

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.

Due February 9th, in the discussion section.

Homework 4

Exercise 1. Find the value of the two-person zero-sum game described by the payoff matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 2. Find the value of the two-person zero-sum game described by the payoff matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 7 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 & 3 \\ 8 & 2 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 3. This Exercise shows that von Neumann's Minimax Theorem no longer holds when we consider games for three or more players.

first, note that there is a suitable generalization of this theorem to two-player general-sum games. That is if A is the payoff matrix for player I and B is the payoff matrix for player II , then

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x \in \Delta_m} \min_{y \in \Delta_n} x^T A y &= \min_{y \in \Delta_n} \max_{x \in \Delta_m} x^T A y. \\ \max_{x \in \Delta_m} \min_{y \in \Delta_n} x^T B y &= \min_{y \in \Delta_n} \max_{x \in \Delta_m} x^T B y. \end{aligned}$$

In words, the first equality says: the maximum over player I 's strategies followed by the minimum of the other players strategies of the payoff of player I is equal to the minimum of the other players strategies followed by the maximum over player I 's strategies of the payoff of player I .

Now, consider a three-player general-sum game. The analogue of von Neumann's Theorem just applied to player I would say: the maximum over player I 's strategies followed by the minimum of the other players strategies of the payoff of player I is equal to the minimum of the other players strategies followed by the maximum over player I 's strategies of the payoff of player I .

Show that this statement is false for the following example.

These matrices describe the payoffs for player I . In the game, player I chooses a row (T or B), player II chooses a column (L or R), and player III chooses a matrix (W or E)

	L	R
T	0	1
B	1	1
	W	

	L	R
T	1	1
B	1	0
	E	

Exercise 4. Show the following fact, which will be mentioned after our proof of Sperner's Lemma:

Let d be a positive integer. Let K be a closed and bounded subset of \mathbf{R}^d . Then the set $K \times K$ is also a closed and bounded set.

(Recall that $K \times K = \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d : x \in K \text{ and } y \in K\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^{2d}$.)

Exercise 5. Show the following fact, which will be used in the proof of Brouwer's Fixed Point Theorem:

Let d be a positive integer. Let $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots$ be a sequence of points in \mathbf{R} . Let $x \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume that $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous. Suppose $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x^{(i)} = x$. Let $c \in \mathbf{R}$. Assume $f(x^{(i)}) < c$ for all $i \geq 1$. Then $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(x^{(i)}) \leq c$. That is, the limit preserves non-strict inequalities.

(In case you forget the definition of a limit: we say $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f(x^{(i)}) = a \in \mathbf{R}$ if, for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N = N(\varepsilon)$ such that, for all $i > N$, we have $|f(x^{(i)}) - a| < \varepsilon$.)

Exercise 6. Show the following facts, which will be used in our discussion of Correlated equilibria:

For any $x, y \in \Delta_2$, $xy^T \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$.

For any $x, y \in \Delta_2$, $xy^T \neq \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.