

## Evolutionary Game with Statistical Mechanics<sup>1)</sup>

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### Abstract

This paper formulates evolutionary game theory with a new concept using statistical mechanics. This study analyzes the following situations: each player on the lattice plays a game with its nearest neighbor or with a randomly matched player. These situations are formulated using an analogy with the Ising model and the Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model, the simplest models in statistical mechanics. Moreover, this paper examines the relations, the order parameter, and the action's probability distribution on the lattice with percolation.

As a result, theoretical calculations agree with classical evolutionary game theory in terms of the parameter size. This paper shows that bifurcations occur in a quenched system with externalities, hence, this system has multiple equilibria. This model applies to a two-player model of reinforcement learning with memory [11]. This paper analyzes Prisoner's Dilemma Game, shows that this Nash equilibrium is Pareto optimal in terms of the length of memory.

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## 1 Introduction

This paper formulates evolutionary game theory with a new concept using statistical mechanics. In evolutionary game theory, a large number of players is assumed to search at random for trading opportunities, and when they meet the terms of game are started. We have described the above situations with the classical approaches using the *replicator dynamics* [15]<sup>2)</sup>, or a perturbed finite-state Markov process [8]. In contrast to these approaches, our study formulates a large number of players playing games simultaneously using an analogy with the Ising model and the Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model, the simplest models in statistical mechanics.

Numerous papers published recently have used statistical mechanics in evolutionary game theory, Blume [1], Diederich and Oppen [6], McKelvey and Palfrey [12, 13]<sup>3)</sup>, Brock and Durlauf [2]. However, these papers applied the Ising model [1] and the standard Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model [6], vigorously researched in theoretical physics, in a straightforward manner. Furthermore, they paid very little attention to the basic elements. This paper presents a novel model using statistical mechanics for evolutionary game theory with basic elements.

This paper is organized as follows. In § 2, we formulate a model with nearest-neighbor interaction, and compute the order parameter. In § 3, we formulate a model for play with a randomly matched player in annealed and quenched systems, and compute the optimal order parameter for each system. In § 4, we extend our model to add an externality. In § 5, we present the conclusions and discuss future work.

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<sup>2)</sup>replicator dynamics :

$$\frac{\dot{x}_i}{x_i} = ((Ax)_i - x \cdot Ax), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad A : \text{payoff matrix.}$$

means that if the player's payoff from the outcome  $i$  is greater than the expected utility  $x \cdot Ax$ , then the probability of the action  $i$  is higher than before.

<sup>3)</sup>This model is called Quantal Response Equilibrium (QRE). They point out that this model fits a variety of experimental data sets by using maximum likelihood estimation.

## 2 Nearest Neighbor Interaction (Ising Model)

### 2.1 Theoretical Framework

In this section, we construct a nearest-neighbor interaction model with reference to the Ising model, the simplest model in statistical mechanics.

Let  $Z^2$  be the plane square lattice and we refer to the vertex  $i$  as the *site*. Each site on the lattice is the address of one player. Every site  $i \in Z^2$  is directly connected to a finite number of other sites. The set of sites  $B = \{(ij)\}$  directly connected to site  $i$  is the *neighbor* of  $i$ ,  $j$  (See figure 1).

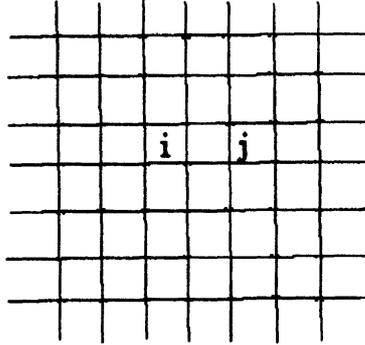


Figure 1: Square lattice and Nearest Neighbor.

A player who has chosen an action strategy receives a payoff from his neighbor, which is determined by his strategy and his neighbor's choice of action.

