- a) Solution. Suppose ≽<sub>S</sub> is transitive, that is, for lotteries f, g, and h, if f ≽<sub>S</sub> g, g ≽<sub>S</sub> h, then f ≽<sub>S</sub> h. Below we drop the subscript S to simplify notation. Suppose f ~ g, g ~ h. Then by definition f ≽ g, g ≽ h and thus by assumption f ≽ h. On the other hand, we have h ≽ g and g ≽ f, from which h ≽ f follows. Thus the proof of f ~ h is complete. The proof that f ≻<sub>S</sub> g, g ≽<sub>S</sub> h, implies g ≻<sub>S</sub> h is similar.
  - b) Solution. Suppose y is optimal for decision-maker with beliefs p and q –  $\lambda \in [0, 1], r = \lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q$

$$\begin{split} \sum_{t \in \Omega} r(t) \cdot u(y,t) &\geqslant \lambda \sum_{t \in \Omega} p(t) u(y,t) + (1-\lambda) \sum_{t \in \Omega} q(t) u(y,t) \\ &\geqslant \lambda \sum_{t \in \Omega} p(t) u(x,t) + (1-\lambda) \sum_{t \in \Omega} q(t) u(x,t) \\ &= \sum_{t \in \Omega} r(t) \cdot u(x,t) \end{split}$$

2. a) Solution. We write  $D_i$ ,  $R_i$  (i = 1, 2) for the strategies of player *i*. In extensive form  $\Gamma^e$ , the game is described as follows.



Importantly the information state is equal for the nodes of player 2, as player 2 cannot observe whether player 1 decided to hunt rabbits, or dears.  $\Box$ 

b) Solution. Transforming  $\Gamma^e$  in its normal representation yields the following game  $\Gamma$ :

	$C_2$		
$C_1$	$D_2$	$R_2$	
$D_1$	4, 4	0,2	
$R_1$	0,2	2, 2	

It is easy to see that this is also the fully reduced (normal) representation.  $\Box$ 

3. a) Solution. Consider the game  $\Gamma_1$  to the left. It is not difficult to see that both games are non-degenerated, that is, no mixed strategy of support size k has more than k best responses. Hence if (x, y) is a Nash equilibrium, then the support of the mixed strategies x, y is equal.

By considering all possible set of supports, we find the following equilibria:

$$-([x_1], [z_2]),$$

- $-([y_1], [x_2]), \text{ and }$
- $\left(\frac{4}{5}[x_1] + \frac{1}{5}[x_2], \frac{3}{4}[y_2] + \frac{1}{4}[z_2]\right).$

The argumentation for the pure equilibria is easy. Thus we concentrate on the third equilibria, whose set of support is  $\{x_1, y_1\} \times \{y_2, z_2\}$ . We write  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  for the mixed strategies, and get the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & 5\sigma_2(y_2) + 8\sigma_2(z_2) = 6\sigma_2(y_2) + 5\sigma_2(z_2) \\ & \sigma_2(y_2) + \sigma_2(z_2) = 1 \\ & 6\sigma_1(x_1) + 5\sigma_1(y_1) = 7\sigma_1(x_1) + 1\sigma_(y_1) \\ & \sigma_1(x_1) + \sigma_1(y_1) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving these equations, together with usual side conditions, yields the indicated equilibrium:

$$(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = (\frac{4}{5}[x_1] + \frac{1}{5}[x_2], \frac{3}{4}[y_2] + \frac{1}{4}[z_2])$$

b) Solution. Consider the game  $\Gamma_2$  to the left. By considering all possible set of supports, we find the following unique equilibrium:

 $- \left(\frac{1}{3}[x_1] + \frac{1}{3}[y_1] + \frac{1}{3}[z_1], \frac{1}{3}[x_2] + \frac{1}{3}[y_2] + \frac{1}{3}[z_2]\right)$ 

Consider the set of support:  $\{x_1, y_1, z_1\} \times \{x_2, y_2, z_2\}$ , which yields the following equation:

$$5\sigma_2(y_2) + 4\sigma_2(z_2) = 4\sigma_2(x_2) + 5\sigma_2(z_2) = 5\sigma_2(x_2) + 4\sigma_2(y_2)$$
  

$$\sigma_2(x_2) + \sigma_2(y_2) + \sigma_2(z_2) = 1$$
  

$$5\sigma_1(y_1) + 4\sigma_1(z_1) = 4\sigma_1(x_1) + 5\sigma_1(z_1) = 5\sigma_1(x_1) + 4\sigma_1(y_1)$$
  

$$\sigma_1(x_1) + \sigma_1(y_1) + \sigma_1(z_1) = 1$$

We obtain the above indicated unique solution.

4. Solution. See slides from week 12.

5.

Solution.			
statement	yes	no	
To assert a player is rational, means the player makes decisions consistently in pursuit of her own objective.			
A lottery is a function from states to the probability distribution over a set of prizes. If the lottery is independent on the states it depends only on subjective unknowns.		$\checkmark$	
A set of vectors S is convex if for any two vectors $p, q$ also $\lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q \in S$ , where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .		$\checkmark$	
Given a finite game $\Gamma$ in strategic form, there exists at least one pure equilibrium.		$\checkmark$	
An auction where the bidders have the same private information is called common value auction.		$\checkmark$	
Nash's theorem of the existence of an equilibrium is not extensible to games over infinite strategy sets		$\checkmark$	
A game may have multiple equilibria, but at least one of the equilibria is efficient.		$\checkmark$	
Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m < n$ . A two-person game is called degener- ated if there exists a strategy profile $\sigma$ with support size $m$ such that $\sigma$ has $n$ pure best responses.	$\checkmark$		
For a Nash equilibrium $(\sigma, \rho)$ of a degenerated two-person game, $\sigma$ and $\rho$ have support of equal size.		$\checkmark$	
If we can show that $P=NP,$ then $P=PPAD$ follows.	$\checkmark$		