

Pot: \$90,000

Sandra

David

	Split	Steal
Split	\$45k, \$45k	\$0, \$90k
Steal	\$90k, \$0	\$0, \$0

Suppose that David values fairness first and then money and is benevolent towards Sandra:

David's preferences:

best (\$45k, \$45k)

(\$90k, \$0)

worst (\$0, \$90k), (\$0, \$0)

David's utility:

3

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For David Split weakly dominates Steal

Sandra

		Sandra	
		Split	Steal
David	Split	3, 3	1, 4
	Steal	2, 1	1, 2

For Sandra Steal strictly dominates Split

What if Sandra is selfish
and greedy? and spiteful

Utility:

best (\$0, \$90k)

4

(\$45k, \$45k)

3

(\$0, \$0)

2

worst (\$90k, \$0)

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Read Definitions 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 in textbook (Chapter 2)

D is a weakly dominant strategy

		Player 2		
		E	F	G
Player 1	A	4 ...	4 ...	1 ...
	B	4 ...	3 ...	2 ...
	C	4 ...	4 ...	1 ...
	D	5 ...	4 ...	3 ...

FOR PLAYER 1

Strict dominance: D strictly dominates B

Weak dominance: D weakly dominates A
D weakly dominates C

Equivalence: A and C are equivalent

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		Player 2		
		<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>
Player 1	<i>A</i>	4 ...	4 ...	3 ...
	<i>B</i>	4 ...	3 ...	2 ...
	<i>C</i>	4 ...	4 ...	3 ...
	<i>D</i>	2 ...	4 ...	3 ...

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Changes from previous slide

A is a weakly dominant strategy

C is a weakly dominant strategy : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \text{ is equivalent to } A \\ C \text{ weakly dominates } B \\ C \text{ weakly dominates } D \end{array} \right.$

A strategy is **strictly** dominant if it strictly dominates every other strategy.

A strategy *x*, which is not strictly dominant, is **weakly** dominant if, when compared to any other strategy *y*, either *x* dominates (weakly or strictly) *y* or *x* is equivalent to *y*

Second-price auction:

the highest bidder wins and pays the second highest bid

Bidder	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bid	\$10	\$12	\$8	\$20	\$22	\$18	\$15

Winner
pays \$20

Bidder	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bid	\$10	\$12	\$22	\$20	\$22	\$18	\$22

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winner (by the pre-specified tie-breaking rules)
pays \$22

In case of ties the rules have to specify how the winner is picked (first to submit his bid?
first in alphabetical order? coin toss? ...)

The case of TWO bidders:

Possible bids: \$10, \$20, \$30

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		\$10	\$20	\$30
1	\$10	Winner pays \$10	2 wins pays \$10	2 wins pays \$10
	\$20	1 wins pays \$10	Winner pays \$20	2 wins pays \$20
	\$30	1 wins pays \$10	1 wins pays \$20	winner pays \$30

payoff to player 1 : $\begin{cases} V_1 - P & \text{if 1 is the winner and has to pay } \$P \\ 0 & \text{if 1 is not the winner} \end{cases}$

$(V_1 = \text{true value of object to player 1})$