

# Repeated Game Play: Quantal Response Models

## 重複同一賽局：手滑反應模型

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# How Close Do People Play Mixed Nash Equilibrium?

- ▶ Observe Long Sequences of Repeated Play
  - ▶ Of the Same Subjects/Pairs/Group
  - ▶ Or, Do They Play Randomly?
- ▶ **Quantal Response Equilibrium (QRE)**
  - ▶ QR = Better Response, instead of Best Response (BR)
  - ▶ E = Correct Belief about Better Response of Others
  - ▶ (Simple) **Log-QRE**: One Noise parameter  $\mu$

# Outline

- ▶ Pursue-Evade Game
- ▶ Two Non-Parametric Tests on Repeated Play
- ▶ QRE (Quantal Response Equilibrium)
  - ▶ Compute Choice Probabilities of QRE
  - ▶ Estimate QRE for Pursue-Evade Game
  - ▶ Estimate QRE for Pursue-Evade Game with Risk-Aversion
  - ▶ Apply QRE to Contest Game

# Pursue-Evade Game (Rosenthal et al. 2003)

- ▶ Pursuer: L (left) or R (right)
- ▶ Evader: L (left) or R (right)
- ▶ Successful Evade
  - ▶ (L, R) or (R, L): no transfer
- ▶ Found
  - ▶ (L, L) or (R, R): \$1 or \$2 transferred
  - ▶ From Evader (lost) to Pursuer (won)

	L	R
L	1, -1	0, 0
R	0, 0	2, -2

# Pursue-Evade Game (Rosenthal et al. 2003)

▶ Pure Nash Equilibrium (NE)?

▶ BR for Pursuer

▶ BR for Evader, so No pure Nash!

▶ Mixed NE?

Evader

		Evader	
		$p_{EL}$	$1 - p_{EL}$
		L	R
Pursuer	L	<u>1</u> , -1	0, <u>0</u>
	R	0, <u>0</u>	<u>2</u> , -2

$$EV_P(L) = p_{EL} \cdot 1 + (1 - p_{EL}) \cdot 0 = p_{EL}$$

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$$\Rightarrow p_{EL} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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# Pursue-Evade Game (Rosenthal et al. 2003)

- ▶ Focus on pairs 21-34: Play 100 rounds
- ▶ In each pair in each round:
  - ▶  $pur\_L = 1$  if Pursuer choose L
  - ▶  $eva\_L = 1$  if Evader choose L
- ▶ Do people play Mixed NE?
  - ▶ Is L chosen 66.7% of the time?
- ▶ STATA command:
  - ▶ `table pair, contents(mean pur_L mean eva_L)`

	pair	period	pur_L	eva_L	pay
1	21	1	1	1	1
2	21	2	0	1	0
3	21	3	0	1	0
4	21	4	1	0	0
5	21	5	0	1	0
6	21	6	0	0	2
7	21	7	0	0	2
8	21	8	1	0	0
9	21	9	0	1	0
10	21	10	0	1	0
11	21	11	0	0	2
12	21	12	1	1	1
13	21	13	0	1	0
14	21	14	0	1	0
15	21	15	0	1	0
16	21	16	0	1	0
17	21	17	1	1	1
18	21	18	0	1	0

# Pursue-Evade Game (Rosenthal et al. 2003)

- ▶ table pair, contents(mean pur\_L mean eva\_L)
- ▶ Is  $\Pr(L)$  close to  $2/3$ ?
- ▶ Pairwise data show that
  - ▶ Pair 27, 28, 31, 32, 34 have **Evaders** with  $\Pr(L)$  close to  $2/3$
  - ▶  $\Pr(L)$  is at most 0.67 for all but one Pursuer!
- ▶ In aggregate...

Pair	mean(pur_L)	mean(eva_L)
21	.43	.84
22	.62	.59
23	.55	.59
24	.76	.78
25	.59	.86
26	.66	.82
27	.53	.67
28	.62	.7
29	.67	.78
30	.53	.59
31	.55	.69
32	.56	.69
33	.42	.55
34	.46	.66

# Binomial Test for the Pursue-Evade Game

▶ `sum pur_L eva_L`

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
pur_L	1400	.5678571	.495551	0	1
eva_L	1400	.7007143	.4581088	0	1

▶ **Evaders** are on average closer to Nash than **Pursuers**

▶ Binomial Test for  $H_0: p = 0.6667$  on **Evaders**

▶ `bitest eva_L=0.6667 if pair==31`

Variable	N	Observed k	Expected k	Assumed p	Observed p
eva_L	100	69	66.67	0.66670	0.69000

Pr(k >= 69) = 0.352782 (one-sided test)

Pr(k <= 69) = 0.723211 (one-sided test)

Pr(k <= 64 or k >= 69) = 0.672191 (two-sided test)



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pur_L	100	55	66.67	0.66670	0.55000

Pr(k >= 55) = 0.994302 (one-sided test)

Pr(k <= 55) = 0.009986 (one-sided test)

Pr(k <= 55 or k >= 79) = 0.014760 (two-sided test)

# Binomial Test for the Pursue-Evade Game

▶ Roughly half of pairs 21-34 are consistent with Nash!

▶ \*  $p < 0.05$

▶ \*\*  $p < 0.01$

Pair	Pur_L	Eva_L	Binomial.Pur.	Binomial.Eva.	Runs.Pur.	Runs.Eva.
21	0.43	0.84	0.000**	0.000**	0.01*	0.67
22	0.62	0.59	0.340	0.112	0.05	0.74
23	0.55	0.59	0.015*	0.112	0.36	0.02*
24	0.76	0.78	0.056	0.019*	0.00**	0.09
25	0.59	0.86	0.112	0.000**	0.13	0.97
26	0.66	0.82	0.916	0.001**	0.00**	0.61
27	0.53	0.67	0.006**	1.000	0.01*	0.69
28	0.62	0.70	0.340	0.525	0.54	0.63
29	0.67	0.78	1.000	0.019*	0.10	0.62
30	0.53	0.59	0.006**	0.112	0.01*	0.90
31	0.55	0.69	0.015*	0.672	0.76	0.96
32	0.56	0.69	0.026*	0.672	0.09	0.01*
33	0.42	0.55	0.000**	0.015*	0.79	0.03*
34	0.46	0.66	0.000**	0.916	0.34	0.05

# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

- ▶ How many runs (same action repeated) in a sequence?
  - ▶ 0101101001 (Is 8 runs too many?) Negative serial correlation!
  - ▶ 0011111100 (Is 3 runs too few?) Positive serial correlation!

