

Operations Research and Decision Analysis

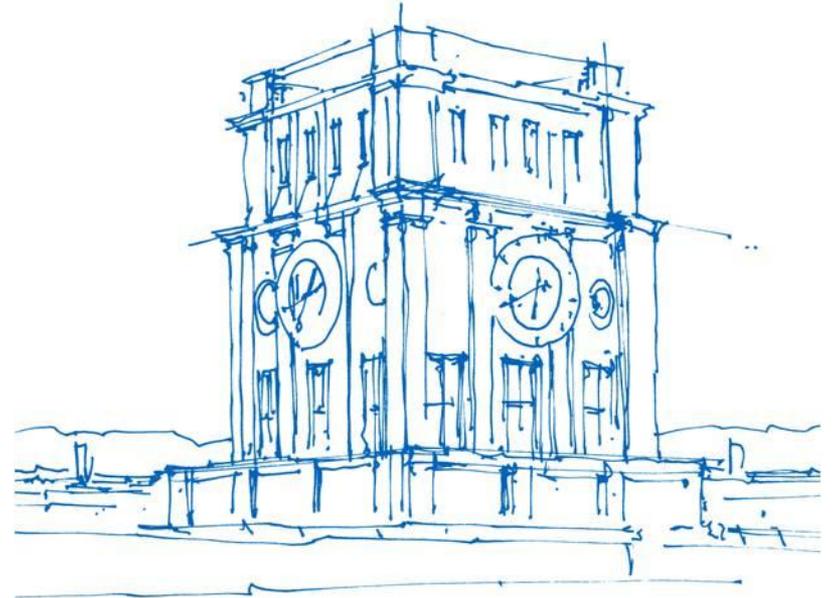
Exercise Session 2

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Question 8

A tour operator has the chance to buy 0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 nights for 90 Euro per night in a hotel in Antalya for the next season. If he sells a night within one of his package holidays, he would earn 100 Euro for that night. He estimates to be able to sell 1800 nights in an average year and 900 (3000) nights in a bad (good) year.

	S_1	S_2	S_3	
a_1	0	0	0	91€ for each
a_2	0	10K	10K	
a_3	-80K	0	20K	
a_4	-180K	-80K	30K	

- Construct a decision matrix.
- Remove all dominated alternatives, if any, and reconstruct the decision matrix to include only the efficient alternatives. a_1 is dominated
- How many nights should the tour operator buy, if he decides under one of the following rules?

(1) Maximax rule $\rightarrow a_4$

(2) Maximin rule $\rightarrow a_2$

(3) Laplace rule $\rightarrow a_2$

(4) Minimax Regret rule $\rightarrow a_2$

	S_1	S_2	S_3	
a_2	/	/	20K	$\rightarrow a_2$
a_3	80K	10K	80K	
a_4	180K	100K	/	

Exercise: Question 8

Actions:

„...to buy 0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 nights ...“

$a_1: 0$

$a_2: 1000$

$a_3: 2000$

$a_4: 3000$

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Scenarios:

„... good year, average year, bad year ...“

$s_1: 3000$

$s_2: 1800$

$s_3: 900$

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$a_2: 1000$

$a_3: 2000$

$a_4: 3000$

Scenarios:

„... good year, average year, bad year ...“

$s_1: 3000$

$s_2: 1800$

$s_3: 900$

Also:

Cost per night: 90 EUR

Revenue per night: 100 EUR

Tour operator wants to maximize profits.

Exercise: Question 8

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- $a_2: 1000$
- $a_3: 2000$
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Scenarios:

„... good year, average year, bad year ...“

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Revenue per night: 100 EUR

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_1			
a_2			
a_3	20000		
a_4			

$$\text{Cost: } 2000 \text{ Nights} * 90 \frac{\text{EUR}}{\text{Night}} = 180000$$

$$\text{Revenue: } 2000 \text{ Nights} * 100 \frac{\text{EUR}}{\text{Night}} = 200000$$

$$\text{Profit: } 200000 - 180000 = 20000$$

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$$\text{Profit: } 90000 - 180000 = -90000$$

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Efficient alternatives?

