

**On the solution of affine generalized Nash games
with shared constraints by Lemke's algorithm**

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The AGNEP

There are n players, each labeled by $\nu = 1, \dots, n$.

Parameterized by rivals' strategies $x^{-\nu} \triangleq (x^{\nu'})_{\nu' \neq \nu=1}^n$, player ν 's optimization is a convex quadratic program:

$$\text{minimize}_{x^\nu \in \Xi^\nu(x^{-\nu})} \theta_\nu(x^\nu, x^{-\nu}) \triangleq \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (x^\nu)^T H^{\nu\nu} x^\nu + (x^\nu)^T \left(h^\nu + \sum_{\nu' \neq \nu=1}^n H^{\nu\nu'} x^{\nu'} \right)}_{\text{convex quadratic in } x^\nu \text{ given } x^{-\nu}}, \text{ where}$$

$$\Xi^\nu(x^{-\nu}) \triangleq \left\{ x^\nu \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_\nu} \mid \underbrace{B^\nu x^\nu \geq f^\nu}_{\text{private constraint}}, \underbrace{\sum_{\nu'=1}^n A^{\nu\nu'} x^{\nu'} \geq b}_{\text{common, coupled constraint}} \right\}.$$

Remark: There is no player-dependent coupled constraint of the form:

$$\sum_{\nu'=1}^n A^{\nu\nu'} x^{\nu'} \geq b^\nu$$

LCP with no structural assumption on multipliers

Introducing multipliers $\lambda^{\nu,p}$ (for private constraints) and $\lambda^{\nu,s}$ (for shared constraints), we obtain a linear complementarity formulation of the game:

$$0 \leq z_{\text{NE}} \perp w_{\text{NE}} \triangleq q_{\text{NE}} + M_{\text{NE}} z_{\text{NE}} \geq 0, \quad \text{with}$$

$$z_{\text{NE}} \triangleq \left(\begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{array} \right) \\ \hline \left(\begin{array}{c} \lambda^{1,p} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{n,p} \end{array} \right) \\ \hline \left(\begin{array}{c} \lambda^{1,s} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{n,s} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right), \quad w_{\text{NE}} \triangleq \left(\begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{array} \right) \\ \hline \left(\begin{array}{c} s^{1,p} \\ \vdots \\ s^{n,p} \end{array} \right) \\ \hline \left(\begin{array}{c} s^{1,s} \\ \vdots \\ s^{n,s} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

$$M_{\text{NE}} \triangleq \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc|ccc} H^{11} & \dots & H^{1n} & -(B^1)^T & & & -(A^1)^T & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \ddots & & & \ddots & \\ H^{n1} & \dots & H^{nn} & & & -(B^n)^T & & & -(A^n)^T \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ B^1 & & & & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & & & & \\ & & B^n & & & & & & \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ A^1 & \dots & A^n & & & & & & \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & & & & & & \\ A^1 & \dots & A^n & & & & & & \end{array} \right]$$

Note the structures in the last block in the first row (block diagonal) and the same block in last column (repeating rows).

In general, $H^{\nu\nu'} \neq H^{\nu'\nu}$ for $\nu \neq \nu'$; $H^{\nu\nu}$ is symmetric positive semidefinite.

A statement of Lemke's algorithm

The augmented LCP with covering vector $d > 0$:

$$0 \leq z \perp w \triangleq q + \tau d + Mz \geq 0.$$

3 possible outcomes of Lemke's algorithm: (a) cycling (degeneracy resolution), (b) ray termination, or (c) solution obtained.

