

Last time:

$$B_i^p(E) = \{\omega \mid \mu(E \mid I_i(\omega)) \geq p\}$$

E is p -evident if $E \subseteq B_i^p(E) \forall i$.

C is a common p -belief at ω if $\exists E \ni \omega$ s.t.

- $E \subseteq B_i^p(E) \forall i$

- $E \subseteq B_i^p(C) \forall i$

$$E^p(C) = \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n B_i^p(C) \right) \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n B_i^p \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n B_i^p(C) \right) \right) \cap \dots$$

Generalizing the "agreeing to Disagree" result.

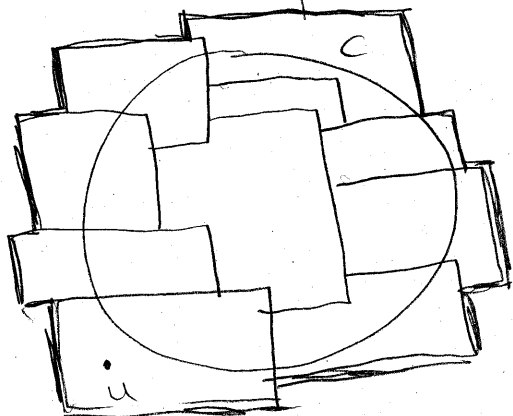
Thm: Let X be an event, and define

$f_i(\omega) = \mu(X \mid I_i(\omega))$, consider a sequence

(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) s.t. $r_i \in [0, 1]$.

Let $C = \{u \mid f_i(u) = r_i \forall i\}$. Then, if C is a

common p -belief at ω , $|r_i - r_j| \leq 2(1-p) \forall i, j$.



- $f_i(u) = r_i$

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Pf:

$$1] f_i(u) = r_i \quad \forall u \in S \in \mathcal{I}_i \text{ s.t. } S \cap C \neq \emptyset.$$

$$\Rightarrow f_i(u) = r_i \quad \forall u \in B_i^P(C) \text{ since if } \mathcal{I}_i(u) \cap C \neq \emptyset, \\ u \in B_i^P(C)$$

2] Suppose C is a common p -belief at ω . This implies that $\exists E \ni \omega$ s.t. $E \in B_i^P(E) \forall i$ and $E \subseteq B_i^P(C)$

3] By 1], $f_i = r_i$ on E . Indeed $f_i = r_i$ on $B_i^P(E)$.

$$4] \mu(\bar{X} | B_i^P(E)) = r_i$$

$$\text{Main step: let } x = \mu(\bar{X} | E) = \frac{\mu(\bar{X} \cap E)}{\mu(E)}$$

$$= \frac{\mu(\bar{X} \cap B_i^P(E))}{\mu(E)} - \frac{\mu(\bar{X} \cap [B_i^P(E) \setminus E])}{\mu(E)}$$

$$= \frac{\mu(\bar{X} \cap B_i^P(E)) \mu(B_i^P(E))}{\mu(B_i^P(E)) \mu(E)}$$

$$= \underbrace{\mu(\bar{X} | B_i^P(E))}_{= r_i} \cdot \frac{\mu(B_i^P(E))}{\mu(E)}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_i = x \cdot \frac{\mu(E)}{\mu(B_i^P(E))} + \frac{\mu(\bar{X} \cap (B_i^P(E) \setminus E))}{\mu(B_i^P(E))}$$

o want to find bounds on this.

$$\mu(B_i^p(E)) \geq \mu(E) \geq p \cdot \mu(B_i^p(E))$$

$$\text{since } \forall u \in \mu(B_i^p(E)), \mu(E \cap I_i(u)) \geq p \mu(I_i(u))$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\sum \mu(E \cap I_i(\omega))}_{\mu(E)} \geq p \underbrace{\sum \mu(I_i(u))}_{\mu(B_i^p(E))}$$

$$\text{Thus, } 1 \geq \frac{\mu(E)}{\mu(B_i^p(E))} \geq p$$

So that

$$r_i = x: \frac{\mu(E)}{\mu(B_i^p(E))} + \frac{\mu(\Sigma \cap (B_i^p(E) \setminus E))}{\mu_i(B_i^p(E))}$$

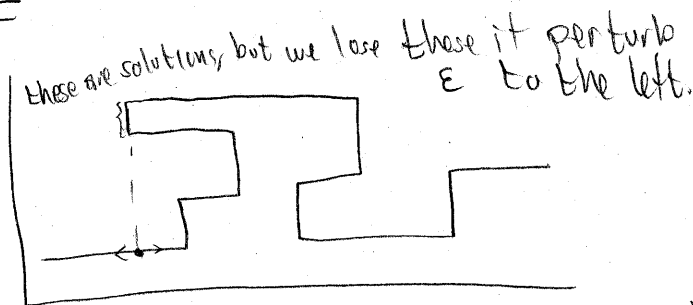
$\in [p, 1] \qquad \qquad \qquad \in [0, 1-p]$

$$\Rightarrow px \leq r_i \leq x + 1-p$$

$$\Rightarrow -(1-p)x \leq r_i - x \leq 1-p$$

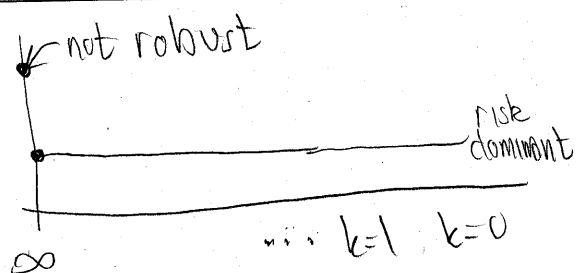
$$\Rightarrow |r_i - x| \leq 1-p$$

$$\Rightarrow |r_i - r_j| \leq |r_i - x| + |r_j - x| \leq 2(1-p) \quad \square$$



hnc - cannot gain additional solutions by moving ϵ to any side

hnc - cannot lose a solution by moving ϵ away (i.e. robust.)