**EXAMPLE 2.1** (Two players and two strategies, symmetric strategic game)

The set of actions of row player 1 is {Action 1, Action 2} and that of column player 2 is {Action 1, Action 2}, and for instance, the row player's payoff from the outcome (Action 1, Action 1) is  $a$ , then the column player's payoff is also  $a$ .

If the set of actions' index is  $\{+1, -1\}$  and payoff  $a, b > 0$ , then this model corresponds to the Ising model, where the payoff represents the energy.

1 \ 2	Action 1(+1)	Action 2(+2)
Action 1(+1)	$a, a$	$0, 0$
Action 2(+2)	$0, 0$	$b, b$

Payoff Matrix 1

□

**PROPOSITION 2.2<sup>4)</sup>** We obtain the probability distributions of actions,  $\{S_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , and the player's payoff from the outcome is  $f$ ,

$$P(\{S_i\}) = Z^{-1} \exp(\gamma f). \quad (1)$$

where  $\{S_i\}$  is a player  $i$ 's action, and  $\gamma$  is a non-negative constant ; for instance,  $\gamma$  is the optimal choice behavior [3]<sup>5)</sup>,  $f$  is the player's expected payoff from the outcome  $\{S_i\}$ , and  $Z$  is the normalization

parameter, with  $\sum_{i=1}^N P(\{S_i\}) = 1$ .

This implies that if payoff  $f$  is greater, then the probability of choosing the action is higher.

<sup>4)</sup>We omit this proof. There exist many ways of proving this proposition, however, this form is derived from *the law of the conservation of energy and the principle of equal a priori probability*. In this model, the payoff represents the energy in theoretical physics, but it admits negative values. Of course, the total payoff  $2f$  is constant. See statistical mechanics textbooks for details.

<sup>5)</sup>When parameter  $\gamma$  approaches infinity, the model of behavior approaches the best response model. When  $\gamma = 0$ , the behavior is essentially random, as all strategies are played with equal probability.

**DEFINITION 2.3** We define an *order parameter*  $m \in \mathbf{R}$ , as how often a player has chosen an action in this game.

$$m = \sum_i^N S_i P(\{S_i\}). \tag{2}$$

where  $N$  is the number of the actions.

**EXAMPLE 2.4** Considering EXAMPLE 2.1, the actions' index  $\{S_i\} = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $N = 2$ , and the order parameter for each case is computed as follows.

- (i) If all the players' actions are {Action 1}, then we obtain  $m = 1$ .
- (ii) If all the players' actions are {Action 2}, then we obtain  $m = 2$ .
- (iii) If half of all the players' actions are {Action 1}, then we obtain  $m = \frac{3}{2}$ .

If the order parameter  $m$  is near 1, then we know that there are many more players choosing {Action 1} than {Action 2}. If the order parameter  $m$  is near 2, then we know that more players chose {Action 2} than {Action 1}.

If  $\gamma$  is sufficiently large, then the actions for all players are chosen. If  $\gamma$  is sufficiently small, then the actions for all players are essentially random as all strategies are played with equal probability, independent of the payoff size.

In particular, if the actions' index  $S_i$  is  $\{-1, 1\}$ , then the order parameter  $m$  is 1,0(random), $-1$  for the above cases (See figure 2).

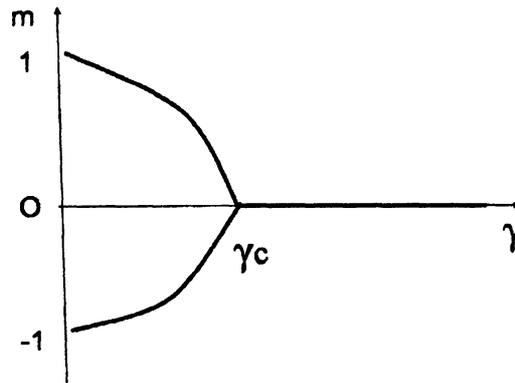


Figure 2: Order parameter and parameter  $\gamma$  (Ising model).

