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Suppose we have the subtraction game but  $S = \{1, 3, 4\}$  is the number of chips you can take

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
P	N	P	N	N	N	N	P	N	P	N	N	N	N	P

- State is in N if at least one move to P

- P if all moves lead to N

N - next player to move has a winning strategy

P - previous player to move has a winning strategy

$x$  is P if and only if  $x \bmod 7 = 0$  or 2

### Induction

$$x = 0 \bmod 7$$

can move to :

	<u><math>x-1, x-3, x-4</math></u>
$\bmod 7$	6      4      3
	N      N      N

$$\Rightarrow x \in P$$

$$x = 1 \bmod 7$$

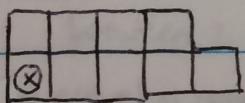
	<u><math>x-1</math></u>	<u><math>x-3</math></u>	<u><math>x-4</math></u>
$\bmod 7$	0	5	4
	P	N	N

$$\Rightarrow x \in N$$

$$7k, 7k+1, \dots, 7k+6 \xrightarrow{7k+7}$$

P    N    P    N    N    N

### Chomp

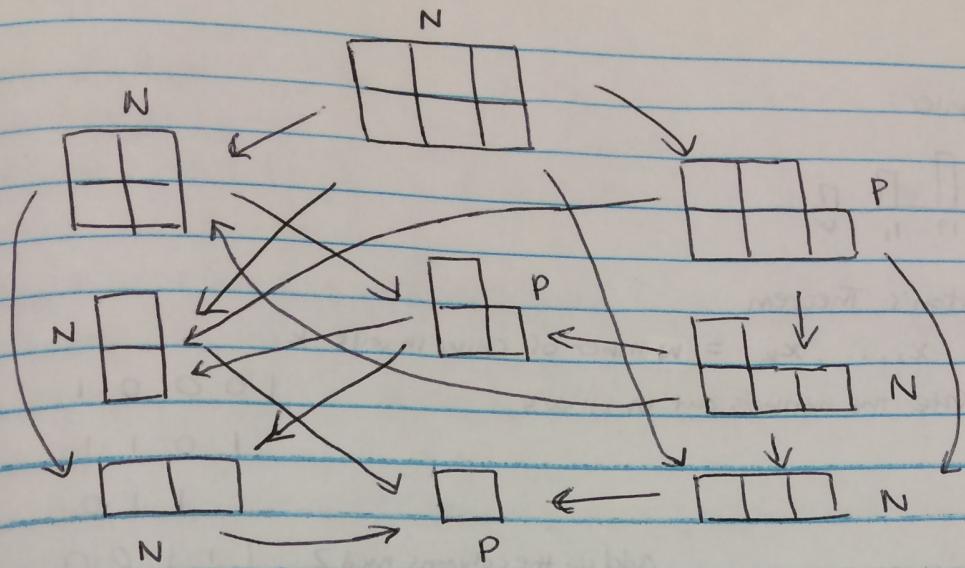


goal: force other player to remove final square

### Moves

pick square, remove any above or to the right of that one.

impartial and progressively bounded



If state is rectangle R then  $R \in N$ .

$R'$  is the state you get to by removing the top-right square.

2 cases:  $R' \in P \Rightarrow R \in N$

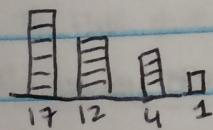
$R' \in N$ ,  $\exists$  a move from  $R'$  to S and  $S \in P$

- If go from  $R'$  to S then also go  $R$  to S.  $\Rightarrow R \in N$

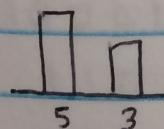
With every move, you remove the top-right block because it is above and to the right of every other block.

We have shown that if you start with a rectangle, it is in N. There is a winning strategy. You don't necessarily know what that strategy is.

Nim



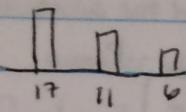
Can remove any number of chips from a single pile. Want to remove the last chip.



