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# Zero-Sum Stochastic Games with Vanishing Stage Duration and Public Signals

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# Zero-sum stochastic games with perfect observation of the state (1)

A zero-sum stochastic game (with perfect observation of the state) is a 5-tuple  $(\Omega, I, J, g, P)$ , where:

- Ω is a non-empty set of states;
- *I* is a non-empty set of actions of player 1;
- J is a non-empty set of actions of player 2;
- $g: I \times J \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a payoff function of player 1;
- $P: I \times J \times \Omega \rightarrow \Delta(\Omega)$  is a transition probability function.

We assume that  $I, J, \Omega$  are finite.

 $\Delta(\Omega) :=$  the set of probability measures on  $\Omega$ .

# Zero-sum stochastic games with perfect observation of the state (2)

A stochastic game  $(\Omega, I, J, g, P)$  proceeds in stages as follows. At each stage *n*:

- 1. The players observe the current state  $\omega_n$ ;
- 2. Players choose their mixed actions,  $x_n \in \Delta(I)$  and  $y_n \in \Delta(J)$ ;
- Pure actions i<sub>n</sub> ∈ I and j<sub>n</sub> ∈ J are chosen according to x<sub>n</sub> ∈ Δ(I) and y<sub>n</sub> ∈ Δ(J);
- 4. Player 1 obtains a payoff  $g_n = g(i_n, j_n, \omega_n)$ , while player 2 obtains payoff  $-g_n$ ;
- 5. The new state  $w_{n+1}$  is chosen according to the probability law  $P(i_n, j_n, \omega_n)$ .

The above description of the game is known to the players.

# Strategies and total payoff

- Strategies σ, τ of players consist in choosing at each stage a mixed action;
- The players can take into account the previous actions of players, as well as the current and previous states.

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-discounted total payoff:  $E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau}\left(\lambda\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}(1-\lambda)^{i-1}g_i\right);$ 

- Depends on  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , initial state  $\omega$ , and strategies of the players;
- Value  $v_{\lambda} : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{split} v_{\lambda}(\omega) &= \sup_{\sigma} \inf_{\tau} E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} \left( \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda)^{i-1} g_i \right) \\ &= \inf_{\tau} \sup_{\sigma} E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} \left( \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda)^{i-1} g_i \right). \end{split}$$

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# Limit of $\lambda$ -discounted game $\Gamma^{\lambda}$

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$$v_{\lambda}(\omega) = \sup_{\sigma} \inf_{\tau} E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} \left( \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda)^{i-1} g_i \right);$$

- One can ask: what happens if players become more and more patient? I.e., players are willing to wait a lot to obtain a big payoff;
- Mathematically, it means that  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ;
- Thus, one is interested in the uniform (in  $\omega$ ) limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{\lambda}(\omega)$ ;
- The limit always exists in the finite framework, but may fail to exits in a more general setting.

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### Kernel

• Kernel 
$$q: I imes J imes \Omega o \mathbb{R}^{|\Omega|}.$$

$$q(i,j,\omega)(\omega') = \begin{cases} P(i,j,\omega)(\omega') & \text{if } \omega \neq \omega'; \\ P(i,j,\omega)(\omega') - 1 & \text{if } \omega = \omega'. \end{cases}$$

- Recall that P(i, j, ω)(ω') is the probability that the next state is ω', if the current state is ω and players' actions are (i, j);
- Hence the closer kernel q is to 0, the more probable it is that the next state coincides with the current one.

## Stochastic games with stage duration

- Consider a family of stochastic games G<sub>h</sub>, parametrized by h ∈ (0, 1];
- *h* represents stage duration;
- Players now play at times 0, h, 2h, ..., instead of playing at times 0, 1, 2, ...;
- State space Ω and action spaces I and J of player 1 and player 2 are independent of h;
- Payoff function  $g_h$  of player 1 and kernel  $q_h$  depend on h.

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# Stochastic games with stage duration

- Payoff  $g_h = hg$ ;
- Kernel  $q_h = hq$ ;
- *h* = 1: "Usual" stochastic game;
- When h small, g<sub>h</sub> is close to zero (players receive almost nothing each turn), and q<sub>h</sub> is close to zero (the next state with a high probability will be the same).