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Maximax-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Maximax-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\max_j \{e_{i,j}\}$
a_2	10000	10000	0	10000
a_3	20000	0	-90000	20000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000	30000

Exercise: Question 8

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a_4	30000	-90000	-180000	30000

▶ Choose alternative a_4

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Maximin-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Maximin-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\min_j \{e_{i,j}\}$
a_2	10000	10000	0	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000	-180000

Choose alternative a_2

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Laplace-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Laplace-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 e_{i,j}$
a_2	10000	10000	0	6666.66
a_3	20000	0	-90000	-23333.33
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000	-80000

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Laplace-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^3 e_{i,j}$
a_2	10000	10000	0	6666.66
a_3	20000	0	-90000	-23333.33
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000	-80000

Choose alternative a_2

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Minimax-Regret-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Minimax-Regret-Rule:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000
$\max_i \{e_{i,j}\}$	30000	10000	0

Exercise: Question 8

Decision based on Minimax-Regret-Rule:

Regret-Matrix:

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	10000	10000	0
a_3	20000	0	-90000
a_4	30000	-90000	-180000
$\max_i \{e_{i,j}\}$	30000	10000	0



	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_2	20000	0	0
a_3	10000	10000	90000
a_4	0	100000	180000

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	s_1	s_2	s_3
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a_4	30000	-90000	-180000
$\max_i\{e_{i,j}\}$	30000	10000	0



	s_1	s_2	s_3	$\max_j\{e_{i,j}\}$
a_2	20000	0	0	20000
a_3	10000	10000	90000	90000
a_4	0	100000	180000	180000

Choose
alternative
 a_2

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Various ways to distinguish between different decision situations:

Level of Uncertainty

Decision under Certainty

The future is known and described by a single scenario. („deterministic“)

Decision under Uncertainty

There are multiple different scenarios for the future, however their probabilities are unknown.

Number of scenarios: $n > 1$

Decision under Risk

There are multiple different scenarios for the future, their probabilities are known.

Number of scenarios: $n > 1$
Each scenario $j = 1, \dots, n$ has a probability of $0 < p_j < 1$
with $\sum_{j=1}^n p_j = 1$

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Decision making under risk:

- Risk
 - One criterion
 - Single decision maker
 - Static decision
- There are m alternatives („actions“) a_1, \dots, a_m of which the decision maker has to take one
- These actions can also be regarded as lotteries l_1, \dots, l_m
- There are n different scenarios s_1, \dots, s_n which may unfold and of which exactly one scenario will occur
- The probability that a scenario s_j occurs is known and denoted as p_j

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Extension of decision matrix with probabilities p_j :

	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_1	$e_{1,1}$	$e_{1,2}$	$e_{1,3}$
a_2	$e_{2,1}$	$e_{2,2}$	$e_{2,3}$
a_3	$e_{3,1}$	$e_{3,2}$	$e_{3,3}$
a_4	$e_{4,1}$	$e_{4,2}$	$e_{4,3}$



	p_1	p_2	p_3
	s_1	s_2	s_3
a_1	$e_{1,1}$	$e_{1,2}$	$e_{1,3}$
a_2	$e_{2,1}$	$e_{2,2}$	$e_{2,3}$
a_3	$e_{3,1}$	$e_{3,2}$	$e_{3,3}$
a_4	$e_{4,1}$	$e_{4,2}$	$e_{4,3}$

It holds: $\sum_{j=1}^n p_j = 1$ $0 < p_j < 1$

Each row of the decision matrix under risk can be represented as a **lottery** $L_i = (p_1, e_{i,1}; \dots; p_n, e_{i,n})$

The **Expected Value (EV)** of a lottery is: $EV(L_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}$

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Introduction of concept of (expected) utility:

- Not all decision makers behave rationally
- Different attitudes towards risk result in the selection of different lotteries
- Compare thought experiment St. Petersburg-Paradox:
 - Even though the Expected Value of the lottery is infinite, most people would exchange the lottery with a certain payout
 - The Expected Value is not always a suited method to value lotteries
 - The value of an outcome e is determined by the decision maker's personal risk attitude (captured in a utility function $u(x)$)

$$EV(L) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4 + \frac{1}{8} \cdot 8 + \dots$$



Nicolas
Bernoulli



Daniel
Bernoulli

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Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Introduction of concept of (expected) utility:

- $u(x): x \in [e^-, e^+] \rightarrow [0,1]$

with

e^- : worst possible outcome

e^+ : best possible outcome

Assigns utility u in between 0 and 1 to every outcome e

- **Expected Value (EV)** of lottery L_i : $EV(L_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}$

- **Expected Utility (EU)** of lottery L_i : $EU(L_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * u(e_{i,j})$

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Characteristics of utility functions:

- $u(e^-) = 0$
- $u(e^+) = 1$
- $u(a) < u(b)$ if $e^- \leq a < b \leq e^+$

Strictly monotonically increasing

We differentiate between:

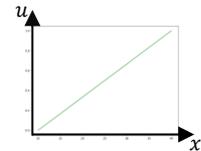
- Linear utility function:
- Convex utility function:
- Concave utility function:

Examples:

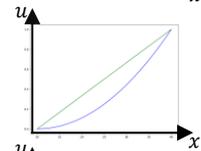
$$u(x) = \frac{x - 10}{30}$$

$$u(x) = \left(\frac{x - 10}{30}\right)^2$$

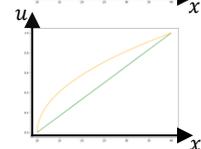
$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x - 10}{30}}$$



risk neutral



risk seeking



risk averse

$x \in [10, 40], u \in [0, 1]$

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Certainty Equivalent:

The **Certainty Equivalent (CE)** of a lottery L is the value for which the decision maker is indifferent between the lottery L and a certain payout of CE: $(1, CE(L)) \sim L$

Example:

Given the following utility function: $u(x) = \frac{(x - 10)}{30}$

Assume you can choose between lottery L which has a payout of 40 EUR with a probability of 60% and a payout of 10 EUR with a probability of 40% and a certain payout of 28 EUR if you choose not to play the lottery. Do you choose to play the lottery or take the 28 EUR?

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 $28 = x$

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$$\rightarrow x = 30 * u(x) + 10$$

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Certainty Equivalent of lottery

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→ In this case you are indifferent between the lottery l and a certain payout of 28 EUR

Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

Risk Premium:

The **Risk Premium (RP)** is the difference between the expected value of the lottery and the certainty equivalent:

$$RP(L) = EV(L) - CE(L)$$

„... how much more (or less) the decision maker would be willing to pay to participate in the lottery compared to a risk neutral decision maker. “

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- A risk neutral decision maker would be willing to pay $EV(L)$ to participate in the lottery. ($RP = 0$)
- A risk averse decision maker would pay only less than the EV of the lottery. He values certainty and would take a certain payout even if $CE < EV$. ($RP > 0$)
- A risk seeking decision maker would pay more than the EV of the lottery. He values chance and sees it as a potential gain. The certain payout is $CE > EV$. ($RP < 0$)

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Example (from previous slide) with $CE(L) = 28$:

$$EV(L) = 0.6 \cdot 40 + 0.4 \cdot 10 = 28 = CE(L) \Rightarrow RP(L) = 0$$

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$$RP(L) = 28 - 28 = 0$$

Observation:

For the risk neutral decision maker (compare to linear utility function), the Risk Premium is 0. His Certainty Equivalent is equal to the Expected Value of the lottery.

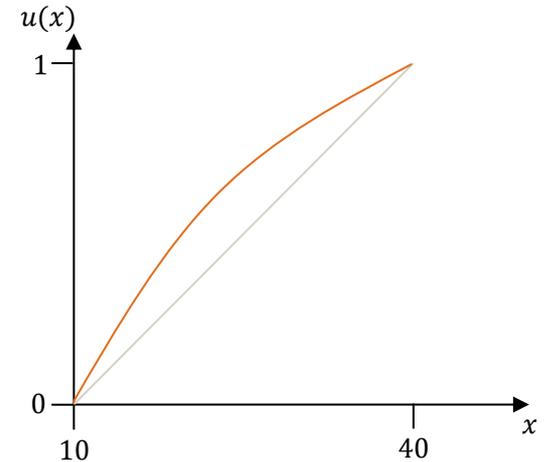
Decision under Risk: Definitions & Notation

For the same lottery, let us know assume the following utility function of a decision maker:

$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x - 10}{30}}$$

- What is the Certainty Equivalent of that decision maker?
- What is his Risk Premium? What is his attitude towards risk?

60%: 40 EUR
40%: 10 EUR



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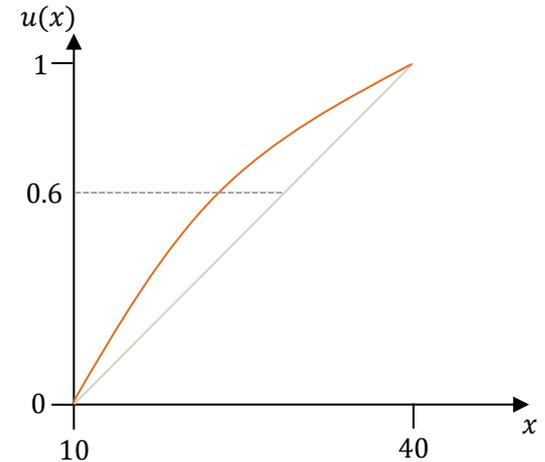
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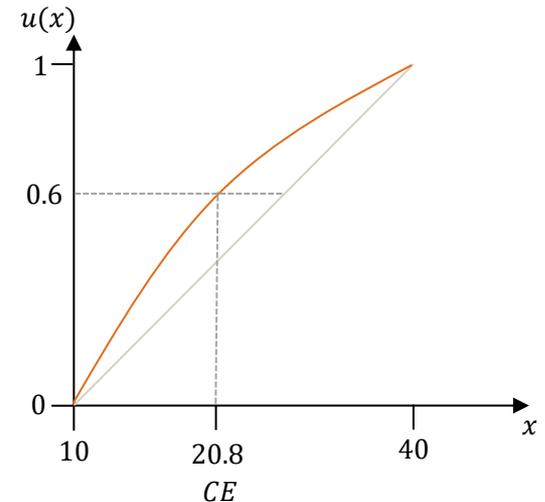
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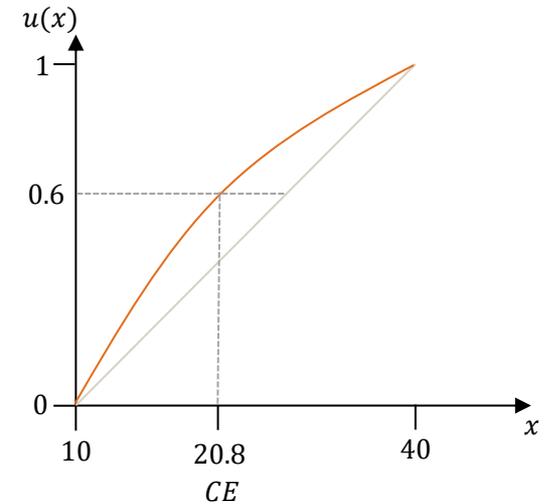
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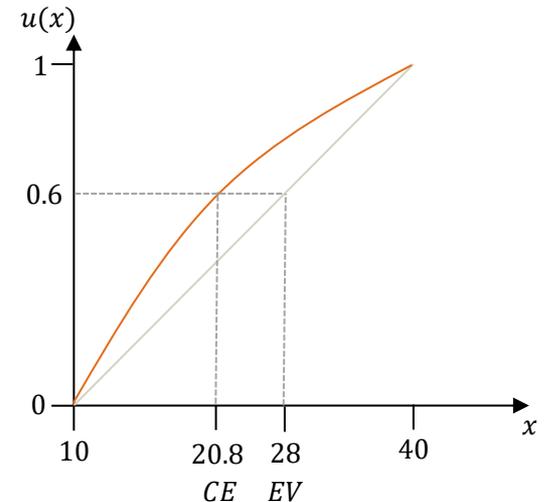
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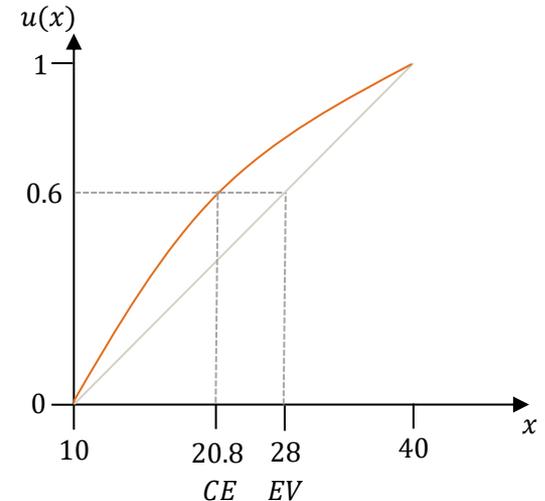
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For a risk neutral decision maker, this is the Certainty Equivalent!

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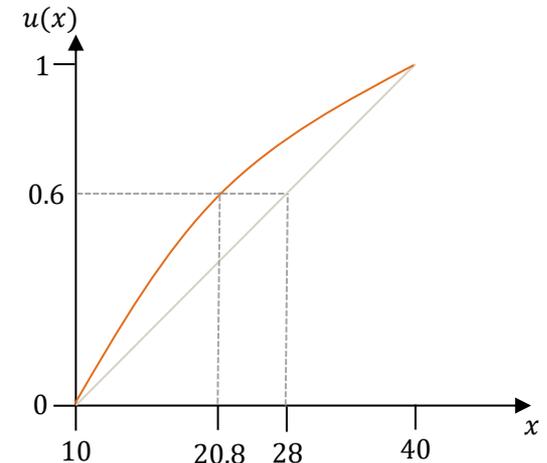
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$$RP(L) = 28 - 20.8 = 7.2$$

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→ risk attitude?

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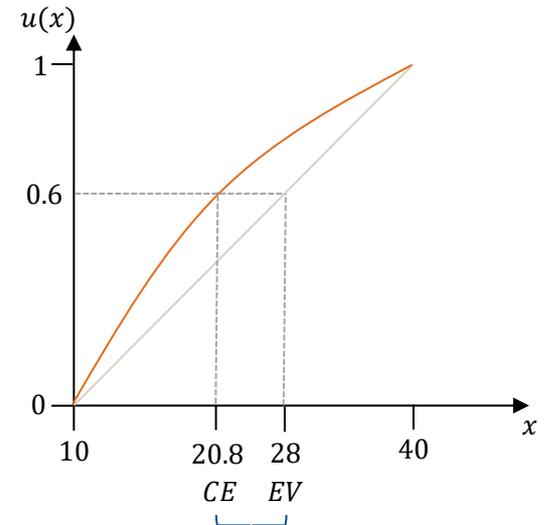
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$$RP = 28 - 20.8 = 7.2 > 0$$

→ risk averse

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Alternative measure to determine risk attitude: **Arrow-Pratt Measure (AP)**:

Let utility function $u(x)$ be two times differentiable over the interval $[e^-, e^+]$ and the first derivative of $u(x)$ is different to zero at x for $e^- \leq x \leq e^+$. Then the **Arrow-Pratt Measure (AP)** is defined as:

$$AP(x) = -\frac{u''(x)}{u'(x)}$$

Because $u(x)$ is monotonically increasing, we know that $u'(x) > 0$.

It follows:

- $AP(x) = 0 \rightarrow$ risk neutral decision maker (linear utility function with $u''(x) = 0$)
- $AP(x) > 0 \rightarrow$ risk averse decision maker (concave utility function with $u''(x) < 0$)
- $AP(x) < 0 \rightarrow$ risk seeking decision maker (convex utility function with $u''(x) > 0$)

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Summary Risk Attitude:

Risk neutral:

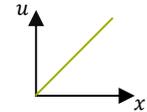
Linear utility function

$$CE = EV$$

$$RP = 0$$

$$u''(x) = 0$$

$$AP = 0$$



Risk averse:

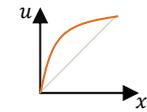
Concave utility function

$$CE < EV$$

$$RP > 0$$

$$u''(x) < 0$$

$$AP > 0$$



Risk seeking:

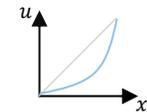
Convex utility function

$$CE > EV$$

$$RP < 0$$

$$u''(x) > 0$$

$$AP < 0$$



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Chapter 1.3.6.: Decision Matrix and Expected Utility

1. Derive (or be given) a utility function of a decision maker
2. Transform decision matrix of **outcomes** $e_{i,j}$ to a decision matrix of **utilities** $u(e_{i,j})$
3. Calculate for each alternative a_i the **expected utility** $EU(a_i)$:

$$EU(a_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * u(e_{i,j})$$

4. Select the alternative with **maximum expected utility**

→ This is nothing new, same concepts as introduced before

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s_j	1	2	3	4
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a_i	0	0.00	0.25	1
	0.25	0.02	0.14	0.06
	0.06	0.56	0.06	0.14
	0.02	0.77	0.14	0

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Choose alternative a_1
[Highest EU]

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$\mu - \sigma$ - Criterion

Making a decision based on a preference function that takes into account the expected outcome and the variance.

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For a risk neutral decision maker: $\beta = 0$
 For a risk averse decision maker: $\beta < 0$
 For a risk seeking decision maker: $\beta > 0$

Exercise: Question 16

Question 16

The utility function of Mr. Kunz is estimated as $u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$. He is offered to participate in a lottery, which brings a payout of 10 Euro with a probability of 64%. Otherwise the payout is 0.

- a) Determine the expected utility, the certainty equivalent and the risk premium.
- b) Which attitude toward risk does Mr. Kunz have?
- c) Which amount would Mr. Kunz or a risk-neutral decision maker pay at most to participate in the lottery?

