## Modeling and Optimization within Interacting Systems

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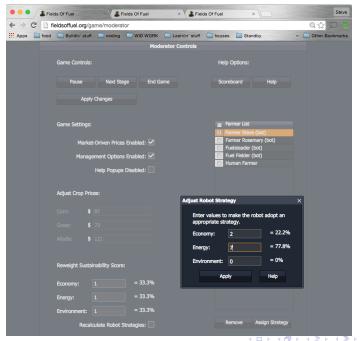












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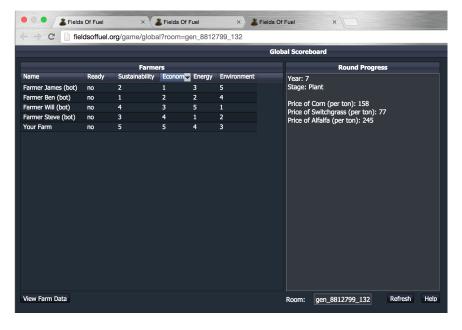
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- Repeated game
- Single player not interesting introduce bots
- Implement bots using GAMS
  - Information in: same as a human player
  - ► Key step: approximate other players actions/response function
  - Different objectives
  - ▶ Information out: planting and management decisions
- Point your google chrome browser at: fieldsoffuel.org

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- Perennials: need history/look-ahead
- Runoff and bug index: need neighbors strategies
- Understand the economy/prices
- Prediction model for next 5 periods
- Solve multistage look-ahead MIP model (in real time)
- Distributed solution, each bot can use multiple cores

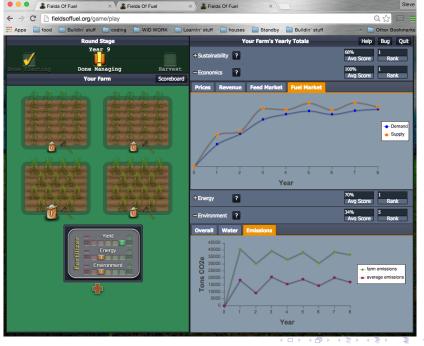


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- Data can be used to train a program to play like humans so that humans can reason about outcomes of multiple bot-played games
- Question: Can this be used to inform public policy decisions?



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$$x \perp \nabla_{x}\theta(x,p) + \lambda^{T}\nabla_{x}g(x,p)$$
$$0 \leq \lambda \perp -g(x,p) \geq 0$$
$$0 \leq p \perp h(x,p) > 0$$

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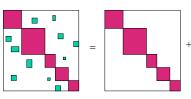
- Solved concurrently
- Requires global solutions of agents problems (or theory to guarantee KKT are equivalent)
- Theory of existence, uniqueness and stability based in variational analysis

#### **MOPEC**

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}_i} \theta_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{-i}, \mathbf{p}) \text{ s.t. } g_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{-i}, \mathbf{p}) \leq 0, \forall i$$

p solves  $VI(h(x, \cdot), C)$ 

equilibrium
min theta(1) x(1) g(1)
...
min theta(m) x(m) g(m)
vi h p cons



- Reformulate optimization problem as first order conditions (complementarity)
- Use nonsmooth Newton methods to solve complementarity problem
- Solve overall problem using "individual optimizations"?



### General Equilibrium models

$$(C) : \max_{x_k \in X_k} U_k(x_k) \text{ s.t. } p^T x_k \le i_k(y, p)$$

$$(P) : \max_{y_j \in Y_j} p^T g_j(y_j)$$

$$(M) : \max_{p \ge 0} p^T \left( \sum_k x_k - \sum_k \omega_k - \sum_j g_j(y_j) \right) \text{ s.t. } \sum_l p_l = 1$$

$$(I) : i_k(y, p) = p^T \omega_k + \sum_i \alpha_{kj} p^T g_j(y_j)$$

This is an example of a MOPEC

### Special case: Nash Equilibrium

- Non-cooperative game: collection of players  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  whose individual objectives depend not only on the selection of their own strategy  $x_a \in \mathcal{C}_a = \mathrm{dom} \theta_a(\cdot, x_{-a})$  but also on the strategies selected by the other players  $x_{-a} = \{x_a : o \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{a\}\}$ .
- Nash Equilibrium Point:

$$\bar{x}_{\mathcal{A}} = (\bar{x}_a, a \in \mathcal{A}) : \forall a \in \mathcal{A} : \bar{x}_a \in \operatorname{argmin}_{x_a \in C_a} \theta_a(x_a, \bar{x}_{-a}).$$

- **1** for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\theta_a(\cdot, x_{-a})$  is convex
- ②  $C = \prod_{a \in \mathcal{A}} C_a$  and for all  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $C_a$  is closed convex.

