

## Mutli-armed bandits とある非協力ゲームの関連について

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### 1. d-armed Markov bandit processes.

$d$  : number of arms ( positive integer ).

$N = \{ 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$  : time space.

$(\Omega^i, \mathcal{F}^i, P^i)$  : probability spaces ( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ).

$X^i = (X_t^i, \mathcal{F}_t^i, P^i)_{t \in N}$  : mutually independent Markov chains

with Borel state spaces  $E^i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ).

$\{\mathcal{F}_t^i\}_{t \in N}$  is an increasing family of completed sub- $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}^i$

$X = (X_s)_{s \in T} = (X_{s1}^1, \dots, X_{sd}^d)_{s = (s^1, \dots, s^d) \in T}$  : d-parameter process with state space  $E$

$T = N^d$  : time space.  $E = \prod_{i=1}^d E^i$  : state space.  $\Omega = \prod_{i=1}^d \Omega^i$  : path space.

$P = \prod_{i=1}^d P^i$  : probability measure.  $\mathcal{F}_s = \mathcal{F}_{s1}^1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{F}_{sd}^d$  for  $s = (s^1, \dots, s^d) \in T$ .

$T (\in N)$  : terminal time.

$N(e, T) = \{ \text{even } t : 0 \leq t < T \}, N(o, T) = \{ \text{odd } t : 0 \leq t < T \}, \text{ for } T (\in N)$

$\beta$  : discount rate ( $0 < \beta < 1$ ).  $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0) \in T$ .  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in T$ .

$f^i, g^i$  : fixed bounded measurable function on  $E^i$ .

$h, k$  : fixed bounded measurable function on  $E$ .

## 2. Strategies.

Strategies when player A moves first and second does player B ( first-type strategies )

$$\pi = \{ \pi(t) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}} = \{ (\pi^1(t), \dots, \pi^d(t)) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma = \{ \sigma(t) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}} = \{ (\sigma^1(t), \dots, \sigma^d(t)) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$$

re  $\mathbf{T}$ - valued stochastic sequences on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  satisfying the following ( i ), ( ii ) and ( iii )

i )  $\pi(0) = \sigma(0) = \mathbf{0}$ .

ii ) For all even  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that

$$\pi(t+1) = \sigma(t) + e_i \quad \text{for some } i = 1, \dots, d \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sigma(t+1) = \sigma(t).$$

For all odd  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  it holds that

$$\sigma(t+1) = \pi(t) + e_i \quad \text{for some } i = 1, \dots, d \quad \text{and}$$

$$\pi(t+1) = \pi(t).$$

iii ) For all  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $s \in \mathbf{T}$  it holds that  $\{ \pi(t) = s \} \in \mathcal{F}_s$  and  $\{ \sigma(t) = s \} \in \mathcal{F}_s$ .

$$S(\mathbf{F}) = \{ \text{all first-type strategies } (\pi, \sigma) \text{ starting from } \mathbf{0} \},$$

$$MS(\mathbf{F}) = \{ \text{all Markov strategies } (\pi, \sigma) (\in S(\mathbf{F})) \},$$

$$MS(\mathbf{F}; 1) = \{ \text{all first-type one-step Markov strategies } \pi \}.$$

Strategies when player B moves first and second does player A ( second-type ).

$$\pi = \{ \pi(t) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ and } \sigma = \{ \sigma(t) \}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$$

re  $\mathbf{T}$ - valued stochastic sequences on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  satisfying the following ( i ), ( ii ) and ( iii )

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$$\pi(t+1) = \pi(t).$$

For all odd  $t \in N$  it holds that

$$\pi(t+1) = \sigma(t) + e_i \quad \text{for some } i = 1, \dots, d \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sigma(t+1) = \sigma(t).$$

( iii ) For all  $t \in N$  and all  $s \in T$  it holds that  $\{\pi(t) = s\} \in \mathcal{F}_s$  and  $\{\sigma(t) = s\} \in \mathcal{F}_s$ .