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a): Expected Utility, Certainty Equivalent, Risk Premium?

$$EU(L) = 0.64 * u(10) + 0.36 * u(0)$$

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64% → 10 EUR

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„... what value of x generates a utility of 0.64?“

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$$\rightarrow y^2 * 10 = x$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 * 10 = u^{-1}(y)$$

$$\rightarrow u^{-1}(0.64) = 0.64^2 * 10$$

$$\rightarrow u^{-1}(0.64) = 4.096$$

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$$CE(L) = 4.096$$

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$$RP(L) = EV(L) - CE(L)$$

$$EV(L) = 0.64 * 10 + 0.36 * 0$$

$$EV(L) = 6.4$$

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$$RP(L) = EV(L) - CE(L)$$

$$EV(L) = 0.64 * 10 + 0.36 * 0$$

$$EV(L) = 6.4$$

$$RP(L) = 6.4 - 4.096$$

$$RP(L) = 2.304$$

$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$$

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Exercise: Question 16

b): Risk attitude?

$$EU(L) = 0.64 * u(10) + 0.36 * u(0)$$

$$EU(L) = 0.64 * 1 + 0.36 * 0$$

$$EU(L) = 0.64$$

$$CE(L) = u^{-1}(0.64)$$

$$\rightarrow u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$$

$$\rightarrow y = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 * 10 = x$$

$$\rightarrow y^2 * 10 = u^{-1}(y)$$

$$\rightarrow u^{-1}(0.64) = 0.64^2 * 10$$

$$\rightarrow u^{-1}(0.64) = 4.096$$

$$CE(L) = 4.096$$

$$RP(L) = EV(L) - CE(L)$$

$$EV(L) = 0.64 * 10 + 0.36 * 0$$

$$EV(L) = 6.4$$

$$RP(L) = 6.4 - 4.096$$

$$RP(L) = 2.304$$

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Because his Risk Premium is > 0 , he is risk averse. He would pay 2.304 EUR less for the participation in the lottery compared to a risk neutral decision maker.

Exercise: Question 16

c): Which amount would he (or a risk neutral decision maker) pay at most to participate in the lottery?

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Mr. Kunz would pay at most 4.096 EUR to participate in the lottery.

A risk neutral decision maker would pay at most 6.4 EUR to participate in the lottery

$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$$

64% → 10 EUR

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Exercise: Question 16

Extension: Risk Attitude via Arrow-Pratt Measure

$$AP(x) = -\frac{u''(x)}{u'(x)}$$

$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}} = \left(\frac{x}{10}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$$

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Exercise: Question 16

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$AP(x) > 0$ for all $x > 0$.
Therefore risk averse.

$u(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{10}}$

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Exercise: Question 21

Question 21

A decision maker's preference is described by the utility function $u(x) = x^a$ (with $x \geq 0$ und $a > 0$).

- a) Use the Arrow-Pratt measure to specify for which values of a the decision maker is
- (1) Risk-neutral
 - (2) Risk-averse
 - (3) Risk-seeking
- b) The decision maker has the opportunity to participate in a lottery which brings a payout of either 1 Euro or 0 Euro, each with a probability of 50%.
- (1) How high is the certainty equivalent of the decision maker depending on a ?
 - (2) Assume that $a = \frac{3}{4}$. Will the decision maker pay 30 cents for his/her participation on the lottery?

Exercise: Question 21

a): Use the Arrow-Pratt Measure to determine for which values of a the decision maker is:

- risk neutral
- risk averse
- risk seeking

$$u(x) = x^a \quad \text{with } x \geq 0 \text{ and } a > 0$$

$$AP(x) = -\frac{u''(x)}{u'(x)}$$

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$$u''(x) = (a - 1) * a * x^{a-2}$$

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$$AP(x) = -\frac{u''(x)}{u'(x)} = -\frac{((a - 1) * a * x^{a-2})}{(a * x^{a-1})} = -\frac{(a - 1) * a * x^a * x^{-2}}{a * x^a * x^{-1}} = \frac{1 - a}{x}$$

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Risk neutral when $AP(x) = 0$
 $\rightarrow a = 1$

Risk averse when $AP(x) > 0$
 $\rightarrow a < 1$

Risk seeking when $AP(x) < 0$
 $\rightarrow a > 1$

Exercise: Question 21

b) The decision maker has the opportunity to participate in the following lottery:

Payout of 1 EUR with a probability of 50%

Payout of 0 EUR with a probability of 50%

(1) How high is the Certainty Equivalent of the decision maker depending on a ?

