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Now we want to calculate the expected payoff of a game that is not strictly determined. Let's consider a game defined by the  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let the strategy for player A, who plays rows, be denoted by  $P = [P_1, P_2]$  and the strategy for B, who plays cols, be denoted by  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The probability that A wins the amount  $a_{11}$  is  $P_1 q_1$ , the same thing done for the same amounts. Let  $E(P, Q)$  be the expectation of player A, then

$$E(P, Q) = P_1 a_{11} q_1 + P_1 a_{12} q_2 + P_2 a_{21} q_1 + P_2 a_{22} q_2$$

Using matrix notation, then

$$E(P, Q) = PAQ$$

Ex 4: Consider a two-person zero-sum game given by  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Is this game strictly determined? If so, find its value.

Sol:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{Maxmin} \\ -2 \end{matrix}$$

$$6 \begin{matrix} \text{Minmax} \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

notice that  $\text{Maxmin} \neq \text{Minmax}$

Thus this game is not strictly determined.

Ex 5: Again call Ex 4, if player A chooses row 1 with prob. 0.5 and row 2 with 0.5 and B chooses col 1 with 0.3 and col 2 with 0.7, then expected pay off is:

$$E = P_1 a_{11} q_1 + P_1 a_{12} q_2 + P_2 a_{21} q_1 + P_2 a_{22} q_2 = 0.5(6)0.3 + 0.5(0)0.7 + 0.5(-2)0.3 + 0.5(3)0.7 = 1.65$$

that makes the game favorable to A

eral, if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix game, we are led to the following definition

Ex 4 Def. Payoff: - The expected payoff  $E$  of a two-person zero-sum game, defined by the matrix  $A$ , which the row vector  $P$  and col. vector  $Q$  define the respective strategy prob. of player A and B is:

$$E = PAQ$$

Ex 6: Find the expected payoff of the matrix game  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  if player A and B decide on the strategies

$$P = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \right] \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol: The expected payoff  $E$  is

$$E = PAQ = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \frac{2}{3} \quad 0 \right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{9}$$

the game is favorable to player A.

H.W.: ① For the game of Ex 4, find  $E$  if player A chooses row 1 in 30% and B chooses col 1 in 40% of the plays.

② Find  $E$  of the game  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  of the given strategies:

Ⓐ.  $P = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \right]; Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$       Ⓑ.  $P = \left[ \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4} \right]; Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

③  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}; P = \left[ \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \right]; Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$

④  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; P = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{3} \right]; Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$

### 4-3 Optimal strategy in Two-person Zero-Sum games with $2 \times 2$ Matrices

A player in a game may choose his strategy randomly according to the laws of prob. This has the effect of making it impossible for the opponent to know what the player will do.

Ex 7: Consider the non-strictly determined game  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Determine the optimal strategy for each player using graphical Technique.

Sol: If player A chooses row 1 with prob.  $P$ , then he must choose row 2 with prob.  $1-P$ . If B chooses col 1, A then expects to earn

$$\bar{E}_A = P + (-2)(1-P) = 3P - 2 \quad \dots (1)$$

Similarly, if B chooses col 2, A expects to earn

$$\bar{E}_A = (-1)P + 3(1-P) = -4P + 3 \quad \dots (2)$$

We graph these using  $\bar{E}_A$  as y-axis and  $P$  as x-axis.

A wants to maximize his earning, so he should maximize the min. expected. This occurs when the two lines intersect. Thus, solving (1) and (2) simultaneously; we obtain:

$$3P - 2 = -4P + 3 \Rightarrow P = \frac{5}{7}. \text{ The optimal strategy for A is } P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

In same way we can get:

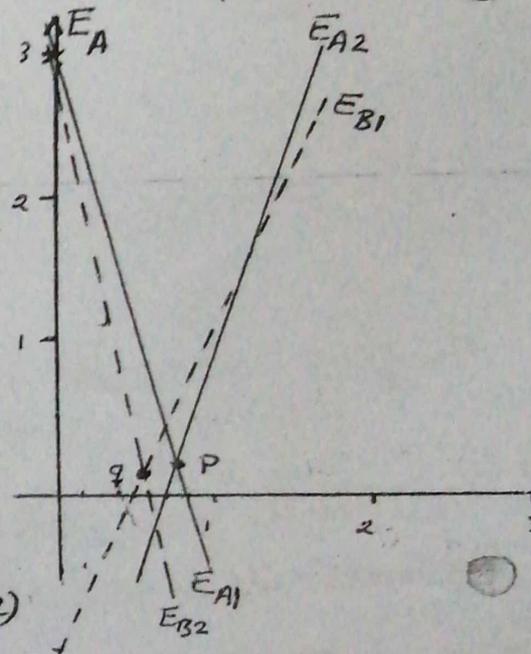
$$\bar{E}_B = Q + (-1)(1-Q) = 2Q - 1 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\bar{E}_B = (-2)Q + 3(1-Q) = -5Q + 3 \quad \dots (4)$$

