## The Folk Theorem

Review of Long Run vs. Short run


- structure of an equilibrium
- role of reputation (can do strictly better when there is moral hazard)


## Simple Folk Theorems

- socially feasible
- individually rational

Statement of Folk Theorem
Prisoner's Dilemma Game


- Nash with time averaging
- perfect Nash threats with discounting
public randomization vs. discount factors near one

$$
\begin{aligned}
& v_{t}=(1-\delta) u_{t}+\delta v_{t+1} \\
& v_{t+1}=\delta^{-1} v_{t}-(1-\delta) \delta^{-1} u_{t}
\end{aligned}
$$

note that coefficient add up to one

Fudenberg Maskin Theorem
issue: perfection and minmaxing
minmax followed by reversion to another equilibrium note simultaneous determination of equilibria

## Moral Hazard Folk Theorem

- incentive constraints
- convexity of space
- half-spaces and necessity
- smooth approximations
- half-spaces and sufficiency


## Information Conditions: At a Point

- enforcible
- pairwise identifiability
- b.r. for player $i$
- coordinate vs. regular hyperplanes
- enforcible + b.r. => coordinate
- enforcible + pairwise identifiability => regular
- full rank => enforcible
- pairwise full rank => pairwise identifiability


## Information Conditions: Global

- pure pareto efficient is pairwise identifiable =>

Nash threat

- all pairs exists pairwise full rank => full folk
© This document is copyrighted by the author. You may freely reproduce and distribute it electronically or in print, provided it is distributed in its entirety, including this copyright notice. Source: DOCS\Annual\98\CLASS\GRAD\FOLK SLIDES.DOC