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**DEFINITION 2.5** (Weibull [15])  $x \in \Delta$  is an *evolutionary stable strategy* (ESS) if for every strategy  $y \neq x$ , there exists some  $\bar{\epsilon}_y \in (0, 1)$  such that the following inequality holds for all  $\epsilon \in (0, \bar{\epsilon}_y)$

$$u[x, \epsilon y + (1 - \epsilon)x] > u[y, \epsilon y + (1 - \epsilon)x], \tag{3}$$

where  $\Delta = \{x \in \mathbf{R}_+^k : \sum_{i \in K} x_i = 1\}$ ,  $K = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.6**  $x \in \Delta$  is an evolutionary stable strategy if and only if it meets these first-order and second-order best-reply:

$$u(y, x) \leq u(x, x), \quad \forall y, \tag{4}$$

$$u(y, x) = u(x, x) \Rightarrow u(y, y) < u(x, y), \quad \forall y \neq x. \tag{5}$$

**PROOF** For a proof, see Weibull [15].

□

We characterize the evolutionary stable strategy with the order parameter  $m$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.7**  $x \in \Delta$  is an evolutionary stable strategy in an evolutionary game with statistical mechanics, if there exists some  $m$  such that the inequality (7) holds for all  $m^*$ .

$$u(y, x) \leq u(x, x), \quad \forall y, \quad (\text{Equilibrium Condition}) \quad (6)$$

$$|m - m^*| < \varepsilon. \quad (\text{Stability Condition}) \quad (7)$$

where  $m^*$  is the index of the equilibrium action.

**PROOF** Obvious. □

PROPOSITION 2.6 implies that  $x \in \Delta$  is an evolutionary stable strategy, if and only if it meets Nash equilibrium and asymptotic stability conditions. On the other hand, PROPOSITION 2.7 implies that the *Lyapunov stable* condition is replaced by the stability condition in PROPOSITION 2.6.

Let this model add an order parameter; we can analyze an asymmetric two-person game in the same way. In conclusion, we formulate the simplest symmetric and asymmetric two-person games with statistical mechanics in evolutionary game theory.

Lipowski, *et al.* [11] introduces a two-player model of reinforcement learning with memory by statistical mechanics approach. It shows numerically that it is advantageous to have a large memory in symmetric games, but it is better to have a short memory in asymmetric ones. The parameter  $\gamma$  which we defined is about memory in Lipowski, *et al.* [11]. This means that the longer memory is, the more likely you will be able to choose the action.

**EXAMPLE 2.8** We consider the Prisoner's Dilemma Game, a two-player game in which each player has only two pure strategies. A player  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is equipped with a memory of length  $l_i$ , where it sequentially stores the last  $l_i$  decisions made by its opponent.

1 \ 2	Action 1	Action 2
Action 1	3,3	0,5
Action 2	5,0	1,1

Payoff Matrix 2 (Prisoner's Dilemma)

**LEMMA** (Lipowski, *et al.* [11]) It is advantageous to have a large memory in symmetric games ( $l_1 = l_2$ ). It is better to have a short memory in asymmetric ones ( $l_1 \neq l_2$ ).

**PROOF** The player's each expected utility chosen the Action 1 or 2 is  $3p^2, -4p^2 + 3p + 1$ . If these expected utilities are equivalent, we obtain  $p^* = \frac{3+\sqrt{37}}{14}$ . So we can understand that it is advantageous to choose the Action 1 when  $p > p^*$  and the Action 2 when  $p < p^*$  by the function's form.

If the probability  $p$  is large, the length of memory is long. Conversely, if the probability  $p$  is small, the length of memory is short. Therefore, if both players are long memory, the Nash equilibrium of this game is (Action 1, Action 1). We can see that the Prisoner's Dilemma is avoided. However, if both players are short memory, the Nash equilibrium of this game is (Action 2, Action 2). Therefore, it is advantageous to have a large memory in symmetric games ( $l_1 = l_2$ ).

