

# Lecture 8b: Solving and Estimating STATIC Games of Incomplete Information

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# Road Map for Lectures on Games

## Lecture 8b: Structural Estimation of Static Games Incomplete Information (Schjerning)

- Methods: NFXP, MPEC, CCP and NPL
- Example: Simple static entry model
- Explicit focus: Multiple Equilibria

## Lecture 9,10, 17 and 18: Structural Estimation of Dynamic Games Incomplete Information

- Issues and Stochastic Algorithms for Computing Equilibria to Dynamic Games (Ariel Pakes)
- Identification of Firms' Beliefs and Learning in Empirical Dynamic Games of Oligopoly Competition (Victor Aguirregabiria)
- Dynamic Discrete Games in Marketing (Paul Ellickson)
- Application: Does AMD Spur Intel to Innovate More? (Brett Gordon)

# Road Map for Lectures on Games

**Lecture 19 and 20:** Solving and estimating dynamic games with multiple equilibria (Iskhakov, Rust, Schjerning)

- New solution method: Recursive Lexicographic Search (RLS)
- Estimation method: MLE using NRLS (implemented using Branch and Bounds algorithm)
- Compare with: MPEC, CCP estimator and Nested Pseudo Likelihood
- Example: Dynamic model of Bertrand duopoly competition and cost reducing investments

# Estimating Discrete-Choice Games of Incomplete Information

## Estimating Discrete-Choice Games of Incomplete Information

- Aguirregabiria and Mira (2007): NPL (Recursive 2-Step)
- Bajari, Benkard and Levin (2007): 2-Step Minimum Distance Estimator
- Pakes, Ostrovsky and Berry (2007): Various 2-Step (PML, MoM,  $\min \chi^2$ )
- Pesendorfer and Schmidt-Dengler (2008): 2-Step Least Squares
- Pesendorfer and Schmidt-Dengler (2010): comments on AM (2007)
- Kasahara and Shimotsu (2012): Modified NPL
- Su (2013), Egesdal, Lai and Su (2015): Constrained Optimization

# Example: Static Game Entry of Incomplete Information

- Two firms:  $a$  and  $b$
- Actions: each firm has two possible actions:

$$d_a = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if firm } a \text{ choose to enter the market} \\ 0, & \text{if firm } a \text{ choose not to enter the market} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$d_b = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if firm } b \text{ choose to enter the market} \\ 0, & \text{if firm } b \text{ choose not to enter the market} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

# Example: Static Entry Game of Incomplete Information

Utility: Ex-post payoff to firms

$$u_a(d_a, d_b, x_a, \epsilon_a) = \begin{cases} [\alpha + d_b * (\beta - \alpha)]x_a + \epsilon_{a1}, & \text{if } d_a = 1 \\ 0 + \epsilon_{a0}, & \text{if } d_a = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$u_b(d_a, d_b, x_a, \epsilon_b) = \begin{cases} [\alpha + d_a * (\beta - \alpha)]x_b + \epsilon_{b1}, & \text{if } d_b = 1 \\ 0 + \epsilon_{b0}, & \text{if } d_b = 0 \end{cases}$$

- $(\alpha, \beta)$ : structural parameters to be estimated
- $(x_a, x_b)$ : firms' observed types; **common knowledge**
- $\epsilon_a = (\epsilon_{a0}, \epsilon_{a1})$ ,  $\epsilon_b = (\epsilon_{b0}, \epsilon_{b1})$ : firms' unobserved types, **private information**
- $(\epsilon_a, \epsilon_b)$  are observed only by each firm, but not by their opponent firm nor by the econometrician

# Example: Static Entry Game of Incomplete Information

- Assume the error terms  $(\epsilon_a, \epsilon_b)$  have a standardized type III extreme value distribution
- A Bayesian Nash equilibrium  $(p_a, p_b)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_a &= \frac{\exp[p_b \beta x_a + (1 - p_b) \alpha x_a]}{1 + \exp[p_b \beta x_a + (1 - p_b) \alpha x_a]} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_a + p_b x_a (\alpha - \beta)]} \\
 &\equiv \Psi_a(p_b, x_a; \alpha, \beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_b &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_b + p_a x_b (\alpha - \beta)]} \\
 &\equiv \Psi_b(p_a, x_b; \alpha, \beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Static Game Example: Parameters

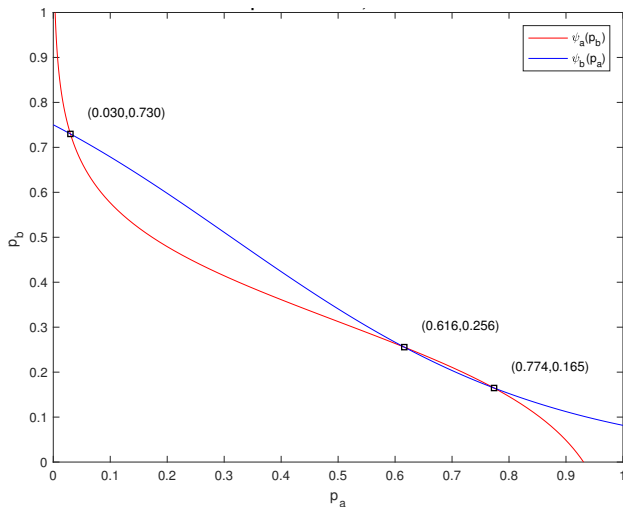
We consider a very contestable game throughout

- Monopoly profits:  $\alpha * x_j = 5 * x_j$
- Duopoly profits:  $\beta * x_j = -11 * x_j$
- Firm types:  $(x_a, x_b) = (0.52, 0.22)$



