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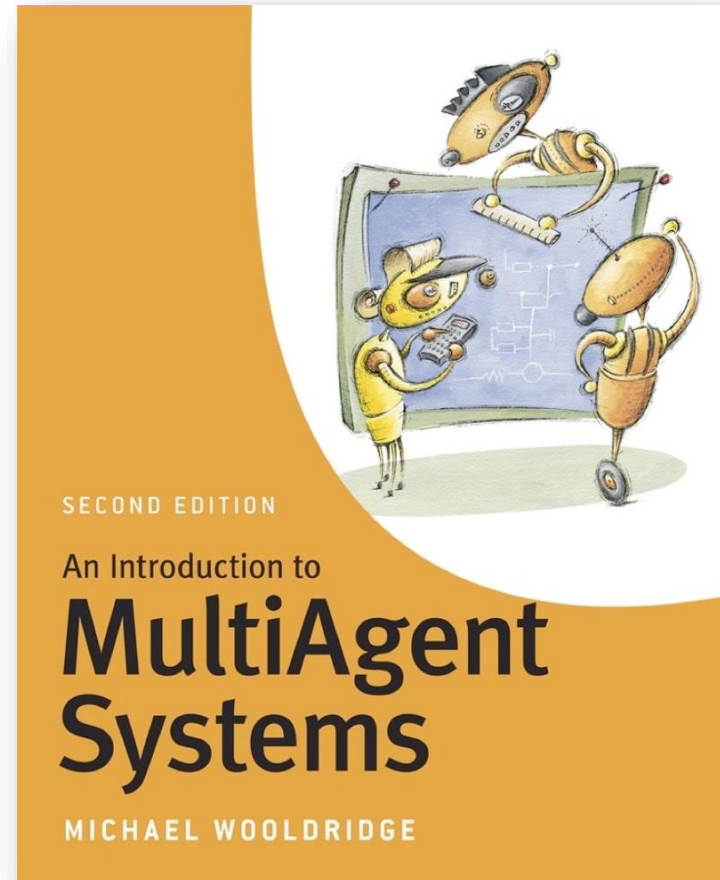
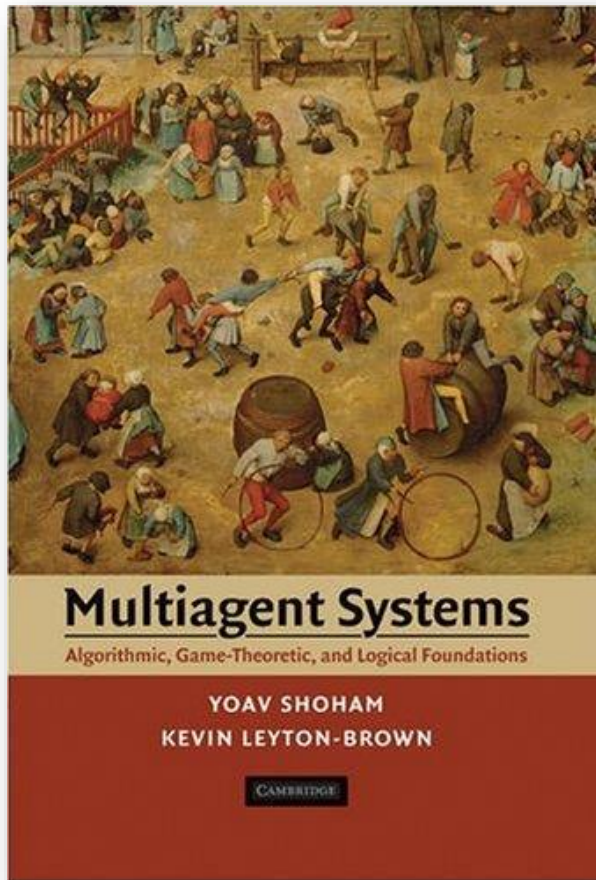
Lecture 22: Game Theory I

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MULTIAGENT SYSTEMS



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Chapters of the Shoham and Leyton-Brown book:

1. Distributed constraint satisfaction
2. Distributed optimization
3. Games in normal form
4. Computing solution concepts of normal-form games
5. Games with sequential actions
6. Beyond the normal and extensive forms
7. Learning and teaching
8. Communication
9. Social choice
10. Mechanism design
11. Auctions
12. Coalitional game theory
13. Logics of knowledge and belief
14. Probability, dynamics, and intention














































Legend:

- “Game theory”
- Not “game theory”

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Mike Wooldridge's 2014 publications:

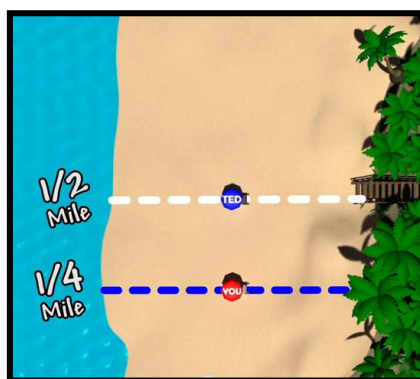
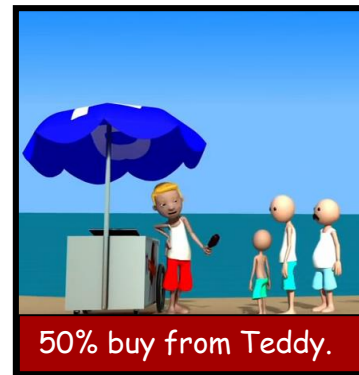
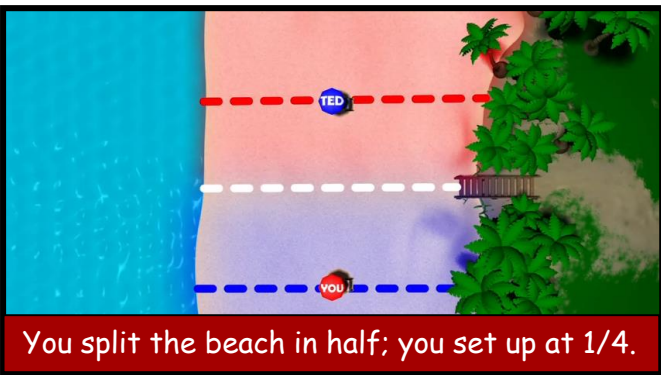
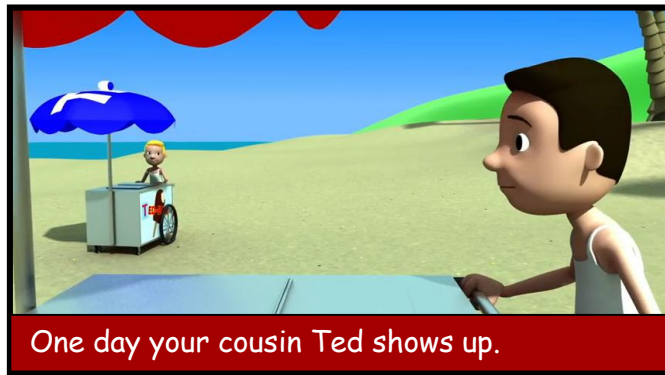
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NORMAL-FORM GAME

- A **game in normal form** consists of:
 - Set of players $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$
 - Strategy set S
 - For each $i \in N$, utility function $u_i: S^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: if each $j \in N$ plays the strategy $s_j \in S$, the utility of player i is $u_i(s_1, \dots, s_n)$
- Next example created by taking screenshots of
http://youtu.be/jILgxeNBK_8





THE ICE CREAM WARS

- $N = \{1,2\}$
- $S = [0,1]$
- $u_i(s_i, s_j) = \begin{cases} \frac{s_i + s_j}{2}, & s_i < s_j \\ 1 - \frac{s_i + s_j}{2}, & s_i > s_j \\ \frac{1}{2}, & s_i = s_j \end{cases}$
- To be continued...



THE PRISONER'S DILEMMA

- Two men are charged with a crime
- They are told that:
 - If one rats out and the other does not, the rat will be freed, other jailed for nine years
 - If both rat out, both will be jailed for six years
- They also know that if neither rats out, both will be jailed for one year



THE PRISONER'S DILEMMA

	Cooperate	Defect
Cooperate	-1,-1	-9,0
Defect	0,-9	-6,-6

What would you do?