▶ For 100 runs:

Pursuer in pair 21:

```
1001000100010000100100101010101100010100101100100101011010111000010100  
100010110001001100111011110010
```

(62 runs)

Evader in pair 21:

```
11101000110111111111011111110111101111101111101111101111101111101111101111  
110111111111111110111110111111
```

(29 runs)

# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

- ▶ Is the sequence generated by a fixed mixed strategy?
- ▶ For  $r$  run-sequence of  $N$  decisions
  - ▶  $N = m$  (L-choices) +  $n$  (R-choices) and  $m, n > 20$
- ▶ Then,  $H_0: r \sim N \left( \left( \frac{2mn}{N} + 1 \right), \frac{2mn(2mn - N)}{N^2(N - 1)} \right)$
- ▶ Test Statistics:  $z = \frac{r - \left( \frac{2mn}{N} + 1 \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{2mn(2mn - N)}{N^2(N - 1)}}} \sim N(0, 1)$

# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

Pursuer in pair 21:

```
1001000100010000100100101010101100010100101100100101011010111000010100  
100010110001001100111011110010
```

(62 runs)

▶  $N = 100$ ,  $m = 43$ ,  $n = 57$ ,  $r = 62$

▶ So, 
$$z = \frac{r - \left(\frac{2mn}{N} + 1\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{2mn(2mn - N)}{N^2(N - 1)}}} = \frac{62 - \left(\frac{2 \times 43 \times 57}{100} + 1\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{2 \times 43 \times 57(2 \times 43 \times 57 - 100)}{100^2(100 - 1)}}}$$
$$= \frac{11.98}{\sqrt{23.78}} = 2.46$$

# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

▶ STATA: `runtest pur_L in 1/100, t(0.5)`

Row 1 of the dataset

Threshold to separate runs;  
Can be any in (0,1)

▶ Result for Pursuer 21:

```
N(pur_L <= .5) = 57
N(pur_L > .5) = 43
      obs = 100
      N(runs) = 62
```

▶ p-value = 0.01 (Not random!)

```
z = 2.46
Prob>|z| = .01
```

Positive Statistic

= More Runs than Expected

= Negative Serial Correlation

# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

- ▶ STATA: `runtest eva_L in 1/100, t(0.5)`
- ▶ Result for **Evader 21**:

```
N(eva_L <= .5) = 16
N(eva_L > .5) = 84
      obs = 100
      N(runs) = 29
          z = .42
Prob>|z| = .67
```

- ▶ Accept  $H_0$  (random!)

**Evader** in pair 21:

```
11101000110111111111011111110111111011111011111011111011111101111110111111011111
11011111111111111101111101111111
```

(29 runs)



# Runs Test (Siegel and Castellan, 1988)

▶ Most pairs in 21-34 are close to random sequences!

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# Quantal Response Equilibrium (QRE)

- ▶ Nash = Consistent Beliefs + Best Response **Evader**
- ▶ Mixed Nash Equilibrium is:

**Pursuer**

	$p_{EL}$	$1 - p_{EL}$
	L	R
$p_{PL}$	L 1, -1	R 0, 0
$1 - p_{PL}$	L 0, 0	R 2, -2

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# Quantal Response Equilibrium (QRE)

- ▶ Nash = Consistent Beliefs + Best Response
- ▶ QRE = Consistent Beliefs + **Better** Response
- ▶ Add **stochastic term** (noise) to expected payoffs

Evader

▶ Mckelvey and Palfrey (1995)

1.  $EV_P^*(L) = p_{EL} + \epsilon_{PL}$
2.  $EV_P^*(R) = 2(1 - p_{EL}) + \epsilon_{PR}$
3.  $EV_E^*(L) = -p_{PL} + \epsilon_{EL}$
4.  $EV_E^*(R) = 2(1 - p_{PL}) + \epsilon_{ER}$

		$p_{EL}$	$1 - p_{EL}$
		L	R
Pursuer	$p_{PL}$ L	1, -1	0, 0
	$1 - p_{PL}$ R	0, 0	2, -2

# Logit-QRE

- ▶ Let errors be **Type-I Extreme Value Distribution ( $\mu$ )**

$$\epsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} F(\epsilon_i; \mu) = \exp \left( - \exp \left[ - \frac{\epsilon_i}{\mu} \right] \right)$$

- ▶ Payoff Response Function (with Noise Parameter  $\mu$ )

$$p_{PL} = \frac{\exp \left[ \frac{p_{EL}}{\mu} \right]}{\exp \left[ \frac{p_{EL}}{\mu} \right] + \exp \left[ \frac{2(1-p_{EL})}{\mu} \right]}$$

▶  $\mu = 0$ : No Noise (Mixed Nash)  
▶  $\mu = \infty$ : All Noise (Random)

$$p_{EL} = \frac{\exp \left[ - \frac{p_{PL}}{\mu} \right]}{\exp \left[ - \frac{p_{PL}}{\mu} \right] + \exp \left[ - \frac{2(1-p_{PL})}{\mu} \right]}$$

# Computing Logit-QRE using MATA (within STATA)

- ▶ To solve  $p_{PL}$ ,  $p_{EL}$  for any given  $\mu$ :

$$\min s_1 = \left[ p_{PL} - \frac{\exp\left[\frac{p_{EL}}{\mu}\right]}{\exp\left[\frac{p_{EL}}{\mu}\right] + \exp\left[\frac{2(1-p_{EL})}{\mu}\right]} \right]^2$$
$$\min s_2 = \left[ p_{EL} - \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{p_{PL}}{\mu}\right]}{\exp\left[-\frac{p_{PL}}{\mu}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{2(1-p_{PL})}{\mu}\right]} \right]^2$$

- ▶ Non-Linear!
- ▶ We solve the Minimization Problem...

