

14/10/19 After Mid-sem

Mid-Term setⁿ

② $Z = 15LK - 0.3L^2 - 0.5K^2 + \lambda [1500 - 60L - 74K]$

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial L} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial Z}{\partial K} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \lambda} = 0$$

③ Max ϕ

sub. to cost const.

Min C

sub. to o/p constraint

$$Z = f(K, L) + \lambda_0 [C - WL - RK]$$

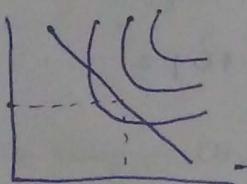
$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial K} = 0 \Rightarrow f_K = \lambda_0$$

$$Z = WL + RK + \lambda_1 [Q - f(K, L)]$$

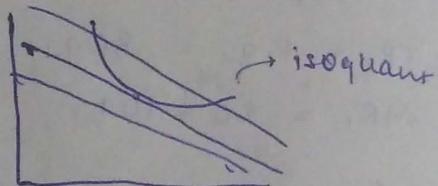
$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial K} = 0 \Rightarrow R = \lambda_1 f_K$$

↓

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda_0}$$



→ isocost

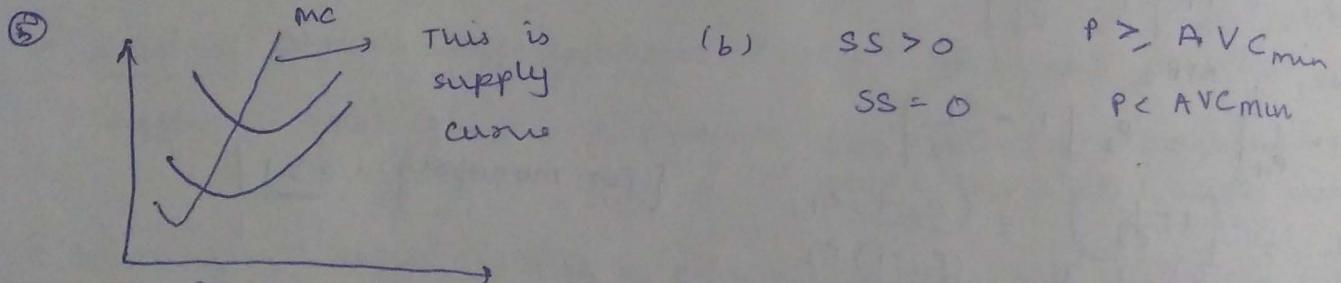


④ (a) $500 - \frac{P}{2} = P - 100 \Rightarrow P = 400, Q = 300$

(b) $P = MC$

$$400 = 2q + 1 \Rightarrow q = 199.5$$

It is perfect competition. don't see fixed part



(b) $SS > 0$

$SS = 0$

$P \geq AVC_{min}$

$P < AVC_{min}$

⑥ $\frac{P_0 - \frac{20}{3}}{P_0} = -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow P_0 = 40/3 \quad P_1 = 50/3 \quad \Delta P = 25\%$

⑦ $X_1 = 55 - P_1$

$X_2 = 70 - 2P_2$

$TR = P(Q) \times Q$

$MR_1 = 55 - 2X_1$

$MR_1 = MC$

$X_1 = 25$

$P_1 = 30$

$X_2 = 30$

$P_2 = 20$

(c) $\Pi = P_1 X_1 + P_2 X_2 - 5(55) \xrightarrow{X_1 + X_2 = 55}$

- Topics post Midsem:
- Monopolistic Compet'
- Game Theory
- Oligopolistic Compet'
- Macro

Monopolistic Competition

Introduced by → Edwin H Chamberlain (1933)
 (Harvard) The theory of M.C.

Just graphs & curves, no explanation

- Jean Robinson → The Economics of Imperfect Comp'.
- (Cambridge)
- Avinash Dixit & Joseph Stiglitz → 1977

Assumptions / Facts about Monopolistic Competition

- Product Differentiation: goods are not perfect substitutes, but close substitutes (unlike in perfect comp')
 - Ex. Surf Excel & Tide
- Non-price competition:
 - ↳ Kingfisher used to give extra goodies to customers (better than others)
 - ↳ Advertising, Packaging, Quality std.
- Large no. of buyers & sellers
- Firms are capable of independent behavior.
 - ↳ since products are producing close substitutes, their stay in market don't depend on other firms' decisions.
 - ↳ Ex. Coca-Cola → much variety Pepsi → not that much
 Most stores have Coca-Cola.
 How Pepsi dealt with it? → started giving commission in Restaurants
 ↑
 People don't have choice to go to another place.

