

Reminder

- ▶ HW4 due 3/21
- ▶ Course project progress report 2 due 3/26
- ▶ PRA5 due 3/28
- ▶ Come to OH for course project discussion!

Artificial Intelligence Methods for Social Good

Lecture 18:

Basics of Game Theory

17-537 (9-unit) and 17-737 (12-unit)

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Learning Objectives

- ▶ Understand the concept of
 - ▶ Game, Player, Action, Strategy, Payoff, Expected utility, Best response
 - ▶ Maxmin Strategy, Minmax Strategy
 - ▶ Nash Equilibrium
- ▶ Write down the linear program for finding maxmin/minmax strategy
- ▶ Describe **Minimax Theory**
- ▶ For the **ferry protection** problem, briefly describe
 - ▶ Significance/Motivation
 - ▶ Task being tackled, i.e., what is being solved/optimized
 - ▶ Model and method used to solve the problem
 - ▶ Evaluation process and criteria

From Games to Game Theory



- ▶ The study of mathematical models of conflict and cooperation between intelligent decision makers
- ▶ Used in economics, political science etc

John von Neumann



John Nash



Heinrich Freiherr von Stackelberg



Winners of Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Outline

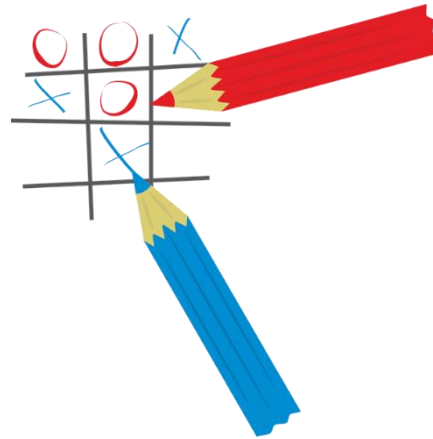
- ▶ Normal-Form Games
- ▶ Solution Concepts
- ▶ Ferry Protection

Some Classical Games

- ▶ Rock-Paper-Scissors (RPS)
 - ▶ Rock beats Scissors
 - ▶ Scissors beats Paper
 - ▶ Paper beats Rock
- ▶ Prisoner's Dilemma (PD)
 - ▶ If both Cooperate: 1 year in jail each
 - ▶ If one Defect, one Cooperate: 0 year for (D), 3 years for (C)
 - ▶ If both Defect: 2 years in jail each

Some Classical Games

- ▶ **Football vs Concert (FvsC)**
 - ▶ Historically known as Battle of Sexes
 - ▶ If football together: Alex 😊😊, Berry 😊
 - ▶ If concert together: Alex 😊, Berry 😊😊
 - ▶ If not together: Alex 😞, Berry 😞
- ▶ **Tic-Tac-Toe (TTT)**



Normal-Form Games

- ▶ A finite, n -player normal-form game is described by a tuple (N, A, u)
 - ▶ Set of players $N = \{1..n\}$
 - ▶ Set of joint actions $A = \prod_i A_i$
 - ▶ $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A$ is an action profile
 - ▶ Payoffs / Utility functions $u_i: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - ▶ $u_i(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ or $u_i(\mathbf{a})$
- ▶ Players move simultaneously and then game ends immediately
- ▶ Zero-Sum Game: $\sum_i u_i(\mathbf{a}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{a}$

May also be called matrix form, strategic form, or standard form

Payoff Matrix

- ▶ A two-player normal-form game with finite actions can be represented by a (bi)matrix
 - ▶ Player 1: Row player, Player 2: Column player
 - ▶ First number is the utility for Player 1, second for Player 2

		Player 2		
		Rock	Paper	Scissors
Player 1	Rock	0,0	-1,1	1,-1
	Paper	1,-1	0,0	-1,1
	Scissor	-1,1	1,-1	0,0

		Player 2	
		Cooperate	Defect
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Q: What if we have more than 2 players?

Pure Strategy, Mixed Strategy, Support

- ▶ Pure strategy: choose an action deterministically
- ▶ Mixed strategy: choose action randomly
- ▶ Given action set A_i , player i 's strategy set is $S_i = \Delta^{|A_i|}$

- ▶ Support: set of actions chosen with non-zero probability

Expected Utility

- ▶ Given players' strategy profile $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$, what is the expected utility for each player?
- ▶ Let $s_i(a)$ be the probability of choosing action $a \in A_i$, then
 - ▶ $u_i(s_1, \dots, s_n) =$

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 - ▶ $u_i(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}} P(\mathbf{a}) u_i(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}} u_i(\mathbf{a}) \prod_{i'} s_{i'}(a_{i'})$

Best Response

- ▶ Let $a_{-i} = (a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$.
- ▶ An action profile can be denoted as $\mathbf{a} = (a_i, a_{-i})$
- ▶ Similarly, define u_{-i} and s_{-i}

- ▶ Best Response: Set of actions or strategies leading to highest expected utility given the strategies or actions of other players
 - ▶ $a_i^* \in BR(a_{-i})$ iff
 - ▶ $s_i^* \in BR(s_{-i})$ iff

- ▶ Theorem (Nash 1951): A mixed strategy is BR iff all actions in the support are BR
 - ▶ $s_i \in BR(s_{-i})$ iff

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- ▶ Theorem (Nash 1951): A mixed strategy is BR iff all actions in the support are BR
 - ▶ $s_i \in BR(s_{-i})$ iff $\forall a_i: s_i(a_i) > 0, a_i \in BR(s_{-i})$

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Nash Equilibrium

▶ Nash Equilibrium (NE)

- ▶ $\mathbf{s} = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$ is NE if $\forall i, s_i \in BR(s_{-i})$
- ▶ Everyone's strategy is a BR to others' strategy profile
- ▶ Focus on strategy profile for all players
- ▶ One cannot gain by unilateral deviation
- ▶ Pure Strategy Nash Equilibrium (PSNE)
 - ▶ $\mathbf{a} = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ is PSNE if $\forall i, a_i \in BR(a_{-i})$
- ▶ Mixed Strategy NE: at least one player use a mixed strategy

		Player 2	
		Cooperate	Defect
Player 1	Cooperate	-1,-1	-3,0
	Defect	0,-3	-2,-2

Q1: What are the PSNEs in this game?

Q2: Given a mixed strategy, how to determine whether it is an NE?

Q3: Is $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ an NE for this game?

Poll 1

$s = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$ is NE if $\forall i, s_i \in BR(s_{-i})$

Is the following strategy profile an NE?

Alex: (2/3, 1/3), Berry: (1/3, 2/3)

A: Yes

B: No

C: I don't know

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Is the following strategy profile an NE?

