

**Summary**: Incomplete Info Dynamic

Recall:

Incomplete Info Static

BNF

we consider the expected payoff

Fixed

with respect to prior belief

$$\leftrightarrow \tilde{u}_i(a_i, s_{-i}; t_{ij}) := \mathbb{E}_{t_i} [a_i, s_{-i}(t_{-i}); t_{ij}, t_{-i}]$$

$$\leftrightarrow \text{best response } s_i^* \in r_i^*(s_i^*) = \underset{s_i}{\operatorname{argmax}} \tilde{u}_i(a_i; \dots)$$

$$\leftrightarrow (s_1^*, \dots, s_n^*) \in \text{BNF}$$

graph

更侧重 Dynamic 的角度

Here, Incomplete Info Dynamic

PBE (Perfect Bayesian Equilibrium)

也以为 Dynamic Game 提供

一个更高质量的角度

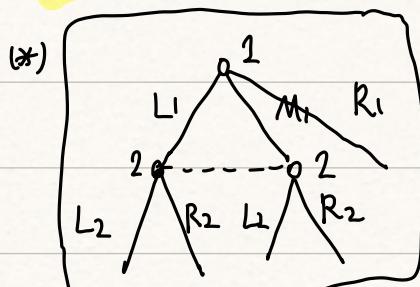
(Compared with Sub-game Perfect)

PBE

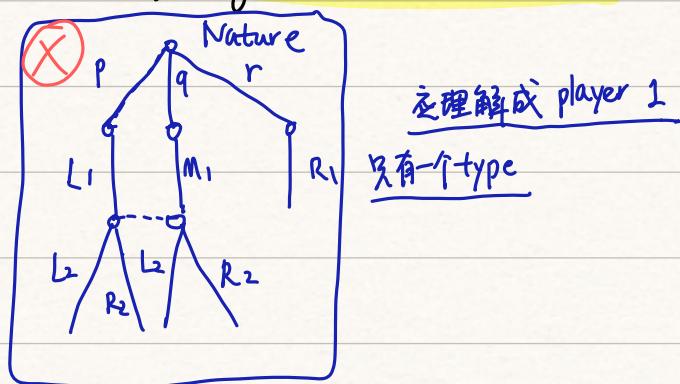
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when considering NE & S-P NE, we always assume that we know all other players' strategies and find the Best Response w.r.t others' strategies.

information.



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应理解成 player 1

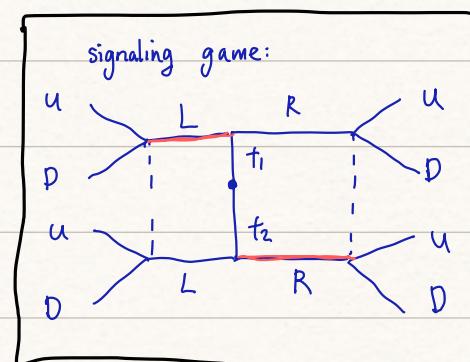
只有一个 type

**Punchline** NE → 只能把握静态信息，保证

都是 Best response；但是，对于像 (\*) 这种问题，(没有 subgame)， $(R_1, R_2)$  中，

non-credible threat

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_2 \text{ 威胁 threat 使得 player 1} \\ \text{不敢 play } L_1 \text{ or } M_1 \end{array} \right.$



但是，一旦 player 1 play  $L_1$  or  $M_1$ ，player 2 将 play  $L_2$  (dominate)

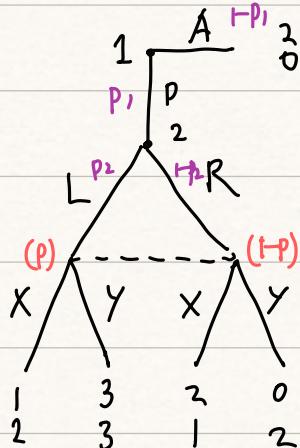
⇒ 我们应该 exclude 掉  $(R_1, R_2)$

倾向于给低乙项  $\rightarrow$  force  $(e_u, e_c)$  or  $(e_{sr}, e_s)$

Framework 1:  $NE \rightarrow Belief \rightarrow Sequential\ Rationality \rightarrow Verification$

