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# NEED FOR RANDOMIZATION

		<u>Colin</u>	
		1	2
<u>Rowena</u>	1	-2, 2	3, -3
	2	3, -3	-4, 4

← WHO IS ADVANTAGED?

- If Rowena plays 1, gets payoff -2
- If R plays 2, gets -4

- If R plays  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ , gets:

$$\frac{1}{2}(-2) + \frac{1}{2}(3) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{if C plays 1})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(3) + \frac{1}{2}(-4) = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{if C plays 2})$$

What if C plays  $(q, 1-q)$ ?

Then R gets  $q(\frac{1}{2}) + (1-q)(-\frac{1}{2}) \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$



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		1	2
$\frac{3}{5} \rightarrow 1$	-2	2	3 -3
$\frac{2}{5} \rightarrow 2$	3 -3	-4	4

$\frac{3}{5}$	-2	3
$\frac{2}{5}$	3	-4

$R$  plays  $(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{5}) \Rightarrow R$  gets

$$\frac{3}{5}(-2) + \frac{2}{5}(3) = 0 \quad (\text{if } C \text{ plays } 1)$$

$$\frac{3}{5}(3) + \frac{2}{5}(-4) = \frac{1}{5} \quad (\text{if } C \text{ plays } 2)$$

If  $C$  plays  $(q, 1-q)$  then

$$R \text{ gets } q \cdot 0 + (1-q) \frac{1}{5} \in [0, \frac{1}{5}]$$



$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
 \frac{7}{12} & -2 & 3 \\
 \frac{5}{12} & 3 & -4
 \end{array}$$

If **R** plays  $(\frac{7}{12}, \frac{5}{12})$  then

**R** gets

$$\bullet \quad \frac{7}{12}(-2) + \frac{5}{12}(3) = \frac{1}{12} \quad (\text{if } \mathbf{C} \text{ plays } 1)$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{7}{12}(3) + \frac{5}{12}(-4) = \frac{1}{12} \quad (\text{if } \mathbf{C} \text{ plays } 2)$$

$$\bullet \quad q\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + (1-q)\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) = \frac{1}{12} \quad (\text{if } \mathbf{C} \text{ plays } (q, 1-q))$$

i.e. **R** GUARANTEES HERSELF  $\frac{1}{12}$



COULD **R** do better?

Let **C** play  $(\frac{7}{12}, \frac{5}{12})$

$\frac{7}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	(4)
-2	3	
3	-4	

$\Rightarrow$

• **C** gets  $\frac{7}{12} \cdot (+2) + \frac{5}{12} \cdot (-3) = -\frac{1}{12}$  (if **R** plays 1)

• **C** gets  $\frac{7}{12} \cdot (-3) + \frac{5}{12} \cdot (4) = -\frac{1}{12}$  (if **R** plays 2)

$\Rightarrow$

**C** GUARANTEES using no more than  $\frac{1}{12}$  (no matter which mixed strategy  $(p, 1-p)$  is picked by **R**)

**R**

CANNOT do better.



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	1	2	...	k
1				
...				
i		$a_{ij}, b_{ij}$		
...				
n				

R picks  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$

C picks  $q = (q_1, \dots, q_k)$

$\Rightarrow$  R's payoff is  $\Pi^R(p, q) = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j a_{ij}$

C's payoff is  $\Pi^C(p, q) = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j b_{ij}$

(Here  $\sum_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k$ )



## TWO WAYS TO DECOMPOSE PAYOFFS

$$\begin{aligned}(1) \pi^R(p, q) &= \sum_{ij} p_i q_j a_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^k q_j a_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left( \text{what } i \text{ gets by playing } \overset{\text{HER}}{\text{pure}} \text{ strategy } i \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \pi^R(p, q) &= \sum_{j=1}^k q_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_{ij} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k q_j \left( \text{what } i \text{ gets when } C \text{ plays HIS pure strategy } j \right)\end{aligned}$$



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DEF<sup>n</sup> $(\tilde{p}, \tilde{q})$  is a NASH EQUILIBRIUM

$$\text{if } \pi^R(\tilde{p}, \tilde{q}) = \max_p \pi^R(p, \tilde{q})$$

$$\text{and } \pi^C(\tilde{p}, \tilde{q}) = \max_q \pi^C(\tilde{p}, q)$$

(In genl with  $n$  players, same def<sup>n</sup>).

THM (Nash) An eq<sup>m</sup> always exists.  
(in mixed strategies).