Next, we take that both player's length of memory are different. We can consider the following two cases. (i) if player 1's length of the memory is long and player 2's one is short, then the Nash equilibrium is (Action 1, Action 2). So, we can see that player 2 who has a short memory obtains higher payoff than player 1 who has a long memory.

(ii) if player 1's length of the memory is short and player 2's one is long, then the Nash equilibrium is (Action 2, Action 1). So, we can see that player 1 who has a short memory obtains higher payoff than player 2 who has a long memory. Therefore, it is better to have a short memory in asymmetric ones ( $l_1 \neq l_2$ ). □

### 2.2 Spatial Pattern : Percolation

We examine the relations, the order parameter, and the action's probability distribution on the lattice with percolation<sup>6)</sup>.

First, we introduce some definitions and notation. For  $S \in \Omega$ , let  $S_i^{-1}(+1) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid S_i = +1\}$ .  $S_i^{-1}(-1)$  is defined in the same way.  $C_z^+(S)$  denotes the *connected component* of  $S_i^{-1}(+1)$  containing the point  $z$ <sup>7)</sup>.  $C_z^-(S)$  is defined in the same way.

If  $S_i(z) = +1$ ,

$C_z^+(S_i) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \text{there exist the points } \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \subset S_i^{-1}(+1), \text{ such that}$

$$|x_i - x_{i-1}| = 1, 1 \leq i \leq N + 1, \text{ where } x_0 = z, x_{N+1} = x\} \tag{8}$$

If  $S_i(z) = -1$ ,  $C_z^+(S_i) = \emptyset$ .

If  $z$  is the origin, then we deal with  $C_0^+(S_i)$ . For  $W \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $|W|$  is the cardinality of  $W$ , or the number of vertices of a graph  $W$ . We analyze the behavior of  $\{S_i \mid |C_0^+(S_i)| = \infty\}$  on the pair  $(\gamma, h)$ . The parameter  $h$  represents an effect of externality. In this section, we mainly deal with  $h = 0$ .

Coniglio, *et al.* [4] proves the fundamental relationship between percolation and phase transition.

**THEOREM 2.9** (Coniglio, *et al.* [4]) In the two-dimensional Ising model, we obtain,

(i) if  $\gamma > \gamma_c$ ,  $\mu_{\gamma,0}^+(\{|C_0^+| = \infty\}) > 0$ ,  $\mu_{\gamma,0}^-(\{|C_0^-| = \infty\}) > 0$ .

where  $\mu^s$ ,  $s = \{+, -\}$  is Gibbs measures.

(ii) if  $\mu$  is external to the set of all Gibbs states  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma, h)$ ,

$$\mu(|C_0^+| = \infty)\mu(|C_0^-| = \infty) = 0.$$

**REMARK 2.10** If  $\mu$  is external to the set of all Gibbs states  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma, h)$ , then  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \{|C^+x(\omega)| = \infty\}\right) = 0$  or 1 [10]. If this value is 1, then there exists a.e., an infinite cluster of the corresponding sign and no infinite clusters of the opposite sign — this is called percolation.

The above theorem implies that for  $\gamma > \gamma_c, h = 0$ , there exists a.e., an infinite cluster of the corresponding sign and no infinite clusters of the opposite sign ((i)). For  $0 < \gamma < \gamma_c, h = 0$ , there exists an infinite cluster for neither actions ((ii)).

For  $0 < \gamma < \gamma_c$  and  $h = 0$  (i.e., an infinite cluster exists for neither action), what kind of pattern do the actions' distribution on the lattice make? We know two typical patterns: the concentric circle and chess patterns. The former is a cluster of + actions surrounded by a bigger cluster of - actions, which is surrounded by a bigger cluster of + actions, ... The latter is a cluster of + actions and - actions placed alternately (Figure 3). We define the connectivity to characterize these patterns.

