

n -person cooperative games

$A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ set of players

$S \subset A$: coalition

$S^c = A \setminus S$: counter coalition of S .

Characteristic function: $v: \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

1. $v(\emptyset) = 0$

2. Superadditivity: If $S \cap T \neq \emptyset$, then
 $v(S \cup T) \geq v(S) + v(T)$

Imputation: $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. $x_i \geq v(\{i\})$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

2. $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = v(A)$

(A, v) is essential if $\exists \{i\} : v(\{i\}) < v(A)$

is inessential if

$$\sum_{i \in A} v(\{i\}) = v(A)$$

$\vec{x} \in C(v)$ if for any $S \subset A$, $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \geq v(S)$

Example: Suppose $v(\{1\}) = v(\{2\}) = v(\{3\}) = 0$

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

S	v
$\{1, 2\}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\{1, 3\}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\{2, 3\}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\{1, 2, 3\}$	1

$v(\emptyset) = 0$

$$\vec{x} \in C(v) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \\ x_1 + x_3 \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ x_2 + x_3 \geq \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ 0 \leq x_1 = 1 - (x_2 + x_3) \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 \leq x_2 = 1 - (x_1 + x_3) \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \leq x_3 = 1 - (x_1 + x_2) \leq \frac{3}{5} \end{array} \right.$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$$

Represent $C(v)$ on the $x_1 - x_2$ plane

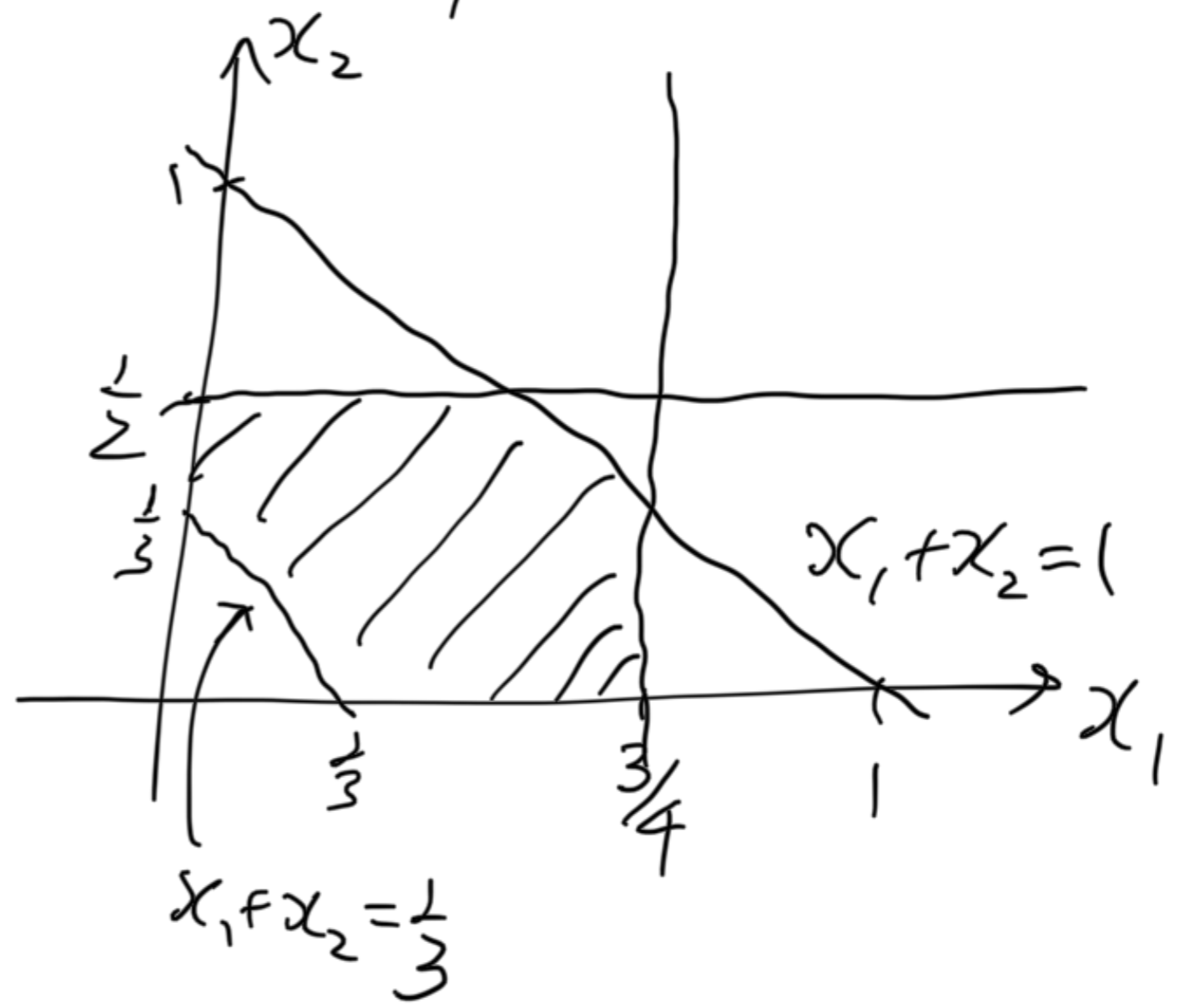
$$x_3 = 1 - (x_1 + x_2)$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1 - x_3 \leq 1$$



