

- 5 questions:

- (1) (Discrete) game tree: count information sets, pure strategies, subgames, etc.
- (2) (Discrete) game tree: find SPE and Pure Strategy Nash equilibria.
- (3) SPE in Stackelberg-style game: player 1 chooses  $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , player 2 sees  $a_1$ , then chooses  $a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Strategy for Player 1:  $a_1^*$
  - Strategy for Player 2:  $a_2(a_1^*)$  (best response function)
- (4) Repeated games: given a stage game  $G$ , find
  - SPE in finitely repeated game  $G(T, \delta)$ .
  - In  $G(\infty, \delta)$ , find  $\delta$  for which grim trigger is a SPE.
  - Conceptual: limited punishment, Folk Theorem.
- (5) Bargaining: given a strategy, and a given player, examine
  - Proposer node:
    - \* Find payoff from following
    - \* Find payoff from deviating (offer less to other)
  - Responder to  $z$ :
    - \* Find payoff from accepting ( $z$ )
    - \* Find payoff from rejecting — accept any  $z$  at least as large as this value

**Positive Externality Repeated Game:** Consider a game with effort  $x_i$  and payoff

$$v_i = \left(16 - x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_j\right) x_i - 4x_i$$

The Unique Nash Equilibrium for this game is  $x_1 = x_2 = 8$ , where  $v_1 = v_2 = 64$ . However, the social optimum is  $x_1 = x_2 = 12$ , where  $v_1 = v_2 = 72$ .

- (a)  $G(T, \delta)$ , where  $T$  is finite: there must be only one SPE — playing the Nash equilibrium in every stage game. Therefore, it is not possible to play (12, 12) in any period of a SPE.
- (b)  $G(\infty, \delta)$  with grim trigger:
  - Deviation in past  $\Rightarrow$  play Nash equilibrium  $\Rightarrow$  no incentive to deviate.
  - No deviation in past:
    - Discounted Average Payoff from follow: 72
    - Discounted Average Payoff from deviation:

$$BR_i(12) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$18 - 2x_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 9$$

$$v_1 = 81$$

Payoff from Deviation:

$$\bar{v}_1 = (1 - \delta) \left( \overbrace{81 + 64\delta + 64\delta^2 + \dots}^{\text{grim trigger payoffs}} \right)$$

$$= 81(1 - \delta) + 64\delta$$

$$72 \geq 81(1 - \delta) + 64\delta$$

$$17\delta \geq 9$$

$$\delta \geq \frac{9}{17}$$

- (c) If the punishment period was shorter, would need future punishment to be weighted more, meaning  $\delta$  would need to be higher.