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Derivatives Markets ROBERT L. MCDONALD Northwestern University Derivatives tools and concepts permeate modern finance. An authoritative treatment from a recognized expert, Derivatives Markets presents the sometimes challenging world of futures, options, and other derivatives in an accessible, cohesive, and intuitive manner. Some features of the book include: *Insights into pricing models. Formulas are motivated and explained intuitively. Links between the various derivative instruments are highlighted. Students learn how derivatives markets work, with an emphasis on the role of competitive market-makers in determining prices. *A tiered approach to mathematics. Most of the book assumes only basic mathematics, such as solving two equations in two unknowns. The last quarter of the book uses calculus, and provides an introduction to the concepts and pricing techniques that are widely used in derivatives today. *An applied emphasis. Chapters on corporate applications, financial engineering, and real options illustrate the broad applicability of the tools and models developed in the book. A rich array of examples bolsters the theory. *A computation-friendly approach. Excel spreadsheets. Visual Basic code for the pricing functions is included, and can be modified for your own use. ADVANCE PRAISE FROM THE MARKET Derivatives Markets provides a comprehensive yet in-depth treatment of the theory, institutions, and applications of derivatives. McDonald is a master teacher and researcher in the field and makes the reading effortless and exciting with his intuitive writing style and the liberal use of numerical examples and cases sprinkled throughout...(It) is a terrific book, and I highly recommend it. Geroge Constantinides University of Chicago ...the most appealing part of the writing is how replete the text is with intuition and how effortless it is woven throughout. Ken Kavajecz University of Pennsylvania ...a wonderful blend of the economics and mathematics of derivatives pricing. After reading the book, the student will have not only an understanding of derivatives pricing models but also of derivatives markets...The technical development...brings the student/reader remarkably close to state of the art with carefully chosen and developed mathematical machinery.
Financial Economics, by Frank Fabozzi, Ted Neave, and Gaofu Zhou, presents an introduction to basic financial ideas through a strong grounding in microeconomic theory. This calculus based text explores the theoretical framework for analyzing the decisions by individuals and managers of firms, an area which is coming to both financial economics and microeconomics. It also explores the interplay of these decisions on the prices of financial assets. The authors provide rigorous coverage aimed at assisting the undergraduate and masters-level students to better understand the principles and practical application of financial economic theory. In addition, the book serves as a supplemental reference for doctoral students in economics and finance, as well as for practitioners who are interested in knowing more about the theory and intuition behind many coming practices in finance. In short, the book focuses on economic principles and on putting these principles to work in the various fields of finance - financial management, investment management, risk management, and asset and derivatives pricing.
A comprehensive guide to the current theories and methodologies intrinsic to fixed-income securities Written by well-known experts from a cross-section of academia and

finance, Handbook of Fixed-Income Securities features a compilation of the most up-to-date fixed-income securities techniques and methods. The book presents crucial topics of fixed-income in an accessible and logical format. Emphasizing empirical research and real-life applications, the book explores a wide range of topics from the risk and return of fixed-income investments, to the impact of monetary policy on interest rates, to the post-crisis new regulatory landscape.

Securities Valuation: Applications of Financial Modeling is a clear, concise guide to securities valuation and the principles of financial theory. It describes state-of-the-art methods for valuing a broad range of securities: equity, equity and interest rate options, swaps and swaptions, treasuries, corporate bonds with and without credit risks, mortgage-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, credit derivative swaps, and more. Thomas Ho and Sang Bin Lee use their combined fifty years of experience in academia, financial business, and public services to present students and general readers with twenty-six challenging cases. These cases describe the contexts in which financial models are used, the practical complications of these models, and ways to deal with their limitations. Each chapter begins with a problem in valuation, formulates models for it, and then provides the solutions. The assumptions, input data, and output solutions for each model are clearly stated. The model is illustrated by a numerical example rendered in Excel. A companion website-www.thomasho.com-contains more than 130 Excel files of all the financial models from this book and its three companion volumes. Users can download the models, analyze them on their spreadsheets, and use them to do practice exercises Securities Valuation: Applications of Financial Modeling is ideal for undergraduate and graduate courses in finance and mathematical finance as well as for professional training programs. It is part of a series on financial modeling by the authors that also includes The Oxford Guide to Financial Modeling. Future titles in the series will focus on financial modeling for options, futures, and derivatives and financial modeling for financial institutions.

In this book, two of America's leading economists provide the first integrated treatment of the conceptual, practical, and empirical foundations for credit risk pricing and risk measurement. Masterfully applying theory to practice, Darrell Duffie and Kenneth Singleton model credit risk for the purpose of measuring portfolio risk and pricing defaultable bonds, credit derivatives, and other securities exposed to credit risk. The methodological rigor, scope, and sophistication of their state-of-the-art account is unparalleled, and its singularly in-depth treatment of pricing and credit derivatives further illuminates a problem that has drawn much attention in an era when financial institutions the world over are revising their credit management strategies. Duffie and Singleton offer critical assessments of alternative approaches to credit-risk modeling, while highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of current practice. Their approach blends in-depth discussions of the conceptual foundations of modeling with extensive analyses of the empirical properties of such credit-related time series as default probabilities, recoveries, ratings transitions, and yield spreads. Both the "structura" and "reduced-form" approaches to pricing defaultable securities are presented, and their comparative fits to historical data are assessed. The authors also provide a comprehensive treatment of the pricing of credit derivatives, including credit swaps, collateralized debt obligations, credit guarantees, lines of credit, and spread options. Not least, they describe certain enhancements to current pricing and management

practices that, they argue, will better position financial institutions for future changes in the financial markets. Credit Risk is an indispensable resource for risk managers, traders or regulators dealing with financial products with a significant credit risk component, as well as for academic researchers and students.

The book offers a detailed, robust, and consistent framework for the joint consideration of portfolio exposure, risk, and performance across a wide range of underlying fixed-income instruments and risk factors. Through extensive use of practical examples, the author also highlights the necessary technical tools and the common pitfalls that arise when working in this area. Finally, the book discusses tools for testing the reasonableness of the key analytics to help build and maintain confidence for using these techniques in day-to-day decision making. This will be of keen interest to risk managers, analysts and asset managers responsible for fixed-income portfolios.

A Comprehensive Guide to All Aspects of Fixed Income Securities Fixed Income Securities, Second Edition sets the standard for a concise, complete explanation of the dynamics and opportunities inherent in today's fixed income marketplace. Frank Fabozzi combines all the various aspects of the fixed income market, including valuation, the interest rates of risk measurement, portfolio factors, and qualities of individual sectors, into an all-inclusive text with one cohesive voice. This comprehensive guide provides complete coverage of the wide range of fixed income securities, including: * U.S. Treasury securities * Agencies * Municipal securities * Asset-backed securities * Corporate and international bonds * Mortgage-backed securities, including CMOs * Collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) For the financial professional who needs to understand the fundamental and unique characteristics of fixed income securities, Fixed Income Securities, Second Edition offers the most up-to-date facts and formulas needed to navigate today's fast-changing financial markets. Increase your knowledge of this market and enhance your financial performance over the long-term with Fixed Income Securities, Second Edition. www.wileyfinance.com

The standard reference for fixed income portfolio managers Despite their conservative nature, fixed income instruments are among the investment industry's most complex and potentially risky investments. Fixed Income Mathematics is recognized worldwide as the essential professional reference for understanding the concepts and evaluative methodologies for bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and other fixed income instruments. This fully revised and updated fourth edition features all-new illustrations of the future and present value of money, with appendices on continuous compounding and new sections and chapters addressing risk measures, cash flow characteristics of credit-sensitive mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, and more.

Financial Risk Forecasting is a complete introduction to practical quantitative risk management, with a focus on market risk. Derived from the authors teaching notes and years spent training practitioners in risk management techniques, it brings together the three key disciplines of finance, statistics and modeling (programming), to provide a thorough grounding in risk management techniques. Written by renowned risk expert Jon Danielsson, the book begins with an introduction to financial markets and market prices, volatility clusters, fat tails and nonlinear dependence. It then goes on to present volatility forecasting with both univatiate and multivatiate methods, discussing the various methods used by industry, with a special focus on the GARCH family of models. The evaluation of the quality of forecasts is discussed in detail. Next, the main concepts in risk and models to forecast risk are discussed, especially

