

# Behavioral Analytics for Myopic Agents

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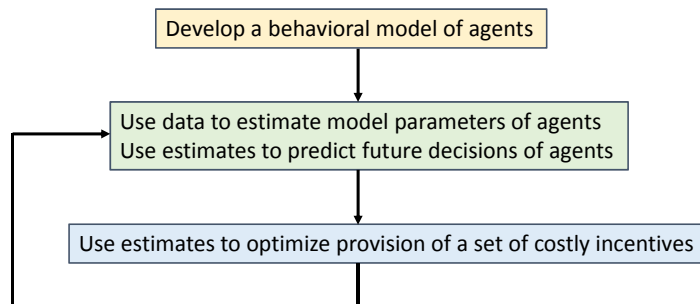
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## Behavioral Analytics Framework

### Goal: Adaptive data-driven design of incentives

- Repeated games (Radner 1985, Fudenberg et al. 1994, Laffont and Martimort 2002)
- Leveraging optimization, estimation to develop practical tools
- Initial work in a healthcare setting



## Outline

- Behavioral Analytics Framework
- Potential Supply Chain Applications
- Behavioral Analytics for Myopic Agents
  - Healthcare application
    - Prediction and assessment
      - Paper: Behavioral modeling in weight loss interventions
    - Experimental results
      - Paper: Personalizing Mobile Fitness Apps using Reinforcement Learning
  - Generalizations + Optimization
    - Paper: Behavioral analytics for myopic agents
- Extensions Needed for Supply Chain Applications

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## Setting

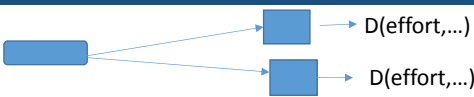
- More specifically, at time  $t$ 
  - A pool of agents
    - Each with a set of evolving utility function parameters (**motivational state**)
    - Each with a **system state**
    - Each makes a decision by optimizing a **myopic** utility function
  - A single coordinator
    - Noisy **observations** of system states, decisions of each agent
    - **Assigns incentives** (behavioral, financial) to (a subset of) agents
  - Incentives + **dynamics** change states at time  $t+1$
  - Process repeats,  $t$  advances
- **Coordinator's Decision**
  - **Assign** incentives subject to a budget
  - **Goal**: minimize cost function

Motivational states/utility  
function parameters unknown  
Motivational states not measured  
Measurements are noisy, missing  
Budget is fixed

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# In A Supply Chain . . .

**Decentralized Supply Chain With Sales Effort**



- **Demand** is a (known, stationary, stochastic) function of **costly effort** (with known effort cost function)
- **Goal:** coordinate supply chain, maximize profit, equilibrium prices, **coordinating contracts** (rebates, returns, etc)
- **Extensions:** free rider on effort in omni-channel, endogenous pricing, alternative contract structures, partially observable/verifiable effort, varying risk preferences
- **How can a coordinator use new, noisy data streams (demand, time allocated to selling, survey results, etc.) to maximize incentive allocation strategy?**
  - Seller might want to incentivize quality, customer service, sales
  - How can buyers/agents utility function be estimated?
  - Incentives could be: Training, advertising, events, agent sales efforts, etc.?

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**Franchise Systems**

**Key: New (Noisy) Data Streams to Maximize Incentive Allocation Efficiency**

- Both the coordinator and the agents have more complex objectives/utility functions.
- The coordinator has many different options of data to monitor (sales, quality, ....)
- Effort is more challenging to estimate, is likely to evolve over time, and can be a function of many different incentives; literature highlights expensive data acquisition, difficult to estimate utilities

Chu and Desai(1995), Lariviere and Padmanabhan(97), Netessine and Rudi (2000), Taylor(2002), Krishnan et al (2004) Mukhopadhyay et al. (2008), Coughlan (2003), Xing and Liu (2012), Gal-Or (1995), Li (1997), Xie et al. 2016


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# In A Supply Chain . . .