Rubinstein's e-mail game.
 • want to define a new topology s.t. this correspondence is the wrt. this topology.

• want to relax common knowledge to common p -belief, where p is high.

Common p -belief in Bayesian Games

Let $G^1, \dots, G^j, \dots, G^m$ be games, with

$G^j = (N, \underbrace{A_i}_{\text{finite}}, \underbrace{H_i^j}_{\text{utility functions}})$. Let $J: \Omega \rightarrow \{1, \dots, m\}$
not necessarily finite (could be countable).

s.t. $u_i(a, \omega) = H_i^{J(\omega)}(a)$.

a mixed strategy is a fn $\sigma_i: \Omega \rightarrow \Delta(A_i)$

$$F_i(\sigma) = E[H_i^j(\sigma)]$$

σ is an ϵ -equilibrium iff $\forall i, \omega, s_i$, we have:

$$E[H_i^j(\sigma) | I_i(\omega)] \geq E[H_i^j(s_i, \sigma_{-i}) | I_i(\omega)] - \epsilon$$

Define $\Omega^j = \{\omega | J(\omega) = j\}$. Let $s^j \in NE(G^j)$. Consider

$$\sigma^* \text{ s.t. } \sigma^*(\omega) = s^{J(\omega)}$$

Thm: Let $p \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Define $1-\delta \equiv \mu(\{\omega \mid G^j \text{ is common } p\text{-belief at } \omega\})$. Let $M = \max_{i,j,s} |H_i^j(s)|$. Then, $\exists \Omega'$ and σ s.t.,

$$\boxed{1} \quad \mu(\Omega') \geq (2p-1)(1-\delta)$$

$$\boxed{2} \quad \sigma(\omega) = s^{J(\omega)} \text{ on } \Omega'$$

$$\boxed{3} \quad \sigma \text{ is } \underbrace{2M(1-(2p-1))}_{\varepsilon(p) = 4M(1-p)} \text{ equilibrium}$$

$$\bullet \varepsilon(p) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow 1$$

For every original equilibrium, if the probability of this game being common p -belief is sufficiently high, then this equilibrium is an $\varepsilon(p)$ equilibrium of nearby games.

Pf: Define $E^j = \{\omega \mid G^j \text{ is common } p\text{-belief at } \omega\}$
 $= E^p(G^j)$

Define $\Omega' = \bigcup (E^j \cap G^j)$. Define

$$\Omega_i = \bigcup_j B_i^p(E^j) \quad \text{since } p > \frac{1}{2}, B_i^p(E^j), j \text{ are disjoint}$$

$$\forall \omega \in B_i^p(E^j), \sigma_i(\omega) = s_i^j$$

Consider the following game:

• players are i s.t. $\Omega_i \neq \emptyset$

$$\circ S_i : \Omega_i^c \rightarrow A_i$$

$$\circ u_i(s) = H_i(s, \sigma)$$

$$\circ (s, \sigma)_i(\omega) = \begin{cases} \sigma_i(\omega) & \text{if } \omega \in \Omega_i \\ s_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let $\hat{\sigma}$ be a Bayesian Nash Equilibrium of this game.

Then $\forall \omega \in \Omega_i^c, \sigma_i(\omega) = \hat{\sigma}_i(\omega)$.

First, to prove \exists if $\omega \in E^j \in B_i^p(E^j)$, then we have that $\sigma_i(\omega) = s_i^j(\omega)$.

Next, for \exists , recall $E^j \in B_i^p(E^j)$ and $E^j \in B_i^p(G^j)$. These

$$\text{imply } E^j \in B_i^{2p-1}(E^j \cap G^j)$$

$$\circ \underbrace{\mu_{i,\omega}(E^j) + \mu_{i,\omega}(G^j)}_{\geq p} - \underbrace{\mu_{i,\omega}(E^j \cap G^j)}_{\Rightarrow \geq 2p-1} \leq 1$$

$$\circ \mu(E^j \cap G^j | B_i^{2p-1}(E^j \cap G^j)) \geq 2p-1$$

Then, we know that $\mu(E^j \cap G^j) \geq (2p-1)\mu(B_i^{2p-1}(E^j \cap G^j))$
 $\geq (2p-1)\mu(E^j)$

Take the sum over j . $\mu(\Omega') \geq (2p-1)(1-\delta)$.

Finally, to show \exists , when $\omega \in \Omega_i^c$, you are playing a best reply. Consider $\omega \in \Omega_i$.

Take $\omega \in B_i^p(E^j)$. Then $\mu(E^j \cap G^j | I_i(\omega)) \geq 2p-1$.
 Then s_i^j is a best reply with probability greater than $2p-1$. The loss from s_i^j with respect to s_i' is less than or equal to $2M$ (with probability $1-(2p-1)$).
 Thus, the loss is less than $2M(1-(2p-1))$. \square

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $M > 0$. There exists $p^0 > 1/2$, $\delta^0 > 0$ s.t. $\forall p > p^0$ and $\delta > \delta^0$, $\forall \{G^j\}$ with $\max_{i,j,s} |H_i^j(s)| \leq M$, \forall equilibrium selection (s^j) for G^j 's, and \forall incomplete information games, if $\mu(\{\omega | \exists j \text{ s.t. } G^j \text{ is common } p\text{-belief}\}) \geq 1-\delta$, then there exists an ε -equilibrium σ s.t. $\mu(\{\sigma(\omega) = s^j(\omega)\}) \geq 1-\varepsilon$.