

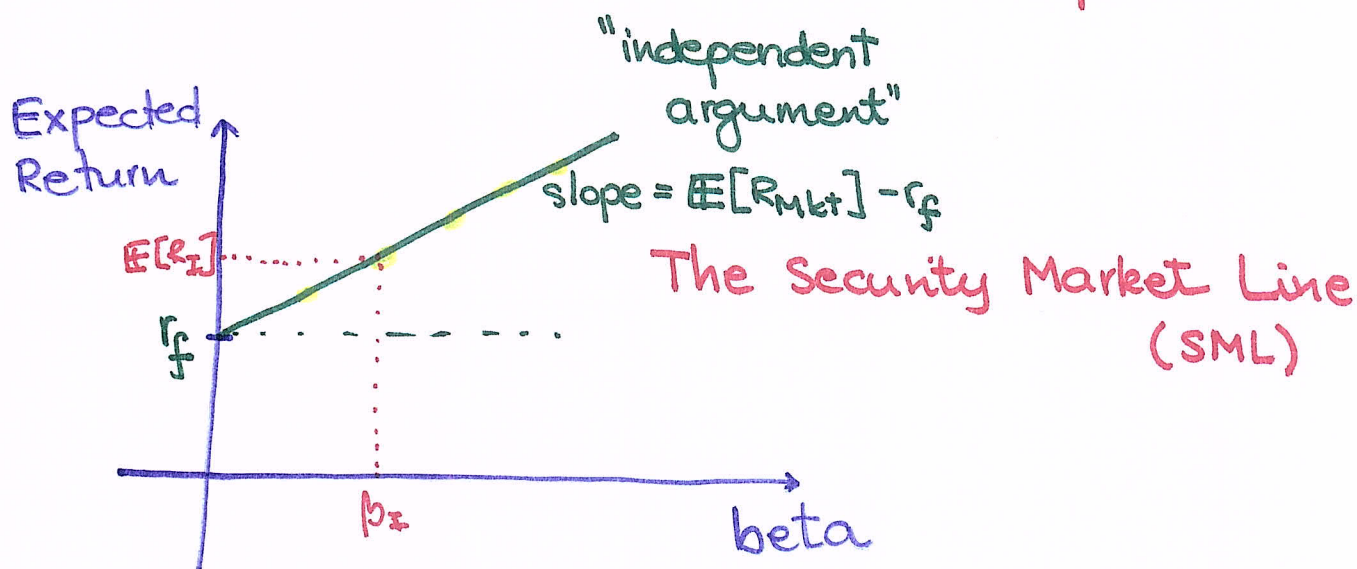
# The Equity cost of Capital

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Recall: In the CAPM: for any investment I

$$E[R_I] = r_I = \underbrace{r_f}_{\text{the intercept}} + \beta_I \underbrace{(E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)}_{\text{the slope}}$$

independent of the investment I



## Beta Estimation

### Linear Regression

Explanatory random variable:  $X$

Response random variable:  $Y$

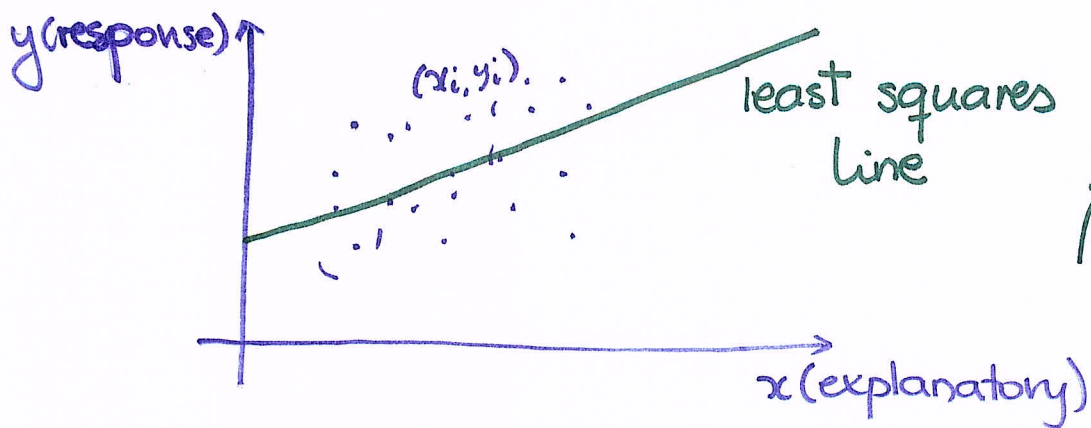
Model:  $Y = \alpha + \beta \cdot X + \epsilon \sim N(0, \text{variance})$  (LR)

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intercept          slope

assume to be the same for every value of  $X$

Observed values:

$$(x_i, y_i), i = 1 \dots n$$



$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{SD[Y]}{SD[X]} \cdot \text{Corr}[X, Y]$$

"Attacking" the LR w/ the expectation, we get

$$E[Y] = \alpha + \beta \cdot E[X] + 0$$

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estimated from the least squares!

In our applications,

$$\underbrace{R_I - r_f}_{\text{the response variable}} = \underbrace{\alpha_I}_{\substack{\text{the intercept} \\ \text{of the linear} \\ \text{regression}}} + \underbrace{\beta_I}_{\substack{\text{the slope of} \\ \text{the linear} \\ \text{regression}}} \underbrace{(R_{Mkt} - r_f)}_{\text{the explanatory variable}} + \underbrace{\epsilon_I}_{\text{the error term}}$$

The expectation of the above:

$$E[R_I] - r_f = \alpha_I + \beta_I (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f) + \overbrace{E[\epsilon_I]}^{=0}$$

$$E[R_I] = \underbrace{r_f + \beta_I (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)}_{\text{the security market line (SML)}} + \underbrace{\alpha_I}_{\text{the distance from the SML, i.e., the stock's alpha}}$$

- 13) The following table shows the beta and expected return for each of five stocks.

Stock (i)	$\beta_i$	$E(R_i)$
1	1.2	0.124
2	1.0	0.110
3	0.7	0.103
4	0.4	0.068
5	0.1	0.047

All of these stocks except one lie on the Security Market Line.

Calculate the alpha of the stock that does NOT lie on the Security Market Line.

- A) -0.026
- B) -0.014
- C) 0.000
- D) 0.014
- E) 0.026

• There is no obvious efficient way to tackle this problem :)

=> Start w/ the first two stocks assuming they both lie on the SML:

$$E[R_1] = r_f + \beta_1 (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)$$

$$E[R_2] = r_f + \beta_2 (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)$$

=> From the table:

$$0.124 = r_f + 1.2 (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)$$

$$0.110 = r_f + 1.0 (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)$$

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$$0.014 = 0.2 (E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow E[R_{Mkt}] - r_f = 5 \cdot 0.014 = 0.07$$



$$\Rightarrow r_f = 0.11 - 0.07 = 0.04$$

The above slope & intercept are my candidates for the parameters of the SML.

Now, we verify if Stocks #3, #4, #5 lie on it.

\* Checking for Stock #3:

$$0.103 \stackrel{?}{=} 0.04 + 0.7 \cdot 0.07 = 0.04 + 0.049 = 0.089 \quad \times$$

\* checking for Stock #4:

$$0.068 \stackrel{?}{=} 0.04 + 0.4 \cdot 0.07 = 0.04 + 0.028 = 0.068 \quad \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow$  Stock #4 is on the SML.

$\Rightarrow$  Stock #3 is not on the SML

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_3 = 0.103 - 0.089 = 0.014 \Rightarrow (D)$$