

Game Theory and Applications (博弈论及其应用)

# **Chapter 13: Extensive Game with Imperfect Information-II**

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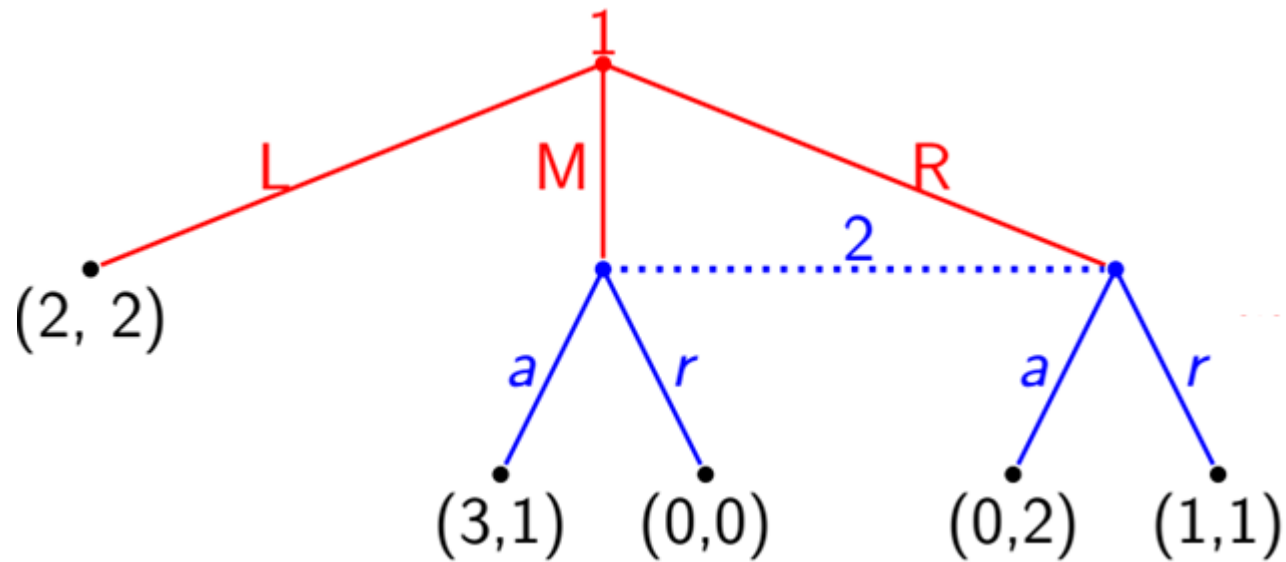
## Recap on Previous Chapter

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- Extensive game with imperfect information
- Formal definition  $G = \{N, H, P, I, \{u_i\}\}$
- Information set  $I = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N\}$
- Pure strategies  $A(I_{i1}) \times A(I_{i2}) \times \dots \times A(I_{im})$
- Transformation of strategic game and extensive game with imperfect information
- Perfect recall and imperfect recall

# Example

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# Definition of Mixed and Behavioral Strategies

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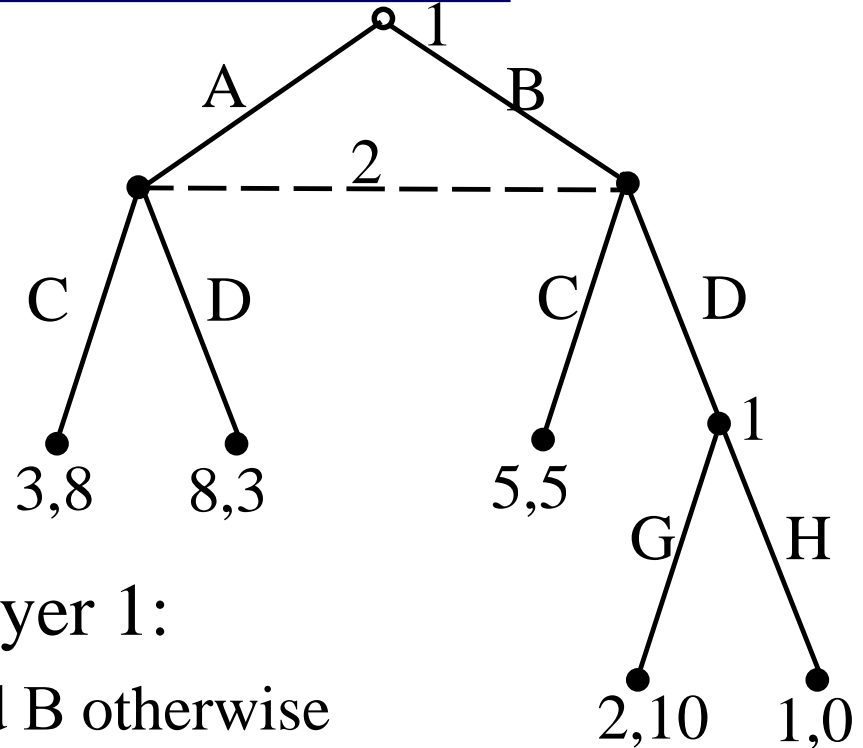
- **Mixed Strategies:** A mixed strategy of player  $i$  in an extensive game is a probability over the set of player  $i$ 's pure strategy
- **Behavioral strategies:** A behavior strategy of player  $i$  is a collection  $\beta_{ik}(I_{ik})_{I_{ik} \in I_i}$  of independent probability measure, where  $\beta_{ik}(I_{ik})$  is a probability measure over  $A(I_{ik})$

混合策略是在pure strategy上的概率分布

行为策略是在InfoSet的ActionSet上的概率分布，是独立的

# Behavioral vs. Mixed Strategies

Behavioral strategies distinguish from mixed strategies



A behavioral strategy for player 1:

- Selects A with prob. 0.5, and B otherwise
- choose G with prob. 0.3, and H otherwise

Here's a mixed strategy that isn't a behavioral strategy

- Pure Strategy AG with probability 0.6, pure strategy BH 0.4
- The choices at the two nodes are not independent

等价的Mixed strategies: {AG,0.15; AH,0.35; BG,0.15; BH,0.35}

# Behavioral vs. Mixed Strategies

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In imperfect-information games, mixed and behavioral strategies produce different sets of equilibria

