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# The *oligopoly* project: the making of the simulation model

A subset of the model is published in Mazzoli *et al.* (2017); a new publication is forthcoming, with a larger version of the simulation tools. This *Making of* reference offers the full possibility of replication of our results, adopting the AEA Data Availability Policy.<sup>1</sup>

To reproduce the resulta reported in Mazzoli *et al.* (2017);, please use the code version at:

 $\label{lem:https://github.com/terna/oligopoly/releases/tag/V5} or at $$ $$ https://github.com/terna/oligopoly/releases/tag/V5bP2_fd^2or download the zip file of$ 

https://github.com/terna/oligopoly/tree/masterP2, running the project with SLAPP 2.0<sup>3</sup> and controlling that the parameters are those of Table 1 of the paper.

Using SLAPP<sup>4</sup>, the oligopoly project is contained in a stand alone folder, having the same name of the model.

Let us introduce the starting phase in a detailed way.

- We can launch the SLAPP shell in several ways.
  - We can launch SLAPP via the runShell.py file that we find in the main folder of SLAPP, from a terminal, with:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.aeaweb.org/journals/policies/data-availability-policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The same of V5, underlining the use of Python 2 and adding the output of the data of each firm in each cycle; fd as firm data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://github.com/terna/SLAPP2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://github.com/terna/SLAPP; SLAPP has a Reference Handbook at the same address and it is deeply described in Chapters 2–7 in Boero et al. (2015).

Run oligopoly with the Python 3 version of SLAPP.

From its build 20170611 the oligopoly project, version 5bPy3, adopts the PEP8 style. PEP8 contains the Style Guide for Python Code and it is at https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/.

Due to this adoption, the reader can notice some aesthetic differences between the code reported here and that listed into the files.

python runShell.py

- Alternatively, we launch SLAPP via the start.py file that we find in the folder of SLAPP as a simulation shell, i.e.
   6 objectSwarmObserverAgents\_AESOP\_turtleLib\_NetworkX, from a terminal, with:
   python start.py
- Using IPython (e.g., in a Jupyter notebook) we go to the main folder of SLAPP (or we start Jupyter notebook) form there, and we can launch SLAPP via the iRunShell.ipynb file that we find in that main folder, simply clicking on it.

In all cases, we immediately receive the request of choosing a project: Project name?

• We can predefining a default project: if we place in the main SLAPP folder or in the folder 6 objectSwarmObserverAgents\_AESOP\_turtleLib\_NetworkX a file named project.txt containing the path to the folder of the project we are working on (oligopoly in our case, with /Users/pt/GitHub/oligopoly, as an example of location), the initial message of SLAPP is:

```
path and project = /Users/pt/GitHub/oligopoly
do you confirm? ([y]/n):
```

• Resuming the explanation, we continue receiving the messages:

```
running in Python
debug = False
random number seed (1 to get it from the clock)
```

We have to enter an integer number (positive or negative) to trigger the sequence of the random numbers used internally by the simulation code. If we reply 1, the seed—used to start the generation of the random series—comes from the internal value of the clock at that instant of time. So it is different anytime we start a simulation run. This reply is useful to replicate the simulated experiments with different conditions. If we chose a number different from 1, the random sequence would be repeated anytime we will use that seed. This second solution is useful while debugging, when we need to repeat exactly the sequence generating errors, but also to give to the user the possibility of replicating exactly an experiment.

The running in Python sentence signals the we are running the program in plain Python. Alternatively, the message could be running in IPython. About running SLAPP in IPython have a look the Handbook, in the SLAPP web site.<sup>5</sup>

• Parameters: we the parameters of the model interactively or within the file commonVar.py.

The program sends several messages about the project parameters, via the file parameters.py, in the folder of the project, such as commonVar.py.

The first of these messages reports the version of the project.

- The program informs us about the «sigma of the normal distribution used in randomizing the position of the agents/nodes», e.g., 0.7; this value produces uniquely a graphic effect, as in Figure 3.
- We introduce now time management, split into several (consistent) levels of scheduling.

The general picture is that of Figure 1: in an abstract way we can imagine having a clock opening a series of containers or boxes. Behind the boxes, we have the *action groups*, where we store the information about the actions to be done.<sup>6</sup>

## 1 The agents and their sets

We have files containing the agents of the different types. Those files are listed in a file with name agTypeFile.txt: in our case, it simply contains the record entrepreneurs workers.

• entrepreneurs.txt lists the agents of type entrepreneurs; it reports the identification numbers (currently from 1 to 10) and the x and y positions on the screen. See above the sigma value determining random shift from the stated positions; in this way, we can attribute close or equal positions to several entrepreneurs having them anyway visible in the map; if necessary, we can increase sigma:

1 -10 75

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://github.com/terna/SLAPP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The structure is highly dynamical because we can associate a probability to an event, or an agent of the simulation can be programmed to add or eliminate one or more events into the boxes.



Figure 1: The representation of the schedule

-10 65

- 8 -10 50
- 9 -10 40
- 10 -10 30
- inVersions 0 to 2, "workers.txt" list the agents of type workers, not used here; it is reporting the identification numbers and the x and y positions on the screen; see above the sigma value determining random shift from the stated positions; in this way, we can attribute close or equal positions to several entrepreneurs having them anyway visible in the map; if necessary, we can increase sigma;
- the Version 3 of the oligopoly project uses the file workers.txtx where the extension .txtx or eXtended text, means that the file si built following the rule described into the Reference Handbook<sup>7</sup>, subsection "The use of files

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://github.com/terna/SLAPP.

.txtx to define the agents".

In version 3 the content is:

```
1001@11000 10 &v=10*int((n-1001)/50)+5&
```

that we read in the following way:

- 1001@11000 as the order of creating 10 thousand workers, from number 1001 to number 11,000;
- 10 is the constant value of the x coordinate of the worker-agents;
- &v=10\*int((n-1001)/50)+5& is a formula calculating the y coordinate of each agent:
  - & opens and closes the formula;
  - $\mathbf{v}$  is the result of the calculation, in our case the y coordinate;
  - **n** is the number of the agent, in the sequence generated in the interval from 1001 to 11,000.
- numbering starts from 1001 for the reasons explained at page 53.

The agents are created by ModelSwarm.py (in folder \$\$slapp\$\$) via the specific rules contained into the file mActions.py, specific for this project (indeed, the file is into the folder oligopoly).

```
def createTheAgent(self,line,num,leftX,rightX,bottomY,topY,agType):
                # explicitly pass self, here we use a function
                # workers
                if agType=="workers":
                 anAgent = Agent(num, self.worldStateList[0],
                                     float(line.split()[1])+random.gauss(0,common.sigma),
                                     float(line.split()[2])+random.gauss(0,common.sigma),
                                     agType=agType)
                 self.agentList.append(anAgent)
                 anAgent.setAgentList(self.agentList)
                # entrepreneurs
                elif agType=="entrepreneurs":
                 anAgent = Agent(num, self.worldStateList[0],
                                 float(line.split()[1])+random.gauss(0,common.sigma),
                                 float(line.split()[2])+random.gauss(0,common.sigma),
                                 agType=agType)
                 self.agentList.append(anAgent)
                else:
                 print "Error in file "+agType+".txt"
                 os.sys.exit(1)
```

The following bullets describe how this code works.

- The number identifying the agent is read outside this function, as a mandatory first element in each line into a file containing agent descriptions. The content of the agType variable is directly the name of the agent file currently open.
- We check the input file, which has to contain three data per row. We modify the second and the third values with the *sigma* correction.

Each agent is added to the agentList.

### 1.1 Agents and reset action

The reset (see page 15) action, working into the scheduling of the model (Section 2.2), activates the method setNewCycleValues defined, as an empty step, in the class SuperAgent in agTools of SLAPP (folder \$\$slapp\$\$). In the oligopoly project, that method is redefined in Agent.py. The reset action acts once in each simulation cycle, because in our case is related only to common variables of the simulation. The agent executing the cleaning operation is that with the identifier (the variable number) equal to 1. If no agent has that identifier, all will be acting, with not useful repetitions of the same task.

As a consequence, in this project pay attention that at least one of the agents has 1 as identifier.

An important application of the reset function is in Section 4.3.1 and specifically at p. 27.

### 1.2 Sets of agents

The files containing the agents are of two families, the second one with two types of files:

- files listing the agents with their characteristics (if any): in folder oligopoly we have the files entrepreneurs.txt and workers.txt;
- files defining groups of agents:
  - the list of the types of agents (mandatory); from this list SLAPP searches the file describing the agents; as seen, in folder oligopoly we have the file agTypeFile.txt (the name of this file is mandatory) containing:

entrepreneurs workers

 the list of the operating sets of agents (optional); in folder oligopoly this file is missing. Indeed we receive the message

Warning: operating sets not found.

In the file agOperatingSets.txt (the name of this file is mandatory), with could place names of groups of agents, corresponding to files listing the agents in the group. Project verb"school" can be used as a useful example.

All the names contained in the file are related to other .txt or .txtx files reporting the identifiers of agents specified in the lists of the previous bullet. The goal of this feature is that of managing clusters of agents, recalling them as names in Col. A in schedule.xls file.

## 2 Macro scheduling

In SLAPP, we have the following three schedule mechanisms driving the events.

- Two of those mechanisms are operating in a macro way: one at the level of the Observer and the other of the Model, with recurrent sequences of actions to be done.<sup>8</sup>
- In our oligopoly code, these two sequences are reported in the files observerActions.txt and modelActions.txt in the folder of the project.

The explanations are in Section 2.1 and 2.2.

• The third sequence, operating in a *micro* way, is the more detailed one (see Section 2.3).

## 2.1 The scheduling mechanism at the level of the Observer

- The first schedule mechanism is described in the first file (observerActions.txt), having content (unique row, remembering that anyway row changes are not relevant to this group of files):
  - version without pauses contained in observerActions no pause.txt, to be copied to observerActions.txt to run it:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>The level of the Observer is our level, where the experimenter looks at the model (the level of the Model) while it runs.



Figure 2: Time series generated by the model. version 4



Figure 3: The agents (nodes), with random displacements, and links connecting entrepreneurs and workers  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

collectStructuralData modelStep collectTimeSeries
visualizePlot visualizeNet clock

- version with pauses contained in observerActions with pause.txt, to be copied to observerActions.txt to run it:

collectStructuralData modelStep collectTimeSeries
visualizePlot visualizeNet pause clock

#### The interpretation is the following.

- First of all, we have to take into consideration that the execution of the content of the file is "with repetition", until an end item will appear (see below).
- collectStructuralData collects the number of workers and of entrepreneurs at the beginning of each period, both as a basis for internal calculations and for the final output of the model, when two files of data are generated.<sup>9</sup>
- modelStep orders to the model to make a step forward in time.
- collectTimeSeries collects the data of the outcomes of the simulation at the end of each period, both as a basis for the action of visualizePlot and for the final output of the model, when two files of data are generated (with extension .csv and date and time<sup>10</sup> in their names).<sup>9</sup>
- visualizePlot update the plot of the time series generated by the model (Figure 2).<sup>11</sup>
- visualizeNet update the windows reporting the links connecting entrepreneurs and workers, on a network basis (Figure 3).<sup>11</sup>
- pause, if any, puts the program in wait until we reply to the message Hit enter key to continue, hitting the key — . This action is useful to examine the graphical outputs (as in Figures 2 and 3), step by step.
- clock asks the clock to increase its counter of one unit. When the count will reach the value we have entered replying to the How many cycles? query, the internal scheduler of the Observer will add the end item into the sequence of the file observerActions.txt. The item is placed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> collect Time Series, visualize Plot and save Time Series are contained in "oActions.py" and are all using pandas as dataframe manager (look at http://pandas.pydata.org).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Avoiding: into the name, for compatibility reasons with Windows

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>We can use both *visualizePlot* and *visualizeNet*—strictly in this order—or only one of them.

immediately after the clock call. The end item stops the sequence contained in the file.

- (We can also consider a potential prune item, eliminating the links on the basis of their weight (in case, asking for a threshold below which we cut); weights could be introduced to measure the seniority—skill, experience—of the workers).

# 2.1.1 The scheduling mechanism at the level of the Observer: using the *special action* feature to modify the parameters while the model is running

.

We use here the *special action* feature of SLAPP, described in the related Reference Manual (use the Index to find it). In this specific application that feature, we implement the following definition in commonVar.py:

```
specialAction = "makeSpecialAction()"
```

with, always in this specific case,

#### file\_modPars=False

As a consequence, the specialAction item in observerActions.txt activates the function makeSpecialAction() in oActions.py.

If a file modPars.txt exists, the program asks us in which cycles the modified parameters will be used.

Within the file modPars.txt we specify the internal names of the Python variables used as parameters in the model, look for them in parameters.py; an example of use is in specialAction where the name of the variable is followed by its new value.

observerActions with specialAction.txt contains the specialAction item; to use that file, you have to rename or copy it as observerActions.txt.

## 2.2 The scheduling mechanism at the level of the Model

.

• The second file—modelActions.txt—quoted above at the beginning of Section 2, is related to the second of the schedule mechanisms, i.e., that of the Model. About the Observer/Model dualism, the reference is to note 8.

It contains (unique row, remembering that anyway row changes are not relevant to this group of files):

#### reset read\_script

The interpretation is the following.

- Also at the Model level, we have to take into consideration that the execution of the content of the file is "with repetition", never ending. It is the Observer that stops the experiment, but operating at its level.
- reset orders to the agents to make a reset, related to their variables. The order acts via the code in the file ModelSwarm.py.<sup>12</sup> reset contains the doO variable, linking a method that is specified as a function in the file mActions.py in the folder of the project. In this way, the application of the basic method reset can be flexibly tailored to the specific applications, defining which variables to reset.

In our specific case, the content of the doO function in mActions.py asks all the agents to execute the method setNewCycleValues. The method is defined in an instrumental file (agTools.py in \$\$slapp\$\$) and it is as default doing nothing. We can redefined it in Agent.py in the project folder.

Always in our case, as explained in Section 1.1, we suppose that the acting agent in resetting step would be that with 1 as identifier.

#### @@@

In our model, we clean the variables: totalProductionInA\_TimeStep, totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep, totalProfit and totalPlannedProduction

at the beginning of each step of the time. The code, in Agent.py is:

```
# reset values, redefining the method of agTools.py in $$slapp$$
def setNewCycleValues(self):
    # the if is to save time, given that the order is arriving to
    # all the agents (in principle, to reset local variables)
    if not common.agentlexisting:
        print "At least one of the agents has to have number==1"
        print "Missing that agent, all the agents are resetting common values"

if self.number==1 or not common.agentlexisting:
        common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep=0
        common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep=0
        common.totalPlannedProduction=0
```

- read\_script orders to the Model to open a new level of scheduling, described in Section 2.3. The order acts via the code of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>That is in the "\$\$slapp\$\$" folder.

file ModelSwarm.py. We have here one of the stable instances of the class ActionGroup within the Model. The ActionGroup related to read\_script item is the actionGroup100 that contains the do100 function, used internally within ModelSwarm.py to manage the script reported into the schedule.xls file (or directly into the schedule.txt one).

## 2.3 The detailed scheduling mechanism within the Model (AESOP level)

AESOP comes from Agents and Emergencies for Simulating Organizations in Python.

• The third scheduling mechanism, as anticipated in Section 2, operates at a *micro* scale and it is based on a detailed script system that the Model executes while the time is running. The time is managed by the clock item in the sequence of the Observer.

The script system is activated by the item read\_script in the sequence of the Model.

- This kind of script system does not exist in Swarm, so it is a specific feature of SLAPP, introduced as implementation of the AESOP (Agents and Emergencies for Simulating Organizations in Python) idea: a layer that describes in a fine-grained way the actions of the agents in our simulation models.
- Now we take in exam the timetable of our Oligopoly model.
- The file schedule.xls can be composed of several sheets, with: (a) the first one with name schedule; (b) the other ones with any name (those names are *macro instruction* names). We can recall the macro instructions in any sheet, but not within the sheet that creates the macro (that with the same name of the macro), to avoid infinite loops.

We differentiate the execution sequences in our model via the schedule.xls sheet contained in the folder oligoply.

Within the sheet, we have the action containers as introduce above (Figure 1), starting with the sign #.

### 3 Tools

## 3.1 readingCsvOutput.ipynb

The  ${\tt readingCsvOutput.ipynb}$  IPython sheet reads the .csv output files of the  ${\it oligiopoly}$  runs.

## 3.2 readingCsvOutput\_par\_corr.ipynb

The readingCsvOutput\_par\_corr.ipynb IPython works the sheet of Section 3.1 but adding the partial correlation calculations.

The code partial\_corr.py it the complement to readingCsvOutput\_par\_corr.ipynb and comes from https://gist.github.com/fabianp/9396204419c7b638d38f.

About partial correlation have a look to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partial\_correlation#Using\_linear\_regression.

## 3.3 databaseWizard.ipynb

The databaseWizard.ipynb IPython sheet reads the .csv output files of the *oligiopoly* runs and, via quickviz, <sup>13</sup> easily generates graphical representations of the content of those files. quickviz is based on seaborn<sup>14</sup> and pandas. <sup>15</sup>

## 4 Micro scheduling: the AESOP level

From now on we explain the micro level of AESOP, i.e., the structure of the implementation of the Agents and Emergencies for Simulating Organizations in Python for the Oligopoly model,

## 4.1 Model versions via the AESOP level in scheduling

We have several versions of the model defined via the sequences of actions. To use one of them, we have to copy its schedule to the basic schedule.xls file.

<sup>13</sup>https://github.com/chmduquesne/quickviz.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>https://seaborn.pydata.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>https://pandas.pydata.org.

#### 4.1.1 Version 0 (GitHub: V0 sub releases tab), preliminary step

In schedule0.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
# 1 100
entrepreneurs produce
entrepreneurs evaluateProfitV0
entrepreneurs 0.5 hireIfProfit
entrepreneurs 0.5 fireIfProfit
```

### 4.1.2 Version 1, random production as engine (GitHub: release V1&2)

In schedule1.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
# 1 100
entrepreneurs makeProductionPlan
entrepreneurs hireFireWithProduction
entrepreneurs produce
WorldState specialUse setMarketPriceV1
entrepreneurs evaluateProfit
entrepreneurs 0.5 fireIfProfit
```

## 4.1.3 Version 2 (GitHub: , random production as engine (GitHub: release V1&2)

Here we have (i) random production as engine, (ii) individual demand curves with more realistic price determination, (iii) new entrant firms.

In schedule2.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
100
                     makeProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                     hireFireWithProduction
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                     planConsumptionInValue
                     planConsumptionInValue
workers
WorldState
                     specialUse
                                              setMarketPriceV2
entrepreneurs
                     evaluateProfit
entrepreneurs
                     0,5
                                              fireIfProfit
workers
                     toEntrepreneur
entrepreneurs
                     toWorker
```

#### 4.1.4 Version 3 (GitHub: release V3)

Here we have (i) random production only at time 1, (ii) adaptation in production plans , (iii) individual demand curves with more realistic price determination, (iv)

new entrant firms.

In schedule3.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
100
entrepreneurs
                     makeProductionPlan
                     adaptProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
                     hireFireWithProduction
entrepreneurs
                     produce
entrepreneurs
                     planConsumptionInValue
entrepreneurs
workers
                     planConsumptionInValue
WorldState
                     specialUse
                                               setMarketPriceV3
entrepreneurs
                     evaluateProfit
                     0.0001
                                              fireIfProfit
entrepreneurs
workers
                     toEntrepreneurV3
entrepreneurs
                      toWorkerV3
```

### 4.1.5 Version 4 (GitHub: release V4)

Here we have (i) random production only at time 1, (ii) adaptation in production plans, (iii) individual demand curves with more realistic price determination, (iv) new entrant firms.

In schedule4.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E) three columns:

```
entrepreneurs
                       makeProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
                       adaptProductionPlan
                       hireFireWithProduction
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                       produce
planConsumptionInValue
workers
                       planConsumptionInValue
WorldState
                       specialUse
                                                 setMarketPriceV3
                       evaluateProfit
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                       0.0001
                                                 fireIfProfit
                       toEntrepreneurV3
entrepreneurs
                       toWorkerV3
                                                             COMMENT: below an experimental step
                                                             WorldState
                                                                               specialUse
                                                                                                    randomShockToWages
                                                             Temporary step
to check the model
WorldState
                       specialUse
                                                 fullEmploymentEffectOnWages
WorldState
                                                 incumbentActionOnWages
                       specialUse
```

## 4.1.6 Version 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c\_fd (GitHub: versions V5bPy3, V5c, V5bP2\_fd, V5c\_fd)

Version 5c\_fd adds to 5c the saving with the related output file of data of each firm in each period (production and profit).

The output file has name date+hour+\_firms.csv.

The individual data of each firm are elaborated via the iPython program readingCsvOutput.ipynb, <sup>16</sup> to obtain mean and standard deviations about pro-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Look at Sections 3.2 and 3.2.

duction and profits. The results are very close, but the dimensionality, to those obtained via the same program using the aggregated time series. The differences are due to the changes in number of entrepreneurs in each period, so the calculations based on the time series use data not always homogeneous.

Version 5c continues the set of small changes introduced to version 5, now adding the capability of changing the parameters of the simulation while the model is running; this capability is based upon the specialAction feature of SLAPP, at the level of the observer. See above, section 2.1.1.

Version 5b is related uniquely to a correction in method adaptProductionPlan, as in subsection 4.6.1, now modified as in subsection ??. The schedule is unchanged from Version 5 to 5b.

Version 5b3P is exactly the same as version 5b, but revised for Python 3 (SLAPP 3.0 or more).

NB NB NBTo replicate results calculated until May 2017, please use version 5b with SLAPP 2.0.

The differences are coming from a significant novelty in random number use.

With version 5b, we added the possibility of work troubles in firms, via the method entrepreneurs p work troubles, where p is a probability.

In schedule5.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
100
entrepreneurs
                      makeProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
                      adaptProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
                      hireFireWithProduction
entrepreneurs
                      0.05
                                               workTroubles
                      produceV5
entrepreneurs
                      planConsumptionInValueV6
entrepreneurs
                      planConsumptionInValueV6
workers
WorldState
                      computationalUse
                                               setMarketPriceV3
entrepreneurs
                      evaluateProfitV5
entrepreneurs
                      0.0001
                                               fireIfProfit
workers
                      toEntrepreneurV3
entrepreneurs
                      toWorkerV3
```

Unfortunately, random.shuffle() behaves in a different way in the two Python versions, as you can read at http://stackoverflow.com/questions/38943038/difference-between-python-2-and-3-for-shuffle-with-a-given-seed and also, after a call to shuffle the successive sequence of random realizations will be different in the two Python versions.

Due to this behavior we cannot reproduce in a full detailed way a run of a project in SLAPP working with Python 2 and with Python 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Working with the example basic (via SLAPP) we can verify that a sequence of "random.random()" numbers has the same content in Python 2 and in Python 3 if "n" in random.seed(n) is the same.

WorldState computationalUse fullEmploymentEffectOnWages WorldState computationalUse incumbentActionOnWages

## 4.1.7 Version 6, the simplified hayekian market (currently, the master in Github, release V6, is under development)

We experiment with the creation of a simplified hayekian market inside the *Oligopoly* model, remembering Bowles *et al.* (2017), Boettke (1990) and Lewis (2014) as examples of relevant references to the hayekian market analysis.

The main reference among those above is Bowles *et al.* (2017), absolutely worth to be considered; from there, we report the Hayek quotation:

[The market is] a system of the utilization of knowledge which nobody can possess as a whole, which ... leads people to aim at the needs of people whom they do not know, make use of facilities about which they have no direct information; all this condensed in abstract signals ... [T]hat our whole modern wealth and production could arise only thanks to this mechanism is, I believe, the basis not only of my economics but also much of my political views (Hayek, 1994, p. 69).

An deep analysis of the simplified hayekian price mechanism introduce can be found online in the microHayekianMarket<sup>18</sup> GitHub repository.

The Section B.3 of the document online<sup>19</sup> in that web page contains the key information useful to connect that analysis and the solution proposed—in this document—to build the *Oligopoly* model.

In Figure 4 we have the sequence of the events with and without the simplified hayekian market addendum.

To run the V6 with the simplified hayekian model choice, we need to introduce the feature below in the schedule. We underline that the structure of the V6 schedule is coincident with the results of V5 if the startHayekianMarket parameter is greater than the number of expected cycles of the simulation; the act macro is useless in that case.

We have two possible ways of interpreting the simplified havekian market model:

adopting a *full* hayekian paradigm: the modification of the prices is continuous, both on the side the buyers (all the agents) and of the side of the sellers (the entrepreneurs); the frequencies of the modifications belong to two highly different scales and as a consequence the amplitude of the price

 $<sup>^{18}</sup>$ https://terna.github.io/microHayekianMarket/

<sup>19</sup>https://github.com/terna/microHayekianMarket/blob/master/paperLaTeX\_folder/
microHayekianMarket/microHayekianMarket.pdf

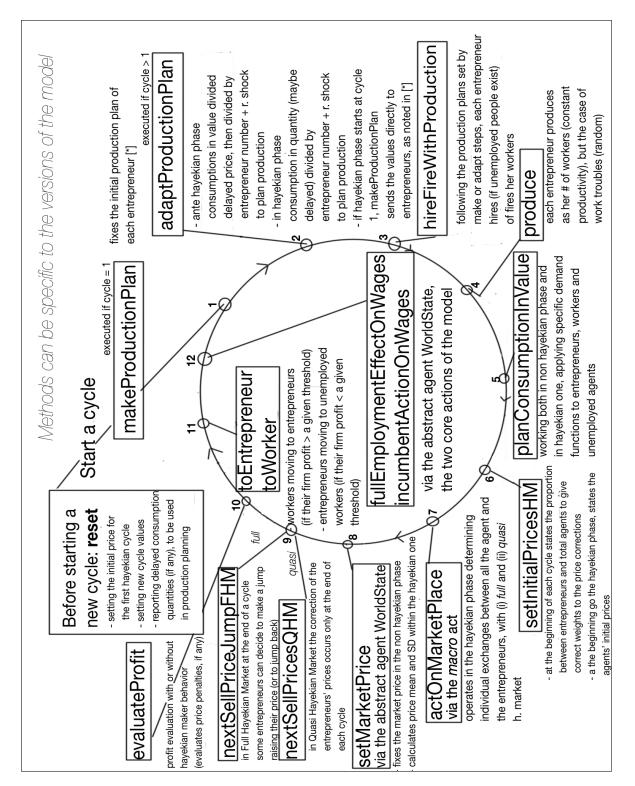


Figure 4: The outline of the model in twelve moves, particularly related to V.6

corrections are very different with the rate of  $\frac{number\ of\ sellers}{number\ of\ buyers}$  to 1 between sellers and buyers (the action setInitialPricesHM, reported into the schedule, calculates the ratio between sellers and buyers at the beginning of each period);

adopting a *quasi* hayekian paradigm: the modification of the prices is here continuous for the buyers, but limited to one correction per cycle (time interval) for each seller.

The switch between *full* and *quasi* hayekian paradigm operates via the parameter named hParadigm,, whose values are full or quasi. As described in the previous bullet points, the effect of the choice is that of enabling the way followed by the sellers in fixing their price, after the initial step (described in Section 4.3.6). As a side effect, setting hParadigm to any other value, we restrain the sellers from modifying their prices.

In both cases, the function or method setInitialPricesHM set the sellers' prices before the starting point of the hayekian period.

In schedule6.xls (to be copied to schedule.xls for the use) we have (comments start at column E and are missing) three columns:

```
100
                     makeProductionPlan
entrepreneurs
                     adaptProductionPlanV6
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                     hireFireWithProduction
                     0.05
entrepreneurs
                                              workTroubles
                     produceV5
entrepreneurs
entrepreneurs
                     planConsumptionInValueV6
                     planConsumptionInValueV6
workers
all
                     setInitialPricesHM
macro
                     act
WorldState
                     computationalUse
                                              setMarketPriceV6
entrepreneurs
                     evaluateProfitV6
entrepreneurs
                     nextSellPriceJumpFHM
entrepreneurs
                     nextSellPricesQHM
workers
                     toEntrepreneurV6
entrepreneurs
                     toWorkerV3
WorldState
                     computationalUse
                                              fullEmploymentEffectOnWages
WorldState
                     computationalUse
                                              incumbentActionOnWages
```

#### In schedule6.xls we have a second sheet named act containing:

all	actOnMarketPlace
all	actOnMarketPlace

The number of repetition of the method actOnMarketPlace in each cycle is determinate by the number of rows in the macro sheet act. Currently we have 30 or more<sup>20</sup>, until 100, rows.

In a hayekian run, the first step (the whole first cycle, with all the sub-steps of the *macro* act; the code is reported in Section 4.3.6) of the hayekian sequence produces a complete output of the actions (*sell* and *buy*) of the agents into the market. The output goes to the file firstStepOutputInHayekianMarket.csv in the folder of the oligopoly project. The file can be read and, must of all, elaborated with the program readingFirstStepOutputInHayekinaMarket.ipynb and it is useful mainly for internal control reasons.

## 4.2 The items of our AESOP level in scheduling

We have several items, not all used in each version of the model.

• # 1 100 fills 100 steps of the time schedule (or any other number of them) with the sequence below it, creating 100 (in this case) time containers.

The actual step repetition upon time can be  $\leq 100$ ; if > 100 the steps after the  $100^{\text{th}}$  will be lacking of activity of the detailed scheduling activity (AESOP layer).

## 4.3 Methods used in Version 6 only

#### 4.3.1 adaptProductionPlanV6

• While we are in the pre hayekian period, i.e., in *the warming up* phase of the run of the model, the method adaptProductionPlanV6 works as the method described in Section 4.6.2.

Indeed, the easier way to start the *Olygopoly* model with a hayekian market inside is that of warming up the model with the price setting employed until version 5c\_fd, i.e., comparing the total offer in quantity and the total demand in value and calculating a clearing price.

After k-1 cycles of warming, the last price is used in cycle k, considering it to be the previous cycle price that both the entrepreneurs—as producers—and the entrepreneurs and the workers—as consumers—remember and use

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Increasing the number of row, we test the findings of Appendix B in the note on the Micro Simplified Hayekian Market.

in their first step, starting to act in a decentralize market, in the hayekian perspective.

With  $t \geq k$ , the methods is operating in the direction of the hayekian market.

The entrepreneurs evaluate expected production in each period by dividing the total consumptions of the previous period, measured in quantity (prices are too heterogeneous in a hayekian situation), by the number of entrepreneurs.

#### With:

- $-\varphi_{i,t}$  as individual firm production in t;
- $-C_{n_s,t-1}$  as one of the  $N_{C_s}$  buying actions, measured in quantity, of the consumer s at time t-1;
- $-N_E$  as the entrepreneur number;
- $-u_t$  as a random addendum (drawn from a uniform distribution to have super-fat tails) representing the difficulty of having correct information about all the buy actions made into the economic system;

we have:

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to be corrected considering  $(t-1, w_1), (t-2, w_2), \ldots$ 

@@@

$$\varphi_{i,t} = \frac{\sum_{s} \sum_{n_s} C_{n_s,t-1}}{N_F} + u_t \tag{1}$$

The code is:

```
self.plannedProduction = (common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep /
                              previuosPrice) \
        / nEntrepreneurs
    shock = uniform(
        -common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction,
        \verb|common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction|| \\
   if shock >= 0:
        self.plannedProduction *= (1. + shock)
   if shock < 0:
        shock \star = -1.
        self.plannedProduction /= (1. + shock)
    # print self.number, self.plannedProduction
   common.totalPlannedProduction += self.plannedProduction
    # print "entrepreneur", self.number, "plan", self.plannedProduction, \
        "total", common.totalPlannedProduction
# hayekian period
if common.cycle >1 and common.cycle >= common.startHayekianMarket:
    #the case common.cycle==1, with common.startHayekianMarket==1, is
    #absorbed by makeProductionPlan
   nEntrepreneurs = 0
    for ag in self.agentList:
        if ag.agType == "entrepreneurs":
            nEntrepreneurs += 1
    self.plannedProduction = \
              common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInPrevious_TimeStep \
              / nEntrepreneurs
    shock = uniform(
        -common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction,
        common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction)
    if shock >= 0:
        self.plannedProduction *= (1. + shock)
    if shock < 0:
        shock \star = -1.
        self.plannedProduction /= (1. + shock)
    # print self.number, self.plannedProduction
   common.totalPlannedProduction += self.plannedProduction
    # print "entrepreneur", self.number, "plan", self.plannedProduction, \
         "total", common.totalPlannedProduction
    \# to record sold production and revenue in hayekian phase
   self.soldProduction=0
   self.revenue=0
```

The internal variable

common.totalDemandInQuantityInPrevious\_TimeStep
is updated in the following way:

- the internal variable

common.totalConsumptioInQuantityInPrevious\_TimeStep

is set within the reset function in Agent.py (about reset, see Section 1.1), saving in it the value of previous step

common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA\_TimeStep, before resetting
it to 0;

the code is:

```
elif common.cycle > common.startHayekianMarket:
    common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInPrevious_TimeStep = \
        common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA_TimeStep
```

common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA\_TimeStep is determined in actOnMarketPlace in Section 4.3.6;

- we have a special case when

```
common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket
```

and the previous value does not exist because actOnMarketPlace has still to start to operate;

in this case we use the previous planned amount of consumption in value,

common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep,

transformed in quantity using prices at t-2 using the scheme of adaptProductionPlan (Section 4.6.2), i.e.:

```
if len(common.ts_df.price.values) == 1:
    previuosPrice = common.ts_df.price.values[-1] # t=2
if len(common.ts_df.price.values) > 1:
    previuosPrice = common.ts_df.price.values[-2] # t>2
# NB the code above can act only from t>1
```

we underline that previuosPrice (as a local variable) can be used in the unique case

common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket.

- The whole specific code is:

```
# introduced with V6
# V6 reset block starts hene
# this part is specific of the first hayekian cycle
# where it replaces the lack of a previous values in
# quantity
if common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket:
   if len(common.ts_df.price.values) == 1:
       previuosPrice = common.ts_df.price.values[-1] # t=2
    if len(common.ts_df.price.values) > 1:
      previuosPrice = common.ts_df.price.values[-2] # t>2
    \# NB the code above can act only from t>1
    common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInPrevious_TimeStep = \
    common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    / previuosPrice
elif common.cycle > common.startHayekianMarket:
    common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInPrevious_TimeStep = \
```

common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA\_TimeStep

common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA\_TimeStep = 0
 # list of all the transaction prices in a cycle of the
# hayekian market
common.hayekianMarketTransactionPriceList\_inACycle=[]
# v6 reset block ends here

#### 4.3.2 planConsumptionInValueV6

• The method (or command) planConsumptionInValueV6,<sup>21</sup> sent to workers or entrepreneurs, plans the consumptions in value for the current cycle and its sub-steps, using the parameters detailed in commonVar.py file.

The method is equal to planConsumptionInValueV5 one, but the conclusion. Indeed, no update of totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep common value is made after the conclusion of the pre-hayekian period.

Consumption behavior of the agent i at time t is defined as:

$$C_{i,t} = a_k + b_k Y_{i,t} + u_{i,t} (2)$$

with  $u_{i,t}$  from  $u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)$ . The individual i can be:

- 1. an entrepreneur, with  $Y_{i,t} = profit_{i,t-1} + wage$ ;
- 2. an employed worker, with  $Y_{i,t} = wage$  and the special<sup>22</sup> case  $Y_{i,t} = wc_t^i$ , with  $wc_t^i$  defined in eq.28;
- 3. an unemployed workers<sup>23</sup>, with  $Y_{i,t} = socialWelfareCompensation$ .

The  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  values are set via the file commonVar.py and reported in output, when the program starts, via the parameters.py.

Finally, a quota of the unspent consumption capability coming from the past is added to the result. The quota, with a value in the interval [0,1], has value reUseUnspentConsumptionCapability<sup>24</sup> or  $q^{res}$  and it is applied to unspentConsumptionCapability, giving:

$$C_{i,t}^{+} = C_{i,t} + q^{res} \cdot unspentConsumptionCapability$$
 (3)

 $<sup>^{21}\</sup>mathrm{Related}$  to Version 6

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$ Activated if the common value wageCutForWorkTroubles is true

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$ In this case, if the random component exceeds the consumption coming from social welfare compensation, we can have negative consumption; in case, in version 6, consumption are set to  $^{0}$ 

 $<sup>^{24}</sup>$ Defined in common Var.py.

#### The code in Agent.py is:

```
# consumptions
def planConsumptionInValueV6(self):
    self.consumption = 0
    \#case (1)
    \# Y1=profit(t-1)+wage NB no negative consumption if profit(t-1) < 0
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "entrepreneurs":
        self.consumption = common.a1 + \
            \verb|common.b1 * (self.profit + common.wage) + | |
            gauss (0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
        if self.consumption < 0:
            self.consumption = 0
        # profit, in V2, is at time -1 due to the sequence in schedule2.xls
    #case (2)
    # Y2=wage
    if self.agType == "workers" and self.employed:
        # the followin if/else structure is for control reasons because if
        # not common.wageCutForWorkTroubles we do not take in account
        # self.workTroubles also if != 0; if = 0 is non relevant in any
        # case
        if common.wageCutForWorkTroubles:
            self.consumption = common.a2 + \
                common.b2 * common.wage * (1. - self.workTroubles) + \
                gauss (0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
            # print "worker", self.number, "wage x",(1.-self.workTroubles)
        else:
            self.consumption = common.a2 + \
                common.b2 * common.wage + \
                gauss(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #case (3)
    # Y3=socialWelfareCompensation
    if self.agType == "workers" and not self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a3 + \
            \verb|common.b3| * common.socialWelfareCompensation + \\ \\ \\ \\
            gauss(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    # reuse unspent consumption capability
    #if self.number==1:
         print("reuse unspent consumption capability", \
                                 self.unspentConsumptionCapability)
    self.consumption += common.reUseUnspentConsumptionCapability * \
                       self.unspentConsumptionCapability
    if self.consumption < 0:
        #print('*************
                                   *******************, self.employed, \
                 self.consumption)
        self.consumption=0
    \ensuremath{\sharp} max cons. in each step of a cycles of the hayekian phase
    # update totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    if common.cycle < common.startHayekianMarket or \</pre>
       (common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket and \
       common.startHayekianMarket == 1):
       # the 'or' condition is necessary In the hayekian perspective,
```

```
# when the start is a cyce 1; the value of
# common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep is necessary
# in the warming phase: look at the 'else' within
# the second block in setInitialPricesHM

common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep += self.consumption
# print "C sum", common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep

self.consumptionPlanningInCycleNumber=common.cycle
```

Referring to totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep, the method updates that *common* value only until the starting point of the hayekian market; on the contrary, the V5 version of the method updates it in any case.

In the *hayekian* phase, in each step of a cycle we establish a max quantity of consumptions, via a quota introduced interactively in the starting session of the program. This action mimics the action of the households over time in a period.

When the hayekian market operates, the consumption total amount comes from summing up all the consumption actions in actOnMarketPlace method.

#### 4.3.3 setInitialPricesHM, Hayekian Market

- The method (or command) setInitialPricesHM,<sup>25</sup>, sent to all, operates only in the *hayekian* phase of each run.
- The method performs several actions.
  - 1. In each cycle, while the hayekian market is working, the method calculates the ratio  $\frac{number\ of\ sellers}{number\ of\ buyers}$  to 1 between sellers and buyers as requested in adopting the full hayekian paradigm (as described at p.21). This proportion is used to modify sellers' price corrections in the full hayekian paradigm case, in actOnMarketPlace method (Section 4.3.6). The code in Agent.py (setting the value of the ratioSellersBuyers is:

```
# set initial sell and buy prices in hayekian market
def setInitialPricesHM(self):

# 1 ------
if common.cycle >= common.startHayekianMarket:
   if not common.ratioSellersBuyersAlreadySet:
        nEntrepreneurs = 0
        for ag in self.agentList:
        if ag.agType == "entrepreneurs":
```

 $<sup>^{25}</sup>$ Related to Version 6

```
nEntrepreneurs += 1
nSellers=nEntrepreneurs

nBuyers=len(self.agentList)

common.ratioSellersBuyersAlreadySet=True
common.ratioSellersBuyers=nSellers/nBuyers
print("Ratio sellers/buyers =",common.ratioSellersBuyers)
# in setNewCycleValues common.ratioSellersBuyersAlreadySet=False
# at the beginning of each cycle
```

2. In the first step of the hayekian phase, the method states the initial common price: being at time k, we use as starting point the price at time k-1 or, if k>2, at k-2.

If k=1, we use the same structure of the non-hayekian market, calculating the price as the equilibrium price that would have been created at t=1 in the non-hayekian execution, but outside WorldState setMarketPriceV3 method (Sections 4.6.3 and 4.16.3), to avoid here random shocks.

The code, always in Agent.py, is:

```
# 2 -----
if common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket and \
               not common.priceWarmingDone:
  # setting the basic price uniquely before the first hayekian cycle
  common.sellPrice=1000
  common.buyPrice=-1000
  if common.startHayekianMarket>1:
   if len(common.ts_df.price.values) == 1:
     common.buyPrice = common.sellPrice = \
             common.ts_df.price.values[-1] # the last price
     #print("Ag.", self.number,"buying at", self.buyPrice,
                               "selling at", self.sellPrice)
     \# NB the code above can act only if t>1
   if len(common.ts_df.price.values) > 1:
     common.buyPrice = common.sellPrice = \
             common.ts_df.price.values[-2] # the second last price
     #print("Ag.", self.number, "buying at", self.buyPrice,
                               "selling at", self.sellPrice)
     \# NB the code above can act only if t>2
     # NB NB we set the sellPrice also for workers but we do not
              use it
              when a worker becomes an entreprenuer she copies the
              sell price of the firm she is coming from
  else: # case t==1 being common.startHayekianMarket==1
        # look at the equilibrium price that would have been created
        \# at t==1 in the non-hayekian execution
        # in the common.startHayekianMarket == 1 case, when
        # actOnMaketPlace is activated
        # we already have
        # common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep and
        # common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
        # so, we can calculate
     common.buyPrice = common.sellPrice = \
                   common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep \
                   / common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
```

- 3. Calculation of the individual starting prices. The parameter in use here are initShock and initShift. Here we calculate both self.buyPrice and self.sellPrice, because each agent can act both as entrepreneurseller and as buyer.
  - We add a random correction to both the initial prices, to start with two distributions of values. Let initShock the internal variable containing the relative value  $\iota$  as the range of the correction of the individual starting prices in a random uniform way, but with the internal variable initShift, having value  $\nu$ , reasonably<sup>26</sup> in the interval [-1,1], e.g., 0.10, shifting the range of the whole correction. Our goal here is that of initializing (i) buyer prices mostly below/above the starting price and (ii) seller prices mostly above/below the starting price, to induce more or less intensively the necessity of individual price corrections to start the initial exchanges. With  $p_{S,i}$  as initial sell price of agent i,  $p_{B,i}$  as initial buy price of agent i and  $p_H$  as starting hayekian price, we have the eqs.:

\* if 
$$\varepsilon_{S,i} \ge 0$$

$$p_{S,i} = p_H(1 + \varepsilon_{S,i}) \tag{4}$$

\* if 
$$\varepsilon_{S,i} < 0$$

$$p_{S,i} = p_H/(1 + |\varepsilon_{S,i}|) \tag{5}$$

with  $\varepsilon_{S,i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-\nu \iota, (1-\nu) \iota)$ . and

\* if 
$$\varepsilon_{B,i} \ge 0$$

$$p_{B,i} = p_H(1 + \varepsilon_{B,i}) \tag{6}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>With very different effects.

 $<sup>^{27}</sup>$ At creation time, for each agent *sellPrice* is set to 1000 and *buyPrice* to -1000, so both to implausible values, not operational.

In any case, the sellers (entrepreneur) cannot operate into the hayekian market until their starting price is defined; this information is reported setting to (True) the agent's variable sellPriceDefined.

\* if 
$$\varepsilon_{B,i} < 0$$

$$p_{B,i} = p_H(1 + |\varepsilon_{B,i}|) \tag{7}$$

with  $\varepsilon_{B,i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-(1-\nu) \iota, \nu \iota)$ 

i) If we adopt  $\nu = 0.10$  and  $\iota = 0.10$ , we only have a quite small overlapping of the initial prices correction (correction are never too rational, with someone moving in the wrong direction).  $\varepsilon$  corrections will be uniformly distributed between -0.01 and 0.09 for the sellers and between -0.09 and 0.01 for the buyers and, considering the individual prices as reservation prices, we have an offer curve and a demand one crossing on the left side of their graphic representation, as you can see in Figure 5.

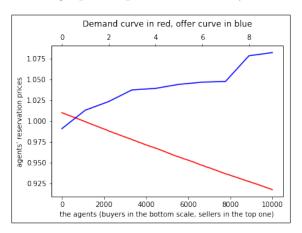


Figure 5: Case i): demand curve with 10,000 agents,  $\varepsilon_B$  in [-0.09, 0.01); offer curve with 10 agents,  $\varepsilon_S$  in [-0.01, 0.09)

- ii) If we want not overlapping curves, we can use  $\nu < 0$ , e.g.,  $\nu = -0.1$ , with  $\iota = 0.10$ .  $\varepsilon$  corrections will be uniformly distributed between 0.01 and 0.11 for the sellers and between -0.11 and -0.01 for the buyers, as in Figure 6.
- iii) We can also desire to start in a well balancing situation, with  $\nu=0.5$  and, e.g.,  $\iota=0.10|0.20$ .  $\varepsilon$  corrections will be uniformly distributed
  - (a) between -0.05 and 0.05 for the sellers and between -0.05 and 0.05 for the buyers, as in Figure 7 for  $\iota = 0.10$ ,
  - or (b) between -0.10 and 0.10 for the sellers and between -0.10 and 0.10 for the buyers, as in Figure 8 for  $\iota = 0.20$ , doubling the y scale.

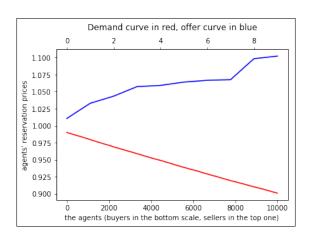


Figure 6: Case ii): demand curve with 10,000 agents,  $\varepsilon_B$  in [-0.11, -0.01); offer curve with 10 agents,  $\varepsilon_S$  in [0.01, 0.11)

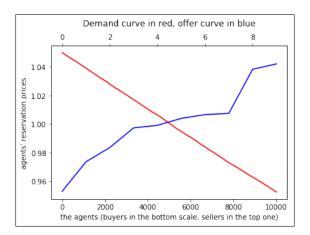


Figure 7: Case iii): (a) demand curve with 10,000 agents,  $\varepsilon_B$  in [-0.05, 0.05); offer curve with 10 agents,  $\varepsilon_S$  in [-0.05, 0.05)

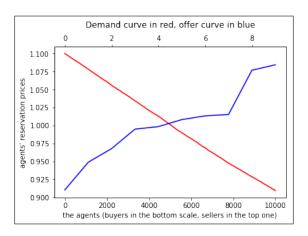


Figure 8: Case iii): (b) demand curve with 10,000 agents,  $\varepsilon_B$  in [-0.10, 0.10); offer curve with 10 agents,  $\varepsilon_S$  in [-0.10, 0.10)

The code, always in Agent.py, is:

```
# individual starting prices
if common.cycle == common.startHayekianMarket:
   #starting sell price
   self.sellPrice = \
             applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(common.sellPrice, \
                uniform(-common.initShift*common.initShock, \
                        (1-common.initShift) *common.initShock))
   if self.agType=="entrepreneurs":
      print("entrepreneur", self.number, "has initial sell price",\
                             self.sellPrice)
   self.sellPriceDefined=True
   # starting individual buy price
   self.buyPrice = \
             applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(common.buyPrice, \
                uniform((common.initShift-1)*common.initShock, \
                        common.initShift*common.initShock))
```

To generate symmetric effect both for positive and negative rates of change, we use the applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(base,rate) function of Agent.py. The code is:

```
def applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(base,rate):
    if rate >= 0:
        return base*(1+rate)
    if rate < 0:
        return base/(1+abs(rate))</pre>
```

## 4.3.4 nextSellPriceJumpFHM, Full Hayekian Market

• The method (or command) nextSellPriceJumpFHM, 28, sent to entrepreneurs, operates only in the *hayekian* phase of each run.

It works in the FHM, or Full Hayekian Market, case, i.e., with the *full* hayekian market paradigm (as described at p.21), modifying the sell price of a specific *entrepreneur-seller* with a jump on the side of the up corrections of her reservation prices. The method operates with a given probability.

In commonVar.py we have the settings of the jump size and the pSize probability.

