Estratégias Evolucionariamente Estable para Juegos Simétricos de tres o más Jugadores

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- More specifically, each player is "pre-programmed" to some behavior formally a strategy in the game and one assumes that some evolutionary selection process operates over time on the population distribution of behaviors.

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- ► We extend the concept of ESS for symmetric games for n ≥ 3 players.

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 n -person game or game

$$\Phi = \prod_{i=1}^n \triangle(S_i)$$
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$$\triangle(S_i) = \left\{ \sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}^l : \sigma_i(s_i) \ge 0, \quad \sum_{s_i \in S_i} \sigma_i(s_i) = 1 \right\}$$

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Symmetric Game

The Three-Player Prisoner's Dilemma



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or

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Lemma (Van Damme (1999), N=2)

If σ is an ESS and μ is a symmetric Nash equilibrium with $C(\mu) \subseteq B(\sigma, \sigma)$, the $\sigma = \mu$

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Let Γ be a 3-symmetric game, with |S| = 2 and $(\sigma, ..., \sigma)$ a Nash equilibrium. σ is an ESS if and only if $a_{111} > a_{211}$ or $a_{122} < a_{222}$ or

$$\sum_{i_{3}=1}^{2}\left(\textit{a}_{1,1,i_{3}}-\textit{a}_{2,1,i_{3}}+\textit{a}_{2,2,i_{3}}-\textit{a}_{1,2,i_{3}}\right)\sigma\left(i_{3}\right)<0$$

and

$$\sum_{i_{2}=1}^{2} \left(\mathbf{a}_{1,i_{2},1} - \mathbf{a}_{2,i_{2},1} + \mathbf{a}_{2,i_{2},2} - \mathbf{a}_{1,i_{2},2} \right) \sigma\left(i_{2}\right) < 0.$$

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Theorem The set of ESS is finite (but possibly zero)

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Lemma (1)

Let σ^{ε} be a sequence of mixed strategy such that $\sigma^{\varepsilon} \to \sigma$, when $\varepsilon \to 0$, being $\sigma^{\varepsilon} \neq \sigma$, we define $\delta(\varepsilon) = \max_{j} \left\{ \frac{\left| \sigma_{j} - \sigma_{j}^{\varepsilon} \right|}{\sigma_{j}} : \sigma_{j} > 0 \right\}$. Then 1. $\delta(\varepsilon) \to 0$, when $\varepsilon \to 0$, and 2. $\mu^{\varepsilon} = \frac{\sigma^{\varepsilon} - (1 - \delta(\varepsilon))\sigma}{\delta(\varepsilon)} \in \Delta(S)$ i.e., $\sigma^{\varepsilon} = (1 - \delta(\varepsilon))\sigma + \delta(\varepsilon) \mu^{\varepsilon}$.

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Lemma (2)

Let σ be ESS and let σ^{ε} be a sequence of ESS such that $\sigma^{\varepsilon} \to \sigma$, when $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$, where, for all $\varepsilon > 0$ we have that $\sigma^{\varepsilon} \neq \sigma$. If $\pi (\sigma^{\varepsilon}, \sigma, \sigma^{\varepsilon}, ..., \sigma^{\varepsilon}) \ge \pi (\sigma, \sigma, \sigma^{\varepsilon}, ..., \sigma^{\varepsilon})$ and there exists $k' \ge 0$, such that for all $0 \le k \le k'$,

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Proof. The ESS set is finite If not, $\sigma^{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \sigma \text{ ESS} + \text{Remark}$ $\pi(\sigma, \sigma, ..., \sigma) \stackrel{*}{=} \pi(\sigma^{\varepsilon}, \sigma, ..., \sigma)$ $\pi (\sigma^{\varepsilon}, \sigma^{\varepsilon}, ..., \sigma^{\varepsilon}) = \pi (\sigma, \sigma^{\varepsilon}, ..., \sigma^{\varepsilon})$ (*) + Lemma (1)+ $\sigma^{\varepsilon} = (1 - \delta(\varepsilon)) \sigma + \delta(\varepsilon) \mu^{\varepsilon}$ $\pi(\sigma, \sigma, ..., \sigma) = \pi(\mu^{\varepsilon}, \sigma, ..., \sigma)$ $k' := \max_t \{ \text{for all } k, 0 \le k \le t \}$ $\pi(\mu^{\varepsilon}, \sigma, \underbrace{\sigma, \dots, \sigma}_{(n-2-k)}, \underbrace{\mu^{\varepsilon}, \dots, \mu^{\varepsilon}}_{k}) = \pi(\sigma, \sigma, \underbrace{\sigma, \dots, \sigma}_{(n-2-k)}, \underbrace{\mu^{\varepsilon}, \dots, \mu^{\varepsilon}}_{k})$ Lemma (2)+ k', $\pi\left(\mu^{\varepsilon},\sigma,\underbrace{\sigma,\ldots,\sigma}_{(k'+1)-times\ (n-3-k')-times}\right) > \pi\left(\sigma,\sigma,\underbrace{\sigma,\ldots,\sigma}_{(k'+1)-times\ (n-3-k')-times}\right) > \pi\left(\sigma,\sigma,\underbrace{\sigma,\ldots,\sigma}_{(k'+1)-times\ (n-3-k')-times}\right) = \pi\left(\sigma,\sigma,\underbrace{\sigma,\ldots,\sigma}_{(k'+1)-times}\right) = \pi\left(\sigma,\sigma,\ldots,\sigma\right)$

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Theorem

A population state is asymptotically stable in the replicator dynamics if and only if the corresponding mixed strategy is evolutionarily stable.

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