

TODAY'S SUBJECT Expected Utility III DATE 11/24/17

$$\begin{aligned}
 EU(p) &= 0.4(15) + 0.35(20) + \dots + 0.05(40) \\
 &= 6 + 7 + 3.354102 + 1.172604 + 2 \\
 &= 19.526706
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= (1, 400) \\
 EU(q) &= 20 \\
 u(400) &
 \end{aligned}$$

★ Expected Utility w/ Subjective Uncertainty ★

• Subjective Expected Utility

→ Basics of the Model

* There are 2 primitive concepts:

1) S = Set of possible states of the world
(complete description and resolution of all uncertainty)

Ex) $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \in S$

2) X = set of consequences (outcomes or prizes)

Ex) $x, y, z \in X$

* The objects of choice are called acts rather than lotteries.

⑦ Short for a "course of action"

⑦ An act generates an outcome in every possible state, $f: S \rightarrow X$, i.e. $f(s_1) = x, f(s_2) = z, f(s_3) = y, f(s_4) = y$

* Instead of looking at preferences over lotteries, we'll look at preferences over acts.

→ States

* a possible description of the world, $s \in S$

* There's one true state of the world

* An event is a subset of S , denoted $E \subset S$

* The true state of the world is uncertain