

# Assignment 8: Dynamic Game

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## Simulate data

Suppose that there are  $m = 1, \dots, M$  markets and in each market there are  $i = 1, \dots, N$  firms and each firm makes decisions for  $t = 1, \dots, \infty$ . In the following, I suppress the index of market,  $m$ . We solve the model under the infinite-horizon assumption, but generate data only for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ . There are  $L = 3$  state  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  states for each firm. Each firm can choose  $K + 1 = 2$  actions  $\{0, 1\}$ . Thus,  $m_a := (K + 1)^N$  and  $m_s = L^N$ . Let  $a_i$  and  $s_i$  be firm  $i$ 's action and state and  $a$  and  $s$  are vectors of individual actions and states.

The mean period payoff to firm  $i$  is:

$$\pi_i(a, s) := \tilde{\pi}(a_i, s_i, \bar{s}) := \alpha \ln s_i - \eta \ln s_i \sum_{j \neq i} \ln s_j - \beta a_i,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \eta > 0$ , and  $\alpha > \eta$ . The term  $\eta$  means that the returns to investment decreases as rival's average state profile improves. The period payoff is:

$$\tilde{\pi}(a_i, s_i, \bar{s}) + \epsilon_i(a_i),$$

and  $\epsilon_i(a_i)$  is an i.i.d. type-I extreme random variable that is independent of all the other variables.

At the beginning of each period, the state  $s$  is realized and publicly observed. Then choice-specific shocks  $\epsilon_i(a_i), a_i = 0, 1$  are realized and privately observed by firm  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Then each firm simultaneously chooses her action. Then, the game moves to next period.

State transition is independent across firms conditional on individual state and action.

Suppose that  $s_i > 1$  and  $s_i < L$ . If  $a_i = 0$ , the state stays at the same state with probability  $1 - \kappa$  and moves down by 1 with probability  $\kappa$ . If  $a_i = 1$ , the state moves up by 1 with probability  $\gamma$ , moves down by 1 with probability  $\kappa$ , and stays at the same with probability  $1 - \kappa - \gamma$ .

Suppose that  $s_i = 1$ . If  $a_i = 0$ , the state stays at the same state with probability 1. If  $a_i = 1$ , the state moves up by 1 with probability  $\gamma$  and stays at the same with probability  $1 - \gamma$ .

Suppose that  $s_i = L$ . If  $a_i = 0$ , the state stays at the same state with probability  $1 - \kappa$  and moves down by 1 with probability  $\kappa$ . If  $a_i = 1$ , the state moves down by 1 with probability  $\kappa$ , and stays at the same with probability  $1 - \kappa$ .

The mean period profit is summarized in  $\Pi$  as:

$$\Pi := \begin{pmatrix} \pi(1, 1) \\ \vdots \\ \pi(m_a, 1) \\ \vdots \\ \pi(1, m_s) \\ \vdots \\ \pi(m_a, m_s) \end{pmatrix}$$

The transition law is summarized in  $G$  as:

$$g(a, s, s') := \mathbb{P}\{s_{t+1} = s' | s_t = s, a_t = a\},$$

$$G := \begin{pmatrix} g(1, 1, 1) & \cdots & g(1, 1, m_s) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ g(m_a, 1, 1) & \cdots & g(m_a, 1, m_s) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ g(1, m_s, 1) & \cdots & g(1, m_s, m_s) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ g(m_a, m_s, 1) & \cdots & g(m_a, m_s, m_s) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The discount factor is denoted by  $\delta$ . We simulate data for  $M$  markets with  $N$  firms for  $T$  periods.

1. Set constants and parameters as follows:

```
# set seed
set.seed(1)
# set constants
L <- 5
K <- 1
T <- 100
N <- 3
M <- 1000
lambda <- 1e-10
# set parameters
alpha <- 1
eta <- 0.3
beta <- 2
kappa <- 0.1
gamma <- 0.6
delta <- 0.95
```

2. Write a function `compute_action_state_space(K, L, N)` that returns a data frame for action and state space. Returned objects are list of data frame **A** and **S**. In **A**, column **k** is the index of an action profile, **i** is the index of a firm, and **a** is the action of the firm. In **S**, column **l** is the index of an state profile, **i** is the index of a firm, and **s** is the state of the firm.

```
output <- compute_action_state_space(L, K, N)
A <- output$A
head(A)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##       k     i     a
##   <int> <int> <int>
## 1     1     1     0
## 2     1     2     0
## 3     1     3     0
## 4     2     1     1
## 5     2     2     0
## 6     2     3     0
```

```
tail(A)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##       k     i     a
```

```
##      <int> <int> <int>
## 1      7      1      0
## 2      7      2      1
## 3      7      3      1
## 4      8      1      1
## 5      8      2      1
## 6      8      3      1
```

```
S <- output$S
head(S)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##       l     i     s
##   <int> <int> <int>
## 1     1     1     1
## 2     1     2     1
## 3     1     3     1
## 4     2     1     2
## 5     2     2     1
## 6     2     3     1
```

```
tail(S)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##       l     i     s
##   <int> <int> <int>
## 1   124     1     4
## 2   124     2     5
## 3   124     3     5
## 4   125     1     5
## 5   125     2     5
## 6   125     3     5
```

```
# dimension
m_a <- max(A$k); m_a
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
m_s <- max(S$l); m_s
```

```
## [1] 125
```

3. Write function `compute_PI_game(alpha, beta, eta, L, K, N)` that returns a list of  $\Pi_i$ .

```
PI <- compute_PI_game(alpha, beta, eta, A, S)
head(PI[[N]])
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,]    0
## [2,]    0
## [3,]    0
## [4,]    0
## [5,]   -2
## [6,]   -2
```

```
dim(PI[[N]])[1] == m_s * m_a
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

4. Write function `compute_G_game(g, A, S)` that converts an individual transition probability matrix

into a joint transition probability matrix  $G$ .

