

$$T^* = 1 - \frac{(1 - E(T_c))(1 - T_e)}{(1 - T_i)}$$

what left of  $b_i$  of pretax income paid to  $\$H$ .

what left of  $b$  of pretax income paid to  $B/H$ .

1)  $E(T_c) \uparrow$  : <sup>corp</sup> tax rate  $\uparrow$   
or prob of deducting int  $\uparrow$

$\Rightarrow$  debt has become relatively more attractive

$\Rightarrow$  less that makes it to  $\$H$

math  $\Rightarrow E(T_c) \uparrow \Rightarrow (1 - E(T_c)) \downarrow \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{(1 - E(T_c))(1 - T_e)}{1 - T_i} \uparrow \Rightarrow T^* \uparrow$

2)  $T_e \uparrow \Rightarrow$  personal taxes on equity income  $\uparrow$

$\Rightarrow$  debt has become relatively more attractive

$\Rightarrow$  less that makes it to  $\$H$

math  $\Rightarrow T_e \uparrow \Rightarrow (1 - T_e) \downarrow \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{(1 - E(T_c))(1 - T_e)}{(1 - T_i)} \uparrow \Rightarrow T^* \uparrow$

3)  $T_i \uparrow \Rightarrow$  personal taxes on debt income  $\uparrow$

$\Rightarrow$  debt has become relatively less attractive

$\Rightarrow$  less that makes it to  $B/H$

math  $\Rightarrow T_i \uparrow \Rightarrow (1 - T_i) \downarrow \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{(1 - E(T_c))(1 - T_e)}{(1 - T_i)} \downarrow \Rightarrow T^* \downarrow$