1. (18 points) Last year, Bed Bath & Beyond had a return on capital (ROC) of 13% and a reinvestment rate of 24%. The firm has increased ROC by about 1% per year in the recent past. For the next four years, you expect the firm to continue to improve ROC by 1% per year and to maintain a reinvestment rate of 24%. The WACC is 9% and the after-tax EBIT last year was $1973.

a) (5 points) Calculate the fundamental growth rate in EBIT in year one.

\[
g_{EBIT} = (Reinvestment\ Rate \times ROC) + \Delta ROC
\]

\[
= (.24)(.14) + (\frac{.14 -.13}{.13}) = 3.36 \% + 7.69 \% = 11.05 \%
\]

b) (5 points) After year four, you expect the firm to reach stable growth, during which it will maintain the industry average ROC of 17% and stable growth in EBIT at 4% per year. Calculate the reinvestment rate required during the stable growth stage in order to maintain stable growth rate.

\[
\frac{g_{EBIT}}{ROC} = (Reinvestment\ Rate \times ROC)
\]

So, Required Reinvestment = \[
\frac{g}{ROC} = \left(\frac{.04}{.17}\right) = 23.53\%
\]

c) (8 points) Based on your answers to parts (a) and (b), calculate the terminal value of cash flows as of year four. Assume the growth rate you estimated in (a) applies to the first four years. (Note: you do not need to calculate firm value – only the terminal value).

\[
TV_4 = \frac{CF_5}{R - g} = \frac{EBIT_5(1 - T)(1 - Reinvestment\ Rate)}{R - g}
\]

Note: you would normally need to subtract taxes from EBIT. However, in this problem, I have given you the aftertax EBIT from year zero.

\[
= \frac{1973(1.1105)(1.04)(1.2353)}{.09 - .04} = \frac{3120.58(1 - .2353)}{.09 - .04} = \frac{2386.31}{.05} = $47,726.15
\]
2. (7 points) You are valuing a firm using a free cash flow to equity (FCFE) model. You have collected the following information for the firm.

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<th>Financial Item</th>
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a) (7 points) Use the information above to calculate the Equity Reinvestment Rate.

\[
\text{Equity Reinvestment Rate} = \frac{(\text{Total Reinvestment})(1 - \delta)}{\text{Net Income}}
\]

\[
= \frac{(220.4 - 111.1 + 79.5)(1 - .53)}{572.8} = 15.49\%
\]

Although I did not ask for it here, you could also calculate the fundamental growth rate in Net Income:

\[
g_{\text{Net Income}} = (.1549)(.26) = 4.05\%
\]