

Extensive Form Games with Simultaneous Moves and their Normal Form Representation

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Perfect vs. Imperfect Information

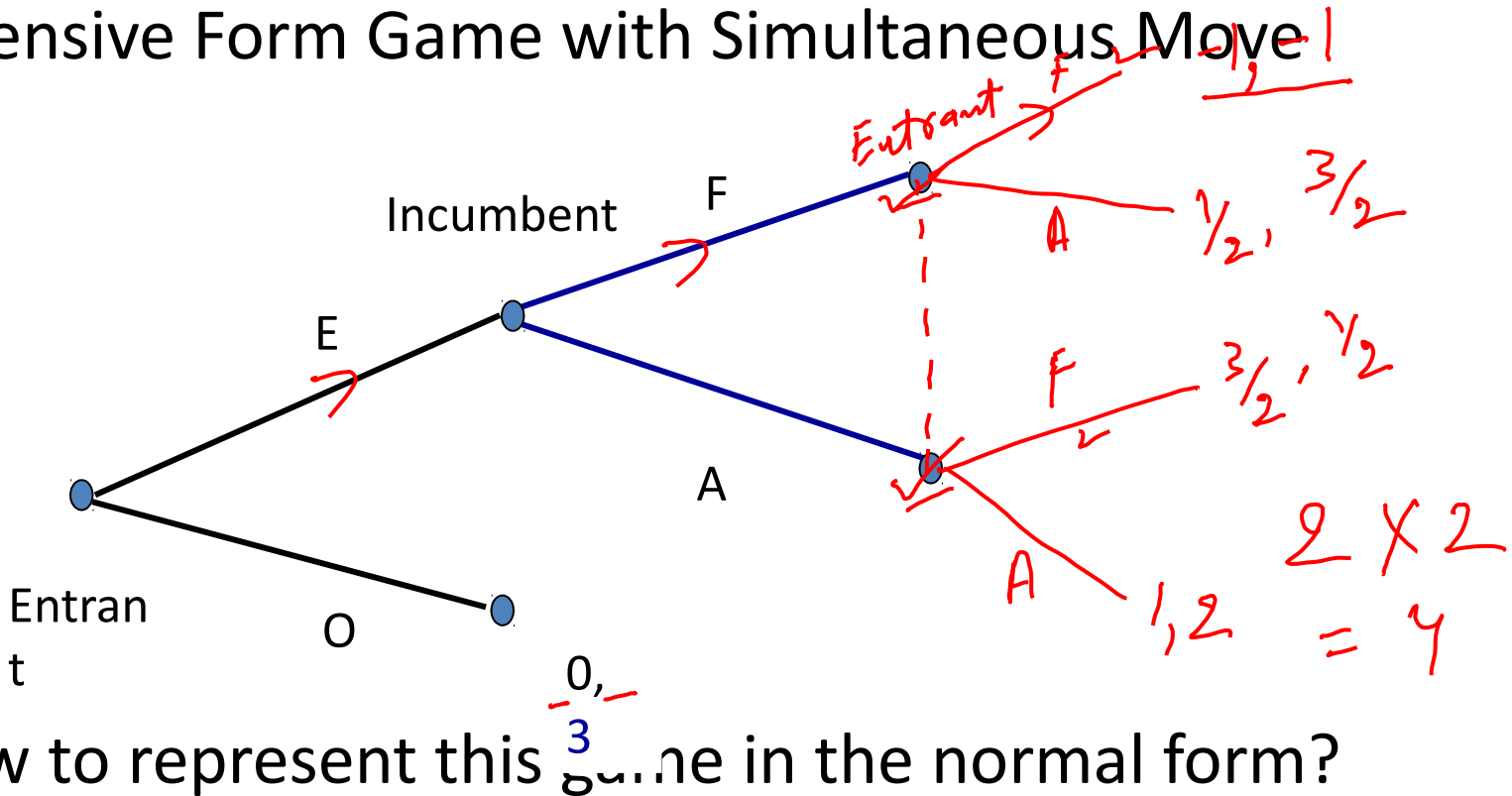
- Perfect Information
 - Players, when making any decision, know of all the events that have previously occurred.
 - All information sets are singleton.
- Imperfect Information:
 - Players when making any decision, may not be perfectly informed about some (or all) of the events that have already occurred.
 - At least one of the information sets is not singleton.
- Common Knowledge: Players know the game structure

Different Game Forms

- Simultaneous Move Game
- Extensive Form Games
 - With Perfect Information
 - With Imperfect Information.
- Entry game with a modification
 - After the entrant enters the market, it does not know whether the incumbent will fight or accommodate
 - The entrant at this stage can also fight or accommodate the incumbent.

Entry Game with Modification

- Extensive Form Game with Simultaneous Move



- How to represent this game in the normal form?

Deriving Normal Form from Extensive Form Games.

- Step 1: Derive the Number of Strategies for each player.
- Step 2: In case of two players: draw the normal form table. In case of more players: List all the strategy profiles.
- Step 3: Fill in the corresponding pay-offs.

For the Modified Entry Game

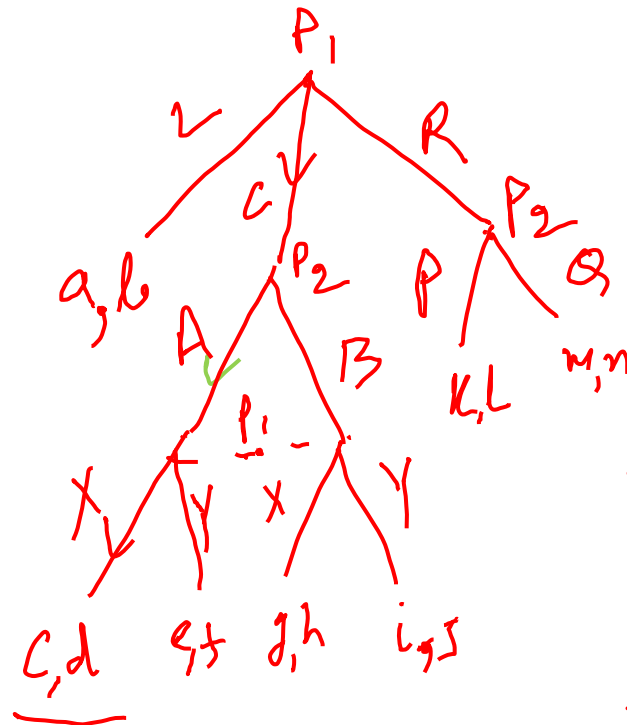
- List of Players: {Entrant, Incumbent}
- Strategies of Entrant: {EA, EF, OA, OF}
- Strategies of Incumbent: {A, F}

Entrant

	<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>
EA		
EF	-1, -1	
OA	0, 3	0, 3
OF	0, 3	0, 3

Incumbent

One More Example



$\rightarrow \{P_1, P_2\}$

$$P_1 \rightarrow \underline{3 \times 2 = 6}$$

$$S_1 = \{LX, LY, CX, CY, RX, RY\}$$

$$S_2 = \{AP, AQ, BP, BQ\}.$$

	AP	AQ	BP	BQ
LX	a, b	a, b	a, b	a, b
LY	a, b	a, b	a, b	a, b
CX	c, d			
CY				
RX				
RY				