**Sales Force Compensation**

- Firm maximizes profit (some perhaps stochastic function of effort, price)
- Salespeople maximize utility (known function of incentives, effort)
- Effort observed, functions known
- Effort not observed, firm maximizes expected profit
- Demand stochastic
- Distributional assumptions on utility (risk preferences), estimation of utility, relationship to demand
- Commercial software vendors sell software that using ML techniques to try to determine relationship between incentive efforts, sales (but not in an interpretable way)

**Key: New (Noisy) Data Streams to Maximize Incentive Allocation Efficiency**



- **Question: Can we model utility, optimize incentives? How does our framework need to be extended?**

Coughlan (1993)

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## Our Motivating Problem - Obesity in United States

- Epidemic of obesity
  - 70% of adults are overweight/obese
  - Health costs estimated at \$147 billion annually
  - Risk factor for type 2 diabetes and other disease
- Clinical weight loss programs – most effective approach
  - Utilize in-person sessions/goals – effectiveness of sessions decreases w/time
  - Reduce diabetes risk without side-effects
  - Expensive to implement and maintain

### Healthcare Challenge:

Innovative approaches are needed to lower costs and increase efficacy of weight loss interventions.

(Flegal et al., 2012); (Finkelstein et al., 2009); (Eyre et al., 2004); (DPP, 2002, 2003, 2009)

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## Personalized Adaptive Physical Activity Programs

### Mobile Health for Physical Activity:

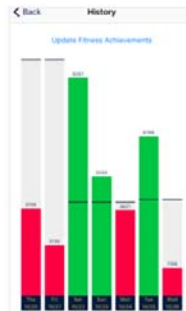
How can we design algorithms that customize the components of a program that encourages physical activity + schedules visits?



(a) Splash Screen



(b) Home Tab

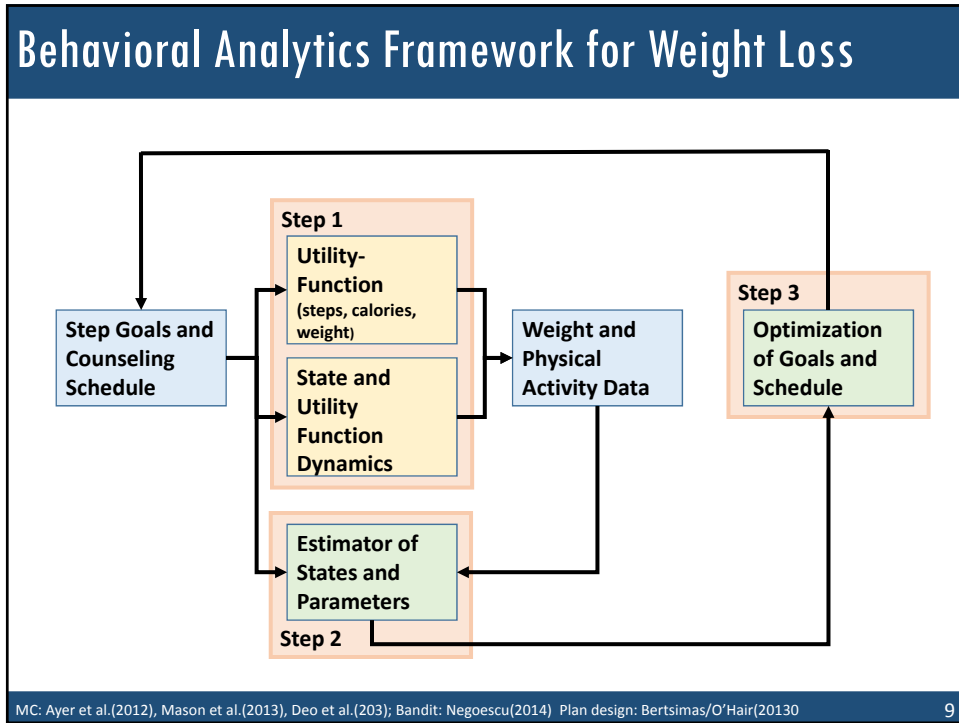


(c) History Tab



(d) Contact Tab

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## Step 1: Utility-Maximizing Behavioral Model

