

# Limited Information Strategies in Star Selection Games

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# Selection Principles (Menger, Hurewicz 1924) (Scheepers 1996)

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

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$S_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$

$S_{\text{fin}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  means that for all sequences  $A_n$  consisting of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ , there are finite  $F_n \subseteq A_n$  so that  $\bigcup_n F_n \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  denote the open covers of  $X$ . A basic example of a selection principle is  $S_1(\mathcal{O}(X), \mathcal{O}(X))$ , a generalization of compactness that we refer to as **Rothberger**.



# Selection Games

- We can view the selection principle  $S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  as a game process wherein player I plays sets  $A_n$  and player II responds with  $x_n \in A_n$ .
- Player II wins if  $\{x_n : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{B}$ . We call this game  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ . Otherwise player I wins.
- In this game framework it's natural to impose information conditions on the players. These create a hierarchy of statements. In the Rothberger case, this looks like

$X$  is ctbl  $\rightarrow$  II wins  $G_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow$  I doesn't win  $G_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow S_1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O})$



# Comparing Games

## Definition

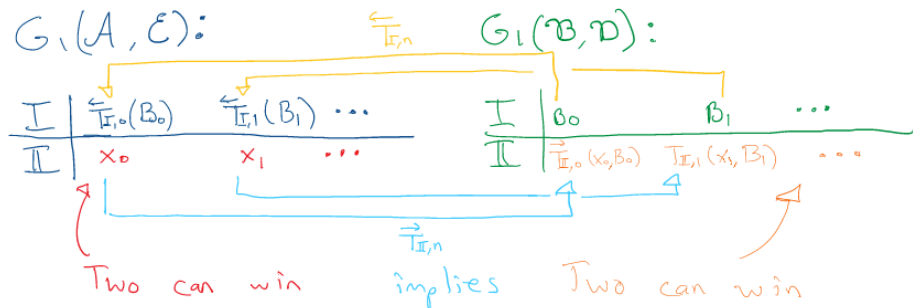
Define  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) \leq_{\Pi} G_1(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$  as the conjunction of the following implications.

- 1 Two has a strategy for  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) \implies$  Two has a strategy of the same level for  $G_1(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$ .
  - 2 One does not have a strategy for  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) \implies$  One does not have a strategy at that same level for  $G_1(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$ .
- This relation is transitive.
  - There is a fin version of all of this.



# General Translation

If we can build the picture below, then  $G_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) \leq_{II} G_1(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D})$ .



- $x \in \overleftarrow{T}_{I,n}(\mathcal{B}) \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{T}_{II,n}(x, \mathcal{B}) \in \mathcal{B}$
- $x_n \in \overleftarrow{T}_{I,n}(\mathcal{B}_n)$  and  $\{x_n : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \{\overrightarrow{T}_{II,n}(x_n, \mathcal{B}_n) : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{D}$

There is a small modification of this that works simultaneously for  $G_1$  and  $G_{\text{fin}}$ .



## $\omega$ -Covers

A non-trivial open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  is an  $\omega$ -cover if for each finite  $F \subseteq X$ , there is a  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  so that  $F \subseteq U$ . We use  $\Omega(X)$  to refer to the collection of  $\omega$ -covers.



# Star Selections

## Stars

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is an open cover of  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ , then

$$\text{St}(A, \mathcal{U}) = \bigcup \{U \in \mathcal{U} : U \cap A \neq \emptyset\}.$$

## Star Selections (Kocinac, 1999)

- The symbol  $S_1^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  says that for each sequence of open covers  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , there are open sets  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}_n$  so that  $\{\text{St}(U_n, \mathcal{U}_n) : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{B}$ .
- The symbol  $SS_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  says for each sequence of open covers  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , there is a sequence of  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  so that  $\{\text{St}(A_n, \mathcal{U}_n) : n \in \omega\} \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Star covering properties appeared at least as early as 1991 (E.K. van Douwen, G.M. Reed, A.W. Roscoe and I.J. Tree).



