

Exercise Session: Game Theory II

COMP4418 Knowledge Representation and Reasoning

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These slides are based on lecture slides by Prof. Felix Brandt.

Exercise I: Computing Nash Equilibria

a) Find a Nash equilibrium in the following game.

| | x | y |
|---|----|----|
| a | 31 | 04 |
| b | 23 | 12 |

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 3 1 | 0 4 |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

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Indifference principle: The **row player** must randomizes such that the column player is indifferent between all actions in his support.

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Indifference principle: The row player must randomize such that the column player is indifferent between all actions in his support.

Since no action is dominated, it must hold that

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(b).$$

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$$s(a) + 3(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

$$3 - 2s(a) = 2 + 2s(a)$$

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 3 1 | 0 4 |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(b)$$

$$s(a) + 3(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

$$3 - 2s(a) = 2 + 2s(a)$$

$$1 = 4s(a)$$

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$$s(a) + 3(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

$$3 - 2s(a) = 2 + 2s(a)$$

$$1 = 4s(a)$$

$$s(a) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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| | x | y |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a | 3 1 | 0 4 |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |
| $\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{3}{4}b$ | $\frac{9}{4}$ $\frac{10}{4}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{10}{4}$ |

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(b)$$

$$s(a) + 3(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

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$$1 = 4s(a)$$

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| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(x) + 0 \cdot s(y) = 2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y)$$

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| a | 3 1 | 0 4 |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(x) + 0 \cdot s(y) = 2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y)$$

$$3s(x) = 2s(x) + 1 - s(x)$$

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| a | 3 1 | 0 4 |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(x) + 0 \cdot s(y) = 2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y)$$

$$3s(x) = 2s(x) + 1 - s(x)$$

$$2s(x) = 1$$

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|---|-----|-----|
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| b | 2 3 | 1 2 |

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$$3s(x) = 2s(x) + 1 - s(x)$$

$$2s(x) = 1$$

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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| | x | y | $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y$ |
|---|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
| a | 3 1 | 0 4 | $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 | $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ |

$$3 \cdot s(x) + 0 \cdot s(y) = 2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y)$$

$$3s(x) = 2s(x) + 1 - s(x)$$

$$2s(x) = 1$$

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| | x | y | $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y$ |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a | 3 1 | 0 4 | $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ |
| b | 2 3 | 1 2 | $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ |
| $\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{3}{4}b$ | $\frac{9}{4}$ $\frac{10}{4}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{10}{4}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ |

$$3 \cdot s(x) + 0 \cdot s(y) = 2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y)$$

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$$2s(x) = 1$$

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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b) Find a Nash equilibrium in the following game.

| | x | y | z |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | 1 3 |
| b | 2 5 | 2 5 | 2 6 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |

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| | x | y | z |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | 1 3 |
| b | 2 5 | 2 5 | 2 6 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |

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| | x | y | z |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | 1 3 |
| b | 2 5 | 2 5 | 2 6 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |
| $\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}d$ | $\frac{6}{2}$ $\frac{7}{2}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ $\frac{6}{2}$ | $\frac{7}{2}$ $\frac{7}{2}$ |

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| | x | y | z |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | 1 3 |
| b | 2 5 | 2 5 | 2 6 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |
| $\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}d$ | $\frac{6}{2}$ $\frac{7}{2}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ $\frac{6}{2}$ | $\frac{7}{2}$ $\frac{7}{2}$ |

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| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | 1 3 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |

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| c | 0 2 | 0 1 | 8 0 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | 6 1 |

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

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| | x | y |
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| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| c | 0 2 | 0 1 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

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|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(a) + 4 \cdot s(d) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(d)$$

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(a) + 4 \cdot s(d) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(d)$$

$$3s(a) + 4(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

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|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$3 \cdot s(a) + 4 \cdot s(d) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(d)$$

$$3s(a) + 4(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

$$4 - s(a) = 2 + 2s(a)$$

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| | x | y |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |
| $\frac{2}{3}a + \frac{1}{3}d$ | $\frac{11}{3}$ $\frac{10}{3}$ | $\frac{9}{3}$ $\frac{10}{3}$ |

$$3 \cdot s(a) + 4 \cdot s(d) = 4 \cdot s(a) + 2 \cdot s(d)$$

$$3s(a) + 4(1 - s(a)) = 4s(a) + 2(1 - s(a))$$

$$4 - s(a) = 2 + 2s(a)$$

$$s(a) = \frac{2}{3}$$

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$5 \cdot s(x) + 2 \cdot s(y) = 1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y)$$

