

Probability Concepts

Portfolio Return and Variance,
Covariance and Correlation

1. Portfolio Return & Variance
2. Covariance
3. Correlation

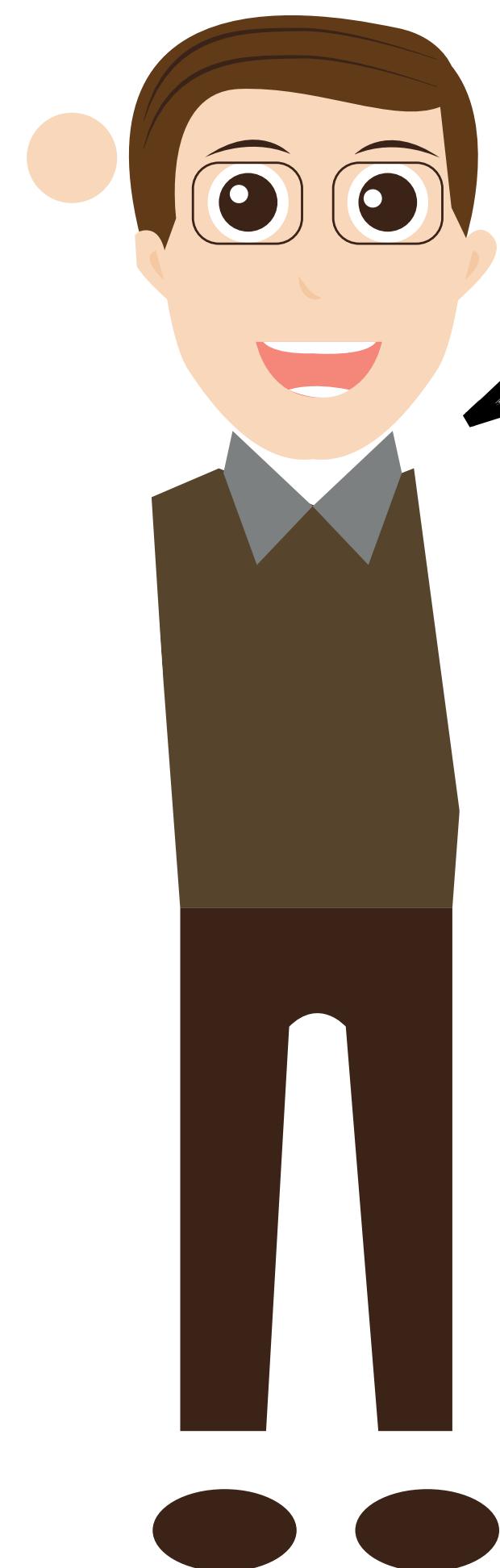
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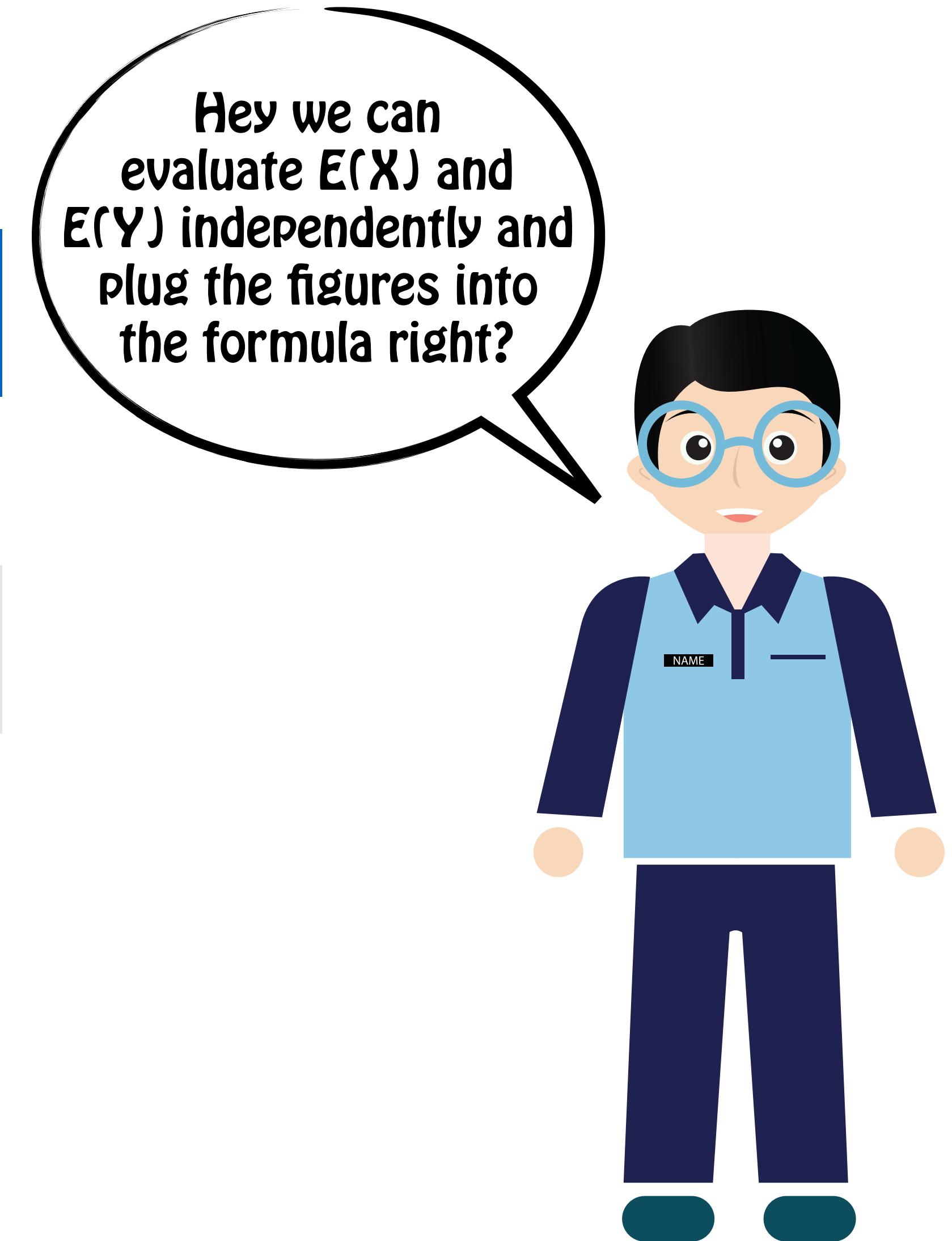


