

# Economics for CPS researchers

## from Arrow & Nash to non-Coasian worldview (continued)

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From tastes differences to non-cooperative bargaining  
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# Bargaining: Cooperative and Non-Cooperative

## Intro to Non-Cooperative Bargaining Theory

- Property rights and bargaining: how to allocate the rights
- Farrell (1987): examples of allocating the rights
- Rubinstein (1982) [extends & generalizes Stahl (1972)]
- Yildiz (2011) [Nash & Rubinstein approaches reconciled]
- Applications of bargaining

# Materials

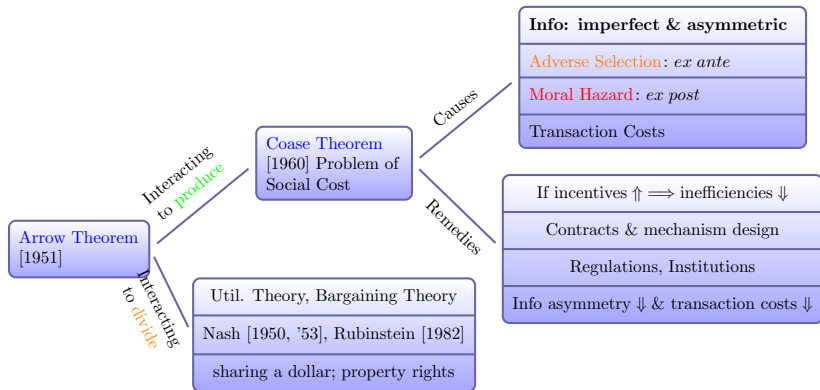
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# Arrow impossibility theorem & its progenies



Arrow, Coase, Nash Bargaining [+ the tree of knowledge]

# Public Goods when tastes differ (Farrell 1987)

Room temperature (conflict?): office mates [Players A & B]

$x$  public outcome [temperature]

$u(x, a)$  player A dis-utility

$v(x, b)$  player B dis-utility

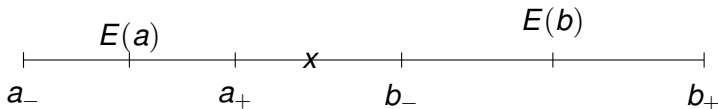
$a \in [a_-, a_+]$  player A taste [private info]

$b \in [b_-, b_+]$  player B taste [private info]

$U = u + v$  aggregate societal loss

0 zero costs [free electricity]

*uniform* independently dist. tastes on  
resp. intervals



Preferred temperature(s) intervals for player A & B

# Farrell 1987: effects of private information

**Question:** How to allocate property rights in the **most socially beneficial way** (in the presence of hidden information)?

Each player minimizes:

$$u(x, b) = -\beta(x - b)^2 \text{ [Player B dis-utility]}$$

$$u(x, a) = -\alpha(x - a)^2 \text{ [Player A dis-utility]},$$

Private knowledge of  $a$  and  $b$ ; for others  $a$  and  $b$  are uniformly (independently) distributed on intervals  $[a_-, a_+]$  and  $[b_-, b_+]$   
 Constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  – known parameters

Possibilities for choosing  $x$  ?

# Possible games [procedures of finding $x$ ]

## Possible allocations of property rights (for $x$ )

- **Building manager dictates**  $x$  to minimize social dis-utility  
[Conditional on his limited information]
- **Building manager (aka Social Planner) designs** a mechanism to find optimal  $x$  [uncovers tastes via standard revelation procedure]
- **Player  $A$**  dictates  $x$ ; player  $B$  compensates  $A$   
[Player  $B$  offers menu of contracts]
- **Player  $B$**  dictates  $x$ ; player  $A$  compensates  $B$   
[Player  $A$  offers menu of contracts]

We will start with a **benchmark of perfect information**

# Dixit & Olson (2000): public good provision

with volunteer participation [draw on Palfrey & Rosenthal (1984)]

$N$  identical players  
 $V$  per person benefit  
 $V \times N$  societal benefit  
 $C$  cost of public good  
 IN/OUT participate or not in financing  
 $n$  number of players IN



"Everyone here? Good. Meeting topic: Setting world record for shortest meeting. All in favor say aye. Ayes have it. Meeting over."