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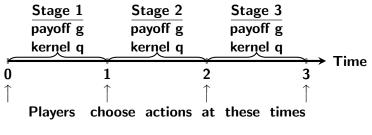


Figure: "Usual" stochastic game: duration of each stage is 1

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## Comparison (2)

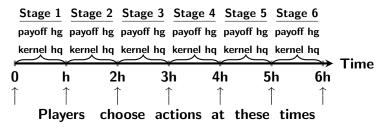


Figure: Stochastic game with stage duration h: stage payoff and kernel are proportional to h

## Discounted games with stage duration

 For a game with stage duration h, the total payoff is (depending on the discount factor λ, initial state ω, and strategies σ, τ of players)

$$E^{\omega}_{\sigma, au}\left(\lambda\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}(1-\lambda h)^{k-1}(g_k)_h
ight);$$

- Why such a choice? Easy explanation:
- The total payoff is λ-discounted game with stage duration 1 is
   E<sup>ω</sup><sub>σ,τ</sub> (λ Σ<sup>∞</sup><sub>k=1</sub>(1 − λ)<sup>k-1</sup>g<sub>k</sub>). The total payoff of λ-discounted
   game with stage duration h is E<sup>ω</sup><sub>σ,τ</sub> (Σ<sup>∞</sup><sub>k=1</sub> λh(1 − λh)<sup>k-1</sup>g<sub>k</sub>);
- So, it may be seen as a game with discount factor λh. I.e., the discount factor is proportional to h, just as the payoff g and the kernel q.

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Real meaning behind the total payoff of the game with stage duration h

- Total payoff:  $E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau}\left(\lambda\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}(1-\lambda h)^{k-1}(hg_k)\right);$
- When h is small, the total payoff of the λ-discounted stochastic game with stage duration h is close to the total payoff of the analogous λ-discounted continuous-time game;

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### Papers about games with stage duration

- "Stochastic games with short-stage duration" by Abraham Neyman (2013);
- "Operator approach to values of stochastic games with varying stage duration" by Sylvain Sorin and Guillaume Vigeral (2016).

# Discounted games with stage duration (main properties)

- We denote by  $v_{h,\lambda}$  the value of the game with total payoff  $E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} \left(\lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda h)^{k-1} (g_k)_h\right);$
- Main question: What happens with  $v_{h,\lambda}$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$ ?

### Proposition (A. Neyman)

 $\lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists and is a unique solution of a functional equation.

### Proposition (S. Sorin, G. Vigeral)

 $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda} \text{ exists if and only if } \lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda} \text{ exists, and in}$ the case of existence we have  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda} = \lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$ .

lim<sub>λ→0</sub> v<sub>1,λ</sub> should be considered as the limit value of the discrete-time stochastic game, whereas lim<sub>λ→0</sub> lim<sub>h→0</sub> v<sub>h,λ</sub> should be considered as the limit value of analogous continuous-time game.

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# Stochastic Games with Public Signals (1)

- Now players cannot perfectly obsesserve the current state;
- Players know the initial probability distribution on the states and some information about the current state.

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# Stochastic Games with Public Signals (2)

A zero-sum stochastic game with public signals is a 7-tuple  $(A, \Omega, f, I, J, g, P)$ , where:

- A is a non-empty set of signals;
- Ω is a non-empty set of states;
- $f: \Omega \to A$  is a partition of  $\Omega$ ;
- *I* is a non-empty set of actions of player 1;
- J is a non-empty set of actions of player 2;
- $g: I \times J \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is stage payoff function of player 1;
- $P: I \times J \times \Omega \to \Delta(\Omega)$  is the transition probability function. We assume that  $I, J, \Omega, A$  are finite.

# Stochastic Games with Public Signals (3)

The game  $(A, \Omega, f, I, J, g, P)$  proceeds in stages as follows. At each stage *n*:

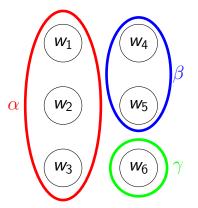
- 1. The current state is  $\omega_n$ . Players do not observe it, but they observe the signal  $\alpha_n = f(\omega_n) \in A$  and the actions of each other at the previous stage;
- 2. Players choose their mixed actions,  $x_n \in \Delta(I)$  and  $y_n \in \Delta(J)$ ;
- Pure actions i<sub>n</sub> ∈ I and j<sub>n</sub> ∈ J are chosen according to x<sub>n</sub> ∈ Δ(I) and y<sub>n</sub> ∈ Δ(J);
- 4. Player 1 obtains a payoff  $g_n = g(i_n, j_n, \omega_n)$ , while player 2 obtains payoff  $-g_n$ ;
- 5. The new state  $w_{n+1}$  is chosen according to the probability law  $P(i_n, j_n, \omega_n)$ . The new signal is  $\alpha_{n+1} = f(\omega_{n+1})$ .

The above description of the game is known to the players. Players do not observe the payoff.

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### An example of the partition function f



There are 3 public signals, and  $f(w_1) = f(w_2) = f(w_3) = \alpha$ ,  $f(w_4) = f(w_5) = \beta$ ,  $f(w_6) = \gamma$ .

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# Stage duration

- We still can consider games with stage duration *h* in this new setting;
- Payoff  $g_h = hg$ ;
- Kernel  $q_h = hq$ ;
- State space Ω, signal set A, partition function f, and action spaces I and J of player 1 and player 2 are independent of h;
- The total payoff is still  $E^{\omega}_{\sigma,\tau} \left( \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 \lambda h)^{k-1} (g_k)_h \right);$
- $v_{h,\lambda}$  is the value of the game with such a total payoff.

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### First result

#### Theorem

In the state-blind case, the uniform limit  $\lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists and is a unique viscosity solution of a partial differential equation

$$\lambda \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}) = \mathit{val}_{I imes J}[\lambda g(i,j,\mathbf{p}) + \langle \mathbf{p} * q(i,j), 
abla \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}) 
angle],$$

where

$$egin{aligned} &f(p*q(i,j))\left(\omega
ight) &:= \sum_{\omega'\in\Omega} p(\omega')\cdot q(i,j,\omega')(\omega) \ &\langle f(\cdot),g(\cdot)
angle &:= \sum_{x\in X} f(x)g(x). \end{aligned}$$

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# Sketch of the proof

- The proof is similar to the proof of analogous result in the paper of Sylvain Sorin (2018) "Limit Value of Dynamic Zero-Sum Games with Vanishing Stage Duration";
- Namely, we consider the family {v<sub>h,λ</sub>(p)}<sub>h∈(0,1]</sub>. It can be proven that it is equilipschitz-continuous and equibounded;
- Hence by the Arzelà–Ascoli theorem the limit  $\lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}(p)$ has at least one accumulation point;
- Afterwards we write the Shapley equation to prove that each accumulation point is a viscosity solution of the above differential equation;
- It can be proven that this differential equation has a unique solution.

# Limit value in games with public signals

- We consider  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$ ;
- Even in finite setting,  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  may not exist;
- First example of inexistence is in the paper of Bruno Ziliotto (2016) "Zero-sum repeated games: Counterexamples to the existence of the asymptotic value and the conjecture maxmin = lim v<sub>n</sub>";
- A similar counterexample is in the paper of Bruno Ziliotto and Jérôme Renault (2020) "Hidden stochastic games and limit equilibrium payoffs";
- We now consider a game which is equivalent to the game from the latter paper.

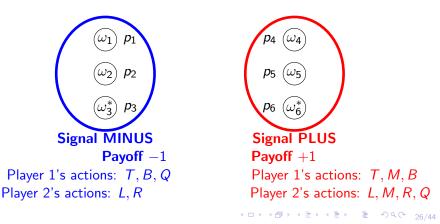
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# Second result (1)

#### Theorem

There is a stochastic game G with public signals in which the uniform limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists, but the pointwise limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$  does not exist.



