

Extortion strategies & Zero Determinant (ZD) strategies

Here, we return to the iterated PD models with $\begin{pmatrix} R & S \\ T & P \end{pmatrix}$ as usual, e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Press & Dyson show first, an interesting result. If a short memory player plays a long memory player, the short memory player's score is the same as if the long memory guy played a short memory strategy. Because of this result, we can derive strategies for X (short mem) assuming each player has memory 1!

Let X, Y be random variables with values x, y that are the players' respective moves on a given iteration. Suppose player X keeps history H_0 but Y keeps longer history H_1 .

We want to show that the joint prob distribution of (x, y) given history (H_0, H_1)

averaged over (H_0, H_1) is same as joint prob of (x, y) averaged over the shorter history H_0 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle P(x, y | H_0, H_1) \rangle_{H_0, H_1} &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{H_0, H_1} P(x, y | H_0, H_1) P(H_0, H_1) \\
 &= \sum_{H_0, H_1} P(x | H_0) P(y | H_0, H_1) P(H_0, H_1) \quad \leftarrow \text{conditional? independent?} \\
 &= \sum_{H_0} P(x | H_0) \left[\sum_{H_1} P(y | H_0, H_1) P(H_1 | H_0) P(H_0) \right] \quad \leftarrow \text{Definition of conditional} \\
 &= \sum_{H_0} P(x | H_0) \left[\sum_{H_1} P(y, H_1 | H_0) \right] P(H_0) \quad \leftarrow \text{sum over } H_1 \text{ gives marginal} \\
 &= \sum_{H_0} P(x | H_0) P(y | H_0) P(H_0) \\
 &= \langle P(x, y | H_0) \rangle_{H_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Intuitively - from X 's point of view, X views Y 's long strategy as a peculiar random number generator. Thus the player with the shortest memory sets the rules of the game.

ZD strategies:

As usual let $x, y \in \{cc, cd, dc, dd\}$, where c, d are cooperate, defect
 X 's strategy is $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)$ are probabilities to cooperate given the
 outcome $\vec{q} = (q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4)$ are Y 's strategies, seen from his per
 spective, i.e. $y, x \in \{cc, cd, dc, dd\}$ (Note this is a little diff than we
 used before. So payoff is

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_1 q_1 & p_1 (1-q_1) \\ (1-p_1) q_1 & (1-p_1) (1-q_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

As before we get a Markov transition matrix:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 q_1 & p_1 (1-q_1) & (1-p_1) q_1 & (1-p_1) (1-q_1) \\ p_2 q_2 & p_2 (1-q_2) & (1-p_2) q_2 & (1-p_2) (1-q_2) \\ p_3 q_3 & p_3 (1-q_3) & (1-p_3) q_3 & (1-p_3) (1-q_3) \\ p_4 q_4 & p_4 (1-q_4) & (1-p_4) q_4 & (1-p_4) (1-q_4) \end{bmatrix}$$

\vec{v} steady state left eigenvector: $\vec{v}^T M = \vec{v}^T \Rightarrow \vec{v}^T M' = 0$

$$M' = M - I \Rightarrow \det M' = 0$$

Recall Cramer's rule: $\text{Adj}(M') M' = \det(M') I = 0$

$\text{Adj}(M')$ = matrix of minors (3x3) determinants, since $\vec{v}^T M' = 0$

This means every row of $\text{Adj}(M')$ is proportional to \vec{v}^T

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & m_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad c_{ij} \text{ cofactor} \quad \text{Adj}(M') = C^T$$

so, for example, up to sign, the components of \vec{v} are the fourth row
 of $\text{Adj}(M')$, which are the cofactors of the 4th column of M'
 which are just the determinants of the first three columns of M'
 leaving out the relevant row. These determinants are unchanged
 by adding the first column of M' to the second & third columns

Let \vec{f} be arbitrary vector. Then $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{f}$ is easy to compute using the above manipulation:

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{f} = \det \begin{bmatrix} -1+p_1q_1 & -1+p_1 & -1+q_1 & f_1 \\ p_2q_3 & -1+p_2 & q_3 & f_2 \\ p_3q_2 & p_3 & -1+q_2 & f_3 \\ p_4q_4 & p_4 & q_4 & f_4 \end{bmatrix} = D(p, q, f)$$

$$= \tilde{p} \cdot \tilde{q}$$

Note that two columns depend only on one player's strategy!

$$\vec{S}_x = [R, S, T, P], \quad \vec{S}_y = [R, T, S, P]$$

$$s_x = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{S}_x}{\vec{v} \cdot \mathbb{1}} = \frac{D(p, q, \vec{S}_x)}{D(p, q, \mathbb{1})}, \quad s_y = \frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{S}_y}{\vec{v} \cdot \mathbb{1}} = \frac{D(p, q, \vec{S}_y)}{D(p, q, \mathbb{1})}$$

$$\alpha s_x + \beta s_y + \gamma = \frac{D(p, q, \alpha \vec{S}_x + \beta \vec{S}_y + \gamma \mathbb{1})}{D(p, q, \mathbb{1})} \quad \leftarrow \text{Really cool!}$$

If I choose $\hat{p} = R[\alpha \vec{S}_x + \beta \vec{S}_y + \gamma \mathbb{1}]$, then this determinant vanishes since two columns are proportional and this means I enforce a linear relationship between the payoffs no matter what q !!!

Of course, Ry may not be feasible since $\hat{p}_i \in [0, 1]$

EXAMPLE X sets Y's score!

set $\alpha = 0$. Use $\tilde{p} = \beta \vec{S}_y + \gamma \mathbb{1}$ & solve for p_2, p_3 in terms of p_1, p_4

eliminate β, γ . Show:

$$p_2 = \frac{p_1(T-P) - (1+p_4)(T-R)}{R-P}, \quad p_3 = \frac{(1-p_1)(P-S) + p_4(R-S)}{R-P}$$

$$\text{To force } s_y = \frac{(1-p_1)P + p_4R}{(1-p_1) + p_4} \quad \text{in PD } T > R > P > S$$

so there is a feasible strategy when $p_1 \leq 1, p_4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow p_2 \leq 1, p_3 \geq 0$. Clearly s_y is weighted average of $1-p_1$ & p_4 so all possible scores between P & R are possible for Y . X can completely ignore Y but set Y 's score. X can spoof Y & then play a better strategy

X cannot really set his own score: $\tilde{p} = \alpha \vec{S}_x + \chi \mathbb{1}$

$$p_2 = \frac{(1+p_4)(R-S) - p_1(P-S)}{R-P} \geq 1 \quad p_3 = \frac{-(1-p_1)(T-P) - p_4(T-R)}{R-P} \leq 0$$

or never coop

Only one feasible point: $(1, 1, 0, 0)$ which is always cooperate. So X cannot unilaterally set his score.

"Extortion" Suppose $\tilde{p} = \phi [(\vec{S}_x - P\mathbb{1}) - \chi(\vec{S}_y - P\mathbb{1})]$. Then this

$$\text{means } \phi[(s_x - P) - \chi(s_y - P)] = 0 \Rightarrow (s_x - P) = \chi(s_y - P) \Rightarrow$$

X can make his gain above mutual defection (P) χ times greater than Y's !!