N-piles are unequal

P-piles are equal

3 piles:



### Bouton's Theorem

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  = number of chips in pile  $k$

Write the numbers out in binary

$$\begin{array}{r} 10001 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 110 \end{array}$$

Add up the columns mod 2

$$11100$$

= nim sum

Theorem State  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  is in P iff  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k = 0$

For 2 piles,  $x_1 \oplus x_2 = 0$  iff  $x_1 = x_2$

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### Misere Play

$$S = \{1, 3, 4\}$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

N N P N P

$$P = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ n \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{array} \right.$$

### Empty & Transfer

[m] [n]

to final position (1,1) you lose if no legal moves (you can't leave 4 boxes empty)

(2) = N

(1,2) = N

(3,3) = P because end up with (2,1) no matter what

(5,3) = P

(4,1)

(3,1)

(2,1)

(1,1)

If both odd then P

If one is even then N

$$(6, 3) = N \quad (8, 5) = N \quad (k, 4) = N$$
$$(3, 3) \quad (10, 9) = N$$

P: any move  $\rightarrow$  move  $\rightarrow$  P position again

both odd  $\rightarrow$  1 even 1 odd  $\rightarrow$  both odd

an even can always be written as sum of 2 odds  
terminal is  $(1, 1, 1)$

$(\text{odd}, \text{odd}, \text{odd}) = P$  but unknown if those are all the P positions

$$(3, 5, 7) \quad (2, 3, 7) \quad (1, 1, 7)$$

dynamic subtraction game: # You can subtract depends on previous s of game

first move: can remove as many as want but not whole pile

2nd move onwards: Can remove at most the number removed last time  
get to 0 wins

All odd positions are N positions.

to win: look at binary representation

powers of 2 only have one 1

delete last 1 in binary representation

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Monday is President's Day

$\Rightarrow$  HW due in class Tuesday next week, no section either

### Barton's Theorem

If a position has piles  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$

P-position iff  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k = 0$  where  $\oplus$  is nim sum

$$17, 13, 9$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10001 \\ \cdot 1101 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1001 \\ \hline 10101 \end{array}$$

Let  $\hat{P}$  be set position with nim sum 0.

\* terminal position 0 in all piles in P.

- From all  $x \in \hat{P}$  can move to  $\hat{P}$

- all moves from  $\hat{P}$  leave  $\hat{P}$

$$x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k = 0$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \hat{P}$$

The only way they add up to 0 is if the nim sum of  $k-1$  add up to  $x_k$

$$11, 13, 6$$

$$1011$$

$$11 \oplus 13 = 6$$

$$11 \oplus 6 = 13$$

$$1101$$

$$1011$$

$$13 \oplus 6 = 11$$

$$\underline{110}$$

$$\underline{1101}$$

$$0000$$

$$110 = 6$$

For any  $x \in \hat{P}$ , move to  $x' \notin \hat{P}$

Now show that for every  $x \notin \hat{P}$ , can move to  $\hat{P}$

$$10001 = 17$$

$$1101 = 13$$

$$\underline{1001} = 9$$

$$10101$$

← look here for 1's and flip bits in 17 so nim sum = 0.



$$00100 = 4 \quad \text{only move in this case because can't}$$

$$1101 = 13 \quad \text{flip leading 0 bits to be 1's because}$$

$$\underline{1001} = 9 \quad \text{can't increase size of pile}$$

$$00000$$

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ , nim sum  $\neq 0$ .

$$1011010$$

$$1000100$$

$$\underline{001001}$$

$$0010111$$

Let  $z$  be the nim sum and let  $k$  be the column of first 1 ( $k=4$ )

(largest power of 2 dividing nim sum)

- must be a pile with a 1 in position  $k$ , pile  $l$

- reduce pile  $l$  from  $x_l$  to  $x_l \oplus z$

- have to check  $x_l \oplus z < x_l$  and new nim sum is 0.

replace  $x_l$  with  $x_l \oplus z$

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus (x_l \oplus z) \oplus \dots \oplus x_k \\= z \oplus x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k\end{aligned}$$

$$= z \oplus z = 0$$

$$x_l \oplus z < x_l$$

$$x_l = 10011010$$

$$z = \underline{00010110}$$

$$1000\dots \text{ smaller than } x_l$$

If more than 1 pile has a 1 in column  $k$ , you can pick any of those as  $x_l$ .

$$z = z_k z_{k-1} \dots z_0, z_k = 1$$

$$x_l = w_m w_{m-1} \dots w_{k+1}, w_k w_{k-1} \dots w_0$$

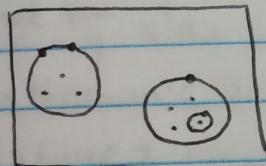
$$x_l \oplus z = w_m w_{m-1} \dots w_{k+1}, 0, a_{k-1} \dots a_0 \quad a_i = w_i + z_i \bmod 2.$$

digits  $m$  to  $k+1$  are unchanged and  $k$ th digit goes from 1 to 0

$$\hat{P} = P \text{ yay.}$$

Rim

have points on a plane



Move draw a line through at least one point

not intersecting any others

- last point taken is the winner

can think of the curves as piles  $(3, 3, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1, 3, 1)$

