Multiagent Systems

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Exercise Sheet 8 Due: Friday, July 4, 2pm

Important: Each exercise sheet is to be solved in groups of **two students**. Thus, please note your names on each solution sheet and, if applicable, in the source code (as a comment on top of each source file). The solutions are to be handed in as pdf or plain text files (UTF-8 encoded) using the SVN. We strongly suggest the use of $\text{LAT}_{\text{E}}X$ for typesetting your solutions. As always so far, you might solve the exercises in English or German.

Exercise 8.1 (Strategic Games, 4 points)

Formalize the game "Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock"¹ as a strategic game, i.e., specify a set of players, sets of actions for all players, and utility functions in terms of a payoff matrix. The winners of the possible pairings follow from the following graph.



Exercise 8.2 (Voting systems, 6 points)

Consider the following example, derived from the politics in the UK example presented in the lecture: $\Omega = \{\omega_S, \omega_F, \omega_C\}$, where ω_S represents the Social Democratic Party (SPD), ω_F the Free Democratic Party (FDP) and ω_C the Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

Voters have the following preferences:

- 43% of |Ag| are left-wing voters: $\omega_S \succ \omega_F \succ \omega_C$
- 12% of |Ag| are center voters: $\omega_F \succ \omega_S \succ \omega_C$
- 45% of |Ag| are right-wing voters: $\omega_C \succ \omega_F \succ \omega_S$

¹http://www.slashfilm.com/2008/11/27/votd-rock-paper-scissors-lizard-spock/

- (a) Based on the following voting procedures, which party will win an election?
 - Plurality
 - Sequential majority elections with election agenda $\omega_S, \omega_F, \omega_C$
- (b) Is it possible to fix the election agenda in favor of any outcome?
- (c) A new fourth party ω_N emerges altering the preferences of the voters to:
 - 38% of |Ag| are left-wing voters: $\omega_S \succ \omega_F \succ \omega_N \succ \omega_C$
 - 11% of |Ag| are center-left voters: $\omega_F \succ \omega_S \succ \omega_N \succ \omega_C$
 - 39% of |Ag| are right-wing voters: $\omega_C \succ \omega_F \succ \omega_S \succ \omega_N$
 - 12% of |Ag| are voters of the new party: $\omega_N \succ \omega_C \succ \omega_S \succ \omega_F$

Is it possible to fix the election agenda in sequential majority elections? If so, in favor of which party?

- (d) Who is the winner of the election using the following voting procedures:
 - The Borda count
 - The Slater ranking