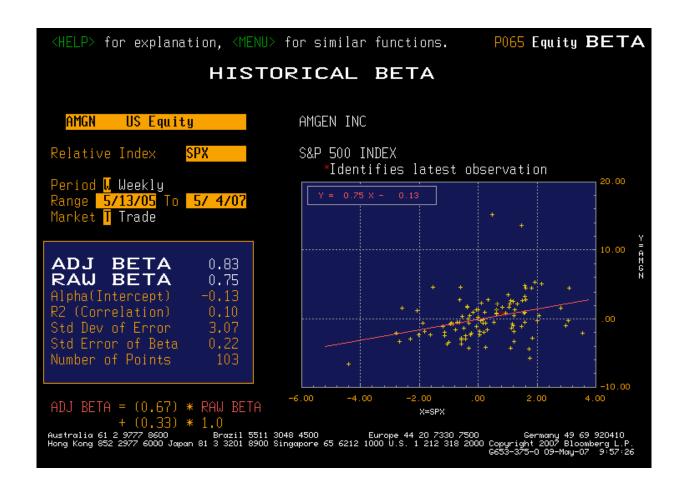
| Accounting Capital Expenditures = | \$1,218 million |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| - Accounting Depreciation = | \$ 963 million |
| Accounting Net Cap Ex = | \$ 255 million |
| Net R&D Cap Ex = $(3366-1150)$ = | \$2,216 million |
| Acquisitions in 2006 = | \$3,975 million |
| Total Net Capital Expenditures = | \$ 6,443 million |

Acquisitions have been a volatile item. Amgen was quiet on the acquisition front in 2004 and 2005 and had a significant acquisition in 2003.

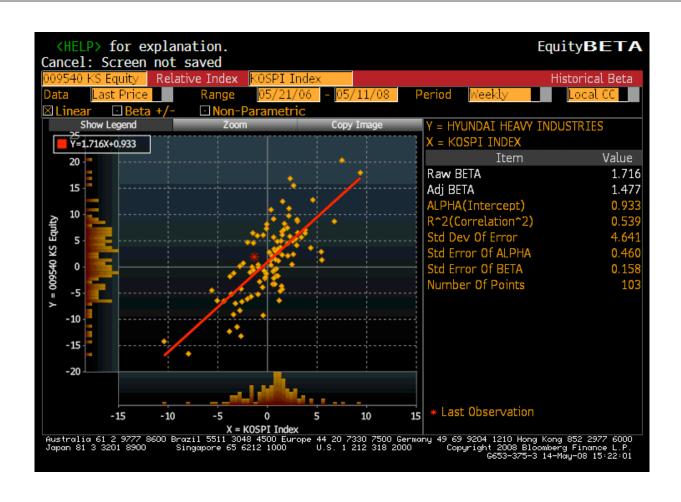
III. Betas do not come from regressions...



Carry much noise...



And cannot be trusted even when they look good...



Bottom-up Betas

Step 1: Find the business or businesses that your firm operates in.

Step 2: Find publicly traded firms in each of these businesses and obtain their regression betas. Compute the simple average across these regression betas to arrive at an average beta for these publicly traded firms. Unlever this average beta using the average debt to equity ratio across the publicly traded firms in the sample. Unlevered beta for business = Average beta across publicly traded firms/ (1 + (1-t) (Average D/E ratio across firms))

Step 3: Estimate how much value your firm derives from each of the different businesses it is in.

Step 4: Compute a weighted average of the unlevered betas of the different businesses (from step 2) using the weights from step 3. Bottom-up Unlevered beta for your firm = Weighted average of the unlevered betas of the individual business

Step 5: Compute a levered beta (equity beta) for your firm, using the market debt to equity ratio for your firm.

Levered bottom-up beta = Unlevered beta (1+ (1-t) (Debt/Equity))

Possible Refinements

If you can, adjust this beta for differences between your firm and the comparable firms on operating leverage and product characteristics.

While revenues or operating income are often used as weights, it is better to try to estimate the value of each business.

If you expect the business mix of your firm to change over time, you can change the weights on a year-to-year basis.

If you expect your debt to equity ratio to change over time, the levered beta will change over time.

Two examples...

■ Amgen

- The unlevered beta for pharmaceutical firms is 1.59. Using Amgen's debt to equity ratio of 11%, the bottom up beta for Amgen is
- Bottom-up Beta = 1.59 (1+(1-.35)(.11)) = 1.73

■ Hyundai Heavy

| | | | | Value | Unlevered |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Business | Revenues | EV/Sales | Value | Weight | beta |
| Shipbuilding | 8341 | 3.23 | 26941 | 63.73% | 1.60 |
| Offshore & | | | | | |
| Engineering | 2563 | 1.97 | 5049 | 11.94% | 1.44 |
| Industrial plant | 1200 | 1.55 | 1860 | 4.40% | 1.29 |
| Engine and | | | | | |
| Machinery | 2252 | 1.36 | 3063 | 7.24% | 1.21 |
| Electro Electric | | | | | |
| System | 1753 | 1.8 | 3155 | 7.46% | 1.19 |
| Construction | | | | | |
| Equipment | 1823 | 1.21 | 2206 | 5.22% | 1.29 |
| | | | 42274 | 100.00% | 1.49 |

IV. And the past is not always a good indicator of the future

■ It is standard practice to use historical premiums as forward looking premiums.:

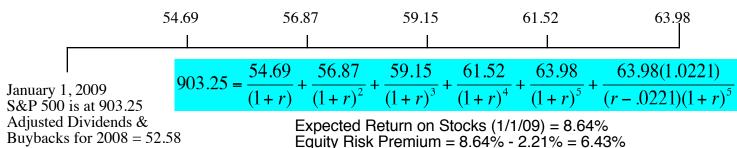
| | Arithmetic Average | | Geometric Average | |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | Stocks - | Stocks - | Stocks - | Stocks - |
| | T. Bills | T. Bonds | T. Bills | T. Bonds |
| 1928-2008 | 7.30% | 5.65% | 5.32% | 3.88% |
| | (2.29%) | (2.40%) | | |
| 1959-2008 | 5.14% | 3.33% | 3.77% | 2.29% |
| | (2.39%) | (2.63%) | | |
| 1999-2008 | -2.53% | -6.26% | -4.53% | -7.96% |
| | (6.36%) | (8.85%) | | |

■ An alternative is to back out the premium from market prices:

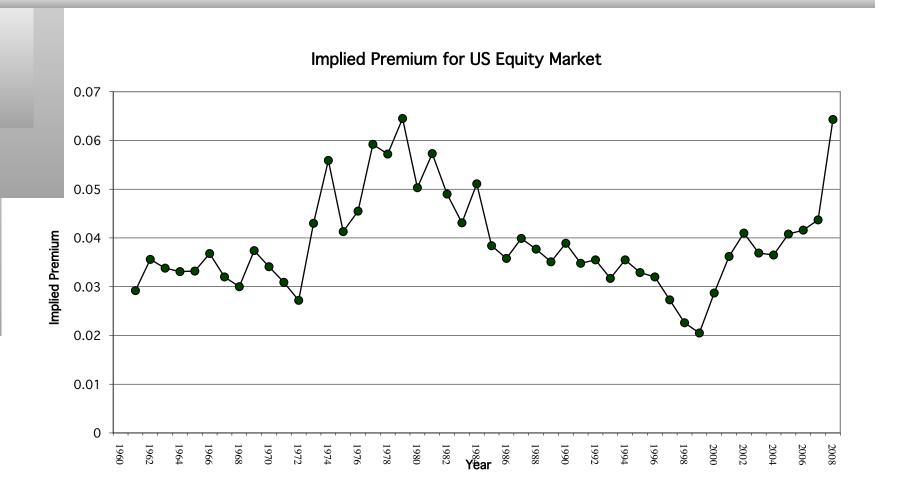
In 2008, the actual cash returned to stockholders was 68.72. However, there was a 41% dropoff in buybacks in Q4. We reduced the total buybacks for the year by that amount.

Analysts expect earnings to grow 4% a year for the next 5 years. We will assume that dividends & buybacks will keep pace.. Last year's cashflow (52.58) growing at 4% a year

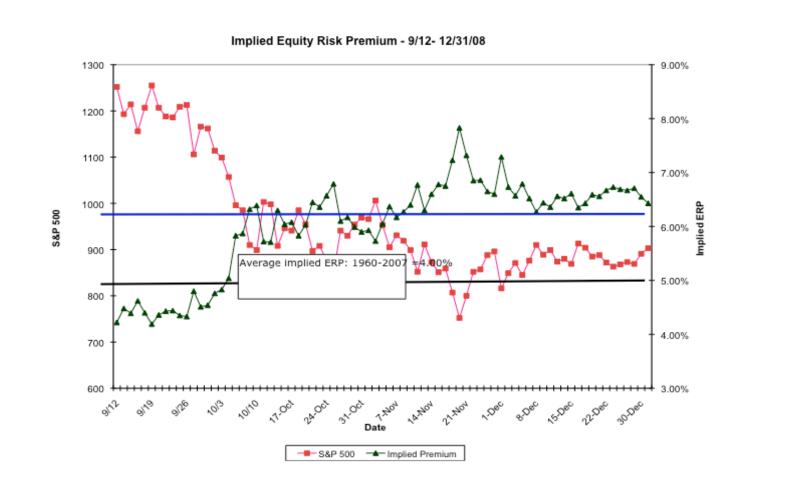
After year 5, we will assume that earnings on the index will grow at 2.21%, the same rate as the entire economy (= riskfree rate).