Product Differentiation

↓

Horizontal

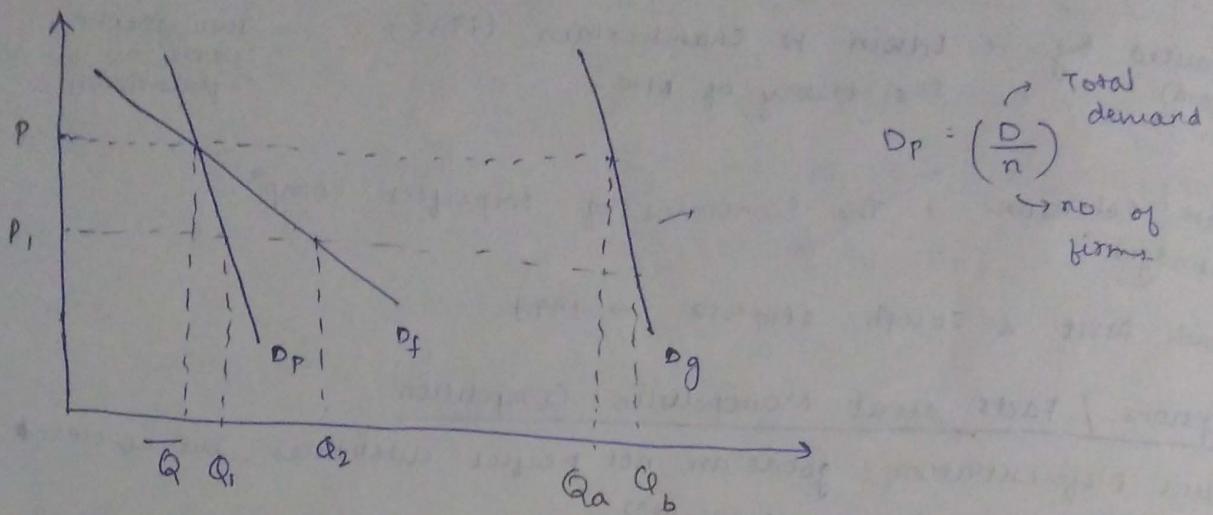
Different variety
 Same quality

↑
Vertical

Different variety
 Different quality
 Ex. iPhone & Micromax.
 AK47, Katta

Demand Curves faced by a firm in a Monopolistic competition (not monopolist)

- * Group demand curve (D_g) (Market demand curve)
- * Proportional demand curve (D_p)
- * Perceived demand curve. (D_f)



$$D_p = \left(\frac{D}{n} \right)$$

↑ Total demand
↓ no. of firms

D_g : Any industry will face

→ Firms are not roughly identical here. They have almost similar cost.
Hence, Demand can be equally distributed b/w all the firms

$D_p \rightarrow$ divide equally.

D_g : Firms don't consider D_p , but D_f as demand curve.

Reason: Firms think that since there are large no. of buyers & sellers and they are independent, their behavior would go unnoticed. (diff. b/w this & Oligop. Products are differentiated)

Firms think : $P \rightarrow P_1 \Rightarrow$ sales will \uparrow to Q_2

That is the reason it sells Q_1 .

$Q_2 - Q_1$: Overprod' in Monopolistic

Q. If all firms bring P down to P_1 , why demand has \uparrow ed?

Rs. 10 → 5 $\frac{TR}{50}$

D_g : total demand

Now (5 → 10 $\frac{TR}{50}$)

D_f & D_p → demand curves

Curve representing this information : D_g .

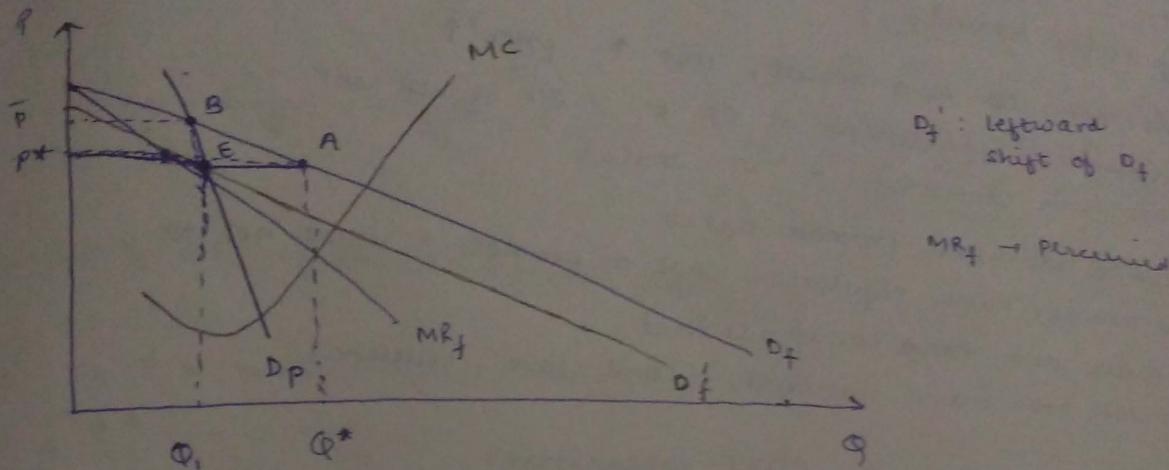
* D_f is more elastic than D_p .

→ Firm thinks that since his product is differentiated, so if he cuts down cost, his demand will \uparrow at a large scale

Firms perceive elastic demand.
Reason: large no. - ①

$Q_2 - Q_1 \rightarrow$ surplus production by the firm
in monopolistic market.

short run equilibrium



D_f' : leftward shift of D_f

$MR_f' \rightarrow$ Perceived

Initially $\rightarrow \bar{P}$ and Q_1 (NO surplus prod^r)

$$MR = MC \rightarrow P^* \text{ & } Q^*$$

\rightarrow Firms think they are independent, so they will charge P^* & Q^* , will be the demand.

