

# Game Theory formulated on Hilbert Space

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# Why Hilbert space game?

— [ Game theory is a nonlinear dynamical systems theory, gives a mathematical basis of social & biological sciences

— [ Game theory is based on probability vector and matrix

— [ Hilbert space game theory?

— [ Quantum entanglement as classical player correlation?

— [ Quantum information manipulation as a quantum game?

# (Classical) Game matrix

— [ 2-player n-strategy game specified by

**Payoff matrix**  $M_{i,j}$  ( $i,j = 0..n-1$ )

— [ In symmetric game, opponent's payoff

is given by  $M_{j,i} = M^+_{i,j}$

— [ You (and opponent) try to **maximize payoff**  $M$  ( $M^+$ ) by choosing strategy  $i$  ( $j$ )

# Some typical games

prisoner's dilemma

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M \setminus M^+$

<b>you</b> \ <b>opp</b>	confess	deny
confess	<b>-2</b> \ <b>-2</b>	<b>2</b> \ <b>-3</b>
deny	<b>-3</b> \ <b>2</b>	<b>0</b> \ <b>0</b>

monkeys & a fruit tree

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$M \setminus M^+$

<b>you</b> \ <b>opp</b>	wait	climb
wait	<b>0</b> \ <b>0</b>	<b>6</b> \ <b>2</b>
climb	<b>2</b> \ <b>6</b>	<b>3</b> \ <b>3</b>

# Pure Nash equilibria

**Nash equilibrium :**  
mutual best response  
for "rational" players

worse-off by deviating

**In repeated game**

stable strategy  
after trial & error

you \ opp	confess	deny
confess	-2 \ -2	2 \ -3
deny	-3 \ 2	0 \ 0

Prisoner's Dilemma

you \ opp	wait	climb
wait	0 \ 0	6 \ 2
climb	2 \ 6	3 \ 3

Monkeys&Fruit

# Probabilistic strategies

Mixed strategy employable  
Roll dice to spread risk

strategy vectors

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-x \\ x \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-y \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Expected payoffs

$$\Pi(M, x, y) = \mathbf{x}^\dagger M \mathbf{y}$$

$$\Pi(M^\dagger, x, y) = \mathbf{x}^\dagger M^\dagger \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^\dagger M \mathbf{x} = \Pi(M, y, x)$$

your score matrix  $M = \{M_{ij}\}$

you \ opp	1-y	y
1-x	$M_{00}$	$M_{01}$
x	$M_{10}$	$M_{11}$

opp. score matrix  $M^+ = \{M_{ij}\}$

you \ opp	1-y	y
1-x	$M_{00}$	$M_{10}$
x	$M_{01}$	$M_{11}$

your / opponent's payoffs

# Mixed Nash equilibrium

— [ You ( $x$ ) maximize  $\Pi(M, x, y)$

Opp. ( $y$ ) maximizes  $\Pi(M^\dagger, x, y) = \Pi(M, y, x)$

— [ **Mixed Nash**  $x^*$ : **locally optimal choice of probability**

for symmetric games  $\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y)|_{x=y=x^*} = 0$

— [ **Pure Nash as special cases**

$x^* = 0$  if  $\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y)|_{x=y} < 0$

$x^* = 1$  if  $\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y)|_{x=y} > 0$

# Nash example 1

Monkeys&fruit tree  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   $M^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Pure Nash : there are two; battle of will

“hawkish” gets 6 while “dovish” 2

$$\Pi(M, x, y) = 2x(1-y) + 6(1-x)y + 3xy$$

Random Play Nash

$$\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y) = 2 - 5y$$

2/5 hawk 3/5 dove

$$x^* = 2/5$$

both parties 12/5

$$\Pi^*(M) = \Pi(M, x^*, x^*) = 12/5$$

# Nash example 2

Prisoner's dilemma  $M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $M^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Pi(M, x, y) = -2(1-x)(1-y) - 3x(1-y) + 2(1-x)y$$

$$\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y) = -1 - y < 0$$

Pure Nash  $x^* = 0$  : individual rationality

$$\Pi^*(M) = -2 \quad \text{leading to collective misery}$$

Optimal (unrealized) result

$$x^\circ = 1$$

trust the other

$$\Pi^\circ(M) = 0$$

# Joint-strategy vector

Joint strategy as  
**real 4-vector**

$$\mathbf{z}(x, y) = \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1-x)(1-y) \\ (1-x)y \\ x(1-y) \\ xy \end{pmatrix}$$

