Exercise 12 (a): 3-player dice game.

Each Player has two choices which we give as 1 (bet one) and 2 (bet two). Hence the space of strategies is the same as in Example 2.5.

Exercise 12 (a): 3-player dice game.

The following table gives the pay-off function for the three players, P1, P2 and P3.

	P1	P2	P3
(1, 1, 1)			
(1, 1, 2)			
(1, 2, 1)			
(1,2,2)			
(2, 1, 1)			
(2, 1, 2)			
(2, 2, 1)			
(2, 2, 2)			

There are two possible outcomes to the throw of the dice, 1 and 2. Each of these occurs with probability 1/2. Hence the expected pay-off for **Player 1** when the chosen strategy is (1,1,1) is

$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 2 + $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 = 1.
prob. pay-off prob. pay-off

In this manner we can calculate the various expected pay-offs.

Exercise 12 (a): 3-player dice game.

	P1	P2	P3
(1, 1, 1)	1	1	1
(1, 1, 2)			
(1, 2, 1)			
(1, 2, 2)			
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(2, 2, 1)			
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Exercise 12 (a): 3-player dice game.

	P1	P2	P3
(1, 1, 1)	1	1	1
(1, 1, 2)	2	2	5
(1, 2, 1)			
(1, 2, 2)			
(2, 1, 1)			
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(2, 2, 1)			
(2,2,2)			

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(1,2,2)	5	2	2
(2, 1, 1)	5	2	2
(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
(2, 2, 1)	2	2	5
(2, 2, 2)	1	1	1

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(1, 2, 2)	5	2	2
(2, 1, 1)	5	2	2
(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
(2, 2, 1)	2	2	5
(2, 2, 2)	1	1	1

(1,1,1) is **not** an equilibrium point since Player 3 can improve her pay-off by switching strategies.

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(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
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(2, 2, 2)	1	1	1

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(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
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(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
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(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
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- (1,2,2) is an equilibrium point.
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- (2, 1, 2) is an equilibrium point.
- (2,2,1) is an equilibrium point.
- (2,2,2) is **not** an equilibrium point.

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(2, 1, 2)	2	5	2
(2,2,1)	2	2	5
(2, 2, 2)	1	1	1

- (1, 1, 2) is an equilibrium point.
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- (1, 2, 2) is an equilibrium point.
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- (2,2,1) is an equilibrium point.

There are plenty of equilibrium points in this game!

Exercise 13 (a).

The equilibria are

$$\begin{array}{rrr} (4,-300) & (10,6) \\ (8,8) & (5,4) \end{array}$$

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The equilibria are (1, 2)

$$\begin{array}{cc} (4,-300) & (10,6) \\ (8,8) & (5,4) \end{array}$$

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The equilibria are (1, 2) and (2, 1).

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Player 1 prefers the former (because it gives him the higher pay-off of 10 over 8)

$$(4, -300)$$
 (10, 6)
(8, 8) (5, 4)

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Player 1 prefers the former (because it gives him the higher pay-off of 10 over 8) while Player 2 prefers the latter (because it gives her the higher pay-off of 8 over 6).

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But if Player 2 chooses her strategy 1 to aim for her preferred equilibrium point then if Player 1 chooses his strategy 1 to achieve his preferred equilibrium point she will get a pay-off of -300.

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But if Player 2 chooses her strategy 1 to aim for her preferred equilibrium point then if Player 1 chooses his strategy 1 to achieve his preferred equilibrium point she will get a pay-off of -300.

It seems therefore much more prudent for her to 'play it safe' by choosing her strategy 2 and settle on (1, 2).

Exercise 14 (a): Checking equilibria.

-3	-3	2
-1	3	-2
3	-1	-2
2	2	-3

Show that the game with the pay-off matrix given below has the mixed strategy equilibrium ((1/2, 0, 0, 1/2), (1/4, 1/4, 1/2)).

Exercise 14 (a): Checking equilibria.

We calculate the pay-off of playing these two strategies against each other. It is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} (-3) + \frac{1}{4} (-3) + \frac{1}{2} 2 \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} 2 + \frac{1}{4} 2 + \frac{1}{2} (-3) \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} 2 + \frac{1}{4} 2 + \frac{1}{2} (-3) \right) \\ = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} -3 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \end{array}$$

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We calculate the pay-off of playing these two strategies against each other. It is -1/2.

