

30/7/24 Game Theory (LA 358)

Agents = Players

No independent actions

In Game, one player's actions depends on other player's actions.

eg of payoff matrix

Player B

Player A	(10, 0)	(1, 10)
	(5, 7)	(7, 6)

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Evaluation Criteria

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30% Mid Sem

50% End Sem

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When a situation cannot be game?

→ your decision affects only you

→ your class

Decision affect other but does not influence other actions.

(eg)

Two piles of card : A and B

Two players : P1 and P2

Two cases : Balanced Game / Unbalanced game

R1 : Pick $n \geq 1$ cards from either pile

R2 : Can pick cards from one pile at a time

R3 : $P1 \rightarrow P2 \rightarrow P1 \rightarrow P2 \dots$

R4 : Winner is the one who picks the last card

$[1, 1] \xrightarrow{P1} [0, 1] \xrightarrow{P2} [\cancel{0}, 0]$ P2 win

$[2, 2] \xrightarrow{P1} [0, 2] \xrightarrow{P2} [\cancel{0}, 0]$ P2 win X

$\xrightarrow{P1} [1, 2] \xrightarrow{P2} [0, 2] \xrightarrow{P1} [0, 0]$ P1 win X

$\xrightarrow{P2} [1, 1] \xrightarrow{P1} [0, 1] \xrightarrow{P2} [0, 0]$ P2 win

P2 strategy : Pick exact # of cards P1 has picked in previous move from other pile for

room which P₁ has picked in previous move.

Balanced # of cards in A = # of cards in B

$$[3, 3] \xrightarrow{P_1} [0, 3] \xrightarrow{P_2} [0, 0] \times$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \swarrow P_1 \\ [1, 3] \xrightarrow{P_2} [1, 1] \rightarrow \end{array} \quad \cdot \cdot$$

$$\begin{array}{c} P_1 \\ \swarrow \\ [2, 3] \xrightarrow{P_2} [2, 2] \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Sequential game

Unbalanced Game

P₁ winning strategy : Pick abs (|B| - |A|) from the pile having larger number of cards.

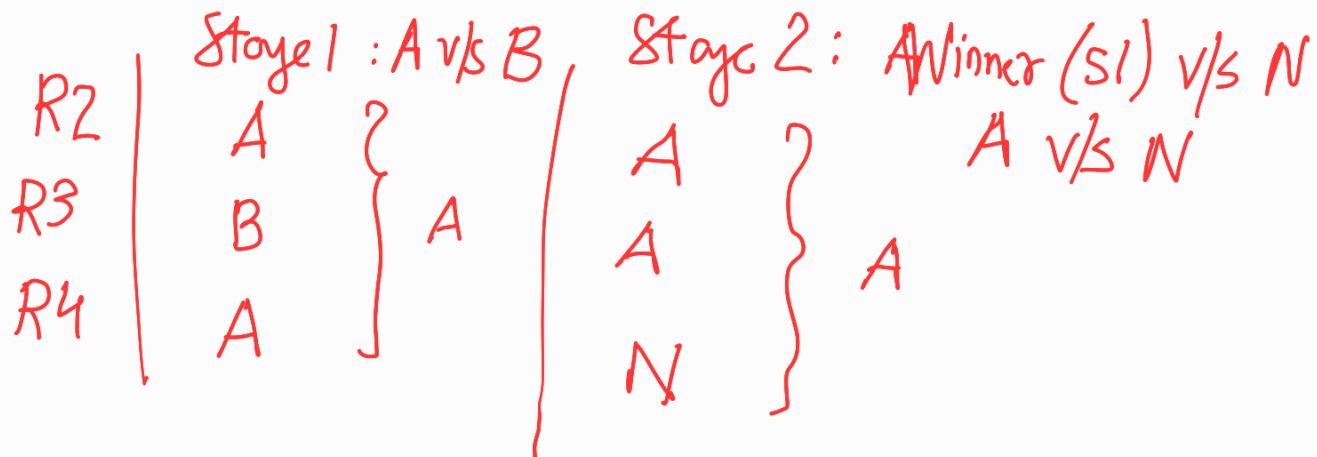
P₂ strategy : Ensure both piles have cards.

Voting

(A) → Football Court

(N)

(B) → Tennis court

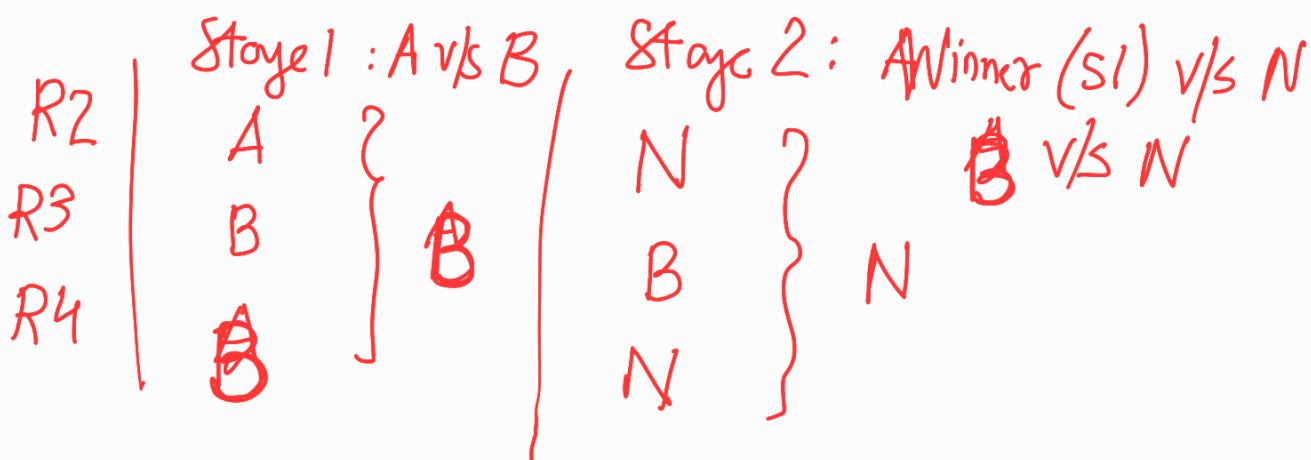


R2 F > N > T

R3 T > F > N

R4 N > F > T

Modified R4 : N > T > F



Prisoner's Dilemma

	$P_B C$	$P_B NC$
$P_A C$	[5, 5]	[0, 10]
$P_A NC$	[10, 0]	[1, 1]

Payoff matrix

		P_2
P_1	C	[5, 5] [0, 10]
	NC	[10, 0] [1, 1]

Country Defense Budget

		Pakistan
India	High	High
	Low	Low

P @ HC | War (India wins)
 War (Pak wins) | P @ LC

Rational Behavior?

Action

- Not based on preferences
- Based on circumstances

Preferences

- know ordering of strategies
- Consistency

$a > b$ $b > c$ $a > c \vee$

$a > b$ $b > c$ $a < c \times$

Transitivity preference

Rule out altruistic preferences

↳ qualitative characteristics

Pay off

Quantifying the preferences

(Giving value to each preference based on original pref. choice.)

Values does not mean how much

It just gives ordering.

Ordered information + Consistent preferences



Best option available

Games

Strategic

Extensive

Collusion

Strategic

① Players shows rational behaviour

- ② Simultaneous Game (Time X)
 - ③ One time game (Single Round) (Sequential X)
 - ④ Payoff : Matrix type
- Extensive**
- ① Payoff : Decision Tree type
 - ② Multiple Round Game

Prisoner's Dilemma as Strategic

		P_2
P_1	C	Conf NC
	NC	[5, 5 0, 10 10, 0 1, 1]

$$P_1 \quad U(C, NC) > U(NC, NC) > U(C, C) > U(NC, C)$$

$$P_2 \quad U(NC, C) > U(NC, NC) > U(C, C) > U(C, NC)$$

Payoff Matrix

		P_2
P_1	C	1, 1 3, 0
	NC	[0, 3 2, 2]

	F_2	charge
	H	L
F_1	H	1000, 1000 -200, 1200
	L	1200, -200 600, 600

Dominant Strategy

Low is Dominant strategy for F_1

	F_2	
	H	L
F_1	H	1000 -200
	L	1200 600

Low is Dominant strategy for F_2

	F_2	
	H	
F_1	H	1000
	L	-200

L
1200
600



Dominant

Strictly

Weak

If strategy $a'' > a'$

$$U(a'', a_{-i}) > U(a', -a_i)$$

If strategy $a'' > a'$

$$U(a'', a_{-i}) \geq U(a', -a_i)$$

P_2

P_1	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
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P_2

P_1	i	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
	\ddot{i}	

No dominant strategy

P_2

P_1	i	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
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ii

P_2

P_1	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
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10	5	0	4	1	3
15	3	2	5	1	5

Weakly

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		P ₂			C
		a	b	c	
P ₁	a	3	1	-1	
	b	10	0	1	
	c	15	2	1	

Highest

No dominant strategy

		P ₂			<
		a	b	c	
P ₁	a	3	2	1	
	b	5	4	3	
	c	3	5	5	

Prisoner's Dilemma → ① Better to conflict

Another type : ② Conflict is only option

(eg)

Strictly conflict

No dominant strategy

		P ₂		T
		H	T	
P ₁	H	10, -10	-10, 10	T
	T	-10, 10	10, -10	

T	-10, 10	10, -10
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③ Games without conflict (Collusion)

G_2

		R	G_2	A
		LB	HB	HB
G_1	R	3 3	0 2	
	A	2 0	1 1	

$$U(R, R) > U(A, R) > U(A, A) > U(R, A)$$



		a	b	c
		-2, 2	1, 3	1, 1
P_1	i	0, 1	0, 2	2, 0
	ii	1, 0	2, 1	3, -2
	iii			

P_2

		a	b	c
		-2, 1	1, 1	1, 1
P_1	i	0, 0	0, 2	2, 0
	ii			

$P_1 = \text{iii}$

iii	1	2,	3,
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P_2

	a	b	c	
i	,2	3		1
ii	,1	,2		0
iii	,0	,1		-2

$P_2 = b$

— x — X — x —

	a	b
i	20, 10	5, 10
ii	10, 7	4, 10
iii	10, 5	7, 7

	a	b
i	20,	5,
ii	10,	4,
iii	10,	7,

$P_1 \times$

	a	b
i	10	10
ii	7	10
iii	5	7

$P_2 \ b$

X — X —

	P_2	
P_1	i	$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 10, 5 & 1, 1 & 5, 5 \\ 5, 10 & 0, 10 & 1, 20 \end{bmatrix}$
ii		$P_i = i$ $P_{ij} = C$

	a	b
P_1	i	$\begin{bmatrix} 5, 5 & 10, 0 \\ 5, 1 & 0, 10 \end{bmatrix}$
ii		$P_i = i$ $P_2 = X$

Game Dominant Strategy Equilibrium

X — X —

Battle of Couples (Better to cooperate)

South

		Shahrukh	Pawan
		(2, 1)	(0, 0)
North	Shahrukh	(0, 0)	(1, 2)
	Pawan	{	No dominant strategy.