Implied Premiums in the US



The Anatomy of a Crisis: Implied ERP from September 12, 2008 to January 1, 2009



Implied Premium for KOSPI: May 30, 2008

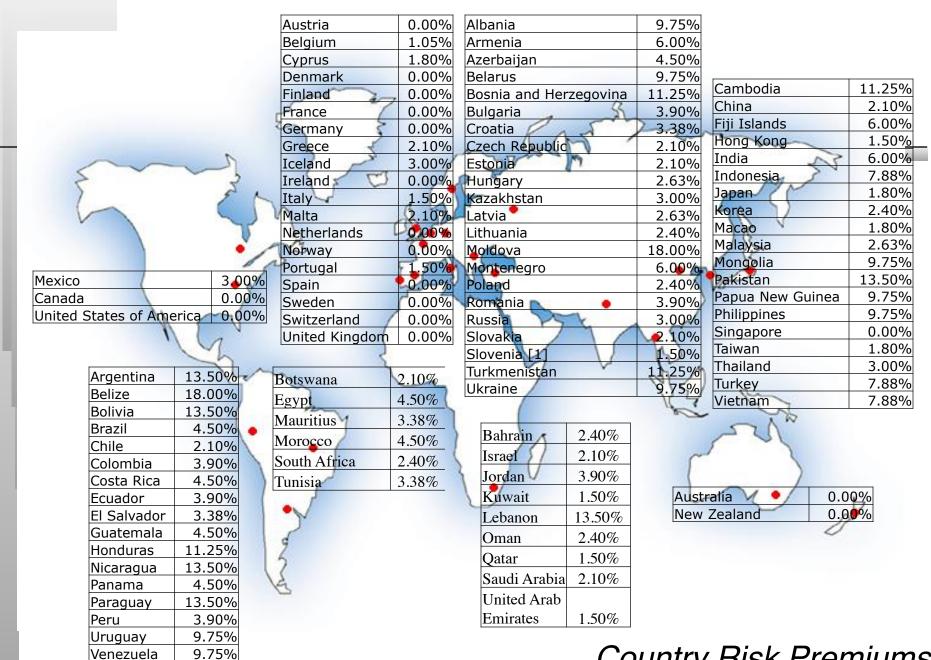
- \blacksquare Level of the Index = 1825
- FCFE on the Index = 3.75% (Estimated FCFE for companies in index as % of market value of equity)
- Other parameters
 - Riskfree Rate = 5% (Won)
 - Expected Growth (in Won)
 - Next 5 years = 7.5% (Used expected growth rate in Earnings)
 - After year 5 = 5%
- Solving for the expected return:
 - Expected return on Equity = 9.39%
 - Implied Equity premium = 9.39% 5% = 4.39%
- Effect on valuation
 - Hyundai's value @ historical premium (4%) + country (1.2%): 350,000 Wn /share
 - Hyundai's value @ implied premium: 352,000 Wn/ share

V. There is a downside to globalization...

- Emerging markets offer growth opportunities but they are also riskier. If we want to count the growth, we have to also consider the risk.
 - Consider, for example, South Korea as a country. In mid-2008, Korea was rated A2, with a default spread of 0.80%.
 - To estimate the country equity risk premium, we scaled up the default spread to reflect the additional risk in equities.
 - Standard Deviation in Kospi = 18%
 - Standard Deviation in Korean government Bond = 12%
 - Additional country risk premium for Korea = 0.80% (18/12) = 1.20%

Equity Risk Premiums in Asia in 2008

| Country | Rating | Typical Default Spread | Relative Equity Market volatility | Equity Risk Premium |
|---------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| China | A2 | 90 | 2.25 | 2.03% |
| Hong Kong | A1 | 80 | 1.8 | 1.44% |
| India | Baa2 | 130 | 2 | 2.60% |
| Indonesia | B2 | 550 | 1.8 | 9.90% |
| Malaysia | A3 | 95 | 2.5 | 2.38% |
| Pakistan | B2 | 550 | 1.75 | 9.63% |
| Singapore | Aaa | 0 | 2.2 | 0.00% |
| Taiwan | Aa3 | 70 | 2.5 | 1.75% |
| Thailand | Baa1 | 120 | 2.2 | 2.64% |
| Vietnam | B1 | 450 | 1.6 | 7.20% |
| Weighted average risk premium = | | | 2.50% | |



Country Risk Premiums
January 2009 29

VI. And it is not just emerging market companies that are exposed to this risk..

If we treat country risk as a separate risk factor and allow firms to have different exposures to country risk (perhaps based upon the proportion of their revenues come from non-domestic sales)

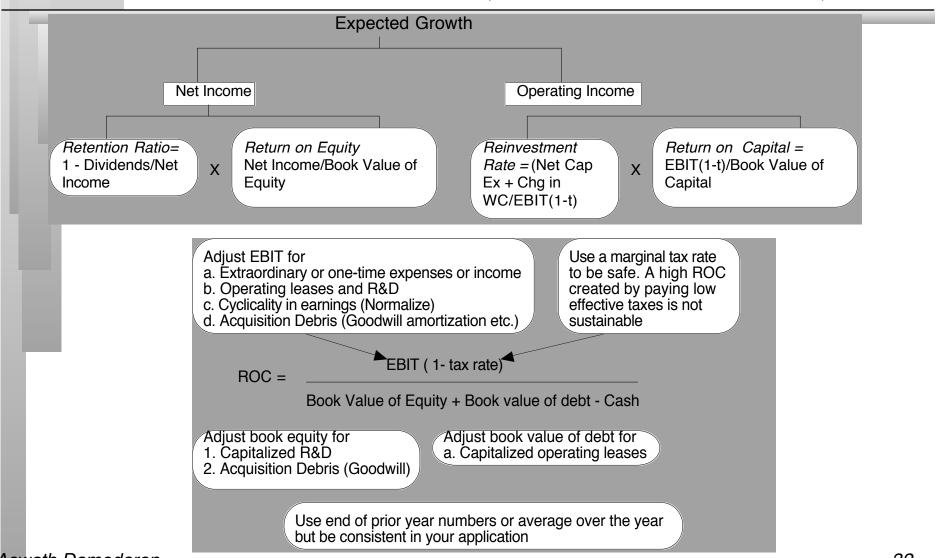
E(Return)=Riskfree Rate+ β (US premium) + λ (Country ERP)

- The easiest and most accessible data is on revenues. Most companies break their revenues down by region. One simplistic solution would be to do the following:
 - λ = % of revenues domestically_{firm}/% of revenues domestically_{avg firm}
- Consider, for instance, the fact that Hyundai Heavy got about 20% of its revenues from Korea and that the typical Korean company gets about 80% of its revenues from Korea. The lambda for Hyundai Heavy is as follow
 - Lambda_{Hyundai, Korea} = 20%/80% = 0.25
- There are two implications
 - A company's risk exposure is determined by where it does business and not by where it is located
 - Firms might be able to actively manage their country risk exposures

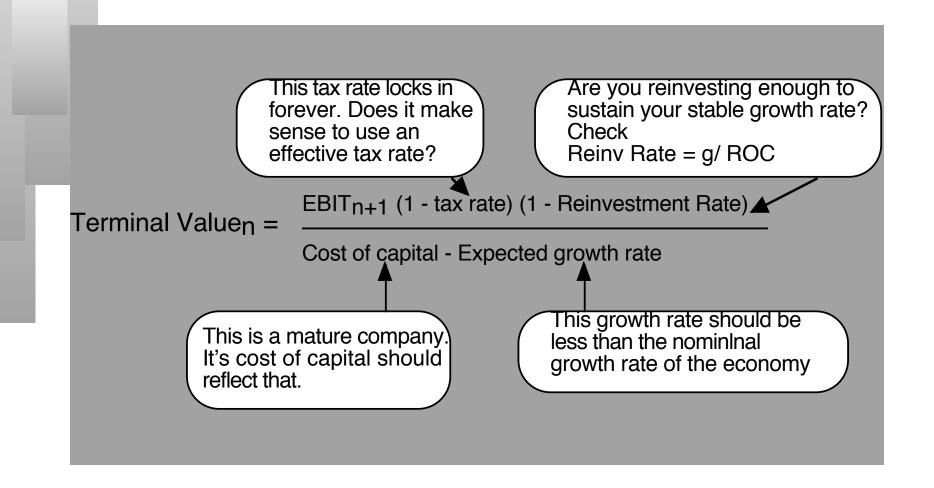
VII. Discount rates can (and often should) change over time...

- The inputs into the cost of capital the cost of equity (beta), the cost of debt (default risk) and the debt ratio can change over time. For younger firms, they should change over time.
- At the minimum, they should change when you get to your terminal year to inputs that better reflect a mature firm.

VIII. Growth has to be earned (not endowed or estimated)



IX. All good things come to an end..And the terminal value is not an ATM...



Hyundai: Terminal Value and Growth

| Growth | Reinvestment | | Terminal |
|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Rate | Rate | FCFF | value |
| 0% | 0.00% | ₩2,681 | ₩ 28,471 |
| 1% | 10.62% | ₩2,396 | ₩ 28,471 |
| 2% | 21.24% | ₩ 2,112 | ₩ 28,471 |
| 3% | 31.86% | ₩1,827 | ₩ 28,471 |
| 4% | 42.48% | ₩ 1,542 | ₩ 28,471 |
| 5% | 53.10% | ₩1,258 | ₩ 28,471 |

As growth increases, value does not change. Why?
Under what conditions will value increase as growth increases?
Under what conditions will value decrease as growth increases?

X. The loose ends matter...

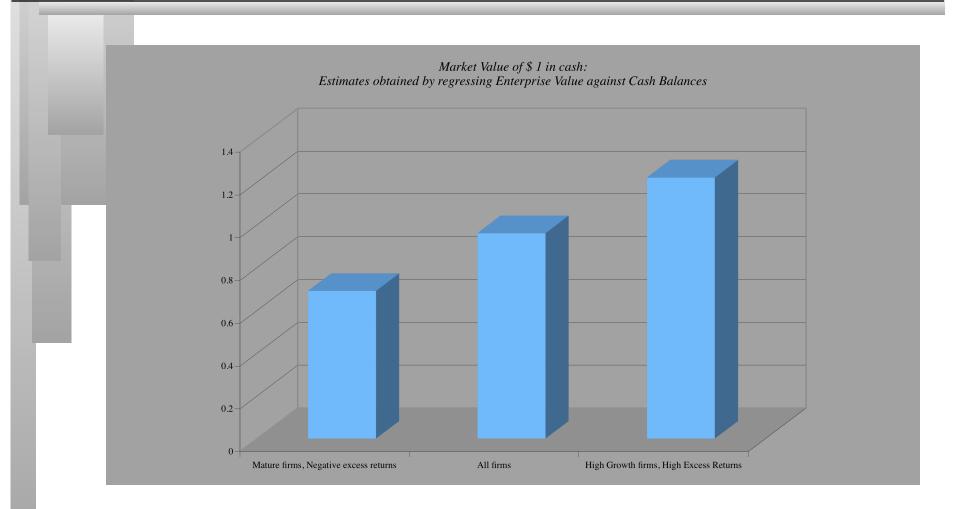
| Value of Operating Assets | Since this is a discounted cashflow valuation, should there be a real option premium? |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| + Cash and Marketable Securities | Operating versus Non-opeating cash Should cash be discounted for earning a low return? |
| + Value of Cross Holdings | How do you value cross holdings in other companies? What if the cross holdings are in private businesses? |
| + Value of Other Assets | What about other valuable assets? How do you consider under utlilized assets? |
| Value of Firm | Should you discount this value for opacity or complexity? How about a premium for synergy? What about a premium for intangibles (brand name)? |
| - Value of Debt | What should be counted in debt? Should you subtract book or market value of debt? What about other obligations (pension fund and health care? What about contingent liabilities? What about minority interests? |
| = Value of Equity | Should there be a premium/discount for control? Should there be a discount for distress |
| - Value of Equity Options | What equity options should be valued here (vested versus non-vested)? How do you value equity options? |
| = Value of Common Stock | Should you divide by primary or diluted shares? |
| / Number of shares | |
| = Value per share | Should there be a discount for illiquidity/ marketability? Should there be a discount for minority interests? |

1. The Value of Cash An Exercise in Cash Valuation

| | Company | A Company | B Company C |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Enterprise Value | \$ 1 billion | \$ 1 billion | \$ 1 billion |
| Cash | \$ 100 mil | \$ 100 mil | \$ 100 mil |
| Return on Capital | 10% | 5% | 22% |
| Cost of Capital | 10% | 10% | 12% |
| Trades in | US | US | Argentina |

In which of these companies is cash most likely to trade at face value, at a discount and at a premium?

