

Cooperative Extensions of the Bayesian Game*

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1 Basic Ingredients

1.1 One-shot model

The required model needs to embody

- { the Bayesian game
- { the non-side-payment game (NTU game).

NOTATION:

N : finite set of players.

$\mathcal{N} := 2^N \setminus \{\emptyset\}$: nonempty coalitions.

C^j : choice set (action set).

T^j : type set.

$C^S := \prod_{j \in S} C^j$, $T^S := \prod_{j \in S} T^j$,

$C := C^N$, $T := T^N$.

$u^j : C \times T \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$: v N-M utility function.

ex ante, *interim* (*in mediis*), *ex post*.

$\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)$: prob. on $T^{N \setminus \{j\}}$, given t^j .

$\pi^j(t^{N \setminus \{j\}} | t^j) = \frac{\pi^j(t^{N \setminus \{j\}}, t^j)}{\pi^j(T^{N \setminus \{j\}} \times \{t^j\})}$, if $\exists \pi^j$ on T .

DEF. (Harsanyi, 1967/1968) A *Bayesian game* is a list of specified data,

$$\{C^j, T^j, u^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}\}_{j \in N}.$$

NOTATION

$\mathbf{C}_0^S(t) (\subset C^S)$: feasible joint choices

Notice: $\begin{cases} \mathbf{C}_0^S(t) \neq \prod_{j \in S} \mathbf{C}_0^j(t) \\ \mathbf{C}_0^S(t) \neq \mathbf{C}_0^S(t') \text{ if } t \neq t' \end{cases}$.

DEF. *Complete information* $\Leftrightarrow \#T = 1$.

If, further, $u^j(c) = u^j(c^j)$

$$V(S) := \left\{ u \in \mathbf{R}^N \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists c^S \in \mathbf{C}_0^S : \\ \forall j \in S : u_j \leq u^j(c^j) \end{array} \right\}.$$

DEF. (Aumann and Peleg, 1960) A *non-side-payment game* is a cylinder-valued correspondence $V : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^N$.

NOTATION

\mathcal{T}^S : the info. structure on T generated by
 $\{\{t^S\} \times T^{N \setminus S} \mid t^S \in T^S\}$.

$\mathcal{T}^j := \mathcal{T}^{\{j\}}$: private info. structure.

$T(\pi^j) := \bigcup_{t^j \in T^j} [\{t^j\} \times \text{supp } \pi^j(\cdot \mid t^j)]$.

$\mathcal{T}^j(\pi^j) := \mathcal{T}^j \vee \{\emptyset, T(\pi^j), T \setminus T(\pi^j), T\}$.

STRATEGY, STRATEGY BUNDLE

$T(S) :=$ the domain of strategy bundles for S ,
 arb. given, s.t. $\bigcup_{t^j \in T^j} T(\pi^j) \subset T(S) \subset T$.

$X^j(S) := \{x^j : T(S) \rightarrow C^j\}$, j 's strategies.

$X^S := \prod_{j \in S} X^j(S)$, $X := X^N$.

$F^S : X \rightarrow X^S$, feasible strategy corresp.

$F^S(\bar{x}) \subset \{\mathcal{T}^S\text{-meas'ble selections of } \mathbf{C}_0^S \mid_{T(S)}\}$

DEF. (Ichiishi and Idzik, 1996) A
Bayesian society is a list of specified data

$$\mathcal{S} := \left(\begin{array}{l} \{C^j, T^j, u^j\}_{j \in N}, \{\pi^j(\cdot \mid t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}, \\ \{C_0^S, T(S), F^S\}_{S \in \mathcal{N}} \end{array} \right).$$

1.2 Example

EX. A *Bayesian pure exchange economy* is a list of specified data,

$$\mathcal{E}_{pe} := \{T^j, \mathbf{R}_+^l, u^j, e^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}\}_{j \in N}.$$

Def. of the associated Bayesian society,

$$\mathcal{S} := \left(\begin{array}{l} \{C^j, T^j, u^j\}_{j \in N}, \{\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}, \\ \{C_0^S, T(S), F^S\}_{S \in \mathcal{N}} \end{array} \right).$$

N, T^j, u^j and $\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)$: given in economy \mathcal{E}_{pe} .

