

1. If each robber has a  $F(y)$  chance of being caught, then  $NxF(y)$  of the  $Nx$  who try to steal are caught; the rest steal successfully. We assume this means that  $NxF(y)$  cops catch one robber each, while the rest of the  $Ny$  sent to patrol return emptyhanded.

Denote the collective utility functions  $U_r(x, y)$  and  $U_c(x, y)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U_r(x, y) &= N(1-x)(0) + NxF(y)(-5) + [Nx - NxF(y)](5) \\ &= 5Nx[1 - 2F(y)] \\ U_c(x, y) &= N(1-y)(1) + NxF(y)(5) + [Ny - NxF(y)](-1) \\ &= N[1 - 2y + 6xF(y)] \end{aligned}$$

*Note that it is possible that  $Ny - NxF(y) < 0$ , in which case the last term of  $U_c$  doesn't really make sense. We feel, however, that our model is the most faithful interpretation of the problem statement. One interpretation might be that when  $Ny - NxF(y) < 0$ , each cop has caught more than one robber each, so there is an additional utility bonus.*

It is easily verified that sending all or none of the employees cannot be an equilibrium strategy for either Fagin or Gordon. We are therefore looking for interior equilibria ( $x, y \in (0, 1)$ ) so we require

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} U_c(x, y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U_r(x, y) = 0$$

Solving these FONCs yields

$$F(y) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad F'(y) = \frac{1}{3x},$$

which we can use to solve for  $x$  and  $y$  given any  $F(y)$ .

- (a) For  $F(y) = y$ , the utility functions are the same as the game discussed in class. As expected, this yields the same pure NE,  $(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .
- (b) For  $F(y) = y^2$ , the FONC's are satisfied at  $\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ . However,  $\frac{\partial^2 U_c}{\partial y^2} > 0$ , so the cops' utility function is convex, and  $y = 1/\sqrt{2}$  is a minimum. Thus, there is no NE in pure strategies.

(c) For  $F(y) = \sqrt{y}$ , the FONC are satisfied at  $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ .