

Assignment 2

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Question 1

1.a

1.b

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1.d

Question 2

2.a

2.b

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2.d

Question 3

3.a

No market survey: (Unit in \$1x10⁴)

	FM(1/3)	UM(2/3)	Expectation
Major renovation	250	-80	30
Minor renovation	100	-20	20
Do nothing	0	0	0

Regret table:

	FM(1/3)	UM(2/3)	Oppo.loss
Major	0	80	160/3
Minor	150	20	190/3
Do nothing	250	0	250/3

Hence, **Major renovation** can minimize the expected opportunity loss to $\$ \frac{160}{3} \times 10^4$

3.b

$$EVW\!OI = 250 \times \frac{1}{3} - 80 \times \frac{2}{3} = 30$$

3.c

$$EVW\!PI = 250 \times \frac{1}{3} + 0 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{250}{3}$$

$$EV\!OPI = EV\!W\!PI - EV\!W\!OI = \frac{160}{3} \times 10^4$$

3.d

Let

$$P(FM) = \alpha \text{ and } P(UM) = 2P(FM) = 2\alpha$$

Given:

$$P(P|FM) = 0.8, P(P|UM) = 0.4, P(N|FM) = 0.2, P(N|UM) = 0.6$$

Total probability:

$$P(P) = P(FM)P(P|FM) + P(UM)P(P|UM) = 1.6\alpha$$

$$P(N) = P(FM)P(N|FM) + P(UM)P(N|UM) = 1.4\alpha$$

Combined with $P(P) + P(N) = 1$

$$P(P) = \frac{8}{15} \text{ and } P(N) = \frac{7}{15}$$

Probability conditioned on Positive result:

$$\begin{aligned} P(FM|P) &= \frac{P(FM)P(P|FM)}{P(P)} = \frac{3}{2}\alpha \\ P(UM|P) &= \frac{P(UM)P(P|UM)}{P(P)} = \frac{3}{2}\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Combined with $P(FM|P) + P(UM|P) = 1$

$$P(UM|P) = P(FM|P) = 0.5$$

Probability conditioned on Negative result:

$$\begin{aligned} P(FM|N) &= \frac{P(FM)P(N|FM)}{P(N)} = \frac{3}{7}\alpha \\ P(UM|N) &= \frac{P(UM)P(N|UM)}{P(N)} = \frac{18}{7}\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Combined with $P(FM|N) + P(UM|N) = 1$

$$P(UM|N) = \frac{6}{7} \text{ and } P(FM|N) = \frac{1}{7}$$

Free market survey with Positive result(8/15):

	FM(1/2)	UM(1/2)	Expectation
Major renovation	250	-80	85
Minor renovation	100	-20	40
Do nothing	0	0	0

Free market survey with Negative result(7/15):

	FM(1/7)	UM(6/7)	Expectation
Major renovation	250	-80	-230/7
Minor renovation	100	-20	-20/7
Do nothing	0	0	0

$$EVWSI = 85 \times \frac{8}{15} + 0 \times \frac{7}{15} = \frac{136}{3}$$

$$EVOSI = EVWSI - EVWOI = \frac{46}{3} \times 10^4$$

Conclusion

As $EVOSI (\frac{46}{3} \times 10^4) > \text{Cost of survey } (5 \times 10^4)$, the company should do market survey.

To maximize return, after doing market research, if the survey result is positive, it should do Major renovation, if the result is negative, it should do nothing.

Charged market survey with Positive result(8/15):

	FM(1/2)	UM(1/2)	Expectation
Major renovation	245	-85	80
Minor renovation	95	-25	35
Do nothing	-5	-5	-5

Charged market survey with Negative result(7/15):

	FM(1/7)	UM(6/7)	Expectation
Major renovation	245	-85	-265/7
Minor renovation	95	-25	-55/7
Do nothing	-5	-5	-5

$$\text{Expected return} = 80 \times \frac{8}{15} - 5 \times \frac{7}{15} = \frac{121}{3} \times 10^4$$