Problemset 4 - Fixed Income

Problem 1

Consider Problem 1, problem set 1 again.

a) Compute the duration, dollar duration and modified duration for the bond.

b) Compute the approximate impact of a 30 basis point increase in the ytm on the price of the bond using an appropriate measure of duration.

c) Compute the exact change in the price of the bond.

d) Discuss why b) and c) differ.

The FED changes the short term interest rate so that d(161) = 0.999. All other values of the discount function remain unchanged.

e) Compute the new price of the bond.

f) Compute the corresponding change in the ytm of the 161 day zero.

g) Discuss why this change in the yield curve is not something that we can easily hedge using duration.

The following problems are from the Midterm 2014:

Problem 2

The following table gives the yield to maturity (semi-annually compounding) of zero coupon bonds:

days ytm 50 0.2 232 0.9 414 1.5 596 1.8

a) Find the prices of zero coupon bonds of all maturities.

b) Find the value of a bond (called bond A) with 596 days to maturity that pays 1% annual coupon with semi-annual coupon payments.

c) Find the value of a bond (called bond B) with 596 days to maturity that pays 5% annual coupon with annual coupon payments. Assume that the first coupon payment will occur on date 232. Comment on the difference in price to the bond in b).

d) The dollar durations of bonds A and B are 1.589 and 1.682 respectively. Compute the modified durations.

d) Bond B is trading 30 cents below the price you found in b). Bond A is trading a the price you found in a). Describe a relative value trade designed to capture maximize profit. Assume that you can buy or sell (short) up to 1M of face value of each leg of the trade. Make the trade interest rate neutral.

f) In a surprise announcement, the FED increases rates 50BP. Assume that the YTM on bond A and B both increase by 50BP. Compute the impact on the position d).

Problem 3

On the next pages are printouts of Bloomberg screens.

a) What is the flat and dirty asking prices and the yield to maturity of a bond with May 2042 maturity?

b) What would I have to pay to purchase 4M worth of face value of the May 2042 maturity at the asking price?

c) Suppose that the May 2042 bond was issued at par. What has approximately been the change in YTM on this bond since issue?

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