```
jump is a relative value, so p^J = p(1 + jump).
```

The probability of jumping operates as a switch, moving the agent to be a jumper and viceversa.

If a worker of a jumping up entrepreneur moves to be an entrepreneur herself, she starts as a jumper.

• The code is:

```
# modify a specific sell price with a jump on the side of the up
# corrections, in full hayekian market
# NB we are at the end of each cycle
def nextSellPriceJumpFHM(self):
    if self.agType != "entrepreneurs": return
    if common.hParadigm=="quasi": return
    if npr.uniform(0,1) <= common.pJump:</pre>
        if self.jump == 0:
            self.jump=common.jump
            self.sellPrice *= 1 + self.jump
            print("entrepreur # ", self.number, \
                  "raises the sell price with a jump")
            self.sellPrice /= 1 + self.jump
            self.jump=0
            print("entrepreur # ", self.number, \
                   "reduces the sell price with a jump")
```

## 4.3.5 nextSellPricesQHM, Quasi Hayekian Market

• The method (or command) nextSellPricesQHM,<sup>29</sup>, sent to entrepreneurs, operates only in the *hayekian* phase of each run.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>Related to Version 6

 $<sup>^{29}</sup>$ Related to Version 6

It works in the QHM, or Quasi Hayekian Market, case, i.e., with the *quasi* hayekian market paradigm (as described at p.23).

In this case, with the price correction switch hParadigm set to quasi, the correction of the entrepreneurs' prices occurs only at the end of each cycle.

We can have several situations.

We choose among the possibilities with the variable quasiHchoice with three choices: unsold, profitDirect, and profitInverse.

- i) Case quasiHchoice set to unsold. We compare the ratio  $\frac{sold\ production}{production}$  with the threshold soldThreshold (e.g., 0.95); if the result is  $\leq$  the threshold, a random correction is applied, dividing the price by  $1 + u_1$  with  $u_1 \sim \mathcal{U}(decreasingRateRange, 0)$ , e.g., decreasingRateRange -0.20; if the result is 1, a random correction is applied, multiplying by  $1+u_2$  with  $u_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, decreasingRateRange)$ , e.g., increasingRateRange 0.02. Between the soldThreshold value and 1 no correction occurs.
- ii) Alternatively, we can control the sign of the profit, as defined in Section 4.3.7; it is important to remember that in the schedule as at p. 23 the evaluation of the profit precedes the current step. The action can follow two directions:
  - (a) Case quasiHchoice set to profitDirect.@@@@@@
  - (b) Case quasiHchoice set to profitInverse.

Being here the price corrections for the entrepreneurs uniquely at the end of each period, the *full* hayekian market paradigm (as described at p.21) anyway operates in the first period. The goal of this exception is that of avoiding that the sellers are using the initial random prices for the full length of the first cycle. As we indicated,<sup>30</sup> it is important here to start with a well balancing structure of demand and offer curves.

• The resulting code of the whole??@@@ method is: CODICE SOTTO DA SOST

 $<sup>^{30}</sup>$ In this case could be important to start with a balancing initial situation, as in solution iii) at p.  $^{33}$ .

#### 4.3.6 actOnMarketPlace

• The method (or command) actOnMarketPlace, 31 operates only in the *hayekian* phase of each run.

Both the entrepreneurs and the workers are *buyers*, while the *sellers* are uniquely the entrepreneurs.

- Search for sellers. In the first step of each multiple call of actOnMarketPlace in each cycle, and for each buyer, a seller is chosen from a temporary list locally generated.
- The method actOnMarketPlace is included in a macro,. The number of repetitions for each buyer in each cycle (the number of buy attempts) is regulated by the number of repetition into the macro. In each repetition the program shuffles the agents. Each agent has in memory the effect of the action done in the previous repetition within a cycle.
- Sold products are recorded in quantity in self.soldProduction, always reset to 0 in any new cycle adaptProductionPlanV6 step.

The deal between a buyer and a seller is based on the confrontation of the prices. If  $p_{B,i}$ , as buy price of agent i, is  $\geqslant$  of  $p_{S,j}$ , as sell price of agent j, the agents exchange, at the seller price, the min quantity among the buying capacity of the buyer at that price, its max spending value in each step of a cycle at that price<sup>32</sup> and the actual production residual quantity of the seller.

The revenue of the seller (one of the entrepreneurs) is accounted for profit calculations.

• Prices: what price in each action for each agent?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>Related to Version 6

 $<sup>^{32}</sup>$ As stated in Section 4.3.2, in each step of a cycle we establish a max quantity of consumptions, via a quota introduced interactively in the starting session of the program.

- The best is their, price, i.e., the price at which they have concluded a deal (the last one, if more than a deal was made in a same time interval)<sup>33</sup> or that of the last bid (if buyers) or ask (if sellers) they made without concluding a deal. This price is corrected with the rules below.
- To generate symmetric effect both for positive and negative rates of change, we use the applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(base,rate) function as described at p.35.
- The continuous process of correction of the individual prices, applied to the transactions within each cycle, works in the following way.
  - 1. we modify the buy price (a random correction) if the last agent negotiation, also if unsuccessful, was on the buy side.
  - 2. The same on the sell price, but here only in case of hParadigm set to full (see p.23 and p.30); if this is the case, the sellers' price correction is limited by the factor Z reporting the value of ratioSellersBuyers, to account for the different (extremely higher) number of corrections they made in a cycle. Let runningShock be the internal variable containing the relative value  $\tilde{\iota}$  (e.g., 0.05) as the range of the correction or the individual running prices in a random uniform way (but shifted, with the internal variable runningShift containing the value of  $\tilde{\nu}$  defined in the interval [0,0.5] e.g., 0.10, with a very low superimposition), with  $p_{B,i}$  as buy price of agent i and  $p_{S,i}$  as sell price of agent i. runningShock and runningShift are differentiate for buyers and sellers with runningShockB runningShiftB and runningShockS

The equations are the same as 6, 7, 4 and 5, with  $\tilde{\nu}_B$  or  $\tilde{\nu}_S$  substituting  $\nu$  and  $\tilde{\iota}_B$  or  $\tilde{\iota}_S$  substituting  $\iota$ . Remember Z as ratio selers to buyers.

- After the starting cycle of the *hayekian* phase, the agents use two *status* variable (technically: self.statusB and self.statusS), initialized to 0 and reporting their short term history both as buyers (workers or entrepreneusr) and as sellers (entrepreneurs). Conventions:
  - self.statusB
    - \* 0 means never used;

runningShiftS.

\* 1 if previous action was a successful buy attempt;

 $<sup>^{33}</sup>$ The event is possible if the agents buy or sell only fractions of their buying or selling quantities, so repeating their actions

- \* -1 if previous action was an unsuccessful buy attempt;
- self.statusS
  - \* 0 means never used;
  - \* 1 if previous action was a successful sell attempt;
  - \* -1 if previous action was an unsuccessful sell attempt.
- Using the variables introduced above, we adopt  $\tilde{\nu}_B = \tilde{\nu}_S = 0.10$  and  $\tilde{\iota}_B = \tilde{\iota}_S = 0.05$  as values for the initial experiment.
- Buyer case:
  - \* if the last transaction succeeded (status B is 1) and  $\varepsilon_{B^{down},i} \geq 0$ :

$$p_{B,i_t} = p_{B,i_{t-1}} (1 + \varepsilon_{B^{down},i}) \tag{8}$$

\* if the last transaction succeeded (status B is 1) and  $\varepsilon_{Bdown_i} < 0$ :

$$p_{B,i_t} = p_{B,i_{t-1}}/(1 + |\varepsilon_{B^{down},i}|) \tag{9}$$

with  $\varepsilon_{B^{down},i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-(1-\tilde{\nu}_B) \tilde{\iota}_B, \tilde{\nu}_B \tilde{\iota}_B)$ , so mostly negative (the agent tries to decrease its reservation price);

\* if the last transaction failed (status B is -1) and  $\varepsilon_{B^{up},i} \geq 0$ :

$$p_{B,i_t} = p_{B,i_{t-1}}(1 + \varepsilon_{B^{up},i}) \tag{10}$$

\* if the last transaction failed (status B is -1) and  $\varepsilon_{B^{up},i} < 0$ :

$$p_{B,i_t} = p_{B,i_{t-1}}/(1 + |\varepsilon_{B^{up},i}|)$$
 (11)

with  $\varepsilon_{B^{up},i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-\tilde{\nu}_B \ \tilde{\iota}_B, (1-\tilde{\nu}_B) \ \tilde{\iota}_B)$ , so mostly positive (the agent tries to increase its reservation price).

- Seller case:<sup>34</sup>
  - \* if the last transaction succeeded (status is 1) and  $\varepsilon_{S^{up},i} \geq 0$ :

$$p_{S,i_t} = p_{S,i_{t-1}}(1 + Z\varepsilon_{S^{up},i}) \tag{12}$$

\* if the last transaction succeeded (status is 1) and  $\varepsilon_{S^{up},i} < 0$ :

$$p_{S,i_t} = p_{S,i_{t-1}}/(1+Z|\varepsilon_{S^{up},i}|)$$
 (13)

with  $\varepsilon_{S^{up},i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-\tilde{\nu}_S \ \tilde{\iota}_S, (1-\tilde{\nu}_S) \ \tilde{\iota}_S)$ , so mostly positive (the agent tries to increase its reservation price);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup>Operating in case of *hParadigm* set to *full*; if set to *quasi* the correction is made once per cycle; if the parameter is set to a value which is neither *full* nor *quasi* we have a side effect, because no corrections will operate on sell prices. In case of the *quasi* scheme, in the first cycle the *full* one is anyway operating, look at p.36.

\* if the last transaction failed (status is -1) and  $\varepsilon_{S^{down},i} \geq 0$ :

$$p_{S,i_t} = p_{S,i_{t-1}} (1 + Z\varepsilon_{S^{down},i}) \tag{14}$$

\* if the last transaction failed (status is -1) and  $\varepsilon_{S^{down},i} < 0$ :

$$p_{S,i_t} = p_{S,i_{t-1}}/(1 + Z|\varepsilon_{S^{down},i}|)$$
(15)

with  $\varepsilon_{S^{down},i} \sim \mathcal{U}(-(1-\tilde{\nu}_S) \tilde{\iota}_S, \tilde{\nu}_S \tilde{\iota}_S)$ , so mostly negative (the agent tries to decrease its reservation price).

- The function applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(base,rate), introduced above, performs in a unique code the two alternative calculations of eqs.: 8 or 9; 10 or 11; 12 or 13; 14 or 15.
- The method also has a tool to generate an optional report about residual consumption in value and unsold production in quantity, at the beginning of each substep in a cycle.

To obtain the report, the variable checkResConsUnsoldProd has to be *true* in commonVar.py. The report is printed in the regular output flow of the model.

You can find this tool within the method actOnMarketPlace, under the comment # in each sub step ... The code is a bit tricky (in each call, the elaboration jumps from an instance of agent to another one).

• The resulting code of the whole method is:

```
# all acting as consumers on the market place
def actOnMarketPlace(self):
    if common.cycle < common.startHayekianMarket: return</pre>
    # in each sub step, we show residual consumption and production; the
    # code operates on different agents, but consistently (in each call,
    # the elaboration jumps from an instance of agent to another one)
    if common.checkResConsUnsoldProd:
     #print(self.number)
     if common.withinASubstep:
        common.internalSubStepAgentCounter+=1
        #print('*',common.internalSubStepAgentCounter)
        if common.internalSubStepAgentCounter==len(self.agentList):
            \verb|common.withinASubstep=False|\\
     else: # not withinASubstep
        common.withinASubstep=True
        common.internalSubStepAgentCounter=1
        if common.currentCycle != common.cycle:
              common.currentCycle = common.cycle
              common.subStepCounter=0
              print()
        common.subStepCounter+=1
        residualConsumptionCapabilityInValue=0
```

```
residualUnsoldPruduction=0
            for anAgent in self.agentList:
                residualConsumptionCapabilityInValue += anAgent.consumption
                if anAgent.agType=="entrepreneurs":
                    residualUnsoldPruduction+= \
                    anAgent.production - anAgent.soldProduction
            print(\
"subc. 2d.3d starts with cons. capab. (v) .1f and uns. p. (q) .1f
% (common.cycle, common.subStepCounter, residualConsumptionCapabilityInValue,\
                                         residualUnsoldPruduction))
        try: common.wr.writerow
        except:
            print("The file firstStepOutputInHayekianMarket.csv was not"+\
                  " created in mActions.py")
            os.sys.exit(1)
        # first call in each cycle, preparing action (only once per cycle)
        if self.currentCycle != common.cycle:
           self.currentCycle = common.cycle
           # we check that the planning of the consumption has been
           # made for the current cycle
           if self.consumptionPlanningInCycleNumber != common.cycle:
               \verb|print('Attempt of using actOnMarketPlace method before'+\\|\\
                     ' consumption planning')
               os.sys.exit(1) # to stop the execution, in the calling module
                           # we have multiple except, with 'SystemExit' case
           # create a temporary list of sellers, starting each step (cycle)
           self.sellerList=[]
           for anAg in self.agentList:
               if anAg.getType() == "entrepreneurs":
                   if not anAg.sellPriceDefined:
                       print("Inconsistent situation, an active selles"\
                       +" has no sell price defined.")
                       os.sys.exit(1)
                   else: self.sellerList.append(anAg)
        # acting (NB self.consumption comes from planConsumptionInValueV6)
        # if buying action is possible
        #print("cycle",common.cycle, "aq",self.number, "cons val",self.consumption)
        if self.consumption > 0:
          if self.sellerList != []:
            # chose a seller
            mySeller=self.sellerList[randint(0,len(self.sellerList)-1)]
            \verb|sellerQ=mySeller.production - mySeller.soldProduction|\\
            if sellerQ>0:
              # try a deal
              if self.buyPrice < mySeller.sellPrice:</pre>
                 self.statusB=mySeller.statusS=-1
              if self.buyPrice >= mySeller.sellPrice:
                 self.statusB=mySeller.statusS= 1
                 #print(common.cycle,"entr.",mySeller.number,\
                 # mySeller.production,mySeller.soldProduction,\
                 # mySeller.sellPrice)
```

```
# NB production can be < plannedProduction due to lack of workers
     # consumption in value cannot exceed self.maxConsumptionInAStep
     buyerQ=min(self.consumption/mySeller.sellPrice, sellerQ,\
                self.maxConsumptionInAStep/mySeller.sellPrice)
     mySeller.soldProduction+=buyerQ
     mySeller.revenue+=buyerQ*mySeller.sellPrice
     self.consumption-=buyerQ*mySeller.sellPrice
     self.unspentConsumptionCapability=self.consumption
     #print("cycle",common.cycle,"ag",self.number,"deal: cons val",\
              buyerQ*mySeller.sellPrice, "price", mySeller.sellPrice)
     # saving the price of the transaction
     common.hayekianMarketTransactionPriceList_inACycle.\
            append(mySeller.sellPrice)
     common.totalConsumptionInQuantityInA_TimeStep += buyerQ
#ouput - seller has no goods to sell
elif common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket:
         common.wr.writerow\
         (["nogoods", "buy", numpy.nan, self.consumption, self.number,\
         "sell", numpy.nan,mySeller.number])
#output - deal vs. nodeal
if common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket:
    if mySeller.statusS==1:
        common.wr.writerow\
        (["deal", "buy", self.buyPrice, self.consumption, self.number, \
        "sell", mySeller.sellPrice,mySeller.number])
    if mySeller.statusS==-1 and mySeller.sellPriceDefined:
        common.wr.writerow\
        (["nodeal", "buy", self.buyPrice, self.consumption, self.number,\
        "sell", mySeller.sellPrice,mySeller.number])
# correct running prices
# if the status is != 0 the agent has already been acting
if self.statusB == 1: # buyer case (statusB 1, successful buy attempt,
                   # acting mostly to decrease the reservation price)
  self.buyPrice = applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(self.buyPrice,\
                      uniform(-(1-common.runningShiftB) * \
                            common.runningShockB, \
                            common.runningShiftB* \
                            common.runningShockB))
if self.statusB == -1: # buyer case (statusB -1, unsuccessful buy attempt,
                   # acting mostly to increase the reservation price)
  self.buyPrice = applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(self.buyPrice, \
                      uniform(-common.runningShiftB* \
                            common.runningShockB, \
                            (1-common.runningShiftB) * \
                            common.runningShockB))
if mySeller.statusS == 1 and common.hParadigm=="full" or \
                         (common.hParadigm=="quasi" and \
                         common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket):
                   # seller case (statusS 1, successful sell attempt,
                   # acting mostly to increase the reservation price)
```