No! No! No! The returns on X and Y are likely NOT INDEPENDENT from each other!

2-Asset Investment Portfolio

Asset	Weight	Expected Return
X	w_x	$E(X)$
Y	w_y	$E(Y)$

Annual return of each asset



Hey we can evaluate $E(X)$ and $E(Y)$ independently and plug the figures into the formula right?

$$\begin{aligned} & E(w_x X + w_y Y) \\ &= w_x E(X) + w_y E(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Joint Probability Table

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$$P(X_1 Y_1) = 0.4$$

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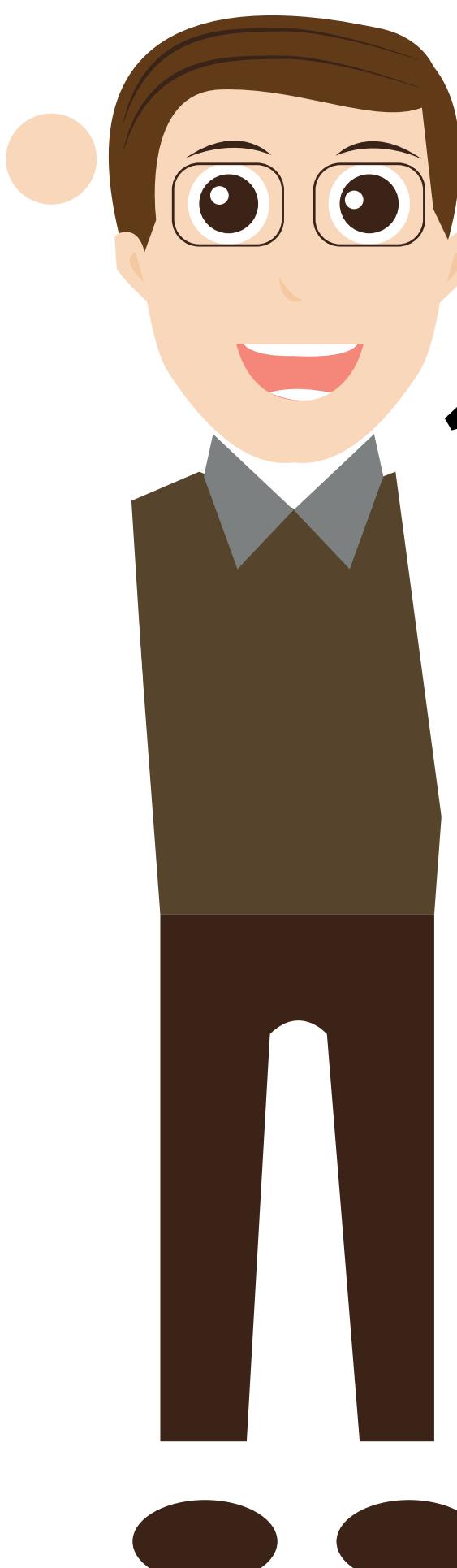
$$E(X) = 20 \times 0.4 + 0 \times 0.5 + (-15) \times 0.1 = 6.5\%$$

$$E(Y) = 0 \times 0.4 + 4 \times 0.5 + 10 \times 0.1 = 3\%$$

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Since they are
NOT INDEPENDENT,
we have to consider the
covariance!

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How does X move with Y?

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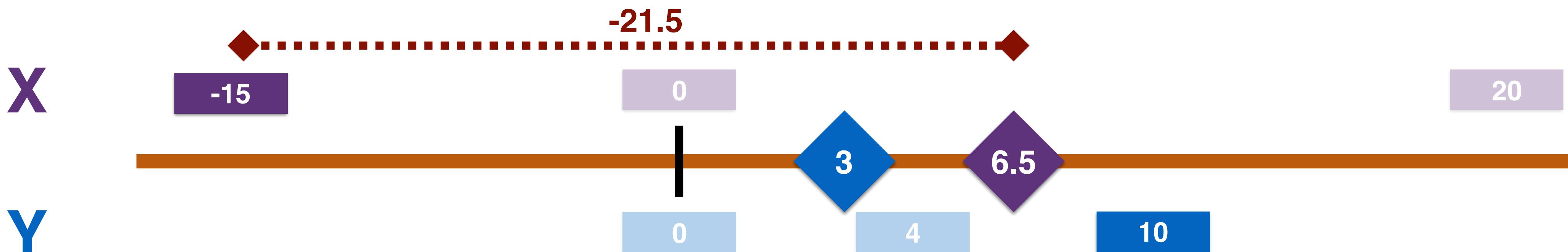
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Portfolio Return and Variance, Covariance + Correlation

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$$= 140.25$$

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= 9

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Returns move in opposite directions