volatility, value-at-risk and expected shortfall. The focus is both on risk in basic assets such as stocks and foreign exchange, but also calculations of risk in bonds and options, with analytical methods such as delta-normal VaR and duration-normal VaR and Monte Carlo simulation. The book then moves on to the evaluation of risk models with methods like backtesting, followed by a discussion on stress testing. The book concludes by focussing on the forecasting of risk in very large and uncommon events with extreme value theory and considering the underlying assumptions behind almost every risk model in practical use – that risk is exogenous – and what happens when those assumptions are violated. Every method presented brings together theoretical discussion and derivation of key equations and a discussion of issues in practical implementation. Each method is implemented in both MATLAB and R, two of the most commonly used mathematical programming languages for risk forecasting with which the reader can implement the models illustrated in the book. The book includes four appendices. The first introduces basic concepts in statistics and financial time series referred to throughout the book. The second and third introduce R and MATLAB, providing a discussion of the basic implementation of the software packages. And the final looks at the concept of maximum likelihood, especially issues in implementation and testing. The book is accompanied by a website - www.financialriskforecasting.com – which features downloadable code as used in the book.

Features topics include: -Analysis of Treasury Markets including the auction mechanisms covering discriminatory auctions and the Treasury's experiment with uniform price auction.-Description and analysis of when-issued markets, interdealer broker markets, auctions and the secondary markets.-Extensive coverage of bond mathematics with over 20 complete real-world examples, including the application of bond mathematics to tracing and portfolio management.

A step-by-step explanation of the mathematical models used to price derivatives. For this second edition, Salih Neftci has expanded one chapter, added six new ones, and inserted chapter-concluding exercises. He does not assume that the reader has a thorough mathematical background. His explanations of financial calculus seek to be simple and perceptive.

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United States and abroad, and their sources, such as liquidity and volatility • Advanced topics, with a focus on the most recent research on term structure models and econometrics, the dynamics of bond illiquidity, and the puzzling dynamics of stocks and bonds • Derivatives markets, including a detailed discussion of the new regulatory landscape after the financial crisis and an introduction to no-arbitrage derivatives pricing • Further topics on derivatives pricing that cover modern valuation techniques, such as Monte Carlo simulations, volatility surfaces, and no-arbitrage pricing with regulatory constraints • Corporate and sovereign bonds with a detailed discussion of the tools required to analyze default risk, the relevant empirical evidence, and a special focus on the recent sovereign crises A complete reference for practitioners in the fields of finance, business, applied statistics, econometrics, and engineering, Handbook of Fixed-Income Securities is also a useful supplementary textbook for graduate and MBA-level courses on fixed-income securities, risk management, volatility, bonds, derivatives, and financial markets. Pietro Veronesi, PhD, is Roman Family Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, where he teaches Masters and PhD-level courses in fixed income, risk management, and asset pricing. Published in leading academic journals and honored by numerous awards, his research focuses on stock and bond valuation, return predictability, bubbles and crashes, and the relation between asset prices and government policies.

The underexamined art and science of managing the federal government's huge debt. Everyone talks about the size of the U.S. national debt, now at $13 trillion and climbing, but few talk about how the U.S. Treasury does the borrowing—even though it is one of the world's largest borrowers. Everyone from bond traders to the home-buying public is affected by the Treasury's decisions about whether to borrow short or long term and what types of bonds to sell to investors. What is the best way for the Treasury to finance the government's huge debt? Harvard's Robin Greenwood, Sam Hanson, Joshua Rudolph, and Larry Summers argue that the Treasury could save taxpayers money and help the economy by borrowing more short term and less long term. They also argue that the Treasury and the Federal Reserve made a huge mistake in recent years by rowing in opposite directions: while the Fed was buying long-term bonds to push investors into other assets, the Treasury was doing the opposite—selling investors more long-term bonds. This book includes responses from a variety of public and private sector experts on how the Treasury does its borrowing, some of whom have criticized the way the Treasury has been managing its borrowing.

Rebonato provides an authoritative, clear, and up-to-date explanation of the cutting-edge innovations in affine modeling for government bonds, and provides readers with the precise tools to develop their own models. This book combines precise theory with up-to-date empirical evidence to build, with the minimum mathematical sophistication required for the task, a critical understanding of what drives the government bond market.

