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Cyber Attacks

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Verizon's 2016 Data Breach Investigations Report

2,260 confirmed data breaches at organizations in 82 countries



Recent Cyber Attacks

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Late summer 2014: 76 million customers



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Late 2013: 40 million payment cards stolen and upwards of 70 million other personal records compromised



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Late Fall 2014: catastrophic and a public relations nightmare



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Numerous companies and organizations have now realized that investing in cybersecurity is an imperative



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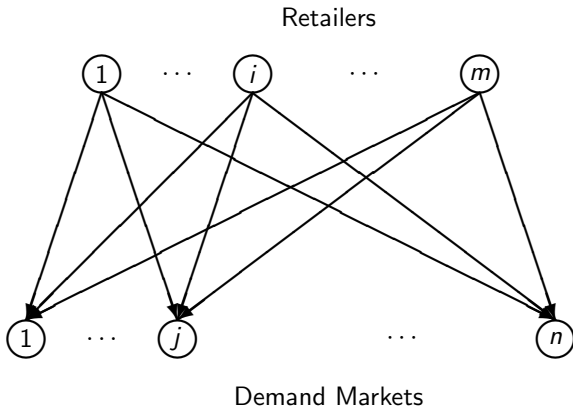


Figure: The Bipartite Structure of the Supply Chain Network Game Theory Model



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Aim:

The retailers seek to maximize their individual expected utilities, consisting of expected profits, and compete in a noncooperative game in terms of strategies consisting of their respective product transactions and security levels

Conservation Law:

$$d_j = \sum_{i=1}^m Q_{ij}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$



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Investment Cost Function Associated with Achieving a Security Level s_i

$$h_i(s_i) = \alpha_i \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-s_i}} - 1 \right) \quad \text{with } \alpha_i > 0$$



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Profit of Retailer i

$$f_i(Q, s) = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{p}_j(Q, s) Q_{ij} - c_i \sum_{j=1}^n Q_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}(Q_{ij})$$



Utility Optimization

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Each retailer seeks to maximize his expected utility

$$\begin{aligned}\max E(U_i) &= (1 - p_i)f_i(Q, s) + p_i(f_i(Q, s) - D_i) - h_i(s_i) \\ &= f_i(Q, s) - p_iD_i - h_i(s_i)\end{aligned}$$

where:

- D_i : damage incurred by retailer i
- $p_i = (1 - s_i)(1 - \bar{s})$, $i = 1, \dots, m$: probability of a successful cyberattack on retailer i



Nash Equilibrium

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Definition (A Supply Chain Nash Equilibrium in Product Transactions and Security Levels)

A product transaction and security level pattern $(Q^*, s^*) \in \mathbb{K}$ is said to constitute a supply chain Nash equilibrium if for each retailer $i; i = 1, \dots, m$,

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where

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A supply chain Nash equilibrium is established if no retailer can unilaterally improve upon his expected utility (expected profit) by choosing an alternative vector of product transactions and security level.



Variational Inequality Formulation

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Theorem

Assume that $E(U_i(Q, s))$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ is concave and continuously differentiable. Then $(Q^*, s^*) \in \mathbb{K}$ is a supply chain Nash equilibrium \iff if it satisfies variational inequality

$$-\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial Q_{ij}} \times (Q_{ij} - Q_{ij}^*)$$
$$-\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial s_i} \times (s_i - s_i^*) \geq 0, \quad \forall (Q, s) \in \mathbb{K}$$



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Feasible Set

$$\mathbb{K} = \left\{ (Q, s) \in \mathbb{R}^{mn+n} : -Q_{ij} \leq 0, \quad Q_{ij} - \bar{Q}_{ij} \leq 0, \quad -s_i \leq 0, \right. \\ \left. s_i - u_{s_i} \leq 0, \quad h_i(s_i) - B_i \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$



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Minimization Problem

$V(Q, s) \geq 0$ in \mathbb{K} and $\min_{\mathbb{K}} V(Q, s) = V(Q^*, s^*) = 0$, where

$$V(Q, s) = - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial Q_{ij}} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ij}^*) \\ - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial s_i} (s_i - s_i^*)$$