- same moves as nim plus an extra move, reduce a pile + split it into 2

P positions same, piles nim sum is 0

want to check  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k = 0$  - split  $x_k$  into  $u$  and  $v$

$$x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{k-1} \oplus u \oplus v$$

$$= x_k \oplus u \oplus v \neq 0 \quad \text{this sum only equals 0 if}$$

$$x_k > u + v$$

$$x_k = u \oplus v$$

$$> u \oplus v$$

$$\underbrace{\text{but by this}}_{X_k \neq u \oplus v}$$

$$u \oplus v < u + v$$

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Two-person zero-sum games

- paper, scissors, rock

	P	R	S
P	0	1	-1
R	-1	0	1
S	1	-1	0

Set of strategies

- m player 1

- n player 2

- payoff matrix  $m \times n$  matrix  $(a_{ij}) 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$

If player 1 chooses i

" " j

then player 1 gets  $a_{ij}$  and player 2 gets  $-a_{ij}$

Holder

$$\begin{matrix} & L_2 & R_2 \\ \text{chooser} & L_1 & \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{matrix} \right) \\ & R_1 & \end{matrix}$$

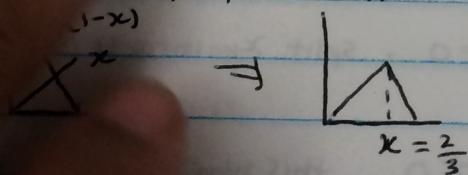
$$0 = \max_i \min_j a_{ij} \text{ best deterministic for player 1}$$

$$1 = \min_j \max_i a_{ij} \text{ " " " player 2}$$

Player 1 choose L with probability x.

$$L_2(x \cdot 1 + (1-x) \cdot 0, x \cdot 0 + (1-x) \cdot 2)$$

$$(x, 2(1-x))$$

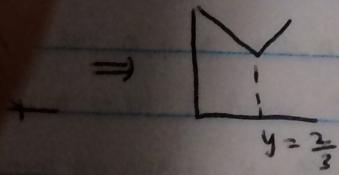


$$x = \frac{2}{3}$$

With random strategy  $\frac{2}{3}$ , with  $x = \frac{2}{3}$

goes left with probability y

$$2(1-y)$$



$$y = \frac{2}{3}$$

Player 1's strategy guaranteed to earn at least  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 " 2's " Payout at most  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 value of the game =  $\frac{2}{3}$

Pure strategy choosing a fixed strategy i.e. no randomness

Mixed strategies, choose randomly according to some distribution  
 $\Delta_m = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_m), x_i \geq 0, \sum_i x_i = 1\}$

$$\Delta_n = \{y = (y_1, \dots, y_n), y_j \geq 0, \sum_j y_j = 1\}$$

payoff (expected) if player 1 use strategy  $x$ , player 2 use strategy  $y$

$$x: \text{strategy of player 1} \quad P[X=i] = x_i$$

$$y: \text{strategy of player 2} \quad P[Y=j] = y_j$$

$$E_{x,y} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} P[X=i, Y=j]$$

$$= \sum_i \sum_j x_i a_{ij} - y_j$$

$$= x^T A y$$

safety strategy for player 1

$$\text{if } x^* \in \Delta_m \text{ so that } \min_{y \in \Delta_n} (x^*)^T A y = \max_x \min_{y \in \Delta_n} x^T A y$$

$$y^* \in \Delta_n, \quad \max_x x^T A y^* = \min_y \max_x x^T A y$$

$$\max_x \min_y x^T A y \leq \min_y \max_x x^T A y$$

Von Neuman's Theorem (min max)

In a finite 2-player zero-sum game, there is a  $V$  such that

$$V = \max_x \min_y x^T A y = \min_y \max_x x^T A y = \text{Value of the game}$$

Safety strategies are optimal strategies

$(x, y)$  is a Nash equilibrium if

$\forall y' \stackrel{\Delta_n}{\sim} x^T A y' \geq x^T A y$  Payout is always at least as big as strategy  $y$

$\forall x' \stackrel{\Delta_m}{\sim} (x')^T A y \leq x^T A y$  player 1 can't change strategy to win more \$.

