

# MECHANISM DESIGN

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# PROJECT PROPOSALS

We'd like you to submit a 1-2 pager covering an initial plan for your course project by the end of next week (Fri March 18).

## How to submit:

- We'll open up an ELMS assignment
- Feel free to create groups (highly encouraged!)
- Group finding: in class, Piazza, etc

**You will get 100% for this if you submit something “okay” – this is just to kickstart (i) movement and (ii) discussion between us**



# PROJECT PROPOSALS: A SUGGESTION

**Consider a  
75%/100%/125%  
set of goalposts:**

## **Project Plan:**

### **75% goals**

- Create and train 3 regressor system for electrical energy consumption dataset.
- Design the adaptive learning algorithm.

### **100% goals**

- Implement the adaptive learning algorithm.
- Apply the algorithm to forecasting electrical energy consumption in the United States problem.
- Compare its performance with baselines which are:
  - Single regressor agent.
  - Multi-agents with equal weights.

### **125% goals**

- Compare this algorithm performance against other techniques used to improve long horizon forecast.
- Test this algorithm performance on other forecasting problems including a forecasting brain ventricular volume as a biomarker for neurodegenerative disease progression.
- Test performance on other decision making problems that are unrelated to forecasting.

# **THIS CLASS: STACKELBERG & SECURITY GAMES**

# SIMULTANEOUS PLAY

Previously, assumed players would play **simultaneously**

- Two drivers simultaneously decide to go straight or divert
- Two prisoners simultaneously defect or cooperate
- Players simultaneously choose rock, paper, or scissors
- Etc ...

**No** knowledge of the other players' chosen actions

What if we allow **sequential** action selection ...?

# LEADER-FOLLOWER GAMES



Heinrich von Stackelberg

Two players:

- The **leader** commits to acting in a specific way
- The **follower** observes the leader's mixed strategy

*NE, iterated strict dominance*

What is the Nash equilibrium ??????????

- Social welfare: 2
- Utility to row player: 1

Row player = leader; what to do ??????????

- Social welfare: 3
- Utility to row player: 2

<i>Commit to "Bottom"</i>	
0, 0	2, 1

# ASIDE: FIRST-MOVER ADVANTAGE (FMA)

From the econ side of things ...

- Leader is sometimes called the **Market Leader**
- Some advantage allows a firm to move first:
  - Technological breakthrough via R&D
  - Buying up all assets at low price before market adjusts

**By committing to a strategy (some amount of production), can effectively force other players' hands.**

**Things we won't model:**

- Significant cost of R&D, uncertainty over market demand, initial marketing costs, etc.

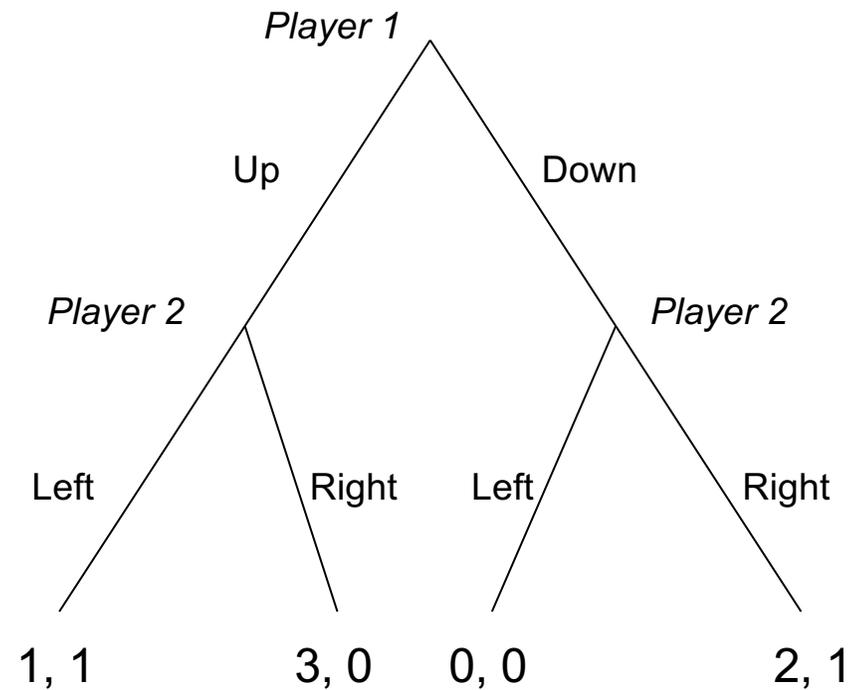
**These can lead to **Second-Mover Advantage****

