

# Limited Information Strategies and Discrete Selectivity

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# Tkachuk's Question

Is the closed discrete selection game on the space of continuous functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  equivalent to the point-open game on  $X$ ?

Suppose  $X$  is a topological space.  $X$  is assumed to be  $T_{3.5}$ .

- $C_p(X)$  is the space of continuous functions  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- It is endowed with the topology of pointwise convergence.
- If  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $F = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq X$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then

$$[f, F, \varepsilon] = \{g \in C_p(X) : |g(x_i) - f(x_i)| < \varepsilon \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

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Note that if  $X$  is first countable (or even has one point with a countable neighborhood basis), then it cannot have closed discrete selection. The converse is not generally true.

## Theorem (Tkachuk, 2017)

Suppose  $X$  is Hausdorff and completely regular. Then the following are equivalent:

- $C_p(X)$  fails to satisfy closed discrete selection
- $X$  is countable
- $C_p(X)$  is first-countable

# Selection Principles

Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are collections of sets.

$S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$

For every sequence  $(A_n : n \in \omega)$  of sets from  $\mathcal{A}$ , there are  $C_n \in A_n$  so that  $\{C_n : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{B}$

$S_{FIN}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$

For every sequence  $(A_n : n \in \omega)$  of sets from  $\mathcal{A}$ , there are finite  $F_n \subseteq A_n$  so that  $\bigcup_n F_n \in \mathcal{B}$

# Common Selection Principles

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and

$$\text{Compact} \Rightarrow \sigma\text{-Compact} \Rightarrow S_{FIN}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) \Rightarrow \text{Lindelof}$$

# Selection Games

$S_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  can be turned into a two-player game.

- The game is played over rounds indexed by the naturals.
- At round  $n$ , player I plays a set  $A_n$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  and player II responds by playing a selection  $C_n$  from  $A_n$ .
- If those selections are singletons, then the game is  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ . If they are finite sets, then the game is  $G_{FIN}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .
- Player II wins a given run of the game  $(A_0, C_0, A_1, C_1, \dots)$  if  $\bigcup_n C_n \in \mathcal{B}$ .
- If player II does not win, then player I wins.

# Perfect Information Strategies

Fix a game  $G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

- A perfect information strategy for player I takes in a run of  $G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  up to some round  $n$  and outputs a set  $A_{n+1} \in \mathcal{A}$ .
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- A strategy  $\sigma$  for player I is winning if the run  $(\sigma(\emptyset), C_0, \sigma(C_0), C_1, \dots)$  wins for I no matter what selections II makes. If I has a winning strategy we write  $I \uparrow G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .
- A strategy  $\tau$  for player II is winning if the run  $(A_0, \tau(A_0), A_1, \tau(A_0, A_1), \dots)$  wins for II no matter what sets player I plays. If II has a winning strategy we write  $II \uparrow G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

# Limited Information Strategies

- A Markov tactic for II is a strategy  $\tau(A, n)$  which takes in only the round number and the most recent move of I. If II has a winning Markov tactic we write  $II \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .
- A pre-determined strategy for I is a strategy  $\sigma(n)$  which takes in only the round number. If I has a winning pre-determined strategy we write  $I \uparrow_{\text{pre}} G_{\square}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ .

# Easy Implications

$$I \uparrow_{pre} G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow I \uparrow G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow II \nrightarrow G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

$$II \uparrow_{mark} G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow II \uparrow G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow I \nrightarrow G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

$$II \uparrow G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow S(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

$$I \nrightarrow_{pre} G(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \iff S(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$$

# Useful Selection Games

- $G_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  is the Rothberger game
- $G_1(\mathcal{P}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  is the point-open game, where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the collection of point bases.
- $G_1(\mathcal{T}, CD)$  is the closed discrete selection game, where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the collection of open sets and  $CD$  is the collection of closed discrete subsets of  $X$ .
- $G_1(\mathcal{N}(x), \neg\Gamma_{X,x})$  is Gruenhage's point picking game, where  $\mathcal{N}(x)$  is the neighborhoods of  $x$  and  $\Gamma_{X,x}$  is the sequences which converge to  $x$ .
- $G_1(\Omega_{X,x}, \Omega_{X,x})$  is the strong countable fan tightness game, where  $\Omega_{X,x} = \{A \subseteq X : x \in \overline{A}\}$ .