- Individual decision-making without exercise goals
 
$$(u_t, f_t) = \arg \max_{u, f} -w_{t+1}^2 - ru_t^2 + qu_t - rf_t^2 + s_t f_t$$

$$\text{s.t. } w_{t+1} = a \cdot w_t + b \cdot u_t + f_t + k.$$

$\theta_t = (a, b, k, r, q, s_0, s_t, p_t, \mu, \gamma)$
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- Temporal evolution for weight and type dynamics
 
$$w_{t+1} = a \cdot w_t + b \cdot u_t + f_t + k + z_t$$

$$s_{t+1} = \gamma \cdot (s_t - s_0) + s_0 - \beta_t \cdot d_t$$

$$p_{t+1} = \gamma \cdot p_t + \delta_t \cdot d_t + \mu \cdot \mathbf{1}(u_t \geq g_t)$$

Bandura(2001) – Social Cognitive Theory 10

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- **Goal:** for a specific individual, with limited weight and step data, + goals and visits, estimate all of the parameters
- **Challenge:** Significant amount of missing data and noise
- **Approach:** Jointly estimate parameters and noisy/missing data -- challenging problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{mle}} \quad & \min \sum_{i=1}^{n_w} -\log \psi_{\nu}(\tilde{w}_{t_i} - w_{t_i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_u} -\log \psi_{\omega}(\tilde{u}_{\tau_i} - u_{\tau_i}) + \sum_{t=1}^n -\log \psi_z(z_t) \\
 & \text{s.t. } \mathbf{U}_{\text{no goals}}, (1) \text{ for } t = 1, \dots, m-1; \quad \mathbf{U}_{\text{goals}}, (1), (2), (3) \text{ for } t = m, \dots, n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Bilevel Optimization

- Difficult since  $(\mathbf{u}_t, \mathbf{f}_t)$  arg max – properties → MILP formulation

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 P_{\text{mle-milp}} \quad & \min \sigma_1^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_w} |\tilde{w}_{t_i} - w_{t_i}| + \sigma_2^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_u} |\tilde{u}_{\tau_i} - u_{\tau_i}| + \sigma_3^{-1/2} \sum_{t=1}^n |z_t| \\
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PROPOSITION 3. Necessary and sufficient optimality conditions for  $\mathbf{U}_{\text{no goals}} \dots$   
 PROPOSITION 4. Necessary and sufficient optimality conditions for  $\mathbf{U}_{\text{goals}} \dots$   
 PROPOSITION 5. For fixed  $g_t$ , the logical constraint  $(u_t < g_t, g_{t+1} \geq g_t, d_{t+1} = 0) \Rightarrow (u_{t+1} < g_{t+1}) \dots$   
 PROPOSITION 6. The dynamics on  $p_t$  (3) can be represented by the linear constraints:  $\dots$

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## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- **Goal:** for a given set of data, estimate the parameters of the model
- **Challenge:** data is noisy and noisy/missing
- **Approach:** use optimization techniques -- challenge is to find a good model

**Difficult since:**

- $P_{mle}$  is non-linear and non-convex
- $P_{mle-milp}$  is NP-hard

Appendix A: Complete MILP Formulation for MLE

$$\min \sigma_1^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_{w,i} + \sigma_2^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^m \xi_{s,i} + \sigma_3^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{z,i}$$

s.t.

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$$-\xi_{z,i} \leq \bar{z}_i - z_i \leq \xi_{z,i}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

**Weight and step model**

**and noise**

**noisy/missing**

**Bilevel Optimization**

$$\min_{z_t} \sum_{t=1}^n -\log \psi_z(z_t)$$

(3) for  $t = m, \dots, n$ .

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Bertsimas et al. 2014 13

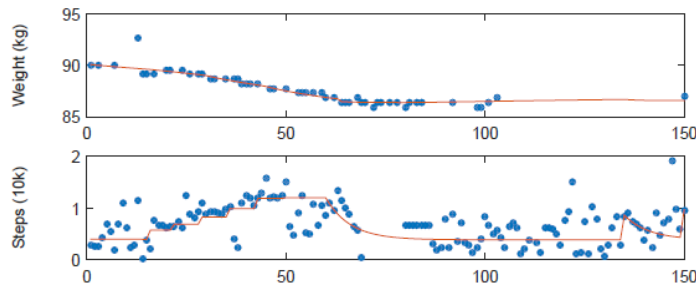
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  - Average weight change  $-6.2 \pm 5.9$  kg
  - Step goals increase 20% weekly after baselining
  - Asked to input weight measurements into app

