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Game Theory Basics



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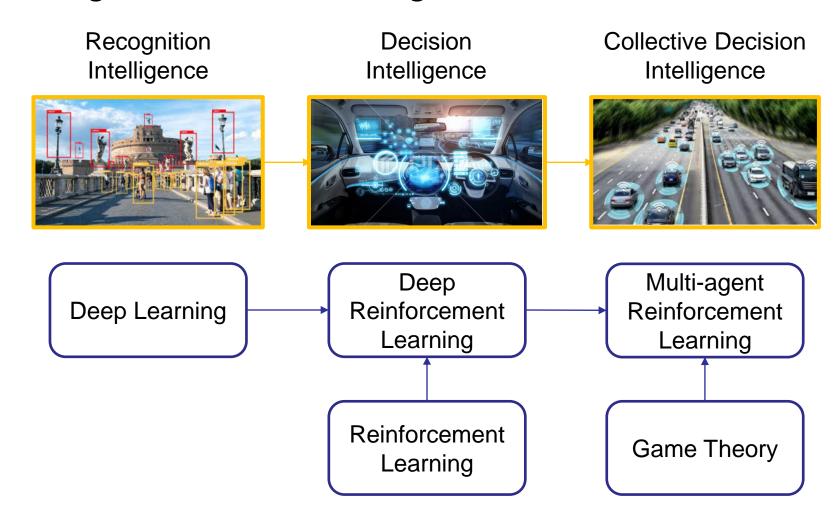
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Collective Decision Intelligence

Progress of Artificial Intelligence



Games in Reality



Rock, Scissors, Paper



Chess



Auction



Poker

History of Game Theory

1934, Stackelberg,Stackelberg Equilibrium[1]1950, Nash,Mixed Nash Equilibrium[2]

1967, **Harsanyi**, Bayesian Nash Equilibrium in Bayesian game[5] 1994, Papadimitriou, PPAD[8]

1951, Brown,Fictitious Play in Repeated game[3]1965, Selten,Subgame Perfect Equilibrium in Extensive-form Game[4]

1973, Smith & Price,Evolutional Game Theory[6]1974, Aumann,Correlated Equilibrium[7]

Till now, 18 game theorists received **Nobel Prize in Economics!**

Elements of Game

- Players $N = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$
 - $N = \{1,2\}$
- Strategies (actions) $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n \times A_n$
 - $A_1 = \{R, S, P\}$
 - $A_2 = \{R, S, P\}$



- Payoff (utility) $u = (u_1, u_2, ..., u_n), u_i: A \to \mathbb{R}$
 - $u_1: A_1 \times A_2 \to \mathbb{R}$
 - $u_2: A_1 \times A_2 \to \mathbb{R}$

Normal-form Game

Column Player Payoff Matrix **Actions** S R 1, -1 -1, 1 R 0, 0 **Row Player** -1, 1 0, 0 1, -1 **Actions** 1, -1 -1, 1 0, 0

More than 2 players

| _ | | p_1 | p_2 | p_3 |
|---------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| loint | R, R, R | 0 | -1 | 1 |
| Joint Actions | R, R, S | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | |

Rationality of Players

- Self-interested
 - Preference over game outcome
 - E.g. (paper, rock) is better than (rock, paper) for row player
- Utility
 - Utility of (paper, rock) is 1
 - Utility of (rock, paper) is -1
- Objective
 - Act to maximize (expected) utility

Pure Strategy and Mixed Strategy

Pure Strategy

- $a_1 \in A_1 = \{Heads, Tails\}$
- $a_2 \in A_2 = \{Heads, Tails\}$

Matching Pennies

| | Heads | Tails |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Heads | 1, -1 | -1, 1 |
| Tails | -1, 1 | 1, -1 |

- Mixed Strategy: Probability Distribution over Pure Strategy
 - $a_1 = (x_H, x_T), x_H \in [0,1], x_T \in [0,1], x_H + x_T = 1$
 - $a_2 = (y_H, y_T), y_H \in [0,1], y_T \in [0,1], y_H + y_T = 1$
- Expected Utility
 - $EU_1 = x_H y_H u_1(H, H) + x_H y_T u_1(H, T) + x_T y_H u_1(T, H) + x_T y_T u_1(T, T)$
 - $EU_2 = x_H y_H u_2(H, H) + x_H y_T u_2(H, T) + x_T y_H u_2(T, H) + x_T y_T u_2(T, T)$
- Example
 - $a_1 = (0.1, 0.9), a_2 = (0.3, 0.7)$
 - $EU_1 = 0.32, EU_2 = -0.32$