Define 4x4 diagonal payoff matrix & full-house vector

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{00} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{01} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{01} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A_{11} \end{pmatrix}, A_{ij} = M_{ij}; \quad \mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{h}^\dagger \mathbf{z} = 1$$

**Payoff** is given by  $\Pi(A, x, y) = \mathbf{h}^\dagger A \mathbf{z}(x, y)$

# Hilbert space strategy

Think of strategy as **Hilbert space vector** (Meyer 99, Eisert et al 99)

Alice's strategy  $|\alpha\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\rangle + \alpha_1 |1\rangle$

Bob's

$|\beta\rangle = \beta_0 |0\rangle + \beta_1 |1\rangle$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\alpha_0|^2 + |\alpha_1|^2 = 1$$

$$|\beta_0|^2 + |\beta_1|^2 = 1$$

**Joint strategy** :  $|\Psi_0\rangle = |\alpha\rangle \otimes |\beta\rangle$

**Payoff** as expectation of diagonal matrix  $A$

$$\Pi(A, \alpha, \beta) = \langle \Psi_0 | A | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= \Pi(M, x, y)$$



same as previous result with identification

$$x = |\alpha_1|^2, \quad y = |\beta_1|^2$$

why diagonal?

# Swapping operators

— [ Define **S** :  $S |ij\rangle = |ji\rangle$        $S |\alpha\beta\rangle = |\beta\alpha\rangle$

— [ Define **C** :  $C |ij\rangle = |\bar{i}\bar{j}\rangle$

$$\bar{i} = (n - 1) - i \quad \bar{0} = 1, \bar{1} = 0$$

— [ Define **T** :  $T |ij\rangle = |\bar{j}\bar{i}\rangle$

— [  $D_2 : T=SC=CS, S=CT=TC, C=TS=ST, S^2=C^2=T^2=1$

— [ Only two are independent :  $S+T-C=1$

# Quantum entanglement

Full Hilbert space strategy in product space  $U(2) \times U(2)$

Correlation operator (2-parameter) : **arbitrator** (3rd person)

$$J(\gamma) = e^{i\gamma_1 S/2} e^{i\gamma_2 T/2} \quad J(0) = 1$$

Entangled states span **relevant Hilbert space** uniquely

$$|\alpha\beta; \gamma\rangle = J(\gamma) |\alpha\rangle |\beta\rangle \quad \text{Cheon \& Tsutsui 2006}$$

for example

$$J(\gamma) |01\rangle = \cos \frac{\gamma_1}{2} |01\rangle + i \sin \frac{\gamma_1}{2} |10\rangle$$

$$J(\gamma) |00\rangle = \cos \frac{\gamma_2}{2} |00\rangle + i \sin \frac{\gamma_2}{2} |11\rangle$$

# Quantum payoff

## Payoff for correlated state

$$\Pi(A, \alpha, \beta; \gamma) = \langle \alpha, \beta; \gamma | A | \alpha, \beta; \gamma \rangle = \langle \alpha, \beta | A(\gamma) | \alpha, \beta \rangle$$

with  $A(\gamma) = J^\dagger(\gamma) A J(\gamma)$

## Separation

$$A(\gamma) = A^{pc}(\gamma) + A^{qi}(\gamma)$$

pseudo classical family + quantum interference

$$A^{pc}(\gamma) = \cos^2 \frac{\gamma_1}{2} A + \left( \cos^2 \frac{\gamma_2}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{\gamma_1}{2} \right) SAS + \sin^2 \frac{\gamma_2}{2} CAC$$

$$A^{qi}(\gamma) = \frac{i}{2} \sin \gamma_1 (AS - SA) + \frac{i}{2} \sin \gamma_2 (AT - TA)$$

# Altruism in classical family

With  $\gamma_2 = 0$ ,  $A^{pc}(\gamma) = \cos^2 \frac{\gamma_1}{2} A + \sin^2 \frac{\gamma_1}{2} SAS$

Game with **SAS** : **altruistic dual** of game **A**

$$A \longleftrightarrow SAS \quad (A_{01} \longleftrightarrow A_{10})$$

$M \longleftrightarrow M^\dagger$  regards opponents payoff matrix as one's own

Game with  $A^{pc}(\gamma)$  : **mixture of egoism & altruism** (fairness)

