

# STRUCTURAL DYNAMIC DISCRETE CHOICE MODELS WITH FIXED EFFECTS

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## LECTURE 4

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# INTRODUCTION

- Disentangling **true dynamics** —the causal effect of past decisions— from **spurious dynamics** arising from persistent unobserved heterogeneity (UH) is a fundamental challenge in the econometrics of dynamic models.
- A key Challenge with short:
  - **Incidental Parameters Problem (IPP):** Treating UH as fixed parameters implies inconsistent estimation of parameters of interest.
- Two alternative approaches to deal with the Nonparametric No-Identification from the ICP:
  - **Random Effects (RE).**
  - **Fixed Effects (FE).**

## RANDOM EFFECTS (RE) vs. FIXED EFFECTS

- **Random Effects (RE): Integrating out UH.**

- We deal with the ICP by imposing parametric & finite support restrictions on the joint distribution of UH and initial conditions.
- **Pros:** Full identification of structural parameters & distribution of UH.
- **Cons:**
  - **Initial Conditions Problem (ICP):** There is no Nonparametric Identification of the distribution of UH and initial conditions.
  - The potential misspecification of parametric restrictions on UH can introduce substantial biases in the estimates of "true dynamics".

- **Fixed Effects (FE): Differencing out UH.**

- Focus on identification of structural parameters capturing "true dynamics" and not on the identification of the distribution of UH.
- **Pros:** NP specification of UH. Robust identification of true dynamics.
- **Cons:** Distribution of UH is not fully identified.
- **Cons:** Not all dynamic models have consistent FE estimators.

## FIXED EFFECTS IN STRUCTURAL DDC MODELS

- Until recently, all applications of Structural DDC models use RE models to deal with UH.
- The absence of applications using a FE approach was partly because of two common beliefs.
  1. Belief that there are not consistent FE estimators in structural models where agents are forward-looking: **problem with continuation values.**
  2. Belief that, even if structural parameters are identified, we cannot identify **Average Marginal Effects (AME)** and other Counterfactuals as these depend on the distribution of the UH.
- Recent developments have challenged these beliefs.

## BYPRODUCT OF FE APPROACH: COMPUTATIONAL GAINS

- As we will see, one of the FE methods (Conditional MLE) requires **differencing out the continuation value** component of the conditional choice value function.
- This implies that this estimation approach (Conditional MLE) does not require solving any dynamic programming problem, or computing present values, or even one-period forward expectation.
- The computational cost of implementing the Conditional MLE does not depend on the dimension of the state space.

# THIS LECTURE

- This lecture presents recent results on Structural DDC - FE Models.
  1. Aguirregabiria, Gu, & Luo (*Journal of Econometrics*, 2021)
    - Identification & estimation of structural DDC-FE with lagged decision and duration as state variables.
  2. Aguirregabiria (*Econometrics Journal*, 2023)
    - Application to dynamic demand for differentiated products
  3. Aguirregabiria & Carro (*Review of Economics & Statistics*, 2026)
    - Identification of Average Marginal Effects.
  4. Bonhomme, Dano, & Graham (*arXiv*, 2025)
    - Moment Restrictions for Nonlinear Panel Data Models with Feedback.

# OUTLINE

1. Model
2. Identification of Structural Parameters.
  - a. Conditional Likelihood - Sufficient Statistics Approach.
  - b. Functional Differencing.
3. Estimation
  - a. Conditional MLE
  - b. GMM
4. Empirical application – Dynamic Demand for Differentiated Product.

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# 1. MODEL

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## MODEL: DECISION & STATE VARIABLES

- **Decision variable:**  $y_{it} \in \mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, \dots, J\}$ .
- Agent maximizes  $\mathbb{E}_t [\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \delta_i^s U_{i,t+s}]$ .  $U_{it}$  is the utility function.
- $U_{it}$  depends on current choice,  $y_{it}$ , and on:
- **Two types of unobservables** for the researcher,  $(\alpha_i, \varepsilon_{it})$ ;
- **Two types of observable state variables:**

$$\mathbf{s}_{it} = (\mathbf{z}_{it}, \mathbf{x}_{it})$$

$\mathbf{z}_{it}$  = strictly exogenous state variables.

$\mathbf{x}_{it}$  = endogenous state variables.

## MODEL: UTILITY FUNCTION

- The current payoff of choosing alternative  $j$ :

$$U_{it}(j) = \alpha_i(j) + \varepsilon_{it}(j) + \beta(j, s_{it})$$

- Payoff function  $\beta(j, s_{it})$  is unrestricted.
- Unobservables:**
  - Both types of unobservables are additively separable.
  - $\varepsilon_{it}(j)$  i.i.d. type I extreme value distributed;
  - FE model:**  $p(\alpha_i(0), \dots, \alpha_i(J) \mid x_{i1}, z_{i1}, \dots, z_{iT})$  is unrestricted.