\rightarrow surplus prod^r will occur.

\rightarrow To gain eq^m,

$\Rightarrow D_f$ will shift leftwards (D_f') [down]

\rightarrow eq^m will only happen if $D_f = D_f'$. (P^* and Q_1)

\Rightarrow 1. All firms are charging \bar{P}

2. The i^{th} firm feels it is independent having differentiated product (ω) so, it ~~can~~ can operate independently.

3. He will operate at $MR_f = MC \rightarrow P^* \text{ & } Q^*$

4. ~~NOT~~ Not only the i^{th} firm, but all n firms in a market think in the same way.

5. All firms will produce Q^*

6. ~~BUT~~ But firms will actually have ω proportional demand (D_f)

7. At $P = P^*$, ~~DD~~ is Q_1

8. Excess Prod^r by firm = $Q^* - Q_1$

g. Firms will re-perceive its demand to obtain eqm

10. $D_f \rightarrow D_f'$

11. Eq^m will be reached when the perception is equal to proportion.
 $D_f' \equiv D_p$ ($P^* & Q_1$)

Why People Advertise?

- To get more DD. As a result, cost ↑, price ↑
- Advertisement expenditure in US is ~ 2% of its GDP
(more than education " in India)
- ~~Licker~~ Licker ads never promote licker.
- Ads always have regulation what to promote & what not to.
- Products are ~~trans~~ trans-national.
Ads are not trans-national. (Local stars, culture)

Suppose a firm has an ADVT expenditure

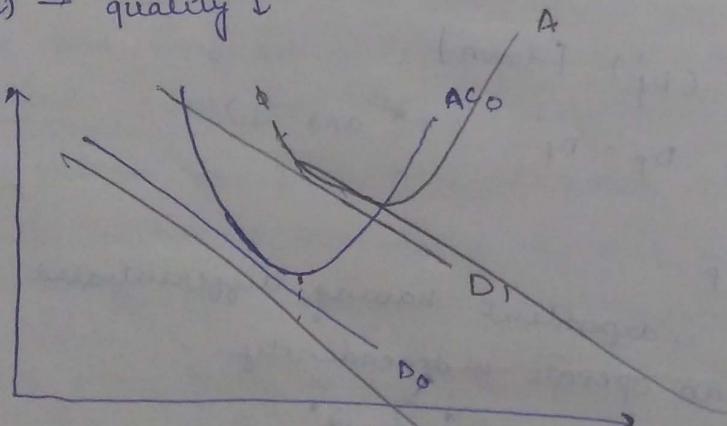
↳ Cost (↑)

↳ P_n (↑) or (↓) ?

→ If ↓ ADVT & it is better quality → people will buy at ↑ price
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↳ my ↑ DD due to ADVT
may go away due to ↑ P_n (price) → If bad quality → P ↓, will fade out of market soon.

$P_n(\uparrow) \rightarrow$ quality ↑

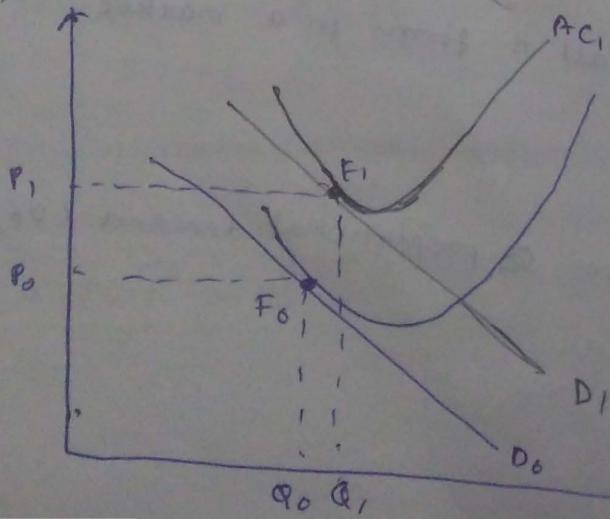
$P_n(\downarrow) \rightarrow$ quality ↓



After
Because of ADVT,
cost ↑, DD also shifts

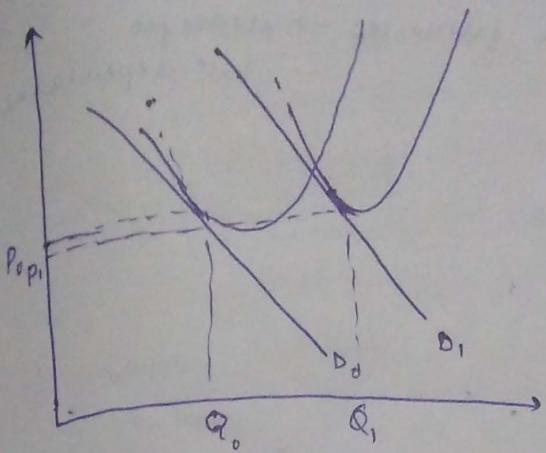
Due to advt.,
cost ↑, DD also shifts

Case-I.



Assuming consumer care about quality of products.

