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## Game Theory Basics



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# Collective Decision Intelligence

- Progress of Artificial Intelligence

Recognition  
Intelligence



Decision  
Intelligence



Collective Decision  
Intelligence



Deep Learning

Deep  
Reinforcement  
Learning

Reinforcement  
Learning

Multi-agent  
Reinforcement  
Learning

Game Theory

# Games in Reality



Rock, Scissors, Paper



Auction



Chess



Poker

# History of Game Theory

**1934**, Stackelberg,  
Stackelberg Equilibrium[1]

**1950**, **Nash**,  
Mixed Nash Equilibrium[2]

**1967**, **Harsanyi**,  
Bayesian Nash Equilibrium  
in Bayesian game[5]

**1994**,  
Papadimitriou,  
PPAD[8]

**1951**, Brown,  
Fictitious Play in Repeated game[3]

**1965**, **Selten**,  
Subgame Perfect Equilibrium in  
Extensive-form Game[4]

**1973**, Smith & Price,  
Evolutional Game Theory[6]

**1974**, **Aumann**,  
Correlated Equilibrium[7]

Till now, 18 game theorists received **Nobel Prize in Economics!**

# Elements of Game

- Players  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ 
  - $N = \{1, 2\}$
- Strategies (actions)  $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ 
  - $A_1 = \{R, S, P\}$
  - $A_2 = \{R, S, P\}$
- Payoff (utility)  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), u_i: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $u_1: A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
  - $u_2: A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



# Normal-form Game

- Payoff Matrix

		Column Player Actions		
		R	S	P
Row Player Actions	R	0, 0	1, -1	-1, 1
	S	-1, 1	0, 0	1, -1
	P	1, -1	-1, 1	0, 0

- More than 2 players

		$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$
Joint Actions	R, R, R	0	-1	1
	R, R, S	1	1	0
	.....	.....	.....	.....



# Rationality of Players

- Self-interested
  - Preference over game outcome
  - E.g. (paper, rock) is better than (rock, paper) for row player
- Utility
  - Utility of (paper, rock) is 1
  - Utility of (rock, paper) is -1
- Objective
  - Act to maximize (expected) utility

# Pure Strategy and Mixed Strategy

Matching Pennies

	Heads	Tails
Heads	1, -1	-1, 1
Tails	-1, 1	1, -1

- Pure Strategy
  - $a_1 \in A_1 = \{Heads, Tails\}$
  - $a_2 \in A_2 = \{Heads, Tails\}$
- Mixed Strategy: Probability Distribution over Pure Strategy
  - $a_1 = (x_H, x_T)$ ,  $x_H \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_T \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_H + x_T = 1$
  - $a_2 = (y_H, y_T)$ ,  $y_H \in [0,1]$ ,  $y_T \in [0,1]$ ,  $y_H + y_T = 1$
- Expected Utility
  - $EU_1 = x_H y_H u_1(H, H) + x_H y_T u_1(H, T) + x_T y_H u_1(T, H) + x_T y_T u_1(T, T)$
  - $EU_2 = x_H y_H u_2(H, H) + x_H y_T u_2(H, T) + x_T y_H u_2(T, H) + x_T y_T u_2(T, T)$
- Example
  - $a_1 = (0.1, 0.9)$ ,  $a_2 = (0.3, 0.7)$
  - $EU_1 = 0.32$ ,  $EU_2 = -0.32$

# Classic Games

- Zero-sum Game
  - $u_1(a) + u_2(a) = 0, \forall a \in A$
- Cooperative Game
  - $u_i(a) = u_j(a), \forall a \in A, i, j \in N$
- Coordination Game
  - Multiple Nash Equilibria Exist
- Social Dilemma [9]
  - Everyone suffers in an NE

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Tails	-1, 1	1, -1

Road Selection

	Left	Right
Left	1, 1	0, 0
Right	0, 0	1, 1

Battle of Sex

	Party	Home
Party	10, 5	0, 0
Home	0, 0	5, 10

Prisoner's Dilemma

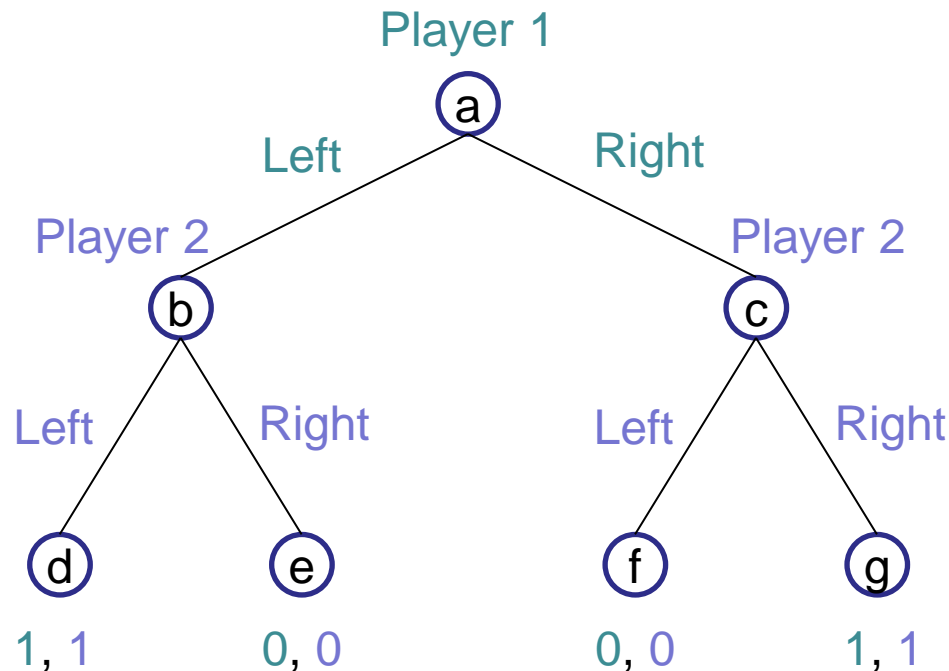
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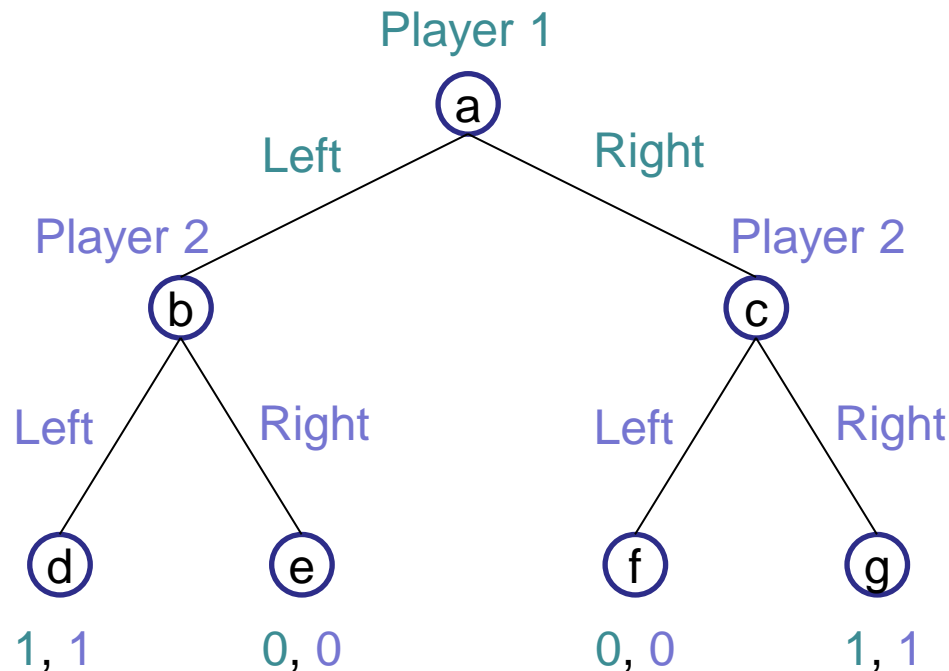
# Extensive-form Game