```
G_marginal <- compute_G(kappa, gamma, L, K)
G <- compute_G_game(G_marginal, A, S)
head(G)
```

```
##           1      2 3 4 5      6      7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
## [1,] 1.00 0.00 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0.40 0.60 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0.40 0.00 0 0 0 0.60 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0.16 0.24 0 0 0 0.24 0.36 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0.40 0.00 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0.16 0.24 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           23 24 25      26      27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
## [1,] 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0.00 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0.60 0.00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0.24 0.36 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
##           110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125
## [1,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [2,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [3,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [4,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [5,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
## [6,] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
dim(G)[1] == m_s * m_a
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
dim(G)[2] == m_s
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

The ex-ante-value function for a firm is written as a function of a conditional choice probability as follows:

$$\varphi_i^{(\theta_1, \theta_2)}(p) := [I - \delta \Sigma_i(p)G]^{-1}[\Sigma_i(p)\Pi_i + D_i(p)],$$

where  $\theta_1 = (\alpha, \beta, \eta)$  and  $\theta_2 = (\kappa, \gamma)$ ,  $p_i(a_i|s)$  is the probability that firm  $i$  choose action  $a_i$  when the state profile is  $s$ , and:

$$p(a|s) = \prod_{i=1}^N p_i(a_i|s),$$

$$p(s) = \begin{pmatrix} p(1|s) \\ \vdots \\ p(m_a|s) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} p(1) \\ \vdots \\ p(m_s) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Sigma(p) = \begin{pmatrix} p(1)' & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p(L)' \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$D_i(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{k=0}^K \mathbb{E}\{\epsilon_i^k | a_i = k, 1\} p_i(a_i = k|1) \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{k=0}^K \mathbb{E}\{\epsilon_i^k | a_i = k, m_s\} p_i(a_i = k|m_s) \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Write a function `initialize_p_marginal(A, S)` that defines an initial marginal condition choice probability. In the output `p_marginal`, `p` is the probability for firm `i` to take action `a` conditional on the state profile being 1. Next, write a function `compute_p_joint(p_marginal, A, S)` that computes a corresponding joint conditional choice probability from a marginal conditional choice probability. In the output `p_joint`, `p` is the joint probability that firms take action profile `k` condition on the state profile being 1. Finally, write a function `compute_p_marginal(p_joint, A, S)` that compute a corresponding marginal conditional choice probability from a joint conditional choice probability.

```
# define a conditional choice probability for each firm
p_marginal <- initialize_p_marginal(A, S)
p_marginal
```

```
## # A tibble: 750 x 4
##       i     l     a     p
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1     1     1     0  0.5
## 2     1     1     1  0.5
## 3     1     2     0  0.5
## 4     1     2     1  0.5
## 5     1     3     0  0.5
## 6     1     3     1  0.5
## 7     1     4     0  0.5
## 8     1     4     1  0.5
## 9     1     5     0  0.5
## 10    1     5     1  0.5
## # ... with 740 more rows
```

```
dim(p_marginal)[1] == N * m_s * (K + 1)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# compute joint conditional choice probability from marginal probability
```

```
p_joint <- compute_p_joint(p_marginal, A, S)
```

```
p_joint
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,000 x 3
```

```
##       l       k       p
```

```
##   <int> <int> <dbl>
```

```
## 1     1     1 0.125
```

```
## 2     1     2 0.125
```

```
## 3     1     3 0.125
```

```
## 4     1     4 0.125
```

```
## 5     1     5 0.125
```

```
## 6     1     6 0.125
```

```
## 7     1     7 0.125
```

```
## 8     1     8 0.125
```

```
## 9     2     1 0.125
```

```
## 10    2     2 0.125
```

```
## # ... with 990 more rows
```

```
dim(p_joint)[1] == m_s * m_a
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# compute marginal conditional choice probability from joint probability
```

```
p_marginal_2 <- compute_p_marginal(p_joint, A, S)
```

```
max(abs(p_marginal - p_marginal_2))
```

```
## [1] 0
```

6. Write a function `compute_Sigma(p_marginal, A, S)` that computes  $\Sigma(p)$  given a joint conditional choice probability. Then, write a function `compute_D(p_marginal)` that returns a list of  $D_i(p)$ .

```
# compute Sigma for ex-ante value function calculation
```

```
Sigma <- compute_Sigma(p_marginal, A, S)
```

```
head(Sigma)
```

```
## [1] 0.125 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000
```

```
dim(Sigma)[1] == m_s
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
dim(Sigma)[2] == m_s * m_a
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# compute D for ex-ante value function calculation
```

```
D <- compute_D(p_marginal)
```

```
head(D[[N]])
```

```
##           [,1]
```

```
## [1,] 1.270363
```

```
## [2,] 1.270363
```

```
## [3,] 1.270363
```

```
## [4,] 1.270363
```

```
## [5,] 1.270363
```

```
## [6,] 1.270363
```

```
dim(D[[N]])[1] == m_s
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

7. Write a function `compute_exante_value_game(p_marginal, A, S, PI, G, delta)` that returns a list of matrices whose  $i$ -th element represents the ex-ante value function given a conditional choice probability for firm  $i$ .