```
mySeller.sellPrice = applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(mySeller.sellPrice, \
                               common.ratioSellersBuyers*\
                               uniform(-common.runningShiftS* \
                                common.runningShockS,
                                (1-common.runningShiftS) * \
                                common.runningShockS))
    if mySeller.statusS == -1 and common.hParadigm=="full" or \
                             (common.hParadigm=="quasi" and \
                             common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket):
                       # seller case (statusS -1, unsuccess. s. attempt,
                       # acting mostly to decrease the reservation price)
     mySeller.sellPrice = applyRationallyTheRateOfChange(mySeller.sellPrice, \
                               common.ratioSellersBuyers*\
                               uniform(-(1-common.runningShiftS)* \
                                common.runningShockS,
                                common.runningShiftS* \
                                common.runningShockS))
    #print("ag.", self.number, "new prices", self.buyPrice, mySeller.sellPrice)
    # cleaning the situation (redundant) \\
   self.statusB=mySeller.statusS=0
  #output - self.sellerList==[]
 elif common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket:
      common.wr.writerow\
        (["nosellers", "buy", self.buyPrice, self.consumption, self.number,\
        "sell", numpy.nan, numpy.nan])
#output - self.consumption<=0</pre>
elif common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket:
     common.wr.writerow\
       (["noconsumption", "buy", numpy.nan, self.consumption, self.number, \
       "sell", numpy.nan, numpy.nan])
#output close
if common.cycle==common.startHayekianMarket+1 and not common.closed:
   common.csvf.close()
   common.closed=True
```

#### 4.3.7 evaluateProfitV6

• The method (or command) evaluateProfitV6,<sup>35</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to calculate their profit. Being  $P_t^i$  the production and the labor force  $L_t^i$  measured via the network connecting the entrepreneur to her workers plus 1 to take in account the entrepreneur herself.

The use of  $P_t^i$ , the actual production of the entrepreneurs, accounts both for the production plan decided with adaptProductionPlan, page 56, and for the limits in hiring, if any, as in hireFireWithProduction, page 51. The sum of all the actual productions of each entrepreneur is used, as at page 77, in setMarketPriceV3.

 $<sup>^{35}</sup>$ Related to Version 6.

The method has been improved in version 2, to manage extra costs for the new entrant firms, but keeping safe the backward compatibility of the method.

 $p_t$  is the price, clearing the market at time t and it is calculated by the abstract item WorldState via the method setMarketPrice, as explained in Section 4.16.

w is the wage per employee and time unit, set to 1.0 in common variable space, not changing with t, but the case of the important events of:

- wage rise due both to full employment (Subsection 4.7.1) and
- to the creation of barriers against new entrants (Subsection 4.7.3).

C are extra costs for new entrant firms. They are calibrated to assure the effectivness of the action described in Subsection 4.7.3, but in a non deterministic way, thanks to the movements in prices.

If the *common* variable wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to *True* the costs determination takes in account the reduction in the wages (but the wage of the entrepreneur, not changing).

Considering the presence of work troubles (see subsection 4.8.1) the determination of the clearing price, as at page 77, can signal an increase in the equilibrium price, due to the lacking production.

The (relative) shock  $\psi_{i,t} > 0$  due to work troubles is defined in subsection 4.8.1.

In presence of work troubles the firm has to accept a reduction of its price, to compensate its customers for having undermined the confidence in the implicit commitment of producing a given quantity (the production plan, specified in subsection 4.4.1).

That penalty value, as a relative measure, is in *common* as penaltyValue and here shortly as pv. Locally,  $pv_t^i$ , for the firm i at time t, is set to pv if  $\psi_{i,t} > 0$ ; otherwise  $(\psi_{i,t} = 0)$  is set to 0.

Here we have the difference with V5. Eqs. 16 and 17 are used in the prehakyean phase, while eqs. 18 and 19 work in the hayekian one.

The profit evaluation, if wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to True, is:

$$\Pi_t^i = p_t (1 - p v_t^1) P_t^i - (w - \psi_{i,t}) (L_t^i - 1) - 1w - C$$
(16)

being 1w the wage of the entrepreneur.

If wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to False, the result is:

$$\Pi_t^i = p_t (1 - p v_t^i) P_t^i - w L_t^i - C \tag{17}$$

In the *hayekian* phase we have, with  $REV_t^i$  reporting the revenue of firm i ant time t:

The profit evaluation, if wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to True, is:

$$\Pi_t^i = REV_t^i - (w - \psi_{i,t})(L_t^i - 1) - 1w - C \tag{18}$$

being 1w the wage of the entrepreneur.

If wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to False, the result is:

$$\Pi_t^i = REV_t^i - wL_t^i - C \tag{19}$$

The experiments run in April 2017 (with V5 of this method) for the final version for the Italian economic journal have the penalty value  $pv_t^i$  set to 0.

The new entrant firms have extra costs C to be supported, retrieved in XC variables, but only for k periods, as stated in commonVar.py and activated by method toEntrepreneur.

```
# calculateProfit
def evaluateProfitV6(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers":
        return
    # backward compatibily to version 1
       XC = common.newEntrantExtraCosts
    except BaseException:
       XC = 0
       k = self.extraCostsResidualDuration
    except BaseException:
        k = 0
    if k == 0:
        XC = 0
    if k > 0:
        self.extraCostsResidualDuration -= 1
    # the number of pruducing workers is obtained indirectly via
    # production/laborProductivity
    # print self.production/common.laborProductivity
    # how many workers, not via productvity due to possible troubles
    # in production
```

```
laborForce = gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self) + \
    1 # +1 to account for the entrepreneur herself
# the followin if/else structure is for control reasons because if
# not common.wageCutForWorkTroubles we do not take in account
# self.workTroubles also if != 0; if = 0 is non relevant in any case
if common.wageCutForWorkTroubles:
    self.costs = (common.wage - self.hasTroubles) \
        * (laborForce - 1) \
        + common.wage * 1 +
       ХC
    \# above, common.wage * 1 is for the entrepreur herself
    self.costs = common.wage * laborForce + \
      XC
# print "I'm entrepreur", self.number, "costs are",self.costs
# penalty Value
pv = 0
if self.hasTroubles > 0:
    pv = common.penaltyValue
# V6 - before hayekian phase
if common.cycle < common.startHayekianMarket:</pre>
   # the entrepreur sells her production, which is contributing - via
   # totalActualProductionInA_TimeStep, to price formation
   self.profit = common.price * (1. - pv) * self.production - self.costs
   print("I'm entrepreur", self.number, "my price is ",
     common.price * (1. - pv))
# V6 - into the hayekian phase
   self.profit = self.revenue - self.costs
   print("I'm entrepreur", self.number, "my individual price is ",
      self.sellPrice)
# individual data collection
# creating the dataframe
   common.dataCounter
except BaseException:
    common.dataCounter=-1
    common.firm_df
except BaseException:
    common.firm_df = pd.DataFrame(
            columns=[
                'production',
                'profit'])
    print("\nCreation of fhe dataframe of the firms (individual data)\n")
common.dataCounter+=1
#common.firm_df.set_value(common.dataCounter, \ deprecated since pandas 0.21
col=common.firm_df.columns.get_loc('production')
common.firm_df.at[common.dataCounter, \
                         col] = self.production
#common.firm_df.set_value(common.dataCounter, \ deprecated since pandas 0.21
col=common.firm_df.columns.get_loc('profit')
```

```
common.firm df.ix[common.dataCounter, \
                             col]=self.profit
    common.totalProfit += self.profit
# consumptions
def planConsumptionInValue(self):
    self.consumption = 0
    #case (1)
    # Y1=profit(t-1)+wage NB no negative consumption if profit(t-1) < 0
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "entrepreneurs":
        self.consumption = common.al + \
            common.bl * (self.profit + common.wage) + \
            gauss(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
        if self.consumption < 0:</pre>
            self.consumption = 0
        # profit, in V2, is at time -1 due to the sequence in schedule2.xls
    #case (2)
    # Y2=wage
    if self.agType == "workers" and self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a2 + \
           common.b2 * common.wage + \
            gauss(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #case (3)
    # Y3=socialWelfareCompensation
    if self.agType == "workers" and not self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a3 + \
            common.b3 * common.socialWelfareCompensation + \
            gauss(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    # update totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep += self.consumption
    # print "C sum", common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
```

## 4.3.8 setMarketPriceV6

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV6,<sup>36</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing prices in the pre-hayekian phase and successively to record the mean and the standard deviation to the hayekian prices in each cycle. See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.4.

### 4.3.9 toEntrepreneurV6

• The method (or command) to Entrepreneur V6, $^{37}$  sent to workers, the agent, being a worker, decides to became an entrepreneur at time t, if its employer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>Related to Version 6, jumping from 3 to 6 in numbering the method.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup>Related to Version 6, jumping from 3 to 6 in numbering the method.

has a relative profit (reported to the total of the costs)  $\geq$  a given *threshold* at time t-1. The threshold is retrieved from the variable thresholdToEntrepreneur.

In real world, this kind of decision is a quite rare one, so we have to pass a second more severe threshold, that we define as absoluteBarrierToBecomeEntrepreneur; the value is defined in commonVar.py and shown via parameters.py file.

This parameter represents a potential max number of new entrepreneurs in each cycle.

About the details, look at the method toEntrepreneurV3 in Section 4.5.1.

The novelty, in V6, is that—if the hayekian market is already activated—the hew entrepreneur copies the selling price of the previous firm where she was a worker.

If the previous firm made a jump in price, also the new born entrepreneur has the info of the jump status.

```
# to entrepreneurV6
def toEntrepreneurV6(self):
    if self.agType != "workers" or not self.employed:
    # print float(common.absoluteBarrierToBecomeEntrepreneur) / \
                    len(self.agentList)
    if random() <= float(common.absoluteBarrierToBecomeEntrepreneur) / \</pre>
            len(self.agentList):
        #myEntrepreneur = gvf.nx.neighbors(common.g, self)[0] with nx 2.0
        myEntrepreneur = list(common.g.neighbors(self))[0]
        myEntrepreneurProfit = myEntrepreneur.profit
        myEntrepreneurCosts = myEntrepreneur.costs
        if myEntrepreneurProfit / myEntrepreneurCosts >= \
                common.thresholdToEntrepreneur:
            print(
                "Worker \$2.0 \mathrm{f} is now an entrepreneur (previous firm relative profit \$4.2 \mathrm{f})" \$
                (self.number, myEntrepreneurProfit / myEntrepreneurCosts))
            common.g.remove_edge(myEntrepreneur, self)
            # originally, it was a worker
            if self.xPos > 0:
                gvf.pos[self] = (self.xPos - 15, self.yPos)
            # originally, it was an entrepreneur
                gvf.pos[self] = (self.xPos, self.yPos)
            # colors at http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_colornames.asp
            gvf.colors[self] = "LawnGreen"
            self.agType = "entrepreneurs"
            self.employed = True
            self.extraCostsResidualDuration = common.extraCostsDuration
            if common.cycle >=common.startHayekianMarket:
              if myEntrepreneur.sellPriceDefined:
                self.sellPrice=myEntrepreneur.sellPrice
                self.jump=myEntrepreneur.jump
                print("with the same sell price of the the previous firm", \
                       self.sellPrice)
```

else:
 print("New entrepreneur cannot copy the price of previous firm")
 os.sys.exit(1)

# 4.4 Methods used in Versions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c fd, 6

## 4.4.1 makeProductionPlan

• The method (or command) makeProductionPlan,<sup>38</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to guess their production for the current period. The production plan  $\hat{P}_t^i$  is determined in a random way, using a Poisson distribution, with  $\nu = 10$  as mean (suggested value kept in the *common* space).

As a definition, the production plan is:

$$\hat{P}_t^i \sim Pois(\nu)$$
 (20)

We suggest temporary a value of 5 for  $\nu$ , with (in Versions 1 and 2) the quantities: entrepreneurs 5, workers 20 + the 5 entrepreneurs, labor productivity 1. Always in Versions 1 and 2, the value of  $\nu$  can be modified in the prologue of the run).

With Version 3, the makeProductionPlan method works uniquely with t=1 being t internally common.cycle created and set to 1 by ObserverSwarm when starts.

Version 3 calculates the initial value  $\nu$  (used uniquely in the first step) as:

$$\nu = \rho \frac{(N_{workers} + N_{entrepreneurs})}{N_{entrepreneurs}} \tag{21}$$

In this way about a  $\rho$  ratio of the agents is producing in the beginning. Internally, the total numbers of the agents  $N_{workers} + N_{entrepreneurs}$  can be obtained as the length of the agentList; the number of entrepreneurs is calculated from the same list considering only the entrepreneurs.

```
# makeProductionPlan
def makeProductionPlan(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers": return
```

 $<sup>^{38}</sup>$ Related to Versions 1, 2; in the 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3 and 5c, 5c\_fd and 6 cases, only at time=1

```
if common.projectVersion >= 3 and common.cycle==1:
   nEntrepreneurs = 0
   for ag in self.agentList:
        if ag.agType=="entrepreneurs":
           nEntrepreneurs+=1
    #print nEntrepreneurs
   nWorkersPlus_nEntrepreneurs=len(self.agentList)
    \verb|#print nWorkersPlus_nEntrepreneurs|\\
    common.nu=(common.rho*nWorkersPlus_nEntrepreneurs)/nEntrepreneurs
    #print common.rho, common.nu
if (common.projectVersion >= 3 and common.cycle==1) or \
   common.projectVersion < 3:</pre>
    self.plannedProduction=npr.poisson(common.nu,1)[0] # 1 is the number
    # of element of the returned matrix (vector)
    #print self.plannedProduction
common.totalPlannedProduction+=self.plannedProduction
```

#### 4.4.2 hireFireWithProduction

• The method (or command) hireFireWithProduction,<sup>39</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to hire or fire comparing the labor forces required for the production plan  $\widehat{P}_t^i$  and the labor productivity  $\pi$ ; we have the required labor force ( $L_t^i$  is the current one):

$$\widehat{L}_t^i = \widehat{P}_t^i / \pi \tag{22}$$

Now:

- 1. if  $\widehat{L}_t^i = L_t^i$  nothing has to be done;
- 2. if  $\widehat{L}_t^i > L_t^i$ , the entrepreneur is hiring with the limit of the number of unemployed workers;
- 3. if  $\hat{L}_t^i < L_t^i$ , the entrepreneur is firing the workers in excess.

```
def hireFireWithProduction(self):
    # workers do not hire/fire
    if self.agType == "workers": return

# to decide to hire/fire we need to know the number of employees
    # the value is calcutated on the fly, to be sure of accounting for
    # modifications coming from outside
    # (nbunch : iterable container, optional (default=all nodes)
    # A container of nodes. The container will be iterated through once.)
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup>Related to Versions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c fd, 6.

```
laborForce0=gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self) + \
                   1 # +1 to account for the entrepreneur itself
# required labor force
laborForceRequired=int(
            self.plannedProduction/common.laborProductivity)
# no action
if laborForce0 == laborForceRequired: return
# hire
if laborForce0 < laborForceRequired:</pre>
    n = laborForceRequired - laborForce0
    tmpList=[]
    for ag in self.agentList:
     if ag != self:
         if ag.agType=="workers" and not ag.employed:
            tmpList.append(ag)
    if len(tmpList) > 0:
        k = min(n, len(tmpList))
        shuffle(tmpList)
        for i in range(k):
            hired=tmpList[i]
            hired.employed=True
            gvf.colors[hired]="Aqua"
            gvf.createEdge(self, hired)
            #self, here, is the hiring firm
    # count edges (workers) of the firm, after hiring (the values is
    # recorded, but not used directly)
    self.numOfWorkers=gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self)
    # nbunch : iterable container, optional (default=all nodes)
    # A container of nodes. The container will be iterated through once.
    print "entrepreneur", self.number, "has", \setminus
          self.numOfWorkers, "edge/s after hiring"
if laborForce0 > laborForceRequired:
    n = laborForce0 - laborForceRequired
    # the list of the employees of the firm
    entrepreneurWorkers=gvf.nx.neighbors(common.g,self)
    #print "entrepreneur", self.number, "could fire", entrepreneurWorkers
    #the list returnes by nx is unstable as order
    entrepreneurWorkers = mySort(entrepreneurWorkers)
    if len(entrepreneurWorkers) > 0: # has to be, but ...
         shuffle(entrepreneurWorkers)
         for i in range(n):
            fired=entrepreneurWorkers[i]
            gvf.colors[fired]="OrangeRed"
            fired.employed=False
            common.g_edge_labels.pop((self,fired))
            common.g.remove_edge(self, fired)
    # count edges (workers) after firing (recorded, but not used
    # directly)
```

An important technical detail is the use of the function mySort to avoid inconsistencies in the order of the agents returned by the graph of the networks as workers of the entrepreneur. Different orders would produce different sets of fired workers, becoming different sets of potential entrepreneurs and producing different sequences of events in the simulation.

Why the differences in the order of the list of the agents? The graph is managed by networkX, which is using internally a dictionary structure, whose order is neither defined in any way in Python, nor constant from execution to execution<sup>40</sup>. The list, in our case, contains the addresses of the instances of the agents. A simple sort of this list does not give us a stable order, due to the fact that the addresses and their order can change form a run to another.

For these reasons we use here a custom function to sort the list, using the internal number of the agents, to reorder them.<sup>41</sup>

As a related consequence, we have to keep in mind to avoid duplicated numbers: in the *Oligopoly* model the entrepreneurs can switch to workers and vice versa, so the numbers assigned to the entrepreneurs start from 1 and those assigned to the workers from 1001 (see the file workers.txtx).

The code of the function mySort is:

```
def mySort(ag):
    if ag==[]: return []
    numAg=[]
```

<sup>40</sup> With version 3.6, as we can see at https://docs.python.org/3.6/whatsnew/3.6.html# new-dict-implementation, within the "CPython implementation improvements", the *dict* type has been reimplemented. Specifically, at least in CPython (which is the more diffused Python implementation):

The order-preserving aspect of this new implementation is considered an implementation detail and should not be relied upon (this may change in the future, but it is desired to have this new dict implementation in the language for a few releases before changing the language spec to mandate order-preserving semantics for all current and future Python implementations; this also helps preserve backwards-compatibility with older versions of the language where random iteration order is still in effect, e.g. Python 3.5).

So dict structures, with Python 3.6 are order-preserving, but this new implementation is considered an implementation detail and should not be relied upon.