UNDERSTANDING THE DILEMMA

- Defection is a **dominant** strategy
- But the players can do much better by cooperating
- Related to the **tragedy of the commons**



IN REAL LIFE

- Presidential elections
 - Cooperate = positive ads
 - Defect = negative ads
- Nuclear arms race
 - Cooperate = destroy arsenal
 - Defect = build arsenal
- Climate change
 - Cooperate = curb CO₂ emissions
 - Defect = do not curb



ON TV



<http://youtu.be/S0qjK3TWZE8>

THE PROFESSOR'S DILEMMA

		Class	
		Listen	Sleep
Professor	Make effort	$10^6, 10^6$	$-10, 0$
	Slack off	$0, -10$	$0, 0$

Dominant strategies?

NASH EQUILIBRIUM

- Each player's strategy is a **best response** to strategies of others
- Formally, a **Nash equilibrium** is a vector of strategies $s = (s_1 \dots, s_n) \in S^n$ such that

$$\forall i \in N, \forall s'_i \in S, u_i(s) \geq u_i(s'_i, s_{-i})$$



NASH EQUILIBRIUM

- **Poll 1:** How many Nash equilibria does the Professor's Dilemma have?

1. 0

2. 1

3. 2

4. 3

Make effort

Slack off

Listen

Sleep

$10^6, 10^6$

$-10, 0$

$0, -10$

$0, 0$

NASH EQUILIBRIUM



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RUSSEL CROWE WAS WRONG

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Russell Crowe was wrong

October 30, 2012 by Ariel Procaccia | Edit

Yesterday I taught the first of five algorithmic economics lectures in my [undergraduate AI course](#). This lecture just introduced the basic concepts of game theory, focusing on Nash equilibria. I was contemplating various ways making the lecture more lively, and it occurred to me that I could stand on the shoulders of giants. Indeed, didn't Russell Crowe already explain Nash's ideas in [A Beautiful Mind](#), complete with a 1940's-style male chauvinistic example?




The first and last time I watched the movie was when it was released in 2001. Back then I was an undergrad freshman, working for 20+ hours a week on the programming exercises of Hebrew U's Intro to CS course, which was taught by some guy called Noam Nisan. I didn't know anything about game theory, and Crowe's explanation made a lot of sense at the time.


I easily found the relevant [scene on youtube](#). In the scene, Nash's friends are trying to figure out how to seduce a beautiful blonde and her less beautiful friends. Then Nash/Crowe has an epiphany. The hubbub of the seedy Princeton bar is drowned by inspirational music, as Nash announces:

January 2012
December 2011
November 2011
October 2011
September 2011
August 2011
July 2011
June 2011

HEY, DR. NASH, I THINK THOSE GALS OVERTHERE ARE EYEING US. THIS IS LIKE YOUR NASH EQUILIBRIUM, RIGHT? ONE OF THEM IS HOT, BUT WE SHOULD EACH FLIRT WITH ONE OF HER LESS-DESIRABLE FRIENDS. OTHERWISE WE RISK COMING ON TOO STRONG TO THE HOT ONE AND JUST DRIVING THE GROUP OFF.



WELL, THAT'S NOT REALLY THE SORT OF SITUATION I WROTE ABOUT. ONCE WE'RE WITH THE UGLY ONES, THERE'S NO INCENTIVE FOR ONE OF US NOT TO TRY TO SWITCH TO THE HOT ONE. IT'S NOT A STABLE EQUILIBRIUM.

