

M 339 W: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Sharpe Ratio.

Start w/ a portfolio  $P$  consisting of risky investments.

Let  $R_p$  denote its return.

Let  $r_f$  denote the risk-free interest rate.

Now, we construct the portfolio  $xP$  so that:

- we give the weight  $x$  to the risky portfolio  $P$   
and
- we give the weight  $(1-x)$  to the riskfree investment.

Let  $R_{xp}$  denote the return of this new portfolio.

We know:

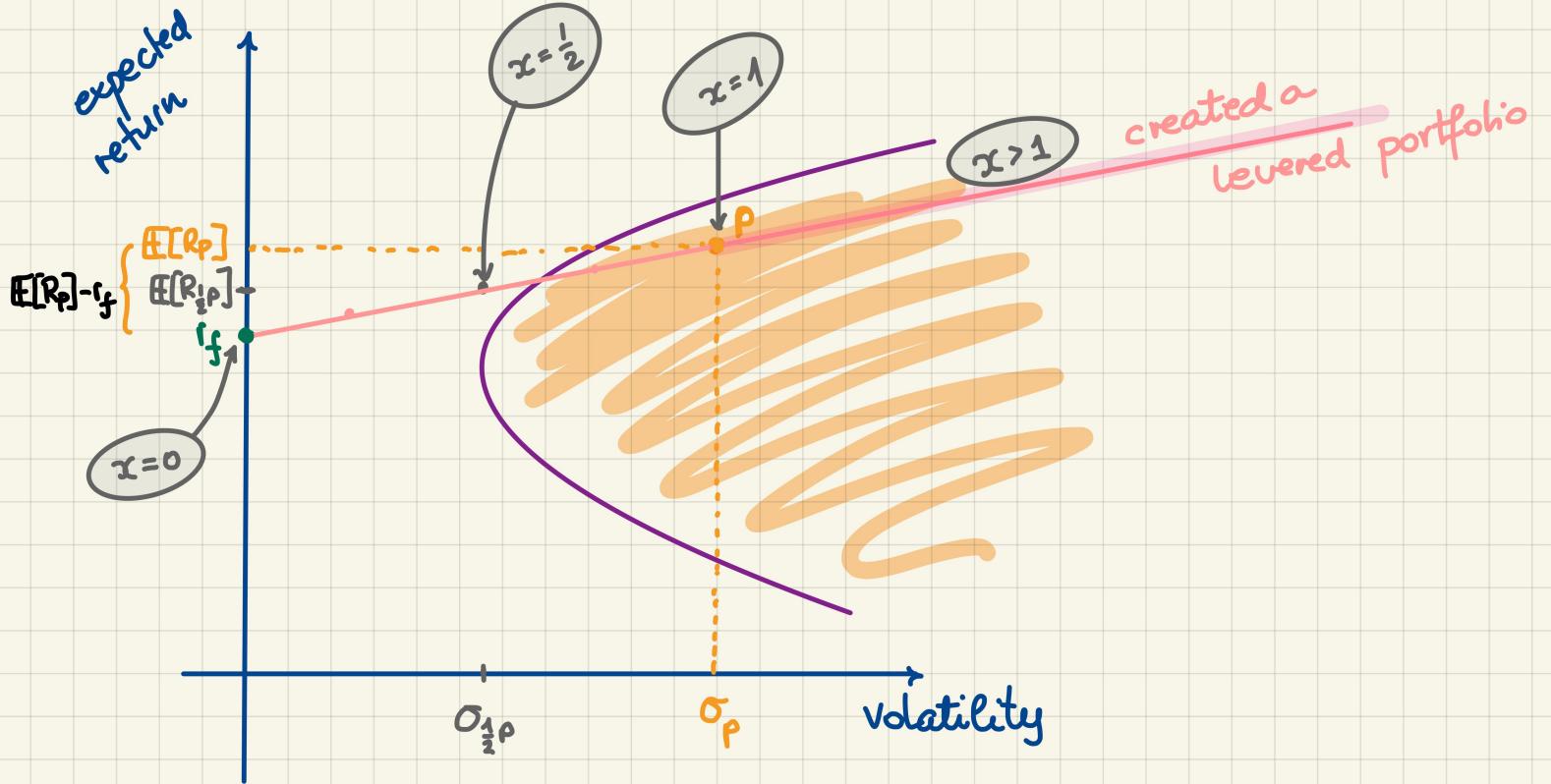
$$R_{xp} = x \cdot R_p + (1-x) \cdot r_f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \mathbb{E}[R_{xp}] &= x \cdot \mathbb{E}[R_p] + (1-x) \cdot r_f \\ &= r_f + x (\mathbb{E}[R_p] - r_f) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{E}[R_{xp}] - r_f}{\text{(expected) excess return or risk premium}} = x (\mathbb{E}[R_p] - r_f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \text{Var}[R_{xp}] &= \text{Var}[x \cdot R_p + (1-x) \cdot r_f] \quad \text{deterministic} \\ &= \text{Var}[x R_p] \\ &= x^2 \cdot \text{Var}[R_p] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{SD}[R_{xp}] = \sqrt{x^2 \cdot \text{Var}[R_p]} \quad \checkmark$$



