



Doctoral Research Proposal

A $\mathcal{C}[\tau \times \tau]$ Immersion of an Evolutionary Stable Strategy

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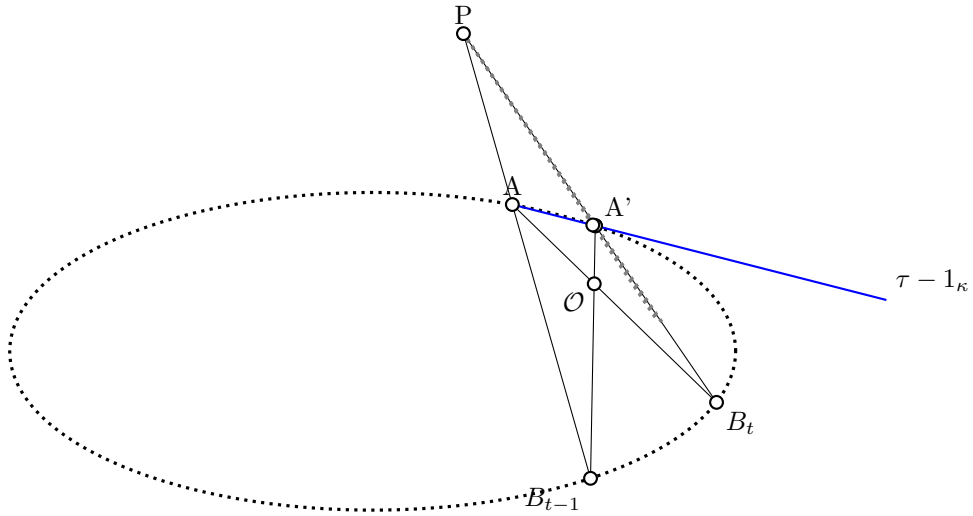
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Abstract

We intend to develop a dynamic visualization of the decision process using a game-theoretical framework.

Given a stochastic arrival process, we define a subset of the field of right-continuous, left-limited cadlag functions, and show there exists a mapping of a variation of strategies to a time-dependent arrangement, where we may then apply our statistical game theoretic approach. We conjecture that the choice of arrangement and random process results in a proximity/incidence graph with nice properties.

We address our strategies as a finite set of actions, and attempt to formalize the $\mathcal{C}[\tau \times \tau]$ immersion by defining a sphere-of- influence (SIG) graph. To begin, we propose a set of mixed strategies defined by a probability distribution over the finite set of feasible strategies, and define a basic game played by intelligent players. We define a decision model, determined by a drift-diffusion process, and use a mean field theorem to prove the existence of a dense strategy space via inverse map, and examine the evolution of the resulting compacted strategy space.



1 Introduction

Visualizations are systematically related to the information that they represent (Bertin, 1983; Stenning & Oberlander, 1995). In scientific analysis, visualizations communicate complex information. We attempt to determine the mathematical framework necessary to design a dynamical system to describe the dual-process of decision making. Dynamical systems provide us with a way to recognize spacial patterns by using simulations. We intend to develop a dynamic visualization of the decision process using a game-theoretical framework.

Analysis, topology, algebraic topology, and other fields of mathematics are building in the assumption that we can get to the end of infinity (∞), extract something, and take that something back into the mathematics [1]. In image processing, Grassman manifolds are used to process sets of images [2]. The space of a uncertainty states, restricted to nice properties, is sometimes called an ensemble. This is the manifold that we wish to address in our research, and it's construction is the main topic of this research proposal. The cost function, which is crucial in game theory and mechanism design, is not the focus of our analysis, in fact, it is not necessary for fair division of resources in mechanism design, as in [3]. Through the use of retractions, the dual-process of transforming states using exponential and logarithmic functions [4], we are able to localize points of interest on a manifold; these points transform to an algebra, where properties are nicer, and therefore are computationally tractable. In short, the projection of a manifold onto it's algebra allows for the manifold to be locally smooth (at least C^2 continuous). We allow the state to evolve on the manifold, and perform our calculations on the algebra. Algebras are versatile mathematical objects, and often have a natural mapping to more complex fields, where we may build regions of interest, basins of attraction, neighborhoods, i.e. balls, or circles. From there we may construct bundles and bisectors [1]. As data science and its respective correlations become more complex, so do the geodesics on the corresponding manifold. Retractions generate approximations of geodesics that are first-order accurate [4].