As the most comprehensive resource on health promotion and maintenance for older adults and their families and caregivers, Toward Healthy Aging, 7th Edition includes the most current information you need to provide effective holistic care, promote healthy lifestyle choices, and address end-of-life issues. Grounded in the core competencies recommended by the AACN in collaboration with the Hartfound Institute for Geriatric Nursing and using Maslow's hierarchy of needs, this book includes complete coverage of both common and uncommon conditions in the older adult. Towards Healthy Aging also highlights key aging issues with sections devoted to basic physiologic needs, safety and security, the need to belong, self-esteem, and self-actualization. A strong focus on health and wellness emphasizes a positive approach to aging. Disease processes are discussed in the context of healthy adaptation, nursing support, and responsibilities. Careful attention to age, cultural, and gender differences are integrated throughout to help you remember these important considerations when caring for older adults. Up-to-date content on AIDS provides important information on addressing this growing concern

among older adults. Consistent chapter is organization with objectives, case studies, critical thinking questions, research, and study questions make information easy to find and use. Assessment guidelines are incorporated throughout in helpful tables, boxes, and forms for quick access. Case studies at the end of most chapters explore realistic patient care scenarios to help you expand your knowledge and understanding. Resource lists and appendices provide opportunities for further research and study. With over 200 illustrations, the full-color design is engaging and easy to read. Healthy People 2010 boxes address healthy aging considerations. Evidence-Based Practice boxes help you incorporate the latest research findings into practice and advise you on how to avoid potentially harmful practices. A Nutritional Needs chapter includes the most current nutritional guidelines for older adults to help you better address patients' nutritional needs. Includes the latest scales and guidelines for assessing the gerontologic patient in the Health Assessment in Gerontological Nursing chapter. Expanded coverage of end-of-life issues helps you meet the needs of older adults and their families and caregivers during this difficult transition. Economics of aging discussions help you better understand the financial challenges your patients may face. The latest pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic pain management information helps you reduce pain and discomfort for your patients and helps you provide more effective care.

This book, unique in its composition, reviews the academic empirical literature on how CDSs actually work in practice, including during distressed times of market crises. It also discusses the mechanics of single-name and index CDSs, the theoretical costs and benefits of CDSs, as well as comprehensively summarizes the empirical evidence on important aspects of these instruments of risk transfer. Full-time academics, researchers at financial institutions, and students will benefit from the dispassionate and comprehensive summary of the academic literature; they can read this book instead of identifying, collecting, and reading the hundreds of academic articles on the important subject of credit risk transfer using derivatives and benefit from the synthesis of the literature provided.

We propose a new approach to test the full-information rational expectations hypothesis which can identify whether rejections of the arise from information rigidities. This approach quantifies the economic significance of departures from the and the underlying degree of information rigidity. Applying this approach to U.S. and international data of professional forecasters and other agents yields pervasive evidence consistent with the presence of information rigidities. These results therefore provide a set of stylized facts which can be used to calibrate imperfect information models. Finally, we document evidence of state-dependence in the expectations formation process.

This textbook will be designed for fixed-income securities courses taught on MSc Finance and MBA courses. There is currently no suitable text that offers a 'Hull-type' book for the fixed income student market. This book aims to fill this need. The book will contain numerous worked examples, excel spreadsheets, with a building block approach throughout. A key feature of the book will be coverage of both traditional and alternative investment strategies in the fixed-income market, for example, the book will cover the modern strategies used by fixed-income hedge funds. The text will be supported by a set of PowerPoint slides for use by the lecturer First textbook designed for students written on fixed-income securities - a growing market Contains numerous worked examples throughout Includes coverage of important topics often omitted in other books i.e. deriving the zero yield curve, deriving credit spreads, hedging and also

