

- MEAN VARIANCE ANALYSIS (Portfolio Analysis)

Random Variable

- X be a random variable with X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 values and p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 probabilities (respectively)
- $E(X) = X_1p_1 + X_2p_2 + X_3p_3 + X_4p_4$
- $Var(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$
 $= (X_1^2)p_1 + (X_2^2)p_2 + \dots - [E(X)]^2$

Numerical Example

Expected value of number of spots for a rolled die

$$\frac{1}{6}(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6) = 3.5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= E(y^2) - \bar{y}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{6}[1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36] - (3.5)^2 = 2.92\end{aligned}$$

Properties of Expectation

Nonnegativity If x is random but never less than zero, then $E(x) \geq 0$.

Linearity If y and z are random, then $E(\alpha y + \beta z) = \alpha E(y) + \beta E(z)$ for any real values of α and β .

Certain value If y is a known value (not random), then $E(y) = y$.

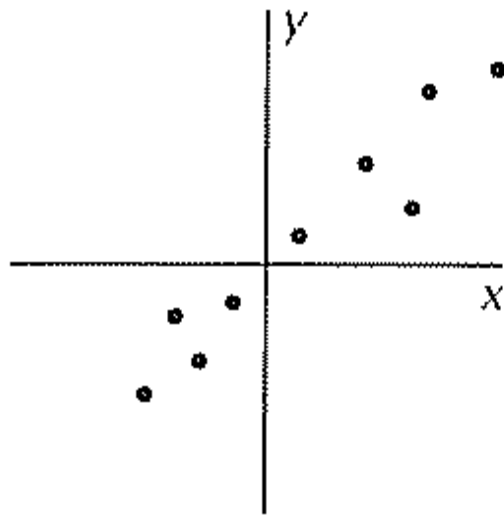
Covariance (Two random variables)

$$\text{cov}(x_1, x_2) = E[(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)] .$$

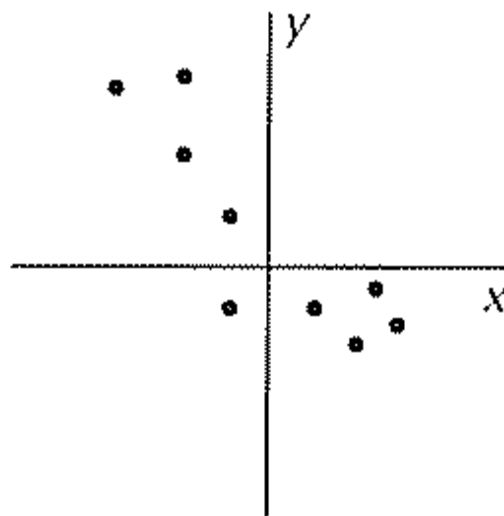
$$\text{cov}(x_1, x_2) = E(x_1 x_2) - \bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2 .$$

Correlation Coefficient

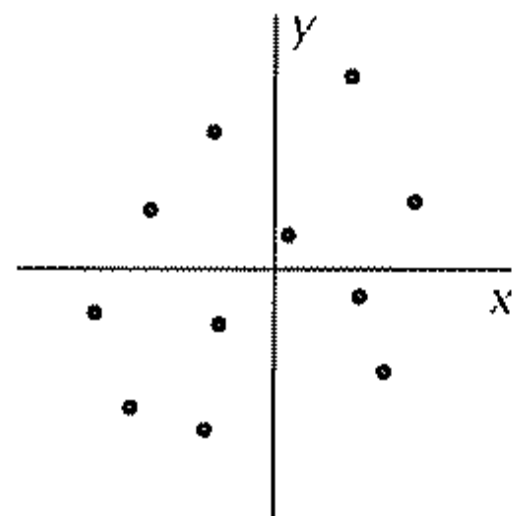
$$\rho_{12} = \frac{\sigma_{12}}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$



(a) Positively correlated



(b) Negatively correlated



(c) Uncorrelated

Sum of Two Variables Variances

$$V(A) = E(A^2) - [E(A)]^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X+Y) &= E[(X+Y)^2] - E^2(X+Y) \\ &= [E(X^2) + E(Y^2) + 2E(XY)] - [E^2(X) + E^2(Y) + 2E(X)E(Y)] \\ &= E(X^2) - E^2(X) + E(Y^2) - E^2(Y) + 2E(XY) - 2E(X)E(Y) \\ &= V(X) + V(Y) + 2\text{cov}(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

What if two variables are statistically independent

- $V(X+Y) = V(X) + V(Y) + 0$

A die is rolled twice. Average of two numbers on surface is assumed to be a random variable Z .

