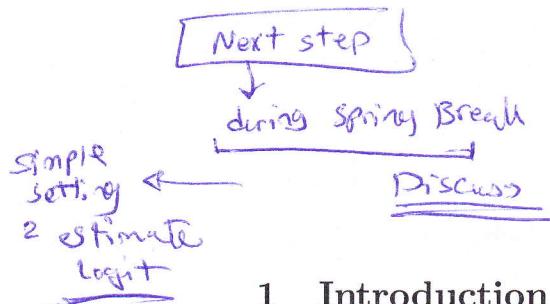


MKTG 645: Empirical Analysis of Dynamic Decision Contexts



1 Introduction

This course will focus on empirical tools for analyzing dynamic decision contexts, wherein current actions of firms or consumers have effects on future payoffs, profits and/or competitive conduct. The course will build the relevant material generally, but our applications will be mostly focused on empirical marketing and industrial organization problems. The course will be oriented primarily toward empirical work, although we will cover theoretical background for each topic at varying degrees of depth, and the empirical work studied will almost always have a close tie to an economic model. We will have an applied focus overall, heavily emphasizing the practical aspects of implementation, especially programming.

The overall aim of the class is to help you obtain the skills to implement these methods in your research. By the end of the class, I expect you to be able to formulate a dynamic decision problem, program it in a language such as Matlab or C, and to estimate the model from data. My goals in the course are to help you (1) understand some key papers in the applied "empirical dynamics" literature (2) master key methodological developments in the field, (3) think critically about research questions and methods in the field, (4) begin to develop your own ideas for research, and (5) most importantly, get comfortable with computational dynamic programming. Our plan for the quarter will be as follows. We will start with an overview of static models of decision making. We will build on this material and introduce discrete choice markovian decision problems, and continuous markovian decision problems, and focus on building our computational toolkit for the numerical analysis of these problems. We then move on to specific applications. Finally, we will discuss recently proposed advanced methods for alleviating computational burden in dynamic models.

2 Plan for the quarter

CONSUMER THEORY

2.1 Week 1

Review of Consumer Utility Theory; The Logit Model as a Utility Maximization Problem; Discrete/Continous Demand Systems

Reading

- Hanemann W. M. (1984), "Discrete/Continuous Models of Consumer Demand", *Econometrica* 52:541-561.

2.2 Week 2

Modeling Consumer Demand under Multiple Discreteness. Preference for variety.

Reading

- Hendel, I. (1999) "Estimating multiple-discrete choice models: An application to computerization returns." *Review of Economic Studies* 66 (2), 423–446.
- J.P. Dube (2004), "Multiple Discreteness and Product Differentiation: Demand for Carbonated Soft Drinks," *Marketing Science*, 23 (1).
- Kim, Jaehwan, Greg M. Allenby, and Peter E. Rossi (2002) "Modeling Consumer Demand for Variety," *Marketing Science*, 21, 3, 229-250.

SINGLE-AGENT MODELS

2.3 Week 3

Discrete-Choice Markovian Decision Problems

Reading

- Rust, John. (1994). "Structural Estimation of Markov Decision Processes," *Handbook of Econometrics*, Volume 4, Chapter 51.

2.4 Week 4

Numerical Dynamic Programming: Implementation and coding. Representing a state space on a computer; Function Approximation, Interpolation, and Numerical Integration.

Reading

- Chapters from Kenneth Judd (1998), "Numerical Methods in Economics," MIT Press

2.5 Week 5

Application: Inventory accumulation and stockpiling models; dynamics of tied goods.

Reading

- Erdem, T., Imai, S. and Keane, M., (2003). “Brand and Quantity Choice Dynamics under Price Uncertainty”, Quantitative Marketing and Economics, 1, 5-64.
- Hendel, I. and Aviv Nevo (2006) “Measuring the Implications of Sales and Consumer Inventory Behavior,” Econometrica, November 74(6), 1637-73.
- Wes Hartmann and Harikesh Nair (2007). “Retail Competition and the Dynamics of Consumer Demand for Tied Goods.”

2.6 Week 6

Continuous Markovian Decision Problems. Policy Iteration. Modified Policy Iteration. Parametric Policy Iteration. Application: Bayesian learning; Learning about a demand curve; Dynamic monopolistic advertising; Product exit; Discrete/continuous state spaces

Reading

- Rust, J. (1996). “Numerical Dynamic Programming in Economics”, in Amman, H., Kendrick, D. and Rust, J. (eds.), Handbook of Computational Economics, Elsevier, North Holland.
- Rust, J. (2000), “Parametric Policy Iteration: An Efficient Algorithm for Solving Multidimensional DP Problems?”, mimeo, University of Maryland
- Guenter Hitsch (2006). “An Empirical Model of Optimal Dynamic Product Launch and Exit Under Demand Uncertainty,” Marketing Science, 25 (1), 25-50.

2.7 Week 7

Durable Goods. Demand for durable technology products. Dynamic models of aggregate demand.

Reading

- Melnikov, O. (2000). “Demand for Differentiated Durable Products: The Case of the U.S. Computer Printer Market”, working paper, Cornell University.
- Song I. and Chintagunta, P. (2003). “A Micromodel of New Product Adoption with Heterogeneous and Forward-looking Consumers: Application to the Digital Camera Category”, Quantitative Marketing and Economics 1(4), 371-407.
- Gowrisankaran, G. and Rysman, M. (2007). “Dynamics of Consumer Demand for New Durable Goods,” working paper, Boston University.

MULTI-AGENT MODELS

2.8 Week 8

Markov-Perfect Equilibrium. The Erickson-Pakes Model of Oligopoly. Application: Dynamic Advertising Equilibrium.

Reading of an application

- Dubé, J.P, Hitsch, G. and Manchanda, P. (2005). “An Empirical Model of Advertising Dynamics”, Quantitative Marketing & Economics, 3, 107-144.

2.9 Week 9

2-Step methods for alleviating computational burden. The Hotz and Miller idea. Bajari, Benkard and Levin algorithm. Application: Technology adoption under direct network effects.

Reading

- Victor Aguirregabiria Pedro Mira (2008), “Dynamic Discrete Choice Structural Models: A Survey”, forthcoming, Journal of Econometrics.
- Pat Bajari, Lanier Benkard and Jon Levin (2007). “Estimating Dynamic Models of Imperfect Competition”, Econometrica, Vol. 75, No. 5, 1331–1370
- Ryan, S. and Tucker, C. (2006). “Heterogeneity and the Dynamics of Technology Adoption”, working paper, MIT.

2.10 Week 10

Dynamics on both sides of the market - forward-looking consumers and firms. Applications: Durable good dynamic pricing; Pricing with network Effects.

Reading

- Harikesh Nair (2007). “Intertemporal Price Discrimination with Forward-looking Consumers: Application to the US Market for Console Video-Games” Quantitative Marketing and Economics, 5(3), 239-292
- Guenter Hitsch, Jean-Pierre Dube, Pradeep Chintagunta (2007). “Tipping And Concentration in Markets with Indirect Network Effects”, working paper, University of Chicago.

2.11 Week 11

Projects due.

$$p_{ijt} = \frac{e^{(\alpha_{ij} + x_{jt}\beta)}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^K e^{x_{kt} + x_{jt}\beta}}$$

Household
brand

observe aggregate share

$$s_{jt} = \alpha_j + x_{jt}\beta \quad i = 1, \dots, J$$

$\beta_i = \beta \quad \forall i$ no heterogeneity

$$s_{jt} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_{jt}\beta)}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^J \exp(x_{kt} + x_{jt}\beta)}$$

Quantity share

Coke	0,33
Pepsi	0,69
:	0,21
outside share	0,10

- why max likelihood works?

