

Investing in Stocks: A Tutorial

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Introduction

Hello everyone! Today, we're going to review how math can help us make smart decisions when investing in stocks. We'll explore how we can predict the future price of a stock using simple math formulas. By understanding and using these formulas, you can become a more successful investor and avoid significant losses.

Why Use Math in Investing?

- **Predict Future Prices:** Math helps us estimate how much a stock might be worth in the future.
- **Make Informed Decisions:** Using formulas can guide us to buy, hold, or sell stocks.
- **Intelligence:** Without math, investment results can be no better than random.
- **Avoid Losses:** The intelligent and thorough use of mathematics and data science will allow advisors to systematically reduce, avoid and prevent significant losses.
- **Capture More and Greater Gains:** Successful investing requires a deep understanding of the causes of gains and losses. Valuation metrics are vital predictors of stock price gains and losses.

Key Concepts

1. **Price-to-Sales (P/S) Ratio:** The cost an investor must pay for a dollar of a company's revenue.
2. **Revenue Growth:** The rate at which a company's sales are increasing over time.

Example 1:

Assumptions

- **Current Revenue:** \$100 billion
- **Annual Revenue Growth:** 8%
- **Current P/S Ratio:** 8
- **P/S Ratio in 5 Years:** 4

Steps

1. **Calculate Future Revenue:**
Future Revenue = Current Revenue \times (1 + Growth Rate)⁵
Future Revenue = $100 \times (1 + 0.08)^5 = 100 \times 1.4693 = 146.93$ billion
2. **Determine Future Market Cap:**
Future Market Cap = Future Revenue \times Future P/S Ratio
Future Market Cap = $146.93 \times 4 = 587.72$ billion

3. Calculate Current Market Cap:

Current Market Cap = Current Revenue × Current P/S Ratio

Current Market Cap = 100 × 8 = 800 billion

4. Find Percentage Change:

Percentage Change = $\frac{\text{Future Market Cap} - \text{Current Market Cap}}{\text{Current Market Cap}} \times 100\%$

Percentage Change = $\frac{587.72 - 800}{800} \times 100\% = -26.54\%$

Conclusion: The stock price would decrease by 26.54%.

Example 2:

Assumptions

- **Current Revenue:** \$100 billion
- **Annual Revenue Growth:** 8%
- **Current P/S Ratio:** 3
- **P/S Ratio in 5 Years:** 4

Steps

1. Calculate Future Revenue:

Future Revenue = 100 × (1 + 0.08)⁵ = 100 × 1.4693 = 146.93 billion

2. Determine Future Market Cap:

Future Market Cap = 146.93 × 4 = 587.72 billion

4. Calculate Current Market Cap:

Current Market Cap = 100 × 3 = 300 billion

5. Find Percentage Change:

Percentage Change = $\frac{587.72 - 300}{300} \times 100\% = 95.91\%$

Conclusion: The stock price would increase by 95.91%.

Why This Matters

1. **Informed Decisions:** Your investment decisions should be guided by your calculation of the stock's future price. Your calculations should be based on big data analysis.
2. **Avoiding Losses:** The systematic use of mathematics and big data will allow you to avoid, reduce and prevent significant losses.
3. **Financial Success:** Using data science will produce greater financial success and growth.

Compelling Logic

- **Logical and Prudent:** It is logical and prudent to use math and big data science to predict future stock prices because it provides realistic estimates of potential gains or losses.

- **Avoiding Serious Mistakes:** Failing to use these formulas is like driving blindfolded—you wouldn't know where you're going and might crash.

Summary Table

Example	Current Revenue (\$ bil.)	Revenue Growth Rate	P/S Ratio (Current)	Future P/S Ratio (5 Yrs)	Future Revenue (\$ bil.)	Future Market Cap (\$ bil.)	Current Market Cap (\$ bil.)	Change in Stock Price
Initial P/S of 8	\$100	8%	8	4	\$146.93	\$587.72	\$800	-26.54%
Initial P/S of 3	\$100	8%	3	4	\$146.93	\$587.72	\$300	95.91%

NVIDIA Table

NVIDIA	Current Revenue (\$ bil.)	5-Year Revenue Growth Rate	P/S Ratio (Current)	Future P/S Ratio (5 Yrs)	Future Revenue (\$ bil.)	Future Market Cap (\$ bil.)	Current Market Cap (\$ bil.)	Change in Stock Price
Future P/S of 6	\$79.8	49.4%	40	6	\$594	\$3,563	\$3,220	10.6%
Future P/S of 4	\$79.8	49.4%	40	4	\$594	\$2,375	\$3,220	-26.2%
Revenue Growth 40%, P/S of 3	\$79.8	40%	40	3	\$429	\$1,287	\$3,220	-60.0%

The data analysis on NVIDIA reveals a significant statistical likelihood of a notable price decline within the next three years. Investment advisors require dependable techniques to forecast revenue growth and future P/S ratios—key determinants of successful investing. To support this, ERS provides advisors with advanced data science technology tailored for investment analysis.

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