## OPTIMAL DECISION & CCPs (conditional on $\alpha_i$ )

- The optimal decision is:

$$y_{it} = \arg \max_{j \in \mathcal{Y}} \{ \alpha_i(j) + \varepsilon_{it}(j) + \beta(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}) + cv(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i) \}$$

- where  $cv(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i)$  is the **continuation value function**:

$$cv(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i) \equiv \delta_i \int V(\mathbf{s}_{i,t+1}, \alpha_i) f(\mathbf{s}_{i,t+1} \mid j, \mathbf{s}_{it}) d\mathbf{s}_{i,t+1}$$

- The extreme value type 1 distribution of the unobservables  $\varepsilon$ , implies the **conditional choice probability (CCP)** function:

$$P(j \mid \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i) = \frac{\exp \{ \alpha_i(j) + \beta(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}) + cv(j, \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i) \}}{\sum_{k \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp \{ \alpha_i(k) + \beta(k, \mathbf{s}_{it}) + cv(k, \mathbf{s}_{it}, \alpha_i) \}}$$

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## 2. IDENTIFICATION OF STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS

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## A RESTRICTED VERSION OF THE MODEL

- For simplicity, in this lecture I focus on identification results for a version of the model that imposes two additional restrictions.
- R1: No exogenous state variables  $\mathbf{z}_{it}$ .
- R2: Endogenous state variables follow a deterministic transition rule:

$$\mathbf{x}_{i,t+1} = f(y_{it}, \mathbf{x}_{it}) \quad \text{For example: } \mathbf{x}_{i,t+1} = y_{it} + \lambda \mathbf{x}_{it}$$

- These restrictions have two important implications.
  - The initial condition + choice path  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i = \{\mathbf{x}_{i1}, y_{i1}, y_{i2}, \dots, y_{iT}\}$  contains all the information on the path of choices and states.
  - For two pairs of choices and states,  $(j, \mathbf{x})$  and  $(j', \mathbf{x}')$ , with  $f(j, \mathbf{x}) = f(j', \mathbf{x}')$ , their continuation values are also the same.

## FE – SUFFICIENT STATISTICS APPROACH

- Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T\}$  be an individual's observed history

$$\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}|\alpha) = \prod_{t=1}^T \frac{\exp \{ \alpha(y_t) + \beta(y_t, \mathbf{x}_t) + cv(f(y_t, \mathbf{x}_t), \alpha) \}}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp \{ \alpha(j) + \beta(j, \mathbf{x}_t) + cv(f(j, \mathbf{x}_t), \alpha) \}} p(\mathbf{x}_1|\alpha)$$

- The log-probability of a choice history has the following form:

$$\ln \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}|\alpha) = S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' g(\alpha, \beta) + C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' \beta$$

where  $S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$  and  $C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$  are vectors of statistics.

- For instance:
  - $\sum_{t=1}^T 1\{y_t = j\}$  is in  $S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$ .
  - $\sum_{t=2}^T 1\{y_{t-1} = k \text{ and } y_t = j\}$  is in  $C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$ .

## FE – SUFFICIENT STATISTICS APPROACH (2)

- This structure has several important implications.

$$\ln \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}} | \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' g(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) + C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

1.  $S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ .

$$\mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}} | \boldsymbol{\alpha}, S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})) = \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}} | S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}))$$

2.  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is identified if conditional on  $S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$  the matrix  $C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})'$  for every  $\mathbf{y}$  is full-column rank.

## A MORE INTUITIVE DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION

- Suppose that there are two choice histories, say  $A$  and  $B$ . For every parameter in the vector  $\beta$ , say  $\beta_k$ , there exist two choice histories, say  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = A$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = B$  such that:
  - $S(A) = S(B)$
  - $C(A) - C(B)$  is a vector where all the elements are zero except for the element associated with  $\beta_k$ , which is  $C_k \neq 0$ .
- Under these conditions, we have that:

$$\beta_k = \frac{\log \mathbb{P}(A) - \log \mathbb{P}(B)}{C_k}$$

- Parameter  $\beta_k$  is identified from the log-odds-ratio of histories  $A$  &  $B$ .

