

Epistemic Game Theory

Lecture 6

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A very powerful being, who has been invariably accurate in his predictions about your behavior in the past, has already acted in the following way:

1. If he has predicted that you will open just box *B*, he has in addition put \$1,000,000 in box *B*
2. If he has predicted you will open both boxes, he has put nothing in box *B*.

What should you do?

R. Nozick. *Newcomb's Problem and Two Principles of Choice*. 1969.

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Causal Decision Theory

A. Egan. *Some Counterexamples to Causal Decision Theory*. Philosophical Review, 116(1), pgs. 93 - 114, 2007.

Smoking Lesion: Susan is debating whether or not to smoke. She knows that smoking is strongly correlated with lung cancer, but only because there is a common cause – a condition that tends to cause both smoking and cancer. Once we fix the presence or absence of this condition, there is no additional correlation between smoking and cancer. Susan prefers smoking without cancer to not smoking without cancer, and prefers smoking with cancer to not smoking with cancer. Should Susan smoke? It seems clear that she should.

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$$p(\text{press button} \rightarrow \text{dead}) = 0.001$$

$$p(\text{press button} \rightarrow \text{live in a world without psychopaths}) = 0.999$$

This is because Paul either is or is not a psychopath, and the probability of the two possibilities does not depend on what he decides to do.

Press Button: $p(\text{press button} \rightarrow \text{dead}) \cdot u(\text{dead}) + p(\text{press button} \rightarrow \text{live in a world without psychopaths}) \cdot u(\text{live in a world without psychopaths}) = (0.001 \cdot -100) + (0.99 \cdot 1) = 0.89$

Do Not Press Button:
 $p(\text{do not press button} \rightarrow \text{live in a world with psychopaths}) \cdot u(\text{live in a world with psychopaths}) = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$

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A. Gibbard and W. Harper. *Counterfactuals and Two Kinds of Expected Utility*. In *Ifs: Conditionals, Belief, Decision, Chance, and Time*, pp. 153-190, 1978.

Ratifiability

The notion of ratifiability is applicable only where, during deliberation, the agent finds it conceivable that he will not manage to perform the act he finally decides to perform, but will find himself performing one of the other available acts instead...The option in question is ratifiable or not depending on whether or not the expected desirability of actually carrying out each of the alternatives (in spite of having chosen to carry out a different option, as hypothesized) (Jeffrey, 1983, pgs. 18-20)

- ▶ The crucial distinction is between an act and a decision to perform the act.
- ▶ Before performing an act, an agent may assess the act in light of a decision to perform it. Information the decision carries may affect the act's expected utility and its ranking with respect to other acts.
- ▶ Decision makers should make self-ratifying, or ratifiable, decisions.

Two Forms of Ratificationism

- ▶ As an *elimination rule*: ratificationism requires you to reject all unratifiable acts, and to then choose among the ratifiable alternatives.
- ▶ As an *equilibrium rule*: ratificationism requires you to choose an act that is ratifiable relative to the beliefs and desires you will have when your deliberations cease (“reflective equilibrium”).

Causal Rationality in Games

O. Board. *The Equivalence of Bayes and Causal Rationality in Games*. Theory and Decision, 61, pgs. 1 - 19, 2006.

Aumann Model

$$\langle W, \{R_i\}_{i \in N}, \{f_i\}_{i \in N}, \{p_i\} \rangle$$

- ▶ W is a (finite) set of states.
- ▶ For each $i \in N$, R_i is a relation on W
 R_i is serial (and transitive, Euclidean, etc.)
Let $R_i(w) = \{v \mid w R_i v\}$
- ▶ For each $i \in N$, $f_i : W \rightarrow S_i$
 $f_{-i}(w) = \langle f_1(w), f_2(w), \dots, f_{i-1}(w), f_{i+1}(w), \dots, f_n(w) \rangle$
- ▶ For each $i \in N$, $p_i : W \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a probability measure.

