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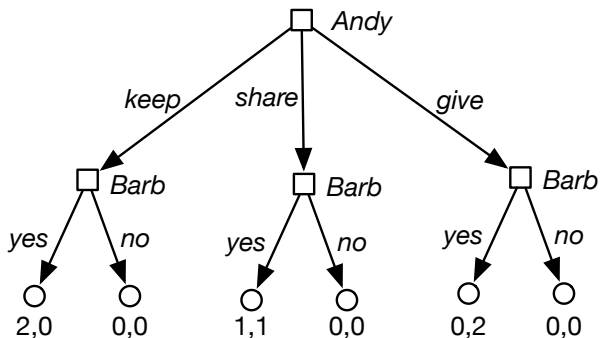
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Fully-observable Game Tree Search

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1: procedure GameTreeSearch(n)
2:   Inputs
3:     n a node in a game tree
4:   Output
5:     A pair: value for each agent for node n, path that gives
      this value
6:   if n is a leaf node then
7:     return {i : evaluate(i, n)}, None
8:   else if n is controlled by agent i then
9:     max :=  $-\infty$ 
10:    for each child c of n do
11:      score, path := GameTreeSearch(c)
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14:        res := (score, c : path)
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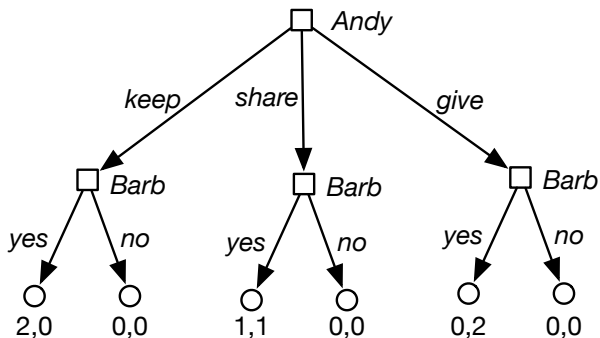
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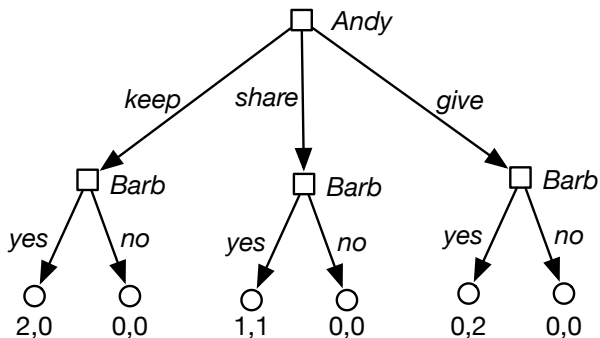
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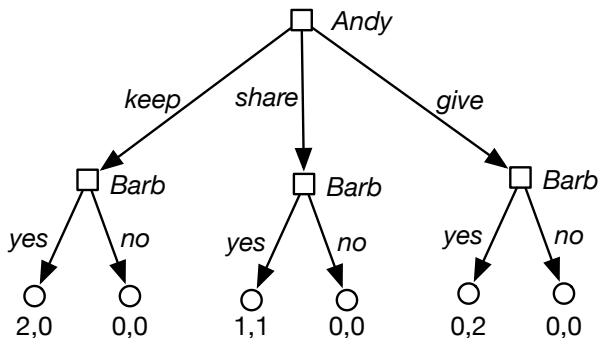
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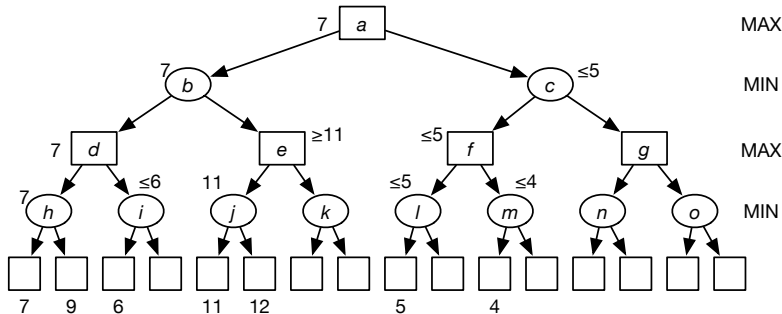
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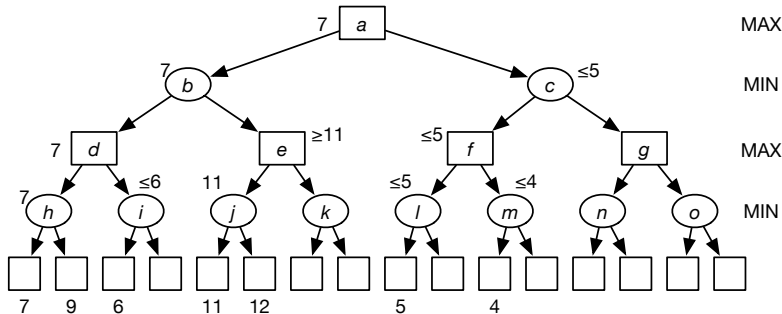
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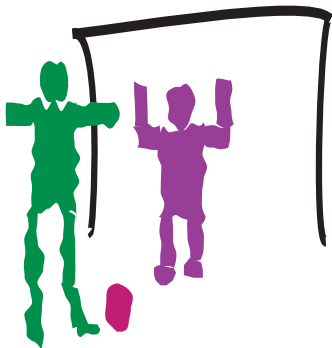
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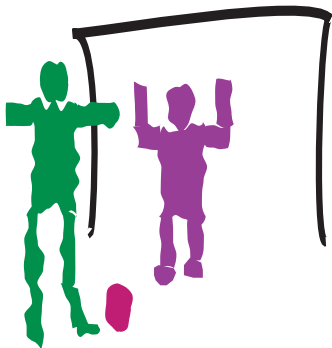