Classic Games

Zero-sum Game

•
$$u_1(a) + u_2(a) = 0, \forall a \in A$$

Cooperative Game

•
$$u_i(a) = u_j(a), \forall a \in A, i, j \in N$$

Coordination Game

Multiple Nash Equilibria Exist

• Social Dilemma [9]

Everyone suffers in an NE

Matching Pennies

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| Tails | -1, 1 | 1, -1 |

Road Selection

| | Left | Right |
|-------|------|-------|
| Left | 1, 1 | 0, 0 |
| Right | 0, 0 | 1, 1 |

Battle of Sex

| | Party | Home |
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| Party | 10, 5 | 0, 0 |
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Prisoner's Dilemma

| | Cooperate | Defect |
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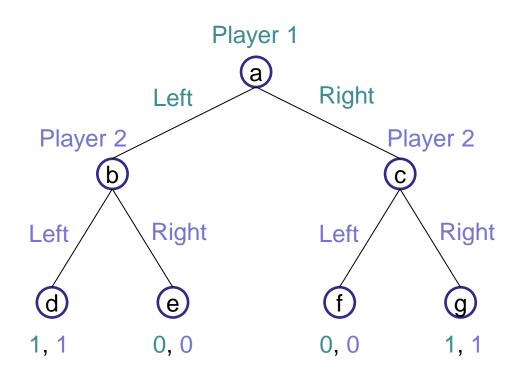
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Extensive-form Game

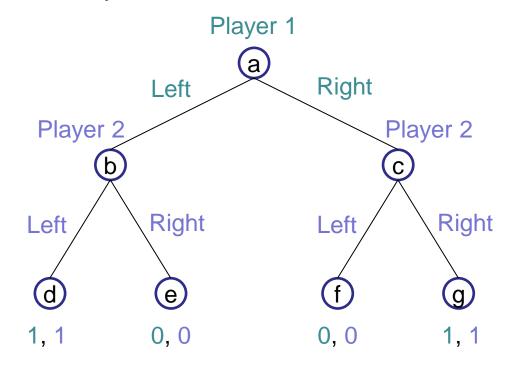
Game Tree

- Node: decision point for a specified player
- Edge: action decided by the player
- Leaf: outcome of the game with payoff



Strategies in Extensive-form Game

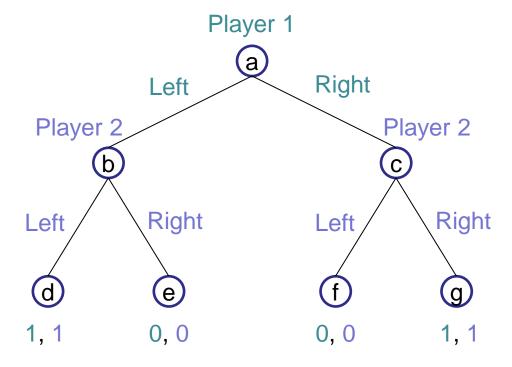
- Strategy Space
 - Player 1: {Left, Right}
 - Player 2: {(Left, Left), (Left, Right), (Right, Left), (Right, Right)}
 action in every node



Extensive-form vs. Normal-form

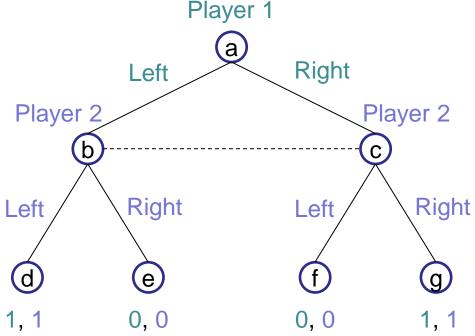
Equivalent Normal-form Game

| | (Left, Left) | (Left, Right) | (Right, Left) | (Right, Right) |
|-------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Left | 1, 1 | 1, 1 | 0, 0 | 0, 0 |
| Right | 0, 0 | 1, 1 | 0, 0 | 1, 1 |



Imperfect Information

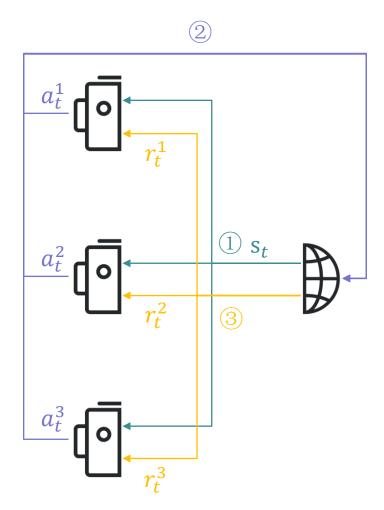
- Imperfect Information Game
 - Some historical actions are invisible by other players
- Information Set
 - A set containing undistinguishable states, e.g. {b, c} is an information set for player 2
- Strategy Space
 - Player 1: {Left, Right}
 - Player 2: {Left, Right}
 action in every
 information set



