

# 1.2

## Problem

In the following normal-form game, what strategies survive iterated elimination of strictly dominated strategies? What are the pure-strategy Nash equilibria?

	$L$	$C$	$R$
$T$	2, 0	1, 1	4, 2
$M$	3, 4	1, 2	2, 3
$B$	1, 3	0, 2	3, 0

## Solution (1)

$B$  is dominated by  $T$ :

	$L$	$C$	$R$
$T$	2, 0	1, 1	4, 2
$M$	3, 4	1, 2	2, 3

$C$  is dominated by  $R$ :

	$L$	$R$
$T$	2, 0	4, 2
$M$	3, 4	2, 3

Then we can't eliminate any other strategies

## Solution (2)

$(T, R)$  is a pure-strategy Nash equilibrium:

- Player 1 can't be better off ( $M, B$  is 2, 3 separately)
- Player 2 can't be better off ( $L, C$  is 0, 1 separately)

$(M, L)$  is a pure-strategy Nash equilibrium:

- Player 1 can't be better off ( $M, B$  is 1, 2 separately)

- Player 2 can't be better off ( $L, C$  is 2, 3 separately)

## 1.3

Players 1 and 2 are bargaining over how to split one dollar. Both players simultaneously name shares they would like to have,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , where  $0 \leq s_1, s_2 \leq 1$ . If  $s_1 + s_2 \leq 1$ , then the players receive the shares they named; if  $s_1 + s_2 > 1$ , then both players receive zero. What are the pure-strategy Nash equilibria of this game?

## Solution

For player 1, given  $s_2$ , he will choose:

$$s_1 = 1 - s_2$$

to maximize his payoff

Similarly, player 2 will choose:

$$s_2 = 1 - s_1$$

Both direct us to:

$$s_1 + s_2 = 1$$

Therefore, any  $(s_1, s_2)$  that satisfies this formula is a pure-strategy Nash equilibrium.

Moreover, there's a special case:

$$(s_1, s_2) = (1, 1)$$

In this case:

- when a player want to change to any  $s > 0$ , the sum is over 1 and he receive zero,
- if he changes to  $s = 0$ , it satisfies  $s_1 + s_2 \leq 1$  but he chooses 0 so the payoff is 0,

Therefore, he can't be better off.