Alex: (2/3, 1/3), Berry: (1/3, 2/3)

$$u_A(s_A, s_B) = \frac{2}{3} * \frac{1}{3} * 2 + \frac{1}{3} * \frac{2}{3} * 1 = 2/3$$

$$u_A(F, s_B) = 2 * \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$u_A(C, s_B) = 1 * \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

So $u_A(s'_A, s_B) = \epsilon u_A(F, s_B) + (1 - \epsilon) u_A(C, s_B) = 2/3$

So Alex has no incentive to deviate (u_A cannot increase)

Similar reasoning goes for u_B

		Berry	
		Football	Concert
Alex	Football	2,1	0,0
	Concert	0,0	1,2

Nash Equilibrium

- ▶ Theorem (Nash 1951): NE always exists in finite games
 - ▶ Finite game: $n < \infty$, $|A| < \infty$
 - ▶ NE: pure or mixed

Compute Nash Equilibrium

- ▶ Find all Nash Equilibrium (two-player)
 - ▶ Support Enumeration Method
 - ▶ Lemke-Howson Algorithm
 - ▶ Linear Complementarity Programming (LCP) formulation
 - ▶ Solve by pivoting on support (similar to Simplex algorithm)
 - ▶ In practice, available solvers/packages: Nashpy (python), [gambit project](#)