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- $G_1(\mathcal{P}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  and  $G_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  are dual (Galvin).
- $I \uparrow_{pre} G_1(\mathcal{P}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  if and only if  $X$  is countable.
- $I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{T}, CD) \iff I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{N}(x), \neg\Gamma_{X,x}) \iff II \uparrow G_1(\Omega_{X,x}, \Omega_{X,x})$   
(Clontz and Tkachuk)



# Closed Discrete Selections of Functions II

## Tkachuk, 2017

The following are equivalent:

- $I \uparrow_{pre} G_1(\mathcal{P}_X, \neg \mathcal{O}_X)$
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- $I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}), \neg \Gamma_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$
- $II \uparrow G_1(\Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}}, \Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$

# Tkachuk's Question

Tkachuk, 2017

If  $\mathbb{I} \uparrow G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$ , then  $\mathbb{I} \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{P}_X, \neg\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

Is it true that if  $\mathbb{I} \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{P}_X, \neg\mathcal{O}_X)$ , then  $\mathbb{I} \uparrow G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$ ?

Consider a topological space  $(X, \mathcal{T})$ .

- $\mathcal{U}$  is an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$  if whenever  $F \subseteq X$  is finite, there is a  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  so that  $F \subseteq U$ .
- Let  $\Omega_X$  be the collection of  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$ .
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- $G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  is the finite-open game. We will also need its variant  $G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\Omega)$
- $G_1(\Omega, \Omega)$  is the  $\omega$ -Rothberger game.

## Proposition

- $G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  and  $G_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$  are (perfect information) dual (Telgarsky 1975 and Galvin 1978).
- $G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\Omega)$  and  $G_1(\Omega, \Omega)$  are dual (Clontz, Holshouser).
- $I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\mathcal{O})$  if and only if  $I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}, \neg\Omega)$  (Clontz, Holshouser).
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What Tkachuk actually showed was

$$I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)}) \iff I \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$$

and that

$$II \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)}) \implies II \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$$

## Proposition

- If  $I \not\uparrow_{pre} G_1(\Omega_X, \Omega_X)$ , then  $I \not\uparrow_{pre} G_1(\mathcal{O}_{X^n}, \mathcal{O}_{X^n})$  for all  $n$  (Scheepers 1997).
- It is consistent with ZFC that there is a  $T_{3.5}$  space  $X$  where  $I \not\uparrow_{pre} G_1(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  but  $I \uparrow_{pre} G_1(\mathcal{O}_{X^2}, \mathcal{O}_{X^2})$  (Babinkostova, Pansera, Scheepers 2013).
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Accounting for this, we should show that if  $II \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$ , then  $II \uparrow G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$ .



## Clontz/Holshouser 2018

The following are equivalent.

- $II \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$
- $I \uparrow G_1(\Omega_X, \Omega_X)$
- $II \uparrow G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$
- $II \uparrow G_1(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}), \neg\Gamma_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$
- $I \uparrow G_1(\Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}}, \Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$
- $II \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$
- $I \uparrow_{\text{pre}} G_1(\Omega_X, \Omega_X)$ , i.e.  $X$  is not Rothberger with respect to  $\Omega$ -covers
- $II \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$
- $II \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G_1(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}), \neg\Gamma_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$
- $I \uparrow_{\text{pre}} G_1(\Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}}, \Omega_{C_p(X), \mathbf{0}})$

# Proof Sketch

$\text{II} \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$  implies  $\text{II} \uparrow_{\text{mark}} G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$ :

- $\sigma(F, n)$  a winning Markov strategy for  $\text{II}$  in  $G_1(\mathcal{F}_X, \neg\Omega_X)$ .
- $\tau([f, F, \varepsilon], n)$  is a function  $g$  so that  $g|_F = f|_F$  and  $g|_{\sigma(F, n)} = n$ .
- Consider a run of  $G(\mathcal{T}_{C_p(X)}, CD_{C_p(X)})$  according to  $\tau$ :  
 $([f_0, F_0, \varepsilon_0], g_0, \dots)$ .
- $\{\sigma(F_n, n) : n \in \omega\} \not\subseteq \Omega_X$ . So find  $G \subseteq X$  finite so that  $G \not\subseteq \sigma(F_n, n)$  for any  $n$ .
- Let  $f \in C_p(X)$ . Find  $M$  so that  $f|_G \leq M$ . The neighborhood

$$\{h \in C_p(X) : h|_G < M\}$$

is an open set around  $f$  which misses a tail of the  $g_n$ .

# Questions

- What happens with  $C_p(X, [0, 1])$ ?
- Is there a selection game on  $C_p(X)$  which characterizes when  $X$  is not Rothberger?
- Is it consistent that the  $\Omega$ -Rothberger and Rothberger games are equivalent?

Thanks

Thanks for Listening