# Computing Logit-

## ▶ STATA Code:

▶ Choose  $p$  to

▶ Minimize **this**

```
clear mata
set more off

* START MATA FROM WITHIN STATA

mata:

// SET STARTING VALUES FOR THE TWO PROBABILITIES

start=(0.5,0.5)

// CREATE PROGRAM ("vector_min") FOR EVALUATING 2x1 VECTOR (ss)
// WHOSE ELEMENTS ARE TO BE MINIMISED

void vector_min(todo, p, ss, S, H)
{
    external mu

    p_PL = p[1]
    p_EL = p[2]

    s1= (p_PL-exp(p_EL/mu)/(exp(p_EL/mu)+exp(2*(1-p_EL)/mu)))^2
    s2= (p_EL-exp((-p_PL)/mu)/(exp((-p_PL)/mu)+exp(-2*(1-p_PL)/mu)))^2

    ss = s1 \ s2
}
```

# Computing Logit-QRE using MATA (within STATA)

► STATA Code:

```
// BEGIN DEFINITION OF OPTIMISATION PROBLEM,  
// RETURNING S, A PROBLEM-DESCRIPTION HANDLE CONTAINING DEFAULT VALUES  
  
S = optimize_init()  
  
// MODIFY DEFAULTS  
  
optimize_init_evaluator(S, &vector_min())  
optimize_init_evaluatoretype(S, "gf0")  
optimize_init_params(S, start)  
optimize_init_which(S, "min" )  
optimize_init_tracelevel(S, "none")  
optimize_init_conv_ptol(S, 1e-16)  
optimize_init_conv_vtol(S, 1e-16)  
  
// RETURN TO STATA  
  
end
```

# Computing Logit-QRE using MATA (within STATA)

## ▶ STATA Code:

- ▶ Given  $\mu$
- ▶ Solve for  $p$ 
  - ▶ In MATA
- ▶ And report:

```
* SET VALUE OF mu (AND COPY STARTING PROBABILITIES AND mu INTO MATA)
scalar mu=.7
mata: mu=st_numscalar("mu")

* PERFORM OPTIMIZATION; STORE SOLUTION IN 2x1 VECTOR p:
mata: p = optimize(S)

* EXTRACT ELEMENTS OF p
mata: st_numscalar("p_PL",p[1])
mata: st_numscalar("p_EL", p[2])

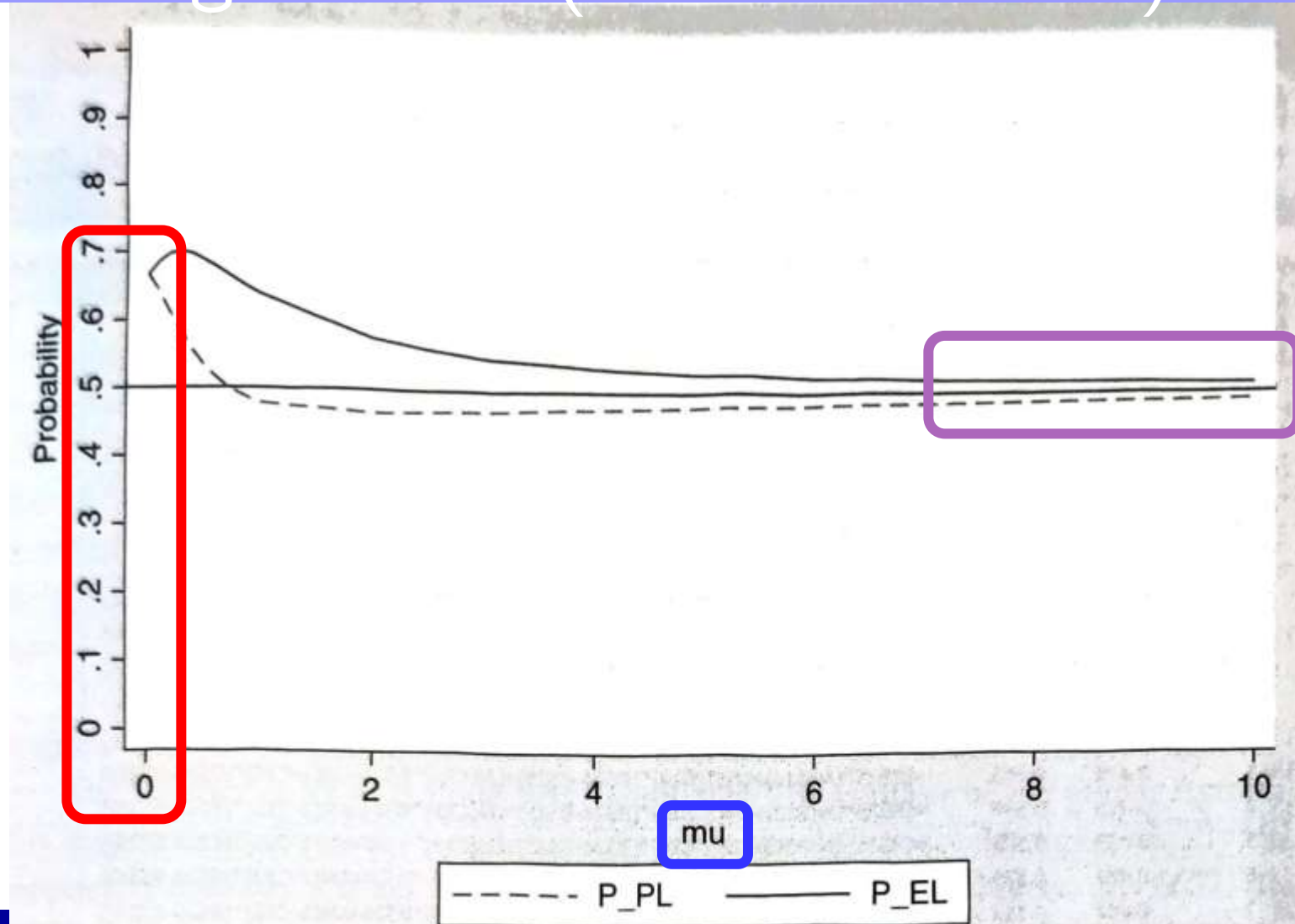
* DISPLAY RESULT
scalar list p_PL
scalar list p_EL
```

```
. scalar list p_PL
      p_PL = .50249676

. scalar list p_EL
      p_EL = .66901177
```

# Computing Logit-QRE using MATA (within STATA)

- ▶ Running over a range of  $\mu$  we have:
  - ▶  $\mu = 0$ : No Noise
    - ▶ Mixed Nash: 0.67
  - ▶  $\mu = \infty$ : All Noise
    - ▶ Random at 0.5





