

IE2111 ISE Principles & Practice II
Solutions to Assignment #4

| | Project A | Project B |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Initial Investment Cost | \$300,000 | \$180,000 |
| Annual Benefits | \$100,000 | \$60,000 |
| Salvage Value | \$12,000 | \$6,000 |
| Useful Life | 4 years | 4 years |

$MARR = 8\%$. Study period = 4 years.

(a) $PW(8\%)$ of Project A = $-300,000 + 100,000 [P/A, 8\%, 4] + 12,000 [P/F, 8\%, 4]$
 $= -300,000 + 100,000 (3.3121268) + 12,000 (0.7350299)$
 $= \$ \underline{\underline{40,033.04}}$

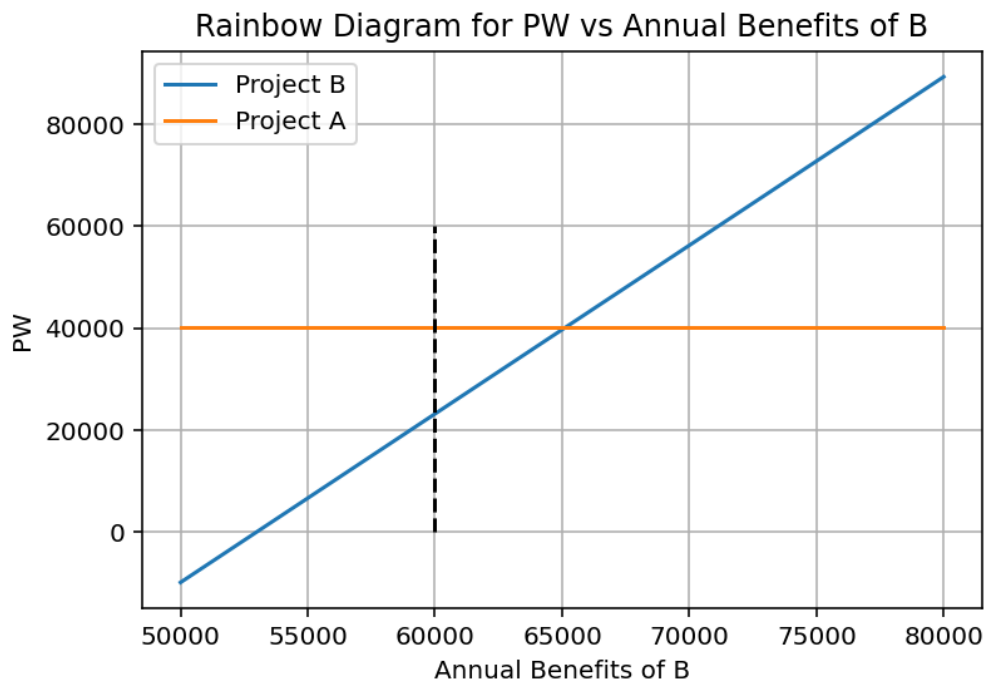
$PW(8\%)$ of Project B = $-180,000 + 60,000 [P/A, 8\%, 4] + 6,000 [P/F, 8\%, 4]$
 $= -180,000 + 60,000 (3.3121268) + 6,000 (0.7350299)$
 $= \$ \underline{\underline{23,137.79}}$

Hence choose Project A which has a higher $PW(8\%)$.

(b) Let A_B = Annual benefits of Project B.

For decision reversal, $PW(8\%)$ of B must be increased by $40,033.04 - 23,137.79$
 $= \$16,895.25$

This can be achieved by increasing the annual benefits of B by $16,895.25 [A/P, 8\%, 4]$
 $= 16,895.25 (0.3019208)$
 $= \$ \underline{\underline{5,101.03}}$



(c)

Annual benefits of A ~ Normal(\$100000, \$22000)

i.

$$\begin{aligned} E[PW_A(8\%)] &= \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{EV[F_k]}{(1+0.08)^k} \\ &= -300,000 + \frac{100,000}{(1+0.08)} + \frac{100,000}{(1+0.08)^2} + \frac{100,000}{(1+0.08)^3} + \frac{100,000+12,000}{(1+0.08)^4} \\ &= \textbf{\$ 40,033.04} \end{aligned}$$

ii. When all the annual cash flows are mutually independent:

$$\begin{aligned} Var[PW_A(8\%)] &= \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{Var[F_k]}{(1+0.08)^{2k}} \\ &= 0 + \frac{22,000^2}{(1+0.08)^2} + \frac{22,000^2}{(1+0.08)^4} + \frac{22,000^2}{(1+0.08)^6} + \frac{22,000^2 + 0}{(1+0.08)^8} \\ &= \$\$1,337,198,677.29 \end{aligned}$$