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Correlation Coefficient

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No linear
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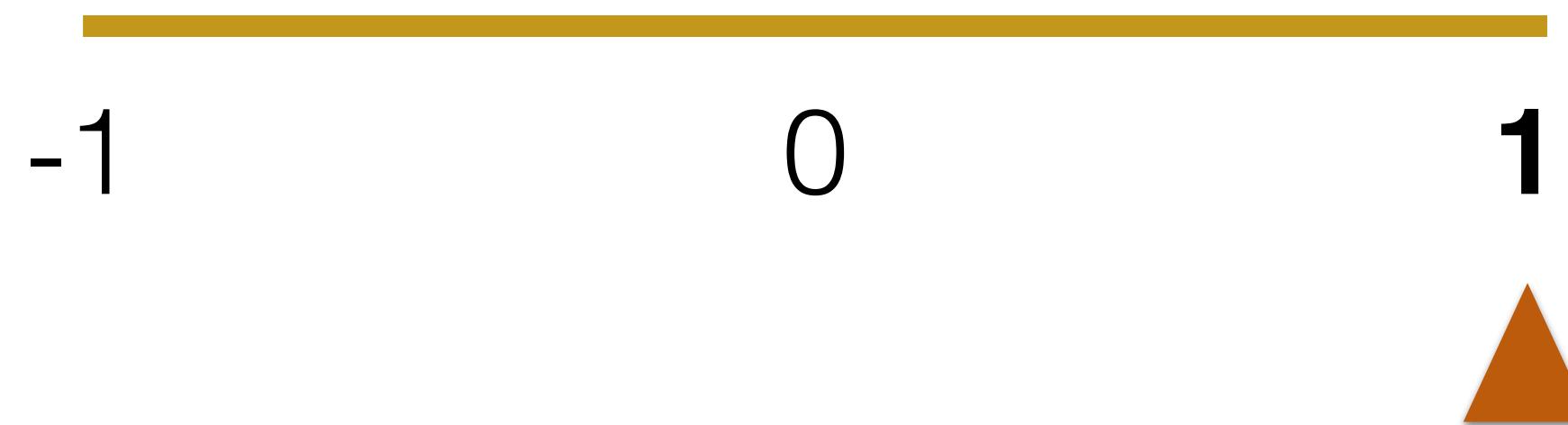
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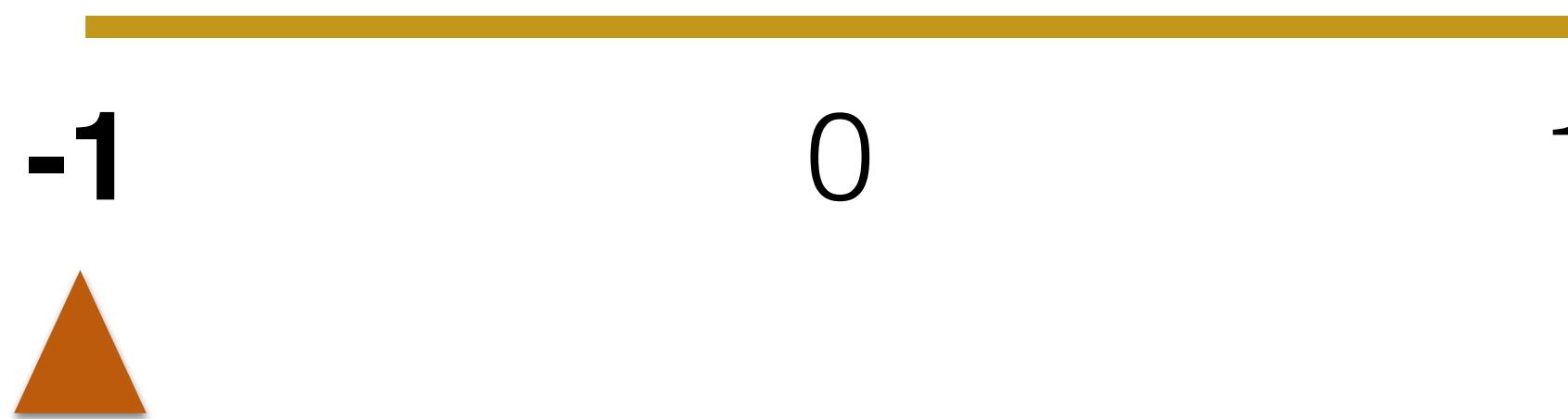
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When one outperforms, the other will likely underperform

