Bargaining Model on the Plane

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Abstract
Non-coalition non-zero-sum game related with arbitration procedure is considered. Two players (firms) propose some solutions on the plane. The arbitrator has his own solution which is modelling by random variables in the circle on the plane. As a solution of the conflict we use here the final offer arbitration procedure (FOA). The objective is the construction of Nash equilibrium. For two cases of the random solution of the arbitrator we found the equilibrium in pure strategies.

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1 Introduction

Imagine the market where two different firms (players I and II) propose their expected costs for the building construction. The administration have choose one proposal. The first firm can build the building with cost $x_1$ for the time $y_1$ and second firm - with cost $x_2$ and time $y_2$.

Let the solution of the arbitrator is random variable $z$ distributed in the unit circle with probability density in polar coordinates $f(r, \theta)$. The objective of the players is to receive the order for the building.
2 Solution of the game

Let the point \((x_1, y_1)\) on the plane corresponds to the offer of the player I and \((x_2, y_2)\) corresponds to the offer II and \(A\) is the solution of the arbitrator. The arbitrator prefers a firm which is closer to the point \(A\).

Let us divide the circle for two parts \(s_1\) and \(s_2\). The first part consists of the points of the circle the distance from which to the point \((x_1, y_1)\) is smaller than to the point \((x_2, y_2)\). The second part is opposite case.

![Fig. 1](image)

Then the payoffs of the firms I and II are

\[
H_1 (r_1, \theta_1, r_2, \theta_2) = h_1 (r_1, \theta_1) \cdot \mu (S_1),
\]

\[
H_2 (r_1, \theta_1, r_2, \theta_2) = h_2 (r_2, \theta_2) \cdot \mu (S_2) = h_2 (r_2, \theta_2) \cdot (1 - \mu (S_1)),
\]

where

\[
\mu (S_i) = \int_{S} f (r, \theta) dr d\theta
\]

is the probability measure of \(S_i\),

\(r_i\) is radius-vector of the point \((x_i, y_i)\),

\(\theta_i\) is the angle between \(Ox\) and radius-vector \(r_i\),

\(h_i (r_i, \theta_i)\) is payoff of the \(i\)-th firm if her proposal is closer to the arbitrator solution.

Let us find Nash equilibrium in this game. We find it from the conditions

\[
\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial r_1} = \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial r_2} = 0,
\]

where

\[
\frac{\partial H_i}{\partial r_i} = \frac{\partial h_i (r_i, \theta_i)}{\partial r_i} \cdot \mu (S_i) + \frac{\partial \mu (S_i)}{\partial r_i} \cdot h_i (r_i, \theta_i).
\]

Consider two different cases of distribution of the arbitrator.
3 Distribution of the "center" type

Let the distribution density of random variables \( z \) in polar coordinates has form:

\[
f(r, \theta) = \frac{3(1 - r)}{\pi}.
\]

Consider the payoffs when the first firm maximises the first coordinate and the second firm - second coordinate.

Then the payoffs of the players are

\[
H_1 = x_1(1 - \mu(S_2)) = r_1(1 - \mu(S_2)),
\]

\[
H_2 = y_2\mu(S_2) = r_2\mu(S_2).
\]

Fig. 2

Calculate the measure of \( S_2 \). Denote

\[
R = \frac{r_2^2 - r_1^2}{2\sqrt{r_2^2 + r_1^2}}.
\]

We obtain

\[
\mu(S_2) = 2 \int_{\arcsin R}^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_{R \sin \theta}^{1} r \frac{3(1 - r)}{\pi} dr = \frac{6}{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{1}{6} \arcsin R + \frac{R^3}{12} \ln |1 + \sqrt{1 - R^2}| \right).
\]
\[-\frac{R^3}{12} \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| - \frac{R}{3} \sqrt{1 - R^2}\. \tag{5}\]

Consequently, the payoffs of players have the form:

\[H_1 = r_1 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin R - \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 + \sqrt{1 - R^2}| + \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| + \frac{2R}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - R^2} \right),\]

\[H_2 = r_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin R + \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 + \sqrt{1 - R^2}| - \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| - \frac{2R}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - R^2} \right). \tag{6}\]

Differentiating the first function in \(r_1\) and second function in \(r_2\) we obtain

\[\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial r_1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin R - \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 + \sqrt{1 - R^2}| + \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| + \frac{2R}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - R^2} + \frac{3r_1}{2\pi} \left( 2\sqrt{1 - R^2} R_{r_1}' + R^2 \cdot R_{r_1}' \cdot \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| \right),\]

\[\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial r_2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin R + \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 + \sqrt{1 - R^2}| - \frac{R^3}{2\pi} \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| - \frac{2R}{\pi} \sqrt{1 - R^2} - \frac{3r_2}{2\pi} \left( 2\sqrt{1 - R^2} R_{r_2}' + R^2 \cdot R_{r_2}' \cdot \ln |1 - \sqrt{1 - R^2}| \right), \tag{7}\]

where

\[R_{r_1}' = \frac{r_1^3 + 3r_1r_2^2}{2\sqrt{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)^3}},\]

\[R_{r_2}' = \frac{r_2^3 + 3r_2r_1^2}{2\sqrt{(r_1^2 + r_2^2)^3}}.\]