Cash: Discount or Premium?



2. Dealing with Holdings in Other firms

- Holdings in other firms can be categorized into
 - <u>Minority passive holdings</u>, in which case only the dividend from the holdings is shown in the balance sheet
 - <u>Minority active holdings</u>, in which case the share of equity income is shown in the income statements
 - <u>Majority active holdings</u>, in which case the financial statements are consolidated.
- We tend to be sloppy in practice in dealing with cross holdings. After valuing the operating assets of a firm, using consolidated statements, it is common to add on the balance sheet value of minority holdings (which are in book value terms) and subtract out the minority interests (again in book value terms), representing the portion of the consolidated company that does not belong to the parent company.

How to value holdings in other firms.. In a perfect world..

- In a perfect world, we would strip the parent company from its subsidiaries and value each one separately. The value of the combined firm will be
 - Value of parent company + Proportion of value of each subsidiary
 - To do this right, you will need to be provided detailed information on each subsidiary to estimated cash flows and discount rates.

Two compromise solutions...

- The market value solution: When the subsidiaries are publicly traded, you could use their traded market capitalizations to estimate the values of the cross holdings. You do risk carrying into your valuation any mistakes that the market may be making in valuation.
- The relative value solution: When there are too many cross holdings to value separately or when there is insufficient information provided on cross holdings, you can convert the book values of holdings that you have on the balance sheet (for both minority holdings and minority interests in majority holdings) by using the average price to book value ratio of the sector in which the subsidiaries operate.

Hyundai's Cross Holdings

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| Cross holding | % of | Total Market | Value of | Book | P/Book |
|------------------|---------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | holding | Сар | holding | Value | (Sector) |
| Hyundai Merchant | | | | | |
| Marine | 17.60% | 4806.00 | 845.86 | | |
| Hyundai Motors | 3.46% | 17540.00 | 606.88 | | |
| Hyundai Elevator | 2.16% | 688.00 | 14.86 | | |
| Hyundai Corp | 0.36% | 602.00 | 2.17 | | |
| Others | ? | ? | 84.20 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Hyundai Oil Bank | 19.87% | 1825.77 | 362.78 | 329.80 | 1.10 |
| Hyundai Samho | 94.92% | 2026.23 | 1923.30 | 1068.50 | 1.80 |
| Hyundai Finance | 67.49% | 143.75 | 97.02 | 88.20 | 1.10 |
| Value of Cross | | | | | |

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Private

holdings

3. Other Assets that have not been counted yet...

- **Unutilized assets**: If you have assets or property that are not being utilized (vacant land, for example), you have not valued it yet. You can assess a market value for these assets and add them on to the value of the firm.
- **Overfunded pension plans**: If you have a defined benefit plan and your assets exceed your expected liabilities, you could consider the over funding with two caveats:
 - Collective bargaining agreements may prevent you from laying claim to these excess assets.
 - There are tax consequences. Often, withdrawals from pension plans get taxed at much higher rates.

Do not double count an asset. If you count the income from an asset in your cashflows, you cannot count the market value of the asset in your value.

4. A Discount for Complexity: An Experiment

Company A Company B

Operating Income \$ 1 billion \$ 1 billion

Tax rate 40% 40%

ROIC 10% 10%

Expected Growth 5% 5%

Cost of capital 8% 8%

Business Mix Single Business Multiple Businesses

Holdings Simple Complex

Accounting Transparent Opaque

■ Which firm would you value more highly?

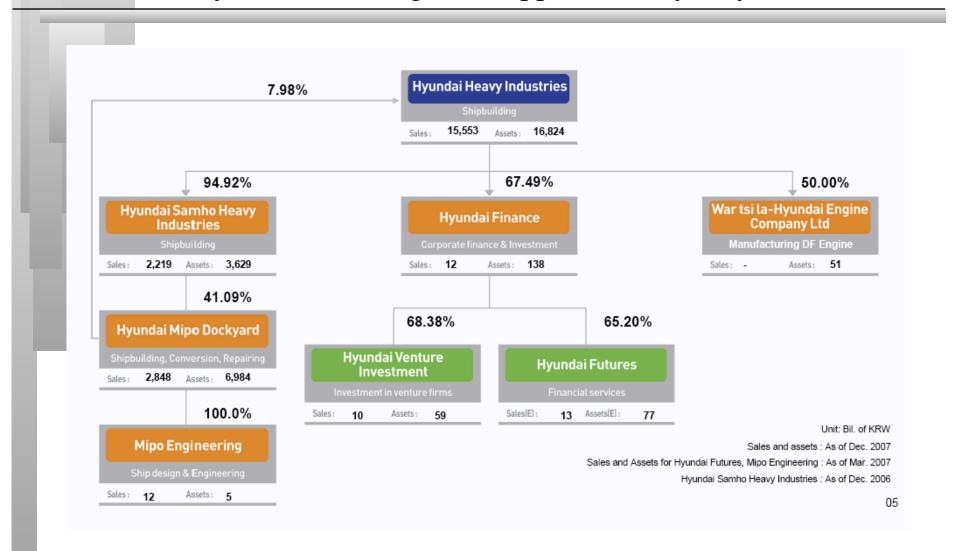
Measuring Complexity: Volume of Data in Financial Statements

| Company | Number of pages in last 10Q | Number of pages in last 10K |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Electric | 65 | 410 |
| Microsoft | 63 | 218 |
| Wal-mart | 38 | 244 |
| Exxon Mobil | 86 | 332 |
| Pfizer | 171 | 460 |
| Citigroup | 252 | 1026 |
| Intel | 69 | 215 |
| AIG | 164 | 720 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 63 | 218 |
| IBM | 85 | 353 |
| | | |

Measuring Complexity: A Complexity Score

| Item | Factors | Follow-up Question | Answer | Complexity score |
|----------------------|--|---|--------|------------------|
| Operating Income | 1. Multiple Businesses | Number of businesses (with more than 10% of revenues) = | 2 | 4 |
| | 2. One-time income and expenses | Percent of operating income = | 20% | 1 |
| | 3. Income from unspecified sources | Percent of operating income = | 15% | 0.75 |
| | 4. Items in income statement that are volatile | | | |
| | | Percent of operating income = | 5% | 0.25 |
| Tax Rate | 1. Income from multiple locales | Percent of revenues from non-domestic locales = | 100% | 3 |
| | 2. Different tax and reporting books | Yes or No | Yes | 3 |
| | 3. Headquarters in tax havens | Yes or No | Yes | 3 |
| | 4. Volatile effective tax rate | Yes or No | Yes | 2 |
| Capital | 1. Volatile capital expenditures | Yes or No | Yes | 2 |
| Expenditures | 2. Frequent and large acquisitions | Yes or No | Yes | 4 |
| | 3. Stock payment for acquisitions and investments | Yes or No | Yes | 4 |
| Working capital | 1. Unspecified current assets and current liabilities | Yes or No | Yes | 3 |
| | 2. Volatile working capital items | Yes or No | Yes | 2 |
| Expected Growth rate | 1. Off-balance sheet assets and liabilities (operating leases and R&D) | Yes or No | Yes | 3 |
| | 2. Substantial stock buybacks | Yes or No | Yes | 3 |
| | 3. Changing return on capital over time | Is your return on capital volatile? | Yes | 5 |
| | 4. Unsustainably high return | Is your firm's ROC much higher than industry average? | Yes | 5 |
| Cost of capital | 1. Multiple businesses | Number of businesses (more than 10% of revenues) = | 2 | 2 |
| | 2. Operations in emerging markets | Percent of revenues= | 30% | 1.5 |
| | 3. Is the debt market traded? | Yes or No | Yes | 0 |
| | 4. Does the company have a rating? | Yes or No | Yes | 0 |
| | 5. Does the company have off-balance sheet debt? | | | |
| | | Yes or No | No | 0 |
| | | Complexity Score = | | 51.5 |
| | | | | |

Hyundai: An Enigma wrapped in a Mystery



Dealing with Complexity

In Discounted Cashflow Valuation

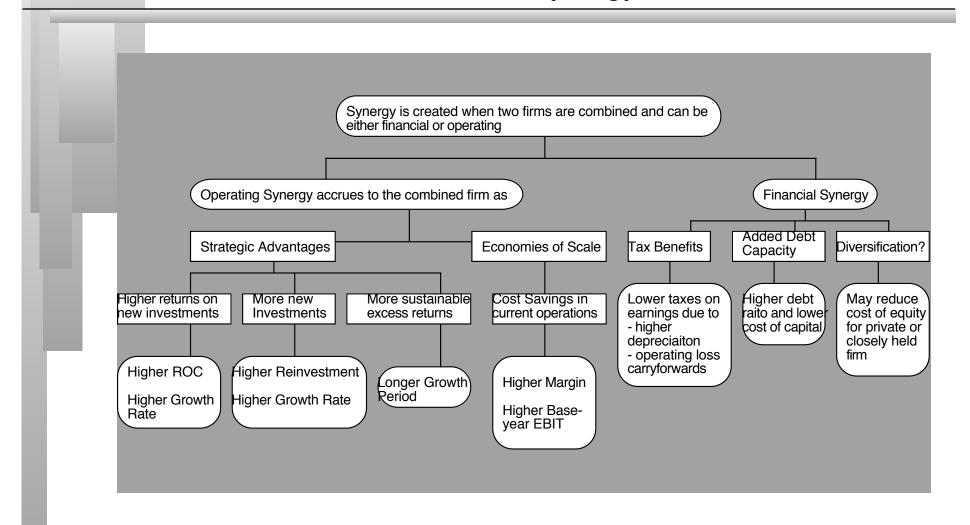
- The Aggressive Analyst: Trust the firm to tell the truth and value the firm based upon the firm's statements about their value.
- The Conservative Analyst: Don't value what you cannot see.
- The Compromise: Adjust the value for complexity
 - Adjust cash flows for complexity
 - Adjust the discount rate for complexity
 - Adjust the expected growth rate/ length of growth period
 - Value the firm and then discount value for complexity

In relative valuation

In a relative valuation, you may be able to assess the price that the market is charging for complexity: With the hundred largest market cap firms, for instance:

PBV = 0.65 + 15.31 ROE - 0.55 Beta + 3.04 Expected growth rate - 0.003 # Pages in 10K

5. The Value of Synergy



Valuing Synergy

- (1) the firms involved in the merger are **valued independently**, by discounting expected cash flows to each firm at the weighted average cost of capital for that firm.
- (2) the value of the combined firm, with no synergy, is obtained by adding the values obtained for each firm in the first step.
- (3) The effects of synergy are built into expected growth rates and cashflows, and the combined firm is re-valued with synergy.