Nash payoff  $\Pi^*(A^{pc}(\gamma)) = \Pi(A^{pc}(\gamma), x^*(\gamma), x^*(\gamma))$

symmetric around  $\gamma = \pi/2$  : best (worst) payoff there

# Pareto efficiency & fairness

— [ Pareto efficient strategy  $x^\circ$ : non-improvable

— [ For symmetric strategy of symmetric game  
it is given by  $\partial_x \Pi(M, x, x)|_{x^\circ} = 0$

— [ Game with symmetrized  $A$  has Pareto efficient Nash

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_x \Pi(M, x, x) &= [\partial_x \Pi(M, x, y) + \partial_x \Pi(M, x, y)]_{x=y} \\ &= \partial_x \mathbf{x}^\dagger (M + M^\dagger) \mathbf{y} |_{x=y}\end{aligned}$$

– fairness brings the best results

# Numerical example 1

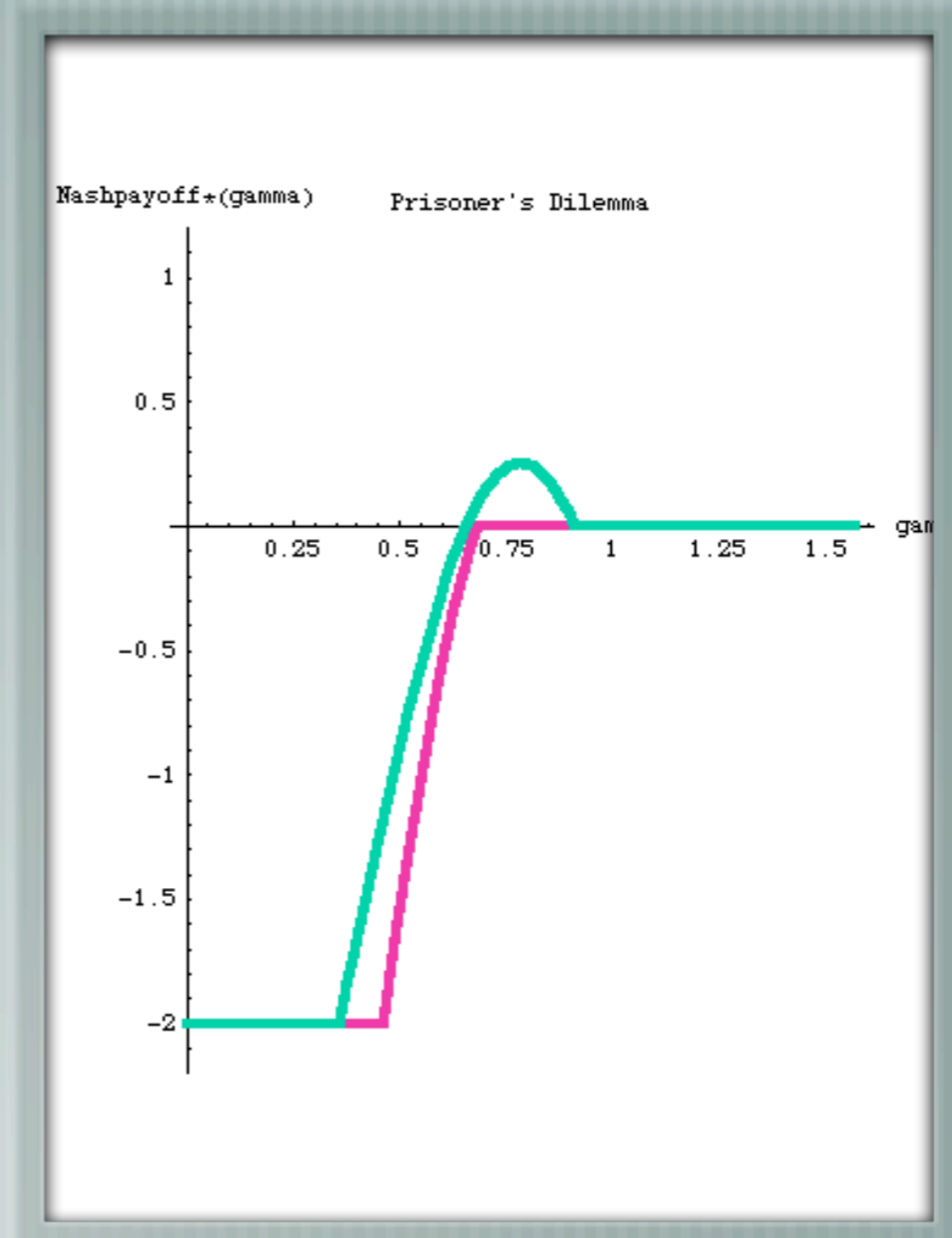
Nash payoff  $\Pi^*(A^{pc}(\gamma))$   
of altruistic mixed game

