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Decentralized multilateral bargaining

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Motivation and contribution

1. A decentralized mechanism of multilateral negotiation:
 - a. Generalizing the alternating-offer bargaining to n-player coalitional environment
 - b. Counteroffers, partial agreements, local unanimity, no one excluded
2. Implement the Shapley NTU value
3. A solution theory synthesizes the Nash solution and Shapley value

Outline

1. Introduction: Nash program and NTU games
2. Non-cooperative game and the Shapley NTU value
3. Conclusion

Section 1: Introduction

Nash program and NTU games

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- Implementation
- Nash program: Survey by Serrano (2005, 2021)
- Non-cooperative approach

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 - $V(S)$ non-empty, closed, convex, comprehensive, and bounded-above.
 - Superadditivity: $V(S) \times V(T) \subset V(S \cup T)$ for all $S, T \subset N, S \cap T = \emptyset$.
 - $V(S)$ nonlevel: For each x in the frontier of $V(S)$, there exists a unique normalized vector λ orthogonal to $V(S)$ on x with all its coordinates positive.

A **rule** is a function Φ that assigns to each NTU game (N, V) a payoff allocation $\Phi(N, V) \in V(N)$.

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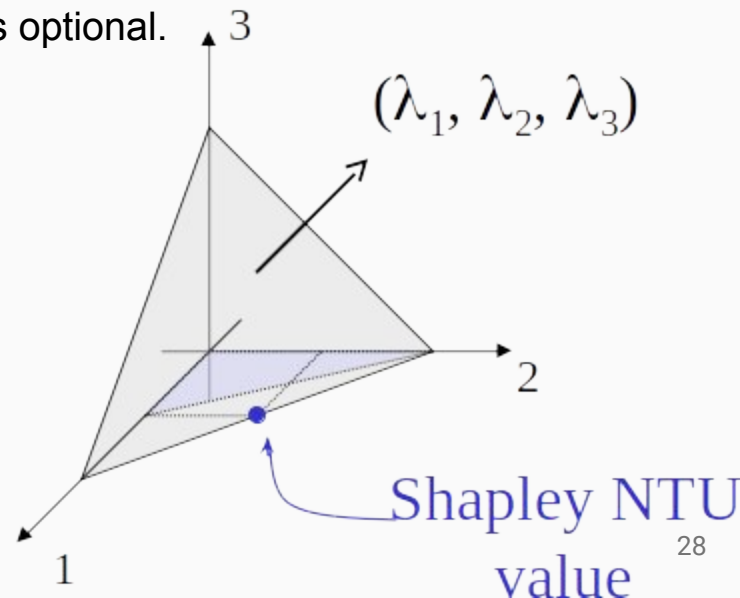
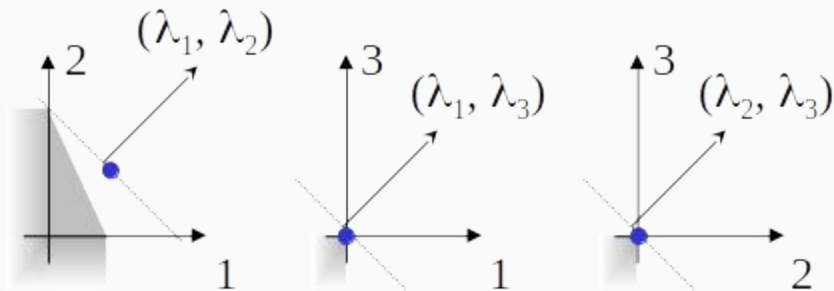
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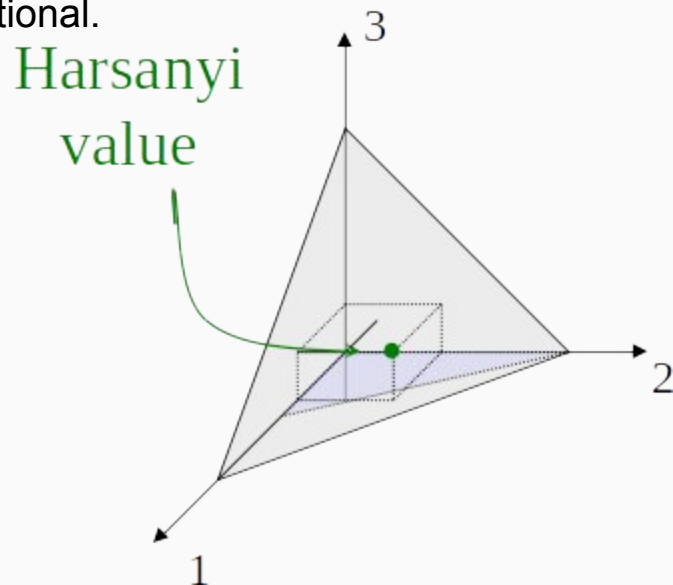
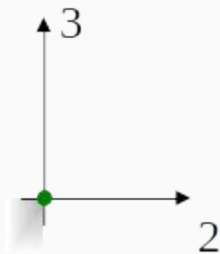
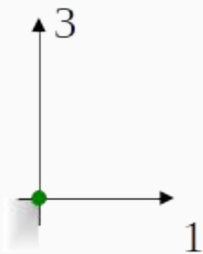
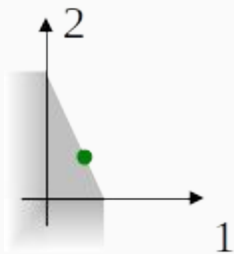
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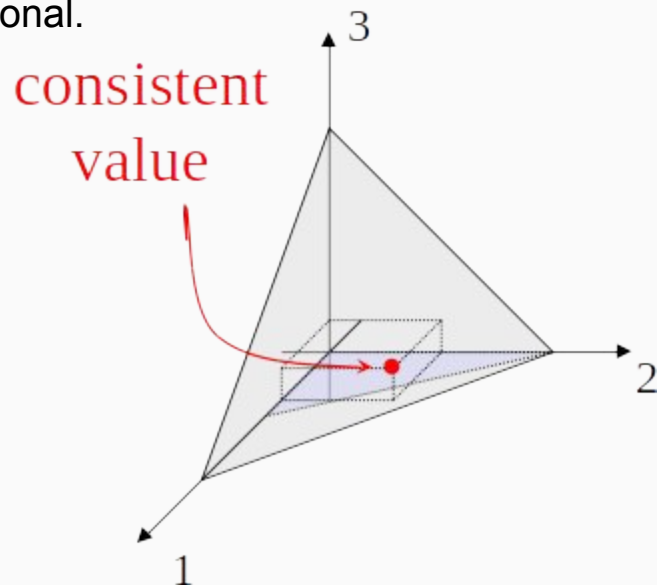
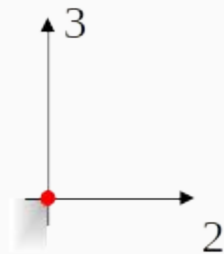
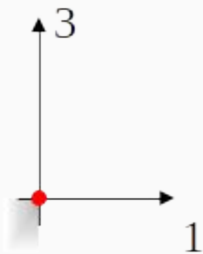
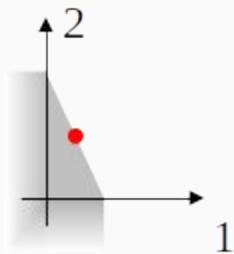
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Section 2

