

Learning Dynamics, Estimation and Control In Congestion Games

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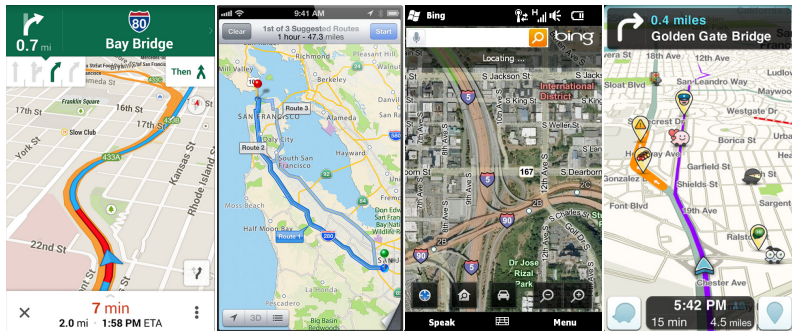
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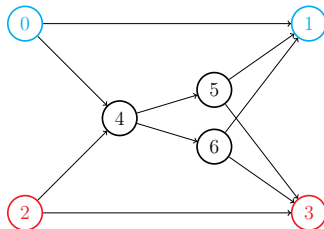


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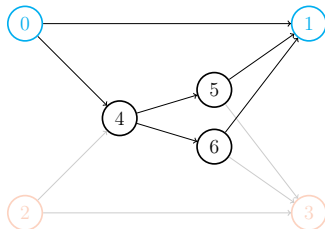


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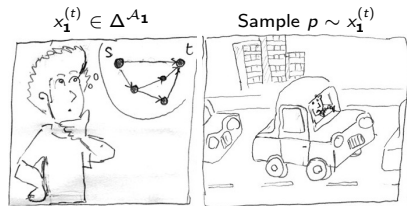
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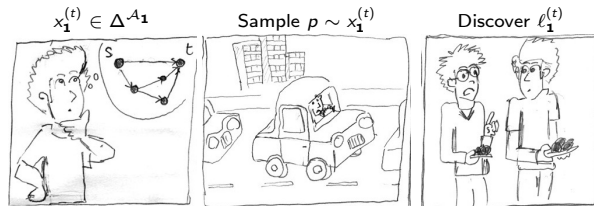
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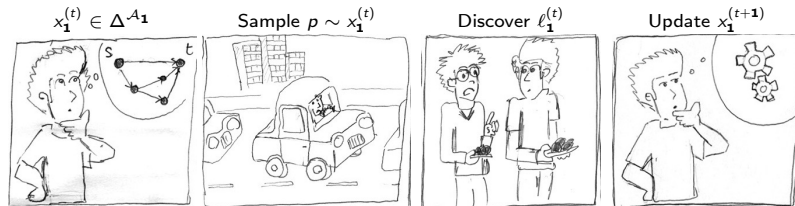
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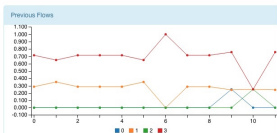
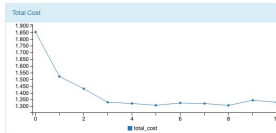
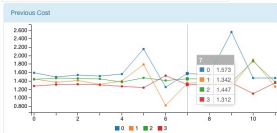
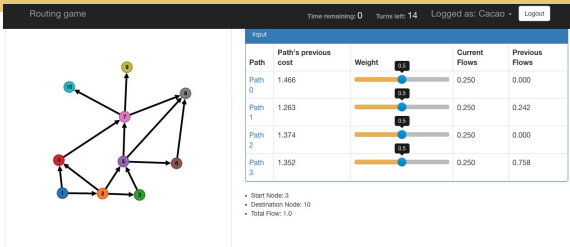
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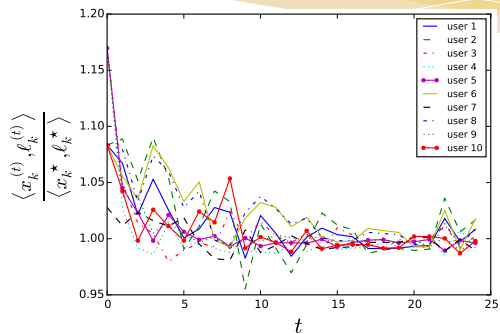


Figure : Costs of each player (normalized by the equilibrium cost)

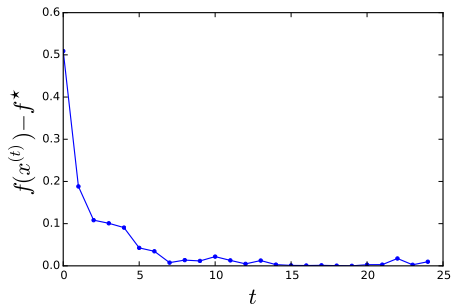


Figure : Potential function $f(x^{(t)}) - f^*$.

