

# Advanced Microeconomics

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Consider the  $n + 1$  points of  $H = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  on the real line, to be referred to as *vertices*. Two players simultaneously and independently choose a vertex. If player 1 chooses vertex  $x_1$  and player 2 vertex  $x_2$ , then:

Case  $w = 1$ : the payoff of player  $i$ ,  $f_i(x_1, x_2)$ , is the number of vertices that is the closest to his choice  $x_i$ ; however, a vertex that has equal distance to both players contributes only  $1/2$ .

General  $w \in [0, 1]$ : to  $f_i(x_1, x_2)$  exactly the same vertices as in the above for  $w = 1$  contribute. Take such a vertex. If it is at distance  $d$  to  $x_i$ , then it contributes  $w^d$  if it is not a shared vertex, and otherwise it contributes  $w^d/2$ .

1. Suppose  $n$  is odd and  $w = 1$ .
  - a. Determine the best reply correspondences.
  - b. Determine the nash equilibria.
  - c. Determine the weakly pareto-efficient strategy profiles.
2. Suppose  $n = 2$  and  $w = 1/2$ .
  - a. Determine the game by representing it as a  $3 \times 3$ -bi-matrix game with at the first row strategy 0, the second row strategy 1, etc.
  - b. Determine the best reply correspondences.
  - c. Determine the nash equilibria and the strongly pareto-efficient strategy profiles.
3. Consider again the situation where  $n = 2$  and  $w = 1/2$ . But now suppose that first player 1 makes his choice and then player 2 after having observed the choice of his opponent.
  - a. Present the game tree.
  - b. Determine the subgame perfect nash equilibria.

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