

NW #3 Supplemental Problem

- a) A forward discount of 3% means the forward F is 0.06683
- b) If you sell Pesos forward, you are hedging because you will be paid Pesos in 6 months.
- c) You are speculating that the Peso will appreciate by more than -3%.
- d) An annual rate of 7.75% is an actual rate of 3.80%,
since $\sqrt{1.0775} = 1.0380$
You could borrow 9,633,661 Pesos now $(= \frac{10,000,000}{1.0380})$
- e) You are hedging.
On the spot, this is \$663,759 now.
If you buy a forward contract to sell Pesos, you would receive \$668,330 in 6 months, a gain of 0.69%.
Annualized, this is a yield of 1.38% $[= (\frac{668330}{663759})^2 - 1 = 0.0138]$
- f) You can speculate by waiting to sell Pesos on the spot, and if you are right you will receive \$695,890 instead, an increase of 4%. But you also hedge your bet by buying a put option on Pesos, and you are the holder. An ~~strike~~ ^{option} price for a put is cheaper when the strike price is lower, like 0.0660.
If the spot in 6 months is 0.0653, you bet wrong. You will strike to sell at 0.0660, as you are in the money. You will get \$660,000 from your 10 million pesos, a loss relative to (c) ~~or (e)~~ in addition to the cost of the option. But your boss may forgive you since you didn't reduce the amount to \$653,000 by leaving it uncovered. Still \$8,000 or more is a lot to lose.