

# Normal-Form Games

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Task 1: Formalize the game.

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Task 2: Let's assume that the defender can not only protect selected target but also, to some extent, neighbor targets – i.e., if the defender chooses to protect  $T_i$  then if the attackers chooses to attack target  $T_{i+1}$  or  $T_{i-1}$  (if they are defined), there is 50% that the defender will catch the attacker in those targets. Formalize the game.

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