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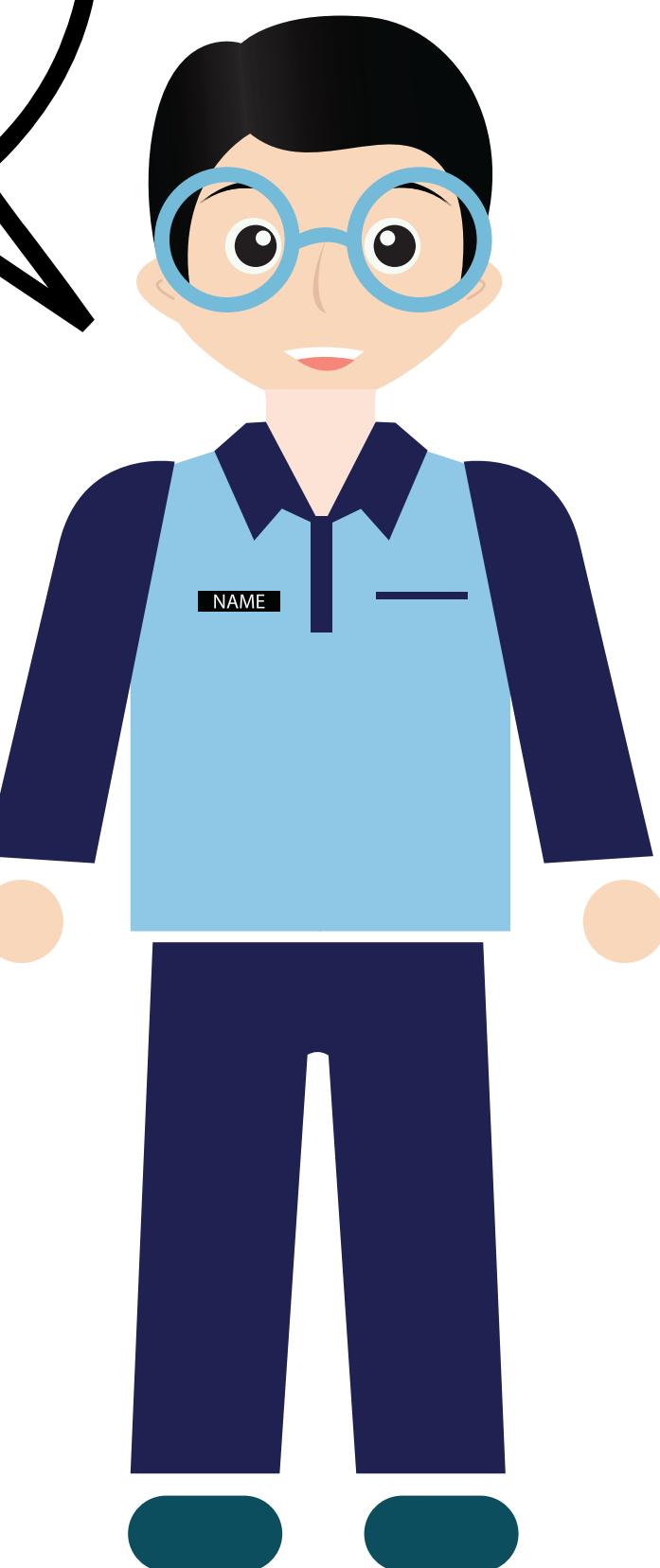
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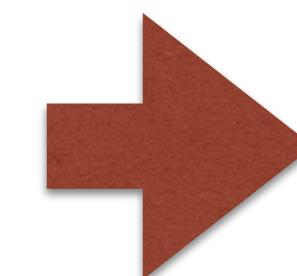


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$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 (w_x X + w_y Y) &= w_x^2 \sigma^2(X) + w_y^2 \sigma^2(Y) + 2w_x w_y \text{Cov}(X, Y) \\ &= 0.7^2 \times 140.25 + 0.3^2 \times 9 + 2 \times 0.7 \times 0.3 \times (-34.5) \\ &= 55.04 \end{aligned}$$