$$SD[PW_A(8\%)] = \textbf{\$ 36,567.73}$$

(d) Let I_B = Initial Investment cash flow for Project B

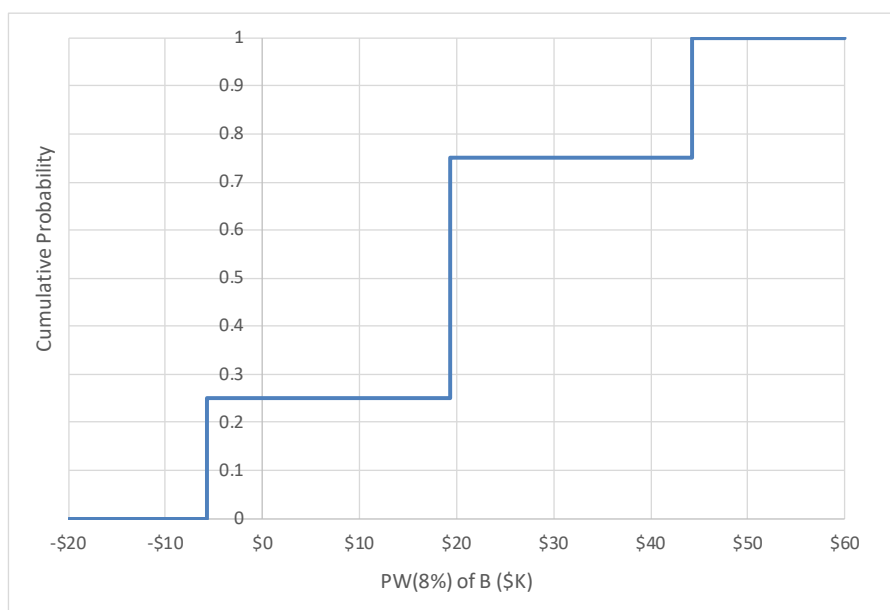
$$\begin{aligned} PW(8\%) \text{ of B} &= -I_B + 60,000 [P/A, 8\%, 4] + 6,000 [P/F, 8\%, 4] \\ &= -I_B + 60,000 (3.3121268) + 6,000 (0.7350299) \end{aligned}$$

$PW(8\%)$ of B has the following distribution:

| Initial Cost of B | PW of B | Probability |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 155,000 | 48,137.79 | 0.25 |
| 180,000 | 23,137.79 | 0.50 |
| 205,000 | -1,862.21 | 0.25 |

i. Risk profile for Project B's PW :

| PW of B | Probability | $PW - E[PW]$ | $(PW - E[PW])^2$ | Prob x $(PW - E[PW])^2$ |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 48,137.79 | 0.25 | -25,000 | 625,000,000 | 156,250,000 |
| 23,137.79 | 0.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -1,862.21 | 0.25 | 25,000 | 625,000,000 | 156,250,000 |
| Sum = | | | | 312,500,000 |



ii. $E[PW(8\%)]$ of Project B

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.25 (-1,862.21) + 0.5 (23,137.79) + 0.25 (48,137.79) \\ &= \$ \underline{\underline{23,137.79}} \end{aligned}$$

iii. $Var[PW(8\%)]$ of Project B = \$\$ 312,500,000 // Note that $Var[PW \text{ of B}] = Var[I_B]$

$SD[PW(8\%)]$ of Project B = \$ 17,677.67

iv. Downside risk for B = $\text{Prob}\{PW(8\%) \text{ of B} \leq 0\} = 0.25$

v. $\text{Prob}\{PW(8\%) \text{ of B} \geq \$40,000\} = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$

(e)

i.

| Alternative | $E[PW(8\%)]$ | $SD[PW(8\%)]$ |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Project A | \$ 40,033.04 | \$ 36,567.73 |
| Project B | \$ 23,137.79 | \$ 17,677.67 |

$E[PW(8\%)]$ of A $>$ $E[PW(8\%)]$ of B but $SD[PW(8\%)]$ of A $>$ $SD[PW(8\%)]$ of B