With Nashpy 0.0.19

		Berry	
		Football	Concert
Alex	Football	2,1	0,0
	Concert	0,0	1,2

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import nashpy
import numpy as np
A = np.array([[2, 0], [0, 1]])
B = np.array([[1, 0], [0, 2]])
fvsc = nashpy.Game(A, B)
eqs = fvsc.support_enumeration()
print(*eqs)
```

Maximin Strategy

- ▶ Maximin Strategy (applicable to multiplayer games)
 - ▶ Maximize worst case expected utility
 - ▶ Maximin strategy for player i is $\operatorname{argmax}_{s_i} \min_{s_{-i}} u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$
 - ▶ **Maximin value** for player i is $\max_{s_i} \min_{s_{-i}} u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$
(Also called safety level)
 - ▶ Focus on single player's strategy
 - ▶ Can be computed through linear programming

Compute Maximin Strategy

- ▶ For bimatrix games, maximin strategy can be computed through linear programming
- ▶ Let U_{ij}^1 be player 1's payoff value when player 1 choose action i and player 2 choose action j

Denote $s_1 = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{|A_1|} \rangle$ where x_i is the probability of choosing the i^{th} action of player 1

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To get $\operatorname{argmax}_{s_1} \min_{s_2} u_1(s_1, s_2)$, we denote $s_1 = \langle x_1, \dots, x_{|A_1|} \rangle$ where x_i is the probability of choosing the i^{th} action of player 1. Now we need to find the value of x_i

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x_1, \dots, x_{|A_1|}} \min_j \sum_i x_i U_{ij}^1 \\ \text{s.t. } & \sum_i x_i = 1 \\ & x_i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Only need to check pure strategies. Recall the theorem of BR: A mixed strategy is BR iff all actions in the support are BR

Compute Maximin Strategy

► Convert to LP

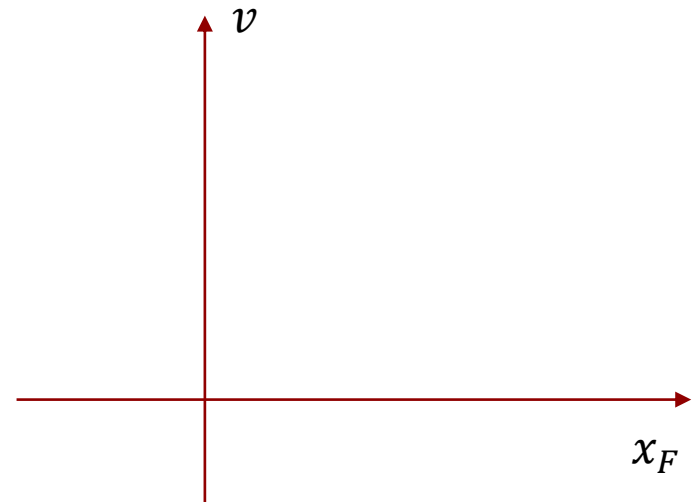
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_1 & & \mathcal{P}_2 \text{ -- LP} \\ \max_x \min_j \sum_i x_i U_{ij}^1 & \longrightarrow & \max_{x,v} v \\ \text{s.t. } \sum_i x_i = 1 & & \text{s.t. } v \leq \sum_i x_i U_{ij}^1, \forall j \\ x_i \geq 0 & & \sum_i x_i = 1 \\ & & x_i \geq 0 \end{array}$$

- Claim: x^* is optimal solution for \mathcal{P}_1 iff it is optimal solution for \mathcal{P}_2

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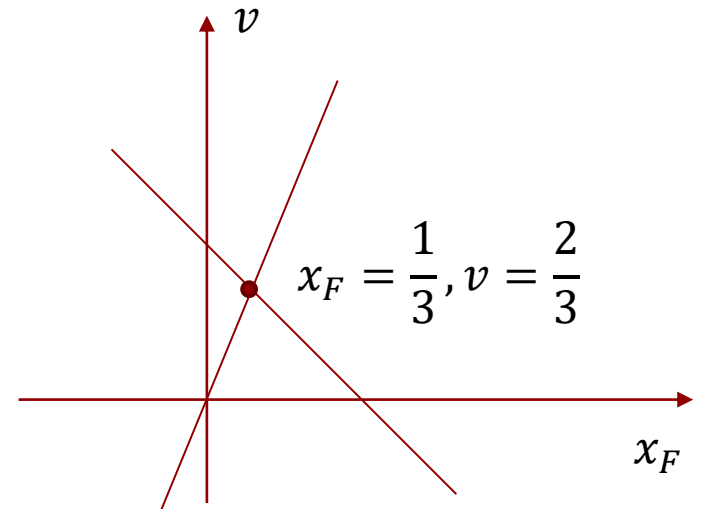


$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x_F, x_C, v} v \\ \text{s.t. } & v \leq x_F * 2 + x_C * 0 \\ & v \leq x_F * 0 + x_C * 1 \\ & x_F + x_C = 1 \\ & x_F \geq 0, x_C \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x_F, v} v \\ \text{s.t. } & v \leq 2x_F \\ & v \leq 1 - x_F \\ & 0 \leq x_F \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Minimax Strategy

- ▶ Minimax Strategy in two-player games:
 - ▶ Minimize best case expected utility for the other player (just want to harm your opponent)
 - ▶ Minimax strategy for player i against player $-i$ is $\operatorname{argmin}_{s_i} \max_{s_{-i}} u_{-i}(s_i, s_{-i})$
 - ▶ **Minimax value** for player $-i$ is $\min_{s_i} \max_{s_{-i}} u_{-i}(s_i, s_{-i})$
 - ▶ Focus on single player's strategy
 - ▶ Can be computed through linear programming

Compute Minimax Strategy

$$\min_{s_i} \max_{s_{-i}} u_{-i}(s_i, s_{-i})$$

- ▶ Minimax strategy can be found through LP
- ▶ Let U_{ij}^2 be player 2's payoff value when player 1 choose action i and player 2 choose action j
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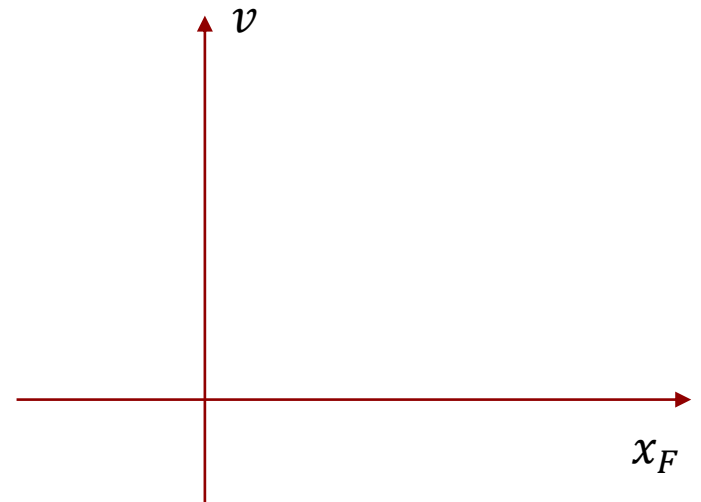
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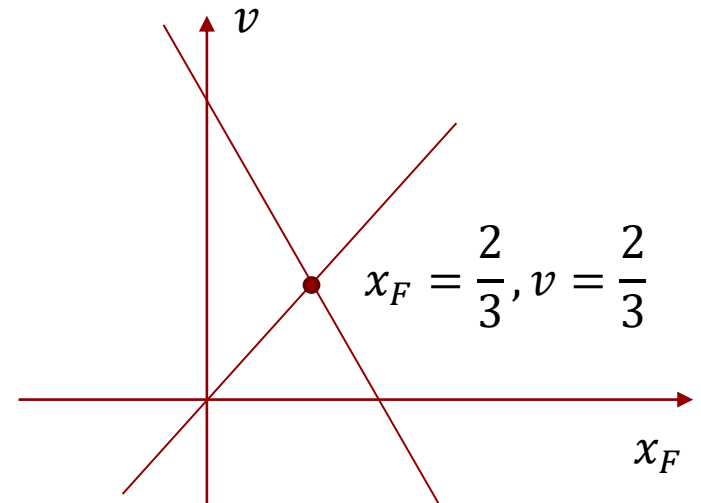


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$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{x_F, v} v \\ \text{s.t. } & v \geq x_F \\ & v \geq 2(1 - x_F) \\ & 0 \leq x_F \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Minimax Theorem

- ▶ Theorem (von Neumann 1928, Nash 1951):
 - ▶ Informal: Minimax value=Maximin value=NE value in finite 2-player zero-sum games
 - ▶ Formally
 - ▶ $\max_{s_i} \min_{s_{-i}} u_i(s_i, s_{-i}) = \min_{s_{-i}} \max_{s_i} u_i(s_i, s_{-i})$
 - ▶ $\exists v \in \mathbb{R}$ such that Player 1 can guarantee value at least v and Player 2 can guarantee loss at most v (v is called value of the game)
 - ▶ Indication: All NEs leads to the same utility profile in a finite two-player zero-sum game