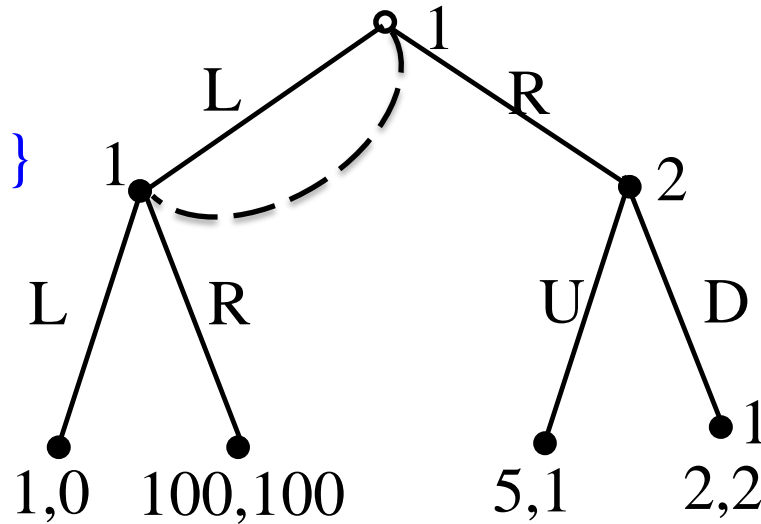
- In some games, mixed strategies can achieve equilibria that aren't achievable by any behavioral strategy
- In some games, behavioral strategies can achieve equilibria that aren't achievable by any mixed strategy

# Behavioral vs. Mixed Strategies

和Ch12的P18同图

Consider game

Player 1 inform. set:  $\{\{\emptyset, L\}\}$

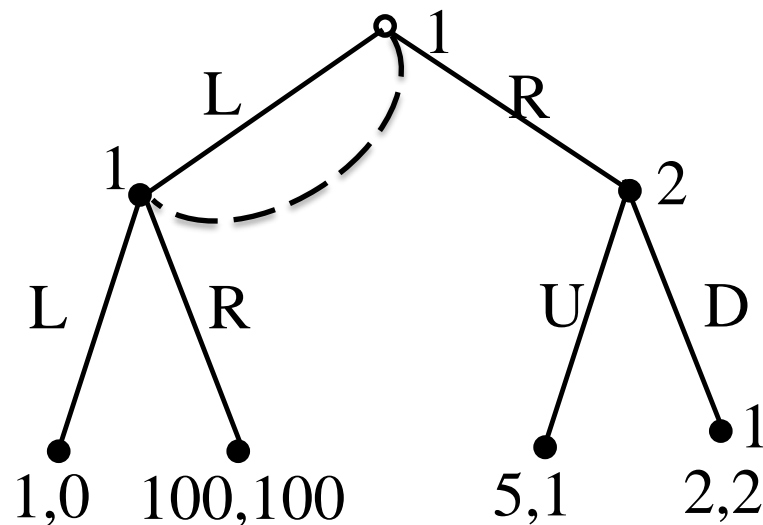


- Player 1: R is a strictly dominant strategy
- Player 2: D is a strictly dominant strategy
  - (R, D) is the unique Nash equilibrium for mixed strategy

# Behavioral vs. Mixed Strategies

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- 1: the information set is  $\{(\emptyset, L)\}$
- 2: D is a strictly dominant strategy



Player 2's best response to D:

- Player 1's behavioral strategy  $[L, p; R, 1 - p]$  i.e., choose L with probability  $p$
- The expected payoff of player 1 is
- $U_1 = p^2 + 100p(1 - p) + 2(1 - p) = -99p^2 + 98p + 2$
- To find the maximum, we have  $p = 49/99$

**(R,D) is not an equilibrium for behavioral strategy**



## Formal Definition of Perfect Recall

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Player  $i$  has **perfect recall** in game  $G$  if for any two history  $h$  and  $h'$  that are in the same information set for player  $i$ , for any path  $h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, h$  and  $h'_0, h'_1, \dots, h'_m, h'$  from the root to  $h$  and  $h'$  with  $P(h_k) = P(h'_k) = i$ , we have

- $n = m$
- $h_i = h'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$G$  is **a game of perfect recall** if every player has perfect recall in it.

# Kuhn Theorem (1953)

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**Theorem** In an finite extensive game with **perfect recall**

- any mixed strategy of a player can be replaced by an equivalent behavioral strategy
- any behavioral strategy can be replaced by an equivalent mixed strategy
- Two strategies are equivalent

推论, 必然的结果

**Corollary** In an finite extensive game with **perfect recall**, the set of Nash equilibrium does not change if we restrict ourselves to behavior strategies

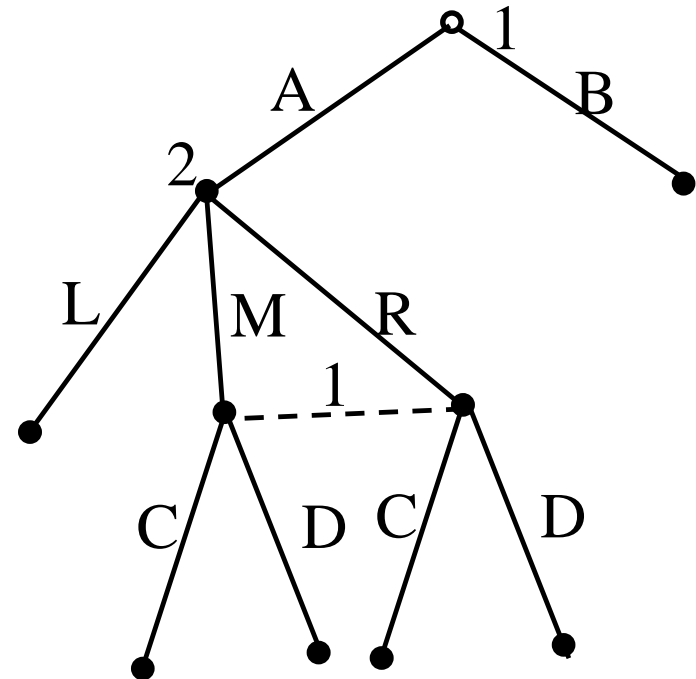
*Proof.* See board.

