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## 有限非合作博弈的空间分解

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# 1. Preliminaries

## Definition 1.1

A (non-cooperative) finite normal form game  $G = (N, (S_i)_{i \in N}, (u_i)_{i \in N})$  consists of three ingredients:

- 1) Players:  $N := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
- 2) Strategy set:  $S_i := \{1, 2, \dots, k_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  
Strategy profile set:  $S := \prod_{i=1}^n S_i$ .  
A strategy profile:  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in S$ , where  $s_i \in S_i$ .
- 3) Utility function:  $u_i : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$\mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ : the set of finite games with  $|N| = n$ ,  $|S_i| = k_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$S_{-i} := \prod_{j \neq i}^n S_j$ : the strategy profile of players other than player  $i$ .

$s = (s_i, s_{-i})$ ,  $u_i(s) = u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$ .

## 1.1 Types of Games

$\mathcal{C}$  : common interest game

$$u_i(s) = u_j(s), \quad \forall i, j; \quad \forall s \in S.$$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	a	b	c	d
$u_2$	a	b	c	d

$$\in \mathcal{C}_{[2;2,2]}$$

$\mathcal{Z}$  : zero-sum game

$$\sum_{i=1}^n u_i(s) = 0, \quad \forall s \in S.$$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	a	b	c	d
$u_2$	-a	-b	-c	-d

$$\in \mathcal{Z}_{[2;2,2]}$$

## 1.1 Types of Games

$\mathcal{L}$  : normalized game      for ever  $i \in N$  and every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,

$$\sum_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = 0.$$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)	
$u_1$	a	b	-a	-b	$\in \mathcal{L}_{[2;2,2]}$
$u_2$	c	-c	d	-d	

$\mathcal{N}$  : non-strategy game      for every  $i \in N$  and every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}), \quad \forall s_i, s'_i \in S_i.$$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)	
$u_1$	a	b	a	b	$\in \mathcal{N}_{[2;2,2]}$
$u_2$	c	c	d	d	

## 1.1 Types of Games

### ☞ Equivalence Relation

#### Definition 1.2

Let  $G, \tilde{G} \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ .  $G$  and  $\tilde{G}$  are said to be strategically equivalent, if for every  $i \in N$ , every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) = \tilde{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - \tilde{u}_i(s'_i, s_{-i}), \forall s_i, s'_i \in S_i. \quad (1)$$

#### Lemma 1.1

The game  $G$  is strategically equivalent to game  $\tilde{G}$ , if and only if

$$G = \tilde{G} + N, \quad \text{for some } N \in \mathcal{N}. \quad (2)$$

# 1.1 Types of Games

## ☞ Equivalence Relation

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) = \tilde{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - \tilde{u}_i(s'_i, s_{-i})$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - \tilde{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) - \tilde{u}_i(s'_i, s_{-i}). \quad (3)$$

Let

$$d_i(s_i, s_{-i}) := u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - \tilde{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}). \quad (4)$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow d_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = d_i(s'_i, s_{-i}).$$

Define  $\hat{G}$  with  $\hat{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = d_i(s_i, s_{-i}) \Rightarrow \hat{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = \hat{u}_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) \Rightarrow \hat{G} \in \mathcal{N}$ .

$$(4) \Leftrightarrow G = \tilde{G} + \hat{G}, \text{ where } \hat{G} \in \mathcal{N}$$

## 1.1 Types of Games

### Example 1.1

Consider  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_{[2;2,2]}$ .

		(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$G_1:$	$u_1$	a	b	c	d
	$u_2$	e	f	g	h
		(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$G_2:$	$\tilde{u}_1$	A	B	C	D
	$\tilde{u}_2$	E	F	G	H

Let  $i = 1$ ,  $s_1 = 1$ ,  $s'_1 = 2$ ,  $s_{-1} (= s_2) = 1$ .

$$u_1(1,1) - u_1(2,1) = \tilde{u}_1(1,1) - \tilde{u}_1(2,1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} a - c = A - C &\Rightarrow a - A = c - C := \text{const}(1,1) \\ &\Rightarrow a = A + \text{const}(1,1), c = C + \text{const}(1,1). \end{aligned}$$

## 1.1 Types of Games

### Example 1.1

Similarly,

$$b = B + \text{const}(1, 2), d = D + \text{const}(1, 2); e = E + \text{const}(2, 1), \\ F = F + \text{const}(2, 1), g = G + \text{const}(2, 2), h = H + \text{const}(2, 2).$$

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are strategically equivalent:  $G_2 = G_1 + N$ , where

