## **BRMaximin** Documentation

#### 1. Purpose

a. Identify behaviorally robust solutions to matrix games with varying forms of uncertainty by leveraging the Cognitive Hierarchy model to describe the behavior of boundedly rational adversaries.

#### 2. Contents

- a. The toolbox contains 8 functions and multiple testing codes.
  - i. Functions
    - 1. CogHierSol.m
      - a. Identifies the CH solution associated with a given game and the estimated  $\tau$  value.
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, tau, max\_k
      - c. Outputs CHsolution
    - 2. CogHierExpM.m
      - a. Identifies the Expected value an M-step thinker assigns with playing each action over all  $\tau$  values in discrete uncertainty set.
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, tau\_LB, tau\_UB, tau\_inc, max\_k
      - c. Outputs value, tau rng
    - 3. BRmaximin R1.m
      - a. Finds a behaviorally robust solution to a matrix game utilizing a discrete uncertainty set for  $\tau$ .
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, U tau, max k, agent
      - c. Outputs x (BR solution)
    - 4. BRmaximin S1.m
      - a. Finds a behaviorally robust solution to a matrix game utilizing a discrete probability distribution over  $\tau$ .
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, U\_tau, Dist, max\_k, agent
      - c. Outputs x (BR solution)
    - 5. BRmaximin\_DR1.m
      - a. Finds a behaviorally robust solution to a matrix game utilizing an ambiguity set of discrete probability distributions over  $\tau$ .
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, U\_tau, c1,c2,c3,c4,
         max k, agent
      - c. Outputs x (BR solution)
    - 6. BRmaximin\_R2.m
      - a. Identifies the Expected value an M-step thinker assigns with playing each action over all  $\tau$  values in continuous uncertainty set. Discretizes the interval into mesh for numerical calculation.
      - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, tau\_LB, tau\_UB,
         tau inc, max k, agent
      - c. Outputs x (BR solution)

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- 7. BRmaximin\_S2.m
  - a. Finds a behaviorally robust solution to a matrix game utilizing some beta probability distribution over  $\tau$ . Discretizes the interval into mesh for numerical calculation.
  - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, tau\_LB, tau\_UB, tau\_inc, beta\_a, beta\_b, max\_k, agent
  - c. Outputs x (BR solution)
- 8. BRmaximin\_DR2.m
  - a. Finds a behaviorally robust solution to a matrix game utilizing an ambiguity set of continuous probability distributions over  $\tau$ . Discretizes the interval into mesh for numerical calculation.
  - b. Requires inputs payoffarray, tau\_LB, tau\_UB, tau\_inc, c1,c2,c3,c4, max\_k, agent
  - c. Outputs x (BR solution)
- ii. Testing Codes
  - 1. StahlandWilsoCheckCH.m
    - a. Code to check the CogHierSol code against Camerer (2004) and Stahl and Wilson results.
  - 2. CheckCHSolCode.m
    - a. Code to check CogHierSol with tables provided in Camerer (2004).
  - 3. CheckCHExpM.m
    - a. Code illustrating how to use this function and displaying behavior over games in Camerer (2004).
- 3. Input Variables
  - a. Payoffarray
    - i. This is the payoff matrix for the normal form game. It should be inputted as follows:

payoffarray( # of player receiving payoff, player 1 action, ...., play n action)

For example, "Matching Pennies" is represented as

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payoffarray (1,1,1)=1
payoffarray (1,1,2)=0
payoffarray (1,2,1)=0
payoffarray (1,2,2)=1
payoffarray (2,1,1)=0
payoffarray (2,1,2)=1
payoffarray (2,2,1)=1
payoffarray (2,2,2)=0
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- b. tau\_LB: Scalar value representing lower bound of uncertainty set. Often this is 0.
- c. tau\_UB: Scalar value representing upper bound of uncertainty set.
- d. tau\_inc: Scalar grid spacing in the approximation of the continuous interval.

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- e. c1: Scalar, mean of distributions in ambiguity set (c1>=0)
- f. c2: Scalar b/w 0 & 1, Density of probability distributions in ambiguity set b/w [c3,c4]
- g. c3: Lower bound of density requirement (c3>=0)
- h. c4: Upper bound of density requirement, Scalar b/w 0 and 1 (c4>c3)
- i. max\_k: Scalar representing the max k-level thinking used in the algorithm
  - i. This is also utilized as the big M value
- j. agent: Scalar, number of the player for whom we are optimizing their choice
- k. U\_tau: Vector containing all values of  $\tau$  being considered
- I. Dist: Vector, discrete probability distribution over U\_tau. Elements correspond to once another (e.g., p(U\_tau(1)) = Dist(1)). Vector values must sum to 1.

## 4. Outputs

- a. Each output of  $\mathbf{x}$  has a slightly different form depending on the underlying needs of the optimization formulation.
- b. BRmaximin\_R1.m and BRmaximin\_R2.m
  - i. x = [prob action 1, ...., probaction n, maximin value]
- c. BRmaximin\_S1.m and BRmaximin\_S2.m
  - i. x = [prob action 1, ...., probaction n]
- d. BRmaximin\_DR1.m and BRmaximin\_DR2.m
  - i. x = [dual variable 1, ..., dual variable 3, prob action 1, ...., probaction n]