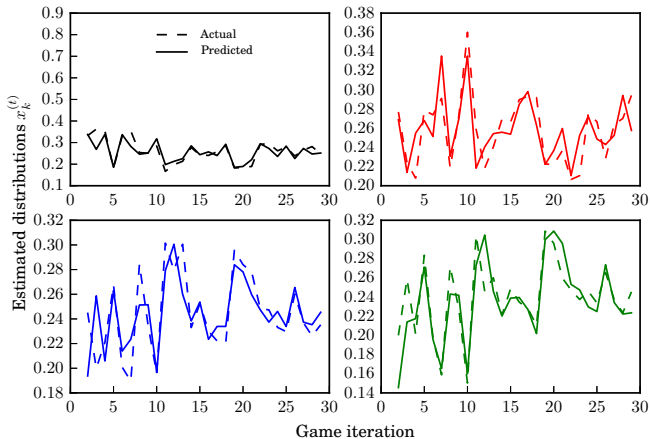


Figure : Estimated Vs. actual distribution.

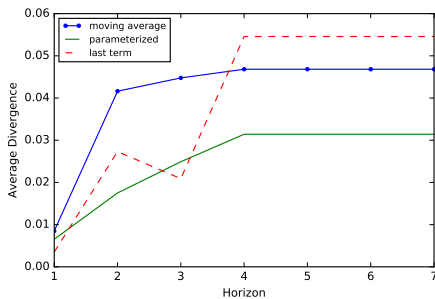


Figure : Average KL divergence between predicted distributions and actual distributions, as a function of the prediction horizon h .

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Assumptions

- ▶ A central authority has control over a fraction of traffic:

$$\mathbf{u}^{(t)} \in \alpha_1 \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \cdots \times \alpha_K \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_K}$$

- ▶ Remaining traffic follows learning dynamics:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(t)} \in (1 - \alpha_1) \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_1} \times \cdots \times (1 - \alpha_K) \Delta^{\mathcal{A}_K}$$

Optimal routing under selfish learning constraints

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{u}^{(1:T)}, \mathbf{x}^{(1:T)}} && \sum_{t=1}^T J(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, \mathbf{u}^{(t)}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{x}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{u}^{(t)}, \ell(\mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{u}^{(t)})) \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ Mirror descent with the adjoint method.

Adjoint method

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize}_u J(u, x) \\ &\text{subject to } H(x, u) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

equivalent to

$$\text{minimize } J(u, X(u))$$

Then perform mirror descent on this function of u .

A simple example

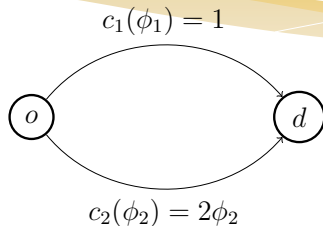


Figure : Simple Pigou network used for the numerical experiment.

- ▶ Social optimum: $(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$
- ▶ Nash equilibrium $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$
- ▶ Control over $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ of traffic

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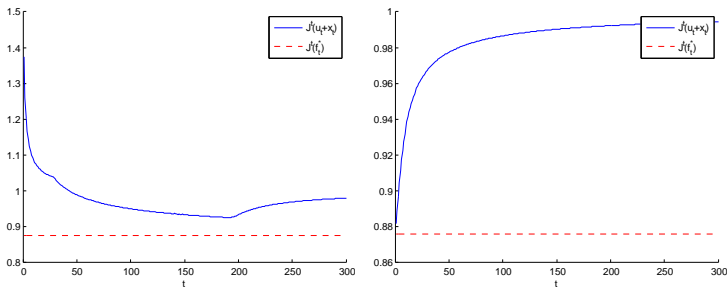


Figure : Social cost $J(t)$ over time induced by adjoint solution (left) and the greedy solution (right). The dashed line shows the social optimal allocation.

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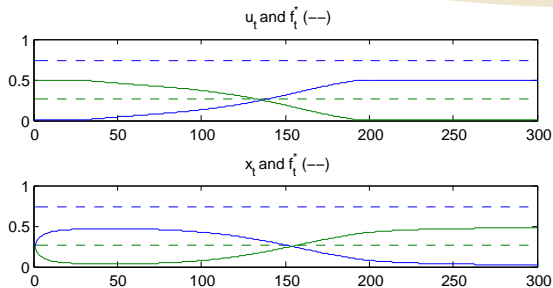


Figure : Adjoint controlled flows (top), selfish flows (bottom). The green lines correspond to the top path, and the blue lines to the bottom path. The dashed lines show the social optimal flows $x^{SO} = (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$.

