# Homo Ex Machina

## The Man from the Machine

## Intelligence

Biological Intelligence: Biopsychological potential to solve problems.

- Analytical Intelligence:
  - Abstraction Create complex world representations.
  - Learning Inform future decisions based on past experience.
- Emotional Intelligence:
  - Self-awareness Understanding your mental states.
  - Self-management Managing one's mental states.
- Social Intelligence:
  - Social awareness Awareness of others' mental states.
  - Relationship Management Ability to change others' mental states.
- Creative Intelligence:
  - Going beyond what is given to generate novel and interesting ideas.
  - Defining intelligence trait of humans, compared to other animals.

e.g. solving a hard equation

e.g. dealing with stress of solving a hard equation

e.g. dealing with stressed people who are solving hard equations

e.g. simplify by changing to spherical coordinates

Artificial Intelligence: "(...) A machine [that behaves] in ways that would be called intelligent if a human were so behaving."

Gardner, H. (1999). *Intelligence reframed: Multiple intelligences for the 21st century.* New York, NY: Basic Books.

McCarthy, J., Minsky, M.L., Rochester, N., Shannon, C.E. (1955). A proposal for the Dartmouth summer research project on artificial intelligence.

## **Artificial Intelligence**



Kaplan, A., & Haenlein, M. (2018). Siri, Siri, in my hand: Who's the fairest in the land? On the interpretations, illustrations, and implications of artificial intelligence. Business Horizons.

## Why humanized AI matters

	Analytical AI	Human-inspired AI	Humanized AI
Universities	Virtual teaching assistants able to	AI-based career services able to identify	Robo-teachers animating a student
	answer student questions and tailor	emotions to improve interview	group by acting as moderator and
	reactions to individual data.	techniques of students.	sparring partners.
Corporations	Robo-advisors leveraging	Stores identifying unhappy shoppers	Virtual agents dealing with customer
	automation and AI algorithms to	via facial recognition at checkouts to	complaints and addressing concerns
	manage client portfolios.	trigger remedial actions.	of unhappy customers.
Governments	Automation systems to set the	Virtual army recruiters interviewing	AI systems able to psychologically
	brightness of streetlights based on	and selecting candidates based on	train soldiers before entering a war
	traffic and pedestrian movements.	emotional cues.	zone.

### Increasingly complex AI can replace humans in more boring/dangerous/time-consuming tasks.

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## **Risk Assessment**



**Risk**: The possibility of losing something of value.

## **Risk Assessment**

## Expected Utility Theory (EUT)

A theory about deciding **optimally**.

## Cumulative Prospect Theory (CPT)

A theory about deciding under **risk**.

- Most **AI agents** are built to perform optimally and so **use EUT**.
- Experiments indicate **people use CPT rather than EUT.**



## Theory of Mind

### Ability to attribute **mental states** to others and to **realize they may be different** from our own.

### **Mental States**

Beliefs Goals Emotions Knowledge

### Why "theory"?

- Mental states are **not directly observable**.
- Makes **predictions** about the behavior of other agents.

### **Enables complex social behavior:**

- Common sense ideas about others
- Taking perspectives
- Presuming intent
- Inferring emotions

### Level-K Model

A recursive theory of mind model. "I think that you think that I think that..."

D. Premack and G. Woodruff. *Does the chimpanzee have a theory of mind?* Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 1978.

## **Motivation**

- AI models are being developed to decide optimally, using **expected utility theory** (EUT).
- People **do not seem to decide optimally using EUT**.
- People predict behavior of others with a cognitive mechanism called **theory of mind** (ToM).

### We should create AI models that decide like people.

- Create agents that use **cumulative prospect theory** instead for expected utility theory
- Create agents that use **Level-K model**, a recursive model of theory of mind.

## **The Question**

### Does coordination happen among risk-sensitive agents equipped with ToM?

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#### Game Theory of Mind

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#### Abstract

This paper introduces a model of 'theory of mind', namely, how we represent the intentions and goals of others to optimise our mutual interactions. We draw on ideas from optimum control and game theory to provide a 'game theory of mind'. First, we consider the representations of goals in terms of value functions that are prescribed by utility or rewards. Critically, the joint value functions and ensuing behaviour are optimised recursively, under the assumption that I represent your value function, your representation of mine, your representation of my representation of yours, and so on ad infinitum. However, if we assume that the degree of recursion is bounded, then players need to estimate the opponent's degree of recursion (i.e., sophistication) to respond optimally. This induces a problem of inferring the opponent's sophistication, given behavioural exchanges. We show it is possible to deduce whether players make inferences about each other and quantify their sophistication on the basis of choices in sequential games. This rests on comparing generative models of choices with, and without, inference. Model comparison is demonstrated using simulated and real data from a 'stag-hunt'. Finally, we note that exactly the same sophisticated behaviour can be achieved by optimising the utility function itself (through prosocial utility), producing unsophisticated but apparently altruistic agents. This may be relevant ethologically in hierarchal game theory and coevolution. Citation: Yoshida W, Dolan RJ, Friston KJ (2008) Game Theory of Mind. PLoS Comput Biol 4(12): e1000254. doi:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000254 Editor: Tim Behrens, John Radcliffe Hospital, United Kingdom Received July 2, 2008; Accepted November 13, 2008; Published December 26, 2008