For any formula φ , $[\varphi]$ is the set of states where φ is true

E.g., $[s_i] = \{w \mid f_i(w) = s_i\}$, $[s_{-i}] = \{w \mid f_{-i}(w) = s_{-i}\}$

For any $\varphi, w \in W$

$$p_{i,w}([\varphi]) = p_i([\varphi] \mid R_i(w)) = \frac{p_i([\varphi] \cap R_i(w))}{p_i(R_i(w))}$$

Knowledge of Choice: For all $i \in N$, and all $w, v \in W$, if $w R_i v$, then $f_i(w) = f_i(v)$

Bayes Rational

Player i is **Bayes rational at w** if, for all $s_i \in S_i$,

$$\sum_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} p_{i,w}([s_{-i}]) \times u_i(f_i(w), s_{-i}) \geq \sum_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} p_{i,w}([s_{-i}]) \times u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$$



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Player i is **causally rational at w** if, for all $s_i \in S_i$,

$$\sum_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} p_{i,w}([f_i(w) \square \rightarrow s_{-i}]) \times u_i(f_i(w), s_{-i}) \geq \sum_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} p_{i,w}([s_i \square \rightarrow s_{-i}]) \times u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$$

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Lewis-Stalnaker Semantics

$x \leq_w y$, x is “closer” to w than y .

For each $w \in W$, $\leq_w$ is a relation on W such that for all $w \in W$,

- ▶ $\leq_w$ is complete;
- ▶ $\leq_w$ is transitive;
- ▶ $\leq_w$ is antisymmetric;
- ▶ $\leq_w$ is centered (for all v , $w \leq_w v$);

$\min(X, w)$ is the minimal element in X at w according to $\leq_w$.

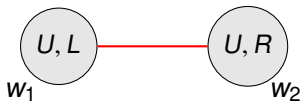
$$[\varphi \Box \rightarrow \psi] = \{w \mid \min([\varphi], w) \in [\psi]\}$$

$$p_{i,w}([\varphi \Box \rightarrow \psi]) = \frac{p_i([\varphi \Box \rightarrow \psi] \cap R_i(w))}{p_i(R_i(w))}$$

Sufficiency For each player i , for every $s_i \in S_i$, there exists a state w such that $f_i(w) = s_i$.

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		<i>L</i>	<i>R</i>
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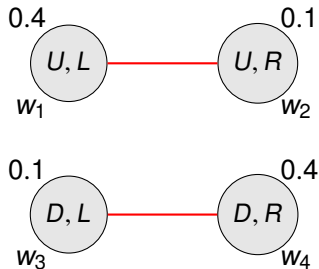


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Ann is Bayes rational at w_1

$$p_{Ann, w_1}([L]) = 4/5, p_{Ann, w_1}([R]) = 1/5$$

$$4/5 \times 1 + 1/5 \times 0 > 4/5 \times 0 + 1/5 \times 2$$

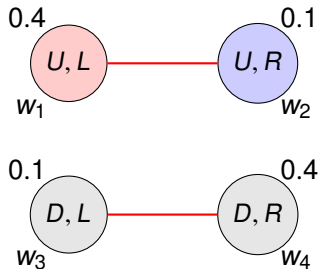


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Ann is not causal rational at w_1

$$[U \square \rightarrow L] = \{w_1\}, [U \square \rightarrow R] = \{w_2\}$$

$$4/5 \times 1 + 1/5 \times 0 = 0.8$$



$$\frac{\leq_{w_1}}{w_3}$$

w_2

w_4

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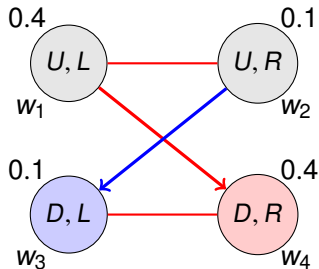
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$$[D \sqcap \rightarrow L] = \{w_2\}, [D \sqcap \rightarrow R] = \{w_1\}$$

$$2/5 \times 0 + 4/5 \times 2 = 1.6$$



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Causal Independence

C1 For all w and x , for all $i \in N$, if $x \leq_w y$ for all y such that $f_i(y) = f_i(x)$, then $f_{-i}(x) = f_{-i}(w)$

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Proof. C1 implies that for all s_i, s_{-i} , $[s_i \square \rightarrow s_{-i}] = [s_{-i}]$

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- ▶ What lies behind the apparently paradoxical claim that a theory of rationality rests on a degree of fallibility on the part of the decision maker?
- ▶ How is ratifiability related to other theories of decision and to standard game-theoretic solution concepts?