Example (Use car game) $v(\{1,3\}) = v(\{2,3\}) = v(\{3,3\}) = 0$

S	$v(S)$
$\{1,2\}$	500
$\{1,3\}$	700
$\{2,3\}$	0
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$$\{1, 2, 3\} \quad 700$$

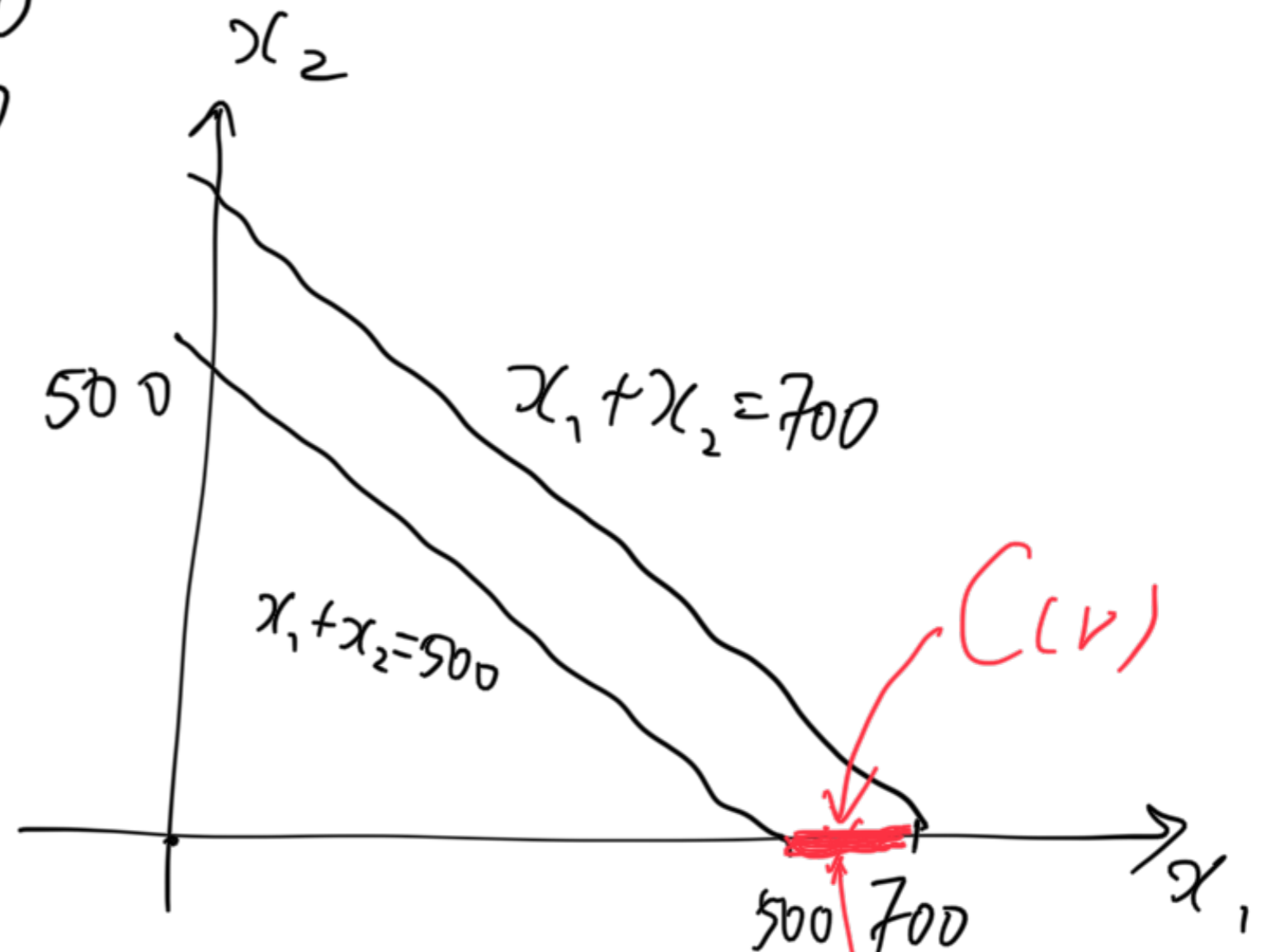
$$\vec{x} \in C(v) \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 700 \\ x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 \geq 500 \\ x_1 + x_3 \geq 700 \\ x_2 + x_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$x_1 - x_2$ plane