# Dixit & Olson (2000): an illustration

IN



Payoffs

$$V - \frac{C}{n}$$

OUT



$V$  [free riders]

# Comparison of P&R1989 and D&O2000

Dixit & Olson (2000): No private information

	<i>Player 2</i>	
	<i>IN</i> (contribute)	<i>OUT</i> (don't)
<i>IN</i>	$1 - C/2, 1 - C/2$	$1 - C, 1$
<i>OUT</i>	$1, 1 - C$	$0, 0$

Palfrey & Rosenthal (1989): Private information

	<i>Player 2</i>	
	<i>IN</i> (contribute)	<i>OUT</i> (don't)
<i>IN</i>	$1 - c_1, 1 - c_2$	$1 - c_1, 1$
<i>OUT</i>	$1, 1 - c_2$	$0, 0$

Each player knows own cost, and a dist. function  $P(\cdot)$  from which the other player cost is drawn.

# Public goods provision with private information

2	identical players
$V = 1$	per player benefit
$1 \times 2$	societal benefit
$c_i$	player $i$ cost if IN (contributes)
$P(\cdot)$	distribution of costs
IN/OUT	contribute or not



OUT,OUT



IN, OUT



IN,IN

# P&R1989

IN



Payoffs

$$1 - c_i$$

OUT



1 [free rider]

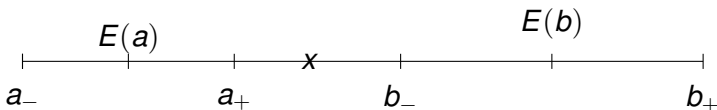
## Proposition

*Any symmetric equilibrium of P&R1989 game is mixed.*

# Comparing F1987 and P&R1989

## Farrell (1987)

How to determine  $x$ ? [Games differ by how  $x$  is chosen and by whom]



## Palfrey and Rosenthal (1989)

	<i>Player 2</i>	
	<i>IN</i> (contribute)	<i>OUT</i> (don't)
<i>IN</i>	$1 - c_1, 1 - c_2$	$1 - c_1, 1$
<i>OUT</i>	$1, 1 - c_2$	$0, 0$

Both papers have private info (tastes/costs) Players know own taste/cost, and a dist. function from which the other player taste/cost is drawn.

# Farrell 1987 setup summary

Player  $A$  dictates  $x$  (has property rights for  $x$ )

$x(a)$

outcome

$p(a)$

payment for outcome  $x(a)$

$p(\cdot), x(\cdot)$

menu choice of  $B$  [for a given  $a$ ]

$a$

preferred point of  $A$ , wlg  $a \leq b$

$b$

preferred point of  $B$

$\alpha$

$$\alpha + \beta = 1$$

known taste' weight of  $A$

$\beta$

known taste's weight of  $B$

$E(a)$

$$\frac{a_- + a_+}{2}$$

$E(b)$

$$\frac{b_- + b_+}{2}$$

$r$

$$\text{var}(a) = \frac{(a_- + a_+)^2}{12}$$

$s$

$$\text{var}(b) = \frac{(b_- + b_+)^2}{12}$$

$a$

is uniform on  $[a_-, a_+]$

$b$

is uniform on  $[b_-, b_+]$

# Benchmark of perfect information

The average conflict  $C$  between  $B$  and  $A$  is  $C = E(b) - E(a)$

perfect information case: For Pareto efficiency

$$W(a, b) = -\min \left\{ \beta(x - b)^2 + \alpha(x - a)^2 \right\}.$$

Thus, **benchmark of perfect information** gives socially optimal  $x^*$ :

$$x^* = \frac{\alpha a + \beta b}{\alpha + \beta} = \alpha a + \beta b, \text{ when } \alpha + \beta = 1.$$

$E(W^*)$  – aggregate welfare in social optimum (on average, at first best  
[**benchmark of perfect information**])

$$E(W^*) = - \int_{a_-}^{a_+} \int_{b_-}^{b_+} \{W(a, b)\} f(a)f(b) dadb$$

# Social Optimum Benchmark [the lowest dis-utility]

## Benchmark of perfect information

This lowest dis-utility is achievable when the values  $(a, b)$  are given is  $W^*(a, b)$ . This dis-utility is unequal to the average dis-utility:

$$W^*(a, b) \leq E(W^*)$$

Could mechanism design could help to illicit hidden information, and (in repeated case) achieve “almost balance the budget”?