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$$EU(L) = 0.5 * 1^a + 0.5 * 0^a$$

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$$EU(L) = 0.5$$

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$$CE(L) = u^{-1}(0.5)$$

$$EU(L) = 0.5 * 1^a + 0.5 * 0^a$$

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$$EU(L) = 0.5 * 1 + 0.5 * 0$$

$$EU(L) = 0.5$$

$$CE(L) = u^{-1}(0.5)$$

$$\rightarrow u(x) = x^a$$

$$\rightarrow u^{-1}(y) = y^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

$$CE(L) = 0.5^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

Exercise: Question 21

b) The decision maker has the opportunity to participate in the following lottery:

Payout of 1 EUR with a probability of 50%

Payout of 0 EUR with a probability of 50%

(2) Assume now that $a = \frac{3}{4}$. Will the decision maker pay 30 cents for the participation in the lottery?

$$u(x) = x^a \quad \text{with } x \geq 0 \text{ and } a > 0$$

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(from previous task)

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He would participate in the lottery. His willingness to pay for the lottery (0.3968) is higher than the required payment of 0.30.

Exercise: Winter Term 2014 / 2015 Q 4.2

4.2 (7P) Lottery L provides an outcome of 138, 25 with probability 75% and an outcome of b , $100 \leq b < 152$, with probability 25%. $u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{(x+44)}}{z} - y$ defined for outcomes $100 \leq x \leq 152$ is the utility function of the decision maker. The certain equivalent of the decision maker for L is $\frac{8633}{64}$. By rounding up all number to 2 internal decimal places, calculate the following:

a) Determine the values of y and z of the utility function. Motivate your answer.
(3P)

b) Determine the value b of the decision maker by using utility function $u(x)$ with parameters $y = 6$ and $z = 2$. Determine the risk premium. Motivate your answer.
(4P)

Exercise: Winter Term 2014 / 2015 Q 4.2

a) Determine the values of z and y of the utility function. Motivate your answer.

$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+44}}{z} - y$$

$$75\% \rightarrow 138.25$$

$$25\% \rightarrow b, \text{ with } 100 \leq b \leq 152$$

Exercise: Winter Term 2014 / 2015 Q 4.2

a) Determine the values of z and y of the utility function. Motivate your answer.

„... $u(x)$ defined for outcomes $100 \leq x \leq 152$ “

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Exercise: Winter Term 2014 / 2015 Q 4.2

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$$u(100) = 0$$

$$u(152) = 1$$

$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+44}}{z} - y$$

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$$u(152) = 1$$

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$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x + 44}}{z} - y$$

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Solve for z and y

$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x + 44}}{z} - y$$

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$$z = \sqrt{196} - \sqrt{144} = 2$$

Solve for z and y

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$$z = \sqrt{196} - \sqrt{144} = 2$$

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{100 + 44}}{2} = 6$$

Solve for z and y

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Exercise: Winter Term 2014 / 2015 Q 4.2

b) Determine the value of b of the decision maker by using the utility function $u(x)$ with parameters $y = 6$ and $z = 2$. Determine the risk premium. Motivate your answer.

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$$u(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+44}}{2} - 6$$

$$EU(L) = 0.75 * u(138.25) + 0.25 * u(b)$$

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$$75\% \rightarrow 138.25$$

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We know that for the Certainty Equivalent, the decision maker is indifferent between the lottery and the Certainty Equivalent.

We use this knowledge to derive the Expected Utility.

„What is the expected utility of the certainty equivalent?“

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$$0.6875 = 0.75 * \left(\frac{\sqrt{138.25 + 44}}{2} - 6 \right) + 0.25 * \left(\frac{\sqrt{b + 44}}{2} - 6 \right)$$

$$b = 125$$

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Risk Premium?

$$RP(L) = EV(L) - CE(L)$$

$$RP(L) = (0.75 * 138.25 + 0.25 * 125) - \frac{8633}{64}$$

$$RP(L) = \frac{3}{64}$$

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[risk averse decision maker because $RP > 0$]

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Exercise: Question 27

Question 27

Mr. Bert wants to invest his savings of 100 Euro in securities for one year. There are three different alternatives available, each at the current market price of 100 Euro. The expected prices after one year are listed in the table below:

	$p_1 = 0.2$	$p_2 = 0.5$	$p_3 = 0.2$	$p_4 = 0.1$
	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4
Security A	80	120	130	90
Security B	110	120	100	120
Security C	90	120	115	80

- a) Determine the expected outcome and the variance of each alternative.
- b) Depict each alternative in a μ - σ -diagram.
- c) Assume that Mr. Bert behaves after the preference function $\Phi(a_i) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \mu(a_i) + 2 \cdot \sigma(a_i)$.
 - (1) What is Mr. Bert's attitude toward risk?
 - (2) Which alternative would Mr. Bert prefer?

Exercise: Question 27

a) Determine the expected outcome and variance for each alternative.