Calculate the mean/expectation and variance of Z .

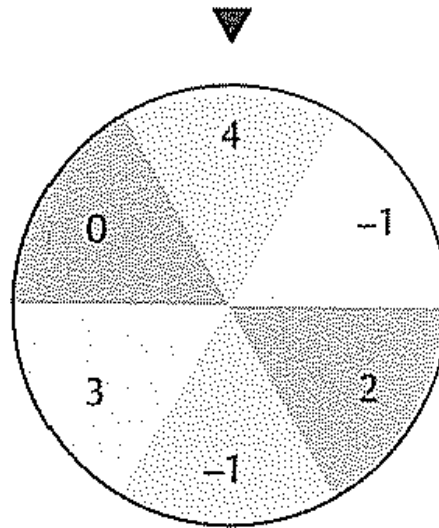
Solution

$$z = \frac{1}{2}(x + y).$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{x} + \bar{y}) = 3.5,$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2) = 2.92/2 = 1.46.$$

Example (Fortune Wheel)



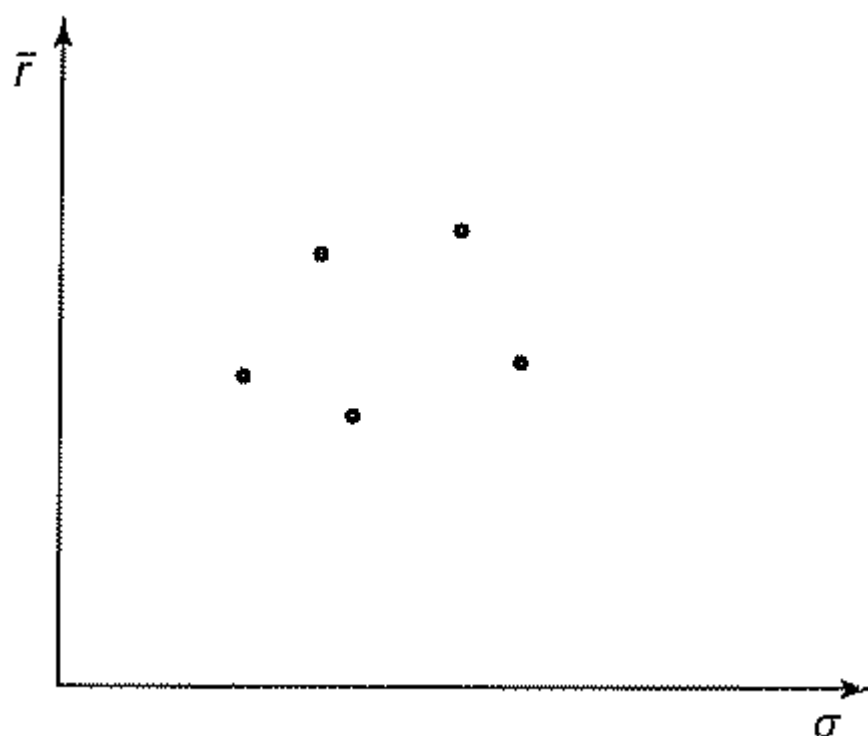
Solution

$$\overline{Q} = \sum_i p_i Q_i = \frac{1}{6}(4 - 1 + 2 - 1 + 3) = 7/6.$$

$$\sigma_Q^2 = E(Q^2) - \overline{Q}^2 = \frac{1}{6}(16 + 1 + 4 + 1 + 9) - (7/6)^2 = 3.81 \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{var}(x + y) &= E[(x - \bar{x} + y - \bar{y})^2] \\
 &= E[(x - \bar{x})^2] + 2E[(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y})] + E[(y - \bar{y})^2] \\
 &= \sigma_x^2 + 2\sigma_{xy} + \sigma_y^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Mean-standard deviation diagram.



