

## Set - 7 :Modelling strategic conflict between nations

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### I. MODEL

Richardson's mathematical model of conflict between nations:  
 Strategic conflict between two nations is captured by the coupled equations,

$$\dot{x} = ky + g - \alpha x \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{y} = lx + h - \beta y \quad (2)$$

where  $k, g, \alpha, l, h, \beta > 0$ .

Mutual disarmament without grievance,  $g = h = 0$ . The strategic conflict between two nations is captured by the coupled equations,

$$\dot{x} = ky - \alpha x \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{y} = lx - \beta y \quad (4)$$

Under the condition of  $\alpha\beta > kl$ .

Mutual disarmament with grievance,  $g, h \neq 0$  Strategic conflict between two nations is captured by the coupled equations, with initial values of  $x(0) = y(0) = 0$ ,

$$\dot{x} = g \quad (5)$$

$$\dot{y} = h \quad (6)$$

where  $g, h > 0$ .

Unilateral disarmament, Strategic conflict between two nations is captured by the coupled equations, with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $x(0) \neq 0$ .

$$\dot{x} = g - \alpha x \quad (7)$$

$$\dot{y} = lx + h \quad (8)$$

where  $g, \alpha, l, h > 0$ .

Arms race, Strategic conflict between two nations is captured by the coupled equations, with  $\alpha = \beta = g = h = 0$ .

$$\dot{x} = ky \quad (9)$$

$$\dot{y} = lx \quad (10)$$

where  $k, l > 0$ .

### II. MUTUAL DISARMAMENT WITHOUT GRIEVANCE, $G = H = 0$

#### A. Results

Fig. 1 shows the war potential of the nations in time.

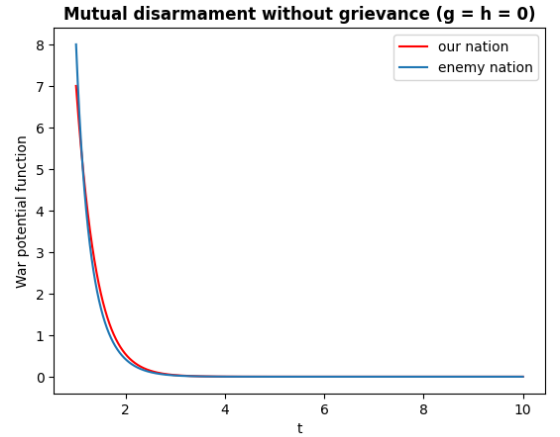


FIG. 1: Here  $x(0)=7$ ,  $y(0)=8$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $k=0.8$ ,  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{unit.}$ ,  $l=2$ .

Fig. 2 shows the war potential of nations in time with logarithmic y scale.

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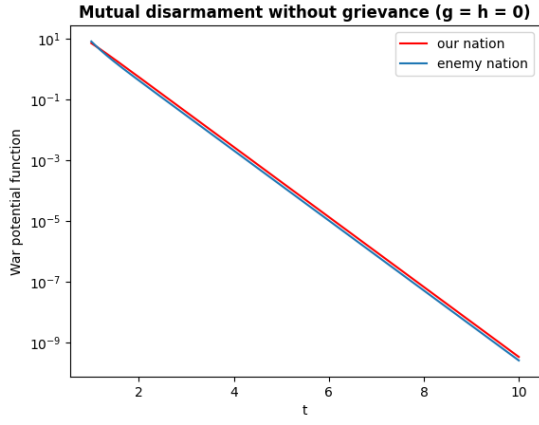


FIG. 2: Here  $x(0)=7$ ,  $y(0)=8$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $k=0.8$ ,  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit.}$ ,  $l=2$ .

Fig. 3 shows the war potential of enemy nation with respect to war potential of our nation.

