

Finance 510-B  
Problem Set 1

Work on individually. Due via e-mail on Friday, January 22, at 6:00 pm Tucson time.

Submit on a spreadsheet whose name includes your name.

Place each question in a separate worksheet within the spreadsheet.

Your answers must use the data that I sent you in a csv file on Monday, January 11. All students files are different.

1. What is the market capitalization of Stock 1 at Time 0? What is the market capitalization of Stock 2 at Time 0?
2. What are the market capitalizations of these 2 stocks at Time Month 120?
3. Suppose that you bought 100 shares of Stock 1 at Time 0. You reinvest all cash dividends and retain all stock distributions over the 120 month holding period.
  - (a) What will this position be worth after 120 months?
  - (b) What is your annualized holding period return on this position?
4. Suppose you formed a \$50,000 portfolio at Time 0, with the weights in the 2 stocks based on market values (i.e., a value-weighted portfolio).
  - (a) What will this portfolio be worth after 120 months, assuming that you reinvest all cash dividends and retain all stock distributions in both stocks over the 120 month holding period?
  - (b) What will your portfolio weights be after 120 months?
5. What are the mean monthly (log) rates of return on these 2 stocks?
6. What are the standard deviations of the (log) monthly rates of return on these 2 stocks?
7. Provide graphs of the cumulative distribution function and the probability density functions of the monthly (log) rates of return on these 2 stocks, under the assumption that they are normally distributed.
8. Under the assumption of normality, what are the 1%ile and 5%ile values under the distributions for each of these two stocks? What is the 95% confidence interval around the mean for each of these two stocks?
9. What is the correlation between the monthly log returns of Stocks 1 and 2? What is the covariation between the monthly log returns of Stocks 1 and 2?