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)	
$N:$	$u_1$	$\text{const}(1,1)$	$\text{const}(1,2)$	$\text{const}(1,1)$	$\text{const}(1,2)$
	$u_2$	$\text{const}(2,1)$	$\text{const}(2,1)$	$\text{const}(2,2)$	$\text{const}(2,2)$

## 1.1 Types of Games

Notations	Names	Definitions
$\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}$	<i>zero – sums equivalent game</i>	<i>strategically equivalent to a <math>Z \in \mathcal{Z}</math></i>
$\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}$	<i>common interest equivalent games</i>	<i>strategically equivalent to a <math>C \in \mathcal{C}</math></i>
$\mathcal{B}$	<i>zero – sum equivalent potential games</i>	<i>strategically equivalent to both a <math>Z \in \mathcal{Z}</math> and a <math>C \in \mathcal{C}</math></i>

Obviously,  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}) \cap (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})$ .

# 1.1 Types of Games

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 2 & 1 & 6 \\ \hline 4 & 3 & 7 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & -2 & -1 & 2 \\ \hline -1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{zero-sum component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 \\ \hline 5 & 5 & 6 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{non-strategy component}} \in \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}.$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & -2 & -3 \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & -2 & -3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & -2 & -3 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{common interest component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{non-strategy component}} \in \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}.$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 7 & 2 & 5 \\ \hline 6 & 5 & 8 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ \hline -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{zero-sum component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 5 & 3 & 5 \\ \hline 7 & 7 & 7 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{non-strategy component}} \in \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{common interest component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 6 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{non-strategy component}} \in \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}$$

$$\in \mathcal{B}$$

## 1.2 Potential Games

### Definition 1.3

A game  $G = (N, S, C) \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$  is called a potential game, if there exists a function  $P : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that for every  $i \in N$ , every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) = P(s_i, s_{-i}) - P(s'_i, s_{-i}), \quad \forall s_i, s'_i \in S_i. \quad (5)$$

The function  $P$  is called a potential function.

$\mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}^P$ :  $G \in \mathcal{G}^P \Leftrightarrow G$  is strategically equivalent to a game  $\tilde{G} = (N, S, \tilde{C})$ , where

$$\tilde{u}_i(s) = P(s), \quad \forall s \in S, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (6)$$

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$$\mathcal{G}^P = \mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}. \quad (7)$$

## 1.2 Potential Games

### Example 1.1

Prison's Dilemma game:  $G_{[2;2,2]}$ ,  $S_1 = S_2 := \{1 := confess, 2 := defy\}$ .

**Table:** Utility matrix of Prison's Dilemma Game

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	R	S	T	P
$u_2$	R	T	S	P

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
P	R-T	0	0	P-S

$G$  is a potential game.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline R & S & T & P \\ \hline R & T & S & P \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline R-T & 0 & 0 & P-S \\ \hline R-T & 0 & 0 & P-S \\ \hline \end{array}}_{common\ interest\ component} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline T & S & T & S \\ \hline T & T & S & S \\ \hline \end{array}}_{non-strategy\ component}$$

$$\textbf{1.3} \quad \mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1,k_2,\dots,k_n]} \cong \mathbb{R}^{nk}$$

Consider a finite game  $G = (N, (S_i)_{i \in N}, (u_i)_{i \in N}) \in \mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1,k_2,\dots,k_n]}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(s_1, \dots, s_n) &= V_1^u \ltimes s_i; \\ u_2(s_1, \dots, s_n) &= V_2^u \ltimes s_i; \\ &\vdots \\ u_n(s_1, \dots, s_n) &= V_n^u \ltimes s_i. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $V_i^u \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,  $k = \times_{i=1}^n k_i$ .

Set

$$V_G = [V_1^u, V_2^u, \dots, V_n^u] \in \mathbb{R}^{nk}.$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1,k_2,\dots,k_n]} \cong \mathbb{R}^{nk}. \tag{8}$$

## 1.4 Decomposition Results for Euclidean space

Let  $\mathbb{R}^m$  be the Euclidean space with the standard inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ : for two vectors  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$ ,  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ ,

$$\langle a, b \rangle := ab^T = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i. \quad (9)$$

Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  be two subspaces.  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{V}$  is a closed subspace.

