

Game Theory

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Administration

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Administration

- Course's webpage:
<http://www.eurecom.fr/~loiseau/GameTheory/index.html>
- Instructor: Patrick Loiseau (patrick.loiseau@eurecom.fr)
 - Office 427
 - No office hours: take appointment by email
- Co-instructor (exercises): Paul de Kerret (Paul.DeKerret@eurecom.fr)
- Classes on Wednesday afternoons. Each class:
 - ~2 hours lectures + ~1 hour exercises
- On week 7: Repetition
 - Correction of exam from last year
 - End of exercises (if needed)
 - Questions
- Grade: 100% final (final in February with other exams)
 - No document allowed except one sheet of paper with only handwritten notes, A4 size

Main references

- Online courses
 - B. Polak (Yale), <http://oyc.yale.edu/economics/econ-159>
 - M. O. Jackson (Stanford), K. Leyton-Brown (British Columbia), Y. Shoham (Stanford), <http://game-theory-class.org/game-theory-I.html>
- Textbooks
 - K. Leyton-Brown and Y. Shoham. “Essentials of Game Theory.” Morgan Claypool, 2008.
 - M. J. Osborne and A. Rubinstein. “A course in game theory.” MIT Press, 1994. <http://www.economics.utoronto.ca/osborne/cgt/>
- Additional references
 - D. Fudenberg and J. Tirole. “Game Theory.” MIT Press, 1991.
 - R. Myerson. “Game Theory; Analysis of Conflicts.” Harvard University Press, 1997.
 - R. Gibbons. “Game Theory for Applied Economists.” Princeton University Press 1992.
 - N. Nisan, T. Roughgarden, E. Tardos and V. Vazirani (Eds). “Algorithmic Game Theory”, CUP 2007. http://www.cambridge.org/journals/nisan/downloads/Nisan_Non-printable.pdf

Game theory course

- Wednesday afternoon, first 7 weeks of the semester
- Program: introduction to game theory basics, with some illustrations
 - Strategic form games
 - Extensive form and repeated games
 - Equilibrium concepts: Nash, subgame perfect, ESS, etc.
 - Illustrations in simple examples from economics, political sciences, social sciences, etc.
- Goal: give you enough knowledge to use game theory in any application

Network economics course

- Same time, last 7 weeks of the semester
- Game theory course is a mandatory pre-requisite for network economics course
- But you can take game theory course only
- Program of NetEcon: applications of game theory in network economics problems
 - Pricing of communication services
 - Incentives in online systems, reputation systems
 - Auctions and applications
 - Economics of security and privacy
- Research oriented, significant mathematical content
 - Project on research article
- But also one lecture on practical software aspects from SAP expert
 - Project on pricing simulation with SAP software BRIM
 - (pending)