Expected value/mean return of a portfolio

$$r = w_1 r_1 + w_2 r_2 + \cdots + w_n r_n \text{ ,}$$

$$E(r) = w_1 E(r_1) + w_2 E(r_2) + \cdots + w_n E(r_n) \text{ .}$$

Variance of a portfolio

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= \text{E}[(r - \bar{r})^2] \\&= \text{E} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i r_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \bar{r}_i \right)^2 \right] \\&= \text{E} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i (r_i - \bar{r}_i) \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j (r_j - \bar{r}_j) \right) \right] \\&= \text{E} \left[\sum_{i,j=1}^n w_i w_j (r_i - \bar{r}_i)(r_j - \bar{r}_j) \right] \\&= \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_i w_j \sigma_{ij}.\end{aligned}$$

Calculate mean and variance of the portfolio (Assume $w_1=0.25$)

- If $r_1=0.12$, $r_2=0.15$ and $\sigma_1 = .20$, $\sigma_2 = .18$, and $\sigma_{12} = .01$

Solution

$$\bar{r} = .25(.12) + .75(.15) = .1425$$

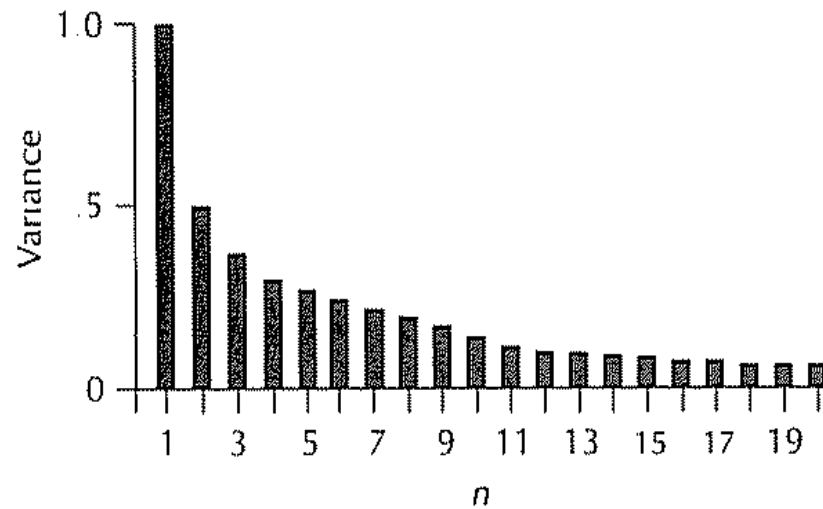
$$\sigma^2 = (.25)^2(.20)^2 + .25(.75)(.01) + .75(.25)(.01) + (.75)^2(.18)^2 = .024475$$

Notion of diversification

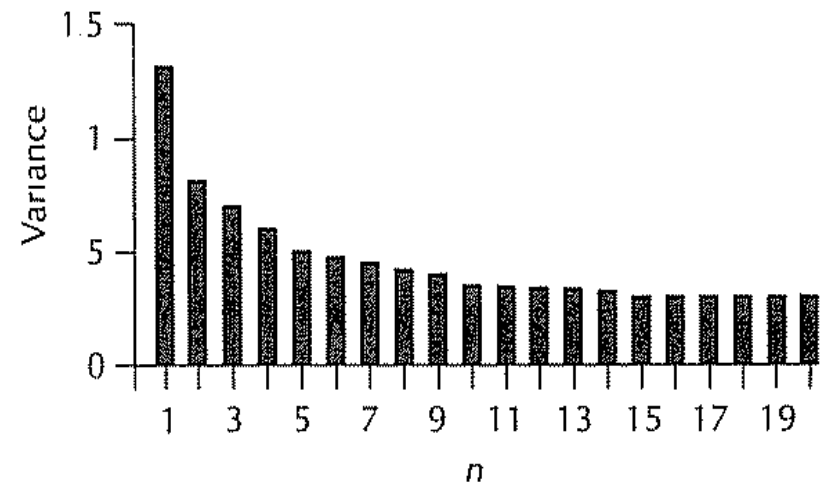
$$r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i.$$

$$\text{var}(r) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Diversification