# Estimating Logit-QRE using STATA (by calling MATA)

- ▶ Given  $\mu$ , we obtain two probabilities  $p_{PL}(\mu)$ ,  $p_{EL}(\mu)$
- ▶  $y_{P,it}/y_{E,it} = 1$ : Proposer/Evader in pair  $i$  choose  $L$  in Round  $t$

$$\log L(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \ln \left\{ \left[ y_{P,it} p_{PL}(\mu) + (1 - y_{P,it})(1 - p_{PL}(\mu)) \right] \times \left[ y_{E,it} p_{EL}(\mu) + (1 - y_{E,it})(1 - p_{EL}(\mu)) \right] \right\}$$

$$= n_{PL} \ln p_{PL}(\mu) + n_{PR} [1 - \ln p_{PL}(\mu)] + n_{EL} \ln p_{EL}(\mu) + n_{ER} [1 - \ln p_{EL}(\mu)]$$

▶  $n_{PL}/n_{PR} = \#$  of times Pursuers choose L/R

▶  $n_{EL}/n_{ER} = \#$  of times Evaders choose L/R

Sufficient statistics to estimate  $\mu$



# Estimating Logit-QRE using STATA (by calling MATA)

▶  $\max \log L = -1329.43$

▶ at  $\mu = 0.72$  by ML

▶ Near Excel's  $\mu = 0.7$

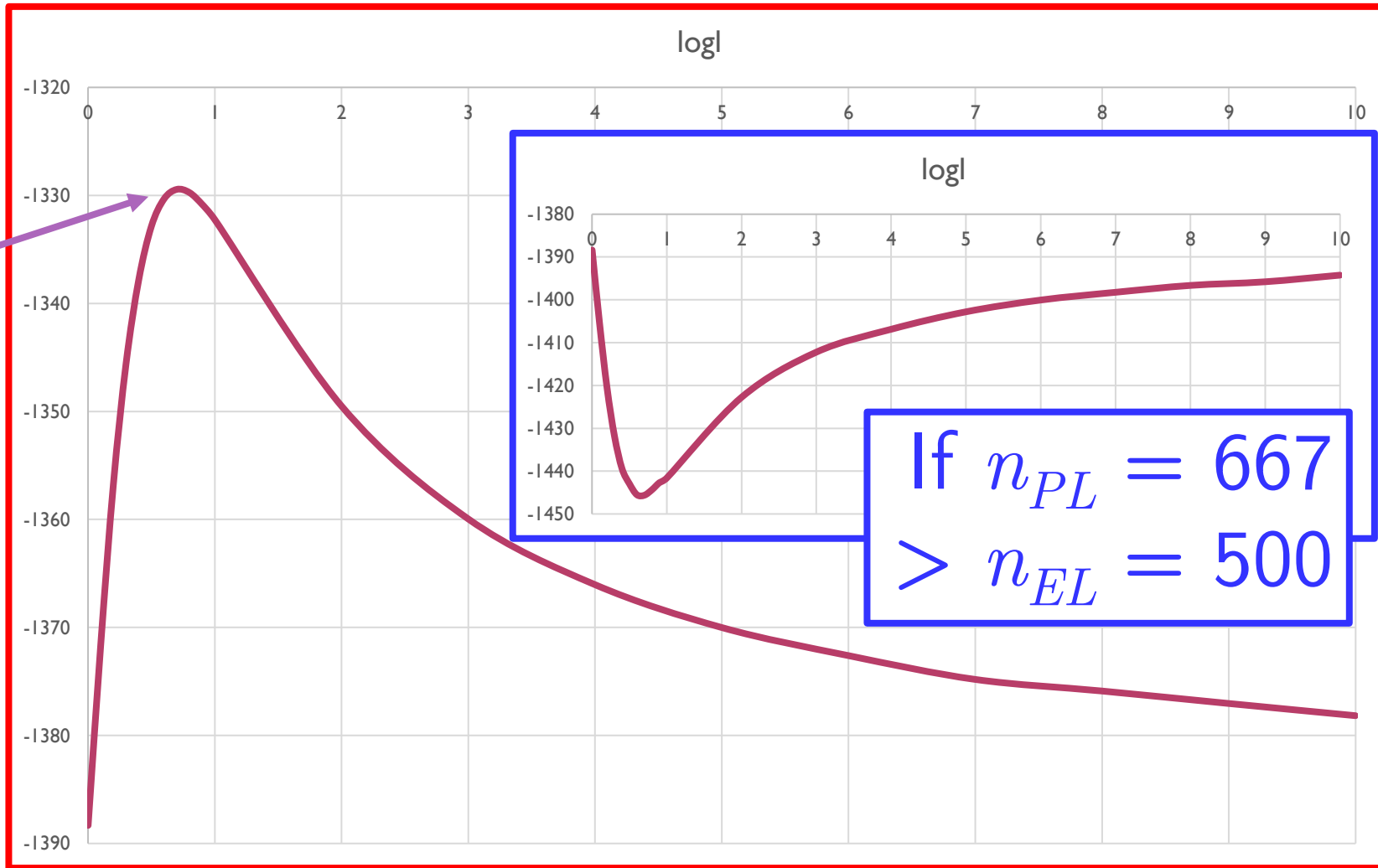
▶ Limitations:

1.  $\log L$  may not be globally concave

▶ Local maximum?

2. Assume  $n_{EL} > n_{PL}$

▶ Minimum if not!!



# Estimating Logit-

- ▶ STATA Code:
  - ▶ qre.do
- ▶ Simulate 1000:
  - ▶  $n_{PL} = 500$
  - ▶  $n_{EL} = 667$
- ▶ 2 initial vectors:
- ▶ MATA: `start`
  - ▶ ML: `sstart`  
(see next slide)

```
* GENERATE DATA SET
```

```
set obs 1000  
gen int y_P = _n<501  
gen int y_E = _n<668
```

```
* SET STARTING VALUES FOR COMPUTATION OF THE TWO PROBABILITIES
```

```
mat start=(0.67,0.67)
```

```
prog drop _all
```

```
* LOG-LIKELIHOOD EVALUATION PROGRAM (qre) STARTS HERE:
```

```
program define qre  
  args lnf mu  
  tempvar pp  
  tempname p_PL p_EL
```

```
scalar mu='mu'
```

```
* COPY STARTING PROBABILITIES AND mu INTO MATA
```

```
mata: start=st_matrix("start")
```

```
mata: mu=st_numscalar("mu")
```

A)

```
* PERFORM OPTIMIZATION; STORE SOLUTION IN 2x1 VECTOR p:
```

```
mata: p = optimize(S)
```

```
* EXTRACT ELEMENTS OF p
```

```
mata: st_numscalar("p_PL",p[1])
```

```
mata: st_numscalar("p_EL", p[2])
```

Calling MATA to solve  $p_{PL}(\mu)$ ,  $p_{EL}(\mu)$

```
* GENERATE JOINT PROBABILITY OF PURSUER'S AND EVADER'S DECISIONS:
```

```
quietly gen double 'pp'=((p_PL*y_P)+(1-p_PL)*(1-y_P))*((p_EL*y_E)+(1-p_EL)*(1-y_E))
```

```
* GENERATE LOG-LIKELIHOOD
```

```
quietly replace 'lnf'=ln('pp')
```

```
end
```

Evaluates  $\log L$  for a given  $\mu$

```
* SET STARTING VALUE FOR ML ROUTINE (NOTE: ONLY ONE PARAMETER, mu)
```

```
mat sstart=.6
```

Pick  $\mu$  yielding largest  $\log L$

```
* RUN ML
```

```
ml model lf qre ()
ml init sstart, copy
ml maximize
```

```
* RUN ML
```

```
ml model lf qre ()
```

```
/ang
```

# Estimating Logit-QRE using STATA (by calling MATA)

## ▶ STATA Results:

```
. ml maximize  
initial:      log likelihood = -1330.3224  
rescale:      log likelihood = -1330.3224  
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -1330.3224  
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -1329.4369  
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -1329.4302  
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -1329.4302
```

We find  $\mu = 0.72$   
achieving maximum  
 $\log L = -1329.4302$

Log likelihood = -1329.4302

```
Number of obs   =      1,000  
Wald chi2(0)    =           .  
Prob > chi2     =           .
```

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----					
_cons	.7197914	.0974524	7.39	0.000	.5287882 .9107947

# Risk-Averse Logit-QRE Model

▶ Risk-Averse Nash Equilibrium with CRRA:

**Evader**

▶ Constant Relative Risk Aversion ( $r = \text{RRA}$ ):  $p_{EL}$   $1 - p_{EL}$

$$U(x) = \frac{x^{1-r}}{1-r}, x \geq 0$$

$$= -\frac{(-x)^{1-r}}{1-r}, x < 0$$

**Pursuer**

		L	R
$p_{PL}$	L	1, -1	0, 0
$1 - p_{PL}$	R	0, 0	2, -2

$$EU_P(L) = p_{EL} \cdot \frac{1}{1-r} + (1 - p_{EL}) \cdot 0 = \frac{p_{EL}}{1-r} \quad \blacktriangleright \text{Get new } p_{EL}!!$$

$$= EU_P(R) = p_{EL} \cdot 0 + (1 - p_{EL}) \cdot \frac{2^{1-r}}{1-r} = \frac{2^{1-r}(1 - p_{EL})}{1-r}$$

# Risk-Averse Logit-QRE Model

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**Pursuer**

		L	R
$p_{PL}$	L	1, -1	0, 0
$1 - p_{PL}$	R	0, 0	2, -2

$$EU_E(L) = p_{PL} \cdot \frac{-1}{1-r} + (1 - p_{PL}) \cdot 0 = -\frac{p_{PL}}{1-r} \rightarrow \text{Get new } p_{PL}!$$

$$= EU_E(R) = p_{PL} \cdot 0 + (1 - p_{PL}) \cdot \frac{-2^{1-r}}{1-r} = -\frac{2^{1-r}(1 - p_{PL})}{1-r}$$



# Risk-Averse Logit-QRE Model

- ▶ Nash = Consistent Beliefs + Best Response
- ▶ QRE = Consistent Beliefs + **Better** Response
- ▶ Add **stochastic term** (noise) to expected payoffs

$$1. EU_P^*(L) = \frac{p_{EL}}{1-r} + \epsilon_{PL}$$

$$2. EU_P^*(R) = \frac{2^{1-r}(1-p_{EL})}{1-r} + \epsilon_{PR}$$

$$3. EU_E^*(L) = -\frac{p_{PL}}{1-r} + \epsilon_{EL}$$

$$4. EU_E^*(R) = -\frac{2^{1-r}(1-p_{PL})}{1-r} + \epsilon_{ER}$$

Evader

Pursuer

		$p_{EL}$	$1 - p_{EL}$
Pursuer		L	R
$p_{PL}$	L	1, -1	0, 0
$1 - p_{PL}$	R	0, 0	2, -2

# Estimating Risk-Averse Logit-QRE with STATA

- ▶ Let errors be type-I Extreme Value distribution ( $\mu$ )

$$\epsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} F(\epsilon_i; \mu) = \exp \left( - \exp \left( - \frac{\epsilon_i}{\mu} \right) \right)$$

- ▶ Payoff Response Function (with Noise Parameter  $\mu$ )

$$p_{PL} = \frac{\exp \left[ \frac{p_{EL}}{(1-r)\mu} \right]}{\exp \left[ \frac{p_{EL}}{(1-r)\mu} \right] + \exp \left[ \frac{2^{1-r}(1-p_{EL})}{(1-r)\mu} \right]} \exp \left[ - \frac{p_{PL}}{(1-r)\mu} \right]$$

▶  $\mu = 0$ : No Noise  
▶  $\mu = \infty$ : All Noise

- ▶ Use MATA/ML to solve for  $\mu$  and  $r$

$$p_{EL} = \frac{\exp \left[ - \frac{p_{PL}}{(1-r)\mu} \right]}{\exp \left[ - \frac{p_{PL}}{(1-r)\mu} \right] + \exp \left[ - \frac{2^{1-r}(1-p_{PL})}{(1-r)\mu} \right]}$$

# Estimating Risk-Aver

## ▶ STATA Code:

▶ Choose  $p$  to

▶ Minimize **this**

```
// CREATE PROGRAM ("vector_min") FOR EVALUATING 2x1 VECTOR (ss)
// WHOSE ELEMENTS ARE TO BE MINIMISED

void vector_min(todo, p, ss, S, H)
{
    external X, mu, r
    PP = p[1]
    PE = p[2]

    EU_PL=PE/(mu*(1-r))
    EU_PR=(2^(1-r))*(1-PE)/(mu*(1-r))

    EU_EL=(-PP)/(mu*(1-r))
    EU_ER=-(2^(1-r))*(1-PP)/(mu*(1-r))

    s1=(PP-exp(EU_PL)/(exp(EU_PL)+exp(EU_PR)))^2
    s2=(PE-exp(EU_EL)/(exp(EU_EL)+exp(EU_ER)))^2

    ss= s1\s2
}
```

```
* START MATA FROM WITHIN STATA
```

```
mata:
```

```
// SET STARTING VALUES FOR THE TWO PROBABILITIES
```

```
start=(0.5,0.5)
```

# Estimating Risk-A

## ▶ STATA Code:

## ▶ (Second-half of MATA)

## ▶ Simulate 1000:

▶  $n_{PL} = 500$

▶  $n_{EL} = 667$

```
// BEGIN DEFINITION OF OPTIMISATION PROBLEM,  
// RETURNING S, A PROBLEM-DESCRIPTION HANDLE CONTAINING DEFAULT VALUES  
  
S = optimize_init()  
  
// MODIFY DEFAULTS  
  
optimize_init_evaluator(S, &vector_min())  
optimize_init_evaluortype(S, "v0")  
optimize_init_params(S, start)  
optimize_init_which(S, "min" )  
optimize_init_tracelevel(S,"none")  
optimize_init_conv_ptol(S, 1e-16)  
optimize_init_conv_vtol(S, 1e-16)  
  
// RETURN TO STATA  
  
end  
clear  
  
* GENERATE DATA SET  
  
set obs 1000  
gen int y_P = _n<501  
gen int y_E = _n<668
```

# Estimating Risk-A

- ▶ STATA Code:
- ▶ 2 Initial vectors:
  - ▶ MATA: start
  - ▶ ML: sstart  
(see next slide)

```
* SET STARTING VALUES FOR COMPUTATION OF THE TWO PROBABILITIES
mat start=(0.67,0.67)

prog drop _all

* LOG-LIKELIHOOD EVALUATION PROGRAM (qre_risk) STARTS HERE:

program define qre_risk
  args lnf mu r
  tempvar pp
  tempname p1 p2 mmu rr

  scalar mmu='mu'
  scalar rr='r'

  * COPY STARTING PROBABILITIES AND TWO PARAMETERS (mu and r) INTO MATA

  mata: start=st_matrix("start")
  mata: mu=st_numscalar("mmu")
  mata: r=st_numscalar("rr")

  * PERFORM OPTIMIZATION; STORE SOLUTION IN 2x1 VECTOR p:

  mata: p = optimize(S)
```

Calling MATA to  
solve  $p_{PL}(\mu)$ ,  $p_{EL}(\mu)$

# Estimating Risk

## ▶ STATA Code:

```
* EXTRACT ELEMENTS OF p
mata: st_numscalar("p1",p[1])
mata: st_numscalar("p2", p[2])

* GENERATE JOINT PROBABILITY OF PURSUER'S AND EVADER'S DECISIONS:

quietly gen double 'pp'=((p1*y_P)+(1-p1)*(1-y_P))*((p2*y_E)+(1-p2)*(1-y_E))

* GENERATE LOG-LIKELIHOOD

quietly replace 'lnf'=ln('pp')
end

* SET STARTING VALUES FOR 2 PARAMETERS mu AND r
mat sstart=(.1,0.3)

* RUN ML

ml model lf qre_risk () ()
ml init sstart, copy
ml maximize
```

Evaluates  $\log L$   
for a given  $\mu$

Pick  $\mu$  yielding largest  $\log L$

# Estimating R

- ▶ STATA Results:
- ▶ Risk-averse adds little:
- ▶  $\mu = 0.72$  same
- ▶  $r = -0.002$  close to risk neutral

```
. ml maximize  
  
initial:      log likelihood = -1354.7992  
rescale:      log likelihood = -1353.2851  
rescale eq:   log likelihood = -1329.691  
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -1329.691  
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -1329.4408  
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -1329.4301  
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -1329.43
```

$\mu = 0.72/r = -0.002$   
achieves maximum  
 $\log L = -1329.43$

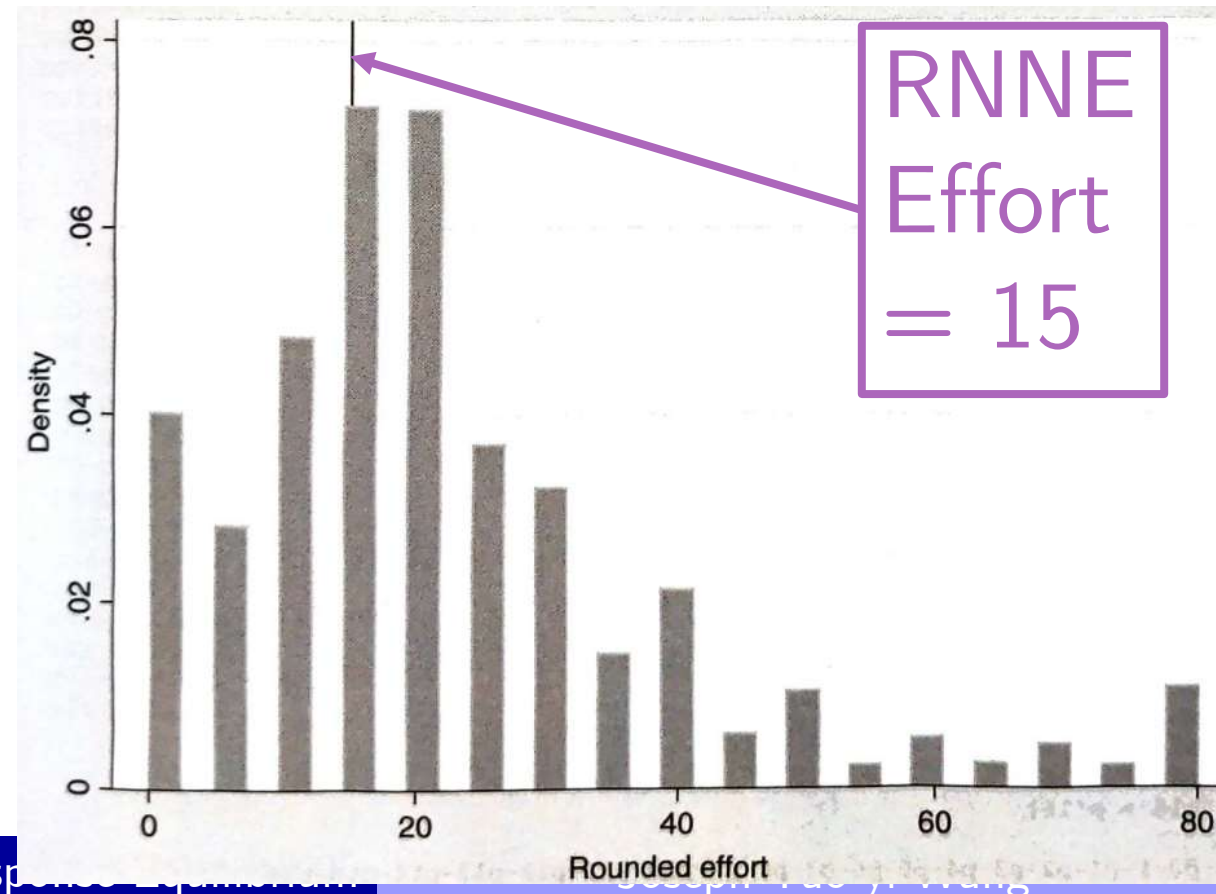
```
Log likelihood = -1329.43  
-----+-----  
                |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]  
-----+-----  
eq1  
   _cons |   .7203918   .1047659    6.88   0.000   .5150544   .9257293  
-----+-----  
eq2  
   _cons |  -.0021648   .1382919   -0.02   0.988  -.2732119   .2688824
```





# Logit-QRE on Tullock Contest Data

- ▶ Tullock Contest Data of Chowdhury et al. (2014)
- ▶ Chapter 4 of Moffatt (2016) analyzes `chowdhury.dta`
- ▶ Can QRE explain overbidding beyond RNNE? (Figure 4.4)
- ▶ But effort = 0, 1, 2, ..., 80!
- ▶ Hard to compute QRE...
- ▶ Data cluster at 0, 5, 10, ...
- ▶ Can round up to nearest 5!
- ▶ `gen y=5*round(bid/5,1)`



# Logit-QRE on Tullock Contest Data

- ▶ Believe others choose  $(y^0, y^1, y^2, \dots, y^{16}) = (0, 5, 10, \dots, 80)$
- ▶ with probability  $(p^0, p^1, p^2, \dots, p^{16})$
- ▶ Expect **Total Effort** by opponents to be  $(n - 1) \sum_{j=0}^{16} p^j y^j$
- ▶ **Expected Payoff** for choosing effort  $y$  is

$$EV_i(y; p^0, \dots, p^{16}) = \frac{80y}{y + (n - 1) \sum_{j=0}^{16} p^j y^j}, \quad y = y^0, \dots, y^{16}$$

- ▶ Quantal Response (QR):

$$p_i(y^j; p^0, \dots, p^{16}; \mu) = \frac{\exp [EV_i(y^j) / \mu]}{\sum_{k=0}^{16} \exp [EV_i(y^k) / \mu]}$$

# Logit-QRE on Tullock Contest Data

- ▶ Quantal Response (QR):

$$p_i(y^j; p^0, \dots, p^{16}; \mu) = \frac{\exp [EV_i(y^j)/\mu]}{\sum_{k=0}^{16} \exp [EV_i(y^k)/\mu]}$$

- ▶ QRE (for given  $\mu$ ) is  $(\tilde{p}^0(\mu), \dots, \tilde{p}^{16}(\mu))$  such that ( $j=0-16$ )

$$p_i(y^j; \tilde{p}^0, \dots, \tilde{p}^{16}; \mu) = \tilde{p}^j(\mu)$$

- ▶ If efforts  $y_1, \dots, y_N$  is iid,  $\log L(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=0}^{16} I(y_i = y^j) \ln [\tilde{p}^j(\mu)]$
- ▶ MATA solves fixed point  $(\tilde{p}^0(\mu), \dots, \tilde{p}^{16}(\mu))$  for given  $\mu$
- ▶ ML finds likelihood-maximizing  $\mu$

# Logit-QRE

## ▶ STATA Code:

```
void mysolver(todo, p, fff, S, H)
{
  external mu
  p1 = p[1]
  p2 = p[2]
  p3 = p[3]
  p4 = p[4]
  p5 = p[5]
  p6 = p[6]
  p7 = p[7]
  p8 = p[8]
  p9 = p[9]
  p10 = p[10]
  p11 = p[11]
  p12 = p[12]
  p13 = p[13]
  p14 = p[14]
  p15 = p[15]
  p16 = p[16]

  * Maximum likelihood estimation of "mu" in QRE model for contest data.
  * MATA Optimize routine is used to find p0-p16 for given mu.
  * STATA ML routine maximises the log-likelihood over mu

  clear
  clear mata
  set more off

  mata:
  start=(0.08,0.08,0.08,0.08,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04, ///
0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04)

  p0=1-p1-p2-p3-p4-p5-p6-p7-p8-p9-p10-p11-p12-p13-p14-p15-p16

  ee=5*(0*p0+1*p1+2*p2+3*p3+4*p4+5*p5+6*p6+7*p7+8*p8+9*p9+10*p10 ///
+11*p11+12*p12+13*p13+14*p14+15*p15+16*p16)
```

# Logit-Q

## STAT Code:

```
zz0=exp(0*(80/(0+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz1=exp(5*(80/(5+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz2=exp(10*(80/(10+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz3=exp(15*(80/(15+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz4=exp(20*(80/(20+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz5=exp(25*(80/(25+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz6=exp(30*(80/(30+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz7=exp(35*(80/(35+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz8=exp(40*(80/(40+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz9=exp(45*(80/(45+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz10=exp(50*(80/(50+3*ee)-1)/mu)

zz11=exp(55*(80/(55+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz12=exp(60*(80/(60+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz13=exp(65*(80/(65+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz14=exp(70*(80/(70+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz15=exp(75*(80/(75+3*ee)-1)/mu)
zz16=exp(80*(80/(80+3*ee)-1)/mu)

zz=zz0+zz1+zz2+zz3+zz4+zz5+zz6+zz7+zz8+zz9+zz10+zz11 ///
+ zz12+zz13+zz14+zz15+zz16
```

```
pp0=zz0/zz
pp1=zz1/zz
pp2=zz2/zz
pp3=zz3/zz
pp4=zz4/zz
pp5=zz5/zz
pp6=zz6/zz
pp7=zz7/zz
pp8=zz8/zz
pp9=zz9/zz
pp10=zz10/zz
pp11=zz11/zz
pp12=zz12/zz
pp13=zz13/zz
pp14=zz14/zz
pp15=zz15/zz
pp16=zz16/zz
```

```
fff=(p1-pp1)^2 \
(p2-pp2)^2 \
(p3-pp3)^2 \
(p4-pp4)^2 \
(p5-pp5)^2 \
(p6-pp6)^2 \
(p7-pp7)^2 \
(p8-pp8)^2 \
(p9-pp9)^2 \
(p10-pp10)^2 \
(p11-pp11)^2 \
(p12-pp12)^2 \
(p13-pp13)^2 \
(p14-pp14)^2 \
(p15-pp15)^2 \
(p16-pp16)^2
}
```

```

S = optimize_init()

optimize_init_evaluator(S, &mysolver())
optimize_init_evaluatoretype(S, "v0")
optimize_init_params(S, start)
optimize_init_which(S, "min" )
optimize_init_tracelevel(S,"none")
optimize_init_conv_ptol(S, 1e-16)
optimize_init_conv_vtol(S, 1e-16)

end

clear

scalar mu=10.0

mat start=(1.101704)

prog drop _all

mata: start=st_matrix("start")

mata: mu=st_numscalar("mu")

```

```

mata: p = optimize(S)

mata: start=p

mata: st_numscalar("p1",p[1])
mata: st_numscalar("p2",p[2])
mata: st_numscalar("p3",p[3])
mata: st_numscalar("p4",p[4])
mata: st_numscalar("p5",p[5])
mata: st_numscalar("p6",p[6])
mata: st_numscalar("p7",p[7])
mata: st_numscalar("p8",p[8])
mata: st_numscalar("p9",p[9])
mata: st_numscalar("p10",p[10])

mata: st_numscalar("p11",p[11])
mata: st_numscalar("p12",p[12])
mata: st_numscalar("p13",p[13])
mata: st_numscalar("p14",p[14])
mata: st_numscalar("p15",p[15])
mata: st_numscalar("p16",p[16])

```



```
scalar p0=1-p1-p2-p3-p4-p5-p6-p7-p8-p9-p10-p11-p12-p13-p14-p15-p16
clear
mat start=(0.08,0.08,0.08,0.08,0.04,0.04,0.04, ///
0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04,0.04)
prog drop _all
program define qre
  args lnf mu
  tempvar pp
  tempname p0 p1 p2 p3 p4 p5 p6 p7 p8 p9 p10 p11 p12 p13 p14 p15 p16 mmu

  scalar mmu='mu'

  mata: start=st_matrix("start")

  mata: mu=st_numscalar("mmu")
  mata: X=st_numscalar("X")

  mata: p = optimize(S)

  mata: start=p
mata: st_numscalar("p1",p[1])
mata: st_numscalar("p2", p[2])
mata: st_numscalar("p3",p[3])
mata: st_numscalar("p4", p[4])
mata: st_numscalar("p5",p[5])
mata: st_numscalar("p6", p[6])
mata: st_numscalar("p7", p[7])
mata: st_numscalar("p8",p[8])
mata: st_numscalar("p9", p[9])
mata: st_numscalar("p10", p[10])
mata: st_numscalar("p11",p[11])
mata: st_numscalar("p12", p[12])
mata: st_numscalar("p13",p[13])
mata: st_numscalar("p14", p[14])
mata: st_numscalar("p15",p[15])
mata: st_numscalar("p16", p[16])

scalar p0=1-p1-p2-p3-p4-p5-p6-p7-p8-p9-p10-p11-p12-p13-p14-p15-p16
forvalues k=1(1)16 {
  scalar p'k'=max(p'k',1.0e-12)
}
scalar p0=1-p1-p2-p3-p4-p5-p6-p7-p8-p9-p10-p11-p12-p13-p14-p15-p16
```

# Logit-QR

## ▶ STATA Code:

```
quietly gen double 'pp'=y0*p0+y1*p1+y2*p2+y3*p3+y4*p4+y5*p5+y6*p6 ///
+y7*p7+y8*p8+y9*p9+y10*p10+y11*p11+y12*p12+y13*p13+y14*p14+y15*p15+y16*p16

quietly replace 'lnf'=ln('pp')
end

use chowdhury, clear

keep if t>15

* ROUND BID TO NEAREST 5

gen y=5*round(bid/5,1)

gen y0=y==0
gen y1=y==5
gen y2=y==10
gen y3=y==15
gen y4=y==20
gen y5=y==25
gen y6=y==30
gen y7=y==35
gen y8=y==40

gen y9=y==45
gen y10=y==50
gen y11=y==55
gen y12=y==60
gen y13=y==65
gen y14=y==70
gen y15=y==75
gen y16=y==80

mat sstart=(10)

ml model lf qre ()
ml init sstart, copy
ml maximize
```



# Logit-QRE on Tullock Contest Data

- ▶ STATA Results:
  - ▶  $\mu = 10.42$  with CI = [9.56, 11.27] with logL = -5433.8
- ▶ Chowdhury et al. (2014): Table 4
  - ▶ logL = -5424.5
  - ▶ But estimate  $\lambda = 1/\mu$  instead of  $\mu$

## Conclusion: QRE

- ▶ Two Tests for Repeated Observation of Game Data:
  - ▶ Binomial Test
  - ▶ Runs Test
- ▶ QRE
  - ▶ Better Response (instead of Best Response)
  - ▶ Computed via (Non-Linear) Minimization
  - ▶ Risk-Averse QRE using CRRA
  - ▶ Application to Contest Data

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