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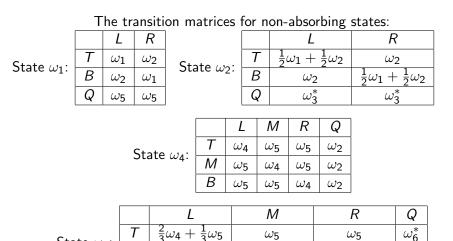
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### Second result (2)



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# Informal proof (1)

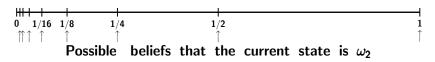
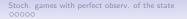


Figure: Discrete case (i.e. stage duration is h = 1). Possible beliefs of player 1 that the current state is  $\omega_2$  if player 2 plays optimally. As  $\lambda$  becomes smaller, player 1 can wait longer and longer to achieve higher probabilities.

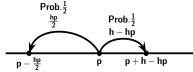
- If the current signal is LEFT, then the smaller is the discount factor λ, the smaller is player 1 can make his belief that the current state is ω<sub>2</sub>;
- Analogously, if the current signal is RIGHT, then the smaller is λ, the smaller is player 2 can make his belief that the current state is ω<sub>5</sub>;
- Because of that, there is an oscillation when  $\lambda \to 0$ .



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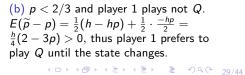


Figure: Continuous case (i.e.  $h \approx 0$ ) with small  $\lambda$ . With prob. p < 2/3 that the current state is  $\omega_2$ , player 1 should immediately start playing Q. Otherwise, his belief  $\tilde{p}$  will start to increase until it becomes  $\tilde{p} = 2/3$ , which is bad for player 1. With prob.  $p \ge 2/3$  that the current state is  $\omega_2$ , player 1 can very quickly decrease his belief  $\tilde{p}$  until it becomes  $\tilde{p} \approx 2/3$ , which is good for him.



 $\begin{array}{c|c} Prob.\frac{1}{2} & Prob.\frac{1}{2} \\ \hline h - hp \\ \hline p - \frac{hp}{2} & p & p + h - hp \end{array}$ 

(a) p > 2/3 and player 1 plays not Q.  $E(\tilde{p} - p) = \frac{1}{2}(h - hp) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-hp}{2} = \frac{h}{4}(2 - 3p) < 0$ , thus if  $\lambda$  is small, then player 1 prefers do not play Q until  $\tilde{p}$  is close to 2/3.



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Informal proof (3)
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- Thus very there is a threshold p = 2/3 which player 1 cannot cross;
- So, the state is going to get absorbed with prob. 2/3;
- Similarly, there is a threshold p = 3/4 which player 2 cannot cross;
- So, the state is going to get absorbed with prob. 3/4;
- Thus there is no oscillation as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ .

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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$ does not exist (1)

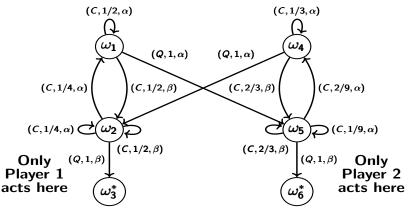
A (more general) zero-sum stochastic game with public signals is a 7-tuple  $(A, \Omega, f, I, J, g, P)$ , where:

- A is a non-empty set of public signals;
- Ω is a non-empty set of states;
- *I* is a non-empty set of actions of player 1;
- J is a non-empty set of actions of player 2;
- $g: I \times J \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is stage payoff function of player 1;
- $P: I \times J \times \Omega \to \Delta(\Omega \times A)$  is the transition probability function.

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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$ does not exist (2) Auxiliary game $\tilde{G}$ with discounted value $\tilde{v}_{\lambda}$ .



#### Payoff -1

Payoff +1

The arrow from state  $s_1$  to the state  $s_2$  with label  $(X, p, \gamma)$  tells that if player that controls state  $s_1$  chooses action X, then with probability p he goes to state  $s_2$  and receives signal  $\gamma$ .

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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$ does not exist (3)

#### Theorem

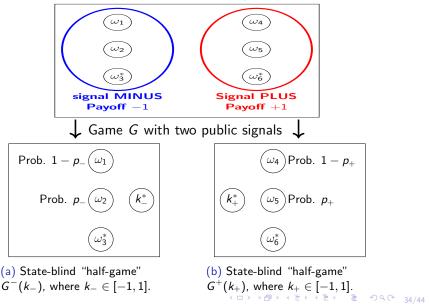
There is a game in which the uniform limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists, but the pointwise limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$  does not exist.