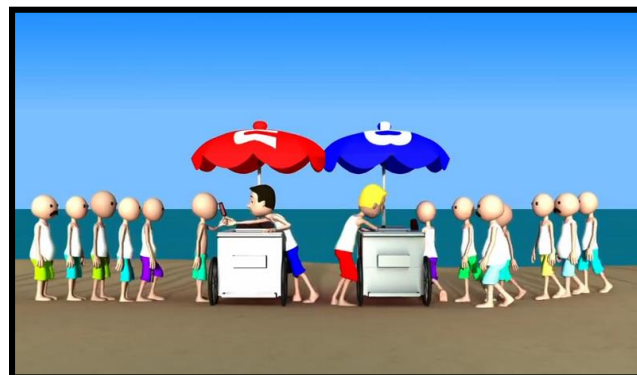
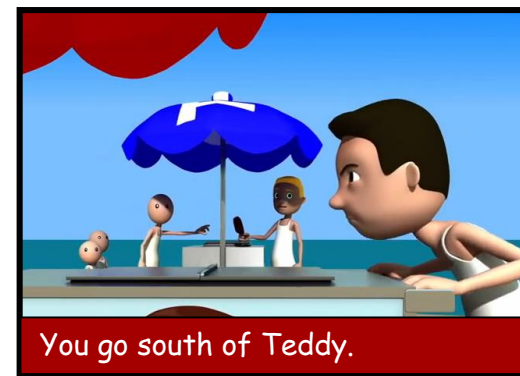
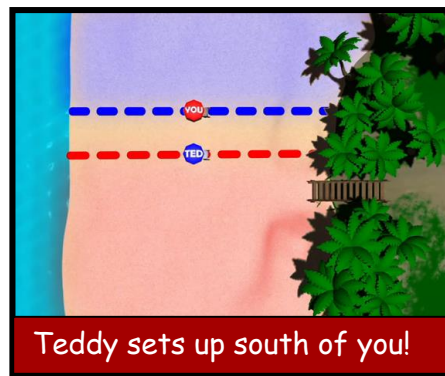
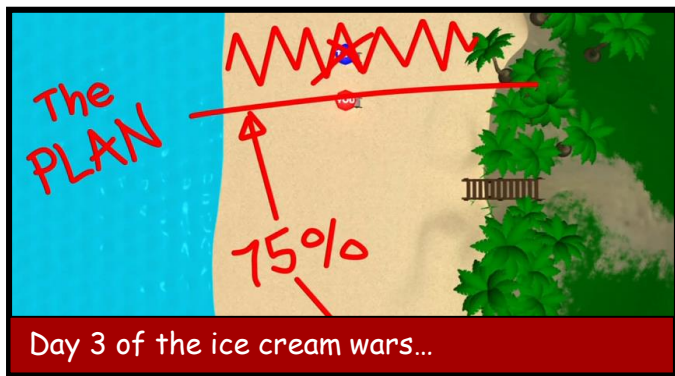


CRAP, FORGET IT. LOOKS LIKE ALL THREE ARE LEAVING WITH ONE GUY.

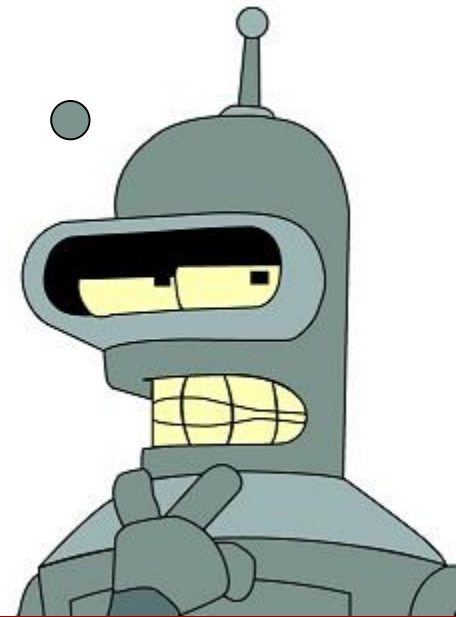
DAMMIT, FEYNMAN!



END OF THE ICE CREAM WARS



This is why
competitors open
their stores next
to one another!



ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS

	R	P	S
R	0,0	-1,1	1,-1
P	1,-1	0,0	-1,1
S	-1,1	1,-1	0,0

Nash equilibrium?

MIXED STRATEGIES

- A **mixed strategy** is a probability distribution over (pure) strategies
- The mixed strategy of player $i \in N$ is x_i , where

$$x_i(s_i) = \Pr[i \text{ plays } s_i]$$

- The utility of player $i \in N$ is

$$u_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in S^n} u_i(s_1, \dots, s_n) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n x_j(s_j)$$



EXERCISE: MIXED NE

- **Exercise:** player 1 plays $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$, player 2 plays $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$. What is u_1 ?
- **Exercise:** Both players play $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$. What is u_1 ?