(I) If the algorithm terminates at a secondary ray, then there exists a tuple $(w^*, \tilde{w}, z_0^*, \tilde{z}_0, z^*, \tilde{z})$ with $z_0^* > 0$ and $\tilde{z} \neq 0$ such that for all $\tau \geq 0$,

$$0 \leq z^* + \tau \tilde{z} \perp w^* + \tau \tilde{w} = q + d(z_0^* + \tau \tilde{z}_0) + M(z^* + \tau \tilde{z}) \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

(II) If M is a **semimonotone** matrix, then the scalar \tilde{z}_0 satisfying (1) must equal zero; hence, if for every scalar $z_0 > 0$, $\text{SOL}(q + dz_0, M)$ is bounded, then the LCP (q, M) has a solution that can be computed by Lemke's method with d as the covering vector (**with a degeneracy resolution scheme**). \square

Specialization to the LCP (q_{NE}, M_{NE})

Let

$$J_{NE} \triangleq \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} H^{11} & \dots & H^{1n} & -(B^1)^T & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \ddots & \\ H^{n1} & \dots & H^{nn} & & & -(B^n)^T \\ \hline & & & & & \\ B^1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & B^n \end{array} \right], \quad \mathbf{A} \triangleq [A^1 \quad \dots \quad A^n].$$

- If J_{NE} is semimonotone, and if the nonzero entries in each row of the matrix \mathbf{A} are of a single sign, then M_{NE} is semimonotone.
- Under further conditions:

$$\text{SOL}(0, J_{NE}) = \{0\} \Rightarrow \text{SOL}(0, M_{NE}) = 0$$

\Rightarrow successful termination of Lemke

under degeneracy resolution

An illustrative example: degeneracy is real!

Consider a 2-person game with individual optimization problems as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & x_1(1 - 0.5x_1 - 0.5x_2) \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \\ \text{subject to} & 1 - x_1 - x_2 \stackrel{(\lambda_1)}{\geq} 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & x_2(2 - 0.5x_1 - 0.5x_2) \\ & x_2 \geq 0 \\ \text{subject to} & 1 - x_1 - x_2 \stackrel{(\lambda_2)}{\geq} 0 \end{array}$$

The following 2 tableaux detail the first pivot in Lemke's algorithm.

	q	z_0	x_1	x_2	λ_1	λ_2
w_1	-1	1	1	0.5	1	0
w_2	-2	1	0.5	1	0	1
s_1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0
s_2	1	1	-1	-1	0	0

	q	w_2	x_1	x_2	λ_1	λ_2
w_1	1	1	0.5	-0.5	1	-1
z_0	2	1	-0.5	-1	0	-1
s_1	3	1	-1.5	-2	0	-1
s_2	3	1	-1.5	-2	0	-1

- s_2 **made nonbasic**: pivots of $\langle s_2, x_2 \rangle$; $\langle w_1, \lambda_2 \rangle$; $\langle z_0, x_1 \rangle$ terminate at the solution $(1, 0, 0, 1.5)$.
- s_1 **made nonbasic**: pivot of $\langle s_1, x_2 \rangle$ leads to ray termination and the method fails.

2 remarks: (a) algorithm may fail, and (b) only one multiplier (λ_2) is positive.

LCP with common multipliers on shared constraints

Variational equilibria: $\lambda^{\nu,s} = \lambda^s$ for all ν ; i.e., common multipliers of shared constraints.

$$z_{\text{VE}} \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{1,p} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda^{n,p} \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda^s \\ \text{collapsed} \\ \text{into one} \end{matrix}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{\text{VE}} \triangleq \left[\begin{array}{ccc|cc|c} H^{11} & \dots & H^{1n} & -(B^1)^T & & -(A^1)^T \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ H^{n1} & \dots & H^{nn} & & -(B^n)^T & -(A^n)^T \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ B^1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & B^n & & & \\ \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ A^1 & \dots & A^n & & & \end{array} \right]$$

Excluding the upper left block, M_{VE} has a skew symmetry structure that is absent in the previous non-VE formulation. Let

$$J_{\text{VE}} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} H^{11} & \dots & H^{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ H^{n1} & \dots & H^{nn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- If J_{VE} is **copositive**, then so is M_{VE} .

Summary of results with Lemke's algorithm pertaining to multipliers of shared constraints

- Applied to the non-VE formulation, Lemke's algorithm, **if successful**, computes only one kind of NE, those for which at most one player has a non-zero multiplier associated with each shared constraint.
- Thus, many NE are **elusive** by this algorithm, motivating the need to modify it for (a) robustness, and (b) capability to compute NE of other kinds.
- Multipliers provide meaningful insights on the constraints; thus desirable to be able to compute solutions with different kinds of multipliers.
- Introduced the notion of a **partial VE** computable by a modified Lemke method; such a partial VE enforced multiplier consistency across all players for certain shared constraints.
- Rosen's VE can be approximated by specialized **regularizations** of the LCP formulation of the game.
- Introduced an equivalent reformulation of shared constraints and a parameterization idea, yielding computable NE with yet a different property of the multipliers of these constraints.