- One can prove that  $\tilde{v}_{\lambda}(p) = v_{1,\lambda}(p)$ . (e.g. by writing the Shapley equation for both games).
- The article "Hidden stochastic games and limit equilibrium payoffs" (Jérôme Renault and Bruno Ziliotto, 2020) proves that  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \tilde{v}_{\lambda}(p)$  does not exist.

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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$ exists (1)



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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$ exists (2)

- We only need to find the values v<sup>-</sup><sub>h,λ</sub>(k, p) and v<sup>+</sup><sub>h,λ</sub>(k, p) of these two "half-games"!
- In this case we can deduce  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  for initial states  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_5$  by solving a system of two equations with variables  $k_-$  and  $k_+$ . We have  $\begin{cases} v_{h,\lambda}(\omega_2) = v_{h,\lambda}^-(v_{h,\lambda}(\omega_5),\omega_2) \\ v_{h,\lambda}(\omega_5) = v_{h,\lambda}^+(v_{h,\lambda}(\omega_2),\omega_5) \end{cases}$
- Later we can find lim<sub>λ→0</sub> lim<sub>h→0</sub> v<sub>h,λ</sub>(p) for any initial p by replacing k<sub>−</sub> or k<sub>+</sub> with values that were just found.

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# The limit $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$ exists (3)

Denote by  $v_{h,\lambda}^{-}(k,p)$  the value of the game  $G^{-}(k)$  with initial state  $\omega_2$  (prob. p) or  $\omega_1$  (prob. 1-p);

#### Lemma

For any  $p \in [0,1]$  and any  $k \in [-1,1]$  we have

$$v_{h,\lambda}^-(k,p)=(k+1)v_{h,\lambda}^-(0,p)+k.$$

Proof: Since  $k \ge -1$ , any optimal strategy in the game  $G^-(0)$  is also optimal in the game  $G^-(k)$ . Thus there exists  $\alpha \in [0,1]$  such that we have  $v_{h,\lambda}^-(k,p) = \alpha k + (-1)(1-\alpha)$ . By taking k = 0, we obtain

$$v_{h,\lambda}^{-}(0,p) = -1 + \alpha \iff \alpha = v_{h,\lambda}^{-}(0,p) + 1.$$

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The limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists (4)

- The main question: how to find  $\lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}^{-}(0,p)$ ?
- We know that  $\lim_{h \to 0} v_{h,\lambda}^-(0,p)$  is a unique solution of

$$\lambda v(p) = \operatorname{val}_{I imes J}[\lambda g(i, j, p) + \langle p * q(i, j), 
abla v(p) 
angle];$$

- It is not clear how to find the solution of this equation;
- However, if we take

$$w(p) := \begin{cases} -\frac{p+\lambda}{1+\lambda} & \text{, if } p < \frac{4\lambda+2}{4\lambda+3}; \\ -1 + \frac{(4\lambda)^{4\lambda/3}}{(1+\lambda)(3+4\lambda)^{1+(4\lambda/3)}} (3p-2)^{-4\lambda/3} & \text{, if } p \ge \frac{4\lambda+2}{4\lambda+3}. \end{cases}$$

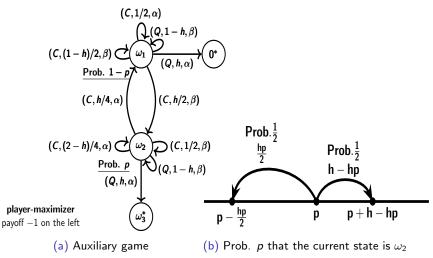
then we can verify that it is a classical solution of this equation.

• We can do the same with the value  $v_{h,\lambda}^+(k,p)$  of another "half-game"  $G^+(k)$ . Stoch. games with perfect observ. of the state  $\verb"ooooo"$ 

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How to guess w(p)? (1)



The arrow from state  $s_1$  to the state  $s_2$  with label  $(X, p, \gamma)$  tells that if player plays X, then with prob. p he goes to state  $s_2$  and receives signal  $\gamma$ .