# Example

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What behavioral strategy is equivalent to mixed strategy  $(p_{AC}, p_{AD}, p_{BC}, p_{BD})$

- $I_{11} = \{\emptyset\}$   $I_{12} = \{AM, AR\}$
- $A(I_{11}) = \{A, B\}$
- $A(I_{12}) = \{C, D\}$



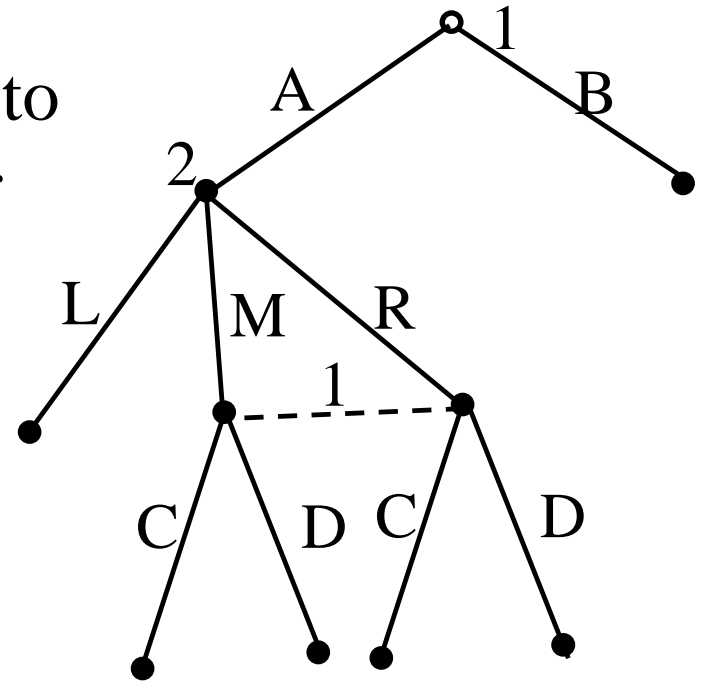
- $\beta_{11}(I_{11})(A) = p_{AC} + p_{AD}$   $\beta_{11}(I_{11})(B) = p_{BC} + p_{BD}$
- $\beta_{12}(I_{12})(C) = \frac{p_{AC}}{p_{AC}+p_{AD}}$   $\beta_{12}(I_{12})(D) = \frac{p_{AD}}{p_{AC}+p_{AD}}$

# Example

What mixed strategy is equivalent to behavioral strategy of prob.  $p$  over A and  $q$  over C

混{AC, AD, BC, BD}  
 $P + P + P + P = 1$

行{A, B, C, D}  
 $P + P = 1 \quad P + P = 1$



$$(p_{AC}, p_{AD}, p_{BC}, p_{BD}) \\ = (pq, p(1-q), (1-p)q, (1-p)(1-q))$$

# How to Compute Nash Equilibria of Perfect Recall Game

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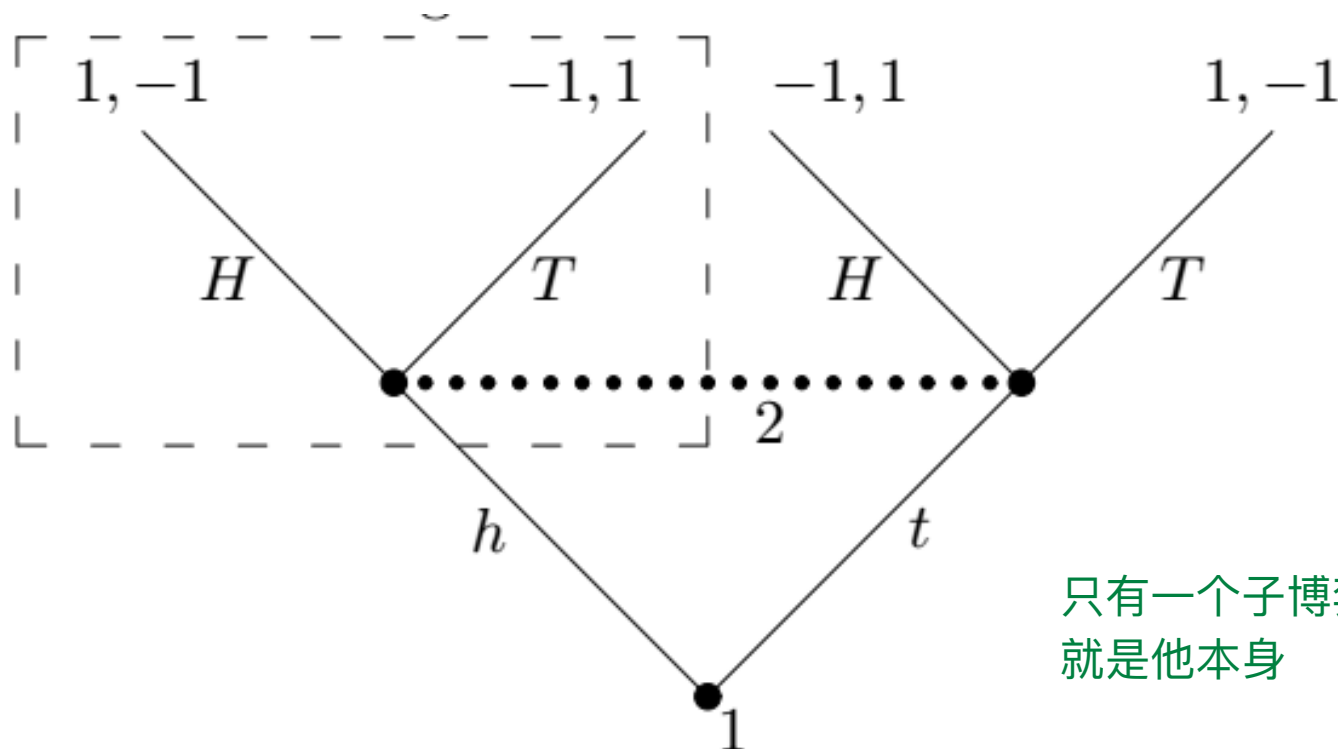
How can we find an equilibrium of an imperfect information extensive form game?