# Building Manager dictates property rights “on average”

Building manager dictates  $x$  [knows only prob. distributions of  $a$  &  $b$ ; he does not know the realizations]

→ His choice of  $x$  should depend on public information only:

$$x^{SP} = \alpha E(a) + \beta E(b).$$

compare with benchmark of perfect information

$$x^* = \alpha a + \beta b$$

Welfare loss (relative to perfect information)

$$W^{SP} < W^* < 0.$$

$$W^* - W^{SP} = \beta^2 r + \alpha^2 s.$$

# Social Optimum via Mechanism Design

## By Building Manager

### Building manager designs a mechanism

The goal is to elicit truthful realizations of  $a$  and  $b$ . Players must pay to Building Manager (the amount of externality of  $A$  on  $B$  - net effect of  $a'$  on player  $B$  payoff)

$$p_A^{MD} = \beta (\alpha a' + \beta b - b)^2 \text{ and } p_B^{MD} = \alpha (\beta b' + \alpha a - a)^2.$$

Then:  $a'$  and  $b'$  truthfully reported, and  $x^{MD} = \beta a' + \alpha b'$  is first-best. If no lump-sum transfer back, the cost of revelation is

$$p_A^{MD} + p_B^{MD} = \beta (\alpha a' + \beta b - b)^2 + \alpha (\beta b' + \alpha a - a)^2.$$

If the players can refuse to participate in mech design, and instead rely on “on average” allocation, will they do that?

# Player Welfare with Mechanism Design

$$W_A^{MD} = -\beta(x - b)^2 - \alpha(x - a)^2 = W^*(a, b) = W_B^{MD}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W^{MD} &= -\beta(x - b')^2 - \alpha(x - a')^2 - p_A^{MD} - p_B^{MD} \\ &= \left[ -\beta(\beta a' + \alpha b' - b')^2 - \alpha(\beta a' + \alpha b' - a')^2 \right] \times 2 \\ &= 2W^*(a, b) < W^*(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

Mechanism design achieves truthful revelation, BUT

Aggregate welfare (of player A & B) is lower than with complete info.

If Building Manager is also a player, optimum is achieved [problematic]

# Social Optimum via Mechanism Design:

Could player payments to Building Manager return to them? I

How return player payments (to Building Manager) back to them?

[This will reduce player dis-utility.]

Only possible to use lump-sum (a constant transfer)

Let building manager return lump-sum  $E(W^*)$  to the occupants, i.e., on average (in expectation) incentive payments are returned to players

$$W_A^{MD} + W_B^{MD} = 2W^*(a, b) + E(W^*),$$

and

$$W_A^{MD} = W_B^{MD} = W^*(a, b) - \frac{E(W^*)}{2} \leq \frac{E(W^*)}{2}$$

If the players could refuse to participate (vote?), will they choose so?  
For what parameters & outside option(s)? For what values of tastes?

# Player $A$ has initial property rights

## Optimal allocation (with a possibility of contracting)

Can Player  $B$  improve the allocation (relative to the allocation optimal for player  $A$ )? How?

Intuition: Player  $B$  can offer player  $A$  a payment in exchange for more favorable (for player  $B$ ) choice(s) of  $x$ .

## Incentive Problem: how player $B$ chooses $x(a)$ and $p(a)$

Optimization problem of player  $B$ : to design a menu  $(x(a), p(a))$  to maximize [the expected value]

$$\tilde{u}(x, b) = v(x(a), b) - p(a) = -p(a) - \beta(x(a) - b)^2,$$

where  $x(a)$  is an outcome induced by the payment of  $p(a)$  to player  $A$ .

# Player $A$ has initial property rights

## Player $B$ offers a menu of contracts

Player  $A$  reveals  $a$  truthfully if

$$p(a) - \alpha(x(a) - a)^2 \geq p(a') - \alpha(x(a') - a')^2. \quad [\text{IC=incentive compatibility}]$$

FOCs are:

$$\frac{dp(a)}{da} = 2\alpha(x(a) - a) \frac{dx(a)}{da}$$

Incentive compatability for  $A$  (to accept the offer from  $B$ )

$$-p(a) - \alpha(x(a) - a)^2 \geq 0. \quad [\text{IR=individual rationality (participation)}]$$

[IC] is automatic if  $B$  sets  $x(a) = a$  and  $p(a) = 0$ . Generically, only one constraint [IC or IR] binds strictly. Let  $z$  denote such  $a$  that player  $A$  is indifferent between taking payment  $p(z)$  or not:

$$p(z) - \alpha(x(z) - z)^2 = 0$$

$$p(z) = \alpha(x(z) - z)^2$$

# Player $A$ (or $B$ ) has initial property rights

## Side payments between the players are allowed

If  $A$  sets  $x(a)$  (for a compensation  $p(a)$  from  $B$ ), his best choice is