```
# compute ex-ante value function for each firm
V <- compute_exante_value_game(p_marginal, A, S, PI, G, delta)
head(V[[N]])
```

```
## [1] 10.786330 10.175982 9.606812 9.255459 9.115332 10.175982
```

```
dim(V[[N]])[1] == m_s
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

The optimal conditional choice probability is written as a function of an ex-ante value function and a conditional choice probability of others as follows:

$$\Lambda_i^{\theta_1, \theta_2}(V_i, p_{-i})(a_i, s) := \frac{\sum_{a_{-i}} p_{-i}(a_{-i}|s) [\pi_i(a_i, a_{-i}, s) + \delta \sum_{s'} V_i(s') g(a_i, a_{-i}, s, s')]}{\sum_{a'_i} \{ \sum_{a_{-i}} p_{-i}(a_{-i}|s) [\pi_i(a'_i, a_{-i}, s) + \delta \sum_{s'} V_i(s') g(a'_i, a_{-i}, s, s')] \}},$$

where  $V$  is an ex-ante value function.

8. Write a function `compute_profile_value_game(V, PI, G, delta, S, A)` that returns a data frame that contains information on value function at a state and action profile for each firm. In the output `value`,  $i$  is the index of a firm,  $l$  is the index of a state profile,  $k$  is the index of an action profile, and `value` is the value for the firm at the state and action profile.

```
# compute state-action-profile value function
value <- compute_profile_value_game(V, PI, G, delta, S, A)
value
```

```
## # A tibble: 3,000 x 4
##       i     l     k value
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1     1     1     1  10.2
## 2     1     1     2   9.63
## 3     1     1     3   9.90
## 4     1     1     4   9.13
## 5     1     1     5   9.90
## 6     1     1     6   9.13
## 7     1     1     7   9.55
## 8     1     1     8   8.64
## 9     1     2     1  13.0
## 10    1     2     2  12.1
## # ... with 2,990 more rows
dim(value)[1] == N * m_s * m_a
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

9. Write a function `compute_choice_value_game(p_marginal, V, PI, G, delta, A, S)` that computes a data frame that contains information on a choice-specific value function given an ex-ante value function and a conditional choice probability of others.

```
# compute choice-specific value function
value <- compute_choice_value_game(p_marginal, V, PI, G, delta, A, S)
value
```

```
## # A tibble: 750 x 4
##       i     l     a value
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1     1     1     0  9.90
## 2     1     1     1  9.13
## 3     1     2     0 12.4
## 4     1     2     1 11.4
## 5     1     3     0 14.5
## 6     1     3     1 13.2
## 7     1     4     0 16.0
## 8     1     4     1 14.3
## 9     1     5     0 16.8
## 10    1     5     1 14.8
## # ... with 740 more rows
```

10. Write a function `compute_ccp_game(p_marginal, V, PI, G, delta, A, S)` that computes a data frame that contains information on a conditional choice probability given an ex-ante value function and a conditional choice probability of others.

```
# compute conditional choice probability
p_marginal <- compute_ccp_game(p_marginal, V, PI, G, delta, A, S)
p_marginal
```

```
## # A tibble: 750 x 4
##       i     l     a     p
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1     1     1     0 0.683
## 2     1     1     1 0.317
## 3     1     2     0 0.734
## 4     1     2     1 0.266
## 5     1     3     0 0.794
## 6     1     3     1 0.206
## 7     1     4     0 0.840
## 8     1     4     1 0.160
## 9     1     5     0 0.881
## 10    1     5     1 0.119
## # ... with 740 more rows
```

11. Write a function `solve_dynamic_game(PI, G, L, K, delta, lambda, A, S)` that find the equilibrium conditional choice probability and ex-ante value function by iterating the update of an ex-ante value function and a best-response conditional choice probability. The iteration should stop when  $\max_s |V^{(r+1)}(s) - V^{(r)}(s)| < \lambda$  with  $\lambda = 10^{-10}$ . There is no theoretical guarantee for the convergence.

