

## Simultaneous game of 3 players

We have to distribute 50 among 3 players. Each player can choose  $x_i \in [0, K]$  where  $x_i$  is an integer. Additionally, if the sum of what each player chooses exceeds 50, then the 50 pesos go to player 3 and the other players get 0. But if the sum is less than or equal to 50, each player gets what they chose. That is, the payments would be:

$$(0; 0; 50) \text{ if } x_1 + x_2 + x_3 > 50$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \text{ if } x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 50$$

1. If  $K = 40$ , determine if the following cases are NE, and if there are incentives to deviate, indicate which player has the incentive to deviate and towards what strategy.
  - a)  $(40, 40, 40)$
  - b)  $(0, 0, 40)$
  - c)  $(20, 20, 40)$
  - d)  $(25, 25, 25)$
2. Find all NE if  $K = 60$ .

## Answers

1.
  - a) It is a Nash equilibrium because even if player 1 or 2 changes their choice, the sum will still be greater than 50 and therefore they will have a payoff of 0. On the other hand, player 3 has the maximum payoff (50) and therefore has no incentive to deviate.
  - b) It is not a Nash equilibrium because both player 1 and player 2 can choose a number between 1 and 10 and receive a payoff greater than 0 since the sum would not exceed 50.
  - c) It is a Nash equilibrium, just like in the first case, player 1 and player 2 cannot receive a payoff greater than 0 no matter what they do, and player 3 has no incentive to lower their choice since they are obtaining the maximum payoff.
  - d) It is a Nash equilibrium, even if player 1 or player 2 chooses a lower number, the payoff they receive is still 0. Meanwhile, player 3 cannot obtain a higher payoff.
2. If  $K = 60$ , then the Nash equilibria are as follows:
  - $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  where  $x_3 \in [50, 60]$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, 60]$ . For example,  $(0, 0, 50)$ ,  $(10, 4, 60)$ ,  $(2, 1, 55)$ .
  - $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  where  $x_3 \in [0, 49]$ ,  $x_1 + x_3 > 50$ , and  $x_2 + x_3 > 50$ . For example,  $(20, 15, 45)$ ,  $(2, 2, 49)$ ,  $(10, 5, 46)$ .
  - $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  where  $x_3 \in [0, 49]$ ,  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 > 50$ ,  $x_1 + x_3 = 50$ ,  $x_2 + x_3 = 50$ . For example,  $(1, 1, 49)$ ,  $(4, 4, 46)$ .