#### VI reformulation

Define

$$G: \mathbb{R}^N \mapsto \mathbb{R}^N$$
 by  $G_a(x_A) = \partial_a \theta_a(x_a, x_{-a}), a \in \mathcal{A}$ 

where  $\partial_a$  denotes the subgradient with respect to  $x_a$ . Generally, the mapping G is set-valued.

#### Theorem

Suppose the objectives satisfy (1) and (2), then every solution of the variational inequality

$$x_{\mathcal{A}} \in C$$
 such that  $-G(x_{\mathcal{A}}) \in N_C(x_{\mathcal{A}})$ 

is a Nash equilibrium point for the game.

Moreover, if C is compact and G is continuous, then the variational inequality has at least one solution that is then also a Nash equilibrium point.

## Strongly Convex (Generalized) Nash Equilibria

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{x}_1 \geq 0} & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_1^2 - \theta \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 - 4 \mathbf{x}_1 \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 \geq 1 \\ & \min_{\mathbf{x}_2 \geq 0} & \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_2^2 - \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 - 3 \mathbf{x}_2 \end{aligned}$$

• No solution for  $\theta \geq 1$ :

$$\mathbf{x}_1(x_2) = (\theta x_2 + 4)_+, \ \mathbf{x}_2(x_1) = (x_1 + 3)_+$$

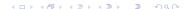
- Solution  $-\frac{4}{3} \le \theta < 1$ :  $x_1 = \frac{4+3\theta}{1-\theta}$ ,  $x_2 = x_1 + 3$
- Solution  $\theta \le -\frac{4}{3}$ :  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 3$
- ullet Jacobi works provided heta < 1, but diagonal dominance theory fails

#### Recast as a VI

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & -\theta \\ 1 & & 1 \\ \hline -1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} z = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \lambda \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, q = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$0 \in Mz + q + N_C(z) \iff 0 \le Mz + q \perp z \ge 0$$

- Problem is not monotone (M not psd), so monotone operator splitting not possible
- New results (F/Rutherford/Wathen) show Jacobi/Gauss Seidel works based on Feingold/Varga (1962)
- M is an L-matrix, so Lemke method (PATH) solves the problem



#### Key point: models generated correctly solve quickly

Here S is mesh spacing parameter

S	Var	rows	non-zero	dense(%)	Steps	RT (m:s)
20	2400	2568	31536	0.48	5	0:03
50	15000	15408	195816	0.08	5	0:19
100	60000	60808	781616	0.02	5	1:16
200	240000	241608	3123216	0.01	5	5:12

Convergence for S=200 (with new basis extensions in PATH)

Iteration	Residual		
0	1.56(+4)		
1	1.06(+1)		
2	1.34		
3	2.04(-2)		
4	1.74(-5)		
5	2.97(-11)		

#### Extension to hierarchical models for policy analysis?

- The latest GTAP database represents global production and trade for 113 country/regions, 57 commodities and 5 primary factors.
- Data characterizes intermediate demand and bilateral trade in 2007, including tax rates on imports/exports and other indirect taxes.
- The core GTAP model is a static, multi-regional model which tracks the production and distribution of goods in the global economy.
- In GTAP the world is divided into regions (typically representing individual countries), and each region's final demand structure is composed of public and private expenditure across goods.

#### The Model

The GTAP model (MOPEC) may be posed as a system of *nonsmooth* equations:

$$F_{+}(w, z; t) = 0$$

in which:

- $w_r$  is a vector of regional welfare levels
- $z \in \mathbb{R}^N$  represents a vector of endogenous economic variables, e.g. prices and quantities,  $z = \begin{pmatrix} P \\ Q \end{pmatrix}$ .
- t represents matrices of trade tax instruments import tariffs  $(t_{irs}^M)$  and export taxes  $(t_{irs}^X)$  for each commodity i and region r

#### **Optimal Sanctions**

Coalition member states strategically choose trade taxes which *minimize* Russian welfare:

$$\min_{t_r:r\in\mathcal{C}} w_{rus}$$

s.t.

$$F_+(w,z;t)=0$$

$$t_r = \overline{t}_r \quad \forall r \notin \mathcal{C}$$

$$t_{i,rus,r}^{M} \leq \overline{t}_{i,r,rus}^{M} \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{C}$$

$$t_{i,r,rus}^{X} \leq \overline{t}_{i,rus,r}^{X} \quad \forall r \in \mathcal{C}$$

### **Optimal Retaliation**

Russia choose trade taxes which *maximize* Russian welfare in response to the coalition actions:

$$\max_{t_{rus}} w_{rus}$$

s.t.

$$F_+(w,z;t)=0$$

$$t_r = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \hat{t}_r & r \in \mathcal{C} \\ \overline{t}_r & r \notin \mathcal{C} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\hat{t}_r$  represents trade taxes for coalition countries  $(r \in C)$  from the optimal sanction calculation.

