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# BROUWER'S FIXED POINT THEOREM WITH SEQUENTIALLY AT MOST ONE FIXED POINT: A CONSTRUCTIVE ANALYSIS 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we present a constructive proof of Brouwer's fixed point theorem with sequentially at most one fixed point, and apply it to the mini-max theorem of zero-sum games.

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## 1. Introduction

It is well known that Brouwer's fixed point theorem can not be constructively proved. See [3] or [8].
[6] provided a constructive proof of Brouwer's fixed point theorem. But it is not constructive from the view point of constructive mathematics à la Bishop. It is sufficient to say that one dimensional case of Brouwer's fixed point theorem, that is, the intermediate value theorem is non-constructive.

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Sperner's lemma which is used to prove Brouwer's theorem, however, can be constructively proved. Some authors have presented an approximate version of Brouwer's theorem using Sperner's lemma. See [8] and [9]. Thus, Brouwer's fixed point theorem is constructively, in the sense of constructive mathematics à la Bishop, proved in its approximate version.

Also Dalen in [8] states a conjecture that a uniformly continuous function $f$ from a simplex into itself, with property that each open set contains a point $x$ such that $x \neq f(x)$, which means $|x-f(x)|>0$, and also at every point $x$ on the boundaries of the simplex $x \neq f(x)$, has an exact fixed point. We present a partial answer to Dalen's conjecture.

Recently [2] showed that the following theorem is equivalent to Brouwer's fan theorem.

Each uniformly continuous function $\varphi$ from a compact metric space $X$ into itself with at most one fixed point and approximate fixed points has a fixed point.

By reference to the notion of sequentially at most one maximum in [1] we require a stronger condition that a function $\varphi$ has sequentially at most one fixed point, and will show the following result.

Each uniformly continuous function $\varphi$ from a compact metric space $X$ into itself with sequentially at most one fixed point and approximate fixed points has a fixed point,
without the fan theorem. Orevkov in [7] constructed a computably coded continuous function $f$ from the unit square into itself, which is defined at each computable point of the square, such that $f$ has no computable fixed point. His map consists of a retract of the computable elements of the square to its boundary followed by a rotation of the boundary of the square. As pointed out by Hirst in [5], since there is no retract of the square to its boundary, his map does not have a total extension.

In the next section we present our theorem and its proof. In Section 3, as an application of the theorem we consider the mini-max theorem of two-person zero-sum games.

## 2. Theorem and proof

Let $\mathbf{p}$ be a point in a compact metric space $X$, and consider a uniformly continuous function $\varphi$ from $X$ into itself. According to [8] and [9] $\varphi$ has an approximate fixed point. It means

For each $\varepsilon>0$ there exists $\mathbf{p} \in X$ such that $|\mathbf{p}-\varphi(\mathbf{p})|<\varepsilon$.
Since $\varepsilon>0$ is arbitrary,

$$
\inf _{\mathbf{p} \in X}|\mathbf{p}-\varphi(\mathbf{p})|=0
$$

The notion that $\varphi$ has at most one fixed point is defined as follows;
Definition 2.1. For all $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in X$, if $\mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{q}$, then $\varphi(\mathbf{p}) \neq \mathbf{p}$ or $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \neq \mathbf{q}$.
Next by reference to the notion of sequentially at most one maximum in [1], we define the notion that $\varphi$ has sequentially at most one fixed point as follows;

Definition 2.2. All sequences $\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1},\left(\mathbf{q}_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1}$ in $X$ such that $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$ and $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{q}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$ are eventually close in the sense that $\left|\mathbf{p}_{n}-\mathbf{q}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$.

Now we show the following lemma, which is based on Lemma 2 of [1].
Lemma 2.1. Let $\varphi$ be a uniformly continuous function from a compact metric space $X$ into itself. Assume $\inf _{\mathbf{p} \in X}|\mathbf{p}-\varphi(\mathbf{p})|=0$. If the following property holds,

For each $\delta>0$ there exists $\varepsilon>0$ such that if $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in X,|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|<\varepsilon$ and $|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|<\varepsilon$, then $|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}| \leq \delta$,
then, there exists a point $\mathbf{r} \in X$ such that $\varphi(\mathbf{r})=\mathbf{r}$, that is, $\varphi$ has a fixed point.