Better to cooperate even if outcome is less preferred

~~Strictly cooperate~~

Sri Lanka small country (cannot protect)
India big country

$$SL = U(R, R) > (A, R) \geq (A, A) \geq (R, A)$$

$$India = U(R, R) > (R, A) > (A, A) \geq (A, R)$$

		India	
		R	A
SL	R	(3, 3)	(0, 2)
	A	(2, 0)	(1, 1)

No dominant strategy

- ① Better to conflict
- ② Strictly conflict }
- ③ Better to cooperate }
- ④ Strictly cooperate }

How to find equilibrium?

Nash Equilibrium

stable equilibrium (No motivation to change as their strategy)

Dominant Strategy Equilibrium \rightarrow Nash equilibrium

Arms / Refrain in Prisoner Dilemma

$$U(A, R) > U(R, R)$$

Country

Big v/s Big

Arms / Refrain in Strictly cooperate case

$$U(R, R) > U(A, R)$$

Big v/s Small

Battle of Couples

		S	P
		S	P
S	S	2, 1	0, 0
	P	0, 0	1, 2

Is there any Nash equilibrium?

Multiple Nash equilibrium

→ No motivation to change



Stable equilibrium



Nash equilibrium



H P₂ T

Strictly conflict

Comparing strategies

	H	T
P ₁	(10, -10) P ₂	-10, 10 P ₁
T	-10, 10 P ₁	10, -10 P ₂

No dominant strategy