- model tells you

$$p_{ij}$$

- aggregate data - observe share
- Gap prob model predict & observe data
- aggregate data no error
- predict share exactly
- structural Error term
- no errors in prediction

$$s_{jt} \leftarrow s_{jt}$$

$$\frac{s_{jt}(1-s_{jt})}{n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

- aggregate data no sampling error with share
- what predict with what observe
- no variability when reconcile
- in indiv. data there is variability in prediction

- ξ_{it} is what brings variability to model

$$s_{jt} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_{jt}\beta + \xi_{it})}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^J \exp(x_{kt} + x_{jt}\beta + \xi_{it})}$$

$$\ln \left(\frac{s_{jt}}{1-s_{jt}} \right) = \alpha_j + x_{jt}\beta + \xi_{it}$$

Problem
correlation

Scanner data : ① price
② feature
③ display

Macro level not tell

- not observe ① advertising manufac. level
- ② stores shelf location \rightarrow store level

Question

- correlated with price?
- problem if firms price more adv more
- why critical see at correlation

Sense - to know some ways to find sense of correlation

- Instrumental Variable ① come from missing Adv

or ② shelf space

- Some instrument that capture advertising rather than price: Z_{it}

- run 2SLS rather than OLS

- suck out part of x that is uncorrelated with s_{it}

[NEVO] \rightarrow Correl, everybody assume to use one bowl of cereal every day and do comparison

when $\alpha_j \neq \alpha_j \Rightarrow$ heterogeneity
 $\beta_i \neq \beta$

$\{\alpha_j, \beta_j\}$ $\begin{cases} \text{Discrete distribution} \\ \text{Continuous distribution} \end{cases}$

Random Coefficient model

if indiv. \rightarrow MLE (repeated observation from each household)

$$L_i = \prod_{t=1}^{T_i} \prod_{j=1}^J (P_{jtit}(\alpha_j, \beta_j) \delta_{jat})$$

$s_{jt} = 1$ if i buys

\downarrow occasions of household

Conditional on random drm Θ_i
estimate distrib.

$$G_i \sim MVN(\Theta_i, \Sigma_i)$$

\downarrow $\begin{cases} \text{mean} \\ \text{variance} \end{cases}$

Unobservation \rightarrow don't know same household or one buying multiple

- are you really estimating heterogeneity ③
- don't think of this as heterogeneity
- You can not estimate distribution the way you did likelihood
- aggregate

Various share in specific
if no heterogeneity

iIA assump \rightarrow logit

- affect brands in specific ways

$$e_{ij} + \beta(1 - S_j) p_j$$

\downarrow
elasticity
respect
own price

- if brand k change price, all other brand
same pattern
- alternative } probability from IIA
come from heterogeneity
- with aggregate data you don't observe T_i
- no info identity of indiv

$$\int p_{ij|t} * f(\theta_i) d\theta_i \Rightarrow S_{jt}$$

- You have to individually aggregate

$$S_{jt} = \frac{\int \dots}{\int \dots}$$

- not nice form ratio two integral
- 1994

- previous α_i, β estimates

here estimate } $\theta = \{\gamma_i, \beta\}$
 \sum Covar matrix

- S_{ijt} is inside Prob
with heterogeneity is hard

- how pull out? reduce prob. you solved
to use 2SLS

$$S_{jt} = \frac{\int \dots}{\exp(\alpha_j x_{jt}\beta + S_{jt} + \Delta M_{ijt}) + \int \dots}$$

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^K \exp(\alpha_k x_{kt}\beta + S_{kt} + \Delta M_{ikt})$$

term we
had previously

$$S_{jt} = \frac{\int \exp(S_{jt} + \Delta M_{ijt})}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^K \exp(S_{kt} + \Delta M_{ikt})} f(\theta_i) d\theta_i$$

- draw from distribution

- average over many draws

as we know

$$\Rightarrow S_{jt} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D \frac{\exp(S_{jt} + \Delta M_{ijt})}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^K \exp(S_{kt} + \Delta M_{ikt})}$$

$\theta = MUN(\alpha_i, \beta)$ \rightarrow D draws from

$$\Delta \theta_{dj} \quad j=1, \dots, J \quad \Delta \beta_d \sim MUN(0, \Sigma)$$

J+L dimensional draw

decompose sigma ρ_{ij} \rightarrow Choleski.

univariate draw multiply by Choleski
positive semidefinite (J+1) draw

take D of mv draws

we will know S_{jt}

- S_{jt} should be as much possible to
shares of data

- big contribution: Simplify \rightarrow how to
such out to become as close

- Contraction map

$$\delta \gamma / \delta \gamma_j$$

- start off with any choice of Δ - zero

$$- S_{jt}^{n+1} = S_{jt}^n + \ln(S_{jt}) \ln(\frac{S_{jt}}{S_{jt}^n})$$

$$S_{jt}^n = S_{jt}^0 + \ln(S_{jt}) - \ln(\hat{S}_{jt}) \delta^n$$

keep doing until the difference becomes small

$$|S_{jt}^{n+1} - S_{jt}^n| < \epsilon$$

- ultimately we want to minimize ζ 's (5)

(6)

Outer loop: Guess the value for Γ (lower triang. matrix)

inner loop:

① Given $\Gamma \rightarrow$ compute $\frac{\zeta + L}{(J+L)(J+L+1)}$
S using Contraction map

② Given S run 2SLS

③ get ζ_{it}

Outer loop $\zeta' Z(Z'Z)^{-1}\zeta$

solving correlation with instrument

not optimal weighting matrix (G_{mm})

for practical purpose it is good

instruments: spot price of coffee
with lag

- replicates identity matrix (Dummy)
and stuck on top of each other

price = dta
disp = dta
feat = dta
inst = dta

* This procedure converges and we will have iteration

Structural model

Method 2

- logit
- nested logit
- method of choice analysis (discrete choice)
- simulation: numerical approximation to integrals
- estimation of interactable models
- max likelihood: how works (computational perspective)
 - how code specific model
 - take existing code & change to rep. var in behavior
 - write own code
- use more avail. code rather than write own code
- tailor-made models
- pedagogic value of programming (arbitrary @ essential)

- calculate choice probability from closed-form formula

value net benefit, or utility from action

$$U = \beta' x + \epsilon \quad \begin{cases} \text{vector of variables} \\ \text{vector of parameters} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \text{indicator: if utility is} \\ \text{positive} \end{cases}$$

probability of action $P = \int I[f(x) > 0] f(\epsilon) d\epsilon$

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{e^{\beta' x + \epsilon}}{(1 + e^{\beta' x + \epsilon})^2} \quad \text{logistic dist} \quad F(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta' x - \epsilon}}$$

$$P = \int I(\beta' x + \epsilon > 0) f(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \int_{\epsilon=-\infty}^{\infty} f(\epsilon) d\epsilon = 1 - F(-\beta' x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta' x}} = \frac{e^{\beta' x}}{1 + e^{\beta' x}}$$

other closed form: ① multinom logit ② nested logit ③ ordered logit

partial simulation, partial closed form

$$f(\epsilon, \epsilon_i) = f(\epsilon_i | \epsilon) \cdot f(\epsilon) \quad \text{decomposition of random term}$$

Convenient Error partitioning

e.g. mixed logit analytic integral: ① accurate analysis of ordered response

binary probit

family of generalized extreme value models (GEV)

choice set {① mutually exclusive (not multi concurrent selection): A, B and A or B (trick) or primary
② exhaustive (trick): no alternative
③ finite # of alternatives → (restrictive)}

RUM: Random utility model
known to decision maker → not known to researcher

✓ estimate using parameters

↳ representative utility

α_{ij} : attributes of alternatives

s_n : attributes of decision maker

- behavioral focus → choice
Causal perspective

- observed factors: x density
unobserved factors: ϵ → $f(\epsilon)$
agent's choice func: $y = h(m, \epsilon)$
deterministic

- probability of particular outcome
 $p(y|x) = \text{prob}(x \text{ s.t. } h(m, \epsilon) = y)$

$$\text{Dummy: } I[h(m, \epsilon) = y] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{true} \\ 0 & \text{false} \end{cases}$$

result in $y \leftarrow \text{true} \downarrow \text{combine}$
 $\text{outcomes} \downarrow \text{outcomes}$

probability of select y : $E(I)$

$$\text{over all possible values of unobserved factors: } p(y|x) = p(I[h(m, \epsilon) = y] = 1) = \int I[h(m, \epsilon) = y] f(\epsilon) d\epsilon$$

$$(5) E = \int t(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) d\epsilon$$

expected value of t over all possible value of ϵ

① take draw ϵ from $f(\epsilon)$
label ϵ^1

② check if $t(\epsilon^1) = 1$:

↳ Yes: $I^1 = 1$

↳ No: $I^1 = 0$

③ repeat ①②, and calc \bar{I}

$$④ \text{Calc } P(y|x) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R I^r$$

t = proportion of times, draws of unobsrvd factors, when comb. w/ observed factors, results in outcome y

avg of various statistics

Discrete choice analysis:

① specification of behavioral model

data: ② estimation of parameters of model
unique settings (programming & lab)

- Behavioral models

- choice probability
- utility: constructed measure of well-being

helps release need for extra data

kind of continuity

kind of redefinition

kind of restriction

kind of primary

kind of trick

kind of problem in Bayesian models

kind of researcher

$V_{nj} \neq V_{ij}$ due to thing unobservable to researcher $\rightarrow V_{nj} = V_{ij} + \epsilon_{nj}, \forall j \neq i$

probability of person i of choosing alternative j relative to alternative i : $P_{nj} = \text{prob}(V_{nj} > V_{ij} + \epsilon_{nj}) = \text{prob}(\epsilon_{nj} < V_{ij} - V_{nj} + \epsilon_{ji})$

$$P_{nj} = \text{prob}(\epsilon_{nj} < V_{ij} - V_{nj} + \epsilon_{ji}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I(\epsilon_{nj} < V_{ij} - V_{nj} + \epsilon_{ji}) f(\epsilon_{nj}) d\epsilon_{nj}$$

$I(w) = 1$ if true = w

indogeneity (3.15)

(2)

(3)

① unobserved attrib at product affect price

(comfort of automobile, beauty, design) \rightarrow affect price

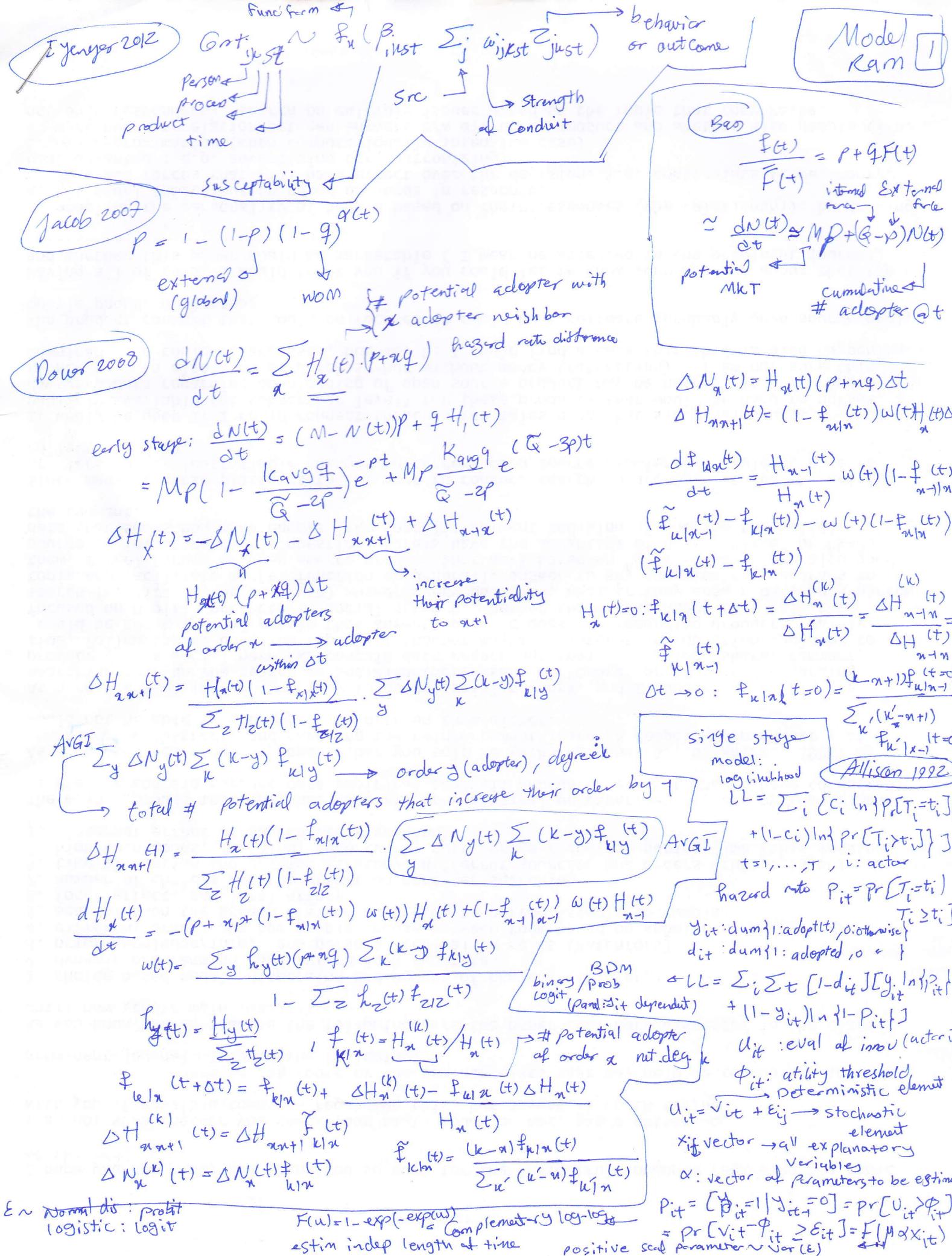
② marketing efforts can be related to prices

③ interrelated choices of decision makers

Compromise ① with price \Rightarrow price coeff downward bias

picks both price (neg)
or unobserved attrib (pos) \Rightarrow marketing

QBLP



- proportional hazard model effect of vari. Composing sit

$$h_i(t|x_{it}) = h_0(t) \cdot \exp(P_k^T X_{it})$$

x_{it} : indiv char @ defect t baseline hazard func

→ hazard ratio

detected, binary flag
not detected 0

Variables: ① Exposure (previous defector Existence) - time varying (customers i @ month t)
[basic & lagged] 1 min of talk

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Tie Strength (volume of Comm)} (\sum_{j \in SNI_i} \text{talked mssg}) TS_{ij} = \frac{\text{Comm_Vol}_{i,j}}{\text{Total_Comm}_i}$$

A or B party average tie strength with detecting neighbors: $\sum_{j \in SNI_i} TS_{ij} \times s_{j,t}$

Exposure: $\sum_{j \in SNI_i} s_{j,t}$
immediate social network (neighbors)

$$\text{avg } TS_{i,t} = \frac{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} TS_{ij} \times s_{j,t}}{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} s_{j,t}} \text{ if } \sum_{j \in SNI_i} s_{j,t} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{avg } TS = 0$$

③ Homophily: percentage of similar charact. of connected
0.25 (gender, age, segment, socio economic status) each

$$\text{avg } H_{i,t} = \frac{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} H_{ij} \times s_{j,t}}{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} s_{j,t}}$$

H_{ij} : less than 5 years
detected homophily focal cust i & Neighb. j

average degree of defecting neighbors at focal month: $\text{avg } DEG_i = \frac{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} DEG_{ij} \times s_{j,t}}{\sum_{j \in SNI_i} s_{j,t}}$

④ Degree: unique customers comm. with during 1st 3 month of data

⑤ satisfaction → ① usage level change $\Delta \text{Use}_{i,t} = \frac{\text{Use}_{i,t}}{\text{avg } (\text{Use}_{i,t-1}, \text{Use}_{i,t-2}, \text{Use}_{i,t-3})}$

② # Service records: total # records of problem or complaint at CR

⑥ Economic incentive (monthly): $EI_i = \frac{\text{within-Network-MOU}_i}{\text{Total MOU}_i}$ tenure: time from involvement

Model 1 traditional $h_i(t|x_{it}) = f(\text{ServiceRec}_i, \Delta \text{Use}_{i,t}, \text{avg } EI_i, \text{avg } Usage_i, \text{Tenure}_i, \text{Demography}_i)$

Model 2 social model $h_i(t|x_{it}) = f(\text{Exposure}_{i,t}, \text{avg } TS_{i,t}, \text{avg } H_{i,t}, \text{avg } DEG_{i,t}, \text{Degree}_i, \text{ServiceRec}_i, \Delta \text{Use}_{i,t}, \text{avg } EI_i, \text{avg } Usage_i, \text{Tenure}_i, \text{Demography}_i)$