- One idea: **convert to normal-form game**
  - General game: exponential blow up in game size
  - Zero-sum game: LP formulation

求法都一样，只是多一个限制：分不清的点（虚线连着的点）一定要在一起

# Extensive Imperfect Subgame

**Definition** A **subgame** of an extensive imperfect game  $G$  is some node in the tree  $G$  and all the nodes that follow it, with the properties that any information set of  $G$  is either completely in or outside the subgame



只有一个子博弈  
就是他本身

# Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium

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**Definition** A subgame perfect Nash equilibrium of an extensive form game  $G$  with perfect recall is a outcome of behavior strategies  $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_N)$  such that it is a Nash Equilibrium for every subgame

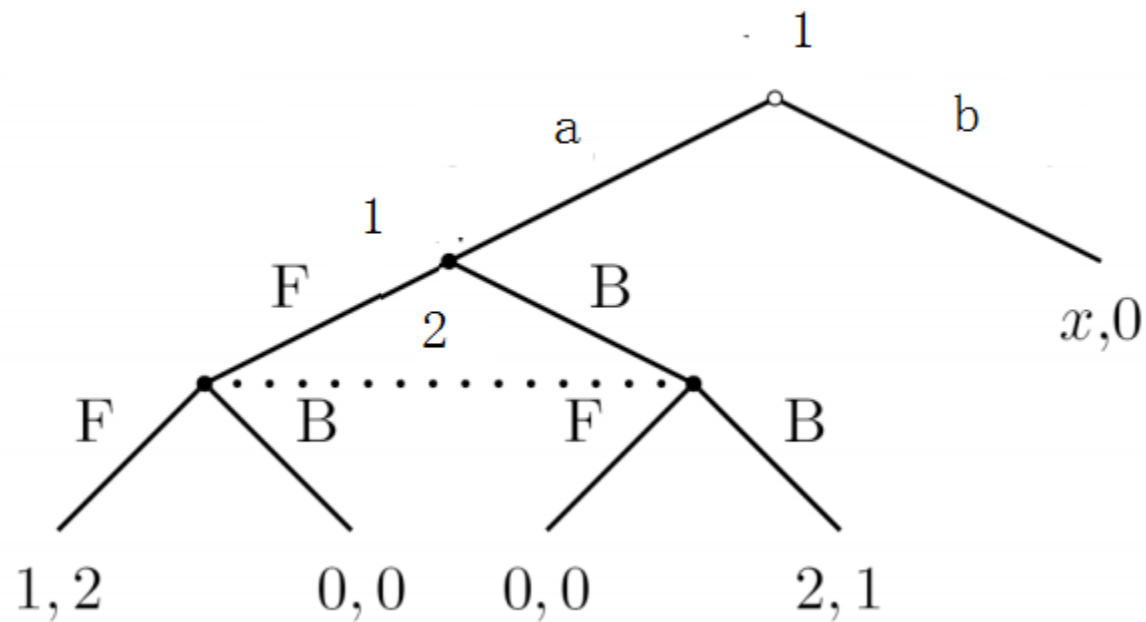
**Theorem** Every finite extensive game with perfect recall has at least one subgame perfect Nash Equilibrium