Yoshida et. al. shows **promoted coordination** among risk-insensitive (EUT) agents equipped with ToM.

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## Roadmap

### **Game Theory and Coordination**

Expected Utility Theory Cumulative Prospect Theory **Example** - Stag Hunt

### **Coordination over time**

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**Conclusion and Future Work** 

## **Game Theory**

The study of strategic reasoning between rational decision-makers.

A game is a metaphor for conflict between agents.

**Game = Agents + Actions + Information + Rewards** 

### Solving a game usually means finding the **Nash Equilibrium**: *The set of strategies from which no agent would be better off by unilaterally switching.*

### Applications

Evolutionary models, board games, mechanism design, voting systems, war, public choice, social dilemmas, climate change, animal territorial distribution, multi-agent systems, bargaining, social network formation, disaster relief, and many more...

## **Coordination and Stag Hunt**

**Coordination game** is a game with multiple deterministic Nash equilibria in which players choose the same or corresponding strategies.

### Stag Hunt

The paradigmatic example of a coordination dilemma.



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### **Stag Hunt** The paradigmatic example of a coordination dilemma.

If decisions are **deterministic**:

(Stag, Stag) and (Hare, Hare) are deterministic NEs.

Under EUT:  $V^{EUT}(a) = \mathbb{E}_{a'}[u(a,a')] \quad Pr(Stag) = p$ 

If decisions are **stochastic**:

$$V^{EUT}(Stag) = 5p + 0(1-p) = 5p \ V^{EUT}(Hare) = 1p + 1(1-p) = 1 \ p = rac{1}{5}$$

[(**Stag**,<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>;**Hare**,<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>),(**Stag**,<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>;**Hare**,<sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub>)] is the **stochastic NE**.



#### **Prospect Theory** R = "reward" support $\{R\} = \{r_{-m}, \ldots, r_n\}$ $P(R = r_i) = p_i$ this is a prospect - $\frown ([r_{-m},p_{-m}],\ldots,[r_k,p_k],[r_{k+1},p_{k+1}],\ldots,[r_n,p_n]))$ Losses Gains 1.0 $w(p) = e^{-0.5(-\log(p))^{0.9}}$ 10 Reference point 0.8 5 Loss $V^{PT}=\sum_{i=k+1}^n u^+(r_i)w(p_i)$ Aversion 0.6 0 (d)M Ę, Diminishing $+\sum\limits_{i=1}^k \, u^-(r_i)w(p_i)$ Nonlinear 0.4-5 Marginal **Probability** Utility Weighting 0.2 -10-15 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 -5 10 0.0 0.8 1.0 -10Ó 5 r

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Example - A roll of a die} \\ (\underbrace{[1,1/6], [2,1/6], [3,1/6], [4,1/6], [5,1/6], [6,1/6])}_{\textbf{Gains}} \\ V^{PT} = \sum_{k=1}^{6} u(k) w \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = w \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) (u(1) + u(2) + u(3) + u(4) + u(5) + u(6) \\ u(x) = x^{0.85} \\ w(x) = e^{-0.5(-log(x))^{0.9}} \\ \end{array}$$

A gift of 7 would be refused if the opportunity cost was not being able to accept this gamble.

### Does not satisfy first-order stochastic dominance. Cumulative Prospect Theory solves this.

## **Cumulative Prospect Theory**



Same as PT but transforms cumulative probabilities instead.

## **Coordination with CPT**

$$egin{aligned} V^{CPT}(a) &= \sum_i u^+(r_i) [w^+(P(R(a) \ge r_i)) - w^+(P(R(a) > r_i))] \ &+ \sum_{i=-m}^k u^-(r_i) [w^-(P(R(a) \ge r_i)) - w^-(P(R(a) > r_i))] \end{aligned}$$



$$V^{CPT}(Stag) = 5w^+(p) \ V^{CPT}(Hare) = 1 \ p_{CPT} = 0.028 \ p_{EUT} = 0.2$$

### **Coordination increases**

Total Reward
$$(p) = \mathbb{E}[r_1(p_1, p_2) + r_2(p_1, p_2) | p_1 = p_2 = p]$$
  
=  $(5+5)p^2 + 2p(1-p) + 2(1-p)^2$ 

Total Reward $(p_{EUT})=2$ Total Reward $(p_{CPT})pprox 1.95$ 

### **Total reward decreases only slightly**

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### **Coordination over time**

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## Sequential Decision-making

Normal-Form Game = Agents + Actions + Rewards + Single Simultaneous Decision Many real-world scenarios are stochastic in nature and require time to be taken into consideration.