- **Atari vs Nintendo, MySpace (or earlier) vs Facebook**

# COMMITMENT AS AN EXTENSIVE-FORM GAME

For the case of committing to a **pure** strategy:

1, 1	3, 0
0, 0	2, 1



# COMMITMENT TO MIXED STRATEGIES

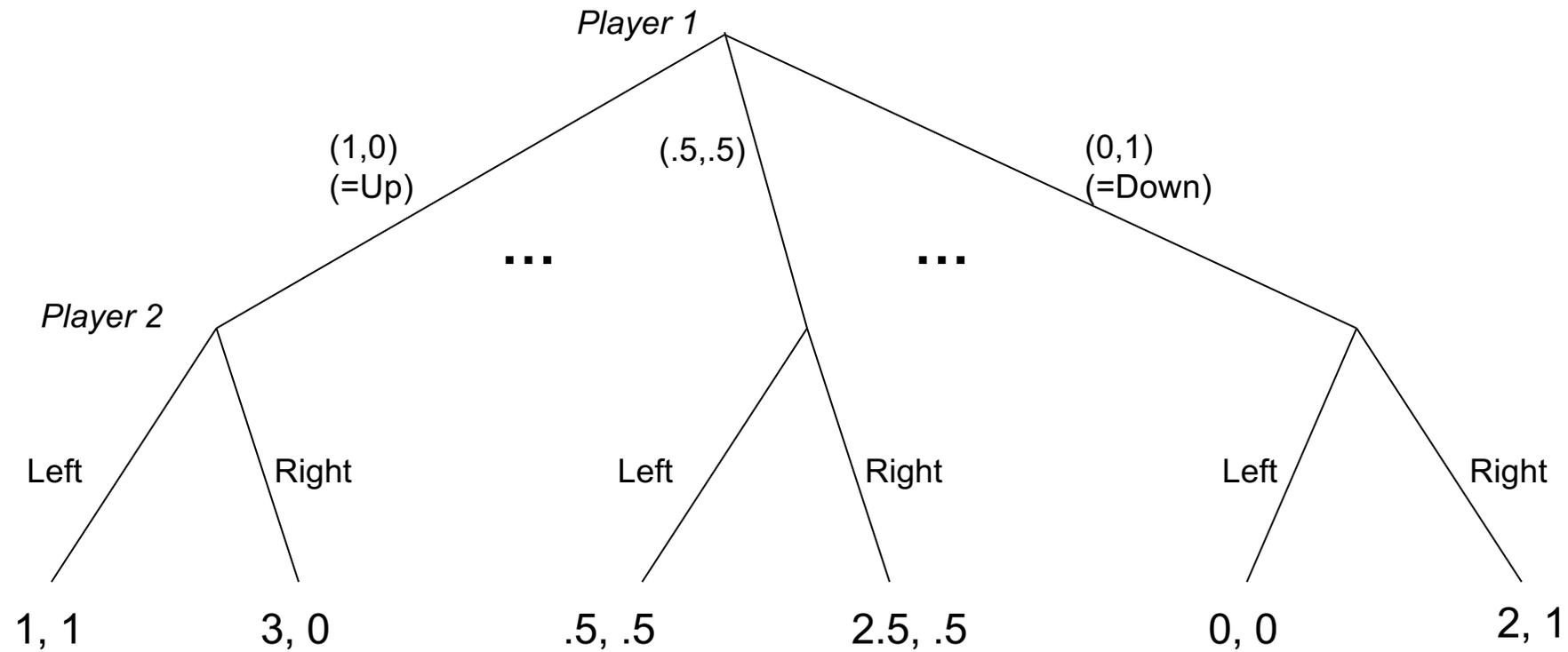
	0	1
.49	1, 1	3, 0
.51	0, 0	2, 1

What should Column do ????????

Sometimes also called a **Stackelberg (mixed) strategy**

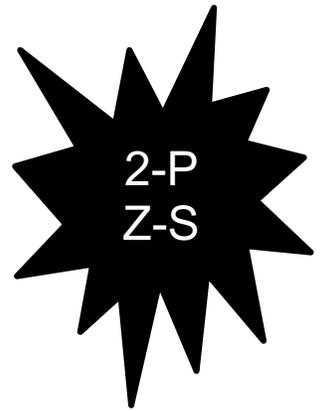
# COMMITMENT AS AN EXTENSIVE-FORM GAME...

