

(Tentative) Outline for Economics 201B, Winter 2012

1) What is Game? (Ch.2, OR)

- a) Examples
- b) Strategic Game and Extensive Game

2) Strategic Game

- a) Dominant Action and Dominant Strategy Equilibrium (Ch 2.3, Ch 10.3, OR)
 - i) 2nd price auction
 - ii) Median Voter Theorem (Location Game)
 - iii) VCG Mechanism
- b) Nash Equilibrium (Ch. 2, OR)
 - i) Nash Equilibrium
 - ii) Applications (1st Price Auction, Cournot Duopoly, Bertrand Duopoly, Public Good Game, Rent Seeking Game, AdAuction)
 - iii) Existence of Nash Equilibrium
 - iv) Zero-Sum Game
- c) Mixed Strategy Nash Equilibrium (Ch. 3.1-3.2, OR)
 - i) Mixed Strategy Nash Equilibrium
 - ii) Interpretation and Discussion of Some Empirical Facts
- d) Rationalizability and Iterated Elimination of Dominated Actions (Ch. 4, OR)
 - i) Rationalizability
 - ii) Iterated Elimination of Dominated Actions
- e) Refinements and Other Equilibrium Notions
 - i) Trembling-Hand Perfect Equilibrium (Ch. 12.5, OR)
 - ii) Correlated Equilibrium (Ch. 3.3,OR)
 - iii) Evolutionary Stable Equilibrium (Ch. 3.4, OR)
 - iv) Quantal Response Equilibrium
- f) Supermodular Games
 - i) Increasing Differences and Supermodularity
 - ii) Supermodular Games and Nash Equilibrium
- g) Bayesian Games (Ch 2.6, OR)
 - i) Bayesian Games
 - ii) Bayesian Nash Equilibrium
 - iii) Applications
 - (1) Second Price Auction
 - (2) First Price Auction
 - (3) Cournot Competition with Private Cost
 - (4) Currency Attack
- h) Common Knowledge (Ch 5,OR)
 - i) E-mail game
 - ii) State-Space Model of Knowledge

- iii) Common Knowledge
- iv) Agree to Disagree and No Trade Result

3) Extensive Games with Perfect Information

- a) Extensive Games with Perfect Information (Ch 6, OR)
- b) Backward Induction and Subgame Perfect Equilibrium (Ch 6. OR)
- c) Applications
 - i) Stackelberg Competition
 - ii) Chain-Store Paradox
 - iii) Rank Order Tournament
- d) Infinite Horizon Game
- e) Bargaining Games (Ch. 7, OR)
 - i) Nash Solution
 - ii) Alternative Offer Bargaining
- f) Repeated Games (Ch. 8, OR)
 - i) Application: Collusion
 - ii) Folk Theorem

4) Extensive Games with Imperfect Information

- a) Extensive Games with Imperfect Information
- b) Mixed and Behavioral Strategies
- c) Sequential Equilibrium
- d) Perfect Bayesian Equilibrium