$$C^j := \mathbf{R}^l,$$

$T(S)$: arbitrarily given,

$F^S(\bar{x}) :=$ attainable excess demand plans =

$$\left\{ z^S : T(S) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{l \cdot |S|} \left| \begin{array}{l} z^S \text{ is } \mathcal{T}^S\text{-measurable,} \\ \forall t : \forall j : z^j(t) + e^j(t^j) \geq \mathbf{0}, \\ \forall t : \sum_{j \in S} z^j(t) \leq \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

Some works formulate the model so that j 's strategy is a demand plan,

$$x^j : t \mapsto z^j(t) + e^j(t^j).$$

Choice of excess demand plan versus demand plan as a strategy affects some results.

1.3 Two formulations of incomplete information

1. Harsanyi's *type-space approach*:

$$\{T^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}\}_{j \in N}$$

Notice $\mathcal{T}^i \wedge \mathcal{T}^j = \{\emptyset, T\}$ if $i \neq j$.

2. General *state-space approach*:

$$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | F)\}_{F \in \mathcal{P}^j}),$$

where $\mathcal{P}^j :=$ the min'l elts of $\mathcal{F}^j =$ partition.

Possibility: $\mathcal{F}^i \wedge \mathcal{F}^j \not\supseteq \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$ even if $i \neq j$.

Jackson's (1991) observations:

1 \Rightarrow 2.

Given $\{T^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)\}_{t^j \in T^j}\}_{j \in N}$, define:

$$\Omega := T, \quad \mathcal{F}^j := \mathcal{T}^j.$$

2 \Rightarrow 1, under the ass. wlog, $\forall_{i \in N} \mathcal{F}^i = 2^\Omega$.

Given $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}^j, \{\pi^j(\cdot | F)\}_{F \in \mathcal{P}^j})$, define:

$$T^j := \mathcal{P}^j.$$

Observe:

$$\forall \omega : \exists! \{F^j\}_{j \in N} \in \prod_{j \in N} \mathcal{P}^j : \{\omega\} = \bigcap_{j \in N} F^j.$$

$$\forall \{F^j\}_{j \in N} : \#(\bigcap_{j \in N} F^j) = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

If $\bigcap_{j \in N} F^j \neq \emptyset$, identify

$$\{F^j\}_{j \in N} \in \prod_{j \in N} T^j \text{ and } \bigcap_{j \in N} F^j \in \Omega.$$

EX. $N = \{1, 2\}$, $\Omega = \{a, b, c\}$,
 $\mathcal{P}^1 = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$, $\mathcal{P}^2 = \{\{a, b\}, \{c\}\}$.

$\{a, b\}$	$\{a\}$	$\{b\}$
$\{c\}$	\emptyset	$\{c\}$
	$\{a\}$	$\{b, c\}$

EX. $N = \{1, 2\}$, $\Omega = \{a, b, c\}$,
 $\mathcal{P}^j = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$, $j = 1, 2$.

(i.e., the *interim* period = the *ex post* period)

$\{c\}$	\emptyset	\emptyset	$\{c\}$
$\{b\}$	\emptyset	$\{b\}$	\emptyset
$\{a\}$	$\{a\}$	\emptyset	\emptyset
	$\{a\}$	$\{b\}$	$\{c\}$

1.4 Measurability as a feasibility requirement

Suppose that

N is entertaining $\bar{x} : T(N) \rightarrow C$, but that S may defect and take $x^S : T(S) \rightarrow C^S$.

DEF. The *private information case*: At the time of action (strategy execution), j has only \mathcal{T}^j , so knows only his true type t^j and the *interim* probability $\pi^j(\cdot | t^j)$.

CONDITION (Radner, 1967; Yannelis, 1991) In the private information case, members of S agree only on *private measurable* strategies $x^S \in F^S(\bar{x})$ in that x^j is \mathcal{T}^j -measurable for every $j \in S$.

$$F'^S(\bar{x}) := \left\{ x^S \in F^S(\bar{x}) \mid \forall j \in S : x^j \text{ is } \mathcal{T}^j\text{-measurable.} \right\}.$$

1.5 Bayesian incentive compatibility: private info case

(Abuse of notation:

$\pi^j(\cdot | \bar{t}^j)$, defined on T rather than on $T^{N \setminus \{j\}}$)

Suppose that in the private information case

N is entertaining $\bar{x} : T(N) \rightarrow C$, but that

S may defect and take $x^S : T(S) \rightarrow C^S$.

$\{\bar{t}^j\}_{j \in S}$: S 's true type profile.

j 's honest action $x^j(\bar{t}^j) \Rightarrow Eu^j(x^S, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} | \bar{t}^j)$.

j 's wrong action $c^j \in x^j(T(S)) \setminus \{x^j(\bar{t}^j)\}$
 $\Rightarrow Eu^j(c^j, x^{S \setminus \{j\}}, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} | \bar{t}^j)$.

Two types of wrong action:

1. conservative attitude:

$$c^j \in x^j \left(\bigcap_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \text{supp } \pi^i(\cdot | \bar{t}^i) \right).$$

2. bold attitude:

$$c^j \in x^j \left(\bigcup_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \text{supp } \pi^i(\cdot | \bar{t}^i) \right).$$

CONDITION (d'Aspremont and Gérard-Varet, 1979) In the private information case, members of S agree only on those strategies $x^S \in F^S(\bar{x})$ that are *Bayesian incentive-compatible*, that is,

$$\forall j \in S : \forall \bar{t} \in T(S) : \forall c^j \in x^j \left(\bigcap_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \text{supp } \pi^i(\cdot \mid \bar{t}^i) \right) :$$

$$Eu^j(x^S, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} \mid \bar{t}^j) \geq Eu^j(c^j, x^{S \setminus \{j\}}, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} \mid \bar{t}^j).$$

CONDITION (d'Aspremont and Gérard-Varet, 1979) In the private information case, members of S agree only on those strategies $x^S \in F^S(\bar{x})$ that are *strongly Bayesian incentive-compatible*, that is,

$$\forall j \in S : \forall \bar{t} \in T(S) : \forall c^j \in x^j \left(\bigcup_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \text{supp } \pi^i(\cdot \mid \bar{t}^i) \right) :$$

$$Eu^j(x^S, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} \mid \bar{t}^j) \geq Eu^j(c^j, x^{S \setminus \{j\}}, \bar{x}^{N \setminus S} \mid \bar{t}^j).$$

$$\hat{F}^S(\bar{x}) := \left\{ x^S \in F^S(\bar{x}) \mid \begin{array}{l} x^S : \text{Bayesian} \\ \text{incentive-compatible.} \end{array} \right\}.$$

PROP. (Hahn and Yannelis, 1997)

\mathcal{E}_{pe} : the Bayesian pure exchange economy in the private information case.

j 's strategy: j 's excess demand plan z^j .

the coalitional feasibility:

$$\forall t \in T(S) : \sum_{j \in S} z^j(t) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Then,

private measurability

\Rightarrow Bayesian incentive compatibility.

REMARK See Ichiishi and Radner (1999) for " \leq " \Rightarrow " $=$ ".

REMARK This proposition is no longer valid if a demand plan x^j is used as a strategy.

Ex. $l = 1$, $T^j = \{a^j, b^j\}$, $u^j(c^j, t) = c^j$,

$$e^j(t^j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t^j = a^j, \\ 2, & \text{if } t^j = b^j. \end{cases}$$

REMARK The proposition is not valid in the general model of Bayesian society \mathcal{S} .

REMARK Private measurability does not imply strong Bayesian incentive compatibility.

