

Week - 0

4 Advertisement

- Few pts.
 1. $P > MC$ & product differentiat \Rightarrow Ad
 2. $PD \Rightarrow$ Ad or Ad \Rightarrow Pd \approx not clear
 3. Ads are both good & bad for society.
- - informative \leftarrow ads are socially
- gives rise to wasteful
comp. manipulation
- good for the \rightarrow higher PD, which
society. hinders comp.
- $\Delta Q (P - MC) > 1$, Ad \uparrow
 $\Delta Q (P - MC) < 1$, Ad \downarrow
 $= 1$, optimal Ad.
- $\therefore P \Delta Q > |\varepsilon|$, Ad \uparrow
 $= |\varepsilon|$, optimal
- Ads acts as a signalling device, to try the good atleast once.

12 Decisions under Risk & Uncertainty

- uncertainty is perceivable
- similarity $\rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; H, T$
- differences \rightarrow able to enumerate all the possible outcomes, able to assign P to all possible outcomes $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$

- Probab. \rightarrow measures risk

\Rightarrow chance that an event will occur -

1. Frequentis / Obj. measure $\rightarrow n \uparrow, P(H) \uparrow$

2. Subj. measure \rightarrow stock prices

\Rightarrow probab. distribution \rightarrow discrete or conti.

\Rightarrow exp. value ($E[X]$) or μ

\Rightarrow variance ($E[(x - E[x])^2]$)

$$\text{Ex. } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^6 p_i x_i = \frac{1}{6} (1+2+3+4+5+6) = 3.5$$

\rightarrow higher variance means high risk

$$\Rightarrow E[(x - \mu)^2] = \frac{1}{6} (1-3.5)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{6} (6-3.5)^2 = 17.5/6$$

Std Devia $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$

- Coeff. of varia $= \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$

\curvearrowleft measure of relative risk

- Decisions under risk (3 rules) -

1. max. of expected value

2. mean-variance analysis

(i) $E(A) > E(B)$ & $\text{Var}(A) < \text{Var}(B) \Rightarrow A$

(ii) " $= E(S)$ & $\text{Var}(A) > \text{Var}(B) \Rightarrow B$

(iii) $\text{Var}(A) = \text{Var}(B)$ & $E(A) > E(B) \Rightarrow A$

3. coeff. of variant analysis

$$\text{Eq. } A \rightarrow E(X) = 3500, \sigma = 1025, U_C = 0.29$$

$$B \rightarrow \mu = 3750, \sigma = 1545, U_C = 0.41$$

$$C \rightarrow \mu = 3500, \sigma = 2062, U_C = 0.59$$

rule 1 \rightarrow B

rule 2 \rightarrow A or B

rule 3 \rightarrow A

L3 Dec. under risk & uncertainty - 2

no single rule. Rules do not eliminate risk. We need a framework to include risk in the decision-making process.

- State of Nature

- Contingencies - A contract implemented only when a particular state of Nature occurs is state contingent. Eg.

Insurer pay iff. a crop failure.

- Consumer th. $\rightarrow U_{\max}$.

$$(U(C_1, C_2, \Pi_1, \Pi_2)) = \Pi_1 C_1 + \Pi_2 C_2$$

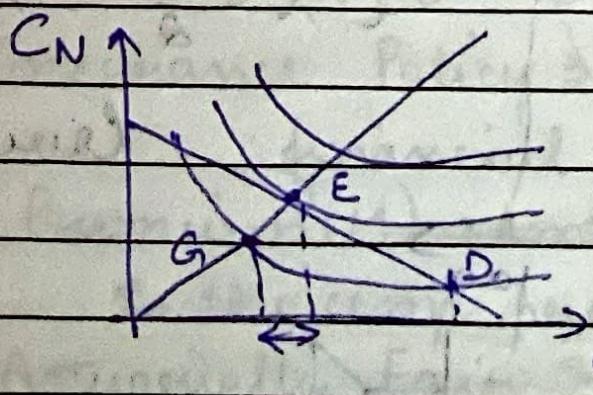
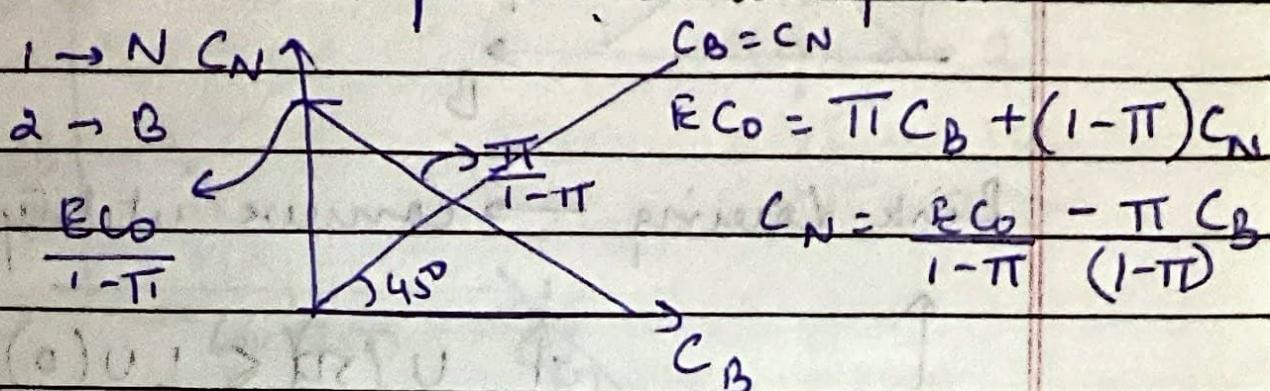
\hookrightarrow They are additive as well as separable. State of nature \rightarrow