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2, 1 & 2, 0 \\ 3, 5 & 1, 6 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Traffic Game

	L	R
L	0, 0	-1, -1
R	-1, -1	0, 0

Three NE

$(L), (L) = (1, 0), (1, 0)$  with payoff (0, 0)

$(R), (R) = (0, 1), (0, 1)$  with payoff (0, 0)

$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  with payoff  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

## Prisoners' Dilemma or Disarmament Game

	A	N
A	-10, -10	-1, -15
N	-15, -1	-4, -4

## Diner's Dilemma in words.

(Note: multiplicity of NE with different  
inefficiency of NE)



Multiplicity is serious

$a, b$	$0, 0$	$0, 0$	$0, 0$
$0, 0$	$c, d$	$0, 0$	$0, 0$
$0, 0$	$0, 0$	$e, f$	$0, 0$
$0, 0$	$0, 0$	$0, 0$	$g, h$

Let  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h$  be arbitrary

So is inefficiency



## 2-PERSON 0-SUM GAMES

~~SAFE STRATEGIES~~

$A =$

	1	j	k
1			
i		$a_{ij}$	
n			

Only player 1's payoffs written here

Recall

$$\pi^1(p, q) = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j a_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi^2(p, q) &= \sum_{ij} p_i q_j (-a_{ij}) \\ &= -\pi^1(p, q)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(i.e. } \pi^1(p, q) + \pi^2(p, q) = 0 \text{ for all } p, q)$$



# THE CONCEPT OF SAFE STRATEGIES

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~~Σ~~  $\Sigma^1$  = set of all mixed strategies of player 1  
=  $\{ (p_1, \dots, p_n) = p : \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1, p_i \geq 0 \}$   
 $\Sigma^2$  =  $\{ q = (q_1, \dots, q_k) : \sum_{j=1}^k q_j = 1, q_j \geq 0 \}$

~~Σ~~ DEFINE SAFE ST OF 1.

$$p \longrightarrow \min_{q \in \Sigma^2} \Pi^1(p, q) = F(p)$$

$\Sigma^1_x$  = set of those  $p$  which maximize  $F(p)$  on  $\Sigma^1$

So  $\Sigma^1_x = \{ p \in \Sigma^1 : p \text{ achieves } \max_{p \in \Sigma^1} \min_{q \in \Sigma^2} \Pi^1(p, q) \}$   
↑  
SAFE ST OF 1  
(or 1's MaxMin st)



SIMILARLY

$$q \rightarrow \min_{p \in \Sigma'} \Pi^2(p, q)$$

$$= \min_{p \in \Sigma'} -\Pi'(p, q)$$

$$= -\max_{p \in \Sigma'} \Pi'(p, q) = G(q)$$

$\Sigma^2_*$  = set of those  $q$  in  $\Sigma^2$  which maximize  $G(q)$

= set of those  $q$  in  $\Sigma^2$  which minimize  $-G(q)$

$$\Sigma^2_* = \{q \in \Sigma^2 : q \text{ achieves } \min_{q \in \Sigma^2} \max_{p \in \Sigma'} \Pi(p, q)\}$$

$$= \{q \in \Sigma^2 : q \text{ achieves } \min_{q \in \Sigma^2} \max_{p \in \Sigma'} \Pi'(p, q)\}$$





# MINMAX THM

(von-Neumann)

