

Pot: \$90,000

Sandra

		Split	Steal
David	Split	$(\$45k, \$45k)$ 4,	$(\$0, \$90k)$ 2,
	Steal	$(\$90k, \$0)$ 3,	$(\$0, \$0)$ 1

Suppose that David values fairness first and then money and is benevolent towards Sandra:

For David, given these preferences, *SPLIT* strictly dominates *STEAL*

David's preferences:

David's utility:

{1,2,3,4} *STEAL*

best

$(\$45k, \$45k)$ 4

$(\$90, \$0)$ 3

$(\$0, \$90)$ 2

$(\$0, \$0)$ 1

worst

For Sandra STEAL weakly dominates SPLIT

		Sandra ↓	
		Split	Steal
David →	Split	45k, 45k 4, 2	0, 90k 2, 3
	Steal	90k, 0 3, 1	0, 0 1, 1

What if Sandra is selfish and greedy?

Utility: {1,2,3}

best (\$0, \$90k) 3

(\$45k, \$45k) 2

worst (\$90k, \$0), (\$0, \$0) 1

Read Definitions 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 in textbook (Chapter 2)

		Player 2		
		E	F	G
Player 1	A	4 ...	4 ...	1 ...
	B	4 ...	3 ...	2 ...
	C	4 ...	4 ...	1 ...
	D	5 ...	4 ...	3 ...

FOR PLAYER 1

Strict dominance:

For Player 1 D strictly dominates B

Weak dominance:

D weakly dominates A

D " " C

Equivalence:

A and C are equivalent

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Player 1	<i>A</i>	4 ...	4 ...	3 ...
	<i>B</i>	4 ...	3 ...	2 ...
	<i>C</i>	4 ...	4 ...	3 ...
	<i>D</i>	2 ...	4 ...	3 ...

Changes from previous slide

A strategy is **strictly** dominant if it strictly dominates every other strategy.

A strategy x , which is not strictly dominant, is **weakly** dominant if, when compared to any other strategy y , either x dominates (weakly or strictly) y or x is equivalent to y

C is a weakly dominant strategy

C weakly dominates D

C " " B

C is equivalent to A

Second-price auction:

the highest bidder wins and pays the second highest bid

Bidder	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bid	\$10	\$12	\$8	\$20	\$22	\$18	\$15

Winner
pays \$20

Bidder	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bid	\$10	\$12	\$22	\$20	\$22	\$18	\$22

winner
pays \$22

Second
highest
bid

In case of ties the rules have to specify how the winner is picked (first to submit his bid?
first in alphabetical order? coin toss? ...)

The case of TWO bidders:

bidder i $v_i =$ value of the object to player i

Preferences of player 1

Outcome :

$$\bullet (2, p) \succ_1 (1, p') \quad \text{if } p' > v_1$$

$$\forall p, p'$$

$$\bullet (2, p) \sim_1 (1, v_1)$$

$$\forall p$$

$$\bullet (1, p) \succ_1 (2, p') \quad \text{if } p < v_1$$

$$\forall p, p'$$

$$\bullet (1, p) \succ_1 (1, p') \quad \text{if } p < p'$$

$$\forall p, p'$$

$$(i, p)$$

↑

winner

price paid
by
winner

$$U_1(i, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p > v_1, \quad i=2 \\ v_1 - p & \text{if } p \leq v_1, \quad i=1 \end{cases}$$

For player 1 bidding v_1 is a weakly dominant strategy