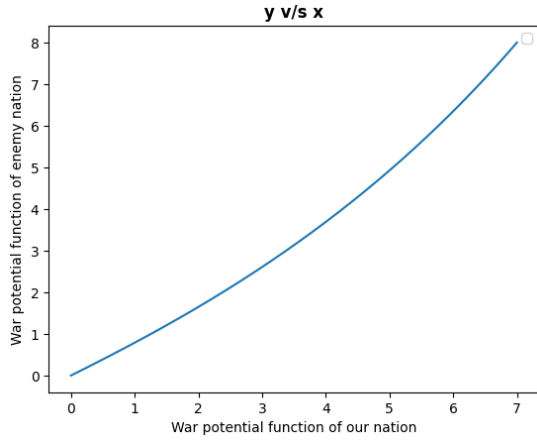


FIG. 3: Here  $x(0)=7$ ,  $y(0)=8$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $k=0.8$ ,  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit.}$ ,  $l=2$ .

### III. MUTUAL DISARMAMENT WITH GRIEVANCE, $G, H \neq 0$

#### A. Results

Fig. 4 shows the war potential of the nations in time.

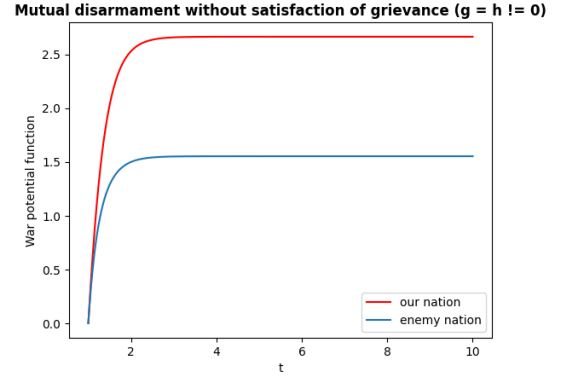


FIG. 4: Here  $x(0)=0$ ,  $y(0)=0$ ,  $\alpha = 4$ ,  $k=3$ ,  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit.}$ ,  $l=0.85$ ,  $g=6$ ,  $h=5.5$ .

Fig. 5 shows the war potential of enemy nation with respect to war potential of our nation.

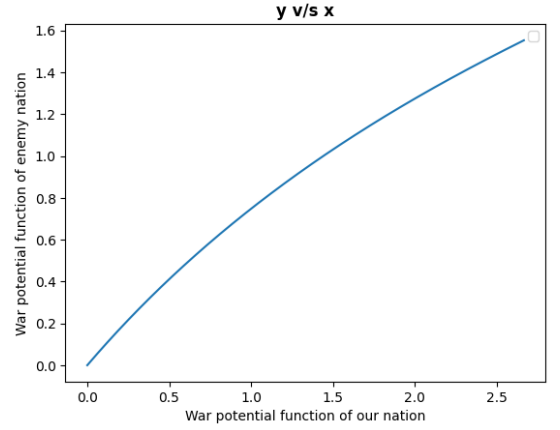


FIG. 5: Here  $x(0)=0$ ,  $y(0)=0$ ,  $\alpha = 4$ ,  $k=3$ ,  $\beta = 5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit.}$ ,  $l=0.85$ ,  $g=6$ ,  $h=5.5$ .

## IV. UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT

### A. Results

Fig. 6 shows the war potential of the enemy nation with respect to time.

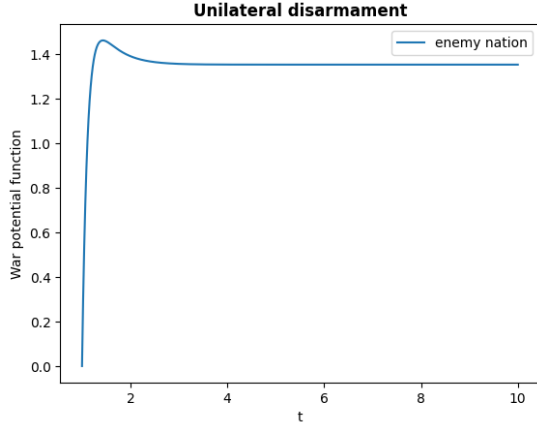


FIG. 6: Here  $x(0)=4$ ,  $y(0)=0$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $k=2$ ,  $\beta = 7$ ,  $l=2$ ,  $g=4$ ,  $h=5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit}$ .