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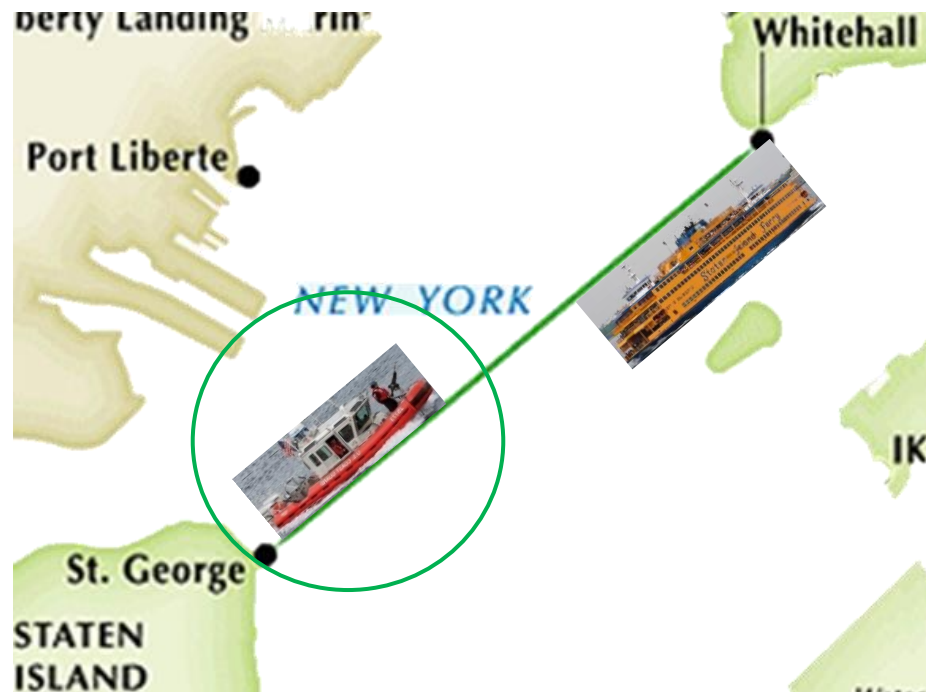
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Protect Ferry Line



Problem

- ▶ Optimize the use of patrol resources
 - ▶ Moving targets: Fixed schedule
 - ▶ Potential attacks: Any time
 - ▶ Continuous time



Model

- ▶ Attacker: Which target, when to attack
- ▶ Defender: Choose a route for patrol boat
- ▶ Payoff value for attacker: $u_i(t)$ if not protected, 0 if protected
- ▶ Minimax: Minimize attacker's expected utility assume attacker best responds

Attacker's Expected Utility = Target Utility \times Probability of Success

$AttEU(i, t)$

$u_i(t)$

$(1 - \sum_{r \text{ protects } t} p_r)$

Adversary

		10:00:00 AM Target 1	10:00:01 AM Target 1	...	10:30:00 AM Target 3	...
Defender	p_r					
	30%	Purple Route	-5, 5	-4, 4		0, 0
	40%	Orange Route				
	20%	Blue Route				
					

Find Minmax Strategy

► Linear program

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_R} v && \text{Probability of route} \\ \text{s.t. } & v \geq \text{AttEU}(i, t), && \text{Best response} \end{aligned}$$

For all target i , time point t

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_r p_r &\leq 1 \\ p_r &\in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{AttEU}(i, t) = u_i(t) \times \left(1 - \sum_{r \text{ protects } t} p_r\right)$$

Challenge: Infinite routes and time points in theory!

HOW TO FIND OPTIMAL DEFENDER STRATEGY

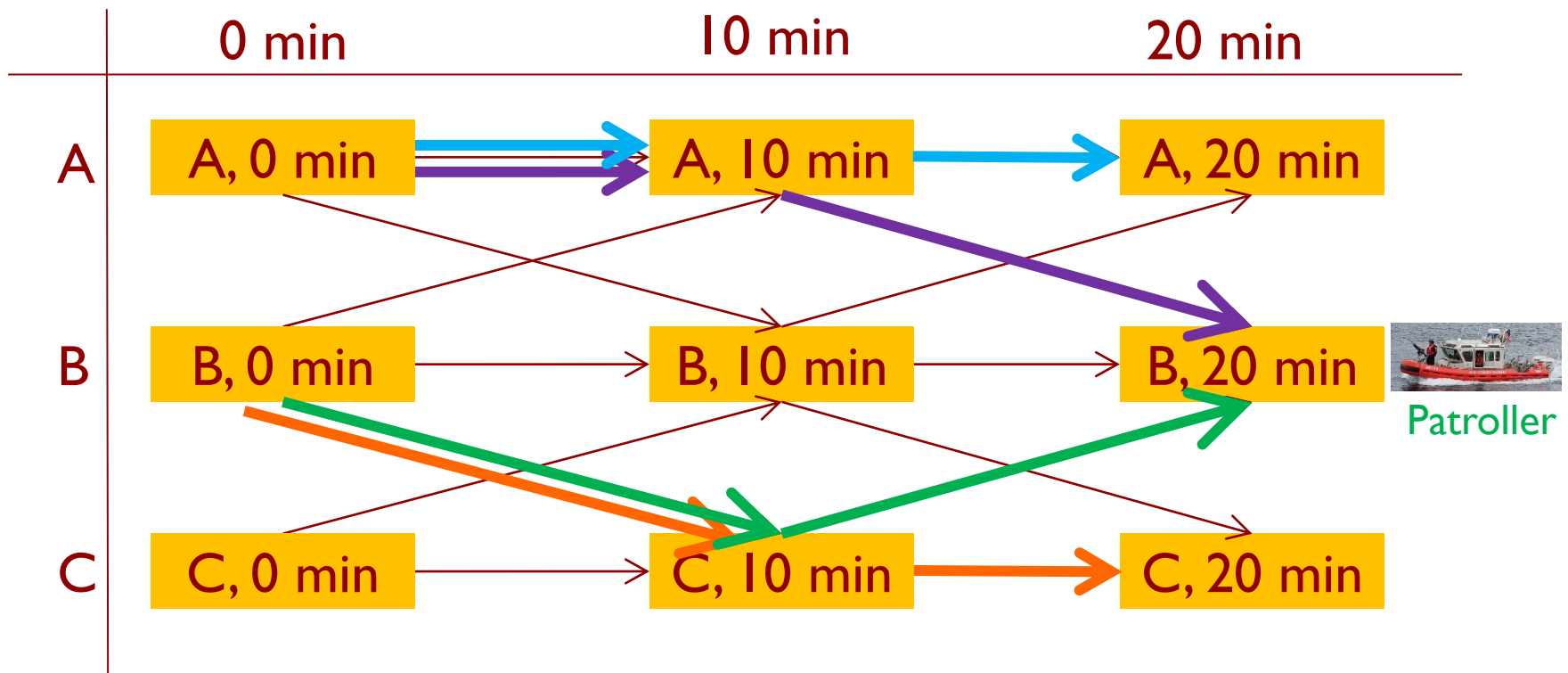
- ▶ Step I: Compact representation for defender

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	Orange Route					
	Blue Route					
					

STEP I: COMPACT REPRESENTATION FOR DEFENDER

► Full representation: Focus on routes (N^T)

- Prob(Orange Route) = 0.37 Prob(Green Route) = 0.33
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- ▶ Linear program

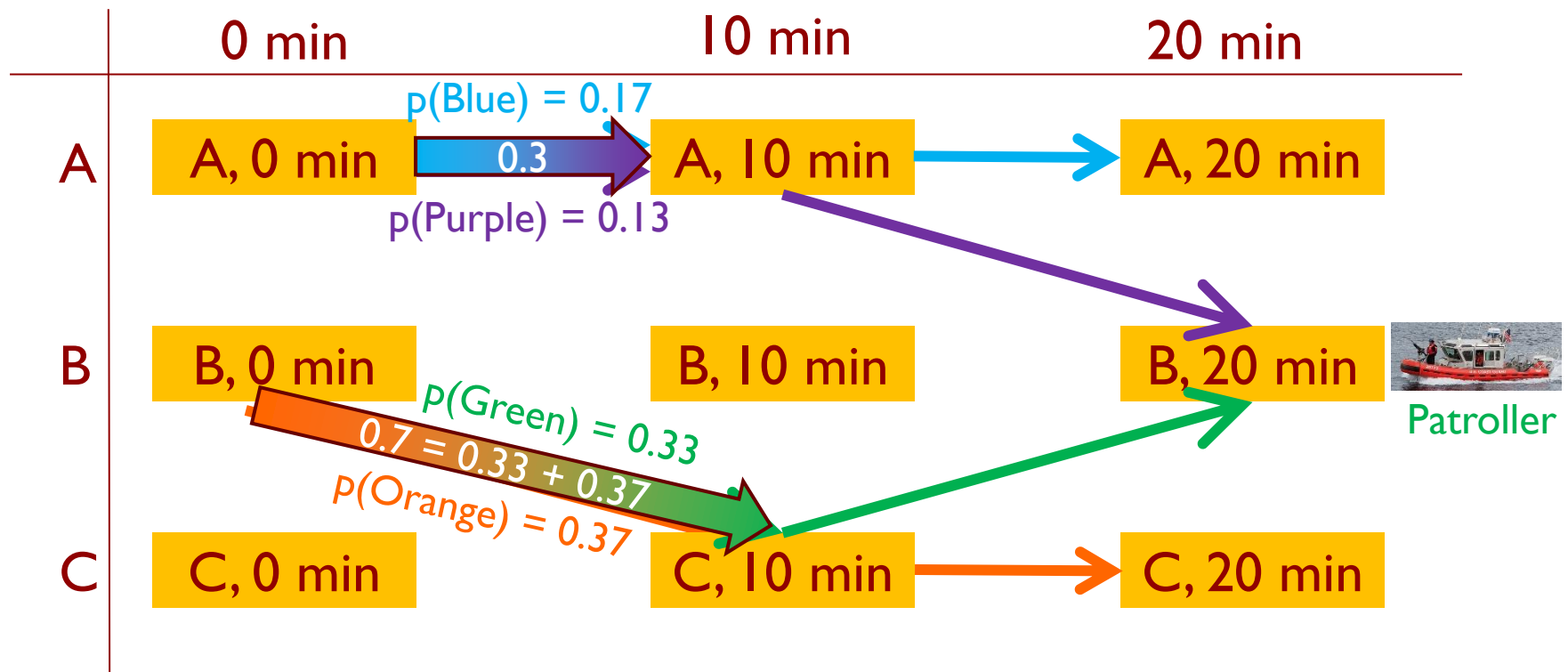
Probability of route
($O(N^T)$ variables)

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Best response

STEP I: COMPACT REPRESENTATION FOR DEFENDER

- ▶ **Compact representation**: Focus on edges (N^2T)
 - ▶ Probability flow over each edge



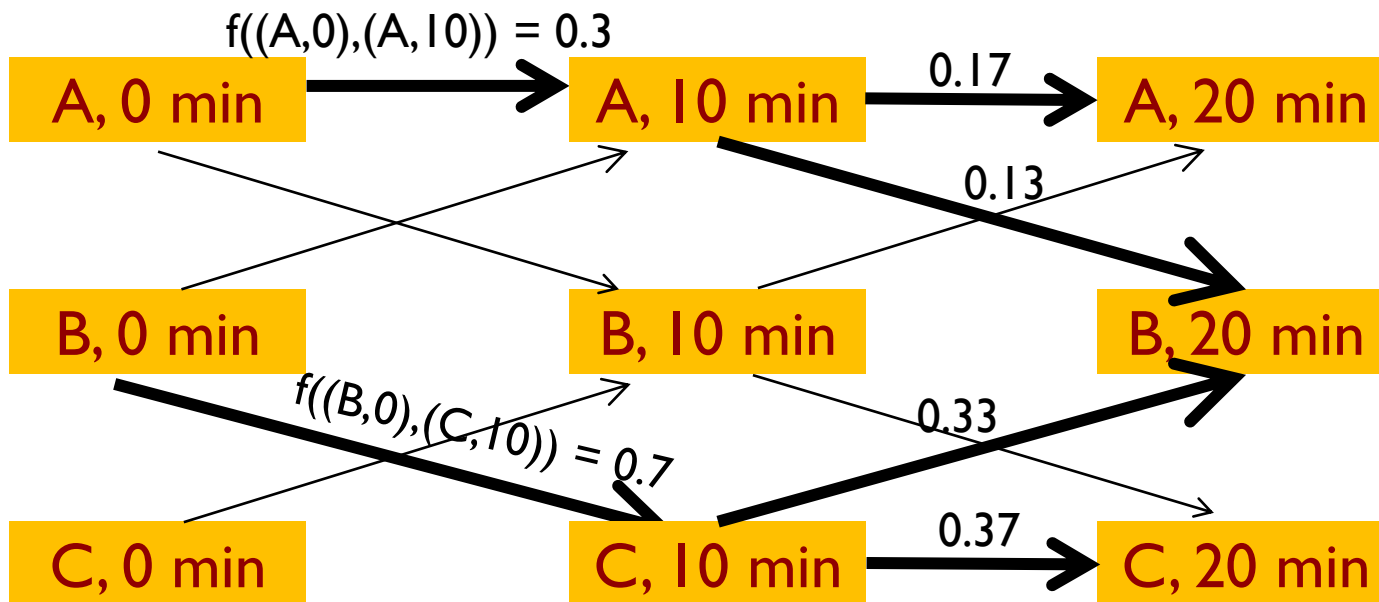
