

Chapter 8: MWG Exercises 8.B.3

Additional Exercise 1: The game matrix below gives Player 1's payoffs:

| | | Player 2 | |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | L | R |
| Player 1 | T | x | 0 |
| | B | 0 | y |

where $x > y > 0$. Let p be the probability with which Player 1 believes that Player 2 will play L . Derive the best response correspondence $BR(p)$.

Additional Exercise 2: The game matrix below gives Player 1's payoffs:

| | | Player 2 | |
|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| | | S | D |
| Player 1 | U | 15 | 90 |
| | M | B | 75 |
| | D | 55 | 40 |

Let q be the probability with which Player 1 believes that Player 2 will play S .

- * a) Suppose that $B = 35$. Find the three ranges of values of q for which U , M , and D are optimal, respectively (and draw a picture, expected utility versus q). Is any action strictly dominated, and if so, by what mixed action? (Draw another picture, utility when Player 2 plays S versus utility when Player 2 plays D .)
- * b) Repeat a), assuming now that $B = 20$.
- * c) For what range of values of B is action M strictly dominated?

Additional Exercise 3: Solve the following game by iteratively deleting strictly dominated strategies:

| | | Player 2 | | | |
|----------|-----|----------|------|------|------|
| | | a | b | c | d |
| Player 1 | A | 3, 1 | 0, 0 | 1, 0 | 0, 0 |
| | B | 1, 1 | 1, 0 | 1, 1 | 1, 2 |
| | C | 1, 2 | 0, 4 | 6, 2 | 1, 1 |
| | D | 0, 4 | 1, 0 | 1, 1 | 2, 3 |

Additional Exercise 4:

Consider the following game:

If you delete strictly dominated strategies order is not important but if you delete weakly dominated ones order matters to what remains at the end.

| | | Player 2 | | |
|----------|-----|----------|------|----------|
| | | L | C | R |
| Player 1 | T | 50, 0 | 5, 5 | 1, -1000 |
| | B | 50, 50 | 5, 0 | 0, -1000 |

Show that the set of strategies that survive the iterated deletion of *weakly* dominated strategies depends on the order of deletion.