Non-cooperative game

Implementation of the Nash solution in bargaining games

- Nash (Econometrica, 1953)
- Rubinstein (Econometrica, 1982)
- van Damme (JET, 1986)
- Binmore (“The economics of bargaining”, ed. by Binmore and Dasgupta, 1987)
- Maschler, Owen and Peleg (“The Shapley value”, ed. by Roth, 1988)
- Hart and Mas-Colell (Econometrica, 1996)

Implementation of the Shapley value in TU games

- Gul (Econometrica, 1989)
- Hart and Moore (J Pol Ec, 1990)
- Winter (ET, 1994)
- Evans (GEB, 1992)
- Hart and Mas-Colell (Econometrica, 1996)
- Dasgupta and Chiu (IJGT, 1998)
- Pérez-Castrillo and Wettstein (JET, 2001)
- Vidal-Puga (EJOR, 2008)
- Ju (JME, 2012)

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The non-cooperative game: Rounds 1 and 2

An order of the players is randomly chosen (assume $1, 2, \dots, n$).

1. Player 1 presents a rule $f^{\{1\}}: S \subseteq N \rightarrow f^{\{1\}}(S) \in V(S)$.
2. Player 2 either
 - a. agrees on $f^{\{1\}}$ and joins $\{1\}$ (so coalition $\{1, 2\}$ is formed), or
 - b. disagrees and proposes a new rule $f^{\{2\}}$ to player 1.
 - i. If player 1 accepts, $\{1, 2\}$ forms with rule $f^{\{2\}}$, and the turn passes to player 3.
 - ii. If player 1 rejects, the two players set apart for now, and the turn passes to player 3.