	$p = 0.2$	$p = 0.5$	$p = 0.2$	$p = 0.1$
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Security A	80	120	130	90		
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Security C	90	120	115	80		

expected outcome:

$$\mu(a_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}$$

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Security A	80	120	130	90	111	
Security B	110	120	100	120		
Security C	90	120	115	80		

expected outcome:

$$\mu(a_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}$$

For Security A: $\mu(a_1) = 0.2 * 80 + 0.5 * 120 + 0.2 * 130 + 0.1 * 90 = 111$

Exercise: Question 27

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Security B	110	120	100	120	114	
Security C	90	120	115	80	109	

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$$\mu(a_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}$$

For Security A: $\mu(a_1) = 0.2 * 80 + 0.5 * 120 + 0.2 * 130 + 0.1 * 90 = 111$

For Security B: $\mu(a_2) = 0.2 * 110 + 0.5 * 120 + 0.2 * 100 + 0.1 * 120 = 114$

For Security C: $\mu(a_3) = 0.2 * 90 + 0.5 * 120 + 0.2 * 115 + 0.1 * 90 = 109$

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variance:

$$\sigma^2(a_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j * (\mu(a_i) - e_{i,j})^2 \quad \text{or also: } \sigma^2(a_i) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n p_j * e_{i,j}^2 \right) - \mu(a_i)^2$$

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Exercise: Question 27

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Security C	90	120	115	80	109	224

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For Security A: $\sigma^2(a_1) = 0.2 * 80^2 + 0.5 * 120^2 + 0.2 * 130^2 + 0.1 * 90^2 - 111^2 = 349$

For Security B: $\sigma^2(a_2) = 0.2 * 110^2 + 0.5 * 120^2 + 0.2 * 100^2 + 0.1 * 120^2 - 114^2 = 64$

For Security C: $\sigma^2(a_3) = 0.2 * 90^2 + 0.5 * 120^2 + 0.2 * 115^2 + 0.1 * 90^2 - 109^2 = 224$

Exercise: Question 27

b) Depict each alternative in a $\mu - \sigma$ -Diagram

	$p = 0.2$	$p = 0.5$	$p = 0.2$	$p = 0.1$		
	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	$\mu(a_i)$	$\sigma^2(a_i)$
Security A	80	120	130	90	111	349
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Exercise: Question 27

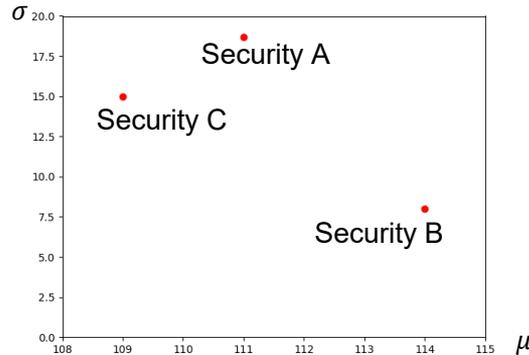
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Security B	110	120	100	120	114	64	8
Security C	90	120	115	80	109	224	14.97

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Exercise: Question 27

c) Assume that he bases his decision on the preference function $\phi(a_i) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_i) + 2 * \sigma(a_i)$

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1) What is his attitude towards risk?

- Because of the decision maker's preference function of $\phi(a_i) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_i) + 2 * \sigma(a_i)$, he values a higher variance. He is risk seeking.
- More generally: $\phi(a_i) = \alpha * \mu(a_i) + \beta * \sigma(a_i)$.
- When $\beta > 0$, the decision maker depicts risk seeking behavior.
- Analogously: When $\beta = 0 \rightarrow$ risk neutral behavior
- Analogously: When $\beta < 0 \rightarrow$ risk averse behavior

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2) Which alternative does he prefer?

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- Evaluate preference function $\phi(a_i)$ for all alternatives. Choose the one alternative that yields the highest preference value:

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- Security B: $\phi(a_2) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_2) + 2 * \sigma(a_2) = \frac{3}{2} * 114 + 2 * 8 = 187$
- Security C: $\phi(a_3) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_3) + 2 * \sigma(a_3) = \frac{3}{2} * 109 + 2 * 14.97 = 193.44$

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He chooses
alternative a_1 .

- Security B: $\phi(a_2) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_2) + 2 * \sigma(a_2) = \frac{3}{2} * 114 + 2 * 8 = 187$

- Security C: $\phi(a_3) = \frac{3}{2} * \mu(a_3) + 2 * \sigma(a_3) = \frac{3}{2} * 109 + 2 * 14.97 = 193.44$

Thank you!

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