- Game Tree
  - Node: decision point for a specified player
  - Edge: action decided by the player
  - Leaf: outcome of the game with payoff



# Strategies in Extensive-form Game

- Strategy Space
    - Player 1: {Left, Right}
    - Player 2: {(Left, Left), (Left, Right), (Right, Left), (Right, Right)}
- action in every node



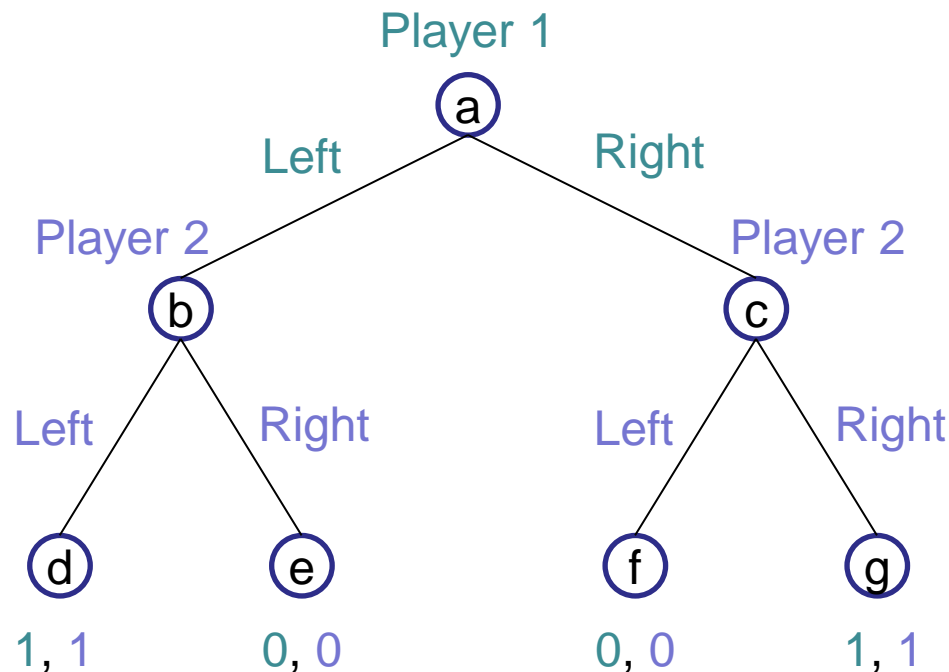
# Extensive-form vs. Normal-form

- Equivalent Normal-form Game

single  
step/state  
⇕  
**static**

	(Left, Left)	(Left, Right)	(Right, Left)	(Right, Right)
Left	1, 1	1, 1	0, 0	0, 0
Right	0, 0	1, 1	0, 0	1, 1

multiple  
step/state  
⇕  
**dynamic**

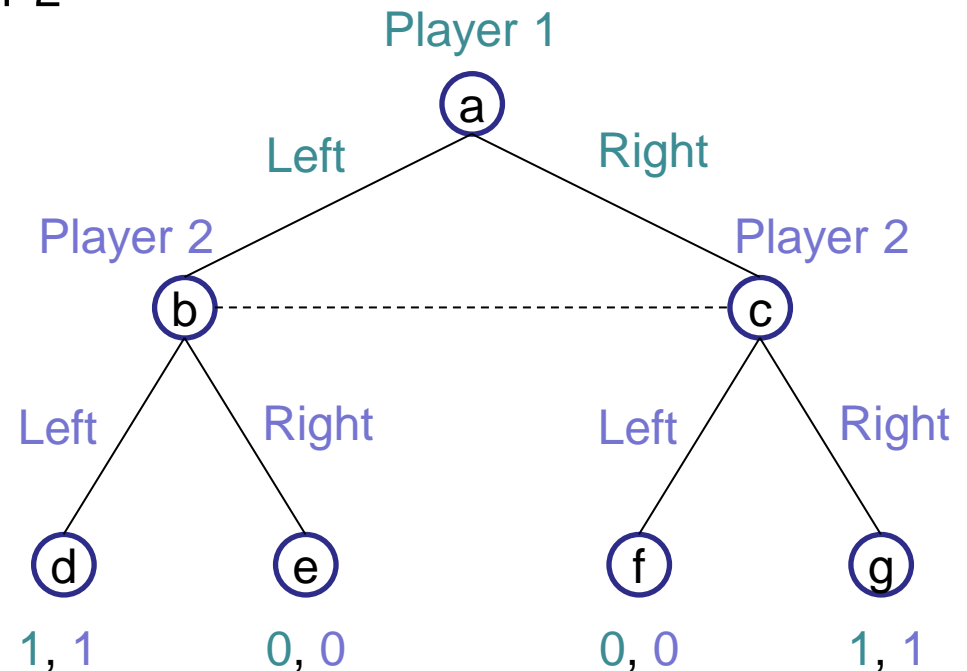


# Imperfect Information

- Imperfect Information Game
  - Some historical actions are invisible by other players
- Information Set
  - A set containing undistinguishable states, e.g. {b, c} is an information set for player 2