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$5 \cdot s(x) + 2 \cdot s(y) = 1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y)$$

$$5s(x) + 2(1 - s(x)) = 1s(x) + 3(1 - s(x))$$

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| | x | y |
|---|-----|-----|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 |

$$5 \cdot s(x) + 2 \cdot s(y) = 1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y)$$

$$5s(x) + 2(1 - s(x)) = 1s(x) + 3(1 - s(x))$$

$$2 + 3s(x) = 3 - 2s(x)$$

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| | x | y | $\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}y$ |
|---|----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | $\frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{19}{5}$ |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | $\frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{12}{5}$ |

$$5 \cdot s(x) + 2 \cdot s(y) = 1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y)$$

$$5s(x) + 2(1 - s(x)) = 1s(x) + 3(1 - s(x))$$

$$2 + 3s(x) = 3 - 2s(x)$$

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{5}$$

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| | x | y | $\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{4}{5}y$ |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a | 5 3 | 2 4 | $\frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{19}{5}$ |
| d | 1 4 | 3 2 | $\frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{12}{5}$ |
| $\frac{2}{3}a + \frac{1}{3}d$ | $\frac{11}{3}$ $\frac{10}{3}$ | $\frac{9}{3}$ $\frac{10}{3}$ | $\frac{13}{5}$ $\frac{50}{15}$ |

$$5 \cdot s(x) + 2 \cdot s(y) = 1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y)$$

$$5s(x) + 2(1 - s(x)) = 1s(x) + 3(1 - s(x))$$

$$2 + 3s(x) = 3 - 2s(x)$$

$$s(x) = \frac{1}{5}$$

Exercise I: Computing Nash Equilibria

c) Find a Nash equilibrium in the following zero-sum game.

| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

max u

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 4 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (2)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

$\max u$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 4 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (2)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 4 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (2)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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max u

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 4 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (2)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$2 \cdot s(a) + 6 \cdot s(b) + 0 \cdot s(c) \geq 2u \quad (4)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 4 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (2)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 0 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (4)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$1 \cdot s(a) + 3 \cdot s(b) + 0 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (4)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) - 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) + 2 \cdot s(c) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) + s(c) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) \geq 0$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 \cdot s(b) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 \cdot s(b) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$s(a) + s(b) = 1$$

$$s(a) \geq 0, s(b) \geq 0, s(c) = 0$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 2 \cdot s(a) + 1 - 1s(a) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$0 \cdot s(a) + 5 - 5s(a) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$0 \leq s(a) \leq 1$$

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$$\max u$$

$$\text{subject to } 1 + 1s(a) \geq u \quad (1)$$

$$5 - 5s(a) \geq u \quad (3)$$

$$0 \leq s(a) \leq 1$$

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If $s(a) = \frac{2}{3}$, then $u = \frac{5}{3}$ since

$$1 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \tag{1}$$

$$5 - 5 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \tag{3}$$

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If $s(a) = \frac{2}{3}$, then $u = \frac{5}{3}$ since

$$1 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$5 - 5 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \quad (3)$$

The maximin strategy of the row player is $s(a) = \frac{2}{3}$, $s(b) = \frac{1}{3}$, and $s(c) = 0$.

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| | x | y | z |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |
| $\frac{2}{3}a + \frac{1}{3}b$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ |

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

$$-2 \cdot s(x) - 1 \cdot s(y) + 0 \cdot s(z) \geq -\frac{5}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$-1 \cdot s(x) - 3 \cdot s(y) - 5 \cdot s(z) \geq -\frac{5}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$2 \cdot s(x) - 4 \cdot s(y) - 2 \cdot s(z) \geq -\frac{5}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$s(x) + s(y) + s(z) = 1$$

$$s(x) \geq 0, s(y) \geq 0, s(z) \geq 0$$

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| | x | y | z |
|---|----|---|---|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 |

$$2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y) - 0 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y) + 5 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$-2 \cdot s(x) + 4 \cdot s(y) + 2 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$s(x) + s(y) + s(z) = 1$$

$$s(x) \geq 0, s(y) \geq 0, s(z) \geq 0$$

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$$2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y) - 0 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y) + 5 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$-2 \cdot s(x) + 4 \cdot s(y) + 2 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$s(x) + s(y) + s(z) = 1$$

$$s(x) \geq 0, s(y) \geq 0, s(z) \geq 0$$

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$$2 \cdot s(x) + 1 \cdot s(y) - 0 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$1 \cdot s(x) + 3 \cdot s(y) + 5 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$-2 \cdot s(x) + 4 \cdot s(y) + 2 \cdot s(z) \leq \frac{5}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$s(x) + s(y) + s(z) = 1$$

$$s(x) \geq 0, s(y) \geq 0, s(z) \geq 0$$

It can be checked that $s(x) = \frac{2}{3}$ and $s(y) = \frac{1}{3}$ satisfies the conditions.

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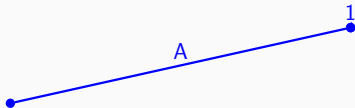
| | x | y | z | $\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}y$ |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 | $\frac{5}{3}$ |
| b | 1 | 3 | 5 | $\frac{5}{3}$ |
| c | -2 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| $\frac{2}{3}a + \frac{1}{3}b$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ |

Exercise II: Extensive-Form Games

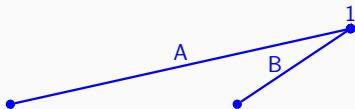
- a) Alice (1), Bob (2), and Charlie (3) want to go on a trip together. Their possible destinations are Adelaide (A), Brisbane (B), Canberra (C), and Darwin (D). To decide on a final destination, they agree on an elimination process: Alice, Bob, and Charlie (in this order) each get to veto one of the cities and the last city will be their destination.

