

Advanced Topics I

Incomplete Information

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- Introduction
- Common Belief in Rationality
- Generalized Iterated Strict Dominance
- Outlook

Games with Incomplete Information

- In games with **incomplete information**, players face **uncertainty** about their opponents' **payoffs**.
- Harsanyi (1967-68) pioneered the analysis of **incomplete information** and proposed the – now standard – **solution concept** of **Bayesian equilibrium**.
- Recently, the non-equilibrium **solution concept** of **rationalizability** has been generalized to **incomplete information**:
 - **Δ -rationalizability** – Battigalli (2003), Battigalli & Siniscalchi (2003), Battigalli et al. (2011), Dekel & Siniscalchi (2015)
 - **interim rationalizability** – Ely and Pęski (2006)
 - **interim correlated rationalizability** – Dekel et al. (2007)
- **Reasoning foundations** for the **incomplete information** versions of **rationalizability** in terms of **common belief in rationality** are due to Battigalli & Siniscalchi (2007) and Battigalli et al. (2011).

Payoff Uncertainty with a One-Person Perspective

- Bach & Perea (2016) follow Harsanyi's **one-person perspective** approach:

[...] *player j (from whose point of view we are analyzing the game) [...] (Harsanyi, 1967-68, p. 170)*

[...] *we are interested only in the decision rules that player j himself will follow [...] (Harsanyi, 1967-68, p. 175)*

- **Solution Concepts:** Bach & Perea (2016) propose **generalized iterated strict dominance (GISD)** as an **incomplete information generalization** of **iterated strict dominance** in terms of **decision problems**.
- **Reasoning Foundations:** Bach & Perea (2016) formalize **common belief in rationality (CBR)** with a **one-person perspective** approach and epistemically characterize **GISD** by it.

CBR and ISD in Complete Information Games

		<i>Bob</i>		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>a</i>	3, 3	2, 2	1, 0
	<i>b</i>	2, 1	1, 2	3, 0
	<i>c</i>	0, 1	0, 3	0, 4

CBR and ISD in Complete Information Games

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CBR and ISD in Complete Information Games

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		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>3, 3</i>	<i>2, 2</i>
	<i>b</i>	<i>2, 1</i>	<i>1, 2</i>

CBR and ISD in Complete Information Games

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		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>
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CBR and ISD in Complete Information Games

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Alice } a \\ \text{Bob } d \\ \boxed{3, 3} \end{array}$$

- Iterated strict dominance yields the strategy profile (a, d) as a **solution** to the game.
- This corresponds to **reasoning** in line with **common belief in rationality**.

Motivation: Extension to Incomplete Information

		Bob		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
Alice	<i>a</i>	3,3	2,2	1,0
	<i>b</i>	2,2	1,1	3,0
	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,3	0,0

		Bob		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
Alice	<i>a</i>	3,1	2,2	1,0
	<i>b</i>	2,3	1,1	3,0
	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,1	0,0

		Bob		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
Alice	<i>a</i>	1,3	3,2	1,0
	<i>b</i>	2,2	1,1	1,0
	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,3	0,0

		Bob		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
Alice	<i>a</i>	1,1	3,2	1,0
	<i>b</i>	2,3	1,1	1,0
	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,1	0,0

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Example: Going to Yet Another Party

Story:

- *Barbara* and *you* are going together to another party.
- *You* wonder what colour *you* should wear.
- *You* prefer *blue* (4) to *green, green* (3) to *red, red* (2) to *yellow* (1), and dislike most to wear the same colour (0) as *Barbara*.
- However, *you* drank so much at the last party, that *you* forgot *Barbara's* colour preferences.
- *You* are still certain about *Barbara* also disliking most to wear the same colour (0) as *you*.
- Also, *you* remember that *Barbara* either prefers *red* (4) to *yellow, yellow* (3) to *blue, blue* (2) to *green* (1); or *blue* (4) to *yellow, yellow* (3) to *red, red* (2) to *green* (1).
- **Question:** Which colours can *you* **rationally** choose for tonight's party under **common belief in rationality**?