Markov Game (or Stochastic Game)

Game Definition

- State space S
- Action space $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n$
- Transition function $p: S \times A \rightarrow S$
- Reward function $r: S \times A \to \mathbb{R}^n$
- Behavioral Strategy
 - Policy $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Properties
 - Simultaneous action (Normal-form)
 - Multiple step/state (Extensive-form)
 - Immediate reward
 - Randomness
 - Cycle



Interaction at time-step t

Summary of Strategy Representation

| | Static Game (Single Step/state) | Dynamic Game (Multiple step/state) |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Pure Strategy | $a_i \in A_i$ | $\pi_i: S \to A_i \text{ or } \pi_i \in A_i^S$ |
| Mixed Strategy | $a_i: A_i \to [0,1]$ | $\pi_i : A_i^S \to [0,1]$ |
| Behavioral Strategy | $a_i: A_i \to [0,1]$ | $\pi_i: S \times A_i \to [0,1]$ |

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Motivation: Auction

Game Definition

- Players has private value v_1 , v_2
- Players decide biddings b_1 , b_2
- Player i with higher bidding b_i has utility $v_i b_i$
- The other player has utility 0
- Uncertainty of Private Value
 - $v_1 = 4, v_2 = 4$
 - $b_1 \in \{1,3\}, b_2 \in \{2,4\}$

| • | v_1 | = | 4, | v_2 | = | 5 |
|---|-------|---|----|-------|---|---|
|---|-------|---|----|-------|---|---|

•
$$b_1 \in \{1,3\}, b_2 \in \{2,4\}$$

| | $b_2 = 2$ | $b_2 = 4$ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $b_1 = 1$ | 0, 2 | 0, 0 |
| $b_1 = 3$ | 1, 0 | 0, 0 |

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Players don't know the exact payoff matrix of the game!

Incomplete Information

- Recall the Elements of a Game
 - Players $N = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$
 - Action space $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n$
 - Payoff functions $u = (u_1, u_2, ..., u_n), u_i: A \to \mathbb{R}$
- Incomplete Information Game
 - Players know: N and A
 - Players don't completely know: u
 - Criteria: whether players have private information when game starts
- Example
 - Auction
 - Mahjong
 - Werewolves of Miller's Hollow

Bayesian Game

- Basic Idea
 - Payoff function p_i is unknown, but the distribution of p_i is known
- Elements of Bayesian Game
 - Players $N = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$, action space $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times ... \times A_n$
 - Player type space $\Theta = \Theta_1 \times \Theta_2 \times \cdots \times \Theta_n$
 - Distribution over types $d: \Theta \rightarrow [0,1]$
 - Payoff functions $u = (u_1, u_2, ..., u_n), u_i : \Theta \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Strategy
 - Pure strategy π_i : $\Theta_i \rightarrow A_i$
 - Mixed strategy $\pi_i: \Theta_i \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Example
 - $\Theta_1 = \{4\}, \Theta_2 = \{4,5\}$
 - d(4,4) = 0.3, d(4,5) = 0.7

| v_2 | = | 4 |
|-------|-----|---|
| | 0.3 |) |

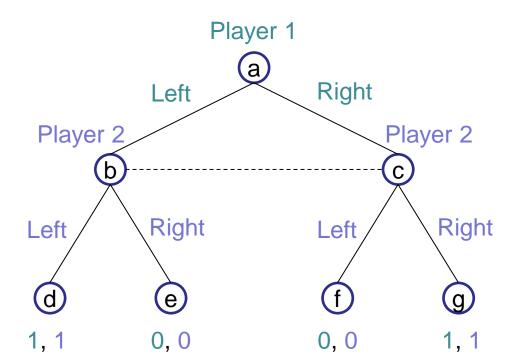
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$$v_2 = 5$$
 0.7

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Dynamic Bayesian Game

- Belief System in Imperfect Information Extensive-form Game
 - Distribution over the states in an information set $b_i: S \to [0,1]$
- Strategy
 - Pure strategy $\pi_i: S \to A_i$
 - Behavioral strategy $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$



Summary of Game Representation

| | | Complete | Incomplete | |
|---------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Static | | Normal-form Game, e.g. Prisoner's Dilemma | Bayesian Game, e.g. Auction | |
| Dynamic | Perfect | Extensive-form Game, e.g. Chess | Texas Hold'em Poker | |
| | Imperfect | StarCraft | Mahjong | |

Dynamic Bayesian game

- Harsanyi Transformation
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Game Solution Reasoning

- Best Response (BR)
 - Given $a_{-i} \in A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1} \times A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n$
 - a_i is best response to $a_{-i} \Leftrightarrow u_i(a_i, a_{-i}) \ge u_i(a_i', a_{-i}), \forall a_i' \in A_i$
- Dominant Strategy (DS)
 - a_i is dominant strategy \Leftrightarrow Given any a_{-i} , a_i is best response
- Example

Prisoner's Dilemma

| | Cooperate (C) | Defect (D) |
|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Cooperate (C) | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| Defect (D) | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

Game Solution Concept: Nash Equilibrium

Definition

• A joint strategy (or strategy profile) $a \in A$ is a Nash Equilibrium $\Leftrightarrow a_i$ is best response to a_{-i} holds for every player i

Example

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Pareto Optimality vs. Nash Equilibrium

- Pareto Optimality (PO)
 - A joint strategy (or strategy profile) $a \in A$ achieves Pareto optimality $\Leftrightarrow \exists a' \in A \text{ s.t.}(1) \forall i, u_i(a') \geq u_i(a), (2) \exists i, u_i(a') > u_i(a)$
 - A Pareto optimality is not necessarily a Nash equilibrium
 - A Nash equilibrium is not necessarily a Pareto optimality

| | Chicker | 1 | 5 | stag Hur | ìτ | Prisor | ier's Dile | emma |
|---|---------|------|---|----------|------|--------|------------|------|
| | С | D | | С | D | | С | D |
| С | 3, 3 | 1, 4 | С | 3, 3 | 0, 2 | С | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| D | 4, 1 | 0, 0 | D | 2, 0 | 1, 1 | D | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

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C-D is PO and NE

D-D is NE but not PO C-C is PO but not NE

Mixed-Strategy Nash Equilibrium

Definition

- A mixed-strategy profile $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n), a_i \in PD(A_i)$ is a Nash Equilibrium $\Leftrightarrow a_i$ is best response to a_{-i} holds for every player i
- Example (Rock-Scissors-Paper)

•
$$a_1 = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}), a_2 = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$$

•
$$EU_1(a_1, a_2) = 0 \ge EU_1(a_1', a_2) = 0, \forall a_1' \in A_1$$

•
$$EU_2(a_1, a_2) = 0 \ge EU_2(a_1, a_2') = 0, \forall a_2' \in A_2$$

| | | 1/3 | $^{1}/_{3}$ | 1/3 |
|---------------|---|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1. | | R | S | Р |
| $^{1}/_{3}$ | R | 0, 0 | 1, -1 | -1, 1 |
| $^{1}/_{3}$ | S | -1, 1 | 0, 0 | 1, -1 |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | Р | 1, -1 | -1, 1 | 0, 0 |

Nash Equilibrium in Extensive-form Game

Incredible Threat

| | (Left, Left) | (Left, Right) | (Right, Left) | (Right, Right) |
|-------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Left | 1, 4 ? | 1, 4 | 2, 2 | 2, 2 |
| Right | 0, 0 | 3, 3 | 0, 0 | 3, 3 ? |

Player 1

Left Right

Player 2

C

Right

Right

A

Right

Right

Right

Right

Right

Right

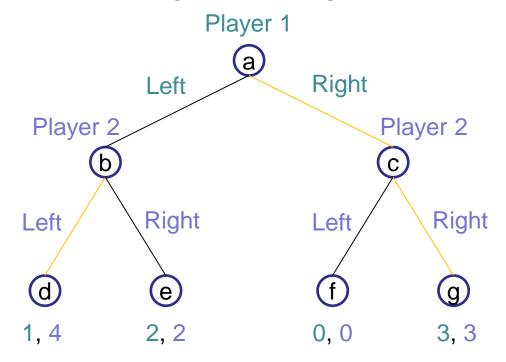
Right

Right

Right

Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium (SPNE)

- Definition
 - An NE is SPNE ⇔ the NE holds in every subgame
- Solution
 - Backward induction: Right (Left, Right)



Bayesian Nash Equilibrium

Recall Bayesian Game

- Player type space $\Theta = \Theta_1 \times \Theta_2 \times \cdots \times \Theta_n$
- Distribution over types $d: \Theta \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Payoff functions $u = (u_1, u_2, ..., u_n), u_i : \Theta \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Strategy in Bayesian Game

- Pure strategy $\pi_i: \Theta_i \to A_i$
- Mixed strategy $\pi_i: \Theta_i \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$

Bayesian Nash Equilibrium (BNE)

- Assume each player i knows her own type $\theta_i \in \Theta_i$
- Set expected utility $\mathbb{E}[u_i|\pi,\theta] = \sum_{a \in A} (\prod_{j \in N} \pi_j(\theta_j,a_j) u_i(a,\theta))$
- π is BNE $\Leftrightarrow \pi_i \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi_i}$, $\sum_{\theta_{-i} \in \Theta_{-i}} d(\theta_i, \theta_{-i}) \mathbb{E}[u_i | \pi_i', \pi_{-i}, \theta_i, \theta_{-i}]$ holds for each player i with her own type θ_i

Bayesian Nash Equilibrium: Example

Auction

•
$$A_1 = \{1,3\}, A_2 = \{2,4\}, \Theta_1 = \{4\}, \Theta_2 = \{4,5\}, d(4,4) = 0.3, d(4,5) = 0.7$$

Strategy

•
$$\pi_1(4,1) = x, \pi_1(4,3) = 1 - x$$

•
$$\pi_2(4,2) = y_1, \pi_2(4,4) = 1 - y_1$$

•
$$\pi_2(5.2) = y_2, \pi_2(5.4) = 1 - y_2$$

| v_2 | = | 4 |
|-------|-----|---|
| (|) 3 | |

| | $b_2 = 2$ | $b_2 = 4$ |
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Equilibrium

•
$$\mathbb{E}[u_1|\pi_1,\pi_2,4,4] = (1-x)y_1$$

•
$$\mathbb{E}[u_1|\pi_1,\pi_2,4,5] = (1-x)y_2$$

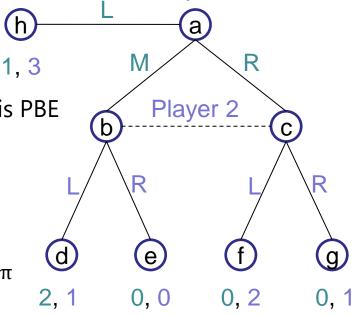
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- $\mathbb{E}[u_2|\pi_1,\pi_2,4,4] = 3xy_1 + x(1-y_1) + (1-x)(1-y_1)$
- $\mathbb{E}[u_2|\pi_1,\pi_2,4,5] = 2xy_2$
- (x, y_1, y_2) satisfies $x = \operatorname{argmax}_x 0.3(1 x)y_1 + 0.7(1 x)y_2$ and $y_1 = \operatorname{argmax}_{y_1} 3xy_1 + x(1 y_1) + (1 x)(1 y_1)$ and $y_2 = \operatorname{argmax}_{y_2} 2xy_2$

Perfect Bayesian (Nash) Equilibrium

- Motivation
 - SPNE is not enough for some imperfect information game
 - Example: (L,R) is an SPNE but is incredible
- Recall Dynamic Bayesian Game
 - Belief function $b_i: S \to [0,1]$
 - Behavioral strategy $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Perfect Bayesian Equilibrium (PBE) [10]
 - A strategy profile π with a belief system b is PBE
 - Sequential rationality
 - Each player has best expected utility in each information set following b and π
 - Consistency of beliefs with Strategies
 - Beliefs b are correct according to strategies π



Player 1

Summary of Nash Equilibrium

| | | Complete | Incomplete |
|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sta | ntic | Nash Equilibrium | Bayesian Nash Equilibrium |
| Dynamic | Perfect | Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium | Perfect Bayesian Nash Equilibrium |
| | Imperfect | | |

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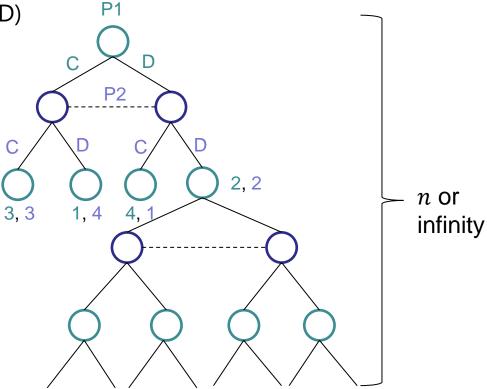
Repeated Game

- Definition
 - A normal-form game is played over and again by the same players
 - The game repeated in each period is referred to as the stage game
- Example

Iterated Prisoners' Dilemma (IPD)

Reward: average or discounted

• Memory: perfect recall



Memory

- Historical Behavior
 - At stage t, the action profile is a_t
 - Each player remembers the action profiles at last k stages
 - We say the players have *k*-memory
- Relation to Markov Game
 - Memory is regarded as state

| 1-memory | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | | m | | | |
| P1 | O | O | D | | D | | | |
| P2 | D | D | С | | O | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Pn | D | С | D | | С | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

as state

k-memory

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | m |
|----|---|---|---|-------|
| P1 | С | С | D | D |
| P2 | D | D | С | С |
| | | | | |
| Pn | D | С | D | C |



Tit-for-tat

- Idea [11]
 - The Tit-for-tat strategy copies what the other player previously choose.
 - Nice: start by cooperating.
 - Clear: be easy to understand and adapt to.
 - Provocable: retaliate against anti-social behavior.
 - Forgiving: cooperate when faced with pro-social play.