## THE CHALLENGE OF THE CONTINUATION VALUES

- The question is whether such histories  $A$  &  $B$  exist, or on the contrary,  $S(A) = S(B)$  implies that there is no variation left in  $C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})$ .
- The continuation value  $cv(f(y_t, \mathbf{x}_t), \alpha_i)$  depends on  $\alpha_i$  in a nonlinear (and unknown) form.
- To difference out/control for  $\alpha_i$ , we need to difference out the whole continuation value.
- But the continuation value also depends on the state variables. So, it seems that differencing out continuation values implies controlling for all the variation in the state variables: **there is no variation left to identify the structural parameters  $\beta$ .**
- **Or there is?**

## DIFFERENCING OUT CONTINUATION VALUES

- It turns out that there is a broad and important class of dynamic models where we can difference out continuation values leaving variation in the state variables to identify structural parameters
- Remember that:

$$v(j, \mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \alpha(j) + \beta(j, \mathbf{x}_t) + cv(f(j, \mathbf{x}_t), \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

- Suppose that the transition rule  $f(\cdot)$  is such that there exist two combinations of choice-state  $(y_t, \mathbf{x}_t)$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_{t+1}$  is the same:

$$f(j, \mathbf{x}) = f(j', \mathbf{x}')$$

- Then, it is clear that:

$$v(j, \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - v(j', \mathbf{x}', \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \beta(j, \mathbf{x}) - \beta(j', \mathbf{x}')$$

- Under this condition, we can identify structural parameters  $\beta$  using a FE – Sufficient Statistics method.

## EXAMPLE 1: MULTI-ARMED BANDIT MODELS

- In these models  $x_t = y_{t-1}$  such that:

$$x_{t+1} = f(y_t, x_t) = f(y_t, y_{t-1}) = y_t$$

- Therefore,  $cv(f(j, y_{t-1}), \alpha)$  does not depend on  $y_{t-1}$ .

$$v(j, y_{t-1}, \alpha) = \alpha(j) + \beta(j, y_{t-1}) + cv(j, \alpha)$$

- The continuation values  $cv(j, \alpha)$  are similar as the terms  $\alpha(j)$  in the current utility: they do not interact with the state variable  $y_{t-1}$ .
- Switching cost parameters,  $\beta(y_t, y_{t-1})$  are identified if  $T \geq 4$ .
- For instance, given choice histories  $A = (j, k, j, k)$  and  $B = (j, j, k, k)$ , we have that:

$$\beta(j, k) = \log \mathbb{P}(A) - \log \mathbb{P}(B)$$

## EXAMPLE 2: OPTIMAL REPLACEMENT MODELS

- In these models  $y_t \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is the investment decision and  $x_t$  is the capital stock variable. There is exogenous depreciation:

$$x_{t+1} = f(y_t, x_t) = x_t + y_t - 1$$

- For any two values of the state, say  $x$  and  $x'$ , we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} & [v(1, x, \alpha) - v(0, x + 1, \alpha)] - [v(1, x', \alpha) - v(0, x' + 1, \alpha)] \\ &= [\beta(1, x) - \beta(0, x + 1)] - [\beta(1, x') - \beta(0, x' + 1)] \end{aligned}$$

- Taking into account this structure, it is possible to construct pairs of choice histories, A and B, that identify parameters in  $\beta$

## FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCING APPROACH

- Bonhomme (*Econometrica*, 2012) shows that the Conditional Likelihood-Sufficient Statistics approach is a particular case of a more general method to difference out FEs: **Functional Differencing**.
- For some panel data models, Functional Differencing can provide identifying moment restrictions that cannot be obtained using CML.
  1. In reduced form dynamic panel data models: Honoré & Weidner (REStud, 2024), Dobronyi & Gu (2021), Pakel & Weidner (2023).
  2. Aguirregabiria & Carro (REStat, 2025) for Average Marginal Effects in dynamic panel data discrete choice.
  3. Aguirregabiria, Gu, & Mira (2025) in Dynamic Discrete Games.

## TWO IMPORTANT PROPERTIES (For Our Functional Diff.)

### Property 1

$\mathbb{P}(y_i | \alpha_i, \beta)$  is the ratio between polynomials of order  $T$  in variables  $e^{\alpha_i(j)}$ ,  $e^{cv_i(j,x)}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ .

### Property 2

The (Integrated) Bellman Equation can be represented as a ratio of polynomials in variables in variables  $e^{\alpha_i(j)}$ ,  $e^{cv_i(j,x)}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ .

# FUNTIONAL DIFFERENCING APPROACH

## PROPOSITION 1

- a. A necessary condition for the identification of the structural parameters  $\beta$  in this FE model is that there is a weighting function  $\lambda(y_i, \beta)$  such that:

$$\sum_{y_i \in \{0,1,\dots,J\}^T} \lambda(y_i, \beta) \mathbb{P}(y_i | \alpha_i, \beta) = 0$$

for any value  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^J$

- b. Under this condition,  $\beta$  satisfies equation:

$$\sum_{y_i \in \{0,1,\dots,J\}^T} \lambda(y_i, \beta) \mathbb{P}(y_i) = 0$$

## FUNTIONAL DIFFERENCING (2/4)

- The Necessary condition in Proposition 1 implies a system with infinite restrictions (i.e., the possible values of  $\alpha_i$ ) and a finite number of  $2^{JT}$  unknowns (i.e., the weights  $\lambda$ ).
- Without a specific structure, this system does not have a solution: the weights do not exist, and there is no identification.
- **Proposition 2** establishes that the model has a specific structure such that infinite system is equivalent to a finite system which can have a solution.

