

# On doubly biased Maker-Breaker games

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Let  $V$  be a finite set and let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^V$  be the family of its subsets. Positional game is a pair  $(V, \mathcal{F})$ , where  $V$  is referred to as *board*, and the sets of  $\mathcal{F}$  is referred to as the *winning sets*. In the  $(a : b)$  *Maker - Breaker* game, a type of positional game, two players called *Maker* and *Breaker* take turns in claiming previously unclaimed elements of the board. *Maker* claims  $a$  elements in each move and *Breaker* claims  $b$  elements in each move. The game ends when all the elements of the board are claimed. *Maker* aims to claim all the elements of some  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and *Breaker* wants to prevent him from doing that, i.e. he wants to put at least one element in each winning set. The game is "*Maker's win*" if *Maker* has a strategy to win against any strategy of *Breaker*. Otherwise, the game is "*Breaker's win*".

When  $a = b = 1$  the game is called *unbiased*, and in many  $(1 : 1)$  *Maker - Breaker* games, *Maker* wins quite easily. Thus, to "even out the odds" and increase *Breaker's* chances to win, the *biased* games are introduced. The question that comes naturally is to determine the winner of  $(1 : b)$  *Maker - Breaker* game, when  $b$  is greater than one, and to increase  $b$  until the game becomes more balanced.

We study  $(a : b)$  *Maker - Breaker* games played on the edge set of the complete graph on  $n$  vertices,  $E(K_n)$ , where  $n$  is sufficiently large integer and both  $a$  and  $b$  can be greater than one. The winning sets we look at are various graph theoretic properties like spanning tree, Hamilton cycle, etc. For each  $a = a(n)$ , we want to determine  $b_0(a, n) = b_0(a)$ , so that for  $b < b_0(a)$  the game is *Maker's win*, and for  $b > b_0(a)$  the game is *Breaker's win*. We refer to  $b_0(a)$  as the *threshold bias for a*.

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