Application to the L.A. highway network

- ▶ Simplified model of the L.A. highway network.
- ▶ Cost functions uses the B.P.R. function, calibrated using the work of [8].

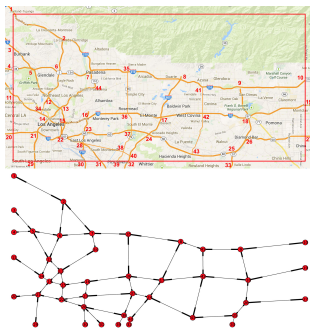


Figure : Los Angeles highway network.

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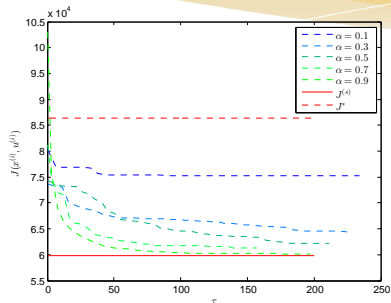


Figure : Average delay without control (dashed), with full control (solid), and different values of α .

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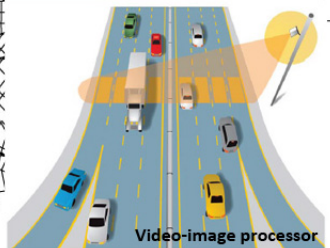
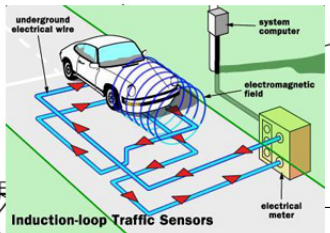
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Motivation



VI(\mathcal{K}, F) consists in finding $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$, i.e., $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{x} \geq 0$, such that

$$F(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{by} - \mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{by} \in \mathcal{K} \quad (1)$$

Examples of parametric VI's VI($\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}), F(\cdot, \mathbf{p})$):

- ▶ Routing game with fixed latency functions and variable demand:

$$\ell(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{by} - \mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \text{feasible path flow } \mathbf{by} \text{ for demand } \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{p}) \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Parametric convex optimization:

$$\min f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}) \iff \text{VI}(\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}), \nabla f(\cdot, \mathbf{p})) \quad (3)$$

- ▶ Controller fitting, consumer behavior etc. [2, 1]

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Inputs:

- ▶ parametric polyhedron $\{\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p})\}_{\mathbf{p}}$
- ▶ parametric observation process $g(\cdot, \mathbf{p}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$
- ▶ N observations of equilibria $\mathbf{z}^{(j)} := g(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{p}^{(j)}) + \mathbf{w}^{(j)}$, $j \in [N]$

Objective:

Impute parametric map $F(\cdot, \mathbf{p})$ and decision vectors $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ such that

- $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ is an approximate solution to $\text{VI}(\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}), F(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}))$.
- $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ agrees with the observations $\mathbf{z}^{(j)}$.

Method:

The idea is to find $F(\cdot, \mathbf{p})$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ that minimize both

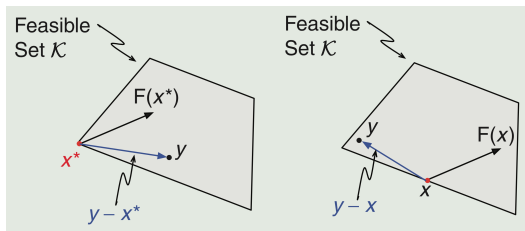
- sum of sub-optimality gaps r_{eq} of the VI's
- observation residual $r_{\text{obs}} := \sum_{j=1}^N \phi(g(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{p}^{(j)}), \mathbf{z}^{(j)})$

Define the optimality gap for $VI(\mathcal{K}, F)$:

$$r_{VI}(\mathbf{x}) = \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}} F(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \quad (4)$$

Note that

- ▶ $r_{VI}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$
- ▶ $r_{VI}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \epsilon \iff \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}} F(\mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) \geq -\epsilon$



Residual of the primal-dual system

Define residual function for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$ and $\mathbf{by} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$r_{PD}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{by}) = F(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{by} \quad (5)$$

Theorem [1]

The following holds for any $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$

$$r_{VI}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \epsilon \iff \exists \mathbf{by} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{by} \leq F(\mathbf{x}), r_{PD}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{by}) \leq \epsilon \quad (6)$$

Set $r_{eq} = \sum_j r_{PD}(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{by}^{(j)}, \mathbf{p}^{(j)}) = \sum_j F(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{p}^{(j)})^T \mathbf{x}^{(j)} - \mathbf{b}^T(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}) \mathbf{by}^{(j)}$
and solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{F, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{by}} \quad & w_{eq} r_{eq} + w_{obs} r_{obs} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{x}^{(j)} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}), \quad \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}^{(j)})^T \mathbf{by}^{(j)} \leq F(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}, \mathbf{p}^{(j)}), \quad \forall j \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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Inverse Variational Inequality formulation :

$$\min r_{\text{eq}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad r_{\text{obs}} = 0, \text{ primal and dual feasibility} \quad (8)$$

