Game Theory

0. Organizational Matters

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Lecturers

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Time & Place



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Lectures

- time: Monday 16:15-17:00, Wednesday 14:15-16:00
- place: building 101, seminar room 01-009/013

Exercises

- time: Monday 17:15-18:00
- place: building 101, seminar room 01-009/013

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Course website

http://gki.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/ss18/gametheory/

- main page: course description
- lecture page: slides, lecture notes
- exercise page: assignments, software

Teaching Materials: Books



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- Osborne & Rubinstein.
 A Course in Game Theory.
 Main source for the first half of this course. Quite formal.
- Osborne.
 An Introduction to Game Theory.
 Similar content as Osborne & Rubinstein, but less formal.
- Nisan, Roughgarden, Tardos, & Vazirani.
 Algorithmic Game Theory.
 Main source for the second half of this course

- en: http://gki.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/ ss18/gametheory/gametheory_en.pdf
- de: http://gki.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/ ss18/gametheory/gametheory_de.pdf

(PDFs updated regularly)

- open LATEX sources (read-only): https://gkigit.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching. gametheory/gametheory-lecturenotes/tree/master You may use and modify them. If you improve them, we are happy to include and acknowledge your contributions.
- slides available on course website
- additional resources: literature list on course website + ask us!

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Target Audience



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Students of Computer Science:

- Master of Science, any year
- Bachelor of Science, ~3rd year

Other students:

■ advanced study period (~4th year)

Prerequisites



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Course prerequisites:

- no required prerequisites
- some familiarity with mathematical notation and theoretical computer science is helpful, familiarity with Python 3 is assumed for the excercises.

Credit Points & Exam



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- 6 ECTS points
- special lecture in specialization field Cognitive Technical Systems
- oral exam of about 30 minutes for B.Sc. students
- written or oral exam for M.Sc. students (likely written)



Successful participation (50% of points) prerequisite for exam admission.

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Written assignments:

- handed out once a week
- due one week later, before the lecture
- discussed in the next exercise session
- may be solved in groups of up to three students
- 8 points per exercise sheet

Didactic web-based experiments in game theory:

- See http://gametheory.tau.ac.il/.
- course number and class password will be sent by email
- experiments conducted intermittently (three to five times throughout course)
- about one week time to complete
- discussed in the next exercise session
- must be solved alone (not in groups)
- 4 points per set of experiments

Admission to Exam



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- points can be earned for "reasonable" solutions to exercises and for participation in web-based experiments.
- at least 50% of points prerequisite for admission to final exam.

What is plagiarism?

- passing off solutions as your own that are not based on your ideas (work of other students, Internet, books, ...)
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plagiarism is a good intro

Consequence: no admission to the final exam.

- We may (!) be generous on first offense.
- Don't tell us "We did the work together."
- Don't tell us "I did not know this was not allowed."