Draw the game tree for this scenario.

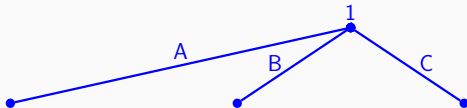
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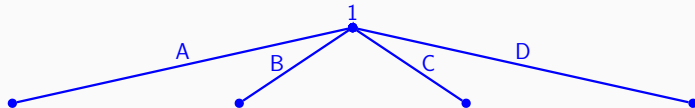
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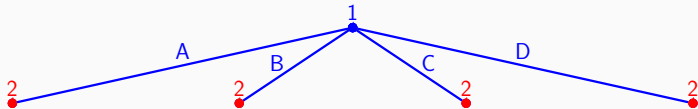
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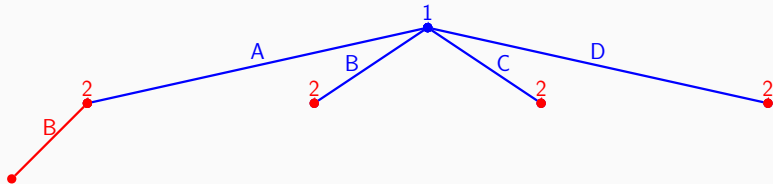
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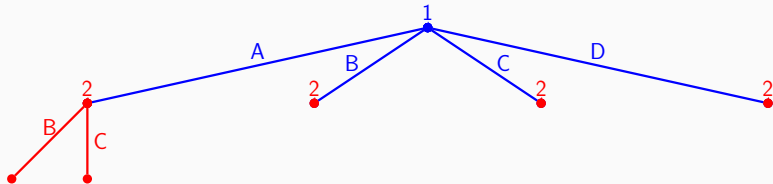
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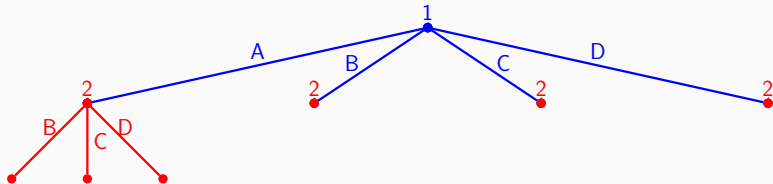
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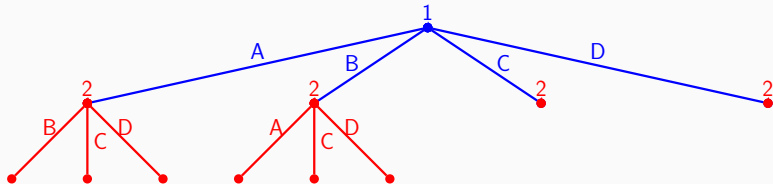
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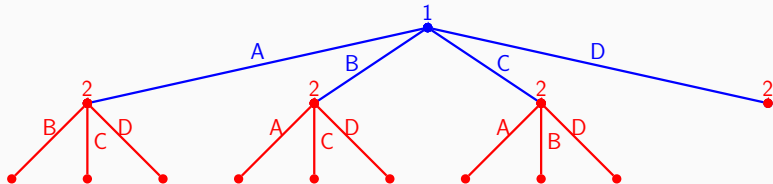
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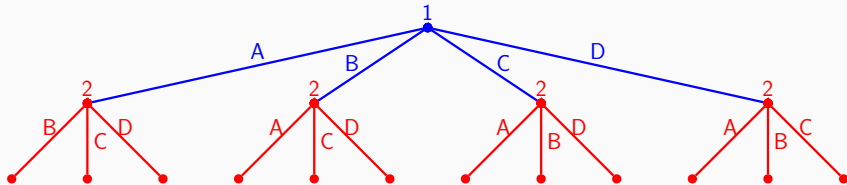