neither side has an incentive to change

$$V = x^T A y$$

$$V \leq (x^*)^T A y \leq x^T A y$$

$$V \leq x^T A y$$

$$x^T A y \leq x^T A y^* \leq V$$

$$x^T A y \leq V \Rightarrow V = x^T A y$$

		goal
		L      R
kicker	L	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 1 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$
	R	

$$x = (x_1, 1-x_1), y = (y_1, 1-y_1)$$

$$\min_y x^T A y = \min_j (x^T A)_j \quad (\text{general fact})$$

$$z = x^T A, z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_y x^T A y &= \min_y z_j \\ &= \min_y \sum_{j=1}^n z_j y_j \end{aligned}$$

$z_j$  is payoff if player 2 chooses state  $j = \sum x_j a_{ij}$

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### Two player zero sum games

A  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$  Payoff matrix

- each game value  $V$

- player 1 strategy  $x$  for any strategy  $y \quad x^T A y \geq V$

- player 2 strategy  $y \quad \forall x \quad x^T A y \leq V$

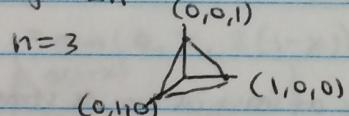
For any fixed  $x \exists j$  such that the pure strategy  $e_j = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0)$

is best reply

i.e.  $\min_y x^T A y = \min_j x^T A e_j = \min_j (x^T A)_j$

$$\Delta_n = \{(y_1, \dots, y_n) : y_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 1\}$$

$\forall j \quad e_j \in \Delta_n$



$n=3$

The vertices of the triangle are the pure strategies and the triangle is the set of all strategies

a point  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  on the triangle

means probability of playing strategy

$1 = y_1, 2 = y_2, 3 = y_3 - \text{add up to } 1.$

$z \in \text{convex hull of } w_1, \dots, w_n \text{ IF } \exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \geq 0 \text{ where}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1 \quad z = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i w_i$$

$\Delta_n$  convex combinations of  $e_j \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e_j$

Player 1 plays  $x$

$$x^T A y = x^T A \left( \sum_{j=1}^n y_j e_j \right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n y_j (x^T A e_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n y_j (x^T A)_j$$

let  $j^*$  be  $j$  minimizing  $(x^T A)_j = z_j$ ,  $z_{j^*} \leq z_j \forall j$

$$x^T A y = \sum y_j z_j$$

$$\geq \sum y_i z_{j^*} = z_{j^*}$$

Take  $y = e_{j^*}$ , then  $x^T A e_{j^*} = 1 - z_{j^*} = z_{j^*}$

Optimal strategies according to Bayes-Nash will be mixed strategies. But best response for other player is a pure strategy.

$(x^*, y^*)$  optimal strategies

$$y^* \text{ minimizes } (x^*)^T A y \rightarrow \min_y (x^*)^T A y = (x^*)^T A y^*$$

$$\text{Both } (x^{*T} A)_1 = (x^{*T} A)_2 = \min_j ((x^*)^T A)_j$$

$$x^T A = \begin{pmatrix} \sum x_i a_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ \sum x_i a_{in} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{entry } j \text{ expected payoff if player 2 plays } j$$

best response strategy will be a linear combination of strategies

Example

$$\begin{array}{cc} L & R \\ \begin{matrix} L \\ R \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 1 \\ 1 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

Player 1's strategy  $(x_1, 1-x_1) = x$

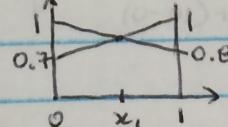
$$\min_j (x^T A)_j = \min (0.8x_1 + (1-x_1), x_1 + 0.7(1-x_1))$$

Pure strategy:  $x_1 = 0$  or 1. Mixed strategy:  $x_1 \in (0, 1)$

Player 1 is trying to maximize the value, Player 2 trying to minimize

$$\max_x \min_j (x^T A)_j = \max_{x_1} \min \left( \frac{8}{10}x_1 + (1-x_1), x_1 + \frac{7}{10}(1-x_1) \right) = f(x_1)$$

Want to minimize  $f(x_1)$



$$0.8x_1 + (1-x_1) = x_1 + \frac{7}{10}(1-x_1)$$

$$0.3 - 0.3x_1 = 0.2x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$V = \min \left( 0.8 \cdot \frac{3}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5} + 0.7 \cdot \frac{2}{5} \right)$$

$$= \min(0.88, 0.88) = 0.88$$

$$x^* = \left( \frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right) V = 0.88 \quad \text{Player 1 should go left with probability } \frac{3}{5}$$

No matter what player 2's strategy is,  $V$  stays same. (expected payoff)

If  $x^*, y^*$  optimal  $\forall j \ y_j^* > 0$  then  $(x^*)^T A e_j = v$   
 (Principle of Indifference)

Suppose payoff matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 17 \end{pmatrix}$

$(e_1, e_1)$  is an optimal strategy  $\Rightarrow$  saddle point  $(i^*, j^*)$  is a  
 saddle point if  $\max_i a_{ij^*} = \min_j a_{i^*j} = a_{i^*j^*}$

17 can be any number.