Issue caused by red

No stable equilibrium



No Nash equilibrium

X X —————

Strictly Cooperate

SL	R	(3, 3)	(0, 2) P ₁
	A	(2, 0) P ₂	
India	R	(1, 1)	(1, 1)
	A	(0, 2) P ₁	

(A, A) ⊗ (R, R) 2 Stable equilibria



2 Nash equilibria

X X —————

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⑥ Duopoly market
2 firms

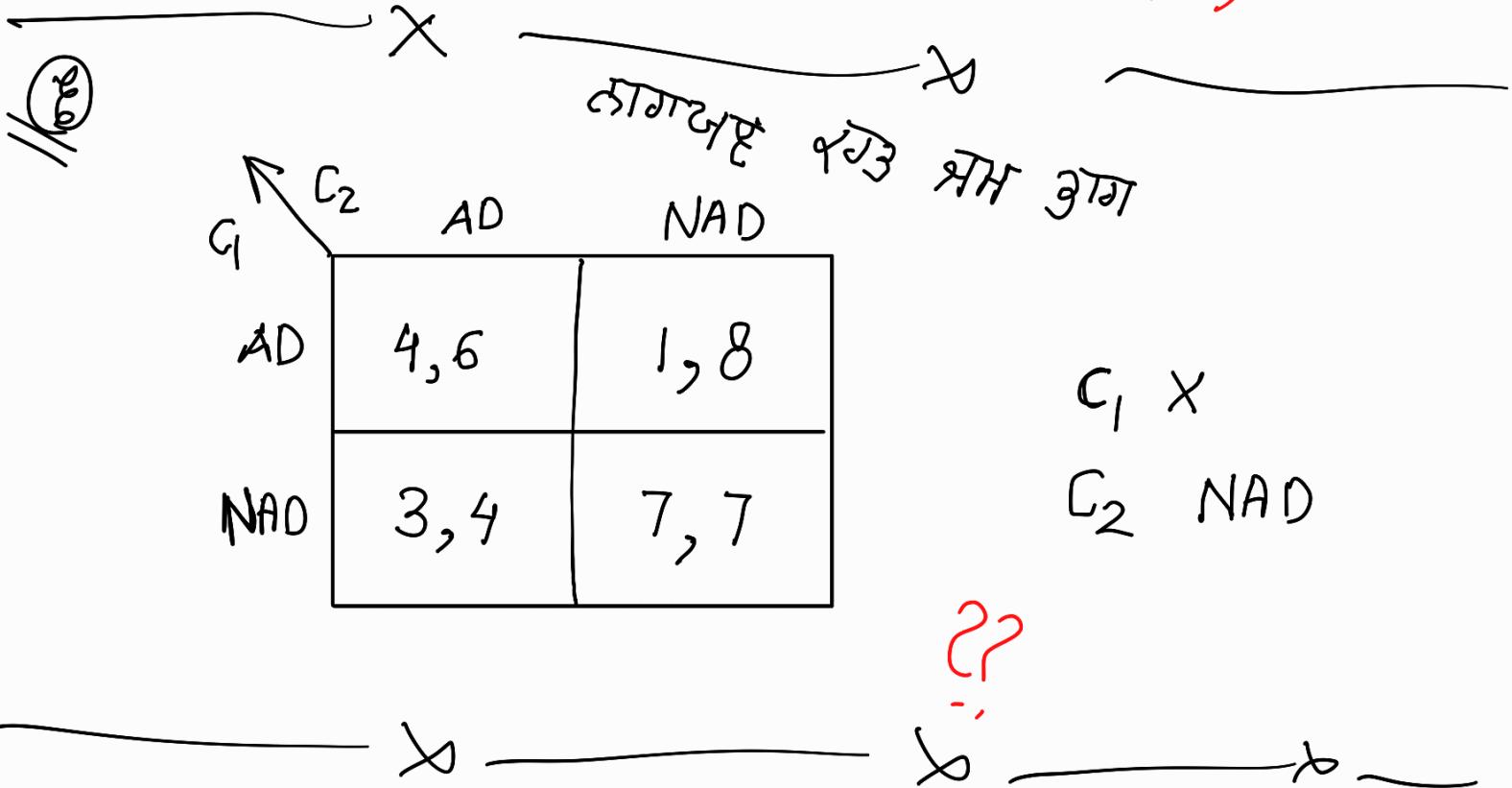
A B

	H	L
H	1000, 1000	200, 1200
L	1200, -200	600, 600

(NE)

A $(L, L) > (H, H) > (L, H) > (H, L)$

B $(L, L) > (H, H) > (H, L) > (L, H)$



F_A F_B

	HP	LP
HP	8, 8	3, 10
LP	10, 3	5, 5

LP
LP
LL

$\rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow b$

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		A	B
		I	3, 2
		II	0, 1
P_1	P_2	(1, 1)	
		2, 3	

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No dominant strategy for anyone.

		A	B
		I	3, 2
		II	0, 2
P_1	P_2	2, 0	
		1, 1	

$$P_1 = I$$

$$P_2 = B$$

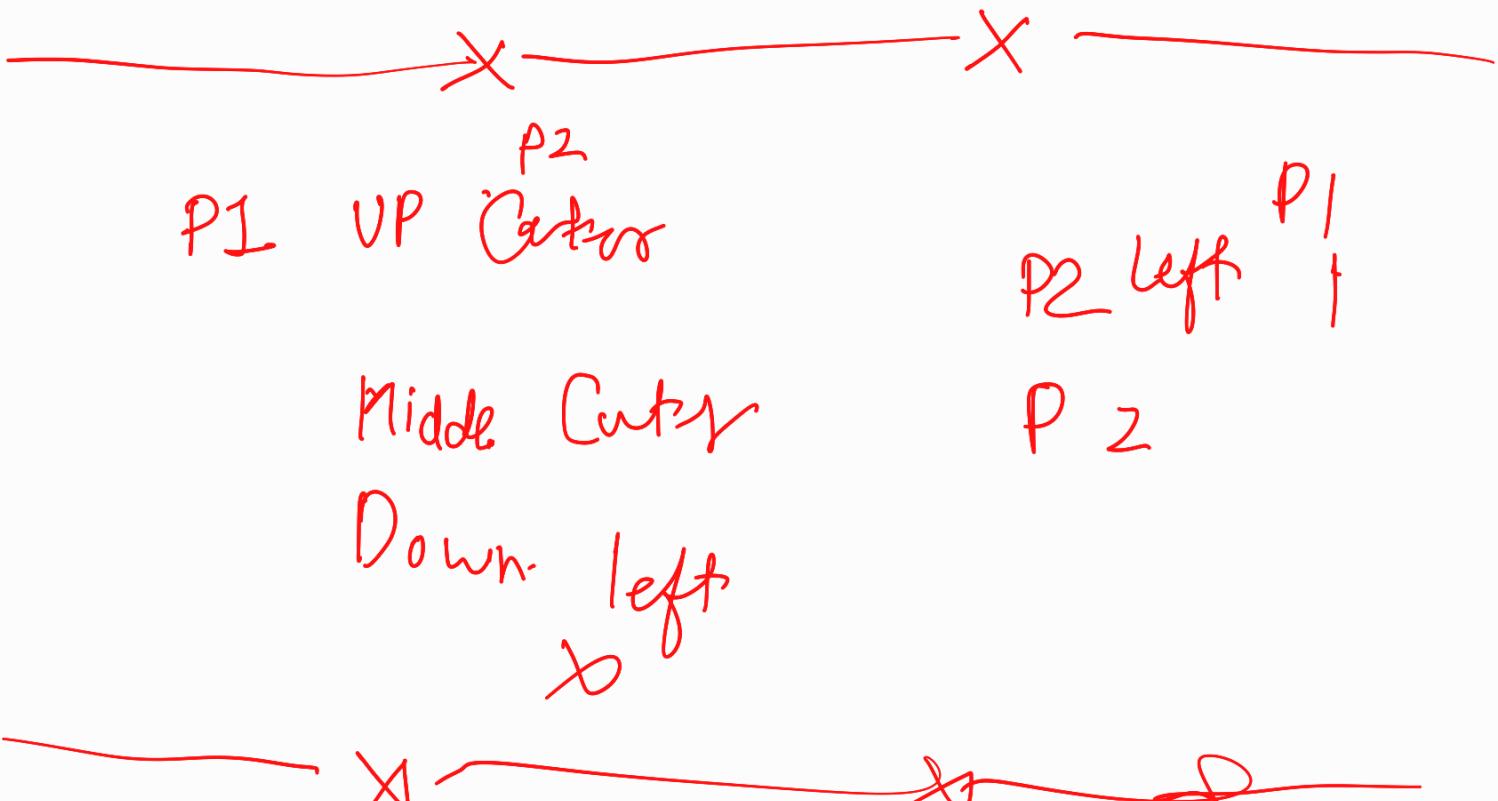
Implications of dominant strategy

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		A	B	C
		I	3, 2	1, 1
		II	2, 3	0, 2
P_1	P_2	1, 0		
		3, 3		