How to find SPNE

Backwards Induction

# Example

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两个均衡(F, F)(B, B), 分情况讨论

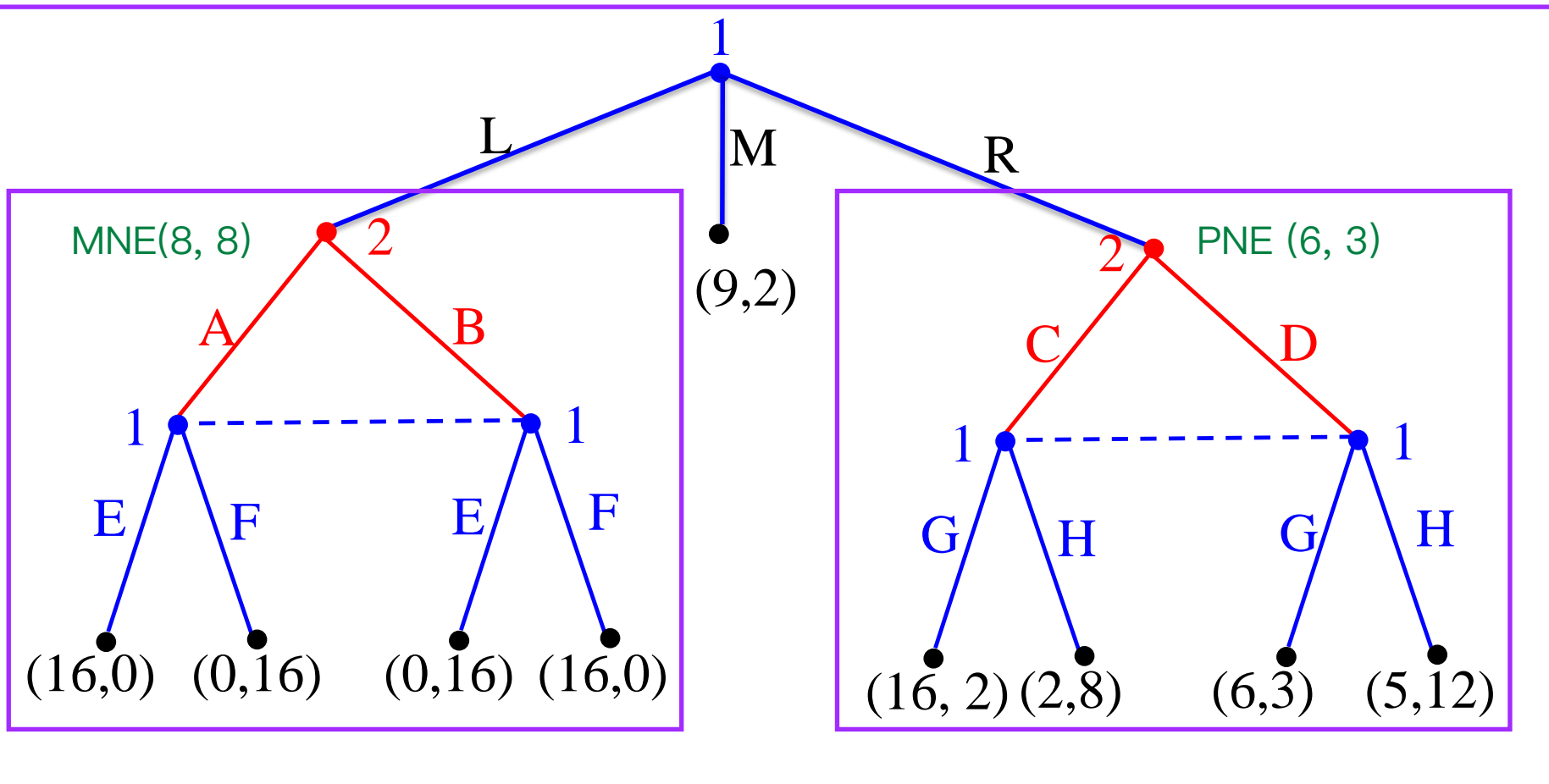
(1)  $x > 1$  选b

(2)  $x > 2$  选b



# Example 先找子博弈，再后向归纳

三个子博弈

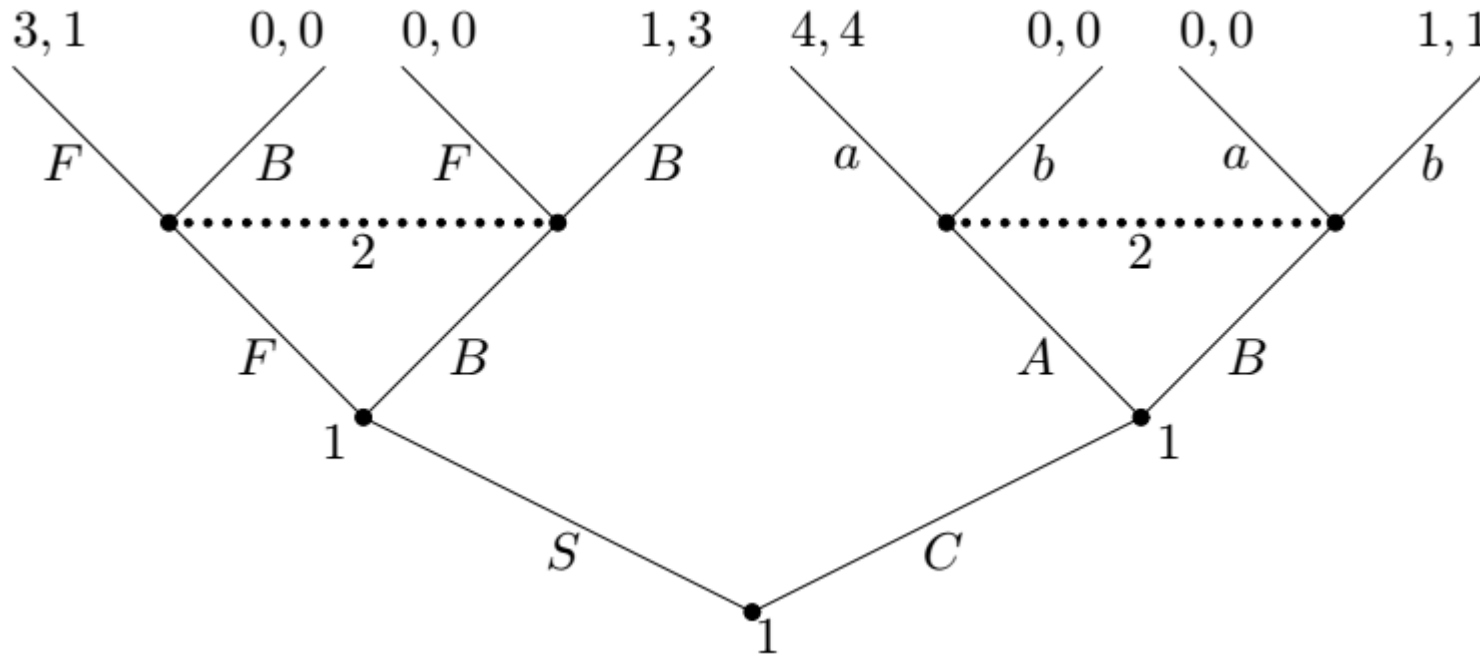


How to solve SPNE?