- 1) sum:  $\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{V} := \{u + v \mid u \in \mathcal{U}, v \in \mathcal{V}\}$ .  $\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{V}$  is a closed subspace.
- 2) direct sum:  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{U} \oplus \mathcal{V}$  if
  - (i)  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{V}$ ;
  - (ii) any  $z \in \mathcal{M}$  can be uniquely written as the sum  $z = u + v$  with  $u \in \mathcal{U}, v \in \mathcal{V}$ .
- 3) orthogonal complement (a canonical choice of  $\mathcal{V}$ ):

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U}^\perp := \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \langle u, v \rangle = 0, \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{U}\}.$$

## 1.4 Decomposition Results for Euclidean space

### Lemma 1.2

Let  $U, W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be two subspaces. Then

$$(U + W)^\perp = U^\perp \cap W^\perp. \quad (10)$$

### Lemma 1.3

Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be a closed subspace. Then

$$\mathbb{R}^m = U \oplus U^\perp. \quad (11)$$

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$$2.1. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}^*$$

Inner product defined on  $\mathcal{G}$ : for  $G, \hat{G} \in \mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ ,

$$\langle V_G, V_{\hat{G}} \rangle := V_G Q V_{\hat{G}}^T, \quad (12)$$

where

$$Q = \text{Diag} \left( \underbrace{k_1, \dots, k_1}_k, \underbrace{k_2, \dots, k_2}_k, \dots, \underbrace{k_n, \dots, k_n}_k \right) \in \mathcal{M}_{nk \times nk}.$$

*game graph flow + Helmholtz decomposition theorem*

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{Potential games}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Harmonic games}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{games}}. \quad (13)$$

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## 2.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

$\mathcal{P}$  : pure potential game;  $\mathcal{N}$  : non-strategy game;  $\mathcal{H}$  : pure harmonic game.

$$\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{P}} := \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N}; \quad \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{H}} := \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{N}.$$

	Harmonic Games	Potential Games
Subspaces	$\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{N}$	$\mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N}$
Pure NE	Generically does not exist	Always exists
Mixed NE	Uniformly mixed strategy is always a mixed NE	Always exists
Special Cases	$\mathcal{G}_{[2;k_1,k_2]}$ : Set of mixed NE coincides with the set of correlated equilibria $\mathcal{G}_{[2;\kappa]}$ : Uniformly mixed strategy is the unique mixed NE	—
Dynamics	Open questions	asynchronous learning

## 2.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

### ☞ Projection

#### Theorem 2.1.1

Let  $G = (N, \{S_i\}_{i \in N}, \{u_i\}_{i \in N}) \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ , and let  $\Pi_m = \delta_0^\dagger D u$ . Then

- 1) The closest potential game to  $G$  has utilities  $\prod_i \phi + (I - \prod_i)u_i$  for all  $i \in N$ ;
- 2) The closest harmonic game to  $G$  has utilities  $u_i - \prod_i \phi$  for all  $i \in N$ .

### ☞ Approximate equilibria

#### Theorem 2.1.2

Let  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ , and  $\hat{G}$  be its closest potential game. Define  $\alpha := \|G - \hat{G}\|_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ . Then, every  $\epsilon_1$ -equilibrium of  $\hat{G}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -equilibrium of  $G$  for some  $\epsilon \leq \max_{i \in N} \frac{2\alpha}{\sqrt{k_i}} + \epsilon_1$  (and vice versa).

**2.2.**  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}^*$

Inner product defined on  $\mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ : for  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ ,

$$\langle G_1, G_2 \rangle := V_{G_1} V_{G_2}^T. \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{Potential games}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{N}}_{\text{Harmonic games}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{ }}.$$

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$$2.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}^*$$

### Proposition 2.2.1

Consider a game  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ .  $G$  is a pure potential game, if and only if for every  $i \in N$ , every  $s_{-i} \in S_i$ ,

$$\sum_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = 0;$$

$$\exists P : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) = P(s_i, s_{-i}) - P(s'_i, s_{-i}). \quad (15)$$

According to Proposition 2.3.2, it can be seen that

$$\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}) \cap \mathcal{L}. \quad (16)$$

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$$2.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$$

### Proposition 2.2.2

Consider a game  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ . Then  $G$  is a pure harmonic game, if and only if

$$\sum_{i \in N} u_i(s) = 0, \quad \forall s \in S; \quad \sum_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = 0. \quad (17)$$

Then, it can be seen that

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}. \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}^\perp &= [(\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}) \cap \mathcal{L}]^\perp \\ &= (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})^\perp + \mathcal{L}^\perp \quad (\text{Lemma 2.4.1}) \\ &= (\mathcal{C}^\perp \cap \mathcal{N}^\perp) + \mathcal{L}^\perp \quad (\text{Lemma 2.4.1}) \\ &= (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) + \mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus \mathcal{N} \quad (\mathcal{L} \cap \mathcal{N} = \{\mathbf{0}\}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{P} \text{ is closed} + (\mathcal{L}^\perp = \mathcal{N}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}.$$