| | С | D |
|---|------|------|
| С | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| D | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

Prisoner's Dilemma

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|----|---|---|---|---|--|
| P1 | O | O | O | O | |
| P2 | С | С | С | C | |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|----|---|---|---|---|--|
| P1 | С | D | С | D | |
| P2 | D | С | D | С | |

cooperate by playing strategy (C,C)

payoff =
$$2 + 2\gamma + 2\gamma^2 + 2\gamma^3 + \dots = 2\frac{\gamma^n - 1}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{2}{1 - \gamma}$$

a player deviates to defecting (D)

payoff =
$$3 + 0\gamma + 3\gamma^2 + 0\gamma^3 + \dots = \frac{3}{1 - \gamma^2}$$

Win-stay, lose-shift

| | С | D |
|---|------|------|
| С | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| D | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

- Idea [12]
 - Repeat if it was rewarded by 2 or 3

Prisoner's Dilemma

- Shift if it was punished by 0 or 1
- Advantage: tolerant, one round of mutual defection followed by a return to cooperation
- Disadvantage: fares poorly against inveterate defectors

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|----|---|---|---|---|--|
| P1 | С | D | С | С | |
| P2 | D | D | С | С | |

P2 deviates to defecting(D) initially

Payoff >
$$\frac{3}{1 - \gamma^2}$$

P2 is an inveterate defectors

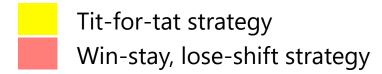
payoff₁ = 2 + 0
$$\gamma$$
 + 1 γ ² + 0 γ ³ + ... = $\frac{1\gamma}{1 - \gamma^2}$ + 1
payoff₂ = 2 + 3 γ + 1 γ ² + 3 γ ³ + ... = $\frac{1 + 3\gamma}{1 - \gamma^2}$ + 1

Strategies in Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma

| | С | D |
|---|------|------|
| С | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| D | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

Prisoner's Dilemma

| Action profile at time t | | Player 1 strategies at time $t+1$ with 1-memory | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $(a_1, a_2) = (C, C)$ | С | С | O | C | С | С | O | С | D | D | D | D | Δ | D | D | D |
| $(a_1, a_2) = (C, D)$ | С | С | O | C | D | D | D | D | C | O | С | O | Δ | D | D | D |
| $(a_1, a_2) = (D, C)$ | С | С | D | D | С | С | D | D | С | С | D | D | С | С | D | D |
| $(a_1, a_2) = (D, D)$ | С | D | С | D | С | D | С | D | С | D | С | D | С | D | С | D |



Folk Theorem

- Game Setting
 - n-player infinitely-repeated game G = (N, A, u) with average reward
- Enforceable
 - A payoff profile r is **enforceable** if $r_i \ge v_i$, $v_i = \min_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} \max_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_{-i}, s_i)$
- Feasible
 - A payoff profile r is **feasible** if there exist rational, non-negative values α_a such that for all i, we can express r_i as $\sum_{a \in A} \alpha_a u_i(a)$, with $\sum_{a \in A} \alpha_a = 1$
- Folk Theorem
 - r is **feasible** and **enforceable** \Rightarrow r is the payoff in some Nash equilibrium

| | O | D |
|---|------|------|
| С | 2, 2 | 0, 3 |
| D | 3, 0 | 1, 1 |

Prisoner's Dilemma

$$(v_1, v_2) = (1, 1)$$

(-1, -1) is not enforceable, not feasible
(0.5, 2) is not enforceable, **feasible**
(5, 5) is **enforceable**, not feasible
(2, 2) is **enforceable**, **feasible**

Fictitious Play

Definition

• Each player plays a best response to **assessed** strategy of the opponent and observe the opponent's actual play and update **beliefs**.

Matching Pennies

| | Heads | Tails |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Heads | 1, -1 | -1, 1 |
| Tails | -1, 1 | 1, -1 |

| Round | 1's action | 2's action | 1's beliefs | 2's beliefs |
|-------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0 | | | (1.5, 2) | (2, 1.5) |
| 1 | Т | Т | (1.5, 3) | (2, 2.5) |
| 2 | Т | Н | (2.5, 3) | (2, 3.5) |
| 3 | Т | Н | (3.5 , 3) | (2, 4.5) |
| 4 | Н | Н | (4.5, 3) | (3, 4.5) |
| | | | | |