**Markov Chain** = Model of discrete-time stochastic environment.

## Markov Chain

**Markov Chain**: Sequence of random variables  $\{S_t\}_t$  with the first-order Markov property.

First-order Markov property: Future depends only on the present.

 $\mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1} | S_t = s_t, S_{t-1} = s_{t-1}, \dots, S_0 = s_0) = \mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1} | S_t = s_t)$ 



Transition Probability Matrix	Transition Step	Stationary distribution
$[P]_{s_t,s_{t+1}} = \mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1}   S_t = s_t)$	$ ho_{t+1}= ho_t P$	$ ho_\infty= ho_\infty P$
$P = egin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 & 0 \ 0.1 & 0 & 0.9 \ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$	$egin{aligned}  ho_t &= egin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \ \end{bmatrix} \  ho_{t+1} &= egin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0.9 \ ]  ho_{t+2} &= egin{bmatrix} 0.08 & 0.2 & 0.72 \ \end{bmatrix} \ dots \end{aligned}$	$ ho_{\infty}=ig[rac{1}{12},rac{2}{12},rac{9}{12}ig]$

## **Markov Decision Process**

Markov Decision Process = Markov Chain + Actions + Rewards





Action space 
$$A = \{L, R\}$$

### **Transition Probability Matrices**

$$[P^a]_{s_t,s_{t+1}} = \mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1} | S_t = s_t, a_t = a$$

Policy

 $\pi(a|s) =$  Probability of choosing action a, when in state s.

$$P^{L} = egin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 & 0 \ 0.9 & 0 & 0.1 \ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} P^{R} = egin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 & 0 \ 0.1 & 0 & 0.9 \ 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Given a policy, MDP is a MC

$$\mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1} | S_t = s_t, \pi) = \sum_{a \in A} \mathbb{P}(S_{t+1} = s_{t+1} | S_t = s_t, a_t = a) \pi(a | s_t)$$

### Problem

Find a policy that maximizes a value functional  $V(s,\pi)$ 

$$ext{EUT:} \quad V^{ ext{EUT}}(s,\pi) = \mathbb{E}_{s_{t+1} \sim p(\cdot \mid s_t,\pi(s_t))} \left| \sum_{t=0}^\infty eta^t r(s_t,\pi(s_t)) 
ight| s_0 = s_{t+1}$$

CPT: heavy math ahoy!

## Markov Decision Process with CPT-Value

$$egin{aligned} V^{ ext{CPT}}(s,\pi) &= \int_{0}^{\infty} w^{+} \left( \sum_{a \in A(s)} P^{a}_{s}(u^{+}((r(s)+eta V^{ ext{CPT}}(S,\pi)-b)_{+}) > \epsilon)\pi(a|s) 
ight) d\epsilon & (\cdot)_{+} &= \max{(0,\cdot)_{+}} \ &- \int_{0}^{\infty} w^{-} \left( \sum_{a \in A(s)} P^{a}_{s}(u^{-}((r(s)+eta V^{ ext{CPT}}(S,\pi)-b)_{-}) > \epsilon)\pi(a|s) 
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$$V^{ ext{CPT}*}(s) = \max_{\pi} V^{ ext{CPT}}(s,\pi), ext{ for all s.}$$

A. Ruszczyński. *Risk-averse dynamic programming for markov decision processes*. Mathematical Programming, 125 (2010), pp. 235–261. K. Lin. *Stochastic Systems with Cumulative Prospect Theory*, PhD Thesis, 2013.

## Example

One hunter | Prey: hares (3) and pigs (11). Pigs are fatter than hares and as easy to catch.