- Strategy Space
  - Player 1: {Left, Right}
  - Player 2: {Left, Right}

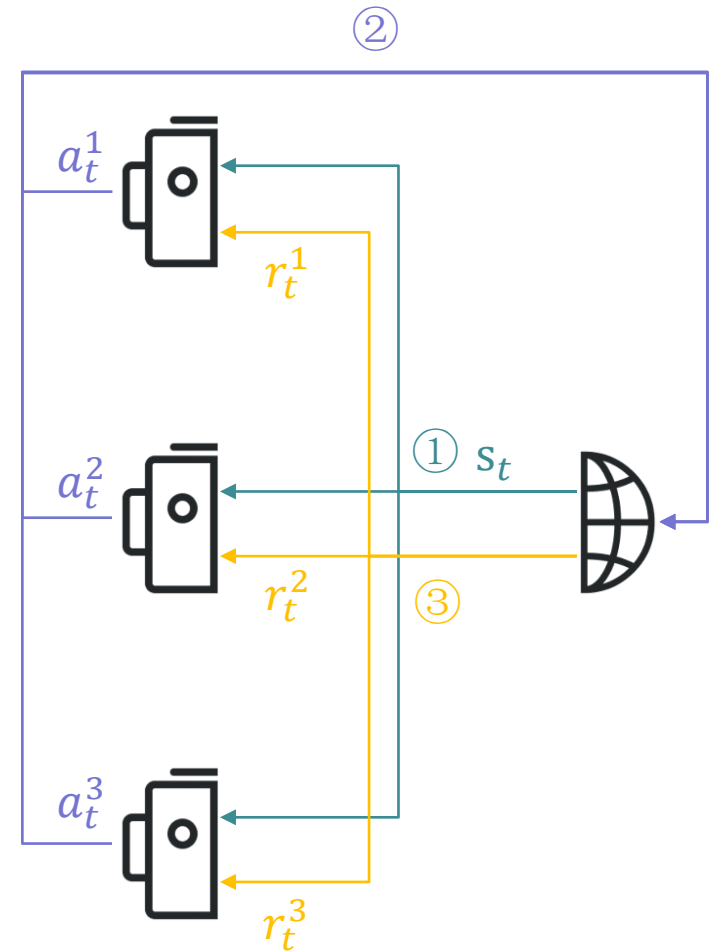
action in every  
information set





# Markov Game (or Stochastic Game)

- Game Definition
  - State space  $S$
  - Action space  $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$
  - Transition function  $p: S \times A \rightarrow S$
  - Reward function  $r: S \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- Behavioral Strategy
  - Policy  $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Properties
  - Simultaneous action (Normal-form)
  - Multiple step/state (Extensive-form)
  - Immediate reward
  - Randomness
  - Cycle



Interaction at time-step  $t$

# Summary of Strategy Representation

	Static Game (Single Step/state)	Dynamic Game (Multiple step/state)
Pure Strategy	$a_i \in A_i$	$\pi_i: S \rightarrow A_i$ or $\pi_i \in A_i^S$
Mixed Strategy	$a_i: A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$	$\pi_i: A_i^S \rightarrow [0,1]$
Behavioral Strategy	$a_i: A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$	$\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$

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# Example: Auction

- Game Definition

- Players has private value  $v_1, v_2$
- Players decide biddings  $b_1, b_2$
- Player  $i$  with higher bidding  $b_i$  has utility  $v_i - b_i$
- The other player has utility 0

- Uncertainty of Private Value

- $v_1 = 4, v_2 = 4$
- $b_1 \in \{1, 3\}, b_2 \in \{2, 4\}$

	$b_2 = 2$	$b_2 = 4$
$b_1 = 1$	0, 2	0, 0
$b_1 = 3$	1, 0	0, 0

- $v_1 = 4, v_2 = 5$
- $b_1 \in \{1, 3\}, b_2 \in \{2, 4\}$

	$b_2 = 2$	$b_2 = 4$
$b_1 = 1$	0, 3	0, 1
$b_1 = 3$	1, 0	0, 1

- Players don't know the exact payoff matrix of the game!

# Incomplete Information

- Recall the Elements of a Game
  - Players  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
  - Action space  $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$
  - Payoff functions  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), u_i: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Incomplete Information Game
  - Players know:  $N$  and  $A$
  - Players don't completely know:  $u$
  - Criteria: whether players have private information when game starts
- Example
  - Auction
  - Mahjong
  - Werewolves of Miller's Hollow

# Bayesian Game

- Basic Idea
  - Payoff function  $p_i$  is unknown, but the distribution of  $p_i$  is known
- Elements of Bayesian Game
  - Players  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , action space  $A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$
  - Player type space  $\Theta = \Theta_1 \times \Theta_2 \times \dots \times \Theta_n$
  - Distribution over types  $d: \Theta \rightarrow [0, 1]$
  - Payoff functions  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), u_i: \Theta \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- Strategy

- Pure strategy  $\pi_i: \Theta_i \rightarrow A_i$
  - Mixed strategy  $\pi_i: \Theta_i \times A_i \rightarrow [0, 1]$

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$$0.3$$

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$b_1 = 1$	0, 3	0, 1
$b_1 = 3$	1, 0	0, 1

- Example

- $\Theta_1 = \{4\}, \Theta_2 = \{4, 5\}$
  - $d(4, 4) = 0.3, d(4, 5) = 0.7$

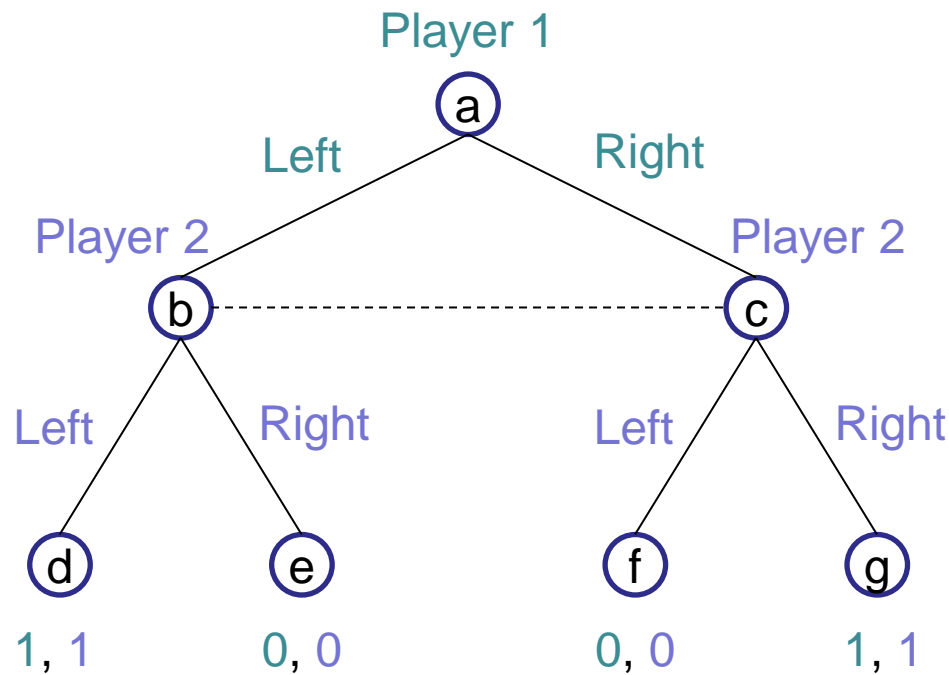
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	$b_2 = 2$	$b_2 = 4$
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$b_1 = 3$	1, 0	0, 0