Value of Synergy = Value of the combined firm, with synergy - Value of the combined firm, without synergy

Valuing Synergy: P&G + Gillette

| | P&G | Gillette | Piglet: No Synergy | Piglet: Synergy | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Free Cashflow to Equity | \$5,864.74 | \$1,547.50 | \$7,412.24 | \$7,569.73 | Annual operating expenses reduced by \$250 million |
| Growth rate for first 5 years | 12% | 10% | 11.58% | 12.50% | Slighly higher growth rate |
| Growth rate after five years | 4% | 4% | 4.00% | 4.00% | |
| Beta | 0.90 | 0.80 | 0.88 | 0.88 | |
| Cost of Equity | 7.90% | 7.50% | 7.81% | 7.81% | Value of synergy |
| Value of Equity | \$221,292 | \$59,878 | \$281,170 | \$298,355 | \$17,185 |

5. Brand name, great management, superb product ... Are we short changing the intangibles?

- There is often a temptation to add on premiums for intangibles. Among them are
 - Brand name
 - Great management
 - Loyal workforce
 - Technological prowess
- There are two potential dangers:
 - For some assets, the value may already be in your value and adding a premium will be double counting.
 - For other assets, the value may be ignored but incorporating it will not be easy.

Categorizing Intangibles

| | Independent and Cash flow | Not independent and cash flow | No cash flows now but potential |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | generating intangibles | generating to the firm | for cashflows in future |
| Examples | Copyrights, trademarks, licenses, | Brand names, Quality and Morale | Undeveloped patents, operating or |
| | franchises, professional practices | of work force, Technological | financial flexibility (to expand into |
| | (medical, dental) | expertise, Corporate reputation | new products/markets or abandon |
| | | | existing ones) |
| Valuation approach | Estimate expected cashflows from | C ompare DCF value of firm | Option valuation |
| | the product or service and discount | with intangible with firm | V a lue the undeveloped patent |
| | back at appropriate discount rate. | without (if you can find one) | as an option to develop the |
| | | A ssume that all excess returns | underlying product. |
| | | of firm are due to intangible. | • V a lue expansion options as call |
| | | C ompare multiples at which | options |
| | | firm trades to sector averages. | V a lue abandonment options as |
| | | | put options. |
| Challenges | L ife is usually finite and | With multiple intangibles (brand | Need exclusivity. |
| | terminal value may be small. | name and reputation for service), it | Difficult to replicate and |
| | • C as hflows and value may be | becomes difficult to break down | arbitrage (making option |
| | person dependent (for | individual components. | pricing models dicey) |
| | professional practices) | | |

Valuing Brand Name

| | Coca Cola | With Cott Margins |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Current Revenues = | \$21,962.00 | \$21,962.00 |
| Length of high-growth period | 10 | 10 |
| Reinvestment Rate = | 50% | 50% |
| Operating Margin (after-tax) | 15.57% | 5.28% |
| Sales/Capital (Turnover ratio) | 1.34 | 1.34 |
| Return on capital (after-tax) | 20.84% | 7.06% |
| Growth rate during period (g) = | 10.42% | 3.53% |
| Cost of Capital during period = | 7.65% | 7.65% |
| Stable Growth Period | | |
| Growth rate in steady state = | 4.00% | 4.00% |
| Return on capital = | 7.65% | 7.65% |
| Reinvestment Rate = | 52.28% | 52.28% |
| Cost of Capital = | 7.65% | 7.65% |
| Value of Firm = | \$79,611.25 | \$15,371.24 |

6. Be circumspect about defining debt for cost of capital purposes...

- General Rule: Debt generally has the following characteristics:
 - Commitment to make fixed payments in the future
 - The fixed payments are tax deductible
 - Failure to make the payments can lead to either default or loss of control of the firm to the party to whom payments are due.
- Defined as such, debt should include
 - All interest bearing liabilities, short term as well as long term
 - All leases, operating as well as capital
- Debt should not include
 - Accounts payable or supplier credit

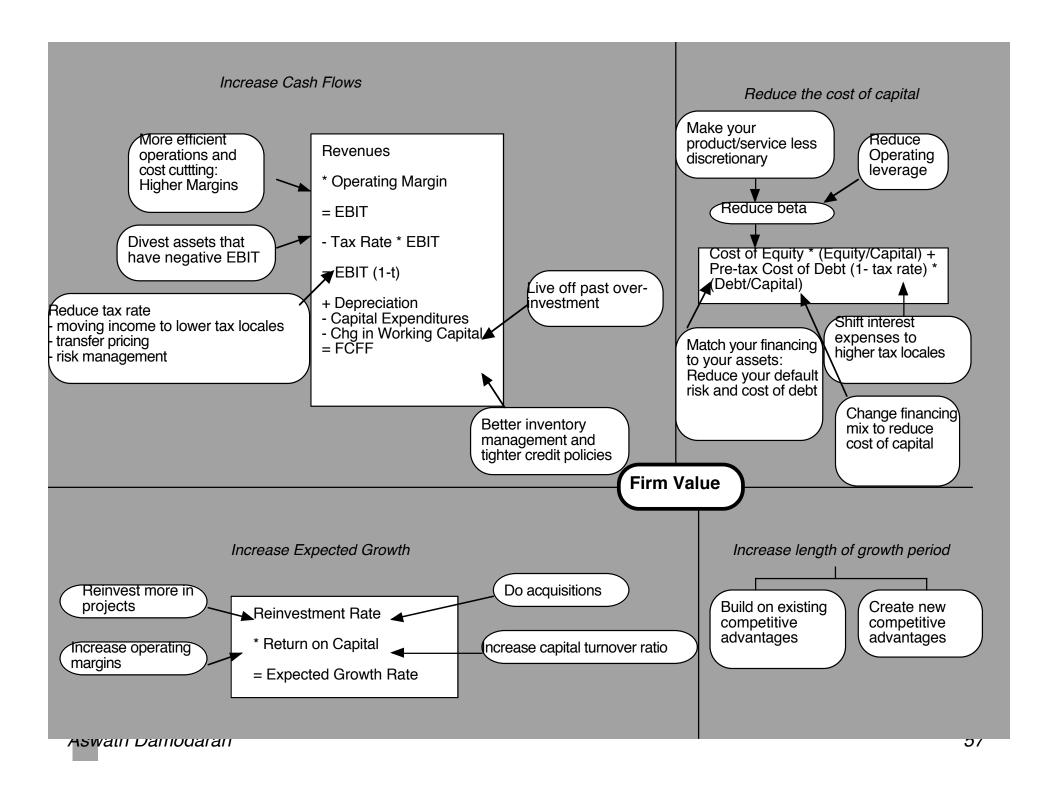
But should consider other potential liabilities when getting to equity value...

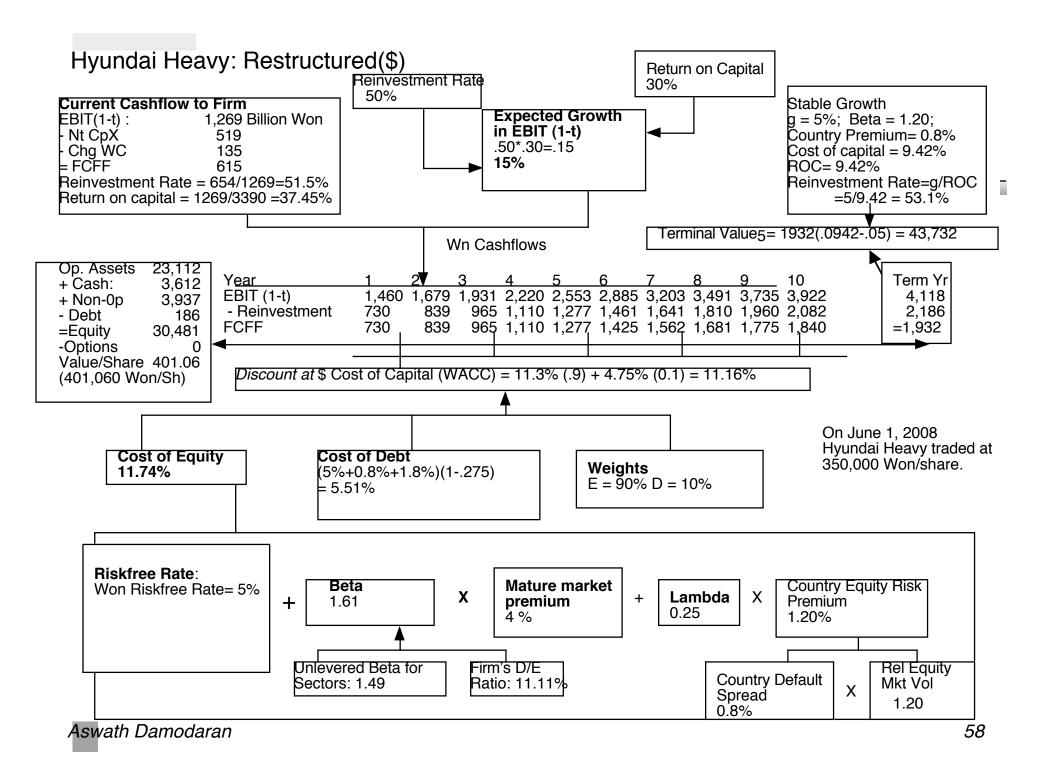
- If you have under funded pension fund or health care plans, you should consider the under funding at this stage in getting to the value of equity.
 - If you do so, you should not double count by also including a cash flow line item reflecting cash you would need to set aside to meet the unfunded obligation.
 - You should not be counting these items as debt in your cost of capital calculations....
- If you have contingent liabilities for example, a potential liability from a lawsuit that has not been decided you should consider the expected value of these contingent liabilities
 - Value of contingent liability = Probability that the liability will occur * Expected value of liability

7. The Value of Control

- The value of the control premium that will be paid to acquire a block of equity will depend upon two factors -
 - **Probability that control of firm will change**: This refers to the probability that incumbent management will be replaced. this can be either through acquisition or through existing stockholders exercising their muscle.
 - Value of Gaining Control of the Company: The value of gaining control of a company arises from two sources the increase in value that can be wrought by changes in the way the company is managed and run, and the side benefits and perquisites of being in control

<u>Value of Gaining Control = Present Value (Value of Company with change in control - Value of company without change in control) + Side Benefits of Control</u>





Implications of the Value of Control

If the value of a firm run optimally is significantly higher than the value of the firm with the status quo (or incumbent management), you can write the value that you should be willing to pay as:

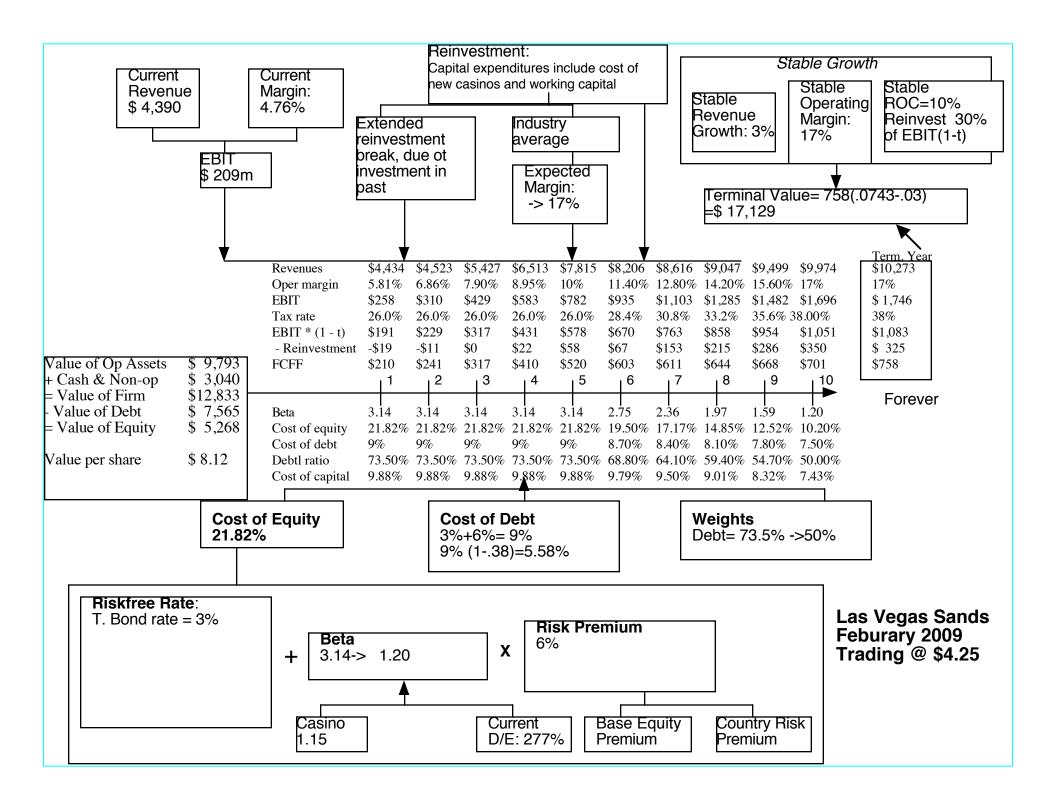
Value of control = Value of firm optimally run - Value of firm with status quo Value of control at Hyundai Heavy= 401,000 Won per share – 362,000 Won per share = 39,000 Won per share

■ Implications:

- In an acquisition, this is the most that you would be willing to pay as a premium (assuming no other synergy)
- As a stockholder, you will be willing to pay a value between 362 and 401 Wn, depending upon your views on whether control will change.
- If there are voting and non-voting shares, the difference in prices between the two should reflect the value of control.

8. Distress and the Going Concern Assumption

- Traditional valuation techniques are built on the assumption of a going concern, i.e., a firm that has continuing operations and there is no significant threat to these operations.
 - In discounted cashflow valuation, this going concern assumption finds its place most prominently in the terminal value calculation, which usually is based upon an infinite life and ever-growing cashflows.
 - In relative valuation, this going concern assumption often shows up implicitly because a firm is valued based upon how other firms most of which are healthy are priced by the market today.
- When there is a significant likelihood that a firm will not survive the immediate future (next few years), traditional valuation models may yield an over-optimistic estimate of value.



The Distress Factor

In February 2009, LVS was rated B+ by S&P. Historically, <u>28.25% of B+ rated bonds default</u> within 10 years. LVS has a 6.375% bond, maturing in February 2015 (7 years), trading at \$529. If we discount the expected cash flows on the bond at the riskfree rate, we can back out the probability of distress from the bond price:

$$529 = \sum_{t=1}^{t=7} \frac{63.75(1-p_{\text{Distress}})^t}{(1.03)^t} + \frac{1000(1-p_{\text{Distress}})^7}{(1.03)^7}$$

■ Solving for the probability of bankruptcy, we get:

 $\pi_{Distress}$ = Annual probability of default = 13.54%

- Cumulative probability of surviving 10 years = $(1 .1354)^{10} = 23.34\%$
- Cumulative probability of distress over 10 years = 1 .2334 = .7666 or 76.66%
- If LVS is becomes distressed:
 - Expected distress sale proceeds = \$2,769 million < Face value of debt
 - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- Expected value per share = \$8.12 (1 .7666) + \$0/.00 (.2334) = \$1.92

9. Equity to Employees: Effect on Value

- In recent years, firms have turned to giving employees (and especially top managers) equity option packages as part of compensation. These options are usually
 - Long term
 - At-the-money when issued
 - On volatile stocks
- Are they worth money? And if yes, who is paying for them?
- Two key issues with employee options:
 - How do options granted in the past affect equity value per share today?
 - How do expected future option grants affect equity value today?

Equity Options and Value

- Options outstanding
 - Step 1: List all options outstanding, with maturity, exercise price and vesting status.
 - Step 2: Value the options, taking into accounting dilution, vesting and early exercise considerations
 - Step 3: Subtract from the value of equity and divide by the actual number of shares outstanding (not diluted or partially diluted).
- Expected future option and restricted stock issues
 - Step 1: Forecast value of options that will be granted each year as percent of revenues that year. (As firm gets larger, this should decrease)
 - Step 2: Treat as operating expense and reduce operating income and cash flows
 - Step 3: Take present value of cashflows to value operations or equity.

10. Analyzing the Effect of Illiquidity on Value

- Investments which are less liquid should trade for less than otherwise similar investments which are more liquid.
- The size of the illiquidity discount should vary across firms and also across time. The conventional practice of relying upon studies of restricted stocks or IPOs will fail sooner rather than later.
 - Restricted stock studies are based upon small samples of troubled firms
 - The discounts observed in IPO studies are too large for these to be arms length transactions. They just do not make sense.

Illiquidity Discounts from Bid-Ask Spreads

- Using data from the end of 2000, for instance, we regressed the bid-ask spread against annual revenues, a dummy variable for positive earnings (DERN: 0 if negative and 1 if positive), cash as a percent of firm value and trading volume.
- Spread = 0.145 0.0022 ln (Annual Revenues) -0.015 (DERN) 0.016 (Cash/Firm Value) 0.11 (\$ Monthly trading volume/ Firm Value)
- We could substitute in the revenues of Kristin Kandy (\$5 million), the fact that it has positive earnings and the cash as a percent of revenues held by the firm (8%):
- Spread = 0.145 0.0022 ln (Annual Revenues) -0.015 (DERN) -0.016 (Cash/Firm Value) -0.11 (\$ Monthly trading volume/ Firm Value)
- $= 0.145 0.0022 \ln (5) -0.015 (1) 0.016 (.08) 0.11 (0) = .12.52\%$
- Based on this approach, we would estimate an illiquidity discount of 12.52% for Kristin Kandy.

Relative Valuation

Relative valuation is pervasive...

- Most asset valuations are relative.
- Most equity valuations on Wall Street are relative valuations.
 - Almost 85% of equity research reports are based upon a multiple and comparables.
 - More than 50% of all acquisition valuations are based upon multiples
 - Rules of thumb based on multiples are not only common but are often the basis for final valuation judgments.
- While there are more discounted cashflow valuations in consulting and corporate finance, they are often relative valuations masquerading as discounted cash flow valuations.
 - The objective in many discounted cashflow valuations is to back into a number that has been obtained by using a multiple.
 - The terminal value in a significant number of discounted cashflow valuations is estimated using a multiple.

The Reasons for the allure...

"If you think I'm crazy, you should see the guy who lives across the hall"

Jerry Seinfeld talking about Kramer in a Seinfeld episode

"A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation"

H.H. Munro

"If you are going to screw up, make sure that you have lots of company" Ex-portfolio manager

The Four Steps to Deconstructing Multiples

■ Define the multiple

• In use, the same multiple can be defined in <u>different ways</u> by different users. When comparing and using multiples, estimated by someone else, it is critical that we <u>understand how the multiples have been estimated</u>

Describe the multiple

• Too many people who use a multiple have <u>no idea what its cross sectional</u> <u>distribution</u> is. If you do not know what the cross sectional distribution of a multiple is, it is difficult to look at a number and pass judgment on whether it is too high or low.

■ Analyze the multiple

• It is critical that we <u>understand the fundamentals</u> that drive each multiple, and the <u>nature of the relationship</u> between the multiple and each variable.

■ Apply the multiple

• Defining the <u>comparable universe</u> and <u>controlling for differences</u> is far more difficult in practice than it is in theory.

Definitional Tests

■ Is the multiple consistently defined?

• Proposition 1: Both the value (the numerator) and the standardizing variable (the denominator) should be to the same claimholders in the firm. In other words, the value of equity should be divided by equity earnings or equity book value, and firm value should be divided by firm earnings or book value.

Is the multiple uniformly estimated?

- The variables used in defining the multiple <u>should be estimated uniformly</u> across assets in the "comparable firm" list.
- If earnings-based multiples are used, the <u>accounting rules</u> to measure earnings should be applied consistently across assets. The same rule applies with book-value based multiples.

Example 1: Price Earnings Ratio: Definition

PE = Market Price per Share / Earnings per Share

- There are a number of variants on the basic PE ratio in use. They are based upon how the price and the earnings are defined.
- Price: is usually the current price is sometimes the average price for the year
- EPS: earnings per share in most recent financial year earnings per share in trailing 12 months (Trailing PE) forecasted earnings per share next year (Forward PE) forecasted earnings per share in future year

Example 2: Enterprise Value /EBITDA Multiple

The enterprise value to EBITDA multiple is obtained by netting cash out against debt to arrive at enterprise value and dividing by EBITDA.

