

Pure strategy of player  $i$  is an element  $\prod_{h \in H_i} C_h = \text{vector } (C_h)_{h \in H_i}$

Mixed strategy = prob. distr. on set of pure strategies of  $i$ .

Nash EQ = mixed strategy profile where strategies are best responses.

Extensive game  $G \rightarrow$  normal form game  $G^1$

- by listing all pure strategies
- can be exponentially large

Behaviour strategy of player " $i$ " = set of independent prob. dist. on  $C_h$  for  $h \in H_i$

- $p_i(h)$
- in general mixed strategies and behaviour strategies may lead to different outcome.

Games of perfect recall where behaviour and mixed strategy coincide.

- let " $i$ " be the player,  $t$  a node, sequence  $\sigma_i(t)$  of  $i$  leading to  $t$  is a sequence of moves of " $i$ " on the unique path leading to  $t$ .
- $i$  has perfect recall if  $\forall h \in H_i: \forall t, t' \in h: \sigma_i(t) = \sigma_i(t')$

- we use  $\sigma_h =$  sequence leading to any node in  $h$ .
- $\emptyset =$  empty sequence

In a game of perfect recall, every player has a perfect recall.

Nash's theorem:

In a game of perfect recall, every mixed strategy can be replaced by equivalent behaviour strategy and vice versa.

Ok: no proof

Sequence form of an extensive form game  $G$

$= (P, S, u, C)$  where:

$P :=$  set of  $n$  players  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

$S := (S_1, \dots, S_n)$  where  $S_i := \{\text{sequences of player } i\}$

$S_i = \{\emptyset\} \cup \{\bigcup_n c: h \in H_i, c \in C_h\}$

$\hookrightarrow$  sequence so far and one new move

$|S_i| = 1 + \sum_{h \in H_i} |C_h| \rightarrow$  linear in the size of the tree of  $G$

$u := (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  where  $u_i: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where for  $\sigma := (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$

- can be described by  
high-dimensional matrices  
that are sparse.

we have  $u_i(\sigma) = \begin{cases} u_i(l) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ leads to leaf } l. \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\hookrightarrow$  if not leading to leaf.

$C$ : describes behaviour strategies

- because of lucky theorem, also usable for NE

- will deal with behaviour strategies via realization plans

$\langle p_i := x: S_i \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

where  $x(\sigma_i) = \prod_{c \in \sigma_i} p_i(c)$

$\hookrightarrow$  realization prob.

same, as so  
to combine  
child nodes.

- we will work with an equivalent definition of  $x$ :

$x: S_i \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle$  satisfying:

1)  $x(\emptyset) = 1$

sum of realiz. prob. of children

2)  $x(\sigma_n) = \sum_{c \in C_h} x(\sigma_n c)$  for  $h \in H_i$

realiz. prob. of parent

$= C_i$

$C := (C_1, \dots, C_n)$

Formally:  $x$  determines  $p_i$  on all relevant information sets  $h$ .

$\hookrightarrow x(\sigma_h) > 0$

$$p_i(h, c) = \frac{x(\sigma_h c)}{x(\sigma_h)}$$

# Computing NE in zero-sum Extensive Form Games

-  $x = (X_\sigma)_{\sigma \in S_1} \in \mathbb{R}^{|S_1|}$

-  $y = (Y_\sigma)_{\sigma \in S_2} \in \mathbb{R}^{|S_2|}$

- define matrices  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{(1+|H_1|) \times |S_1|}$

$F \in \mathbb{R}^{(1+|H_2|) \times |S_2|}$

$E_x = e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \}_{1+|H_1|}, F_y = f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \}_{1+|H_2|}$

$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ C_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Let's assume:

$y$  = realization plan for player 2.

LP for finding best response to  $y$

MAX  $x^T A y$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{|S_1| \times |S_2|}, (A)_{ij} = \sum_{\sigma_1(t)=i} u_1(t) \cdot \beta_0(\sigma_2(t)=j)$

$E_x = e$   
 $x \geq 0$

duality

0:

MIN  $e^T u$   
 $E^T u \geq A y$   
 $u \in \mathbb{R}^{1+|H_1|}$

0:

MIN  $e^T u$   
 $E^T u - A y \geq 0$   
 $F y = f$   
 $y \geq 0$

Computing wase sequence sequentially.  
 Analog. for the second player => computing NE.

Thm: NE in zero-sum extensive game of perfect recall are solutions of the LP 0.

## Computing NE in 2-player extensive game of perfect recall.

- I can not use the final step of duality of creating  $0, 0'$ .
- Can be solved by linear complementing programs.

$(x, y)$  is NE  $\Leftrightarrow \exists u, v$  s.t.:

$$x^T (E^T u - A y) = 0$$

$$E x = e$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$E^T u - A y \geq 0$$

$$y^T (\underline{F}^T v - B^T x) = 0$$

$$F y = f$$

$$y \geq 0$$

$$\underline{F}^T v - B^T x \geq 0$$

$\rightarrow$  to be equal to zero, for every  $x$  must be a complementing solution to  $v$  such that the  $=0$  holds.

}  $x, y$  are realiz. plans

Can be solved by Lemke's algorithm.

At most in exponential time.