## 2.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

### ☞ Subspace

Define

$$k^{[p,q]} := \begin{cases} \prod_{j=p}^q k_j, & q \geq p; \\ 1, & q < p. \end{cases}, \quad E_i = I_{k^{[1,i-1]}} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{k_i} \otimes I_{k^{[i+1,n]}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

### Theorem 2.2.1

1) Define  $B_P = \begin{bmatrix} I_k - \frac{1}{k_1} E_1 E_1^T \\ I_k - \frac{1}{k_2} E_2 E_2^T \\ \vdots \\ I_k - \frac{1}{k_n} E_n E_n^T \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\mathcal{P} = \text{Span}(B_P)$ , which has  $\text{Col}(B_P^0)$  as its

basis, and  $B_P^0$  is obtained by deleting any column of  $B_P$ .

2) Define  $B_N = \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & E_n \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\mathcal{N} = \text{Span}(B_N)$ , which has  $\text{Col}(B_N)$  as its basis.

## 2.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

### Theorem 2.2.2

- 3) Define  $B_H = [J_1, J_2, \dots, J_{n-1}]$ .  $\mathcal{H} = \text{Span}(B_H)$ , which has  $\text{Col}(B_H)$  as its basis.

$$J_s = \begin{bmatrix} (\delta_{k_1}^1 - \delta_{k_1}^{i_1})\delta_{k_2}^1 \delta_{k_3}^1 \cdots \delta_{k_s}^1 (\delta_{k_{s+1}}^1 - \delta_{k_{s+1}}^{i_{s+1}})\delta_{k_{s+2}}^{i_{s+2}} \cdots \delta_{k_n}^{i_n} \\ \delta_{k_1}^{i_1} (\delta_{k_2}^1 - \delta_{k_2}^{i_2})\delta_{k_3}^1 \cdots \delta_{k_s}^1 (\delta_{k_{s+1}}^1 - \delta_{k_{s+1}}^{i_{s+1}})\delta_{k_{s+2}}^{i_{s+2}} \cdots \delta_{k_n}^{i_n} \\ \delta_{k_1}^{i_1} \delta_{k_2}^{i_2} (\delta_{k_3}^1 - \delta_{k_3}^{i_3})\delta_{k_4}^1 \cdots \delta_{k_s}^1 (\delta_{k_{s+1}}^1 - \delta_{k_{s+1}}^{i_{s+1}})\delta_{k_{s+2}}^{i_{s+2}} \cdots \delta_{k_n}^{i_n} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{k_1}^{i_1} \delta_{k_2}^{i_2} \delta_{k_3}^{i_3} \cdots (\delta_{k_s}^1 - \delta_{k_s}^{i_s})(\delta_{k_{s+1}}^1 - \delta_{k_{s+1}}^{i_{s+1}}) \cdots \delta_{k_n}^{i_n} \\ -(\delta_{k_1}^1 \delta_{k_2}^1 \cdots \delta_{k_s}^1 - \delta_{k_1}^{i_1} \delta_{k_2}^{i_2} \cdots \delta_{k_s}^{i_s})(\delta_{k_{s+1}}^1 - \delta_{k_{s+1}}^{i_{s+1}})\delta_{k_{s+2}}^{i_{s+2}} \cdots \delta_{k_n}^{i_n} \\ 0_{(n-1-s)k}, \end{bmatrix} (i_1, \dots, i_s) \neq \mathbf{1}_s^T,$$

$$i_{s+1} \neq 1, s = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

## 2.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

### ☞ Orthogonal projection

#### Theorem 2.2.3

Let  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ . Assume its structure vector is

$$V_G = [V_1^c, V_2^c, \dots, V_n^c].$$

Then

- 1)  $\mathcal{G}^P : \pi_{\mathcal{G}^P}(G) = E_P^0 ((E_P^0)^T E_P^0)^{-1} (E_P^0)^T (V_G)^T;$
- 2)  $\mathcal{G}^N : \pi_{\mathcal{G}^N}(G) = B_N ((B_N^T B_N)^{-1} B_N^T (V_G)^T;$
- 3)  $\mathcal{G}^{H_0} : \pi_{\mathcal{G}^{H_0}}(G) = B_H^0 ((B_H^0)^T B_H^0)^{-1} (B_H^0)^T (V_G)^T;$
- 4)  $\mathcal{G}^H : \pi_{\mathcal{G}^H}(G) = \pi_{\mathcal{G}^N}(G) + \pi_{\mathcal{G}^{H_0}}(G);$
- 5)  $\mathcal{G}^{P_0} : \pi_{\mathcal{G}^{P_0}}(G) = \tilde{E}_P^0 ((\tilde{E}_P^0)^T \tilde{E}_P^0)^{-1} (\tilde{E}_P^0)^T (V_G)^T.$

$$2.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$$

☞ **Dynamically equivalent**

### Definition 2.2.1

Two evolutionary games are said to be dynamically equivalent, if they have the same strategy profile dynamics (that is,  $f_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$ ).