```
# solve the dynamic game model
output <-
  solve_dynamic_game(PI, G, L, K, delta, lambda, A, S)
save(output, file = "data/A8_equilibrium.RData")

load(file = "data/A8_equilibrium.RData")
p_marginal <- output$p_marginal; head(p_marginal)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##       i     l     a     p
```



```
##      <int> <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1      1      1      0 0.650
## 2      1      1      1 0.350
## 3      1      2      0 0.712
## 4      1      2      1 0.288
## 5      1      3      0 0.785
## 6      1      3      1 0.215
```

```
V <- output$V[[N]]; head(V)
```

```
## [1] 13.25670 12.39394 11.47346 10.82808 10.53018 12.39394
```

```
# compute joint conditional choice probability
p_joint <- compute_p_joint(p_marginal, A, S); head(p_joint)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##       l     k     p
##   <int> <int> <dbl>
## 1     1     1 0.275
## 2     1     2 0.148
## 3     1     3 0.148
## 4     1     4 0.0795
## 5     1     5 0.148
## 6     1     6 0.0795
```

12. Write a function `simulate_dynamic_game(p_joint, l, G, N, T, S, A, seed)` that simulate the data for a market starting from an initial state for  $T$  periods. The function should accept a value of `seed` and set the seed at the beginning of the procedure inside the function, because the process is stochastic.

```
# simulate a dynamic game
# set initial state profile
l <- 1
# draw simulation for a firm
seed <- 1
df <- simulate_dynamic_game(p_joint, l, G, N, T, S, A, seed)
df
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 6
##       t     i     l     k     s     a
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int>
## 1     1     1     1     1     1     0
## 2     1     2     1     1     1     0
## 3     1     3     1     1     1     0
## 4     2     1     1     5     1     0
## 5     2     2     1     5     1     0
## 6     2     3     1     5     1     1
## 7     3     1    26     6     1     1
## 8     3     2    26     6     1     0
## 9     3     3    26     6     2     1
## 10    4     1    26     5     1     0
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

13. Write a function `simulate_dynamic_decision_across_firms(p_joint, l, G, N, T, M, S, A, seed)` that returns simulation data for  $N$  firm. For firm  $i$ , set the seed at  $i$

```
# simulate data across markets
df <- simulate_dynamic_decision_across_markets(p_joint, l, G, N, T, M, S, A)
```

```
save(df, file = "data/A8_df.RData")
```

```
load(file = "data/A8_df.RData")
df
```

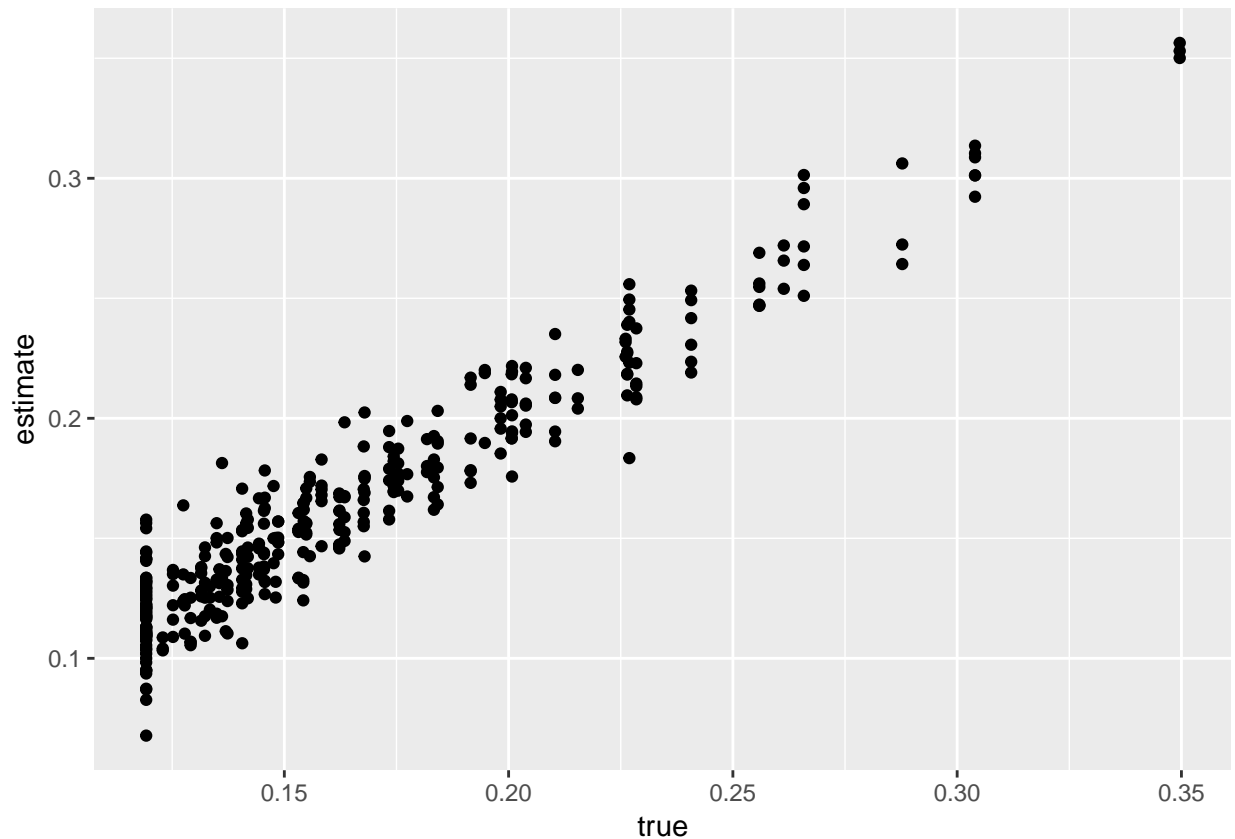
```
## # A tibble: 300,000 x 7
##       m     t     i     l     k     s     a
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int>
## 1     1     1     1     1     1     1     0
## 2     1     1     2     1     1     1     0
## 3     1     1     3     1     1     1     0
## 4     1     2     1     1     5     1     0
## 5     1     2     2     1     5     1     0
## 6     1     2     3     1     5     1     1
## 7     1     3     1    26     6     1     1
## 8     1     3     2    26     6     1     0
## 9     1     3     3    26     6     2     1
## 10    1     4     1    26     5     1     0
## # ... with 299,990 more rows
```

```
summary(df)
```

```
##           m           t           i           l
## Min.      : 1.0    Min.      : 1.00   Min.      :1   Min.      : 1.00
## 1st Qu.: 250.8   1st Qu.: 25.75   1st Qu.:1   1st Qu.: 28.00
## Median : 500.5   Median : 50.50   Median :2   Median : 53.00
## Mean    : 500.5   Mean    : 50.50   Mean    :2   Mean    : 55.08
## 3rd Qu.: 750.2   3rd Qu.: 75.25   3rd Qu.:3   3rd Qu.: 83.00
## Max.    :1000.0   Max.    :100.00   Max.    :3   Max.    :125.00
##           k           s           a
## Min.      :1.000   Min.      :1.000   Min.      :0.0000
## 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000   1st Qu.:0.0000
## Median :1.000   Median :3.000   Median :0.0000
## Mean    :2.244   Mean    :2.753   Mean    :0.1776
## 3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:0.0000
## Max.    :8.000   Max.    :5.000   Max.    :1.0000
```