For the case of committing to a mixed strategy:



- Economist: Just an extensive-form game ...
- Computer scientist: **Infinite-size game!** Representation matters

# WHAT SHOULD THE LEADER COMMIT TO?



Special case: 2-player zero-sum normal-form games

Recall: Row player plays Minimax strategy

- Minimizes the maximum expected utility to the Col
- Minimax utility:  $\min_{\sigma_{-i}} \max_{s_i} u_i(s_i, \sigma_{-i})$

Doesn't matter who commits to what, when

Minimax strategies = Nash Equilibrium  
= Stackelberg Equilibrium  
(not the case for general games)

Polynomial time computation via LP – earlier lectures

# WHAT SHOULD THE LEADER COMMIT TO?



**Strong Stackelberg Equilibrium (SSE):** follower breaks ties in favor of the **leader**

**Theorem [Conitzer & Sandholm]:** In 2-player, general-sum normal-form games, an SSE can be found in polytime

- ????????????????

Idea:

- Iterate over every **follower** pure strategy aka column **c**
- Compute a mixed strategy **r** for **leader** such that playing pure strategy **c** is a best response for **follower**
- Choose **r\***, the best (aka highest value for **leader**) mixed strategy amongst those strategies!

# WHAT SHOULD THE LEADER COMMIT TO?



Separate LP for every column  $c^*$ :

$$\text{maximize } \sum_r p_r u_R(r, c^*)$$

Row utility

s.t.

$$\text{for all } c, \sum_r p_r u_C(r, c^*) \geq \sum_r p_r u_C(r, c)$$

Column optimality  
aka Col best response

$$\sum_r p_r = 1$$

$$\text{for all } r, p_r \geq 0$$

Distributional  
constraints

Choose strategy from LP with highest objective

# RUNNING EXAMPLE

maximize  $1x + 0y$

s.t.

$$1x + 0y \geq 0x + 1y$$

$$x + y = 1$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \geq 0$$

x	1, 1	3, 0
y	0, 0	2, 1

maximize  $3x + 2y$

s.t.

$$0x + 1y \geq 1x + 0y$$

$$x + y = 1$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \geq 0$$

# IS COMMITMENT ALWAYS GOOD FOR THE LEADER?

Yes, if we allow commitment to mixed strategies

- Always weakly better to commit [von Stengel & Zamir, 2004] ???????
- If  $(r^*, c)$  is Nash, then Row can always commit to  $r^* \rightarrow$  Col will play  $c^*$ , can achieve value of that equilibrium

What about only pure strategies?

Expected utility to Row  
by playing mixed Nash:  
??????????????

$$E_R[ \langle 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 \rangle ] = 0$$

Expected utility to Row by  
any pure commitment:  
??????????????

$$E_R[ \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle ] = -1$$

$$E_R[ \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle ] = -1$$

$$E_R[ \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle ] = -1$$

	Rock	Paper	Scissors
Rock			
Paper	+1, -1	0, 0	-1, +1
Scissors			

# WHAT SHOULD THE LEADER COMMIT TO?



Bayesian games: player  $i$  draws type  $\theta_i$  from  $\Theta$

Special case: **follower has only one type**, leader has type  $\theta$

Like before, solve a separate LP for every column  $c^*$ :

$$\text{maximize } \sum_{\theta} \pi(\theta) \sum_r p_{r,\theta} u_{R,\theta}(r, c^*)$$

*s.t.*

$$\text{for all } c, \sum_{\theta} \pi(\theta) \sum_r p_{r,\theta} u_C(r, c^*) \geq \sum_{\theta} \pi(\theta) \sum_r p_{r,\theta} u_C(r, c)$$

$$\text{for all } \theta, \sum_r p_{r,\theta} = 1$$

$$\text{for all } r, \theta, p_{r,\theta} \geq 0$$

Choose strategy from LP with highest objective

# WHAT SHOULD THE LEADER COMMIT TO?



So, we showed **polynomial-time** methods for:

- 2-Player, zero-sum
- 2-Player, general-sum
- 2-Player, general-sum, Bayesian with 1-type follower

In general, **NP-hard** to compute:

- 2-Player, general-sum, Bayesian with 1-type leader
  - Arguably more interesting (“I know my own type”)
- 2-Player, general-sum, Bayesian general
- **N-Player, for  $N > 2$ :**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> player commits,  $N-1$ -Player leader-follower game, 2<sup>nd</sup> player commits, recurse until 2-Player leader-follower