$$P_2 = B$$

$$P_1 = X$$



Iterative Elimination of DS

P_2

L C R

~~U O2 3+ 23~~

$P_1 M 14 21 41$

D 21 44 32

$P_1 U P_2 R$

M $P_2 L$

D $P_2 C$

$P_2 L D$

$P_2 C D$

$P_2 R M$

P1 M P2 L
D P2 C

P2 L D
P2 C D
P2 R M

P2
L C R
P1 M 14 21
D 21 44
3 2

P1 M P2 L
D P2 C

P2
L C
P1 M 14 21
D 21 44

P2 L D
C D
P2

P1 L C
 D 21 44

DC



Best Response Function

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & L & C & R \\ T & \left[\begin{array}{ccc} (1,1) & (1,0) & (0,1) \end{array} \right] \\ B & \left[\begin{array}{ccc} (1,0) & (0,1) & (1,0) \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

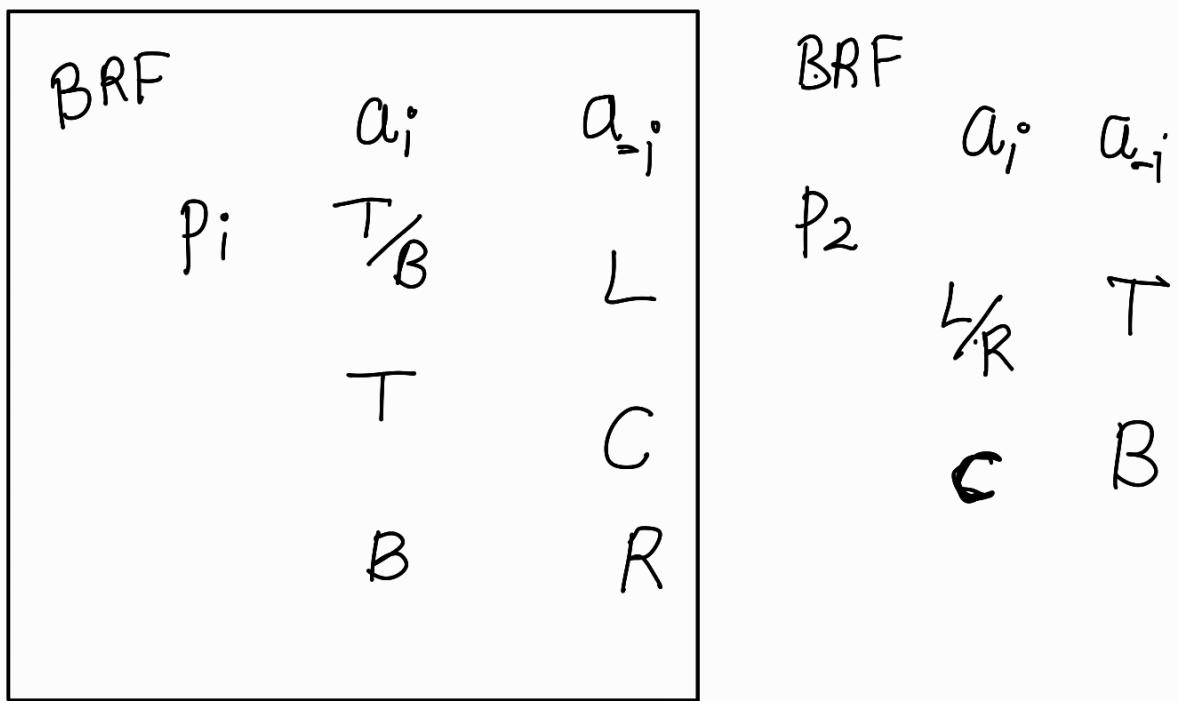
Player i $-i$
 a_i a_i^*
 BRF Non BRF

$B_i(a_{-i})$

$$u_i(a_i, a_{-i}) \geq u(a_i^*, a_{-i})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & L & C & R \\ T & \left[\begin{array}{ccc} (1,1) & (1,0) & (0,1) \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$$B \begin{bmatrix} (-1, 0) & (0, 1) & (1, 0) \end{bmatrix}$$



NE

$$P_1 \quad BR(a_1^*) = P_2(a_2^*)$$

$$P_2 \quad BR(a_2^*) = P_1(a_1^*)$$

P2

	L	C	R	
T	12*	2*1	1*0	
P1	2*1*	01*	00	
B	01	00	12*	

BRF

BRF

		P1		P2	
		a_i	a_{-i}	a_i	a_{-i}
		M	L	L	T
		T	C	C	M
		R	B	R	B

~~X~~ ~~X~~

Nash equilibrium for symmetrical games

	L	R
P1	L	(1, 1) (0, 0)
	R	(0, 0) (1, 1)