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Probability flow over
each edge
(N^2T variables)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min v \\ & \text{s.t. } v \geq \text{AttEU}(i, t), \\ & \sum_{e \in (i,t) \rightarrow} f(e) = \sum_{e \in \rightarrow(i,t)} f(e) \\ & \sum_{e \in (*,0) \rightarrow} f(e) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Best response

f is a unit flow



STEP I: COMPACT REPRESENTATION FOR DEFENDER

- ▶ **Theorem 1**: Let p, p' be two defender strategies in full representation, and the compact representation for both strategies is f , then

$$\begin{aligned}AttEU_p(i, t) &= AttEU_{p'}(i, t) \\DefEU_p(i, t) &= DefEU_{p'}(i, t), \forall i, t\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Compact representation does not lead to any loss

Poll 2

- ▶ How many variables are needed to compute the optimal defender strategy in compact representation?
 - ▶ A: $O(N^2T)$
 - ▶ B: $O(N^T)$
 - ▶ C: $O(NT^2)$
 - ▶ D: $O(NT)$
 - ▶ E: None of the above
 - ▶ F: I don't know

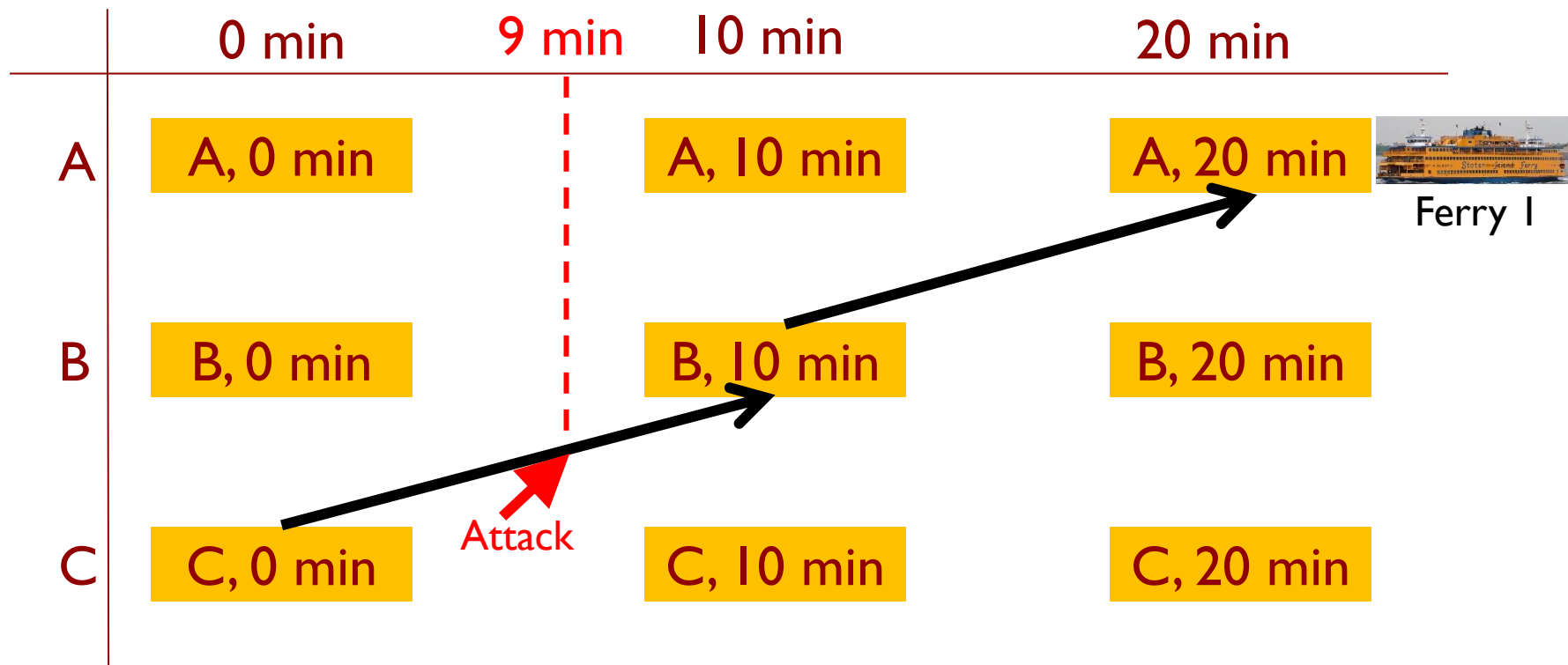
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- ▶ Step I: Compact representation for defender
- ▶ Step II: Compact representation for attacker

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STEP II: COMPACT REPRESENTATION FOR ATTACKER

- ▶ Partition attacker action set
- ▶ Only need to reason about a few attacker actions



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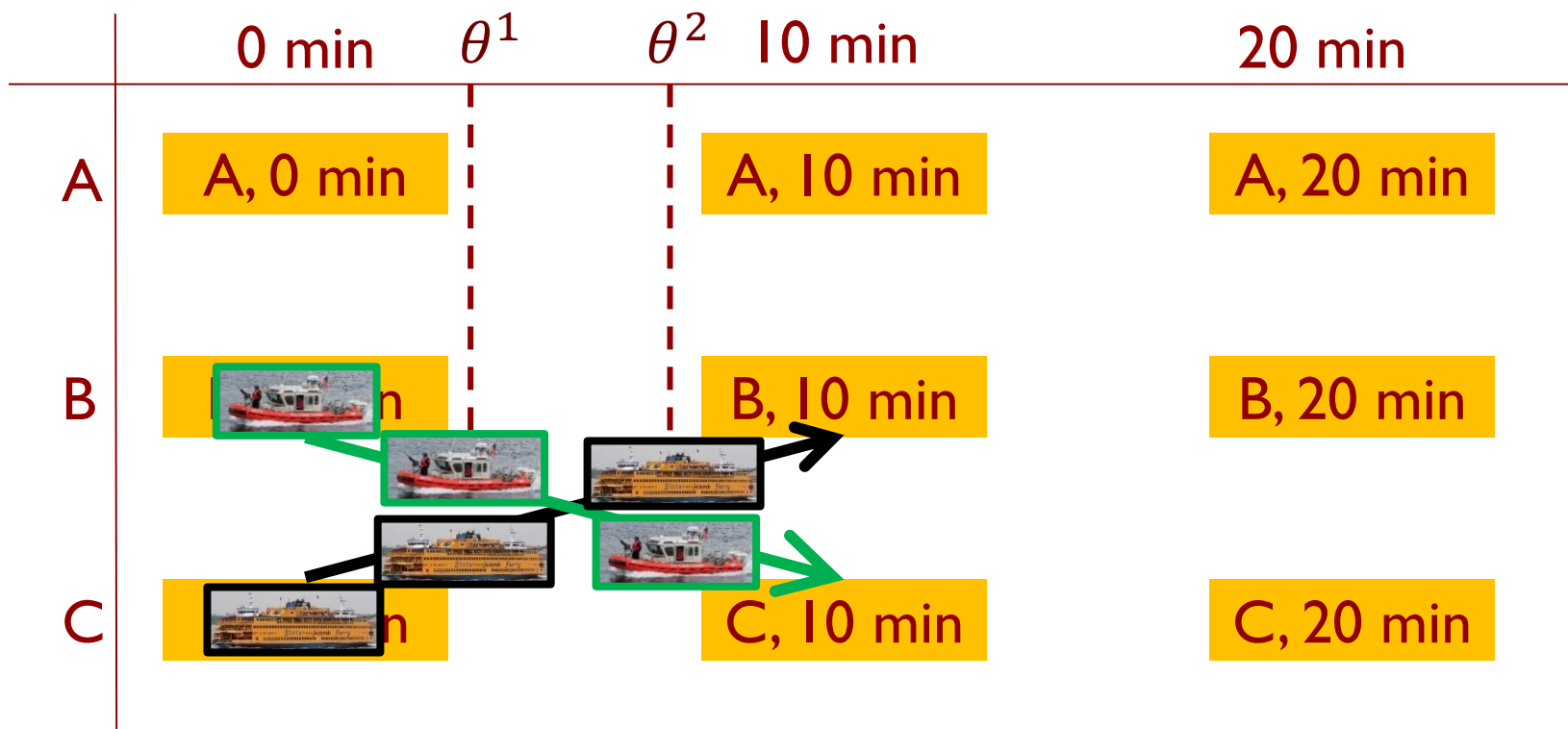
- ▶ Partition points θ^k : When protection status changes



Unprotected
Enter θ^1
Protected
Leave θ^2
Unprotected

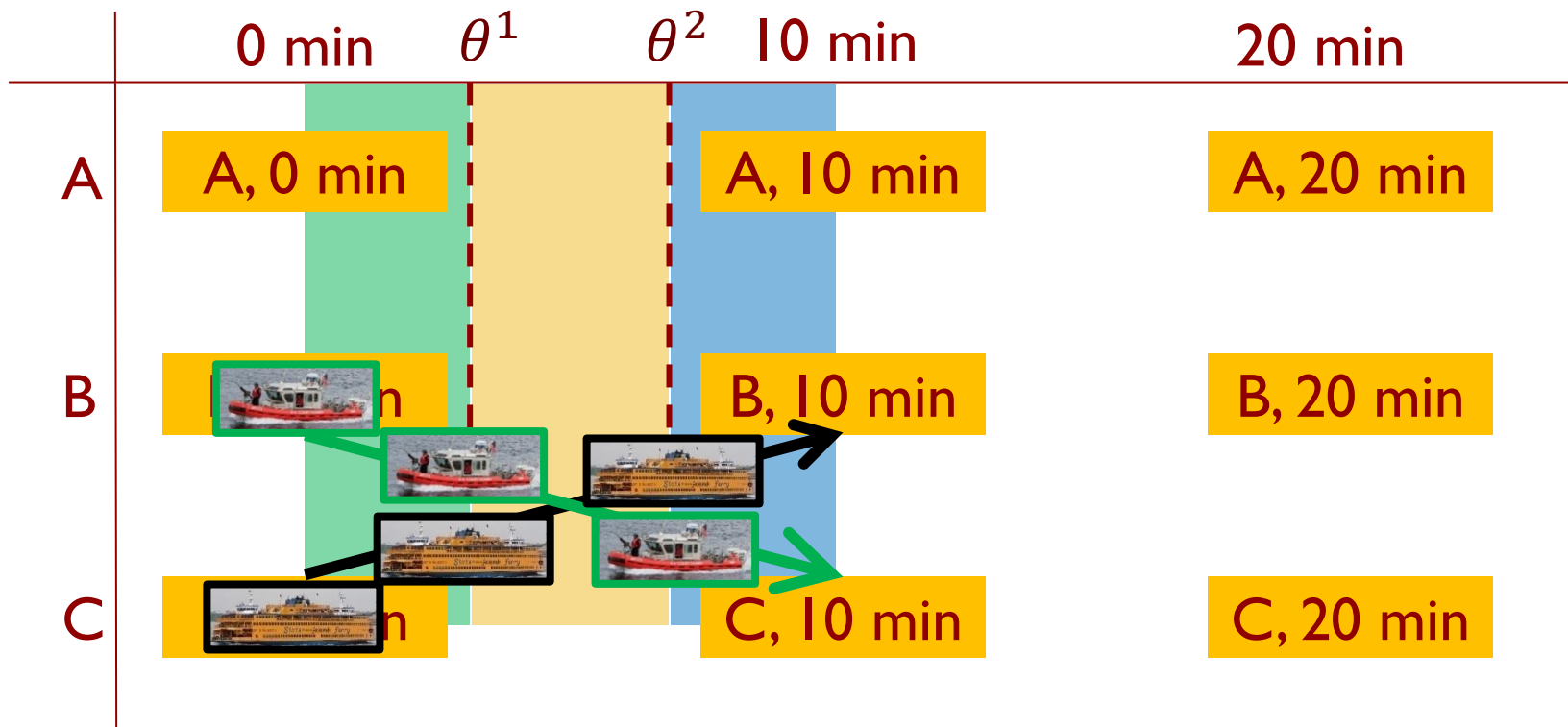
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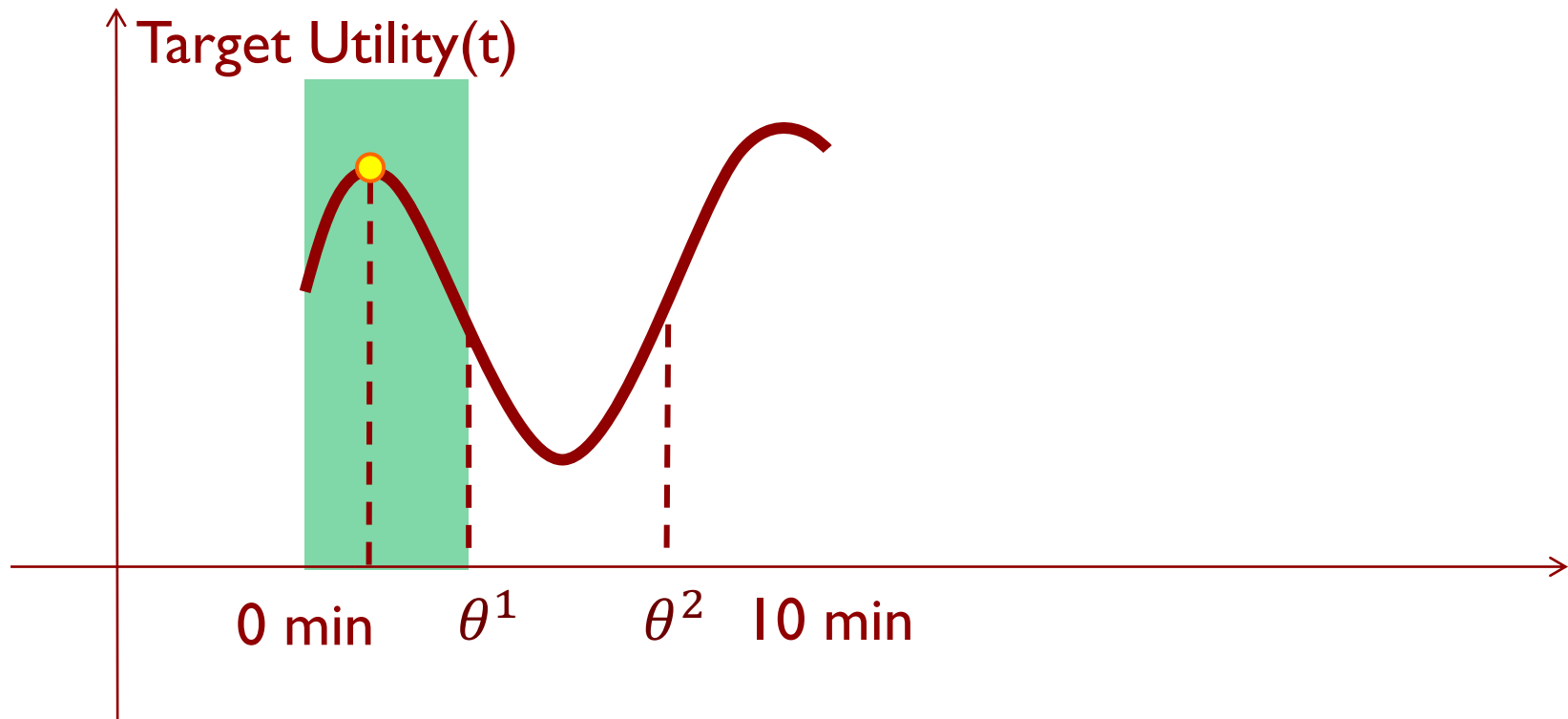
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- ▶ $AttEU = \text{Target Utility}(t) \times \text{Probability of Success}$
- ▶ One best time point in each zone Fixed



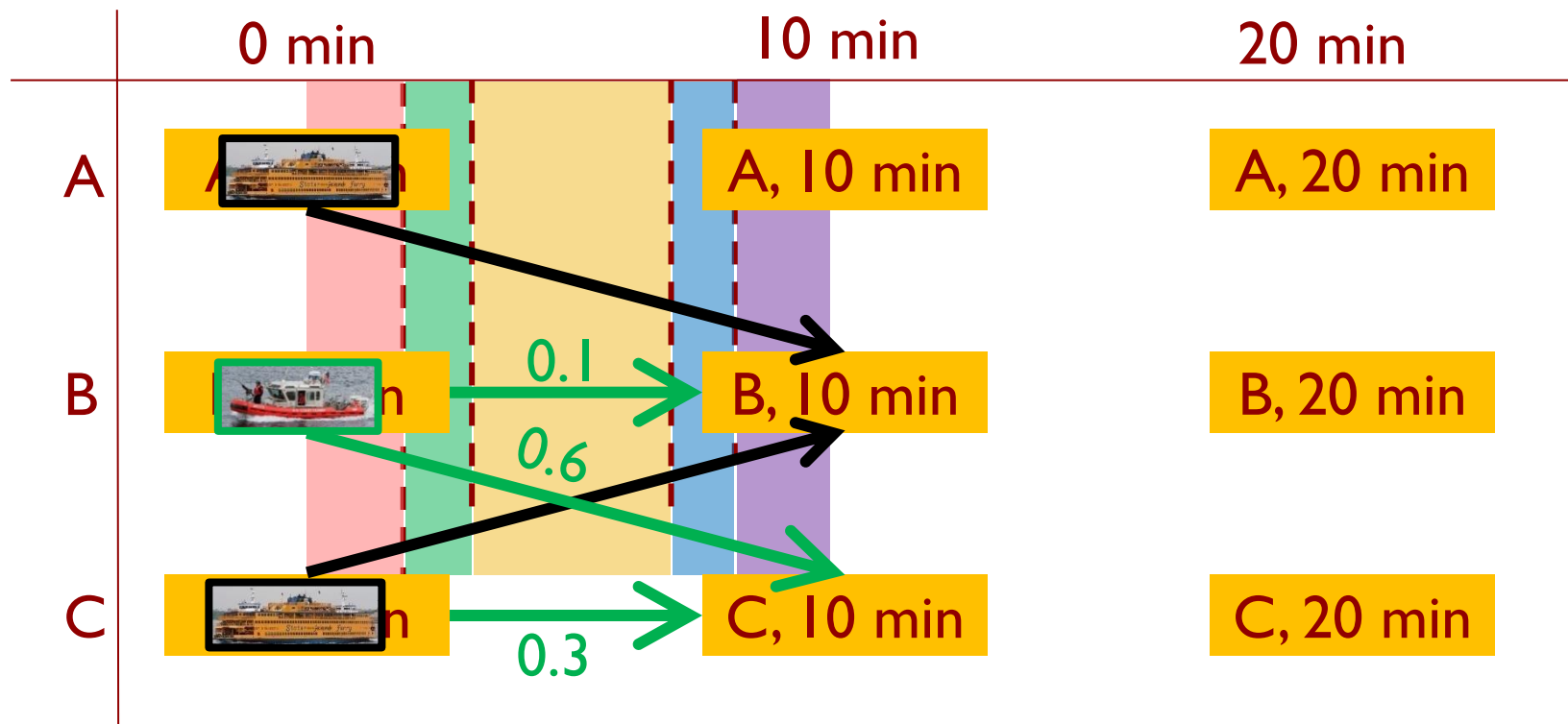
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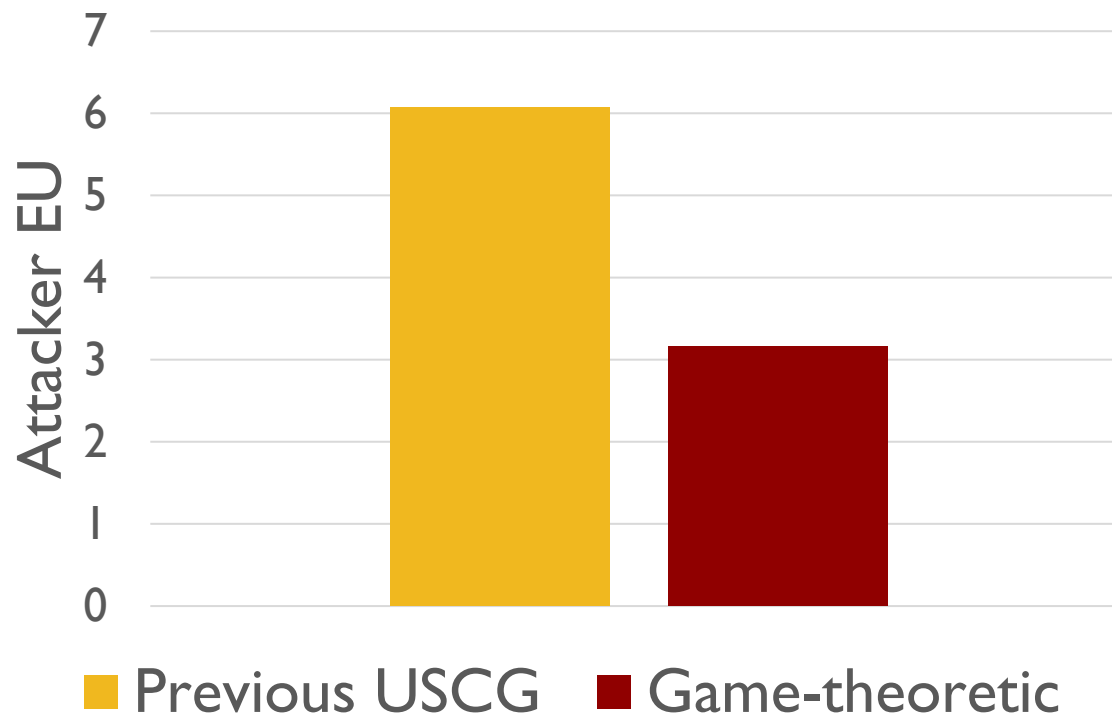