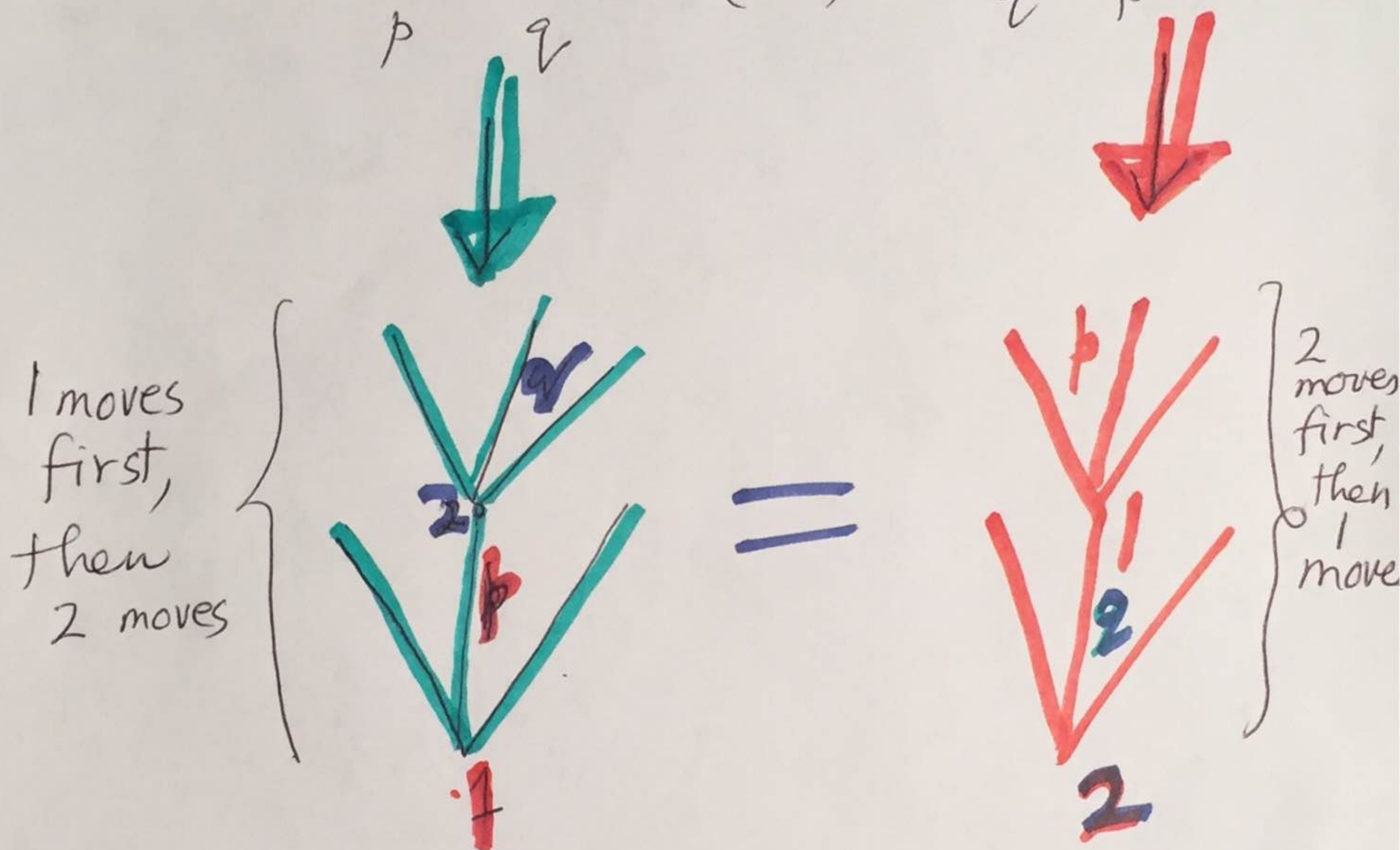
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In a 2-person 0-sum game

$$\text{set of NE} = \sum_{x^1} x^1 \times \sum_{x^2} x^2$$

and, at every NE, payoff of player 1 is

$$\max_p \min_q \Pi^1(p, q) = \min_q \max_p \Pi^1(p, q)$$



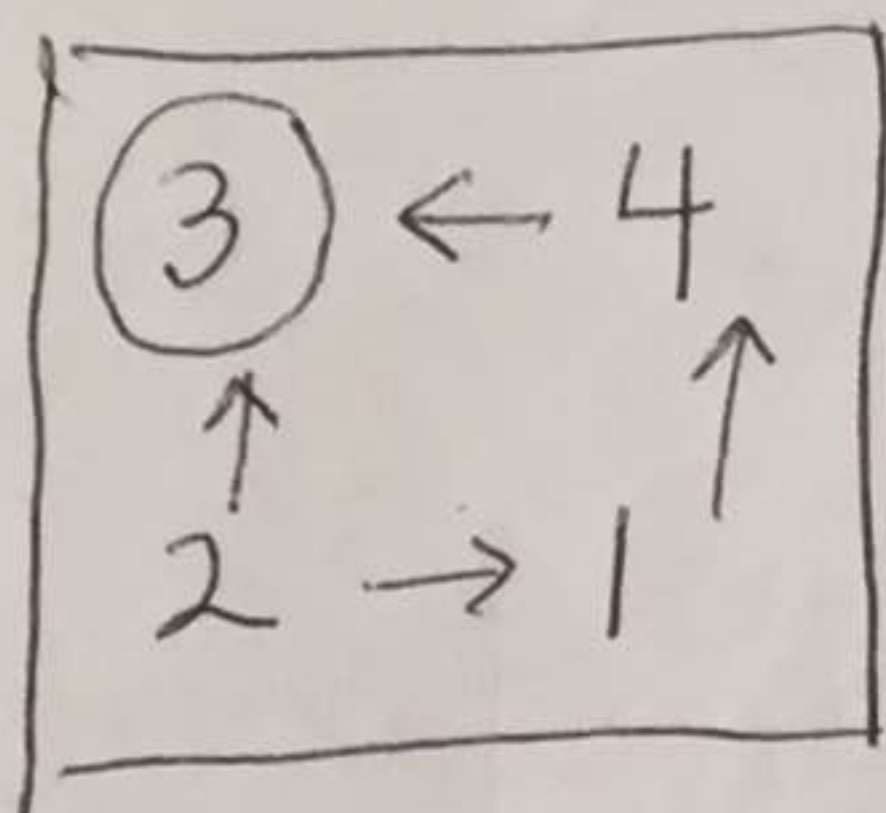
SAFE ST  
Opponent's st UNKNOWN  
PLAY ~~safe~~ cautious  
& safe

