Economics and Computation

Introduction

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Textbooks and Materials

Textbooks/Lectures:

- *Twenty Lectures on Algorithmic Game Theory.* Tim Roughgarden. Cambridge University Press. 2016.
- Algorithmic Game Theory. Noam Nisan, Tim Roughgarden, Eva Tardos, and Vijav V.
 Vazirani. Cambridge University Press. 2011.

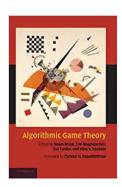
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Other materials:

 Essentials of Game Theory: A Concise, Multidisciplinary Introduction (Synthesis Lectures on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning). Leyton- Brown and Kevin, Shoham. Cambridge University Press. 2008.

Course website:

https://josephcclin.github.io/courses/ec_and_agt.htm



Prerequisites

- Basic CS undergraduate courses in
 - Algorithms
 - Calculus
 - Probability theory
 - Programming
- Motivation.
- Curiosity.



Major Topics

- Game Theory
- Mechanism Design (Truthfulness, Social Welfare, Envyness, ...)
- Equilibrium Concepts
- Auctions



Topics (adjusted accordingly)

- Introduction and Preliminaries
- Minimax Principles
- Social Choice
- Stable Matchings
- A Sketch of Nash's Theorem from Fixed Point Theorems
- Auctions & Mechanism Design Basics
- Algorithmic Mechanism Design (Knapsack Auctions)
- Revenue Maximizing Auctions
- Simple Near-Optimal Auctions
- Multi-Parameter Mechanism Design
- Other Selected Topics



Grading Policy

- Attendance (10%)
- Assignments (40%)
- Final Presentation (50%)
 - Research papers



Grading policy for the presentations

- Order:
 - Midterm: According to the book chapters.
 - Final: According to the seat number ordering.
- Complete the presentation: 60 point
 - Duration for each presentation: 30~50 minutes.
- Raising questions: +2 point for each one (maximum +20 point)
- Clearly answering the teacher's ≥ 4 questions: +5 point for each one.

Where to find the paper? (suggestions)

*Please look for papers in 2020—present.

• International conferences:

- **EC**: Proceedings of the ACM conference on Electronic commerce.
- **NeurIPS**: Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.
- **AAAI**: Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence.
- IJCAI: International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence.
- AAMAS: International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.
- SAGT: Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory.
- WINE: International Conference on Web and Internet Economics.
- ...

Journals:

- Games and Economic Behavior
- International Journal of Game Theory
- Social Choice and Welfare