<sup>41</sup>A related marginal problem, not eliminated, is the order in plotting the nodes in the graph plot: in the area where the nodes are superimposed, we can see the nodes exactly in the same position in every run, but differently placed as layer in the foreground/background sequence.

```
for a in ag:
    numAg.append((a.number,a))
numAg.sort()
agSorted=[]
for i in range(len(numAg)):
    agSorted.append(numAg[i][1])
return agSorted
```

# 4.5 Methods used in Version 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c 5c fd, 6

## 4.5.1 toEntrepreneurV3

• With the method (or command) to Entrepreneur V3,  $^{42}$  sent to workers, the agent, being a worker, decides to became an entrepreneur at time t, if its employer has a relative profit (reported to the total of the costs)  $\geq$  a given threshold at time t-1. The threshold is retrieved from the variable threshold To Entrepreneur.

The decision is a quite rare one, so we have to pass a higher level threshold, that we define as absoluteBarrierToBecomeEntrepreneur; the value is defined in commonVar.py and shown via parameters.py file.

This parameter represents a potential max number of new entrepreneurs in each cycle.

Internally, it works in the following way: given an absolute value as number workers actually became entrepreneur, we transform that value in a probability, dividing it by the total number of the agents, used as an adaptive scale factor.

The agent changes its internal type, position (not completely at the left as the original entrepreneurs, but if it was an entrepreneur moved to worker and coming back, it goes completely at the left) and color and it deletes the previous edge to the entrepreneur/employer. Finally, it starts counting the k periods of extra costs (to k is assigned the value common.ExtraCostsDuration, in the measure stated in common.newEntrantExtraCosts.

The code in Agent.py is:

```
#to entrepreneurV3
def toEntrepreneurV3(self):
    if self.agType != "workers" or not self.employed: return

if random() <= common.absoluteBarrierToBecomeEntrepreneur:
    myEntrepreneur=gvf.nx.neighbors(common.g, self)[0]</pre>
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup>Related to Version 3, 4, 5.

```
myEntrepreneurProfit=myEntrepreneur.profit
myEntrepreneurCosts=myEntrepreneur.costs
if myEntrepreneurProfit/myEntrepreneurCosts >= \
  \verb|common.thresholdToEntrepreneur:|\\
  print "Worker 2.0f is now an entrepreneur (previous firm relative profit 4.2f)" \
        (self.number, myEntrepreneurProfit/myEntrepreneurCosts)
  common.g.remove_edge(myEntrepreneur, self)
  #originally, it was a worker
  if self.xPos>0:gvf.pos[self]=(self.xPos-15,self.yPos)
  #originally, it was an entrepreneur
  else:gvf.pos[self] = (self.xPos, self.yPos)
  # colors at http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_colornames.asp
  gvf.colors[self]="LawnGreen"
  self.agType="entrepreneurs"
  self.employed=True
  self.extraCostsResidualDuration=common.extraCostsDuration
```

#### 4.5.2 toWorkerV3

• With the method (or command) toWorkerV3,<sup>43</sup> an entrepreneur moves to be an unemployed worker if its a relative profit (reported to the total of the costs) at time t is  $\leq$  a given *threshold* in t. The threshold is retrieved from the variable thresholdToWorker.

The agent changes its internal type, position (not completely at the right as the original workers, but if it was a worker moved to entrepreneur and coming back, it goes completely at the right) and color and it deletes the previous edge to the workers/employee if any.

The code in Agent.py is:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup>Related to Version 3, 4, 5, 6.

```
if len(entrepreneurWorkers) > 0:
    for aWorker in entrepreneurWorkers:
        gvf.colors[aWorker]="OrangeRed"
        aWorker.employed=False

        common.g.remove_edge(self, aWorker)

self.numOfWorkers=0

#originally, it was an entrepreneur
if self.xPos<0:gvf.pos[self]=(self.xPos+15,self.yPos)
#originally, it was a worker
else:gvf.pos[self]=(self.xPos,self.yPos)
# colors at http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_colornames.asp
gvf.colors[self]="OrangeRed"
self.agType="workers"
self.employed=False</pre>
```

# 4.6 Methods used in Version 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c 5c fd

## 4.6.1 adaptProductionPlan until Version 5

• The method (or command) adaptProductionPlan, <sup>44</sup> sent to entrepreneurs, orders to the  $i^{th}$  firm to set its production plan for the current period to their (equal, being i here not relevant) fraction of the total demand of the previous period, corrected with a random uniform relative correction in the interval -k to +k, reported in the prologue as:

Random component of planned production.

This method works for time > 1.

Being  $\widehat{P}_t^i$  the planned production of firm i, we have:

- if 
$$u_t^i \ge 0$$

$$\widehat{P}_t^i = \frac{D_{t-1}}{N_{entrepreneurs}} (1 + u_t^i) \tag{23}$$

- if 
$$u_t^i < 0$$
 
$$\widehat{P}_t^i = \frac{D_{t-1}}{N_{entrepreneurs}} / (1 + |u_t^i|)$$
 (24)

with  $u_t^i \sim \mathcal{U}(-k, k)$ 

The code in Agent.py until Version 5 is:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup>Related to Version 3, 4, 5.

```
# adaptProductionPlan
def adaptProductionPlan(self):
    if common.cycle > 1:
      nEntrepreneurs = 0
      for ag in self.agentList:
         if ag.agType=="entrepreneurs":
             nEntrepreneurs+=1
      self.plannedProduction = common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep \
              / nEntrepreneurs
      #self.plannedProduction += gauss(0, self.plannedProduction/10)
      shock= uniform( \
       -common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction, \
        common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction)
      if shock >= 0:
       self.plannedProduction *= (1.+shock)
      if shock < 0:
       shock \star = -1.
       self.plannedProduction /= (1.+shock)
      #print self.number, self.plannedProduction
      common.totalPlannedProduction+=self.plannedProduction
```

## 4.6.2 adaptProductionPlan with Version 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c\_fd correction

• The method (or command) adaptProductionPlan, <sup>45</sup> sent to entrepreneurs, orders to the  $i^{th}$  firm to set its production plan for the current period to their (equal, being i here not relevant) fraction of the total demand—transformed from its nominal value to the real one (i.e., in quantity) <sup>46</sup>—of the previous period, corrected with a random uniform relative correction in the interval -v to v, reported in the prologue as:

Random component of planned production.

This method works for time > 1.

Being  $\widehat{P}_t^i$  the planned production of firm i, we have:

- if 
$$u_t^i \ge 0$$
 
$$\widehat{P}_t^i = \frac{\frac{D_{t-1}}{p_{t-2}}}{N_{entrepreneurs}} (1 + u_t^i)$$
 (25)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>Related to Version 5b, 5bPy3 and 5c, 5c fd.

 $<sup>^{46}\</sup>mathrm{The}$  missing part until Version  $5\mathrm{b}/5\mathrm{bPy3}/5\mathrm{c}/5\mathrm{c}_{-}\mathrm{fd}$  was this transformation; as a consequence, the result was partially biased, anyway with limited effects being our prices always around the unity; I have to thank Enrico Minardi, a student of mine, for discovering the missing operation.

- if 
$$u_t^i < 0$$
 
$$\widehat{P}_t^i = \frac{\frac{D_{t-1}}{p_{t-2}}}{N_{entrepreneurs}}/(1+|u_t^i|)$$
 (26)

with  $u_t^i \sim \mathcal{U}(-v, v)$  and  $p_{t-2}$  the lagged price.<sup>47</sup>

The double lagged price correction is justified because we are considering the production decisions at time t, which are based on the decisions of consumption at t-1, related to the income at time t-1; these decisions are made before the determination of the prices at t-1 (emerging only when comparing the demand and the predetermined offer). If we want to evaluate the consumption in quantity, without the effect of a too limited or too abundant offer, we have to use t-2 prices. This construction will be eliminated with a future version of the model, with the atomic interaction of buyers and sellers in a dispersed way.

The code in Agent.py from Version 5b/5bPy3/5c/5c\_fd is:

```
# adaptProductionPlan
def adaptProductionPlan(self):
    if common.cycle > 1:
     nEntrepreneurs = 0
     for ag in self.agentList:
        if ag.agType=="entrepreneurs":
            nEntrepreneurs+=1
     #previous period price
     #print ("&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&.",len(common.ts_df.price.values))
     if len(common.ts_df.price.values) == 1:
         previuosPrice=common.ts_df.price.values[-1] # t=2
        len(common.ts df.price.values)>1:
         previuosPrice=common.ts_df.price.values[-2] # t>2
     #NB adapt acts from t>1
     self.plannedProduction = (common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep / \
                              previuosPrice) \
                              / nEntrepreneurs
     #self.plannedProduction += gauss(0, self.plannedProduction/10)
     shock= uniform( \
      -common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction, \
       common.randomComponentOfPlannedProduction)
     if shock >= 0:
      self.plannedProduction *= (1.+shock)
     if shock < 0:
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>The method is applied only with t > 1, so the use of the lagged price starts at time 2, when  $p_{t-2}$  would be the undefined  $p_0$  value; as a simplification we use  $p_{t-1}$  in this case, look at the code.

```
shock *= -1.
self.plannedProduction /= (1.+shock)
#print self.number, self.plannedProduction

common.totalPlannedProduction+=self.plannedProduction
#print "entrepreneur", self.number, "plan", self.plannedProduction,\
# "total", common.totalPlannedProduction
```

### 4.6.3 setMarketPriceV3

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV3,<sup>48</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price. See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.3.

## 4.7 Methods used in Version 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c\_fd, 6

### 4.7.1 fullEmploymentEffectOnWages

The method (or command) fullEmploymentEffectOnWages,<sup>49</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to modify wages accordingly to full employment situation, in a reversible way. See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.6.

### 4.7.2 randomShockToWages

The method (or command) randomShockToWages. sent to the WorldState, orders it to randomly modify wages. See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.5.

This method is only used in model building, to verify the sensitivity of the model to changes in wages.

## 4.7.3 incumbentActionOnWages

The method (or command) incumbentActionOnWages,<sup>50</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to modify wages for one period, accordingly to the attempt of creating an entry barrier when new firms are observed into the market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup>Related to Version 3, 4, 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup>Related to Version 4, 5, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup>Related to Version 4, 5, 6.

As a consequence, wage measure contains a variable addendum, set to 0 as regular value and modified temporary by this method.

See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.7.

## 4.8 Methods used in Version 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c fd, 6

## 4.8.1 workTroubles

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The method (or command) workTroubles,<sup>51</sup> is sent to the entrepreneurs, For each entrepreneur at time t, so for each firm i, we generate a shock  $\psi_{i,t} > 0$  due to work troubles, with probability  $p_{\psi}$  (set for all the entrepreneurs via the schedule.txt file)<sup>52</sup> and value uniformly distributed between  $V_{\Psi}/2$  and  $V_{\Psi}$ . The shock reduces the production of firm i in a relative way, as in:

$$Pc_t^i = P_t^i (1 - \psi_{i,t}) (27)$$

where Pc means corrected production.

If the global logical value wageCutForWorkTroubles is true, also wages are cut in the same proportion that the production is suffering. With w indicating the constant basic wage level,  $cw_t^i$  is the corrected value at time t and for firm i; the correction is superimposed to the other possible corrections (due to full employment or to artificial barrier creation).

$$cw_t^i = w(1 - \psi_{i,t})$$
 (28)

The firm variable hasTroubles takes note—via  $\psi_{i,t}$  assuming a value > 0, being 0 otherwise—if the firm has work problems in the current time step and the worker variable workTroubles takes note of the same amount for all the workers of that specific firm.

Both the variable are set again to 0 in the **reset** step at the beginning of each model cycle.

The code in Agent.py is:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup>Related to Version 5, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup>SLAPP displays—in its text output—a dictionary with the method probabilities, if at least one method is linked to a probability.

```
#work troubles
def workTroubles(self):
    \# NB this method acts with the probability set in the schedule.txt
    if self.agType != "entrepreneurs": return
    # production shock due to work troubles
    psiShock=uniform(common.productionCorrectionPsi/2,
                       common.productionCorrectionPsi)
    self.hasTroubles=psiShock
    if common.wageCutForWorkTroubles:
      # the list of the employees of the firm
      entrepreneurWorkers=gvf.nx.neighbors(common.g,self)
      for aWorker in entrepreneurWorkers:
        #avoiding the entrepreneur herself, as we are refering to her
        # network of workers
        aWorker.workTroubles=psiShock
        print "Worker ", aWorker.number, "is suffering a reduction of "\
              "wage of", psiShock*100, "%, due to work troubles"
```

## 4.8.2 produceV5

• The method (or command) produceV5,<sup>53</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them—in a deterministic way, in each unit of time—to produce proportionally to their labour force, obtaining profit  $\Pi_t^i$ , where i identifies the firm and t the time.

 $L_t^i$  is the number of workers of firm i at time t, and also the number of its links. We add 1 to  $L_t^i$ , to account for the entrepreneur as a worker.  $\pi$  is the laborProductivity, with its value set to 1 in common variable space, currently not changing with t.  $P_t^i$  is the production of firm i at time t.

The production is:

$$P_t^i = \pi(L_t^i + 1) \tag{29}$$

The production is corrected for work troubles (as in section 4.8.1) calculating the corrected value  $Pc_t^i$  with:

The production is:

$$Pc_t^i = P_t^i (1 - \psi_{i,t}) (30)$$

The production (corrected or not) of the  $i^{\rm th}$  firm is added to the total production of the time step, in the variable totalProductionInA\_TimeStep of the *common* space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup>Related to Version 5, 6.

### The code is:

```
# produce
def produce(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers": return
    # to produce we need to know the number of employees
    # the value is calcutated on the fly, to be sure of accounting for
    # modifications coming from outside
    # (nbunch : iterable container, optional (default=all nodes)
    # A container of nodes. The container will be iterated through once.)
    laborForce=gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self) + \
               1 \# +1 to account for the entrepreneur itself
    # productivity is set to 1 in the benginning
    self.production = common.laborProductivity * \
                      laborForce
    # totalProductionInA_TimeStep
    common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep += self.production
```

We calculate the laborForce, i.e.  $L_t^i$ , counting the number of links or edges from the firm to the workers. We prefer this 'on the fly" evaluation to the internal variable self.numOfWorkers, to be absolutely sure of accessing the last datum in case of modifications coming from other procedures. E.g., a random subtraction or addition of workers to firms coming simulating some kind of shock...

## 4.9 Methods used in Version 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c fd

### 4.9.1 planConsumptionInValueV5

• The method (or command) planConsumptionInValueV5,<sup>54</sup> sent to entrepreneurs or workers, produces the following evaluations, detailed in commonVar.py file.

Consumption behavior with

$$C_i = a_k + b_k Y_i + u \tag{31}$$

with  $u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)$ .

The individual i can be:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup>Related to Version 5

- 1. an entrepreneur, with  $Y_i = profit_{i,t-1} + wage$ ;
- 2. an employed worker, with  $Y_i = wage$  and the special <sup>55</sup> case  $Y_i = wc_t^i$ , with  $wc_t^i$  defined in eq.28;
- 3. an unemployed workers, with  $Y_i = socialWelfareCompensation$ .

The  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  values are set via the file commonVar.py and reported in output, when the program starts, via the parameters.py.

The code in Agent.py is:

```
# compensation
def planConsumptionInValueV5(self):
    self.consumption=0
    #case (1)
    \#Y1=profit(t-1)+wage NB no negative consumption if profit(t-1) < 0
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "entrepreneurs":
        self.consumption = common.a1 +
                           common.bl * (self.profit + common.wage) + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
        if self.consumption < 0: self.consumption=0
        \#profit, in V2, is at time -1 due to the sequence in schedule2.xls
    #case (2)
    #Y2=wage
    if self.agType == "workers" and self.employed:
      # the followin if/else structure is for control reasons because if
      # not common.wageCutForWorkTroubles we do not take in account
      # self.workTroubles also if != 0; if = 0 is non relevant in any case
      if common.wageCutForWorkTroubles:
        self.consumption = common.a2 + \
                           common.b2 * common.wage*(1.-self.workTroubles) + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
        #print "worker", self.number, "wage x",(1.-self.workTroubles)
      else:
        self.consumption = common.a2 + \
                           common.b2 * common.wage + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #case (3)
    #Y3=socialWelfareCompensation
    if self.agType == "workers" and not self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a3 + \
                           \verb|common.b3| * common.socialWelfareCompensation + \\ \\ \\ \\
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #update totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep+=self.consumption
    #print "C sum", common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    self.consumptionPlanningInCycleNumber=common.cycle
```

The conclusion updates the *common* value totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep, cleaned at each reset, i.e., at each time step in modelActions.txt.

 $<sup>^{55}</sup>$ Activated if the common value wageCutForWorkTroubles is true

The totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep measure will be then randomly corrected within the setMarketPriceV3 method of the *WorldState* meta-agent, see page 77.