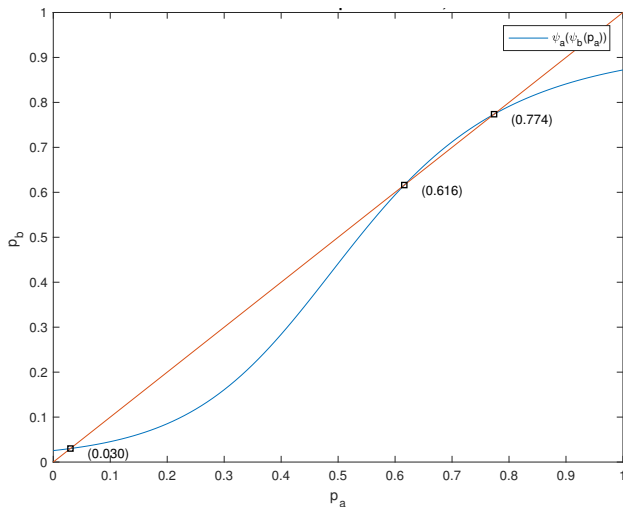
# Static Game Example: Three Bayesian Nash Equilibria

Figure: Equilibria at intersections of best response functions



# Static Game Example: Solving for Equilibria

Figure: Fixed points on second order best response function



# Static Game Example: Solving for Equilibria

**Solution method:** Combination of [successive approximations](#) and [bisection algorithm](#)

## Successive approximations (SA)

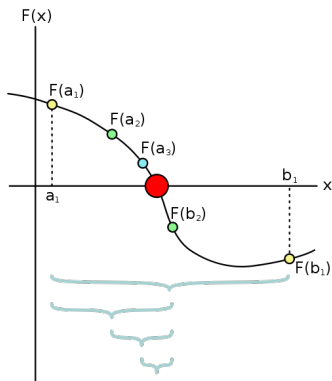
- Converge to nearest stable equilibrium.
- Start SA at  $p_a = 0$  and  $p_a = 1$ .
- Unique equilibrium ( $K=1$ ): SA will converge to it from anywhere.
- Three equilibria ( $K=3$ ): Two will be stable, and one will be unstable.
- More equilibria ( $K>3$ ): Not in this model.

## Bisection method

- Use this to find the unstable equilibrium (if  $K=3$ ).
- The bisection method that repeatedly bisects an interval and then selects a subinterval in which the fixed point (or root) must lie.
- The two stable equilibria, defines the initial interval to search over.
- The bisection method is a very simple and robust method, but it is also relatively slow.

# Static Game Example: Solving for Equilibria

Figure: Bisection method



A few steps of the bisection method applied over the starting range  $[a_1; b_1]$ . The bigger red dot is the root of the function.

# Static Game Example: Data Generation and Identification

- Data Generating Process (DGP): the data are generated by a single equilibrium
- The two players use the **same** equilibrium to play 1000 times
- Data:  $X = \{(d_a^i, d_b^i)_{i=1}^{1000}, (x_a, x_b) = (0.52, 0.22)\}$
- Given data  $X$ , we want to recover structural parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

# Static Game Example: Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Maximize the likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha, \beta} \quad & \log \mathcal{L}(p_a(\alpha, \beta); X) \\
 = \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N (d_a^i * \log(p_a(\alpha, \beta)) + (1 - d_a^i) \log(1 - p_a(\alpha, \beta))) \\
 + \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N (d_b^i * \log(p_b(\alpha, \beta)) + (1 - d_b^i) \log(1 - p_b(\alpha, \beta)))
 \end{aligned}$$

- $p_a(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $p_b(\alpha, \beta)$  are the solutions of the Bayesian-Nash Equilibrium equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_a &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_a + p_b x_a (\alpha - \beta)]} \equiv \Psi_a(p_b, x_a; \alpha, \beta) \\
 p_b &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_b + p_a x_b (\alpha - \beta)]} \equiv \Psi_b(p_a, x_b; \alpha, \beta)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Static Game Example: MLE via NFXP

- Outer Loop

- Choose  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to maximize the likelihood function

$$\log \mathcal{L}(p_a(\alpha, \beta), p_b(\alpha, \beta); X)$$

- Inner loop:

- For a given  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , solve the BNE equations for **ALL** equilibria:  
 $(p_a^k(\alpha, \beta), p_b^k(\alpha, \beta)), k = 1, \dots, K$

- Choose the equilibrium that gives the highest likelihood value:

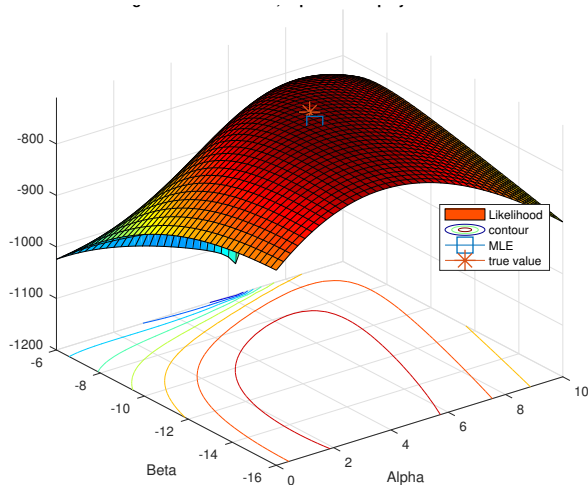
$$k^* = \arg \max_{k=1, \dots, K} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a^k(\alpha, \beta), p_b^k(\alpha, \beta); X)$$

such that

$$(p_a(\alpha, \beta), p_b(\alpha, \beta)) = (p_a^{k^*}(\alpha, \beta), p_b^{k^*}(\alpha, \beta))$$