# Star Selection Principles are Selection Principles

## Constellations and Galaxies

- If  $\mathcal{U}$  is an open cover of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a collection of subsets of  $X$ , then  $\text{Cons}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{U}) = \{\text{St}(A, \mathcal{U}) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ .
- If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a collection of open covers of  $X$  and  $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(X))$ , then  $\text{Gal}(f, \mathcal{C}) = \{\text{Cons}(f(\mathcal{U}), \mathcal{U}) : \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{C}\}$ .

## Star Selections

- $S_1^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  is equivalent to  $S_1(\text{Gal}(\text{id}, \mathcal{O}), \mathcal{B})$ .
- $SS_{\mathcal{A}}^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  is equivalent to  $S_1(\text{Gal}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{O}), \mathcal{B})$ .

With this equivalence in mind, we will reference the corresponding games  $G_1^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  and  $SG_1^*(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{B})$  and note that the translation theorem can be applied to it.





# The Pixley-Roy Hyperspace

## Definition (Pixley and Roy, 1969)

We define the topological space  $\text{PR}(X)$  as follows:

- points in  $\text{PR}(X)$  are finite subsets of  $X$ , and
- A basic open set has the form  $[F, U] = \{G \subseteq X : F \subseteq G \subseteq U\}$ , where  $F$  and  $G$  are finite and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

This topology is finer than the Fell topology and was initially created as an interesting space for counter-examples.



# The Star Selection Game on the Pixley-Roy Hyperspace

## Theorem (Sakai, 2014)

Suppose  $X$  is regular. Then  
 $S_{\square}^*(\mathcal{O}(\text{PR}(X)), \mathcal{O}(\text{PR}(X))) \implies S_{\square}(\Omega(X), \Omega(X)).$

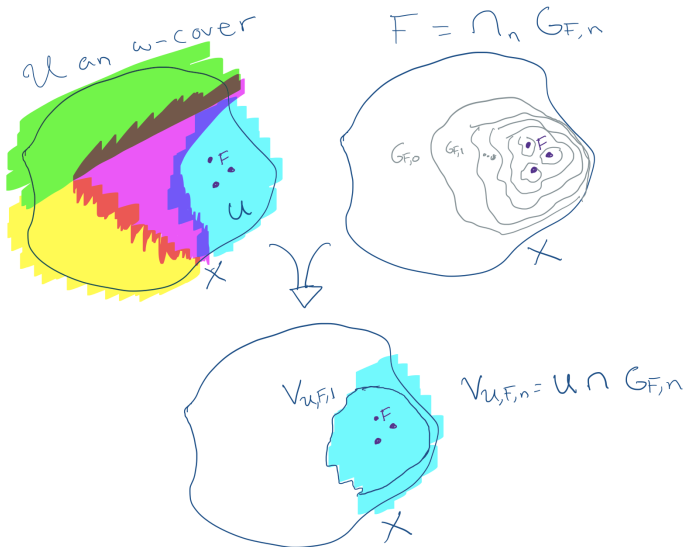
We boost this up to the following result.

## Theorem (Caruvana and Holshouser, 2022)

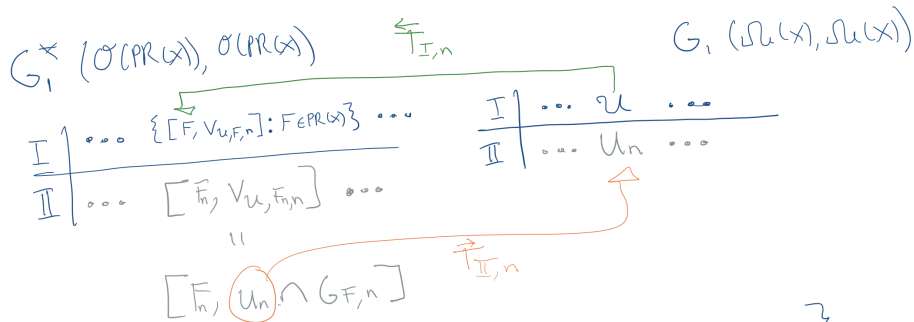
Assume  $X$  is regular. Then  
 $G_{\square}^*(\mathcal{O}(\text{PR}(X)), \mathcal{O}(\text{PR}(X))) \leq_{\text{II}} G_{\square}(\Omega(X), \Omega(X)).$