Prisoner's dilemma

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nash payoff symmetric  
around  $\gamma = \pi/2$ : Preto optimal

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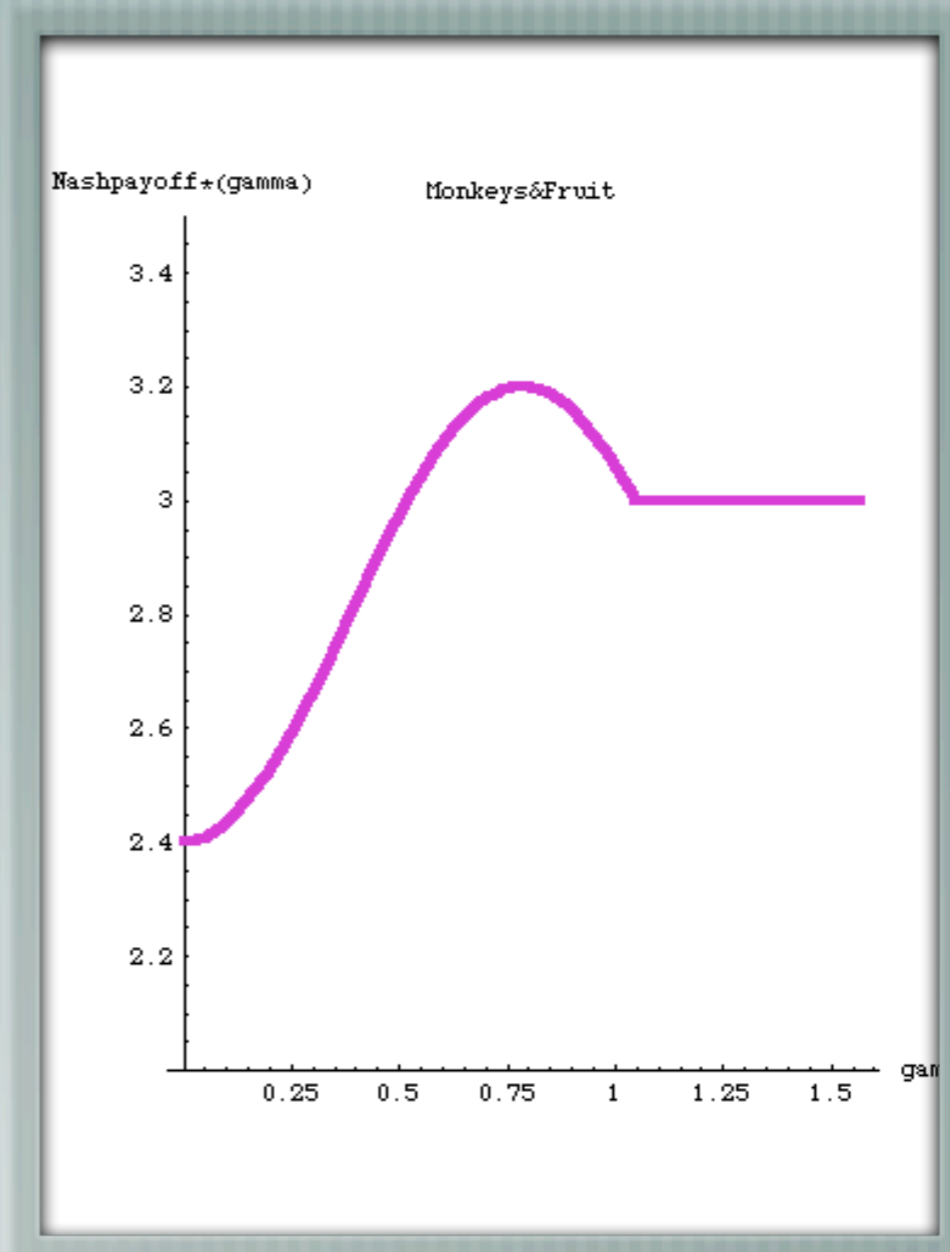
# Numerical example 2