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## Markov Game with CPT-Value

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Markov}\,\mathsf{Game} = \mathsf{Markov}\,\mathsf{Decision}\,\mathsf{Process} + \mathsf{Agents} & P_{i,s,+}^{a_i,\pi_{-i}}(\epsilon) \\ V_i^{\pi_i,\pi_{-i}}(s) = \int_0^\infty w_i^+ \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} \sum_{a_{-i} \in A_{-i}(s)} P_s^{a_i,a_{-i}} \left(u_i^+ \left((r_i(s) + \beta_i V_i^{\pi_i,\pi_{-i}}(S) - b_i\right)_+\right) > \epsilon\right) \pi_{-i}(a_{-i}|s)\pi_i(a_i|s) \right) d\epsilon \\ & -\int_0^\infty w_i^- \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} \sum_{a_{-i} \in A_{-i}(s)} P_s^{a_i,a_{-i}} \left(u_i^- \left((r_i(s) + \beta_i V_i^{\pi_i,\pi_{-i}}(s') - b_i\right)_-\right) > \epsilon\right) \pi_{-i}(a_{-i}|s)\pi_i(a_i|s) \right) d\epsilon \\ & V_i^{\pi_i,\pi_{-i}}(s) = \int_0^\infty w_i^+ \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} P_{i,s,+}^{a_i,\pi_{-i}}(\epsilon)\pi_i(a_i|s) \right) d\epsilon \\ & -\int_0^\infty w_i^- \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} P_{i,s,-}^{a_i,\pi_{-i}}(\epsilon)\pi_i(a_i|s) \right) d\epsilon \\ & -\int_0^\infty w_i^- \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} P_{i,s,-}^{a_i,\pi_{-i}}(\epsilon)\pi_i(a_i|s) \right) d\epsilon \\ & \text{Use Level-K model to get policies of other agents.} \end{aligned}$$

## Level-K model

$$V_1^{\pi_1,\pi_2}(s) = \int_0^\infty w_1^+ \left( \sum_{a_1 \in A_1(s)} P_{1,s,+}^{a_1,\pi_2}(\epsilon) \pi_1(a_1|s) 
ight) d\epsilon \ - \int_0^\infty w_1^- \left( \sum_{a_i \in A_1(s)} P_{1,s,-}^{a_1,\pi_2}(\epsilon) \pi_1(a_1|s) 
ight) d\epsilon$$

### 2 agent scenario

Agent 1 assumes stereotype policy  $\pi_2^{(0)}$ Agent 2 assumes stereotype policy  $\pi_1^{(0)}$ 



## Recap

- Game Theory
  - CPT increases coordination in the Stag Hunt game.
- Decision over time
  - Markov Chain: Describes discrete-time stochastic environments.
  - Markov Decision Process: **One** agent finds a policy that maximizes value.
    - EUT and CPT are different. CPT allowed to escape local maximum.
  - Markov Game: **Multiple** agents find corresponding policies that maximize corresponding values.
    - Level-K allows agents to assume behavior and find increasingly sophisticated policies.

### How does coordination change in a Markov game where agents use CPT and ToM?

## Example - Grid Stag Hunt



## Example - Grid Stag Hunt

Two hunters | Prey: hares (3) and stags(11). Stags are better but require coordination.



## Values



## Policies



## **Agent Distribution**

$$P_{s,s'}^{\pi_1^{(k_1)},\pi_2^{(k_2)}} = \sum_{\substack{a_1 \in A_1(s) \ a_2 \in A_2(s)}} P_{s,s'}^{a_1,a_2} \pi_1^{(k_1)}(a_1|s) \pi_2^{(k_2)}(a_2|s)$$

Conditioned on the policies, a Markov Game becomes a Markov Chain.

$$ho_{\infty}^{(k_1,k_2)}=P^{\pi_1^{(k_1)},\pi_2^{(k_2)}}
ho_{\infty}^{(k_1,k_2)}$$

Stationary distribution of agents indicates equilibrium.

## **Agent Distribution**



## Roadmap

**Theory of Mind** Definition Importance

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**Coordination over time** Markov Games Level-K Theory of Mind **Example** - Grid Stag Hunt

### **Conclusion and Future Work**

## **Conclusion & Future Work**

## Risk-sensitive agents equipped with ToM show increased coordination.

- → Improving the algorithmic performance of CPT value to scale with the state and action spaces.
- → Apply to current and new applications where agents represent humans.
- → Sensitivity analysis of all parameters is required to understand the limitations of the model.
  - E.g. understanding short-term vs long-term risk.
- → Add more cognitive biases and mechanisms to improve descriptive power of the model.

# HERE BE DRAGONS
# Saint Petersburg Paradox

## Saint Petersburg Paradox

How much would you be willing to pay to get into this gamble?

A coin is tossed repeatedly until, at the k-th toss, it comes up Heads. You get  $\$2^k$ .

