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Robert C. Merton and the Science of Finance: A Collection Optimal Investment  
 Mathematical finance has grown into a huge area of research which requires a large number of sophisticated mathematical tools. This book simultaneously introduces the financial methodology and the relevant mathematical tools in a style that is mathematically rigorous and yet accessible to practitioners and mathematicians alike. It interlaces financial concepts such as arbitrage opportunities, admissible strategies, contingent claims, option pricing and default risk with the mathematical theory of Brownian motion, diffusion processes,

and Lévy processes. The first half of the book is devoted to continuous path processes whereas the second half deals with discontinuous processes. The extensive bibliography comprises a wealth of important references and the author index enables readers quickly to locate where the reference is cited within the book, making this volume an invaluable tool both for students and for those at the forefront of research and practice.

**Theory of Valuation** Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Robert C. Merton's widely-used text provides an overview and synthesis of finance theory from the perspective of continuous-time analysis. It covers individual finance choice, corporate finance, financial intermediation, capital markets, and selected topics on the interface between private and public finance.

**Finance and Democracy** International Monetary Fund

Recent years have seen a surge of interest in the workings of financial institutions and financial markets beyond the discipline of economics, which has been accelerated by the financial crisis of the early twenty-first century. The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Finance brings together twenty-nine chapters, written by scholars of international repute from Europe, North America, and Asia, to provide comprehensive coverage on a variety of topics related to the role of finance in a globalized world, and its historical development. Topics include global institutions of modern finance, types of actors involved in financial transactions and supporting technologies, mortgage markets, rating agencies, and the role of financial economics. Particular attention is given to financial crises, which are

discussed in a special section, as well as to alternative forms of finance, including Islamic finance and the rise of China. The Handbook will be an indispensable tool for academics, researchers, and students of contemporary finance and economic sociology, and will serve as a reference point for the expanding international community of scholars researching these areas from a broadly-defined sociological perspective.

**Equity Valuation, Risk and Investment**  
World Scientific

New security designs, improvements in computer telecommunications technology and advances in the theory of finance have led to revolutionary changes in the structure of financial markets and institutions. This paper provides a functional perspective on the dynamics of institutional change and uses a series of examples to illustrate the breadth and depth of institutional change that is likely to occur. These examples emphasize the role of hedging versus equity capital in managing risk, the need for risk accounting and changes in methods for implementing both regulatory and stabilization public policy.

**Transparency, Risk Management and International Financial Fragility**

Columbia University Press

In this book, Nobel Laureate Merton Miller presents a sustained attack on the popular view that modern financial innovations have created excessive market volatility to the detriment of individual savers and business investors, and that regulation is essential in such forms as higher margin requirements, taxes on trading, and perhaps even closing down the future market.

Sociological Ambivalence and Other Essays Wiley

This is a major new reference work covering all aspects of finance. Coverage includes finance (financial management, security analysis, portfolio management, financial markets and instruments, insurance, real estate, options and futures, international finance) and statistical applications in finance (applications in portfolio analysis, option pricing models and financial research). The project is designed to attract both an academic and professional market. It also has an international approach to ensure its maximum appeal. The Editors' wish is that the readers will find the encyclopedia to be an invaluable resource.

*Unified Financial Analysis* GRIN Verlag

A presentation of classical asset pricing theory, this textbook is the only one to address the economic foundations of financial markets theory from a

mathematically rigorous standpoint and to offer a self-contained critical discussion based on empirical results. Tools for understanding the economic analysis are provided, and mathematical models are presented in discrete time/finite state space for simplicity. Examples and exercises included.

Macroeconomic Implications of Financial Dollarization Elsevier

Uruguay has experienced a remarkable recovery since the 2002 crisis, supported by sound policies and favorable external conditions. With the framework put in place in 2002, Uruguay abandoned an exchange rate peg in favor of a free float, adopted a monetary regime initially based on money targets, improved financial prudential norms and supervision, and accumulated significant central bank reserves. Against this background, Uruguay now faces issues beyond those addressed to stabilize the economy. As the country pursues key postcrisis monetary and financial reforms, the analysis provided in this paper has a direct bearing on the ongoing efforts to move toward a fully fledged inflation-targeting regime and develop interest rates as monetary instruments, as well as on the preparedness of the financial system to deal with shocks, and the adequacy of current central bank reserves.

**Robert K. Merton** World Scientific

Twelve papers focus on investment analysis, portfolio theory, and their implementation in portfolio management International Monetary Fund