### Solving $2 \times 2$ games

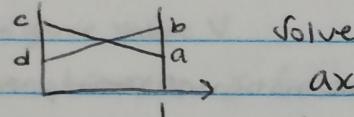
1. Check for saddle point.

-  $(e_{i^*}, e_{j^*})$  equilibrium

$$- v = a_{i^*j^*}$$

2.  $x = (x_1, 1-x_1)$

$$\min_y x^T A y = \min_y (ax_1 + c(1-x_1), bx_1 + d(1-x_1))$$



solve

$$ax_1 + c(1-x_1) = bx_1 + d(1-x_1)$$

$$(a-b)x_1 = (d-c)(1-x_1)$$

$$((a-b)+(d-c))x_1 = d-c$$

$$x_1^* = \frac{d-c}{(a-b)+(d-c)}$$

$$v = ax_1^* + c(1-x_1^*)$$

### Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{(2-0)}{(2-0)+(1-0)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{(10-0)}{(10-0)+(10-0)} = \frac{10}{20} = 1 \quad \text{there is a saddle point.}$$

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### 2 player zero sum games

Dominating strategies: If  $\forall j \ a_{ij} \geq a_{i'j}$  then  $i$  dominates  $i'$  for player 1.

Example:  $\begin{matrix} i & (7 & 12 & 3 & 15) \\ i' & (0 & 11 & 1 & 2) \end{matrix}$  In any optimal strategy  
 $x'_i = (x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_m) \quad x'_i > 0$   $x'_i = 0$  (probability of playing this strategy is 0)  
 $x_i = (x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_i + x'_{i+1}, 0, \dots, x'_m) \quad \forall y \ x^T A y > x'^T A y$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{row 1 < row 2} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Player 2:  $j$  dominates  $j'$  if  $a_{ij} \leq a_{ij'} \forall i$  - never play  $j'$   
 $5, 1 \leq 6, 6$  so  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

### Go less

- each player picks number between  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
- minimum win \$1, 0 tie

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \forall i > 1, \forall j \\ a_{ij} \geq a_{ij'} \quad (0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \dots) \end{matrix}$$

both play 1, value of the game is 0

### Plus One

- pick from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$
- get 1 if your number is the other player's +1
- lose 2 if your number is more than 1 larger

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Row 1 dominates rows } 2, \dots, n \\ \text{Column 1 dominates columns } 2, \dots, n \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Matrix is antisymmetric} \Rightarrow \text{value is 0} \\ a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \quad \forall i, j \\ a_{ii} = -a_{ii} = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$V$  = expected payoff for player 1

$-V$  = expected payoff for player 2

$$V = -V = 0$$

### V=0

Player 1  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$$\min(x_2 - 2x_3, -x_1 + x_3, 2x_1 - x_2) = V$$

$$x_2 - 2x_3 = a_1 \geq 0$$

$$-x_1 + x_3 = a_2 \geq 0$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 = a_3 \geq 0$$

$$(x_2 - 2x_3) + 2(x_3 - x_1) + 2x_1 - x_2 = a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3$$

$$0 = a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 = 2x_1 = 2x_3$$

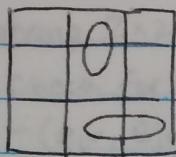
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_1 + x_1 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_3 = \frac{1}{4}, x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

Optimal strategy for player 2 is also  $y = \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \right)$

Bomber, Submarine



Submarine takes 2 adjacent squares (player 2)

Player 1 bombs one square

payoff player 1 is 1 if hit sub.

12 options

9 options ( )

Player 2 options

Player 1 options

corner      center

corner ,

$\frac{1}{4}$

0

midside

$\frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{4}$

center

0

1

top row is dominated by middle row

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ value of } \frac{1}{4} \text{ and its a saddle point}$$

example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\leftarrow$  dominated by the top 2 which average to  $\left( \frac{7}{2}, \frac{7}{2} \right)$

If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1} \geq 0$   $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x_i = 1$  and  $\forall j \quad a_{mj} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ij} x_i$

then row m is dominated (pick row i with probability  $x_i$ ),

then  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_{ij} x_i$  is payoff against j and  $a_{mj}$  is payoff against j using strategy m).