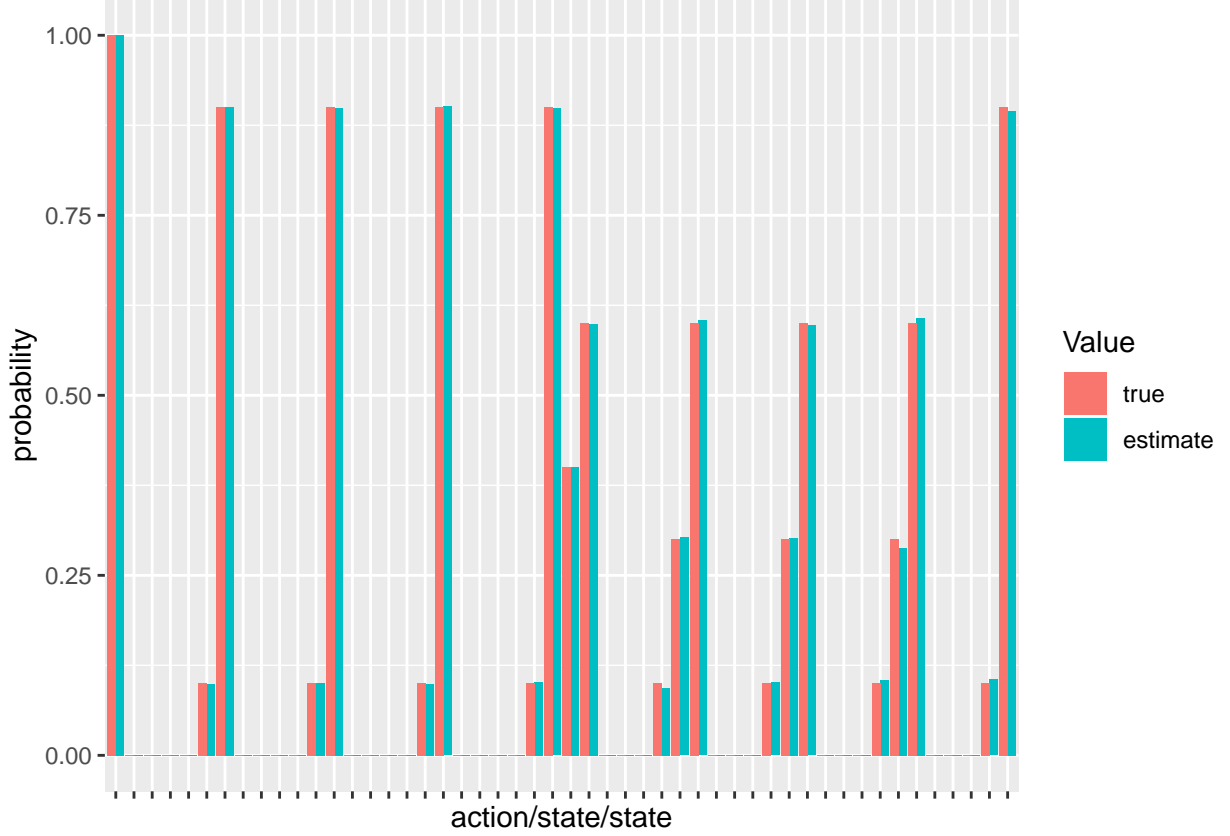
14. Write a function `estimate_ccp_marginal_game(df)` that returns a non-parametric estimate of the marginal conditional choice probability for each firm in the data. Compare the estimated conditional choice probability and the true conditional choice probability by a bar plot.

```
# non-parametrically estimate the conditional choice probability
p_marginal_est <- estimate_ccp_marginal_game(df)
check_ccp <- p_marginal_est %>%
  dplyr::rename(estimate = p) %>%
  dplyr::left_join(p_marginal, by = c("i", "l", "a")) %>%
  dplyr::rename(true = p) %>%
  dplyr::filter(a == 1)
ggplot(data = check_ccp, aes(x = true, y = estimate)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(fill = "Value") + xlab("true") + ylab("estimate")
```