$G \in \mathcal{G} \Rightarrow G_P := \pi_{\mathcal{G}^P}(G) \Rightarrow$  dynamically equivalent ?

If “yes”,  $G$  has many good properties of the evolutionary potential game: existence and convergence of pure NEs, etc.

## 2.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

### ☞ Decomposition of network games

A network game  $G^n = ((N, E), G)$ :  $(N, E)$  is the network graph,  $G$  is the fundamental network game.

For  $e \in E$ ,  $G_e^{P_0}$ : pure potential component;  $G_e^N$ : non-strategy component;  $G_e^{H_0}$ : pure harmonic component. Then

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}}_{\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{P}}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{N}}_{\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{N}}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}}_{\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{H}}}.$$

Here

$$V_{G^{P_0}} = \sum_{e \in E} V_{G_e^{P_0}}, \quad V_{G^N} = \sum_{e \in E} V_{G_e^N}, \quad V_{G^{H_0}} = \sum_{e \in E} V_{G_e^{H_0}}.$$

## 2.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$

☞ Compare

- 1)  $\mathcal{G}^N$  has  $Col(B_N)$  as its basis,  $\mathcal{G}^P$  has  $Col(B_P^0)$  as its basis.
- 2)  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^H$  has  $Col(\tilde{B}_H)$  as its basis, where  $\tilde{B}_H := Q^{-1}B_H$ .

$\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{H}}$  defined in [O. Candogan, 2009]  $\neq \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{H}}$  defined in [Cheng,2016].

$$2.3. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P}^\omega \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}^{\omega^*}$$

### Definition 2.3.1

A game  $G = (N, S, C) \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]}$  is called a weighted potential game, if there exists a function  $P : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a set of weights  $\{\omega_i\}_{i \in N}$ , such that for every  $i \in N$ , every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ , and  $\forall s_i, s'_i \in S_i$ , we have

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) - u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}) = \omega_i[P(s_i, s_{-i}) - P(s'_i, s_{-i})]. \quad (19)$$

$$\mathcal{H}^\omega : V_G \in (\mathcal{P}^\omega \oplus \mathcal{N})^\perp.$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}^\omega \oplus \mathcal{N}}_{\text{Weighted potential games}} \overbrace{\oplus}^{\text{Weighted harmonic games}} \mathcal{H}^\omega. \quad (20)$$

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\*Y. Wang, T. Liu, D. Cheng, From weighted potential game to weighted harmonic game, *IET Control Theory Application*, 11(13), 2161-2169, 2017.

$$2.4. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P}^{c\omega} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}^{c\omega}^*$$

### Definition 2.4.1

A finite game  $G = (N, S, C)$  is called coset weighted potential game, if there exists a function  $P : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a set of coset weights  $\{w_i(s_{-i}) \mid s_{-i} \in S_{-i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , where  $w_i(s_{-i})$  is independent of  $s_i$ , such that for every  $i \in N$ , every  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ , and any  $x, y \in S_i$ ,

$$u_i(x, s_{-i}) - u_i(y, s_{-i}) = w_i(s_{-i})[P(x, s_{-i}) - P(y, s_{-i})]. \quad (21)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n; k_1, \dots, k_n]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{P}^{c\omega}}_{\text{coset weighted potential games}} \oplus \overbrace{\mathcal{N}}^{\text{coset weighted harmonic games}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}^{c\omega}}_{\text{coset weighted harmonic games}}. \quad (22)$$

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### 3. Zero-sum Games and Potential Games\*

Inner product defined on  $\mathcal{G}$ : for  $G, \hat{G} \in \mathcal{G}_{[n;k_1, \dots, k_n]}$ ,

$$\langle G, \hat{G} \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{s_{-i} \in S_{-i}} \sum_{s_i \in S_i} (u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) \hat{u}_i(s_i, s_{-i})). \quad (23)$$



$$\langle G_1, G_2 \rangle := V_{G_1} V_{G_2}^T \quad (\text{standard inner product in } \mathbb{R}^{nk}). \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G} &= \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C}; \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}; \\ \mathcal{G} &= (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}); \\ \mathcal{G} &= (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}); \\ \mathcal{G} &= (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus \mathcal{B},\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{B} = [(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}) \cap (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})]$ .