$$x(a) = x^* - \alpha (a_+ - a) \leq x^* = \beta a + \alpha b,$$

Inefficiency in expectation is  $\alpha^2 (a_+ - a)^2$  or  $4\alpha^2 r$

$$W^* - W^A = 4\alpha^2 r$$

If  $B$  sets  $x$  (for a compensation  $p(x)$  from  $A$ ) he will set

$$x(b) = x^* + \beta (b_+ - b) \geq x^*.$$

$$W^* - W^B = 4\beta^2 s$$

# Comparison of games [differ by procedure that sets $x$ ]

## Benchmark of perfect information vs

### Possible allocations of property rights (for $x$ )

- **Building manager dictates**  $x$ ; preferred when  $\alpha^2 \times r \approx \beta^2 \times s$   
[inefficiency is  $\alpha^2 \times r + \beta^2 \times s$ ]
- **Building manager designs** a mechanism to set  $x$   
[possibly improves on **Building manager dictate**]
- **Player A** dictates  $x$ ; is preferred when  $\alpha$  and  $r$  are relatively low  
[inefficiency is  $4\alpha^2 \times r$ ]
- **Player B** dictates  $x$ ; is preferred when  $\beta$  and  $s$  are relatively low  
[inefficiency is  $4\beta^2 \times s$ ]



# Comparison of possible allocations: Conclusion

## First best is unattainable

With private info, efficiency via mechanism design is unattainable.

## Second best depends on parameters

The "second best" property rights allocation could occur at different games (see previous slide).

# Non-cooperative vs Cooperative Bargaining

## Why bargaining is important for CPS

- 1 Conflicts of individual and group preferences
- 2 No truthful preference revelation [in general, even with 2 parties]
- 3 Need to allocate ownership rights

## Why cooperative bargaining is not enough

- ? – obvious?
- Two pillars of bargaining theory
  - Axiomatic Nash Bargaining Solution
  - Rubinstein Solution of Alternating Bargaining Game
- Stahl-Rubinstein B. [differences from Nash B.]
  - strategic
  - protocol details matter (bargaining procedure)
  - versatile – can account for delay, risk, costs...

# Foundations of non-cooperative bargaining theory

An asset  
(surplus)



## Rubinstein's alternating bargaining model

$X$  set of agreements  $(x_1, x_2)$

$x_i$  player  $i$  share,  $x_i \geq 0$

$D$  Disagreement [worse than any agreement]

$t$  time,  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

## Why alternating offers?

Time preferences drive the model

# From Nash to Rubinstein: Dividing a fixed pie

## Cooperative: Nash

- Perfect information
- Known player utilities
- Axioms N1- N5 [à la Arrow (1951)]



## Noncooperative: Rubinstein

- from automata to humans
- allocation depends on
  - player preferences (objectives)
  - environment features (asset properties)
  - bargaining protocol



# From Nash to Rubinstein: Examples

Rubinstein and Nash coincide for discount rates close to 1.

## Cooperative: N

- Perfect info
- Axioms N1 - N5
- Unique solution

## Examples

?

Nash solution: impractical  
important methodologically  
widely used in the literature



## Noncooperative: R

- Alternating offers
- Impatient players
- Axioms R1 - R6
- Unique solution

## Examples

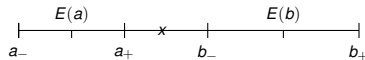
- Legal: private (divorce)
- Legal: corporate (patent litigation)
- personal: hm... dividing a pie



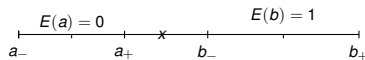
# Farrell'87 vs Rubinstein'82

## Farrell: allocation of rights matters!

- Applied [simplistic, but realistic]
- How to evaluate inefficiencies
- Thoughts provoking



Farrell: temperature intervals preferred by players  $A$  &  $B$



## R: HOW the rights are allocated

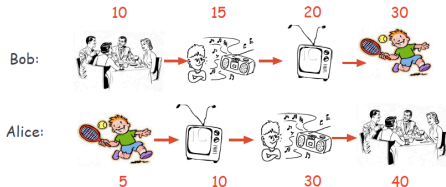
- Theoretical [axiomatic]
- Focus on bargaining protocol(s)
- Connects with Nash bargaining
- Opens a new field (cited 5000+ times)



Rubinstein: Players 1 & 2 [ $A$  &  $B$ ]

# Dividing an asset via bargaining

An asset  
(surplus)



Surplus sharing problem: bargaining approach

- $v$  Buyer's valuation
- $c$  Seller's cost
- $S$  Surplus,  $S = v - c$
- $p$  Price

Trade can happen at any  $p \in [c, v]$ .

Nash bargaining solution

Unique  $p$  exists (under very stylized axioms).