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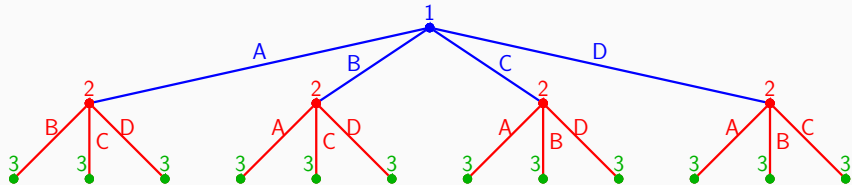
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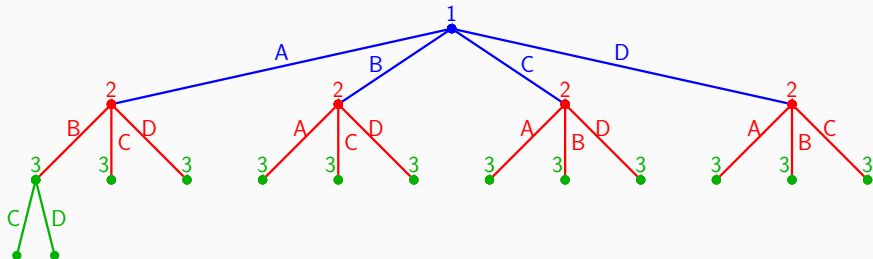
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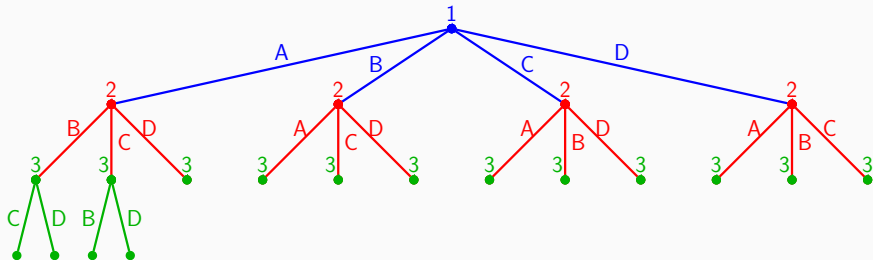
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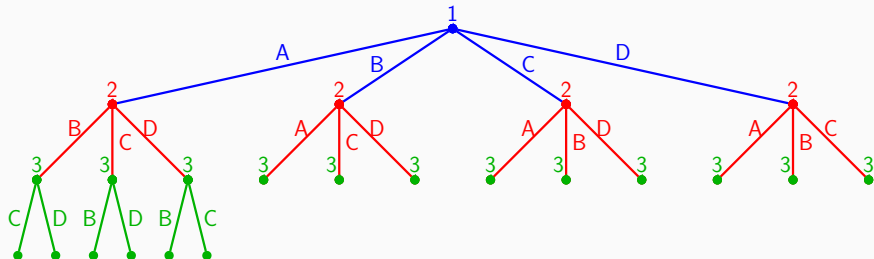
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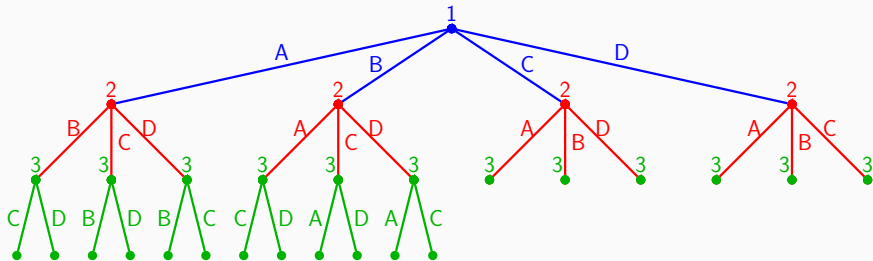
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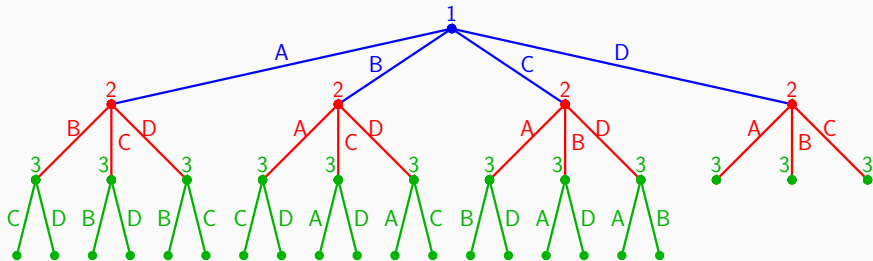
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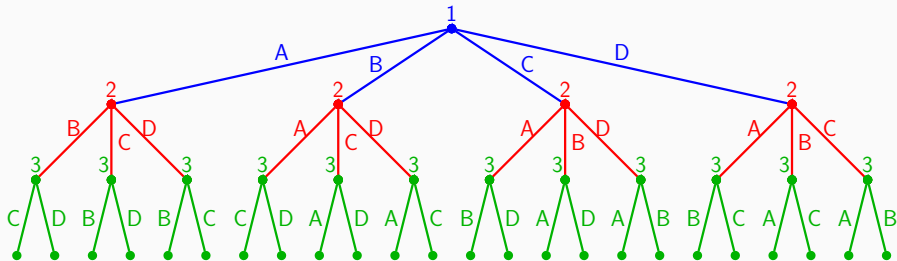
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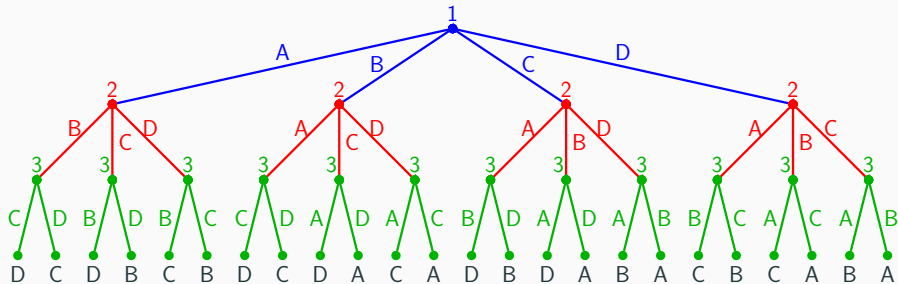
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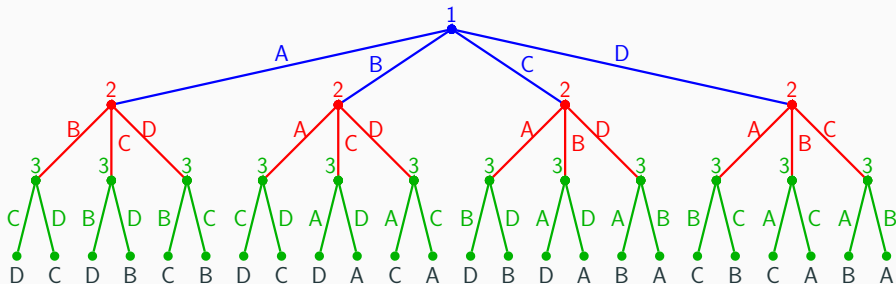