Framework 2:  $TRY \rightarrow [ \text{Action near Belief} ] \rightarrow [ \text{Verification of Best Response} ]$   
 ↗ strategy

Example:



$$\textcircled{1} \quad L \Rightarrow p=1 \Rightarrow Y$$

sequential rationality:  $Y \Rightarrow L \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\Rightarrow (DY, L)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad R \Rightarrow p=0 \Rightarrow X$$

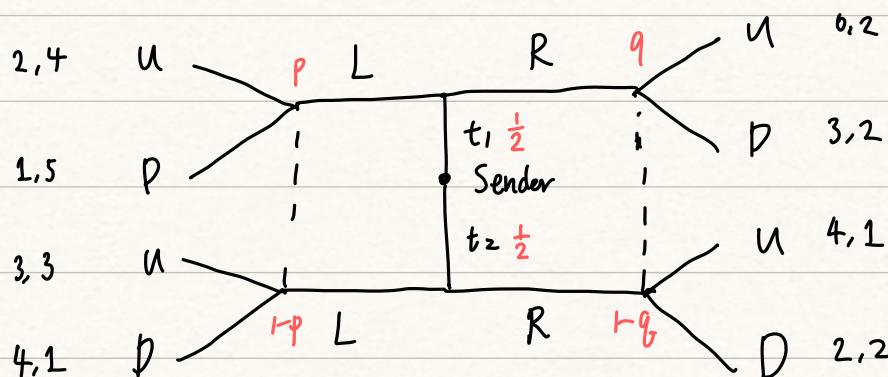
sequential rationality:  $X \Rightarrow L \quad X$

$$\begin{cases} (p) = \frac{p_1 p_2}{p_1 + p_2} = p_2 \\ (1-p) = \frac{p_1(1-p_2)}{p_1 + p_2} = 1-p_2 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the only PBE:  $(DY, L), p=0$

Belief

Example Signaling game



$$\textcircled{1} \quad LL \Rightarrow \boxed{p=\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow uu \text{ or } ud$$

$\rightarrow (LL, UD) \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} L$ , not best response Best response is RL  $\times$

$\rightarrow (LL, uu) \Rightarrow L \textcircled{1} \rightarrow$  not best response Best response is LR  $\times$

② LR  $\Rightarrow$   $p=1, q=0 \Rightarrow DD \Rightarrow$  Best response is RL  $\times$

③ RL  $\Rightarrow$   $p=0, q=1 \Rightarrow$  UU or UD

UU  $\rightarrow$  Best Response LR  $\times$

UD  $\rightarrow$  Best Response RL  $\checkmark$

④ RR  $\Rightarrow$   $q=\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  UD or DD

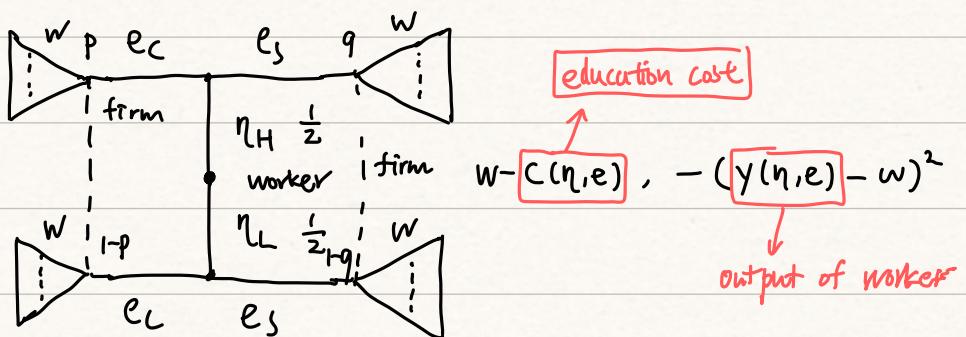
DD  $\rightarrow$  Best Response is RL  $\times$

UD  $\rightarrow$  Best Response is RL  $\times$

$\Rightarrow PBE = \{(RL, UD), p=0, q=1\}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial x^*(1+pL) \times (1+q)}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{\partial x^*(1+pL) \times (1+q)}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ &= x^* p \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ &= x^* p \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Application : Job-Market  $\longleftrightarrow$  Signaling Model



Consider wage  $w$  is continuous case: (assume  $C(\eta, e) = C_1(\eta) + C_2(e)$ )

$\Rightarrow$  [claim:] best response for worker must be pooling strategy.

$\rightarrow$  consider  $\underline{w - C(\eta, e_s)}$  &  $\underline{w - C(\eta, e_c)}$

$$\Delta(\eta) = w - C(\eta, e_s) - w + C(\eta, e_c)$$

$$= W^*(e_s) - C_2(e_s) - W^*(e_c) - C_2(e_c)$$

$\Rightarrow$  that is, given firm's strategy  $W^*(e_c)$  &  $W^*(e_s)$

$$\Delta(\eta_H) = \Delta(\eta_L)$$

$\Rightarrow$  for worker, he will make pooling strategy w.r.t to each type

## ① $(e_C, e_C)$

consider the best response for player 2 (firm) w.r.p  $(e_i, r)$

$$w^*(e_i, r) = \operatorname{argmax} \left\{ -r [y(\eta_H, e_i) - w]^2 - (1-r) [y(\eta_L, e_i) - w]^2 \right\}$$

$$= r y(\eta_H, e_i) + (1-r) y(\eta_L, e_i)$$

Up to now, we use framework 2

→ TRY Strategy near belief → Determine w.r.p to belief

→ we still need to verify

'Best response' of  $(e_L, e_C)$

s.t.  $e_C$  is best response

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check player 1's payoff There are infinitely many feasible  $w^*(e_S, q)$

$$\rightarrow u_1(e_C, w^*(e_C, \frac{1}{2})) = \frac{1}{2} y(\eta_H, e_C) + \frac{1}{2} y(\eta_L, e_C) - c(\eta_H, e_C)$$

$$\rightarrow u_1(e_S, w^*(e_S, q)) = q y(\eta_H, e_S) + (1-q) y(\eta_L, e_S) - c(\eta_H, e_S)$$

Define  $B(\eta, e) = y(\eta, e) - c_2(e)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u_1(e_C, w^*(e_C, \frac{1}{2})) = \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_H, e_C) + \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_L, e_C) \\ u_1(e_S, w^*(e_S, q)) = q B(\eta_H, e_S) + (1-q) B(\eta_L, e_S) \end{cases}$$

Aim:  $e_C$  is best response for  $\eta_H$  (also  $\eta_L$ )

$$\Leftrightarrow u_1(e_C, w^*(e_C, \frac{1}{2})) \geq u_1(e_S, w^*(e_S, q)) \quad (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_H, e_C) + \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_L, e_C) \geq B(\eta_L, e_S)$$

let  $\bar{q}$  to be the biggest  $q$  s.t. (\*) holds

$$\Rightarrow \{(e_C, e_C), (w^*(e_C, p), w^*(e_S, q)): p=\frac{1}{2}, q \in [0, \bar{q}]\} \in \text{PBE}$$

## ② $(e_S, e_S)$

similarly,  $\{(e_S, e_S), (w^*(e_C, p), w^*(e_S, q)): p \in [0, \bar{p}], q = \frac{1}{2}\} \in \text{PBE}$