- ▶ **Theorem 2**: Given target utility function $u_i(t)$, assume the defender's pure strategy is restricted to be a mapping from $\{\hat{t}\}$ to $\{\hat{d}\}$, then in the attacker's best response, attacking time $t^* \in \{t^*\} = \{t | \exists i, j \text{ such that } t = \arg \max_{t' \in [\theta_j, \theta_{j+1}]} u_i(t')\}$
- ▶ Only considering the best time points does not lead to any loss when attacker best responds
- ▶ $\infty \rightarrow O(N^2T)$

HOW TO FIND OPTIMAL DEFENDER STRATEGY

- ▶ Step I: Compact representation for defender
- ▶ Step II: Compact representation for attacker
- ▶ Step III: Consider infinite defender action set
- ▶ Step IV: Equilibrium refinement

EVALUATION: SIMULATION RESULTS

- ▶ Randomly chosen utility function
- ▶ Attacker's expected utility (lower is better)



EVALUATION: FEEDBACK FROM REAL-WORLD

- ▶ US Coast Guard evaluation
 - ▶ Point defense to zone defense
 - ▶ Increased randomness
 - ▶ Mock attacker
- ▶ Patrollers feedback
 - ▶ More dynamic (speed change, U-turn)
- ▶ Professional mariners' observation
 - ▶ Apparent increase in Coast Guard patrols
- ▶ Used by USCG (without being forced)

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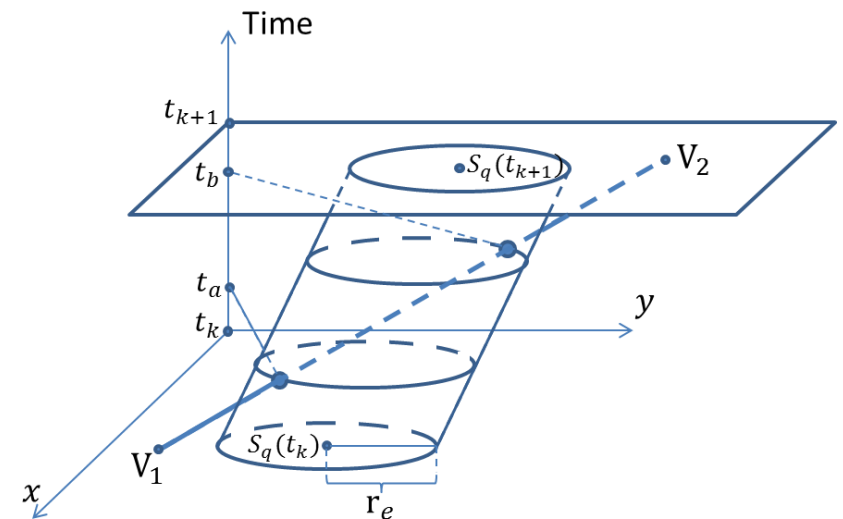
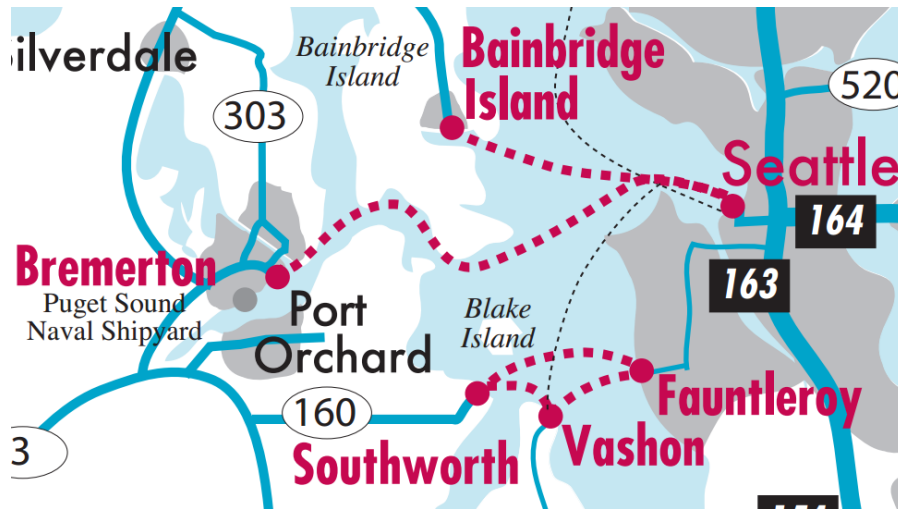
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EXTEND TO 2-D NETWORK

- ▶ Complex ferry system: Seattle, San Francisco
- ▶ Calculate partition points in 3D space



Additional Resources and References

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- ▶ *Algorithmic Game Theory 1st Edition, Chapters 1-3*
Noam Nisan (Editor), Tim Roughgarden (Editor), Eva Tardos (Editor), Vijay V. Vazirani (Editor)
 - ▶ <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~sandholm/cs15-892F13/algorithmic-game-theory.pdf>
- ▶ [Multiagent Systems: Algorithmic, Game-Theoretic, and Logical Foundations](#), Chp 3,4
- ▶ Online course
 - ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/user/gametheoryonline>
- ▶ [Optimal Patrol Strategy for Protecting Moving Targets with Multiple Mobile Resources](#)

Backup Slides

Minimax Strategy

- ▶ Minimax Strategy in n-player games:
 - ▶ Coordinate with other players to minimize best case expected utility for a particular player (just want to harm that player)