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\*S.H. Hwang, L. Rey-Bellet, Strategic decompositions of normal form games: zero-sum games and potential games, *Games and Economic Behavior*, 122, 370-390, 2020.

### 3.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$

#### Example 3.1.1

**Table:** Utility matrix of  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[2;2,2]}$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	a	b	c	d
$u_2$	e	f	g	h

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & c & d \\ \hline e & f & g & h \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \frac{a+e}{2} & \frac{b+f}{2} & \frac{c+g}{2} & \frac{d+h}{2} \\ \hline \frac{a+e}{2} & \frac{b+f}{2} & \frac{c+g}{2} & \frac{d+h}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{common interest component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \frac{a-e}{2} & \frac{b-f}{2} & \frac{c-g}{2} & \frac{d-h}{2} \\ \hline \frac{e-a}{2} & \frac{f-b}{2} & \frac{g-c}{2} & \frac{h-d}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{zero-sum component}}$$

$$V_{C_{[2;2,2]}} = \left[ \frac{a+e}{2}, \frac{b+f}{2}, \frac{c+g}{2}, \frac{d+h}{2} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (:= B_1);$$

$$V_{Z_{[2;2,2]}} = \left[ \frac{a-e}{2}, \frac{b-f}{2}, \frac{c-g}{2}, \frac{d-h}{2} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} (:= B_2).$$

$$3.1. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$$

### Example 3.1.1

$\mathcal{C}_{[2;2,2]} = \text{Span}(B_1^T), \mathcal{Z}_{[2;2,2]} = \text{Span}(B_2^T), \text{rank}(B_1^T) = \text{rank}(B_2^T) = 4.$

$$B_1 B_2^T = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{[2;2,2]} = \mathcal{C}_{[2;2,2]} \oplus \mathcal{Z}_{[2;2,2]}.$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & c & d \\ \hline e & f & g & h \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \frac{a-c}{2} & \frac{b-d}{2} & \frac{c-a}{2} & \frac{d-b}{2} \\ \hline \frac{e-f}{2} & \frac{f-e}{2} & \frac{g-h}{2} & \frac{h-g}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{normalized component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \frac{a+c}{2} & \frac{b+d}{2} & \frac{a+c}{2} & \frac{b+d}{2} \\ \hline \frac{e+f}{2} & \frac{e+f}{2} & \frac{g+h}{2} & \frac{g+h}{2} \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{non-strategy component}}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[2;2,2]} = \mathcal{L}_{[2;2,2]} \oplus \mathcal{N}_{[2;2,2]}.$$

$$\textbf{3.1. } \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$$

Consider the following homogeneous linear systems:

$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = 0, \quad (25)$$

$$x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n, \quad (26)$$

where  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

### Lemma 2.1.1

Let  $V_1$  be the solution space of (25), and  $V_2$  the solution space of (26). Then we have

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_1 \oplus V_2. \quad (27)$$

$$\textbf{3.1. } \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$$

$\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}\}$  is a basis of  $V_1$ , where

$$\alpha_i^T := [1, 0, \dots, 0, -1, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

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$\{\beta\}$  is a basis of  $V_2$ , where

$$\beta^T = [1, 1, \dots, 1] \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$\alpha_i \beta^T = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \Leftrightarrow V_2 = V_1^\perp. \quad (28)$$

$$\textbf{3.1. } \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$$

$$\begin{cases} G \in \mathcal{Z} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n u_i(s) = 0, & \forall s \in S \\ G \in \mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow u_i(s) = u_j(s), & \forall s \in S \end{cases} \xrightarrow{(28)} \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{Z} \oplus \mathcal{C}. \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{cases} G \in \mathcal{L} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{s_i \in S_i} u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = 0, & \forall s_{-i} \in S_{-i} \\ G \in \mathcal{N} \Leftrightarrow u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = u_i(s'_i, s_{-i}), & \forall s_{-i} \in S_{-i} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{(28)} \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}. \quad (30)$$

**3.2.**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})$

Using (10), we have that

$$(\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})^\perp = \mathcal{C}^\perp \cap \mathcal{N}^\perp = \mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}.$$

$$\mathcal{G}^P \text{ is closed} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}).$$