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# How to guess w(p)? (2)

- This new game is equivalent to  $G^{-}(0)$ ;
- Denote by w(p) its value;
- Shapley equation:

$$w(p) = -\lambda h + (1 - \lambda h) \max \left\{ \underbrace{-hp}_{\substack{\text{Player 1 plays } Q, \\ \text{the signal is } \alpha}} + \underbrace{(1 - h)w(p)}_{\substack{\text{Player 1 plays } Q, \\ \text{the signal is } \alpha}} \right\},$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2}w\left(p - \frac{hp}{2}\right)}_{\substack{\text{Player 1 plays } C, \\ \text{the signal is } \alpha}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}w(p + h - hp)}_{\substack{\text{Player 1 plays } C, \\ \text{the signal is } \alpha}} \right\}.$$
there is  $p^* \in [0, 1]$  such that for  $p \leq p^*$  player prefers to play

Q, and for  $p > p^*$  player prefers to play C. Thus for  $p \le p^*$ 

$$-\lambda h + (1 - \lambda h) (-hp + (1 - h)w(p)) = w(p) \iff$$

$$w(p) = \frac{(h\lambda - 1)p - \lambda}{1 + (1 - h)\lambda} \xrightarrow{h \to 0} - \frac{p + \lambda}{1 + \lambda}.$$

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 $p^*$  is an approximate solution of the equation

$$-hp + (1-h)\frac{(h\lambda-1)p-\lambda}{1+(1-h)\lambda} = \frac{(h\lambda-1)\left(p-\frac{hp}{2}\right)-\lambda}{2(1+(1-h)\lambda)} + \frac{(h\lambda-1)(p+h-hp)-\lambda}{2(1+(1-h)\lambda)},$$

from which  $p^* = \frac{4\lambda + 2 - 2\lambda h}{4\lambda + 3 - 7\lambda h} \xrightarrow{h \to 0} \frac{4\lambda + 2}{4\lambda + 3}$ .

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# How to guess w(p)? (4)

• For  $p \ge p^*$ , w(p) is a solution of the equation (in f(p))

$$f(p) = -\lambda h + (1 - \lambda h) \left( \frac{1}{2} f\left(p - \frac{hp}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} f(p + h - hp) \right).$$

• if w(p) is differentiable, then

$$w(p) = -\lambda h + (1-\lambda h) \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( w(p) - \frac{1}{2}hp \ w'(p) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( w(p) + (h-hp)w'(p) \right) \right) + o(h).$$

Thus we have for small h

$$\left\{egin{aligned} \lambda w(p) &\approx -\lambda - rac{1}{4} p w'(p) + rac{1}{2} (1-p) w'(p), & ext{if } p \in (p^*,1); \ w(p^*) &= rac{-p^*-\lambda}{1+\lambda}. \end{aligned}
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from which

$$w(p) = -1 + \frac{(4\lambda)^{4\lambda/3}}{(1+\lambda)(3+4\lambda)^{1+(4\lambda/3)}} (3p-2)^{-4\lambda/3}.$$

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#### Theorem

There is a stochastic game G with public signals in which the uniform limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} \lim_{h\to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  exists, but the pointwise limit  $\lim_{\lambda\to 0} v_{1,\lambda}$  does not exist.

Open question: For the considered above game G, can we say that

- 1. For any fixed  $h \in (0,1]$ , the limit  $\lim_{\lambda \to 0} v_{h,\lambda}$  does not exist?
- 2. We have  $\left|\limsup_{\substack{\lambda \to 0 \\ \text{uniformly in } p \end{array}} v_{h,\lambda}(p) \liminf_{\substack{\lambda \to 0 \\ \lambda \to 0}} v_{h,\lambda}(p) \right| \to 0 \text{ as } h \to 0,$

### Generalization: varying stage duration

- Now we allow different stage durations for different stages;
- There is a sequence  $\{h_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ ;
- Players act in times  $h_1, h_1 + h_2, h_1 + h_2 + h_3, ...;$
- *i*-th stage payoff is  $h_i g$  and *i*-th stage kernel is  $h_i q$ ;
- Total payoff is now

$$\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (1-\lambda h_j) \right) h_i g_i.$$

• The analogues of the above theorems hold in this more general model. We suppose now that sup  $h_i \rightarrow 0$ .

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# This is all.

# Thank you!

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