Oligopoly market (few firms ≤ 10)

Duopoly

Profit \rightarrow Qty / Price

Price \rightarrow Qty

$$f_i = f(a_i)$$

$$P_i = P(Q_i)$$

$$P_i = P(Q) \stackrel{+ve}{=} P(Q_1 + Q_2 + \dots + Q_n)$$

$$TR_i = q_i P$$

$$= q_i P(Q)$$

$$= q_i P(Q_1 + Q_2 + \dots + Q_n)$$

$$\text{Profit} = TR - C$$

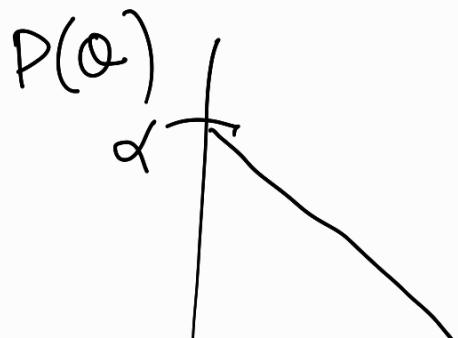
$$= q_i P(Q_1 + Q_2 + \dots + Q_n) - C_i(q_i)$$

Duopoly

Cournot Model

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$P(Q) = P(Q_1 + Q_2) = \begin{cases} \alpha - Q & \text{if } Q \leq \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\xrightarrow{\alpha} (\varnothing)$$

$$c_i(q_i) = cq_i$$

BRF

$$\pi_1 = \pi_1(q_1, q_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 P(\varnothing) - cq_1$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 \alpha - q_1 \varnothing - cq_1$$

