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

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

We know:

$$R_{xP} = x \cdot R_P + (1-x) \cdot r_f$$

$$\bullet \quad \mathbb{E}[R_{xP}] = x \cdot \mathbb{E}[R_P] + (1-x) \cdot r_f$$

$$= r_f + x(\mathbb{E}[R_P] - r_f)$$

$$\underline{\mathbb{E}[R_{xP}] - r_f} = x(\mathbb{E}[R_P] - r_f)$$

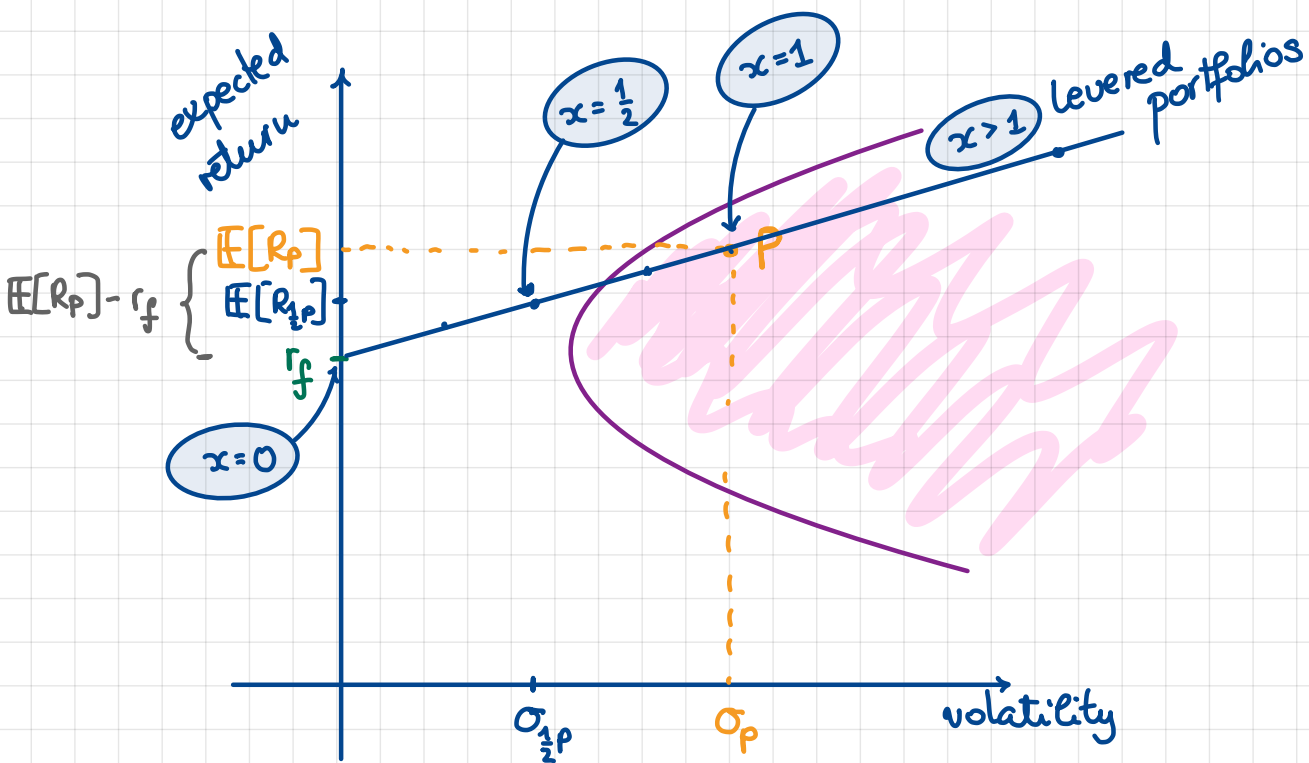
(expected) excess return
or risk premium

$$\bullet \quad \text{Var}[R_{xP}] = \text{Var}[x \cdot R_P + (1-x) \cdot r_f] =$$

deterministic

$$= \text{Var}[x \cdot R_P] = x^2 \cdot \text{Var}[R_P]$$

$$\text{SD}[R_{xP}] = x \cdot \text{SD}[R_P]$$

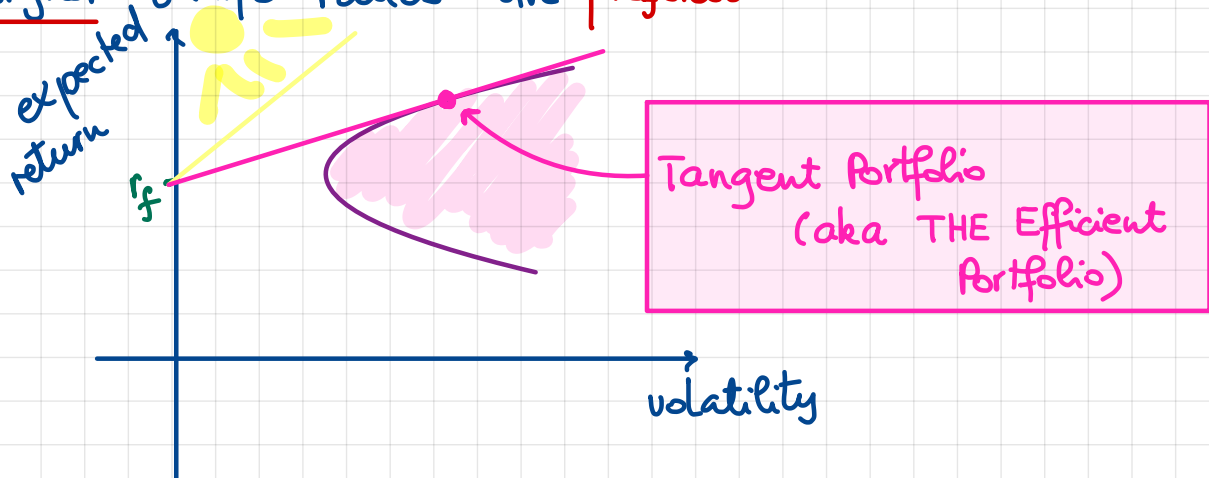


Q: What is the slope of the line $(0, r_f)$ and $(\sigma_P, E[R_P])$?

→:
$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{E[R_P] - r_f}{\sigma_P}$$
 Reward-to-Risk Ratio

The Sharpe Ratio

- Note:
- All the portfolios on the blue 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%. $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \end{array} \right\} 0.5X = P$

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. $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \end{array} \right\} 0.8X = P'$

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%

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

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

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

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

By def'n

$$\frac{1}{2} E[R_X] + \frac{1}{2} r_f = 0.095$$

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

$$E[R_X] - r_f = 0.19 - 2(0.04) = 0.11$$

$$\sigma_X = \frac{0.11}{0.3667} = 0.3$$

\Rightarrow

$$\sigma_{P'} = 0.8 \cdot 0.3 = 0.24$$

Required Returns

Objective. To figure out whether a portfolio P can be improved by "adding" (more of) a particular security I .

The Criterion.

$$\mathbb{E}[R_I] > r_f + \frac{\sigma_I}{\sigma_P} \cdot \beta_{P,I} (\mathbb{E}[R_P] - r_f)$$

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β_I^P

the beta of the investment I w/ portfolio P

Def'n. The required return of Investment I given portfolio P is:

$$r_I := r_f + \beta_I^P (\mathbb{E}[R_P] - r_f)$$