	R	P	S
R	0,0	-1,1	1,-1
P	1,-1	0,0	-1,1
S	-1,1	1,-1	0,0



EXERCISE: MIXED NE

- Poll 2: Which is a NE?

1. $\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right) \right)$

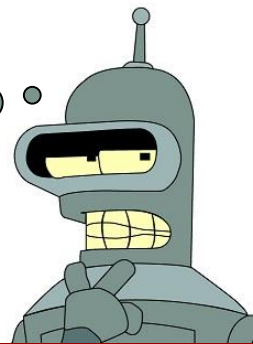
2. $\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)$

3. $\left(\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right), \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right) \right)$

4. $\left(\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{2}{3}, 0, \frac{1}{3} \right) \right)$

	R	P	S
R	0,0	-1,1	1,-1
P	1,-1	0,0	-1,1
S	-1,1	1,-1	0,0

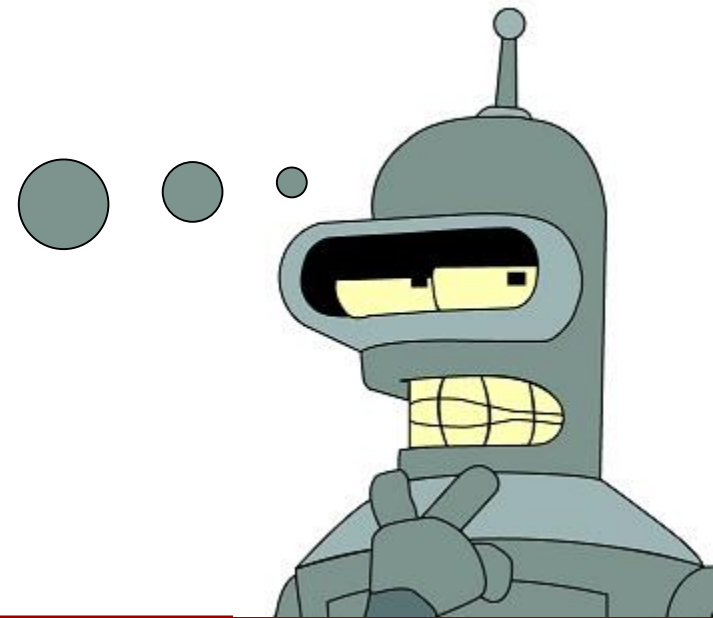
Any other
NE?



NASH'S THEOREM

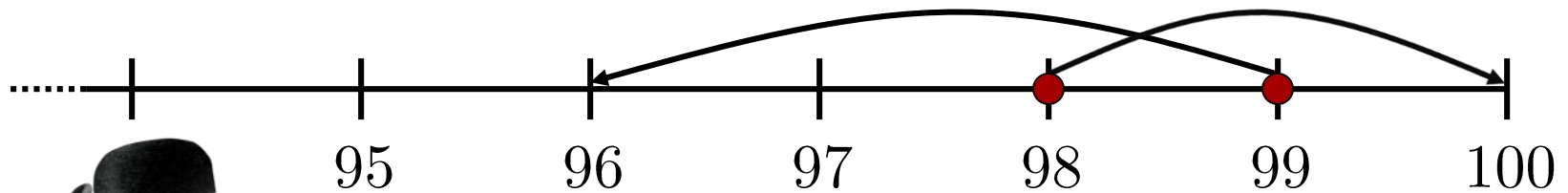
- **Theorem [Nash, 1950]:** In any (finite) game there exists at least one (possibly mixed) Nash equilibrium

What about computing a Nash equilibrium?



DOES NE MAKE SENSE?

- Two players, strategies are $\{2, \dots, 100\}$
- If both choose the same number, that is what they get
- If one chooses s , the other t , and $s < t$, the former player gets $s + 2$, and the latter gets $s - 2$
- **Poll 3:** What would you choose?



SUMMARY

- Terminology:
 - Normal-form game
 - Nash equilibrium
 - Mixed strategies
- Nobel-prize-winning ideas:
 - Nash equilibrium 😊