H. S. Shin. *A Reconstruction of Jeffrey's Notion of Ratifiability in Terms of Counterfactual Beliefs*. Theory and Decision, 31, pgs. 21 - 47, 1991.

$G = \langle S^1, S^2, u^1, u^2 \rangle$ is a two-player normal form game

- ▶ For $i = 1, 2$, S^i is finite with K^i elements
- ▶ For $i = 1, 2$, $u^i : S^1 \times S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- ▶ For $i = 1, 2$, $-i$ denotes player i 's opponent.

Let At be the following set of atomic propositions: for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$

- ▶ D_k^i means “player i decides to play s_k^i ”
- ▶ P_k^i means “player i performs s_k^i ”

A valuation is a function $V : At \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. We say V is a **state** provided for all i, k and $j \neq k$,

$$V(D_k^i) = 1 \text{ iff for all } j \neq k, V(D_j^i) = 0$$

$$V(P_k^i) = 1 \text{ iff for all } j \neq k, V(P_j^i) = 0$$

Let Ω be the set of all states.

$$\delta_k^i = \{V \mid V \in \Omega \text{ and } V(D_k^i) = 1\}$$

$$\pi_k^i = \{V \mid V \in \Omega \text{ and } V(P_k^i) = 1\}$$

“By construction, these events do not coincide, and we leave open as a logical possibility the divergence between decisions and performances.”

We have two partitions for each $i = 1, 2$:

- ▶ $\Delta^i = \{\delta_k^i \mid k = 1, \dots, K^i\}$
- ▶ $\Pi^i = \{\pi_k^i \mid k = 1, \dots, K^i\}$

Let Δ be the meet of Δ^1 and Δ^2 and Π the meet of Π^1 and Π^2 .

Let p be a probability distribution over Ω .

$U^i(k | j)$ is the expected utility of player i when she decides to play s_k^i but plays s_j^i instead.

$$U^i(k | j) := \sum_{m=1}^{K-i} u^i(s_k^i, s_m^{-i}) p(\pi_m^{-i} | \delta_j^i \cap \pi_k^i)$$

($U^i(k | j)$ is only defined when $\delta_j^i \cap \pi_k^i$ is non-null under p^i)

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Assume $\epsilon < \min_i \{1/K^i\}$.

A1 $p(\pi_j^i \mid \delta_k^i) = \epsilon$ for all $j \neq k$, whenever defined

A2 $p(\pi^i \mid \delta^i \cap \delta^{-i}) = p(\pi^i \mid \delta^i)$ for all $\pi^i, \delta^i, \delta^{-i}$ whenever defined.

A3 $U^i(j \mid j) \geq U^i(k \mid j)$ for all j, k whenever defined.

p is **ϵ -ratifiable** for i if p satisfies A1, A2 and A3.

The precise *magnitude* of the trembles should play no part in the analysis. Rather, what matters is that such trembles exist, and that they be “small”.

A4 $p(\pi_k^{-i}) = p(\delta_k^{-i})$ for all k

p is **modest for i** if it satisfies A4.

p is **modestly ratifiable for i** if there are sequences $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t, \dots$ and $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_t, \dots$ such that for all t , p_t is modest for i and ϵ_t ratifiable for i and $p_t \rightarrow p$ as $\epsilon_t \rightarrow 0$.

Let P be a tremble-free distribution on Ω . I.e., $P(\delta_k^i) = P(\pi_k^i)$ for all i, k .

Define $\varphi(I | j) := P(\delta_I^{-i} | \delta_j^i)$ the probability that player i 's opponent (decides to) plays s_I^{-i} given that player i (decides to) play s_j^i .

$\bar{P}$ (a probability measure on $S^1 \times S^2$) is a **correlated equilibrium** provided for all i, j, k whenever $\varphi^i(I | j)$ is defined

$$\sum_{l=1}^{K-i} \varphi^i(I | j) [u^i(s_j^i, s_l^{-i}) - u^i(s_k^i, s_l^{-i})] \geq 0$$

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U	6, 6	2, 7
D	7, 2	0, 0

► Three Nash equilibria:

- (U, R) : the payoff is $(2, 7)$
- (D, L) : the payoff is $(7, 2)$
- $([\frac{2}{3}(U), \frac{1}{3}D], [\frac{2}{3}(L), \frac{1}{3}(R)])$: the payoff is $(4\frac{2}{3}, 4\frac{2}{3})$

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- ▶ The expected payoff is $\frac{1}{3}(6, 6) + \frac{1}{3}(2, 7) + \frac{1}{3}(7, 2) = (5, 5)$ (which is outside the convex hull of the Nash equilibria)

Theorem (Shin). p is modestly ratifiable if and only if p is a correlated equilibrium.