15. Write a function `estimate_G_marginal(df)` that returns a non-parametric estimate of the marginal transition probability matrix. Compare the estimated transition matrix and the true transition matrix by a bar plot.

```
# non-parametrically estimate individual transition probability
G_marginal_est <- estimate_G_marginal(df)
check_G <- data.frame(type = "true", reshape2::melt(G_marginal))
check_G_est <- data.frame(type = "estimate", reshape2::melt(G_marginal_est))
check_G <- rbind(check_G, check_G_est)
check_G$variable = paste(check_G$Var1, check_G$Var2, sep = "_")
ggplot(data = check_G, aes(x = variable, y = value,
                           fill = type)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(fill = "Value") + xlab("action/state/state") + ylab("probability") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank())
```



## Estimate parameters

1. Vectorize the parameters as follows:

```
theta_1 <- c(alpha, beta, eta)
theta_2 <- c(kappa, gamma)
theta <- c(theta_1, theta_2)
```

We estimate the parameters by a CCP approach.

1. Write a function `estimate_theta_2_game(df)` that returns the estimates of  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$  directly from data by counting relevant events.

```
# estimate theta_2
theta_2_est <- estimate_theta_2_game(df); theta_2_est
```

```
## [1] 0.09995377 0.60136442
```

The objective function of the minimum distance estimator based on the conditional choice probability approach is:

$$\frac{1}{N K m_s} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^{m_s} \sum_{k=1}^K \{ \hat{p}_i(a_k | s_l) - p_i^{(\theta_1, \theta_2)}(a_k | s_l) \}^2,$$

where  $\hat{p}_i$  is the non-parametric estimate of the marginal conditional choice probability and  $p_i^{(\theta_1, \theta_2)}$  is the marginal conditional choice probability under parameters  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  given  $\hat{p}_i$ .  $a_k$  is  $k$ -th action for a firm and  $s_l$  is  $l$ -th state profile.

2. Write a function `compute_CCP_objective_game(theta_1, theta_2, p_est, L, K, delta)` that returns the objective function of the above minimum distance estimator given a non-parametric estimate

of the conditional choice probability and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ .

```
# compute the objective function of the minimum distance estimator based on the CCP approach
objective <- compute_CCP_objective_game(theta_1, theta_2, p_marginal_est, A, S, delta, lambda)
save(objective, file = "data/A8_objective.RData")
```

```
load(file = "data/A8_objective.RData")
objective
```

