Lesson 1: Financial service companies are opaque…

- With financial service firms, we enter into a Faustian bargain. They tell us very little about the quality of their assets (loans, for a bank, for instance are not broken down by default risk status) but we accept that in return for assets being marked to market (by accountants who presumably have access to the information that we don't have).
- In addition, estimating cash flows for a financial service firm is difficult to do. So, we trust financial service firms to pay out their cash flows as dividends. Hence, the use of the dividend discount model.
- During times of crises or when you don't trust banks to pay out what they can afford to in dividends, using the dividend discount model may not give you a "reliable" value.

Lesson 2: For financial service companies, book value matters…

- The book value of assets and equity is mostly irrelevant when valuing non-financial service companies. After all, the book value of equity is a historical figure and can be nonsensical. (The book value of equity can be negative and is so for more than a 1000 publicly traded US companies)
- With financial service firms, book value of equity is relevant for two reasons:
  - Since financial service firms mark to market, the book value is more likely to reflect what the firms own right now (rather than a historical value)
  - The regulatory capital ratios are based on book equity. Thus, a bank with negative or even low book equity will be shut down by the regulators.
- From a valuation perspective, it therefore makes sense to pay heed to book value. In fact, you can argue that reinvestment for a bank is the amount that it needs to add to book equity to sustain its growth ambitions and safety requirements:
  - FCFE = Net Income – Reinvestment in regulatory capital (book equity)

Deutsche Bank: A Crisis Valuation (October 2016)

Risk adjusted assets grows at inflation rate of 1% a year forever.

Tier 1 capital ratio increases to 15.67%, the 75th percentile for all banks

Expected DOJ fine of $10 billions lower Tier 1 capital today

Common Equity increases in tandem with Tier 1 capital

Cost of equity starts at 10.2% (75th percentile of banks) & decreases after year 5 to 9.44% (median across banks).

	Current	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Risk Adjusted Assets	$ 445,570	$ 450,026	$ 454,526	$ 459,071	$ 463,662	$ 468,299	$ 472,982	$ 477,711	$ 482,488	$ 487,313	$ 492,186
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	12.41%	13.74%	13.95%	14.17%	14.38%	14.60%	14.81%	15.03%	15.24%	15.46%	15.67%
Tier 1 Capital (Risk Adjusted Assets * T	$55,282	$61,834	$63,427	$65,045	$66,690	$68,361	$70,059	$71,784	$73,537	$75,317	$77,126
Change in regulatory capital (Tier 1)		$6,552	$1,593	$1,619	$1,645	$1,671	$1,698	$1,725	$1,753	$1,780	$1,809
Book Equity	$64,609	$71,161	$72,754	$74,372	$76,017	$77,688	$79,386	$81,111	$82,864	$84,644	$86,453
Expected ROE	-13.70%	-7.18%	-2.84%	0.06%	1.99%	5.85%	6.568%	7.286%	8.004%	8.722%	9.440%
Net Income (Book Equity * ROE)	$ (8,851)	$ (5,111)	$ (2,065)	$ 43	$ 1,512	$ 4,545	$ 5,214	$ 5,910	$ 6,632	$ 7,383	$ 8,161
- Investment in Regulatory Capital		$ 6,552	$ 1,593	$ 1,619	$ 1,645	$ 1,671	$ 1,698	$ 1,725	$ 1,753	$ 1,780	$ 1,809
FCFE		$ (11,663)	$ (3,658)	$ (1,576)	$ (133)	$ 2,874	$ 3,516	$ 4,185	$ 4,880	$ 5,602	$ 6,352
Terminal value of equity											$87,317
Present value		$ (10,583)	$ (3,012)	$ (1,178)	$ (90)	$ 1,768	$ 1,966	$ 2,129	$ 2,262	$ 2,370	$ 36,207
Cost of equity	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.048%	9.896%	9.744%	9.592%	9.440%
Cumulative Cost of equity		1.1020	1.2144	1.3383	1.4748	1.6252	1.7885	1.9655	2.1570	2.3639	2.5871
Value of equity today =	$31,838.74										
Number of shares outstanding =	1386.00										
DCF Value per share =	**$ 22.97**										
Probability of equity wipeout	10.00%										
Adjusted value per share =	**$ 20.67**										
Stock price on October 3, 2016=	**$ 13.33**										

Value per share adjusted for probability of catastrophic failure (bailout) resulting in complete loss of equity.