independence assumption

\hookrightarrow $\beta < \gamma$. β (Actual) = Actual (10)

$$MRS = \frac{dc_2}{dc_1} = -\frac{-MU_1}{M_2} = -\frac{\pi_1 U'(c_{i_1})}{\pi_2 U'(c_{i_2})}$$

- A constant expected consumption line



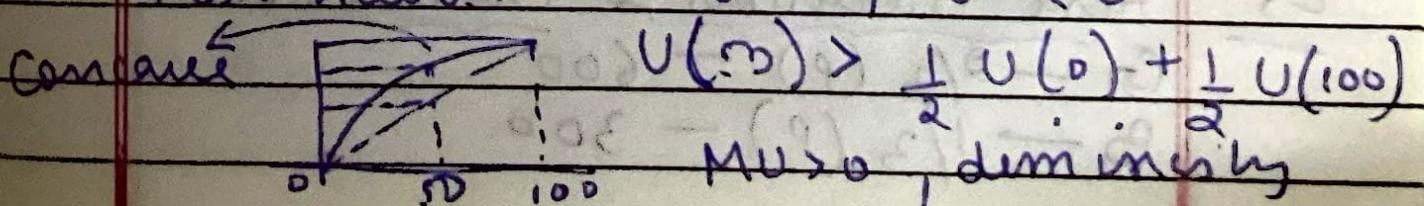
G_1 is certainty equivalent of D .
 $E - G_1 \Rightarrow$ risk premium

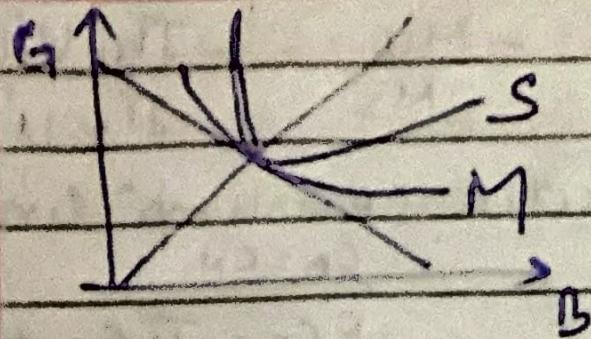
L4 Risk Aversion, Loving, Neutrality

$U[E(a)] > E[U(a)] \rightarrow$ risk averse

$U[\varepsilon(a)] < E[U(a)] \rightarrow$ risk loving
 otherwise, neutral

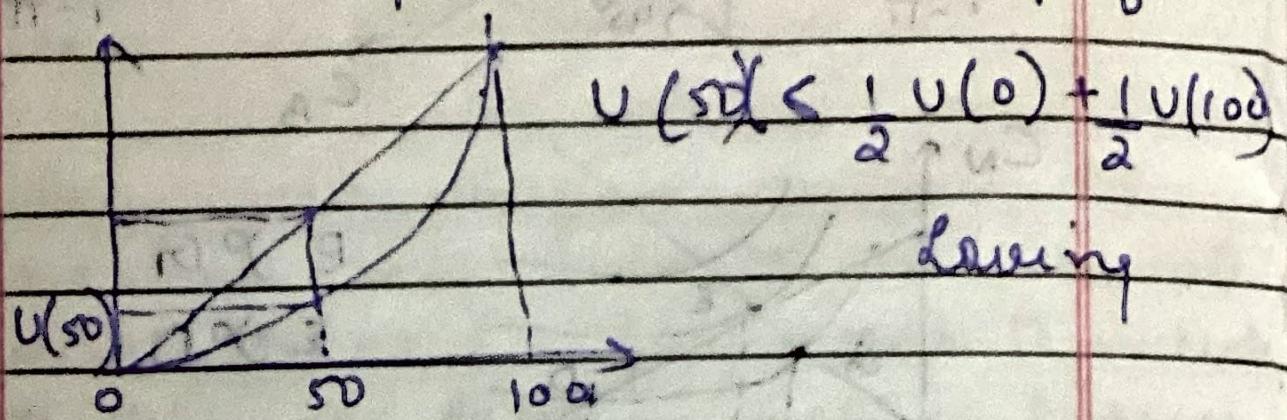
- Risk Averse $\rightarrow U' > 0, U'' < 0$