NE  
Opponent's st KNOWN  
PLAY aggressive best  
reply

**SAME!**



# COMPUTATIONS



$(1,0), (1,0) = NE$

	$q$	$1-q$
$p$	$3 \rightarrow 1$	
	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
$1-p$	$2 \leftarrow 4$	

Looking at 1's payoff

$$3q + 1(1-q) = 2q + 4(1-q)$$
$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{3}{4}$$

Looking at 2's payoff

$$3p + 2(1-p) = 1p + 4(1-p)$$
$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  &  $(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$  is NE

with payoffs  $(\frac{10}{4}, -\frac{10}{4})$

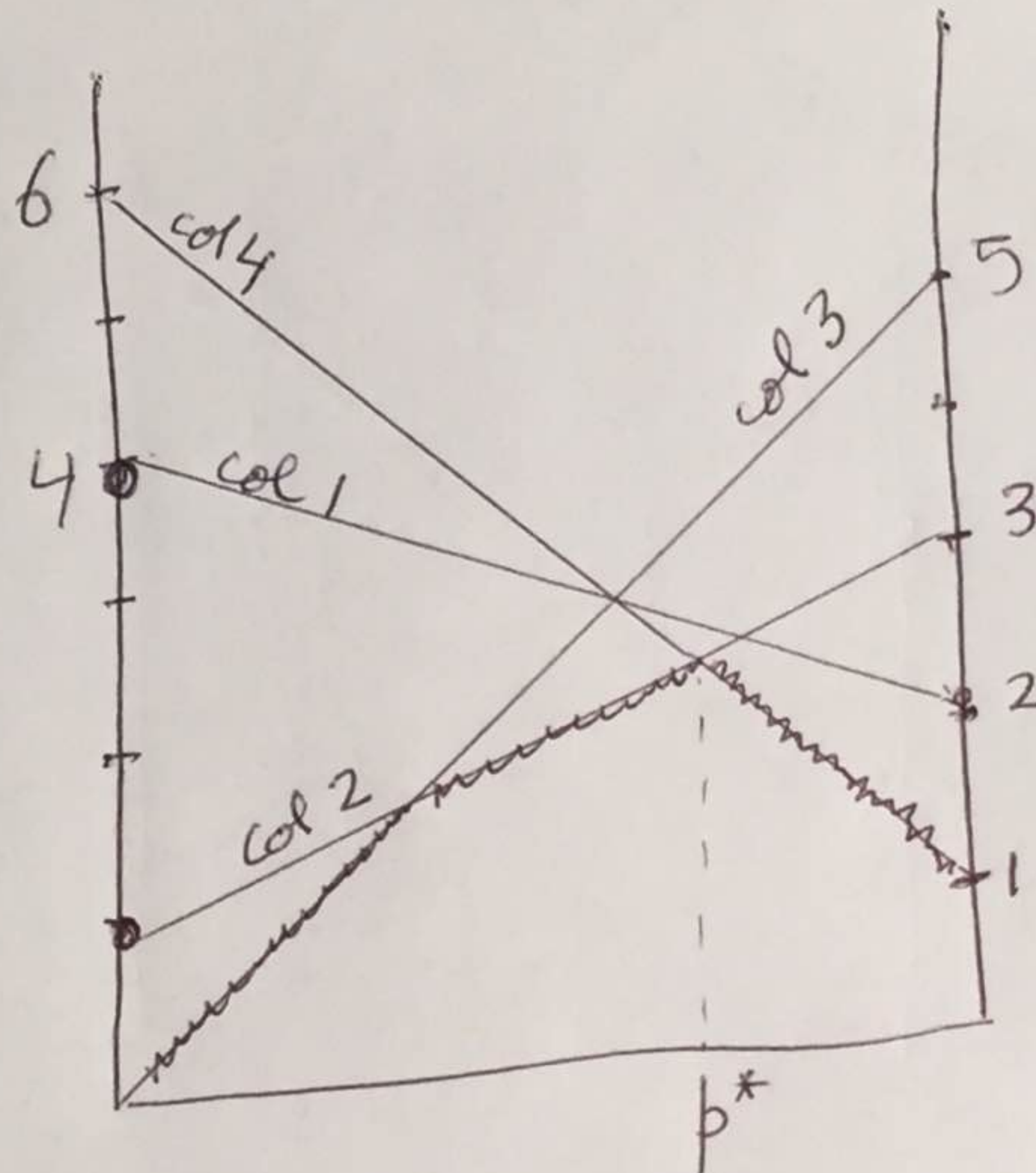
value of game  $\frac{10}{4}$



2 x k or n x 2 games

$p$	2	3	5	1
$1-p$	4	1	0	6

$$\rightarrow \begin{matrix} & 0 & q & 0 & 1-q \\ p & - & 3 & - & 1 \\ 1-p & - & 1 & - & 6 \end{matrix}$$



MaxMin method

$p^*$  is intersection of column 2 + column 4 lines

$$3p + 1(1-p) = 1p + 6(1-p)$$

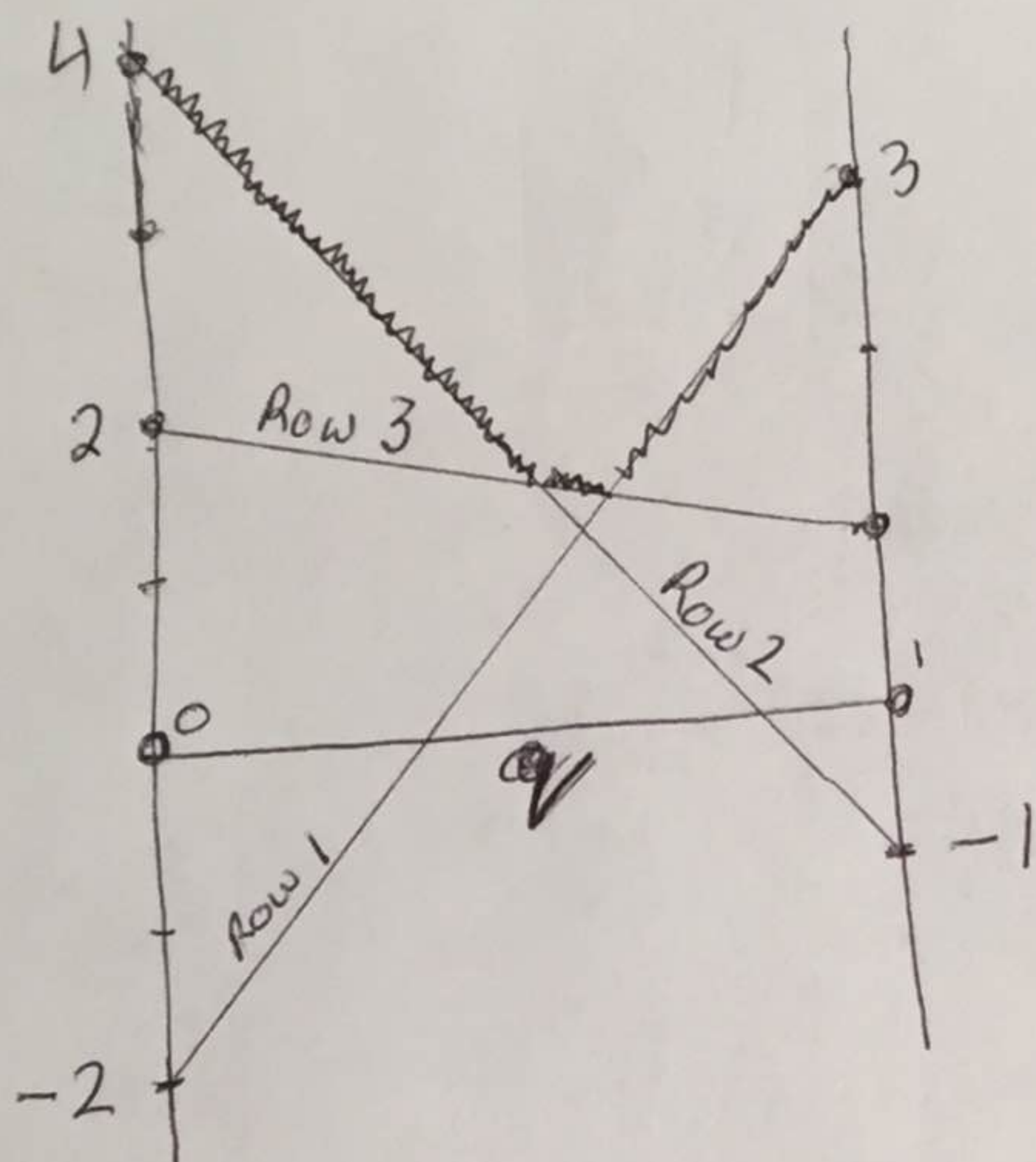
$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{5}{7}$$

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similarly find q

value =  $\frac{17}{7}$





$$p^* = \left(\frac{1}{6}, 0, \frac{5}{6}\right)$$

$$q^* = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$v = \frac{4}{3}$$

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q	1-q
3	-2
-1	4
1	2

$q^*$  is the intersection of Row 1 & Row 3

	q	1-q
$\Delta p$	3	-2
0	-	-
1-p	1	2

$$\begin{aligned} & 3q - 2(1-q) \\ &= q + 2(1-q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3p + 1(1-p) &= \\ &= 2p + 2(1-p) \end{aligned}$$



