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Adding the risk-free saving and borrowing.

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 a new portfolio xP so that:

- the weight x is given to the (risky) portfolio P and
- the weight $1-x$ is given to the risk-free investment.

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[R_{xp}] - r_f = x \cdot (\mathbb{E}[R_p] - r_f)$$

(expected) excess return
or risk premium

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

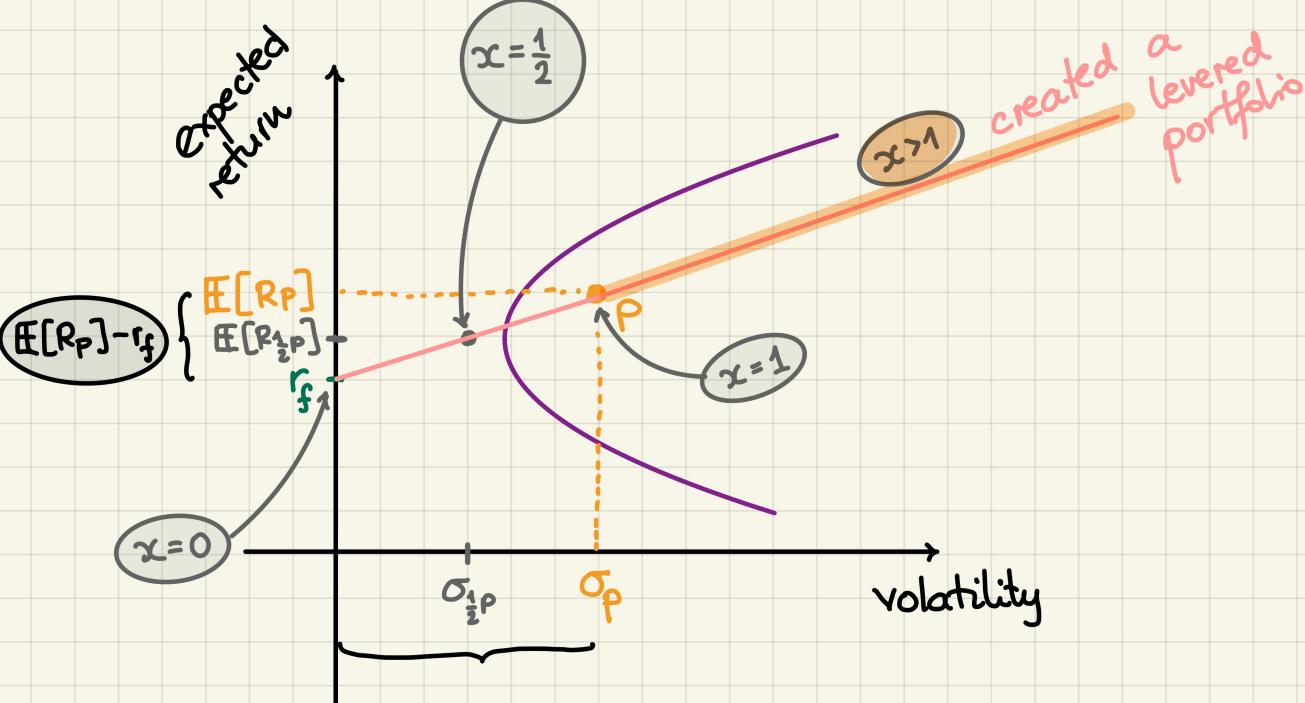
$$= \text{Var}[x \cdot R_p]$$

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

deterministic

$$\Rightarrow \text{SD}[R_{xp}] = x \cdot \text{SD}[R_p]$$

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Q: What is the slope of the line through $(0, r_f)$ and $(\sigma_p, \mathbb{E}[R_p])$?

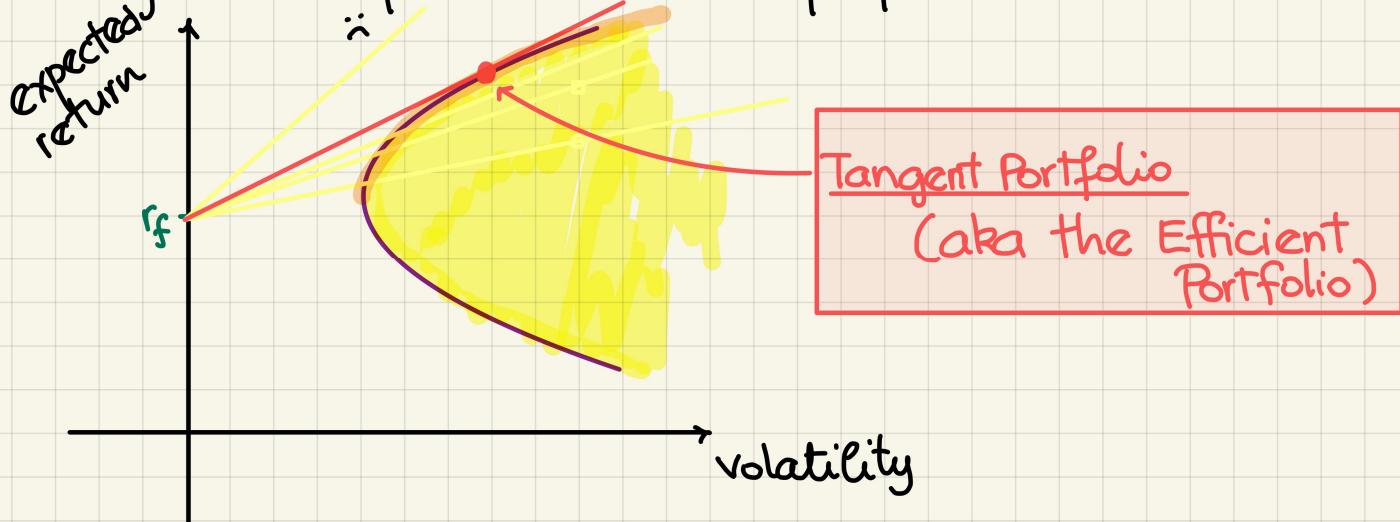
$$\rightarrow: \text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[R_p] - r_f}{\sigma_p}$$

Reward-to-Risk Ratio

THE SHARPE RATIO

Note: • All the portfolios on the 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%.
- (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%.

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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'

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%

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

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

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

By def'n, $\boxed{E[R_X] - r_f} = 0.3667$

$$\sigma_X ?$$

$$(iii) \frac{1}{2}r_f + \frac{1}{2}\boxed{E[R_X]} = 0.095 \quad / \cdot 2$$

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

$$\boxed{E[R_X] - r_f} = 0.19 - 2r_f = 0.19 - 0.08 = 0.11$$

Finally:

$$\sigma_{P'} = 0.8 \cdot \frac{0.11}{0.3667} = \underline{0.24}$$