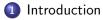
Lecture 4: Theory of Corporate Finance II Imperfect and Incomplete Capital Markets

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Motivation

- The Modigliani & Miller (1958) derivations we studied last time require frictionless capital markets.
- The idea is that firms pursue their profit-maximisation motive and households can choose their optimal portfolio of securities to suit their own risk appetites.
- What happens when there are frictions preventing free-trading of portfolios and securities in capital markets?

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General setup

- A complete capital market is defined as a market, in which a complete set of state contingent claims are priced and traded.
- A state contingent claim is a security that pays 1 unit when the corresponding state of the world prevails in the future and zero otherwise.
- Also referred to sometimes as Arrow-Debreu securities.

Example

- Consider a world with two periods $t \in \{0, 1\}$.
- There is uncertainty surrounding the state of the world at time t = 1.
- A representative household seeks to maximise its welfare through consumption across the two time periods.
- They are endowed with y₀ units of consumption good at time t = 0 and y₁ at time t = 1.
- The amount y₀ is known at time zero, but y₁ is only known to be drawn from a uniform distribution over N possible values over {y₁(1), y₁(2), y₁(3), ..., y₁(N)}.
- That is: uncertainty for time t = 1, but not for time t = 0.
- We'll refer to the draw of y₁(ω) from the feasible set at time t = 1 as state ω.

Example

- The market is complete.
- Holdings of state contingent claim for state ω are denoted by $a(\omega)$ while the security price is $\varphi(\omega)$.
- The household consumes in both periods of life and gets utility

$$u(c_0, c_1(\omega)) = \log(c_0) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\omega}[c_1(\omega)]$$

which is their expected utility where the expectation is over the state that prevails next period.

• Characterise the household's optimal consumption-investment plan.

Problem

• The household's problem is given by

$$\max_{c_0,\{a(\omega)\}_{\omega\in 1,2,\dots,N}} \log(c_0) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\omega}[\log(c_1(\omega))]$$

subject to the constraints

$$\begin{split} c_0 + \sum_{\omega \in \{1,2,...,N\}} a(\omega)\varphi(\omega) &= y_0 \\ c_1(\omega) &= y_1(\omega) + a(\omega), \ \forall \omega \in \{1,2,...,N\} \end{split}$$

- The first constraint says the household splits its initial endowment between consumption in t = 0 and their portfolio of state contingent claims.
- The second constraint says that, in a given state in time t = 1, their consumption is simply made up of the corresponding endowment draw and the payout from their holdings of scc for that state.

Substitute the constraints into the objective to get

$$\mathcal{L} = \log\left(y_0 - \sum_{\omega \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}} a(\omega)\varphi(\omega)\right) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\omega}[\log(y_1(\omega) + a(\omega))]$$

meaning that the optimisation problem simplifies-down to a choice of the sccs portfolio.

Has derivative

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}(\omega)} = \frac{1}{c_0}(-\varphi(\omega)) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\omega} \left[\frac{\partial \log(c_1(\omega))}{\partial \mathbf{a}(\omega)} \right]$$

• Thus we can write

$$\mathbb{E}_{\omega}[\log(c_1(\omega))] = \sum_{\omega \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(\omega) \log(c_1(\omega))$$

by the definition of the expectation operator. We can expand the right-hand side as

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}_{\omega}[\log(c_1(\omega))] &= \sum_{\omega \in \{1,2,\dots,N\}} \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(\omega) \log(c_1(\omega)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(1) \log(c_1(1)) + \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(2) \log(c_1(2)) + \dots \\ &+ \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(N) \log(c_1(N)) \end{split}$$

• Where see then that when we take the derivative of the expectation

$$\mathbb{E}_{\omega}\left[\frac{\partial log(c_1(\omega))}{\partial a(\omega)}\right] = \mathbb{P}\mathsf{rob.}(\omega)\frac{\partial \log(c_1(\omega))}{\partial a(\omega)}$$

given that all of the other terms drop-out of the sum (since $a(\omega)$ only appears in $c_1(\omega)$)

• Thus the solution is characterised by

$$\varphi(\omega) = \beta \mathbb{P} \mathsf{rob.}(\omega) \frac{c_0}{c_1(\omega)}$$

which holds for all $\omega \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$.