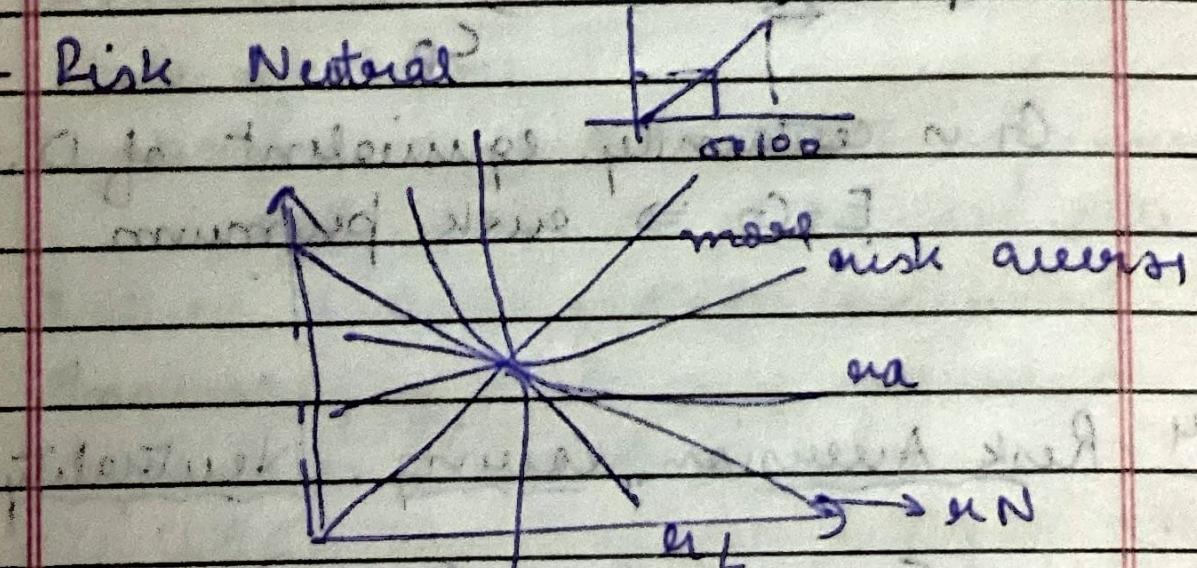


S is more risk-averse than M .