Ex. $l = 1$, $N = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
T^1 &= \{t_a^1, t_{bc}^1\}, \\
T^2 &= \{t_{ab}^2, t_c^2\}, \\
T^3 &= \{t_a^3, t_b^3, t_c^3\}, \\
\text{supp } \pi^1(\cdot | t_h^1) &= \begin{cases} \{(t_a^1, t_{ab}^2, t_a^3)\}, & \text{if } h = a, \\ \{(t_{bc}^1, t_{ab}^2, t_b^3), (t_{bc}^1, t_c^2, t_c^3)\}, & \text{if } h = bc, \end{cases} \\
\text{supp } \pi^2(\cdot | t_h^2) &= \begin{cases} \{(t_a^1, t_{ab}^2, t_a^3), (t_{bc}^1, t_{ab}^2, t_b^3)\}, & \text{if } h = ab, \\ \{(t_{bc}^1, t_c^2, t_c^3)\}, & \text{if } h = c, \end{cases} \\
\text{supp } \pi^3(\cdot | t_h^3) &= \begin{cases} \{(t_a^1, t_{ab}^2, t_a^3)\}, & \text{if } h = a, \\ \{(t_{bc}^1, t_{ab}^2, t_b^3)\}, & \text{if } h = b, \\ \{(t_{bc}^1, t_c^2, t_c^3)\}, & \text{if } h = c, \end{cases} \\
T(S) &= \{(t_a^1, t_{ab}^2, t_a^3), (t_{bc}^1, t_{ab}^2, t_b^3), (t_{bc}^1, t_c^2, t_c^3)\}, \\
u^j(c^j, t) &= c^j, \\
e^j(t^j) &= 2, \text{ for all } t^j \in T^j.
\end{aligned}$$

1.5 Bayesian inc. compatibility (cont'd): mediator-based case

The role of a *mediator* (enforcement agency):

1. S designs excess demand plan $z^S \in F^S$.
2. Player j confidentially reports t^j to the mediator.
3. The mediator has reports t^S .
4. The mediator tells j to make choice $z^j(t^S)$.

Let \bar{t}^S be the true type profile.

Honest report $\Rightarrow Eu^j(z^j + e^j \mid \bar{t}^j)$.

Dishonest report $\Rightarrow Eu^j(z^j(\tilde{t}^j, \cdot) + e^j \mid \bar{t}^j)$.

CONDITION (Vohra, 1999) Strategy bundle $z^S \in F^S$ is Bayesian incentive-compatible, in the sense that

$$\neg \exists j \in S : \exists \bar{t}^j : \exists \tilde{t}^j : \\ Eu^j(z^j(\tilde{t}^j, \cdot) + e^j \mid \bar{t}^j) > Eu^j(z^j + e^j \mid \bar{t}^j).$$

Problem: No mediator in reality.

Alternative scenario (to eliminate the mediator):

1. S designs excess demand plan $z^S \in F^S$.
2. Players independently and simultaneously report t^j 's each other.
3. The players have updated information t^S .
4. Player j makes the promised choice $z^j(t^S)$.

Problem:

- { step 2 – decision at the *interim* stage
- { step 4 – decision at the *ex post* stage

EX. $l = 1$, $\#N = \#T^j = 2$, $e^j(t^j) = 1$,
 $u^j(c^j, t) = c^j$. Consider the following
 $z^N := \{(z^1(t), z^2(t))\}_{t \in T} \in F^N$:

	t_1^2	t_2^2
t_1^1	(-1, 1)	(1, -1)
t_2^1	(1, -1)	(-1, 1)

1.6 Descriptive *interim* solution concepts

Each player plays both the role of principal and the role of agent:

1. Players get together to make coordinated strategy choice as *principals*.
2. They decide on their self-sustaining strategy bundles (descriptive solution of the game).
3. Each player execute his agreed strategy as an *agent* in an *interim* period.

The solution is called *ex ante* (*interim*, resp.), if it is agreed upon in the *ex ante* period (in an *interim* period, resp.).

Endogenous determination of a mechanism.

DEF. (Wilson, 1978, +)

\mathcal{S} : a Bayesian society.

The private information case.

A strategy bundle $x^* \in X$ is called a *Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse strong equilibrium* of \mathcal{S} , if

(i) $x^* \in \hat{F}^N(x^*)$; and

(ii) it is not true that

$$\exists S \in \mathcal{N} : \left(\exists E \in \bigwedge_{j \in S} (\mathcal{T}^j \cap T(S)) : E \neq \emptyset \right) :$$

$$\exists x^S \in \hat{F}^S(x^*) :$$

$$\forall j \in S : \forall t \in E :$$

$$Eu^j(x^S, x^{*N \setminus S} | \mathcal{T}^j)(t) > Eu^j(x^* | \mathcal{T}^j)(t).$$

DEF. The *Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse core*, for the case:

F^S : constant correspondence.

u^j : depends only upon (c^j, t) .

DEF. \mathcal{S} : a Bayesian society.

The private information case.