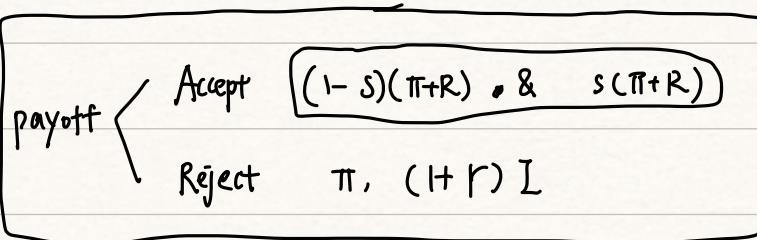
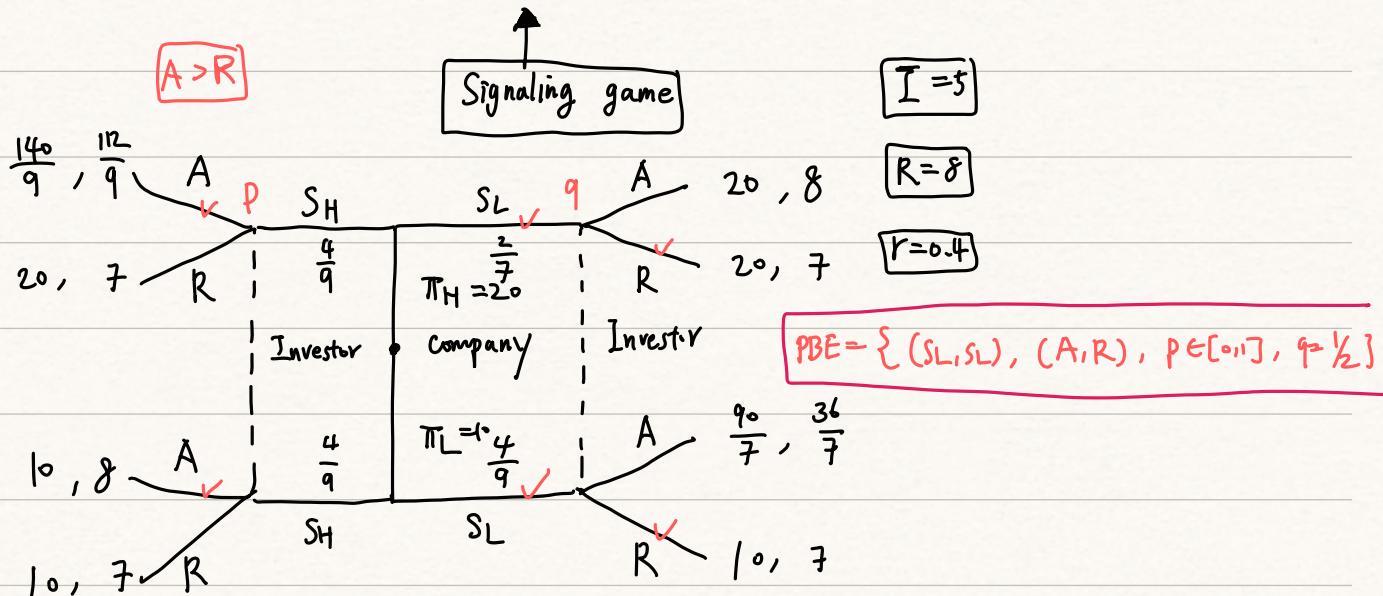
$\bar{p}$  is the biggest  $p$  satisfies :

$$u_1(e_C, w^*(e_C, p)) \leq u_1(e_S, w^*(e_S, \frac{1}{2}))$$

the existence of  $\bar{p} \iff B(\eta_L, e_C) \leq \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_H, e_S) + \frac{1}{2} B(\eta_L, e_S)$

## Application 2

## Corporate Investment & Capital Structure



## Model 2

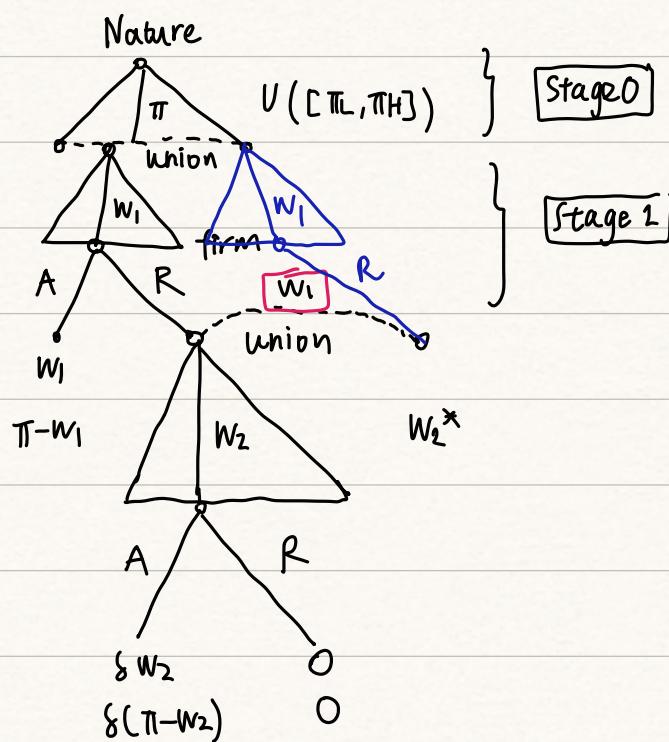
(wage bargaining) sequential with asymmetric information

union  $\leftrightarrow$  firm

### Problem Setting

① firm  $\xrightarrow{\text{profit } \pi} V([\pi_L, \pi_H])$  (private information)

