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We know that:

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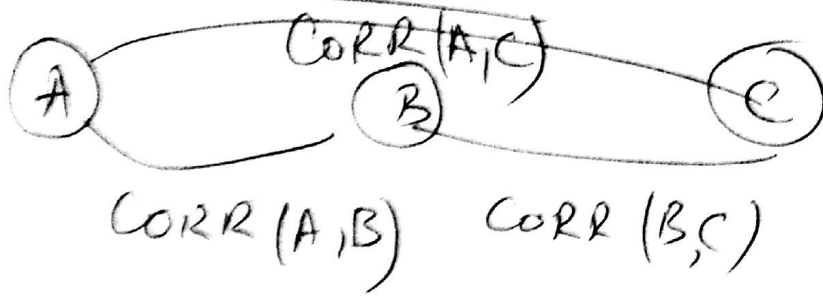
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For 3 Stocks: ( $n=3$ )



$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_p^2 &= W_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + W_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + W_C^2 \sigma_C^2 + \\ &+ 2W_A W_B \sigma_A \sigma_B CORR(A,B) + \\ &+ 2W_A W_C \sigma_A \sigma_C CORR(A,C) + \\ &+ 2W_B W_C \sigma_B \sigma_C CORR(B,C)\end{aligned}$$

Why negatively correlated assets reduce total risk of the portfolio?

It is more useful for investors to include negatively correlated assets in their portfolios.  $\Rightarrow$

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FOR  $N=2$  (2 stocks)  $< 0$

$$\downarrow \downarrow \sigma_p^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2 w_A w_B \cdot \text{Cov}(A, B)$$

When the 2 stocks, are negatively correlated  $\Rightarrow \underline{\text{Cov}(A, B) < 0}$

Conclusion:

Lower CORRELATION  $\Rightarrow$  Lower PORTFOLIO RISK  
Lower COV.  $\Rightarrow$

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$$\boxed{\text{CORR} = \frac{\text{COV}}{\sigma_A \sigma_B}}$$

if  $\text{CORR} < 0$

## Application (2)

PF of 3 Assets, K, L, M

$$E(K) = E(L) = E(M)$$

$$\sigma_K = \sigma_L = \sigma_M$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{CORR}(K, L) = +0,4 \\ \text{CORR}(L, M) = 0 \\ \text{CORR}(K, M) = -0,8 \end{cases}$$

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What Are the 2 Stocks included in the Portfolio to Reduce Risk.

$\Rightarrow$  It is more useful to include Stocks K and M to Reduce Portfolio Risk, because

$$\text{CORR}(K, M) = \underline{-0,8}$$

(Strong and Negative Correlation)

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## APP 2 :

Find the Optimal Weights  $w_A^*$  and  $w_B^*$  to have a portfolio with zero risk. When the 2 Stocks are negatively and perfectly correlated.

PF  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Stock A} : E_A, \sigma_A, w_A^* \\ \text{Stock B} : E_B, \sigma_B, w_B^* \end{array} \right)$   $w_A + w_B = 1$

$$\sigma_P^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A w_B \sigma_A \sigma_B \cdot \text{CORR}(A, B)$$
$$\text{CORR}(A, B) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_P^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 - 2w_A w_B \sigma_A \sigma_B = 0$$

$$(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (w_A \sigma_A - w_B \sigma_B)^2 =$$

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$$\sigma_p^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A w_B \overbrace{\text{CORR}(A,B)}^{-1} \sigma_A \sigma_B$$

$\text{CORR}(A,B) = -1$

$$\sigma_p^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 - 2w_A w_B \sigma_A \sigma_B = 0$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$$

$$(w_A \sigma_A - w_B \sigma_B)^2 = 0, \quad A^2 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$w_A \sigma_A - w_B \sigma_B = 0$$

$$w_B + w_A = 1 \Rightarrow w_B = 1 - w_A$$

$$\Rightarrow w_A^* \sigma_A - (1 - w_A^*) \sigma_B = 0$$

$$w_A^* (\sigma_A + \sigma_B) - \sigma_B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w_A^* = \frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_A + \sigma_B} \quad \left| \quad w_B^* = 1 - w_A^* \right|$$

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$$w_A^* = \frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_A + \sigma_B}, \quad w_B^* = 1 - w_A^*$$

For a PF of 2 Stocks, A and B.

$$E(r_A) = 12\% \quad \sigma_A = 3\%$$

$$E(r_B) = 15\% \quad \sigma_B = 5\%$$

$$\text{CORR}(A, B) = -1$$

Find the

1/ Calculate the Optimal Weights  $w_A^*$ ,  $w_B^*$ , to have a zero-risk Portfolio.