We hope to design a type of manifold, one that functions as a mechanism, similar to dictionary learning [2]. We expect that the kernel (core) is non-empty, and further, that new insight may be gained by the visualization. We hope to make use of this manifold to further the security game, and define a new color palette with a one-to-one correspondence to the math model. We speculate that the manifold might be 'preshape' [2], as a shape manifold is equal to a complex projective space or possibly Grassman. We expect strong similarity, as well as fibration(s). The coefficients will be iteratively calculated, and will provide scale, assisting in the Visualization. The elements of the calculations are n -vectors in complex space. What we hope is to generate a beautiful simulation.

2 Objectives

We generalize our overall goals into simple steps:

- Step 0: Determine the problem.
- Step 1: Formulate the relevant graph models using appropriate abstraction.
- Step 2: Establish the existence/uniqueness of differential tensor/flow .
- Step 3: Implement a python/ruby module/scaffolding to model to aid in prototyping conditions to define (possible) deterministic systems.
- Step 4: Based on the analytical results, implement various systems' tensorflow.

Upon completion of this thesis, we hope to recognize new patterns in the decision-making process and associated noise process. The system's graph-theoretical basis indicates that, depending on the system's derivations and resulting coefficients, that a (new) coloring is not impossible.

3 Related Work

3.1 Background Studies

As stated in Lace M. Padilla and Stefanucci [5], visualizations are systematically related to the information that they represent (Bertin, 1983; Stenning & Oberlander, 1995). Geodesics on a manifold are intensely complicated. Microsoft research has well-publicized descriptions (Richard Hartley, 2016) detailing some of the manifolds that we have found, i.e. \mathbb{R}^n , \mathcal{S}^n , the Lie group ($SO(3)$), positive definite matrices (or "covariance features"), Grassman manifolds, Essential manifolds; each are used to capture a different aspect of the geometry for analysis. For example, Shape manifolds capture the shape of an object. This research has led algorithms design towards projective geometry, where retractions on manifolds has allowed for a decrease in the computational complexity of solving optimization problems Richard Cole [3]. Different manifolds are useful for solving different problems; the Lie group operator on $SO(3)$ may be used to build a discrete extended Kalman filter to perform efficient computations for rotation averaging. The visualizations of the output of these algorithms are difficult to intuit, and require a high degree of specialization. We notice that none of these methods, as far as we know, have been used to address a mixed strategy space (uncertainty space), and attempt to visualize it. Algebras are versatile mathematical objects, and often have a natural mapping to more complex fields, where we may build regions of interest, basins of attraction, neighborhoods, i.e. balls, or circles. From there we may construct bundles and bisectors (N.J. Wilderberger, ???). It is natural to take these forms on an algebra and form a linear system, such as a partitioning linear program. In the case that the extreme point providing the solution to the system is integral, then the associated game is non-empty Quint [6]. Thus, we arrive at a game-theoretical framework on which to begin an analysis based on decision theory. Visualization cognition has been studied as a subset of visual spacial reasoning, and steps have been taken to build the association with dual-process systems, i.e. using both mathematical modeling and heuristics Lace M. Padilla and Stefanucci [5]. These studies, however, focus on decision theory based on visualization cognition, and draw conclusions from empirical studies. It is not unreasonable to suppose that, in the very least, a heuristic can be drawn from a mathematical model based on decision theory, and visualized.

It is known, particularly in computer vision, that kernels, or similarity measures, are analogous to product spaces, which are the dual space of quotient spaces. A symmetric kernel is equivalent to an inner product. Filtering algorithms, such as the discrete extended Kalman filter on Lie groups Absil and Malick [4] function as a kernel mechanism which is useful for averaging a sliding window of rotary measurements. These types of mechanisms are often used in real-life applications, where we often only have partial measurements. Partial measurements are naturally uncertain, and correlate to partial knowledge in a decision-making process. The mathematical model of decision theory with uncertainty was built for simple Martingales, and the existence of Nash equilibria was shown for a queuing network with a Poisson arrival process, which was later extended to heterogeneous networks Xu and Hajek [7].