(Re) b/w AC & D comes from LR



$$P_0 > P_1$$

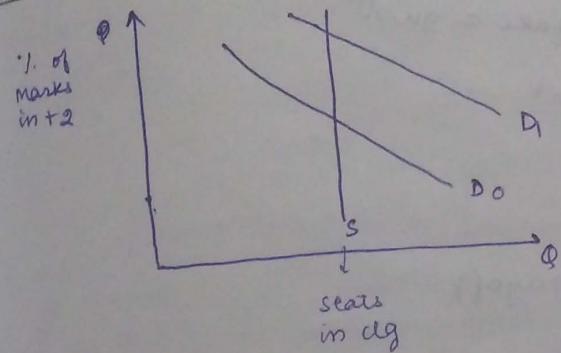
To ↑ demand, P will be ↓

⇒ consumers will only pay a higher price for an advertised product if that product is of better quality.

Case-I

Case-II: If it is of lower/inferior quality, then $P_n(\downarrow)$.

Ques: If P is replaced by % of Marks in +2.



ultimately, % will ↑ due to advt. fb / insta so, advt. makes people foolish. They believe they'll get job sooner.

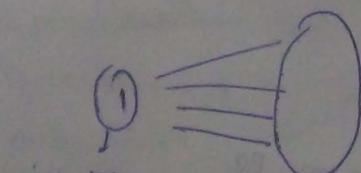
18/10/19 Game Theory

Books: 1. Microeconomic Theory by Mascolell, Whinston & Green (Ch. - 7 & 8)

2. Game Theory for Applied Economists by Robert Gibbons (Ch. - 1, 2)

↳ Game: You try to understand someone's psychology & vice-versa. The process of settling down to 1 point (eq^m) is what is involved in game theory.

↳ formally, a game is a formal representation of a situation in which a number of individuals interact in a setting of strategic interdependence.



will try to maximize his benefits

will try to minimize 1's benefits

game theory tries to find best possible outcomes for individuals.

Ex. Multiple firms:

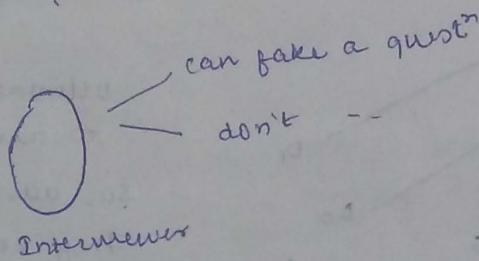
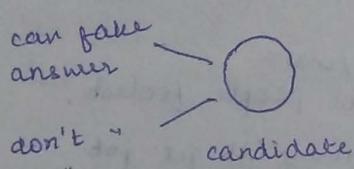
F₁ F₂ ... F_n
If F₁ sets P (↓), what will other firms do → strategic interdependence.

↳ we'll generally have 2 individuals.

Q. What needs to be understood?

1. Players → Who is involved?
2. Rules → Who moves when? What do they know? When they move?
3. Outcomes → For each possible set of actions what is the outcome of the game?
4. Payoff → What benefit a person gets from the outcome of the game? Player

Ex.



If get selected → get job as payoff (salary)

Game

Non-cooperative games

simultaneous move games

sequential move games

Cooperative games (X)

won't talk about it

(Players are non-cooperative with each other)

Game of Matching Coins / Pennies (Simultaneous move)

1. 2 Players (P₁, P₂)

2. Rules:

- Both players simultaneously puts a penny down, either player gets a head or a tail.

3. Outcome:

If the pennies match, P₁ receives Re 1 from P₂.

If the pennies don't match, P₂ receives Re 1 from P₁.

Normal Form Representation

	<i>h</i>	<i>t</i>
<i>p₁</i>	(1, -1)	(-1, 1)
<i>t</i>	(-1, 1)	(1, -1)

Goalkeeper & Player

	<i>L</i>	<i>R</i>
<i>G</i>	(1, -1)	(-1, 1)
<i>P</i>	(-1, 1)	(1, -1)

How should G & P move to maximize their benefits (*G* → save goal, *P* → make goal)

Games of common Interests / Coordination games

↳ Battles of sexes.

	<i>G</i>	
<i>Joker</i>	<i>Joker</i>	sky is pink
<i>B</i>	sky is pink	

	(2, 1)	(0, 0)
<i>Joker</i>	(0, 0)	(1, 2)

Boy likes $\rightarrow J$
Girl $\rightarrow SP$

They want to go to date.
+ must go to same movie

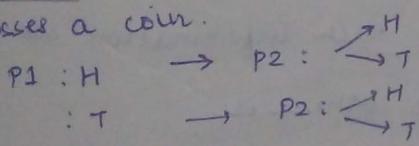
Normal Form Representation

If both go to *J* \rightarrow girl won't be satisfied
 $SP \rightarrow$ boy - - - - -

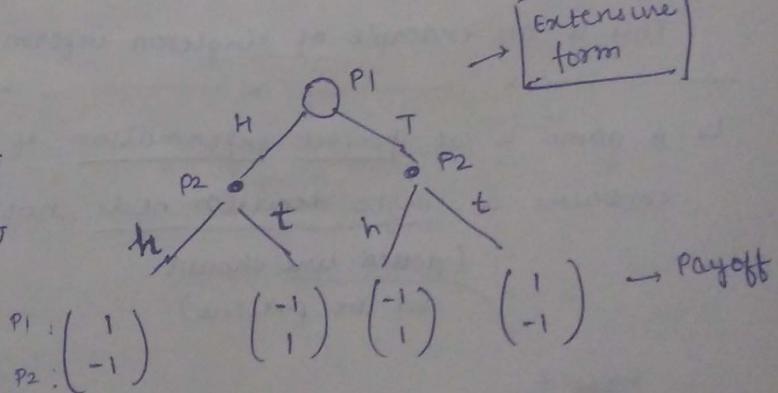
What is best possible soln?

