

This time: Decision Theory + Games

$A \succ B$ prefer A

$A \sim B$ indifferent

$A \succeq B$ prefer or indifference

Lottery

$$[S_1: p_1; S_2: p_2; \dots S_n: p_n]$$

von Neumann-Morgenstern Axioms "Rational"

- Completeness: Exactly \succeq holds: $A \succ B, B \succ A, A \sim B$
- Transitivity: If $A \succeq B$ and $B \succeq C$, then $A \succeq C$
- Continuity: If $A \succeq C \succeq B$, $\exists p \in [0,1]$ s.t. $[A:p; B:1-p] \sim C$
- Independence: If $A \succ B$ then $\forall C, p$
 $[A:p; C:1-p] \succ [B:p; C:1-p]$

From these

$\exists U: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $U(A) > U(B)$ iff $A \succ B$
 $U(A) = U(B)$ iff $A \sim B$

Utility Function

$$U([S_1: p_1; \dots S_n: p_n]) = \sum p_i U(S_i)$$

MEU

given model $P(s' | a, \theta)$

$$EU(a | \theta) = \sum_{s'} P(s' | a, \theta) U(s')$$

$$a^* = \underset{a}{\operatorname{argmax}} EU(a | \theta)$$

Utility Elicitation

$$U(s_{\perp}) = 0$$

\uparrow worst

$$U(s_T) = 1$$

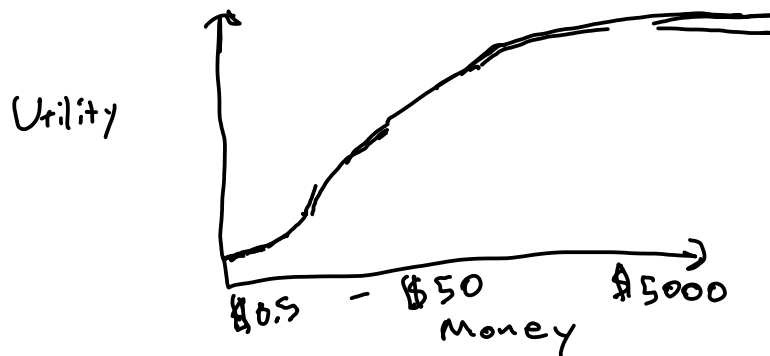
\uparrow best

to determine $U(s)$, find p s.t.

$$s \sim [s_T: p; s_{\perp}: 1-p]$$

Grand Unifying Utility Function

- Happiness
- Net Worth \$



1. Risk neutral
prefer all equally, straight line
2. Risk Seeking \leftarrow
prefer low odds, high payout, convex
3. Risk Averse \leftarrow
prefer high odds, lower pay, concave

Tversky +
Kahneman

$$U(s) = \# \text{ lives saved}$$

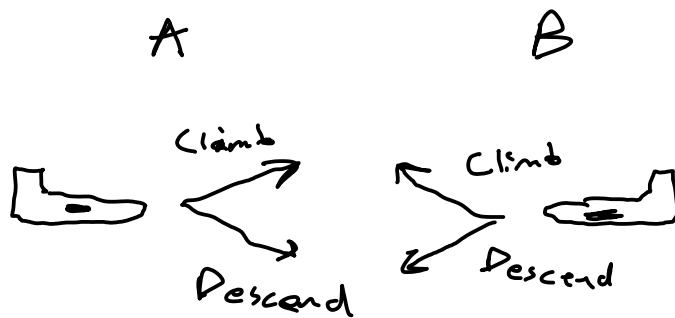
$$U(1.A) = 25 \cdot 1.0 = 25$$

$$\rightarrow U(1.B) = 100 \cdot 0.2 + 0.8 \cdot 0 = 20$$

$$\rightarrow U(2.A) = 25 \cdot 0.1 + 100 \cdot 0.9 = 92.5$$

$$U(2.B) = 0 \cdot 0.08 + 100 \cdot 0.92 = 92$$

Games



Collision - 4
Climbing - 1

Game Matrix

		B	
		Climb	Descend
A	Climb	-5, -5	-1, 0
	Descend	0, -1	-4, -4

Best Choice?

Equilibria

Pure Strategy: action chosen deterministic

Mixed Strategy: actions chosen probabilistically

Strategy Profile: collection of strategies for all players

Best response: s_i^* such that $U_i(s_i^*, \underbrace{s_{-i}}_{\text{profile for all others}}) \geq U_i(s_i, s_{-i})$
for s_i for any other s_i

Nash Equilibrium: A strategy profile is a Nash Equilibrium if no agent can benefit by unilaterally switching strategy.

If mixed strategies are allowed there is at least one N.E. for every finite game.

		B						
		R	P	S		0	0	1
A	R	0,0	-1,1	1,-1	$\frac{1}{3}$			$\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon + 1$
	P	-1,-1	0,0	-1,1	$\frac{1}{3} + \epsilon$			$\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon - 1$
	S	-1,1	1,-1	0,0	$\frac{1}{3} - \epsilon$			$\frac{1}{3} 0$

Prisoner's Dilemma

Both Testify : 5 years
 One Testifies : Other gets 10 years
 None Testify : both get 1 year

		B	
		T	R
A	Testify	-5, -5	0, -10
	Refuse	-10, 0	-1, -1

Dominant Strategy Equilibrium

If \tilde{s} is a best response to all possible strategy profiles, it is a dominant strategy

If all players have a dominant strategy, the profile is called a DSE

Every DSE is a Nash E.

{ ① Collision Avoidance

{ 1:

0,0	1,1
0,0	0,0

2: No