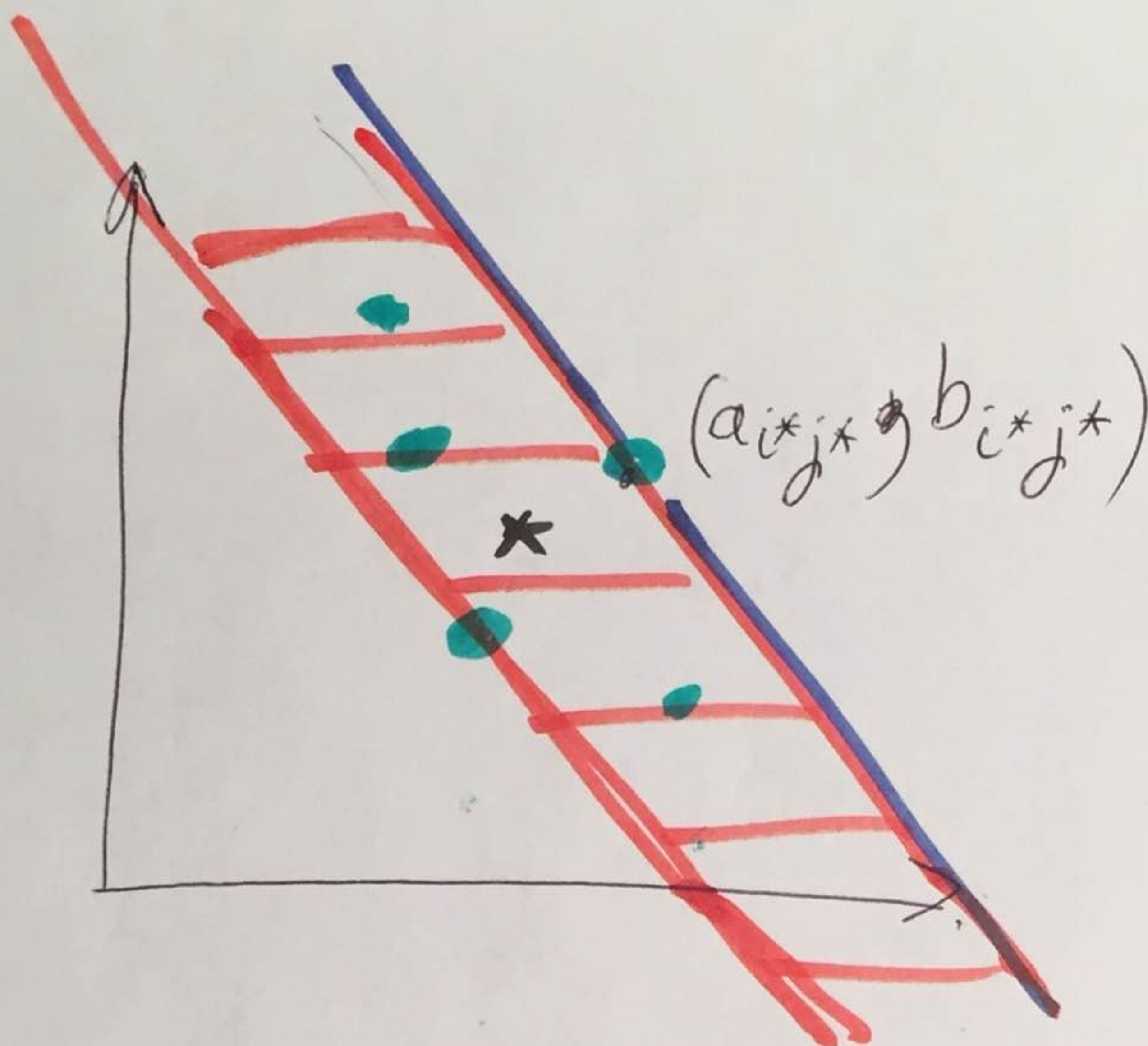
# REDUCING THE MATRIX BY ~~SOME~~ ITERATED DOMINATION

$$\begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ - & - & - \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} q \quad 1-q \quad 0 \\ p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & - \\ 0 & - & - \\ 0 & - & - \\ 1-p \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & - \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & - \\ 2 & 0 & - \\ - & - & - \\ 4 & 1 & - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} q \quad 1-q \\ p \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow p =$$