## Proof.

Choose a sequence $\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1}$ in $X$ such that $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$. Compute $N$ such that $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right|<\varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$. Then, for $m, n \geq N$ we have $\left|\mathbf{p}_{m}-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right| \leq \delta$. Since $\delta>0$ is arbitrary, $\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $X$, and converges to a limit $\mathbf{r} \in X$. The continuity of $\varphi$ yields $|\varphi(\mathbf{r})-\mathbf{r}|=0$, that is, $\varphi(\mathbf{r})=\mathbf{r}$.

This completes the proof.
Next we show the following theorem, which is based on Proposition 3 of [1].
Theorem 2.1. Each uniformly continuous function $\varphi$ from a compact metric space $X$ into itself with sequentially at most one fixed point and approximate fixed points has a fixed point.

## Proof.

Choose a sequence $\left(\mathbf{r}_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1}$ in $X$ such that $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{r}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{r}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$. In view of Lemma 2.1 it is enough to prove that the following condition holds.

$$
\text { For each } \delta>0 \text { there exists } \varepsilon>0 \text { such that if } \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in X,|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|<\varepsilon \text { and }
$$

$$
|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|<\varepsilon, \text { then }|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}| \leq \delta
$$

Assume that the set

$$
K=\{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \in X \times X:|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}| \geq \delta\}
$$

is nonempty and compact (See Theorem 2.2.13 of [4]). Since the mapping ( $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$ ) $\longrightarrow$ $\max (|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|,|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|)$ is uniformly continuous, we can construct an increasing binary sequence $\left(\lambda_{n}\right)_{n \geq 1}$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lambda_{n}=0 \Rightarrow \inf _{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \in K} \max (|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|,|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|)<2^{-n} \\
& \lambda_{n}=1 \Rightarrow \inf _{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \in K} \max (|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|,|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|)>2^{-n-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

It suffices to find $n$ such that $\lambda_{n}=1$. In that case, if $|\varphi(\mathbf{p})-\mathbf{p}|<2^{-n-1},|\varphi(\mathbf{q})-\mathbf{q}|<2^{-n-1}$, we have $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \notin K$ and $|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}| \leq \delta$. Assume $\lambda_{1}=0$. If $\lambda_{n}=0$, choose $\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right) \in K$ such that $\max \left(\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right|,\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{q}_{n}\right|\right)<2^{-n}$, and if $\lambda_{n}=1$, set $\mathbf{p}_{n}=\mathbf{q}_{n}=\mathbf{r}_{n}$. Then, $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{p}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$ and $\left|\varphi\left(\mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{q}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$, so $\left|\mathbf{p}_{n}-\mathbf{q}_{n}\right| \longrightarrow 0$. Computing $N$ such that $\left|\mathbf{p}_{N}-\mathbf{q}_{N}\right|<\delta$, we must have $\lambda_{N}=1$.

This completes the proof.

## 3. Application: Minimax theorem of zero-sum games

Consider a two person zero-sum game. There are two players $A$ and $B$. Player $A$ has $m$ alternative pure strategies, and the set of his pure strategies is denoted by $S_{A}=\left\{a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{m}\right\}$. Player $B$ has $n$ alternative pure strategies, and the set of his pure strategies is denoted by $S_{B}=\left\{b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{n}\right\} . m$ and $n$ are finite natural numbers. The payoff of player $A$ when a combination of players' strategies is $\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right)$ is denoted by $M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right)$. Since we consider a zero-sum game, the payoff of player $B$ is equal to $-M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right)$. Let $p_{i}$ be a probability that $A$ chooses his strategy $a_{i}$, and $q_{j}$ be a probability
that $B$ chooses his strategy $b_{j}$. A mixed strategy of $A$ is represented by a probability distribution over $S_{A}$, and is denoted by $\mathbf{p}=\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, \ldots, p_{m}\right)$ with $\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i}=1$. Similarly, a mixed strategy of $B$ is denoted by $\mathbf{q}=\left(q_{1}, q_{2}, \ldots, q_{n}\right)$ with $\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}=1$. A combination of mixed strategies $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ is called a profile. The expected payoff of player $A$ at a profile $(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ is written as follows,

$$
M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{i} M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right) q_{j}
$$

We assume that $M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right)$ is finite. Then, since $M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ is linear with respect to probability distributions over the sets of pure strategies of players, it is a uniformly continuous function. The expected payoff of $A$ when he chooses a pure strategy $a_{i}$ and $B$ chooses a mixed strategy $\mathbf{q}$ is $M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{n} M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right) q_{j}$, and his expected payoff when he chooses a mixed strategy $\mathbf{p}$ and $B$ chooses a pure strategy $b_{j}$ is $M\left(\mathbf{p}, b_{j}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} M\left(a_{i}, b_{j}\right)$. The set of all mixed strategies of $A$ is denoted by $P$, and that of $B$ is denoted by $Q$. $P$ is an $m$-1-dimensional simplex, and $Q$ is an $n$-1-dimensional simplex.

We call $v_{A}(\mathbf{p})=\inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ the guaranteed payoff of $A$ at $\mathbf{p}$. And we define $v_{A}^{*}$ as follows,

$$
v_{A}^{*}=\sup _{\mathbf{p}} \inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})
$$

This is a constructive version of the maximin payoff. Similarly, we call $v_{B}(\mathbf{q})=\sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ the guaranteed payoff of player $B$ at $\mathbf{q}$, and define $v_{B}^{*}$ as follows,

$$
v_{B}^{*}=\inf _{\mathbf{q}} \sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) .
$$

This is a constructive version of the minimax payoff. For a fixed $\mathbf{p}$ we have $\inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \leq$ $M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$ for all $\mathbf{q}$, and so

$$
\sup _{\mathbf{p}} \inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \leq \sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \text { for all } \mathbf{q}
$$

holds. Then, we obtain $\sup _{\mathbf{p}} \inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \leq \inf _{\mathbf{q}} \sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})$. This is rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
v_{A}^{*} \leq v_{B}^{*} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Define a function $\Gamma=(\overline{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \overline{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}))$ as follows;

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{p}_{i}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\frac{p_{i}+\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}\right)-M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), 0\right)}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{m} \max \left(M\left(a_{k}, \mathbf{q}\right)-M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), 0\right)} \\
& \bar{q}_{j}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\frac{q_{j}+\max \left(M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})-M\left(\mathbf{p}, b_{j}\right), 0\right)}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{n} \max \left(M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})-M\left(\mathbf{p}, b_{k}\right), 0\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

We assume the following condition;
Assumption 3.1. All sequences $\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)\right)_{n \geq 1},\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right)_{n \geq 1}$ in $P \times Q$ such that $\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\right.$ $\left.M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow 0, \max \left(M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, b_{j}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow 0, \max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow$ 0 and $\max \left(M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, b_{j}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow 0$ for all $i$ and $j$ are eventually close in the sense that $\left|\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right| \longrightarrow 0$.

Since $M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)$, it is impossible that $\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right), 0\right)>$ 0 for all $i$ such that $p_{i}>0$. Similarly, it is impossible that $M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\max \left(M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, b_{j}\right), 0\right)>$ 0 for all $j$ such that $q_{j}>0 .\left|\Gamma\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)\right)-\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)\right| \longrightarrow 0$ means $\left|\bar{p}_{i}-p_{i}\right| \longrightarrow 0$ for all $i$ and $\left|\bar{q}_{j}-q_{j}\right| \longrightarrow 0$ for all $j$. Therefore, we must have $\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow 0$ and $\max \left(M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)-M\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, b_{j}\right), 0\right) \longrightarrow 0$ for all $i$ and $j$, and so under Assumption 3.1 we find

All sequences $\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)\right)_{n \geq 1},\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right)_{n \geq 1}$ in $P \times Q$ such that $\mid \Gamma\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)\right)-$ $\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right) \mid \longrightarrow 0$ and $\left|\Gamma\left(\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right)-\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right| \longrightarrow 0$ are eventually close in the sense that $\left|\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}, \mathbf{q}_{n}\right)-\left(\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\prime}, \mathbf{q}_{n}^{\prime}\right)\right| \longrightarrow 0$.

Thus, $\Gamma$ has sequentially at most one fixed point.
Summing up $\bar{p}_{i}$ from 1 to $m$, for each $i$

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} \bar{p}_{i}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i}+\sum_{i=1}^{m} \max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \mathbf{q}\right)-M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), 0\right)}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{m} \max \left(M\left(a_{k}, \mathbf{q}\right)-M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), 0\right)}=1
$$

Similarly, summing up $\bar{q}_{j}$ from 1 to $n$, for each $j$

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{n} \bar{q}_{j}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}+\sum_{j=1}^{n} \max \left(M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})-M\left(\mathbf{p}, b_{j}\right), 0\right)}{1+\sum_{k=1}^{n} \max \left(M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})-M\left(\mathbf{p}, b_{k}\right), 0\right)}=1
$$

Let $\overline{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\left(\bar{p}_{1}, \bar{p}_{2}, \ldots, \bar{p}_{m}\right), \overline{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=\left(\bar{q}_{1}, \bar{q}_{2}, \ldots, \bar{q}_{n}\right)$. Then, $\Gamma=(\overline{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \overline{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}))$ is a uniformly continuous function from $P \times Q$ into itself. There are $m+n-2$ independent vectors in $P \times Q$, and so $P \times Q$ is an $m+n-2$-dimensional space. Since it is a product of two simplices, it is a compact subset of a metric space. Therefore, $\Gamma$ has a fixed
point. Let $(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})$ be the fixed point, and $\lambda=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \max \left(M\left(a_{k}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)-M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}), 0\right), \lambda^{\prime}=$ $\sum_{k=1}^{m} \max \left(M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})-M\left(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, b_{k}\right), 0\right)$. Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\tilde{p}_{i}+\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)-M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}), 0\right)}{1+\lambda}=\tilde{p}_{i} \\
& \frac{\tilde{q}_{j}+\max \left(M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})-M\left(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, b_{j}\right), 0\right)}{1+\lambda^{\prime}}=\tilde{q}_{j}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, we have

$$
\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)-M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}), 0\right)=\lambda \tilde{p}_{i}
$$

and

$$
\max \left(M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})-M\left(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, b_{j}\right), 0\right)=\lambda^{\prime} \tilde{q}_{j} .
$$

Since $M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})=\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i} M\left(a_{i}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)$, it is impossible that $\max \left(M\left(a_{i}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)-M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}), 0\right)=$ $M\left(a_{i}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}\right)-M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})>0$ for all $i$ such that $\tilde{p}_{i}>0$. Therefore, $\lambda=0$, and we have $\sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})=M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})$. Similarly, we obtain $\lambda^{\prime}=0$ and $\inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \mathbf{q})=M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})$. Then,

$$
v_{B}^{*}=\inf _{\mathbf{q}} \sup _{\mathbf{p}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \leq M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}}) \leq \sup _{\mathbf{p}} \inf _{\mathbf{q}} M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})=v_{A}^{*}
$$

With (1)

$$
v_{A}^{*}=v_{B}^{*}=M(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}, \tilde{\mathbf{q}})
$$

Therefore, the value of the game is determined at the fixed point of $\Gamma$.