#### 4.9.2 evaluateProfitV5

• The method (or command) evaluateProfitV5,<sup>56</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to calculate their profit. Being  $P_t^i$  the production and the labor force  $L_t^i$  measured via the network connecting the entrepreneur to her workers plus 1 to take in account the entrepreneur herself.

The use of  $P_t^i$ , the actual production of the entrepreneurs, accounts both for the production plan decided with adaptProductionPlan, page 56, and for the limits in hiring, if any, as in hireFireWithProduction, page 51. The sum of all the actual productions of each entrepreneur is used, as at page 77, in setMarketPriceV3.

The method has been improved in version 2, to manage extra costs for the new entrant firms, but keeping safe the backward compatibility of the method.

 $p_t$  is the price, clearing the market at time t and it is calculated by the abstract item WorldState via the method setMarketPrice, as explained in Section 4.16.

w is the wage per employee and time unit, set to 1.0 in common variable space, not changing with t, but the case of the important events of:

- wage rise due both to full employment (Subsection 4.7.1) and
- to the creation of barriers against new entrants (Subsection 4.7.3).

C are extra costs for new entrant firms. They are calibrated to assure the effectivness of the action described in Subsection 4.7.3, but in a non deterministic way, thanks to the movements in prices.

If the *common* variable wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to *True* the costs determination takes in account the reduction in the wages (but the wage of the entrepreneur, not changing).

Considering the presence of work troubles (see subsection 4.8.1) the determination of the clearing price, as at page 77, can signal an increase in the equilibrium price, due to the lacking production.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>Related to Version 5.

The (relative) shock  $\psi_{i,t} > 0$  due to work troubles is defined in subsection 4.8.1.

In presence of work troubles the firm has to accept a reduction of its price, to compensate its customers for having undermined the confidence in the implicit commitment of producing a given quantity (the production plan, specified in subsection 4.4.1).

That penalty value, as a relative measure, is in *common* as **penaltyValue** and here shortly as pv. Locally,  $pv_t^i$ , for the firm i at time t, is set to pv if  $\psi_{i,t} > 0$ ; otherwise  $(\psi_{i,t} = 0)$  is set to 0.

The profit evaluation, if wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to True, is:

$$\Pi_t^i = p_t (1 - p v_t^1) P_t^i - (w - \psi_{i,t}) (L_t^i - 1) - 1w - C$$
(32)

being 1w the wage of the entrepreneur.

If wageCutForWorkTroubles is set to False, the result is:

$$\Pi_t^i = p_t (1 - p v_t^i) P_t^i - w L_t^i - C \tag{33}$$

The experiments run in April 2017 for the final version for the Italian economic journal have the penalty value  $pv_t^i$  set to 0.

The new entrant firms have extra costs C to be supported, retrieved in XC variables, but only for k periods, as stated in commonVar.py and activated by method toEntrepreneur.

```
# calculateProfit
def evaluateProfitV5(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers":
        return
    # backward compatibily to version 1
       XC = common.newEntrantExtraCosts
    except BaseException:
       XC = 0
        k = self.extraCostsResidualDuration
    except BaseException:
        k = 0
    if k == 0:
       XC = 0
    if k > 0:
        self.extraCostsResidualDuration -= 1
```

```
# the number of pruducing workers is obtained indirectly via
# production/laborProductivity
# print self.production/common.laborProductivity
# how many workers, not via productvity due to possible troubles
# in production
laborForce = gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self) + \
   1 # +1 to account for the entrepreneur herself
# the followin if/else structure is for control reasons because if
# not common.wageCutForWorkTroubles we do not take in account
# self.workTroubles also if != 0; if = 0 is non relevant in any case
if common.wageCutForWorkTroubles:
    self.costs = (common.wage - self.hasTroubles) \
       * (laborForce - 1) \
       + common.wage * 1 +
       ХC
    # above, common.wage * 1 is for the entrepreur herself
else:
   self.costs = common.wage * laborForce + \
# print "I'm entrepreur", self.number, "costs are",self.costs
# penalty Value
pv = 0
if self.hasTroubles > 0:
   pv = common.penaltyValue
\# the entrepreur sells her production, which is contributing - via
# totalActualProductionInA_TimeStep, to price formation
self.profit = common.price * (1. - pv) * self.production - self.costs
print("I'm entrepreur", self.number, "my price is ",
      common.price * (1. - pv))
# individual data collection
# creating the dataframe
try:
   common.dataCounter
except BaseException:
   common.dataCounter=-1
   common.firm_df
except BaseException:
   common.firm_df = pd.DataFrame(
           columns=[
                'production',
                'profit'])
   print("\nCreation of fhe dataframe of the firms (individual data)\n")
common.dataCounter+=1
#common.firm_df.set_value(common.dataCounter, \ deprecated since pandas 0.21
col=common.firm_df.columns.get_loc('production')
common.firm_df.at[common.dataCounter, \
                         col]=self.production
#common.firm_df.set_value(common.dataCounter, \ deprecated since pandas 0.21
col=common.firm_df.columns.get_loc('profit')
common.firm_df.ix[common.dataCounter, \
                         col]=self.profit
```

common.totalProfit += self.profit

## 4.10 Methods used in Versions 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

## **4.10.1** produce

• The method (or command) produce,<sup>57</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them—in a deterministic way, in each unit of time—to produce proportionally to their labour force, obtaining profit  $\Pi_t^i$ , where i identifies the firm and t the time.

 $L_t^i$  is the number of workers of firm i at time t, and also the number of its links. We add 1 to  $L_t^i$ , to account for the entrepreneur as a worker.  $\pi$  is the laborProductivity, with its value set to 1 in common variable space, currently not changing with t.  $P_t^i$  is the production of firm i at time t.

The production is:

$$P_t^i = \pi(L_t^i + 1) \tag{34}$$

The production of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  firm is added to the total production of the time step, in the variable totalProductionInA\_TimeStep of the *common* space. The code is:

```
# produce
def produce(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers": return
    # to produce we need to know the number of employees
    # the value is calcutated on the fly, to be sure of accounting for
    # modifications coming from outside
    # (nbunch : iterable container, optional (default=all nodes)
    # A container of nodes. The container will be iterated through once.)
    laborForce=gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self) + \
               1 \ \# \ +1 to account for the entrepreneur itself
    # productivity is set to 1 in the benginning
    self.production = common.laborProductivity * \
                      laborForce
    # totalProductionInA_TimeStep
    common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep += self.production
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup>Related to Versions 0, 1, 2. 3, 4, 5

We calculate the laborForce, i.e.  $L_t^i$ , counting the number of links or edges from the firm to the workers. We prefer this 'on the fly" evaluation to the internal variable self.numOfWorkers, to be absolutely sure of accessing the last datum in case of modifications coming from other procedures. E.g., a random subtraction or addition of workers to firms coming simulating some kind of shock . . .

## 4.11 Methods used in Versions 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c fd

### 4.11.1 fireIfProfit

• The method (or command) fireIfProfit,<sup>58</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them—in a probabilistic way (50% of probability in versions 0, 1, 2; in version 3 and 4, considering that the probability is set directly in the schedule.xls file, we eliminate the effect of this command setting the probability to 0.01<sup>59</sup>), in each unit of time—to fire a worker (choosing her/him randomly in the list of the employees of the firm) if the profit (last calculation, i.e., current period as shown in the sequence contained in schedule.xls) is less than the value firingThreshold (temporary: 0):

$$\Pi_t^i < firingThreshold \to fire$$
 (35)

```
# fireIfProfit
def fireIfProfit(self):
    # workers do not fire
    if self.agType == "workers": return

if self.profit>=common.firingThreshold: return

# the list of the employees of the firm
    entrepreneurWorkers=gyf.nx.neighbors(common.g,self)
    #print "entrepreneur", self.number, "could fire", entrepreneurWorkers

# the list returnes by nx is unstable as order
    entrepreneurWorkers = mySort(entrepreneurWorkers)

if len(entrepreneurWorkers) > 0:
    fired=entrepreneurWorkers[randint(0,len(entrepreneurWorkers)-1)]

    gvf.colors[fired]="OrangeRed"
    fired.employed=False
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup>Used in Versions 0, 1, 2, (temporary) 3, 4 and 5, 5b, 5bPy3, 5c, 5c\_fd.

 $<sup>^{59} \</sup>mbox{Being 0}$  not allowed, see the Reference Handbook, subsection The detailed scheduling mechanism within the Model (AESOP level)

See page 53 for the technical detail of the function mySort.

## 4.12 Methods used in Versions 1, 2, 3, 4

### 4.12.1 evaluateProfit

• The method (or command) evaluateProfit,  $^{60}$  sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to calculate their profit. Being  $P_t^i$  the production and  $\pi$  the labor productivity, we have the labor force  $L_t^i = P_t^i/\pi$ 

The use of  $P_t^i$ , the actual production of the entrepreneurs, accounts both for the production plan decided with adaptProductionPlan, page 56, and for the limits in hiring, if any, as in hireFireWithProduction, page 51. The sum of all the actual productions of each entrepreneur is used, as at page 77, in setMarketPriceV3.

The method has been improved in version 2, to manage extra costs for the new entrant firms, but keeping safe the backward compatibility of the method.

 $p_t$  is the price, clearing the market at time t and it calculated by the abstract item WorldState via the method setMarketPrice, as explained in Section 4.16.

w is the wage per employee and time unit, set to 1.0 in common variable space, not changing with t. C are extra costs for new entrant firms.

The profit evaluation is:

$$\Pi_t^i = p_t P_t^i - w L_t^i - C \tag{36}$$

The new entrant firms have extra costs to be supported, retrieved in XC variables, but only for k periods, as stated in commonVar.py and activated by method to toEntrepreneur.

 $<sup>^{60}</sup>$ Related to Versions 1, 2, 3, 4.

```
# calculateProfit
def evaluateProfit(self):
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "workers": return
    # backward compatibily to version 1
    try: XC=common.newEntrantExtraCosts
    except: XC=0
    try: k=self.extraCostsResidualDuration
    except: k=0
    if k==0: XC=0
    if k>0: self.extraCostsResidualDuration-=1
    # the number of pruducing workers is obtained indirectly via
    # production/laborProductivity
    #print self.production/common.laborProductivity
    self.costs=common.wage * (self.production/common.laborProductivity) + \
    # the entrepreur sells her production, which is contributing - via
    # totalActualProductionInA_TimeStep, to price formation
    self.profit=common.price * self.production - self.costs
    common.totalProfit+=self.profit
```

## 4.12.2 planConsumptionInValue

• The method (or command) planConsumptionInValue, 61 sent to entrepreneurs or workers, produces the following evaluations, detailed in commonVar.py file.

The method (or command) planConsumptionInValue operates both with the entrepreneurs and the workers, producing the following evaluations, using the parameters reported, as an example, into Table 1 of Mazzoli *et al.* (2017). The description below is unique for both the cases.

The resulting consumption behavior if the agent i at time t is:

$$C_t^i = a_j + b_j Y_t^i + u (37)$$

with  $u \sim \mathcal{N}(0, common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)$ .

Considering w as wage, as above, and P for profit, the individual i can be:

- case j = 1: an entrepreneur, with  $Y_t^i = P_{t-1}^i + w_t$ ;
- case j = 2: an employed worker at time t, with  $Y_i = w$  and the special <sup>62</sup> case  $Y_t^i = wc_t^i$ , with  $wc_t^i$  defined in eq. 28;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup>Related to Version 2, 3, 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup>Activated if the parameter *cut also the wages* is set to *yes* 

• case j = 3: an unemployed worker at time t, with  $Y_t^i = sw$  (sw = social wage, as a welfare intervention).

The  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  values are reported in the initial output of each run; we set them via the parameters.py.

The code in Agent.py is:

```
# compensation
def planConsumptionInValue(self):
    self.consumption=0
    #case (1)
    \#Y1=profit(t-1)+wage NB no negative consumption if profit(t-1) < 0
    # this is an entrepreneur action
    if self.agType == "entrepreneurs":
        self.consumption = common.a1 + \
                           common.bl * (self.profit + common.wage) + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
        if self.consumption < 0: self.consumption=0
        #profit, in V2, is at time -1 due to the sequence in schedule2.xls
    #case (2)
    #Y2=wage
    if self.agType == "workers" and self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a2 + \
                           common.b2 * common.wage + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #case (3)
    #Y3=socialWelfareCompensation
    if self.agType == "workers" and not self.employed:
        self.consumption = common.a3 + \setminus
                           common.b3 * common.socialWelfareCompensation + \
                           gauss(0,common.consumptionRandomComponentSD)
    #update totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
    common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep+=self.consumption
    #print "C sum", common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep
```

The individual  $C_t^i$  updates totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep (a common value), cleaned at each reset, i.e., at each new time step.

The totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep measure will be then randomly corrected within the setMarketPriceV3 method of the *WorldState* meta-agent, see page 77.

## 4.13 Methods used in Version 2 only

### 4.13.1 toEntrepreneur

• With the method (or command) to Entrepreneur,  $^{63}$  sent to workers, the agent, being a worker, decides if to became an entrepreneur at time t, if its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>Related to Version 2.

employer has a profit  $\geq$  a given *threshold* in t. The threshold is retrieved from the variable thresholdToEntrepreneur.

The agent changes its internal type, position (not completely at the left as the original entrepreneurs, but if it was an entrepreneur moved to worker and coming back, it goes completely at the left) and color and it deletes the previous edge to the entrepreneur/employer. Finally, it starts counting the k periods of extra costs (to k is assigned the value common.ExtraCostsDuration, in the measure stated in common.newEntrantExtraCosts.

The code in Agent.py is:

#### 4.13.2 toWorker

• With the method (or command) toWorker,<sup>64</sup> an entrepreneur moves to be an unemployed worker if its profit at time t is  $\leq$  a given threshold in t. The threshold is retrieved from the variable thresholdToWorker.

The agent changes its internal type, position (not completely at the right as the original workers, but if it was a worker moved to entrepreneur and coming back, it goes completely at the right) and color and it deletes the previous edge to the workers/employee if any.

The code in Agent.py is:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup>Related to Version 2.

```
if len(entrepreneurWorkers) > 0:
    for aWorker in entrepreneurWorkers:
        gvf.colors[aWorker]="OrangeRed"
        aWorker.employed=False
        common.g.remove_edge(self, aWorker)

self.numOfWorkers=0

#originally, it was an entrepreneur
if self.xPos<0:gvf.pos[self]=(self.xPos+15,self.yPos)
#originally, it was a worker
else:gvf.pos[self]=(self.xPos,self.yPos)
# colors at http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_colornames.asp
gvf.colors[self]="OrangeRed"
self.agType="workers"
self.employed=False</pre>
```

#### 4.13.3 setMarketPriceV2

- The method (or command) setMarketPriceV2, 65 sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price. This method uses two common variables:
  - totalProductionInA\\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs),
     via produce;
  - totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs and workers) via planConsumptionInValue.

See below the Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.2.

## 4.14 Methods used in Version 1 only

#### 4.14.1 setMaketPriceV1

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV1,<sup>66</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price. See below Section 4.16 and specifically Section 4.16.1.

 $<sup>^{65}</sup>$ Related to Version 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup>Related to Version 1.

### 4.15 Methods used in Version 0 only

#### 4.15.1 evaluateProfitV0

• The method (or command) evaluateProfitV0,<sup>67</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them to calculate their profit. Being  $P_t^i$  the production and  $\pi$  the labor productivity, we have the labor force  $L_t^i = P_t^i/\pi$ 

R is revenuesOfSalesForEachWorker, set to 1.005 in common variable space, not changing with t; w is the wage per employee and time unit, set to 1.0 in common variable space, not changing with t.  $u_t^i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.05)$  is a random normal addendum.

The profit evaluation is:

$$\Pi_t^i = L_t^i(R - w) + u_t^i \tag{38}$$

The code is:

#### 4.15.2 hireIfProfit

• The method (or command) hireIfProfit, <sup>68</sup> sent to the entrepreneurs, orders them—in a probabilistic way (50% of probability in Version 0 case), in each unit of time—to hire a worker (random choosing her/him in a temporary list of unemployed people) if the profit (last calculation, i.e., current period as shown in the sequence contained in schedule.xls) is a than the value hiringThreshold (temporary: 0):

$$\Pi_t^i > hiringThreshold \to hire$$
 (39)

As first attempt the hiringThreshold is 0 (in commonVar.py). We can modify this internal value, as others, while the simulation is running, via the *WorldState* feature, introduced below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup>Related to Version 0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup>Used in Version 0.