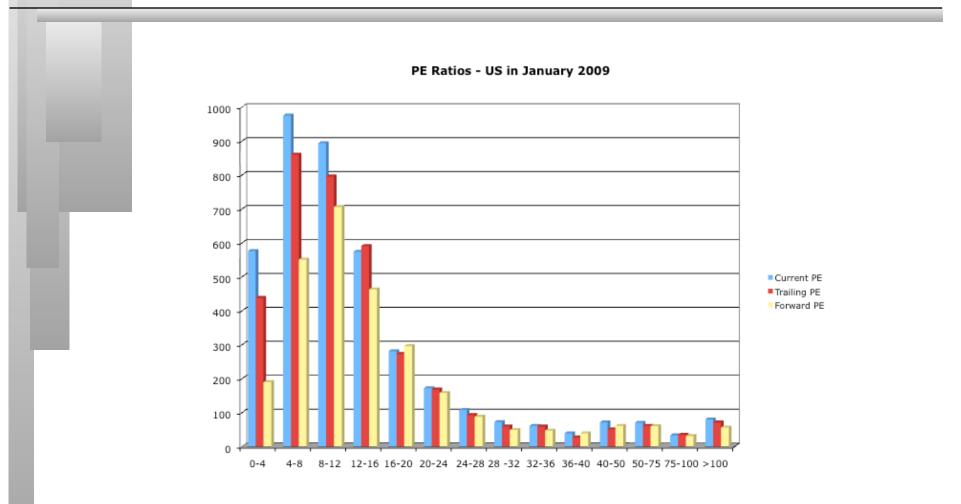
 $\frac{\text{Enterprise Value}}{\text{EBITDA}} = \frac{\text{Market Value of Equity} + \text{Market Value of Debt} - \text{Cash}}{\text{Earnings before Interest, Taxes and Depreciation}}$

- Why do we net out cash from firm value?
- What happens if a firm has cross holdings which are categorized as:
 - Minority interests?
 - Majority active interests?

Descriptive Tests

- What is the <u>average and standard deviation</u> for this multiple, across the universe (market)?
- What is the <u>median</u> for this multiple?
 - The median for this multiple is often a more reliable comparison point.
- How <u>large are the outliers</u> to the distribution, and <u>how do we deal</u> with the outliers?
 - Throwing out the outliers may seem like an obvious solution, but if the outliers all lie on one side of the distribution (they usually are large positive numbers), this can lead to a biased estimate.
- Are there cases where the multiple <u>cannot be estimated</u>? Will ignoring these cases lead to a <u>biased estimate</u> of the multiple?
- How has this multiple <u>changed over time?</u>

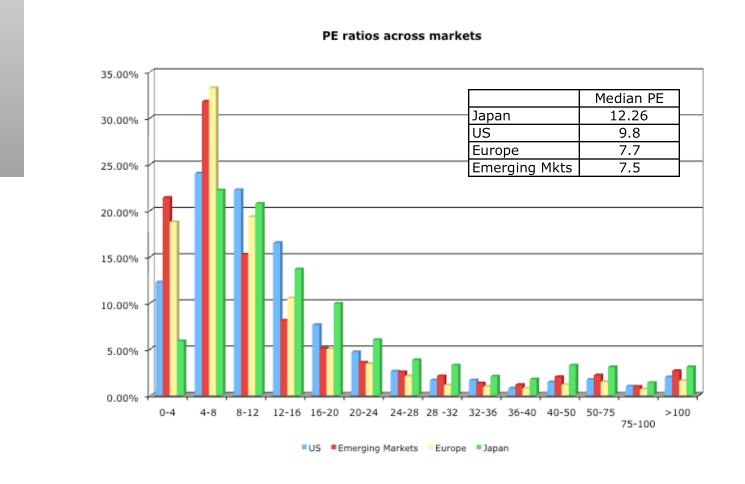
Looking at the distribution of PE ratios...



PE: Deciphering the Distribution

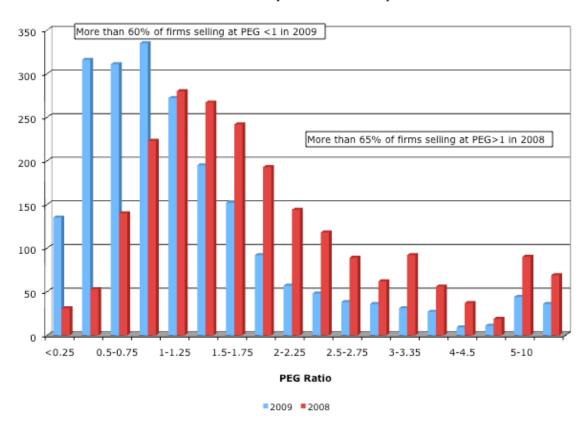
| | Jan-09 | | | Jan-08 | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--|
| | Current PE | Trailing PE | Forward PE | Current PE | Trailing PE | Forward PE | |
| Mean | 18.91 | 17.48 | 20.04 | 45.02 | 32.44 | 32.21 | |
| Standard | | | | | | | |
| Error | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.87 | 4.64 | 1.96 | 1.47 | |
| Median | 9.80 | 9.89 | 11.69 | 18.16 | 17.00 | 17.28 | |
| Standard | | | | | | | |
| Deviation | 61.97 | 55.61 | 45.74 | 299.11 | 123.29 | 80.82 | |
| Kurtosis | 668.30 | 1073.76 | 174.18 | 1618.20 | 1241.97 | 269.80 | |
| Skewness | 21.06 | 27.18 | 11.66 | 35.41 | 30.30 | 14.23 | |
| Maximum | 2442.83 | 2475.71 | 933.00 | 15126.20 | 5713.00 | 1912.33 | |
| Count | 4010 | 3737 | 2795 | 4155 | 3944 | 3004 | |
| Sample size | 6871 | 6871 | 6871 | 7155 | 7155 | 7155 | |
| Largest(400) | 29.50 | 26.18 | 25.06 | | | | |
| Smallest(400) | 3.00 | 2.76 | 5.74 | | | | |

Comparing PE Ratios: US, Europe, Japan and Emerging Markets

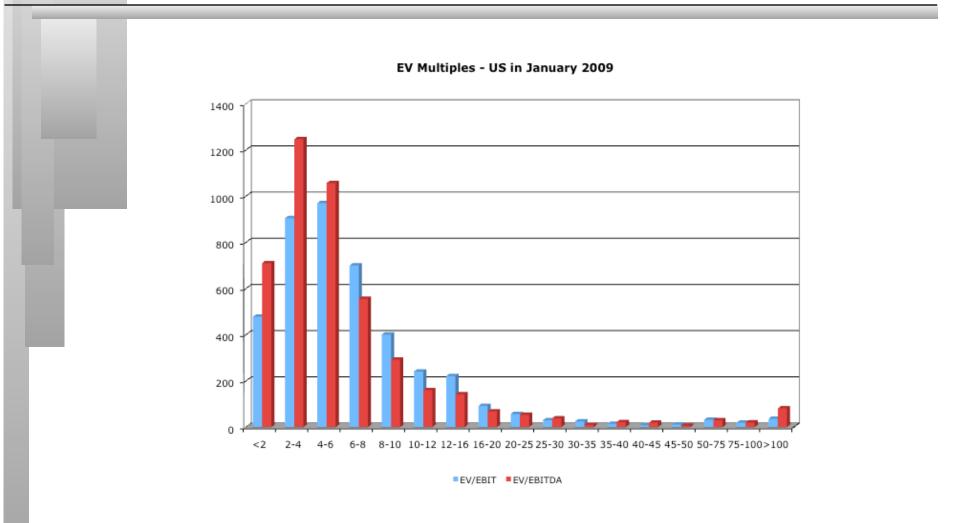


Simplistic rules almost always break down... The PEG<1 = Cheap test?

PEG Ratio: January 2009 vs January 2008



And 6 times EBITDA may not be cheap...



Analytical Tests

- What are the <u>fundamentals</u> that determine and drive these multiples?
 - Proposition 2: Embedded in every multiple are all of the variables that drive every discounted cash flow valuation growth, risk and cash flow patterns.
 - In fact, using a simple discounted cash flow model and basic algebra should yield the fundamentals that drive a multiple
- How do changes in these fundamentals change the multiple?
 - The relationship between a fundamental (like growth) and a multiple (such as PE) is seldom linear. For example, if firm A has twice the growth rate of firm B, it will generally not trade at twice its PE ratio
 - Proposition 3: It is impossible to properly compare firms on a multiple, if we do not know the nature of the relationship between fundamentals and the multiple.

PE Ratio: Understanding the Fundamentals

- To understand the fundamentals, start with a basic <u>equity</u> discounted cash flow model.
- With the dividend discount model, $P_0 = \frac{DPS_1}{r g_n}$
- Dividing both sides by the current earnings per share,

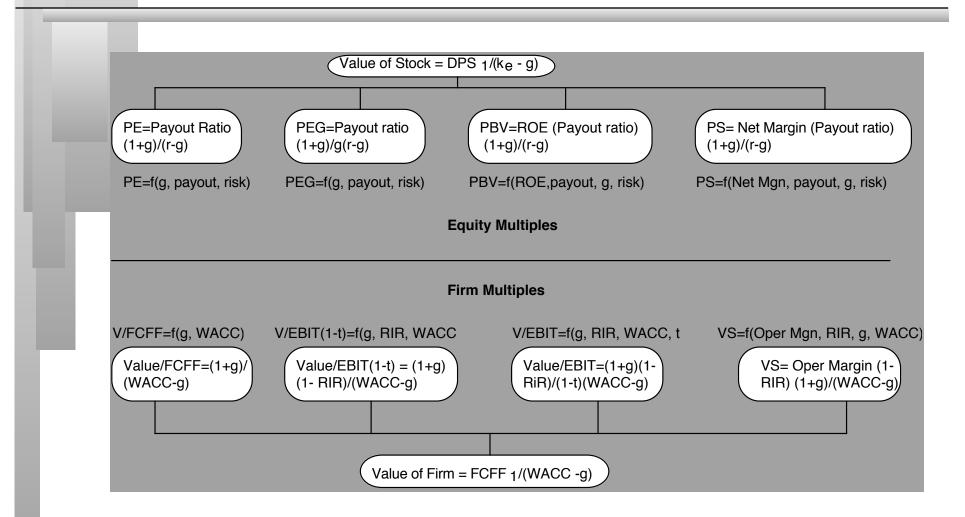
$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{Payout Ratio * (1 + g_n)}{r-g_n}$$

■ If this had been a FCFE Model,

$$P_0 = \frac{FCFE_1}{r - g_n}$$

$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{(FCFE/Earnings)*(1+g_n)}{r-g_n}$$

The Determinants of Multiples...



Application Tests

- Given the firm that we are valuing, what is a "comparable" firm?
 - While traditional analysis is built on the premise that firms in the same sector are comparable firms, valuation theory would suggest that a comparable firm is one which is similar to the one being analyzed in terms of fundamentals.
 - Proposition 4: There is no reason why a firm cannot be compared with another firm in a very different business, if the two firms have the same risk, growth and cash flow characteristics.
- Given the comparable firms, how do we adjust for differences across firms on the fundamentals?
 - Proposition 5: It is impossible to find an exactly identical firm to the one you are valuing.