Widely regarded as one of the founders of modern corporate finance, Merton H. Miller was awarded a Nobel Prize in 1990 for his work in the theory of finance and financial economics. Selected Works of Merton H. Miller gathers together in two volumes a selection of Miller's most influential contributions over more than fifty years of active research. A common theme running throughout both volumes is Miller's conviction about the utility of market-based approaches to topics as diverse as dividend policy, bank regulation, the structure of securities markets, and competition between research universities and teaching colleges. Miller was perhaps best known for a series of highly influential papers he cowrote in the 1950s and 1960s with fellow Nobel laureate Franco Modigliani that advanced a set of capital structure theorems later dubbed the "M and M propositions." In brief, the M and M propositions state that the actions of investors, firms, and capital markets will cause the market value of a firm to be independent of its capital structure. In other words, a corporation's value

depends on its investments in people, ideas, and physical capital goods and not on the mix of bonds, stocks, and other securities used to finance the investments. Four of these papers are reprinted here, together with important later work by Miller in macroeconomics, corporate capital structure, management science, asset pricing, and the economic and regulatory problems of the financial services industry. Diverse and innovative, the papers in Selected Works of Merton H. Miller will interest students and practitioners of economics, finance, and business, as well as policymakers responsible for market regulation. *Evaluation of claims on distressed firms. A conceptual framework based on structural models* University of Chicago Press  
Robert K. Merton (1910-2003) was one of the most influential sociologists of the twentieth century, producing clear theories and innovative research that continue to shape multiple disciplines. Merton's reach can be felt in the study of social structure, social psychology, deviance, professions, organizations, culture, and science. Yet for all his fame, Merton is only partially understood. He is treated by scholars as a functional analyst, when in truth his contributions transcend paradigm. Gathering together twelve major sociologists, Craig Calhoun launches a thorough reconsideration of Merton's achievements and inspires a renewed engagement with sociological theory. Merton's work addressed the challenges of integrating research and theory. It connected different fields of empirical research and spoke to the importance of overcoming divisions between allegedly pure and applied sociology. Merton also sought to integrate sociology with the institutional analysis of science, each informing the other. By bringing together different aspects of his work in one volume, Calhoun illuminates the interdisciplinary and unifying dimensions of Merton's approach, while also advancing the intellectual agenda of an increasingly vital area of study. Contributors: Aaron L. Panofsky, University of California; Alan Sica, Pennsylvania State University; Alejandro Portes, Princeton University; Charles Camic, Northwestern University; Charles Tilly, Columbia University; Craig Calhoun, Social Science Research Council and New York University; Cynthia Fuchs Epstein, City University of New York; Harriet Zuckerman, Mellon Foundation; Peter Simonson, University of Colorado; Ragnvald Kalleberg, University of Oslo; Robert J. Sampson, Harvard University; Thomas F. Gieryn, Indiana University; Viviana A. Zelizer, Princeton

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Financial Market Analytics International Monetary Fund  
 Contains contributions on important topics in finance research. This volume includes topics such as the impact of reform in corporate governance, the stock price reactions to the joint venture announcements, the temperature, and the financial signals, the incentive effects in project finance with government financial guarantees, and more.

Continuous-Time Finance Centre for Economic Policy Research  
 The third book in the Great Minds in Finance series examines the pricing of securities and the risk/reward trade off through the legends, contribution, and legacies of Jacob Marschak, William Sharpe, Fischer Black and Myron Scholes, and Robert Merton, influencing both theory and practice, answering the question 'how do we measure risk?'  
*Professional Financial Computing Using Excel and VBA* Springer Science & Business Media  
 The Derivatives Sourcebook is a citation study and classification system that organizes the many strands of the derivatives literature and assigns each citation to a category. Over 1800 research articles are collected and organized into a simple web-based searchable database. We have also included the 1997 Nobel lectures of Robert Merton and Myron Scholes as a backdrop to this literature.  
*Financial Analysis, Planning & Forecasting* John Wiley & Sons  
 In 2019, MIT hosted a 75th birthday symposium in honor of Robert C. Merton. The event included presentations by students and colleagues explaining the influence Merton has had on the profession and on their ideas. Each presenter focused on a specific aspect of Merton's life and contributions so that the audience could gain a full picture of Merton's influence while avoiding repetition across presentations. The brief contains edited transcripts of some of the speeches and panel discussions that took place at the symposium. The presentations cover Merton's career, highlighting both his foundational work on continuous time finance and the functional approach to understanding organizations as well as recent work on retirement security and trust. Some of the presentations unveil new aspects of his life. Merton's father, Robert K. Merton, was one of the most important sociologists of the 20th century, being the originator of concepts such as role model, unanticipated consequences, and self-fulfilling prophecies. Another of the

presentations makes a convincing case for Merton as the first financial engineer; the presenter argues that a body of knowledge becomes a science when a field of engineering emerges from it. If that is the case, this brief achieves two goals. It celebrates the influence of Merton on the theory and practice of finance through a series of engaging presentations, and it traces the birth of finance as a science on its own.