The use of retractions on manifolds, and their efficiency at computing the state

of linear and non-linear systems results in massive computational toolchains of every time. We address the need for a general metric and associated model, that will support a game-theoretical analysis. A sphere-of-influence (SIG) is both an incidence graph and a proximity graph, where nice (local) properties on a manifold produce well-defined geometry, in Michael and Quint [8]. It remains to address the noise. Noisy partial measurements in the phase space of the problem have been shown to converge for the Lorentz system in Jordan Blocher [9]. As far as we know, the associated game has yet to be modeled.

It remains to be mentioned that there are additional papers in the bibliography which have yet to be integrated into the proposed topic, however, they have been carefully selected for relevance and content.

4 A Mathematical Approach to Evolve a Decision Process

4.1 Strategy space as a process

Let \mathcal{S} be a distribution of possible binary decisions in the strategy space $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$. The interaction between the strategies is modeled as an arrival process, where we apply queuing theory to form the arrangement of strategies. The cadlag (continu a droite, limites a gauches) functions are right-continuous functions on with left limits. Defining \mathcal{S} as a cadlag finite variation process, we have that the quadratic variation equal to the sum of the squares of the jumps, and so the mapping θ must preserve the quadratic form. Thus, we preserve the ergodic properties of the jump-diffusion process.

We assume a stochastic arrival process, and by associating the time of arrival with a cost function and mapping θ to the complex plane, we iteratively create the geodesics necessary to build the SIG. This approach allows for a topological analysis of the interacting strategies. A normalizing function π is assumed to keep the problem space within the range $(0, 1)$, and choose our arrangement to allow one strategy s to stochastically dominate another. The exit process is determined by the noise process, which ends the mapping θ and the strategy space \mathcal{S} is removed from the system.

We make use of mean field theorem (Xu and Hajek), and construct the SIG using an inverse mapping from a sub-algebra revealed by the choice of arrangement on the arrival process. We conjecture that if the subspace is simply connected, then there exists a mapping ϕ from the kernel of the problem space.

The decision process is the result of pair interactions, and can be represented by the index $(i, j)^n$ in the resulting 2^n matrix. These pair interactions define the diffusion process, and the evolution of the decision process for each strategy space.

4.2 Queuing theory applied to an arrival process

Let π be a normalizing function acting on an angle $\theta \in \mathbb{C}$. The mapping $\mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{S}$ exists if and only if there is the product space $\{\pi k \mapsto r(\tau)\}$, where $k = 1$ defines the mapping

$$\theta(\cdot, k) \mapsto \mathcal{P}^k \times \mathcal{K}.$$

\mathcal{K} is the space of cadlag functions restricted to $\mathbb{A}^{\mathbb{R}} \times [0, 1]^{\mathbb{R}}$, and \mathcal{P} is the projective space of the player's strategy distribution \mathcal{S} . We define right-continuity as a stopping time $\tau : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]^{\mathbb{R}}$, and $r(\tau) \subset \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ to be a subspace of size \mathcal{K} at time τ .

Let \mathcal{I} be an arrangement on \mathcal{K} where $\theta(s_1, r(t)) > \theta(s_1, r(t+1))$ implies that

$\pi k < \pi(k+1)$ for all $t \in \tau$. Then, fixing $t \in \tau$, let $\theta' \neq \theta$ be given by

$$\theta' = \theta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta^2}{1-\beta^2}},$$

where $\beta = \tan \theta$.

We claim that there exists a geodesic such that there is a mapping from the origin, $0_{\mathcal{S}}$, is defined by the ball

$$B(\tau, \cdot) = \{[s_i, s_{-i}] : i \in \mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{K} \times \tau\},$$

where $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{S}$ is the Lie bracket operator.