$$0 \leq x_1 = 700 - (x_2 + x_3) \leq 700$$

$$0 \leq x_2 = 700 - (x_1 + x_3) \leq 0$$

$$500 \leq x_1 + x_2 = 700 - x_3 \leq 700$$



$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = 600 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 100 \end{array}$$

Example: 3-person constant sum game

S	$v(S)$
$\{1\}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\{2\}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
$\{1, 2\}$	0

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq x_1 \leq 1 - (x_2 + x_3) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\{1, 2\}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3} \leq x_2 \leq 1 - (x_1 + x_3) = -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$
$\{1, 3\}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$1 \leq x_1 + x_2 = 1 - x_3 \leq 1$
$\{2, 3\}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	No solution
$\{1, 2, 3\}$	1	$C(v) = \emptyset$

$(0, 1)$ -reduced form

Def. Two characteristic functions ν and μ are strategically equivalent if $\exists k > 0$ and $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\mu(S) = k\nu(S) + \sum_{i \in S} c_i$$

Thm. Suppose ν and μ are equivalent.

1. μ is essential $(\Leftrightarrow) \nu$ is essential

2. $\tau(\mu) = 1 \Rightarrow \tau(\nu) = k\tau(\mu) + \tau(\vec{c}) \quad \vec{c} \in \tau(\nu) ?$

$$2. \quad L(\mu) = \{y \mid y = \dots, \dots\}$$

$$\vec{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$$

$$3. \quad C(\mu) = \{ \vec{y} \mid \vec{y} = k\vec{x} + \vec{c}, \vec{x} \in C(v) \}$$

Def. We say μ is a $(0,1)$ -reduced form if

$$1. \quad v(\{i\}) = 0 \quad \text{for any } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$2. \quad v(N) = 1$$

Thm. 1. Every inessential game is equivalent to the zero game ($v(S) = 0$).

2. Every essential game is equivalent to a unique game in $(0,1)$ reduced form.

Proof. 1. (omitted)

$$2. \quad \text{Define } \mu(S) = \frac{v(S) - \sum_{i \in S} v(\{i\})}{\dots}$$

$$v(A) - \sum_{i \in A} v(\{i\})$$

Note v is essential game $\Rightarrow v(A) - \sum_{i \in A} v(\{i\}) > 0$

Easy to check μ is a $(0,1)$ -reduced form

$$\left(k = \frac{1}{v(A) - \sum_{i \in A} v(\{i\})} > 0 \quad c_i = - \frac{v(\{i\})}{v(A) - \sum_{i \in A} v(\{i\})} \right)$$

Example: 3-person constant sum game

$$\mu(\{1\}) = \mu(\{2\}) = \mu(\{3\}) = 0, \quad \mu(A) = 1$$

$$\mu(\{1,2\}) = \frac{v(\{1,2\}) - (v(\{1\}) + v(\{2\}))}{v(A) - (v(\{1\}) + v(\{2\}) + v(\{3\}))}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} + (-\frac{1}{3})\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} + (-\frac{1}{3}) + 0\right)} = 1$$

$$\mu(\{1,2,3\}) = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} + (-\frac{1}{3}) + 0\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} + (-\frac{1}{3}) + 0\right)} = 1$$