covers interest rate and credit derivatives

Fixed income practitioners need to understand the conceptualframeworks of their field; to master its quantitative tool-kit; andto be well-versed in its cash-flow and pricing conventions.Fixed Income Securities, Third Edition by Bruce Tuckman andAngel Serrat is designed to balance these three objectives. Thebook presents theory without unnecessary abstraction; quantitativetechniques with a minimum of mathematics; and conventions at auseful level of detail. The book begins with an overview of global fixed income marketsand continues with the fundamentals, namely, arbitrage pricing,interest rates, risk metrics, and term structure models to pricecontingent claims. Subsequent chapters cover individual markets andsecurities: repo, rate and bond forwards and futures, interest rateand basis swaps, credit markets, fixed income options, andmortgage-backed-securities. Fixed Income Securities, Third Edition is full ofexamples, applications, and case studies. Practically everyquantitative concept is illustrated through real market data. Thispractice-oriented approach makes the book particularly useful forthe working professional. This third edition is a considerable revision and expansion ofthe second. Most examples have been updated. The chapters on fixedincome options and mortgage-backed securities have beenconsiderably expanded to include a broader range of securities andvaluation methodologies. Also, three new chapters have been added:the global overview of fixed income markets; a chapter on corporatebonds and credit default swaps; and a chapter on discounting withbases, which is the foundation for the relatively recent practiceof discounting swap cash flows with curves based on money marketrates. [FOR THE UNIVERSITY EDITION] This university edition includes problems which students can useto test and enhance their understanding of the text.

A complete set of statistical tools for beginning financial analysts from a leading authority Written by one of the leading experts on the topic, An Introduction to Analysis of Financial Data with R explores basic concepts of visualization of financial data. Through a fundamental balance between theory and applications, the book supplies readers with an accessible approach to financial econometric models and their applications to real-world empirical research. The author supplies a hands-on introduction to the analysis of financial data using the freely available R software package and case studies to illustrate actual implementations of the discussed methods. The book begins with the basics of financial data, discussing their summary statistics and related visualization methods. Subsequent chapters explore basic time series analysis and simple econometric models for business, finance, and economics as well as related topics including: Linear time series analysis, with coverage of exponential smoothing for forecasting and methods for model comparison Different approaches to calculating asset volatility and various volatility models High-frequency financial data and simple models for price changes, trading intensity, and realized volatility Quantitative methods for risk management, including value at risk and conditional value at risk Econometric and statistical methods for risk assessment based on extreme value theory and quantile regression Throughout the book, the visual nature of the topic is showcased through graphical representations in R, and two detailed case studies demonstrate the relevance of statistics in finance. A related website features additional data sets and R scripts so readers can create their own simulations and test their comprehension of the presented techniques. An Introduction to Analysis of

Financial Data with R is an excellent book for introductory courses on time series and business statistics at the upper-undergraduate and graduate level. The book is also an excellent resource for researchers and practitioners in the fields of business, finance, and economics who would like to enhance their understanding of financial data and today's financial markets.

With a strong focus on health and wellness, this gerontological nursing text offers you a holistic perspective to caring for older adults. Designed to facilitate the healthiest adaptation possible, this text identifies potential problems that may occur and the means to address complications, alleviate discomfort, and help older adults lead healthy lives. Disease processes are discussed in the context of healthy adaptation, nursing support, and nursing responsibilities to help you gain an understanding of your clients' experience. Focus on health and wellness establishes a positive perspective to aging. Careful attention to age, cultural, and gender differences are integrated throughout to help you understand these important considerations when caring for older adults. Healthy aging strategies maximize the healthiest behaviors of clients with dementia and their caregivers. Consistent chapter organization includes learning objectives, research, and study questions/activities to make information easy to find and use. Incorporates assessment guidelines throughout provide useful tools for practice. End-of-chapter activities and discussion questions help you expand your knowledge and understanding of the content. Resource lists provide you with additional means to explore ways to care for the older adult. Incorporates the core competencies identified by the AACN and the Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing. Healthy People 2010 boxes assist you in integrating knowledge about healthy aging considerations. Evidence-Based Practice boxes summarize research findings that confirm effective practices or identify practices with unknown, ineffective, or harmful effects. Expanded sexuality-related content includes older adults living with AIDS and STDs. Genetics section reflects the emergence of the role of genetics in gerontological assessment.