Convergence of Fictitious Play

- Fictitious Play → Convergence
 - Each of the following are a sufficient conditions for the empirical frequencies of play to converge in fictitious play:
 - The game is zero sum;
 - The game is solvable by iterated elimination of strictly dominated strategies;
 - The game is a potential game;
 - The game is 2 n and has generic payoffs.
- Convergence → Nash Equilibrium
 - If the empirical distribution of each player's strategies converges in fictitious play, then it converges to a Nash equilibrium.
- Results in Extensive-form Game with Imperfect Information
 - Fictitious self-play converges to approximate Nash equilibrium [13]
 - AlphaStar for StarCraft [14]

No-regret Learning

- Regret
 - Let a^t be the action profile played at time t
 - Regret of player i for not playing action a'_i at time t is $R^t(a'_i) = u_i(a'_i, a^t_{-i}) u_i(a^t)$
 - Regret cumulated from time 1 to T is $CR^{T}(a'_{i})\sum_{t=1}^{T}R^{t}(a'_{i})$
- Regret Matching
 - At each time step, each action is chosen with probability proportional to its cumulated regret: $\sigma_i^{t+1}(a_i) = \frac{CR^t(a_i)}{\sum_{a_i' \in A_i} CR^t(a_i')}$
 - Converge to correlated equilibrium
- No-regret learning in Extensive-form Game
 - Counterfactual Regret Minimization (CFR)
 - DeepStack for Texas Hold'em poker [15]

Two Views of Repeated Game

- A Special Case of Markov Game
 - Consider repeated normal-form game
 - Stage can be regarded as step in Markov game
 - State can be defined by memory (historical action profiles)
- A General Framework for All Kinds of Game
 - Extensive-form, Bayesian, Markov games can also be repeated
 - Theorems for repeated game can be extended to any-form games
 - Repeated Markov game is the setting for reinforcement learning

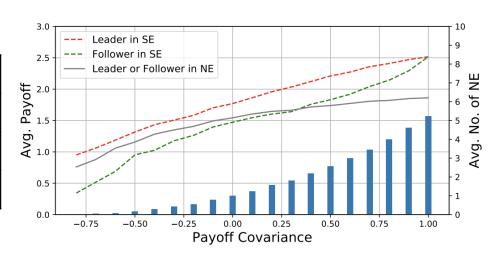
Outline

- Motivation and Normal-form Game
- Extensive-form Game and Imperfect Information
- Bayesian Game and Incomplete Information
- Nash Equilibrium and Variants
- Repeated Game and Learning Methods
- Alternate Solution Concepts and Evolutionary Game Theory

Stackelberg Equilibrium

- Stackelberg Game
 - A leader moves first
 - The **follower(s)** move after the leader
- Equilibrium
 - Perfect subgame Nash equilibrium
- Compared with Nash Equilibrium
 - Order is good in highly cooperative games
 - Bi-level Actor-critic RL [16]

| | X | Y | Z |
|---|--------|-------|-------|
| Α | 20, 15 | 0, 0 | 0, 0 |
| В | 30, 0 | 10, 5 | 0, 0 |
| С | 0, 0 | 0, 0 | 5, 10 |



Correlated Equilibrium

- Motivation
 - Equilibrium selection
- Basic Idea
 - Introduce a public signal

Battle of Sex

| | Party | Home |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Party | 10, 5 | 0, 0 |
| Home | 0, 0 | 5, 10 |

- Sample from a probability distribution over action profiles
- Each player is informed with her own action
- No player has incentive to deviate
- Example
 - Pr[(Party, Party)]=0.5
 - Pr[(Home, Home)]=0.5
 - Pr[(Home, Party)]=0
 - Pr[(Party, Home)]=0

Evolutional Game Theory

Motivation

- Nash equilibrium is static, the dynamic of strategy is not described
- Players are not fully rational
- Basic Idea
 - Strategy is inherent and player can not select strategy by herself
 - Player with high payoff is has more chance to be reproduced
- Evolutionary Stable Strategy (ESS)
 - If almost every member of the population follows a strategy, no mutant (that is, an individual who adopts a novel strategy) can successfully invade.

Ref: https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/game-evolutionary/

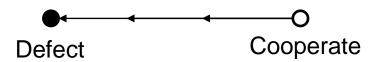
Replicator Dynamics

Definition

- $\dot{x}_i = x_i [f_i(x) \phi(x)], \phi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j f_j(x)$
- x is distribution of types(strategies) over the population
- $f_i(x)$ is the fitness for type i in population x
- $\varphi(x)$ is the average fitness of the population