# Rubinstein alternating offers model

## Examples of non-cooperative bargaining

- Dividing a dollar
- Negotiating a sale price of a good (car)
- Negotiating wages [with given profit]

## Formal Rubinstein's Model

$$X = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \mid x_1 + x_2 = 1 \text{ \& } x_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \right\}.$$

A bargaining game of alternating offers is an extensive form game where players have *complete transitive reflective* ( $x \sim x$ ) preference ordering  $\succeq_i$  over the set of outcomes  $(X \times T) \cup \{D\}$ .

**Solution concept:** Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium (SPE)



# Rubinstein's Axioms

- (R1) [Disagreement  $D$  is the worst outcome] For every  $(x, t) \in X \times T$  we have  $(x, t) \succeq_i D$
- (R2) [Pie is desirable]  $\forall t \in T, x \in X$ , and  $y \in X$  we have  $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, t)$  iff  $x_i > y_i$
- (R3) [Time is valuable]  $\forall t \in T, s \in T$ , and  $x \in X$  we have  $(x, t) \succeq_i (x, s)$  if  $t < s$  and strict preference if  $x_i > 0$
- (R4) [Continuity] Let  $\{(x_n, t)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  &  $\{(y_n, s)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be sequences of points in  $X \times T$  s.t.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  &  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ . Then  $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, s)$  if  $\forall n (x_n, t) \succeq_i (y_n, s)$ .
- (R5) [Stationarity]  $\forall t \in T, x \in X$ , and  $y \in X$  we have  $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, t+1)$  iff  $(x, 0) \succeq_i (y, 1)$
- (R6) [Increasing loss to delay] The difference  $x_i - v_i(x_i, 1)$  increases in  $x_i$

# Rubinstein's Axioms: from preferences to utilities

## Proposition (From preferences to utilities)

*Preference ordering  $\succeq_i$  satisfies R2 - R4 iff  $i$ 's preferences over  $X \times T$  can be represented by continuous utility function  $U_i : [0, 1] \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  increasing in its first ( $i$ 's share), and decreasing in its second (the period of agreement) argument, if share is positive.*

From R5 and R2 - R4,  $\forall \delta \in (0, 1)$  we have  $U_i : [0, 1] \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $U_i(x_i, t) = \delta^t u_i(x_i)$

Note: no concavity assumption on preferences  $u_i(x_i)$

# Rubinstein's Axiom R6: net present value

## Discussion of Axiom R6

Define  $v_i : [0, 1] \times T \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$v_i(x_i, t) = \begin{cases} y_i & \text{if } (y, 0) \sim_i (x, t) \\ 0 & \text{if } (y, 0) \succ_i (x, t) \end{cases} \quad \forall y \in X$$

$v_i(x_i, t)$  is net present value of  $(x, t)$  for player  $i$  even if  $v_i(x_i, t) = 0$ . [a slight abuse of term]. If  $v_i(x_i, t) > 0$ , player  $i$  is indifferent between  $v_i(x_i, t)$  and  $x_i$  at  $t = 0$ .

Axiom (R6) is weaker than concavity of  $u_i$ .

# Examples that comply with Axioms R1 - R6

## Constant discount rates

$U_i(x_i, t) = \delta_i^t x_i$  and  $U_i(D) = 0$ .

[With constant discount rates  $v_i(x_i, t) = \delta_i^t x_i$ ]

## Constant costs of bargaining

$U_i(x_i, t) = x_i - c_i t$  (if  $x_i \geq c_i t$  and  $U_i(D) = -\infty$ .)

[Constant per period costs  $c_i$  of bargaining for each player  $i$ ]

$v_i(x_i, t) = x_i - c_i t$  if  $x_i \geq c_i t$

and

$v_i(x_i, t) = 0$  otherwise.

# Rubinstein's Model: the root of uniqueness

## Lemma (In search of uniqueness)

If preference ordering  $\succeq_i$  of each player satisfies R2 - R6 there exists a unique pair  $(x^*, y^*) \in X \times X$  s.t.  $y_1^* = v_1(x_1, t)$  and  $x_2^* = v_2(y_2, t)$

Player 1	proposes	$\bar{x}$
	accepts	$x_1 \geq \bar{x}_1$
Player 2	proposes	$\bar{x}$
	accepts	$x_1 \leq \bar{x}_1$

To find SPE – have to specify strategies for all possible histories (including off-equilibrium)

