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Question 1

7-4 Analyzing Bayesian Games

In the following two-player Bayesian game, the payoffs to player 2 depend on whether 2 is a friendly player (with probability p) or a foe (with probability $1 - p$). See the following payoff matrices for details.

Friend	Left	Right
Left	3,1	0,0
Right	2,1	1,0

with probability p .

Foe	Left	Right
Left	3,0	0,1
Right	2,0	1,1

with probability $1 - p$.

Player 2 knows if he/she is a friend or a foe, but player 1 doesn't know. If player 2 uses a strategy of Left when a friend and Right when a foe, what is true about player 1's expected utility?

Your Answer

Score

Explanation

- ☐ a) It is 3 when 1 chooses Left;
- ☒ b) It is $3p$ when 1 chooses Left;
- ☐ c) It is $2p$ when 1 chooses Right;
- ☐ d) It is 1 when 1 chooses Right;



1.00

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Question Explanation

(b) is true.

- If 1 chooses Left, with probability p player 2 is a friend and chooses Left and then 1 earns 3, and with probability $(1 - p)$ player 2 is a foe and chooses Right and then 1 earns 0. Thus, the expected payoff is $3p + 0(1 - p) = 3p$.

Question 2

7-5 Analyzing Bayesian Games: Another Example

Consider the conflict game:

Strong	Fight	Not
Fight	1,-2	2,-1
Not	-1,2	0,0

with probability p

Weak	Fight	Not
Fight	-2,1	2,-1
Not	-1,2	0,0

with probability $1 - p$

Assume that player 1 plays fight when strong and not when weak. Given this strategy of player 1, there is a certain p^* such that player 2 will prefer 'fight' when **Misplaced &**, and 'not' when $p > p^*$. For instance, in the lecture p^* was $1/3$.

What is p^* in this modified game? (Hint: Write down the payoff of 2 when choosing Fight and Not Fight. Equalize these two payoffs to get p^*):

Your Answer**Score****Explanation**☐ a) $3/4$ ☐ b) $1/3$ ☒ c) $2/3$ 

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☐ d) 1/2

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Question Explanation

(c) is true.

- Conditional on 1 fighting when strong and not fighting when weak, the payoff of 2 when choosing Not is $-1p + 0(1 - p)$ and the payoff of 2 when choosing Fight is $(-2)p + 2(1 - p)$.
- Comparing these two payoffs, 2 is just indifferent when $-1p + 0(1 - p) = (-2)p + 2(1 - p)$, thus $p^* = 2/3$, above which 2 prefers Not and below which 2 prefers to Fight.