A mathematician: "Calculate the expected value of this gamble and pay less than that value."

$$V(R)=\mathbf{E}[R]=\sum_{k=1}^\infty 2^k\left(rac{1}{2^k}
ight)=\sum_{k=1}^\infty 1=\infty$$

#### **St. Petersburg paradox**

## Saint Petersburg Paradox

$$V(R) = \mathbf{E}[R] = \sum_{k=1}^\infty 2^k \left(rac{1}{2^k}
ight) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty 1 = \infty$$

Daniel Bernoulli:

"The determination of the value of an item must not be based on the price, but rather on the utility it yields..."

$$V^{ ext{EUT}}(R) = \mathbf{E}[u(R)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u\left(2^k
ight) egin{pmatrix} ext{Utility function} \ u(x) = \log(x) \ u(x) = \log(x) \ V^{ ext{EUT}}(R) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \log(2^k) \left(rac{1}{2^k}
ight) = 2\log(2) pprox 1.39 < \infty$$

Sub-linear utility = risk aversion

# Von Neumann-Morgenstern Axioms and Theorem

## Von Neumann-Morgenstern Axioms and Theorem

#### von Neumann-Morgenstern axioms of choice:

- **Completeness** A preference ordering is complete iff, for any 2 outcomes X, Y, either  $X \sim Y$  or  $X \succ Y$  or  $X \prec Y$ .
- Transitivity

For any 3 outcomes X, Y, Z, if  $X \succeq Y$  and  $Y \succeq Z$  then  $X \succeq Z$ .

• Continuity

If  $X \preceq Y \preceq Z$ , then there exists a probability  $p \in [0,1]$  such that  $\ pX + (1-p)Z \ \sim \ Y.$ 

• Independence

If  $X \preceq Y$ , then for any Z and  $p \in [0,1]$ ,  $pX + (1-p)Z \preceq pY + (1-p)Z$ .

#### von Neumann-Morgenstern utility theorem:

If the preferences of an agent satisfy the 4 axioms above, there exists a function u such that for any two lotteries,

$$X \prec Y \qquad ext{if and only if} \qquad \mathbb{E}[u(X)] < \mathbb{E}[u(Y)]$$

**Choose A or B:** 

A 0.11(\$1M) + 0.89(\$0) B 0.1(\$5M) + 0.9(\$0)



B 0.1(\$5M) + 0.9(\$0)











#### Violation of Independence Axiom if (A,D) or (B,C)



M. Allais. *Le Comportement de l'Homme Rationel devant le Risque, Critique des Postulates et Axiomes de l'École Americaine*, Econometrica, October 1953, 21, 503–46. Donald G. Morrison. *On the Consistency of Preferences in Allais' Paradox*. Behavioral Science, September 1967, 12, 373–83. Slovic, Paul and A. Tversky, *Who Accepts Savage's Axiom?*, Behavioral Science, November 1974, 19, 368–73.

# EUT vs PT vs CPT Die Cast Example

## Comparison - A roll of a die

$$(\underbrace{[1,1/6], [2,1/6], [3,1/6], [4,1/6], [5,1/6], [6,1/6]}_{\textbf{Gains}})$$

$$\begin{split} V^{\text{EUT}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{6} u(k) \left( \frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{6} (u(1) + u(2) + u(3) + u(4) + u(5) + u(6)) \\ V^{PT} &= \sum_{k=1}^{6} u(k) w \left( \frac{1}{6} \right) = w \left( \frac{1}{6} \right) (u(1) + u(2) + u(3) + u(4) + u(5) + u(6)) \\ V^{PT} &\approx 7.35 > 6 \end{split}$$

$$egin{aligned} V^{CPT} &= \sum_{k=1}^{6} u(k) [w(P(R \ge k)) - w(P(R > k))] \ &= u(1)(w(1) - w(5/6)) + u(2)(w(5/6) - w(4/6)) + u(3)(w(4/6) - w(3/6)) \ &+ u(4)(w(3/6) - w(2/6)) + u(5)(w(2/6) - w(1/6)) + u(6)(w(1/6) - w(0)) \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x)=x^{0.85} \qquad w(x)=e^{-0.5(-log(x))^{0.9}}$$

# Stag Hunt Nash Equilibria

## Stag Hunt

#### Rationality

A player wishes to maximize his utility.

#### Common Knowledge of Rationality

 $\{Every player knows that\}^{\infty}$  every player is rational.

#### Best Response (against $\pi_{-i}$ ) Policy $\pi_i^* \in BR(\pi_{-i})$ which provide the most utility against $\pi_{-i}$ .

Nash Equilibrium A joint policy  $oldsymbol{\pi}^*$  such that  $\pi^*_i \in BR(oldsymbol{\pi}^*_{-i})$ for every agent  $oldsymbol{i}$  .