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check that when  $\{[F_n, V_{u, F_n}] : n \in \omega\}$  cover  $\text{PR}(X)$ , the  $\{u_n : n \in \omega\}$  are an  $\omega$ -cover of  $X$ .



## A Useful Refinement

### Theorem (Caruvana and Holshouser 2022)

There is a version of the translation theorem where  $\overleftarrow{T}_{I,n}$  doesn't have to pick out an individual from  $\mathcal{A}$ , but instead it picks out a subset of  $\mathcal{A}$ .



# Star Selection in Uniform Spaces

## Definition

Given a uniform space  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  and a collection  $\mathcal{U}$  of subsets of  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  is a **uniform cover** of  $X$  (with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$ ) if there exists  $E \in \mathcal{E}$  so that  $\{E[x] : x \in X\}$  is a refinement of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

We will say a uniform cover is an **open uniform cover** if it consists of open sets.

Let  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}(X)$  be the collection of all open uniform covers with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

## Theorem (Caruvana and Holshouser, 2022)

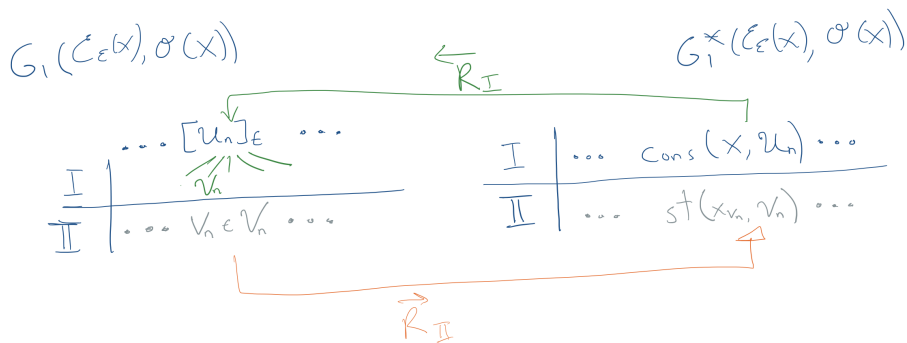
Let  $(X, \mathcal{E})$  be a uniform space. Then

$$\mathsf{G}_{\square}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}(X), \mathcal{O}_X) \equiv \mathsf{SG}_{X, \square}^*(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}(X), \mathcal{O}_X) \equiv \mathsf{G}_{\square}^*(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}(X), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

This theorem extends a result of Kocinac (2003).



$$G_{\square}(\mathcal{C}_{\varepsilon}(X), \mathcal{O}_X) \leq_{\Pi} \text{SG}_{X, \square}^*(\mathcal{C}_{\varepsilon}(X), \mathcal{O}_X)$$



- $\mathcal{U} \sim_E \mathcal{V}$  means  $\text{Cons}(X, \mathcal{U}) = \text{Cons}(X, \mathcal{V})$ .
- For each open  $V \in \mathcal{T}_X$ , choose  $x_V \in V$ .
- Check that if  $V_n \in \mathcal{V}_n \in [\mathcal{U}_n]_E$ , then  $\text{St}(x_{V_n}, \mathcal{V}_n) \in \text{Cons}(X, \mathcal{U}_n)$ .
- Check that if  $X = \bigcup_n V_n$ , then  $X = \bigcup_n \text{St}(x_{V_n}, \mathcal{V}_n)$ .



Thanks!

Thanks for Listening