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x^* = y^* = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad V = \frac{7}{2}$$

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- payoff 1 same word  $\Rightarrow x^* = y^* = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$

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Two Person Zero Sum Games

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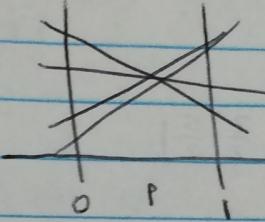
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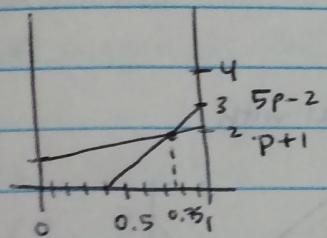
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Dog, Cat, Bird

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### Two Person Zero Sum Games

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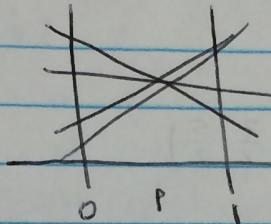
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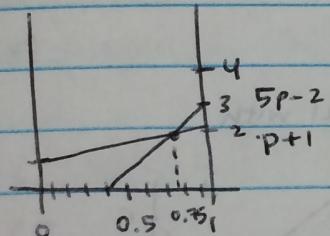
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 16 & 3 & 2 & 13 \\ 5 & 10 & 11 & 8 \\ 9 & 6 & 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 15 & 14 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If in each row, you have an element that is largest in its column and  $\Leftrightarrow$ , there is dominance.

This is a magic square. Entries are from  $\{1, \dots, n^2\}$  and sum of each column and row is equal.

both players strategy is  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$

Prove that  $\max_{\mathbf{x}} \min_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{x}^*)^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}^*$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} 1^{\text{st}} \text{ row} + \frac{1}{2} 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ row} = (3, 2, \frac{7}{2}, \frac{5}{2})$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general,  $2 \times m$  matrices are easier to deal with

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 1-x_1)$$

$$\text{graph: } ① 2x_1 + 4(1-x_1)$$

$$② 3x_1 + (1-x_1)$$

$$③ x_1 + 6(1-x_1)$$

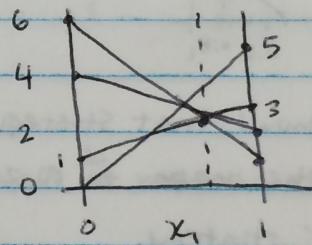
$$④ 5x_1$$

$$3x_1 + (1-x_1) = x_1 + 6(1-x_1)$$

$$7x_1 = 5x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{5}{7}$$

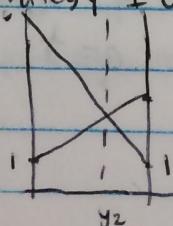
$$V = 3 - \frac{5}{7} + \frac{2}{7} = \frac{17}{7} = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \min_{\mathbf{y}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y})$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \left(\frac{5}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, 0\right)$$



Player 2 would not use strategy 1 or 4 against this strategy because it doesn't minimize

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\min_{\mathbf{y}} \max_{\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y})$$

Player 1 plays  $(\frac{5}{7}, \frac{2}{7})$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 2 \cdot \frac{5}{7} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{7} &= \frac{18}{7} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 3 \cdot \frac{5}{7} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{7} &= \frac{17}{7} \\ &\vdots \\ &\frac{12}{7} \\ &\frac{25}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$y^* = (0, \frac{5}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, 0)$$

Check if  $x^*, y^*$  optimal?