# Rubinstein's Model: Equilibrium

Let  $(x^*, y^*)$  be SPE. Then:

$$y_1^* = v_1(x_1^*, 1) \text{ and } x_2^* = v_2(y_2^*, 1)$$

$$y_1^* = \delta_1 x_1^* \text{ and } x_2^* = \delta_2 y_2^*$$

$$x^* = \left( \frac{1 - \delta_2}{1 - \delta_1 \delta_2}, \frac{\delta_2 (1 - \delta_1)}{1 - \delta_1 \delta_2} \right) \text{ and } y^* = \left( \frac{\delta_1 (1 - \delta_2)}{1 - \delta_1 \delta_2}, \frac{1 - \delta_1}{1 - \delta_1 \delta_2} \right)$$

With  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta$

$$x^* = \left( \frac{1}{1 + \delta}, \frac{\delta}{1 + \delta} \right)$$

# Reminder: Alice and Bob engage in (Nash) Bargaining

## Nash bargaining solution

$v$  Buyer valuation  
 $c$  Seller cost  
 $d = 0$  if no trade

$$U_S(p - c) = (p - c)^\alpha$$

$$U_B(v - p) = (v - p)^\beta.$$

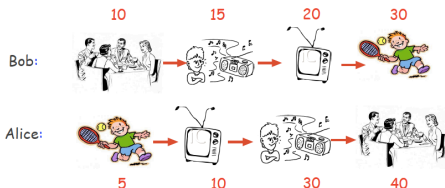
Nash product

$$(p - c)^\alpha (v - p)^\beta, \text{ with } p \in [c, v].$$

The price  $p^*$  of exchange:

$$p^* = v \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} + c \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}.$$

Ceteris paribus, smaller  $\alpha$  (or  $\beta$ ) moves  $p$  closer to  $c$  (or  $v$ ).



## Applying Nash product (dinner)

40 Alice valuation

10 Bob's valuation

$S$  Surplus  $S = 40 + 10$

$$\max_p (40 - p)(10 + p), \text{ with } \alpha = \beta = 1$$

$$p^* = 15 \text{ \& } U_{Alice} = U_{Bob} = 25.$$

Surplus divided equally:  $(1/2, 1/2)$

# Reconciling of Nash and Rubinstein

## Yildiz 2011 Model of final-offer arbitration (Based on Stevens 1966)

- Perfect information
- Discount factor  $\delta$
- Three periods,  $t \in (0, 1, 2)$

If no agreement before the (pre-defined deadline), arbitrator chooses between the existing offers of the parties (sequential moves).

Solution concept: Subgame Perfect Nash Equilibrium (SPE)

### Main results

*Let Arbitrator maximize welfare using Nash social welfare function. Then, there exists a unique SPE. It coincides with SPE of Rubinstein's model. This result extends to games allowing pre-arbitration negotiations.*



# Model of Arbitration

1 and 2	players (negotiators)
A	player arbitrator
3	periods $t \in (0, 1, 2)$
$\delta$	discount factor of the negotiators
$(x_0, y_0)$	Player 1 offer at $t = 0$
$(x_1, y_1)$	Player 2 offer at $t = 1$
$(x_2, y_2)$	Player A offer at $t = 2$
$(0, 0) \in X$	Disagreement

$$(x_2, y_2) \in \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)\}$$

$$(x, y) \in X, X \text{ convex and compact set, } X \subset \mathbb{R}_+^2$$

No discount factor is needed (defined) for Arbitrator.

Negotiators are allowed to accept offers before  $t = 2$

# Payoffs

Arbitrator's utility

$$u_A(x, y) = xy.$$

Player payoffs (if the game ends in period  $t$ )

$$(x\delta^t, y\delta^t).$$

Let the function  $f$

$$f : x \mapsto \max y | (x, y) \in X$$

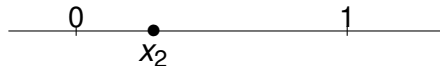
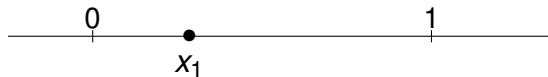
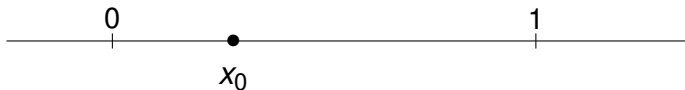
the function  $f$  is continuous, concave and strictly decreasing  $f(0) > 0$ , and there exists  $\bar{x}$  s.t.  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$ . [standard]

# Illustration

$(x_0, y_0)$  Player 1 offer at  $t = 0$

$(x_1, y_1)$  Player 2 offer at  $t = 1$

$(x_2, y_2)$  Player A offer at  $t = 2$ , where  $(x_2, y_2) \in \{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1)\}$



[for  $\delta = 0.8$ ]  $(x\delta^t, y\delta^t)$  Player payoffs with agreement at  $t$

# Equilibrium

## Proposition

*The unique SPE of sequential final-offer arbitration model is identical to a unique R1982 SPE in infinite-horizon alternating-offer bargaining model. Player 1 offers*

$$(x_0, y_0) = (x^R, f(x^R)),$$


*and Player 2 accepts.*

Proof: by backward induction.