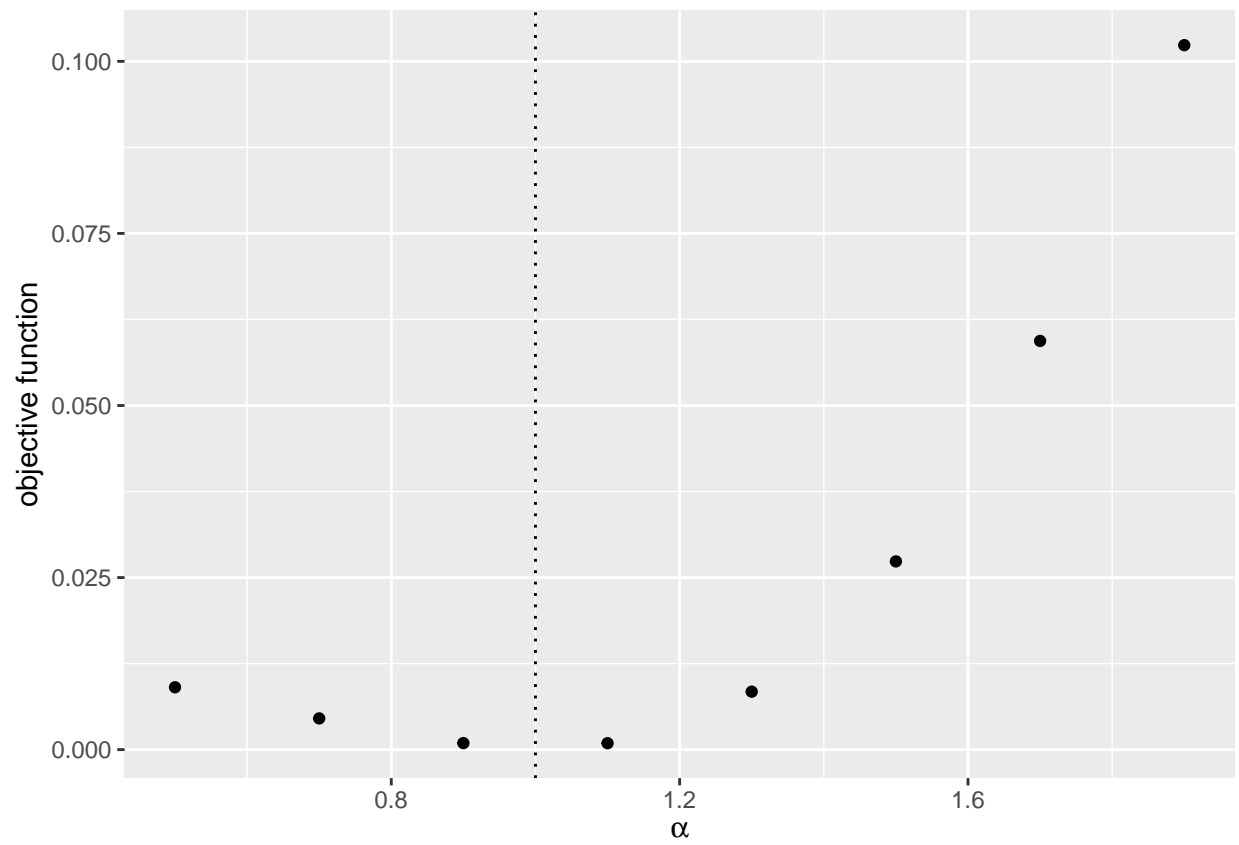
```
## [1] 0.0002737567
```

3. Check the value of the objective function around the true parameter.

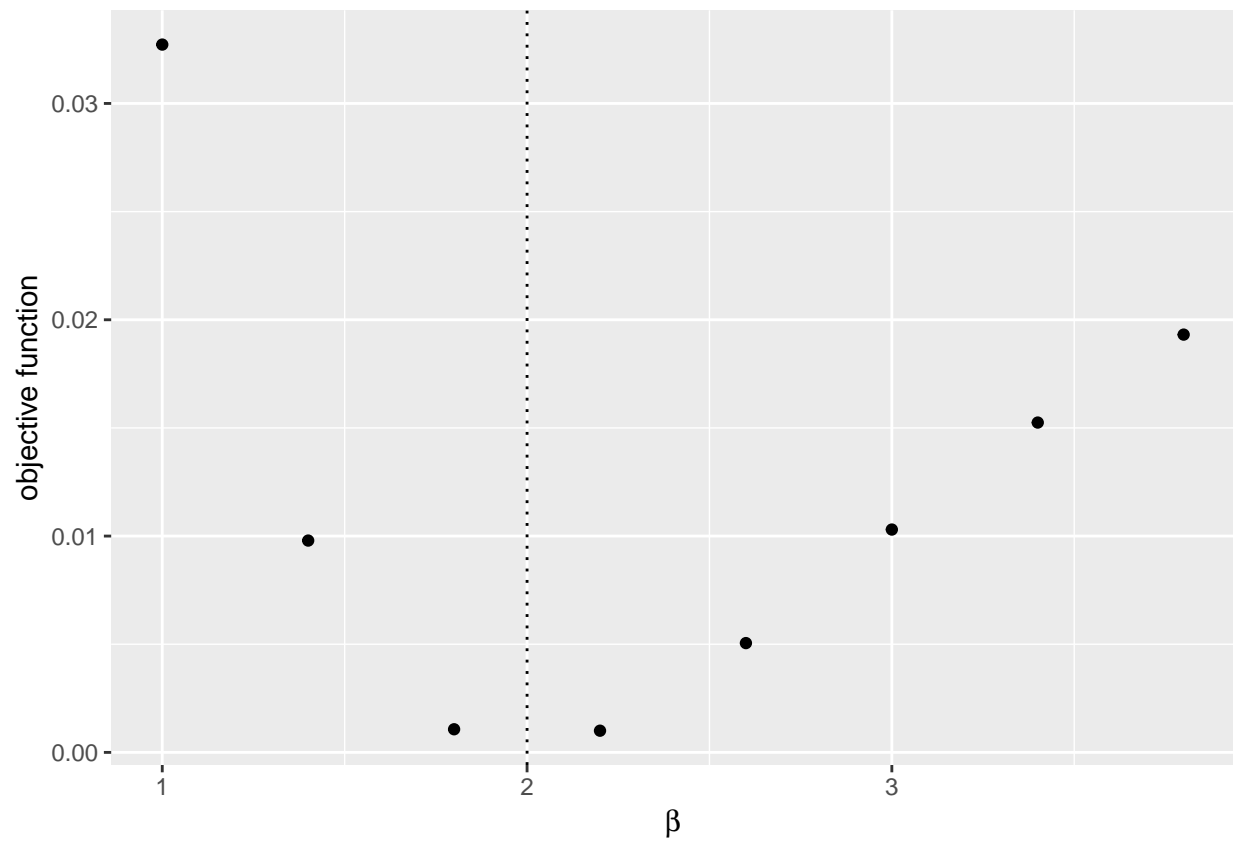
```
# label
label <- c("\\alpha", "\\beta", "\\eta")
label <- paste("$", label, "$", sep = "")
# compute the graph
graph <- foreach (i = 1:length(theta_1)) %do% {
  theta_i <- theta_1[i]
  theta_i_list <- theta_i * seq(0.5, 2, by = 0.2)
  objective_i <-
    foreach (j = 1:length(theta_i_list),
             .combine = "rbind") %dopar% {
      theta_ij <- theta_i_list[j]
      theta_j <- theta_1
      theta_j[i] <- theta_ij
      objective_ij <-
        compute_CCP_objective_game(theta_j, theta_2, p_marginal_est, A, S, delta, lambda)
      return(objective_ij)
    }
  df_graph <- data.frame(x = theta_i_list, y = objective_i)
  g <- ggplot(data = df_graph, aes(x = x, y = y)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_vline(xintercept = theta_i, linetype = "dotted") +
    ylab("objective function") + xlab(TeX(label[i]))
  return(g)
}
save(graph, file = "data/A8_CCP_graph.RData")
```

```
load(file = "data/A8_CCP_graph.RData")
graph
```