**DEFINITION 2.11** A subset  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$  is called (\*) *connected* if and only if for every  $x, y \in A$ , there exists a sequence of points  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset A$  such that  $x_0 = x, x_{n+1} = y$  and for every  $1 \leq i \leq n + 1$ ,

$$\|x_i - x_{i+1}\| = 1.$$

<sup>6)</sup>Percolation is known in the simplest models as phase transition. We define a typical percolation problem.

[*d*-dimensional Percolation] Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d (d \geq 2)$  be the plane cube lattice and  $p$  be a number satisfying  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ . We examine each edge of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , and consider it to be *open* with probability  $p$  and *closed* otherwise, independent of all other edges. The edges of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  represent the inner passageways of the stone, and the parameter  $p$  is the proportion of passages that are broad enough to allow water to pass along them. Suppose we immerse a large porous stone in a bucket of water. What is the probability that the center of the stone is wetted?

<sup>7)</sup>Here, we define connected and related matter.

**DEFINITION** A subset  $A \subset B^2$  is called *connected* if and only if for every  $x, y \in \bar{A}$ , there exists a sequence  $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\} \in A$ , such that

(a)  $x \in b_1$  and  $y \in b_n$ .

(b) For every  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , there exists a point  $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , such that  $b_i \cap b_{i+1} = x_i$ .

**DEFINITION** For  $A \subset B^2$ ,  $C \subset A$  is called *A's connected component* if and only if

(a)  $C$  is connected,

(b) for every  $b \in A \setminus C$ ,  $C \cup \{b\}$  is not connected.

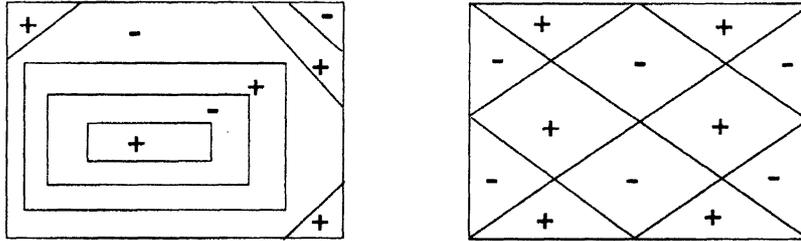


Figure 3: (LEFT) Concentric Circle Pattern, (RIGHT) Chess Pattern.

where  $x = (x^1, x^2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $\|x\| = \max\{|x^1|, |x^2|\}$ .

Using the above definition, we can find that the concentric circle pattern has finite (\*) connections and the chess pattern has infinite (\*) connections for each action. The latter is called the *coexistence of infinite (\*)-clusters*.

**THEOREM 2.12** (Higuchi [7]) For every sufficiently small  $\gamma > 0$ , there exists  $h$  such that  $\gamma'h' < \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{p_c}{1-p_c} - 4\gamma'$ ,  $\gamma h > \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1-p_c}{p_c} + 4\gamma$ , implying the coexistence of infinite (\*)-clusters with respect to the Gibbs state for  $\mu_{\gamma, h}$ .

**PROOF** For detail, Higuchi [7].

□

To conclude this section, the condition of the existence of infinite clusters was computed. If infinite clusters do not exist, then we know the kind of patterns the distribution of actions makes on the lattice. These patterns are either a concentric circle or a chess pattern. If  $\gamma$  is sufficiently small and meets certain conditions, then infinite (\*)-clusters coexist in a chess pattern.

### 3 Random Matching Interaction (Sherrington-Kirkpatrick Model)

In § 2, we discussed a nearest-neighbor model based on the Ising model. In this section, the players are assumed to search at random for trading opportunities and when they meet the terms of game are started. This randomly matched model was formulated by Sherrington-Kirkpatrick [14].

Each player's payoff from the outcome is as follows :

$$H(\{J_{ij}\}) = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} S_i S_j, \text{ where } P(J_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi J^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(J_{ij} - J_0)^2}{2J^2}\right\}, \quad (9)$$

where  $i, j$  are players, and  $S_k = \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $k = i, j$ ,  $P(J_{ij})$  are Gaussian random variables with a mean of  $J_0$  and a variance of  $J^2$ .