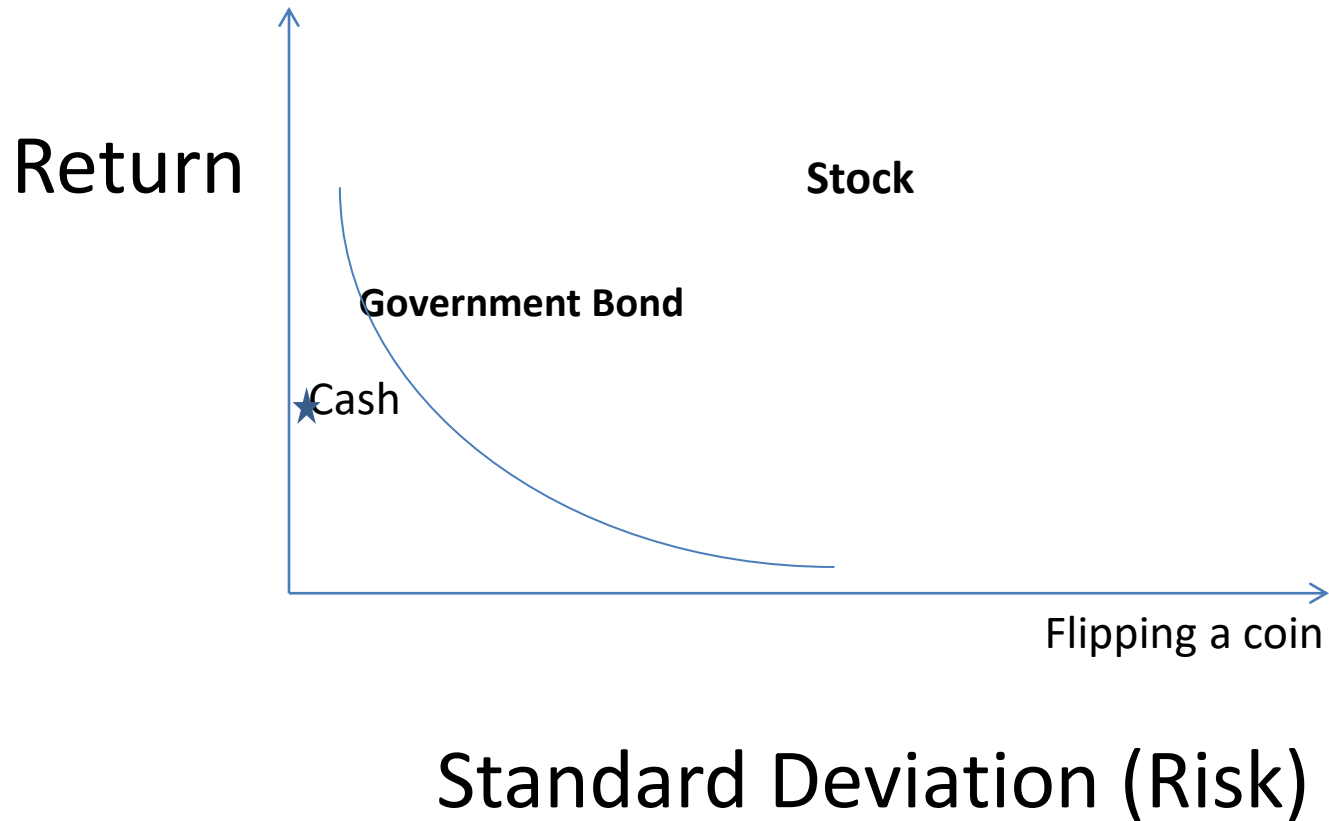


(a) Uncorrelated assets



(b) Correlated assets

Efficient Frontier



Suppose we have n stock in a portfolio with equal weightage and each with equal $sd = \sigma$. Further, covariance between each pair of stocks $= 0.3\sigma^2$.

What is variance of the portfolio

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(r) &= E \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} (r_i - \bar{r}) \right]^2 \\&= \frac{1}{n^2} E \left\{ \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (r_i - \bar{r}) \right] \left[\sum_{j=1}^n (r_j - \bar{r}) \right] \right\} \\&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij} = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=j} \sigma_{ij} + \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_{ij} \right\} \\&= \frac{1}{n^2} \{ n\sigma^2 + .3(n^2 - n)\sigma^2 \} \\&= \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + .3\sigma^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\&= \frac{.7\sigma^2}{n} + .3\sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