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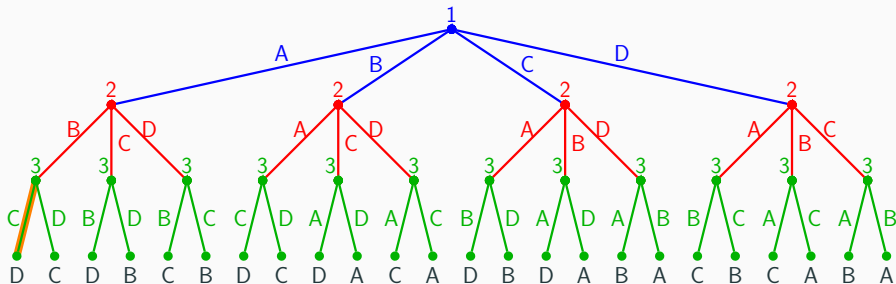
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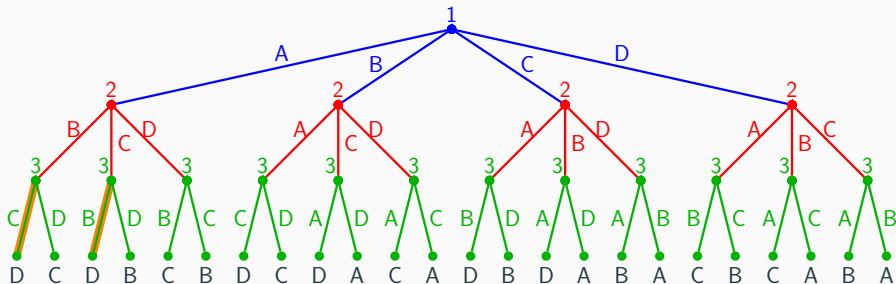
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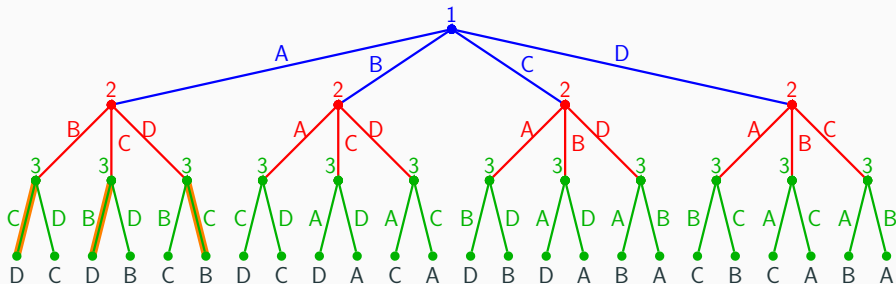
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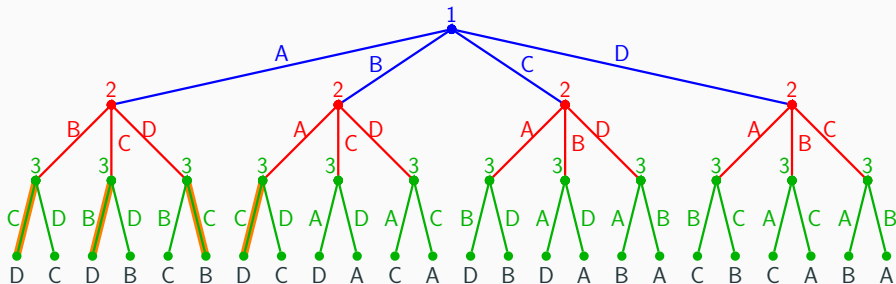
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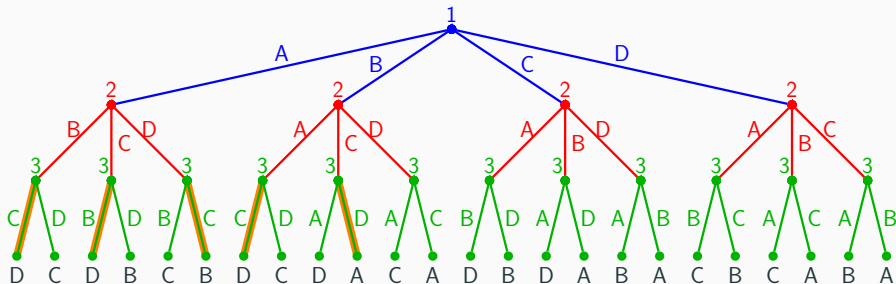
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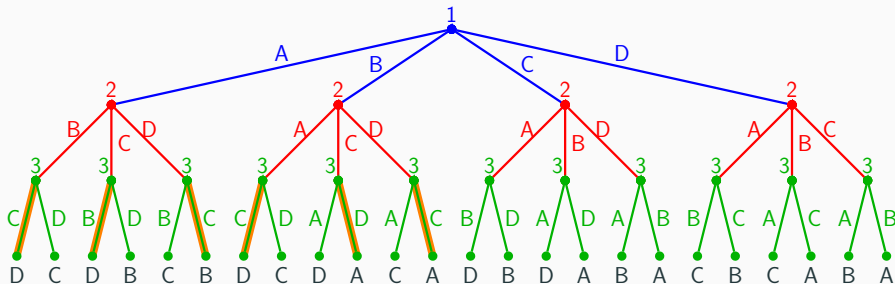
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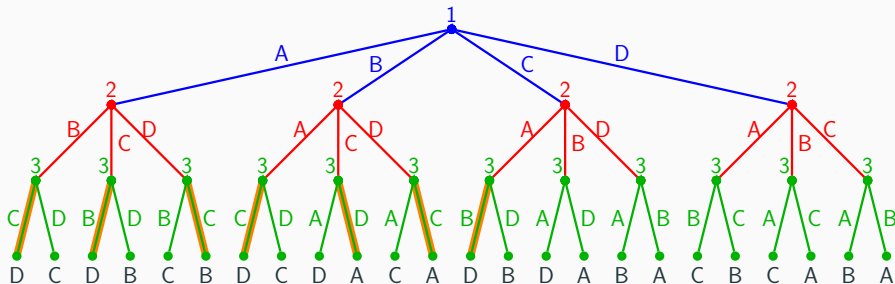
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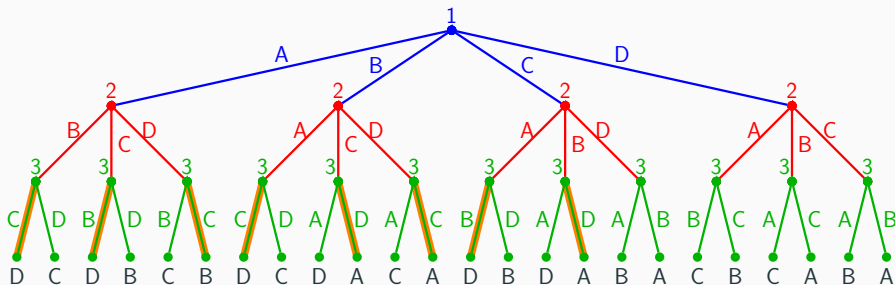
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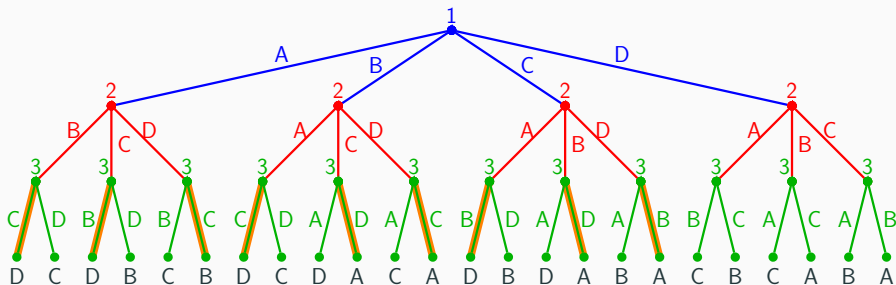
