

HW6 - Chapter 10 - Schematic Tree and Decision Tree Analysis by Hand

Q1:

A financial advisor has recommended two possible mutual funds for investment: fund A and fund B. The return that will be achieved by each of these depends on whether the economy is good, fair, or poor. A payoff table has been constructed to illustrate this situation:

State of Nature			
Investment	Good Economy (GE)	Fair Economy (FE)	Poor Economy(PE)
Fund A	10,000	2,000	-5,000
Fund B	6,000	4,000	0
Probability	0.2	0.3	0.5

- Draw the decision tree to represent this situation.
- Perform the necessary calculations to determine which of the two mutual funds is better.
Which one should you choose to maximize the expected value?
- Suppose there is question about the return of fund A in a good economy. It could be higher or lower than 10,000\$. What value for this would cause a person to be indifferent between fund A and fund B (ie., the EMVs would be the same)?

Q2:

Book: 10.9 a) and b)

Q3:

Book: 10.11 a) through d)

Q4:

Book: 10.13 a) through c)