The distinction between *decisions* and *performances* is exactly analogous to the distinction between the *recommendations* issued by the arbitrator and the *actions* taken by the players.

Note that it is crucial that the players share the same probability measure p over the set of states.

When p is modestly ratifiable,

- ▶ No player will place positive probability on a strictly dominated strategy (So that in Newcomb's problem, both boxes are taken, and in the prisoners' dilemma, the players confess)
- ▶ In a two-person zero-sum game, the payoffs achievable by modest ratifiability cannot exceed the "value" of the game
- ▶ In non-zero sum games, the payoffs achievable by modest ratifiability can exceed the payoffs achieved as a Nash equilibrium.

Capture the notion of similarity by means of a *metric* on the space of possible worlds.

$p \Box \rightarrow q$ is true at w if and only if, there is a closed sphere C around p in the metric m such that $C \cap [p] \neq \emptyset$ and $C \cap [p] \subseteq [q]$

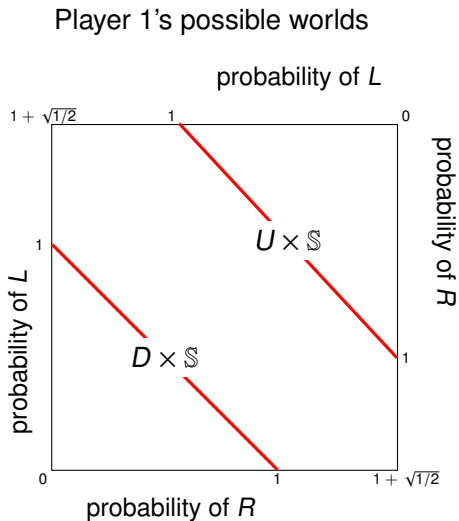
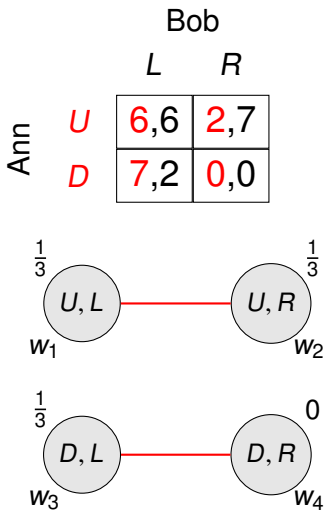
Possible Worlds

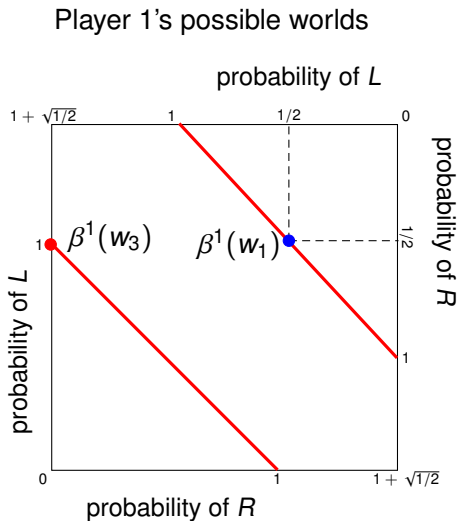
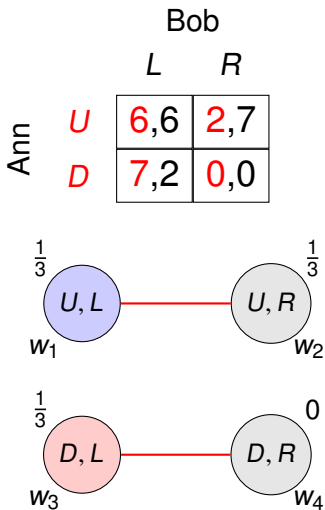
A possible world for player i , is a pair $\langle x, y \rangle$ where $x \in S^i$ and $y \in \Delta(S^{-i})$

