

Problem:

Suppose a building worth 2000 per month to its owner. A cloth merchant is ready to pay a monthly rent of 2500, whereas a bank offers to pay 3000 per month. Find the core allocation of this game.

Solution:

First we have to formulate the characteristic function.

Suppose players are A, B and C, where A is owner, C is cloth merchant and B is the bank. $v_A = 2000$, $v_B = 0$, $v_C = 0$,

$v_{AC} = 2500$, $v_{AB} = 3000$, $v_{BC} = 0$ and $v_{ABC} = 3000$.

$x_A \geq 2000$, $x_B \geq 0$, $x_C \geq 0$.

$x_A + x_C \geq 2500$, $x_A + x_B \geq 3000$, $x_B + x_C \geq 0$

$$x_A + x_C + x_B \geq 3000.$$

Substituting $x_B + x_C \geq 0$ in $x_A + x_C + x_B = 3000$, since core allocation is an imputation we have, $x_A \leq 3000$ And we have $x_A \geq 2000$. So we get that $2000 \leq x_A \leq 3000$.

Again we have $x_B \leq 500$, by substituting $x_A + x_C \geq 2500$ in $x_A + x_C + x_B = 3000$. This implies that $0 \leq x_B \leq 500$.

We have $x_C \leq 0$, by substituting $x_A + x_B \geq 3000$ in $x_A + x_C + x_B = 3000$. This implies that $0 = x_C$.

Thus, core allocations are

$$2500 \leq x_A \leq 3000 , 0 \leq x_B \leq 500, \text{ and } x_C = 0 .$$

Problem:

Suppose there are four players $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$, suppose there are two disjoint set L and R of these players. $R = \{A_1, A_2, \}$ and $L = \{A_3, A_4, \}$. Players of set R has right shoe and players in set L has left shoe. A pair of shoe contains two shoes - left and right. A pair of shoe worth 1 and if there is only left or only right, it has no value. Consider set $S = \{A_1, A_3, A_4\}$, so one right shoe.

$S \cap R = \{A_1\}$ and $L \cap S = \{A_3, A_4\}$, two left shoes. If there is cooperation between the players in S , then it will have one pair of shoe. The minimum number of left or right shoes determine the number of pairs. So the worth of coalition is $\min\{|S \cap R|, |S \cap L|\}$, when $|S| \geq 2$.

We get the following characteristic function.

$$v(s) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } |S| \in \{0, 1\}, \\ \min\{|S \cap R|, |S \cap L|\}, & \text{if } |S| \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$v(N) = \min\{|R|, |L|\}.$$

We need to find core allocation.

coalitions	$v()$
\emptyset	0
$\{1\}$	$v(\{1\}) = 0$
$\{2\}$	$v(\{2\}) = 0$
$\{3\}$	$v(\{3\}) = 0$
$\{4\}$	$v(\{4\}) = 0$
$\{1, 2\}$	$v(\{1, 2\}) = 0$
$\{1, 3\}$	$v(\{1, 3\}) = 1$
$\{1, 4\}$	$v(\{2, 3\}) = 1$
$\{2, 3\}$	$v(\{2, 3\}) = 1$
$\{2, 4\}$	$v(\{2, 4\}) = 1$
$\{4, 3\}$	$v(\{4, 3\}) = 0$
$\{1, 2, 3\}$	$v(\{1, 2, 3\}) = 1$
$\{1, 2, 4\}$	$v(\{1, 2, 4\}) = 1$

coalitions	$v()$
$\{1, 3, 4\}$	$v(\{1, 4, 3\}) = 1$
$\{2, 3, 4\}$	$v(\{4, 2, 3\}) = 1$
$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$v(\{1, 4, 2, 3\}) = 2$

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

$$x_1 + x_3 \geq 1, x_1 + x_4 \geq 1, x_2 + x_3 \geq 1, x_2 + x_4 \geq 1,$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 0, x_4 + x_3 \geq 0.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1, x_1 + x_2 + x_4 \geq 1, x_1 + x_4 + x_3 \geq 1,$$

$$x_4 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 2$$

We have $x_1 + x_3 \leq 1$, by substituting $x_2 + x_4 \geq 1$ in $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 2$. And we have $x_1 + x_3 \geq 1$, so $x_1 + x_3 = 1$. Similarly we have $x_2 + x_4 \leq 1$ and we have $x_2 + x_4 \geq 1$, so $x_2 + x_4 = 1$.

We also have $x_1 + x_4 = 1$ and $x_2 + x_3 = 1$.

We also get $x_1 \leq 1$ by substituting $x_4 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1$ in $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 2$. Similarly we have $x_2 \leq 1$, $x_3 \leq 1$, $x_4 \leq 1$.

From $x_1 + x_3 = 1$, $x_2 + x_4 = 1$, $x_1 + x_4 = 1$, $x_2 + x_3 = 1$ and $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 2$. We have $x_1 = x_2$ and $x_3 = x_4$.

The core allocations are

$0 \leq x_i \leq 1, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $x_1 = x_2$, $x_3 = x_4$, and $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 2$.