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Two NEs: 
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  $oldsymbol{\pi}'' = (Hare, Hare)$ 

What about stochastic policies?










# Nash Equilibria in Stag Hunt



For each agent i and each action j:

Assume all expected utilities are observed with some zero-mean **error**  $\varepsilon_{ij}$ :  $\hat{u}_{ij} = \bar{u}_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$ 

Assume players are **rational**; they will **choose action that maximizes observed expected utility.** Player *i* will use the action *j* that  $\bar{u}_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \ge \bar{u}_{ik} + \varepsilon_{ik}, \forall_{k \in A_i}$ .

This induces a stochastic policy with full support.

Let  $m_i$  be the size of player *i*'s action set. The preference shock region that player *i* chooses action *j* is

$$R_{ij}(\bar{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i})) = \{\varepsilon_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m_i}: \bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}) + \varepsilon_{ij} \geq \bar{u}_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}) + \varepsilon_{ik}, \forall k \in \{1,\dots,m_i\}\}$$

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The probability player *i* chooses action *j* is

statistical reaction function  
(or quantal response function) 
$$\sigma_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}) = \int_{R_{ij}(\bar{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}))} f_i(\varepsilon_i) d\varepsilon_i$$
 Joint p.d.f of player *i*'s preference shocks

In a normal-form game, a quantal response equilibrium is a joint policy  $oldsymbol{\pi}^*$  such that,

$$\pi^*_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}(oldsymbol{\pi}^*_{-i}), orall (i,j) \in N imes \{1,\ldots,m_i\}$$

Which distribution for the errors should we choose? Draw inspiration from behavioral choice theory.

Assume, for every player and every action,  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  are i.i.d. and follow a Log-Weibull  $(0, \lambda)$  distribution.

$$\sigma_{ij}(ar{u}_i(oldsymbol{\pi}_{-i})) = rac{e^{\lambdaar{u}_{ij}(oldsymbol{\pi}_{-i})}}{\sum_{k=1}^{m_i}e^{\lambdaar{u}_{ik}(oldsymbol{\pi}_{-i})}}$$

This leads to the Logistic QRE:

$$\pi^*_{ij}(ar{u}_i(m{\pi}^*_{-i})) = rac{e^{\lambda ar{u}_{ij}(m{\pi}^*_{-i})}}{\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} e^{\lambda ar{u}_{ik}(m{\pi}^*_{-i})}}$$

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**Logistic Quantal Response Equilibrium**,  $\varepsilon_{ij} \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} Gumbel(0, \lambda^{-1})$ , based on decision theory:

$$\pi_{ij}^*(\bar{u}_i(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}^*)) = \frac{e^{\lambda \bar{u}_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}^*)}}{\sum_{k=1}^{m_i} e^{\lambda \bar{u}_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-i}^*)}}$$
Inverse negative temperature

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# **QRE** in Stag Hunt



Finding the QRE means solving a transcendental equation.

# QRE in Stag Hunt



 $(S, A, p, u, \gamma)$ 

Set of states SSet of actions AProbability transition function  $p: S \times A \times S \rightarrow [0,1]$ Utility function  $u: S \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Discount factor  $\gamma \in (0,1)$ 

Single agent in a stochastic environment deciding which actions to take to maximize the expected discounted sum of utilities, a.k.a. the value.

Choose a policy  $\pi$  (which now depends on the state), that maximizes, for every starting state, some value functional:

 $V(s,\pi)$ 

**EUT infinite-horizon approach** - derive a recursive equation for the discounted sum of utilities:

$$\begin{split} V(s,\pi) &= \mathbb{E}_{s_{t+1} \sim p(\cdot|s_t,\pi(s_t))} \left[ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t u(s_t,\pi(s_t)) \middle| s_0 = s \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{s_{t+1} \sim p(\cdot|s_t,\pi(s_t))} \left[ u(s_0,\pi(s_0)) + \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t u(s_t,\pi(s_t)) \middle| s_0 = s \right] \\ &= u(s,\pi(s)) + \mathbb{E}_{s_{t+1} \sim p(\cdot|s_t,\pi(s_t))} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^t u(s_t,\pi(s_t)) \middle| s_0 = s \right] \\ &= u(s,\pi(s)) + \gamma \sum_{s' \in S} \mathbb{E}_{s_{t+1} \sim p(\cdot|s_t,\pi(s_t))} \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \gamma^{t-1} u(s_t,\pi(s_t)) \middle| s_1 = s' \right] p(s'|s_0,\pi(s_0)) \\ &= u(s,\pi(s)) + \gamma \sum_{s' \in S} V(s',\pi) p(s'|s,\pi(s)) \end{split}$$

**EUT infinite-horizon approach** - derive a recursive equation for the discounted sum of utilities:

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{Bellman}\ \mathbf{Equation}\ V(s,\pi) &= u(s,\pi(s)) + \gamma \sum_{s'\in S} V(s',\pi) p(s'|s,\pi(s)) \end{aligned}$$

$$V^*(s) = \max_{\pi} \left\{ u(s,\pi(s)) + \gamma \sum_{s' \in S} V(s',\pi) p(s'|s,\pi(s)) 
ight\}$$

Solution Methods:

- Value Iteration
- Policy Iteration
- Q-Learning
- Many others...