Similarly, the following decomposition can be obtained:

$$(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N})^\perp = \mathcal{Z}^\perp \cap \mathcal{N}^\perp = \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow \mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}) \oplus (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}). \quad (31)$$

**3.3.**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus \mathcal{B}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}^\perp &= [(\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}) \cap (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})]^\perp \\&= (\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N})^\perp + (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})^\perp \quad (\text{Lemma 2.4.1}) \\&= (\mathcal{Z}^\perp \cap \mathcal{L}^\perp) + (\mathcal{C}^\perp \cap \mathcal{N}^\perp) \quad (\text{Lemma 2.4.1}) \\&= (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) + (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \\&= (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \quad (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{0}\}).\end{aligned}$$

Orthogonal (canonical) direct sum decomposition:

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus \mathcal{B} \quad (\mathcal{Z}^\perp = \mathcal{C}). \quad (32)$$

### 3.4. Equilibrium characterizations

- 1)  $\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}$ : there exists a special function whose minima coincide with NE, playing an analogous role to potential functions; there is always a unique NE for finite two-player zero-sum equivalent games.
- 2)  $\mathcal{B}$ : two-player games in this class generically possess a strictly dominant strategy (a player' utility depend only on his (her) own actions. This observation is also extended to  $n$ -player zero-equivalent potential games).

Type	Properties of NE	Example
$\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N}$	uniqueness of NE	quasi-Cournot game(C)
$\mathcal{B}$	Two-player games: dominant NE	Prisoner's Dilemma(F)
$\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}$	Unique uniform mixed NE	Matching Pennies game(F)
$\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}$	Uniform mixed NE	Coordination game(F)

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## 4.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{S}^{\perp^*}$

### Definition 4.1.1

A game  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; \kappa]}$  is called an ordinary symmetric game if for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,

$$u_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = u_{\sigma(i)}(x_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}), \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (33)$$

$\mathcal{S}_{[n; \kappa]}$  : the set of symmetric games.

Strategy multiplicity vector of  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ :

$$\sharp(s) = [\sharp(s, 1), \sharp(s, 2), \dots, \sharp(s, \kappa)] \in \mathbb{R}^\kappa,$$

where  $\sharp(s, i) := |\{s_j \mid s_j = i\}|$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \kappa$ .

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\* C. Li, F. He, T. Liu, D. Cheng, Symmetry-based decomposition of finite games, *Science China Information Science*, 62, 012207, 2019.

## 4.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{S}^\perp$

### Proposition 4.1.1

A game  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n; \kappa]}$  is called an ordinary symmetric game, if and only if, for any  $s_i \in S_i$ ,  $s_j \in S_j$ , and any  $s_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,  $s_{-j} \in S_{-j}$ , if  $s_i = s_j$  and  $\sharp(s_{-i}) = \sharp(s_{-j})$ , then

$$u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = u_j(s_j, s_{-j}), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n. \quad (34)$$

### Example 4.1.1

**Table:** Payoff matrix of a symmetric game in  $\mathcal{S}_{[3; 2]}$ :

$c \setminus a$	111	112	121	122	211	212	221	222
$c_1$	a	b	b	d	c	e	e	f
$c_2$	a	b	c	e	b	d	e	f
$c_3$	a	c	b	e	b	e	d	f

## 4.1. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{S}^\perp$

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;\kappa]} = \mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{[n;\kappa]} (= \mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]}^\perp). \quad (35)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{[2;\kappa]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{SP}}_{\text{Potential component}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{SN}}_{\text{Harmonic component}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{SH}}_{\text{component}}. \quad (36)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{[2;\kappa]} = \underbrace{\mathcal{AP}}_{\text{Potential component}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{AN}}_{\text{Harmonic component}} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{AH}}_{\text{component}}. \quad (37)$$

## 4.2. $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{E}^*$

### Definition 4.2.1

Let  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[n;\kappa]}$ .

- 1)  $G$  is called a skew-symmetric game if for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,

$$u_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{sign}(\sigma) u_{\sigma(i)}(x_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}). \quad (38)$$

$\mathcal{K}_{[n;\kappa]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\kappa^n}$  : the set of skew-symmetric games.

- 2)  $G$  is called an asymmetric game if its structure vector

$$V_G \in \left[ \mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \bigcup \mathcal{K}_{[n;\kappa]} \right]^\perp. \quad (39)$$

$\mathcal{E}_{[n;\kappa]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\kappa^n}$  : the set of asymmetric games.