 - ▶ Minimax strategy for player i against player j is i 's component of s_{-j} in $\operatorname{argmin}_{s_{-j}} \max_{s_j} u_j(s_j, s_{-j})$
 - ▶ **Minimax value** for player j is $\min_{s_{-j}} \max_{s_j} u_j(s_j, s_{-j})$
 - ▶ Focus on single player's strategy
 - ▶ Can be computed through linear programming (treating all players other than j as a meta-player)

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$$(2): x_1 + x_2 = 1, y_1 + y_2 = 1$$

$$(3): u_A(F, s_B) = u_A(C, s_B), u_B(s_A, F) = u_B(s_A, C)$$

$$u_A(F, s_B) = 2 \times y_1 + 0 \times y_2$$

$$u_B(s_A, F) = 1 \times x_1 + 0 \times x_2$$

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$$\text{So } 2y_1 = y_2$$

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Solve the equations in (2)(3) and get $s_A = (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$, $s_B = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ which satisfy (1). It is indeed a NE with specified support.

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 - ▶ Constraints (1b, 1c): Probabilities are nonnegative, probability of actions not in the support is zero
 - $x_i \geq 0, \forall i; y_j \geq 0, \forall j; x_i = 0, \forall i \notin J_1; y_j = 0, \forall j \notin J_2$
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 - ▶ Constraints (3): **Expected utility (EU) of choosing any action in the support is the same when fixing the other player's strategy**
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 - ▶ Constraints (4): Actions not in support does not lead to higher expected utility
 - $\sum_{j \in J_2} y_j u_1(i, j) \leq v_1, \forall i \notin J_1; \sum_{i \in J_1} x_i u_2(i, j) \leq v_2, \forall j \notin J_2$
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Compute Nash Equilibrium

- ▶ Find all Nash Equilibrium (two-player)
 - ▶ Support Enumeration Method
 - ▶ Lemke-Howson Algorithm
 - ▶ Linear Complementarity (LCP) formulation (another special class of optimization problem)
 - ▶ Solve by pivoting on support (similar to Simplex algorithm)
 - ▶ In practice, available solvers/packages: nashpy (python), gambit project (<http://www.gambit-project.org/>)