Covariance Matrix

	X	Y
X	140.25	-34.5
Y	-34.5	9



Correlation Matrix

	X	Y
X	1	-0.97
Y	-0.97	1

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Expected Portfolio Return} &= w_x E(X) + w_y E(Y) + w_z E(Z) \\ &= 0.25 \times 14 + 0.4 \times 4 + 0.35 \times 8 \\ &= 7.9\%\end{aligned}$$

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$$+ w_z^2 \sigma^2(Z) + 2w_z w_x \text{Cov}(Z, X)$$

$$= 0.25^2 \times 82.1 + 2 \times 0.25 \times 0.4 \times 18.8$$

$$+ 0.4^2 \times 11.3 + 2 \times 0.4 \times 0.35 \times (-16.2)$$

$$+ 0.35^2 \times 34 + 2 \times 0.35 \times 0.25 \times 0$$

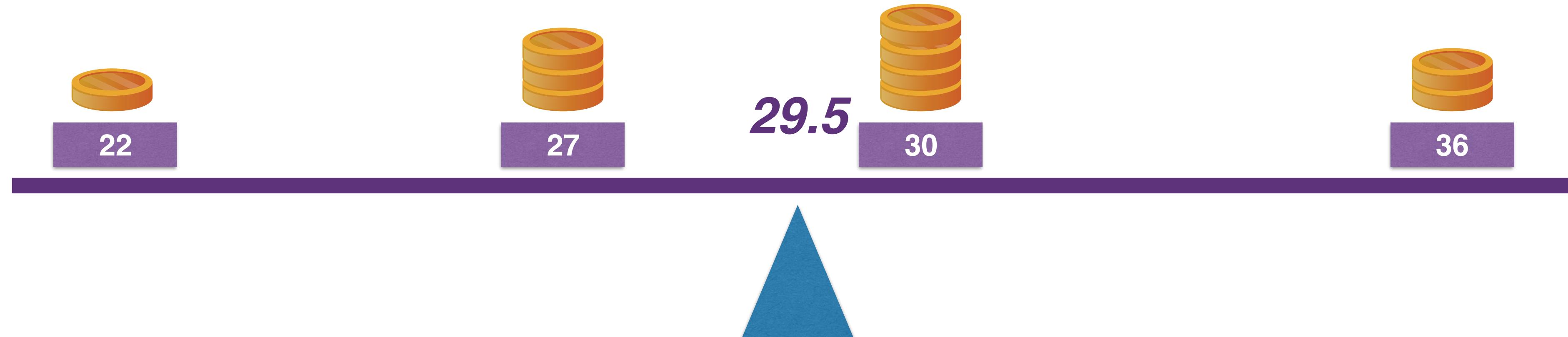
$$= 10.32$$

Expected Value

$$E(X) = \sum P(X_i) X_i$$

$P(X_i)$	$X_i: \text{EPS } (\$)$	$P(X_i) X_i$
0.2	36	7.2
0.4	30	12
0.3	X 27	8.1
0.1	22	2.2