(Fukuoka, et al., 2011, 2015) 14

## Model-Estimated Trajectories

- Representative example:



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## Bayesian Predictions

Participants arrive sequentially to the program

### Challenge

Use all data from past participants and short span of data from new individual to make predictions of future states

- Solution approach

- Use histograms of past participants' parameters (MLE) as prior
- Approximate Bayesian posterior with profile likelihood

$$\psi(w_{t_f} | C, \bar{W}, \bar{U}) = \int \psi(W, U, F, \Theta | C, \bar{W}, \bar{U}) \cdot dW_{-t_f} \cdot dU \cdot dF \cdot d\Theta$$

weights, step
visits, goals
Difficult to compute
Severini 1999

$$\approx \max_{W_{-t_f}, U, F, \Theta} \psi(W, U, F, \Theta | C, \bar{W}, \bar{U})$$

Posterior distrib of final weight

MILP Formulation – Similar approach for MAP estimate of parameters

(Severini, 1999)



# Bayesian Predictions

## Challenge

Use all data from new individuals

PROPOSITION 7. The objective of  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{pl}}$  (after computing its negative logarithm) is

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## Solution

- Use histogram (E) as prior
- Approximate posterior (D)

$$\psi(w_{t_j})$$

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for all  $X \in \{\mu, q, s_0, \beta_0, \delta_0\}$ , and constraints for conditional histograms

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m_x} \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} h_{i,j}^x \cdot y_{i,j}^{x,k} \leq X_{k+1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m_x} \sum_{j=1}^{n_e} h_{i+1,j}^x \cdot y_{i,j}^{x,k}$$

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## Theorem (Consistency of Approximation)

Under mild conditions, our solution approach generates statistically consistent estimates of the Bayesian posterior distribution

(Severini, 1999)

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$\ell(w_{t_j} = \omega) =$

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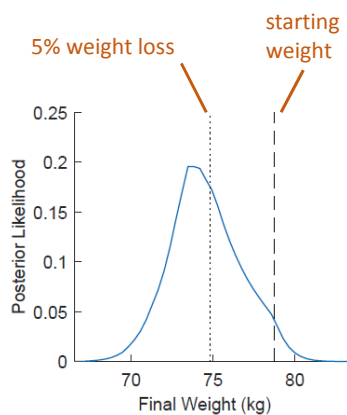
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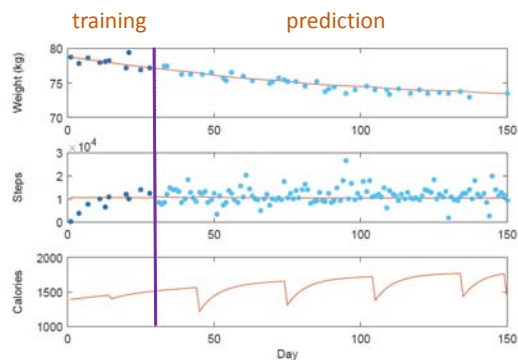
## Computational Results of Bayesian Prediction

- Representative example:

### Posterior Likelihood



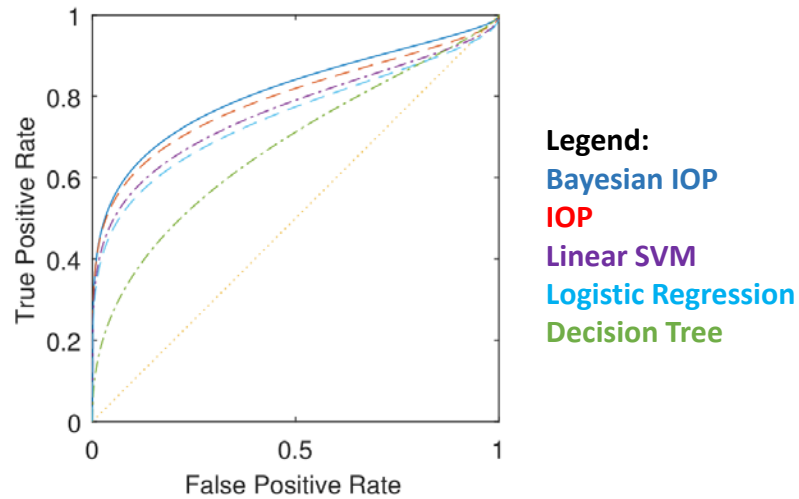
### Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) Estimate