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Lagrange Function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(Q, s, \lambda^1, \lambda^2, \mu^1, \mu^2, \lambda) = & - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial Q_{ij}} (Q_{ij} - Q_{ij}^*) \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial s_i} (s_i - s_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij}^1 (-Q_{ij}) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij}^2 (Q_{ij} - \bar{Q}_{ij}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^1 (-s_i) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i^2 (s_i - u_{s_i}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (h_i(s_i) - B_i),\end{aligned}$$

where $(Q, s) \in \mathbb{R}^{mn+n}$, $\lambda^1, \lambda^2 \in \mathbb{R}_+^{mn}$, $\mu^1, \mu^2 \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$,



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Theorem (Saddle Point)

There exist $\bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2 \in \mathbb{R}_+^{mn}, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ such that the vector $(Q^, s^*, \bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda})$ is a saddle point of the Lagrange function; namely,*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(Q^*, s^*, \lambda^1, \lambda^2, \mu^1, \mu^2, \lambda) &\leq \mathcal{L}(Q^*, s^*, \bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda}) \\ &\leq \mathcal{L}(Q, s, \bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda})\end{aligned}$$

$\forall (Q, s) \in \mathbb{K}, \forall \lambda^1, \lambda^2 \in \mathbb{R}_+^{mn}, \forall \mu^1, \mu^2, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ and

$$\bar{\lambda}_{ij}^1(-Q_{ij}^*) = 0, \quad \bar{\lambda}_{ij}^2(Q_{ij}^* - \bar{Q}_{ij}) = 0, \quad \forall i, \forall j$$

$$\bar{\mu}_i^1(-s_i^*) = 0, \quad \bar{\mu}_i^2(s_i^* - u_{s_i}) = 0, \quad \bar{\lambda}_i(h_i(s_i^*) - B_i) = 0, \quad \forall i$$



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It follows that $(Q^*, s^*) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{mn+n}$ is a minimal point of $\mathcal{L}(Q, s, \bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda})$ in the whole space \mathbb{R}^{mn+n} and, hence, for all $i = 1, \dots, m$, and $j = 1, \dots, n$, we get:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(Q^*, s^*, \bar{\lambda}^1, \bar{\lambda}^2, \bar{\mu}^1, \bar{\mu}^2, \bar{\lambda})}{\partial Q_{ij}} = -\frac{\partial E(U_i(Q^*, s^*))}{\partial Q_{ij}} - \bar{\lambda}_{ij}^1 + \bar{\lambda}_{ij}^2 = 0$$
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which represent an equivalent formulation of the variational inequality



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$\bar{\lambda}_{ij}^1, \bar{\lambda}_{ij}^2$ give a precise evaluation of the behavior of the market with respect to the supply chain product transactions as well as $\bar{\mu}_i^1, \bar{\mu}_i^2$ describe the effects of the marginal expected cybersecurity investment utilities.



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So, if $0 < Q_{ij}^* < \bar{Q}_{ij}$, then we get $\forall i = 1, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, n$:

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and if $\bar{\lambda}_{ij}^2 > 0$, and, hence, $Q_{ij}^* = \bar{Q}_{ij}$, and $\bar{\lambda}_{ij}^1 = 0$, we have

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If $0 < s_i^* < u_{s_i}$, then $\bar{\mu}_i^1 = \bar{\mu}_i^2 = 0$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial h_i(s_i^*)}{\partial s_i} + \bar{\lambda}_i \frac{\partial h_i(s_i^*)}{\partial s_i} \\ &= \left(1 - \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{s_k^*}{m} + \frac{1 - s_i^*}{m} \right) D_i + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial \hat{\rho}_k(Q^*, s^*)}{\partial s_i} \times Q_{ik}^*. \end{aligned}$$



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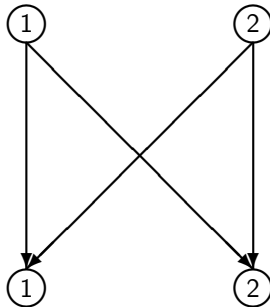


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Demand Markets

Figure: Network Topology



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Damage Parameters and Budgets

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If we double the value of the damage for the first retailer and assume now $D_1 = 400$, then the new value of the Lagrange multiplier is $\bar{\mu}_1^2 = 46.6055$.



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