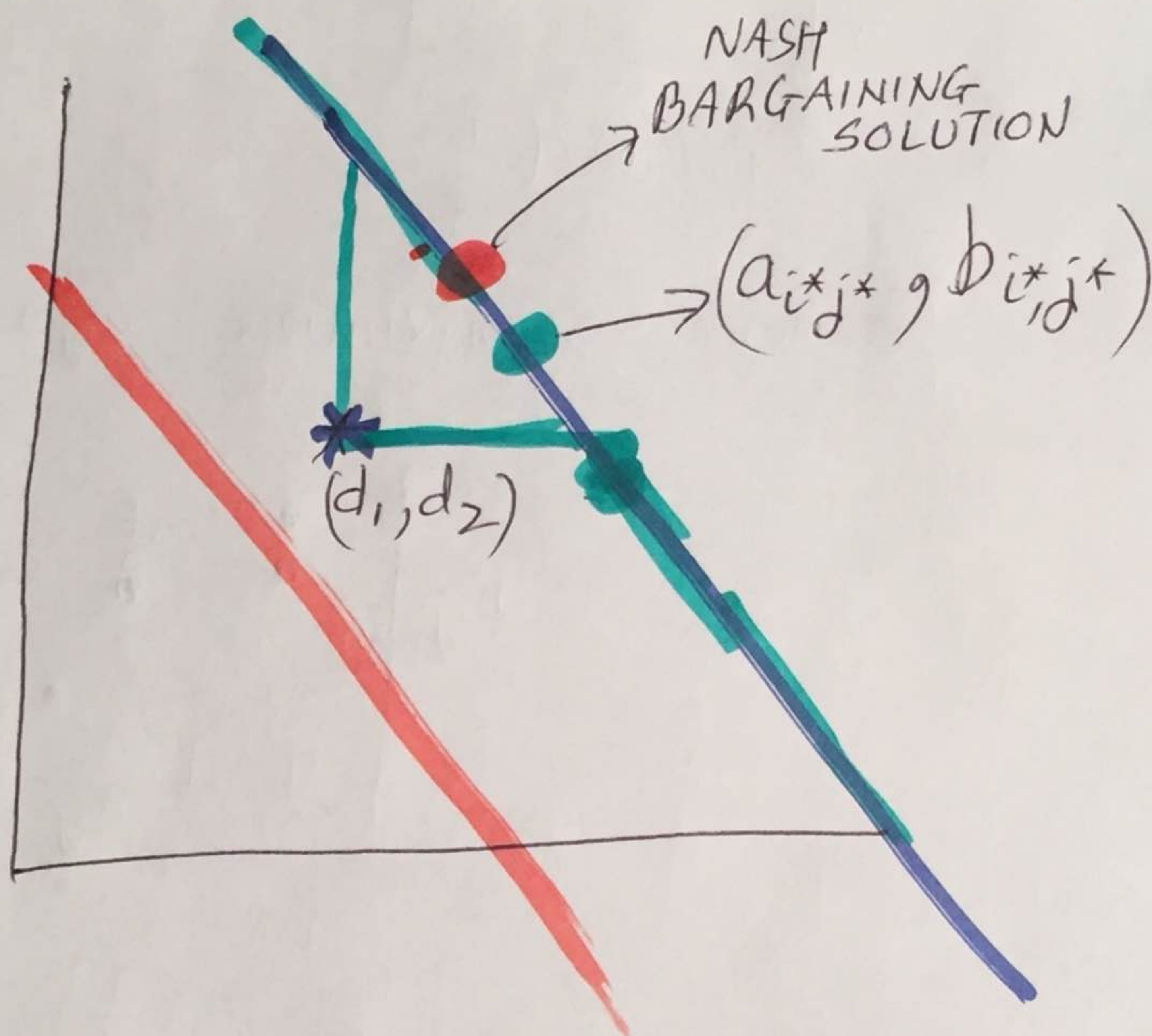
$$\sigma = \max_{i,j} a_{ij} + b_{ij} = a_{i^*j^*} + b_{i^*j^*}$$

If we knew the DISAGREEMENT  
POINT  $*$   $= (d_1, d_2)$  then



we would look at the  
NASH BARGAINING PROBLEM  
INDUCED by \*

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● = SPLIT THE SURPLUS

$$= \left( d_1 + \frac{\sigma - (d_1 + d_2)}{2}, d_2 + \frac{\sigma - (d_1 + d_2)}{2} \right)$$

(RECALL :  $\sigma = a_{i^*j^*} + b_{i^*j^*}$ )



Then \*  $d_1(p, q), d_2(p, q)$

where

$$d_1(p, q) = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j a_{ij}$$

$$d_2(p, q) = \sum_{ij} p_i q_j b_{ij}$$

So we get the strategic bargaining  
payoffs

$$R_1(p, q) = \frac{\sigma - [d_1(p, q) + d_2(p, q)]}{2} + d_1(p, q)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{d_1(p, q) - d_2(p, q)}{2}$$

$$R_2(p, q) = \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{d_2(p, q) - d_1(p, q)}{2}$$

NOTE  $R_1(p, q) + R_2(p, q) = \sigma$  for all  $p, q$   
So  $(R_1, R_2)$  gives a constant-sum  
game.



The game with payoffs  $R_1, R_2$   
 is "strategically equivalent"  
 to the game with payoffs  
 $d_1 - d_2, d_2 - d_1$

So ~~to~~ we can find NE of the latter  
 (it will also be an NE of  $R_1, R_2$ )

The latter is a zero-sum matrix  
game  $A - B$ .

