

Second-Year Advanced Micro: Behavioural Economics

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2. Would you choose to receive \$3,000 for sure or to receive \$4,000 with probability 0.8? Please check one:

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3. Suppose that one out of a hundred people in the population have HIV. There is a test for HIV that is 99% accurate. This means that if a person has HIV, the test returns a positive result with 99% probability; and if a person does not have HIV, it returns a negative result with 99% probability. If a person's HIV test comes back positive (and you know nothing else about her/him), what is the probability that s/he has HIV? Please fill in a percentage amount:

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4. Jack's been drawn from a population which is 30% engineers and 70% lawyers. Jack wears a pocket protector. Use your own estimate of the respective probabilities that engineers and lawyers wear pocket protectors to estimate the probability that Jack is an engineer. Please fill in a percentage amount:

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