(8, 8)VS(9, 2)VS(6, 3)选9

# Exercise HW1

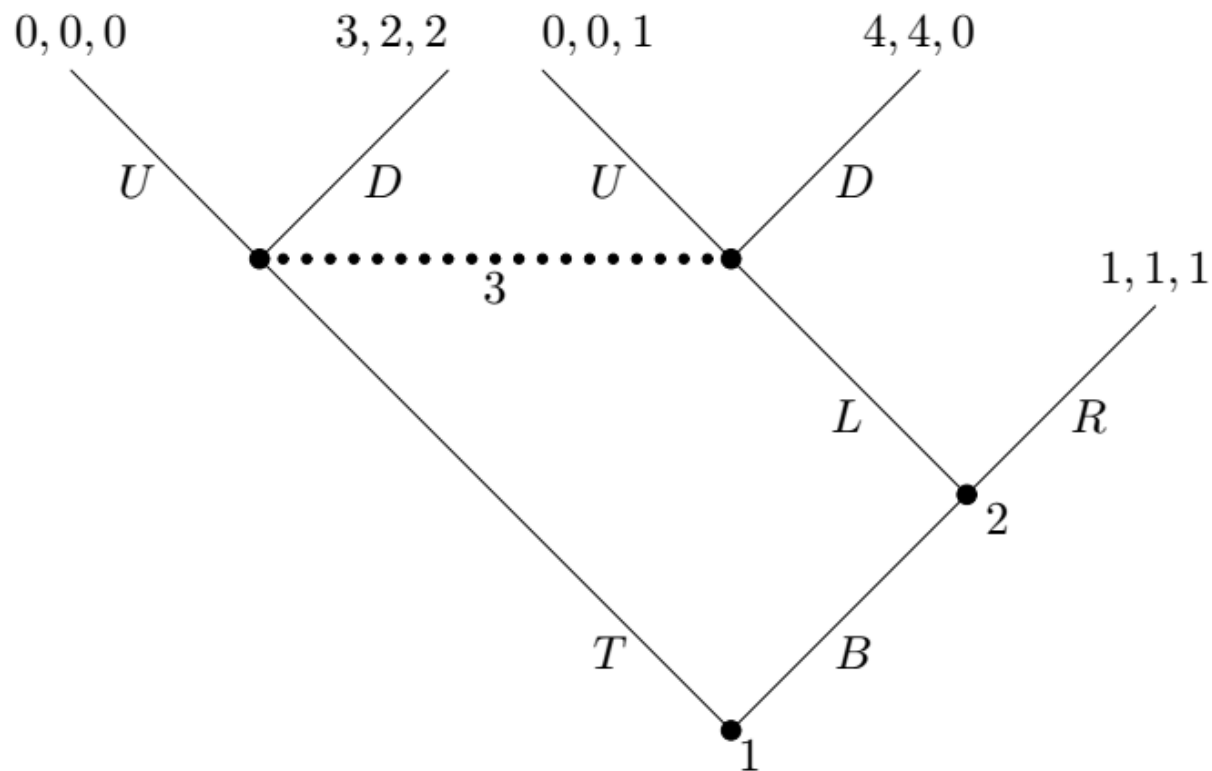
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- How many SPNE for this game?

# Exercise HW2

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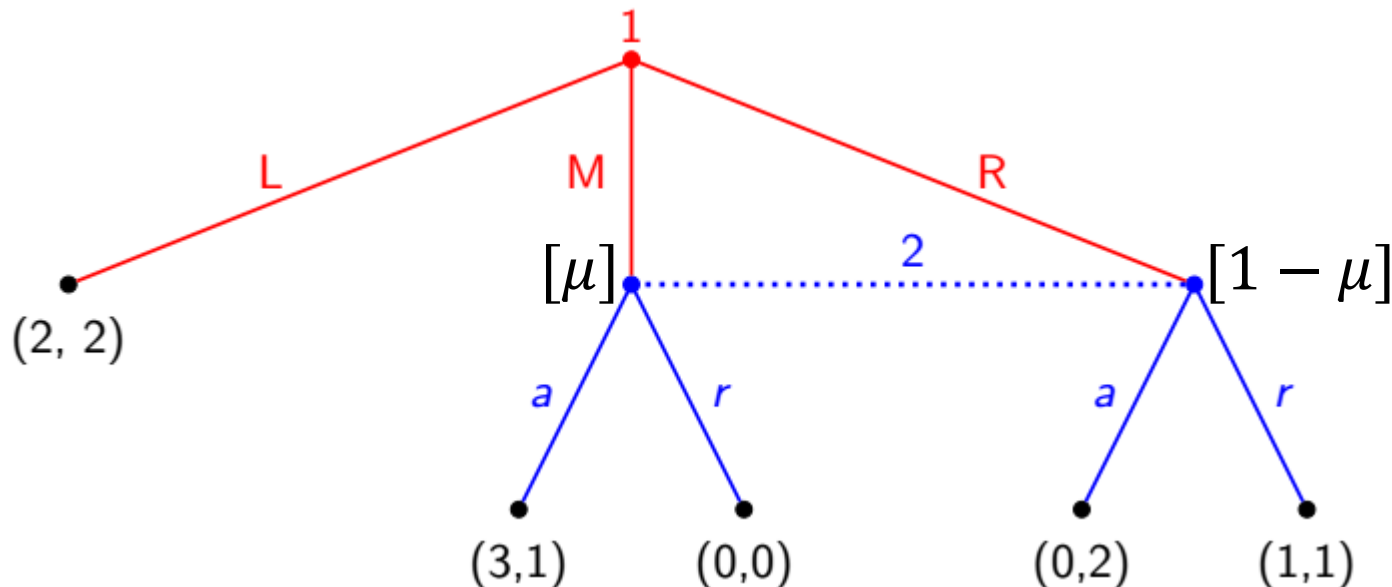


How many SPNE?

## Beliefs 信念（和之前无关啦）感觉专治前两个EX里NE过多的情况

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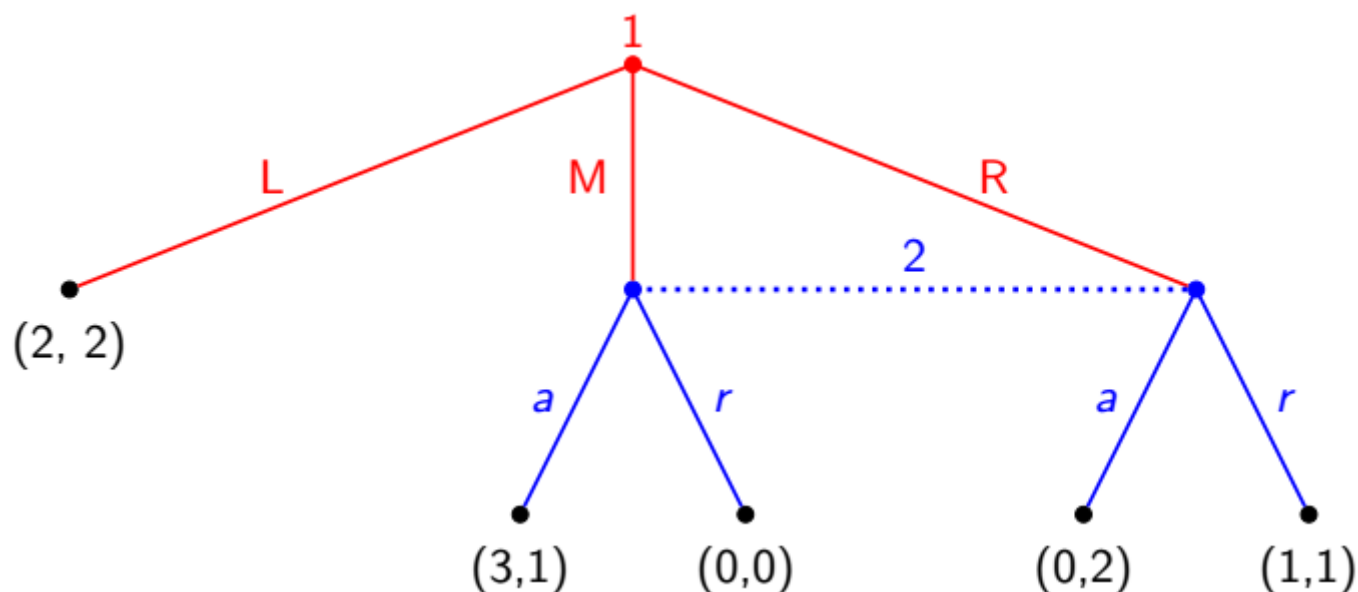
- A **belief**  $\mu$  is a function that assigns to **every information set** a probability measure on the set of histories in the information set
- The probability is 1 for the information set of size 1



