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ECN 122: Game Theory Professor Giacomo Bonanno

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1. [35 points] Consider the following game with ordinal payoffs (*x* and *y* can be any non-negative integers):

			Player 2	
	-	F	G	Н
P 1	A	2 , 4	2,3	0,3
a	В	2,1	3,4	1,0
y e	C	3,2	4,2	2 , y
r	D	x, 3	3,4	1,4
1	E	1, 2	3, 2	0, 1

- (a) (a.1) [2 points] For what values of x does Player 1 have a strictly dominant strategy?
 - (a.2) [2 points] Name the strategy.
- **(b) (b.1)** [2 points] For what values of *x* does Player 1 have a **weakly but not strictly dominant** strategy?
 - (b.2) [2 points] Name the strategy.
- (c) [3 points] For what values of y does Player 2 have a **weakly dominant** strategy?
- (d) [6 points] For what values of x and y does the game have an **odd** number of pure-strategy Nash equilibria? Name the Nash equilibria.

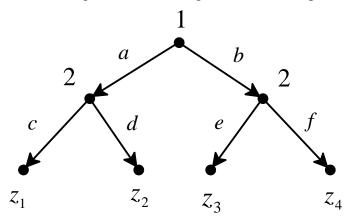
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	B C D	A 2, 4 B 2, 1 C 3, 2 D x, 3	A 2, 4 2, 3 B 2, 1 3, 4 C 3, 2 4, 2 D x, 3 3, 4

(e) [6 points] For what values of x and y does the game have an **even** number of pure-strategy Nash equilibria? Name the Nash equilibria.

(f) [6 points] For what values of x and y does the iterated deletion of **weakly** dominated strategies lead to two strategy profiles? Name the two profiles.

(g) [6 points] For what values of x and y does the iterated deletion of **weakly** dominated strategies lead to a unique strategy profile? Name the profile.

2. [26 points] Consider the following extensive-form game-frame with perfect information:



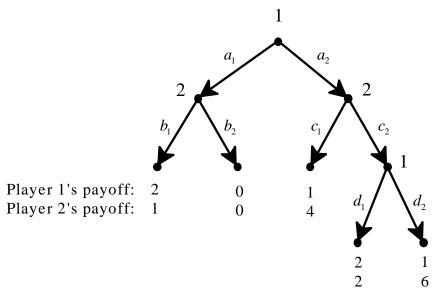
The players have complete and transitive preferences over the set of outcomes $\{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4\}$ and the preferences are such that the corresponding game has exactly three backward-induction solutions, namely (a,(c,e)), (b,(c,e)) and (b,(c,f)).

(a) [8 points] What can you infer about the preferences of Player 1?

(b) [8 points] What can you infer about the preferences of Player 2?

(c) [10 points] Write all the complete and transitive preference relations of **Player 1** that are compatible with the above information.

3. [27 points] Consider the following perfect-information game.



(a) [10 points] Write the corresponding strategic form.

- (b) [10 points] List all the (pure-strategy) Nash equilibria.
- (c) [7 points] Which of the Nash equilibria is also a backward induction solution?

4. [12 points] Consider the following two-player strategic-form game. Player 1 has five strategies: A, B, C, D and E and Player 2 has four strategies: f, g, h and k.

For Player 1:

- A is equivalent to B
- B strictly dominates C
- C is equivalent to D
- D weakly dominates E

For Player 2:

- f is equivalent to g
- g strictly dominates h
- h weakly dominates k

List all the pure-strategy Nash equilibria of this game.