# Dynamic Bayesian Game

- Belief System in Imperfect Information Extensive-form Game
  - Distribution over the states in an information set  $b_i: S \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Strategy
  - Pure strategy  $\pi_i: S \rightarrow A_i$
  - Behavioral strategy  $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$



# Summary of Game Representation

		Complete	Incomplete
Static		Normal-form Game, e.g. Prisoner's Dilemma	Bayesian Game, e.g. Auction
Dynamic	Perfect	Extensive-form Game, e.g. Chess	Texas Hold'em Poker
	Imperfect	StarCraft	Mahjong



Dynamic Bayesian game

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# Game Solution Reasoning

- Best Response (BR)
  - Given  $a_{-i} \in A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1} \times A_{i+1} \times \cdots \times A_n$
  - $a_i$  is best response to  $a_{-i} \Leftrightarrow u_i(a_i, a_{-i}) \geq u_i(a'_i, a_{-i}), \forall a'_i \in A_i$
- Dominant Strategy (DS)
  - $a_i$  is dominant strategy  $\Leftrightarrow$  Given any  $a_{-i}$ ,  $a_i$  is best response
- Example

Prisoner's Dilemma

	Cooperate (C)	Defect (D)
Cooperate (C)	2, 2	0, 3
Defect (D)	3, 0	1, 1

3 > 2, D is BR to C      1 > 0, D is BR to D

D is DS

# Game Solution Concept: Nash Equilibrium

- Definition
  - A joint strategy (or strategy profile)  $a \in A$  is a Nash Equilibrium  $\Leftrightarrow a_i$  is best response to  $a_{-i}$  holds for every player  $i$
- Example

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# Pareto Optimality vs. Nash Equilibrium

- Pareto Optimality (PO)
  - A joint strategy (or strategy profile)  $a \in A$  achieves Pareto optimality  $\Leftrightarrow \nexists a' \in A$  s. t. ①  $\forall i, u_i(a') \geq u_i(a)$ , ②  $\exists i, u_i(a') > u_i(a)$
  - A Pareto optimality is not necessarily a Nash equilibrium
  - A Nash equilibrium is not necessarily a Pareto optimality

Chicken

	C	D
C	3, 3	1, 4
D	4, 1	0, 0

C-D is PO and NE

Stag Hunt

	C	D
C	3, 3	0, 2
D	2, 0	1, 1

D-D is NE but not PO

Prisoner's Dilemma

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

C-C is PO but not NE

# Mixed-Strategy Nash Equilibrium

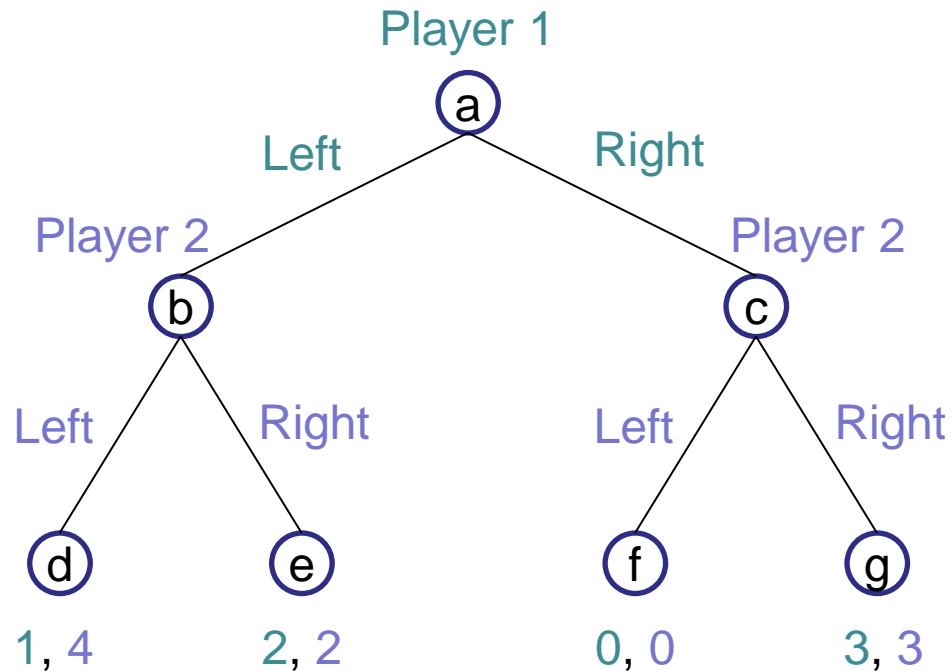
- Definition
  - A mixed-strategy profile  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), a_i \in \text{PD}(A_i)$  is a Nash Equilibrium  $\Leftrightarrow a_i$  is best response to  $a_{-i}$  holds for every player  $i$
- Example (Rock-Scissors-Paper)
  - $a_1 = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3), a_2 = (1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$
  - $EU_1(a_1, a_2) = 0 \geq EU_1(a_1', a_2) = 0, \forall a_1' \in A_1$
  - $EU_2(a_1, a_2) = 0 \geq EU_2(a_1, a_2') = 0, \forall a_2' \in A_2$

		$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$
		R	S	P
$1/3$	R	0, 0	1, -1	-1, 1
$1/3$	S	-1, 1	0, 0	1, -1
$1/3$	P	1, -1	-1, 1	0, 0