#### 3.1 Annealed System

We analyze two models, an *annealed system* and a *quenched system* in spin-glass physics. First, we analyze the annealed system, where  $J_{ij}$  is chosen randomly, but then each player moves to obtain a better payoff. Second, we analyze the quenched system, where  $J_{ij}$  is chosen randomly, but then is fixed.

A particular spin-glass will have a social welfare function<sup>8)</sup> and the partition function is defined by

$$F = \gamma \log \langle Z \rangle, \quad (10)$$

$$\langle Z \rangle = \sum_{\{S_i\}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{(ij)} dJ_{ij} P\{J_{ij}\} \exp(\gamma H\{J_{ij}\})$$

<sup>8)</sup>A social welfare function is a mapping from allocations of goods or rights among people to the real numbers.

$$= \sum_{\{S_i\}} \exp \left[ \sum_{(ij)} \left\{ \gamma J_0 S_i S_j + \frac{(\gamma J)^2}{2} (S_i S_j)^2 \right\} \right]. \quad (11)$$

We obtain the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.1** In the annealed system, the order parameter is the points that maximize the social welfare function in the model. If there are infinite players on this lattice, then the order parameter is 0.

**PROOF** We maximize the social welfare for the order parameter  $m$ .

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial m} = 2\gamma^2 J_0 n^2 m + 2\gamma^3 J^2 n^4 m^3 = 0, \quad m = 0 \text{ or } \pm \sqrt{\frac{-J_0}{\gamma J^2 n^2}}. \quad (12)$$

We can understand  $J_0 < 0$ , because  $m$  is a real number. The limit of optimal order parameter  $m$  is 0, as  $n$  approaches to  $\infty$ . □

This implies that the optimal order parameter is a point, like a replicator system.

### 3.2 Quenched System

We analyze the quenched system, where  $J_{ij}$  is chosen randomly, but then is fixed. Diederich and Oppen [6] analyzed such a quenched system.

In a quenched system, the social welfare function is given by

$$F = \gamma \langle \log Z \rangle. \quad (13)$$

The partition function is the same as (11). We obtain the next proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.2** In a quenched system, the order parameter maximizes the social welfare of the model.

$$m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} z^2 \right) \tanh (\gamma \tilde{J} \sqrt{q} z + \gamma \tilde{J}_0 n) dz. \quad (14)$$

**PROOF** We omit the detailed proof. The above equation computes the maximization of the social welfare for order parameter  $m$  by employing standard methods. □

### 3.3 Extention : TAP Equation

To this subsection, we compute the optimal order parameter in general case for  $J_{ij}$ . Here, if we take an example for  $\{J_{ij}\}$ , we analyze it. In detail, we find that the order parameter's equation (TAP equation [14]) has the condition of a phase transition, using the property of the eigenvalues of the matrix. We compute the *Frobenius root* and the boundary condition between stability and instability from the *Perron-Frobenius theorem*. The player's payoff from the outcome varies randomly because the players are randomly matched and play a game. These situations can be expressed using the *random matrix theory*. This theory has several laws, because the elements of this matrix are varied randomly. Moreover, if we assume that  $J_{ij} = J_{ji}$  for the elements of the random matrix, then these elements can be transformed into a Hermite matrix, since the payoff matrix is invariant under positive affine transformations of payoffs. As a result, we can compute the Frobenius root from *Wigner's semi-circle law*, and this condition from the Perron-Frobenius theorem.

Let a model add another parameter  $h_j$  (an effect of externality). We consider that the payoff is affected by around games. In this case, the payoff is defined as

$$H(\{J_{ij}\}) = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} S_i S_j + \sum_j h_j S_j. \quad (15)$$

We obtain the following propositions for annealed and quenched systems.

**PROPOSITION 3.3** In an annealed system with externality, no phase transition occurs.

**PROOF** We compute the social welfare in the same way. We obtain

$$h_j = 2\gamma m(1 - N)(J_0 + J^2 m^2). \quad (16)$$

This implies that no phase transition occurs. □

This proposition implies that no phase transition occurs because each player in an annealed system moves to obtain a better payoff.