②



**Analysis :** Strategy space:  $S_u$ : Starting  $\times W_1 \rightarrow W_1 \times W_2$

**firm**  $S_f: [\pi_L, \pi_H] \times W_1 \times W_2 \rightarrow A \times A$

**Actually**

$S_{u1}: \text{starting} \rightarrow W_1$

$S_{u2}: W_1 \rightarrow W_2$

$S_{f1}: [\pi_L, \pi_H] \times W_1 \rightarrow A$

$S_{f2}: [\pi_L, \pi_H] \times W_2 \rightarrow A$

①  $(S_u^*, S_f^*) \in \text{PBE}$ , then  $(S_u^*, S_f^*) \in \text{NE}$  (necessary condition)

$\Rightarrow S_f^* \in r^*(S_u^*)$  (Best response)

suppose

$S_{u1}^*: \text{starting} \rightarrow W_1^*$

$S_{u2}^*: W_1^* \rightarrow W_2^*$

$\begin{cases} \text{if } S_{f1}^* \text{ Accept} \rightarrow \text{payoff} = \pi - W_1^* \\ \text{if } S_{f1}^* \text{ Reject}, S_{f2}^* \text{ Accept} \rightarrow \text{payoff} = s(\pi - W_2^*) \\ \text{if both Reject} \rightarrow \text{payoff} = 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$  compare  $\pi - W_1^* > s(\pi - W_2^*)$ , firm prefer accept  $W_1^*$

$\Leftrightarrow \pi > \frac{W_1^* - sW_2^*}{1-s} := \pi_1^*$  we just require  $S_{f1}^*$  at optimal  $W_1^*$  &  $W_2^*$

$\Leftrightarrow S_{f1}^*(W_1^*, W_2^*, \pi) = \begin{cases} A & \pi > \pi_1^* \\ R & \pi < \pi_1^* \end{cases}$

$$W_2^* = W_2^*(W_1^*)$$

Necessary condition for  $S_{f1}^*$

for necessity

only restrict  $S_{f1}^* \in W = W_1^*$  at this strategy

② given that

$S_{f1}^*(W_1^*, W_2^*, \pi) = \begin{cases} A & \pi > \pi_1^* \\ R & \pi < \pi_1^* \end{cases}$

&  $S_{f2}^* \begin{cases} A, \pi > W_2^* \\ R, \pi < W_2^* \end{cases}$

at information set  $(W_1^*, R)$

then  $\pi_{\text{posterior}} \sim U[0, \pi_1]$  (Belief at stage 2)

Therefore, consider for  $S_{u2}^*(W_1^*)$  w.r.t. to belief.

then we have  $S_{u2}^*(W_1^*) = \arg\max_{\pi_{\text{post}}} [ \text{payoff}_u(W_1^*) ]$

since the only updated belief

is in  $(W_1^*, R)$

$= \arg\max_{W_2} W_2 \cdot P(\text{firm accept } W_2)$

$= \arg\max_{W_2} W_2 \cdot \frac{\pi_1^* - W_2}{\pi_1^*}$

$$\Rightarrow W_2^* = \frac{\pi_1^*}{2} \rightarrow \text{necessary condition}$$

③ given that  $S_{f1}^*(W_1^*, W_2^*(W_1^*), \pi) = \begin{cases} A & \pi > \pi_1^* \\ R & \pi < \pi_1^* \end{cases}$

$$S_{u2}^*(W_1^*) = \frac{\pi_1^*}{2}$$

develop the last necessary condition (Back to stage 1)

$$\rightarrow \text{w.r.t. union, } S_{u1}^*(\text{start}) = W_1^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow W_1^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{W_1} W_1 P(\text{firm accept } w_1)$$

\* Actually, previously our analysis is

all necessary condition.

$$S_{f1}^*(W_1^*, W_2^*(W_1^*), \pi) = \begin{cases} A & \pi > \pi_1^* \\ R & \pi < \pi_1^* \end{cases}$$

$$S_{u2}^*(W_1^*) = \frac{\pi_1^*}{2}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{W_1} W_1 P(\pi > \pi_1)$$

$$+ \delta W_2 P(\pi < \pi_1, \pi > W_2)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{W_1} W_1 \frac{\pi_H - \pi_1}{\pi_H}$$

$$+ \delta W_2 \frac{\pi_H - W_2}{\pi_H}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{W_1} \frac{1}{\pi_H} \left( \pi_H W_1 - \frac{2W_1^2}{2-\delta} + \frac{\delta W_2}{(2-\delta)^2} \right)$$

From our analysis, we can see actually

we can choose  $\begin{cases} S_{f1}^*(W_1, W_2(W_1), \pi) = \begin{cases} A, \pi > \pi_1 \\ R, \pi < \pi_1 \end{cases} \\ S_{u2}^*(W_1) = \frac{\pi_1}{2} \end{cases}$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{W_1 - \delta W_2}{1-\delta}$$

which is a complete strategy (sufficient condition)

$$\pi_1 = \frac{W_1 - \frac{\delta}{2} \pi_1}{1-\delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_1^* = \frac{(2-\delta)^2}{2(4-3\delta)} \pi_H$$

$$(1-\delta) \pi_1 = W_1 - \frac{\delta}{2} \pi_1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Complete Strategy:

$$S_{u1}^* : W_1^* = \frac{(2-\delta)^2}{2(4-3\delta)} \pi_H$$

$$S_{f1}^* : W_1 \times \Pi \rightarrow A$$

$$(W_1, \pi) \mapsto \begin{cases} A, \pi > \pi_1 \\ R, \pi < \pi_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } \pi_1 = \frac{2}{2-\delta} W_1$$

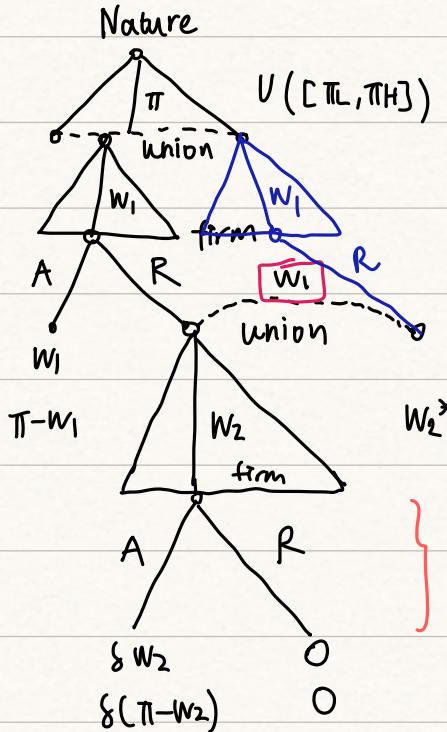
$$S_{u2}^* : W_1 \times \{R\} \rightarrow W_2$$

$$(w_1, R) \mapsto \frac{1}{2-s} w_1$$

$$S_{f_2}^*: W_2 \times \Pi \rightarrow A$$

$$(w_2, \pi) \mapsto \begin{cases} A, \pi > w_2 \\ R, \pi < w_2 \end{cases}$$

### Summary



use a sufficient condition

Stage 0

Stage 1

use a sufficient condition

④ solve for  $w_1^*$  by sequential rationality

⑤  $S_{f_1}^* : \begin{cases} A, \pi > \pi_1 \\ R, \pi < \pi_1 \end{cases}$  given  $w_1, w_2$

③ update belief,  $S_{f_2}^*(w_1, R) = \frac{\pi_1}{2}$   
↳ consistency

①  $S_{f_2}^* : \begin{cases} A & \pi > w_2 \\ R & \pi < w_2 \end{cases}$