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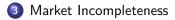
Multiple agents

- With multiple agents, SCC markets allow agents to transfer endowments between each other.
- I.e. make/take loans from each other.
- These transfers between households will all take place such that idiosyncratic risk is mitigated.
- This is a good thing since our households are all risk averse!

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- When we do not have a full set of state-contingent claims, the market is said to be incomplete.
- What's the issue here?
- Agent's can no longer perfectly share their idiosyncratic risk.

- Classic example is a riskless bond that delivers net interest of r > 0 per period.
- Notice that this interest is **not** state-contingent!
- The amount of interest the households receive will be the same in the future, regardless of which state arises.

- Let's think about the same setup as the previous section, but now the only asset households can hold are these riskless bonds.
- Household problem is then

$$\max_{c_0,a} \log(c_0) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{\omega}[\log(c_1(\omega))]$$

subject to the constraints

$$c_0 + a = y_0$$

$$c_1(\omega) = y_1(\omega) + a(1+r), \quad \forall \omega \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$$

- Notice that we still have state-by-state budget constraints for period t = 1, but the asset payout is always the same.
- Right now you should be getting suspicious...no dependence of the asset payout on the state is going to make it hard to share risk...

• Substitute the constraints into the objective to get

$$\mathcal{L} = \log (y_0 - a) + eta \mathbb{E}_\omega [\log(y_1(\omega) + a(1+r))],$$

which has the derivative

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ight] \end{aligned}$$

where the return comes outside the expectation since it's riskless.

• The households' Euler equation is then given by

$$1 = \beta(1+r)\mathbb{E}_{\omega}\left[rac{c_0}{c_1(\omega)}
ight]$$

• What does this mean about risk sharing then?

- Let's again think about two households: A and B.
- See that the Euler equations imply

$$\mathbb{E}_{\omega}\left[rac{c_{0}^{A}}{c_{1}^{A}(\omega)}
ight]=\mathbb{E}_{\omega}\left[rac{c_{0}^{B}}{c_{1}^{B}(\omega)}
ight]$$

• How does this differ from the complete markets case?

- Marginal utilities are now only equalised in in expectation, rather than state-by-state.
- Individual households now face idiosyncratic risk!
- Bad news!

- The absence of state-contingent claims means households now face risk.
- The asset market setup can greatly impact the welfare of households.

Clientele Effect

- What does this mean from the perspective of firms though?
- With complete markets, households don't really care about the firms' financial policy.
- It's desirable firms to make as much money as possible: maximise the size of the pie for distribution.
- From there, households can just disperse the pie amongst themselves using state contingent claims.
- Value of the firm is just the expected present value of their earnings.

Clientele Effect

- With asset market incompleteness though, the financial policy of a firm can start to impact its value.
- This is known as the clientele effect.
- Firms can increase their value by adjusting their payout/financial policy to cater to the preferences of their clients.

Clientele Effect

- E.g. say there are two states of the world next period (call them boom and bust).
- If the shareholders in the company all have no income in the bust phase, the firm can increase its value by paying-out a lot of dividends during a bust relative to a boom.
- Financial policy can help smooth household consumption in this case.
- Can partially mitigate the impact of a lack of asset market richness.

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- The term market imperfections is a little more vague.
- It basically refers to the idea that investors can't always make the type of trades that they want.
- Can again influence the value of firms.

- E.g. short-selling is when investor *C* borrows an asset from investor *D*, sells the asset in the market today and then promises to repay the value of the borrowed asset back to investor *D* in the future plus interest.
- You do this when the value of the security is perceived to be "too high" today.
- If you expect the price to come-down in the future, you can net a profit from the trade.

- China in 2015: temporary ban on short-selling of assets.
- What's the issue here?
- The act of short-selling closes arbitrage opportunities.
- If an asset is over-valued, people will short, short, short until the price comes down and the arbitrage opportunity disappears.

- A firm's financial policy might be a determinant of whether its price is too high or low relative to the value of its future cash flows.
- If you ban short-selling, the firm will remain over-valued. The gap never closes!

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- Market incompleteness and imperfections can distort trading opportunities.
- Two firms with identical future cash flows may have securities with different values based purely on financial differences.