Player 2

Player 1

|  | X | Y |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X | $1,-1$ | $-1,1$ |
| Y | $-1,1$ | $1,-1$ |

Table 1. Example of game

Consider an example. See a game in Table 1. It is an example of the so-called MatchingPennies Game. Pure strategies of Player 1 and 2 are $X$ and $Y$. The left side number in each cell represents the payoff of Player 1 and the right side number represents the payoff of Player 2. Let $p_{X}$ and $1-p_{X}$ denote the probabilities that Player 1 chooses, respectively, $X$ and $Y$, and $q_{X}$ and $1-q_{X}$ denote the probabilities for Player 2. Denote the expected
payoff of Player 1 by $M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)$. Since we consider a zero-sum game, the expected payoff of Player 2 is $-M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)$. Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right) & =p_{X} q_{X}-\left(1-p_{X}\right) q_{X}-p_{X}\left(1-q_{X}\right)+\left(1-p_{X}\right)\left(1-q_{X}\right) \\
& =\left(2 p_{X}-1\right)\left(2 q_{X}-1\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Denote the payoff of Player 1 when he chooses $X$ by $M\left(X, q_{X}\right)$, and that when he chooses $Y$ by $M\left(Y, q_{X}\right)$. Similarly for Player B. Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& M\left(X, q_{X}\right)=2 q_{X}-1, M\left(Y, q_{X}\right)=1-2 q_{X},-M\left(p_{X}, X\right)=1-2 p_{X},-M\left(p_{X}, Y\right)=2 p_{X}-1 \\
& M\left(X, q_{X}\right)-M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)=2\left(1-p_{X}\right)\left(2 q_{X}-1\right), M\left(Y, q_{X}\right)-M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)=-2 p_{X}\left(2 q_{X}-1\right) \\
& -M\left(p_{X}, X\right)+M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)=2\left(q_{X}-1\right)\left(2 p_{X}-1\right),-M\left(p_{X}, Y\right)+M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)=2 q_{X}\left(2 p_{X}-1\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

And we have

$$
\text { When } q_{X}>\frac{1}{2}, M\left(X, q_{X}\right)>M\left(Y, q_{X}\right) \text { and } M\left(X, q_{X}\right)>M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right) \text { for } p_{X}<1
$$

$$
\text { When } q_{X}<\frac{1}{2}, M\left(Y, q_{X}\right)>M\left(X, q_{X}\right) \text { and } M\left(Y, q_{X}\right)>M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right) \text { for } p_{X}>0
$$

When $p_{X}>\frac{1}{2},-M\left(p_{X}, Y\right)>-M\left(p_{X}, X\right)$ and $-M\left(p_{X}, Y\right)>-M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)$ for $q_{X}>0$, When $p_{X}<\frac{1}{2},-M\left(p_{X}, X\right)>-M\left(p_{X}, Y\right)$ and $-M\left(p_{X}, X\right)>-M\left(p_{X}, q_{X}\right)$ for $q_{X}<1$.

Consider sequences $\left(p_{X}(n)\right)_{n \geq 1}$ and $\left(q_{X}(n)\right)_{n \geq 1}$, and let $0<\varepsilon<\frac{1}{2}, 0<\delta<\varepsilon$. There are the following cases.
(1) (a) If $p_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$ and $q_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$, or
(b) $p_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$ and $q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$, or
(c) $p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$ and $q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$, or
(d) $p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$ and $q_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$, or
(e) $p_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$ and $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$, or
(f) $p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$ and $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$, or
(g) $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$, and $q_{X}(n)>\frac{1}{2}+\delta$ or
(h) $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$, and $q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}-\delta$,
then there exists no pair of $\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right)$ such that $M\left(X, q_{X}(n)\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right) \longrightarrow$ $0, M\left(Y, q_{X}(n)\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right) \longrightarrow 0,-\left[M\left(p_{X}(n), X\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right)\right] \longrightarrow$ 0 and $-\left[M\left(p_{X}(n), Y\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right)\right] \longrightarrow 0$.
(2) If $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<p_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$ and $\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon<q_{X}(n)<\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$ with $0<\varepsilon<\frac{1}{2}, M\left(X, q_{X}(n)\right)-$ $M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right) \longrightarrow 0, M\left(Y, q_{X}(n)\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right) \longrightarrow 0,-\left[M\left(p_{X}(n), X\right)-\right.$ $\left.M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right)\right] \longrightarrow 0$ and $-\left[M\left(p_{X}(n), Y\right)-M\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right)\right] \longrightarrow 0$, then $\left(p_{X}(n), q_{X}(n)\right) \longrightarrow\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Therefore, the payoff functions satisfy Assumption 3.1.

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