

Two people are good friends who are deciding to go hiking (H) or reading books (R) on weekends. Each of them has to make the decision simultaneously and independently (they cannot communicate). One of them is extroverted (player 1) who likes hiking very much but prefers to go with her friend. The other of them is introverted (player 2) enjoys reading books more than hiking, and sometimes prefers to be with her friend and sometimes prefers to be alone. Introverted person knows her preference today but extroverted person does not. The extroverted person thinks the probability that introverted person would prefer her company today is $\frac{3}{4}$. The situation is summarized in the following tables:

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Solution: Two players: $N = \{1, 2\}$; Their types are $T_1 = \{c\}$, $T_2 = \{a, b\}$ where a represents the situation in table 1, b table 2. The sets of strategies are $S_1 = \{H, S\}$, $S_2 = \{HH, HR, RH, RR\}$. The beliefs of players are

$$p_1(a|c) = \frac{3}{4}, p_1(b|c) = \frac{1}{4}, p_2(c|a) = p_2(c|b) = 1.$$

Payoffs are in tables.

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Solution: Note that $BR_2(H) = HR$, $BR_2(R) = RH$. And

$$u_1(H, HR) = \frac{3}{4} \times 4 + \frac{1}{4} \times 0 = 3, u_1(R, HR) = \frac{3}{4} \times 0 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_1(H, RH) = \frac{3}{4} \times 0 + \frac{1}{4} \times 4 = 1, u_1(R, RH) = \frac{3}{4} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 0 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Hence, $BR_1(HR) = H$, $BR_1(RH) = H$. Therefore, BNE in pure strategy is only (H, HR) .