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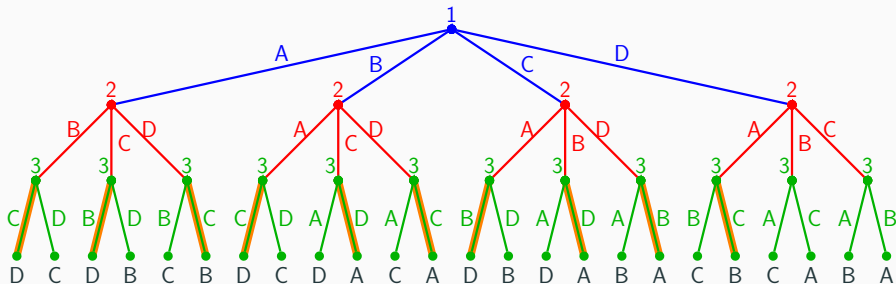
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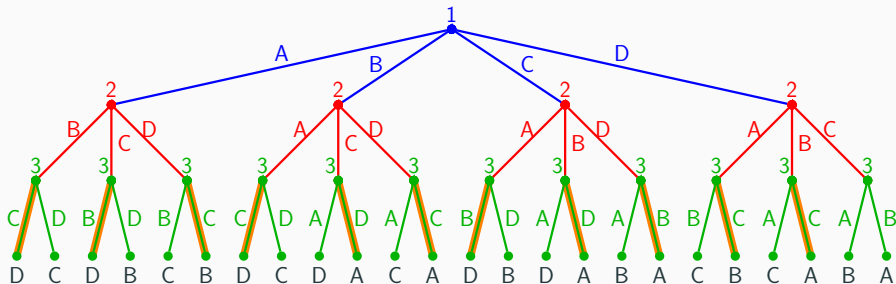
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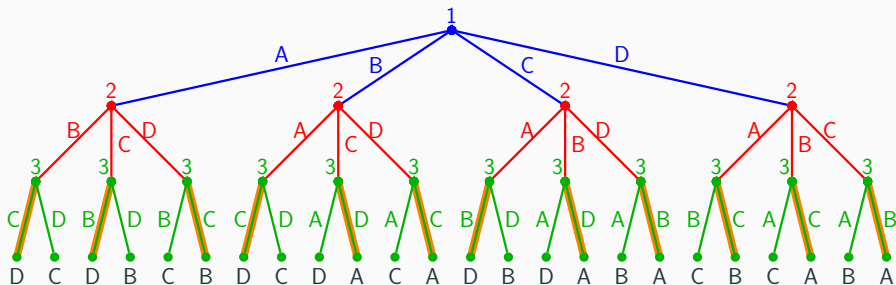
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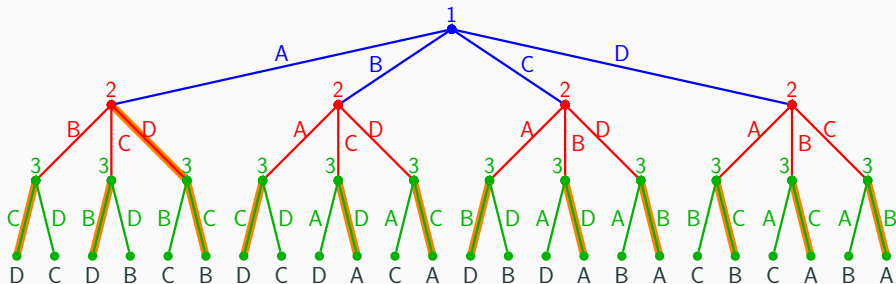
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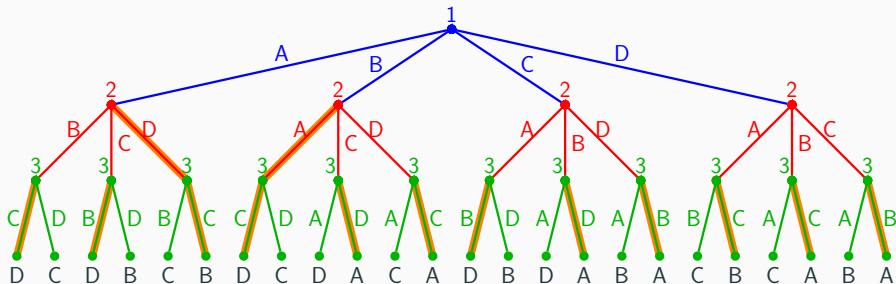
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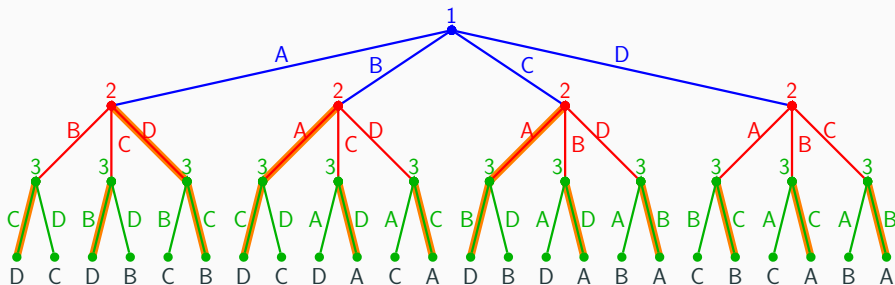
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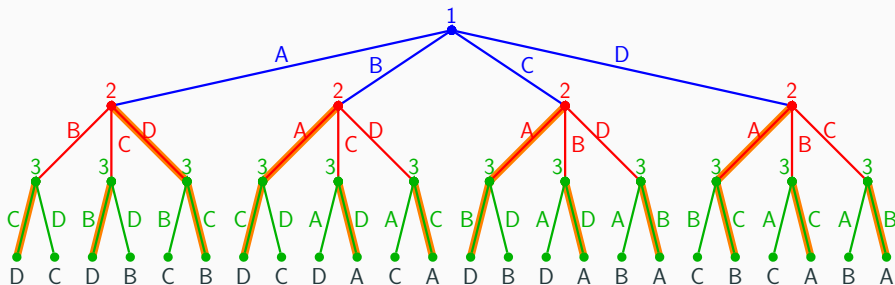
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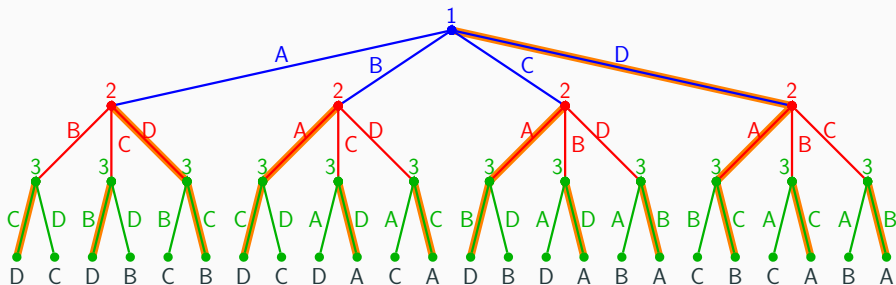
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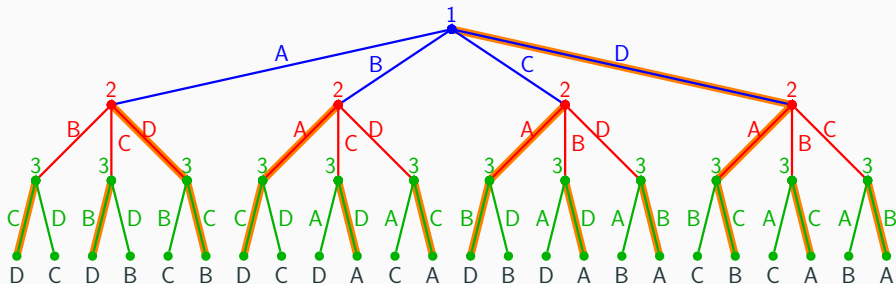


