

## Question 32 - Backward Induction

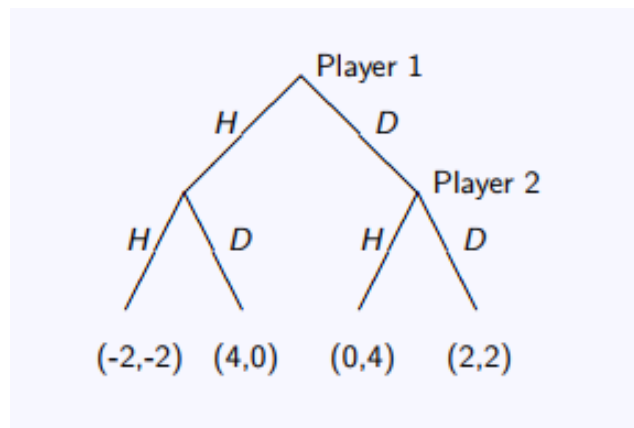


Figure 1:

- Suppose Player 1 has played H. Player 2 obtains -2 by playing H and 0 by playing D. Hence, his best response to H is to play D.
- Suppose Player 1 has played D. Player 2 obtains 4 by playing H and 2 by playing D. Hence, his best response to D is H.
- Now we consider the action of Player 1.
  - If she plays H, then Player 2 will respond by playing D. Player 1 obtains a reward of 4.
  - If she plays D, then Player 2 will respond by playing H. Player 1 obtains a reward of 0.
- It follows that Player 1 should play H. Player 2 follows by playing D.
- The value of the game is (4, 0)

## Question 32 - Translation to Extensive Form

- Since Player 1 has 2 strategies and Player 2 has 4 strategies, the payoff matrix will be of dimension 2 × 4.
  - Player 1 can play H or D.
  - Player 2 can play (H|H, H|D), (H|H, D|D), (D|H, D|D) or (D|H, H|D).

(H H, H D)	Always be Hawk
(H H, D D)	Always do same as player 1
(D H, D D)	Always be Dove
(D H, H D)	Always do opposite as player 1

We now consider the payoff vectors associated with each strategy pair.

- Suppose Player 1 plays H.
  - (a) If Player 2 plays  $(H|H, H|D)$  or  $(H|H, D|D)$ , (*i.e. always Hawk or always the same*) then both players take the action H and the resulting payoff vector is  $(2, 2)$ .
  - (b) If Player 2 plays  $(D|H, D|D)$  or  $(D|H, H|D)$  (*i.e. always Dove or always the opposite*), then Player 1 takes the action H and Player 2 takes the action D and the resulting payoff vector is  $(4, 0)$ .
- Now suppose Player 1 plays D.
  - (a) If Player 2 plays  $(D|H, D|D)$  or  $(H|H, D|D)$ , (*i.e. always Dove or always the same*) , then both players take the actions D and the resulting payoff vector is  $(2, 2)$ .
  - (b) If Player 2 plays  $(H|H, H|D)$  or  $(D|H, H|D)$ , (*i.e. always Hawk or always the opposite*), then Player 1 takes the action D and Player 2 takes the action H and the resulting payoff vector is  $(0, 4)$ .

	$(H H, H D)$	$(H H, D D)$	$(D H, D D)$	$(D H, H D)$
$H$	$(-2, -2)$	$(-2, -2)$	$(4, 0)$	$(4, 0)$
$D$	$(0, 4)$	$(2, 2)$	$(2, 2)$	$(0, 4)$

Figure 2: