

REAL LIFE GAMES: HOW GAME THEORY SHAPES HUMAN DECISIONS

LOGISTICS

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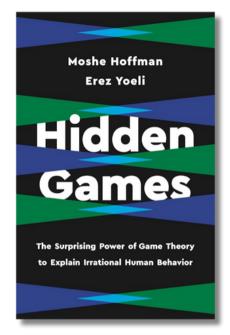
Methods

Mix of formal and empirical work.

A bit mathy (sorry!).

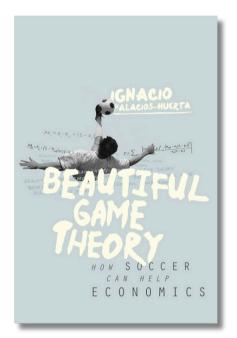
But, in general, the main intuition is what matters.

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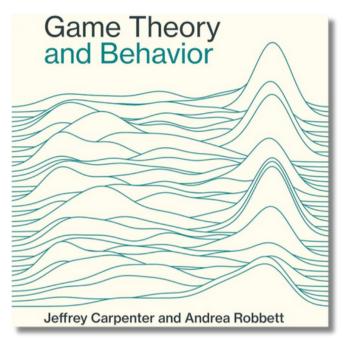


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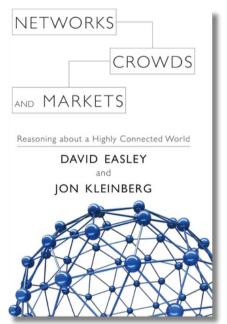
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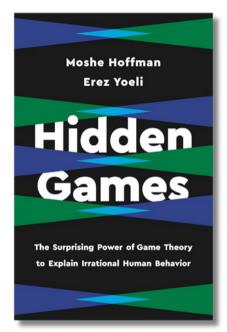
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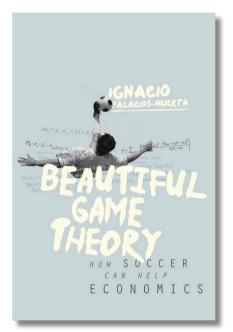
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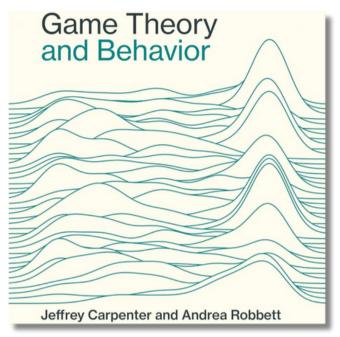


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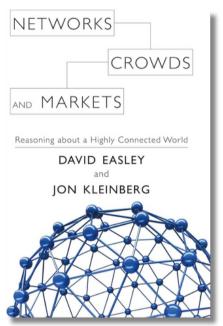
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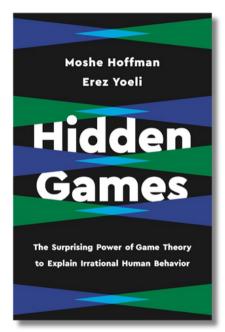
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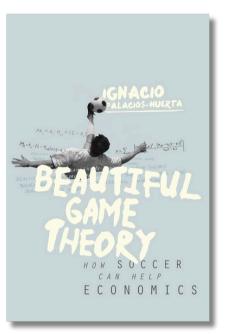
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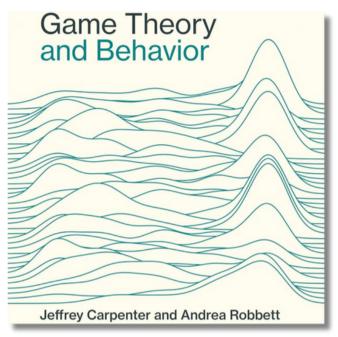


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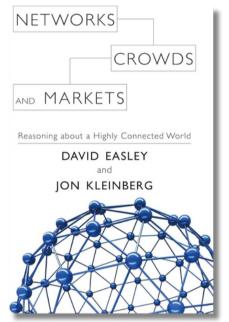
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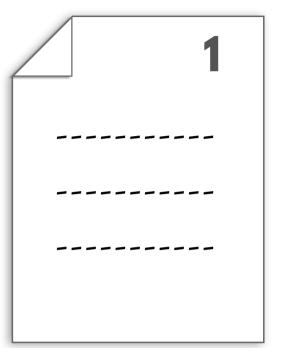
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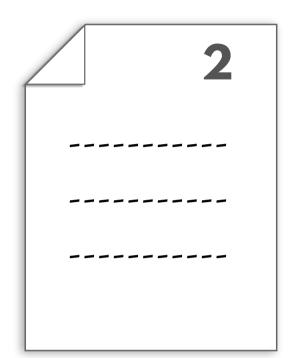
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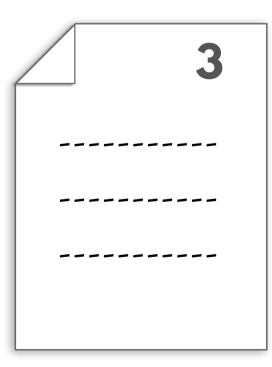
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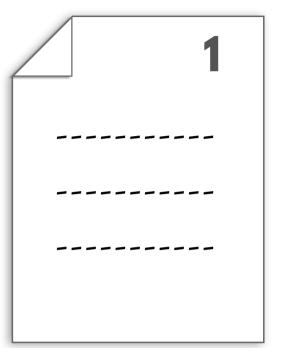
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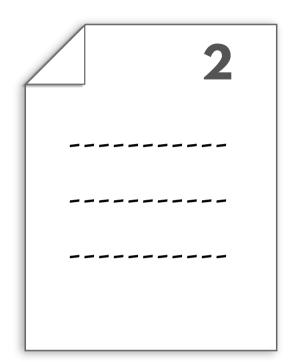
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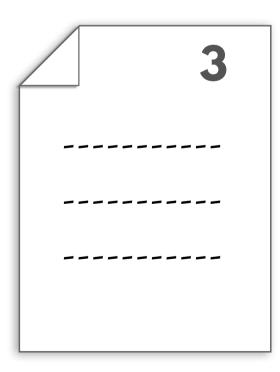
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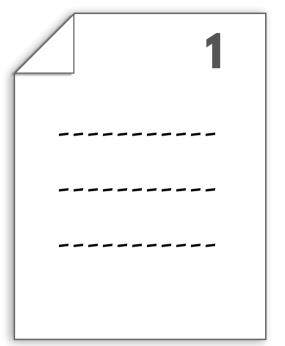
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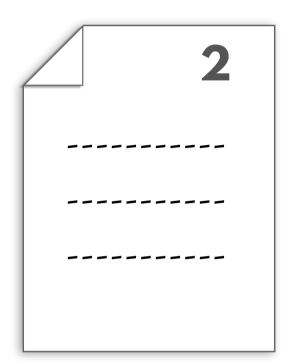
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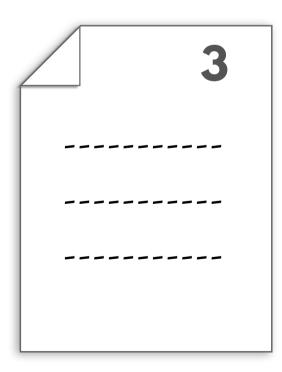
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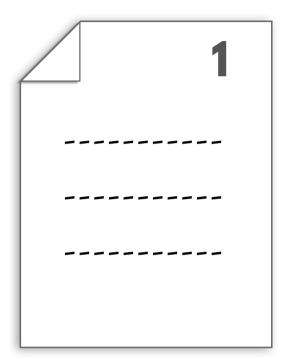
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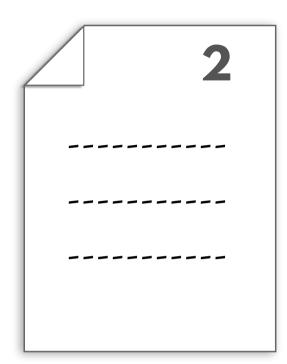
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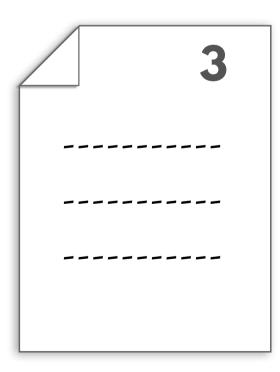
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ChatGPT? Sure, but you have to put your own spin on things!

Now let's get to know each other.



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