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## Model Validation

- Compared against standard machine learning algorithms



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## Policy Opt -- Optimal Policy for Single Agent

- Weight loss policy optimization – minimize expected posterior loss:

$$\min \left\{ \mathbb{E}[\ell(\{x_i, u_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n}) \mid \{\tilde{x}_i\}_{i=0}^{n_c}, \{\tilde{y}_i\}_{i=0}^{n_u}, \{\pi_i\}_{i=0}^T] \mid \{\pi_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n} \in \Pi^n \right\}$$

weight
decisions
noisy observations
Challenging to calculate since no closed form for distrib...  



incentives

$$\min \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M \varphi(x_{i,0}, \theta_{i,0}, \pi) \exp(\psi_T(x_{i,0}, \theta_{i,0}; \pi))}{\sum_{i=1}^M \exp(\psi_T(x_{i,0}, \theta_{i,0}; \pi))} \mid \{\pi_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n} \in \Pi^n \right\}$$

Class of functions Bickel and Doksum 2006
Value function of MIP  
Kaut and Wallace 2003

- Can be approximated as bi-level MILP, lower level MILP
  - Hard to solve, even with 1 constraint
  - Existing algorithms only solve small instances (Moore and Bard, 1992, 1990; DeNegre and Ralphs, 2009)

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## Two Stage Adaptive Algorithm (2SSA)

### Algorithm 1 Two Stage Single Agent Algorithm (2SSA)

- 1: Input:  $\{\bar{x}_i\}_{i=0}^T, \{\bar{u}_i\}_{i=0}^T, \pi^{\text{init}}$
- 2: Compute  $(\hat{x}_{0,T}, \hat{\theta}_{0,T}) = \arg \max_{(x_0, \theta_0)} \psi_T(x_0, \theta_0; \pi^{\text{init}})$  MAP estimate of "type"
- 3: Output  $\pi_{2SSA}(T) = \arg \min_{\pi \in \Pi} \varphi(\hat{x}_{0,T}, \hat{\theta}_{0,T}, \pi)$  Estimate of Policy given type  
Can be formulated, solved as MILP

Two MILP's – asymptotically optimal

**Theorem 1** Note that  $\arg \min\{\varphi(x_0^*, \theta_0^*, \{\pi_i\}_{i=0}^{T+n}) \mid \{\pi_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n} \in \Pi^n\}$  is the set of optimal solutions under the agent's true initial conditions  $(x_0^*, \theta_0^*)$ . If some technical assumptions hold, then we have that

$$\text{dist}\left(\pi_{2SSA}(T), \arg \min\{\varphi(x_0^*, \theta_0^*, \{\pi_i\}_{i=0}^{T+n}) \mid \{\pi_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n} \in \Pi^n\}\right) \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , for any  $\pi_{2SSA}(T)$  returned by 2SSA.  $\text{dist}(x, B) = \inf_{y \in B} \|x - y\|$ .

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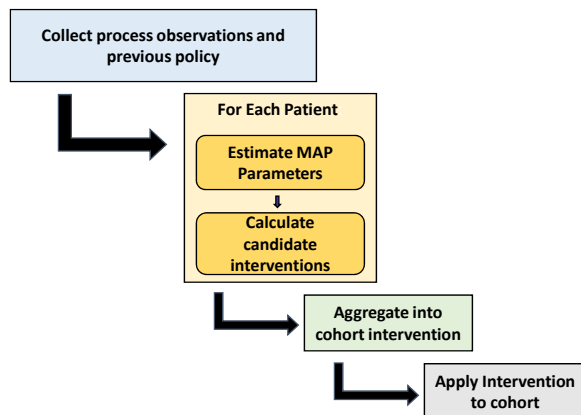
## Multiple Agent Policy Computation