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

- *Yellow* is not optimal for *you* for any belief about *Barbara's* choice.
- For both preferences of *Barbara green* is not optimal for any belief about *your* choice.
- If *you* believe *Barbara* not to choose *green* independent of her preferences, then *green* is better than *red* for *you*.
- If *Barbara* believes that *you* do choose neither *red* nor *yellow*, then given the first preferences only *red* is rational for *Barbara* and given the second preferences *blue* and *yellow* are rational for *Barbara*.

Static Games with Incomplete Information

Definition

A **finite static game with incomplete information** is a tuple $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ of finite sets, such that

- I is a set of players,
- C_i is a set of player i 's choices,
- U_i is a set of player i 's utility functions, where $u_i : \times_{j \in I} C_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for all $u_i \in U_i$.

Possible sources for uncertainty for a player i :

- opponents' choice combinations $c_{-i} \in C_{-i}$,
- opponents' payoff combinations $u_{-i} \in U_{-i}$.

Decision Problems

- Given a game $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$, a **decision problem** for player i is a tuple

$$\Gamma_i(u_i) = (D_i, D_{-i}, u_i)$$

where $D_i \subseteq C_i$ is a subset of i 's **choices**, $D_{-i} \subseteq C_{-i}$ is a subset of the **opponents' choice combinations**, and $u_i \in U_i$ is a **utility function** of player i .

- A **decision problem** is a **one-person perspective** model of a game-theoretic choice problem.
- A decision problem is called **full**, if $D_i = C_i$ and $D_{-i} = C_{-i}$, and **reduced**, if it is not the case that $D_i = C_i$ and $D_{-i} = C_{-i}$.

Illustration

- A game with incomplete information:

		<i>Bob</i>		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>a</i>	3,3	2,2	1,0
	<i>b</i>	2,2	1,1	3,0
	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,3	0,0

		<i>Bob</i>		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>a</i>	3,1	2,2	1,0
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	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,3	0,0

		<i>Bob</i>		
		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
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	<i>c</i>	0,1	0,1	0,0

- Representation of the game in terms of **decision problems**:

		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
$\Gamma_A(u_A)$	<i>a</i>	3	2	1
	<i>b</i>	2	1	3
	<i>c</i>	0	0	0

		<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
$\Gamma_A(u'_A)$	<i>a</i>	1	3	1
	<i>b</i>	2	1	1
	<i>c</i>	0	0	0

		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
$\Gamma_B(u_B)$	<i>d</i>	3	2	1
	<i>e</i>	2	1	3
	<i>f</i>	0	0	0

		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
$\Gamma_B(u'_B)$	<i>d</i>	1	3	1
	<i>e</i>	2	1	1
	<i>f</i>	0	0	0

- Example of a **reduced decision problem** for *Alice*:

		<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>
$\hat{\Gamma}_A(u'_A)$	<i>a</i>	1	1
	<i>b</i>	2	1

Reasoning About the Game: Belief Hierarchies

- A **belief hierarchy** for player i consists of
 - what i believes about his opponents' choices and payoffs (**first-order belief**),
 - what i believes about what his opponents believe about their opponents' choices and payoffs (**second-order belief**),
 - what i believes about what his opponents believe about what their opponents believe about their opponents' choices and payoffs (**third-order belief**),
 - etc.
- Hence, in a **belief hierarchy**, a player i holds a belief
 - about his opponents' **choices** and **payoffs**,
 - and about his opponents' **belief hierarchies**.

Epistemic Model

- Compact representation of belief hierarchies by the notion of **type** (Harsanyi, 1967-68)

Definition

Let $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ be a game with incomplete information. An **epistemic model** of Γ is a tuple $\mathcal{M}^\Gamma = ((T_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I})$, where for every player $i \in I$

- T_i is a finite set of types of player i ,
 - $b_i : T_i \rightarrow \Delta(C_{-i} \times T_{-i} \times U_{-i})$ assigns to every type $t_i \in T_i$ of player i a probability measure $b_i[t_i]$ on the set of opponents' choice type utility function combinations.
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- Every type t_i in an epistemic model induces an infinite **belief hierarchy**.