# STACKELBERG SECURITY GAMES

Leader-follower → **Defender-attacker**

- Defender is interested in protecting a set of targets
- Attacker wants to attack the targets

The defender is endowed with a set of **resources**

- Resources protect the targets and prevent attacks

**Utilities:**

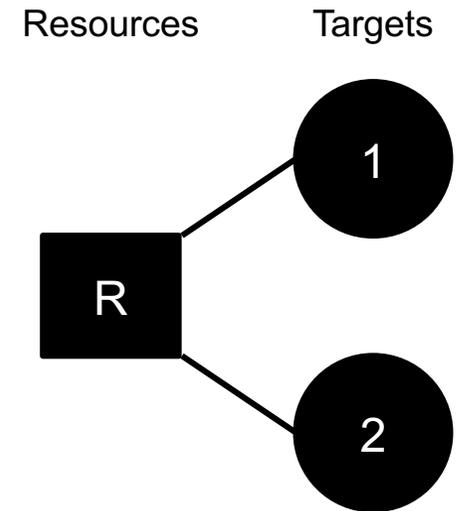
- Defender receives positive utility for preventing attacks, negative utility for “successful” attacks
- Attacker: positive utility for successful attacks, negative otherwise
- Not necessarily zero-sum

# SECURITY GAMES: A FORMAL MODEL

Defined by a 3-tuple  $(N, U, M)$ :

- **N**: set of  $n$  targets
- **U**: utilities associated with defender and attacker
- **M**: all subsets of targets that can be simultaneously defended by deployments of resources
  - A schedule  $S \subseteq 2^N$  is the set of target defended by a single resource  $r$
  - Assignment function  $A : R \rightarrow 2^S$  is the set of all schedules a specific resource can support
- Then we have  $m$  pure strategies, assigning resources such that the union of their target coverage is in  $M$
- Utility  $u_{c,d}(i)$  and  $u_{u,d}(i)$  for the defender when target  $i$  is attacked and is covered or defended, respectively

# SIMPLE EXAMPLE



Targets	Defender		Attacker Type $\theta_1$		Attacker Type $\theta_2$	
$i$	$u_{c,d}(i)$	$u_{u,d}(i)$	$u_{c,a}(i)$	$u_{u,a}(i)$	$u_{c,a}(i)$	$u_{u,a}(i)$
1	0	-1	0	+1	0	+1
2	0	-2	0	+5	0	+1

# REAL-WORLD SECURITY GAMES

Lots of deployed applications!

- Checkpoints at airports
- Patrol routes in harbors
- Scheduling Federal Air Marshalls
- Patrol routes for anti-poachers

Typically solve for **strong** Stackelberg Equilibria:

- Tie break in favor of the defender; always exists
- Can often “nudge” the adversary in practice

Two big practical problems: **computation** and uncertainty



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# OVERVIEW OF AN IMPACTFUL PAPER IN THIS SPACE

[Kiekintveld et al. 2009]

## Computing Optimal Randomized Resource Allocations for Massive Security Games (linked on course webpage)

- Motivated first by resource assignment for checkpoints at LAX, e.g., multiple canine units assigned to cover multiple terminals ...
- ... and later by much larger games such as Federal Air Marshals Service assignments and port inspection.

**m resources to cover n targets,  $m < n$**

**Defender (leader) commits to a mixed strategy**

**Attacker (follower) observes the probabilities for each coverage set**

- Surveillance, insider threat, etc – maybe not perfectly realistic

**Attacker chooses a pure strategy**

**Equilibrium concept not ex post**

# OVERVIEW OF AN IMPACTFUL PAPER IN THIS SPACE

[Kiekintveld et al. 2009]

Initially assume interchangeable resources (extended in paper, will cover in a few slides by introducing “types”)

Assume players are **risk neutral**

One type of follower (attacker)

- Recall: one type of follower → PTIME solvable, one LP solved for each pure strategy of follower ...
- ... but the number of pure strategies in some games might be large, e.g., with 100 targets and 10 resources,  $1.7 \times 10^{13}$ !

# RUNNING EXAMPLE

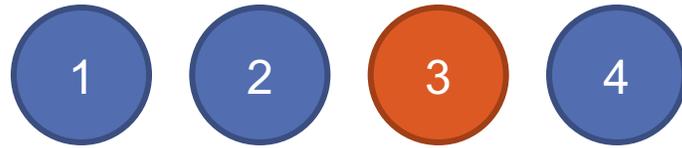
4 targets, 2 resources

Qualitatively:

- Defender values all 4 targets equally (and prefers a covered attack to an uncovered attack).
- Attacker gets twice as much utility for successful attack on target 3. All failed attacks get the same (lower) utility.