Sequential :-

P₁ tosses a coin.



Payoff :



Extensive form

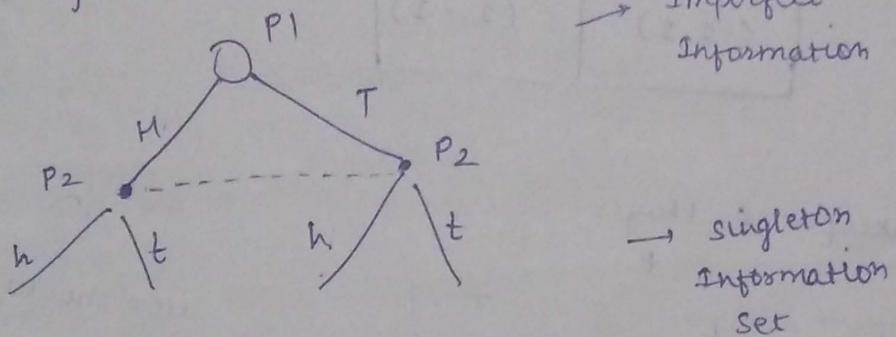
Payoff

* Initial decision node is represented through an open circle.

* After that, if we have any other decision nodes, we represent them with a closed circle.

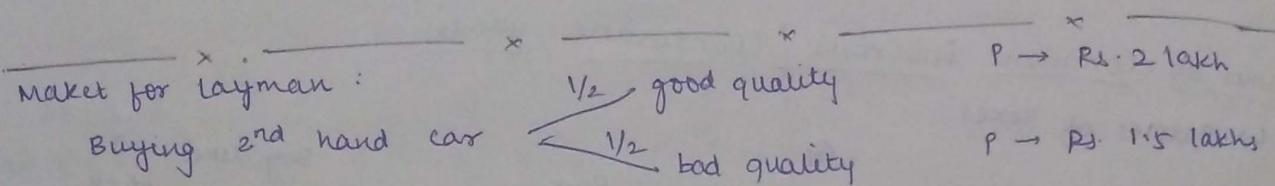
→ If outcome of coin tossed by P1 is hidden from P2, P2 won't be a decision node (he doesn't know whether he has to move from left or right).

Represented by :



significance of Singleton Information Set:

↳ Player 2 knows Player 1 has moved but does not know where exactly he is.



Seller is willing to sell at Rs. 2 lakh

Buyer will try to reduce this price as he doesn't know whether he will get good or bad quality

$$2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1.5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1.75 \rightarrow \text{try to reduce to } 1.75. (\text{buyer})$$

If good quality \rightarrow seller will never sell at 1.75

bad \rightarrow seller at 1.75

so, bad quality cars are sold at \uparrow price.

This is an example of singleton information set, (Asymmetric Information)

↳ A game is of perfect information if each information set contains a single decision node, not otherwise

(dotted line should not be present)

has 2 decision nodes

- Perfect Information : One information set & One decision node
- Imperfect Information : One information set & two decision nodes

- ① Normal form
- ② Extensive form
- ③ Strategic form

strategy of P_1 : $S_1 = \{H, T\}$

P_2 has 2 information sets. She has to plan one action each for 2 different situations

P_2 has the following possible strategies:

- i) play h if P_1 plays H hh (A)
- ii) play h if " " T hh (E)
- iii) play h if P_1 plays H ht (B)
- iv) play h if " " " T ht (F)
- v) play t if P_1 plays H th (C)
- vi) play t if " " " T th (G)
- vii) play t if P_1 plays H tt (D)
- viii) play t if " " " T tt (H)

$$S_2 = \{hh, ht, th, tt\} \rightarrow \text{possible set of strategies}$$

		P_2			
		hh	ht	th	tt
P_1	H	(1, -1) A	(1, -1) B	(-1, 1) C	(-1, 1) D
	T	(-1, 1) E	(1, -1) F	(-1, 1) G	(1, -1) H

→ Representation of strategic form.

If we have singleton information set, only 1 info. set is available

		P_2	
		h	t
P_1	H	(1, -1)	(-1, 1)
	T	(-1, 1)	(1, -1)

⇒ Strategic form = Normal form

Nash Equilibrium

P (Kicker)

		L	R
G	L	1, -1	-1, 1
	R	-1, 1	1, -1

If player kicks L → Goalee moves L
 $R \rightarrow R$

If goalee moves L → Player kicks R
 $R \rightarrow L$

best thing to do

so, no eq^m is obtained.

→ max^m thing we can give to these players is the probability.
(Prob. that player kicks left/right, prob. that goalee moves left/right)

↪ The Nash eq^m can not be obtained through pure strategies

↪ It can be obtained through mixed strategies

probability distribⁿ
b/w strategies

↑
sticking to
a particular
strategy.