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$$\mu(\{1,3\}) = \frac{3 \cdot \frac{1}{4}}{1 - (\frac{1}{4} + (-\frac{1}{3}) + 0)} = 1$$

$$\mu(\{2,3\}) = 1$$

Example (Used car game)

$$v(\{1\}) = v(\{2\}) = v(\{3\}) = 0,$$

$$v(\{1,2\}) = 500, \quad v(\{1,3\}) = 700, \quad v(\{2,3\}) = 0$$

$$v(\{1,2,3\}) = 700$$

$$\mu(\{1,2\}) = \frac{v(\{1,2\}) - (v(\{1\}) + v(\{2\}))}{v(S) - (v(\{1\}) + v(\{2\}) + v(\{3\}))}$$

$$= \frac{500 - 0}{700 - 0} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\mu(\{1,3\}) = \frac{700 - 0}{700} = 1$$

$$\mu(\{2,3\}) = 0$$

$$\mu(A) = 1$$

Shapley values

Def. Shapley value of player i is

$$\phi_i = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{P}(A) \setminus \{\emptyset\}} \frac{(n-|S|)! (|S|-1)!}{n!} \delta(i, S)$$

where $\delta(i, S) = v(S) - v(S \setminus \{i\})$

$\vec{\phi} = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$ Shapley vector

Remark:

1. $\delta(i, S) = v(S) - v(S \setminus \{i\})$ is the amount
: contributed to the coalition S

1. contributions w. the coalition S .

If $i \notin S$, $\delta(i, S) = 0$.

To find ϕ_i , only need to sum over $i \in S$

$$2. \quad \phi_i = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{P}(A)} \frac{(n - |S| - 1)! |S|!}{n!} (v(S \cup \{i\}) - v(S))$$

3. ϕ_i measures the average contribution over the possible permutations in which the grand coalition can be formed.

$n=3$	Permutation	$S \setminus \{i\}$	S	$\delta(i, S)$
	1 2 3	\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$v(\{1\})$
	1 3 2	\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$v(\{1\})$
	2 1 3	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$v(\{1, 2\}) - v(\{2\})$
	2 3 1	$\{2, 3\}$	A	$v(A) - v(\{2, 3\})$
	3 1 2	$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$v(\{1, 3\}) - v(\{3\})$
	3 2 1	$\{3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$v(\{2, 3\}) - v(\{3\})$

$S \setminus \{2\}$	$\{2,3\}$	$\{1,3\}$	$v(\{1,3\}) - v(\{1,2\})$
$\{2,3\}$	$\{1,2\}$	\emptyset	$v(\emptyset) - v(\{2,3\})$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{3!} (2 \times v(\{1\}) + (v(\{1,2\}) - v(\{1,2\})) + (v(\{1,3\}) - v(\{1,3\})) + 2(v(\emptyset) - v(\{2,3\})))$$

For general n , fixed $S \subset A$

What is the weight of $\delta(i, S)$?

For $\sigma \in S_n$ permutation

$$s = |S|$$

$$\underbrace{\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(s-1)}_{\text{in } S \setminus \{i\}}, i, \underbrace{\sigma(s+1), \dots, \sigma(n)}_{S^c = A \setminus S}$$

in $S \setminus \{i\}$

$$S^c = A \setminus S$$

$$(s-1)!$$

\times

$$(n-s)!$$

Example: 3-person constant sum game

Consider coalitions containing 1.

$$\{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \quad A = \{1,2,3\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &= \frac{(3-1)!(1-1)!}{3!} (v(\{1\}) - v(\emptyset)) + \frac{(3-2)!(2-1)!}{3!} (v(\{1,2\}) - v(\{2\})) \\ &\quad + \frac{(3-2)!(2-1)!}{3!} (v(\{1,3\}) - v(\{3\})) + \frac{(3-3)!(3-1)!}{3!} (v(A) - v(\{2,3\})) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{11}{18}$$

Similarly $\phi_2 = \frac{1}{36}$, $\phi_3 = \frac{13}{36}$

Note. $\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 = 1 = v(A)$

$n = 7$, $S = \{1,3,4,5\}$, $S^c = \{2,6,7\}$

$$\delta(1, S) = v(S) - v(\{3, 4, 5\})$$

$$7! = 5040$$

permutation of 3, 4, 5

permutation of 2, 6, 7

$$(4-1)! \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3 \ 4 \ 5 \\ 3 \ 5 \ 4 \\ 4 \ 3 \ 5 \end{array} \right. , 1, \left. \begin{array}{l} 2, 6, 7 \\ 6, 2, 7 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (7-4)! \\ = 3! = 6 \end{array}$$

$$6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ terms}$$