# MOTIVATION AND INTRODUCTION



Targets {1, 2, 4}		
	Covered	Uncovered
Defender	4	1
Attacker	0	1

“Utility for follower  $\Psi$  if attacks target 3 and it is covered (c) / uncovered (u)”

Target 3		
	Covered	Uncovered
Defender	4	1
Attacker	0	2

“Utility for leader  $\theta$  if the target 3 is attacked and it is covered (c) or uncovered (u)”

$$u_{\theta}^c(3) \quad u_{\theta}^u(3)$$

$$u_{\Psi}^c(3) \quad u_{\Psi}^u(3)$$

# COMPACT REPRESENTATIONS OF SECURITY GAMES—EXTENSIVE FORM IS TOO BIG!

Defender commits to a mixed strategy (one of uncountably many, i.e., EFG tree will be infinite size)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = (\delta_{12}, \delta_{13}, \delta_{14}, \delta_{23}, \delta_{24}, \delta_{34}) \\ \forall i, j \ 0 \leq \delta_{ij} \leq 1 \\ \sum_{i,j} \delta_{ij} = m \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \Delta = (\delta_{12}, \delta_{13}, \delta_{14}, \delta_{23}, \delta_{24}, \delta_{34}) \\ \forall i, j \ 0 \leq \delta_{ij} \leq 1 \\ \sum_{i,j} \delta_{ij} = m \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{In general, size } \binom{n}{m}$$

Attacker strategy is an efficient algorithm, which given **any** mixed strategy,  $\Delta$ , computes target

$$\arg \max_{t \in \Gamma(\Delta)} U_{\Theta}(\Delta, t)$$

Where optimization is taken over the **attack set**  $\Gamma(\Delta)$ , the set of targets yielding max expected payoff for attacker given  $\Delta$

$$\Gamma(\Delta) = \{t : t \in \arg \max U_{\Psi}(\Delta, t)\}$$

# COMPACT REPRESENTATIONS OF SECURITY GAMES

Key insight: the only information needed to represent the defender strategy is the probabilities a target is covered

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{\Theta}^{1,2} + \delta_{\Theta}^{1,3} + \delta_{\Theta}^{1,4} &= c_1 \\ \delta_{\Theta}^{1,2} + \delta_{\Theta}^{2,3} + \delta_{\Theta}^{2,4} &= c_2 \\ \delta_{\Theta}^{1,3} + \delta_{\Theta}^{2,3} + \delta_{\Theta}^{3,4} &= c_3 \\ \delta_{\Theta}^{1,4} + \delta_{\Theta}^{2,4} + \delta_{\Theta}^{3,4} &= c_4\end{aligned}$$

In our 2 resources, 4 targets example: probability  $c_1$  that target 1 is covered is sum of all pure strategies that cover 1

This gives us a **coverage vector C**

- Running example:  $C = [c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4]$

**ERASER** (Efficient Randomized Allocation of SEcurity Resources) **takes security game & computes C that is SSE for defender**

# ERASER FORMULATION

$$\begin{aligned} & \max && d \\ & a_t \in && \{0, 1\} \quad \forall t \in T \\ & \sum_{t \in T} a_t = && 1 \\ & c_t \in && [0, 1] \quad \forall t \in T \\ & \sum_{t \in T} c_t \leq && m \\ & d - U_{\Theta}(t, C) \leq && (1 - a_t) \cdot Z \quad \forall t \in T \\ & 0 \leq k - U_{\Psi}(t, C) \leq && (1 - a_t) \cdot Z \quad \forall t \in T \\ & U_{\Theta}(t, C) = && c_t U_{\Theta}^c(t) + (1 - c_t) U_{\Theta}^u(t) \end{aligned}$$

Attacker can assign mass to exactly one target

Defender applies valid (aka at most m) probability mass over targets

(Theorem in paper states how to convert coverage vector to mixed strategy)