# NFXP's Likelihood as a Function of $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Eq 1

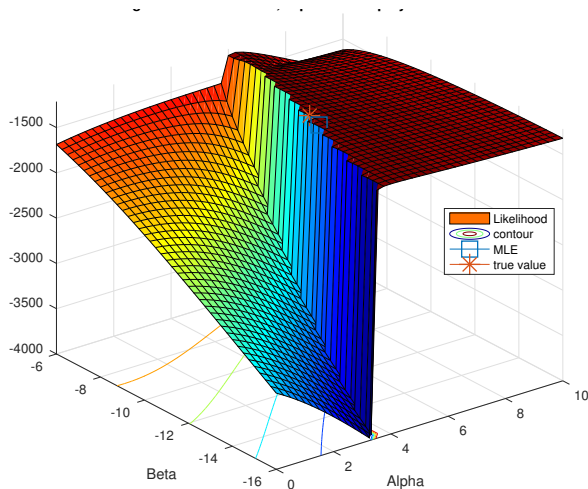
Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 1





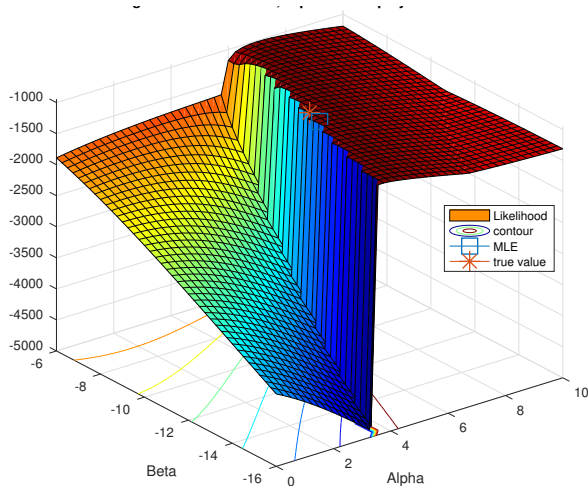
NFXP's Likelihood as a Function of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - Eq 2

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 2



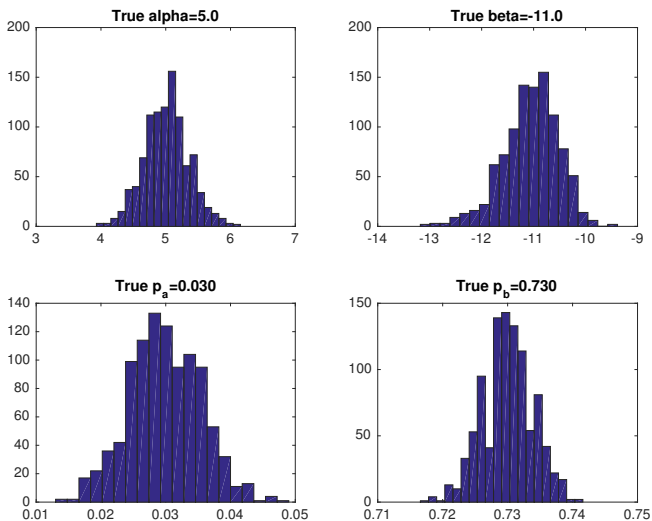
# NFXP's Likelihood as a Function of $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Eq 3

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 3



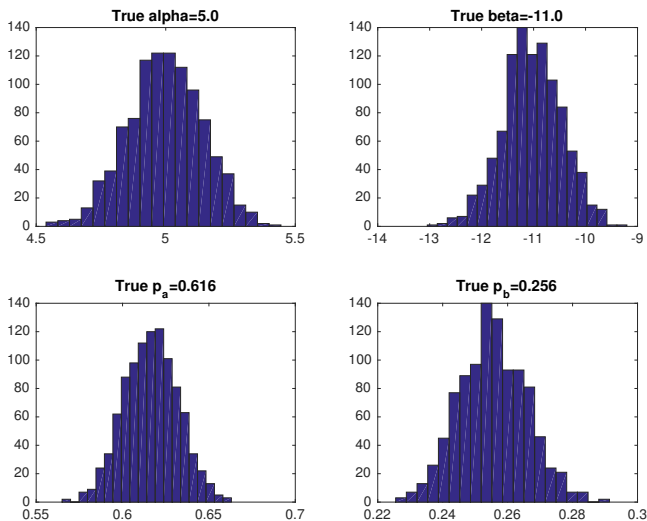
# Monte Carlo Results: NFXP with Eq1

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 1



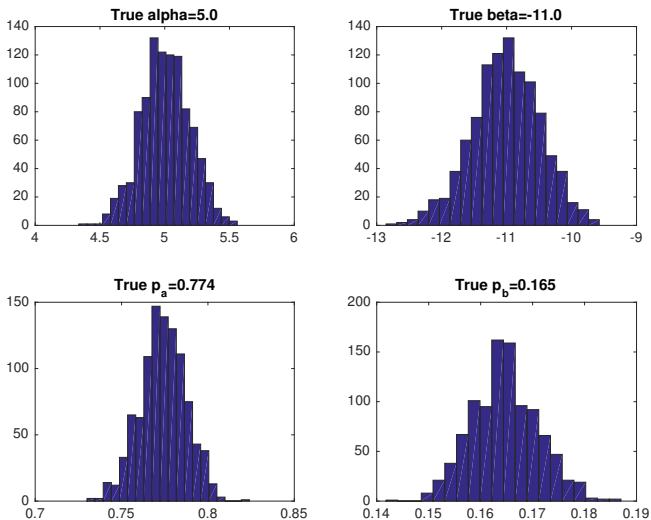
# Monte Carlo Results: NFXP with Eq2

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 2



# Monte Carlo Results: NFXP with Eq3

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 3



# Constrained Optimization Formulation for Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Maximize the likelihood function