Some Basic Epistemic Notions

- For a given type $t_i \in T_i$, and a utility function $u_i \in U_i$, the expression

$$v_i(c_i, t_i, u_i) := \sum_{c_{-i} \in C_{-i}} b_i[t_i](c_{-i}) \cdot u_i(c_i, c_{-i})$$

denotes the **expected utility** for choosing $c_i \in C_i$.

- A choice $c_i \in C_i$ is **optimal** given the type utility function pair (t_i, u_i) , if

$$v_i(c_i, t_i, u_i) \geq v_i(c'_i, t_i, u_i)$$

holds for all $c'_i \in C_i$.

- A type $t_i \in T_i$ is said to **believe in the opponents' rationality**, if $b_i[t_i]$ only assigns positive probability to triples (c_j, t_j, u_j) such that c_j is **optimal** given (t_j, u_j) , for every opponent $j \in I \setminus \{i\}$.

Common Belief in Rationality with a One-Person Perspective Approach

Definition

Let $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ be a game with incomplete information, \mathcal{M}^Γ some epistemic model of it, $i \in I$ some player, and $t_i \in T_i$ some type of player i .

- (Induction start) Type t_i expresses **1-fold belief in rationality**, if t_i believes in the opponents' rationality.
- (Induction step) For every $k > 1$, type t_i expresses **k -fold belief in rationality**, if t_i only assigns positive probability to opponents' types that express $(k - 1)$ -fold belief in rationality.

Type t_i expresses **common belief in rationality**, if t_i expresses k -fold belief in rationality for every $k \geq 1$.

Decision Rule: Rational Choice under Common Belief in Rationality given a Utility Function

Definition

Let $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ be a game with incomplete information, $i \in I$ some player, and $u_i \in U_i$ some utility function of player i . A choice $c_i \in C_i$ of player i is **rational under common belief in rationality given utility function u_i** , if there exists an epistemic model $\mathcal{M}^\Gamma = ((T_i)_{i \in I}, (b_i)_{i \in I})$ of Γ with a type $t_i \in T_i$ of player i such that

- c_i is optimal given (t_i, u_i) ,
- t_i expresses common belief in rationality.

Illustration

$$\Gamma_A(u_A)$$

	d	e	f
a	3	2	1
b	2	1	3
c	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_A(u'_A)$$

	d	e	f
a	1	3	1
b	2	1	1
c	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_B(u_B)$$

	a	b	c
d	3	2	1
e	2	1	3
f	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_B(u'_B)$$

	a	b	c
d	1	3	1
e	2	1	1
f	0	0	0

- Consider the following **epistemic model** of the game:

- $T_{Alice} = \{t_A, t'_A\}$ and $T_{Bob} = \{t_B, t'_B\}$,
 - $b_{Alice}[t_A] = (d, t_B, u_B)$ and $b_{Alice}[t'_A] = (e, t'_B, u'_B)$,
 - $b_{Bob}[t_B] = (a, t_A, u_A)$ and $b_{Bob}[t'_B] = \frac{1}{2}(b, t_A, u'_A) + \frac{1}{2}(c, t'_A, u_A)$.
- Types t_A and t_B believe in the opponents' rationality.
- Types t_A and t_B express **common belief in rationality**.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

$$\Gamma_y^0(u_y)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
green	3	0	3	3
red	2	2	0	2
yellow	1	1	1	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	2	2	2
green	1	0	1	1
red	4	4	0	4
yellow	3	3	3	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u_B')$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
green	1	0	1	1
red	2	2	0	2
yellow	3	3	3	0

- Consider the following **epistemic model** of the game:

- $T_{you} = \{t_y^b, t_y^g\}$ and $T_{Barbara} = \{t_B^b, t_B^r\}$,
- $b_{you}[t_y^b] = (red, t_B^r, u_B)$ and $b_{you}[t_y^g] = (blue, t_B^b, u_B')$,
- $b_{Barbara}[t_B^b] = (green, t_y^g, u_y)$ and $b_{Barbara}[t_B^r] = (blue, t_y^b, u_y)$.

- All types **believe in the opponents' rationality**, and thus also express **common belief in rationality**.
- Consequently, **you can rationally choose blue as well as green** under **common belief in rationality given utility function u_y** .