Is there a Bellman equation for CPT-Value?

# MDP with CPT-value

## Markov Decision Process with CPT-Value

$$P_{s}^{a}(\cdot) = P(\cdot|s_{t} = s, a_{t} = a)$$

$$V^{CPT}(s, \pi) = \int_{0}^{\infty} w^{+} \left( \sum_{a \in A(s)} P_{s}^{a} (u^{+}((r(s) + \beta V^{CPT}(S, \pi) - b)_{+}) > \epsilon)\pi(a|s) \right) d\epsilon$$

$$Gains - \int_{0}^{\infty} w^{-} \left( \sum_{a \in A(s)} P_{s}^{a} (u^{-}((r(s) + \beta V^{CPT}(S, \pi) - b)_{-}) > \epsilon)\pi(a|s) \right) d\epsilon$$

$$(\cdot)_{+} = \max(0, \cdot) \ (\cdot)_{-} = -\min(0, \cdot)$$

$$V^{ ext{CPT}*}(s) = \max_{\pi} V^{ ext{CPT}}(s,\pi), ext{ for all s.}$$

A. Ruszczyński. *Risk-averse dynamic programming for markov decision processes*. Mathematical Programming, 125 (2010), pp. 235–261. K. Lin. *Stochastic Systems with Cumulative Prospect Theory*, PhD Thesis, 2013.



# Example



# Linearly-solvable MDP

## Linearly-Solvable Markov Decision Process

MDPs are too general.

Assume  $\gamma = 1$ .

Assume a policy is an |S|-dimensional vector, effectively expanding the action space. Assume the transition probability function can be deformed via some continuous action specified by the policy:

$$p(s'|s,\pi) = p(s'|s)e^{\pi(s')}, ext{ with } \sum_{s'\in S} p(s'|s)e^{\pi(s')} = 1$$

Assume utility can be decomposed into a state utility and a control cost

$$u(s,\pi) = u(s) - D_{KL}\left(p(\cdot|s,\pi)||p(\cdot|s)
ight)$$

A.S.A we get a closed-form expression for the dynamics of an agent which moves optimally without explicitly finding the optimal policy:

Optimal policy fully 
$$p(s'|s, V^*) = rac{p(s'|s)e^{\lambda V^*(s')}}{\sum_{s'' \in S} p(s''|s)e^{\lambda V^*(s'')}}$$

## Linearly-Solvable Markov Decision Process

The Bellman equation becomes:

$$V^*(s) = u(s) + \sum_{s' \in S} V^*(s') p(s'|s,V^*)$$

Vectorized version:

$$V^{*} = u + V^{*}P(V^{*})$$
  
,  $P_{s,s'}(V^{*}) = p(s'|s,V^{*})$ 

Find the optimal value via Robbins-Monro algorithm [Robbins,1951]:

$$V_{t+1} \leftarrow u + V_t P(V_t)$$

H. Robbins and S. Monro. *A stochastic approximation method.* The annals of mathematical statistics, 1951. pp. 400-407. Pedro Ferreira

# LMDP and QRE

#### Why LMDP?

- Easier to solve.
- Similar interpretation as the QRE.



# Game Theory of Mind Model

# Model



# Model

$$egin{aligned} V_1^* &= u_1 + V_1^* P(V_1^*,V_2^*) \ V_2^* &= u_2 + V_2^* P(V_1^*,V_2^*) \end{aligned}$$

Hunter 1 wishes to find his optimal value, but cannot, since he does not know the value function of Hunter 2.

#### How to solve this?

Start by assume the other hunter moves randomly. Then assume best responses against that.

$$V_{1}^{(1)} = u_{1} + V_{1}^{(1)} P(V_{1}^{(1)}, 0) \qquad V_{2}^{(1)} = u_{2} + V_{2}^{(1)} P(0, V_{2}^{(1)}) \\V_{1}^{(2)} = u_{1} + V_{1}^{(2)} P(V_{1}^{(2)}, V_{2}^{(1)}) \qquad V_{2}^{(2)} = u_{2} + V_{2}^{(2)} P(V_{1}^{(1)}, V_{2}^{(2)}) \\\vdots \\V_{1}^{(k)} = u_{1} + V_{1}^{(k)} P(V_{1}^{(k)}, V_{2}^{(k-1)}) \qquad V_{2}^{(k)} = u_{2} + V_{2}^{(k)} P(V_{1}^{(k-1)}, V_{2}^{(k)})$$

[Yoshida, 2008] shows cooperation increases with recursion level *k*, i.e. the Hare solution is preferable for low sophistication levels and Stag becomes the equilibrium for higher sophistication levels.