- Mixed strategies : These are probability distributions over pure strategies

$$P(L_K) + P(R_K) = 1 ; \quad P(Q_R_G) + P(L_G) = 1$$

If kicker has prob. to kick left = p
right = 1-p

If goalee --- left = q
right = 1-q

Q. Expected payoffs of kicker and goalee ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Kicker} &: p \times (1-q) \times (1) + pq(-1) + (1-p)(1-q)(-1) + (1-p)q(1) \\ &= p(1-q) - pq - 1 - pq + p + q + q - pq \\ &= p - pq - pq - 1 - pq + p + q + q - pq \\ &= 2(p+q) - 4pq - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Goalee} &: p \times (1-q) \times (-1) + pq(1) + (1-p)(1-q)(1) + (1-p)q(-1) \\ &= -p + pq + pq + 1 - p - q + pq + pq - q \\ &= 4pq - 2(p+q) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now to find optimal values of p & q .

$p=1, q=0 : E[K] = 1$

$p=0, q=1 : E[K] = 1$

$p=0.5, q=0.5 : 0$

① Pure strategy
 Expected payoff of player 1 when P_1 believes that P_2 will play heads (H) with prob (q) and tails with prob ($1-q$)

		P_2	
		H	T
P_1		H	T
	H	1, -1	-1, 1
	T	-1, 1	1, -1

case-I P_1 plays Heads (H) : $q(1) + (1-q)(-1) = 2q - 1$

case-II P_1 plays Tails (T) : $q(-1) + (1-q)(1) = 1 - 2q$

~~Pure strategies~~ $q \in [0, 1]$

$q > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2q - 1 > 1 - 2q \rightarrow P_1$ will always play Head (H)

$q < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - 2q > 2q - 1 \rightarrow P_1$ will always play Tail (T)

* If $q > \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow P_1$ will play Heads, else, Tails.

* If a goalee moves right with ~~prob.~~ $> \frac{1}{2}$, player will kick in the left. Else, he'll kick right.

Based on these payoffs, analysts find critical probabilities.

If $q = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow P_1$ is indifferent b/w strategies H and T .

Pure strategies \rightarrow if this condⁿ \Rightarrow do this
 if that \Rightarrow do that

② Mixed strategy: How to find colⁿ in this case

$$P_1 : (p, 1-p) \rightarrow (H, T)$$

$$P_2 : (q, 1-q) \rightarrow (h, t)$$

- ↳ For each value of $q \in [0, 1]$, we now compute values of p denoted by $p^*(q)$ s.t. $(p, 1-p)$ is a best response function for P_1 to $(q, 1-q)$ of P_2 .
- ↳ My strategy should be s.t. my benefits should be maximized. Whatever move P_2 makes.
- ↳ Strategic interdependence. ($p^*(q)$)

$$\begin{aligned} E(P_1) &= 4pq - 2p - 2q + 1 \\ &= (1-2q) + p(4q-2) \\ &= (1-2q) + 2p(2q-1) \\ &= (1-2p)(1-2q) \end{aligned}$$

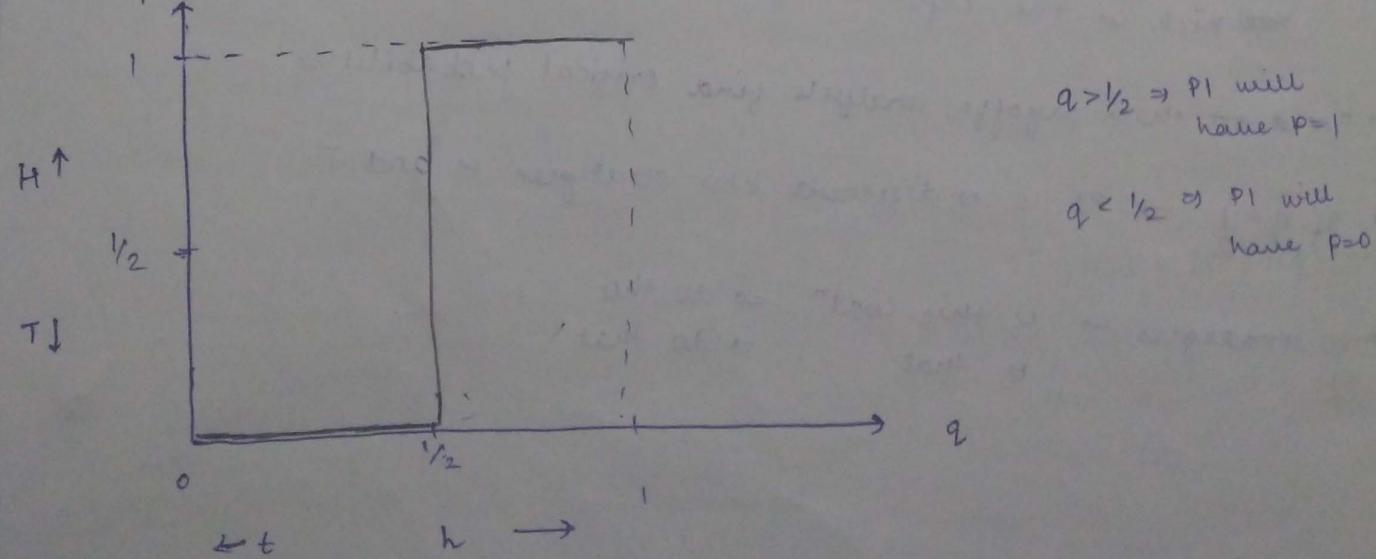
$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \cancel{E(P_1)} \uparrow &\text{ if } q > \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow E(P_1) \text{ is max when } p=1 \rightarrow P_1 \text{ will play H certainly} \\ E(P_1) \downarrow &\text{ if } q < \frac{1}{2} \quad \hookrightarrow E(P_1) \text{ is max when } p=0 \rightarrow P_1 \text{ will play T.} \end{aligned}$$

↳ getting same answer as in pure strategy.