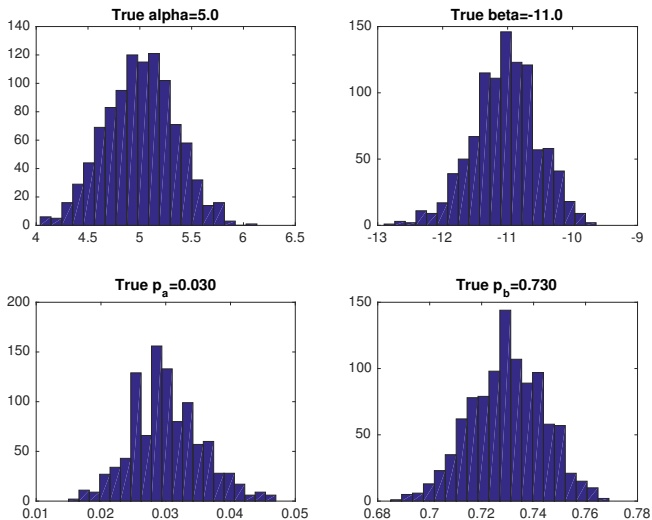
$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{\alpha, \beta, p_a, p_b} \quad & \log \mathcal{L}(p_a; X) \\
 = \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N (d_a^i * \log(p_a) + (1 - d_a^i) * \log(1 - p_a)) \\
 + \quad & \sum_{i=1}^N (d_b^i * \log(p_b) + (1 - d_b^i) * \log(1 - p_b))
 \end{aligned}$$

- Subject to  $p_a$  and  $p_b$  are the solutions of the Bayesian-Nash Equilibrium equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_a &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_a + p_b x_a(\alpha - \beta)]} \\
 p_b &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-\alpha x_b + p_a x_b(\alpha - \beta)]} \\
 0 &\leq p_a, p_b \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

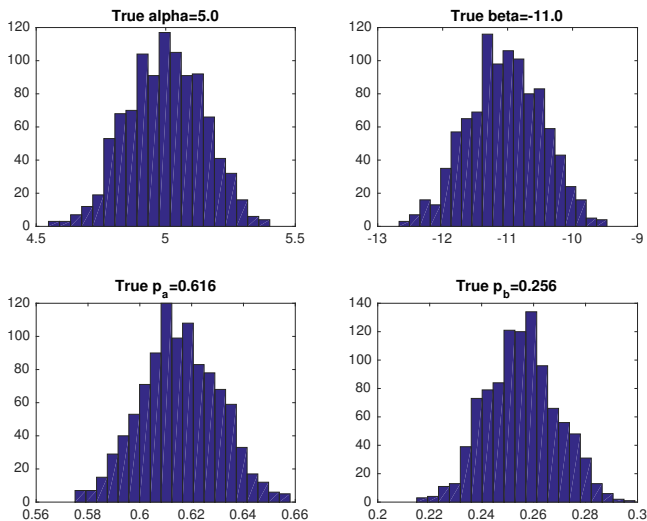
# Monte Carlo Results: MPEC with Eq1

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 1



# Monte Carlo Results: MPEC with Eq2

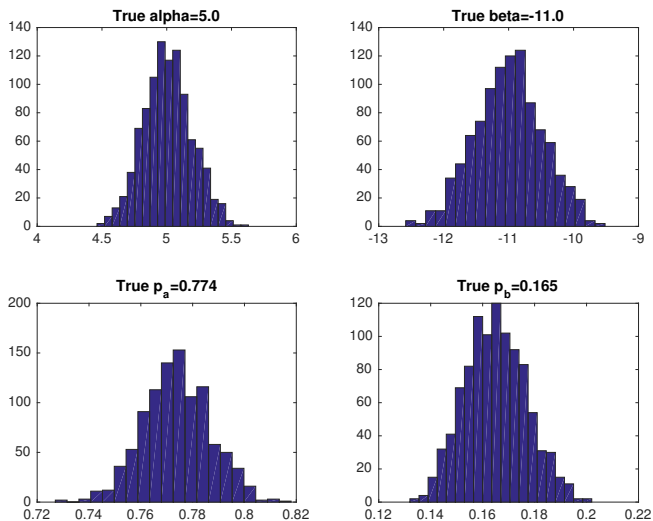
Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 2





# Monte Carlo Results: MPEC with Eq3

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 3



# Static Game Example: Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Maximize the likelihood function

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- $p_a(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $p_b(\alpha, \beta)$  are the solutions of the Bayesian-Nash Equilibrium equations

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# Discussion

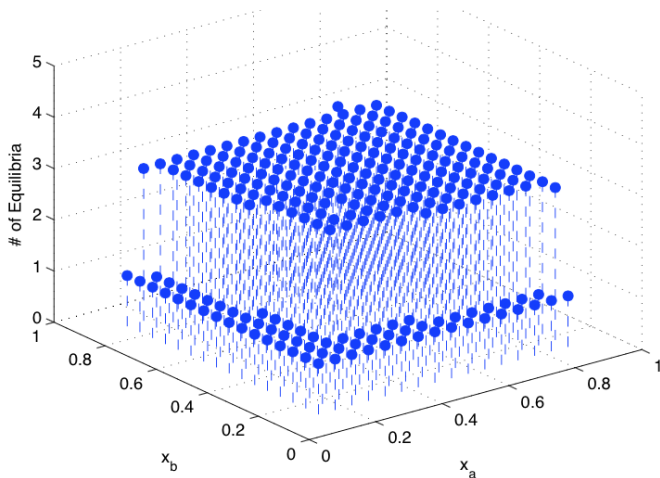
- Is the likelihood function smooth in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for NFXP? What about MPEC - is objective function and constraints smooth in parameters,  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta, p_a, p_b)$ ?
- Sensitivity to starting values?
- Can we identify what equilibrium is played in the data, i.e. the equilibrium selection rule?
- Can we use standard theorems for inference? Is true value in interior of parameter space? Is it differentiable? Is objective function continuous?
- This problem is extremely simple.  $p_a$  and  $p_b$  are scalars. How would you solve for  $p_b$  and  $p_b$  when they are solutions to players Bellman equations?
- Can we be sure to find all equilibria by iterating on player's Bellman equations? Why/why not?

