

DECEMBER 2019 PRACTICE FINAL EXAMINATION
MAT406H5F
Mathematical Introduction to Game Theory

Problem 1 (20points). In a splitting game, the players are given a few non-empty piles of stones. A legal move consists of splitting a pile into two non-empty piles. The winner makes the last move. Thus the terminal positions are the positions which have no piles with more than one stone.

Compute the SG-function of the game and use it to determine which starting one-pile positions are winning for the first player to move. Justify your answer.

Problem 2 (20points). Solve (i.e. find the value of the game and optimal strategies for both players) the two-person zero-sum game given by the following matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 3 (20points). Find the safety levels, all the corresponding max-min strategies, and all of the Nash Equilibria for the game given in the strategic form by the following bi-matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} (1, 5) & (2, 8) & (3, 3) & (2, 7) \\ (5, 3) & (0, 4) & (4, 2) & (6, 2) \\ (2, 4) & (3, 5) & (5, 3) & (3, 6) \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 4 (20points). The game is given by the following bi-matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} (2, 2) & (3, 1) & (2, 1) & (9, 8) & (1, 2) \\ (4, 5) & (5, 4) & (1, 1) & (1, 0) & (3, 1) \\ (4, 3) & (2, 0) & (1, 3) & (3, 1) & (4, 4) \\ (-1, 1) & (5, 5) & (5, 6) & (1, 0) & (-2, -3) \end{pmatrix}$$

- (1) Solve the game as a TU game, i.e. find the point of optimal agreement.
Hint: You have already solved half of this problem during this test.
- (2) Solve the game as an NTU game using the Nash model with the threat point $(0, 0)$.
Hint: Recall that the Nash solution used axioms.

Problem 5 (20points). A pair of gloves costs \$20. A left glove or a right glove cannot be sold separately. Assume that there is one manufacturer of the right glove and four manufacturers of the left glove.

- (1) Describe the problem as a game in coalitional form, i.e. define the characteristic function.
- (2) Describe all the imputations.
- (3) Compute the core of the game.
- (4) Find the Shapley Value.