A strategy bundle $x^* \in X$ is called an *interim Bayesian incentive-compatible strong equilibrium* of \mathcal{S} , if

- (i) $x^* \in \hat{F}^N(x^*)$; and
- (ii) it is not true that

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists S \in \mathcal{N} : \exists t^S \in T^S : \exists x^S \in \hat{F}^S(x^*) : \\ & \forall j \in S : \\ & \quad Eu^j(x^S, x^{*N \setminus S} \mid t^j) > Eu^j(x^* \mid t^j). \end{aligned}$$

DEF. The *interim Bayesian incentive-compatible core*, for the case:

F^S : constant correspondence.

u^j : depends only upon (c^j, t) .

REMARK Formal similarity to Wilson's *fine core*, but quite different interpretation.

	fine core	<i>interim</i> core
stragegy	\mathcal{T}^S -meas.	private-meas.
interpret.	use of the full c.s.	not improve at any t

DEF. (Vohra 1999)

Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse core, interim Bayesian incentive-compatible core,
for the Bayesian pure exchange economy:
Based on the mediator-based approach.
Essentially, they do not impose the private measurability.

2 Bayesian pure exchange economy

2.1 Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse core

PROP. (Ichiishi and Yamazaki, 2004)

$u^j(\cdot, t) : \text{continuous, concave, and weakly monotone in } \mathbf{R}_+^l \text{ for every } t \in T.$

\Rightarrow

There exists a Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse core net-trade plan.

REMARK Vohra's example of an empty Bayesian incentive-compatible coarse core (Vohra, 1999, example 3.2, pp. 136-138) is crucially based on his postulate that:

$z^j : \mathcal{T}^S$ -measurable, rather than private-measurable.

Vohra's setup requires the presence of a mediator.

2.2 *Interim* Bayesian incentive-compatible core

Positive result for $l = 1$;

Negative result for $l \geq 2$.

2.3 Yannelis' negative result

EX. (A variant of Vohra, 1999, Ex. 2.1):
Market for lemons with an empty Bayesian incentive-compatible *interim* core.

$$\begin{aligned}l &= 2, \\N &= \{1, 2\}, \\T^1 &= \{l, h\}, \\T^2 &= \{t^2\}, \text{ (so } T \sim T^1\text{)} \\e^1(t) &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e^2(t) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ w \end{pmatrix}. \\u^1(c, t) &:= \begin{cases} c_2 & \text{if } t = l \\ 10c_1 + c_2 & \text{if } t = h, \end{cases} \\u^2(c, t) &:= \begin{cases} c_2 & \text{if } t = l \\ 15c_1 + c_2 & \text{if } t = h, \end{cases} \\\pi^2(t) &= 1/2, \text{ for } t = l, h.\end{aligned}$$

2.4 Conditions for the existence

ASS. For each consumer j and each type t^j ,

$$\exists a^j(t^j) \geq \mathbf{0} : \exists b^j(t^j) \in \mathbf{R} : \forall c^j :$$

$$Eu^j(c^j + e^j \mid t^j) = a^j(t^j)(c^j + e^j(t^j)) + b^j(t^j),$$

DEF. the coalitionally feasible choice space,

$$C_0^S := \left\{ c^S \in \mathbf{R}^{l \cdot |S|} \mid \begin{array}{l} \forall j \in S : \forall t^j \in T^j : \\ c^j + e^j(t^j) \geq \mathbf{0} \\ \sum_{j \in S} c^j \leq \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Remark. $\mathbf{0} \in C_0^S$, (in particular, $C_0^S \neq \emptyset$).

DEF. (j, t^j) : an *agent*.

A : the set of all agents,

$$A := \{(j, t^j) \mid j \in N, t^j \in T^j\}.$$

\mathcal{B}_0 : the family of all *admissible* blocking coalitions of agents,

$$\mathcal{B}_0 := \left\{ B \subset A \mid \begin{array}{l} [(i, t^i), (j, t^j) \in B, t^i \neq t^j] \\ \Rightarrow i \neq j \end{array} \right\}.$$

Consumer-coalition S forms as a blocking coalition in \mathcal{E}_{pe} at type profile \bar{t}^S , iff the admissible agent-coalition $B := \{(j, \bar{t}^j) \in A \mid j \in S\}$ forms.