# Estimation with Multiple Markets

- There are 25 different markets, i.e., 25 pairs of observed types  $(x_a^m, x_b^m)$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, 25$
- The grid on  $x_a$  has 5 points equally distributed between the interval  $[0.12, 0.87]$ , and similarly for  $x_b$
- Use the same true parameter values:  $(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$
- For each market with  $(x_a^m, x_b^m)$ , solve BNE conditions for  $(p_a^m, p_b^m)$ .
- There are multiple equilibria in most of 25 markets
- For each market, we (randomly) choose an equilibrium to generate 1000 data points for that market
- The equilibrium used to generate data can be different in different markets - we flip a coin at each market.

# # of Equilibria with Different $(x_a^m, x_b^m)$

Figure: Number of equilibria



# NFXP - Estimation with Multiple Markets

Inner loop:

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a^m(\alpha, \beta), p_b^m(\alpha, \beta); X)$$

Outer loop: For a given values of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  solve BNE equations for ALL equilibria,  $k = 1, \dots, K$  at each market,  $m = 1, \dots, M$ : That is,  $p_a^{m,k}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $p_b^{m,k}(\alpha, \beta)$  are the solutions to

$$\begin{aligned} p_a^m &= \Psi_a(p_b^m, x_a^m; \alpha, \beta) \\ p_b^m &= \Psi_b(p_a^m, x_b^m; \alpha, \beta) \\ m &= 1, \dots, M \end{aligned}$$

where we again choose the equilibrium, that gives the highest likelihood value at each market  $m$

$$k^* = \arg \max_{k=1, \dots, K} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a^{m,k}(\alpha, \beta), p_b^{m,k}(\alpha, \beta); X)$$

such that

$$(p_a^m(\alpha, \beta), p_b^m(\alpha, \beta)) = (p_a^{m,k^*}(\alpha, \beta), p_b^{m,k^*}(\alpha, \beta))$$

# Estimation with Multiple Markets - MPEC

Constrained optimization formulation

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta, p_a^m, p_b^m} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a^m, p_b^m; X)$$

subject to

$$p_a^m = \Psi_a(p_b^m, x_a^m; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$p_b^m = \Psi_b(p_a^m, x_b^m; \alpha, \beta)$$

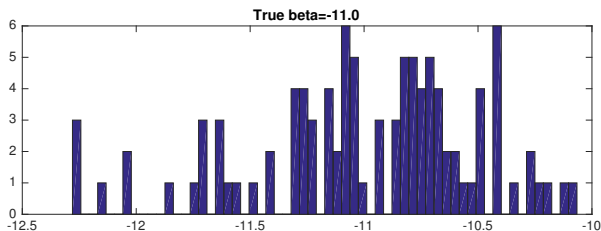
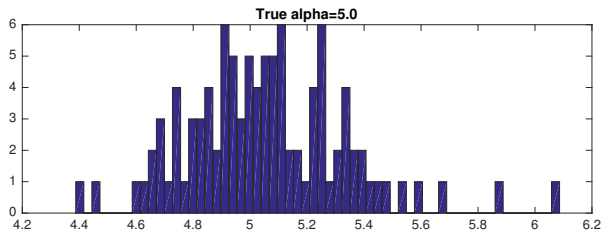
$$0 \leq p_a^m, p_b^m \leq 1, m = 1, \dots, M$$

- MPEC does not explicitly solve the BNE equations to find ALL equilibria at each market - for every trial value of parameters.
- But the number of parameters is much larger.
- Both MPEC and NFXP are based on Full Information Maximum Likelihood (FIML) estimators.

# NFXP: Monte Carlo - Multiple Markets (M=25, T=50)

Starting values  $\alpha_0 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_0 = \beta$

Random equilibrium selection in different markets

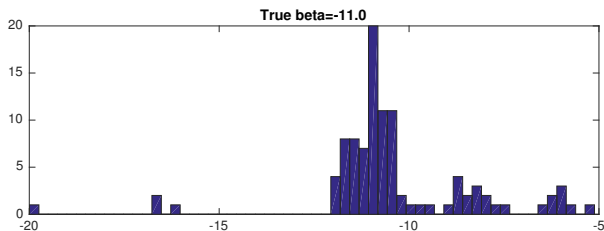
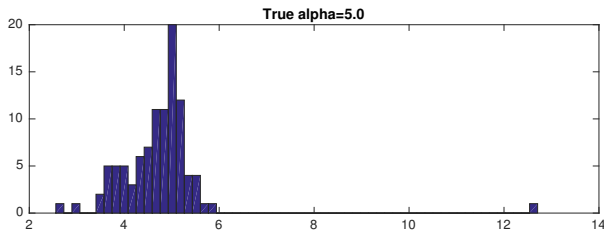




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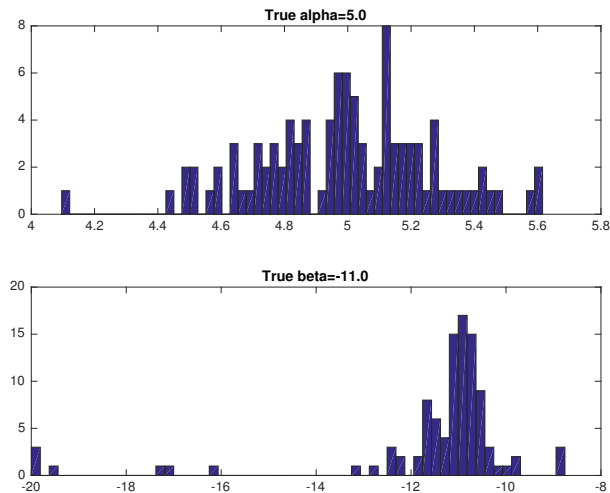
Starting values  $\alpha_0 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_0 = \beta$

