

# Algorithmic Game Theory

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## Exercises 8

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### Problem 1.

Recall the Prisoner's Dilemma from the first problem sheet:

| (Ann,Bob) | Confess | Silent |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| Confess   | (3,3)   | (0,5)  |
| Silent    | (5,0)   | (1,1)  |

 Suppose the Prisoner's Dilemma is played out  $T = 7$  times in a row with the following strategies being played:

| $t$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ann | C | C | S | S | S | C | C |
| Bob | C | S | C | C | S | S | S |

- Compute the overall payoffs of both players.
- Compute Ann's regret w.r.t. the best (in hindsight) possible sequence of pure strategies, fixing Bob's strategy for all rounds.
- Compute Bob's regret w.r.t. the best (in hindsight) possible sequence of pure strategies, fixing Ann's strategy for all rounds.
- Compute the average strategies  $\bar{\pi}_i^7$  for every player  $i$ .

### Problem 2.

Consider the following game:

| (Player1,Player2) | C     | K     |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| C                 | (6,6) | (2,7) |
| K                 | (7,2) | (0,0) |

- Find all mixed Nash equilibria and the corresponding payoffs.
- Argue without computations why the following correlated strategy is a correlated equilibrium:

| (Player1, Player2) | C                 | K                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| C                  | (0)               | ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) |
| K                  | ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) | (0)               |

- Show formally that the following correlated strategy is a correlated equilibrium:

| (Player1, Player2) | C                 | K                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| C                  | ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) | ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) |
| K                  | ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) | (0)               |

**Problem 3.**

Consider the following payoff table for Rock-Paper-Scissors (RPS):

| (Player1, Player2) | Rock    | Paper   | Scissors |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Rock               | (0, 0)  | (-1, 1) | (1, -1)  |
| Paper              | (1, -1) | (0, 0)  | (-1, 1)  |
| Scissors           | (-1, 1) | (1, -1) | (0, 0)   |

Suppose we play RPS over two rounds where **Player1** uses regret matching. Assume that **Player1** plays the mixed strategy  $(1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$  if no pure strategy has a positive accumulated regret.

- What is the accumulated regret for **Player1** before the first round is played out?
- Assume that in the first round **Player1** plays **Rock** and **Player2** plays **Paper**. What is **Player1**'s accumulated regret now? What strategy does regret matching suggest now?
- Suppose that in the second round, **Player1** plays **Paper** and **Player2** plays **Scissors**. What is the accumulated regret and the suggested strategy for **Player1**?

**Problem 4.**

Consider the payoff table for RPS from above. This time, assume that both players use regret matching.

Do the following over the course of three rounds:

- Initialize both player's strategies with mixed strategy  $(1/3, 1/3, 1/3)$ ;
- For each round, randomly generate the strategies being played out based on the respective mixed strategies;
- Calculate the cumulative regret of each player and update the strategy suggested by regret matching.
- Compute the average mixed strategy of every player after the three rounds.