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## : DSE-II Mathematical Finance

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Attempt any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Determine the effective rates of interest corresponding to the $5 \%$ rate of interest compounded daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and continuously. Arrange them in increasing order.
2. If one-year and two-year spot rates are $s_{1}=4 \%$ and $s_{2}=5 \%$ respectively, then find the forward rate $f_{12}$. If the spot rate curve is $(4.0,5.0,5.4,5.6,5.8,6.0)$, then find the spot rate curve of the next year.
3. Assume that there are three assets having mean rates of return $\bar{r}_{1}=8 \%, \bar{r}_{2}=10 \%, \bar{r}_{3}=6 \%$, standard deviations $\sigma_{1}=1.5, \sigma_{2}=0.5, \sigma_{3}=1.2$ and correlations $\rho_{12}=0.3, \rho_{23}=0, \rho_{13}=$ -0.2 .
(a) Find the covariance matrix for these three assets.
(b) Find the minimum-variance portfolio.
(c) Find another efficient portfolio by setting $\lambda=1, \mu=0$.
(d) If the risk-free rate is $r_{f}=5 \%$, then find the one fund of risky assets as specified in one-fund theorem.
4. Consider a market in which there are only two risky assets $A$ and $B$, and a risk-free asset $F$. The total values of the assets in the market are $\$ 200,000$ and $\$ 100,000$, respectively. The market portfolio $M$ consists of assets $A$ and $B$ in proportion to their market values. The following information is known: $r_{F}=.07, \bar{r}_{A}=.12, \bar{r}_{B}=.15, \sigma_{A}^{2}=.06, \sigma_{B}^{2}=.09, \sigma_{A B}=.01$.
(a) Write down the expression for the market portfolio in terms of the weights $w_{1}$ and $w_{2}$ of the two assets $A$ and $B$ in the market portfolio.
(b) Find the expected return and the standard deviation of the market portfolio $M$.
(c) Calculate $\sigma_{A M}, \sigma_{B M}$ and hence find the beta of the stocks $A$ and $B$.
(d) Verify that the beta of the market portfolio $M$ is 1 .
5. Consider a long forward contract to purchase a non-dividend paying stock in 6 months. The current price of the stock is $\$ 100$ and the six-month risk-free rate is $10 \%$ per annum compounding continuously. Obtain the forward price and discuss the arbitrage opportunities if the forward price is $\$ 104$.
6. The price of a non-dividend paying stock is $\$ 19$ and the price of a three-month European call option on the above stock with strike price $\$ 20$ is $\$ 1$. The risk-free rate is $4 \%$ per annum compounding continuously. Find the price of a 3-month European put option written on the same stock with strike price $\$ 20$ ? If the above European put option is selling at $\$ 2$, then identify an arbitrage opportunity if it exists.