Second, we analyze the variation in the order parameter in a quenched system. In this case, we obtain the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.4** In a quenched system with externality, there exist discontinuous variations in the order parameter. Bifurcations occur, hence, this system has multiple equilibria.

**PROOF** First, we compute the order parameter in the same manner, as mentioned earlier. The *Weiss approximation* is given by

$$m_i = \tanh \left\langle \gamma \left( h_i + \sum_j J_{ij} m_j \right) \right\rangle,$$

using the approximation  $\langle f[s] \rangle \approx f[\langle s \rangle]$ , i.e., by approximating the expected value of a function of  $s$  with the function of the expected values. This approximation neglects fluctuations.

If we expand this equation for  $J_0 = 0$ ,

$$m_i = \gamma \sum_j J_{ij} m_j - \gamma \sum_j J_{ij}^2 m_j + \gamma h_i + \dots$$

We expand  $N \times N$   $J_{ij}$  matrices using the eigenvector. Let the eigenvector  $\{|i|\lambda\rangle\}$  be a completely normalized orthogonal system and  $J_\lambda$  be the eigenvalue,  $\sum_j J_{ij} \langle i|\lambda\rangle = J_\lambda \langle i|\lambda\rangle$ . Let  $m_\lambda = \sum_i m_i \langle i|\lambda\rangle$ , i.e., the projection of the magnetization vector onto eigenvector  $|\lambda\rangle$  of matrix  $J$ , with the corresponding eigenvalue  $J_\lambda$  and  $h_\lambda = \sum_i h_i \langle i|\lambda\rangle$  in the same way. Thus let it add  $\lambda$  mode to parameters  $J_{ij}, m, h$ , then the order parameter is given by

$$m_\lambda = \frac{1}{T - J_\lambda} h_\lambda, \quad \text{where } T = \frac{1}{\gamma}.$$

On the other hand, according to the random matrix theory, the maximal eigenvalue of  $J_\lambda$  is  $2J$ , the minimal eigenvalue is  $-2J$ , and the semi circle law is realized, i.e.,

$$\rho(J_\lambda) = \frac{2}{\pi J_\lambda^2} \left( J_{z_\lambda} - J_\lambda^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

This implies that the critical point  $T_C$  is  $2J_\lambda$ . There exist discontinuous variations for the order parameter. Bifurcations occur, hence, this system has multiple equilibria. (See figure 4) □

## 4 Concluding Remarks

In this paper, a statistical framework is presented for modeling nearest-neighbor and random interactions in evolutionary game theory. This framework is different from classical evolutionary game theory. The limit behavior, as  $\gamma$  approaches infinity, is closely connected to the modeling of game theory with rational

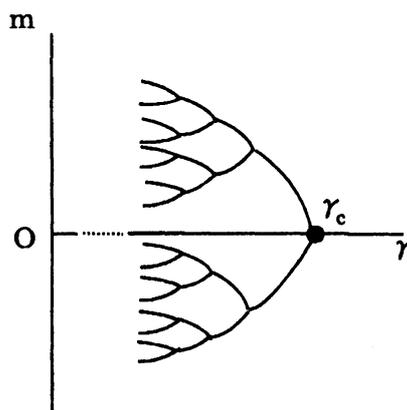


Figure 4: Order parameter bifurcates and multiple equilibria.

players. When  $\gamma = 0$ , behavior is essentially random, as all strategies are played with equal probability. We compute the optimal order parameter for each system. In a quenched system with externality, there are multiple equilibria.

This framework can be extended in various ways because of the simplicity of the models. For example, we will analyze the framework in the case the action number is more than three or infinity. We will let the important parameter  $\gamma$  be endogenous ; this is known as *superstatistics*. This model extends Cont and Bouchaud [5] model<sup>9)</sup> with detailed microeconomic structure.<sup>10)</sup>

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