# FUNCTORIAL DIFFERENCING (3/4)

## PROPOSITION 2

- a. Applying Properties 1 to equation in Proposition 1 we get a polynomial of order  $T$  in the variables  $e^{\alpha_i(j)}$ ,  $e^{cv_i(j,x)}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, J$ .
- b. Since these variables are positive, the equation has a solution for every possible  $\alpha_i$  if and only if the coefficients of all the monomials are zero.
- c. A solution for the vector  $\lambda_i \equiv \{\lambda_i(\mathbf{y}_i) : \forall \mathbf{y}_i\}$  is a solution of the following system of  $JT$  linear equations with  $2^{JT}$  unknowns:

$$\mathbf{C}(\beta) \lambda_i = 0$$

where matrix  $\mathbf{C}(\beta)$  is known and has closed-form.

- d. If dimension  $\text{Null}(\mathbf{C}(\beta)) > 0$ , there are  $\lambda$ 's solving the system.

## FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCING - SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS

- Propositions 1 and 2 provide a simple method to obtain weights  $\lambda$  that can provide identification of the structural parameters using moment conditions:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{y}_i \in \{0,1,\dots,J\}^T} \lambda(\mathbf{y}_i, \beta) \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{y}_i) = 0$$

- Sufficient conditions require that the system satisfies a **rank condition**.
- Note that this system can be interpreted as **Moment Conditions** that we can use to estimate parameters using GMM.

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### 3. ESTIMATION OF STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS

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## CONDITIONAL MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATOR

- Remember that the probability of a choice history  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i$  has the following structure:

$$\ln \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i | \alpha_i) = S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)' g(\alpha_i) + C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)' \beta$$

and that  $S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\alpha_i$ .

- We estimate  $\beta$  by maximizing the Conditional Likelihood function:

$$\ell^C(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log \mathbb{P}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i | S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i), \beta)$$

which has the following form:

$$\ell^C(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)' \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \ln \left[ \sum_{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}: S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})=S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)} \exp \{ C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' \beta \} \right]$$

## CONDITIONAL MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATOR (2)

$$\ell^C(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)' \beta - \sum_{i=1}^N \ln \left[ \sum_{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}: S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})=S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)} \exp \{ C(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})' \beta \} \right]$$

- This Conditional Likelihood Function has several important properties:
  1. It does not depend on the incidental parameters  $\alpha$ .
  2. It is globally concave in  $\beta$ .
  3. The continuation values enter only in  $g(\alpha_i)$ . Controlling for  $\mathbf{S}$  implies removing the continuation values.
  4. Therefore, the computational cost of the Conditional MLE does not depend on the dimension of the state space.

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## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION

### Dynamic Demand for Differentiated Product

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## DATA

- NIELSEN scanner data from Chicago-Kilts center.
- Period 2006-2019. Current estimates using only years 2017-2018.
- More than 40k participating households all over US.
- Rich demographics ( $w_i$ ): ZIP code, income, age, education, occupation, race, family size, family composition, type of residence,
- Data on every shopping trip.
- Product: Laundry detergent

# ESTIMATION OF DEMAND PARAMETERS

Fixed Effects provide precise enough estimates ( $N = 19,776$ ).

Estimates of Structural Parameters

Parameter	FE-Honore CML		RE (2 types) + $w_i' \alpha(j)$	
	Estimate	(s.e.)	Estimate	(s.e.)
$\gamma$ Price	1.7392	(0.3018)	1.155	(0.1221)
$\beta^{sc}$ (habits) Brand 1	0.3804	(0.0290)	0.7551	(0.0101)
$\beta^{sc}$ (habits) Brand 2	0.2556	(0.0573)	0.6695	(0.0110)
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Hausman test (p-value)			0.0000	

# ESTIMATION OF DEMAND PARAMETERS

Hausman test clearly rejects the Random Effects model.

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# ESTIMATION OF STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS

Random Effects model over-estimates habits parameters.

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# ESTIMATION OF STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS

Random Effects model provides wrong sign for duration dependence.

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# ESTIMATION OF DEMAND PARAMETERS

Random Effects model under-estimates price-sensitivity of demand.

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## EXTENSIONS

- This paper presents a Fixed Effects dynamic panel data model of demand for different products where consumers are forward looking.
- Some relevant extensions:
  1. Identification of aggregate price elasticities following Aguirregabiria & Carro (*Review of Economics & Statistics*, 2026) results on the identification of Average Marginal Effects.
  2. Identification of FE Dynamic games in Aguirregabiria, Gu, and Mira (2022).
  3. Introducing stochastic transitions in endogenous state variables.
  4. Counterfactuals