$$\Sigma = 29.5$$

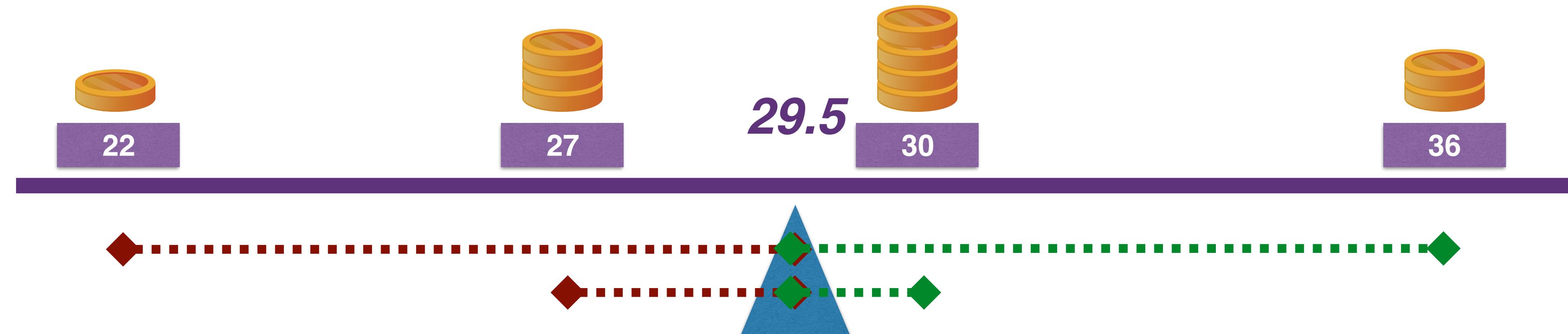


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$$\Sigma = 16.05$$



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Variance

$$\sigma^2(X) = \sum P(X_i) [X_i - E(X)]^2$$

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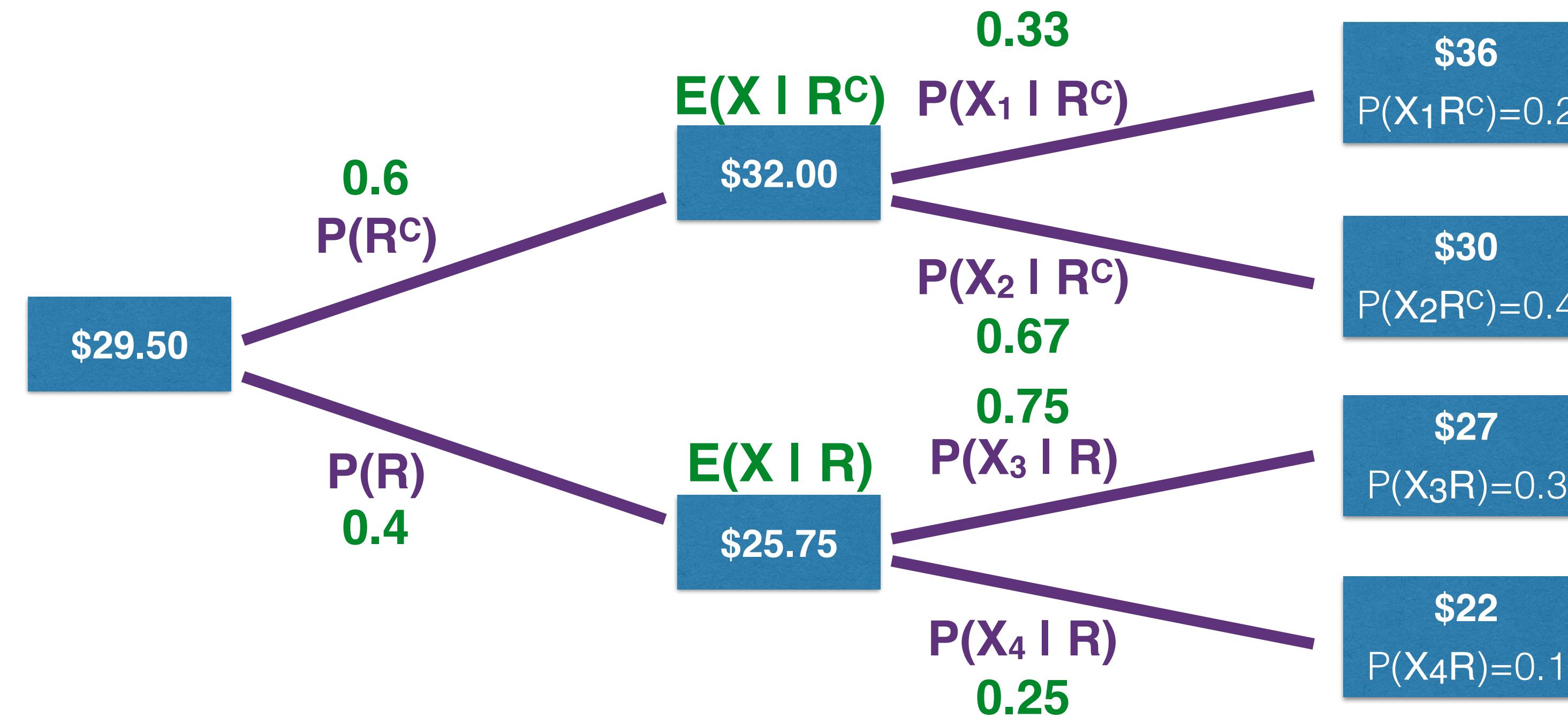