- ▶ assumes complete and noiseless observations
- ▶ not robust to measurement errors

Bilevel programming formulation:

$$\min r_{\text{obs}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad r_{\text{eq}} = 0 \quad (9)$$

- ▶ difficult to solve due to bilevel structure
- ▶ KKT system as constraints pose numerical difficulties (ref)

Pareto optimization

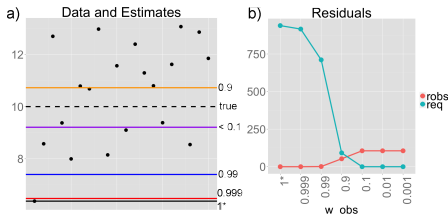
Solve the Weighted Sum Program (WSP) :

$$\min w_{\text{eq}} r_{\text{eq}} + w_{\text{obs}} r_{\text{obs}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{primal and dual feasible} \quad (10)$$

Algorithm 1 Weighted-sum(\cdot) Weighted sum method

- 1: Normalize objectives r_{eq} and r_{obs} for consistent comparisons.
 - 2: Solve with $w_{\text{obs}} + w_{\text{eq}} = 1$ and $w_{\text{obs}} \in \{0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.9, 0.99, 0.999\}$
 - 3: Check the values of r_{eq} and r_{obs} .
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- ▶ Robust to noise or outliers with appropriate choice of ϕ in r_{obs}
- ▶ smoothing with penalization r_{PD} instead of constraint $r_{\text{PD}} = 0$



Asymptotic behavior

Let r_{eq}^* be the optimal obj. value of the inverse VI $\{\min r_{\text{eq}} \text{ s.t. } r_{\text{obs}} = 0\}$

Let r_{obs}^* be the optimal obj. value of the BP $\{\min r_{\text{obs}} \text{ s.t. } r_{\text{eq}} = 0\}$

Let the WSP $\{\min w_{\text{eq}} r_{\text{eq}} + w_{\text{obs}} r_{\text{obs}} \text{ s.t. feasibility}\}$ with $w_{\text{eq}} + w_{\text{obs}} = 1$.

Theorem [9]

Any optimal solution $\mathbf{u}^* \in \mathcal{S}(w_{\text{eq}}, w_{\text{obs}})$ to the WSP is such that

$$r_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{u}^*) \leq r_{\text{eq}}^*(w_{\text{obs}}^{-1} - 1) \approx r_{\text{eq}}^*(1 - w_{\text{obs}}) \text{ as } w_{\text{obs}} \xrightarrow{\leq} 1 \quad (11)$$

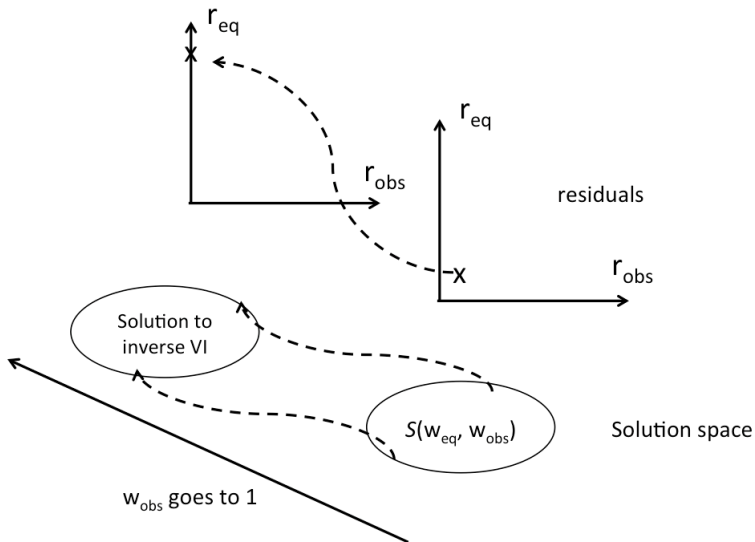
$$r_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{u}^*) \xrightarrow{\leq} r_{\text{eq}}^* \quad (\text{uniformly}) \quad (12)$$

Given compactness and any sequence $w_{\text{obs}}^{(n)} \rightarrow 1$, there exists a sequence $\{\mathbf{u}^{(n)}\}_n \in \{\mathcal{S}(w_{\text{eq}}^{(n)}, w_{\text{obs}}^{(n)})\}_n$ and a sub-sequence of it converging to a solution to the inverse VI.

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Asymptotic behavior

Opens a new dimension for which the 'edge' are the inverse VI and the BP.



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