#### The code of the hireIfProfit method is:

```
# hireIfProfit
   def hireIfProfit(self):
        # workers do not hire
       if self.agType == "workers": return
       if self.profit<=common.hiringThreshold: return</pre>
       tmpList=[]
        for ag in self.agentList:
           if ag != self:
              if ag.agType=="workers" and not ag.employed:
                 tmpList.append(ag)
        if len(tmpList) > 0:
           hired=tmpList[randint(0,len(tmpList)-1)]
           hired.employed=True
           gvf.colors[hired]="Aqua"
           gvf.createEdge(self, hired) #self, here, is the hiring firm
        # count edges (workers) of the firm, after hiring (the values is
        # recorded, but not used directly)
        self.numOfWorkers=gvf.nx.degree(common.g, nbunch=self)
        # nbunch : iterable container, optional (default=all nodes)
        # A container of nodes. The container will be iterated through once.
       print "entrepreneur", self.number, "has", \
              self.numOfWorkers, "edge/s after hiring"
```

### 4.16 Other features in scheduling

We also have two more sophisticates structures: the WorldState feature and the macros.

• Running a project—if we define the WorldState.py file—at the beginning of the output, we read:

World state has been created.

What does it mean?

The WorldState class interacts with the agents; we use a unique instance of the class.

The variables managed via WordState have to be added, with their methods, within the instance of class, with set/get methods for each variable.

In Agent.py we can ask to the WorldState, via get, for the values of the variables.

With the oligopoly project we made a step ahead, asking to the Worl-State to make a specific calculations about the whole state of the world. This capability has been incorporated in SLAPP since version 1.11 and has been definitively set with the reengineering of WorldState in version 1.33 of SLAPP.

The normal use has in Col. B a value and in Col. C the method used to set that value into the WorldState; it will be retrieved by the agents using a symmetric get method.<sup>69</sup>

If in Col. B we have the expression computationalUse<sup>70</sup>, the content of Col. C is a special method making world calculations.

A few examples, with their code, are below.

#### 4.16.1 setMarketPriceV1 as in WorldState, with details

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV1,<sup>71</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price.

Setting the aggregate-demand  $D_t$  as equal to the production:

$$D_t = \sum_i P_t^i \tag{40}$$

We have the demand function, with  $p_t$  as price:

$$p_t = a + bD_t \tag{41}$$

With the planned production coming from a Poisson distribution as in Eq. 20, considering  $\nu$  set to 4, we can set two consistent points (p, D) as (1, 20) and (0.8, 30) obtaining:

$$p_t = 1.4 - 0.02D_t \tag{42}$$

The resulting code in WorldState.py is:

```
# set market price
def setMarketPriceV1(self):
    # to have a price around 1
    common.price= 1.4 - 0.02 * common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
    print "Set market price to ", common.price
    common.price10=common.price*10 #to plot
```

 $<sup>^{69}</sup>$ These methods have to be implemented by the user, see the example in the basic project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup>the expression *specialUse* is still working, but it is deprecated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup>Introduced above as related to Version 1 only.

#### 4.16.2 setMarketPriceV2, as in WorldState, with details

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV2, 72 sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price considering each agent behavior.

Having:

$$p_t = D_t / O_t \tag{43}$$

with  $p_t$  clearing market price at time t;  $D_t$  demand in value at time t;  $O_t$  offer in quantity (the production) at time t.

As defined above (p. 73), the method uses two common variables:

- totalProductionInA\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs), via produce;
- totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs and workers) via planConsumptionInValue.

The resulting code in WorldState.py is:

#### 4.16.3 setMarketPriceV3, as in WorldState, with details

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV3,<sup>73</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price considering each agent behavior and an external shock, potentially large.

We introduce a shock  $\Xi$  uniformly distributed between -L and +L where L is a rate on base 1, e.g., 0.10. To keep the effect as symmetric, we have the following equations determining the clearing price:

If the shock  $\Xi$  is  $(\geq 0)$ :

$$p_t = \frac{D_t(1+\Xi)}{O_t} \tag{44}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup>Introduced above as related to Version 2 only.

 $<sup>^{73}</sup>$ Introduced above as related to Version 3, 4 and 5.

if the shock  $\Xi$  is (< 0):

$$p_t = \frac{D_t/(1+\Xi)}{O_t} \tag{45}$$

with  $p_t$  clearing market price at time t;  $D_t$  demand in value at time t;  $O_t$  offer in quantity (the production) at time t.

The  $\Xi$  parameter is reported in the prologue of the execution as Total demand relative random shock, uniformly distributed between  $-\Xi\%$  and  $+\Xi\%$ .

As defined above (p. 73), the method uses two common variables:

- totalProductionInA\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs), via produce;
- totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA\_TimeStep, generated by the agents (entrepreneurs and workers) via planConsumptionInValue.

The resulting code in WorldState.py is:

```
# set market price V3
def setMarketPriceV3(self):
    shock0 = random.uniform(-common.maxDemandRelativeRandomShock,
                           common.maxDemandRelativeRandomShock)
    shock = shock0
    print("\n-----")
    if shock >= 0:
        totalDemand = \
            common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep * \
            (1 + shock)
       common.price = (common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep *
                       (1 + shock))
            / common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
       print("Relative shock (symmetric) ", shock0)
       print("Set market price to ", common.price)
        # common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep is necessary for
        # adaptProductionPlan and adaptProductionPlanV6
       common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep=totalDemand
    if shock < 0:
       shock \star = -1. # always positive, boing added to the denominator
       totalDemand = \
            common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep / \
            (1 + shock)
       common.price = (common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep /
                       (1 + shock))
            / common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
       print("Relative shock (symmetric) ", shock0)
       print("Set market price to ", common.price)
        # common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep is necessary for
        # adaptProductionPlan and adaptProductionPlanV6
       common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep=totalDemand
```

#### 4.16.4 setMarketPriceV6, as in WorldState, with details

• The method (or command) setMarketPriceV6,<sup>74</sup> sent to the WorldState, orders it to evaluate the market clearing price considering each agent behavior and an external shock, potentially large in the pre-hayekian phase and successively to record the mean and the standard deviation to the hayekian prices in each cycle.

About the pre-hayekian phase look at Section 4.16.3. In the code reported here, the new part uses the function coded as:

```
def checkHayekianPrices(a):
    # list a not empty
    if a!=[]: m = statistics.mean(a)
    else: m = -100 # -100 will not appear in graphs
    # and with at least one element
    if len(a)>1: sd = statistics.stdev(a)
    else: sd=-100 # -100 will not appear in graphs
    return (m,sd)
```

strictly related to the code of the method actOnMarketPlace of agent.py. The resulting code in WorldState.py is:

```
# set market price V6
def setMarketPriceV6(self):
    if common.cycle < common.startHayekianMarket:
       shock0 = random.uniform(-common.maxDemandRelativeRandomShock,
                               common.maxDemandRelativeRandomShock)
       shock = shock0
       if shock >= 0:
           totalDemand = \
               common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep * \
               (1 + shock)
           common.price=(common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep\
                           *(1 + shock))
                           / common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
           print("Relative shock (symmetric) ", shock0)
           print("Set market price to ", common.price)
           # common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep is necessary for
           # adaptProductionPlan and adaptProductionPlanV6
           common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep=totalDemand
       if shock < 0:
           shock \star = -1. # always positive, boing added to the denominator
           totalDemand = \
               common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep / \
               (1 + shock)
           common.price=(common.totalPlannedConsumptionInValueInA_TimeStep \
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup>Introduced above as related to Version 6, jumping in numbering from 3 to 6.

```
/(1 + shock))
                      / common.totalProductionInA_TimeStep
      print("Relative shock (symmetric) ", shock0)
      print("Set market price to ", common.price)
       # common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep is necessary for
      # adaptProductionPlan and adaptProductionPlanV6
      \verb|common.totalDemandInPrevious_TimeStep=totalDemand| \\
# hayekian phase
else:
    (common.price, common.hPriceSd) = checkHayekianPrices(\
          common.hayekianMarketTransactionPriceList_inACycle)
   print("Hayekian phase (NA as not available values)")
   if common.price != -100: print("Mean price ",common.price)
                              print("Mean price NA")
   if common.hPriceSd != -100: print("Mean price s.d.",common.hPriceSd)
                              print ("Mean price s.d. NA")
print("----\n")
```

#### 4.16.5 randomShocksToWages, as in WorldState, with details

• The method is used only in the model building phase, to verify the sensitivity of the model to changes in wages.

Being w the wage per employee defined in the setup, so  $w_1$ , from t=2 we have:

$$- \text{ if } u_t \ge 0 \\ w_t = w_{t-1}(1+ut) \tag{46}$$

$$- \text{ if } u_t < 0$$

$$w_t = w_{t-1}/(1 + |u_t|) \tag{47}$$

with  $u_t \sim \mathcal{U}(-k, k)$  and k tentatively set to 0.10 or 10%.

The code in WorldState.py is:

```
# random shock to wages (temporary method to experiment with wages)
def randomShockToWages(self):
    k=0.10
    shock= uniform(-k,k)

if shock >= 0:
    common.wage *= (1.+shock)

if shock < 0:
    shock *= -1.
    common.wage /= (1.+shock)</pre>
```

## 4.16.6 fullEmploymentEffectOnWages, as in WorldState, with details

As a first step, the wage level is reset to its base value, but the case of a wage raise in this same cycle (coming from another procedure). In the same cycle we can have different wage raises, with cumulative effects.

Being  $U_t$  the unemployment rate at time t,  $\zeta$  the unemployment threshold to recognize the *full employment* situation, s the proportional increase step (reversible) of the wage level and  $w_t$  the wage level at time t (being  $w_0$  the initial level), we have:

$$\begin{cases} w_t = w_0(1+s) \text{ if } U_t \le \zeta \\ w_t = w_0 \text{ if } U_t > \zeta \end{cases}$$

$$\tag{48}$$

The code in WorldState.py is:

```
# shock to wages (full employment case)
def fullEmploymentEffectOnWages(self):
    # wages: reset wage addendum, if any
    # excluding the case of a raise made in this cycle by another procedure
    if common.wageCorrectionInCycle != common.cycle:
        common.wage = common.wageBase
    # employed people
    peopleList = common.g.nodes()
    totalPeople = len(peopleList)
    totalEmployed = 0
    for p in peopleList:
        if p.employed:
            totalEmployed += 1
    # print totalPeople, totalEmployed
    unemploymentRate = 1. - float(totalEmployed) / \
        float(totalPeople)
    if unemploymentRate <= common.fullEmploymentThreshold:</pre>
        common.wage *= (1 + common.wageStepInFullEmployment)
        common.wageCorrectionInCycle=common.cycle
```

#### 4.16.7 incumbentActionOnWages, as in WorldState, with details

As a first step, the wage level is reset to its base value, but the case of a wage raise in this same cycle (coming from another procedure). In the same cycle we can have different wage raises, with cumulative effects.

The current number of entrepreneurs  $H_t^E$  is calculated from the network at the end (so the superscript E) of a cycle and the previous values  $H_i^B$  are extracted from the structural dataframe, containing the data at the beginning

of each period (see collectStructuralData at page 13). In  $H_i^B$  the superscript B means: at the beginning of the cycle i. Pay attention,  $H_i^B = H_{i-1}^E$ .

Consistently,  $\frac{H_t^E}{H_t^B} - 1$  measures the relative increment/decrement of the number of the entrepreneurs in cycle t.

The wage level has two components, mutually exclusive:

- 1. the effects of full employment on wages, as in Section 4.16.6;
- 2. the effect described in this Section about the actions of the incumbent oligopolists, which are strategically increasing wages to create an artificial barrier against new entrants; the new entrepreneurs suffer temporary extra costs, so for them the wage increment can generate so relevant losses to produce their bankruptcy.

We have here two levels: K as the (relative) threshold of entrepreneur presence to determine the reaction on wages and k as the relative increment of wages.

How to measure the increment in the number of the entrepreneurs?

- (a) If we compare  $H_t^E$  and  $H_t^B$ , we have a simple direct measure,
- (b) but if we have a continuous series of small increments—all with  $\frac{H_t}{H_t^B} 1 \le K$ , so under the threshold—the overall effect is invisible.

In case 2a:

$$\begin{cases} w_t = w_0(1+k) \text{ if } \frac{H_t^E}{H_t^B} - 1 > K \\ w_t = w_0 \text{ if } \frac{H_t^E}{H_t^B} - 1 \le K \end{cases}$$
(49)

In case 2b:

first of all, we define the reference level, or  $R^L$ , as a dynamic value, calculating, at any time t.<sup>75</sup>

$$\begin{cases}
R_t^L = H_t^B & \text{if } \frac{H_{t-1}^E}{R_{t-1}^L} - 1 > K \\
R_t^L = R_{t-1}^L & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}$$
(50)

<sup>75</sup>We could consider to have the first condition in the form:  $R_t^L = H_t^B$  if  $H_t^B - H_{t-1}^B \le 0$  or  $\frac{H_{t-1}^E}{R_{t-1}^L} - 1 > K$ .

remembering that in t = 1 (starting time),  $R_0^L = H_1^B$  and  $H_0^B = H_0^E = H_1^B$ . As a consequence, always in case 2b:

$$\begin{cases} w_t = w_0(1+k) \text{ if } \frac{H_t^E}{R_t^L} - 1 > K \\ w_t = w_0 \text{ if } \frac{H_t^E}{R_t^L} - 1 \le K \end{cases}$$
(51)

The code in WorldState.py is:

```
# incumbents rising wages as an entry barrier
def incumbentActionOnWages(self):
    # wages: reset wage addendum, if any
    # excluding the case of a raise made in this cycle (by another procedure)
    if common.wageCorrectionInCycle != common.cycle:
        common.wage = common.wageBase
        common.wageAddendum=0 # for the final print if in use
    # E and B final letters in the name are consistent with the symbols
    # in Section "incumbentActionOnWages, as in WorldState, with details"
    # current number of entrepreneurs
    peopleList = common.g.nodes()
    nEntrepreneursE = 0
    for p in peopleList:
        if p.agType == "entrepreneurs":
           nEntrepreneursE += 1
    nEntrepreneursE = float(nEntrepreneursE)
    # no cumulative measure
    # as in the Section incumbentActionOnWages, as in WorldState, with details
    # in the Reference
    if not common.cumulativelyMeasuringNewEntrantNumber:
      # previous number of entrepreneurs
      # values in str_df at the beginning of each cycle (B as beginning)
      nEntrepreneursB = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0] # indexing Python style
                                                   \# pos. -1 is the last one
      # print nEntrepreneurs, nEntrepreneurs0
      # wages: set
      if nEntrepreneursB >= 1:
          if nEntrepreneursE / nEntrepreneursB - 1 > \
             common.maxAcceptableOligopolistRelativeIncrement:
              common.wageAddendum = common.wage *\
                   common.temporaryRelativeWageIncrementAsBarrier
              common.wage += common.wageAddendum
              common.wageCorrectionInCycle=common.cycle
    # cumulative measure
    # as in the Section incumbentActionOnWages, as in WorldState, with details
    # in the Reference
    if common.cumulativelyMeasuringNewEntrantNumber:
      #print("////// ","common.cycle",common.cycle)
      if common.cycle == 1:
            # values in str_df at the beginning of each cycle
```

```
= common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0] #indexing Py. style
      nEntrepreneursB 1
      nEntrepreneursB
                          = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0] # pos. -1 is
      nEntrepreneursE_1
                           = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0]
                         = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0]# the last one
      ReferenceLevel 1
      common.ReferenceLevel = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0]
                            # common to avoid a reference error
else:
      nEntrepreneursB_1 = common.str_df.iloc[-2, 0]#indexing Py. style
      nEntrepreneursB = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0]
      nEntrepreneursE_1 = common.str_df.iloc[-1, 0]
      ReferenceLevel_1 = common.ReferenceLevel
#if nEntrepreneursB - nEntrepreneursB_1 <= 0 or \</pre>
if nEntrepreneursE_1 / ReferenceLevel_1 - 1 > \
         common.maxAcceptableOligopolistRelativeIncrement:
            common.ReferenceLevel = nEntrepreneursB
else:
            common.ReferenceLevel = ReferenceLevel_1
# wages: set
if common.ReferenceLevel >= 1:
    if nEntrepreneursE / common.ReferenceLevel - 1 > \
       common.maxAcceptableOligopolistRelativeIncrement:
        common.wageAddendum = common.wage *\
              common.temporaryRelativeWageIncrementAsBarrier
        common.wage += common.wageAddendum
        common.wageCorrectionInCycle=common.cycle
print("/// ","nEntrepreneursE",nEntrepreneursE)
print("/// ","nEntrepreneursE_1",nEntrepreneursE_1)
print("/// ","nEntrepreneursB",nEntrepreneursB)
print("/// ","nEntrepreneursB_1",nEntrepreneursB_1)
print("/// ","ReferenceLevel",common.ReferenceLevel)
print("/// ","ReferenceLevel_1", ReferenceLevel_1)
print("/// ","wageAddendum",common.wageAddendum)
```

#### 4.16.8 Macros

• Just a memo: we also have the possibility of using macros contained in separated sheets of the schedule.xls file (not used presently here).

To know more, use the SLAPP (Swarm-Like Protocol in Python) Reference Handbook on line at https://github.com/terna/SLAPP, looking for the item macros within the Index.

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