- Risk loving \rightarrow convex utility func



- Risk Neutral



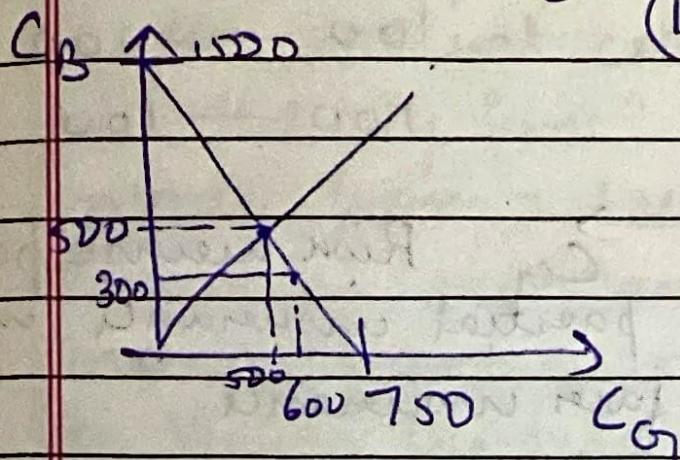
L5 Risk Aversion & Insurance

$$G = 2/3(P) - 600$$

$$B = 1/3(P) - 300$$

$$EV = P \times C_G + (1-P) C_B$$

$$\rightarrow C_B = \frac{EV}{(1-P)} - P \frac{C_G}{(1-P)}$$

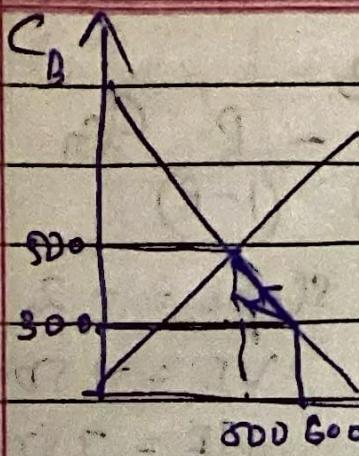


$$\text{Slope} = -2$$

$$VI = 1500$$

$$HI = 750$$

- Insurance Policy \rightarrow A construct to reduce financial loss in case of bad.
- Premium (M) \rightarrow Amt. paid by policy holder to the comp. providing the insurance
- Actuarially Fair Insurance
- $| M = B(1-P) | \quad B \rightarrow \text{Benefit}$
- Full insurance - payment from company is equal to the loss.
- Partial Insurance - payment is < loss.
- Demand - Fair Insurance
Premium = 100 $\Rightarrow L = B$
- A risk averse person in case of fair insurance should always go for full insurance & not partial insurance.
- Demand - < Fair Insurance

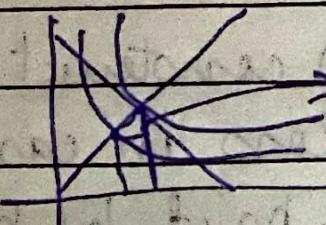


Fair Insurance

100 — 200

100 — 100

800 Goo \rightarrow C_G Risk averse person
should go for partial insurance in case
of less than fair insurance.



value of insurance

L6

The Market for Insurance.

Risk Pooling \rightarrow law of large no.

$$\omega \Rightarrow p = 1 \quad v(1) = 0.25 M$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v(2) = 0.125$$

$$V(100) \Rightarrow 0.0025$$

$$\cancel{\$2.5 \times 10^5} \text{ and } \cancel{= 0.004 \text{ (stolen)}}$$

$$G \rightarrow 0.996 \rightarrow 2.5L$$

$$B \rightarrow 0.004 \rightarrow 0$$

$1,00,000 \rightarrow 100 \text{ million}$

$$1,000 \text{ (M)} \times 0.004 = 4,000 \text{ (may get 400 stolen)}$$

$$400 \times 2.5L = 100 \text{ million}$$

- Risk Spreading - There are/have to be some people who are not affected by the natural calamity. Convexity of risk/utility func". Taking a little bit of money from a large no. of people incurs less social loss than taking a lot of money from a small no. of people.

Eg. Victim Compensation fund

- Risk Transfer -

$$P \rightarrow \frac{1 \times 100}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} 36 \quad EU = 9$$

upto 19

81
certain

$$R \rightarrow 100 \times 0 \rightarrow EU = 999.8 \quad \text{certain}$$

upto 18 $\Rightarrow 18.5$

L7 Decisions Under Uncertainty

- Maximax, Maximin, Minimax regret, Equal P. criterion

Nature

Payoff	Decis.	Normal Day	Flood
Decis.	Usual	5 G	-1 G
Moore F	3 G	2 G	0.5 G
Moore I	2 G	1 G	0.75 G

- maximax - \rightarrow too optimistic
 1. select best outcome of each decision
 2. choose decision that has max. payoff

$\rightarrow 5 \circlearrowleft \rightarrow 5$ or. (usual)

$\rightarrow 3$ Cons. \rightarrow too optimistic

$\rightarrow 2$

- maximin - \rightarrow too pessimistic (cons)

1. select worst outcome for each desc.

2. choose decision that has max. payoff

$\rightarrow -3$

$\rightarrow 0.5$

$\rightarrow 6.75 \circlearrowleft$

$\rightarrow 0.75$ or. (more I)

- minimax regret \rightarrow potential regret

leads to potential improvement if the most. appropriate decision is taken

1. fig. out worst regret (pot.) area

with each decision

2. choose that which mini. the worst pot. regret

	R	R	R	R	
5	0	3	-3	3.75	3.75
3	2	0	0.5	0.25	2
2	3	1	0.75	0	3

more F.

- equal probab.

$$\frac{1}{3} \times 5 \quad \frac{1}{3} \times -1 \quad \frac{1}{3} \times -3 = \frac{1}{3} G_1$$

more F.

$$= \frac{5 \cdot 5}{3} G_1$$

$$= \frac{3 \cdot 75}{3} G_1$$