Nash payoff  $\Pi^*(A^{pc}(\gamma))$   
of altruistic mixed game

Monkey and Fruit

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nash payoff  
symmetric around  $\gamma = \pi/2$   
which is the Pareto optimum



# Quantum contributions

$$\langle \alpha\beta | A^{qi}(\gamma) | \alpha\beta \rangle = -a_0 a_1 b_0 b_1 [G_+(\gamma) \sin(\xi + \nu) + G_-(\gamma) \sin(\xi - \nu)]$$

$$\alpha_0 = a_0, \quad \alpha_1 = a_1 e^{i\xi}$$

$$G_+(\gamma) = (A_{00} - A_{11}) \sin \gamma_2$$

$$\beta_0 = b_0, \quad \beta_1 = b_1 e^{i\nu}$$

$$G_-(\gamma) = (A_{01} - A_{10}) \sin \gamma_1$$

“quantum phase game” turned on with nonzero  $(\xi, \nu)$

Quantum strategy out-performs best classical strategy

tends to give small correction in many cases

# Full solution : edge

Quantum Nash specified by amplitude  $\alpha_1^* = \sqrt{x^*} e^{i\xi^*}$

$$\delta_\alpha \Pi(A, \alpha, \beta)|_{(\alpha^*, \beta^*)} = 0 \quad \delta_\beta \Pi(A, \alpha, \beta)|_{(\alpha^*, \beta^*)} = 0$$

“Edge solution” exists

$$x^* = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^* = 1$$

corresponds to classical pure Nash (can be asymmetric)

$ \alpha^*, \beta^*\rangle$	$ 0, 0\rangle$	$ 1, 1\rangle$	$ 0, 1\rangle$	$ 1, 0\rangle$
Condition	$H_+ > 0$	$H_- > 0$	$H_+ < 0$ $H_- < 0$	$H_+ < 0$ $H_- < 0$
$\text{Max}(\Pi_A^*)$	$A_{00}$	$A_{00}$	$A_{11}$	$A_{01} + A_{10} - A_{11}$
$\text{Max}(\Pi_B^*)$	$A_{00}$	$A_{00}$	$A_{01} + A_{10} - A_{11}$	$A_{11}$

$$H_+(\gamma) = (A_{00} - A_{11}) \cos \gamma_2 \quad H_-(\gamma) = (A_{01} - A_{10}) \cos \gamma_1$$

# Full solution : non-edge

Phase Nash  $\delta_{\xi} \Pi(\xi, v)|_{\xi=v} = 0$

$$\cos 2\xi^* = G_-(\gamma)/G_+(\gamma)$$

Solution if  $G_+ > G_-$ , otherwise uniform random  $(\xi, v)$

Amplitude Nash  $\delta_x \Pi(x, y)|_{x=y} = 0$

$$x^* = \frac{H_-(\gamma) - \Delta_{\gamma}}{H_+(\gamma) + H_-(\gamma) - 2\Delta_{\gamma}}$$

quantum correction  $\Delta_{\gamma} = \sqrt{G_+(\gamma)^2 - G_-(\gamma)^2} \quad (G_+ > G_-)$