# ERASER FORMULATION

$$\max \quad d$$

$$a_t \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$\sum_{t \in T} a_t = 1$$

$$c_t \in [0, 1] \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$\sum_{t \in T} c_t \leq m$$

$$d - U_{\Theta}(t, C) \leq (1 - a_t) \cdot Z \quad \forall t \in T$$

$$0 \leq k - U_{\Psi}(t, C) \leq (1 - a_t) \cdot Z \quad \forall t \in T$$

Expected utility to leader given attack on  $t$  and coverage vector with coverage  $c_t$

$$U_{\Theta}(t, C) = c_t U_{\Theta}^c(t) + (1 - c_t) U_{\Theta}^u(t)$$

**Determine the defender's expected payoff  $d$ , given the target attacked ( $a_t$ )**

- **For unattacked targets ( $a_t=0$ ), RHS is huge (i.e.,  $Z$ )**
- **For attacked target ( $a_t=1$ ), RHS is 0  $\rightarrow$   $d =$  utility of defender given  $t$  attacked, and coverage vector  $C$**

**Objective: maximize  $d$**

# ERASER FORMULATION

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Two bottom sets of constraints imply that defender's coverage vector  $C$  is best response to attack vector  $A$ , & vice versa

→ Strong Stackelberg Equilibrium

“Big M” (or in this case “Big Z”) style of constraints are a common way to encode if statements

# ERASER: RUNNING EXAMPLE (2 RESOURCES, 4 TARGETS)

$$\max d$$

*s.t.*

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 = 1$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 \leq m$$

$$d - 4c_1 + (c_1 - 1) \leq (1 - a_1)Z$$

$$d - 4c_2 + (c_2 - 1) \leq (1 - a_2)Z$$

$$d - 4c_3 + (c_3 - 1) \leq (1 - a_3)Z$$

$$d - 4c_4 + (c_4 - 1) \leq (1 - a_4)Z$$

$$0 \leq k + c_1 - 1 \leq (1 - a_1)Z$$

$$0 \leq k + c_2 - 1 \leq (1 - a_2)Z$$

$$0 \leq k + 2c_3 - 2 \leq (1 - a_3)Z$$

$$0 \leq k + c_4 - 1 \leq (1 - a_4)Z$$

$$c_t \in [0, 1]$$

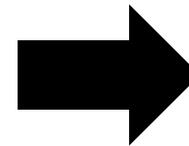
$$a_t \in \{0, 1\}$$

# ERASER: RUNNING EXAMPLE (2 RESOURCES, 4 TARGETS)

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Elapsed time = 0.01 sec. (0.26 ticks, tree = 0.01 MB, solutions = 3)

Root node processing (before b&c):
  Real time      = 0.01 sec. (0.26 ticks)
Parallel b&c, 4 threads:
  Real time      = 0.00 sec. (0.00 ticks)
  Sync time (average) = 0.00 sec.
  Wait time (average) = 0.00 sec.
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Total (root+branch&cut) = 0.01 sec. (0.26 ticks)

Solution status = 101 : MIP_optimal
Solution value = 3.14285714286
Row 0: Slack = 0.000000
Row 1: Slack = 0.000000
Row 2: Slack = 99.142857
Row 3: Slack = 99.142857
Row 4: Slack = 0.000000
Row 5: Slack = 99.142857
Row 6: Slack = 0.000000
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Row 9: Slack = 0.000000
Row 10: Slack = 100.000000
Row 11: Slack = 100.000000
Row 12: Slack = 0.000000
Row 13: Slack = 100.000000
Column 0: Value = 3.142857
Column 1: Value = -0.000000
Column 2: Value = -0.000000
Column 3: Value = 1.000000
Column 4: Value = 0.000000
Column 5: Value = 0.428571
Column 6: Value = 0.428571
Column 7: Value = 0.714286
Column 8: Value = 0.428571
Column 9: Value = 0.571429
Coverage vector: [0.428571428571, 0.428571428571, 0.714285714286, 0.428571428571]
Adversary attack vector: [-0.0, -0.0, 1.0, 0.0]
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$$c_1 = c_2 = c_4 = 3/7$$
$$c_3 = 5/7$$

# ERASER – RUNNING EXAMPLE

**Problem: we need mixture over pure strategies (i.e., placements of resources on targets), not just coverage vector**

$$\delta_{12} + \delta_{13} + \delta_{14} = 3/7$$

$$\delta_{12} + \delta_{23} + \delta_{24} = 3/7$$

$$\delta_{13} + \delta_{23} + \delta_{34} = 5/7$$

$$\delta_{14} + \delta_{24} + \delta_{34} = 3/7$$

$$0 \leq \delta_{12} \leq 1$$

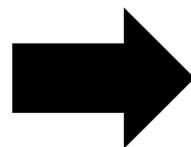
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$$0 \leq \delta_{34} \leq 1$$



$$\delta_{12} = \delta_{14} = \delta_{24} = 2/21$$

$$\delta_{13} = \delta_{23} = \delta_{34} = 5/21$$

# ERASER-C(ONSTRAINED)

Can generalize to a setting where resources have a type drawn from some type space  $\Omega$