- player 1 payoff using  $x^*$  against each  $j$

$$\min_j ((x^*)^T A)_j = \max_{i \neq *} (Ay^*)_i = \frac{17}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{player 1 : } \textcircled{1} \quad 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot \frac{5}{7} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{7} + 5 \cdot 0 &= \frac{17}{7} \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 4 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot \frac{5}{7} + 6 \cdot \frac{2}{7} + 0 \cdot 0 &= \frac{17}{7} \\ \textcircled{3} \quad 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \frac{5}{7} + 3 \cdot \frac{2}{7} + 2 \cdot 0 &= \frac{6}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\max = \frac{17}{7}$$

### Principle of Indifference / Equilibrium Theorem

If  $(x, y)$  is optimal,  $(Ay)_i = V$  whenever  $x_i > 0$

$$(x^T A)_j = V \text{ whenever } y_j > 0$$

For all  $i$ ,  $(Ay)_i \leq V$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose  $y_1, y_2 > 0$

$$0 \cdot x_1 + (-1)x_2 = V$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 = V$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

$$x_2 = -V, \quad x_1 = -3V, \quad -4V = 1, \quad V = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad x_1 = \frac{3}{4}, \quad x_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Solving non-singular games:  $n=m$ ,  $A^{-1}$  exists

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} y_j = V \quad \mathbf{1} = (1, \dots, 1)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j} y_j = V \quad Ay = V\mathbf{1}$$

$\vdots$

$$y = A^{-1} A y$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} y_i = V \quad = A^{-1} V \mathbf{1}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n y_j = 1 \quad \mathbf{1}^T y = 1 \quad \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}^T y = V \mathbf{1}^T A^{-1} \mathbf{1} \quad V = \frac{1}{\mathbf{1}^T A^{-1} \mathbf{1}}$$

$$y = \frac{\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{1}}{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{1}} \quad x^T = \frac{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1}}{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{1}}$$

Example  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$v = \frac{1}{1^T A^{-1} 1} = i, j \stackrel{\text{↑}}{=} 1 - a_{ij} \cdot 1 = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{1^T A^{-1}}{-4} = \frac{(-3, -1)}{-4} = \left( \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

add up all the entries in the matrix

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v = 0, \text{singular matrix}$$

look at  $A+I$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, v = 1$$

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1^T B^{-1} 1 = \frac{1}{9}(9) = 1 \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$x = \frac{1^T B^{-1}}{1} = \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$y = \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Diagonal Games

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & d_2 & \\ 0 & \ddots & d_n \end{pmatrix} = D$$

$$D^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/d_1 & & 0 \\ & 1/d_2 & \\ 0 & \ddots & 1/d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1^T D^{-1} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d_i} \Rightarrow v = 1 / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d_i}$$

$$x = y = \frac{1^T D^{-1}}{1^T D^{-1}} = \left( \frac{d_1^{-1} \cdot v}{\sum}, \frac{d_2^{-1} \cdot v}{\sum}, \dots, \frac{d_n^{-1} \cdot v}{\sum} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow x = \left( \frac{1}{6} \cdot v, \frac{1}{2} \cdot v, \frac{1}{3} \cdot v \right) = \left( \frac{6}{11}, \frac{3}{11}, \frac{2}{11} \right) = y$$

Triangular Games

everything below the diagonal = 0

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & \\ 0 & \end{pmatrix}$$

example: Strategies  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Player 1 gets  $i$  if  $i=j$ , loses  $-j$  if  $j>i$

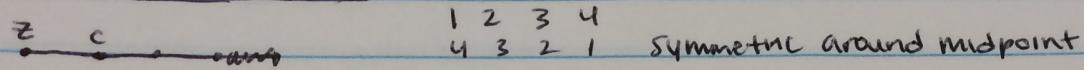
Constraints 2-player zero-sum

$$x_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1$$

$$\text{maximize } \min_j (x^T A) j$$

add in  $v$ , value of game and add constraint  $(x^T A)j \geq v$ , maximize  $v$

Crocodile-Zebra Game



1 2 3 4  
4 3 2 1

Symmetric around midpoint

- choose same croc wins with prob. 1

- adjacent points croc wins w/p.  $\frac{1}{2}$

- otherwise zebra escapes

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} x + \frac{1}{2}x_2 &= v \\ \frac{1}{2}x_1 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_3 &= v \\ &\vdots \\ \text{calculate } A^{-1} & \\ v &= \frac{1}{1^T A^{-1} 1} \\ x &= \frac{1^T A^{-1}}{1^T A^{-1} 1} \end{aligned}$$

Side middle

$$\begin{matrix} \text{side} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 3/4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{middle} & \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$v = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$x = \left( \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$x = \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