- Need to account for joint budget constraints
- Solve single patient problem for fixed budget  $v \in \{0, \dots, \beta\}$
- $y_v^a \in \mathbb{B}$ : Equals 1 if a policy with budget  $v$  is chosen for patient  $a$

$$\begin{aligned} y \in \arg \min & \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \phi_v^a \cdot y_v^a \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} v \cdot y_v^a \leq \beta \\ & \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} y_v^a = 1 \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{A} \\ & y_v^a \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

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## Overall Approach



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## Steps 2/3: ABMA Algorithm

### Algorithm 2 Adaptive Behavioral Multi-Agent Algorithm (ABMA)

**Require:**  $\{\hat{x}_t^a\}_{i=0}^{n_a}$ ,  $\{\hat{u}_t^a\}_{i=0}^{n_a}$ ,  $\{\pi_t^a\}_{i=0}^T$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$

- 1: **for all**  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  **do**      **For each patient**
- 2:     compute  $(\hat{x}_{0,T}^a, \hat{\theta}_{0,T}^a) = \arg \max_{(x_0, \theta_0)} \psi_T(x_0, \theta_0)$
- 3:     **for all**  $v \in V$  **do**
- 4:         set  $\pi_v^a \in \arg \min \{\varphi^a(\hat{x}_{0,T}^a, \hat{\theta}_{0,T}^a, \{\pi_i\}_{i=0}^{T+n}) \mid \{\pi_i\}_{i=T+1}^{T+n} \in S_v\}$
- 5:         set  $\phi_v^a = \varphi^a(\hat{x}_{0,T}^a, \hat{\theta}_{0,T}^a, \pi_v^a)$
- 6:     **end for**
- 7: **end for**
- 8: **compute:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &\in \arg \min \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{v \in V} \phi_v^a \cdot y_v^a \\
 \text{s.t. } &\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{v \in V} v \cdot y_v^a \leq \beta \\
 &\sum_{v \in V} y_v^a = 1 \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{A} \\
 &y_v^a \in \{0, 1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Knapsack

- 9: **for all**  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  **and**  $v \in V$  **do**
- 10:     set  $\pi_{ABMA}^a(T) = \pi_v^a$  **if**  $y_v^a = 1$
- 11: **end for**
- 12: **return**  $\pi_{ABMA}^a(T)$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$

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## Steps 2/3: (Asymptotically Optimal) ABMA Algorithm

**Algorithm 2** Adaptive Behavioral Multi-Agent Algorithm (ABMA)

**Require:**  $\{\hat{x}_i^a\}_{i=0}^{n_0^a}$ ,  $\{\hat{u}_i^a\}_{i=0}^{n_0^a}$ ,  $\{\pi_i^a\}_{i=0}^T$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$

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**THEOREM 2.** Note that  $\arg \min \{\Phi(x_0^{*a}, \theta_0^{*a}, \{\pi_i^{*a}\}_{i=0}^{T+1n}) \mid \{\{\pi_i^{*a}\}_{i=T+1}^{T+1n}\} \in \Omega\}$  is the set of optimal solutions under the agents' true initial conditions  $(x_0^{*a}, \theta_0^{*a})$ . If Assumptions [7]-[8] hold, then we have that

$$\text{dist} \left( \{\pi_{ABMA}^a(T) \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{A}\}, \arg \min \{\Phi(x_0^{*a}, \theta_0^{*a}, \{\pi_i^{*a}\}_{i=0}^{T+1n}) \mid \{\{\pi_i^{*a}\}_{i=T+1}^{T+1n}\} \in \Omega\} \right) \xrightarrow{T} 0 \quad (32)$$

as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , for any  $\pi_{ABMA}^a(T)$  returned by ABMA. Recall that  $\text{dist}(x, B) = \inf_{y \in B} \|x - y\|$ .

