



Microeconomics III: Problem Set 7^a

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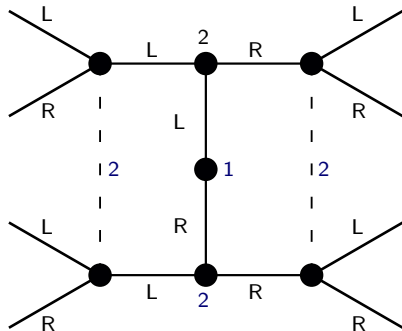
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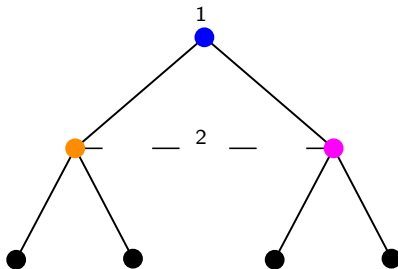
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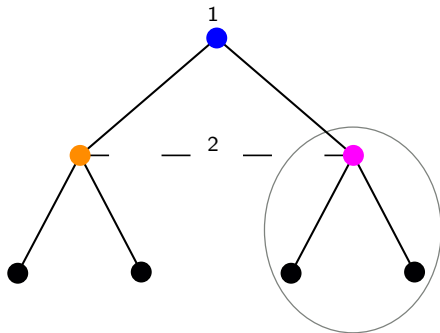
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The purple decision node to the right is not a singleton information set (nor is the orange decision node to the left).

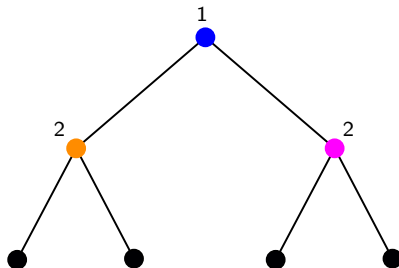
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Example of violation of the first part of condition 2:



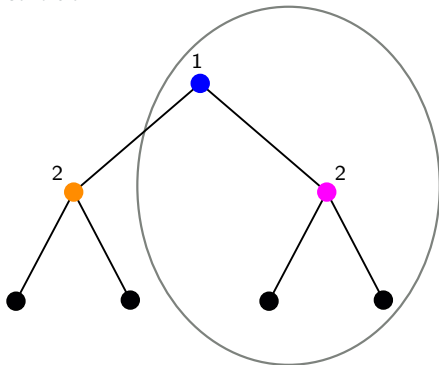
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For a subgame containing the blue decision node n , all following decision nodes must be included.

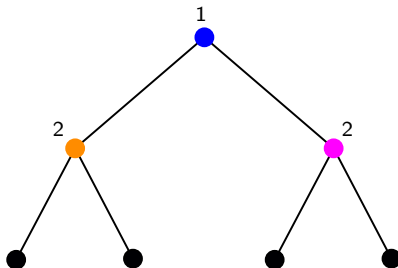
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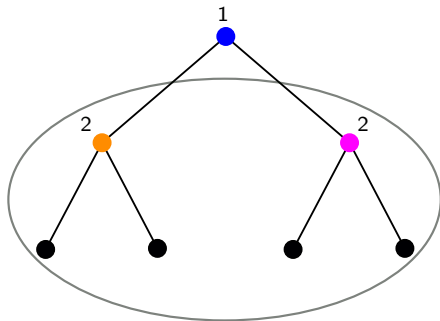
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Regardless of whether the orange or the purple node is chosen as the first decision node n , the other decision node does not follow n , and therefore cannot be part of the subgame.

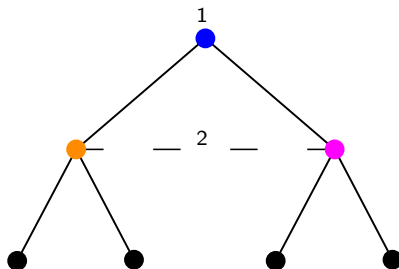
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2. It includes all following decision and terminal nodes following n in the game tree, but no nodes that do not follow n .
3. It does not "cut" any information set: if a decision node n' follows n in the game tree, then all other nodes in the information set including n' must also follow n (and so be included in the subgame).