# Nash Equilibrium in Extensive-form Game

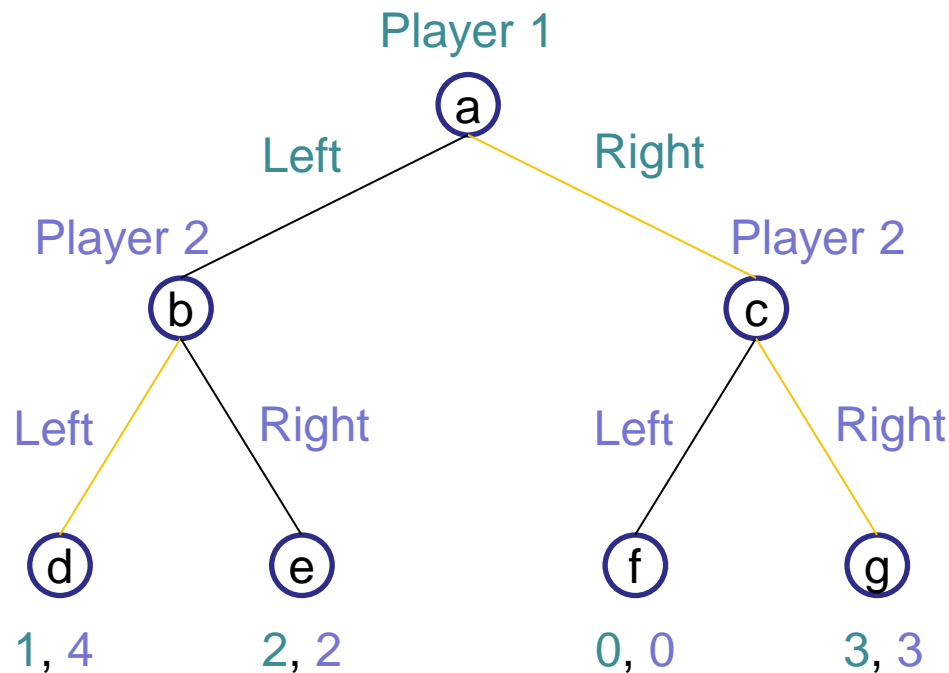
- Incredible Threat

	(Left, Left)	(Left, Right)	(Right, Left)	(Right, Right)
Left	1, 4 ?	1, 4	2, 2	2, 2
Right	0, 0	3, 3	0, 0	3, 3 ?



# Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium (SPNE)

- Definition
  - An NE is SPNE  $\Leftrightarrow$  the NE holds in every subgame
- Solution
  - Backward induction: Right - (Left, Right)



# Bayesian Nash Equilibrium

- Recall Bayesian Game
  - Player type space  $\Theta = \Theta_1 \times \Theta_2 \times \dots \times \Theta_n$
  - Distribution over types  $d: \Theta \rightarrow [0,1]$
  - Payoff functions  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), u_i: \Theta \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Strategy in Bayesian Game
  - Pure strategy  $\pi_i: \Theta_i \rightarrow A_i$
  - Mixed strategy  $\pi_i: \Theta_i \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Bayesian Nash Equilibrium (BNE)
  - Assume each player  $i$  knows her own type  $\theta_i \in \Theta_i$
  - Set expected utility  $\mathbb{E}[u_i | \pi, \theta] = \sum_{a \in A} (\prod_{j \in N} \pi_j(\theta_j, a_j)) u_i(a, \theta)$
  - $\pi$  is BNE  $\Leftrightarrow \pi_i \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi_i'} \sum_{\theta_{-i} \in \Theta_{-i}} d(\theta_i, \theta_{-i}) \mathbb{E}[u_i | \pi_i', \pi_{-i}, \theta_i, \theta_{-i}]$   
holds for each player  $i$  with her own type  $\theta_i$



# Bayesian Nash Equilibrium: Example

- Auction

- $A_1 = \{1,3\}, A_2 = \{2,4\}, \Theta_1 = \{4\}, \Theta_2 = \{4,5\}, d(4,4) = 0.3, d(4,5) = 0.7$

- Strategy

- $\pi_1(4,1) = x, \pi_1(4,3) = 1 - x$
  - $\pi_2(4,2) = y_1, \pi_2(4,4) = 1 - y_1$
  - $\pi_2(5,2) = y_2, \pi_2(5,4) = 1 - y_2$

$v_2 = 4$   
0.3

	$b_2 = 2$	$b_2 = 4$
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- Equilibrium

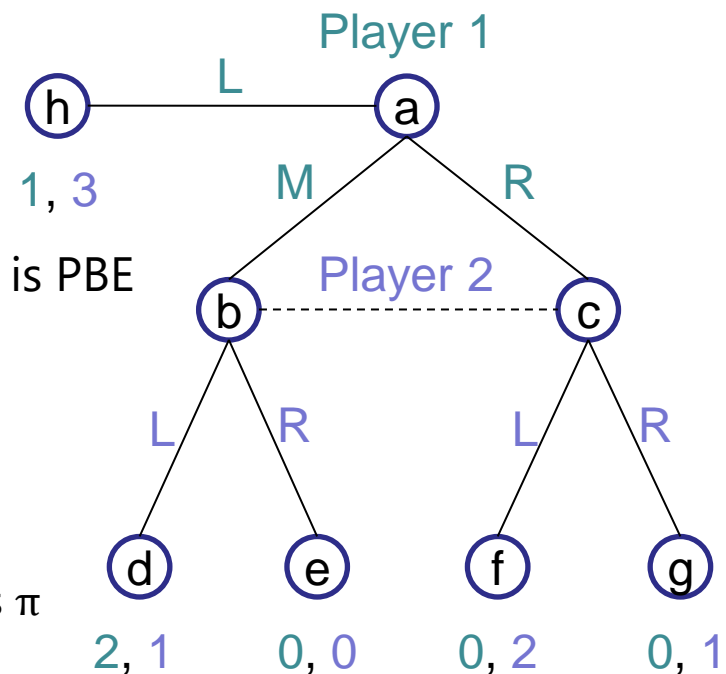
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0.7

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- $\mathbb{E}[u_1 | \pi_1, \pi_2, 4,4] = (1 - x)y_1$
  - $\mathbb{E}[u_1 | \pi_1, \pi_2, 4,5] = (1 - x)y_2$
  - $\mathbb{E}[u_2 | \pi_1, \pi_2, 4,4] = 3xy_1 + x(1 - y_1) + (1 - x)(1 - y_1)$
  - $\mathbb{E}[u_2 | \pi_1, \pi_2, 4,5] = 2xy_2$
  - $(x, y_1, y_2)$  satisfies  $x = \operatorname{argmax}_x 0.3(1 - x)y_1 + 0.7(1 - x)y_2$  and  $y_1 = \operatorname{argmax}_{y_1} 3xy_1 + x(1 - y_1) + (1 - x)(1 - y_1)$  and  $y_2 = \operatorname{argmax}_{y_2} 2xy_2$