Return on equity increases to 5.85% (25th percentile of banks) in year 5 and 9,44% (cost of equity) in year 10

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Lesson 3: Not all financial service firms are built alike..

- Financial service is a broad category, and while banks may be its most substantive component, there are a range of other companies, with very different business models.
- For instance, payment processing companies and credit card companies are also financial service companies, but they derive their value from
  - Getting consumers to use their platforms to make payments to businesses or to each other, resulting in transactions on the platform (called Gross Merchandising Value or GMV)
  - Keeping a slice, called a take rate, of the GMV for themselves.

Paytm						Sep-21
The Story						
Paytm will continue its dominance of the Indian mobile payment market, while that market continues to grow. Along the way, its management will focus more on converting transactions on its platform into revenues, and revenues into operating income.						
The Assumptions						
	Base year	*Next year*	*Years 2-5*	*Years 6-10*	*After year 10*	*Link to story*
GMV	₹ 4,033,000	40.00%	40.00%	4.19%	4.19%	Growing mobile payment market
Revenue as % of GMV	0.79%	0.83%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	Take rate improves, as company matures
Operating margin (b)	-49.00%	-20.0%	5.00%	30.00%	30.00%	High-margin intermediary business
Tax rate	25.00%		25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	Converge on statutory tax rate
Reinvestment (c)		3.00	2.45	2.45	27.93%	Industry average reinvestment, for capital intensive business.
Return on capital	-21.78%	Marginal ROIC =	80.13%		15.00%	Competitive advantages fade over time.
Cost of capital (d)			10.44%	8.91%	8.91%	Cost of capital relatively stable.
The Cash Flows						
	GMV	*Revenues*	*Operating Margin*	*EBIT (1-t)*	*Reinvestment*	*FCFF*
1	₹ 5,646,200	₹ 46,984.56	-20.00%	₹ -9,396.91	₹ 5,038.85	₹ -14,435.77
2	₹ 7,904,680	₹ 69,095.49	-10.00%	₹ -6,909.55	₹ 9,024.87	₹ -15,934.42
3	₹ 11,066,552	₹ 101,377.63	-5.00%	₹ -5,068.88	₹ 13,176.38	₹ -18,245.27
4	₹ 15,493,173	₹ 148,430.20	0.00%	₹ -0.00	₹ 19,205.13	₹ -19,205.13
5	₹ 21,690,442	₹ 216,904.42	5.00%	₹ 10,845.22	₹ 27,948.66	₹ -17,103.44
6	₹ 28,813,149	₹ 345,757.79	10.00%	₹ 28,564.36	₹ 52,593.21	₹ -24,028.85
7	₹ 36,211,213	₹ 506,956.99	15.00%	₹ 57,032.66	₹ 65,795.59	₹ -8,762.93
8	₹ 42,915,357	₹ 686,645.72	20.00%	₹ 102,996.86	₹ 73,342.34	₹ 29,654.52
9	₹ 47,787,109	₹ 860,167.96	25.00%	₹ 161,281.49	₹ 70,825.40	₹ 90,456.09
10	₹ 49,789,389	₹ 995,787.77	30.00%	₹ 224,052.25	₹ 55,355.03	₹ 168,697.22
Terminal year	₹ 51,875,564	₹ 1,037,511.28	30.00%	₹ 233,440.04	₹ 65,207.58	₹ 168,232.45
The Value						
Terminal value		₹ 3,564,246.92				
PV(Terminal value)		₹ 1,377,090.74				
PV (CF over next 10 years)		₹ 36,169.53				
Value of operating assets =		₹ 1,413,260.27				
Adjustment for distress		₹ 35,331.51			Probability of failure =	5.00%
- Debt & Minority Interests		₹ 12,006.00				
+ Cash & Other Non-operating assets		₹ 7,785.00				
+IPO Proceeds		₹ 83,000.00	*Total proceeds expected to be 166,000, but half will be cashing out existing stockholders.*			
Value of equity		₹ 1,456,707.76				
- Value of equity options		₹ 45,696.90				
Number of shares		644.23				
Value per share		₹ 2,190.24			Stock was trading at =	₹ 2,950.00

VI. Valuing Companies with "intangible" assets

If capital expenditures are miscategorized as operating expenses, it becomes very difficult to assess how much a firm is reinvesting for future growth and how well its investments are doing.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

The capital expenditures associated with acquiring intangible assets (technology, himan capital) are mis-categorized as operating expenses, leading to inccorect accounting earnings and measures of capital invested.

It ican be more difficult to borrow against intangible assets than it is against tangible assets. The risk in operations can change depending upon how stable the intangbiel asset is.

Intangbile assets such as brand name and customer loyalty can last for very long periods or dissipate overnight.

Lesson 1: Accounting rules are cluttered with inconsistencies…

- If we start with accounting first principles, capital expenditures are expenditures designed to create benefits over many periods. They should not be used to reduce operating income in the period that they are made, but should be depreciated/amortized over their life. They should show up as assets on the balance sheet.
- Accounting is consistent in its treatment of cap ex with manufacturing firms, but is inconsistent with firms that do not fit the mold.
  - With pharmaceutical and technology firms, R&D is the ultimate cap ex but is treated as an operating expense.
  - With consulting firms and other firms dependent on human capital, recruiting and training expenses are your long term investments that are treated as operating expenses.
  - With brand name consumer product companies, a portion of the advertising expense is to build up brand name and is the real capital expenditure. It is treated as an operating expense.

Lesson 2: And fixing those inconsistencies can alter your view of a company and affect its value

	No R&D adjustment	R&D adjustment
EBIT	$5,071	$7,336
Invested Capital	$25,277	$33,173
ROIC	14.58%	18.26%
Reinvestment Rate	115.68%	106.98%
Value of firm	$58,617	$95,497
Value of equity	$50,346	$87,226
Value/share	$42.73	$74.33

VII. Valuing cyclical and commodity companies

Company growth often comes from movements in the economic cycle, for cyclical firms, or commodity prices, for commodity companies.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Historial revenue and earnings data are volatile, as the economic cycle and commodity prices change.

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

Primary risk is from the economy for cyclical firms and from commodity price movements for commodity companies. These risks can stay dormant for long periods of apparent prosperity.

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

For commodity companies, the fact that there are only finite amounts of the commodity may put a limit on growth forever. For cyclical firms, there is the peril that the next recession may put an end to the firm.

Lesson 1: With "macro" companies, it is easy to get lost in "macro" assumptions…

- With cyclical and commodity companies, it is undeniable that the value you arrive at will be affected by your views on the economy or the price of the commodity.
- Consequently, you will feel the urge to take a stand on these macro variables and build them into your valuation. Doing so, though, will create valuations that are jointly impacted by your views on macro variables and your views on the company, and it is difficult to separate the two.
- The best (though not easiest) thing to do is to separate your macro views from your micro views. Use current market based numbers for your valuation, but then provide a separate assessment of what you think about those market numbers.