$$\Delta_{\gamma} = 0 \quad (G_+ < G_-)$$

# Numerical example 3

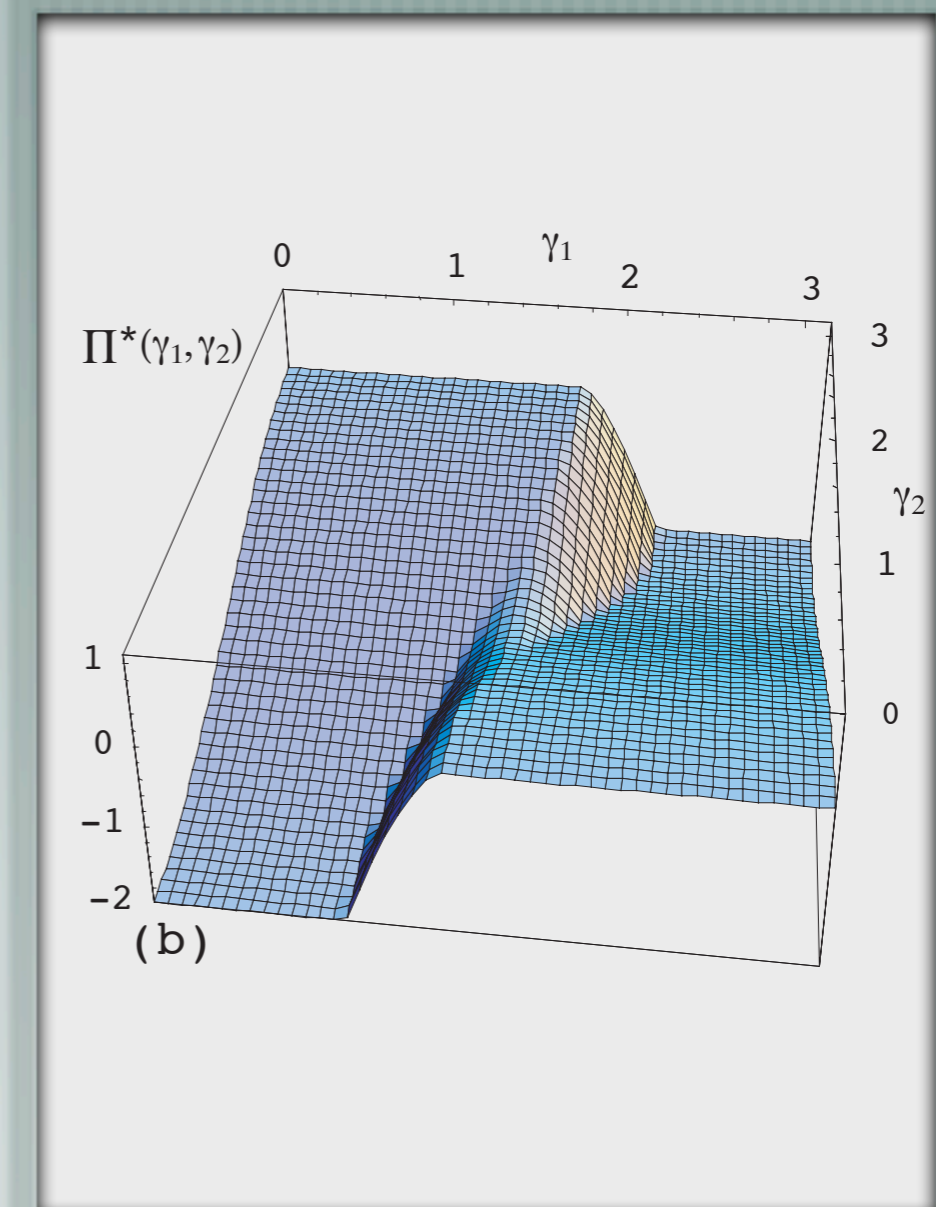
Quantum strategy in  
prisoner's dilemma