# Perfect Bayesian (Nash) Equilibrium

- Motivation
  - SPNE is not enough for some imperfect information game
  - Example: (L,R) is an SPNE but is incredible
- Recall Dynamic Bayesian Game
  - Belief function  $b_i: S \rightarrow [0,1]$
  - Behavioral strategy  $\pi_i: S \times A_i \rightarrow [0,1]$
- Perfect Bayesian Equilibrium (PBE) [10]
  - A strategy profile  $\pi$  with a belief system  $b$  is PBE
  - **Sequential rationality**
    - Each player has best expected utility in each information set following  $b$  and  $\pi$
  - **Consistency of beliefs with Strategies**
    - Beliefs  $b$  are correct according to strategies  $\pi$



# Summary of Nash Equilibrium

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Dynamic	Perfect	Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium	Perfect Bayesian Nash Equilibrium
	Imperfect		

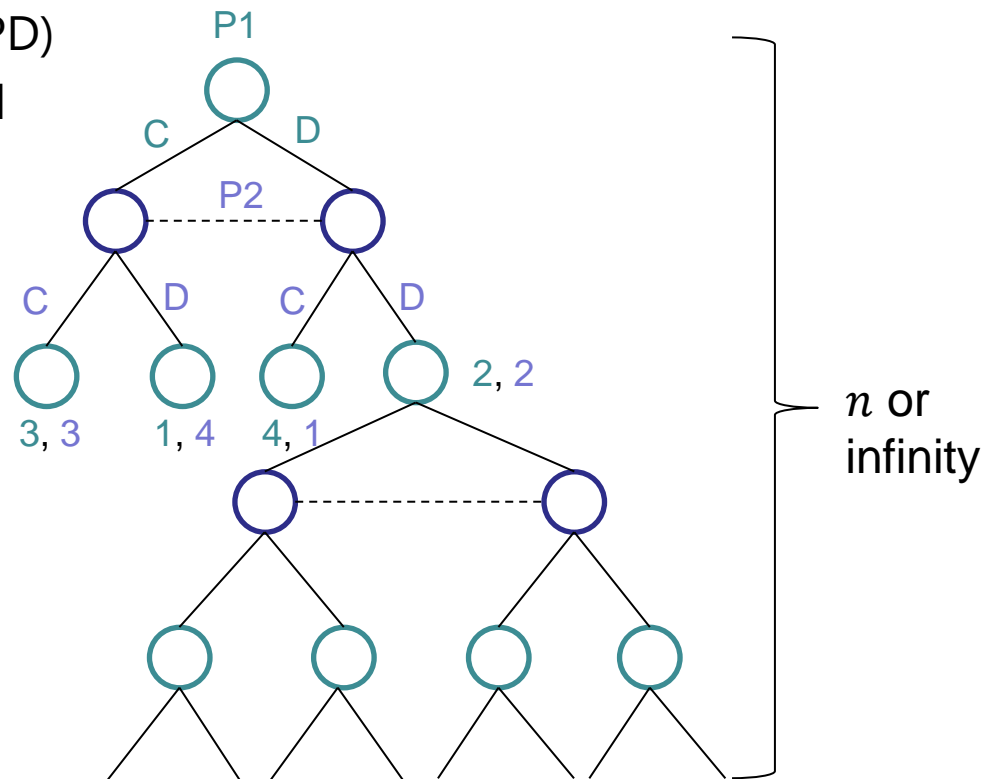
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# Repeated Game

- Definition
  - A normal-form game is played over and again by the same players
  - The game repeated in each period is referred to as the **stage game**
- Example
  - Iterated Prisoners' Dilemma (IPD)
  - Reward: average or discounted
  - Memory: perfect recall




# Memory

- Historical Behavior
  - At stage  $t$ , the action profile is  $a_t$
  - Each player remembers the action profiles at last  $k$  stages
  - We say the players have  $k$ -memory
- Relation to Markov Game
  - Memory is regarded as state

1-memory


	1	2	3	...	m
P1	C	C	D	...	D
P2	D	D	C	...	C
...					
Pn	D	C	D	...	C



as state

k-memory

	1	2	3	...	m
P1	C	C	D	...	D
P2	D	D	C	...	C
...					
Pn	D	C	D	...	C



as state

# Tit-for-tat

- Idea [11]
  - The Tit-for-tat strategy copies what the other player previously choose.
  - Nice: start by cooperating.
  - Clear: be easy to understand and adapt to.
  - Provocable: retaliate against anti-social behavior.
  - Forgiving: cooperate when faced with pro-social play.

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

Prisoner's Dilemma

	1	2	3	4	...
P1	C	C	C	C	...
P2	C	C	C	C	...

cooperate by playing strategy (C,C)

$$\text{payoff} = 2 + 2\gamma + 2\gamma^2 + 2\gamma^3 + \dots = 2 \frac{\gamma^n - 1}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{2}{1 - \gamma}$$

	1	2	3	4	...
P1	C	D	C	D	...
P2	D	C	D	C	...

a player deviates to defecting (D)

$$\text{payoff} = 3 + 0\gamma + 3\gamma^2 + 0\gamma^3 + \dots = \frac{3}{1 - \gamma^2}$$

# Win-stay, lose-shift

- Idea [12]
  - Repeat** if it was rewarded by 2 or 3
  - Shift** if it was punished by 0 or 1
  - Advantage: tolerant, one round of mutual defection followed by a return to cooperation
  - Disadvantage: fares poorly against inveterate defectors

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

Prisoner's Dilemma

	1	2	3	4	...
P1	C	D	C	C	...
P2	D	D	C	C	...

P2 deviates to defecting(D) initially

$$\text{Payoff} > \frac{3}{1 - \gamma^2}$$

	1	2	3	4	...
P1	C	C	D	C	...
P2	C	D	D	D	...

P2 is an inveterate defectors

$$\begin{aligned} \text{payoff}_1 &= 2 + 0\gamma + 1\gamma^2 + 0\gamma^3 + \dots = \frac{1\gamma}{1 - \gamma^2} + 1 \\ \wedge \\ \text{payoff}_2 &= 2 + 3\gamma + 1\gamma^2 + 3\gamma^3 + \dots = \frac{1 + 3\gamma}{1 - \gamma^2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$



# Strategies in Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

Prisoner's Dilemma

Action profile at time $t$	Player 1 strategies at time $t + 1$ with 1-memory															
$(a_1, a_2)=(C, C)$	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
$(a_1, a_2)=(C, D)$	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D
$(a_1, a_2)=(D, C)$	C	C	D	D	C	C	D	D	C	C	D	D	C	C	D	D
$(a_1, a_2)=(D, D)$	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D	C	D



Tit-for-tat strategy



Win-stay, lose-shift strategy

# Folk Theorem

- Game Setting
  - $n$ -player infinitely-repeated game  $G = (N, A, u)$  with average reward
- Enforceable
  - A payoff profile  $r$  is **enforceable** if  $r_i \geq v_i, v_i = \min_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} \max_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_{-i}, s_i)$
- Feasible
  - A payoff profile  $r$  is **feasible** if there exist rational, non-negative values  $\alpha_a$  such that for all  $i$ , we can express  $r_i$  as  $\sum_{a \in A} \alpha_a u_i(a)$ , with  $\sum_{a \in A} \alpha_a = 1$
- Folk Theorem
  - $r$  is **feasible** and **enforceable**  $\Rightarrow r$  is the payoff in some Nash equilibrium

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

Prisoner's Dilemma

$(v_1, v_2) = (1, 1)$

$(-1, -1)$  is not enforceable, not feasible

$(0.5, 2)$  is not enforceable, **feasible**

$(5, 5)$  is **enforceable**, not feasible

$(2, 2)$  is **enforceable, feasible**

# Fictitious Play

- Definition
  - Each player plays a best response to **assessed** strategy of the opponent and observe the opponent's actual play and update **beliefs**.