Solving the equations for p_i :

$$p_1 = 1 - \phi(\chi - 1) \frac{R-P}{P-S}, \quad p_2 = 1 - \phi(1 + \chi \frac{T-P}{P-S}), \quad p_3 = \phi(\chi + \frac{T-P}{P-S}), \quad p_4 = 0$$

so feasible strategies exist for any χ + small ϕ , eg

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{(P-S)}{(P-S) + \chi(T-P)}$$

Clearly X's score depends on Y's strategy + both are maximized when Y cooperates: $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ in which case

$$s_x = \frac{P(T-R) + \chi[R(T-S) - P(T-R)]}{(T-R) + \chi(R-S)} \quad (\chi=1 \Rightarrow s_x = s_y = R)$$

E.g. $(5, 3, 1, 0)$,

$$\tilde{p} = [1 - 2\phi(\chi - 1), 1 - \phi(4\chi + 1), \phi(\chi + 4), 0], \quad \text{ok for } 0 \leq \phi \leq (4\chi + 1)^{-1}$$

$$s_x = \frac{2 + 13\chi}{2 + 3\chi} \quad s_y = \frac{12 + 3\chi}{2 + 3\chi} \quad \text{Mutual coop} \Rightarrow \exists s_x > 3 \text{ if } \chi > 1$$

$s_y < 3$!!

As $\chi \rightarrow \infty$, $s_x \rightarrow \frac{13}{3}$ + $s_y \rightarrow 1$ so Y has no reason to cooperate so X should not get too greedy!

Say $\chi = 3$ + ϕ is midpoint of feasibility $\vec{p} = (\frac{11}{13}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{26}, 0)$

$s_x \approx 3.73$, $s_y \approx 1.91$. Note $\chi=1$, $\phi=1/9 \rightarrow TFF$
 $(1, 0, 1, 0)$

Spatial games in a continuum

This is my version of a spatial game. We will later look at some others. Let's consider a two strategy game with a 2×2 payoff matrix $\begin{pmatrix} R & S \\ T & P \end{pmatrix}$ (not necessarily PD)

Let $u(x,t)$ be density of players using strategy C so that $v(x,t) = 1 - u(x,t)$ is density of players using strategy D. Now here is how I do the spatial game. Let me look at a weighted neighborhood around x & compute the fitness if I played C:

$$f_C(x) = R \int w(y) u(x-y, t) dy + S \int w(y) v(x-y, t) dy$$

and fitness if I played D:

$$f_D(x) = T \int w(y) u(x-y, t) dy + P \int w(y) v(x-y, t) dy$$

Here $w(y)$ is a symmetric weighting function, say exponential or Gaussian.

I will go from $C \rightarrow D$ at a rate β & from $D \rightarrow C$ at a rate α where

$\alpha = H(f_C - f_D)$, $\beta = H(f_D - f_C)$ where H is some monotonic non negative function, eg $1/(1 + e^{-\delta x})$

so, eg if $f_C > f_D$, then α will be bigger than β & there will be a loss of D & gain of C at x .

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha v - \beta u = \alpha(1-u) - \beta u$$
$$\alpha = H(f_C(x) - f_D(x)), \beta = H(f_D(x) - f_C(x))$$

It is now clear how to do this for n strategy games
 Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be payoff matrix. Let $u_i(x, t)$ be density of players
 Strategy i . Then

$$f_i(x, t) = \int w(y) \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} u_j(x-y, t) dy$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = H(f_i - f_j) = \text{rate } j \text{ to } i$$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} u_j \quad \alpha_{ij} = H(f_i(x, t) - f_j(x, t))$$

This is not like replicator dynamics, which we will look at later
 (It is a new model). Let's look at equilibria for $n=2$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \alpha(1-u) - \beta u = 0 \Rightarrow u = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= H(a_{11}u + a_{12}(1-u) - a_{21}u - a_{22}(1-u)) \\ &= H(a_{12} - a_{22} + (a_{11} - a_{21} + a_{22} - a_{12})u) \\ &= H(c - (d-c)u) \end{aligned}$$

$\beta = H(-c + (d-c)u)$ so as expected all that matters is the off
 diagonal terms, so wlog we can assume $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & c \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

For PD $d > 0, c < 0$. For bistable game: $c, d < 0$

So let's try that: Take $c = -1, d = -4$ for example + $\gamma = 10$