2/ Comment Your results.

3/ Calculate the  $E(r_p)$  and  $\sigma_p$  for this portfolio.

1/ The Optimal Weights:

$$w_A^* = \frac{\sigma_B}{\sigma_A + \sigma_B} = \frac{5\%}{3\% + 5\%} = \frac{5}{8} = 62.5\%$$

$$w_B^* = 1 - w_A^* = \underline{\underline{37.5\%}}$$



2<sup>nd</sup> / Comment:

To have a zero RISK Portfolio.

We invest:

{ 62.5% in Stock A -  
37.5% in Stock B -

We are long on Both Stocks.  
A and B. We invest more in  
Stock A having the lowest RISK

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3<sup>rd</sup> |  $E(R_P^*) = W_A^* \cdot E(R_A) + W_B^* \cdot E(R_B)$   
 $= (0.625 \times 12\%) + (0.375 \times 15\%) = 13.125\%$   
 $\sigma_P^2 = ? \Rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{Zero-Risk Portfolio.}$

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(PF)	$E(R_P^*) = 13.125\%$	T.Bill = 5%
	$\sigma_P = 0$	$\sigma = 0$

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## Derivation: (Proof)

~~$\sigma_p^2$~~

$$\sigma_p^2 = W_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + W_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2W_A W_B \sigma_A \sigma_B \overset{+1}{\text{CORR}(A,B)}$$

$$\text{CORR}(A,B) = +1$$

$$\sigma_p^2 = W_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + W_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2W_A W_B \sigma_A \sigma_B = 0$$

$$\sigma_p^2 = (W_A \sigma_A + W_B \sigma_B)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow W_A \sigma_A + W_B \sigma_B = 0 \quad \boxed{W_B = 1 - W_A}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_A \sigma_A + (1 - W_A) \sigma_B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow W_A [\sigma_A - \sigma_B] + \sigma_B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{W_A^* = \frac{-\sigma_B}{\sigma_A - \sigma_B}}$$

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$$E(R_A) = 12\%, \quad \sigma_A = 3\%$$

$$E(R_B) = 15\%, \quad \sigma_B = 5\%$$

$$W_A^* = \frac{-5\%}{3\% - 5\%} = \frac{-5}{-2} = \underline{2.5}$$

$$W_B^* = 1 - W_A^* = 1 - 2.5 = -1.5$$

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To have a Zero Risk Portfolio  $\Rightarrow$   
we take:

{ Short position (-1.5) on Stock B

{ Long position (2.5) in Stock A

Because,  $\text{CORR}(A, B) = +1$ , We have  
to take opposite trading positions  
to have a PF with zero risk

$$30) E(R_P^*) = 2.5 \times (12\%) - 1.5 \times (15\%)$$

$$= 30\% - 22.5\% = \underline{7.5\%}$$

$$\underline{\sigma_P = 0}$$

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# How to Find Optimal Weights to minimize Portfolio Risk

Let's consider a PF of 2 stocks, A and B, with:

$$E(R_A), \sigma_A, w_A$$

$$E(R_B), \sigma_B, w_B$$

$$w_A + w_B = 1$$

$$\sigma_P^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + w_B^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A w_B \cdot \text{cov}(A, B)$$

$$w_A + w_B = 1 \Rightarrow w_B = 1 - w_A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_P^2 = w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + (1 - w_A)^2 \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A(1 - w_A) \text{cov}(A, B)$$

$$= w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + (1 - 2w_A + w_A^2) \sigma_B^2 + 2w_A \text{cov}(A, B) - 2w_A^2 \text{cov}(A, B)$$

$$= \underbrace{w_A^2 \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_B^2 - 2w_A \sigma_B^2 + w_A^2 \sigma_B^2}_{(1)} + 2w_A \text{cov}(A, B) - 2w_A^2 \text{cov}(A, B)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sigma_A^2 \left[ \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_B^2 - 2 \text{cov}(A, B) \right] + \\
 & W_A \left[ -2\sigma_B^2 + 2 \text{cov}(A, B) \right] + \sigma_B^2 \\
 & f_{\min} \longrightarrow \underline{f' = 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2W_A \left[ \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_B^2 - 2 \text{cov}(A, B) \right] + \\
 & \left[ -2\sigma_B^2 + 2 \text{cov}(A, B) \right] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W_A^* = \frac{2\sigma_B^2 - 2 \text{cov}(A, B)}{\sigma_A^2 + \sigma_B^2 - 2 \text{cov}(A, B)}$$

$$W_B^* = 1 - W_A^*$$