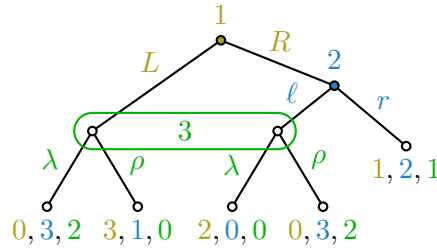


# ECON 7011, Semester 110.1, Assignment 6

*Please hand in your solutions via NTU Cool before 11:59pm on Tuesday, December 28*

1. Consider the following three-player extensive-form game:



- (a) Find all perfect Bayesian equilibria.
  - (b) Find all sequential equilibria.
2. Consider a model of insurance, in which the **Client** offers to pay a (H)igh or (L)ow premium for standardized coverage and—after observing the **Client**'s offer—the **Insurance Company** decides to (A)ccept or (R)eject to insure the **Client**. The **Client** is either a high-risk or a low-risk individual, denoted by his/her type  $\vartheta_H$  and  $\vartheta_L$ , respectively. Insuring any individual in exchange for a high premium is profitable, but insuring individuals in exchange for a low premium is profitable only if it is a low-risk individual. Having no insurance is costly for the high-risk individual. Conditional expected payoffs for the two types are:

	A	R		A	R
H	1, 1	-4, 0		-1, 4	0, 0
L	3, -1	-4, 0		1, 2	0, 0
	$\vartheta_H$			$\vartheta_L$	

- (a) Find all perfect Bayesian equilibria of this game, given the prior beliefs  $\mu_0 \in [0, 1]$  of the **Insurance Company** that they are dealing with a high-risk **Client**.
  - (b) Which perfect Bayesian equilibria in (a) satisfy the intuitive criterion?
3. Consider the job-market signaling game between a **Job Seeker** of unknown ability  $\theta$ , uniformly distributed on  $[0, \bar{\vartheta}]$  for some  $\bar{\vartheta} > 0$ , and an **Employer**. The **Job Seeker** chooses an education level  $e$  among two education levels  $e_H > e_L$ . After observing  $e$ , the **Employer** will offer a wage  $w(e)$ . Utilities are  $u_1(\vartheta, e, w) = w - \frac{e}{\vartheta}$  and  $u_2(\vartheta, w) = -(w - \vartheta)^2$ . Recall that the **Employer**'s best response to beliefs  $\mu(e)$  is  $w = \mathbb{E}_{\mu(e)}[\theta]$ . You don't need to show this again.
- (a) For which values of  $\bar{\vartheta}$ ,  $e_H$ , and  $e_L$  does there exists a perfect Bayesian equilibrium in cut-off strategies? Find the equilibrium.
  - (b) Is the equilibrium you found in (a) a separating equilibrium? Explain.
  - (c) Does the equilibrium you found in (a) satisfy the intuitive criterion? Explain.