Suppose that $\langle s_i, s_{-i} \rangle < 0_{\mathcal{S}}$. We have a cone projection in \mathcal{S}_{τ} that represents a bijection from $\pi\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ to $r(\tau) \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $B_{s_{-i}}(\tau) < \pi\mathcal{K}$ reveals a sub-algebra extending the strategy space with respect to the real variable τ , and is a homeomorphy with respect to the kernel and the expectation $\mathbb{E}[r(\tau)]$. Thus, the resulting subspace topology is simply connected.

We claim that if s is in the null space of the ball, then there exists an identity operator such that $\pi\kappa(s) \mapsto [s]$. Now, given a function ϕ , we examine the extended strategy space where s_1 stochastically dominating s_2 implies that $\mathbb{E}[\phi(\cdot, s_2)] > \mathbb{E}[\phi(\cdot, s_1)]$. Suppose ϕ^{-1} preserves the quadratic form $(t^2 - \langle s \rangle) \mapsto (t, r, \theta)$, so that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \phi^{-1}(\theta(\mathcal{K})) dt = \theta(\cdot, k+1) - \theta(\cdot, k).$$

The collection of strategic decisions may be modeled by an arrival process determined by the mapping $\phi(\tau, \cdot)$, giving the jump-diffusion process

$$d\mathcal{S}_t = \theta(\cdot, t)\phi(\mathcal{S}_t)dt + \phi_t(\mathcal{S}_t)dW_t,$$

where $W_t : [0, +\infty) \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ is a one-dimensional stop-time Brownian motion. As any cadlag finite variation process has quadratic variation equal to the sum of the squares of the jumps $0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_n$, the solution to

$$s_i(\tau) = \int_{\theta_i(s_i, t)}^{\theta_i(s_i, t+1)} \pi(\tau) d\tau$$

for $t \in \tau$ gives a set of unique jumping points $0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_{\bar{\mathcal{K}}} = s_{MAX}$. Let each player's stop time τ occur at a random jumping point within their strategy space, thereby fixing $\bar{\mathcal{K}}$ for that player.

4.3 A topological bound on the expanded strategy space

We consider a ball B , where a nonzero flux at the boundary represents an uncertainty state, and take a random measure on $(\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{K})$, i.e. the $\sigma(\phi)$ -algebra of the arrival process. Then, each ball B represents a distribution of possible strategies, and as subset of the measure space we are able to compute its density function. Define the density operator ρ on $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ as

$$\rho = \sum |s_i\rangle\langle s_{-i}|$$

where $|s_i\rangle\langle s_{-i}|$ is the outer product. The state $[s]$ is an algebra of $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$, with expectation value given by $\langle [s] \rangle = \text{tr}\rho[s]$, and is pure imaginary. The density matrix used here is defined to be the statistical state of a system in quantum mechanics, and is particularly useful in dealing with mixed states. Define a graph \mathcal{G} as the set subsets of $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ of fully connected nodes. We claim that there exists an additional,

induced metric, on \mathcal{G} . The closed sphere of influence graph covers the intersections of the closed balls $\{\bar{B}\} \subset \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$, where

$$\bar{B} = \{B_i \in \mathcal{S} : \min \rho(s_i, s_{-i}) \leq r_{\tau \times \tau}\}.$$

We finally claim to have an immersion in the surrounding dynamical complex field $\mathbb{C}^{\tau \times \tau}$. The density matrix compresses the space $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ to its canonical form. Thus, by Schur's lemma, the intertwining map $phi^{-1} \mapsto \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$, is either 0, or an isomorphism. Thus, \mathcal{G} is a unitary structure that can be seen as an orthogonal structure, a complex structure, and a symplectic structure.

4.4 The dynamics of the symplectic manifold

The complex field $\mathbb{C}^{\tau \times \tau}$ encases the distributions of the player strategies; that is, the gradient of the distribution across the boundary of \mathcal{G} determines the orientation of exterior. We proceed to determine the skew-distribution of the closed manifold. We build from the geometric form, and extend the cross-product $[s_1]_x s_2$, which is characterized by the transition $s_i \tilde{k}$ to $s_i + 1\tilde{k} + 1$.

