

Q9) Assume that the following assets are correctly priced according to the security market line. Derive the security market line.

$$\mu_1 = 6\%$$

$$\beta_1 = 0.5$$

$$\mu_2 = 12\%$$

$$\beta_2 = 1.5$$

What is the expected return on an asset with  $\beta = 2$ ?

The security market line  $r_i - r_f = \beta_i (r_M - r_f)$

We have  $0.06 - r_f = 0.5 (r_M - r_f)$  or rearranging  
 $0.5 r_M + 0.5 r_f = 0.06$  and  $0.12 - r_f = 1.5 (r_M - r_f)$

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$$1.5 r_M + 0.5 r_f = 0.06$$

$$\text{and } 0.12 - r_f = 1.5 (r_M - r_f)$$

$$1.5 r_M - 0.5 r_f = 0.12$$

Solving these 2 equations gives rise to

$$r_f = 0.03 \quad r_M = 0.18/2 = 0.09$$

The security market line is  $r_i = 0.03 + \beta (0.06)$

$$r_i = 0.03 + \beta (0.06) = 0.03 + 2(0.06) = 0.15$$