

$\{$   $A/B$

$PAJ(u,v)$

Expected payoff

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$$P_A = \max_u \text{ROWMIN}(u)$$

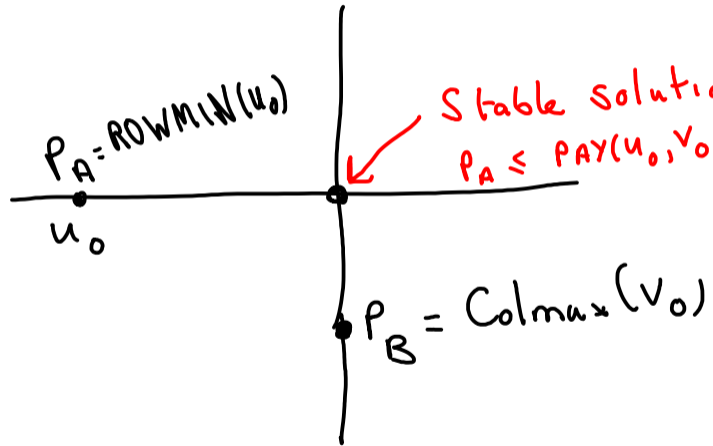
$$P_B = \min_v \text{COLMAX}(v)$$

Claim

$$P_A \leq P_B \quad \&$$

$P_A = P_B$  iff  $\exists$  stable solution

Suppose  $P_A = P_B$



Stable solution  
 $P_A \leq P_A\gamma(u_0, v_0) \leq P_B \Rightarrow$

$$P_A\gamma(u_0, v_0) = P_A = P_B$$

Suppose that  $(u_0, v_0)$  is stable

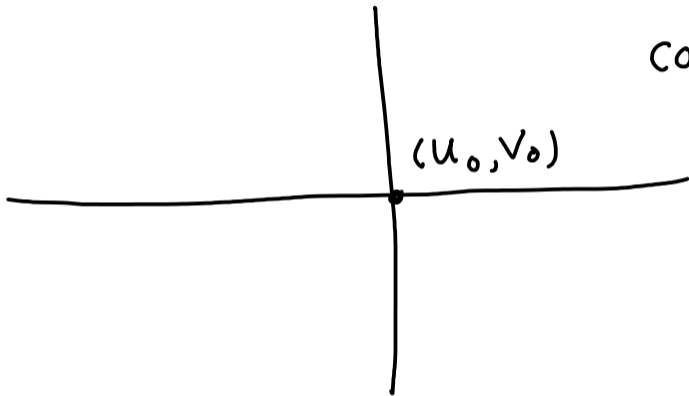
STABLE  $\Rightarrow$

$$\text{COLMAX}(v_0) = \text{PAY}(u_0, v_0) = \text{ROWMIN}(u_0)$$

$v$   
 $p_B$

$\geq$

$\approx$   
 $p_A$



Not all matrices have stable solutions

$$\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} R & P & S \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} R \\ P \\ S \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & +1 \\ +1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & +1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P_A = -1$$

$$P_B = +1$$

Pure strategy (i) - play  $i$  repeatedly

No pure stable solution.

Need mixed strategies

A mixed strategy for A is a probability vector  
 $(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m)$  where  $p_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$   
and  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m = 1$

A plays row  $i$  with probability  $p_i$

A mixed strategy for B is  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n \geq 0$   
where  $q_1 + \dots + q_n = 1$ .

$$\begin{matrix} \text{P} & \text{Q} \\ \text{1} & \text{2} \\ \text{B} & \end{matrix} \left[ \text{PAY}(\underline{P}, \underline{Q}) \right]$$

$$\text{PAY}(\underline{P}, \underline{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^2 a_{ij} p_i q_j$$

$$P_A = \max_p \min_q \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} p_i q_j$$

$$= \max_p \left( \min_q \sum_{j=1}^n c_j(p) q_j \right)$$

$$= \max_p \min_j \{ c_1(p), c_2(p), \dots, c_n(p) \}$$

$$c_j(p) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} p_i$$

$$\max_P \min \{ c_1(p), c_2(p), \dots, c_n(p) \}$$

$$= \text{maximin}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{max} & \approx c_1(p) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{1i} p_i \\ \text{max} & \approx c_2(p) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{2i} p_i \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m = 1, \quad p_i \geq 0 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m.$$



$$P_A = \max_{\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i} \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ij} p_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 p_i = 1$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, 3$$

$$p_i \geq 0$$

$$P_B = \min_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{D}$$

$$\mathcal{D} \geq \sum_{j=1}^2 a_{ij} q_j \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^2 q_j = 1$$

$$q_j \geq 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, n$$

The two linear programs are dual to each other.  
Both LP's are feasible.