## Game Theory

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## Exercises 3

**Exercise 1** Consider the following 2-player extensive form game given by the game tree



- a. How many, and which, strategies does player 1 have? How many, and which, strategies does player 2 have?
- b. Give a completely elaborated plan of playing for player 1 that is not a strategy.
- c. Determine a normal form for this game.
- d. Determine for each player the strictly dominant strategies.
- e. Determine the Nash equilibria.

**Exercise 2** Consider the following game between two (rational and intelligent) players. There is a pillow with 100 matches. They alternately remove 1, 2 or 4 matches from it. (Player 1 begins.) The player who makes the last move wins. Who will win?

Short solutions.

Solution 1 a. Player 1 has 4 strategies and player 2 has 2 strategies. b. Playing R.

- c. This is the bimatrix game  $\begin{pmatrix} l & r \\ LA & 4; 2 & 0; 2 \\ LB & 4; 2 & 4; 0 \\ RA & 2; 5 & 2; 5 \\ RB & 2; 5 & 2; 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . d. There are no strictly dominant strategies.
  e. (LA, l) and (LB, l).

Solution 2 The loosing positions are those with number of matches that when divided by 3  $\!\!\!$ has remainder 0. As 100 divided by 3 has remainder 1, player 1 will win.