

Discussion 5

Midterm).

I. "Prerequisites"

A. Complete, transitive, indifference, strictly prefer

B. Pareto efficient

II. 2x2 games

A. Prisoner dilemma.

B. Strict and weak dominance

C. Battle of sexes, Stag Hunt, symmetric game, Hawk dove

D. Nash equilibrium (and strict)

E. Best response

, match pennies

III. Large games

A. Voting

B. Cournot

C. Second-price auction

D. First-price auction

Weak Dominance)

A dominated

C D

A	1,	2,
B	1,	4,

A dominant

C D

A	1,	3,
B	1,	0,

Neither

C D

A	1,	3,
B	2,	0,

(Cournot game) See Discussion 4.

49.2) (Any action including vote for least preferred candidate)
 dominated by (same action, minus least preferred vote).
 ↳ If least preferred win this is worse, otherwise
 makes no difference.

(Any action not including vote for favorite candidate)
 dominated by (same action, plus favorite candidate vote).
 ↳ Same logic.

Why $(1, k-1)$ not weakly dominated? Check all possible dominating actions.

↳ If no vote for 1, this can cause 1 to lose.

↳ If no vote for $(k-1)$, candidate k can win.

↳ If vote any other j , again this can cause 1 to lose.

59.2) If $f=0$ (or small), standard calculation:

$$(q_1^*, q_2^*) = \left(\frac{1}{3}(a-c), \frac{1}{3}(a-c)\right).$$

$$\text{If } f \text{ too large } (q_1^*, q_2^*) = (0, 0).$$

Interesting third case. Best response: $q_1 = \frac{a-c-q_2}{2}$.

Asymmetric equilibrium where only one firm produce: $q_1 = \frac{a-c}{2}$ and $q_2 = 0$.

Why would this happen? $q_2 = \frac{a-c - (\frac{a-c}{2})}{2} = \frac{a-c}{4}$ not profitable.

$$\Pi_2 = (a - q_1 - q_2)q_2 - cq_2 - f < 0 \quad \text{or}$$
$$f > \frac{(a-c)^2}{16}$$