

Game theoretic exercise
with
Smart grid implications

Setup

- 2 consumers of electrical power from the grid: c1 and c2
- Each may consume either $c1(h)$, $c2(h)$ reps. of energy each hour
- Hours are indexed $h \in 0, \dots, 23$
- c1 needs 5 units from between 02 and 10 o'clock
- c2 needs 10 units between 05 and 20 o'clock
- Energy price/unit P_u is set per hour and increases linearly with total demand for that hour.
- The cost of each user is his/her total daily electricity bill.
- What is the set of strategies for each player.
- Find the combined (optimal) strategy, which minimizes total cost (summed for both users).
- Find a Nash equilibrium.
- Does the optimal strategy coincide with the NE ?
(hint: Lagrange multipliers)