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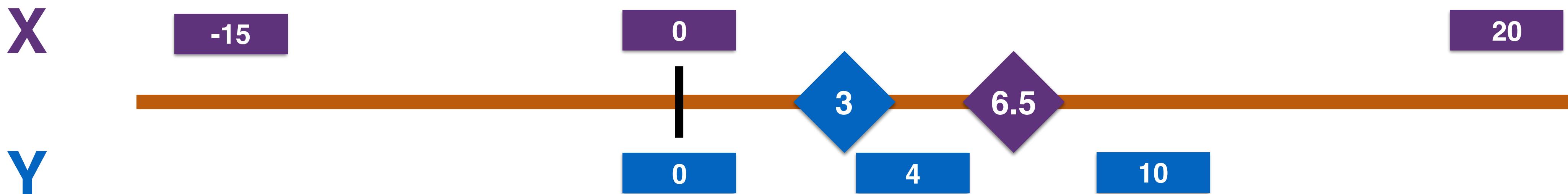
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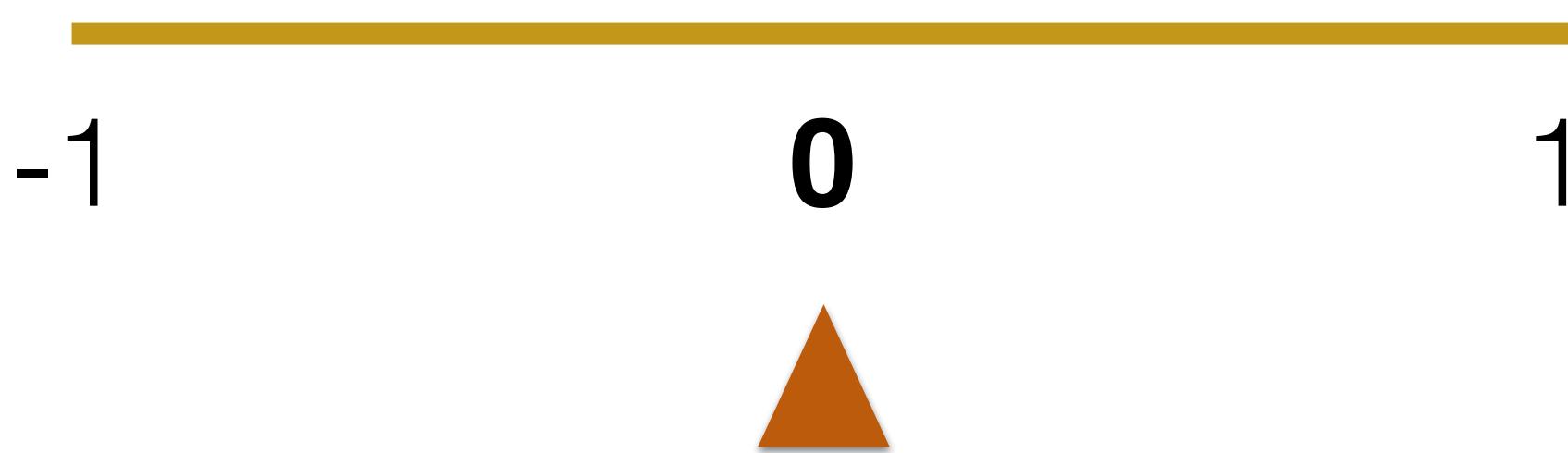
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$$+ w_y^2 \sigma^2(Y) + 2w_y w_z \text{Cov}(Y, Z)$$

$$+ w_z^2 \sigma^2(Z) + 2w_z w_x \text{Cov}(Z, X)$$