Investors who've primarily purchased equity securities in the past have been looking for more secure investment alternatives; namely, fixed income securities. This book demystifies the sometimes daunting fixed income market, through a user-friendly, sophisticated, yet not overly mathematical format. Investing in Fixed Income Securities covers a wide range of topics, including the different types of fixed income securities, their characteristics, the strategies necessary to manage a diversified portfolio, bond pricing concepts, and more, so you can make the most informed investment decisions possible.

The motivation for the mathematical modeling studied in this text on developments in credit risk research is the bridging of the gap between mathematical theory of credit risk and the financial practice. Mathematical developments are covered thoroughly and give the structural and reduced-form approaches to credit risk modeling. Included is a detailed study of various arbitrage-free models of default term structures with several rating grades.

The first swap was executed over thirty years ago. Since then, the interest rate swaps and other derivative markets have grown and diversified in phenomenal directions. Derivatives are used today by a myriad of institutional investors for the purposes of risk management, expressing a view on the market, and pursuing

market opportunities that are otherwise unavailable using more traditional financial instruments. In this volume, Howard Corb explores the concepts behind interest rate swaps and the many derivatives that evolved from them. Corb's book uniquely marries academic rigor and real-world trading experience in a compelling, readable style. While it is filled with sophisticated formulas and analysis, the volume is geared toward a wide range of readers searching for an in-depth understanding of these markets. It serves as both a textbook for students and a must-have reference book for practitioners. Corb helps readers develop an intuitive feel for these products and their use in the market, providing a detailed introduction to more complicated trades and structures. Through examples of financial structuring, readers will come away with an understanding of how derivatives products are created and how they can be deconstructed and analyzed effectively.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is regarded as the science and technology for producing an intelligent machine, particularly, an intelligent computer program. Machine learning is an approach to realizing AI comprising a collection of statistical algorithms, of which deep learning is one such example. Due to the rapid development of computer technology, AI has been actively explored for a variety of academic and practical purposes in the context of financial markets. This book focuses on the broad topic of "AI and Financial Markets", and includes novel research associated with this topic. The book includes contributions on the application of machine learning, agent-based artificial market simulation, and other related skills to the analysis of various aspects of financial markets.

This book provides a comprehensive and rigorous treatment of academic and practitioner approaches to equity security valuation. Guided by historical and philosophical insights, conventional academic wisdom surrounding the ergodic properties of stochastic processes is challenged. In addition, the implications of a general stochastic interpretation of equity security valuation are provided. Valuation of Equity Securities will also be a good reference source for students and professionals interested in the theoretical and practical applications of equity securities.

Financial Markets and the Real Economy reviews the current academic literature on the macroeconomics of finance.

The deep understanding of the forces that affect the valuation, risk and return of fixed income securities and their derivatives has never been so important. As the world of fixed income securities becomes more complex, anybody who studies fixed income securities must be exposed more directly to this complexity. This book provides a thorough discussion of these complex securities, the forces affecting their prices, their risks, and of the appropriate risk management practices. Fixed Income Securities, however, provides a methodology, and not a shopping list. It provides instead examples and methodologies that can be applied quite universally, once the basic concepts have been understood.

The Volatility Smile The Black-Scholes-Merton option model was the greatest

innovation of 20th century finance, and remains the most widely applied theory in all of finance. Despite this success, the model is fundamentally at odds with the observed behavior of option markets: a graph of implied volatilities against strike will typically display a curve or skew, which practitioners refer to as the smile, and which the model cannot explain. Option valuation is not a solved problem, and the past forty years have witnessed an abundance of new models that try to reconcile theory with markets. The Volatility Smile presents a unified treatment of the Black-Scholes-Merton model and the more advanced models that have replaced it. It is also a book about the principles of financial valuation and how to apply them. Celebrated author and quant Emanuel Derman and Michael B. Miller explain not just the mathematics but the ideas behind the models. By examining the foundations, the implementation, and the pros and cons of various models, and by carefully exploring their derivations and their assumptions, readers will learn not only how to handle the volatility smile but how to evaluate and build their own financial models. Topics covered include: The principles of valuation Static and dynamic replication The Black-Scholes-Merton model Hedging strategies Transaction costs The behavior of the volatility smile Implied distributions Local volatility models Stochastic volatility models Jump-diffusion models The first half of the book, Chapters 1 through 13, can serve as a standalone textbook for a course on option valuation and the Black-Scholes-Merton model, presenting the principles of financial modeling, several derivations of the model, and a detailed discussion of how it is used in practice. The second half focuses on the behavior of the volatility smile, and, in conjunction with the first half, can be used for as the basis for a more advanced course.