An Example: Comparing PE Ratios across a Sector: PE

| Company Name | PE | Growth |
|--|------|--------|
| PT Indosat ADR | 7.8 | 0.06 |
| Telebras ADR | 8.9 | 0.075 |
| Telecom Corporation of New Zealand ADR | 11.2 | 0.11 |
| Telecom Argentina Stet - France Telecom SA ADR B | 12.5 | 0.08 |
| Hellenic Telecommunication Organization SA ADR | 12.8 | 0.12 |
| Telecomunicaciones de Chile ADR | 16.6 | 0.08 |
| Swisscom AG ADR | 18.3 | 0.11 |
| Asia Satellite Telecom Holdings ADR | 19.6 | 0.16 |
| Portugal Telecom SA ADR | 20.8 | 0.13 |
| Telefonos de Mexico ADR L | 21.1 | 0.14 |
| Matav RT ADR | 21.5 | 0.22 |
| Telstra ADR | 21.7 | 0.12 |
| Gilat Communications | 22.7 | 0.31 |
| Deutsche Telekom AG ADR | 24.6 | 0.11 |
| British Telecommunications PLC ADR | 25.7 | 0.07 |
| Tele Danmark AS ADR | 27 | 0.09 |
| Telekomunikasi Indonesia ADR | 28.4 | 0.32 |
| Cable & Wireless PLC ADR | 29.8 | 0.14 |
| APT Satellite Holdings ADR | 31 | 0.33 |
| Telefonica SA ADR | 32.5 | 0.18 |
| Royal KPN NV ADR | 35.7 | 0.13 |
| Telecom Italia SPA ADR | 42.2 | 0.14 |
| Nippon Telegraph & Telephone ADR | 44.3 | 0.2 |
| France Telecom SA ADR | 45.2 | 0.19 |
| Korea Telecom ADR | 71.3 | 0.44 |

PE, Growth and Risk

Dependent variable is: PE

R squared = 66.2% R squared (adjusted) = 63.1%

| Variable | Coefficient | SE | t-ratio | prob |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| Constant | 13.1151 | 3.471 | 3.78 | 0.0010 |
| Growth rate | 121.223 | 19.27 | 6.29 | ≤ 0.0001 |
| Emerging Market | -13.8531 | 3.606 | -3.84 | 0.0009 |

Emerging Market is a dummy: 1 if emerging market

0 if not

Is Telebras under valued?

- Predicted PE = 13.12 + 121.22 (.075) 13.85 (1) = 8.35
- At an actual price to earnings ratio of 8.9, Telebras is slightly overvalued.

Amgen's Relative Value

| Company Name | Market Cao | PE Ratio | Expected Growth | Beta | ROE |
|----------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------|--------|
| King Pharmac. | \$5,064 | 12.64 | -0.50% | 1.10 | 20.29% |
| Pfizer Inc. | \$190,923 | 12.74 | 2.00% | 0.85 | 21.07% |
| GlaxoSmithKline ADR | \$158,986 | 15.63 | 5.00% | 0.85 | 55.29% |
| Amgen | \$66,847 | 15.99 | 15.00% | 0.85 | 22.05% |
| Wyeth | \$74,271 | 17.35 | 9.00% | 1.00 | 29.22% |
| Novartis AG ADR | \$133,805 | 18.58 | 7.50% | 0.70 | 17.52% |
| Lilly (Eli) | \$66,440 | 19.21 | 7.00% | 0.85 | 31.49% |
| Merck & Co. | \$110,731 | 20.09 | 7.00% | 0.85 | 31.40% |
| Hospira Inc. | \$6,416 | 20.72 | 8.00% | 0.70 | 22.75% |
| Cephalon Inc. | \$5,183 | 21.17 | 14.00% | 1.15 | 18.69% |
| Forest Labs. | \$16,381 | 24.56 | 10.00% | 0.80 | 24.72% |
| Teva Pharmac. (ADR) | \$29,272 | 27.30 | 14.50% | 0.75 | 17.75% |
| Gilead Sciences | \$37,365 | 32.17 | 17.50% | 0.90 | 63.97% |
| Schering-Plough | \$46,814 | 34.63 | 29.50% | 0.95 | 20.89% |
| Novo Nordisk ADR | \$33,333 | 35.87 | 14.50% | 0.85 | 21.22% |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb | \$58,636 | 36.99 | 7.00% | 1.00 | 13.65% |
| Genentech Inc. | \$83,856 | 39.69 | 27.50% | 0.80 | 22.29% |
| Allergan Inc. | \$18,595 | 41.15 | 15.00% | 0.85 | 14.38% |
| Biogen Idec Inc. | \$15,254 | 70.13 | 33.50% | 1.10 | 3.04% |
| Celgene Corp. | \$23,683 | 343.23 | 59.00% | 1.30 | 3.49% |
| MedImmune Inc. | \$13,560 | 797.62 | 58.00% | 1.00 | 1.23% |

The Drivers of PE Ratios...

- Regressing PE ratios against growth, we get
 - PE = 14.86 + 0.85 (Expected growth rate) $R^2 = 49\%$
 - Plugging in Amgen's expected growth rate of 15%, we get
 - PE = 14.86 + 0.85 (15) = 27.61
 - At 16 times earnings, Amgen seems to be significantly undervalued by almost 40% relative to the rest of the pharmaceutical sector.

Comparisons to the entire market: Why not?

- In contrast to the 'comparable firm' approach, the information in the entire cross-section of firms can be used to predict PE ratios.
- The simplest way of summarizing this information is with a multiple regression, with the PE ratio as the dependent variable, and proxies for risk, growth and payout forming the independent variables.

PE Ratio: Standard Regression for US stocks - January 2009

Model Summary

| Mod el | R | R Square | Adjusted R Square | Std. Error of the Estimate |
|-----------|-------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | .535ª | .287 | .286 | 7.0614177E2 |

a. Predictors: (Constant), Payout Ratio, Expected Growth in EPS: next 5 years, Value Line Beta

Coefficients a,b

| | | Unstandardized Coefficients | | Standardized Coefficients | | |
|-------|---|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------|------|
| Model | | В | Std. Error | Beta | t | Sig. |
| 1 | (Constant) | 7.623 | .869 | | 8.773 | .000 |
| | Expected Growth in EPS: next 5 years | 77.983 | 2.920 | .508 | 26.707 | .000 |
| | Value Line Beta | -5.371 | .745 | 138 | -7.212 | .000 |
| | Payout Ratio | 7.670 | .586 | .255 | 13.094 | .000 |

a. Dependent Variable: Current PE

b. Weighted Least Squares Regression - Weighted by Market Cap

Amgen valued relative to the market

- Plugging in Amgen's numbers into the January 2008 market regression:
 - Expected growth rate = 15%
 - Beta = 0.85
 - Payout ratio = 0%
 - Predicted PE = 10.645 + 1.176(15) 2.621(0.85) = 26.06
- Again, at 16 times earnings, Amgen seems to be significantly undervalued, relative to how the market is pricing all other stocks.

Choosing Between the Multiples

- As presented in this section, there are dozens of multiples that can be potentially used to value an individual firm.
- In addition, relative valuation can be relative to a sector (or comparable firms) or to the entire market (using the regressions, for instance)
- Since there can be only one final estimate of value, there are three choices at this stage:
 - Use a simple average of the valuations obtained using a number of different multiples
 - Use a weighted average of the valuations obtained using a nmber of different multiples
 - Choose one of the multiples and base your valuation on that multiple

Picking one Multiple

- This is usually the best way to approach this issue. While a range of values can be obtained from a number of multiples, the "best estimate" value is obtained using one multiple.
- The multiple that is used can be chosen in one of two ways:
 - Use the multiple that <u>best fits your objective</u>. Thus, if you want the company to be undervalued, you pick the multiple that yields the highest value.
 - Use the multiple that <u>has the highest R-squared</u> in the sector when regressed against fundamentals. Thus, if you have tried PE, PBV, PS, etc. and run regressions of these multiples against fundamentals, use the multiple that works best at explaining differences across firms in that sector.
 - Use the multiple that seems to <u>make the most sense</u> for that sector, given how value is measured and created.

Conventional usage...

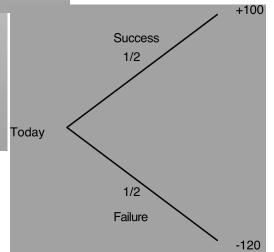
| Sector | Multiple Used | Rationale |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Cyclical Manufacturing | PE, Relative PE | Often with normalized earnings |
| Growth firms | PEG ratio | Big differences in growth rates |
| Young growth firms w/ losses | Revenue Multiples | What choice do you have? |
| Infrastructure | EV/EBITDA | Early losses, big DA |
| REIT | P/CFE (where CFE = Net income + Depreciation) | Big depreciation charges on real estate |
| Financial Services | Price/ Book equity | Marked to market? |
| Retailing | Revenue multiples | Margins equalize sooner or later |

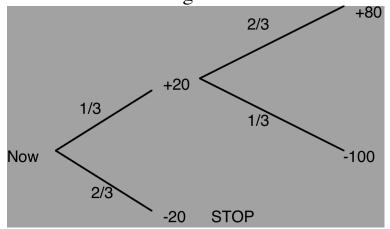
Real Options: Fact and Fantasy

The Basis for Real Options

In the last few years, there are some who have argued that discounted cashflow valuations under valued some companies and that a real option premium should be tacked on to DCF valuations. To understanding its moorings, compare the two trees below:

A bad investment..... Becomes a good one..





- 1. Learn at relatively low cost
- 2. Make better decisions based on learning

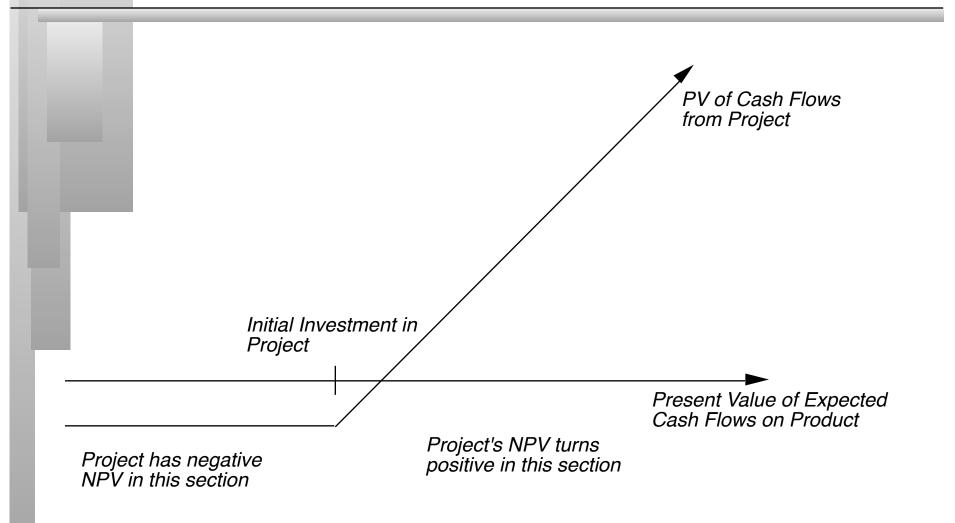
Three Basic Questions

- When is there a real option embedded in a decision or an asset?
- When does that real option have significant economic value?
- Can that value be estimated using an option pricing model?