Solving (3) and (4) we obtain:  $Q = \frac{4}{7}$ , The optimal strategy for B is  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$

The expected payoff  $E$  for this game is:

$$E = PAQ = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{7}, \text{ Its favorable to A.}$$



for a value

Now consider a two-person zero-game given by

2x2 matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $P = [P_1, P_2]$  and  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$P_1 = \frac{a_{22} - a_{21}}{a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21}} \quad ; \quad P_2 = \frac{a_{11} - a_{12}}{a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21}} \quad \dots \dots (5)$$

and

$$q_1 = \frac{a_{22} - a_{12}}{a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21}} \quad , \quad q_2 = \frac{a_{11} - a_{21}}{a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21}} \quad \dots \dots (6)$$

with  $a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21} \neq 0$ , and  $P_1 + P_2 = 1$ ,  $q_1 + q_2 = 1$

The Expected payoff  $E$  of the game is :

$$E = PAQ = \frac{a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21}}{a_{11} + a_{22} - a_{12} - a_{21}} \quad \dots \dots (7)$$

When optimal strategies are used, then  $E$  of the game is called the value  $V$  of the game. Eq. (5), (6) and (7) are called Ratio technique.

Ex 8: Find the optimal strategy for each player, and determine the value of the game given by the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  using ratio technique

Sol:

$$P_1 = \frac{3 - (-2)}{6 + 3 - 0 - (-2)} = \frac{5}{11} \quad , \quad P_2 = \frac{6 - 0}{11} = \frac{6}{11}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{3 - 0}{11} = \frac{3}{11} \quad , \quad q_2 = \frac{6 - (-2)}{11} = \frac{8}{11}$$

$V = \frac{18 - (-2) \cdot 0}{11} = 1.64$ , Thus, the game is favorable to player A.

whose strategy is  $P = \left[ \frac{5}{11} \quad \frac{6}{11} \right]$ .

### Ex 9. (Application)

In presidential campaign, there are two candidates, a Democrat (D) and Republican (R), and two types of issues, domestic issues ( $d_i$ ) and foreign issues ( $f_i$ ). The units assigned to each candidate's strategy are given in the table. We assume that

a strength (positive entry) of D equals

a weakness of R and vice versa, so

that the game is zero sum. What is

the best strategy for each candidate. What is the value of the game.

		R	
		$d_i$	$f_i$
D	$d_i$	4	-2
	$f_i$	-1	3

Sol. Notice that this game is not strictly determined.

$$P_1 = \frac{3 - (-1)}{4 + 3 - (-2) - (-1)} = \frac{4}{10} = 0.4, \quad P_2 = \frac{4 - (-2)}{10} = 0.6$$

$$q_1 = \frac{3 - (-2)}{10} = 0.5, \quad q_2 = \frac{4 - (-1)}{10} = 0.5$$

Analysis: The best strategy for D is to spend 40% of his time on domestic issues and 60% on foreign issues, while R should divide his time evenly between the two issues.

$$V = \frac{3 \cdot 4 - (-1)(-2)}{10} = \frac{10}{10} = 1$$

Thus, no matter what R does, D gains 1 unit by employing his best strategy.

### Ex 10: (Application - War Game)

In a naval battle, attacking bomber planes are trying to sink ships in a fleet protected by an aircraft carrier with fighter planes. The bombers can attack either high or low, with a low attack giving more accurate results. Similarly, the aircraft carrier send its fighters at high or low altitudes to search for the bombers. If the bombers avoid the fighters, credit the bombers with 8 points; if the bombers and fighters meet, credit the bombers -2 points. Also credit the bombers with 3 additional points for flying low (more accurate bombing). Find opt. strategies for the

we set up the game matrix. Designate the bombers as playing rows and the fighters as playing cols.

$$P_1 = \frac{-10}{-20} = \frac{1}{2}, P_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$Q_1 = \frac{-13}{-20} = \frac{13}{20}, Q_2 = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$V = \frac{-2 - 88}{-20} = \frac{-90}{-20} = 4.5$$

		Fighters	
		Low	High
Bombers	Low	1	11
	High	8	-2

→ 8+3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2+3 & 8+3 \\ 8 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The game is favorable to bombers which can decide whether to fly high or low.

H/W ① Find the optimal strategies and determine the value of each 2x2 matrix by using graphical technique. Check your answer by using Ratio technique.

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$      
 (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$      
 (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

② Aspy can leave an airport through two exits, one a deserted exit and the other an exit used by the public. His opponent must guess which exit he will use. If the spy and opponent meet at the deserted exit, the spy will be killed and credit -100 points; if the two meet at the heavily used exit, the spy will be arrested with -2 points. Assign a payoff 30 points to the spy if he avoids his opponent by using the deserted exit and of 10 points to the spy if he avoids his opponent by using the busy exit.

③ In example 9, Suppose the candidates are assigned the following table. What is each candidate's best strategy? What is the value of the game and whom does it favor

		R	
		$d_i$	$f_i$
D	$d_i$	4	0
	$f_i$	-1	3