Structural property of multipliers in Lemke solutions

Proposition. If Lemke's method finds a solution of the LCP (q_{NE}, M_{NE}) of the non-VE formulation of the AGNEP, then for each shared constraint $\ell = 1, \dots, m_s$, \exists in that solution at most one $\nu \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ such that $\lambda_\ell^{\nu,s} > 0$. \square

Thus, the only VE that can be computed by Lemke's algorithm when applied to the LCP (q_{NE}, M_{NE}) is the one with all multipliers equal to zero.

A modified Lemke algorithm for the AGNEP

Perform Lemke's method until the s -variables of shared constraint ℓ become blocking. Call this Tableau 1 and randomly choose $s_{\ell}^{\nu, s}$ to pivot out of the basis so that the next entering variable is $\lambda_{\ell}^{\nu, s}$. Define $I \triangleq \{\nu\}$.

- If ray termination occurs at any point after $s_{\ell}^{\nu, s}$ is made nonbasic, choose $s_{\ell}^{\nu', s}$ with $\nu' \notin I$ as the blocking variable in Tableau 1 so that $\lambda_{\ell}^{\nu', s}$ is the next entering variable.
- Resume the usual operation of the algorithm using the new blocking variable in Tableau 1. Stop if a solution is found. Otherwise, either return to Step 1 with $I \triangleq I \cup \{\nu'\}$ or proceed to Step 2 following ray termination.
- If ray termination has occurred after all $s_{\ell}^{\bullet, s}$ pivots, return to Tableau 1 and
 - delete all but one row corresponding to the ℓ th shared constraint and relabel the variable s_{ℓ}^s ;
 - combine all $\lambda_{\ell}^{\bullet, s}$ variables into a single multiplier labeled λ_{ℓ}^s ;
 - recalculate the λ_{ℓ}^s column of the new tableau.

An illustration of the modified scheme

A river basin pollution game

(Haurie-Krawczyk 1997; Nabetani-Tseng-Fukushima 2011)

3 competitive players and 2 shared constraints:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & [\alpha_\nu x_\nu + 0.01(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) - \chi_\nu] x_\nu \\ & x_\nu \geq 0 \\ \text{subject to} & -100 \leq -3.25x_1 - 1.25x_2 - 4.125x_3 \\ \text{and} & -100 \leq -2.2915x_1 - 1.5625x_2 - 2.8125x_3, \end{array}$$

with parameters $\alpha_1 = 0.01$, $\alpha_2 = 0.05$, $\alpha_3 = 0.01$, $\chi_1 = 2.9$, $\chi_2 = 2.88$, and $\chi_3 = 2.85$.

	q	z_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	$\lambda_1^{1,s}$	$\lambda_1^{2,s}$	$\lambda_1^{3,s}$	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
w_1	-2.9	1	0.04	0.01	0.01	3.25	0	0	2.29	0	0
w_2	-2.88	1	0.01	0.12	0.01	0	1.25	0	0	1.56	0
w_3	-2.85	1	0.01	0.01	0.04	0	0	4.12	0	0	2.81
$s_1^{1,s}$	100	1	-3.25	-1.25	-4.12	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_1^{2,s}$	100	1	-3.25	-1.25	-4.12	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_1^{3,s}$	100	1	-3.25	-1.25	-4.12	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_2^{1,s}$	100	1	-2.30	-1.51	-2.81	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_2^{2,s}$	100	1	-2.30	-1.51	-2.81	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_2^{3,s}$	100	1	-2.30	-1.51	-2.81	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 0: The river basic game: Original formulation