$$\pi_1 \Rightarrow q_1 \alpha - q_1 q_1 - q_1 q_2 - cq_2$$

$$\pi_2 \Rightarrow q_2(\alpha - c - q_1 - q_2)$$

$$b_1(q_2) = q_1^*$$

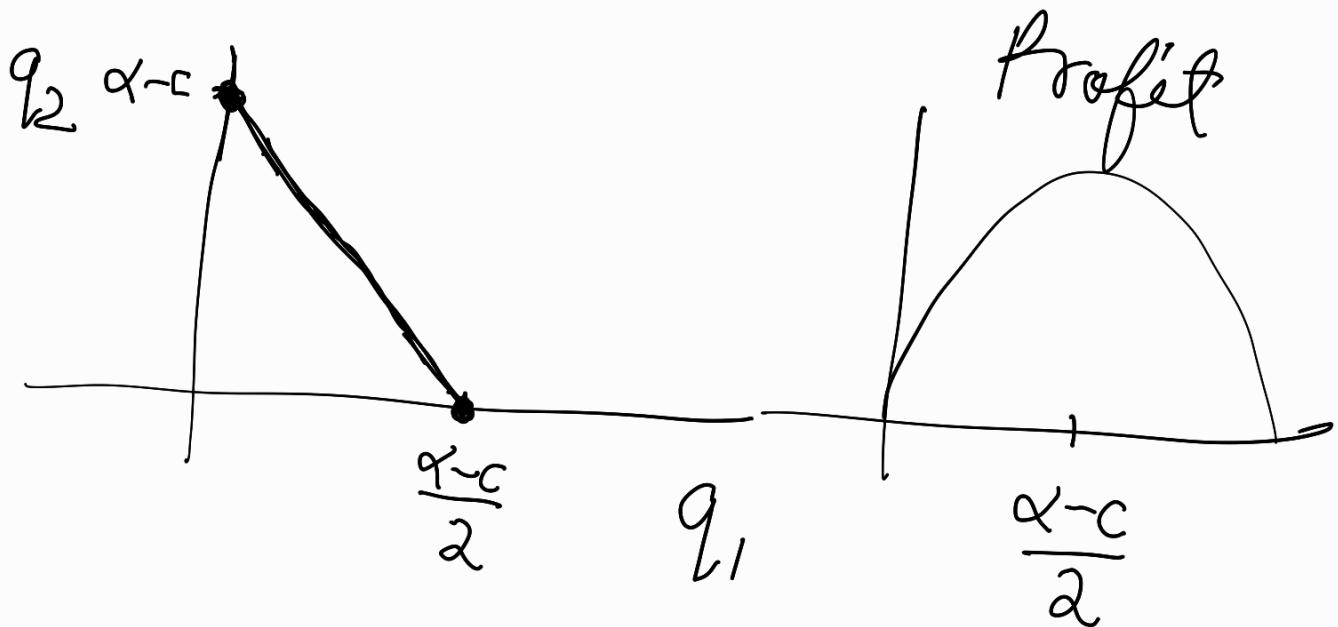
$$q_1(\alpha - c - q_1 - q_2)$$

$$\alpha - c - 2q_1 - q_2 = 0$$

$$q_1 = \frac{\alpha - c - q_2}{2}$$

$$q_2 = 0 \quad q_1 = \frac{\alpha - c}{2}$$

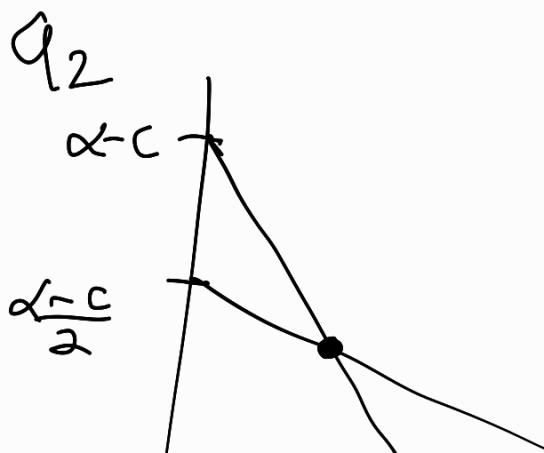
$$q_2 = \alpha - c \quad q_1 = 0$$



$$q_2 = \frac{\alpha - c - q_1}{2}$$

$$q_1 = 0 \quad q_2 = \frac{\alpha - c}{2}$$

$$q_1 = \alpha - c \quad q_2 = 0$$





$$y = \frac{\alpha - c + x}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{\alpha - c - y}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{\alpha - c - \frac{\alpha - c - y}{2}}{2}$$

~~$$4y = 2\alpha - 2c - \alpha + c + y$$~~

$$y = \frac{\alpha - c}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\alpha - c - \frac{(\alpha - c)}{3}}{2}$$

~~$$\frac{3\alpha - 3c - \alpha + c}{2}$$~~

$$\frac{2x - 2c}{6} = \frac{x - c}{3}$$

$$P = \alpha - \frac{\sigma(\alpha - c)}{n}$$

$$P = \frac{3d - 2d + 2c}{3}$$

$$P = \frac{x + 2c}{3}$$

$$\text{Payoff } b_1(q_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - c - q_2) & q_2 \leq \alpha - c \\ 0 & q_2 \geq \alpha - c \end{cases}$$

Post Mid Sem Exam

Bertrand Duopoly Model

Cournot Model

What qty of F1 will maximize the profit of F1 given the qty of F2?

$$C = b q_i$$

$$Q = \alpha - P_i$$

Two firms i & j

$$P_i > P_j \quad \pi_i = 0 \quad \pi_j = (P_j - c)(\alpha - P_j)$$

$$P_i = P_j \quad \pi_i = \frac{(P_i - c)(\alpha - P_i)}{2} \quad \pi_j = \frac{(P_j - c)(\alpha - P_j)}{2}$$

$$P_i < P_j \quad \pi_i = (P_i - c)(\alpha - P_i) \quad 0$$

$$C = c q_i$$

$$\pi_i = P_i q_i - C q_i$$

$$\pi_i = (P_i - c) Q$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi_1}{\partial P_1} = \frac{(P_1 - c)(\alpha - P_1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha P_1 - P_1^2 - \alpha c + P_1 c}{2}$$

$\cancel{P_1^2}$

$0 = \frac{\alpha - 2P_1 + c}{2} \Rightarrow P_1 = \frac{c + \alpha}{2}$

$$(P_1 - c)(\alpha - P_1)$$

$$\alpha P_1 - P_1^2 - \alpha c + P_1 c$$

$\alpha - 2P_1 + c \Rightarrow P_1 = \frac{\alpha + c}{2}$

$\cancel{\alpha} - \cancel{2P_1} + \cancel{c} \Rightarrow P_1 = \frac{\cancel{\alpha} + \cancel{c}}{2}$

$$Q = \alpha - P_1$$

$$= \alpha - \left(\frac{\alpha + c}{2}\right)$$

$$= \underline{\alpha} - c$$

$P_i < P_j$ then F_j will try to $P_j = P_i$

What $P_i < c$

then P_j won't follow P_i to prevent negative profit. and stays at 0 profit

Is $P_i = P_j = c$ NE?

Yes

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F_2

		H	M	L	
F1		H	6,6	0,10	0,8
F1		M	10,0	5,5	0,8
F1		L	8,0	8,0	4,4

F1	H	F2	M
M	F2	L	
L	F2	L	

Go for IE

M L

M 55 08
L 80 44

F2

M F1 L
L F1 L

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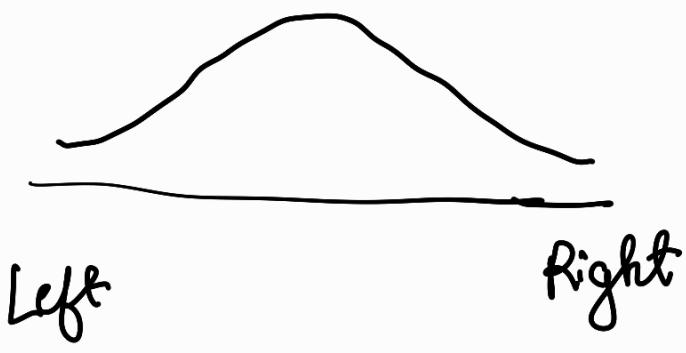
Electoral Competition

