

M 339 W: April 11th, 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 risk-free investment.

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

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

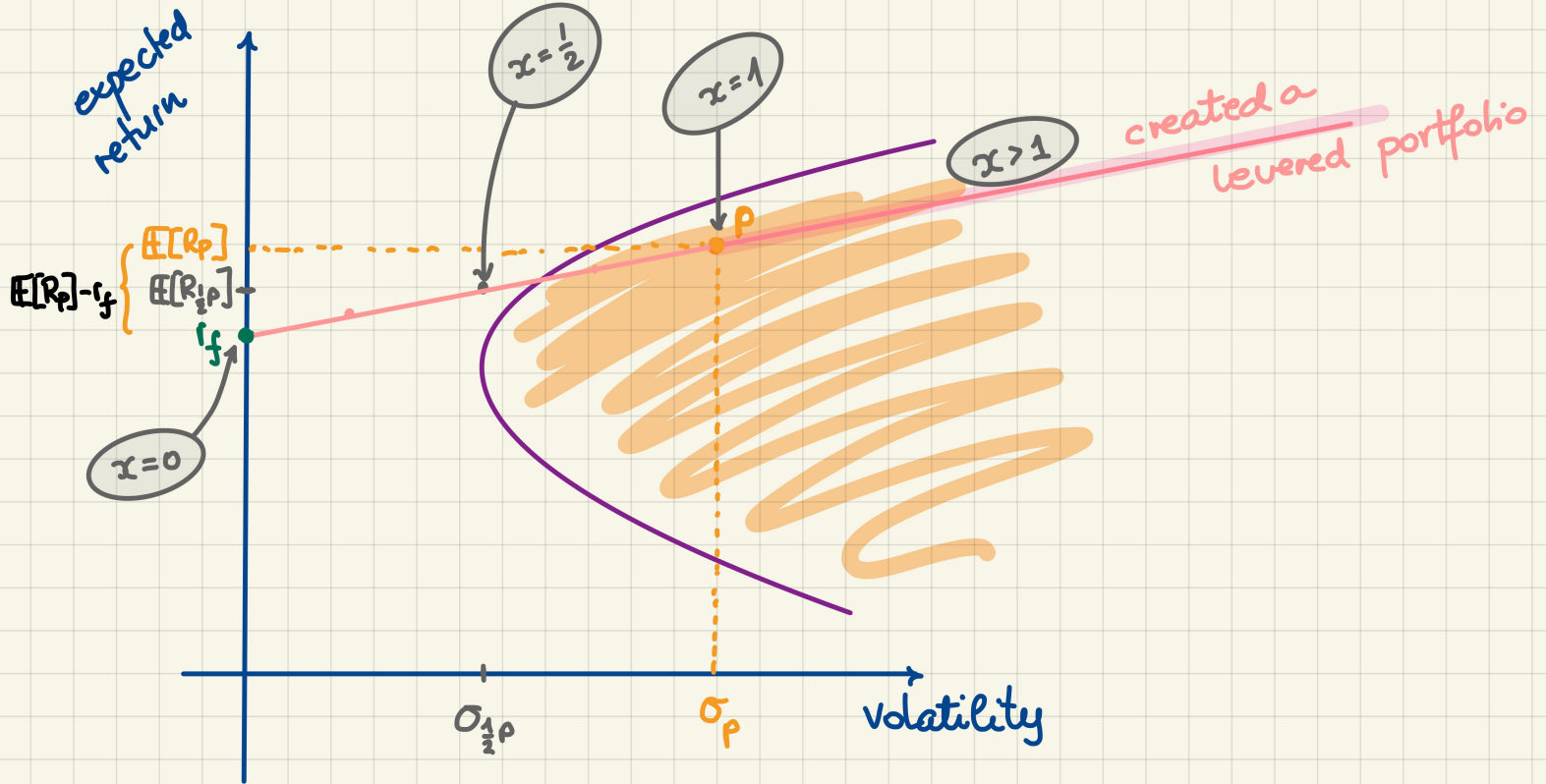
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[R_{xP}] &= x \cdot \mathbb{E}[R_P] + (1-x) \cdot r_f \\ &= r_f + x (\mathbb{E}[R_P] - r_f) \end{aligned}$$

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

(expected) excess return
or risk premium

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

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



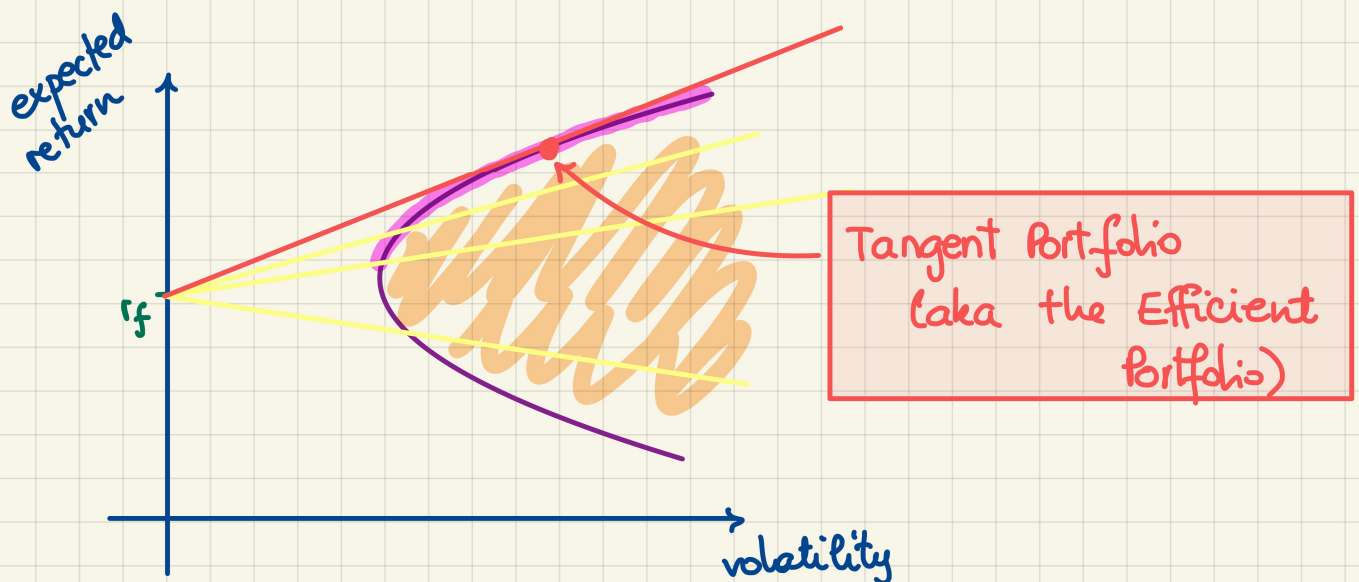
Q: What is the slope of the line through $(0, r_f)$ and $(\sigma_p, E[R_p])$?

→ : 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 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%.

} 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.

} 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%

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow$
By def'n.

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

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

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

$$E[R_X] - r_f = 0.19 - 2r_f = 0.19 - 2(0.04) = 0.19 - 0.08 = 0.11$$

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