Model 3 lagged exposure $h_i(t|x_{it}) = f(\text{Exposure}_{i,t}, \text{Exposure}_{i,t-1}, \text{Exposure}_{i,t-2}, \text{Exposure}_{i,t-3}, \text{Exposure}_{i,t-4}, \text{avg } EI_i, \text{avg } Usage_i, \text{Tenure}_i, \text{Demography}_i)$

bias overcome → demographic & wage (for intrinsic)

time considering

Response to external shock (environmental condition): time until event capture & not just whether

Competitive effect: advertising; Exposure to ad = monthly spending x age gender group (difference in viewing)
Compare firm & competitor x 16 s

Niran 2009

$$h_i(t|x_{it}) = f(\text{Exposure}_{i,t}, \text{avg } TS_{i,t}, \text{avg } H_{i,t}, \text{avg } DEG_i, \text{Degree}_i, \text{ServiceRec}_i, \Delta \text{Use}_{i,t}, \text{exp_Ad_Focal}_i, \text{exp_Ad_Local}_i)$$

lots of implications

Mkt interest

non economist understand

your opponents test

3 idea

invariant &

work on to learn

don't rush to literature

you may have different approach

practice developed model

class

→ Example R agents same models

consistent

test case

constraint

maximization

interaction

mutually consistent

something interesting in examples?

keep working until naturally simple

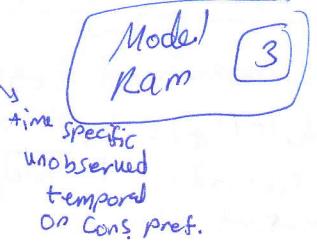
start from complex model

keep it simple stupid

Varying parameter approach (model input P.structure on util.)

$$QTR_{it} \quad (j=1 \dots J) \quad V_{it} = \theta^u x_i + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mu_j^u QTR_{jt} + \sum_{j=1}^3 \delta_j x_i \times QTR_{jt} + \phi^u s_i + \epsilon_t^u$$

tariff struc effect
quarter dummy
New service → uncertainty about quality
Seasonal effect
time effect
how these effects vary across tariff conditions



Quality uncertainty & learning: $\epsilon_t^u = \rho^u \epsilon_{t-1}^u + \kappa_t^u, \kappa_t^u \sim N(0, \sigma_{\kappa u}^2)$
(Effect of past on current val)

Satiation parameter $\alpha_{it} = \exp(\beta_0^c + \theta^c x_i + \lambda \log(\alpha_{i,t-1}) + \sum_{j=1}^3 \mu_j^c QTR_{jt} + \xi_i^c)$

Actual
moderating
capture impact
at tariff struct
Effect of habit info
How update belief
& how much to
consume in future month

Churn help identify intercept V_{it} on utility TPI composed PPU
monthly Churn & usage data \rightarrow identify affected consumption (α_{it})
① prop. income alloc telecom service (ρ_{it})
② Random assignment (PPU, PPU) → identify access fee effect by param θ^u, θ^c

unobserved heterogeneity repeated observation

② aided by changing price level during experiment

state based error (churn & drop & usage decision) \rightarrow captured by time series nature of churn usage data
quarterly effects (μ_{it})
habit into params (λ)

- Robustness by other utility models

Vanden bult 2001 et al.

Cont.

Spec 1: full observability (awareness & adoption)

State 0: $a_{it}=0$ no aware, no adopt

State 1: $a_{it}=1, e_{it}=0$ (aware, but no posit. eval. no adopt)

State 2: $a_{it}=1, e_{it}=1$ (both aware & positive eval. \Rightarrow adopt)

P_{sit} : prob i @ state(s) @ t

$$LL = \sum_i \sum_t [1 - d_{it}] [\ln P_{2it} + a_{it}(1 - e_{it}) \ln P_{1it} + (1 - a_{it}) \ln P_{0it}]$$

$$\text{assume } \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 1 : P_{2it} = \Pr[e_{it}=1, a_{it}=1 | y_{it-1}=0] = \Pr[a_{it}=1 | y_{it-1}=0] \Pr[e_{it}=1 | a_{it}=1, y_{it-1}=0]$$

$$= F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1}) F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})$$

$$P_{1it} = \Pr[e_{it}=0, a_{it}=1 | y_{it-1}] = \Pr[a_{it}=1 | y_{it-1}=0] \Pr[e_{it}=0 | a_{it}=1, y_{it-1}=0]$$

$$= F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1}) [1 - F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})]$$

$$P_{0it} = \Pr[a_{it}=0 | y_{it-1}=0] = 1 - F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1})$$

$$\Rightarrow LL = \sum_i \sum_t [1 - d_{it}] [(a_{it} e_{it}) \ln \{F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1}) F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})\} + (1 - a_{it}) \ln \{1 - F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1})\} \\ \{1 - F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})\}] + (1 - a_{it}) \ln \{1 - F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1})\}\}$$

Spec 2: partial observability without mem (no disting. b/w state 0 & 1) no sep. obs.

applicant living (without memory) $LL = \sum_i \sum_t [1 - d_{it}] [y_{it} \ln \{F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1}) F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})\} + (1 - y_{it}) \ln \{1 - F_1(\alpha_1 x_{it1})\} F_2(\alpha_2 x_{it2})]$

Spec 3: part observ with mem (not to do $F_m(\alpha_m x_{itm})$ as $F_m(t)$)

$$\Pr(T=1) = F_1(1) F_2(1), \Pr(T=2) = F_1(1) [1 - F_2(1)] F_2(2) + [1 - F_1(1)] F_1(2) F_2(2) = F_1(2) F_2(2) [F_1(1) + F_2(1)]$$

↳ either aware 1st or second period $+ [1 - F_1(1)] F_1(2)$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(T=t) = F_2(t) \sum_{S \subseteq t} \{ \prod_{i \in S} [1 - F_1(\alpha_1)] \} \{ F_1(S) \} \prod_{i \leq q < t} [1 - F_2(\alpha_2)] \}$$

$$\Pr(T>t) = \prod_{p \leq t} [1 - F_1(\alpha_1)] + [1 - F_2(t)] \left[\sum_{S \subseteq t} \{ \prod_{i \in S} [1 - F_1(\alpha_1)] \} \{ F_1(S) \} \prod_{i \leq q \leq t} [1 - F_2(\alpha_2)] \right]$$

$\Pr(Y_{it}=1 | Y_{it-1}=0) = \Pr(E_{it}=1, a_{it}=1 | Y_{it-1}=0) = \Pr(E_{it}=1 | a_{it}=1, Y_{it-1}=0) \Pr(a_{it}=1)$
 perceptual
 a_{it} : binary indicator of whether aware @ t
 E_{it} : binary indic. of eval. highly?
 I_{it} : amount at info exposed (medium i) = $V_{it} + E_{it}$ → Explanatory
 $\downarrow V_{it} = \pi_{it} \alpha_i x_{it}$ variables
 π_{it} : perceptual threshold
 $\Pr(a_{it}=1 | Y_{it-1}=0) = \Pr(I_{it} > \pi_{it}) = \Pr(V_{it} - \pi_{it} \geq E_{it}) = F_1(M_1, X_{it})$
 $\Pr(E_{it}=1 | a_{it}=1, Y_{it-1}=0) = \Pr(V_{it} \geq \Phi_{it}) = \Pr(V_{it} - \Phi_{it} \geq 0) = F_2(M_2, X_{it})$

Model Ram 2

Vanden bult 2001

$$\frac{\partial U_i(n_p)}{\partial n_p} = V_i - C_p \pi_p^2$$

$$n_p^t = \frac{V_i}{C_i}, i = \{L, P\}$$

$$t = \{H, L\}$$

$$U_i(n_p) = V_i n_p - \frac{C_t(n_p)^2}{2}$$

noise

$$\Pr(K=good, n_p | C=1) = \frac{C}{n_p} K^{(q)_k}$$

$$\text{being liked} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{given it's leader}} \quad (1-q)_k$$

$$\Pr(K \text{sgood}, n_p | C=L) = \frac{n_p}{C} (q)_k$$

$$(1-q)_k^{n_p}$$

post is good = like

Conditioning on anything variable

Yenger 2011 Yenger (import of tariff structure)

keep service

drop

usage here consider $P_i(t)$

q_{it} all other telecom services

to identify π_{it} (no corner but finite non zero slope @ axes)