**Bond and Money Markets: Strategy, Trading, Analysis** World Scientific  
 Bond and Money Markets: Strategy, Trading, Analysis explains and analyses all aspects of the bond and money markets and is both an introduction for newcomers and an advanced text for experienced market practitioners and graduate students. Those with experience of the industry at all levels will find the book invaluable as a standard reference work. The book features coverage of: Government and Corporate bonds, Eurobonds, callable bonds, convertibles Asset-backed bonds including mortgages and CDOs Derivative instruments including bond futures, swaps, options, structured products, and option valuation models Interest-rate risk, duration analysis, convexity, and the convexity bias The money markets, repo markets, basis trading, and asset / liability management Term structure models, estimating and interpreting the yield curve Portfolio management, including total return framework, portfolio strategies, and constructing bond indices and valuable insight into: Trading and hedging strategy Charting and technical analysis The latest market developments, such as value-at-risk, and credit derivatives Emerging markets and the benefits of international investment The Bond and Money Markets: Strategy, Trading, Analysis is aimed at a wide readership including bond salespersons, traders, corporate financiers and graduate trainees, as well as risk managers, operations professionals and business analysts. Other market participants including fund managers, corporate treasurers, management consultants, regulators and financial journalists will also find the content useful. This book is virtually a stand alone reference book on interest rate swaps, the money markets, financial market mathematics, interest-rate futures and technical analysis Includes some introductory coverage of very specialised topics (for which one requires specialised texts) such as VaR, Asset & liability management, credit derivatives Combines accessible style with advanced level topics, plus review of latest research

*Bank Acceptances* Wiley-Blackwell  
 Why healthcare finance? -- From the laboratory to the patient -- Present value relations -- Evaluating business opportunities -- Valuing bonds -- Valuing stocks -- Portfolio management and the cost of capital -- Therapeutic development and clinical trials -- Decision trees and real options -- Monte Carlo simulation -- Healthcare analytics -- Biotech venture capital -- Securitizing biomedical assets -- Pricing, value, and ethics -- Epilogue : a case study pf royalty pharma.

**The Role of Contingent Claims Analysis in Corporate Finance** Emerald Group Publishing  
 Master's Thesis from the year 2017 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 12/12, Copenhagen Business School (Department of Finance), language: English, abstract: Within this thesis, we develop and apply a comprehensive, yet tractable framework comprising 10 sequential steps for the evaluation of claims on corporations suffering from distress. While traditional industry approaches yield consistent and unbiased valuations for claims on a healthy firm's assets, we find encumbering evidence that results may be distorted if the valuation object experiences severe financial or economic difficulties. Standard present value, multiple, or accrual based equity valuation methods are deterministic in nature and hence, fail to properly account for the elevated idiosyncratic uncertainties surrounding distress. Initiated by Merton (1974), on the other hand, asset pricing research has suggested structural models as a theoretically superior alternative explicitly incorporating the optionality features and asymmetric payoff-profiles of limited liability claims. However, these models have been rarely adopted by industry professionals for their proclaimed complexity, lack of transparency and stylized assumptions on the valuation object's capital structure. Accordingly, the proposed framework aims to overcome the above shortcomings of the original Merton (1974) model and eventually allows for an intuitive, seamless pricing of multiple claims with diverse maturity and coupon profiles based on their absolute priority ranking in bankruptcy. First, we provide a thorough characterization of both economic and financial distress and accompanying (firm) characteristics based on which a framework applicability assessment can be performed. Besides, we stress a comprehensive discussion how model input parameters can be estimated reliably. Subsequently, we perform a holistic application of the framework to the

distressed German air carrier Air Berlin. Model outputs imply a current market undervaluation of common equity by 52%. While our analysis demonstrates remarkable upsides of the framework compared to traditional valuation procedures, we conclude that a separate estimation of a going concern- and a liquidation value only partially circumvents frictions associated with the computation of a distressed firm's overall asset value. Moreover, we find that model results are highly sensitive to changes in input factors in general and the expected asset drift rate in particular, implying a considerably low robustness to estimation errors. [Mathematical Methods for Financial Markets](#) Springer Science & Business Media  
A guide to using the power of design flexibility to improve the performance of complex technological projects, for designers, managers, users, and analysts. Project teams can improve results by recognizing that the future is inevitably uncertain and that by creating flexible

designs they can adapt to eventualities. This approach enables them to take advantage of new opportunities and avoid harmful losses. Designers of complex, long-lasting projects—such as communication networks, power plants, or hospitals—must learn to abandon fixed specifications and narrow forecasts. They need to avoid the “flaw of averages,” the conceptual pitfall that traps so many designs in underperformance. Failure to allow for changing circumstances risks leaving significant value untapped. This book is a guide for creating and implementing value-enhancing flexibility in design. It will be an essential resource for all participants in the development and operation of technological systems: designers, managers, financial analysts, investors, regulators, and academics. The book provides a high-level overview of why flexibility in design is needed to deliver significantly increased value. It describes in detail methods to identify, select, and implement useful flexibility. The book is unique in that it explicitly recognizes that future outcomes are

uncertain. It thus presents forecasting, analysis, and evaluation tools especially suited to this reality. Appendixes provide expanded explanations of concepts and analytic tools. [International Transmission of Bank and Corporate Distress](#) Legare Street Press  
The paper evaluates how increases in banks' and nonfinancial corporates' default risk are transmitted in the global economy, using in a vector autoregression model for 30 advanced and emerging economies for the period from January 1996 to December 2008. The results point to two-way causality between bank and corporate distress and to significant global macroeconomic and financial spillovers from either type of distress when it originates in a systemic economy. Corporate distress in advanced economies has a larger impact on economic growth in emerging economies than bank distress in advanced economies has. In contrast, activity in advanced economies is more vulnerable to bank distress than to corporate distress.

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