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- c) Assume the same preferences as before. Find a Nash equilibrium where the final destination is Adelaide.

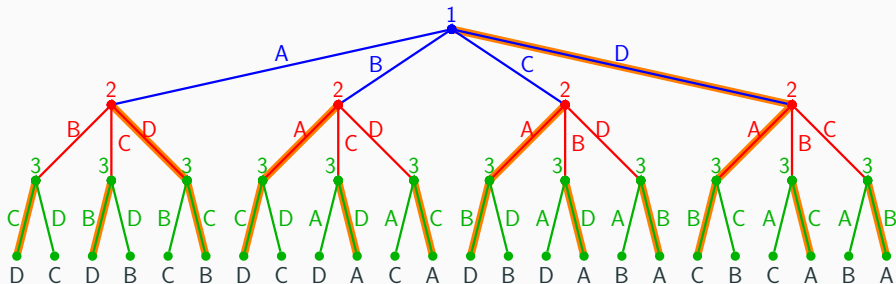
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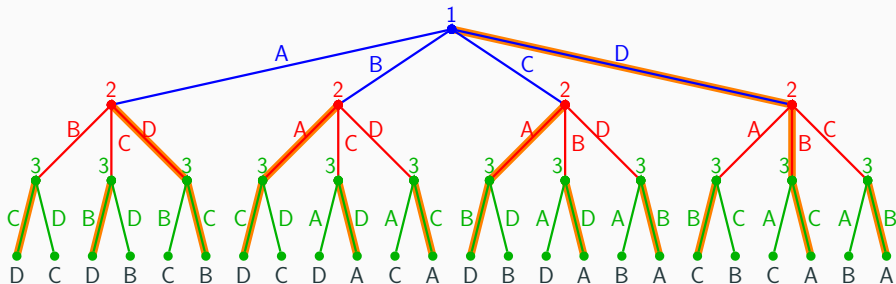
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a) 10000 agents wish to travel from city X to city Y as fast as possible. There are three options different routes: a highway (a), a connector street (b), and a rural street (c). The travel time t_x of each street depends on the street and the number of people using it:

- For the highway, $t_a(z) = 50 + \frac{z}{1000}$.
- For the connector street, $t_b(z) = 40 + \frac{z}{500}$.
- For the rural street, $t_c(z) = \frac{z}{100}$.

A action profile is defined by a partition of the agents (N_a, N_b, N_c) indicating which route each agent takes. The utility of every agent is the negative of his travel time, i.e., for each agent $i \in N_x$, we have that $u_i(N_a, N_b, N_c) = -t_x(|N_x|)$. Find a pure Nash equilibrium for his game.

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We will find a action profile (N_a, N_b, N_c) such that

$$t_a(n_a) = t_c(n_c)$$

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The travel time of each agent is 50 in this Nash equilibrium.

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- b) Congestion games generalize the idea of our previous game: there are r different resources $R = \{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$, and each player $i \in N$ can choose which of these resources to use (i.e., $A_i \subseteq 2^R \setminus \{\emptyset\}$). Moreover, let $c : R \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denote the cost of resource x depending on the number of agents that use x . The corresponding congestion game is the normal-form game $(N, (A_i)_{i \in N}, (u_i)_{i \in N})$ where

$$u_i(a) = - \sum_{x \in a_i} c(x, |\{j \in N : x \in a_j\}|)$$

for all agents $i \in N$ and action profiles $a \in A$.

Show that every congestion game has a pure Nash equilibrium.

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