Lesson 2: Use probabilistic tools to assess value as a function of macro variables…

- If there is a key macro variable affecting the value of your company that you are uncertain about (and who is not), why not quantify the uncertainty in a distribution (rather than a single price) and use that distribution in your valuation.
- That is exactly what you do in a Monte Carlo simulation, where you allow one or more variables to be distributions and compute a distribution of values for the company.
- With a simulation, you get not only everything you would get in a standard valuation (an estimated value for your company) but you will get additional output (on the variation in that value and the likelihood that your firm is under or over valued)

Shell: A "Oil Price" Neutral Valuation: March 2016

Revenue calculated from prevailing oil price of $40/barrel in March 2016
Revenue = 39992.77+4039.40*$40 = $201,569

Compounded revenue growth of 3.91% a year, based on Shell's historical revenue growth rate from 2000 to 2015

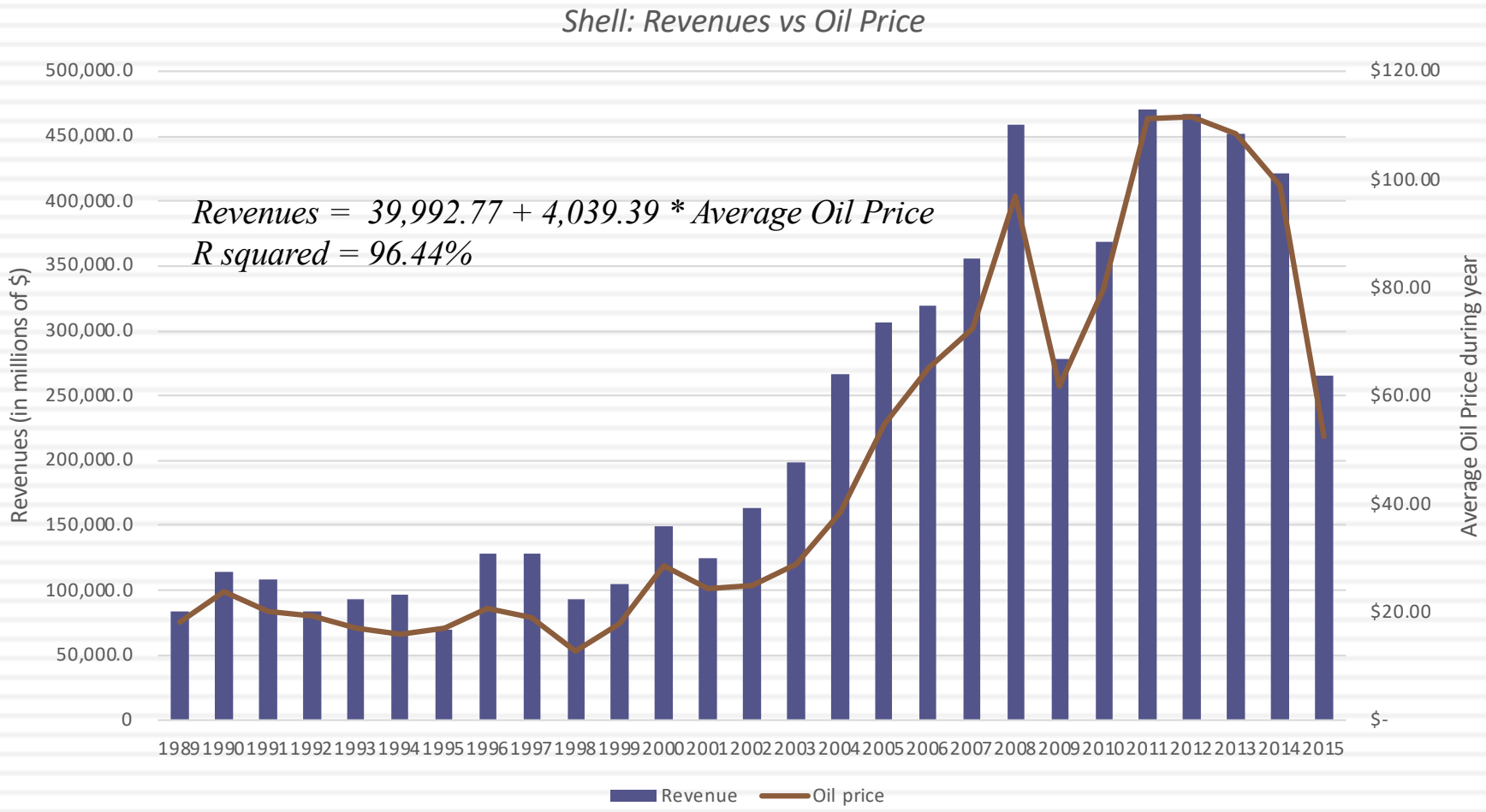
	Base Year	1	2	3	4	5	Terminal Year
Revenues	$ 201,569	$ 209,450	$ 217,639	$ 226,149	$ 234,991	$ 244,180	$ 249,063
Operating Margin	3.01%	6.18%	7.76%	8.56%	8.95%	9.35%	9.35%
Operating Income	$ 6,065.00	$ 12,942.85	$ 16,899.10	$ 19,352.39	$ 21,040.39	$ 22,830.80	$ 23,287.41
Effective tax rate	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%	30.00%
AT Operating Income	$ 4,245.50	$ 9,060.00	$ 11,829.37	$ 13,546.68	$ 14,728.27	$ 15,981.56	$ 16,301.19
+ Depreciation	$ 26,714.00	$ 27,759	$ 28,844	$ 29,972	$ 31,144	$ 32,361	
- Cap Ex	$ 31,854.00	$ 33,099	$ 34,394	$ 35,738	$ 37,136	$ 38,588	
- Chg in WC		$ 472.88	$ 491.37	$ 510.58	$ 530.55	$ 551.29	
FCFF		$ 3,246.14	$ 5,788.19	$ 7,269.29	$ 8,205.44	$ 9,203.68	$ 13,011.34
Terminal Value						$ 216,855.71	
Return on capital							12.37%
Cost of Capital		9.91%	9.91%	9.91%	9.91%	9.91%	8.00%
Cumulated Discount Factor		1.0991	1.2080	1.3277	1.4593	1.6039	
Present Value		$ 2,953.45	$ 4,791.47	$ 5,474.95	$ 5,622.81	$ 140,940.73	
Value of Operating Assets	$ 159,783.41						
+ Cash	$ 31,752.00						
+ Cross Holdings	$ 33,566.00						
- Debt	$ 58,379.00						
- Minority Interets	$ 1,245.00						
Value of Equity	$ 165,477.41						
Number of shares	4209.7						
Value per share	$ 39.31						