Winner of the prestigious Paul A. Samuelson Award for scholarly writing on lifelong financial security, John Cochrane's Asset Pricing now appears in a revised edition that unifies and brings the science of asset pricing up to date for advanced students and professionals. Cochrane traces the pricing of all assets back to a single idea--price equals expected discounted payoff--that captures the macro-economic risks underlying each security's value. By using a single, stochastic discount factor rather than a separate set of tricks for each asset class, Cochrane builds a unified account of modern asset pricing. He presents applications to stocks, bonds, and options. Each model--consumption based, CAPM, multifactor, term structure, and option pricing--is derived as a different specification of the discounted factor. The discount factor framework also leads to a state-space geometry for mean-variance frontiers and asset pricing models. It puts payoffs in different states of nature on the axes rather than mean and variance of return, leading to a new and conveniently linear geometrical representation of asset pricing ideas. Cochrane approaches empirical work with the Generalized Method of Moments, which studies sample average prices and discounted payoffs to determine whether price does equal expected discounted payoff. He translates between the discount factor, GMM, and state-space language and the beta, mean-variance, and regression language common in

empirical work and earlier theory. The book also includes a review of recent empirical work on return predictability, value and other puzzles in the cross section, and equity premium puzzles and their resolution. Written to be a summary for academics and professionals as well as a textbook, this book condenses and advances recent scholarship in financial economics.

In this fully revised and updated Second Edition of Fixed Income Analysis, readers will be introduced to a variety of important fixed income analysis issues, including the general principles of credit analysis, term structure and volatility of interest rates, and valuing bonds with embedded options.

In Bond Portfolio Management, Frank Fabozzi, the leading expert in fixed income securities, explains the latest strategies for maximizing bond portfolio returns. Through in-depth discussions on different types of bonds, valuation principles, and a wide range of strategies, Bond Portfolio Management will prepare you for virtually any bond related event-whether your working on a pension fund or at an insurance company. Key topics include investment objectives of institutional investors, general principles of bond valuation, measuring interest rate risk, and evaluating performance. Bond Portfolio Management is an excellent resource for anyone looking to master one of the world's largest markets, and is a perfect companion to Fabozzi's successful guide-The Handbook of Fixed-Income Securities.

Alternative assets such as fine art, wine, or diamonds have become popular investment vehicles in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. Correlation with classical financial markets is typically low, such that diversification benefits arise for portfolio allocation and risk management. Cryptocurrencies share many alternative asset features, but are hampered by high volatility, sluggish commercial acceptance, and regulatory uncertainties. This collection of papers addresses alternative assets and cryptocurrencies from economic, financial, statistical, and technical points of view. It gives an overview of their current state and explores their properties and prospects using innovative approaches and methodologies.

Policymakers and business practitioners are eager to gain access to reliable information on the state of the economy for timely decision making. More so now than ever. Traditional economic indicators have been criticized for delayed reporting, out-of-date methodology, and neglecting some aspects of the economy. Recent advances in economic theory, econometrics, and information technology have fueled research in building broader, more accurate, and higher-frequency economic indicators. This volume contains contributions from a group of prominent economists who address alternative economic indicators, including indicators in the financial market, indicators for business cycles, and indicators of economic uncertainty.

Fixed income volatility and equity volatility evolve heterogeneously over time, co-moving disproportionately during periods of global imbalances and each reacting to events of different nature. While the methodology for options-based "model-free" pricing of equity volatility has been known for some time, little is known about analogous methodologies for pricing various fixed income volatilities. This book fills this gap and provides a unified evaluation framework of fixed income volatility while dealing with disparate markets such as interest-rate swaps, government bonds, time-deposits and credit. It develops model-free, forward looking indexes of fixed-income volatility that

match different quoting conventions across various markets, and uncovers subtle yet important pitfalls arising from naïve superimpositions of the standard equity volatility methodology when pricing various fixed income volatilities.

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