For $B \in \mathcal{B}_0$, let

$$\begin{aligned} S(B) &:= \text{the consumers represented by } B \\ t^j(B) &:= j\text{'s type for which } (j, t^j(B)) \in B \end{aligned}$$

DEF. the *maximal coalitional gain* for each $B \in \mathcal{B}_0$,

$$v(B) := \max_{c^S \in C_0^{S(B)}} \sum_{j \in S(B)} \alpha^j(t^j(B)) c^j.$$

Remark. The gain $v(B)$ depends upon $\{\underline{e}^j\}_{j \in S(B)}$, where $\underline{e}_h^j := \min e_h^j(t^j)$.

THEOREM (Ichiishi and Yamazaki, 2004) \mathcal{E}_{pe} : satisfies the ASS.

For all $\{\lambda_B\}_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0} (\subset \mathbf{R}_+)$ and all $\{\mu_j\}_{j \in N} (\subset \mathbf{R}_+^l)$ for which

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall i, j \in N : \\ & \sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0: S(B) \ni i} \lambda_B \alpha^i(t^i(B)) + \mu_i \\ & = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0: S(B) \ni j} \lambda_B \alpha^j(t^j(B)) + \mu_j, \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\sum_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0} \lambda_B v(B) \leq \sum_{j \in N} \mu_j \cdot \underline{e}^j. \quad (2)$$

\Rightarrow

A Bayesian incentive-compatible interim core net-trade plan of \mathcal{E}_{pe} exists.

On the condition $[(1) \Rightarrow (2)]$ of Result 2:

Consider for example a two-consumer economy
($N = \{1, 2\}$).

$v(B) = 0$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_0$

\Rightarrow

the condition in the theorem is automatically
satisfied.

Otherwise, let

$K^j :=$ the cone generated by
 $\{a^j(t^j) \mid t^j \in T^j\}$.

There exists nonzero $\{\lambda_B\}_{B \in \mathcal{B}_0}$ which gives rise
to a member in $K^1 \cap K^2$

\Rightarrow

The condition of the theorem is violated (unless
 $v(B) \equiv 0$).

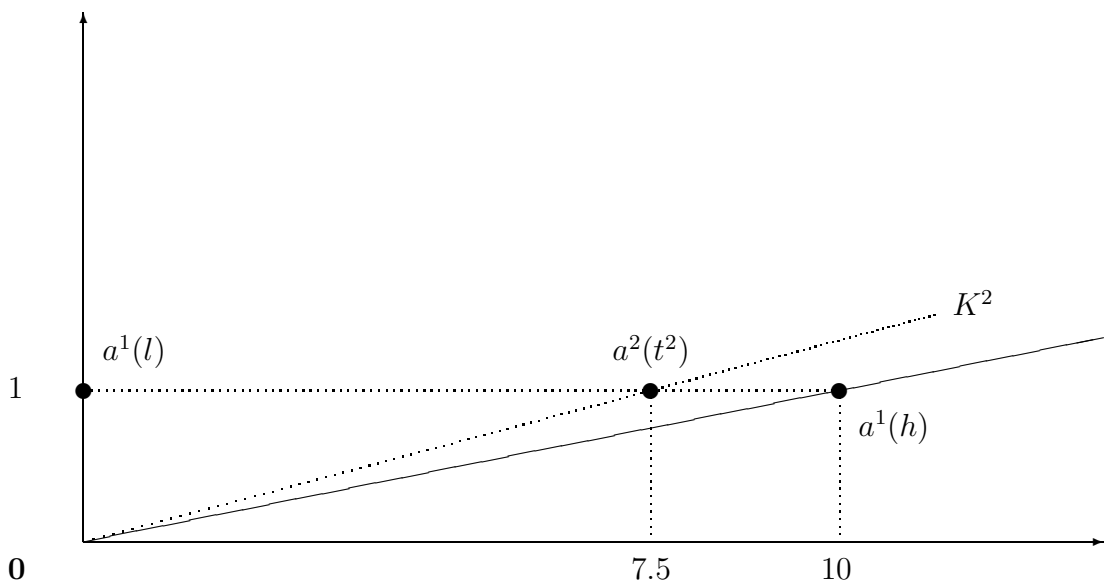


Figure 1: Market for lemons