

Chapter 5 Risk and Return: Past and Prologue

1. $V(12/31/2007) = V(1/1/1991) \times (1 + g)^7 = \$140,710.04$

2. i and ii. The standard deviation is non-negative.

4. $E(r) = 14\%$

$$\sigma^2 = 540$$

$$\sigma = 23.24\%$$

The mean is unchanged, but the standard deviation has increased.

5.

a. The holding period returns for the three scenarios are:

Boom: 30.00%

Normal: 10.00%

Recession: -13.75%

$$E(\text{HPR}) = 8.75\%$$

$$\sigma^2(\text{HPR}) = 319.79$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{319.79} = 17.88\%$$

b. $E(r) = 6.375\%$

$$\sigma = 8.94\%$$

6. Investment 3. For each portfolio: $Utility = E(r) - (0.5 \times 4 \times \sigma^2)$

Investment	E(r)	σ	U
1	0.12	0.30	-0.0600
2	0.15	0.50	-0.3500
3	0.21	0.16	0.1588
4	0.24	0.21	0.1518

We choose the portfolio with the highest utility value.

8. b

9. $E(r_X) = 20\%$

$$E(r_Y) = 10\%$$

10. $\sigma_X^2 = 592$

$$\sigma_X = 24.33\%$$

$$\sigma_Y = 175$$

$$\sigma_Y = 13.23\%$$

11. $E(r) = 19\%$

12. The probability is 0.50 that the state of the economy is neutral. Given a neutral economy, the probability that the performance of the stock will be poor is 0.30, and the probability of both a neutral economy and poor stock performance is: 0.15

13. $E(r) = 11.4\%$

14.

- a. Time-weighted average returns are based on year-by-year rates of return.

Year	Return = [(capital gains + dividend)/price]
2005-2006	14.00%
2006-2007	-14.55%
2007-2008	10.00%

Arithmetic mean: 3.15%

Geometric mean: 2.33%

16. In the table below, we use data from Table 5.3 and the approximation: $r \cong R - i$:

Large Stocks:	$r \cong 9.06\%$
Small Stocks:	$r \cong 15.01\%$
Long-Term T-Bonds:	$r \cong 2.51\%$
T-Bills:	$r \cong 0.64\%$

Next, we compute real rates using the exact relationship:

$$r = \frac{1 + R}{1 + i} - 1 = \frac{R - i}{1 + i}$$

Large Stocks:	$r = 8.79\%$
Small Stocks:	$r = 14.55\%$
Long-Term T-Bonds:	$r = 2.43\%$
T-Bills:	$r = 0.62\%$

19.

a. Mean of portfolio = $(1 - y)r_f + y r_P = r_f + (r_P - r_f)y = 7 + 10y$

If the expected rate of return for the portfolio is 15%, then, solving for y:

$$15 = 7 + 10y \Rightarrow y = \frac{15 - 7}{10} = 0.8$$

Therefore, in order to achieve an expected rate of return of 15%, the client must invest 80% of total funds in the risky portfolio and 20% in T-bills.

b.

Security	Investment Proportions
T-Bills	20.0%
Stock A	21.6%
Stock B	26.4%
Stock C	32.0%

c. $\sigma_P = 21.6\%$ per year