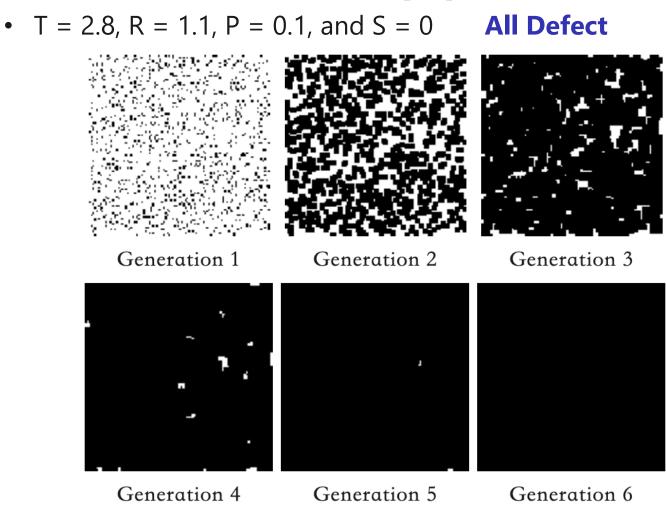
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Prisoner's Dilemma



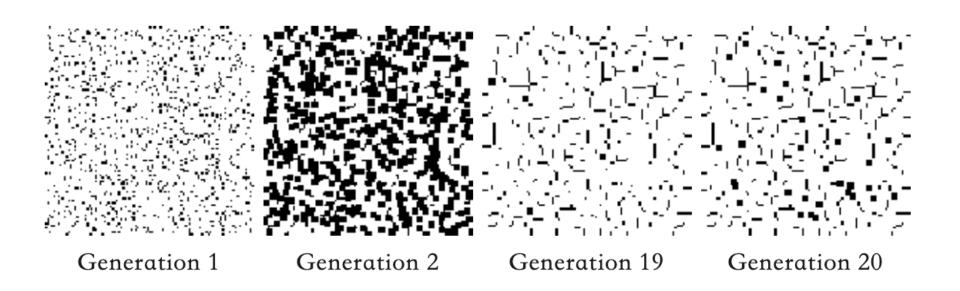
Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

On a local interaction model [17]



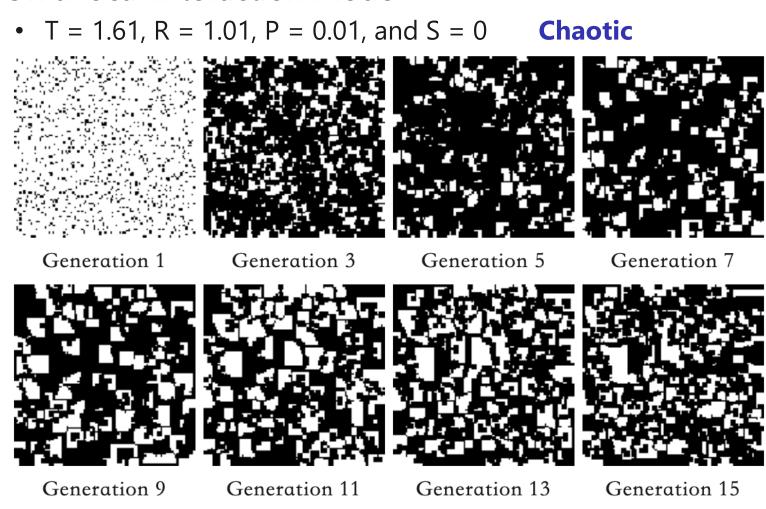
Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

- On a local interaction model
 - T = 1.2, R = 1.1, P = 0.1, and S = 0 **Cooperate**

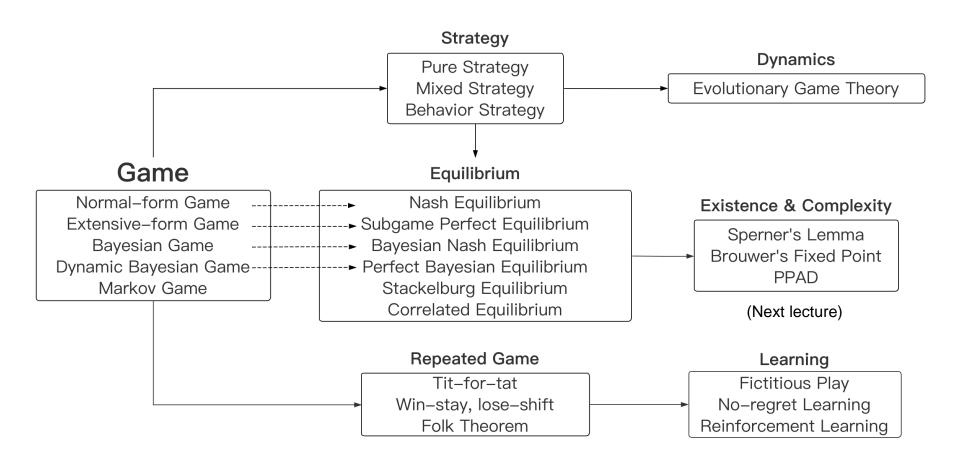


Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

On a local interaction model



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