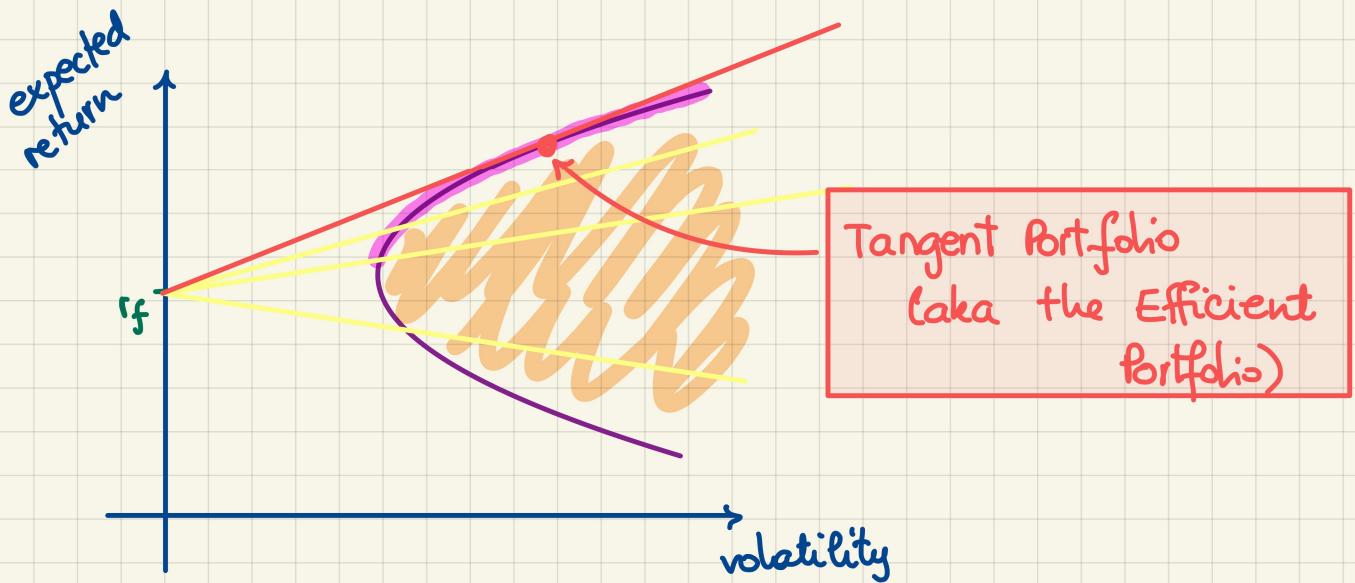
Q: What is the slope of the line through  $(0, r_f)$

and  $(\sigma_p, E[R_p])$ ?

$$\rightarrow : \text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{E[R_p] - r_f}{\sigma_p}$$

**THE SHARPE RATIO**

- Note:
- All the portfolios on the pink line above have the same Sharpe ratio.
  - Higher Sharpe Ratios are preferable.



8) You are given the following information about a two-asset portfolio:

(i) The Sharpe ratio of the portfolio is 0.3667.

(ii) The annual effective risk-free rate is 4%.  $r_f = 0.04$

(iii) If the portfolio were 50% invested in a risk-free asset and 50% invested in a risky asset X, its expected return would be 9.50%.

Now, assume that the weights were revised so that the portfolio were 20% invested in a risk-free asset and 80% invested in risky asset X.

} P  
} P'

Calculate the standard deviation of the portfolio return with the revised weights.

$$\sigma_{P'} = ?$$

- (A) 6.0%
- (B) 6.2%
- (C) 12.8%
- (D) 15.0%
- (E) 24.0%

$$\longrightarrow: R_{P'} = 0.8R_X + 0.2r_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{P'} = 0.8 \cdot \sigma_X \quad \checkmark$$

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  Sharpe ratio of X is 0.3667

By def'n.

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[R_X] - r_f}{\sigma_X} = 0.3667$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}[R_X] + \frac{1}{2}r_f = 0.095 \quad / \cdot 2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[R_X] + r_f = 0.19 \quad / (-2r_f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_X] - r_f &= 0.19 - 2r_f = 0.19 - 2(0.04) \\ &= 0.19 - 0.08 = 0.11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_X = \frac{0.11}{0.3667} = 0.3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_{P'} = 0.8 \cdot 0.3 = 0.24$$