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\*Y. Hao, D. Cheng, On Skew-Symmetric Games, *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, 355(6), 3196-3220, 2017.

$$4.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{E}$$

## Example 4.2.2

**Table:** Payoff matrix of  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[2;2]}$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	$\xi$	$\lambda$
$u_2$	$\beta$	$\delta$	$\eta$	$\mu$

$\mathcal{K}_{[2;2]} : S_2 = \{id, (1, 2)\}$ . Let  $\sigma = (1, 2) \Rightarrow \text{sign}(\sigma) = -1$ .

$$u_1(s_1, s_2) = sign(\sigma)u_2(s_2, s_1) = -u_2(s_2, s_1).$$

$$(s_1, s_2) = (1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha = -\beta; \quad (s_1, s_2) = (1, 2) \Rightarrow \gamma = -\eta;$$
$$(s_1, s_2) = (2, 1) \Rightarrow \xi = -\delta; \quad (s_1, s_2) = (1, 2) \Rightarrow \lambda = -\mu.$$

$$4.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{E}^\perp$$

### Theorem 4.2.1

1) If  $n > \kappa + 1$ , then

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;\kappa]} = \mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{[n;\kappa]}; \quad (40)$$

2) If  $n \leq \kappa + 1$ , then

$$\mathcal{G}_{[n;\kappa]} = \mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{K}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{[n;\kappa]}. \quad (41)$$

Particularly,  $\mathcal{E}_{[2;\kappa]} = \{0\}$ .  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{[2;\kappa]} = \mathcal{S}_{[2;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{K}_{[2;\kappa]}$ .

$$4.2. \quad \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{S} \oplus \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{E}^\perp$$

## Example 4.2.2

**Table:** Payoff matrix of  $G \in \mathcal{G}_{[2;2]}$

	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,1)	(2,2)
$u_1$	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	$\xi$	$\lambda$
$u_2$	$\beta$	$\delta$	$\eta$	$\mu$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \alpha & \gamma & \xi & \lambda \\ \hline \beta & \delta & \eta & \mu \\ \hline \end{array} = \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & c & d \\ \hline a & c & b & d \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{symmetric component}} + \underbrace{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a' & b' & -c' & d' \\ \hline -a' & -c' & -b' & -d' \\ \hline \end{array}}_{\text{skew-symmetric component}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}, & b &= \frac{\gamma+\eta}{2}, & c &= \frac{\xi+\delta}{2}, & d &= \frac{\lambda+\mu}{2}; \\ a' &= \frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}, & b' &= \frac{\gamma-\eta}{2}, & c' &= \frac{\xi-\delta}{2}, & d' &= \frac{\lambda-\mu}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

## 5.3. Other special games

- 1) Boolean game:  $\mathcal{G}_{[n;2,\dots,2]}$  (+ symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  potential game) (Cheng, Automatica, 2018)
- 2) Weighted potential game:  $\mathcal{G}_P^\omega$  (calculate weights) (Cheng, 2021)
- 3) Symmetric potential game:  $\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{G}^P$  (Hao, 2019)
- 4) Budget-balanced potential game:  $\mathcal{G}_b^P$  (Hao, 2021)
- 5) Group-based potential game:  $\mathcal{G}_g^P$  (Li, IEEE TCNS, 2019)
- 6) Zero-Sum Potential Games:  $\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{G}^P$  (Li, 2020)
- 7) Incomplete-profile potential games:  $\mathcal{G}_P^\Omega$  (Zhang, FI, 2018)

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## 6 Decompositions

$\mathcal{C} \oplus \mathcal{Z}$	$d(\mathcal{C}) = k; d(\mathcal{Z}) = (n - 1)k$
$\mathcal{L} \oplus \mathcal{N}$	$d(\mathcal{L}) = nk - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k}{k_i}; d(\mathcal{N}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k}{k_i}$
$(\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{N})$	$d(\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) = \prod_{i=1}^n (k_i - 1)$
$(\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N})$	$d(\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) = (n - 1)k - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k}{k_i} + 1$
$(\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L}) \oplus \mathcal{B}$	open question
$\mathcal{P} \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H}$	$d(\mathcal{P}) = k - 1, d(\mathcal{N}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{k}{k_i}$
$[(\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{N}) \cap \mathcal{L}] \oplus \mathcal{N} \oplus (\mathcal{Z} \cap \mathcal{L})$	
$\mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{A}_{[n;\kappa]}$	$d(\mathcal{S}) = \kappa \binom{n+\kappa-2}{n-1}$
$\mathcal{S}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{K}_{[n;\kappa]} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{[n;\kappa]}$	$d(\mathcal{K}) = \kappa \binom{\kappa}{n-1}$

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