

Quiz A for 2:30 Class: 9/26/12

Name _____

Note: Answer all of the following on a single graph. Be sure to clearly label which part of the graph answers which question.

Assume you are planning to build portfolios of the two following stocks.

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Expected Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Eli Lilly	12%	15%
Carnival	25%	32%

The correlation between the returns on Eli Lilly and Carnival is 0.1.

- Sketch a graph that shows the risk and return of all possible portfolios if you limit yourself to holding long positions in these two stocks.
- Assume you are willing to accept a standard deviation of returns on your portfolio of as high as 45%. Identify on your graph your best possible portfolio.
- Assume you allow both long and short positions in the two stocks. How would your answer change from part b.
- Assume that due to an acquisition, the expected return on Carnival rises to 30% but the standard deviation on of returns remains at 32%. The correlation between Eli Lilly and Carnival remains the same. How would your answer to c. change? Show on your graph how much better off you are after the change.

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