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Decision theory

Exercise 1

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- To prove a property, we need to find a statement about all elements in $M \times M$.



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 - c) $xRy \Leftrightarrow x^2 \leq y^2$
- M = {Students in Erlangen}
 - d) aRb, if a and b have attended at least one lecture together
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- a) $xRy \Leftrightarrow x \leq y + 1$
 - not transitive
 - Counterexample: (1.9, 1), (1, 0.1), (1.9, 0.1)
 - \circ even for $M = \mathbb{Z}$ not transitive



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Basic Model

A system consisting of:

- $A = \{a_1, \dots, \}$ a non-empty set of alternatives
- $S = \{s_1, \ldots, \}$ a non-empty set of scenarios, possibly also with probabilities p_i
- E a set of outcomes with $g: A \times S \rightarrow E$

Decision Tree

• Decision:

• Event: O

State: ◀



Exercise 3: Lottery

A numbered ball is randomly drawn from a drum containing 100 balls in a lottery. Create a decision matrix and a decision tree.

Lottary A

100% Chance of 1 Mio EUR

Lottery B

- 10% Chance of 5 Mio EUR
- 89% Chance of 1 Mio EUR
- 1% Chance of 0 EUR



Solution

- Set of alternatives: $A = \{a_A, a_B\}$
- Set of scenarios: $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$
- Probabilities: $p_1 = 0.1$, $p_2 = 0.89$ and $p_3 = 0.01$

Decision tree 1 Mio 5 Mio 0.1 0.01 0 Mio

Decision matrix

	S ₁	<i>S</i> ₂	s 3
	0.1	0.89	0.01
a_A	1 Mio	1 Mio	1 Mio
a_B	1 Mio 5 Mio	1 Mio	0 Mio



Exercise 4: Lottery

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Lottery C

- 11% Chance of 1 Mio EUR
- 89% Chance of 0 EUR

Lotterie D

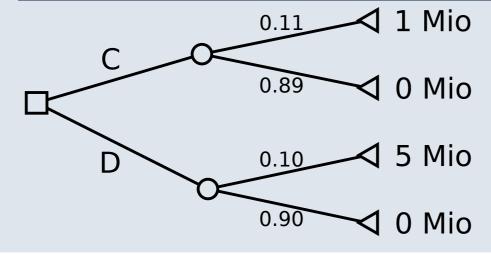
- 10% Chance of 5 Mio EUR
- 90% Chance of 0 EUR



Solution

- Set of alternatives : $A = \{a_C, a_D\}$
- Set of scenarios : $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$
- Probabilities : $p_1 = 0.01$, $p_2 = 0.10$ and $p_3 = 0.89$

Decision tree



Decision matrix

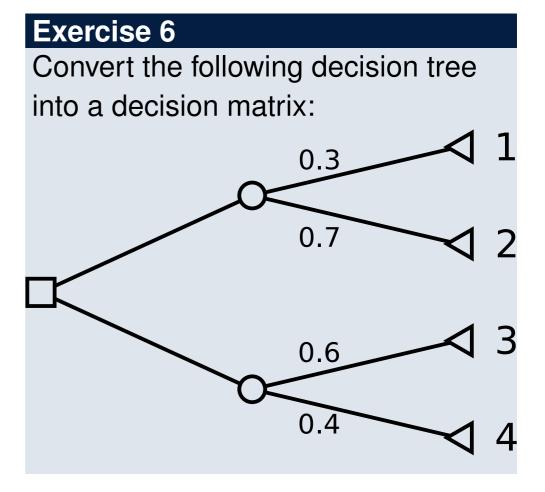
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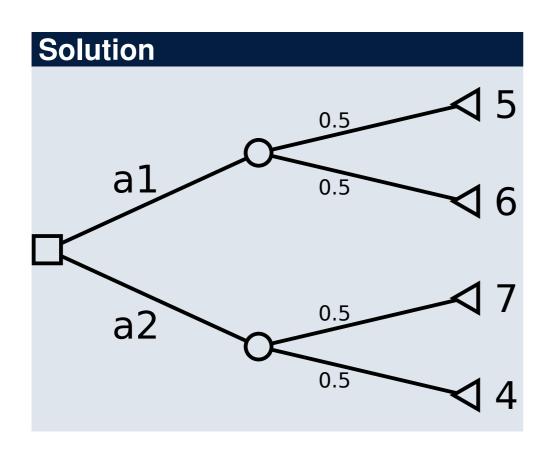
Exercise 5

Convert the following decision matrix into a decision tree:

	<i>S</i> ₁	<i>S</i> ₂
	0.5	0.5
a_1	5	6
a_2	7	4



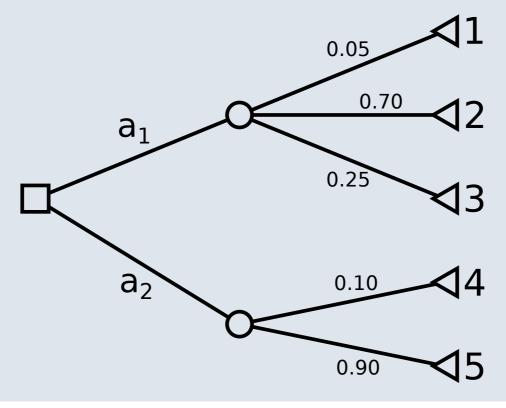






Exercise 7

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Solution					
		<i>S</i> ₁	<i>S</i> ₂	<i>S</i> ₃	S ₄
	p	0.05	0.05	0.20	<i>s</i> ₄ 0.70
	$\overline{a_1}$	1	3	3	2
	a_2	4	4	5	5