Sol.
allows int'l curves to intercept axes

Fix π_{it} translation params

$$V_{it}(Y_{it}=1, q_{it}, z_{it}) = V_{it} + \alpha_i \log(q_{it} + 1) + \beta_{it} \log(z_{it} + 1) \Rightarrow \text{shows additional utility disutil of option to access service}$$

ensure existence of interior sol.

intercept \rightarrow $\boxed{>0}$ saturation params

if decide to drop service $V_{it}(Y_{it}=0, q_{it}, z_{it}) = \beta_{it} \log(z_{it})$

Stone Gravity

I_i : consip's income

q_i : its prop. to telecom

$W_i I_i$: Telecom budg

x_i : TPT

indic 0 ppu

F_{it} : access fee

p_{it} : per min. usage

budg Const:

$$P_i q_{it} + z_{it} + \gamma_{it} F_{it} \leq q_i I_i$$

$\log \rightarrow$

$$\text{util. MAX: } z_{it} = q_i I_i - \alpha_i F_{it} - p_{it} q_{it}$$

$$\text{util. MAX (subj const): } q_{it}^* = \frac{\alpha_i I_i - \alpha_i F_{it} - p_{it}}{\alpha_i + \beta_{it}} \quad \frac{\text{BUDG}}{\text{BUDG}}$$

$$V_{it}^*(Y_{it}=1, p_{it}, F_{it}, I_i) = V_{it} + \alpha_{it} \log(q_{it}^* + 1) + \beta_{it} \log[q_i I_i - \alpha_i F_{it} - p_{it} q_{it}^*]$$

indirect util w/ dropping: $V_{it}(Y_{it}=0, I_i) = \beta_{it} \log(q_i I_i)$

indirect util (keep - drop) = $w_{it} \ell p_{it} / F_{it} / I_i = V_{it} + \alpha_{it} \log(q_{it}^* + 1) + \beta_{it} \log \left[\frac{q_i I_i - \alpha_i F_{it} - p_{it} q_{it}^*}{q_i I_i} \right]$

Rand util (keep/drop): $W_{it}(p_{it}, F_{it}, I_i) = w_{it} (p_{it} / F_{it} / I_i) + \varepsilon_{it}$

decision

$V_{it}^* (0, \sigma_{w_{it}}^2)$: PPU amised (different)

$\omega(0, \sigma_{w_{it}}^2)$: TPT amised (input on constraints)

- PPU condition $\Phi(W_{it}/\sigma_{w_{it}})$

- TPT condition $\Phi(W_{it}/\sigma_{w_{it}})$

Φ Cumul. Normal Dist

estimate $q_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\pi_i X_i}}$

AVG Exp total income

$$\text{Rand Effect} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \log(Q_{it}) = \log(Q_{it}^*) + \eta_{it} \\ = \log(\alpha_{it}) + \eta_{it} \end{array} \right.$$

temporal difference: $Q_{it} = q_{it}^{Ad}$

(Skewed) usage $\xrightarrow{\text{log-log}} \text{dec. time: } Q_{it}^* = q_{it}^* + 1$

time dependence $q_{it} = \epsilon_{it}^q + w_{it}$

Period Speci.

Shock

L. random white noise

$\sigma_{w_{it}}^2$ PPU

$\sigma_{q_{it}}^2$ TPT

time dependence (state based) $\epsilon_{it}^q = \rho \epsilon_{it-1}^q + k_q^q$

stationary autoreg

Estimate from data

State dependence or cumulative

Dynamic FW looking

Content specific intercept

heterogeneous intercept $u_{ijpt} = \alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{ij}^* + \alpha_{ij}^* x_{ij}$

indiv. Latent content unit

content unit time specific occasion (producing, consuming)

Intrinsic preference

$\beta Y_{it} + \beta (\beta_{ip} / \tau_{pt}) + g(I_j, I_{it}) + s_{2i} G_{it}$

$\beta_{ip} \tau_{pt} + \beta_{ip} \tau_{pe}$

content match (level of player & task)

Novelty + satisfaction (how much played)

task familiarity $\gamma(I_{it} / I_j)$

+ $\gamma(I_{it} / I_j) + \epsilon_{ijt}$

Community effect

distance b/w people

Communit AVG

$\delta_1(E, I_{it}) + \delta_2(E_{it} - \bar{E}_t) \text{ if } I_{it} > \bar{E}_t$

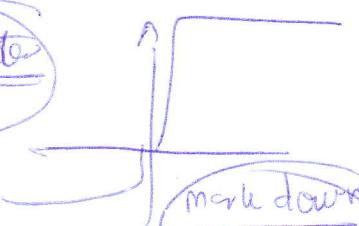
$\delta_2(I_{it} - \bar{I}_{it}) \text{ if } I_{it} < \bar{I}_{it}$

Structural models

- numerical integration \rightarrow simulation
- choice probability or integration
- Programming
- maximum likelihood computation

$$r = \frac{A}{(BC)^{1/2}} \quad E(r) = \frac{E(A)}{\sqrt{E(B)E(C)}} \quad \{ r = \frac{V_2 E(ab)}{E(A)E(B)} - \frac{V_2 E(ac)}{E(A)E(C)} + \frac{V_2 E(bc)}{E(B)E(C)} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{E(b^2)}{E^2(B)} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{E(c^2)}{E^2(C)}$$

two parents



Variety seeking

not depend on policy

Heterogeneity

ne

desire

dep

A

② 2SLS

① logit

Bounded rationality

Dynamic

state dependence

utility

Central

uncertainty

α^2

Search

Learn

Brand attribute

Consideration set

Backward

Stage

attrait
High price

Equilibrium

marginal
Cost

- ① choice
- ② timing

availability

Bayesian learning

high price
regret

equilibrium

identification

problem?

q: perceived prob actual 2nd period

first period: $U_1(v, p_1) = (v - p_1) - q(1 - p_1 - sp_1)$

second period: $U_2(v, p_1) = q(v - sp_1) - \beta(1 + q)\max\{(1 - p_1)/\alpha\}$

stock out regret

Expected consumption utility of buying the product

marginal value

available period 2

Probability $q(r) = r$
Period 2 fill rate

actual period 2 fill rate
 \rightarrow strength of deviation from real value

$\theta \rightarrow$ discounted

Bayesian update

Convex

perceived

$\theta \geq 1$

$$G = \frac{(1+\beta)(\bar{v}-p_1)}{((1+\beta)\bar{v} + (\alpha-\beta(1+\alpha)\delta)p_1) \cdot \text{cutoff value}}$$

$$\leq 1 \quad \alpha = \frac{(1+\beta + (\alpha-\beta(1+\alpha)\delta)q + \gamma p_1)}{(1-\gamma)(1+\beta)} \geq p_1$$

Stock that ran out?

like Bass

theory \rightarrow direct

$\alpha \beta \gamma$

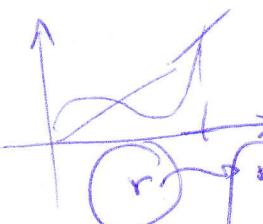
= Constraints

empirical \rightarrow recover Basswood

availability on Period 2

period fill
rate r

update of variance of probability
curve of availability



real fill
rate probability

Unknown? perceived value

Cut off point

End user quality match?