We examine the skew-Hermetian assignment, and the resulting tangent vector, or four-velocity. The four coordinate functions $\theta^c(\tau)$, $c = 0, 1, 2, 3$ are real functions of a real variable τ . We have that $\phi \cdot \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{S}$ is the subset of skew-Hermetian matrices known as signed permutation matrices. We extend our mean-field model to include this representation by setting $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ at the stop time τ , where $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$ is a binomial operator.

We claim that there exists an additional, induced metric, on the SIG. The the closed sphere of influence graph (CSIG) covers the intersections of the closed balls $\{\bar{\mathcal{S}}\} \subset \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$, where

$$\bar{\mathcal{S}}_t = \{S_t \in \mathcal{S} : \min \rho(S_t, S_{-t}) \leq r_\tau\}.$$

Forming the CSIG, we endow the resulting strategy space with the Minkowski metric η , defined by the matrix

$$(\eta)_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Minkowski space \mathcal{M} contains sub-manifolds endowed with a Riemannian metric yielding hyperbolic geometry. We conjecture that indefiniteness of the Minkowski metric will allow for the construction of a utility function for the ensemble space. Consider a hyperbolic absolute risk aversion (HARA) μ , which must adhere to, for utility μ ,

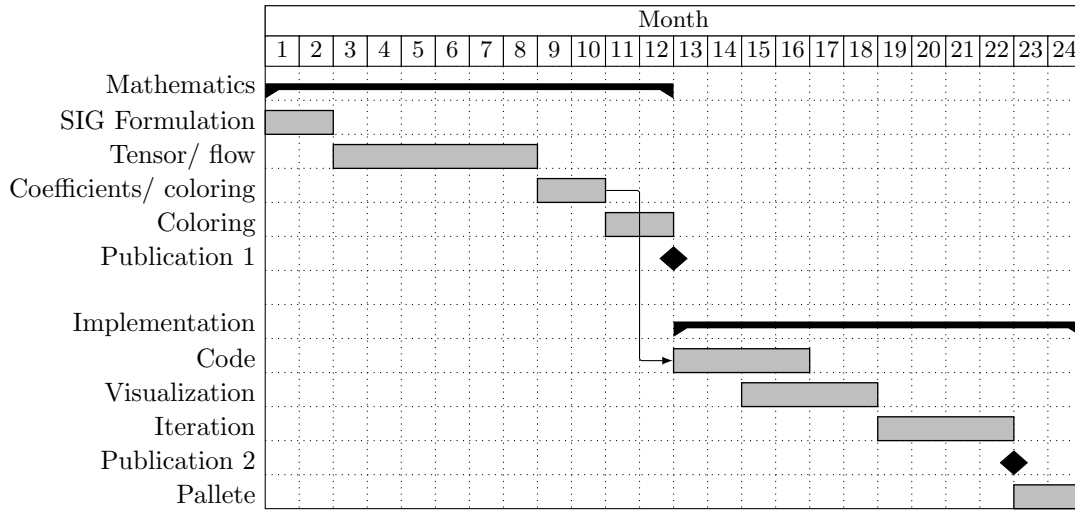
$$\frac{\mu''(\langle s_i, s_{-i} \rangle)}{\mu'(\langle s_i, s_{-i} \rangle)}.$$

We conjecture that the marginal value of this construction maps back to the convex kernel of the strategy space with a left limit. It is unclear if there is a well-defined correspondence between the Minkowski metric and the HARA utility function. The nature of the diffusion process is intended to allow for the combination of strategies due to pair interactions occurring once the SIG is completed, and will direct the evolution of the strategy space.

4.4.1 CSIG Visualization

The visualization of the CSIG may begin with simple arrangements. As CSIGs always have a clique factor, i.e. for CSIG $G = \{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$ there exists a spanning sub-graph whose connected components are always isomorphic to graphs in the set $\{G_1, \dots, G_n\}$. These connected components define the incident matrices of our dynamical network system. For example, suppose the node set \mathcal{X} realizes G in \mathcal{M} . Select a proper spanning forest F of the \mathcal{M} -CSIG such that the sum of the lengths of the edges of F is minimum, then, each connected component of F must be a star.

5 Time Schedule and Planned Publications



5.1 Foundational Literature

A literature review that includes historical papers would give perspective and formalization, and determine the foundation upon which to work. Some considerations are:

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