Q. so why are we interested in mixed strategies?

Graph for best response func's:

$P_1 : p$



f. draw for P2 also.

Nash equilibrium

in a n-player game, the strategy of i th player (s_i) is the best response to a rival strategy (s_j), $i \neq j$, if player i can not obtain a strictly higher payoff with any other possible strategies.

eqⁿ → a point where there is no tendency to change.

	P1	P2
Ex.	s_1	s_1
	s_2	s_2
	(s_3)	(s_3)

because it gives best payoff
when P2 plays s_2 , P1 gets highest payoff with s_3 . So, he plays s_3 and vice-versa.

To solve this, Nash used correspondence \hookrightarrow Kakutani's Fixed Point Theorem

In correspondence → we get a band ($f(x)$) of values corresponding to single value of x

Simultaneous Move games

Prisoner's Dilemma game

2 individuals are arrested for an alleged crime and are held in separate cells. The inspector tries to extract confession from each prisoner. Each prisoner is privately told that if he is the only one to confess then he will be rewarded with a life sentence of 1 year. While the defunctant prisoner will go for jail for 10 years. However, if he is the only one not to confess, then it is him who will serve jail for 10 years. If both confess, the police will show some mercy & they will get jailed for 5 years. If neither confesses, it will still be possible to convict both of a lesser crime that carries a sentence of 2 years.

prisoner's objective: Not to confess and get minimum life sentence.

		P2	
		DC	C
P1	DC	(-2, -2)	(-10, -1)
	C	(-1, -10)	(-5, -5)

C → Confessed
DC → don't confess

→ Bad eq^m : -5, -5
Good eq^m : -2, -2

P1 thinks → If I don't confess → 2

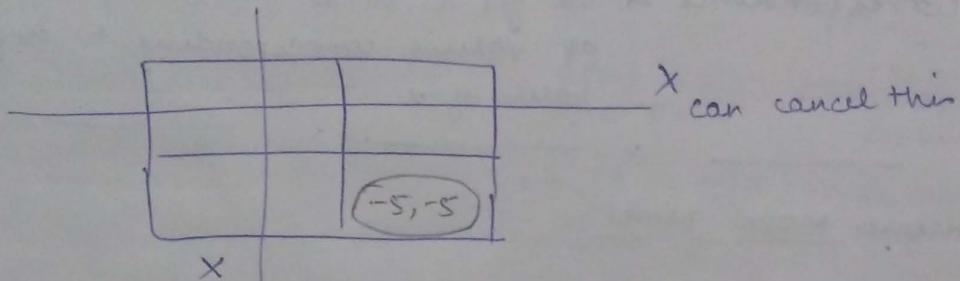
but if other prisoner confesses → 10

) → dilemma
↓

can't have good eq^m

strictly Dominated & Weakly Dominated strategies :

For P1 : Irrespective of what P2 is playing, P1 will try to play C (less punishment $(-1, -5) < (-2, -10)$)



For P2 : Out of -10 & -5 → He will choose -5

→ Optional

For P1 → confess is a strictly dominated strategy.

Book:
(The art of strategy by Avinash Dixit)

s_i is strictly dominated strategy for player i, if it maximizes uniquely player i's payoff for any strategy player j is playing

Mathematically,

$$U_i(s_i, s_j) > U_i(s_i', s_j)$$

Ex. suppose, payoffs are changed to :

		P2	
		DC	C
P1	DC	0, -2	-10, -1
	C	-1, -10	-5, -5

→ P1 can't have strictly dominated ($0 > -1$ but $-10 > -5$)

→ But P2 has $((-1, -5) > (-2, -10))$
will confess

↓
Iterative elimination of dominant strategy

Weakly dominated strategy:

Case-I :

		Left (L)	center (C)	Right (R)	
		1, 1	1, 1	0, 0	X
		0, 0	1, 2	1, 2	X
P1	(T) Top	1, 1	1, 1	0, 0	X
	(B) Bottom	0, 0	1, 2	1, 2	X

P2: don't have strictly dominated strategy \rightarrow similarly for P1.

But, we can ~~say~~ L is weakly dominated by C. \rightarrow can cancel L

$$U_1(s_i, s_j) \geq U_1(s'_i, s_j)$$

for P1 : (for remaining) \rightarrow can cancel Top

Top is weakly dominated strategy by Bottom \rightarrow weakly dominant

Remaining strategies are : BC and BR \rightarrow (1, 2)

Case-II :

		L	C	R	
		1, 1	1, 1	0, 0	X
		0, 0	1, 2	1, 2	X
T	L	1, 1	1, 1	0, 0	X
	B	0, 0	1, 2	1, 2	X

for P2 : R is weakly dominated by C

for P1 : B is weakly dominated by T.

