

# Online Decision-making with a Expert Committee and Its Application on FashioFlow

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**Proof:** Let  $\Gamma^{(t)} = \sum_{n \in [1, N]} w_n^{(t)}$ , then  $\Gamma^{(1)} = N$ . Also, if the forecaster makes a mistake,  $\hat{y}^{(t)} \neq y^{(t)}$

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therefore:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 - \eta)^{L_n^{(T)}} &\leq N(1 - \frac{\eta}{2})^{\hat{L}^{(T)}} \\
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An example cost matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{13} & c_{14} \\ 2 & c_{21} & c_{22} & c_{23} & c_{24} \\ 3 & c_{31} & c_{32} & c_{33} & c_{34} \\ 4 & c_{41} & c_{42} & c_{43} & c_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

The row player's goal is to minimize its loss while the objective of the column player is to maximize it



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# Nonlinear loss

$$f_t i = \log(-\langle \mathbf{p}_i, \Delta \mathbf{x}_t \rangle)$$

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Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
Treatment 3	0.0009271	0.296

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# Theorem

Theorem (Mass–energy equivalence)

$$E = mc^2$$

# Verbatim

## Example (Theorem Slide Code)

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$E = mc^2$  
\end{theorem}  
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