Game Theory - Problem set 2

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**Problem 1 (2p)** Consider a modified game of partnership with independent investment profitabilities.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & \text{Player 2} \\ & \text{Invest} & \text{Not} \\ \\ \text{Player 1} & \text{Invest} & \frac{(\theta_1, \theta_2) & (\theta_1 - 1, 0)}{(0, \theta_2 - 1) & (0, 0)} \end{array}$$

Assume that player 1 has only one type  $\theta_1 \in (0,1)$ , while player 2 has two possible types  $\theta_2^H = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $\theta_2^L = -\frac{1}{2}$  with prior prob. 1/2.

- model this game as a Bayesian game with ex-ante payoffs as expected values,
- determine pure-strategy BNE, depending on  $\theta_1$ .

**Problem 2 (4p)** Consider the following modification to the classic Bach or Stravinsky (a.k.a. Battle of the Sexes) game: the two players still want to meet, but neither player knows whether the other party prefers Bach or Stravinsky (the prior probability of each of four outcomes is 1/4).

- model this game as a Bayesian game with ex-ante payoffs as expected values,
- find all pure-strategy BNE of this game,
- verify that there are equilibria in which players do not go to the same concert with positive probability.

**Problem 3 (4p)** Consider a game of public good provision: each of the two players can contribute at a private cost  $c_i$  or not contribute (at zero cost). The good is provided if at least one of the players contribute and brings utility 1 (minus cost, if any) to everyone. The players cost is i.i.d. and drawn from Unif[0,2] distribution.

- Write the game with observable  $(c_1, c_2)$  in a matrix form and define a Bayesian Nash Equilibrium of the game
- Prove that in any BNE the strategies  $s_i(c_i)$  must be cutoff strategies i.e.

$$s_i(c_i) = \begin{cases} Contribute & \text{if } c < \bar{c} \\ Not & \text{if } c > \bar{c} \end{cases}$$

- Find the cutoffs that define a BNE. Is the equlibrium unique?
- Can any of the strategies be removed as dominated? What would be the result if the process?