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Let $utility(\sigma, i)$ be the utility of strategy profile σ for agent i .
- If σ is a strategy profile:
 σ_i is the strategy of agent i in σ ,
 σ_{-i} is the set of strategies of the other agents.
Thus σ is $\sigma_i\sigma_{-i}$

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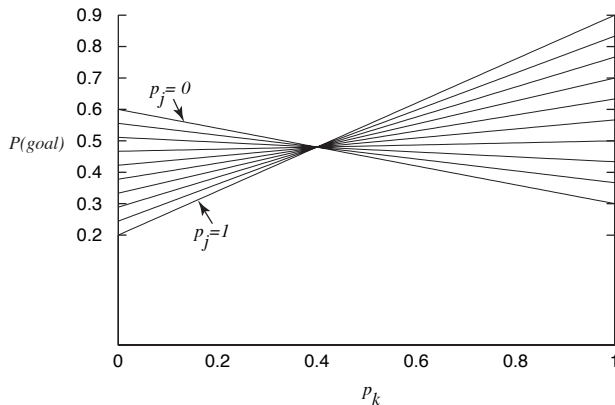
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- Theorem [Nash, 1950] Every finite game has at least one Nash equilibrium.

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Multiple Equilibria

Hawk-Dove Game:

		Agent 2	
		dove	hawk
Agent 1	dove	$R/2, R/2$	$0, R$
	hawk	$R, 0$	$-D, -D$

D and R are both positive with $D \gg R$.

Just because you know the Nash equilibria doesn't mean you know what to do:

		Agent 2	
		shopping	football
Agent 1	shopping	2,1	0,0
	football	0,0	1,2

Prisoner's Dilemma

Two strangers are in a game show. They each have the choice:

- Take \$100 for yourself
- Give \$1000 to the other player

This can be depicted as the payoff matrix:

		Player 2	
		take	give
Player 1	take	100,100	1100,0
	give	0,1100	1000,1000

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To compute a Nash equilibria for a game in strategic form:

- Eliminate dominated strategies
- Determine which actions will have non-zero probabilities. This is the **support set**.
- Determine the probability for the actions in the support set

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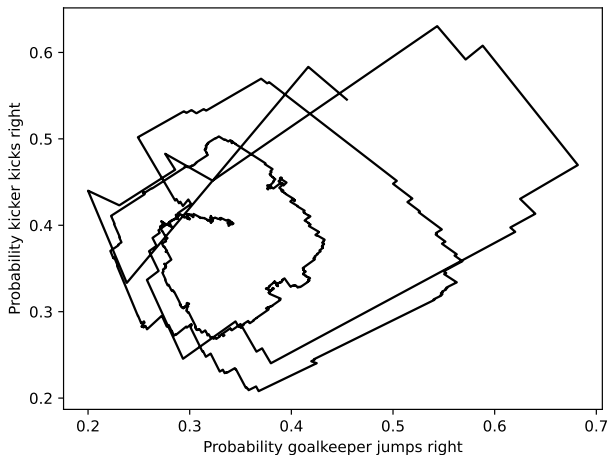
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Repeated playing goal-kick game with single state ($\alpha = 0.1$, $\gamma = 0$, $q_init = 1$, $p_init = 5$).

ALPython: `masLearn.py`

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