

Assignment 8

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2. Prove that (Defect, Defect) is always the unique Nash Equilibria, (including mixed one) of the version of Prisoner's dilemma (called the "donation game" in Sigmund's book) Show that if $T=R+0.01$, $R=10000P$, $S=P-0.01$, In (1.1)) how tragic it is.

Problem 2:

(i)

Player 2

Player 1

R, R	S, T*
T*, S	P*, P*

R = Reward

T = Temptation

C = Cooperate

D = Defect

We have $T > R > P > S$.

If Player 1 chooses row 1 then Player 2 chooses T since $T > R$ so we mark T in (1,2)

If player 1 chooses row 2 then Player 2 chooses P since $P > S$ so we mark P in (2,2)

If player 2 chooses column 1 then player 1 chooses T since $T > R$. so we mark T in (2,1)

If player 2 chooses column 2 then player 1 chooses P since $P > S$. so we mark P in (2,2).

Hence, Nash equilibria is (P, P) which is (Defect, Defect).

(ii) $T = R + 0.01$, $R = 1000P$, $S = P - 0.01$
We have $T > R > P > S$.

$$1000P + 0.01 > 1000P > P > P - 0.01$$

Since the Nash Equilibrium
is (Defect, Defect) = (P, P)

So, it will be 1000 times worse
than choosing (R, R) = (Reward, Reward).

3. Prove that in the version of the Snowdrift game in section 1.4, with $T > R > S > P$, (Refuse, Pay) and (Pay, Refuse) are two pure Nash equilibria. Either by hand, or using Maple, prove that in addition there is a mixed Nash equilibrium. Find an explicit expression for that additional Nash equilibrium, in terms of the parameters T, R, S, P , and check it for random numerical values using MNE(G).

Problem 3:

(i)

		C	D
C		R, R	S*, T*
D		T*, S*	P, P

$$T > R > S > P$$

We use the same process as before and we notice that we have two Nash Equilibrium. They are

$$(S, T) = (C, D) = (\text{Pay}, \text{Refuse})$$

$$(T, S) = (D, C) = (\text{Refuse}, \text{Pay})$$

(ii), (iii)

		Player 2			
		C	P	D (1-P)	Payoff
Player 1	C	q	R, R	S, T	$Rq + S(1-q)$
	D	(1-q)	T, S	P, P	$Tq + P(1-q)$
			$Rq + S(1-q)$	$Tq + P(1-q)$	

Suppose player 1 has probability p and player 2 has probability q of winning.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } u_1(C) &= u_1(D) \\
 R_p + S(1-p) &= T_p + P(1-p) \\
 R_p + S - S_p &= T_p + P - P_p \\
 R_p - S_p - T_p + P_p &= P - S \\
 p(R - S - T + P) &= P - S \\
 p &= \frac{P - S}{R - S - T + P}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } u_2(C) &= u_2(D) \\
 R_q + S(1-q) &= T_q + P(1-q) \\
 R_q + S - S_q &= T_q + P - P_q \\
 R_q - S_q - T_q + P_q &= P - S \\
 q(R - S - T + P) &= P - S \\
 q &= \frac{P - S}{R - S - T + P}
 \end{aligned}$$

So there is a mixed Nash Equilibrium:

$$\left(\frac{P - S}{R - S - T + P}, \frac{P - S}{R - S - T + P} \right)$$

$$(iv) \begin{bmatrix} [4, 4] & [3, 5] \\ [5, 3] & [1, 1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [R, R] & [S, T] \\ [T, S] & [P, P] \end{bmatrix}$$

So, $T > R > S > P$ where

$T=5$, $R=4$, $S=3$, $P=1$. This means our mixed nash equilibrium is

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{P-S}{R-S-T+P}, \frac{P-S}{R-S-T+P} \right) &= \left(\frac{1-3}{4-3-5+1}, \frac{1-3}{4-3-5+1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{-2}{-3}, \frac{-2}{-3} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which matches with $MNE_{22}(G)$ in maple.