## V. ARMS RACE

### A. Results

Fig. 7 shows the war potential of the nations in time.

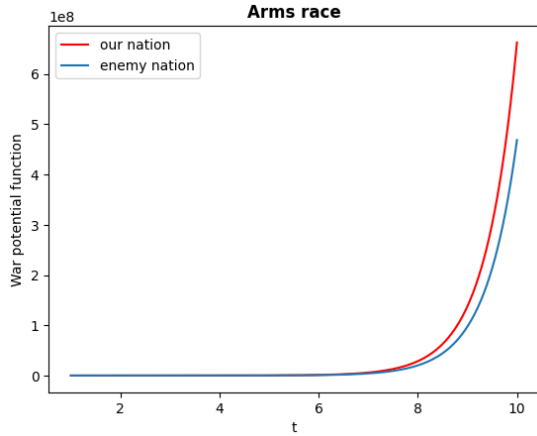


FIG. 7: Here  $x(0)=250$ ,  $y(0)=500$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $k=2$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $l=1$ ,  $g=0$ ,  $h=0$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit}$ .

Fig. 8 shows war potential of nations wrt time with logarithmic y scale.

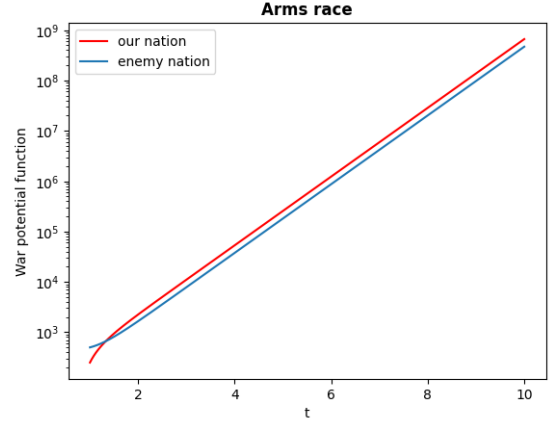


FIG. 8: Here  $x(0)=250$ ,  $y(0)=500$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $k=2$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $l=1$ ,  $g=0$ ,  $h=0$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit}$ .

Fig. 9 shows the war potential of the enemy nation with respect to the war potential of our nation.

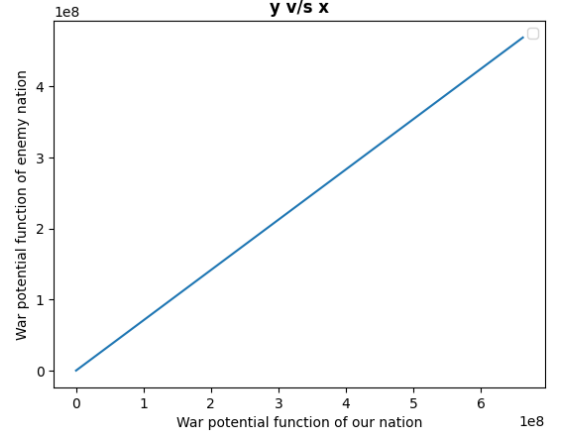


FIG. 9: Here  $x(0)=250$ ,  $y(0)=500$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $k=2$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $l=1$ ,  $g=0$ ,  $h=0$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.0001 \text{ unit}$ .

## VI. SALIENT FEATURES:

1. For mutual disarmament without grievance, if  $\alpha \beta > kl$  and the initial values are zero, then peace prevails all the time.
2. For arms race, whenever  $x$  grows  $y$  tend to grow

with it and same happens for  $x$ .

3. For unilateral disarmament, the nation whose initial value of weaponry is zero grows with the time.