11: **end for**

12: **return**  $\pi_{ABMA}^a(T)$  for  $a \in \mathcal{A}$

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## Mobile Diabetes Prevention Program (mDPP) Trial

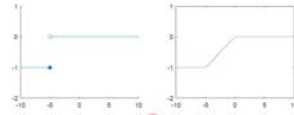
- mDPP is mobile phone delivered weight loss intervention
- 5 month duration of program
- Control group
  - Pedometer only (31 adults)
  - Average weight change  $0.3 \pm 3.0$  kg
- Treatment group
  - Pedometer + Mobile app + 7 On-site meetings (30 adults)
  - Average weight change  $-6.2 \pm 5.9$  kg
  - Step goals increase 20% weekly after baselining
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## Simulation of ABMA Algorithm

- Simulate 150 day clinical trial
- Three loss functions: step, hinge, time-varying hinge → step

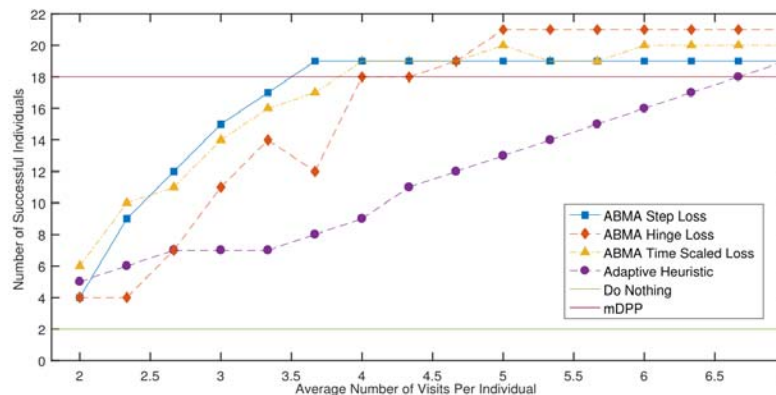


- Compare algorithm to simple heuristics:
  - Only one visit and no exercise goals
  - Adaptive: Set goals as 10% increase of moving average, schedule visits at end for patients closest to meeting weight loss goal
  - Original mDPP trial: seven visits, goals increased 20% each week starting with average steps during “no goal” period
- Recalculate the intervention design at the beginning of each month of the trial
- Using behavioral model with estimated individual parameters from trial (MLE)

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## Simulation of ABMA Algorithm

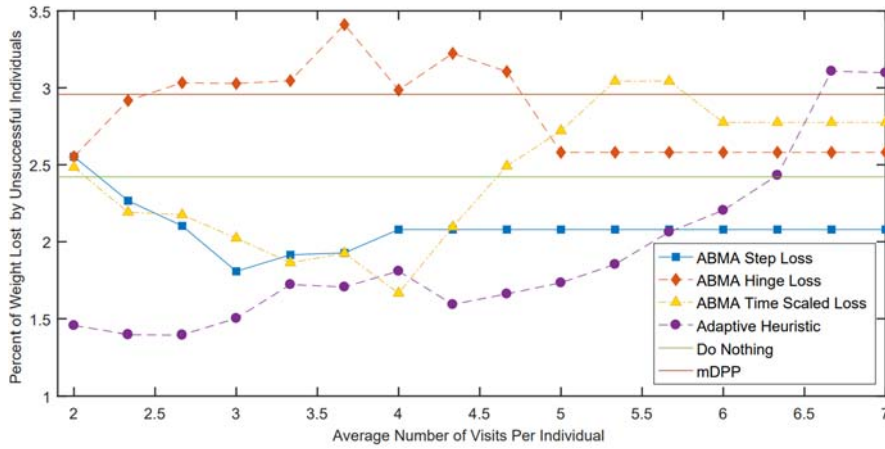
- Weight loss interventions
  - Daily quantitative exercise goals
  - Clinical counseling (constrained or budgeted)
  - Recalculated monthly
- Behavioral Analytics (ABMA) for personalizing treatment



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## Simulation of ABMA Algorithm

- For unsuccessful individuals...