Matching Pennies

	Heads	Tails
Heads	1, -1	-1, 1
Tails	-1, 1	1, -1

Round	1's action	2's action	1's beliefs	2's beliefs
0			(1.5, 2)	(2, 1.5)
1	T	T	(1.5, 3)	(2, <b>2.5</b> )
2	T	H	(2.5, 3)	(2, 3.5)
3	T	H	<b>(3.5, 3)</b>	(2, 4.5)
4	H	H	(4.5, 3)	(3, 4.5)
...	...	...	...	...

# Convergence of Fictitious Play

- Fictitious Play  $\rightarrow$  Convergence
  - Each of the following are a sufficient conditions for the empirical frequencies of play to converge in fictitious play:
    - The game is zero sum;
    - The game is solvable by iterated elimination of strictly dominated strategies;
    - The game is a potential game;
    - The game is 2 n and has generic payoffs.
- Convergence  $\rightarrow$  Nash Equilibrium
  - If the empirical distribution of each player's strategies converges in fictitious play, then it converges to a Nash equilibrium.
- Results in Extensive-form Game with Imperfect Information
  - Fictitious self-play converges to approximate Nash equilibrium [13]
  - AlphaStar for StarCraft [14]

# No-regret Learning

- Regret
  - Let  $a^t$  be the action profile played at time  $t$
  - Regret of player  $i$  for not playing action  $a'_i$  at time  $t$  is  $R^t(a'_i) = u_i(a'_i, a_{-i}^t) - u_i(a^t)$
  - Regret cumulated from time 1 to  $T$  is  $CR^T(a'_i) = \sum_{t=1}^T R^t(a'_i)$
- Regret Matching
  - At each time step, each action is chosen with probability proportional to its cumulated regret:  $\sigma_i^{t+1}(a_i) = \frac{CR^t(a_i)}{\sum_{a'_i \in A_i} CR^t(a'_i)}$
  - Converge to correlated equilibrium
- No-regret learning in Extensive-form Game
  - Counterfactual Regret Minimization (CFR)
  - DeepStack for Texas Hold'em poker [15]

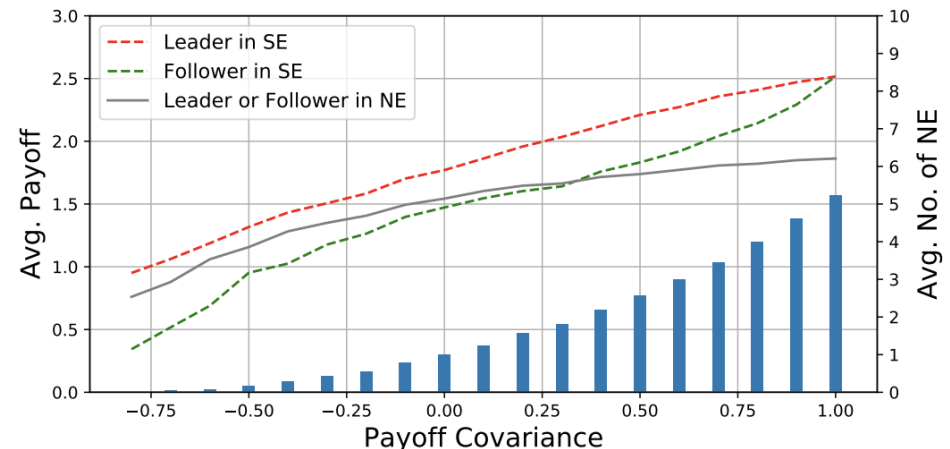
# Outline

- Motivation and Normal-form Game
- Extensive-form Game and Imperfect Information
- Bayesian Game and Incomplete Information
- Nash Equilibrium and Variants
- Repeated Game and Learning Methods
- **Alternate Solution Concepts and Evolutionary Game Theory**

# Stackelberg Equilibrium

- Stackelberg Game
  - A **leader** moves first
  - The **follower(s)** move after the leader
- Equilibrium
  - Subgame perfect Nash equilibrium
- Compared with Nash Equilibrium
  - Order is good in highly cooperative games
  - Bi-level Actor-critic RL [16]

	X	Y	Z
A	20, 15	0, 0	0, 0
B	30, 0	10, 5	0, 0
C	0, 0	0, 0	5, 10



# Correlated Equilibrium

- Motivation

- Equilibrium selection

- Basic Idea

- Introduce a **public signal**
  - Sample from a probability distribution over **action profiles**
  - Each player is informed with her own action
  - No player has incentive to deviate

- Example

- $\Pr[(\text{Party}, \text{Party})]=0.5$
  - $\Pr[(\text{Home}, \text{Home})]=0.5$
  - $\Pr[(\text{Home}, \text{Party})]=0$
  - $\Pr[(\text{Party}, \text{Home})]=0$

Battle of Sex

	Party	Home
Party	10, 5	0, 0
Home	0, 0	5, 10



# Evolutional Game Theory

- Motivation
  - Nash equilibrium is static, the dynamic of strategy is not described
  - Players are not fully rational
- Basic Idea
  - Strategy is inherent and player can not select strategy by herself
  - Player with high payoff is has more chance to be reproduced
- Evolutionary Stable Strategy (ESS)
  - If almost every member of the population follows a strategy, no mutant (that is, an individual who adopts a novel strategy) can successfully invade.