- Type  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$  determines feasible coverage schedules, i.e., subsets of targets coverable by that resource

Yields a very similar compact IP, similar solution of probability mass placed on each resource and schedule

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max && d \\
 & a_t \in && \{0, 1\} && \forall t \in T \\
 & c_t \in && [0, 1] && \forall t \in T \\
 & q_s \in && [0, 1] && \forall s \in S \\
 & h_{s,\omega} \in && [0, 1] && \forall s, \omega \in S \times \Omega \\
 & \sum_{t \in T} a_t = && 1 \\
 & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} h_{s,\omega} = && q_s && \forall s \in S \\
 & \sum_{s \in S} q_s M(s, t) = && c_t && \forall t \in T \\
 & \sum_{s \in S} h_{s,\omega} Ca(s, \omega) \leq && \mathcal{R}(\omega) && \forall \omega \in \Omega \\
 & h_{s,\omega} \leq && Ca(s, \omega) && \forall s, \omega \in S \times \Omega \\
 & d - U_{\Theta}(t, C) \leq && (1 - a_t) \cdot Z && \forall t \in T \\
 & 0 \leq k - U_{\Psi}(t, C) \leq && (1 - a_t) \cdot Z && \forall t \in T
 \end{aligned}$$

# HOW TO COMPUTE THE ACTUAL MIXED STRATEGY TO FOLLOW?

Kiekintveld paper proved feasible solutions (i.e., coverage vectors) to their MIPs corresponded to mixed strategies

Did not show how to compute them quickly ( $\binom{n}{m}$  variables  $\delta_{\omega,t}$ )

First idea: for each target  $t^*$ :

- Solve separate compact LP under the constraint that the attacker is incentivized to attack  $t^*$
- Pick LP with best defender utility
- Just like last lecture!

**Problem: this still gives marginal probabilities over targets**

**We need probability mixture over pure strategies!**

maximize  $U_d(t^*, \mathbf{c})$

subject to

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega, \forall t \in A(\omega) : 0 \leq c_{\omega,t} \leq 1$$

$$\forall t \in T : c_t = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega: t \in A(\omega)} c_{\omega,t} \leq 1$$

$$\forall \omega \in \Omega : \sum_{t \in A(\omega)} c_{\omega,t} \leq 1$$

$$\forall t \in T : U_a(t, \mathbf{c}) \leq U_a(t^*, \mathbf{c})$$

# A TOOL: BIRKHOFF-VON NEUMANN THEOREM

Every doubly stochastic  $n \times n$  matrix can be represented as a convex combination of  $n \times n$  permutation matrices

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.3	.5	.2
.6	.1	.3

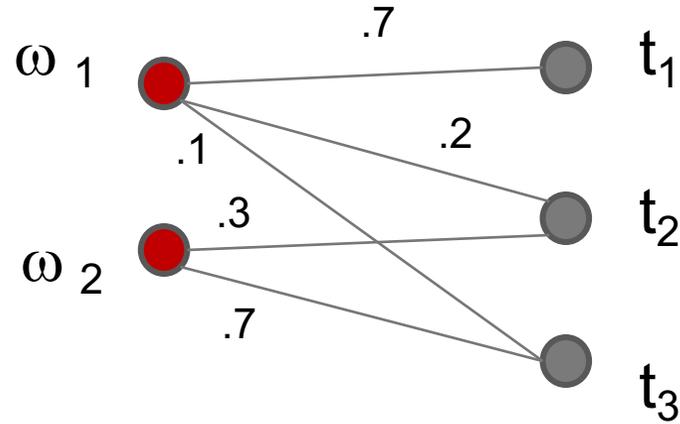
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Decomposition can be found in polynomial time  $O(n^{4.5})$ , and the size is  $O(n^2)$  [Dulmage and Halperin, 1955]

Can be extended to rectangular doubly substochastic matrices

# SCHEDULES OF SIZE 1 USING BVN

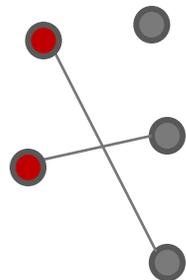
“Schedule of size 1” → resource is assigned to exactly one target