#### Coalition Member States for Illustrative Calculation

- **USA** United States
- ANZ Australia and New Zealand
- **CAN** Canada
- FRA France
- **DEU** Germany
- ITA Italy
- JPN Japan
- **GBR** United Kingdom
- REU Rest of the European Union

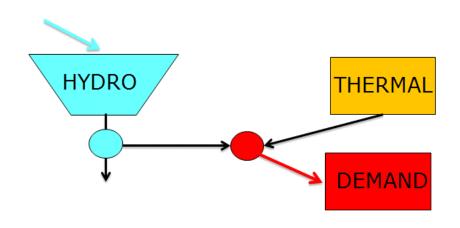
## Welfare Changes (% Hicksian EV)

	sanction	retaliation	tradewar
RUS	-4.4	-3.5	-9.8
${\cal C}$ average	0.03	0.05	0.03
CAN	0.021	0.033	0.032
USA	0.007	-0.017	0.032
FRA	0.042	0.020	0.032
DEU	0.119	-0.047	0.032
ITA	0.069	0.050	0.032
GBR	0.045	-0.002	0.032
REU	0.058	0.365	0.032
ANZ	0.011	0.003	0.032
JPN	0.012	-0.020	0.032
CHN	0.115	0.057	0.290
SAU	0.240	1.865	-0.892

#### Scenarios and Key Insights

- SANCTION If coalition states were to increases tariffs and export taxes on Russia to the same level which is currently applied by Russia on bilateral trade flows with the coalition, Russian welfare could be substantially impacted with no economic cost for any coalition members.
- RETALIATION Russia could respond to such sanctions by changing it's own trade taxes, but optimal "retaliation" largely results in a reduction rather than an increase in trade taxes on trade flows to and from coalition states. These tariff changes can only partially offset the adverse impact of the sanctions.
- TRADEWAR If sanctions and retaliation were to result in an unconstrained trade war, Russia faces a drastic economic cost while the coalition countries could even be slight better off.

## Hydro-Thermal System (Philpott/F./Wets)



## Simple electricity "system optimization" problem

SO: 
$$\max_{\substack{d_k, u_i, v_j, x_i \ge 0}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} W_k(d_k) - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} C_j(v_j) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} V_i(x_i)$$
s.t. 
$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} U_i(u_i) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} v_j \ge \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} d_k,$$

$$x_i = x_i^0 - u_i + h_i^1, \quad i \in \mathcal{H}$$

- $u_i$  water release of hydro reservoir  $i \in \mathcal{H}$
- ullet v $_j$  thermal generation of plant  $j\in\mathcal{T}$
- $x_i$  water level in reservoir  $i \in \mathcal{H}$
- ullet prod fn  $U_i$  (strictly concave) converts water release to energy
- $C_j(v_j)$  denote the cost of generation by thermal plant
- $V_i(\mathbf{x}_i)$  future value of terminating with storage x (assumed separable)
- $W_k(d_k)$  utility of consumption  $d_k$

#### SO equivalent to CE

Consumers 
$$k \in \mathcal{K}$$
 solve  $\mathsf{CP}(k)$ :  $\max_{d_k \geq 0} \quad W_k\left(d_k\right) - p^T d_k$ 

Thermal plants  $j \in \mathcal{T}$  solve  $\mathsf{TP}(j)$ :  $\max_{\substack{v_j \geq 0 \\ u_i, x_i \geq 0}} \quad p^T v_j - C_j(v_j)$ 

Hydro plants  $i \in \mathcal{H}$  solve  $\mathsf{HP}(i)$ :  $\max_{\substack{u_i, x_i \geq 0 \\ u_i, x_i \geq 0}} \quad p^T U_i\left(u_i\right) + V_i(x_i)$ 

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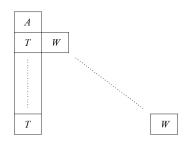
Perfectly competitive (Walrasian) equilibrium is a MOPEC