BIP:

- estimated parameter

choice specific
company
market based

Balance

① Random start (s_{jt}^0, β_{jt}^0)

$\sim N(0, I)$

$\theta \sim \text{MVN}(\theta, \Sigma)$

param space

② $\tilde{\Pi}(\Pr 1 \Theta i)$ sliver band

③ numerical integration $\Rightarrow s_{jt}$

$$s_{jt}^{(n+1)} = s_{jt}^n + \ln(s_{jt}) - \ln(s_{jt}^n)$$

Given $s \rightarrow \text{LSLS} \rightarrow \text{get } g_{jt}$

④ $\min \zeta' Z(Z'Z)^{-1} Z' \zeta$

Instrument

Software Eng → Reuse Component

Erdem (1)

② Wallstreet paper

- ④ → Structural model + M. Engineering
- Analytical + Demitri
- micro standards + Erdem (2001)

④
Charters of
Economics
at network

- Coordination & Cooperation
- Social behaviors

Flazerd model

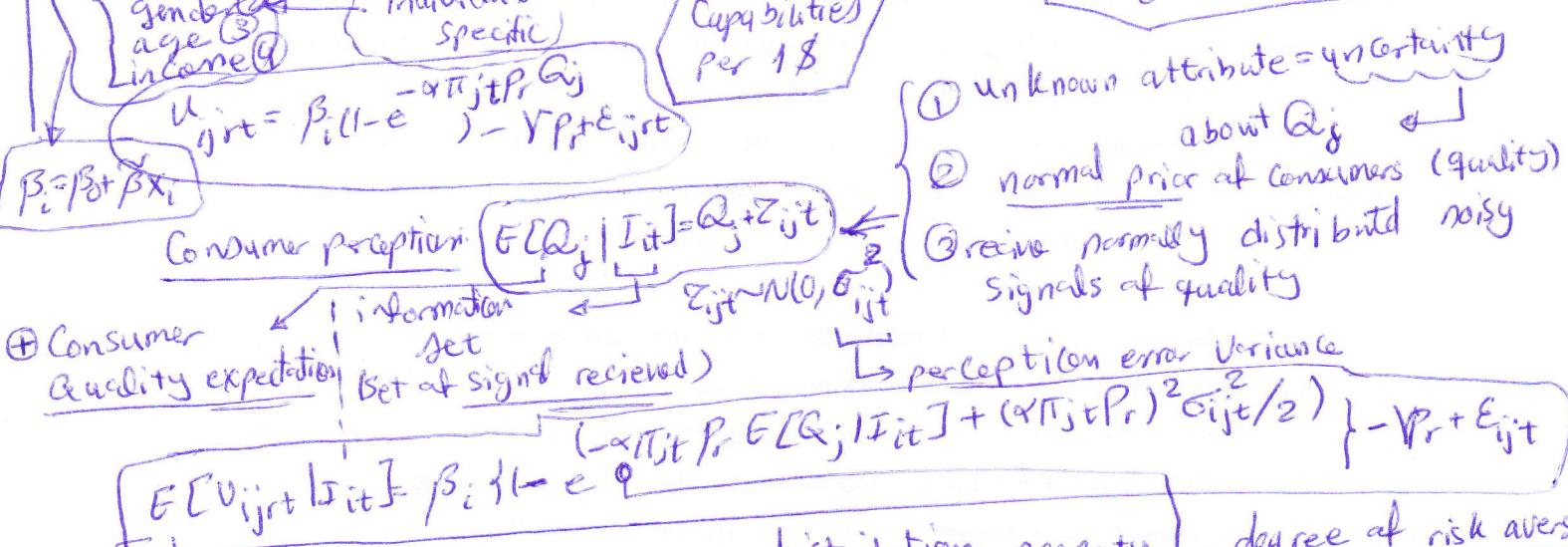
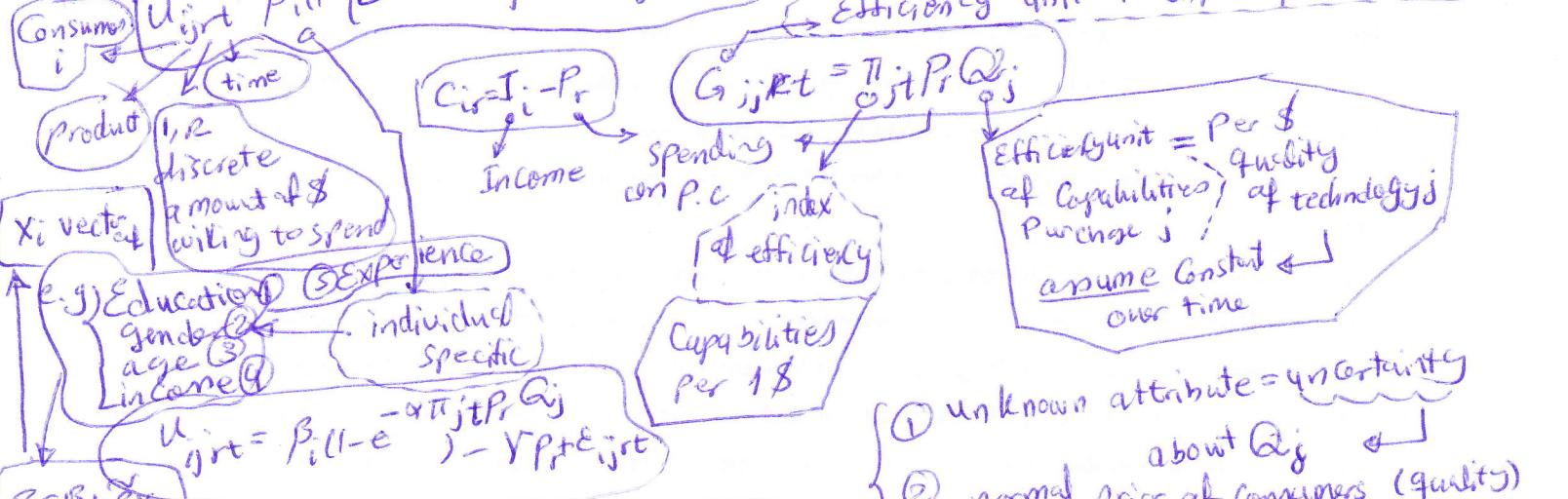
Erdem et al. 2002

Common across Consumers

unobserved by Economics
miscellaneous influence on consumer

$$U_{ijt} = \beta_i(1 - e^{-\alpha I_{ijt}}) + V_{ijt} + \epsilon_{ijt}$$

i.i.d. Capturing idiosyncratic taste
Efficiency unit of Computer purchased by Pr



Assume utility → liner in Consumption of outside good
in Economy Standard

Quality → person specific

- ① Preserve reduction in Price → π_{ijt} grow over time → delay purchase incentive
- ② begin Search with uncertainty, risk averse
uncertainty ↓ → utility ↑ → delay purchase to learn about quality
- ③ opportunity Cost of delay

Utility of not Purchase: $U_{i0t}(x)$

own Computer?
depend
Socio demographic

Marginal utility Considering



Enden 3

learn about quality

assume Bayesian Customers

$$\text{Prior } Q_j \sim N(Q_{j0}, \sigma_{j0}^2)$$

Learn \rightarrow reduce variance

Prior uncertainty

Source of learning

Focus group

① retail store

② article in specific publication

③ article in general purpose

④ advertising

⑤ WOM

Decision of customer

to go

which source to visit info

each visit

Received quality signal

$$S_{jkt} = Q_j + \eta_{jkt} + \epsilon_{jkt} \sim N(Q_j, \sigma_{jkt}^2)$$

Noisy signals

$$\epsilon_{jkt} \sim N(0, \sigma_k^2)$$

Source

$$\sigma_k^2$$

$$\text{Previously had: } E[Q_j | I_{jt}] = Q_j + z_{jt}$$

Quality Perception

True Quality of tech
(Apple, IBM)

precision of information contained in info src

$$z_{jt} \sim N(0, \sigma_{jt}^2)$$

$$\sigma_{jt}^2 = E[(Q_j - E[Q_j | I_{jt}])^2]$$

return during updating process

two type consumer
~ product Quality level

Dummy:

Whether Src k visited

$$\sigma_{jt}^2 = \left[\frac{1}{\sigma_{j0}^2} + \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{k=1}^{G_s} \frac{\text{Likes}}{\sigma_k^2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon_{jkt} = \sum_{i=1}^S \sum_{k=1}^{G_i} \frac{\sigma_{ikt}^2}{\sigma_k^2} \times (x_{jkt} - z_{jkt, t-1})$$

how perception error themselves get updated

evaluation of accuracy of perception error

$Q_{jt} \sim N(E(Q_j | I_{jt}), \sigma_{jt}^2)$
Consumer subjective quality distribution

kalman gain coefficient

$$\sigma_{jkt}^2$$

$$\sigma_{jkt-1}^2$$

$$(\sigma_{jkt-1}^2 + \sigma_k^2)$$

Reported quality

$$q_{jkt} = L \text{ if } E(Q_{jt}) < \mu_{jL}$$

$$q_{jkt} = M \text{ if } E(Q_{jt}) > \mu_{jH}$$

$$q_{jkt} = H \text{ if } E(Q_{jt}) \geq \mu_{jH}$$

if info source very inaccurate

unlikely to update their quality perception substantially after visiting src

Since # of signal \rightarrow
Consumer received not returned but Random Variable

due to normal distribution of $E[Q_{ijt}; I_{it}] \Rightarrow \text{probit}$

$$Pr(Q_{ijt} = L) = \Phi_{\sigma_{ijt}}(\mu_{jL} - Q_i)$$

$$Pr(Q_{ijt} = M) = \Phi_{\sigma_{ijt}}(\mu_{jH} - Q_i) - \Phi_{\sigma_{ijt}}(\mu_{jL} - Q_i)$$