Symmetry of the problem yields \(r_1 = r_2\) hence,

\[R = 0, \quad R_{r_1}' = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = -R_{r_2}'.\]

It follows

\[\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial r_1} \bigg|_{r_2 = r_1} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3r_1}{\sqrt{2}\pi},\]

\[\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial r_2} \bigg|_{r_1 = r_2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3r_2}{\sqrt{2}\pi}. \tag{8}\]
Condition
\[ \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial r_i} = 0 \]
yields
\[ r_i = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6}. \]
Consequently,
\[ \theta_1 = 0, \quad x_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6}, \quad y_1 = 0, \]
\[ \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad x_2 = 0, \quad y_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6}. \] (9)

Find the second derivative of the function $H_1$:
\[ H''_{r_1 r_1} = \frac{3}{\pi} \left( 2\sqrt{1-R^2} \cdot R'_{r_1} + R^2 \cdot R'_{r_1} \cdot \ln \left| 1 - \sqrt{1-R^2} \right| \right) + \]
\[ + \frac{3r_1}{2\pi} \left( 2R \cdot (R')^2 \cdot \ln \left| 1 - \sqrt{1-R^2} \right| + R^2 \cdot R''_{r_1 r_1} \cdot \ln \left| 1 - \sqrt{1-R^2} \right| - R \cdot (R')^2 \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-R^2}}{\sqrt{1-R^2}} \right). \] (10)

For $r_1 = r_2$ we obtain
\[ H''_{r_1 r_1} = \frac{-6}{\pi \sqrt{2}} < 0. \]

Consequently, $r_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6}$ is the local maximum of $H_1$. Analogously, $H''_{r_2 r_2} < 0$ and for $r_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{6}$ the function $H_2$ achieves the maximum.

The expected payoff is equal to
\[ H = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{12}. \]

4 Distribution of the "center and seaside" type

Let now the distribution density has form
\[ f(r, \theta) = a + \frac{3}{2} (\pi^{-1} - a) r, \] (11)
where $a$ is some parameter. Consider the case when the first firm is interested to maximise $(y - x)$ and the second - $(x - y)$. Then the payoffs of the players are
\[ H_1 = (y_1 - x_1)(1 - \mu(S_2)), \]
\[ H_2 = (x_2 - y_2)\mu(S_2). \]  

(12)

Fig. 3

The identities

\[ y_1 - x_1 = r_1 \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} - r_1 \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = r_1 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - r_1 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}r_1, \]
\[ x_2 - y_2 = r_2 \cos \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + r_2 \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}r_2, \]  

(13)

give the payoffs of the form

\[ H_2 = 2 \int_0^{\arccos \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2}} d\theta \int_{\frac{r_2 - r_1}{2 \cos \theta}}^1 dr \cdot r \cdot \left( a + \frac{3}{2} (\pi^{-1} - a) r \right) \cdot \sqrt{2}r_2 = \]
\[ = \sqrt{2}r_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2} - \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^3 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} + \right. \]
\[ + \left. \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} \right], \]
\[ H_1 = \sqrt{2}r_1 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2} + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^3 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} \right]. \] (14)

Calculate the partial derivative \( \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial r_1} \) and let it is equal to zero:

\[
\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial r_1} = \sqrt{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2} + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^3 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} \right] + \sqrt{2}r_1 \left[ \frac{-1}{\pi \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} - \frac{3}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^2 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} \right].
\]

\[
\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial r_2} = \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \frac{r_2 - r_1}{2} + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^3 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} \right] - \sqrt{2}r_1 \left[ \frac{-1}{\pi \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2} - \frac{3}{32} \left( \frac{1}{\pi} - a \right) (r_2 - r_1)^2 \ln \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}}{2 - \sqrt{4 - (r_2 - r_1)^2}} \right].
\]

It yields

\[ r_i = \frac{2\pi}{1 + \pi a}. \]

From here we obtain

\[ \theta_1 = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \ x_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \pi a}, \ y_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \pi a}, \]

\[ \theta_2 = -\frac{\pi}{4}, \ x_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \pi a}, \ y_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \pi a}. \] (16)
The expected payoff of the firm is equal to

\[ H = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \pi a}. \]

The condition \( r \geq 0 \) gives the restriction for \( a \) as \( a > -\frac{1}{\pi} \). In the table you find the values of \( r \) for some \( a \).

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