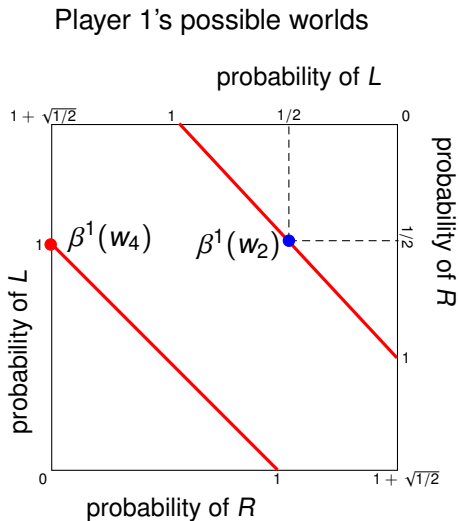
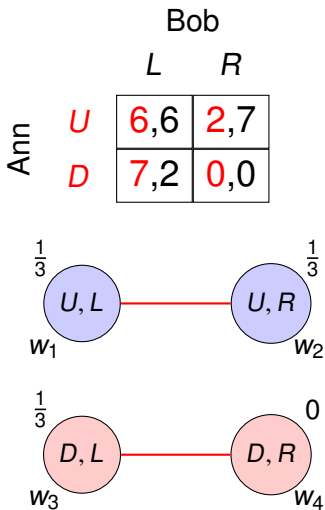
Each state in an Aumann model can be associated with a *possible world* (for a fixed player)

Given $\langle W, \{R_i\}_{i \in N}, \{f_i\}_{i \in N}, \{p_i\} \rangle$, define $\beta^1 : W \rightarrow S^1 \times \mathbb{S}$ ($\mathbb{S}$ is the unit simplex over the strategies of player i 's opponent)

$$\beta^1(w) = \langle f_1(w), \langle p_{i,w}([s^{-i}]) \rangle_{s^{-i} \in S^{-i}} \rangle$$





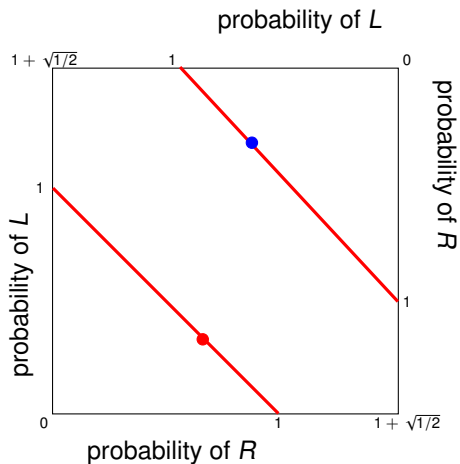


“Library Stack Metric”

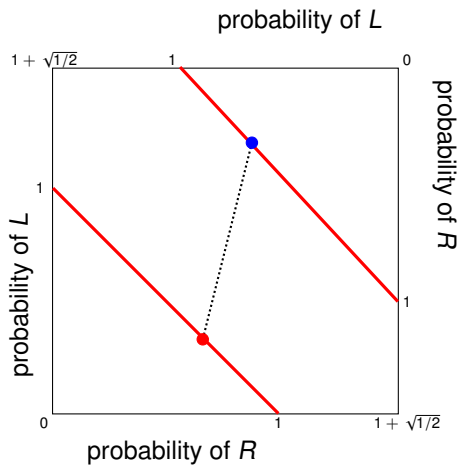
Let λ be a measure on player i 's possible worlds. For $\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle \in$ two possible worlds for player i :

$$\lambda(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^2 |y_j - y'_j|^2} & \text{if } x = x' \\ \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^2 |y_j - y'_j|^2} + 1 & \text{if } x \neq x' \end{cases}$$