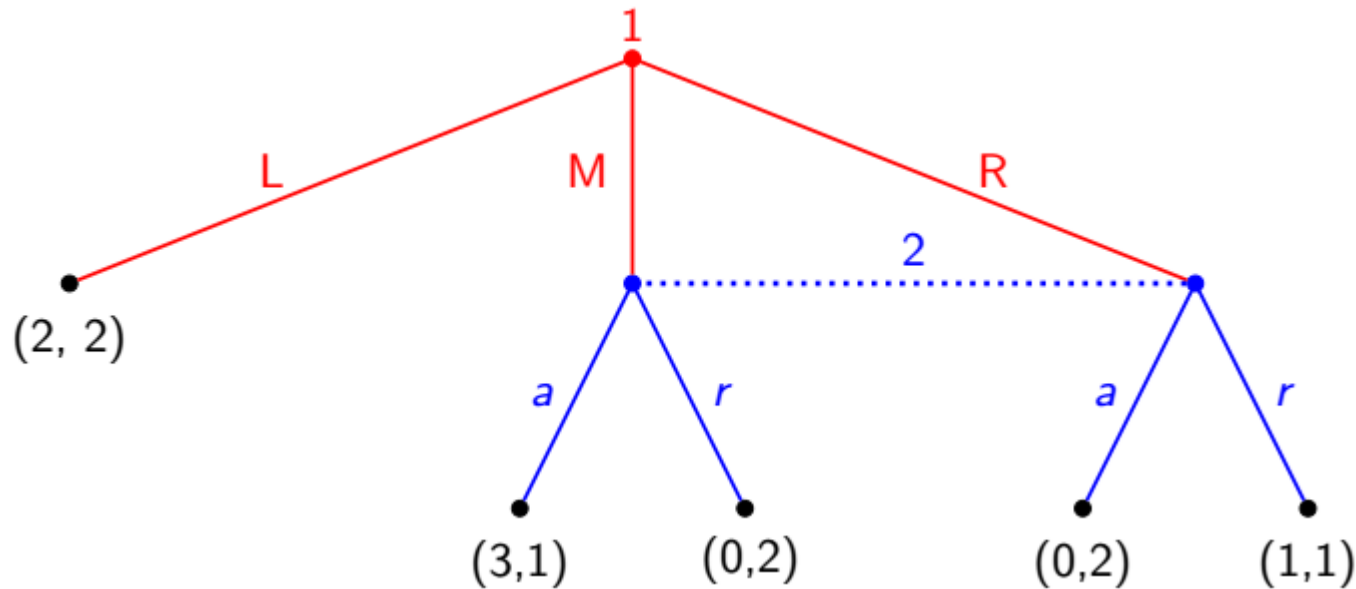
# Behavioral Strategies

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- A **behavior strategy**  $\beta$  a collection of independent probability measure over the actions after information set



