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Mid-Term 2

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- You have 50 minutes to complete the exam, starting at the beginning of class.
- **If you use a theorem or proposition from class or the notes or the book you must indicate this** and explain why the theorem may be applied. It is okay to just say, “by some theorem/proposition from class.”
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Problem	Points	Score
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5	15	
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Reference sheet

Below are some definitions that may be relevant.

$$\Delta_m := \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbf{R}^m : \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1, x_i \geq 0, \forall 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Let m, n be positive integers. Suppose we have a two-player general sum game with $m \times n$ payoff matrices. Let A be the payoff matrix for player I and let B be the payoff matrix for player II . A pair of vectors (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) with $\tilde{x} \in \Delta_m$ and $\tilde{y} \in \Delta_n$ is a **Nash equilibrium** if

$$\tilde{x}^T A \tilde{y} \geq x A \tilde{y}, \quad \forall x \in \Delta_m,$$

$$\tilde{x}^T B \tilde{y} \geq \tilde{x} B y, \quad \forall y \in \Delta_n.$$

A joint distribution of strategies is an $m \times n$ matrix $z = (z_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n}$ such that $z_{ij} \geq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, and such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n z_{ij} = 1.$$

We say z is a **correlated equilibrium** if

$$\sum_{j=1}^n z_{ij} a_{ij} \geq \sum_{j=1}^n z_{ij} a_{kj}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \forall k \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m z_{ij} b_{ij} \geq \sum_{i=1}^m z_{ij} b_{ik}, \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \forall k \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

1. (15 points) Recall the prisoner's dilemma, which has the following payoffs.

		Prisoner <i>II</i>	
		silent	confess
Prisoner <i>I</i>	silent	$(-1, -1)$	$(-10, 0)$
	confess	$(0, -10)$	$(-8, -8)$

Find all Nash equilibria for this game.

2. (15 points) Find the value of the two-person zero-sum game described by the payoff matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. (10 points) Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous function. Prove that there exists $x \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x) = x$. (That is, prove the Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem in dimension 1. That is, you cannot just say this follows from the Brouwer Fixed Point Theorem, you have to prove it.) (Hint: you can freely use the Intermediate Value Theorem.)

4. (a) (5 points) Give an example of a closed and convex subset K of Euclidean space, and give an example of a continuous function $f: K \rightarrow K$ such that f has no fixed point. (That is, for every $x \in K$, $f(x) \neq x$.)

(b) (5 points) Give an example of a convex and bounded subset K of Euclidean space, and give an example of a continuous function $f: K \rightarrow K$ such that f has no fixed point.

(c) (5 points) Give an example of a function $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that f has no fixed point.

5. (15 points) Prove that any Nash equilibrium is a Correlated Equilibrium. (That is, if m, n are positive integers, and if (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) is a Nash equilibrium with $\tilde{x} \in \Delta_m$ and $\tilde{y} \in \Delta_n$, then $\tilde{x}\tilde{y}^T$ is a correlated equilibrium.) (Here we regard \tilde{x} and \tilde{y} as column vectors.)

(Scratch paper)