	q	w_1	w_2	w_3	x_3	$\lambda_1^{1,s}$	$\lambda_{2,1}^s$	$\lambda_1^{3,s}$	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
z_0	2.8	-0.3	-0.09	1.42	-0.05	1.08	0.1	-5.9	0.8	0.1	-4
x_1	1.7	33.3	0	-33	1	-108	0	138	-76.4	0	94
x_2	0.3	0	9.1	-9.1	0.3	0	-11.4	37.5	0	-14	26
$s_1^{1,s}$	97.1	-109	-11.5	121	-7.8	353	14	-500	249	18	-341
$s_1^{2,s}$	97.1	-109	-11.5	121	-7.8	353	14	-500	249	18	-341
$s_1^{3,s}$	97.1	-109	-11.5	121	-7.8	353	14	-500	249	18	-341
$s_2^{1,s}$	98.6	-76.7	-13.8	91.6	-5.6	249.3	17.3	-377.7	176	21.6	-258
$s_2^{2,s}$	98.6	-76.7	-13.8	91.6	-5.6	249.3	17.3	-377.7	176	21.6	-258
$s_2^{3,s}$	98.6	-76.7	-13.8	91.6	-5.6	249.3	17.3	-377.7	176	21.6	-258

Table 1: After 3 pivots from original, x_3 is the entering variable

Note the repetition of the rows of the shared constraints, leading to ties in choosing the leaving variable.

	q	w_1	w_2	w_3	$s_1^{1,s}$	$\lambda_1^{1,s}$	$\lambda_1^{2,s}$	$\lambda_1^{3,s}$	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
z_0	2.17	0.40	-0.01	0.60	0.01	-1.31	0.02	-2.48	-0.93	0.02	-1.69
x_1	14	19.3	-1.5	-17.7	-0.13	-62.9	1.8	73	-44	2.3	50
x_2	3.7	-3.8	8.7	-4.8	-0.04	12.4	-10.9	20	8.7	-13.6	13.6
x_3	12.5	-14	-1.5	15.6	-0.13	45.5	1.8	-64.3	32.1	2.3	-44
$s_1^{2,s}$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_1^{3,s}$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_2^{1,s}$	29	1.2	-5.6	4.7	0.7	-3.9	7	-19.5	-2.7	8.8	-13.3
$s_2^{2,s}$	29	1.2	-5.6	4.7	0.7	-3.9	7	-19.5	-2.7	8.8	-13.3
$s_2^{3,s}$	29	1.2	-5.6	4.7	0.7	-3.9	7	-19.5	-2.7	8.8	-13.3

Table 2: Next pivot is on the distinguished shared multiplier $\lambda_{1,1}^s$

Note the two rows of the first shared constraints one of whose slack variables ($s_1^{1,s}$) is nonbasic.

	q	w_1	w_2	w_3	$s_{1,1}$	x_1	$\lambda_1^{2,s}$	$\lambda_1^{3,s}$	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
z_0	1.88	0	-0.02	0.97	0.01	0.02	-0.02	-4.01	0	-0.03	-2.74
$\lambda_{1,1}^s$	0.23	0.31	-0.02	-0.28	-0.002	-0.02	0.03	1.2	-0.71	0.04	0.8
x_2	6.5	0	8.4	-8.3	-0.06	-0.20	-10.5	34.4	0	-13.1	23.5
x_3	22.7	0	-2.5	2.8	-0.22	-0.72	3.18	-11.4	0	4	-7.8
$s_1^{2,s}$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_1^{3,s}$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$s_2^{1,s}$	28.1	0	-5.5	5.8	0.7	0.06	6.9	-24	0	8.7	-16.4
$s_2^{2,s}$	28.1	0	-5.5	5.8	0.7	0.06	6.9	-24	0	8.7	-16.4
$s_2^{3,s}$	28.1	0	-5.5	5.8	0.7	0.06	6.9	-24	0	8.7	-16.4

Table 3: Post pivot on $\lambda_1^{1,s}$; ray termination on w_1

Return to Table 1 and choose $s_1^{3,s}$ as the blocking variable; ray termination occurs after pivot. Return to Table 1 and make the last choice to break tie; i.e., choose $s_1^{2,s}$ as the blocking variable, leading also to ray termination.

