

Applied Game Theory  
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 HOMEWORK #2  
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1. Consider the following normal form game with incomplete information.

- Player set:  $I = \{1, 2\}$ .
- Strategy sets:  $S_1 = \{T, B\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{L, R\}$ .
- Type sets:  $T_1 = \{t_{11}, t_{12}\}$ ,  $T_2 = \{t_{21}, t_{22}, t_{23}\}$ .
- Probability distributions (or beliefs):

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t_{21}|t_{11}) &= 1, & P(t_{22}|t_{11}) &= 0, & P(t_{23}|t_{11}) &= 0; \\
 P(t_{21}|t_{12}) &= 0, & P(t_{22}|t_{12}) &= 1, & P(t_{23}|t_{12}) &= 0; \\
 P(t_{11}|t_{21}) &= \frac{2}{5}, & P(t_{12}|t_{21}) &= \frac{3}{5}; \\
 P(t_{11}|t_{22}) &= \frac{1}{2}, & P(t_{12}|t_{22}) &= \frac{1}{2}; \\
 P(t_{11}|t_{23}) &= \frac{3}{4}, & P(t_{12}|t_{23}) &= \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Payoff matrices without incomplete information are given as in Table 1:

Table 1: Payoff matrices.

	$L$	$R$
$T$	0, -1	2, 1
$B$	2, 1	0, -1

(i) Type  $t = (t_{11}, t_{21})$ .

	$L$	$R$
$T$	0, -2	2, 0
$B$	2, 4	0, 2

(ii) Type  $t = (t_{11}, t_{22})$ .

	$L$	$R$
$T$	0, -1	2, 1
$B$	2, 0	0, -1

(iii) Type  $t = (t_{11}, t_{23})$ .

	$L$	$R$
$T$	2, -1	2, 1
$B$	0, 1	0, -1

(iv) Type  $t = (t_{12}, t_{21})$ .

	$L$	$R$
$T$	2, -2	2, 0
$B$	0, 4	0, 2

(v) Type  $t = (t_{12}, t_{22})$ .

	$L$	$R$
$T$	2, -1	2, 1
$B$	0, 0	0, -1

(vi) Type  $t = (t_{12}, t_{23})$ .

Determine all Bayesian Equilibria (BNE in pure strategies) of the game.

2. Consider the Cournot duopoly with firms  $j = 1, 2$  and

- constant marginal costs  $c_1 = c_2 = c$ ;
- linear inverse demand function  $P(y) = a - by$  for  $y \leq \frac{a}{b}$ ;
- $a > c$ .

In this case, firm 2's best response against  $y_1$  is given by

$$y_2(y_1) = \frac{1}{2b} (a - c - by_1), \quad (1)$$

if  $a - c - by_1 \geq 0$ .

Suppose the two firms play a **two-stage** game where firm 1 moves first and firm 2 moves second. Let  $\bar{y}_1 \in (0, \frac{a-c}{b})$  and the firms' strategies in the two-stage game be given by

$$y_1 = \bar{y}_1, \quad (2)$$

$$y_2(y_1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2b}(a - c - b\bar{y}_1), & \text{if } y_1 = \bar{y}_1; \\ \frac{a-c}{b}, & \text{if } y_1 \neq \bar{y}_1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Show that strategies depicted in equations (2) and (3) constitute a Nash equilibrium of the two-stage game, which is not subgame perfect.