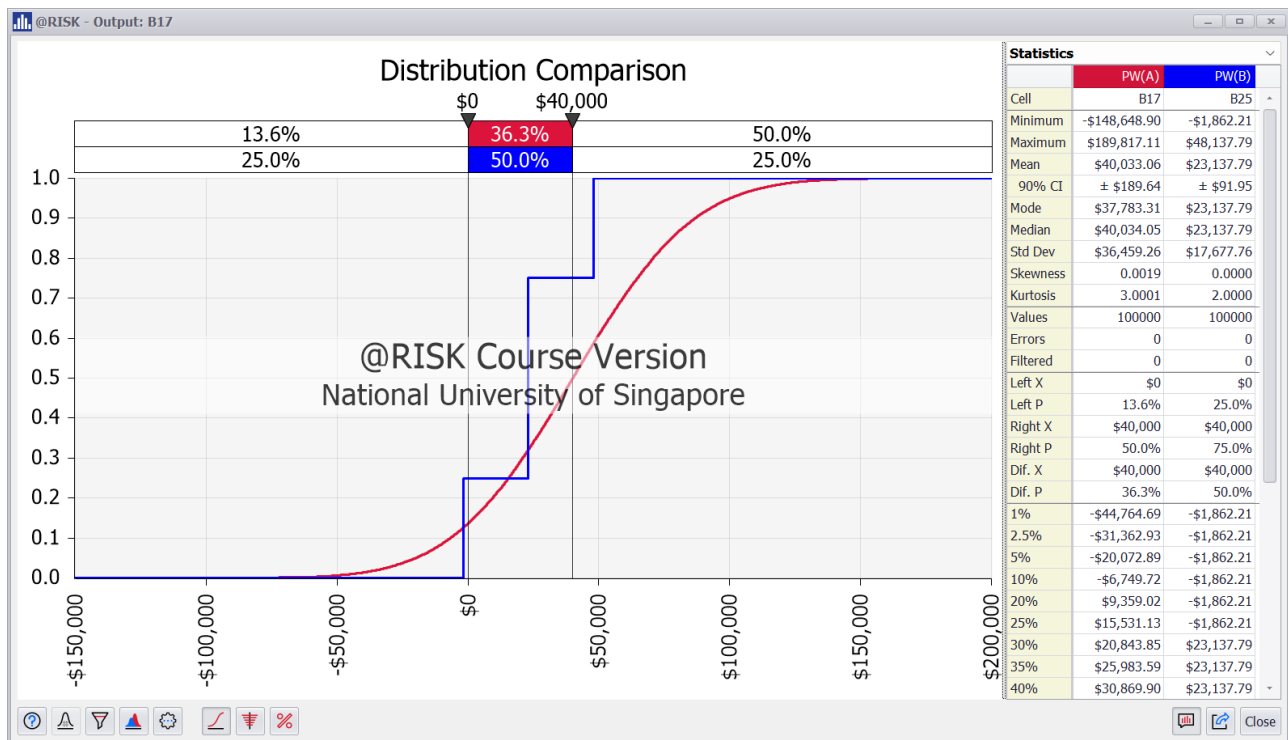
Hence, there is no mean-variance dominance between the two alternatives.

(f) Monte Carlo Simulation using @Risk:

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the @Risk add-in installed. The spreadsheet is titled "ie2111-22-A4-Excel.xlsx" and is opened by "Poh Kim Leng". The @Risk ribbon is active, showing various simulation tools. The formula bar shows the formula for cell B17: $\text{=RiskOutput}(\text{"PW(A)"})+\text{B11} + \text{NPV}(\text{B3, B12:B14, B15+B16})$.

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|----|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|---|---|
| 1 | Solutions to Assignment 4 | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | MARR | 8.00% | | | | | |
| 4 | Project A | Base Value | | | | | |
| 5 | Initial Investment | -\$300,000 | | | | | |
| 6 | Annual benefits | \$100,000 | | | | | |
| 7 | Salvage Value | \$12,000 | | | | | |
| 8 | Useful Life (years) | 4 | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | EoY | Cash Flow | | | | | |
| 11 | 0 | -\$300,000 | | | | | |
| 12 | 1 | \$132,933 | Normal | 100,000.00 | 22,000.00 | | |
| 13 | 2 | \$90,465 | Normal | 100,000.00 | 22,000.00 | | |
| 14 | 3 | \$110,094 | Normal | 100,000.00 | 22,000.00 | | |
| 15 | 4 | \$86,985 | Normal | 100,000.00 | 22,000.00 | | |
| 16 | 4 | \$12,000 | | | | | |
| 17 | PW(8%) of A = | \$60,799.70 | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Project B | Base Value | Initial Cost of B | Probability | | | |
| 21 | Initial Investment | -\$205,000 | -\$205,000 | 0.25 | | | |
| 22 | Annual benefits | \$60,000 | -\$180,000 | 0.5 | | | |
| 23 | Salvage Value | \$6,000 | -\$155,000 | 0.25 | | | |
| 24 | Useful Life (years) | 4 | | | | | |
| 25 | PW(8%) of B = | -\$1,862.21 | | | | | |

Results from 100,000 trials:



There is no first-order stochastic dominance between the two risk profiles as the crosses each other.