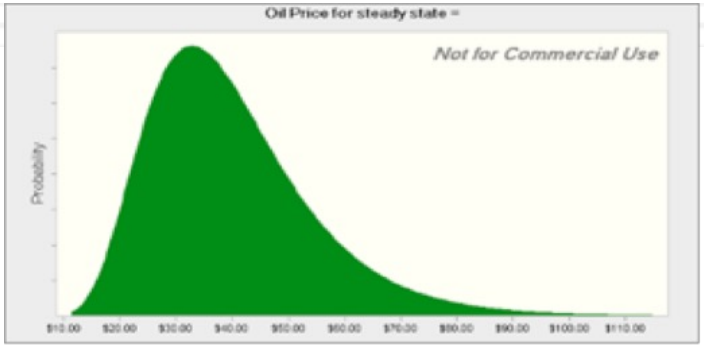
Operating margin converges on Shell's historical average margin of 9.35% from 200-2015

Return on capital reverts and stays at Shell's historic average of 12.37% from 200-2015

Added long term investments in joint ventures and subtracted out minority interest in consolidated holdings.

Shell's Revenues & Oil Prices





Revenue calculated from the oil price drawn from distribution
Revenue = 39992.77+4039.40*Oil Price/Barrel

Pre-tax Operating Income based on revenue & selected margin
Pre-tax Operating Income = Revenues * Operating Margin

Value Shell based on operating income, assuming other assumptions (tax rate, revenue growth, cost of capital

Percentiles:	Forecast values
0%	$6.55
10%	$23.90
20%	$27.73
30%	$30.89
40%	$33.88
50%	$36.99
60%	$40.28
70%	$44.22
80%	$49.24
90%	$57.49
100%	$197.11