

1. Consider the lottery  $q = (25, p; 16, q; 9, w)$ ,  $p+q+w=1$ . Assuming that the utility function is  $u(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and the weighting function is  $\pi(p) = p^2$ .
  - i. Using the Machina triangle ( $p$  on the vertical axis,  $w$  on the horizontal one) represent the following prospects:  $q = (25, \frac{1}{2}; 9, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $r = (25, \frac{8}{10}; 16, \frac{1}{10}; 9, \frac{1}{10})$ .
  - ii. Check the sign of the slope of the indifference curves passing for  $q$
  - iii. Check the sign of the slope of the indifference curves passing for  $r$
  
2. An individual prefers high outcomes respect to small ones.
  - a. Suppose that lottery  $r$  stochastically dominates lottery  $q$ . Which is the preferred lottery?
  - b. Check for stochastic dominance of the two following lotteries.
 
$$q = (210, 0.30; 500, 0.2; 760, 0.5)$$

$$r = (200, 0.30; 500, 0.15; 760, 0.55)$$
  
3. All Prospect theory's assumptions are satisfied. Assume that  $v(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -\frac{4}{5}\sqrt{-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$  and  $\pi(p) = p^2$ . Evaluate the following prospects and for each one compute the certainty equivalent (reference point 0):
  - a.  $(625, 0.60; -225, 0.40)$
  - b.  $(154, 0.15; 46, 0.55; 10, 0.30)$
  
4. Consider the following prospects  $q = (9, 0.12)$  and  $r = (27, 0.04)$ . Assume that  $v(x) = x$  and  $\pi(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 0.12) > \frac{1}{3} \cdot \pi(0.12)$ . State the preferred prospect.
  
5. Consider the following prospects  $r = (x)$ ,  $q = (y, 0.10; x, 0.89)$   $r' = (x, 0.11)$  and  $q' = (y, 0.10)$ ,  $x, y > 0$ . Assume that  $q'$  is indifferent to  $r'$  and that  $\pi(0.11) + \pi(0.89) < 1$ . Which is the preferred lottery between  $r$  and  $q$ ? Prove your answer assuming a generic subjective value function  $v(x)$ .
  
6. All Prospect theory's assumptions are satisfied. Consider the following prospects:  $q = (x, 2p)$ ,  $r = (2x, p)$  where  $x < 0$  and  $p < 0.5$ . Show that  $q > r$  implies subadditivity.
  
7. Consider the following prospects  $r = (20, p)$ ,  $q = (24, \frac{2}{3}p)$   $r' = (r, 0.5)$  and  $q' = (q, 0.5)$ . Assume subcertainty and that  $q'$  is indifferent to  $r'$ . Which is the preferred lottery between  $r$  and  $q$ ? Prove your answer assuming a generic subjective value function  $v(x)$ .
  
8. Assume  $\pi(x) = x$  and that all other Prospect theory's assumptions are satisfied. Suppose the following two prospects:  $q = (-9, 0.12)$  and  $r = (-27, 0.04)$ . Which is the preferred prospect when the reference point is 0? Which is the preferred prospect when the reference point is -27?
  
9. Check if  $\pi(x) = x^2$  satisfies subadditivity, subproportionality and subcertainty.