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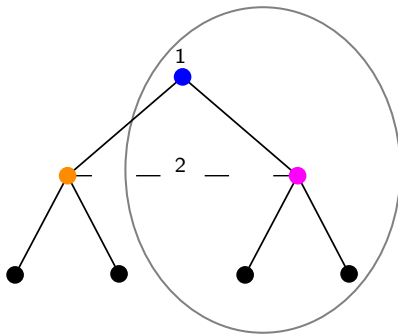
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The orange decision node to the left is part of the same information set as the purple node to the right, so it must be included in the same subgame.

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**PS7, Ex. 8: Trigger strategy
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The next exercises use the following game G :

	L	M	H
L	10, 10	3, 15	0, 7
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Suppose that the Players play the infinitely repeated game $G(\infty)$ and that they would like to support as a SPNE the 'collusive' outcome in which (L, L) is played every round.

- (a) Define a trigger strategy which delivers the collusive outcome in every period where no deviation has been made, and gives (x_1, x_2) forever after a deviation.
- (b) A necessary (but not sufficient) condition for a SPNE is $x_1 = x_2 = M$. Explain why.
- (c) Suppose $\delta = 4/7$. Show by finding a profitable deviation that the above trigger strategy is not a SPNE.

PS7, Ex. 8.a: Trigger strategy (infinitely repeated game)

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Information so far:

1. Trigger strategy for Player $i \in 1, 2$:
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PS7, Ex. 8.b: Trigger strategy (infinitely repeated game)

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For a trigger strategy to constitute a SPNE, the threat of (eternal and unchangeable) punishment must be credible, i.e. must be a stage game NE.

Thus, $x_1 = x_2 = M$ is a necessary (but not sufficient) condition for the trigger strategies to constitute a SPNE.

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Player i 's payoffs from playing ODS:

$$15 + \sum_{t=2}^{\infty} 7\delta^{t-1} = 15 + \frac{7\delta}{1-\delta}$$

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$$U_i \left(ODS, TS; \delta = \frac{4}{7} \right) > U_i \left(TS, TS; \delta = \frac{4}{7} \right)$$

$$15 + \frac{7 \frac{4}{7}}{1 - \frac{4}{7}} > \frac{10}{1 - \frac{4}{7}}$$

$$\frac{73}{3} > \frac{70}{3}$$

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**PS7, Ex. 9: Optimal Punishment
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We continue analyzing $G(\infty)$. As in ~~Lecture 8~~ (Lecture 6, slides 50-68), consider the strategy profile (OP, OP) , where OP stands for optimal punishment...

[See the lecture slides and the full description of the exercise in the problem set.]

Stage game G :

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PS7, Ex. 9.a: Optimal Punishment Strategy (infinitely repeated game)

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- (a) Discuss how this increased leniency over time may give player 1 an incentive to accept his punishment (and actually play according to Q_D , rather than deviate again).

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The 'tough' stage (the 1st round of punishment):

- P1 earns -4 from (M, H) and 3 from (L, M) in all later rounds.
- he can deviate by playing L and earn 0, but then the punishment will start over again and P1 will therefore stay in the 'tough' stage.
- Both -4 and 0 is less than 3, which is why this punishment structure leaves P1 without an incentive to deviate from the 'punishment path' (Q^D, Q^P) .

PS7, Ex. 9.a: Optimal Punishment Strategy (infinitely repeated game)

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The 'mild' stage (from the 2nd round of punishment):

- P1 earns 3 from (L, M) in this and all subsequent rounds.
- he can deviate by playing M and earn 7, but then the punishment will start over again and P1 will earn -4 in the 'tough' stage (or alternatively 0 by deviating again).
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2. The 1st round of being punished.
3. Subsequent rounds of being punished.

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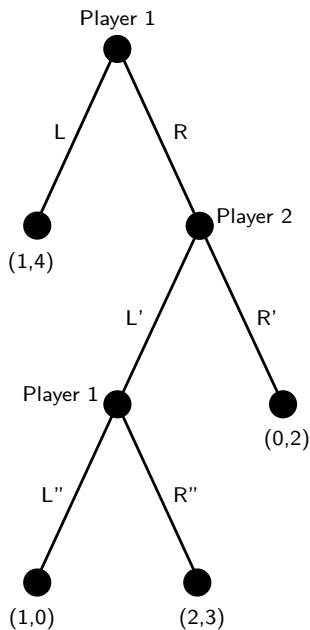
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If P2 does not deviate from Q^P his expected utility is:

$$U_2(Q^P; Q^D) = 5$$

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