

# Homework 12

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**9.1.1** Determine the payoff matrices for the following two-person zero-sum game.

- (d)  $P_1$  selects a number  $n$  from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $P_2$  is given two guesses. ( $P_2$ 's guesses must be from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  but need not be distinct.) After  $P_2$  makes her two guesses,  $P_1$  reveals his selected number  $n$ . If  $P_2$  did not guess  $n$ ,  $P_1$  wins  $2n$  from  $P_2$ ; if  $P_2$  did guess  $n$ ,  $P_2$  wins from  $P_1$  an amount equal to  $P_2$ 's guess.

*Solution.* Considering the distinct permutations, the payoff matrix will look like:

	(1, 2)	(2, 3)	(3, 1)
1	-1	2	-1
2	-2	-2	-4
3	-6	-3	-3

**9.2.1** Find strategy pairs that satisfy Principles I and II for the games with the following payoff matrices:

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

*Solution.* Player 1's security level is maximized in row 1. Player 2's security level is maximized with column 2. The corresponding strategy pair is  $(s_1, t_2)$ .

(b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

*Solution.* Similarly,  $(s_2, t_2)$ .

**9.3.2** For each of the following payoff matrices, determine the set of values of  $x$  for which game has a saddle point, and for  $x$  in this set, determine the saddle point.

(c)  $\begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 3 & x \end{bmatrix}$

*Solution.* For Player 1, the minimum of the rows are  $\min(1, x)$  and  $\min(3, x)$ . For Player 2, the maximum of the columns are  $\max(x, 3)$  and  $\max(1, x)$ .

We can iterate over the first few integers (not sure if this is the best way to do this...),

$x$	$u_1$	$u_2$	Saddle?
0	0	1	no
1	1	1	yes
2	2	2	yes
3	3	3	yes
4	3	4	no

For a saddle point to occur,  $x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and the saddle point occurs on the  $x$ .

**9.4.2** For the matrix game  $A$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute  $P_1$ 's security level for  $X_1 = (2/3, 1/3, 0)$  and  $X_2 = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$ .

*Solution.* Player 1's security level is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^{(1)} &= \min_{Y \in T} \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^T A \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \min_{Y \in T} (2/3 \quad 0 \quad 1/3 \quad 2/3) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is minimized for  $Y = (0, 1, 0, 0)$  with  $\boxed{u_1^{(1)} = 0}$ . For  $X_2 = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$ , we find

$$u_1^{(2)} = \min_{Y \in T} (1 \quad 2/3 \quad 0 \quad 0) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is minimized with either  $Y = (0, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $Y = (0, 0, 0, 1)$ , or a linear combination, with  $\boxed{u_1^{(2)} = 0}$ .

- (b) Compute  $P_2$ 's security level for  $Y_1 = (1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)$  and  $Y_2 = (0, 1/2, 0, 1/2)$ .

*Solution.* Player 2's security level can be found with

$$u_2^{(1)} = \max_{X \in S} (x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is maximized for either  $X = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $X = (0, 0, 1)$  or a linear combination of these two with  $\boxed{u_2^{(1)} = 1/2}$ . For the other mixed strategy, the security level is

$$u_2^{(2)} = \max_{X \in S} (x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is maximized in the same way with  $\boxed{u_2^{(2)} = 1/2}$ .

(c) What can you now conclude about  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ?

*Solution.* We can say that  $v_1 \geq 0$  and  $v_2 \leq 1/2$ , or

$$0 \leq v_1 \leq v_2 \leq 1/2.$$