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# Reward and Transition functions

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- Purpose: Function for determining expected reward and catch for a fishery choice.

## Description

The function `func` returns the expected reward and catch for a single fishery choice.

**Reward:** The expected reward for vessel  $i$  selecting fishery  $j$  at time  $t$  is:

$$\pi_{i,j,t} = (p - w)' (q_i \circ EC_{j,t}) - c_j + \varepsilon_{i,j,t}$$

where  $p$  is a vector of exvessel prices,  $w$  is a vector of expected lease prices for quota,  $EC_{j,t}$  is a vector of expected catch,  $q_i$  is vector of catchability coefficients,  $c_j$  is the cost of fishing in fishery  $j$ ,  $\varepsilon_{i,j,t}$  is an idiosyncratic shock that is observed by the fisher but not by the researcher, and  $\circ$  represents element-wise multiplication.

**Catch:** The catch received by fishery  $i$  after choosing to fish in fishery  $j$  in period  $t$  is equal to:

$$C_{j,s,t} = q_i \circ \exp\{e_{j,s,t}\}.$$

```
function [out1] = func(flag,x,t,i,k,w,m)
```

## Input Arguments:

- `flag` = signal for reward or transition function;
- `x` = the action variable (fishery);
- `t` = time period;
- `i` = vessel;

- k = iteration (for expectation);
- w = expected quota lease prices.
- m = a structure of parameter values;

## Internal Arguments

- e = random variable determining catch;
- sig = random variable representing "signalling error";
- EC = an array of expected catch used in reward function and constraints;

## Output Arguments:

For the reward (flag='f'), the function provides: out1 = the value of the current period's reward.

For the transition (flag='g'), the function provides: out1 = the value of the current period's catch.

## Notes:

Eventually, the reward function will be revised to include  $x'_{i,j,t}\theta$ , where  $x_{i,j,t}$  is a vector of state variables and  $\theta$  is a vector of structural parameters to be estimated.

## Function parameters

```
p = m.model.p;           % exvessel price vector
c = m.model.c;           % fishing cost
q = m.catch.data.q;      % Catchability coefficients
e = m.catch.data.e;      % Random shocks to catch
EC = m.catch.data.EC;    % Expected catch
```

## Reward Function

```
switch flag
case 'f'

    out1 = ((q(:,i)') .* EC(x(:,t)) * (p - (w'))) - c(x) +
m.signal(x,t,i);    % Reward
```

## Transition Function

```
case 'g'
    C = squeeze(exp(e(:,:,t,i,k)));           % Actual
    Catch: a function of the realized shock
    out1 = (q(:,i)') .* C(x,:);
end
end
```

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