The non-cooperative game: Round r

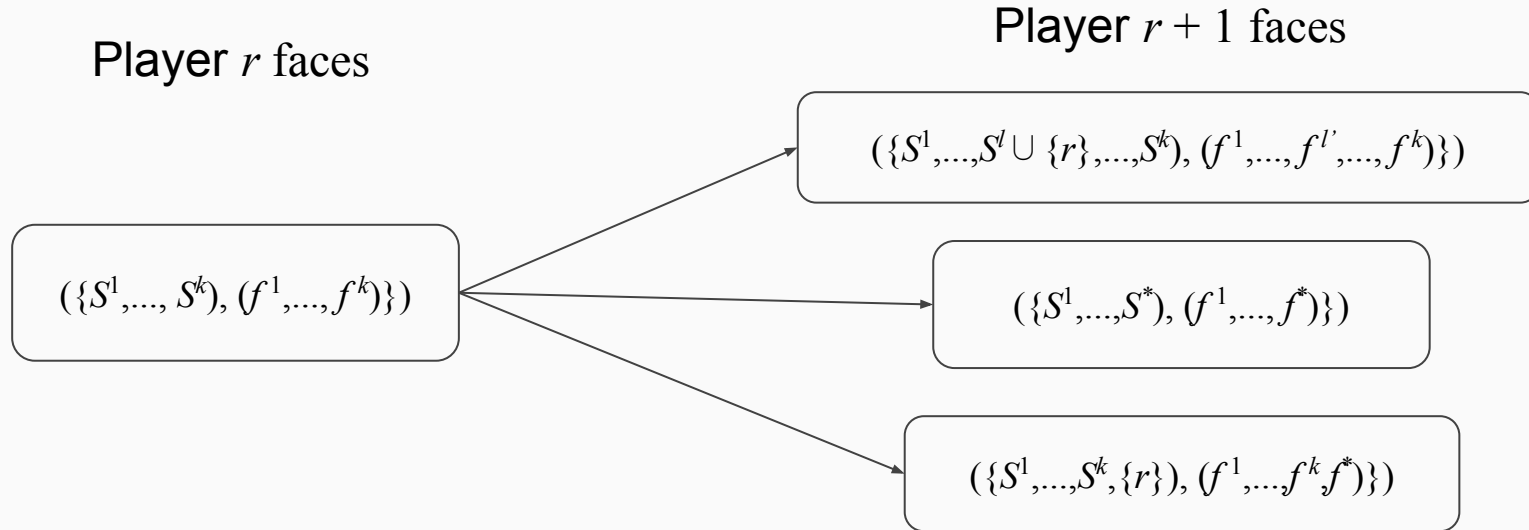
Player r faces $((S^1, f^1), \dots, (S^k, f^k))$ where

- $\{S^1, \dots, S^k\}$ is a partition of $\{1, \dots, r-1\}$ and
- (f^1, \dots, f^k) is the vector of rules they have respectively agreed upon.

Player r either

1. agrees on some (S^l, f^l) and joins S^l , or
2. disagrees and proposes a new rule f^* to everyone.
 - a. If some coalitions accept (unanimity required inside), they form a new merged coalition with r and rule f^* , and the turn passes to player $r + 1$.
 - b. If all coalitions reject, player r does not join any coalition and the turn passes to $r + 1$ with $((S^1, f^1), \dots, (S^k, f^k), (\{r\}, f^*))$.

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Last round ($n + 1$)

- If we face $((\{N\}), (f))$, i.e., all coalitions have unanimously agreed on a single rule f , then each $i \in N$ receives $f_i(N)$ and the game finishes.
- If we face $((S^1, f^1), \dots, (S^k, f^k))$ with $k > 1$, i.e., there is no unanimity, then
 - With $\varrho \in [0, 1)$, the whole process is repeated with a (new) random order.
 - With $1 - \varrho$, each $i \in S^l$ receives $f_i^l(S^l)$ and the game ends.

Main result

There exists a stationary subgame perfect equilibrium payoff allocation for each order. Moreover, this payoff allocation is efficient and individually rational.

Furthermore, as ϱ approaches 1, the expected final payoff allocation approaches a Shapley NTU value.

Corollary:

- For TU games, the Shapley value is the unique expected equilibrium payoff.
- For bargaining problems, the unique expected equilibrium payoff approaches the Nash bargaining solution as ϱ approaches 1.

Section 3

Conclusion

Summary

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1. We design a decentralized protocol of bargaining (non-cooperative game) where no players are ever excluded.
2. We determine the final payoffs in equilibrium.
3. The final payoffs approach the Shapley NTU value.

Non-cooperative approaches

- Consistent value: Hart and Mas-Colell (Econometrica, 1996)
- Shapley NTU value: This research.
- Harsanyi value: Open question.