Now we group the first shared constraints and the corresponding multipliers, obtaining the next table.

	q	w_1	w_2	w_3	x_3	λ_1^s	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
z_0	2.83	-0.33	-0.09	1.42	-0.05	-4.68	0.76	0.14	-4.01
x_1	1.67	33.33	0	-33.33	1	29.17	-76.38	0	93.75
x_2	0.27	0	9.09	-9.09	0.27	26.14	0	-14.20	25.57
s_1^s	97.07	-108.67	-11.45	121.12	-7.77	-132.14	249.01	17.90	-340.65
$s_2^{1,s}$	98.60	-76.72	-13.84	91.56	-5.57	-111.04	175.80	21.63	-257.51
$s_2^{2,s}$	98.60	-76.72	-13.84	91.56	-5.57	-111.04	175.80	21.63	-257.51
$s_2^{3,s}$	98.60	-76.72	-13.84	91.56	-5.57	-111.04	175.80	21.63	-257.51

Table 4: After collapsing shared constraint 1 and its multipliers

	q	w_1	w_2	w_3	s_1	λ_1^s	$\lambda_2^{1,s}$	$\lambda_2^{2,s}$	$\lambda_2^{3,s}$
z_0	2.17	0.40	-0.01	0.60	0.01	-3.78	-0.93	0.02	-1.69
x_1	14.16	19.35	-1.47	-17.74	-0.13	12.16	-44.33	2.30	49.90
x_2	3.68	-3.81	8.69	-4.84	-0.04	21.50	8.74	-13.58	13.61
x_3	12.50	-13.99	-1.47	15.59	-0.13	-17.01	32.05	2.30	-43.85
$s_2^{1,s}$	29.01	1.19	-5.63	4.73	0.72	-16.32	-2.72	8.80	-13.30
$s_2^{2,s}$	29.01	1.19	-5.63	4.73	0.72	-16.32	-2.72	8.80	-13.30
$s_2^{3,s}$	29.01	1.19	-5.63	4.73	0.72	-16.32	-2.72	8.80	-13.30

Table 5: Solution found after pivot on λ_1^s

Regularization and generalized VE

$$M_i \triangleq M_{\text{NE}} + \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c} E_i^{1;x} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & E_i^{n;x} & \\ \hline & E_i^{1;p} & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & E_i^{n;p} \\ \hline & & E_i^{1;s} \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & E_i^{n;p} \end{array} \right]$$

where $E_i^{\nu;x,p,s}$ is a positive diagonal matrix with $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} E_i^{\nu;x,p,s} = 0$ and for all ν , $\nu' = 1, \dots, n$ and all $\ell = 1, \dots, m_s$,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(E_i^{\nu;s})_{\ell\ell}}{(E_i^{\nu';s})_{\ell\ell}} = e_l^{\nu\nu'} > 0;$$

Generalized VE

For any m_s positive matrices $\mathcal{E}_\ell^s \triangleq [e_\ell^{\nu\nu'}]_{\nu,\nu'=1}^n \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfying $e_\ell^{\nu\nu'} e_\ell^{\nu'\nu} = 1$ for all ν and ν' , let $\Lambda(\mathcal{E}^s)$ be defined as follows:

$$\Lambda(\mathcal{E}^s) \triangleq \left\{ \lambda^s \mid \lambda_\ell^{\nu,s} = e_\ell^{\nu\nu'} \lambda_\ell^{\nu',s} \text{ for all } \ell = 1, \dots, m_s, \text{ and all } \nu, \nu' = 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

Rosen's normalized Nash equilibria correspond to the case where each matrix \mathcal{E}_ℓ^s is the same with entries given by $e_\ell^{\nu\nu'} = e_{\nu'}/e_\nu$ for a positive vector $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

A variational equilibrium is a special kind of normalized NE where e is the vector of all ones.

Proposition. If $\hat{z} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} z^i$ with $z^i \in \text{SOL}(q_{\text{NE}}, M_i)$, then $\hat{z} \triangleq (\hat{x}, \hat{\lambda}^p, \hat{\lambda}^s)$ is a solution of the LCP $(q_{\text{NE}}, M_{\text{NE}})$ and $\hat{\lambda}^s \in \Lambda(\mathcal{E}^s)$. □