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Plot Nash payoff

Best result at

$$\gamma_1 \geq \pi/2$$



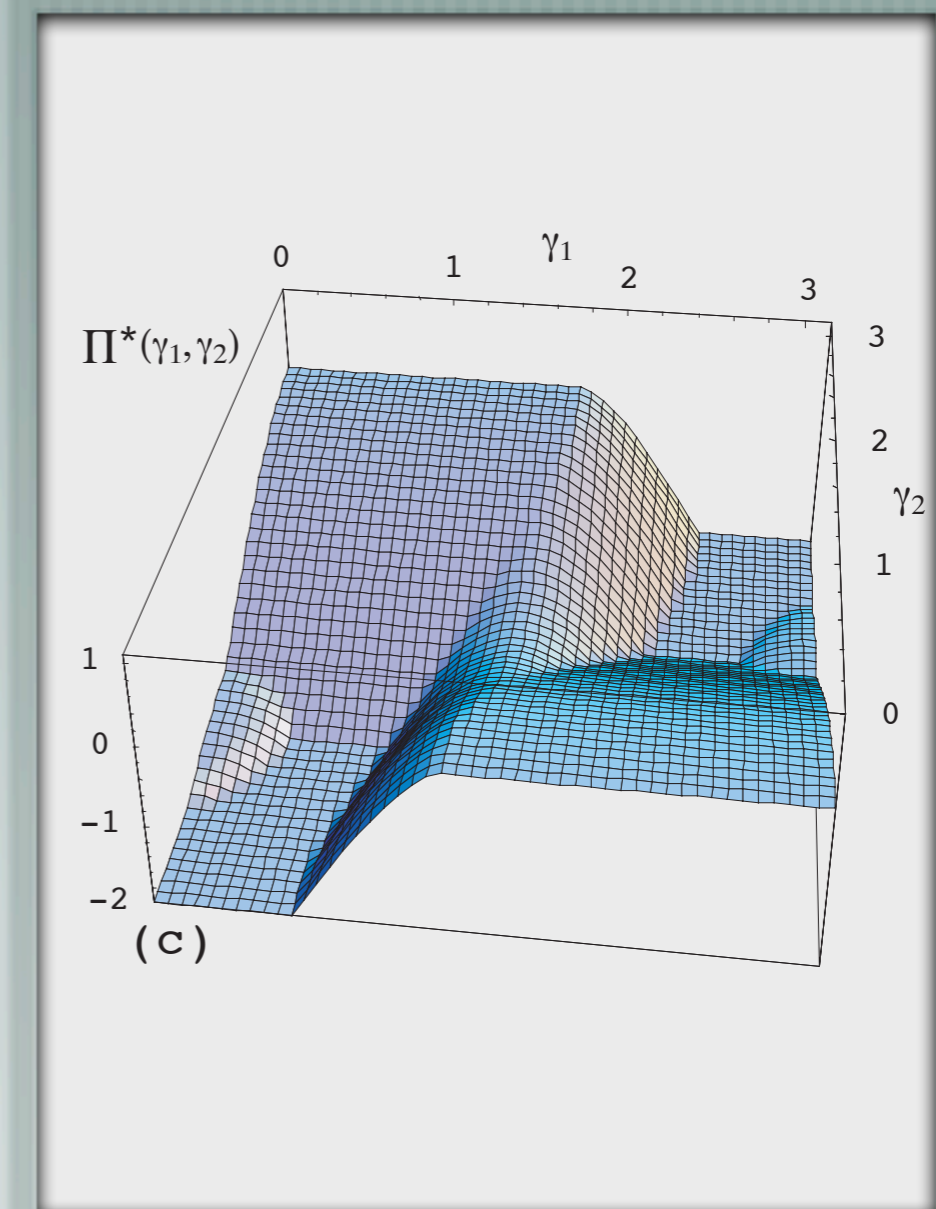
# Numerical example 4

Quantum Payoffs for

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2.8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similar to previous case  
apart from appearance of

“quantum bump”:  
1st ever clear quantum  
signature



# Quantum mixed strategy

— [ Mixed state expressed by **density matrix** represents ensemble of quantum states

— [ Uncorrelated “sum” of  $|\Psi_1\rangle$  and  $|\Psi_2\rangle$  results in  $\Pi(A, c_1, c_2) = c_1 \langle \Psi_1 | A | \Psi_1 \rangle + c_2 \langle \Psi_2 | A | \Psi_2 \rangle$

— [ **Ensemble of games**

– can describe **role-alternating asymmetric solution**

eg.  $(x, y) : (0, 1) + (1, 0)$ ,  $(\Pi_A, \Pi_B) : (2, 6) + (6, 2) \rightarrow \Pi_{A/B} = 4$

# Vista for Hilbert strategies

— [ Classical pure strategy :

Repeated game between two players

— [ Classical mixed strategy & Quantum pure strategy :

Repeated game between two players

Game played among players in a group

— [ Quantum mixed strategy :

Ensemble of repeated games/game playing groups

# Table of Nash equilibria 1

Monkey & Fruit  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

classical pure :  $(x,y) = (0,1)$ ,  $(\Pi_A, \Pi_B) = (2,6)$  and exch.

classical mixed :  $x = y = 0.4$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = 2.4$

quantum pure :  $x = y = 0.8$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = 3.2$

quantum mixed :  $(x,y) = (0,1) + (1,0)$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = 4$

# Table of Nash equilibria 2

Prisoner's dilemma  $M = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

classical pure :  $x = y = 0$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = -2$

classical mixed :  $x = y = 0$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = -2$

quantum pure :  $x = y = 1$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = 0$

quantum mixed :  $x = y = 1$ ,  $\Pi_A = \Pi_B = 0$

# Game with Quantum Objects

- [ The theory is a full quantum mechanics
  - States as Hilbert space complex vectors
  - Payoffs as Self-adjoint operators
- [ Applicable to game with real quantum particles
  - Payoff operators **not limited to diagonal ones**
  - Role of **quantum interference & quantum entanglement**