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Definition of GSD (Part I of II)

- Let $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ be a game with incomplete information.
- For every player $i \in I$ and for every utility function $u_i \in U_i$, define the **initial decision problem**

$$\Gamma_i^0(u_i) := (C_i, C_{-i}, u_i).$$

- **Round 1:** For every player $i \in I$ and for every utility function $u_i \in U_i$, define the **1-fold reduced decision problem**

$$\Gamma_i^1(u_i) := (C_i^1(u_i), C_{-i}^1(u_i), u_i)$$

where

- $C_{-i}^1(u_i) = C_{-i}$,
- $C_i^1(u_i)$ is obtained from C_i by **eliminating** all choices that are **strictly dominated** in the decision problem $(C_i, C_{-i}^1(u_i), u_i)$.

Definition of GSD (Part II of II)

- **Round 2:** For every player $i \in I$ and for every utility function $u_i \in U_i$, define the **2-fold reduced decision problem**

$$\Gamma_i^2(u_i) := (C_i^2(u_i), C_{-i}^2(u_i), u_i)$$

where

- $C_{-i}^2(u_i)$ is obtained from $C_{-i}^1(u_i)$ by **eliminating**, for every opponent $j \in I \setminus \{i\}$, all choices that are **not in** $C_j^1(u_j)$ for **any utility function** $u_j \in U_j$,
- $C_i^2(u_i)$ is obtained from $C_i^1(u_i)$ by **eliminating** all choices that are **strictly dominated** in the decision problem $(C_i^1(u_i), C_{-i}^2(u_i), u_i)$.
- **etc.**
- For every player $i \in I$, the **output** $GISD_i \subseteq C_i \times U_i$ only contains choice utility function pairs (c_i, u_i) s.t. $c_i \in C_i^k(u_i)$ for all $k \geq 0$.

Characterization

Theorem

Let $\Gamma = (I, (C_i)_{i \in I}, (U_i)_{i \in I})$ be a game with incomplete information, $i \in I$ some player, $c_i \in C_i$ some choice, of player i , and $u_i \in U_i$ some utility function of player i . The choice c_i is rational under common belief in rationality given u_i , if and only if, $(c_i, u_i) \in GISD_i$.

Illustration

Initial decision problems:

$$\Gamma_A^0(u_A)$$

	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>a</i>	3	2	1
<i>b</i>	2	1	3
<i>c</i>	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_A^0(u'_A)$$

	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>a</i>	1	3	1
<i>b</i>	2	1	1
<i>c</i>	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$$

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>d</i>	3	2	1
<i>e</i>	2	1	3
<i>f</i>	0	0	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u'_B)$$

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>d</i>	1	3	1
<i>e</i>	2	1	1
<i>f</i>	0	0	0

Round 1:

- For *Alice*, choice *c* is **strictly dominated** in the initial decision problems $\Gamma_A^0(u_A)$ and $\Gamma_A^0(u'_A)$.
- **Eliminate** choice *c* from $\Gamma_A^0(u_A)$ and from $\Gamma_A^0(u'_A)$.
- Similarly, **eliminate** choice *f* from *Bob's* initial decision problems $\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$ and $\Gamma_B^0(u'_B)$.

Illustration

1-fold reduced decision problems:

$\Gamma_A^1(u_A)$	a	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td>d</td><td>e</td><td>f</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr></table>	d	e	f	3	2	1	2	1	3
d	e	f									
3	2	1									
2	1	3									
	b										

$\Gamma_A^1(u'_A)$	a	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td>d</td><td>e</td><td>f</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	d	e	f	1	3	1	2	1	1
d	e	f									
1	3	1									
2	1	1									
	b										

$\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$	d	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td>a</td><td>b</td><td>c</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr></table>	a	b	c	3	2	1	2	1	3
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3	2	1									
2	1	3									
	e										

$\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$	d	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td>a</td><td>b</td><td>c</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	a	b	c	1	3	1	2	1	1
a	b	c									
1	3	1									
2	1	1									
	e										

Round 2:

- For *Bob*, choice f is **not in any** of his decision problems $\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$ and $\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$.
- **Eliminate** choice f from $\Gamma_A^1(u_A)$ and from $\Gamma_A^1(u'_A)$.
- Similarly, **eliminate** choice c from *Bob's* 1-fold reduced decision problems $\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$ and $\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$.

