

PSA: Three-strategy decision tree in R - HVE

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rm(list = ls())      # clear memory (removes all the variables from the workspace)
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01 Load packages

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if (!require('pacman')) install.packages('pacman'); library(pacman) # use this package to conveniently
# load (install if required) packages from CRAN
p_load("here", "dplyr", "devtools", "scales", "ellipse", "ggplot2", "lazyeval", "igraph", "truncnorm",
# load (install if required) packages from GitHub
# install_github("DARTH-git/dectree", force = TRUE) # Uncomment if there is a newer version
p_load_gh("DARTH-git/dectree") # load one or more GitHub packages
```

02 Load functions

```
source(here('functions', 'Functions.R'))
```

03 Define parameter input values

```
v_names_str  <- c("No Tx", "Tx All", "Biopsy")      # names of strategies
n_str        <- length(v_names_str)                 # number of strategies
wtp          <- 100000                              # willingness to pay threshold

# Probabilities
p_HVE        <- 0.52    # prevalence of HVE
p_HVE_comp   <- 0.71    # complications with untreated HVE
p_OVE_comp   <- 0.01    # complications with untreated OVE
p_HVE_comp_tx <- 0.36    # complications with treated HVE
p_OVE_comp_tx <- 0.20    # complications with treated OVE
p_biopsy_comp <- 0.05    # probability of complications due to biopsy

# Costs
c_VE         <- 1200    # cost of viral encephalitis care without complications
c_VE_comp    <- 9000    # cost of viral encephalitis care with complications
c_tx         <- 9500    # cost of treatment
c_biopsy     <- 25000   # cost of brain biopsy

# QALYs
q_VE         <- 20      # remaining QALYs for those without VE-related complications
q_VE_comp    <- 19      # remaining QALYs for those with VE-related complications
q_loss_biopsy <- -0.01   # one-time QALY loss due to brain biopsy

# store the parameters into a list
l_params_all <- as.list(data.frame(p_HVE, p_HVE_comp, p_OVE_comp, p_HVE_comp_tx, p_OVE_comp_tx, p_biopsy,
                                   c_VE, c_VE_comp, c_tx, c_biopsy,
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                                q_VE, q_VE_comp, q_loss_biopsy))
# store the names of the parameters into a vector
v_names_params <- c('p_HVE', 'p_HVE_comp', 'p_OVE_comp', 'p_HVE_comp_tx', 'p_OVE_comp_tx', 'p_biopsy_co
                    'c_VE', 'c_VE_comp', 'c_tx', 'c_biopsy', 'q_VE', 'q_VE_comp', 'q_loss_biopsy')

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04 Create and run decision tree model

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decision_tree_HVE_output <- with(as.list(l_params_all), {

  # Create vector of weights for each strategy

  v_w_no_tx <- c( p_HVE * p_HVE_comp , # HVE, complications
                  p_HVE * (1-p_HVE_comp) , # HVE, no complications
                  (1-p_HVE) * p_OVE_comp , # OVE, complications
                  (1-p_HVE) * (1-p_OVE_comp)) # OVE, no complications

  v_w_tx <- # your turn

  v_w_biopsy <- # your turn

  # Create vector of outcomes (QALYs) for each strategy

  v_qaly_no_tx <- c(q_VE_comp , # HVE, complications
                   q_VE , # HVE, no complications
                   q_VE_comp , # OVE, complications
                   q_VE) # OVE, no complications

  v_qaly_tx <- # your turn

  v_qaly_biopsy <- # your turn

  # Create vector of costs for each strategy

  v_cost_no_tx <- c(c_VE_comp , # HVE, complications
                   c_VE , # HVE, no complications
                   c_VE_comp , # OVE, complications
                   c_VE) # OVE, no complications

  v_costs_tx <- # your turn

  v_costs_biopsy <- # your turn

  # Calculate total utilities for each strategy ####
  total_qaly_no_tx <- v_w_no_tx %*% v_qaly_no_tx
  total_qaly_tx <- v_w_tx %*% v_qaly_tx
  total_qaly_biopsy <- v_w_biopsy %*% v_qaly_biopsy

  # Calculate total costs for each strategy ####
  total_cost_no_tx <- v_w_no_tx %*% v_cost_no_tx
  total_cost_tx <- v_w_tx %*% v_cost_tx
  total_cost_biopsy <- v_w_biopsy %*% v_cost_biopsy

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v_total_qaly <- c(total_qaly_no_tx, total_qaly_tx, total_qaly_biopsy) # vector of total QALYs
v_total_cost <- c(total_cost_no_tx, total_cost_tx, total_cost_biopsy) # vector of total costs
v_nmb       <- v_total_qaly * wtp - v_total_cost                     # calculate vector of nmb

# Name outcomes
names(v_total_qaly) <- v_names_str # names for the elements of the total QALYs vector
names(v_total_cost) <- v_names_str # names for the elements of the total cost vector
names(v_nmb)       <- v_names_str # names for the elements of the nmb vector

df_output <- data.frame(Strategy = v_names_str,
                        Cost      = v_total_cost,
                        Effect     = v_total_qaly,
                        NMB       = v_nmb)

return(df_output)
})

# model output
decision_tree_HVE_output

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04.1 Plot the decision tree

```
# your turn
```

05 Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

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# your turn
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05.1 Plot frontier of Decision Tree

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# your turn
```

06 Deterministic Sensitivity Analysis

06.1 List of input parameters

```
# your turn
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06.2 Load decision tree model function

```
# your turn
```

06.3 One-way sensitivity analysis (OWSA)

your turn

06.3.1 Plot OWSA

your turn

06.3.2 Optimal strategy with OWSA

your turn

06.3.3 Tornado plot

your turn

06.4 Two-way sensitivity analysis (TWSA)

your turn

06.4.1 Plot TWSA

your turn

07 Probabilistic Sensitivity Analysis (PSA)

your turn

07.2 Create PSA object for dampack

your turn

07.2.1 Save PSA objects

your turn

07.3 Create probabilistic analysis graphs

your turn

Vector with willingness-to-pay (WTP) thresholds.

your turn

07.3.1 Cost-Effectiveness Scatter plot

your turn

07.4 Conduct CEA with probabilistic output

your turn

07.4.1 Plot cost-effectiveness frontier

your turn

07.4.2 Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves (CEACs) and frontier (CEAF)

your turn

07.4.3 Expected Loss Curves (ELCs)

your turn

07.4.4 Expected value of perfect information (EVPI)

your turn