# Schmidt State Strategy

Previous CT scheme is insufficient for generic payoffs

Schmidt state  $|\Psi(\alpha, \beta; \eta)\rangle = U(\alpha) \otimes U(\beta) |\Phi(\eta)\rangle$

Cheon, Ichihara & Tsutsui 2006  $|\Phi(\eta)\rangle = \cos\frac{\eta_1}{2} |00\rangle + e^{i\eta_2} \sin\frac{\eta_1}{2} |11\rangle$

0/1 as "spin up/down"  $\sigma_z |0\rangle = |0\rangle, \quad \sigma_z |1\rangle = -|1\rangle$

Individual strategy:

SU(2) Rotation  $U(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\frac{\theta_\alpha}{2} & -e^{-i\varphi_\alpha} \sin\frac{\theta_\alpha}{2} \\ e^{i\varphi_\alpha} \sin\frac{\theta_\alpha}{2} & \cos\frac{\theta_\alpha}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

# Bell's experiment as Game

Purely Quantum Payoff operator

$$A = B = \sqrt{2} (\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x + \sigma_z \otimes \sigma_z)$$

A, B commute with both S and T

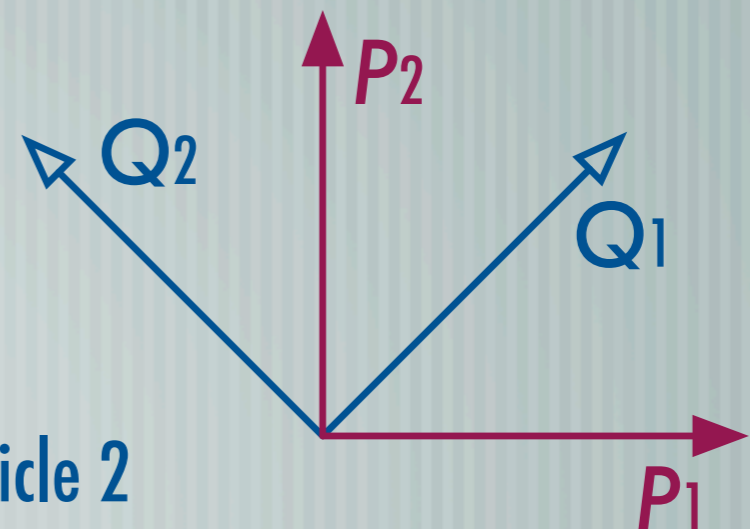
Payoff  $\Pi = \Pi_A = \Pi_B$

$$\Pi(\alpha, \beta, \eta) = \langle \Psi(\alpha, \beta; \eta) | A | \Psi(\alpha, \beta; \eta) \rangle$$

Bell's Experiment: maximize

$$P_1 Q_1 - P_2 Q_2 = \Pi(\alpha, \beta, \eta)$$

Alice & Bob control and observe Particle 1 & Particle 2



# Tsirelson Bound as Nash

$$\Pi(\alpha, \beta; \eta) = \langle \Phi(\eta) | (U^\dagger(\alpha) \otimes U^\dagger(\beta) A U(\alpha) \otimes U(\beta)) | \Phi(\eta) \rangle$$

Equivalent to Alice & Bob controlling directions of  $P$  and  $Q$ , trying to increase  $\Pi$

Nash equilibrium under fixed  $\eta_1, \eta_2$ :

$$\theta_\alpha^* = \theta_\beta^* = \text{arbitrary}, \quad \varphi_\alpha^* = \varphi_\beta^* = 0$$

Nash payoff  $\Pi^*(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \sqrt{2}(1 + \sin \eta_1 \cos \eta_2)$

**Tsirelson's bound at max. entanglement**  $\eta_1 = \pi/2, \eta_2 = 0$

# Summary & discussions

— [ Hilbert space formulation of Game Theory

— [ Offers unified description of games in both microscopic setting and macroscopic setting

— [ Physical contents of quantum entanglement is exposed as the altruism that often brings about the Pareto Nash

— [ Research on “truly quantum” games helpful

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