$$Pr(Q_{ijt} = H) = 1 - \Phi_{\sigma_{ijt}}(\mu_{jH} - Q_i)$$

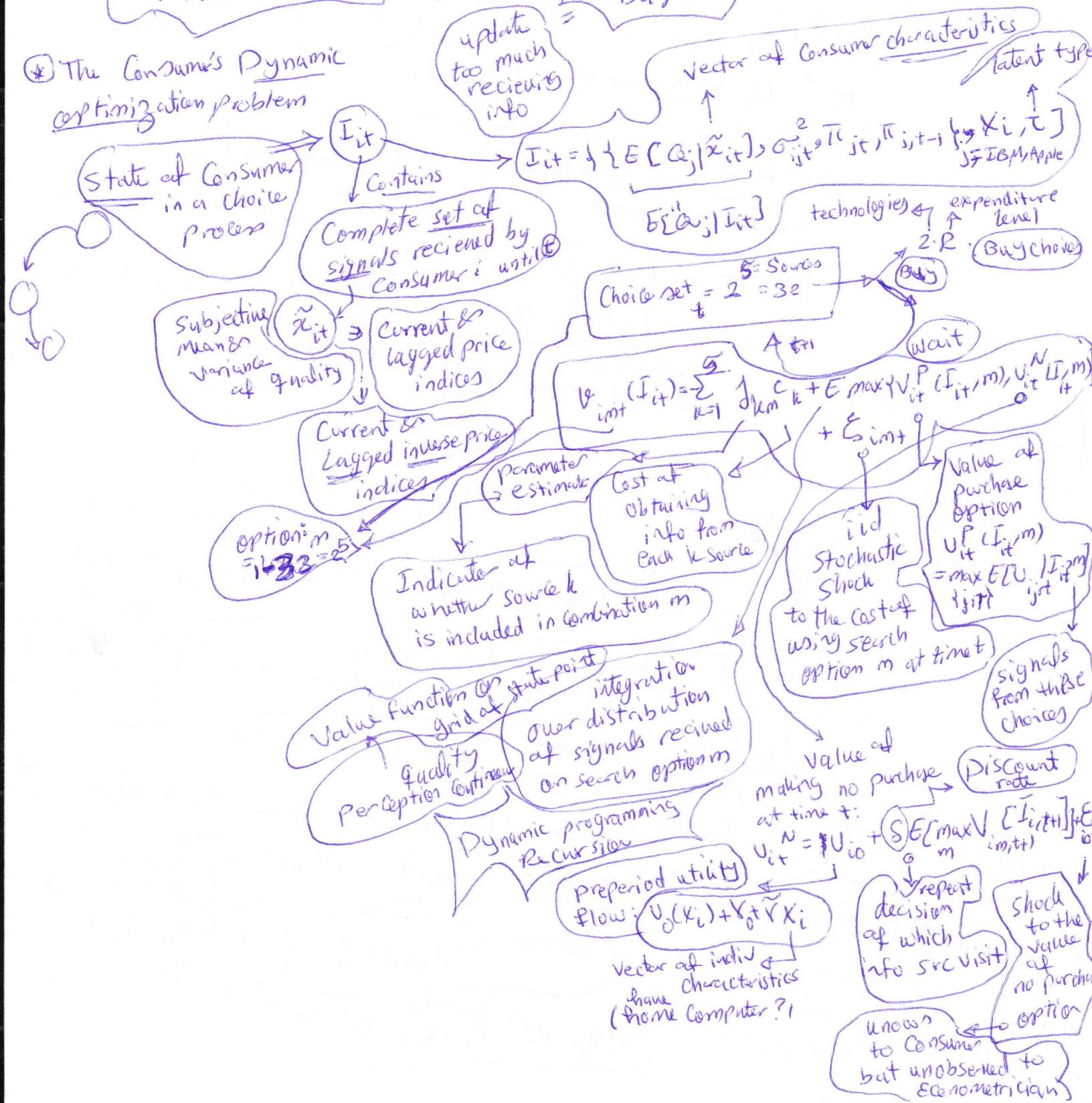
unobservable's
precision of
information sources

free to deposit
from real
value

Representative
heuristic &
not pure
Bayesian

Erdem 4
 $\Phi_{\sigma_{ijt}}$ → Normal distribution
function with
mean 0, Variance σ_{ijt}^2
distribution variance
at $E[Q_{ijt}; I_{it}]$

* The Consumer's Dynamic Optimization Problem



Consumer choice Probabilities
& Construction of the likelihood function

2 decision

Ergebnis

information gathering

Purchase/no purchase/
expenditure level

D_{ijt} → Dummy of purchase

@ discrete price set $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_R\}$

D_{iot} → dummy of not to make purchase at time t

$$V_{it} = \bar{V}_{it}^N + \varepsilon_{iot}$$

$$\bar{V}_{it}^N = V_{i0} + S E \max_m V_{im, t+1} [I_{i, t+1}]$$

$$E[U_{ijt} | I_{it}] = E[\bar{U}_{ijt} | I_{it}] + \varepsilon_{ijt}$$

$$\bar{U}_{ijt} = \beta_i (1 - e^{-\alpha I_{ijt} P_r(Q_j + Z_{ijt})})$$

$$\bar{U}_{ijt} = \beta_i (1 - e^{-\alpha I_{ijt} P_r(Q_j + Z_{ijt})})$$

Vector of stochastic terms $[z, R+1] = \{\varepsilon_{ijt}\}_{j=IBM, Apple} \cup \{\varepsilon_{iot}\}_q$

multinomial logit: observable to consumer

unobservable to econometrician

$$\Pr(D_{ijt} = 1 | \theta, z_{it}, \tau) = \frac{\exp(E[\bar{U}_{ijt} | I_{it}])}{\exp(\bar{V}_{it}^N) + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{q=1}^Q \exp(E[\bar{U}_{ijqt} | I_{it}])}$$

M_{int} dummy variable
equaled to 1 if consumer i
chooses info acquisition
option m

Complete set
of model parameters

Vector of
perception Error

Customer
latent type

$$V_{im}(I_{it}) = \bar{V}_{im}(I_{it}) + \xi_{im}$$

$$= - \sum_{k=1}^K c_{km} + E[\max(V_{it}(I_{it|m}), V_{it}(I_{it|m}))]$$

$$\Pr(D_{iot} = 1 | \theta, z_{it}, \tau) = \frac{\exp(\bar{V}_{it}^N)}{\exp(\bar{V}_{it}^N) + \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{q=1}^Q \exp(E[\bar{U}_{ijqt} | I_{it}])}$$

multinomial logit

$$\Pr(M_{int} = 1 | \theta, z_{it+1}, \tau) =$$

$$\frac{e^{\bar{V}_{int}(I_{it})}}{\sum_{k=1}^{32} e^{\bar{V}_{int}(I_{it})}}$$

Vector: $(\xi_{i1t}, \dots, \xi_{i32t})^T$ → Revealed to Consumer
unobserved by Econometrician

Likelihood Contribution for Consumer i @ t / Conditioned on his/her

quality perceptions and latent type:

$$L_{it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau_{it+1}, \tau) = L_{1it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau_{it+1}, \tau) L_{2it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau_{it+1}, \tau)$$

$$L_{1it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau) = \Pr(M_{int} = 1 | \theta, z_{it}, \tau)$$

$$L_{2it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau) = \Pr(D_{ijt} = 1 | \theta, z_{it}, \tau)$$

$$L_{3it}(\theta, z_{it}, \tau) = \Pr(Q_{ijt} = L) I[Q_{ijt} = L] \Pr(Q_{ijt} = M) I[Q_{ijt} = M] \Pr(Q_{ijt} = H) I[Q_{ijt} = H]$$