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{CE:} & \quad \textit{d}_k \in \operatorname{arg\,max} \mathsf{CP}(k), & \quad \textit{k} \in \mathcal{K}, \\ & \quad \textit{v}_j \in \operatorname{arg\,max} \mathsf{TP}(j), & \quad \textit{j} \in \mathcal{T}, \\ & \quad \textit{u}_i, \textit{x}_i \in \operatorname{arg\,max} \mathsf{HP}(i), & \quad \textit{i} \in \mathcal{H}, \\ & \quad 0 \leq \textit{p} \perp \sum_{i \in \mathcal{H}} \textit{U}_i\left(\textit{u}_i\right) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{T}} \textit{v}_j \geq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \textit{d}_k. \end{aligned}$$

### Agents have stochastic recourse?

- Two stage stochastic programming,  $x^1$  is here-and-now decision, recourse decisions  $x^2$  depend on realization of a random variable
- ullet ho is a risk measure (e.g. expectation, CVaR)

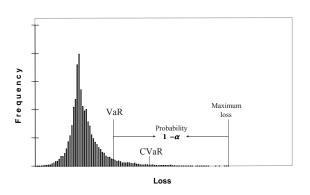
SP: max 
$$c^T x^1 + \rho [q^T x^2]$$
  
s.t.  $Ax^1 = b$ ,  $x^1 \ge 0$ ,  $T(\omega)x^1 + W(\omega)x^2(\omega) \ge d(\omega)$ ,  $x^2(\omega) \ge 0, \forall \omega \in \Omega$ .



EMP/SP extensions to facilitate these models

#### Risk Measures

- Modern approach to modeling risk aversion uses concept of risk measures
- $\overline{CVaR}_{\alpha}$ : mean of upper tail beyond  $\alpha$ -quantile (e.g.  $\alpha = 0.95$ )



- mean-risk, mean deviations from quantiles, VaR, CVaR
- Much more in mathematical economics and finance literature
- Optimization approaches still valid, different objectives, varying convex/non-convex difficulty

## Two stage stochastic MOPEC

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#### Equilibrium or optimization?

- Each agent has its own risk measure
- Is there a system risk measure?
- Is there a system optimization problem?

$$\min \sum_{i} C(x_i^1) + \rho_i \left( C(x_i^2(\omega)) \right) ????$$

- Can we modify (complete) system to have a social optimum by trading risk?
- How do we design these instruments? How many are needed? What is cost of deficiency?
- Can we solve efficiently / distributively?

## Example as MOPEC: agents solve a Stochastic Program

Buy  $y_i$  contracts in period 1, to deliver  $D(\omega)y_i$  in period 2, scenario  $\omega$  Each agent i:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \quad C(x_i^1) + \rho_i \left( C(x_i^2(\omega)) \right) \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad p^1 x_i^1 + v y_i \leq p^1 e_i^1 & \text{(budget time 1)} \\ & \quad p^2(\omega) x_i^2(\omega) \leq p^2(\omega) (D(\omega) y_i + e_i^2(\omega)) & \text{(budget time 2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \le v \perp -\sum_{i} y_{i} \ge 0 \qquad \text{(contract)}$$

$$0 \le p^{1} \perp \sum_{i} \left(e_{i}^{1} - x_{i}^{1}\right) \ge 0 \qquad \text{(walras 1)}$$

$$0 \le p^{2}(\omega) \perp \sum_{i} \left(D(\omega)y_{i} + e_{i}^{2}(\omega) - x_{i}^{2}(\omega)\right) \ge 0 \qquad \text{(walras 2)}$$

### Theory and Observations

- agent problems are multistage stochastic optimization models
- perfectly competitive partial equilibrium still corresponds to a social optimum when all agents are risk neutral and share common knowledge of the probability distribution governing future inflows
- situation complicated when agents are risk averse
  - utilize stochastic process over scenario tree
  - under mild conditions a social optimum corresponds to a competitive market equilibrium if agents have time-consistent dynamic coherent risk measures and there are enough traded market instruments (over tree) to hedge inflow uncertainty
- Otherwise, must solve the stochastic equilibrium problem
- Research challenge: develop reliable algorithms for large scale decomposition approaches to MOPEC

#### What is EMP?

Annotates existing equations/variables/models for modeler to provide/define additional structure

- equilibrium
- vi (agents can solve min/max/vi)
- bilevel (reformulate as MPEC, or as SOCP)
- disjunction (or other constraint logic primitives)
- randvar
- dualvar (use multipliers from one agent as variables for another)
- extended nonlinear programs (library of plq functions)

Currently available within GAMS

#### Conclusions

- MOPEC problems capture complex interactions between optimizing agents
- Policy implications addressable using MOPEC
- MOPEC available to use within the GAMS modeling system
- Stochastic MOPEC enables modeling dynamic decision processes under uncertainty
- Many new settings available for deployment; need for more theoretic and algorithmic enhancements