Inference of the sophistication levels of the hunters can be made and Yoshida et. al. provide a method to manage and update the beliefs over the recursion levels based on past observations.

$$egin{aligned} k_i^j &= rgmax_{k_j \in \mathcal{K}_i} \{ Pr(k_j | oldsymbol{h}_T, oldsymbol{k}_i) \} \ &= rgmax_{k_j \in \mathcal{K}_i} \{ Pr(oldsymbol{h}_T | k_j, oldsymbol{k}_i) Pr(k_j) \} \ &= rgmax_{k_j \in \mathcal{K}_i} \left\{ Pr(s_0) \prod_{t=1}^T Pr\left(s_t | s_{t-1}, k_j, k_i(t)
ight) Pr(k_j) 
ight\} \end{aligned}$$

A model inspired by:

- Expected utility theory-based control model (Linearly-solvable MDP)
- Quantal response equilibrium
- Level-K cognitive model



### Advantages

- Fits human data of humans.
- Can bound recursion levels to study boundedly rational agents.
- More plausible behavior than Nash equilibria refinements.

#### Disadvantages

- Recursion level is not the same across games.
- Recursion level changes as people learn to play or are more aware of the rules.

W. Yoshida, R. Dolan, Karl J. Friston. *Game theory of mind.* PLoS computational biology 4.12, 2008: e1000254. Stahl, D. O. (1993). Evolution of Smartn Players. Games and Economic Behavior, 5(4), 604-617.

- Two hunters move repeatedly in sequence (1,2,1,...).
- 16 areas to hunt in.
- Hunters start at some random location.
- Each day, they hunt the area they are in, and can move to adjacent areas after or stay in the same area.
- Moving is stochastic (humans err).
- Two prey areas:
  - Hares: Fixed in area 4, can be hunted solo. Yields small meat.
  - Stags: Fixed in area 12, can only be hunted as a group. Yields big meat per hunter.
- Prey does not disappear after being hunted, they're infinite.
- Hunters know all of the above and are rational.

### How should each hunter move each day so as to maximize his expected hunted meat?

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# Maximizing the CPT-value

## **Maximizing CPT-Value**

$$egin{aligned} V_i^{\pi_i, \pi_{-i}}(s) &= \int_0^\infty w_i^+ \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} P_{s,+}^{a_i, \pi_{-i}}(\epsilon) \pi_i(a_i|s)
ight) d\epsilon \ &- \int_0^\infty w_i^- \left(\sum_{a_i \in A_i(s)} P_{s,-}^{a_i, \pi_{-i}}(\epsilon) \pi_i(a_i|s)
ight) d\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{i}^{\pi_{i}, \pi_{-i}}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{K^{+}} w_{i}^{+} \left( \sum_{a_{i} \in A_{i}(s)} P_{s,+}^{a_{i}, \pi_{-i}}(\epsilon_{k}) \pi_{i}(a_{i}|s) 
ight) (\epsilon_{k} - \epsilon_{k-1}) 
onumber \ - \sum_{k=1}^{K^{-}} w_{i}^{-} \left( \sum_{a_{i} \in A_{i}(s)} P_{s,-}^{a_{i}, \pi_{-i}}(\epsilon_{k}) \pi_{i}(a_{i}|s) 
ight) (\epsilon_{k} - \epsilon_{k-1})$$

State space is **discrete**.

This means survival function is **piecewise constant**.

$$egin{aligned} &\{\epsilon_k^+:orall k>0,\epsilon_k^+ ext{is an ordered atom of }P_{a,+}^{a_i,m{\pi}_{-i}},\epsilon_0^+=0\}_{k=0}^{K^+}\ &\{\epsilon_k^-:orall k>0,\epsilon_k^- ext{is an ordered atom of }P_{a,-}^{a_i,m{\pi}_{-i}},\epsilon_0^-=0\}_{k=0}^{K^-} \end{aligned}$$

Maximize the sum of nonlinear functions, instead of improper integral, over a simplex.

This work used scipy's implementation of SLSQP (sequential least squares quadratic programming), with (0,1) bounds and constrained the sum to unity.