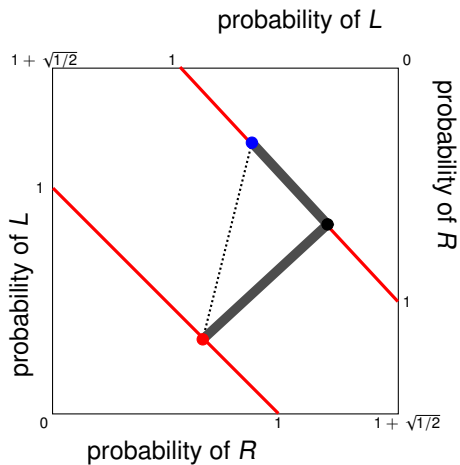
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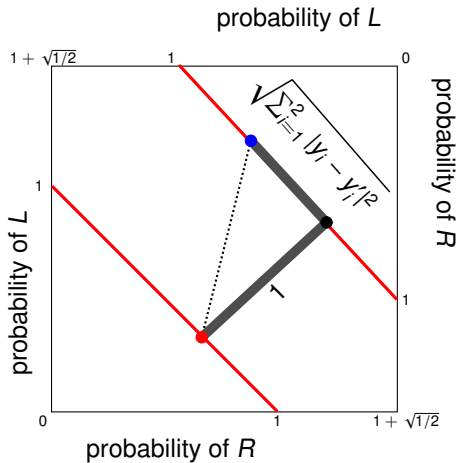
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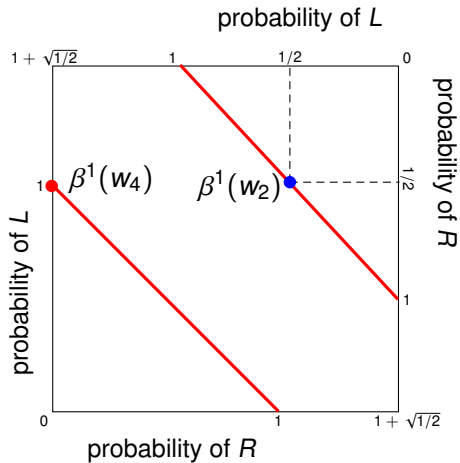
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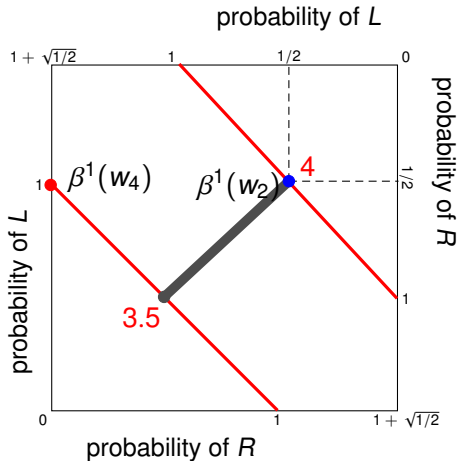


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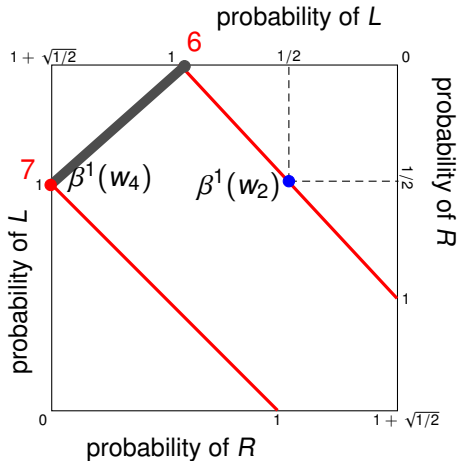
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m-Rational

A player should never find himself at a possible world at which according to his metric m , he would be strictly better off if he were to deviate.

Let π_r^i mean “player i ’s payoff does not exceed r ” (for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$)

Suppose that $\beta^i(w) = \langle x, y \rangle$ and m is a metric in player i ’s possible worlds. We say that i is m -rational at w if

For all $j \in \{1, \dots, K^i\}$, there is a $r \leq U^i(\langle x, y \rangle)$ such that $\sigma_j^i \Box \rightarrow \pi_r^i$ is true at $\langle x, y \rangle$.

m-Rationality describes a type of consistency—the consistency of a player's probability distribution with his metric.

Theorem. Player i is λ -rational at w if and only if i is Aumann rational at w .

Corollary. Suppose that $p^i = p$ for all i . Then all players are λ -rational if and only if p is a correlated equilibrium.

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