	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t_3$
$\omega_1$	.7	.2	.1
$\omega_2$	0	.3	.7

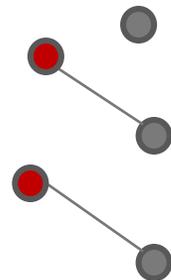
.1

0	0	1
0	1	0



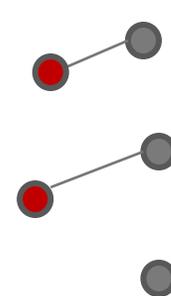
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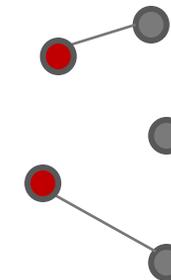
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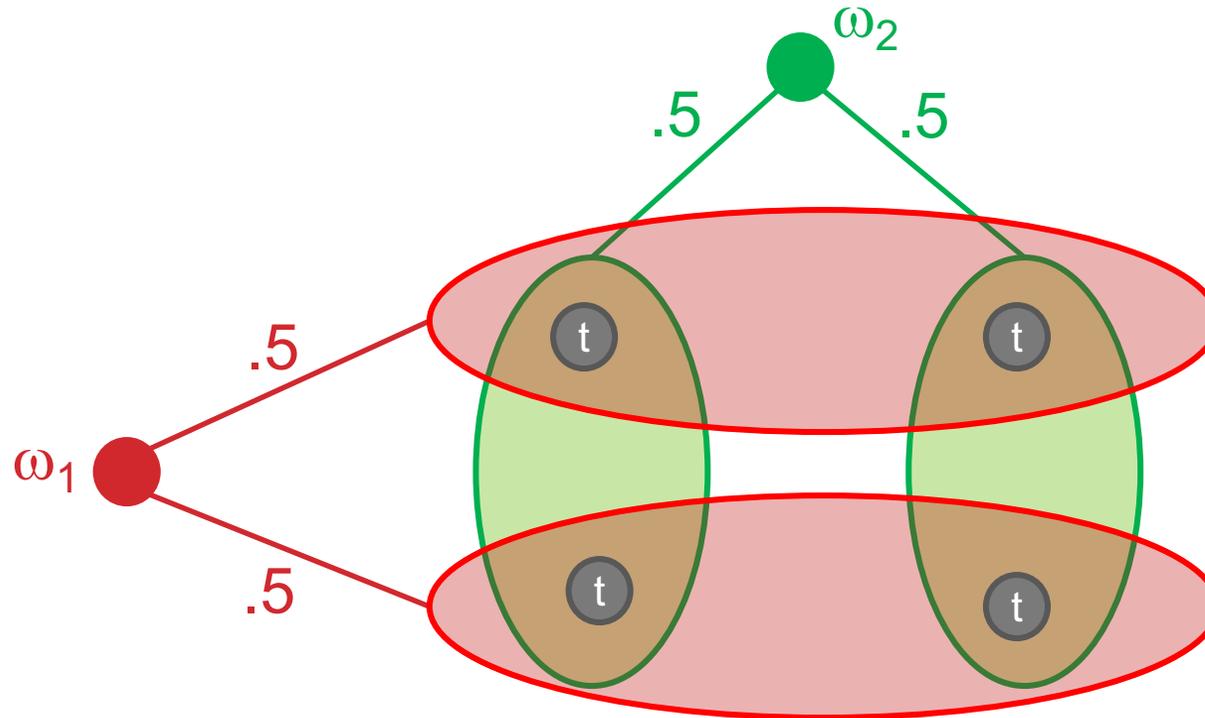


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# COUNTER-EXAMPLE TO THE COMPACT LP



2 resources  $\omega_1$  &  $\omega_2$ , schedules of size 2

LP suggests: we can cover every target with probability 1 ?????

... but in fact we can cover at most 3 targets at a time → for general schedule sizes, it is not always possible to find feasible mixture

# ALGORITHMS & COMPLEXITY

[Korzhyk, Conitzer, Parr, "Complexity of Computing Optimal Stackelberg Strategies in Security Resource Allocation Games"]

		Homogeneous Resources	Heterogeneous resources
Schedules	Size 1	P	P (BvN theorem)
	Size $\leq 2$ , bipartite	P (BvN theorem)	NP-hard (SAT)
	Size $\leq 2$	P (constraint generation)	NP-hard
	Size $\geq 3$	NP-hard (3-COVER)	NP-hard