Random equilibrium selection in different markets



# MPEC: Monte Carlo - Multiple Markets ( $M=2$ , $T=625$ )

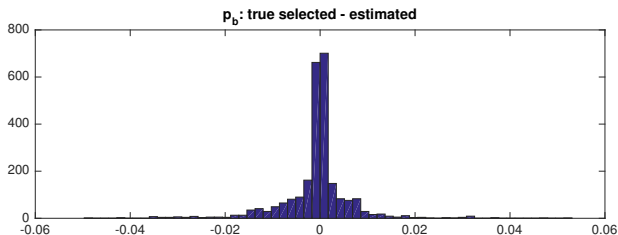
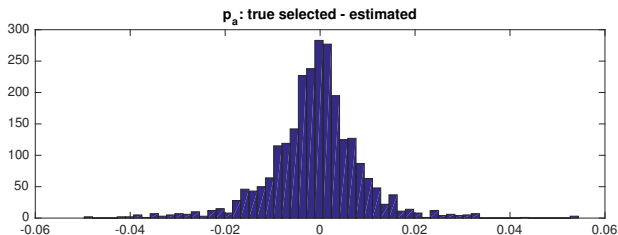
Figure: Random equilibrium selection in different markets



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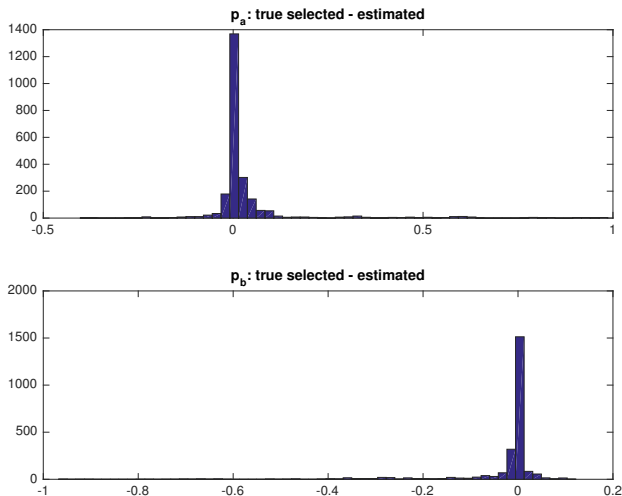
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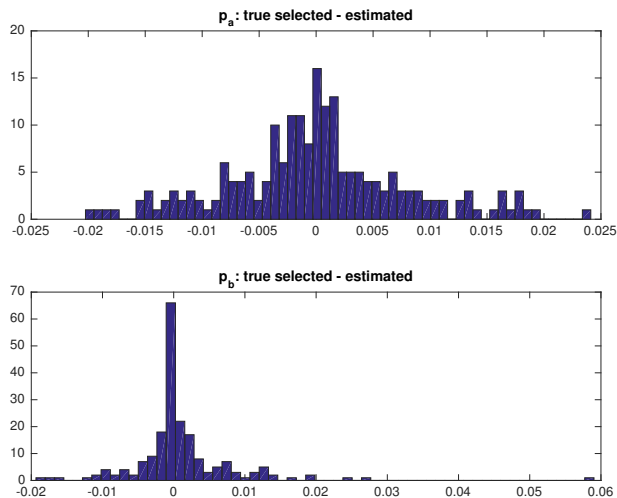
Starting values  $\alpha_0 = \alpha$ ,  $\beta_0 = \beta$

Random equilibrium selection in different markets



# MPEC: Monte Carlo - Multiple Markets ( $M=2$ , $T=625$ )

Figure: Random equilibrium selection in different markets



# MPEC and NFXP: multiple markets

## NFXP:

- 2 parameters in optimization problem
- we can estimate the equilibrium played in the data,  $p_a^{m,k*}$  and  $p_b^{m,k*}$  (but in models with observationally equivalent equilibria it may not be possible to obtain joint identification of structural parameters and equilibrium probabilities )
- Needs to find ALL equilibria at each market (very hard in more complex problems)
- Good full solution methods required

## MPEC:

- $2 + 2M$  parameters in optimization problem
- Does not always converge towards the equilibrium played in the data, although NFXP indicates that  $p_a^{m,k*}$  and  $p_b^{m,k*}$  are actually identifiable
- Local minima with many markets.
- Disclaimer: Quick and dirty implementation of MPEC.  
Use AMPL/Knitro

## 2-Step Methods

Recall the constrained optimization formulation for FIML is

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta, p_a^m, p_b^m} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a^m, p_b^m; X)$$

subject to

$$p_a^m = \Psi_a(p_b^m, x_a^m; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$p_b^m = \Psi_b(p_a^m, x_b^m; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$0 \leq p_a^m, p_b^m \leq 1, m = 1, \dots, M$$

- Denote the solution as  $(\alpha^*, \beta^*, p_a^*, p_b^*)$
- Suppose we know  $(p_a^*, p_b^*)$ , how do we recover  $(\alpha^*, \beta^*)$ ?