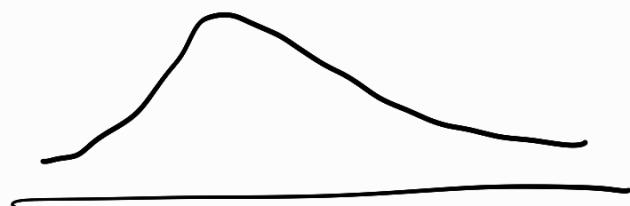
Win > Tie > Loss

Political party → No ideological
Voter → attachment

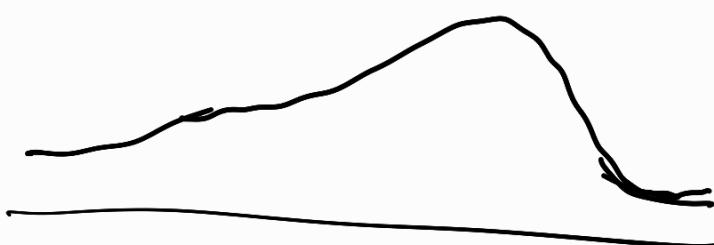
Players → Candidates

Actions → Find preferred ideological
location

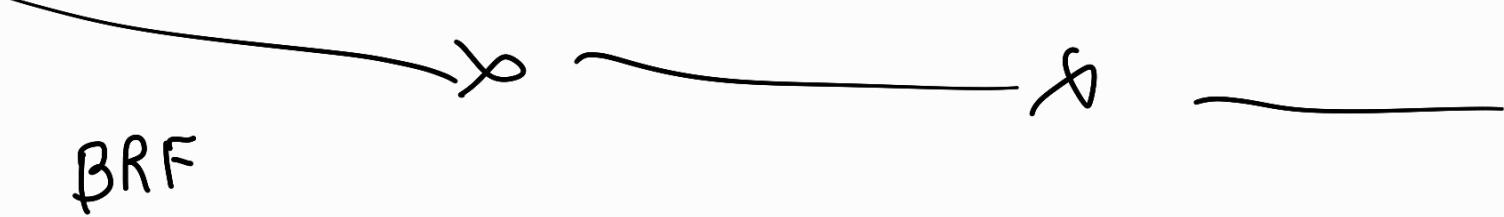




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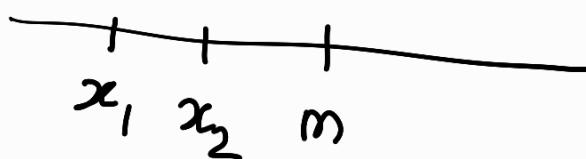
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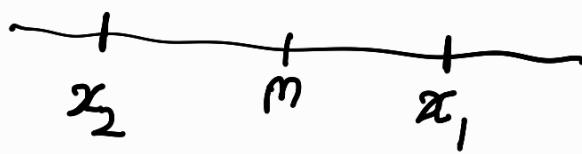
Case I $x_2 < m$

Case 1.1 $x_1 < x_2$



x_2 wins.

$x_2 < m$



1.2 if $(x_1 + x_2) > m$ x_1 wins

1.3 else x_2 wins.

$$BR_1(x_2) = \begin{cases} x_2 < x_1 < 2m - x_2 & \text{if } x_2 < m \\ 2m - x_2 < x_1 < x_2 & \text{if } x_2 > m \\ m & \text{if } x_2 = m \end{cases}$$

$$BR_2(x_1) = \begin{cases} x_1 < x_2 < 2m - x_1 & \text{if } x_1 < m \\ 2m - x_1 < x_2 < x_1 & \text{if } x_1 > m \\ m & \text{if } x_2 = m \end{cases}$$

Median Voter Theorem

Hotelling rule



Auction

Case of Perfect information.

n bidders

(Each bidder knows the evaluation value of other bidder)

$$b_1 > b_2 > \dots > b_n \quad v_1 > v_2 > \dots > v_n$$

$$b_i \neq b_j \quad v_i \neq v_j$$

$$b_i \leq v_i$$

Player i pays $v_i - b_j$



i highest bidder

j second highest bidder.

NE

$$BRF_1(a_{-1})$$

$$b_1 > v_1$$

$$b_1 = v_1$$

$$b_1 < v_1$$

$$(b_1 > b_2 > \dots > b_n) < (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

=

b_i ; b_j



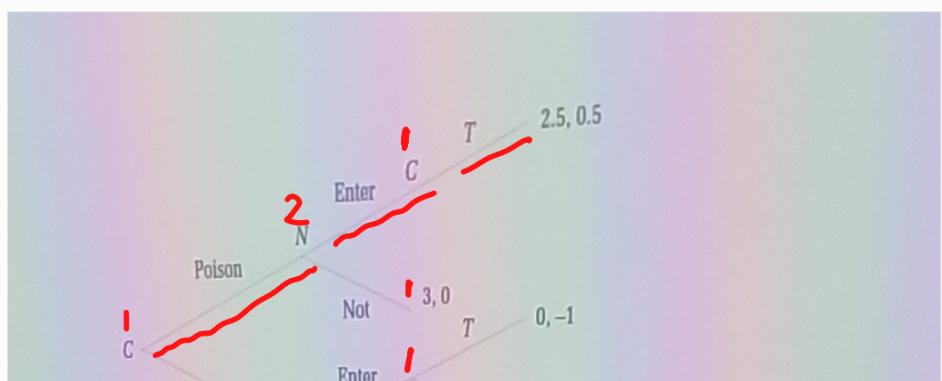
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