Let  $(p^*, q^*)$  be an NE of  $A - B$   
 and let  $v$  be its value.

~~Then~~



Then  $(p^*, q^*)$  is also NE of the real game  $R_1, R_2$  with payoffs

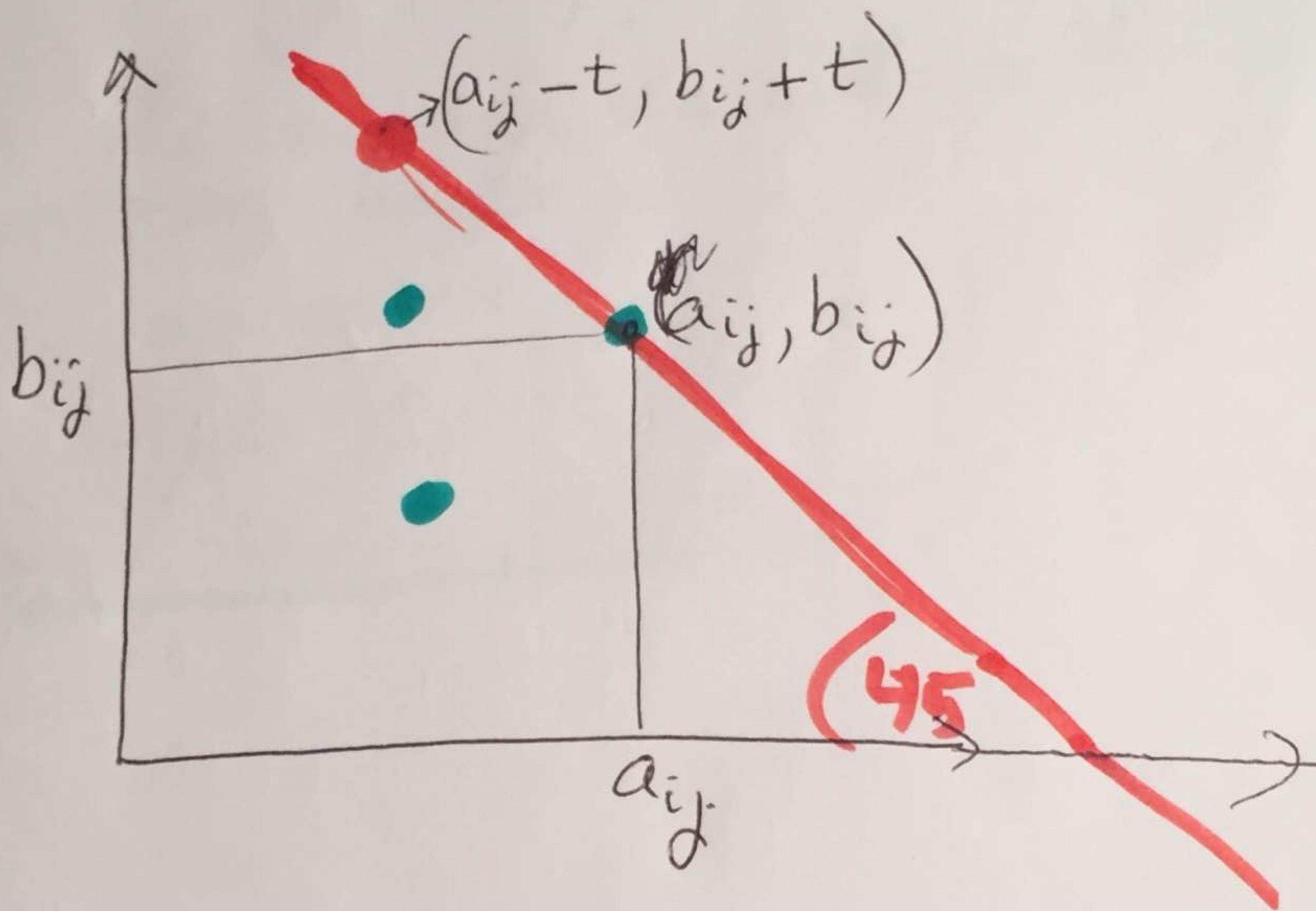
$$R_1(p^*, q^*) = \frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{\nu}{2} = \frac{\sigma + \nu}{2}$$

$$R_2(p^*, q^*) = \frac{\sigma}{2} - \frac{\nu}{2} = \frac{\sigma - \nu}{2}$$



	1	2	k
1			
i		$a_{ij}$	
n			

	j
i	$b_{ij}$





\* will be determined  
STRATEGICALLY.

Let 1 announce a "threat strategy"

$$p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

which she declares she will use if  
bargaining fails

Let 2 announce

$$q = (q_1, \dots, q_k)$$

as his threat strategy