Two assets with different returns and risks (SD)

$$\bar{r}(\alpha) = (1 - \alpha)\bar{r}_1 + \alpha\bar{r}_2.$$

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \sqrt{(1 - \alpha)^2\sigma_1^2 + 2\alpha(1 - \alpha)\sigma_{12} + \alpha^2\sigma_2^2}.$$

$$\sigma(\alpha) = \sqrt{(1 - \alpha)^2\sigma_1^2 + 2\rho\alpha(1 - \alpha)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \alpha^2\sigma_2^2}.$$

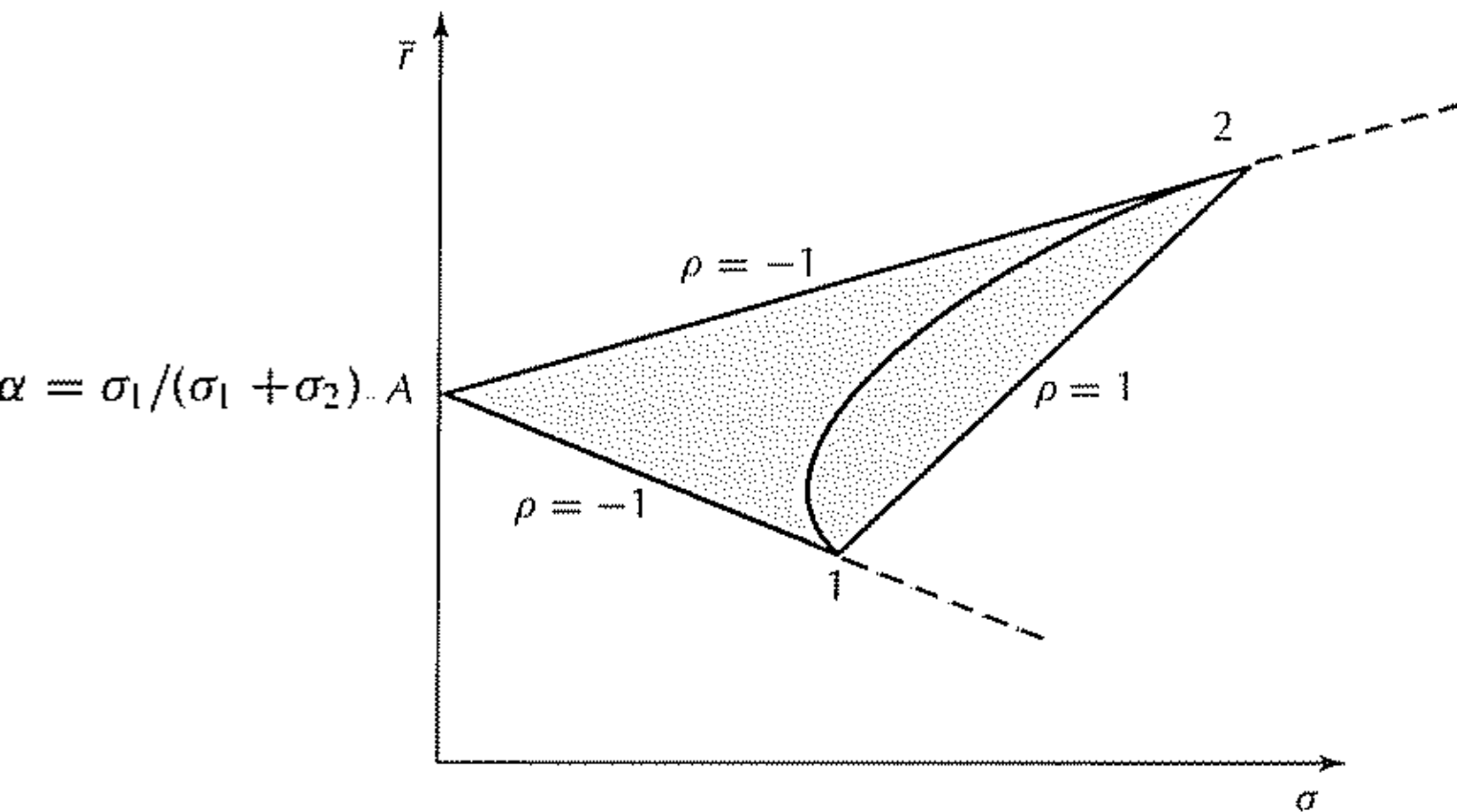
When $\rho=+1$ (upper bound)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\alpha)^* &= \sqrt{(1-\alpha)^2\sigma_1^2 + 2\alpha(1-\alpha)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \alpha^2\sigma_2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{[(1-\alpha)\sigma_1 + \alpha\sigma_2]^2} \\ &= (1-\alpha)\sigma_1 + \alpha\sigma_2 .\end{aligned}$$

