

## Solutions to Test(2)

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## Question 1

The matrix given is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

The primal LP is  
maximize  $z$  s.t.

$$z \leq 2x_1 - 3x_2$$

$$z \leq -x_1 + 4x_2$$

$$x_1 \geq 0 ; x_2 \geq 0 ;$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

Using  $x_2 = 1 - x_1$ , we obtain the constraints as

$$z \leq 5x_1 - 3$$

$$z \leq -5x_1 + 4$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$$

Note that  $(5x_1 - 3)$  increases with  $x_1$   
while  $(-5x_1 + 4)$  decreases with  $x_1$

Since we are trying to maximize  $z$ , the optimal solution is obtained when

$$5x_1 - 3 = -5x_1 + 4$$

This yields  $10x_1 = 7$  or  $x_1^* = \frac{7}{10}$

The optimal solution is therefore  
 $\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{10}\right)$  with

$$z^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{optimal value} = 0.1 - 0.2$$


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The Dual LP is

minimize  $w$  subject to

$$w \geq 2y_1 - y_2$$

$$w \geq -3y_1 + 4y_2$$

$$y_1 \geq 0 ; y_2 \geq 0$$

$$y_1 + y_2 = 1$$

Using  $y_2 = 1 - y_1$ , we obtain the constraints

$$w \geq 3y_1 - 1$$

$$w \geq -7y_1 + 4$$

$$0 \leq y_1 \leq 1$$

Here again, we find that  $3y_1 - 1$  increase with  $y_1$  and  $-7y_1 + 4$  decreases with  $y_1$  and the optimal solution is obtained when

$$3y_1 - 1 = -7y_1 + 4$$

which yields

$$y_1^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $y_2^* = \frac{1}{2}$

with optimal value  $= 3y_1^* - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$

Thus the optimal solution of the dual is  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and the optimal value is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

clearly, the MSNE here is  
 $\left(\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{10}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$

## Question 2

We are supposed to find the space of correlated equilibria of the matrix game

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} A \\ B \end{array} & \begin{bmatrix} 1, -1 & -1, 1 \\ -1, 1 & 1, -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

We know that correlated equilibria are obtained as the feasible solutions of the following set of constraints:

$$\sum_{\underline{s}_i \in \underline{S}_i} \alpha(\underline{s}_i, \underline{s}_i) \{u_i(\underline{s}_i, \underline{s}_i) - u_i(\underline{s}_i', \underline{s}_i)\} \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{s}_i \in \underline{S}_i \quad \forall \underline{s}_i' \in \underline{S}_i \quad \forall i \in N$$

$$\text{Here } N = \{1, 2\} \quad S_1 = S_2 = \{A, B\}$$

By systematically enumerating all the equations, we get the following four equations.

$$\alpha(A, A) - \alpha(B, A) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(A,A)(2) + \alpha(A,B)(-2) &\geq 0 \\ \alpha(B,A)(-2) + \alpha(B,B)(2) &\geq 0 \\ \alpha(A,A)(-2) + \alpha(B,A)(2) &\geq 0 \\ \alpha(A,B)(2) + \alpha(B,B)(-2) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

This immediately leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(A,A) &\geq \alpha(A,B) \\ \alpha(B,B) &\geq \alpha(B,A) \\ \alpha(B,A) &\geq \alpha(A,A) \\ \alpha(A,B) &\geq \alpha(B,B) \end{aligned}$$

The above inequalities are satisfied iff

$$\alpha(A,A) = \alpha(A,B) = \alpha(B,A) = \alpha(B,B)$$

which means

$(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$  is the only correlated equilibrium for this game. This is consistent with the fact that  $((\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}))$  is the unique MSNE for this game.

### Question 3

Convexity of a TU game  $(N, v)$  means

$$v(S \cup T) \geq v(S) + v(T) - v(S \cap T)$$

$$v((C \cup D) \cap (C \cup D)) \geq v(C \cup D)$$

$$\forall C, D \subseteq N$$

Version 2 of the game.

We know  $v(12) = v(123) = 300$  with the rest of the values equal to zero.

In the above definition of convexity, the only RHS values possible are 0, 300, 600. There is nothing to show if the RHS is 0. If the RHS is 600, the implication is that  $C = \{1, 2\}$  and  $D = \{1, 2, 3\}$  or  $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $D = \{1, 2\}$ .

In either case,  $LHS = RHS = 600$  and the inequality holds.

In the case when  $RHS = 300$ , the meaning is that exactly one of  $C$  or  $D$  is either  $\{1, 2\}$  or  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  in which case the term  $v(C \cup D)$  in the LHS will be 300 and the inequality holds.

Thus Version 2 game is convex.

Version 3

$$v(12) = v(13) = v(123) = 300$$

choose  $C = \{1, 2\}$   $D = \{1, 3\}$

$$LHS = 300$$

$$RHS = 300 + 300 = 600$$

Thus Version 3 is not convex.

Version 4

$$v(12) = v(13) = v(23) = v(123) = 300$$

choose  $C = \{1, 2\}$   $D = \{1, 3\}$  or  $\{2, 3\}$  and we are done. In fact there are multiple such choices.

Version 4 is also not convex.

Glove Market

$$N_L = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

$$N_R = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k\}$$

Suppose

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_{2k}) \in \text{Core}(1)$$

then note that

$$\sum_{i \in N_L \cup N_R} x_i = k$$

Suppose  $l \in N_L$  and  $r \in N_R$ . Then

$$v(\{l, r\}) = 1$$

$$x_l + x_r \geq v(\{l, r\}) = 1$$

Also note that

$$\sum_{\substack{i \neq l \\ i \neq r \\ i \in N_L \cup N_R}} x_i = k-1$$

Using all of the above equations, one can show that

$$x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_k \quad (= \alpha, \text{ say})$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_{k+2} = \dots = x_{2k}$$

then the Core will be the set:

$$C(N, v) = \left\{ \underbrace{(\alpha, \alpha, \dots, \alpha)}_{i \in N_L}, \underbrace{(1-\alpha, 1-\alpha, \dots, 1-\alpha)}_{i \in N_R} \right\} : 0$$

Please verify the above with a simple example such as

$$N_L = \{1, 2\}$$

$$N_R = \{3, 4\}$$

Then  
 $(0, 0, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$   
 are all in the Core of this game.

Intuitively, one can see that the Shapley Va

is given by  
 $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$