## 2-Step Methods: Recovering $(\alpha^*, \beta^*)$

- Idea 1: Solve the BNE equations for  $(\alpha^*, \beta^*)$

$$p_a^* = \Psi_a(p_b^*, x_a; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$p_b^* = \Psi_b(p_a^*, x_b; \alpha, \beta)$$

- Idea 2: Choose  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} \log \mathcal{L}(\Psi_a(p_b^*, x_a; \alpha, \beta), \Psi_b(p_a^*, x_b; \alpha, \beta); X)$$



## 2-Step Methods: Recovering $(\alpha^*, \beta^*)$

- Idea 1:

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{\rho} = (\hat{\rho}_a, \hat{\rho}_b)$  from the data
- Step 2: Solve

$$\hat{\rho}_a = \Psi_a(\hat{\rho}_a, x_a; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_b = \Psi_b(\hat{\rho}_b, x_b; \alpha, \beta)$$

- Idea 2

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{\rho} = (\hat{\rho}_a, \hat{\rho}_b)$  from the data
- Step 2: Choose  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} \log \mathcal{L}(\Psi_a(\hat{\rho}_b, x_a; \alpha, \beta), \Psi_b(\hat{\rho}_a, x_b; \alpha, \beta); X)$$

## 2-Step Methods: Potential Issues to be Addressed

- How do we estimate  $\hat{p} = (\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b)$ ?
- Different methods give different  $\hat{p}$
- One method is the frequency estimator:

$$\hat{p}_a = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N I_{\{d_a^i=1\}}$$

$$\hat{p}_b = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N I_{\{d_b^i=1\}}$$

- if  $(\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b) \neq (p_a^*, p_b^*)$  then  $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \neq (\alpha^*, \beta^*)$
- For a given  $(\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b)$ , there might not be a solution to the BNE equations

$$\hat{p}_a = \Psi_a(\hat{p}_a, x_a; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$\hat{p}_b = \Psi_b(\hat{p}_b, x_b; \alpha, \beta)$$

## 2-Step Methods: Pseudo Maximum Likelihood

In 2-step methods

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{p} = (\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b)$  from the data
- Step 2: Solve

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta, p_a, p_b} \log \mathcal{L}(p_a, p_b; X)$$

subject to

$$p_a = \Psi_a(\hat{p}_a, x_a; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$p_b = \Psi_b(\hat{p}_b, x_b; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$0 \leq p_a^m, p_b^m \leq 1, m = 1, \dots, M$$

Or equivalently

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{p} = (\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b)$  from the data
- Step 2: Solve

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} \log \mathcal{L}(\Psi_a(\hat{p}_a, x_a; \alpha, \beta), \Psi_b(\hat{p}_b, x_b; \alpha, \beta); X)$$

# Least Square Estimators

Pesendofer and Schmidt-Dengler (2008)

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{p} = (\hat{p}_a, \hat{p}_b)$  from the data
- Step 2: Solve

$$\min_{\alpha, \beta} \{ (\hat{p}_a - \Psi_a(\hat{p}_b, x_a; \alpha, \beta))^2 + (\hat{p}_b - \Psi_b(\hat{p}_a, x_b; \alpha, \beta))^2 \}$$

For dynamic games, Markov perfect equilibrium conditions are characterized by

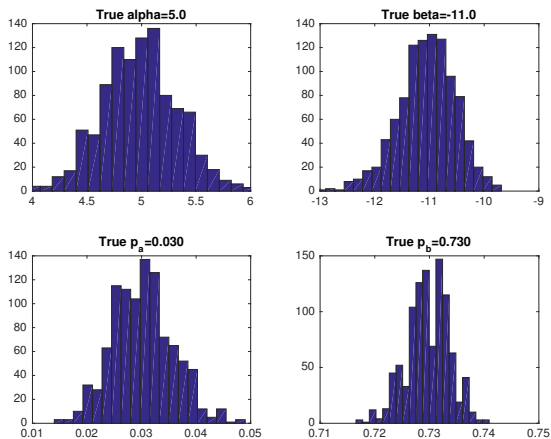
$$p = \Psi(p, \theta)$$

- Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{p}$  from the data
- Step 2: Solve

$$\min_{\alpha, \beta} [\hat{p} - \Psi(\hat{p}; \theta)]' W [\hat{p} - \Psi(\hat{p}; \theta)]'$$

# Static Game Example: 2-Step PML

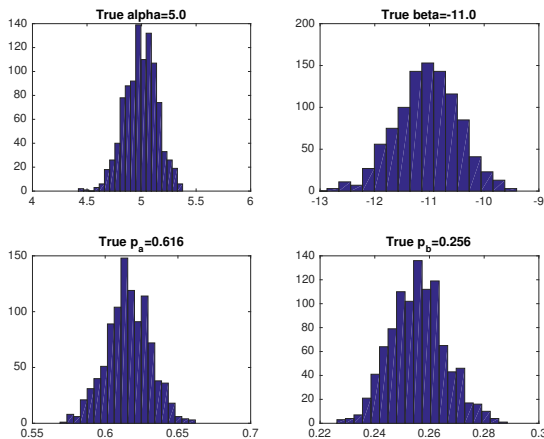
Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 1



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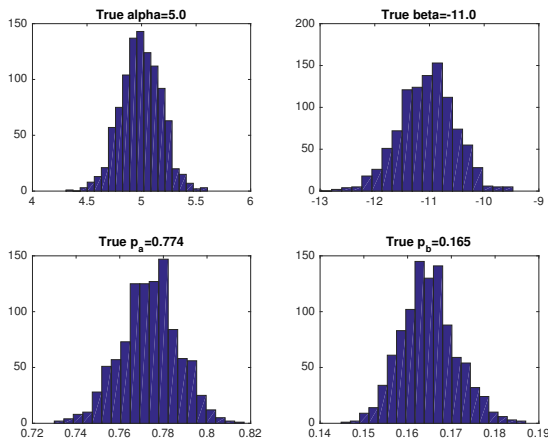
Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 2



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# Static Game Example: 2-Step PML

Figure: Data generated from equilibrium 3



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- In this example, however, it seems to work pretty OK. Why?