$S(S) = \{\text{all second-type strategies } (\pi, \sigma) \text{ starting from } \mathbf{0}\}$ ,

$MS(S) = \{\text{all Markov strategies } (\pi, \sigma) (\in S(S))\}$  and

$MS(S; 1) = \{\text{all second-type one-step Markov strategies } \sigma\}$ .

$$D(F; \sigma) = \{\pi : (\pi, \sigma) \in S(F)\}, \quad D(F; \pi) = \{\sigma : (\pi, \sigma) \in S(F)\}.$$

$$D(S; \pi) = \{\sigma : (\pi, \sigma) \in S(S)\} \text{ and } D(S; \sigma) = \{\pi : (\pi, \sigma) \in S(S)\}.$$

### 3. Expected rewards in bandit games.

For  $(\pi, \sigma) (\in S(F))$ , player A's expected values from an initial state  $x (\in E)$  to a terminal time  $T$  are defined by

$$R_{A,F,T}^{\pi, \sigma}(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(1)}) (\pi^i(1) - \sigma^i(0)) \right. \\ \left. + \beta^2 \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(3)}) (\pi^i(3) - \sigma^i(2)) + \dots \right]$$

$$+ \beta^{T-2} \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(T-1)}) (\pi^i(T-1) - \sigma^i(T-2)) + \beta^T h(X_{\sigma(T)}) \quad \text{when } T \text{ is even},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R_{A,F,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) = & E^x \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(1)}) (\pi^i(1) - \sigma^i(0)) \right. \\ & + \beta^2 \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(3)}) (\pi^i(3) - \sigma^i(2)) + \dots \\ & \left. + \beta^{T-1} \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(T)}) (\pi^i(T) - \sigma^i(T-1)) + \beta^T h(X_{\pi(T)}) \right] \quad \text{when } T \text{ is odd}. \end{aligned}$$

For short

$$(1) \quad R_{A,F,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{t \in N(e,T)} \beta^t \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(t+1)}) (\pi^i(t+1) - \sigma^i(t)) \right. \\ \left. + \beta^T h(X_{\max\{\pi(T), \sigma(T)\}}) \right],$$

Then player B's expected values are

$$(2) \quad R_{B,F,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{t \in N(o,T)} \beta^t \sum_{i=1}^d g^i(X_{\sigma^i(t+1)}) (\sigma^i(t+1) - \pi^i(t)) \right. \\ \left. + \beta^T k(X_{\max\{\pi(T), \sigma(T)\}}) \right],$$

Hence we put

$$(3) \quad R_{A,F,T}^{*,\sigma}(x) = \sup_{\pi \in D(F; \sigma)} R_{A,F,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in E, \text{ and}$$

$$(4) \quad R_{B,F,T}^{\pi,*}(x) = \sup_{\sigma \in D(F; \pi)} R_{B,F,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in E.$$

Then we shall call the following game when player A moves first first-type bandit games abbreviated as FBG) : For each T, to find strategies  $(\pi^*, \sigma^*) \in S(F)$  such that

$$R_{A,F,T}^{\pi^*,\sigma^*} = R_{A,F,T}^{*,\sigma^*} \text{ and } R_{B,F,T}^{\pi^*,\sigma^*} = R_{B,F,T}^{\pi^*,*}.$$

For a second-type strategy  $(\pi, \sigma) (\in S(S))$ , player A's expected values are defined by

$$(5) \quad R_{A,S,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{t \in N(o,T)} \beta^t \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi^i(t+1)}) (\pi^i(t+1) - \sigma^i(t)) \right]$$

$$+ \beta^T h(X_{\max\{\pi(T), \sigma(T)\}}) \Big] .$$

Then player B's expected values are

$$(6) \quad R_{B,S,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{t \in N(e,T)} \beta^t \sum_{i=1}^d g^i(X_{\sigma^i(t+1)}) (\sigma^i(t+1) - \pi^i(t)) + \beta^T k(X_{\max\{\pi(T), \sigma(T)\}}) \right].$$

Hence we put

$$(7) \quad R_{A,S,T}^{*,\sigma}(x) = \sup_{\pi \in D(S; \sigma)} R_{A,S,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in E, \text{ and}$$

$$(8) \quad R_{B,S,T}^{\pi,*}(x) = \sup_{\sigma \in D(S; \pi)} R_{B,S,T}^{\pi,\sigma}(x) \quad \text{for } x \in E.$$

Then we shall call the following game when player A moves second second-type games (abbreviated as SBG) : For each T, to find strategies  $(\pi^*, \sigma^*) \in S(S)$  such th

$$R_{A,S,T}^{\pi^*,\sigma^*} = R_{A,S,T}^{*,\sigma^*} \text{ and } R_{B,S,T}^{\pi^*,\sigma^*} = R_{B,S,T}^{\pi^*,*}.$$

When the terminal time  $T = 0$ , for convenience we define

$$(9) \quad R_{A,F,0}^{\pi,\sigma} = h \text{ and } R_{B,F,0}^{\pi,\sigma} = k \quad \text{for all } (\pi, \sigma) \in S(F), \text{ and}$$

$$(10) \quad R_{A,S,0}^{\pi,\sigma} = h \text{ and } R_{B,S,0}^{\pi,\sigma} = k \quad \text{for all } (\pi, \sigma) \in S(S).$$

