

**Some definitions:**

A valuation function  $v : \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be

- *monotone* when  $v(C) \leq v(D)$ , for  $C \subseteq D \subseteq N$ .
- *superadditive* when  $v(C \cup D) \geq v(C) + v(D)$ , for every pair of disjoint coalitions  $C, D \subseteq N$ .
- *supermodular* when  $v(C \cup D) + v(C \cap D) \geq v(C) + v(D)$ , for  $C, D \subseteq N$ .

A coalitional game  $(N, v)$  is *convex* iff  $v$  is supermodular.

### 3 Cooperative games

- 3.1. Consider a cooperative game which is defined on an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ . The players are the vertices in the graph and for  $S \subseteq V$ ,  $v(S) = |\{u \in V \mid N(u) \cap S \neq \emptyset\}|$ . As usual  $N(u) = \{v \mid (u, v) \in E\}$ .
- (a) Is the valuation function monotone? superadditive? supermodular?
  - (b) Is the core empty? Can this property be decided in polynomial time?
- 3.2. Consider an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  and two vertices  $s$  and  $t$ . Assume that  $n = |V|$  and  $m = |E|$ . Consider the cooperative game  $\mathcal{C}(s, t) = (N, v)$  where  $N = E$  and, for  $S \subseteq N$ ,  $v(S)$  is  $m$  minus the length of the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$  in the graph  $(V, S)$ , if such a path exists, and 0 otherwise. Is this game superadditive? Does the game have an empty core?
- 3.3. Consider the following game which is defined by a parameter  $k$ . Each participant has a collection of old vinyl disks, not all of them in good state, that are willing to share. A company is able to obtain an accurate re-recording of an album provided that at least  $k$  copies are provided. In this setting the value of a coalition is the number of albums for which an accurate recording is possible. You can assume that there are  $n$  participants and  $m$  different albums.
- (a) Provide an expression of the valuation function.
  - (b) Is the game convex?
  - (c) Provide an accurate expression for the Shapley values. Can those values be computed in polynomial time?
- 3.4. The *unanimity game on  $N$  with respect to coalition  $F \subseteq N$*  is the game  $\Gamma_F = (N, v_F)$  where

$$v_F(S) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } F \subseteq S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Can the core be empty? If so, analyze the computational complexity of deciding if the core is non-empty. When the core is nonempty, an outcome in the core can be computed in polynomial time?
- (b) Can the Shapley values be computed in polynomial time?

### 3.5. The diameter game.

Consider a cooperative game which is defined on an undirected connected graph  $G = (V, E)$ . The players are the edges in the graph. For  $X \subseteq E$ , let  $G_X = (V, X)$  be the graph formed by  $V$  and the edges in  $X$ . The valuation function is the following

$$v(X) = \begin{cases} 2|X| - \text{diam}(G_X) & \text{if } G_X \text{ is connected} \\ \frac{|X|}{2} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\text{diam}(H)$  is the diameter of the graph  $H$ .

- (a) Is the valuation function monotone? superadditive? supermodular?
- (b) Are there connected graphs such that the core of the associated diameter game is non-empty?

3.6. Consider a simple game  $(N, \mathcal{W})$ . We say that player  $i$  is a

- *passer* iff,  $\forall S \subseteq N$ , if  $i \in S$ , then  $S \in \mathcal{W}$ .
- *vetoer* iff,  $\forall S \subseteq N$ , if  $i \notin S$ , then  $S \in \mathcal{L}$ .
- *dictator* iff,  $\forall S \subseteq N$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{W}$  iff  $i \in S$ .

- (a) Provide a simpler characterization of those properties.
- (b) Under which of the forms of representation of simple games based on sets can those properties being decided in polynomial time?

3.7. **Games on social networks** One of the criticism to simple games is the fact of assuming that any coalition can be formed. In the context in which the players participate in a social networks, a natural restriction on a coalition to take effect is that its members should at least be able to establish some level of communication among themselves.

For simplicity you can assume that a simple game  $\Gamma = (N, \mathcal{W})$  is defined and that the social network is an undirected graph  $H = (N, E)$ .

On top of that we can come out with different combinations for defining winning coalitions in an associated *social game*,  $\Gamma_s$  on  $N$ . Consider the following options:

- (a) A coalition  $X$  is winning in  $\Gamma_s$  iff  $X$  wins in  $\Gamma$  and  $H[X]$  has no isolated vertices.
- (b) A coalition  $X$  is winning in  $\Gamma_s$  iff  $X$  wins in  $\Gamma$  and  $H[X]$  is connected.
- (c) A coalition  $X$  is winning in  $\Gamma_s$  iff there is  $Y \subseteq X$ , so that  $Y$  wins in  $\Gamma$  and  $H[Y]$  is connected.

Under which of the options (a), (b) or (c) is  $\Gamma_s$  a simple game?

3.8. Assume that a WVG is described by  $\Gamma = (q; w_1, \dots, w_n)$ . Analyze the computational complexity of the problem

- Compute the smallest number of players that can form a winning coalition in  $\Gamma$ .
- Compute the biggest number of players that can form a losing coalition in  $\Gamma$ .