# Nested Pseudo Likelihood (NPL): Aguirregabiria and Mira (2007)

NPL iterates on the 2-step methods

① Step 1: Estimate  $\hat{p}^0 = (\hat{p}_a^0, \hat{p}_b^0)$  from the data, set  $k = 0$

② Step 2:

**REPEAT**

① Solve

$$\alpha^{k+1}, \beta^{k+1} = \arg \max_{\alpha, \beta} \log \mathcal{L}(\Psi_a(\hat{p}_b^k, x_a; \alpha, \beta), \Psi_b(\hat{p}_a^k, x_b; \alpha, \beta); X)$$

② One best-reply iteration on  $\hat{p}^k$

$$\hat{p}_a^{k+1} = \Psi_a(\hat{p}_b^k, x_a; \alpha^{k+1}, \beta^{k+1})$$

$$\hat{p}_b^{k+1} = \Psi_b(\hat{p}_a^k, x_b; \alpha^{k+1}, \beta^{k+1})$$

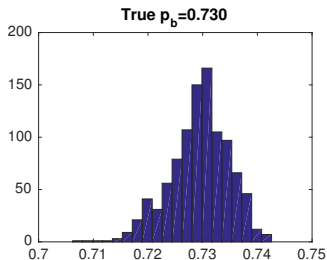
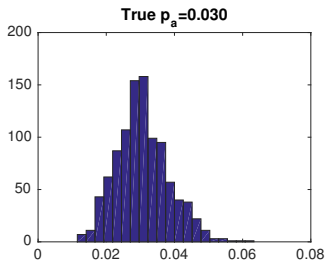
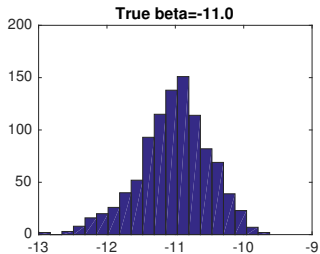
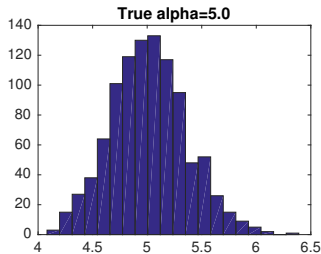
③ Let  $k := k+1$ ;

**UNTIL** convergence in  $(\alpha^k, \beta^k)$  and  $(\hat{p}_a^k, \hat{p}_b^k)$



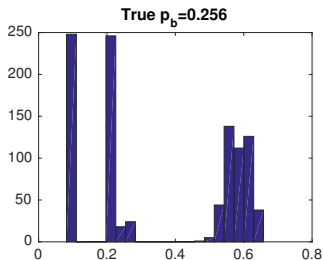
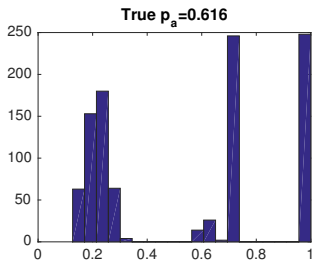
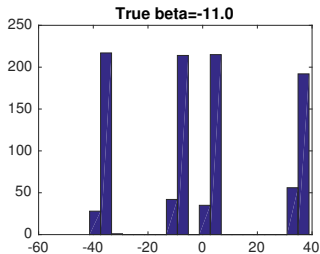
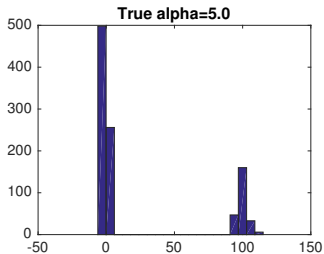
# Monte Carlo Results: NPL with Eq 1

Figure: Equilibrium 1 -  $\hat{p}_j = 1/N \sum_i I(d_j = 1)$



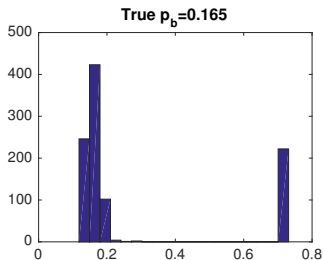
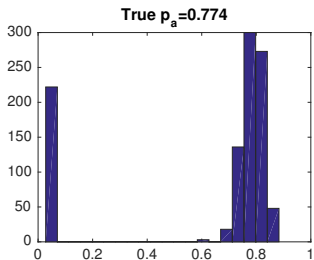
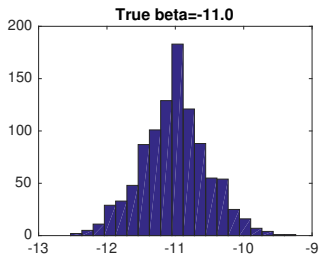
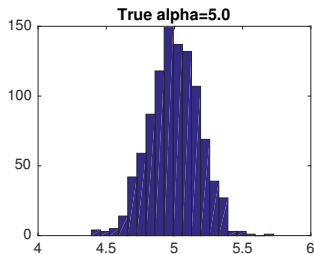
# Monte Carlo Results: NPL with Eq 2

Figure: Equilibrium 2 -  $\hat{p}_j = 1/N \sum_i I(d_j = 1)$



# Monte Carlo Results: NPL with Eq 3

Figure: Equilibrium 3 -  $\hat{p}_j = 1/N \sum_i I(d_j = 1)$



# Conclusions

- NFXP/MPEC implementations of MLE is statistically efficient, but computational daunting.
- Two step estimators - computationally fast, but inefficient and biased in small samples.
- NPL (Aguirregabiria and Mira 2007) should bridge this gap, but can be unstable when estimating estimating games with multiple equilibria.
- Estimation of dynamic games is an interesting but challenging computational optimization problem
  - Multiple equilibria leads makes likelihood function discontinuous → non-standard inference and computational complexity
  - Multiple equilibria leads to indeterminacy problem and identification issues.
- All these problems are amplified by orders of magnitude when we move to Dynamic models

# NEXT

## Estimation of dynamic games of incomplete information

- Estimation dynamic game with NPL: Agurregabiria and Mira (2012)
- Estimation of dynamic discrete choice games of incomplete information using MPEC - Egesdal, Lai and Su (2015)
- All solution algorithms necessary for NFXP: Development of all solution algorithms for solving games with Multiple Equilibria (Iskhakov et al. 2016)