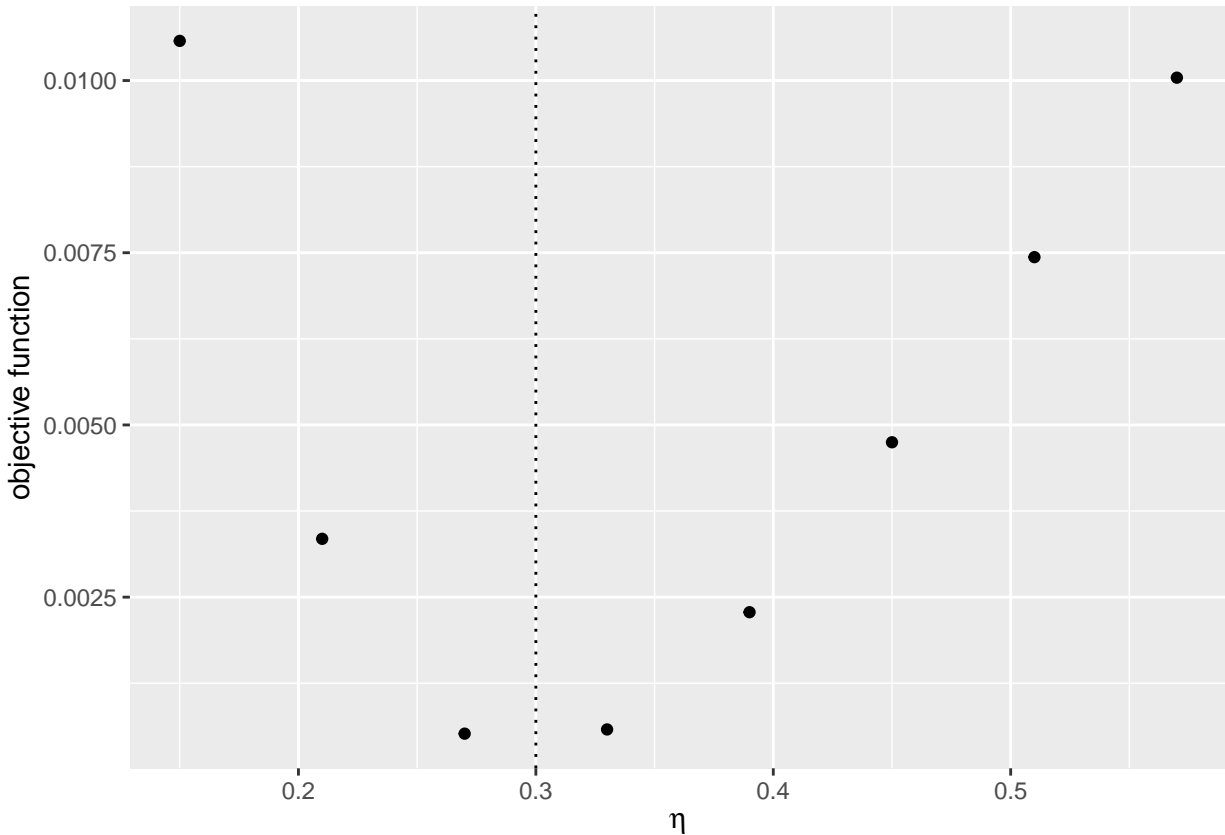
```
## [[1]]
```



```
##  
## [[2]]
```



```
##  
## [[3]]
```



4. Estimate the parameters by minimizing the objective function. To keep the model to be well-defined, impose an ad hoc lower and upper bounds such that  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\beta \in [0, 5]$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1]$ .

```
lower <- rep(0, length(theta_1))
upper <- c(1, 5, 0.3)
CCP_result <-
  optim(par = theta_1,
        fn = compute_CCP_objective_game,
        method = "L-BFGS-B",
        lower = lower,
        upper = upper,
        theta_2 = theta_2_est,
        p_marginal_est = p_marginal_est,
        A = A,
        S = S,
        delta = delta,
        lambda = lambda)
save(CCP_result, file = "data/A8_CCP_result.RData")
```

```
load(file = "data/A8_CCP_result.RData")
CCP_result
```

```
## $par
## [1] 1.000000 2.011446 0.294446
##
## $value
## [1] 0.0002702126
##
```



```

## $counts
## function gradient
##      12      12
##
## $convergence
## [1] 0
##
## $message
## [1] "CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH"
compare <-
  data.frame(
    true = theta_1,
    estimate = CCP_result$par
  ); compare

##      true estimate
## 1  1.0 1.000000
## 2  2.0 2.011446
## 3  0.3 0.294446

```