# Intuition of the proof

Consider a transferable utility

$$X = \{(x, y) | x + y = 1\}.$$

Nash solution is  $(1/2, 1/2)$ . 

Arbitrator will choose an offer closer to  $(1/2, 1/2)$ . Fix  $(x_0, y_0)$ . Then:

If Player 2 offers  $x_1$  that is closer to  $1/2$  than  $x_0$ , Player 1 accepts  $x_1$ .  
(because Player 1 payoff from arbitration is  $\delta x_1 < x_1$ ).

If Player 2 offers  $x_1 > \delta x_0$ , even with  $x_0$  closer to  $1/2$  than  $x_1$ , Player 1 accepts  $x_1$ . (because his payoff from arbitration is  $\delta x_0 < x_1$ ).

Altogether: If Player 2 offers

$$x_1^*(x_0) = \min \{\delta x_0, 1 - x_0\},$$

Player 1 accepts.

# Intuition of the proof (cont.)

Player 2 max payoff  $x_1^*(x_0)$  at  $t = 1$  is reached at  $x_0 = \frac{1}{1+\delta}$ . (i.e.,  $= x^R$ )  
 Thus, at  $t = 0$ , Player 2 clearly should accept any offer in which  $x_0 \leq x^R$  (because he cannot improve on such offers).  
 Next, let  $x_0 > x^R = \frac{1}{1+\delta}$ . Then:

$$1 - x_0 \leq \delta x_0 \iff x_0 \geq \frac{1}{1+\delta}$$

$$y_0 = 1 - x_0 < \frac{\delta}{1+\delta} < \delta x_0$$

and

$$y_1 = 1 - \min \{ \delta x_0, (1 - x_0) \} = x_0 \geq \frac{1}{1+\delta}.$$

Thus, if  $x_0 > x^R = \frac{1}{1+\delta}$ , player 2 rejects, and offers  $(1 - x_0)$ . Then, his payoff is  $\delta y_1 = \delta x_0 > y_0$ . To sum: Any offer  $x_0 < \frac{1}{1+\delta}$  is accepted, and  $x_0 \geq \frac{1}{1+\delta}$  rejected. In equilibrium:  $x_0^* = \frac{1}{1+\delta} = x_0^R$

# Endogenous Final-Offer Arbitration Model

The game with  $t \in (0, 1, 2)$  can be extended to  $t \in (0, 1, 2, \dots)$ . Player 1 offers on even dates, and player 2 on odd dates. The other player decides to:

- accept
- reject and file for arbitration
- reject and make a counter-offer

## Proposition

*The unique SPE of the endogenous final-offer arbitration model is identical to a unique R1982 SPE in infinite-horizon alternating-offers bargaining model. Player 1 offers*

$$(x_0, y_0) = (x^R, f(x^R)),$$

*and Player 2 accepts.*

# Rubinstein and Nash: the axioms

R1	[Disagreement $D$ is the worst] $\forall (x, t) \in X \times T$ have $(x, t) \succeq_i D$	N1	$B = (U, d)$ : utility possibility set $U$ and the disagreement $d$
R2	[Pie is desirable] $\forall t \in T, x \in X$ , and $y \in X$ we have $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, t)$ iff $x_i > y_i$	N2	PAR Cannot improve a player utility without negative effect on the opponent
R3	[Time is valuable] $\forall t \in T, s \in T$ , and $x \in X$ we have $(x, t) \succeq_i (x, s)$ if $t < s$ and strict preference if $x_i > 0$	N3	SYM Solution is symmetric for symmetric players (identical utilities and $d_1 = d_2$ ).
R4	[Continuity] Let sequences $\{(x_n, t)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ & $\{(y_n, s)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ & $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ . Then $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, s)$ if $\forall n$ $(x_n, t) \succeq_i (y_n, s)$ .	N4	LIN Invariant to an affine transformation of utility function ( $f(\cdot)$ is independent of origin & units)
R5	[Stationarity] $\forall t \in T, x \in X, y \in X$ . Then, $(x, t) \succeq_i (y, t+1)$ iff $(x, 0) \succeq_i (y, 1)$	N5	IIA A new game defined on a subset containing the original disagreement point and solution, has the same solution as original game.
R6	[Increasing loss to delay] The difference $x_i - v_i(x_i, 1)$ increases in $x_i$		

Why should the outcomes of cooperative and non-cooperative bargaining to coincide?