If Player 1 chooses his mixed strategy (1/2, 0, 0, 1/2) his pay-offs against Player 2's pure strategies are as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} -3 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \end{array}$$

Since no number appearing in this table is smaller than -1/2, changing from the equilibrium point to a pure strategy won't leave Player 2 better off. So this part checks out.

Exercise 14 (a): Checking equilibria.

We calculate the pay-off of playing these two strategies against each other. It is -1/2.

When Player 2 matches her mixed strategy (1/4, 1/4, 1/2) against Player 1's pure strategies the pay-offs are as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} -3 & -3 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \end{array}$$

Since no number appearing in this table is larger than -1/2, changing from the equilibrium point to a pure strategy won't leave Player 1 better off. So this part checks out too.

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We calculate the pay-off of playing these two strategies against each other. It is -1/2.

By Proposition 3.9 this is indeed an equilibrium point. Note that in the long run that means that Player 1 will lose 1/2 unit per game!

Exercise 15 (a): Dominance.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ -4 & -2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Exercise 15 (a): Dominance.

2	4	0	-2
4	8	2	6
-2	0	4	2
-4	-2	-2	0

Strategy 1 for Player 2 dominates her strategy 2

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This matrix can be solved with the methods for (2×2) -matrices lecture notes.

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We set

-6x + 4 = 2x + 2,

which is equivalent to

$$8x = 2$$
 or $x = \frac{1}{4}$.

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We get x = 1/4. The value of the game is the corresponding *y*-value,

$$-6 \times \frac{1}{4} + 4 = 5/2.$$

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$$y = -2x + 4$$
 and $y = 6x - 2$.

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-2	0	4	2
-4	-2	-2	0

We get x = 1/4. The value of the game is the corresponding *y*-value, 5/2. For Player 2 the intersection is at x = 3/4.

Hence the unique equilibrium point of the original game is ((0, 3/4, 1/4, 0), (1/4, 0, 3/4, 0)).

Exercise 16 (a): Solving matrix games.

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16	14	6	11
-14	4	-10	-8
0	-2	12	-6
22	-12	6	10

Player 1's strategy 1 dominates his strategy 2.

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Player 2's strategy 4 dominates her strategy 1.

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$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 14 & 6 & 11 \\ -2 & 12 & -6 \\ -12 & 6 & 10 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{|ccccccc|}
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\end{array}$$

Now Player 2's strategy 3 dominates her strategy 1.

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6	11
12	-6

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 and $y = -17x + 11$.

We set

6x + 6 = -17x + 11,

which is equivalent to

$$23x = 5$$
 or $x = \frac{5}{23}$.

Exercise 16 (a): Solving matrix games.

To find Player 1's equilibrium point strategy we have to find the intersection of the two lines given by

$$y = 6x + 6$$
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We get x = 5/23. The value of the game is the corresponding *y*-value,

$$6 \times \frac{5}{23} + 6 = 168/23.$$

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$$y = 5x + 6$$
 and $y = -18x + 12$,

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc}
6 & 11 \\
12 & -6 \\
\end{array}$$

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12	-6	

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Hence the unique equilibrium point of the original game is ((18/23, 0, 5/23, 0), (0, 0, 17/23, 6/23)).

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2	1	0
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$$2 \ge \lambda \quad \text{always}$$
$$2 \ge 3(1-\lambda) = 3 - 3\lambda$$
$$-1 \ge 3\lambda - 3(1-\lambda) = 6\lambda - 3$$

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Hence $\lambda = 1/3$ will do.

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The only candidate for a dominated strategy is Player 1's strategy 1. We have to find $0 \le \lambda \le 1$ such that

$$1 \leq 3(1-\lambda) = 3 - 3\lambda \quad \text{iff } \lambda \leq 2/3$$
$$0 \leq 3\lambda - 3(1-\lambda) = 6\lambda - 3$$

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 $\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 3 \\
3 & -3
\end{array}$

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$$1 \le 3(1 - \lambda) = 3 - 3\lambda \quad \text{iff } \lambda \le 2/3$$
$$0 \le 3\lambda - 3(1 - \lambda) = 6\lambda - 3 \quad \text{iff } \lambda \ge 1/2$$

There are plenty of λ s (from 1/2 to 2/3) to choose from.

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03We cannot reduce this matrix any further, but3-3we know how to solve (2×2) -matrices.