# Beliefs and Optimal Behavior Strategies 最优行为策略

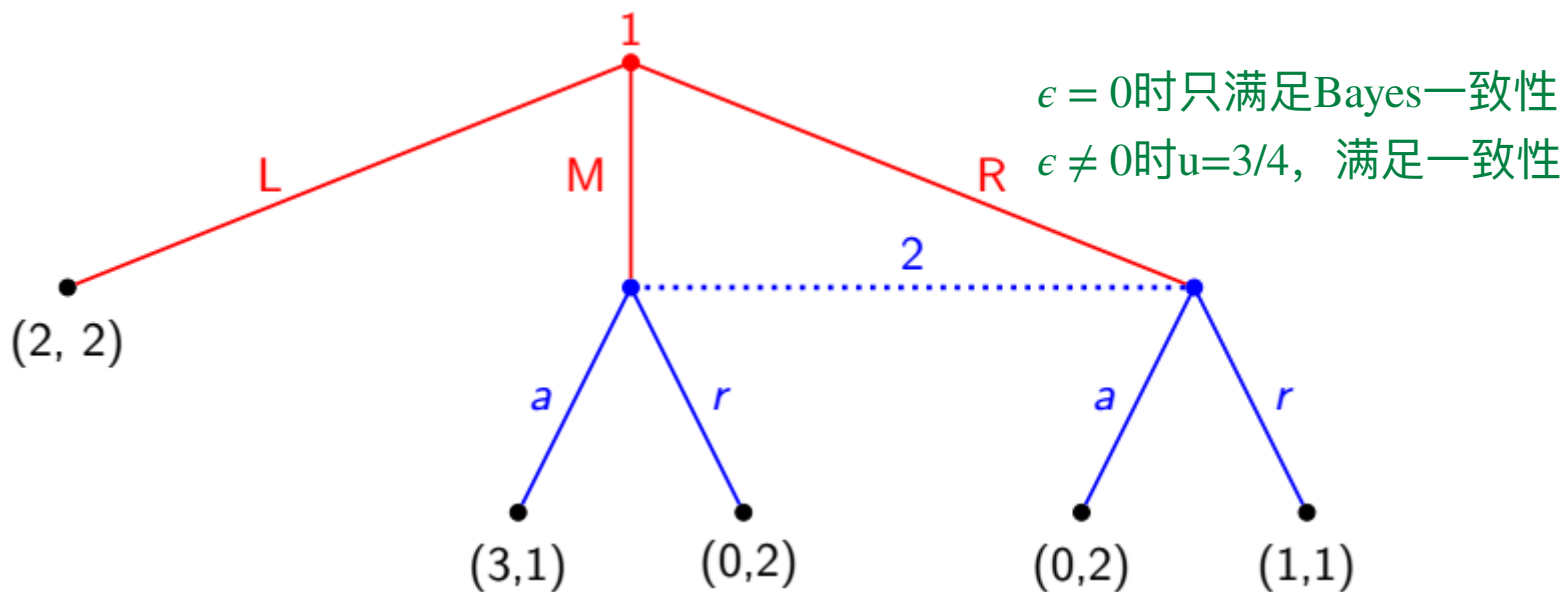


- **Beliefs affect optimal strategies:** For 2, a is the best strategies iff 2 assigns a belief  $\mu(M) \leq 1/2$
- **Strategies affect reasonable beliefs:** If 1 assigns to action (L,M,R) prob. (0.1,0.3,0.6), then Bayes rule requires the belief (1/3,2/3) of 2 都是1: 2
- What are reasonable beliefs if 1 select L with prob. 1

## Two Requirements to Beliefs

**Bayes consistency:** beliefs are determined by Bayes' law in information sets of positive probability; otherwise, beliefs are allowed to be arbitrary for 0 probability.

**Consistency:** beliefs are determined as a limit of case



1: (L,M,R) with probability  $(1 - \epsilon, 3\epsilon/4, \epsilon/4)$ .

2: belief is well-defined for  $\epsilon > 0$ , as well as  $\epsilon = 0$

# Assessment (评估)

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- An **assessment** is a pair  $(\beta, \mu)$ 
  - $\beta$  is an outcome of behavioral strategies
  - $\mu$  is a belief system
- Assessment  $(\beta, \mu)$  is:
  - **Bayesian consistent** if beliefs in information sets reached with positive probability are determined by Bayes' law:

$$\mu_{h,a}(h, a) = \beta_{h,a}(h, a) / \sum_a \beta_{h,a}(h, a)$$

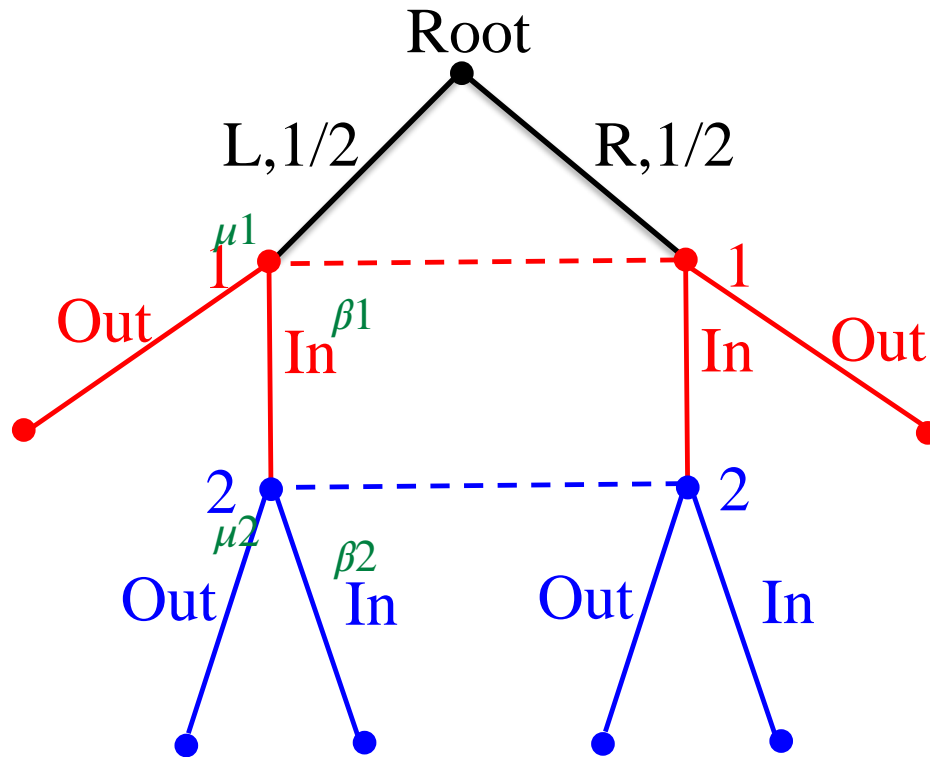
for every information set.

- **Consistent** if there is a <sup>序列</sup>sequence of Bayesian consistent  $(\beta^n, \mu^n) \rightarrow (\beta, \mu)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $(\beta, \mu)$  is <sup>自身</sup>consistent  $\rightarrow (\beta, \mu)$  Bayesian consistent



# Example

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- The payoffs are omitted since they are irrelevant
- Find all Bayesian consistent assessments
- Find all consistent assessments

# Bayesian consistency

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An assessment  $(\beta, \mu)$  by a 4-tuple  $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) \in [0,1]^4$

- $\beta_1$  is the probability that 1 chooses In
- $\beta_2$  is the probability that 2 chooses In
- $\mu_1$  is the belief assigns to the left node in 1's info set
- $\mu_2$  is the belief assigns to the left node in 2's info set

Two cases:

- i) If  $\beta_1 \in (0,1]$ , 2's information set is reached with positive probability. Bayes' Law dictates that  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 1/2$ .

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = (0,1] \times [0,1] \times \{1/2\} \times \{1/2\}$$

are Bayesian consistent

- ii) If  $\beta_1 = 0$ , then 2's information set is reached with zero probability and  $\mu_2 \in [0,1]$

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = \{0\} \times [0,1] \times \{1/2\} \times [0,1]$$

are Bayesian consistent

# Consistency

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- Every complete outcome of behavioral strategies leads to  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 1/2$ .
- 2's information set, both nodes are reached with equal probability.
- Conclusion:

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2, \mu_1, \mu_2) = [0,1] \times [0,1] \times \{1/2\} \times \{1/2\}$$

are consistent