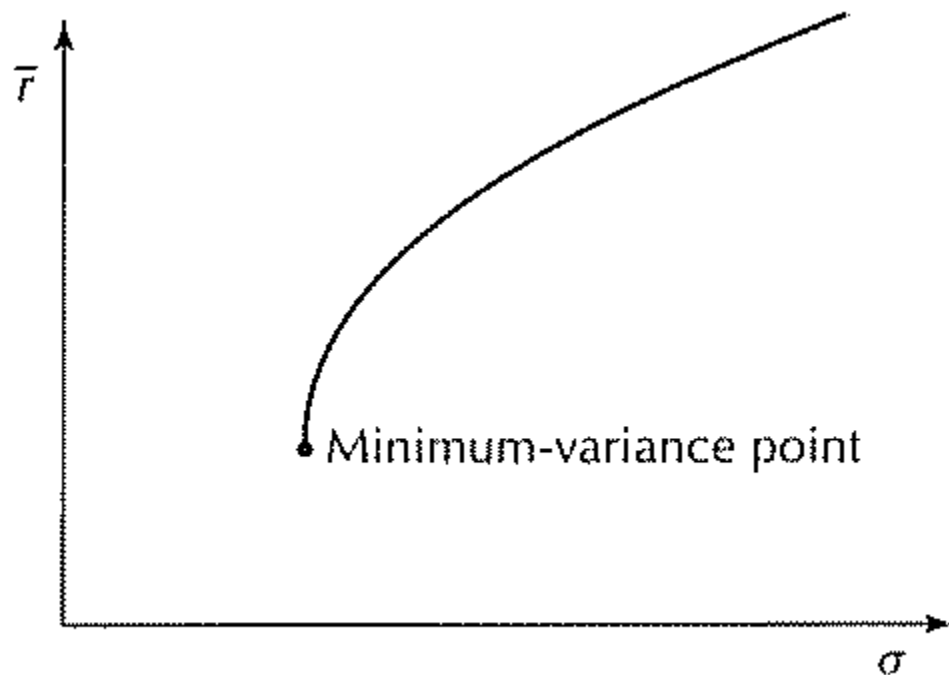
When $\rho = -1$ (lower bound)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\alpha)_* &= \sqrt{(1-\alpha)^2\sigma_1^2 - 2\alpha(1-\alpha)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \alpha^2\sigma_2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{[(1-\alpha)\sigma_1 - \alpha\sigma_2]^2} \\ &= |(1-\alpha)\sigma_1 - \alpha\sigma_2|.\end{aligned}$$

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Markowitz Model

$$\text{minimize } \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_i w_j \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \bar{r}_i = \bar{r}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1 .$$

Solution (Lagrange Formula)- Constrained Optimization

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_i w_j \sigma_{ij} - \lambda \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \bar{r}_i - \bar{r} \right) - \mu \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i - 1 \right).$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (w_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + w_1 w_2 \sigma_{12} + w_2 w_1 \sigma_{21} + w_2^2 \sigma_2^2) \\ - \lambda (\bar{r}_1 w_1 + \bar{r}_2 w_2 - \bar{r}) - \mu (w_1 + w_2 - 1).$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = \frac{1}{2} (2\sigma_1^2 w_1 + \sigma_{12} w_2 + \sigma_{21} w_2) - \lambda \bar{r}_1 - \mu$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{12} w_1 + \sigma_{21} w_1 + 2\sigma_2^2 w_2) - \lambda \bar{r}_2 - \mu.$$

Using the fact that $\sigma_{12} = \sigma_{21}$ and setting these derivatives to zero, we obtain

$$\sigma_1^2 w_1 + \sigma_{12} w_2 - \lambda \bar{r}_1 - \mu = 0$$

$$\sigma_{21} w_1 + \sigma_2^2 w_2 - \lambda \bar{r}_2 - \mu = 0.$$