If  $\exists$  permutation  $\pi, \sigma$  such that  $\forall i, j \ a_{ij} = a_{\pi(i)\sigma(j)}$  then  $\exists$  optimal

strategy with  $\forall i \ x_{i*} = x^* \pi(i)$ ,  $\forall j \ y_{j*} = y^* \sigma(j)$

$$\pi(i) = \sigma(i) = 5 - i$$

$$(1, 2, 3, 4) \rightarrow (4, 3, 2, 1)$$

$$a_{ij} = a_{\pi(i)\pi(j)}$$

Lemma  $\forall x, y$ , function  $f(x, y)$

$$\max_x \min_y f(x, y) \leq \min_y \max_x f(x, y)$$

Take  $(x^*, y^*)$

$$\min_y f(x^*, y^*) \leq f(x^*, y^*) \leq \max_x f(x, y^*)$$

$$\text{Fix } \forall y^*, \max_x \min_y f(x, y) \leq \max_x f(x, y^*)$$

$$\max_x \min_y f(x, y) \leq \min_y \max_x f(x, y)$$

$$f(x, y) = x^T A y$$

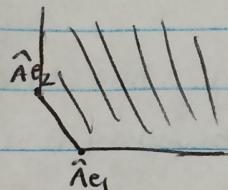
Assume theorem is false.  $\exists \lambda$  s.t.  $\max_x \min_y x^T A y < \lambda < \min_y \max_x x^T A y$

$\hat{A}$  where  $\hat{a}_{ij} = a_{ij} - \lambda$

$$\max_x \min_y x^T \hat{A} y < 0 < \min_y \max_x x^T \hat{A} y$$

$$\hat{A}y$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{A}y = y \in \Delta_n \\ \hat{A}e_1 \\ \hat{A}e_2 \end{cases}$$



$$K = \{ \hat{A}y + v : v \geq 0 \}$$

$$\hat{A}y + v, \hat{A}y' + v'$$

$$\frac{y+y'}{2} \in \Delta_n \quad \frac{v+v'}{2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{(\hat{A}y + v) + (\hat{A}y' + v')}{2} = \hat{A}\left(\frac{y+y'}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{v+v'}{2}\right) \in K \quad K \text{ is convex.}$$

$\exists z$  such that  $\forall w \in K, z^T w \geq c > 0$ .  $z \neq 0, z_i \geq 0$

Suppose  $z_i < 0$ . any  $y, v = (R, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$z^T (\hat{A}y + v) = z^T \hat{A}y + z_i R < 0 \text{ contradiction.}$$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i e_i, x_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1, x \in \Delta_m$$

$$\forall y \quad x^T \hat{A}y > 0, \quad \max_x \min_y x^T \hat{A}y > 0 \text{ contradiction.}$$

### Linear Programming

Set of variables  $x_1, \dots, x_m$

Constraints linear  $x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 7$

$$x_3 \geq 0, x_1 - x_3 \geq 2$$

Objective function to maximize:  $x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Strategies of Player 2

- ①  $x_1 = v$
- ②  $-2x_1 + x_2 = v$
- ③  $-3x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = v$
- ④  $-4x_1 - 4x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 = v$

Solve for  $x_1$  first, plug in, solve for  $x_2$ , etc.

$$x_1 = v$$

$$x_2 = v + 2v = 3v$$

$$x_3 = 3v + 3(3v) + v = 13v$$

$$x_4 = 69v$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \Rightarrow 86v = 1 \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{86}$$

$$x^* = \left( \frac{1}{86}, \frac{3}{86}, \frac{13}{86}, \frac{69}{86} \right)$$

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### Von Neuman's Minimax Theorem

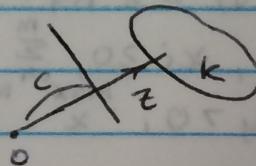
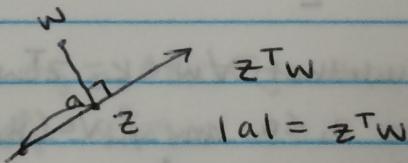
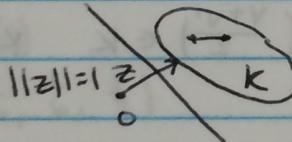
For all  $n \times m$  matrices  $A$ ,  $\min_{y \in A^n} \max_{x \in A^m} x^T A y = \max_{x \in A^m} \min_{y \in A^n} x^T A y = v$

### Theorem Hyperplane Separating Theorem

If  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  closed convex,  $0 \notin K$  (Convex means a line between any two points is in the set - so not a donut, closed means boundary is in the set) You can draw a hyperplane separating  $K$  and  $0$ .

There exist  $z$  such that

$$\forall w \in K, z^T w > c > 0$$



Let  $v = \text{closest point in } K \text{ to } 0$ .

$$z = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$$

$$z^T w = \|v\|$$