# Report Cards from ASCE: poor grades



2013 REPORT CARD FOR AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE ASCE

NAVIGATION MENU

CATEGORY	1988*	1998	2001	2005	2009	2013
AVIATION	B-	C-	D	D+	D	D
BRIDGES	-	C-	C	C	C	C+
DAMS	-	D	D	D+	D	D
DRINKING WATER	B-	D	D	D-	D-	D
ENERGY	-	-	D+	D	D+	D+
HAZARDOUS WASTE	D	D-	D+	D	D	D
INLAND WATERWAYS	B-	-	D+	D-	D-	D-
LEVEES	-	-	-	-	D-	D-
PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION	-	-	-	C-	C-	C-
RAIL	-	-	-	C-	C-	C+
ROADS	C+	D-	D+	D	D-	D
SCHOOLS	D	F	D-	D	D	D
SOLID WASTE	C-	C-	C+	C+	C+	B-
TRANSIT	C-	C-	C-	D+	D	D
WASTEWATER	C	D+	D	D-	D-	D
PORTS	-	-	-	-	-	C
AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE GPA	C	D	D+	D	D	D+
COST TO IMPROVE	C	-	\$1.3 TRILLION	\$1.6 TRILLION	\$2.2 TRILLION	\$3.6 TRILLION

# Infrastructure CPS: many public goods features

## From individual to societal group preferences

- 1 Conflicts of individual and group preferences
- 2 No truthful preference revelation [in general, even with 2 parties]
- 3 Arrow, Nash & Coase: a connection of information and incentives

## Public goods vs club (free to club members) goods

- infrastructures related
  - free internet [Starbucks]
  - free roads, highways, bridges
- free coffee; free internet [at work]
- free shipping [Amazon prime members]

US infrastructures grade: D+ : **not a coincidence**

American society of civil engineers <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/grades>

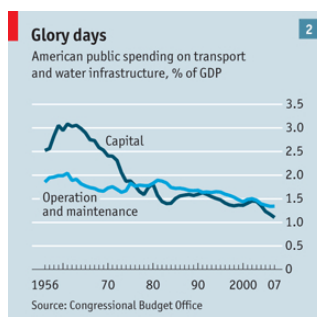
# Behind D+: Where do the funds come from (US)?

- Long Term[LT] construction
- Medium & Short Term [MT & ST] operations and maintenance

## Aver. daily commute



## LT (Congress) MT (Congress & Taxes)



## Taxes



Courtesy of: <http://www.economist.com/node/18620944>

# Other report cards for infrastructures: US vs others

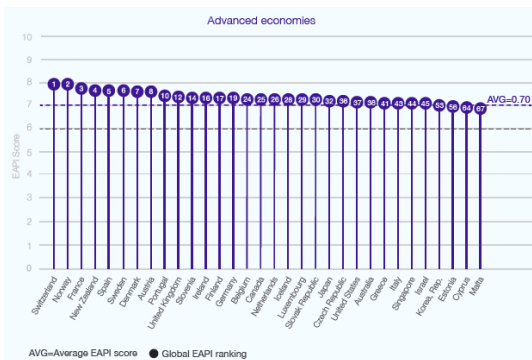
## US infrastructure lags behind

### ICT

Pillar 6: Availability and use of ICTs

Rank	Country/Economy	Score (1-7)
1	Sweden	6.5
2	United Kingdom	6.4
3	Finland	6.4
4	Netherlands	6.4
5	Denmark	6.4
6	Korea, Rep.	6.4
7	Norway	6.4
8	Singapore	6.2
9	Luxembourg	6.1
10	Japan	6.0
11	Hong Kong SAR	6.0
12	Estonia	6.0
13	United States	5.9

### Energy architecture performance



Sources: Government stats.; World Economic Forum Reports (WEF) reports, Courtesy of:

<http://www.weforum.org/reports/global-energy-architecture-performance-index-report-2015>

# Bargaining theory for next gen CPS?

Importance of property rights allocation in Non-Coasian World

Coase [1960] : decentralized conditions for allocative efficiency

wrong conditions [& unlikely to hold]

Efficiency depends on allocation of rights

The means of allocating the rights

- dictatorial [centralized]
- via pricing (money) [mixed; as if de-centralized]
- via voting [de-centralized] (possibly unsolvable (Arrow))
- via bargaining [sort of de-centralized]

Resilient CPS: how to assign rights? who should assign the rights?

Assigning ownership & control rights for data. Balance of interests:

•data collector [utility]    •data analytics [MDM]    •customer