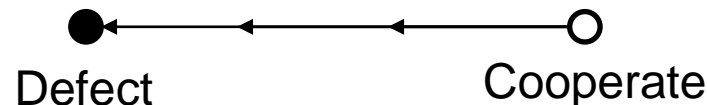
# Replicator Dynamics

- Definition

- $\dot{x}_i = x_i[f_i(x) - \varphi(x)]$ ,  $\varphi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j f_j(x)$
- $x$  is distribution of types(strategies) over the population
- $f_i(x)$  is the fitness for type  $i$  in population  $x$
- $\varphi(x)$  is the average fitness of the population

	C	D
C	2, 2	0, 3
D	3, 0	1, 1

Prisoner's Dilemma



# Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

- On a local interaction model [17]
  - $T = 2.8$ ,  $R = 1.1$ ,  $P = 0.1$ , and  $S = 0$

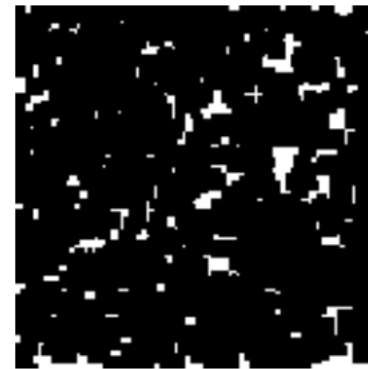
**All Defect**



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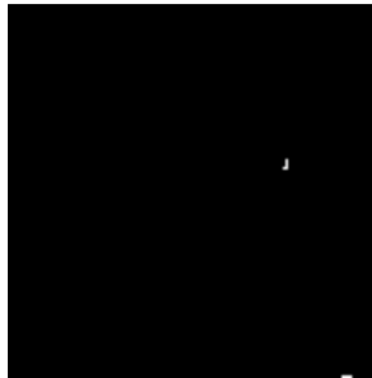
Generation 2



Generation 3



Generation 4



Generation 5



Generation 6

# Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

- On a local interaction model
  - $T = 1.2$ ,  $R = 1.1$ ,  $P = 0.1$ , and  $S = 0$  **Cooperate**



Generation 1



Generation 2



Generation 19



Generation 20

# Replicator Dynamics: Experiment

- On a local interaction model
  - $T = 1.61$ ,  $R = 1.01$ ,  $P = 0.01$ , and  $S = 0$  **Chaotic**



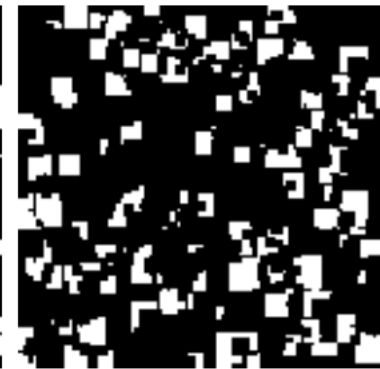
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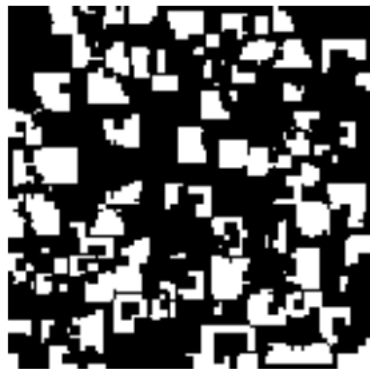
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Generation 7



Generation 9



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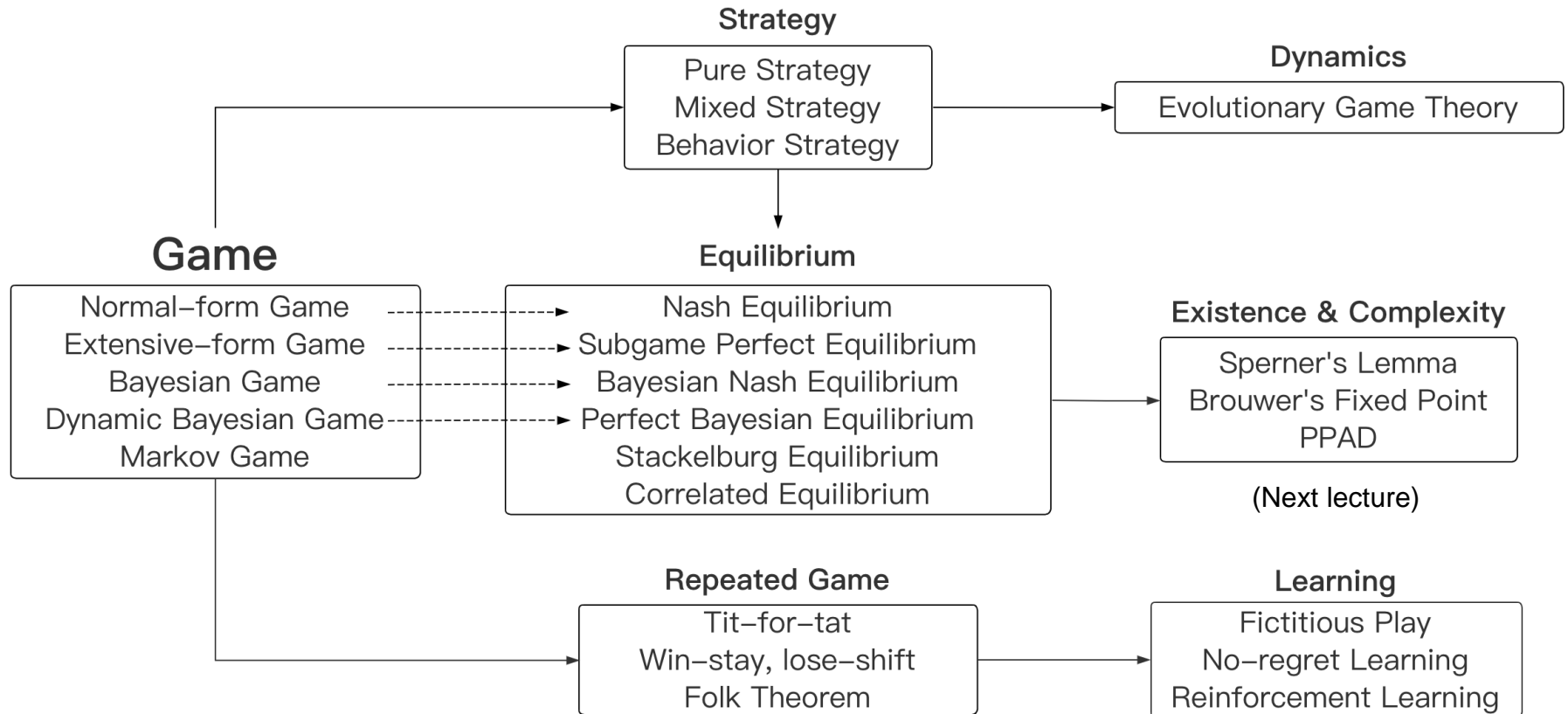


Generation 13



Generation 15

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