Info choices → Reported Price Expectations → Purchase decisions → Reported Quality Ratings

$$L_{bit}(\theta) = \prod_{j=1}^2 \frac{\exp(-z_{jt}^2 / 2\sigma_v^2)}{(2\pi)^{1/2} \sigma_v}$$

measurement
error in price forecasting

$$L_i(\theta) = \sum_{t=1}^T \int_{Z_i} L_{it}(Z_i, \tau) f(Z_i) dZ_i$$

(due to not observing Z_i , or t) integrate

population
type: consumer type τ

Conditional likelihood
(θ survey waves)

$$L_i(\theta, Z_i | T) = \prod_{t=1}^T L_{it}(\theta, Z_{it}) Z_{i,t+1/T}$$

Joint density of
perception error
multi-variate normal

Simulated maximum likelihood
12 Dimensional

BHHH algorithm to
approximate the Hessian

- ⑪ Structural Model (Pradeep 2008)
- competition
 - better decision
 - Consumer choice effect on demand
 - usefulness on descriptions
- Economic / Marketing behavior → ①
 Consumer / Firm
 Econometric Spec
 Utility Max by consumer
 Profit Max

Variety seeking

- not dependent on policy parameters
 - Consumer choice → demand
 - Consumer choice → Mkt competition
- Optimize behavior
- Assumption Validity test appropriateness
- prediction

Pyramic

↳ descriptive
Normative

① Observe test the theories

② development to facilitate estimation

↳ stated & revealed preference

panel

④

historical decision
data fitting

① indiv level

Psychology

Motivations

Economics

flexible
functional

Flexible
Reduced
easier
behavior

Structural

future
behavior

Not aggregate /

No
impose
structure

predict

flexibility

less / predict

to data speak

fit without
response

Policy Regime shift

System
Dynamics

Theory
OR

Structural model Pradeep 2008

(2)



Structural model Pradeep 2006

3

① Structural demand only on Contemporaneous factors \Rightarrow static-utility-maximizing

Dynamic

State dependence

choice of previous period
Causality effect

Current utility + habit persistent
Random component utility

Dynamic response to exogenous variables

take into account

impact of current action on future stream of utilities

Planning horizon rather than current utility

Reduced models
No CPA planning

Backward looking

forward looking

Lagged choice variable
Least purchase damping
Exponentially smoothed weighted AVG

state dependency

+
Structural

Explaining

Reference price

Learning behavioral source
Switching cost

explain

Forward looking dynamic struct. model features

time & uncertainty explicitly treated

well define objective func at agents make decision sequentially based on current info

agents maximize multi period objective function

forward looking price about future price certainty product quality

Price as signal at quality

alter purchase timing

brand choice

Quantity Decisions

learning

① Brand attachment on choice behavior

frequently purchased

advertising as a source of quality information

impact of current choices on future utility expected utility rather than myopic process

discrete decision process

information role: signaling

direct impact on consumer utility

limit information search

formation of consideration set

Consumer price expectation affect

Purchase timing

Brand choice

Quantity decision

Structured model pradeep 2006





*live
Group
Brain* — Speculate model
Solutions and
check the
result by math

Pricing Seminar of Professor Ozel and Profesor Moharram Oghli @ UTD: Twleifth session

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1 Analytical and Behavioral Approaches: The Case of Forecast Information Sharing

Deterministic vs. Stochastic

Approach: Analytica vs. Behavioral

Foundation at least in one, and solve problem.

Not constraint by toolset, and not narrow minded look at the problem.

Analytical approach vs. Simulation as approaching a problem.

Things will evolve over time. Takes time to look at multiple angle. Research, reviewing and so on will be required.

Even full professor and think you are done and don't study anymore your skill begin to decade.

A complementary approach:

(i) Define problem. Why? Research question. Being curious about something. Important business relevant and pervasive. Is it relevant. Different industries interested in same question.

(ii) Analytical Approaches: Build mathematical descriptive models, stakeholders. Pecuniary objectives, payoffs, key tradeoffs. Decisions/actions,

outcomes.

How to build analytica: (1) Identify stake holder. (2) Identify trade offs. (3) Identify most critical trade offs. Also you look at payoffs, objectives, and decision variables. There is a loop in this process.

Behavioral approach: (1) Bring the human perspective. Does it play a role. (2) What are non-pecuniary things that could affect. (3) When, how, and why?. Whether those affect decision. (4) Field study. Try the idea. How to change gift or donation policy. Buy back contracts. Are they effective or efficient. (5) Controlled lab experiment. Control is an important keyword here. Does not mean replicating exact business environment, but set up things in the way that you control everything. Change one thing at the time. Two by two design to understand impact of two variables. H: High, L: Low. (H,H), (H,L), (L,H), (L,L). (6) Theoretical underpinnings. Two ways: (a) Exploratory: too dark, and I start shooting. Shooting starts. Now maybe its going to give me some understanding of what may be happening. Today everything is not dark. You need to be exploring outer space. Today it does not exist. People are exploring and look at certain aspect of problem, and know what is happening. Smack data to find some result out of. You don't want to be like that. (b) Theoretical underpinning: You should have theoretical reason to know what is happening. Certain things are known that are well established to be certain theory. Individual (*)preference(prospect theory, risk aversion), (**)social preference (trust, fairness), (***)bounded rationality: complexity. You need to make sure that your result is robust

to another experiment. Certain things in analytical model that does not capture and you use them to update your model. Don't shoot in the dark.

If the loop is for empirical and you start from analytical, and then behavioral approach, it will be called structural model estimation.

(iii) Goal: To understand, to build predictive model. To prescribe effective policies/strategies optimize (min/max) pecuniary payoffs. Decision support tools.

Don't be just analytica, empirical or behavioral, but try to do all of them.

Use research question to learn.

Co-author is like playing tennis, if they would be good, you will be good, if not, you would not be good either.

Sequence of reading papers.

The more fundamental courses you take, the easier for you to learn in future.

This is marathon, and not 100 meter run. You will run it for your whole time. This is life long. Don't be afraid to invest your time on learning.

During time things come back to you and you deeply understand it on the next time. You will suddenly understand that something is missing.

Discrete simulation versus Monte Carlo simulation.

In empirical approach you need to have theoretical reason to include variables that may affect the outcome.

PhD candidate appeal: creativity, research papers, recommendation that shows person can stand on his feet.

Person should also know area, and be able to say what happens if model elements modified, added, or removed.

Copy style of good papers, and then you will start to develop your sense of writing.

Any paper, even most technical, good presenter is able to present what is going on in there. Those who present and can not clarify it, shows the person does not know what they studied.

Trust and trustworthiness research just had its root in curiosity. They took the risk. Nothing has been done before.

If you are excited then who cares what would be end product. Product will become byproduct of your main product which is learning.

If you put your effort when your heart is not, when you don't get the job you will get miserable, but if you put your effort in where your heart is, at the end you will at least learn something, and would be happy at the end.

Funding as incentive for Health Care.

Research improvement is in the form of spike.

Credible forecast information sharing.

Assymetry of information.

Firms incentive to exaggerate forecasts.

Principle agent model

Dynamic game of incomplete information

Heterogeneity in the distribution of sharing information.

You can close loop of analytical and behavioral model in one paper, or do it in multiple papers. You can do multiple iterations on each of the steps for

different papers.

2 Experimental Study

Step 1: Set up your research question derived from previous models. Theoretical guidance, set up. (Do not shoot in the dark and use current theories)

Step 2: Develop testable hypothesis based on well-established theories

Step 3: Examine if, when, how and why actual behavior deviates?

Carefully controlled lab experiments

Step 4: Go to step 2:

Validation is needed: Whether or not what I observe in the lab is replicable. Control for culture for example.

Or test new hypothesis

Step 5: Use the observations to build better predictive model.

Closing the model-exp-model loop

How to incorporate exp observation into the model?

(1) Start from original math model and add in behaviors observed in Laboratory experiment studies from, soc., psyc., and decision theories.

(2) Use a minimalistic approach
Consider existing explanations and models
Add one piece at a time

(3) Check whether the resulting optimal decisions predicted by the new model

Have similar properties as those observed in the lab
Fits the data and makes accurate prediction?
Results in similar comparative statistics
Test for goodness of fit (such as, low AIC info criteria)

Does it match with the properties I observe in the data.
You want to make sure that properties of the model is similar to those visible in data.

Fit first half of data. Fit the model, and then use second half to check how your prediction compared to them.

If all are on 45 degree line shows that you have cheated.

Read the paper, and use the result to give managerial implication in MBA class.

