





Dominant Strategies

Game Theory Course: Jackson, Leyton-Brown & Shoham

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 s_i strictly dominates s_i' if $\forall s_{-i} \in S_{-i}, u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) > u_i(s_i', s_{-i})$

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 s_i very weakly dominates s_i' if $\forall s_{-i} \in S_{-i}, u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) \geq u_i(s_i', s_{-i})$

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