Course Artificial Intelligence Techniques (IN4010)

Part Game Theory

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Exercise Sheet Tutorial 5: Normal Form and Extensive Form Games

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Exercise 1 (Guessing game). There are two agents a and b in separate rooms. Both agents choose a number from the set $\{2,3,4\}$, independently from the other agent. If both agents choose the same number, say, x, then both agents get x EUR. However, if the agents chose different numbers, say x,y, then they have to pay x and y EUR respectively.

- (a) Model this as a normal form game.
- (b) Next, we consider it as an extensive form game. Suppose the two agents choose their numbers subsequently, first a and then b. Player b sees the number agent a has chosen.
 - 1. Model this as a perfect information extensive form game
 - 2. Compute the subgame perfect equilibria by backwards induction and explain each reasoning step.

Exercise 2 (Nash equilibrium in Normal Form Game). Each of the 100 players in $N=\{1,\dots,100\}$ announces a natural number from 1 to 100. A prize of 10 EUR is split equally between all the players whose number is closest to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the average number of the numbers chosen by all players. (In this exercise we only consider pure strategies.)

- 1. Model this as a normal form game.
- 2. Compute a pure Nash equilibrium of the game.
- 3. Show that this Nash equilibrium is unique, i.e. that there is no other Nash equilibrium. Give an intuitive and formal argument.

Exercise 3 (Zero sum game). Consider the following game (Bombers and Fighters):

		Bomber Crew	
		Look Up	Look Down
Fighter Pilots	Hun-in-the-Sun	0.95,0.05	1,0
	Ezak-Imak	1,0	0,1

- 1. Compute the maxmin strategies of both players.
- 2. Compute all (mixed) Nash equilibria deriving the answer from your solution to 1.
- 3. Show that the value of the "Fighters and Bombers" game (i.e. the maxmin value of the Fighter Pilots) is *strictly greater than* 0.95 (and thus that there is a mixed strategy that is better than the pure Hun-in-the-sun strategy).

Exercise 4 (Elimination method). To which final game does the following game reduce? Give the Nash equilibria.

	L	L	K
U	$\langle 3, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$
M	$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 5, 0 \rangle$
D	$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 4, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$

Exercise 5 (Pirates and Gold). We are given the following puzzle. Five rational *pirates* a,b,c,d,e negotiate about how to share 100 *gold coins*. The pirates are ranked from a (*highest*) to e (*lowest*) The task is to distribute the coins such that:

- 1. the highest ranked pirate proposes a distribution.
- 2. each pirate can accept or reject the proposal, majority decides (highest ranked pirate breaks ties, otherwise the pirate takes part in the negotiation as any other pirate).
- 3. if the proposal is rejected the proposing pirate is *killed* and the next highest ranked pirate makes a proposal, and so forth.

The *preferences* of the pirates (in this order and additive) are as follows: (i) stay alive, (ii) maximize the number of gold coins the pirate gets, and (iii) kill other pirates.

- 1. Model this as an extensive form game (informally) and explain how strategies are defined.
- 2. Compute the unique subgame perfect Nash equilibrium.