INFO-F-409 Learning dynamics

Evolutionary game theory, stochastic dynamics and the origins of co-operation



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- Bayesian games •
- Fictitious play and stimulus response learning



Mixed-strategy Nash

Equilibria

• Support finding









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Defining the concept

Social dilemmas are situations in which each member of a group has a clear and unambiguous incentive to make a choice that—when made by all members—provides poorer outcomes for all than they would have received if none had made the choice. Thus, by doing what seems individually reasonable and rational, people end up doing less well than they would have done if they had acted unreasonably or irrationally. This paradoxical pos-

R.M. Dawes and D.M. Messick (2000) Social Dilemmas. International Journal of Psychology 35(2):111-116

THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION

Social dilemmas are situations in which individual rationality leads to collective irrationality. That is, individually reasonable behavior leads to a situation in which everyone is worse off than they might have been otherwise. Many of

P. Kollock (1998) Social Dilemmas: the anatomy of cooperation Ann. Rev. Sociol. 24:183-214







C.H. Coombs (1973) A reparameterization of the prisoner's dilemma game. Behavioral Science 18:424-428











































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What is the equilibrium notion in populations ?



A strategy is an **ESS** when it cannot be invaded by another strategy



Infinite population assumption

J. Maynard-Smith and G.R. Price (1973) The logic of animal conflict. Nature 246:15-18

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What is the equilibrium notion in populations ?



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What is the equilibrium notion in populations ?



How does learning work in a population?

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Change in populations

Evolutionary dynamics



Imitate successful behaviour (a.k.a. social learning)

Genetic evolution of successful properties (a.k.a. survival of the fittest)





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A moran step algorithm

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If a random value is smaller than the fermi probability

Then first player \leftarrow second player **or** with probability μ the first \leftarrow random strategy **Else** same but second \leftarrow first © Tom Lenaerts, 2015

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In pseudo python

A moran step algorithm (without mutation):

def moran-step(beta, population):

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This function implements a birth-death process over
the population. At time t, two players are randomly
selected from the population
selected=select random with replacement(population, 2)
for i, player in enumerate(selected):
    for j in range(len(population)):
        if j == player: continue
        players payoffs = play game(population[player],
                                    population[j])
        fitness[i] += players payoffs[0]
fitness = fitness / (Z-1)
if random() < prob_imitation(beta, fitness):</pre>
    population[selected[0]] = population[selected[1]]
else:
    population[selected[1]] = population[selected[0]]
return population
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resultA = average payoff of an invader playing against his own type A or the other type B

resultB = average payoff of an invader playing against his own type B or the other type A

















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© Tom Lenaerts, 2019 Nick Nick states he will steal If Abraham wants to see any SPLIT STEAL money, he will need to split 6800£ 13600£ 6800£ 0£ SPLIT Giving Nick control of the outcome STEAL 13600£ UŁ Abraham Nick forced Abraham to **commit** to Split

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"A **commitment** is an act or signal that gives up options in

Commitment?

"A commitment is an act or signal that gives up options in order to influence someone's behaviour by changing incentives and expectations"



"Commitments can be **promises** to **help**, or **threats** to **harm**"

Commitment?

"They can be **enforced** by external incentives, but also by some combination of **reputation** and **emotion**"

"Our (cognitive) capacity for commitment may have **evolved by natural selection**"

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D	0	т	Р	Р	Ρ	<i>c</i> =cost of cooperation	
FAKE	Τ-δ	т	Р	Р	Р		
FREE	R	т	Р	Р	Р		
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Same conclusions hold for 2 or more players





forgive?











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How do people really behave in games?





How to arrive at a legally binding universal agreement to avoid a global 2° temperature increase?

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How to study decision-making in the climate change issue.











































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No uncertainty

6 participants Risk 90% Threshold I 20 Endowment 40 Rounds 10

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No uncertainty

6 participants Risk 90% Threshold 120 Endowment 40 Rounds 10



Low uncertainty	High uncertainty
Same BUT	Same BUT
$\omega = 1/3$ min. 8 rounds	ω =1/5 min. 6 rounds
Avg. rounds 10	Avg. rounds 10



















What other behaviours ?







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Uncertainty influences behaviour

Timing uncertainty

Leads to **polarisation**

Success requires **reciprocal** mechanisms

Investing early promotes coordination among peers

EGT models explain experiments







no delegation

n = 12 67% delegation

n = 15 87%

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