Remaining strategies : TL & TC \rightarrow (1, 1)

Remaining strategies

In both cases, we are getting different eq^{ms}.

* In weakly dominated strategies, game can't be solved in iterative fashion.

(we will have multiple eq^{ms})

Dominance with mixed strategies 8- (Earlier \rightarrow pure strategy)

		L	R
		10,1	0,2
		4,2	4,1
P1	M		
(1/2) U	0,0	10,1	
(1/2) D			

For P1 \rightarrow no strictly dominated strategy.

But if we have prob associated with strategies

$$\begin{array}{l} U \rightarrow 1/2 \\ D \rightarrow 1/2 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{expected payoff} \\ \text{M} \\ (U) = 5 \\ (D) = 5 \\ (M) = 4 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{will} \\ \text{be strictly} \\ \text{dominated} \\ \text{by } \end{array}$$

mixed strategy
 $U \rightarrow 1/2 \text{ & } D \rightarrow 1/2$

Rationalizability

\rightarrow Game theory assumes players are rational \rightarrow want to maximize their payoff.

		P2		
		L	M	R
		2,0	3,5	4,4
P1	U	0,3	2,1	5,2
	D			

Defⁿ: After eliminating all strategies iteratively, remaining strategies are rationalizable

In the above example:

		L	R
		2,2	0,0
		0,0	1,1
P1	U	2,2	0,0
	D	0,0	1,1

can't eliminate anyone here.
So, rational strategies are:
 $(UL); (UR);$
 $(DL); (DR);$

	L	R
J	2, 2 0, 0	0, 0 1, 1
D		

Want to find Nash eq^m.

We - P1 plays U → P2 will play L
So D → " " R

for Nash eq^m → we ~~will~~ should see which box has both terms underlined.

so here, 2 pure strategies Nash eq^m (PSNE)
(U, L) & (D, R)

(if we talk about std. Head-Tails game → we did not have any box with 2 underlined values → we had mixed strategy Nash eq^m (MSNE) there)

1, -1	-1, 1
-1, 1	1, -1

In ex 3: If $U \rightarrow p$ and $D \rightarrow 1-p$, so, MSNE will be:
If P1 plays U : $2q$ and $D : 1-q$ ⇒ $q = 1/3$ & $p = 1/3$

$E(P1)$ will be maximized when :

$$\rightarrow \text{if } q=0 \quad E(P1, U) < E(P1, D)$$

$$q=1 \quad E(P1, U) > E(P1, D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(P1) &= 2pq + (1-p)(1-q) \\ &= 3pq - (p+q) + 1 = (1-q) + p(3q-1) \end{aligned}$$

$E(P1)$ will be maximized when $q > 1/3$.

For P2 also, we'll have same as P1. (symmetric case)

To get exact value,

$$2q = 1 - q \Rightarrow q = 1/3$$



Player would want to have
similar payoff in both the cases.
(outcomes)

Now, we'll try to relate game theory with economic Model

Automobile Crisis (Demand of automobiles ↓)

ex. Maruti Suzuki cuts down its cost by 10%.

What'll happen to other companies?

Oligopoly → thinks about strategies based on game theory
(unlike earlier discussed ones)

1. Cournot Model (1838)

Assumptions :

- Firms are producing homogenous goods.
- Each firm must decide how much to produce and they decide simultaneously.

↓
strategy
- 2 firms. $i \& j$

→ The result of this model can be translated into differentiated goods -
both Horizontal & Vertical.

Market demand :

$$P(Q) = a - Q \quad , \quad Q = q_i + q_j$$

→ Total cost of firm = $c q_i$ (In multiple monopolist = $c(q_1 + q_2)$)

$$\text{Firm } i \text{ 's profit: } \pi_i = [a - (q_i + q_j) - c] q_i$$

Objective of firm \rightarrow maximize profit.
so it must choose a strategy s.t.

$$v_i(s_i^*, s_j^*) > v_i(s_i, s_j^*) \rightarrow \text{for } i^{\text{th}} \text{ player}$$

(condition for Nash eqⁿ)

↓
what I'm playing is best
strategy for me given the other
player is also playing his best strategy.

Obj: $\max v_i(s_i, s_j^*)$ strategies \rightarrow quantity but his payoff
Payoff: Profit is the profit obtained

$$\Rightarrow \max [a - (q_i + q_j^*) - c] q_i = \pi_i$$

i believes j is playing optimal strategy $\Rightarrow q_j = q_j^*$

To find q_i^* ,

$$\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial q_i} = 0 \Rightarrow (a - (q_i + q_j^* - c)) - \cancel{a} q_i = 0$$

$$q_i^* = \frac{a - c - q_j^*}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

similarly, $\frac{\partial \pi_j}{\partial q_j} = 0$

$$q_j^* = \frac{a - c - q_i^*}{2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Reaction funcⁿs

from eqⁿ (1) & (2),
 $\frac{dq_i}{dq_j} < 0$ \Rightarrow If i^{th} firm ↑ o/p, \Rightarrow strategic dependence
 j^{th} firm ↓ o/p

Reaction funcⁿs:

