

... of the process to buy more of stock A. The correlation between the returns is .25. What are the expected return and standard deviation of the portfolio?

16. Both the covariance and the correlation coefficient measure the extent to which the returns on securities move together. What is the relationship between the statistical measures? Why is the correlation coefficient a more convenient measure?
17. Give an example of two common stocks that you would expect to exhibit a relatively low correlation. Then give an example of two that would have a relatively high correlation.

18. Gibby Brock has estimated the following joint probability distribution of returns for investments in the stock of Lakeland Halfway Homes and Afton Brewery

Lakeland	Afton	Probability
-10%	15%	.15
5	10	.20
10	5	.30
20	0	.35

- On the basis of Gibby's estimates, calculate the covariance and correlation coefficient between the two investments.
19. Calculate the correlation matrix that corresponds to the variance-covariance matrix given in the text for Able, Baker, and Charlie.
20. Given the following variance-covariance matrix for three securities, as well as the percentage of the portfolio for each security, calculate the portfolio's standard deviation.

	Security A	Security B	Security C
Security A	459		
Security B	215	312	
Security C	112	215	179
	$X_A = 50$	$X_B = 50$	$X_C = 20$

21. Rube Bressler owns three stocks and has estimated the following joint probability distribution of returns:

Outcome	Stock A	Stock B	Stock C	Probability
1	-10	10	0	.30
2	0	10	10	.20
3	10	5	15	.30
4	20	-10	5	.20

Calculate the portfolio's expected return and standard deviation if Rube invests 20% in stock A, 50% in stock B, and 30% in stock C. Assume that each security's return is completely uncorrelated with the returns of the other securities.

22. If a portfolio's expected return is equal to the weighted average of the expected returns of the component securities, why is a portfolio's risk not generally equal to the weighted average of the component securities' standard deviations?

- their correlation is:
- a. 0.9
b. 0.0
c. -0.9
25. Listed here are estimates of the for three stocks.

Stock	Standard Deviation
A	12%
B	15
C	10

- a. If a portfolio is composed of portfolio's standard deviation
b. If a portfolio is composed of C, what is the portfolio's standard deviation?
c. If you were asked to design an investment in each stock [Hint: Some algebra is needed. $X_{ij} = (1 - X_A)$.]
26. (Appendix Question) Calculate the stock having the following pro

Return
-40%
-10
0
+15
+30
+40
+50

27. (Appendix Question) Bear Ti bility distribution of next year according to Bear Tracks, what i

Divid
\$1.0
1.5
2.0
2.5
3.0

price with the assumptions of nonsatiation and risk aversion? Make a case against these assumptions.

At the beginning of the year, Corns Bradley owned four securities in the following amounts and with the following current and expected end-of-year prices:

Security	Share Amount	Current Price	Expected Year-End Price
A	100	\$50	\$60
B	200	35	40
C	50	25	50
D	100	100	110

What is the expected return on Corns's portfolio for the year?

Given the following information about four stocks comprising a portfolio, calculate each stock's expected return. Then, using these individual securities' expected returns, calculate the portfolio's expected return.

Stock	Initial Investment Value	Expected End-of-Period Investment Value	Proportion of Portfolio Initial Market Value
A	\$500	\$700	19.2%
B	200	300	7.7
C	1,000	1,000	38.5
D	900	1,500	34.6

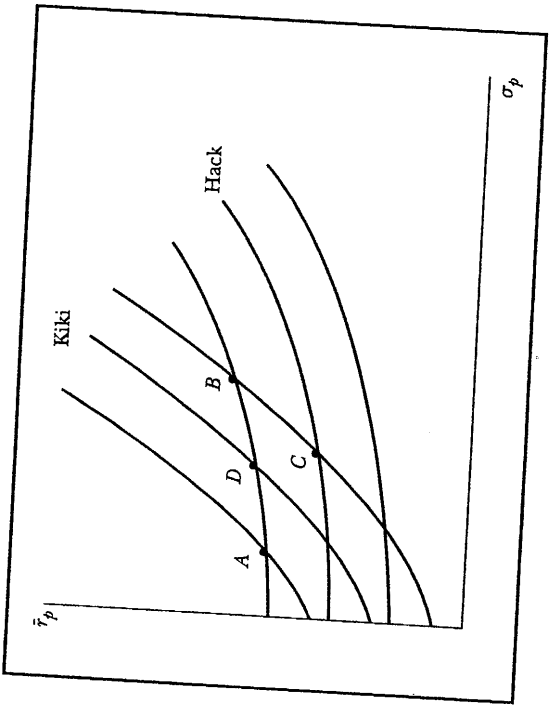
4. Squeaky Bluge has been considering an investment in Oakdale Merchandising. Squeaky has estimated the following probability distribution of returns for Oakdale stock:

Return	Probability
-10%	.10
0	.25
10	.40
20	.20
30	.05

On the basis of Squeaky's estimates, calculate the expected return and standard deviation of Oakdale stock.

4	14	30	10
5	10	0	20
6	11	10	20
7	14	20	20
8	19	30	20
9	15	0	30
10	16	10	50
11	19	20	30
12	24	50	30

- Why are the indifference curves of typical investors assumed to slope upward and to the right?
- What does a set of convex indifference curves imply about an investor's trade-off between risk and return as the amount of risk varies?
- Why are typical investors assumed to prefer portfolios on indifference curves lying to the northwest?
- What is meant by the statement that "risk-averse investors exhibit diminishing marginal utility of income"? Why does diminishing marginal utility cause an investor to refuse to accept a "fair bet"?
- Explain why an investor's indifference curves cannot intersect.
- Why are the indifference curves of more risk-averse investors more steeply sloped than those of investors with less risk aversion?
- Consider the following two sets of indifference curves for investors Hack Wilson and Kiki Cuyler. Determine whether Hack or Kiki:
 - Is more risk-averse
 - Prefers investment A to investment B
 - Prefers investment C to investment D
 Explain the reasons for your answers.



Are any of these stocks preferred to the others? Do you agree with the assumption for or against these assumptions? At the beginning of the year, how much would you invest in each of the following amounts and with the following returns?

Security	Share
A	100
B	200
C	300
D	400

What is the expected return on each stock? Given the following information, calculate each stock's expected return. If the expected return is less than the expected return, calculate the expected return.

Stock	Initial Investment Value
A	\$500
B	200
C	1,000
D	900

Squeaky Bluege has been considering investing in Squeaky Bluege. Squeaky Bluege has estimated the following returns for Squeaky Bluege stock:

Return
-10%
0
10
20
30

On the basis of Squeaky Bluege's estimated returns, calculate the expected return and standard deviation of Squeaky Bluege stock.