Illustration

$$(C_A^1(u_A), C_B^2(u_A), u_A) \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline d & e \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (C_A^1(u'_A), C_B^2(u'_A), u'_A) \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline d & e \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (C_B^1(u_B), C_A^2(u_B), u_B) \begin{array}{c} d \\ e \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (C_B^1(u'_B), C_A^2(u'_B), u'_B) \begin{array}{c} d \\ e \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Round 2:

- Then, choice b becomes **strictly dominated** for *Alice* in the decision problem $(C_A^1(u_A), C_B^2(u_A), u_A)$.
- Eliminate** choice b from the decision problem $(C_A^1(u_A), C_B^2(u_A), u_A)$.
- Similarly, **eliminate** choice e from *Bob's* decision problem $(C_B^1(u_B), C_A^2(u_B), u_B)$.

Illustration

2-fold reduced decision problems:

$$\Gamma_A^2(u_A) \quad a \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline d & e \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \Gamma_A^2(u'_A) \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline d & e \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \Gamma_B^2(u_B) \quad d \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \Gamma_B^2(u'_B) \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad e$$

Round 3:

- The algorithm **stops**.
- Output:

$$GISD_{Alice} = \{(a, u_A), (a, u'_A), (b, u'_A)\}$$

and

$$GISD_{Bob} = \{(d, u_B), (d, u'_B), (e, u'_B)\}.$$

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Initial decision problems:

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	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
green	3	0	3	3
red	2	2	0	2
yellow	1	1	1	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	2	2	2
green	1	0	1	1
red	4	4	0	4
yellow	3	3	3	0

$$\Gamma_B^0(u'_B)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
green	1	0	1	1
red	2	2	0	2
yellow	3	3	3	0

Round 1:

- For *you*, choice *yellow* is **strictly dominated** in the initial decision problem $\Gamma_y^0(u_y)$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ *blue* + $\frac{1}{2}$ *green*.
- **Eliminate** choice *yellow* from $\Gamma_y^0(u_y)$.
- For *Bob*, choice *green* is **strictly dominated** by $\frac{1}{2}$ *red* + $\frac{1}{2}$ *yellow* in $\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$ and by $\frac{1}{2}$ *blue* + $\frac{1}{2}$ *yellow* in $\Gamma_B^0(u'_B)$.
- **Eliminate** choice *green* from $\Gamma_B^0(u_B)$ and from $\Gamma_B^0(u'_B)$.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

1-fold reduced decision problems:

$$\Gamma_y^1(u_y)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
green	3	0	3	3
red	2	2	0	2

$$\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	2	2	2
red	4	4	0	4
yellow	3	3	3	0

$$\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$$

	blue	green	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4	4
red	2	2	0	2
yellow	3	3	3	0

Round 2:

- For *Barbara*, choice *green* is **not in any** of her decision problems $\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$ and $\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$.
- **Eliminate** choice *green* from $\Gamma_y^1(u_y)$.
- For *you*, choice *yellow* is **not in your (only)** decision problem $\Gamma_y^1(u_y)$.
- **Eliminate** choice *yellow* from $\Gamma_B^1(u_B)$ and from $\Gamma_B^1(u'_B)$.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

$$(C_y^1(u_y), C_B^2(u_y), u_y)$$

	blue	red	yellow
blue	0	4	4
green	3	3	3
red	2	0	2

$$(C_B^1(u_B), C_y^2(u_B), u_B)$$

	blue	green	red
blue	0	2	2
red	4	4	0
yellow	3	3	3

$$(C_B^1(u'_B), C_y^2(u'_B), u'_B)$$

	blue	green	red
blue	0	4	4
red	2	2	0
yellow	3	3	3

Round 2:

- Choice *red* becomes **strictly dominated** by *green* for *you* in the decision problem $(C_y^1(u_y), C_B^2(u_y), u_y)$: **eliminate** choice *red* from $(C_y^1(u_y), C_B^2(u_y), u_y)$.
- Choice *blue* becomes **strictly dominated** by *yellow* for *Barbara* in the decision problem $(C_B^1(u_B), C_y^2(u_B), u_B)$: **eliminate** choice *blue* from $(C_B^1(u_B), C_y^2(u_B), u_B)$.
- Choice *red* becomes **strictly dominated** by *yellow* for *Barbara* in the decision problem $(C_B^1(u'_B), C_y^2(u'_B), u'_B)$: **eliminate** choice *red* from $(C_B^1(u'_B), C_y^2(u'_B), u'_B)$.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

2-fold reduced decision problems:

$$\Gamma_y^2(u_y)$$

	<i>blue</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>yellow</i>
<i>blue</i>	0	4	4
<i>green</i>	3	3	3

$$\Gamma_B^2(u_B)$$

	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>	<i>red</i>
<i>red</i>	4	4	0
<i>yellow</i>	3	3	3

$$\Gamma_B^2(u'_B)$$

	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>	<i>red</i>
<i>blue</i>	0	4	4
<i>yellow</i>	3	3	3

Round 3:

- For *Barbara*, *blue*, *red* and *yellow* are each in some round 2 decision problem of *Barbara*.
- For *you*, choice *red* is **not in your (only)** round 2 decision problem $\Gamma_y^2(u_y)$.
- **Eliminate** choice *red* from $\Gamma_B^2(u_B)$ and from $\Gamma_B^2(u'_B)$.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

$\Gamma_y^2(u_y)$	<i>blue</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>yellow</i>
	<i>green</i>	0	4	4
		3	3	3

$(C_B^2(u_B), C_A^3(u_B), u_B)$	<i>red</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>
	<i>yellow</i>	4	4
		3	3

$(C_B^2(u'_B), C_A^3(u'_B), u'_B)$	<i>blue</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>
	<i>yellow</i>	0	4
		3	3

Round 2:

- Choice *yellow* becomes **strictly dominated** by *red* for *Barbara* in the decision problem $(C_B^2(u_B), C_y^3(u_B), u_B)$: **eliminate** choice *yellow* from $(C_B^2(u_B), C_y^3(u_B), u_B)$.

Example: Going to Yet Another Party

3-fold reduced decision problems:

$\Gamma_y^3(u_y)$	<i>blue</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>yellow</i>
	<i>green</i>	0	4	4
		3	3	3

$\Gamma_B^3(u_B)$	<i>red</i>	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>
		4	4

$\Gamma_B^3(u'_B)$	<i>blue</i>	<i>green</i>	
	<i>yellow</i>	0	4
		3	3

Round 4:

- The algorithm **stops**.
- Output:

$$GISD_{you} = \{(blue, u_y), (green, u_y)\}$$

and

$$GISD_{Barbara} = \{(red, u_B), (blue, u'_B), (yellow, u'_B)\}.$$

Agenda

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Future Research

- Extension of Perea's (2014) [common belief in future rationality](#) to incomplete information dynamic games.
- [Cautious](#) reasoning with incomplete information: extension of Brandenburger et al.'s (2008) [common assumption of rationality](#) to incomplete information.
- Numerous [applications](#) such as Industrial Organization, Mechanism Design, Business Strategy, etc.

The Bigger Picture (Bach & Perea, 2017a)

- **Solution concepts** for static games in relation to **informational assumptions** and *epistemic conditions*:

	Complete Information	Incomplete Information
<i>CBR</i>	Rat & ISD	Δ -Rat & GISD
	↘ / ↗	↘ / ↗
<i>CBR & Common Prior Assumption</i>	Correlated Equilibrium	Bayesian Equilibrium
	↘ / ↗	↘ / ↗
<i>CBR & Simple Belief Hierarchy</i>	Nash Equilibrium	Generalized Nash Equilibrium

- In fact, the epistemic characterization of **Generalized Nash Equilibrium** can be weakened to conditions that do **not** even imply **CBR** (Bach & Perea, 2017b).

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