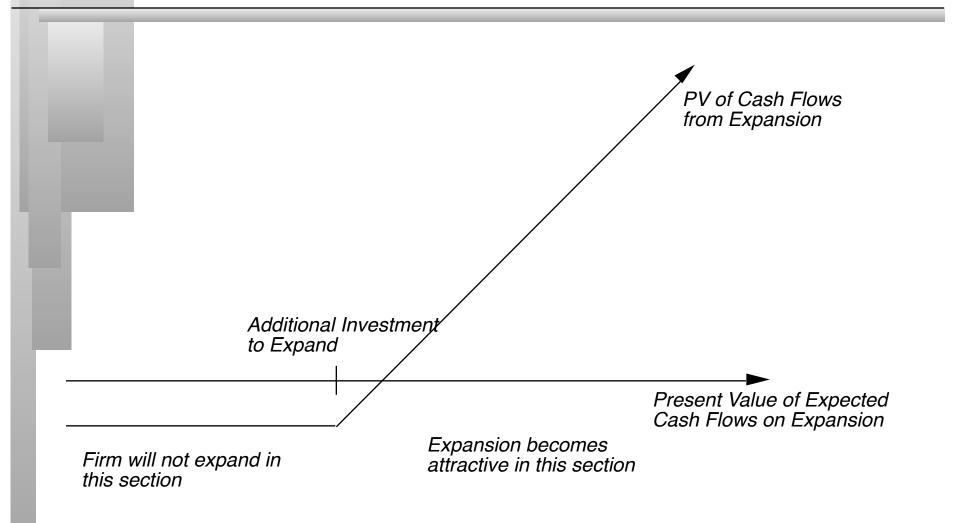
When is there an option embedded in an action?

- An option provides the holder with the **right** to buy or sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset at a fixed price (called a strike price or an exercise price) at or before the expiration date of the option.
- There has to be a <u>clearly defined underlying asset</u> whose value changes over time in unpredictable ways.
- The <u>payoffs on this asset</u> (real option) have to be <u>contingent on an specified</u> <u>event</u> occurring within a finite period.

Example 1: Product Patent as an Option



Example 2: Expansion of existing project as an option



When does the option have significant economic value?

- For an option to have significant economic value, there has to be a <u>restriction</u> on competition in the event of the contingency. In a perfectly competitive product market, no contingency, no matter how positive, will generate positive net present value.
- At the limit, real options are <u>most valuable when you have exclusivity</u> you and only you can take advantage of the contingency. They become less valuable as the barriers to competition become less steep.

Exclusivity: Putting Real Options to the Test

- Product Options: Patent on a drug
 - Patents restrict competitors from developing similar products
 - Patents do not restrict competitors from developing other products to treat the same disease.
- Growth Options: Expansion into a new product or market
 - Barriers may range from strong (exclusive licenses granted by the government as in telecom businesses) to weaker (brand name, knowledge of the market) to weakest (first mover).

Determinants of option value

- Variables Relating to Underlying Asset
 - <u>Value of Underlying Asset</u>; as this value increases, the right to buy at a fixed price (calls) will become more valuable and the right to sell at a fixed price (puts) will become less valuable.
 - <u>Variance in that value</u>; as the variance increases, both calls and puts will become more valuable because all options have limited downside and depend upon price volatility for upside.
 - Expected dividends on the asset, which are likely to reduce the price appreciation component of the asset, reducing the value of calls and increasing the value of puts.
- Variables Relating to Option
 - <u>Strike Price of Options</u>; the right to buy (sell) at a fixed price becomes more (less) valuable at a lower price.
 - <u>Life of the Option</u>; both calls and puts benefit from a longer life.
- Level of Interest Rates; as rates increase, the right to buy (sell) at a fixed price in the future becomes more (less) valuable.

The Building Blocks for Option Pricing Models: Arbitrage and Replication

- The objective in creating a replicating portfolio is to use a combination of riskfree borrowing/lending and the underlying asset to create the same cashflows as the option being valued.
 - Call = Borrowing + Buying Δ of the Underlying Stock
 - Put = Selling Short Δ on Underlying Asset + Lending
 - The number of shares bought or sold is called the **option delta**.
- The principles of arbitrage then apply, and the value of the option has to be equal to the value of the replicating portfolio.

When can you use option pricing models to value real options?

- The notion of a replicating portfolio that drives option pricing models makes them most suited for valuing real options where
 - The underlying asset is traded this yield not only observable prices and volatility as inputs to option pricing models but allows for the possibility of creating replicating portfolios
 - An active marketplace exists for the option itself.
 - The cost of exercising the option is known with some degree of certainty.
- When option pricing models are used to value real assets, we have to accept the fact that
 - The value estimates that emerge will be far more imprecise.
 - The value can deviate much more dramatically from market price because of the difficulty of arbitrage.

Valuing a Product Patent as an option: Avonex

Biogen, a bio-technology firm, has a patent on Avonex, a drug to treat multiple sclerosis, for the next 17 years, and it plans to produce and sell the drug by itself. The key inputs on the drug are as follows:

PV of Cash Flows from Introducing the Drug Now = S = \$3.422 billion

PV of Cost of Developing Drug for Commercial Use = K = 2.875 billion

Patent Life = t = 17 years Riskless Rate = r = 6.7% (17-year T.Bond rate)

Variance in Expected Present Values $=\sigma^2 = 0.224$ (Industry average firm variance for bio-tech firms)

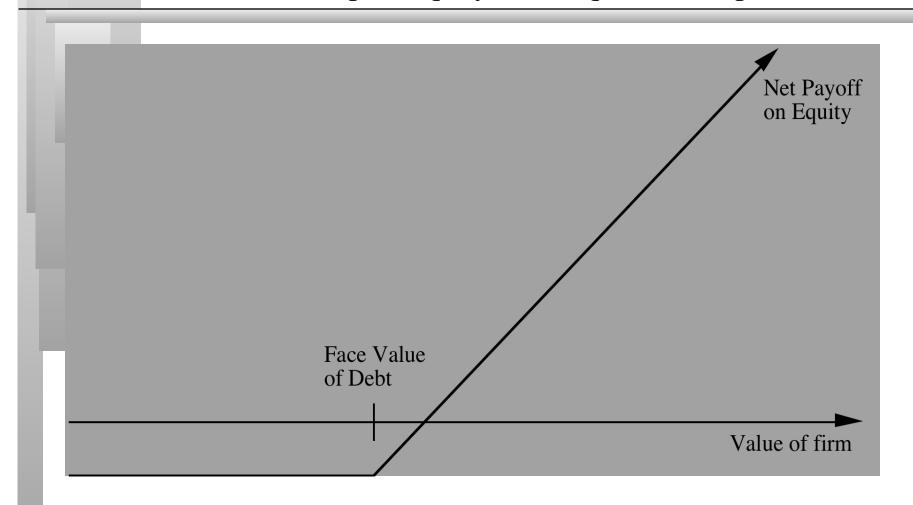
Expected Cost of Delay = y = 1/17 = 5.89%

$$d1 = 1.1362$$
 $N(d1) = 0.8720$

$$d2 = -0.8512$$
 $N(d2) = 0.2076$

Call Value= $3,422 \exp^{(-0.0589)(17)} (0.8720) - 2,875 (\exp^{(-0.067)(17)} (0.2076) = 907 million

One final example: Equity as a Liquidation Option



Application to valuation: A simple example

- Assume that you have a firm whose assets are currently valued at \$100 million and that the standard deviation in this asset value is 40%.
- Further, assume that the face value of debt is \$80 million (It is zero coupon debt with 10 years left to maturity).
- If the ten-year treasury bond rate is 10%,
 - how much is the equity worth?
 - What should the interest rate on debt be?

Valuing Equity as a Call Option

- Inputs to option pricing model
 - Value of the underlying asset = S = Value of the firm = \$ 100 million
 - Exercise price = K = Face Value of outstanding debt = \$80 million
 - Life of the option = t = Life of zero-coupon debt = 10 years
 - Variance in the value of the underlying asset = σ^2 = Variance in firm value = 0.16
 - Riskless rate = r = Treasury bond rate corresponding to option life = 10%
- Based upon these inputs, the Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:
 - d1 = 1.5994 N(d1) = 0.9451
 - d2 = 0.3345 N(d2) = 0.6310
- Value of the call = $100 (0.9451) 80 \exp^{(-0.10)(10)} (0.6310) = 75.94 million
- Value of the outstanding debt = \$100 \$75.94 = \$24.06 million
- Interest rate on debt = $(\$ 80 / \$24.06)^{1/10} 1 = 12.77\%$

The Effect of Catastrophic Drops in Value

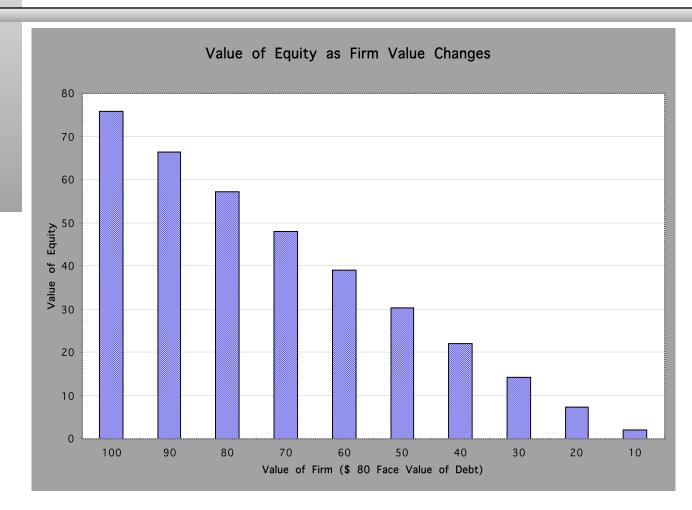
- Assume now that a catastrophe wipes out half the value of this firm (the value drops to \$ 50 million), while the face value of the debt remains at \$ 80 million. Consider the new inputs into the equity valuation:
 - Value of the underlying asset = S = Value of the firm = \$ 50 million
 - Exercise price = K = Face Value of outstanding debt = \$80 million
 - Life of the option = t = Life of zero-coupon debt = 10 years
 - Variance in the value of the underlying asset = σ^2 = Variance in firm value = 0.16
 - Riskless rate = r = Treasury bond rate corresponding to option life = 10%
- Based upon these inputs, the Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:

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$$d1 = 1.0515$$
 $N(d1) = 0.8534$

$$d2 = -0.2135$$
 $N(d2) = 0.4155$

- Value of the call (Equity)= $50 (0.8534) 80 \exp^{(-0.10)(10)} (0.4155) = 30.44 million
- Value of the debt= \$50 \$30.44 = \$19.56 million

Equity value persists ..



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