### LEMMA 1.

For strategies  $(\pi, \sigma) \in S(F)$  and  $(\pi', \sigma') \in S(S)$ , there exist Markov strategies  $\pi_M$ ;  $0, \sigma_M \in D(F; 0, \pi)$ ,  $\pi'_M \in D(S; 0, \sigma')$  and  $\sigma'_M \in D(S; 0, \pi')$  such that

$$R_{A,F,T}^{\pi_M, \sigma} = R_{A,F,T}^{*, \sigma}, \quad R_{B,F,T}^{\pi, \sigma_M} = R_{B,F,T}^{\pi, *},$$

$$R_{A,S,T}^{\pi'_M, \sigma'} = R_{A,S,T}^{*, \sigma'} \text{ and } R_{B,S,T}^{\pi', \sigma'_M} = R_{B,S,T}^{\pi', *}.$$

#### 4. A value iteration and optimal strategies.

##### ITERATION 1.

**Subroutine ( A ) :**

( A. 0 ) Put  $U_{A,F,0} = U_{A,S,0} = h$ .

( A. F. 1 ) Put  $U_{A,F,1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ f^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{A,S,0}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

:  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\pi_1^* \in MS(F; 1)$ .

( A. S. 1 ) Put  $U_{A,S,1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{A,F,0}(X_{\sigma_1^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

th  $\sigma_1^* \in MS(S; 1)$  given by ( B. S. 1 ).

( A. F. 2 ) Put  $U_{A,F,2}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ f^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{A,S,1}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

:  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\pi_2^* \in MS(F; 1)$ .

( A. S. 2 ) Put  $U_{A,S,2}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{A,F,1}(X_{\sigma_2^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

th  $\sigma_2^* \in MS(S; 1)$  given by ( B. S. 2 ).

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( A. F. r+1 ) Put  $U_{A,F,r+1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ f^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{A,S,r}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

:  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\pi_{r+1}^* \in MS(F; 1)$ .

( A. S. r+1 ) Put  $U_{A,S,r+1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{A,F,r}(X_{\sigma_{r+1}^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

th  $\sigma_{r+1}^* \in MS(S; 1)$  given by ( B. S. r+1 ).

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( A. F. T ) Put  $U_{A,F,T}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ f^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{A,S,T-1}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

:  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\pi_T^* \in MS(F; 1)$ .

( A. S. T ) Put  $U_{A,S,T}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{A,F,T-1}(X_{\sigma_T^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

with  $\sigma_T^* \in MS(S; 1)$  given by ( B. S. T ).

**Subroutine ( B ) :**

( B. 0 ) Put  $U_{B,F,0} = U_{B,S,0} = k$ .

( B. F. 1 ) Put  $U_{B,F,1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{B,S,0}(X_{\pi_1^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

with  $\pi_1^* \in MS(F; 1)$  given by ( A. F. 1 ).

( B. S. 1 ) Put  $U_{B,S,1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ g^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{B,F,0}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

for  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\sigma_1^* \in MS(S; 1)$ .

( B. F. 2 ) Put  $U_{B,F,2}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{B,S,1}(X_{\pi_2^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

with  $\pi_2^* \in MS(F; 1)$  given by ( A. F. 2 ).

( B. S. 2 ) Put  $U_{B,S,2}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ g^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{B,F,1}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

for  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\sigma_2^* \in MS(S; 1)$ .

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( B. F. r+1 ) Put  $U_{B,F,r+1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{B,S,r}(X_{\pi_{r+1}^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

with  $\pi_{r+1}^* \in MS(F; 1)$  given by ( A. F. r+1 ).

( B. S. r+1 ) Put  $U_{B,S,r+1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ g^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{B,F,r}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$

for  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\sigma_{r+1}^* \in MS(S; 1)$ .

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( B. F. T ) Put  $U_{B,F,T}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{B,S,T-1}(X_{\pi_T^*(1)}) \right]$  for  $x \in E$

with  $\pi_T^* \in MS(F; 1)$  given by ( A. F. T ).

( B. S. T ) Put  $U_{B,S,T}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ g^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{B,F,T-1}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$   
 $\vdots x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ . We define a Markov strategy  $\sigma_T^* \in MS(S; 1)$ .

We define strategies  $(\pi^*, \sigma^*) \in MS(F; T)$  and  $(\pi'^*, \sigma'^*) \in MS(S; T)$  by

- 1)  $(\pi^*, \sigma^*) = [\pi_T^*, \sigma_{T-1}^*, \pi_{T-2}^*, \sigma_{T-3}^*, \dots, \pi_4^*, \sigma_3^*, \pi_2^*, \sigma_1^*]$  for even  $T$ ,
- 2)  $(\pi^*, \sigma^*) = [\pi_T^*, \sigma_{T-1}^*, \pi_{T-2}^*, \sigma_{T-3}^*, \dots, \sigma_4^*, \pi_3^*, \sigma_2^*, \pi_1^*]$  for odd  $T$ ,
- 3)  $(\pi'^*, \sigma'^*) = [\sigma_T^*, \pi_{T-1}^*, \sigma_{T-2}^*, \pi_{T-3}^*, \dots, \sigma_4^*, \pi_3^*, \sigma_2^*, \pi_1^*]$  for even  $T$ , and
- 4)  $(\pi'^*, \sigma'^*) = [\sigma_T^*, \pi_{T-1}^*, \sigma_{T-2}^*, \pi_{T-3}^*, \dots, \pi_4^*, \sigma_3^*, \pi_2^*, \sigma_1^*]$  for odd  $T$ .

### THEOREM 1.

$(\pi^*, \sigma^*)$  is an optimal strategy for FBG, and  $(\pi'^*, \sigma'^*)$  is an optimal strategy for SBG.

Moreover  $U_{A,F,T}$  and  $U_{B,F,T}$  are each player's optimal values for FBG and  $U_{A,S,T}$  and  $U_{B,S,T}$  are each player's optimal values for SBG :

- ( i )  $U_{A,F,T} = R_{A,F,T}^{\pi^*, \sigma^*} \geq R_{A,F,T}^{\pi, \sigma^*}$  for every  $\pi \in D(F; \sigma^*)$ .
- ( ii )  $U_{B,F,T} = R_{B,F,T}^{\pi^*, \sigma^*} \geq R_{B,F,T}^{\pi^*, \sigma}$  for every  $\sigma \in D(F; \pi^*)$ .
- ( iii )  $U_{A,S,T} = R_{A,S,T}^{\pi'^*, \sigma'^*} \geq R_{A,S,T}^{\pi, \sigma'^*}$  for every  $\pi \in D(S; \sigma'^*)$ .
- ( iv )  $U_{B,S,T} = R_{B,S,T}^{\pi'^*, \sigma'^*} \geq R_{B,S,T}^{\pi'^*, \sigma}$  for every  $\sigma \in D(S; \pi'^*)$ .

For Markov strategies  $\pi \in \text{MS}(F; 1)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{MS}(S; 1)$  we shall introduce the following semi-linear operators  $S^\pi$  and  $S^\sigma$  on the space of all bounded measurable functions on  $E$

$$(15) \quad S^\pi \phi(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d f^i(X_{\pi(i)(1)}) \pi^i(1) + \beta \phi(X_{\pi(1)}) \right] \text{ for } x \in E, \text{ and}$$

$$(16) \quad S^\sigma \phi(x) = E^x \left[ \sum_{i=1}^d g^i(X_{\sigma(i)(1)}) \sigma^i(1) + \beta \phi(X_{\sigma(1)}) \right] \text{ for } x \in E$$

for bounded measurable functions  $\phi$  on  $E$ . Then

### COROLLARY 1.

For  $r = 0, \dots, T-1$  ( i ) ~ ( iv ) hold :

$$(i) \quad U_{A,F,r+1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ f^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{A,S,r}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$$

for  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ .

$$(ii) \quad U_{A,S,r+1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{A,F,r}(X_{\sigma_{r+1}^*(1)}) \right] \text{ for } x \in E,$$

where  $\sigma_{r+1}^* \in \text{MS}(S; 1)$  given by ( iv ).

$$(iii) \quad U_{B,F,r+1}(x) = E^x \left[ \beta U_{B,S,r}(X_{\pi_{r+1}^*(1)}) \right] \text{ for } x \in E,$$

where  $\pi_{r+1}^* \in \text{MS}(F; 1)$  given by ( i ).

$$(iv) \quad U_{B,S,r+1}(x) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq d} E^x \left[ g^i(X_1^i) + \beta U_{B,F,r}(x^1, \dots, X_1^i, \dots, x^d) \right]$$

for  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^d) \in E$ .

$$(v) \quad U_{A,F,r+1} = S^{\pi_{r+1}^*} U_{A,S,r}, \quad U_{A,S,r+1} = \beta P^{\sigma_{r+1}^*} U_{A,F,r},$$

$$U_{B,F,r+1} = \beta P^{\pi_{r+1}^*} U_{B,S,r}, \quad U_{B,S,r+1} = S^{\sigma_{r+1}^*} U_{B,F,r}.$$