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## mSTAR Study

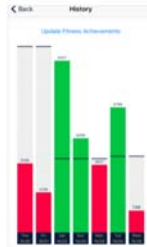
- Randomized pilot study with UC Berkeley students (64)
- Just focusing on steps...
- 10 weeks
- Control group
  - Received constant 10,000 steps/day goals
- Treatment group
  - Received personalized step goals



(a) Splash Screen



(b) Home Tab



(c) History Tab



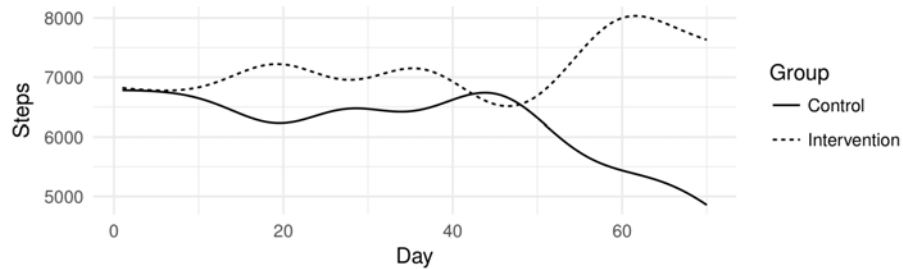
(d) Contact Tab

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## mSTAR Study Results

- Control had decrease of 1520 steps/day after 10 weeks
- Treatment had increase of 700 steps/day after 10 weeks
- Treatment did 2200 steps/day (1 mile/day) more walking ( $p = 0.039$ )



- Similar results in our CalFitness (larger randomized controlled) trial

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## Summary

### Step I: Model of a Single Agent

- Myopic agents
- Deterministic dynamics
- Bounded states and inputs
- Concave utility functions

### Step II: Estimate Parameters

- **Conditions for** MILP for MLE
- **Conditions for** MAP estimation using set of MILPs – **consistent estimates**

### Step III: Incentive Optimization

- Optimal incentive design for a single agent using MAP estimate of parameters to minimize loss function
- MILP to estimate incentives for single agent - **Asymptotically Optimal as data set grows**
- For multiple agents:
  - Approach built around decomposing problems per agent and per incentive level
  - Knapsack problem to determine optimal incentive set
  - **Asymptotically Optimal as data set grows**

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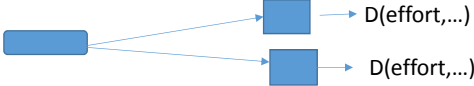
## Outline

- Behavioral Analytics Framework
- Potential Supply Chain Applications
- Behavioral Analytics for Myopic Agents
  - Healthcare application
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      - Paper: Behavioral modeling in weight loss interventions
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    - Experimental results
      - Paper: Personalizing Mobile Fitness Apps using Reinforcement Learning
  - Some Generalizations
- Extensions Needed for Supply Chain Applications

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## In A Supply Chain...

Decentralized Supply Chain With Sales Effort



- **Demand** is a (known, stationary, stochastic) function of **costly effort** (with known effort cost function)
- **Goal**: equilibrium prices, **coordinating contracts** (rebates, returns, etc)
- **Extensions**: free rider on effort in omni-channel supply chain, endogenous pricing, **alternative contract structures**, partially observable/verifiable effort

KNOWN MOTIVATIONAL DYNAMICS?

MYOPIC?

- **How can a coordinator use new, noisy data streams to maximize incentive allocation strategy?**
  - How can effort be estimated?
  - What about other kinds of incentives? Training, advertising, events, agent sales efforts, etc.?
  - What about more complex utility functions?

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Franchise Logistics

KNOWN SYSTEM DYNAMICS?

Key: New (Noisy) Data Streams to Maximize Incentive Allocation Efficiency

- Both the coordinator and the agents have more complex objectives/utility functions.
- The coordinator has many different options of data to monitor
- Effort is more challenging to estimate, is likely to evolve over time, and can be a function of many different incentives; literature highlights expensive data acquisition, difficult to estimate utilities

Chu and Desai(1995), Lariviere and Padmanabhan(97), Netessine and Rudi (2000), Taylor(2002), Krishnan et al (2004) Mukhopadhyay et al. (2008), Coughlan (2003), Xing and Liu (2012), Gal-Or (1995), Li (1997), Xie et al. 2016

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## In A Supply Chain...

### Sales Force Compensation

#### KNOWN MOTIVATIONAL DYNAMICS

- Firm maximizes profit (some perhaps stochastic function of effort, price)
- Salespeople maximize utility (known function of incentives, effort)
- Effort observed, functions known **SIZE?** **KNOWN SYSTEM DYNAMICS?**
- Effort not observed, firm maximizes expected profit **MYOPIC?**
- Demand stochastic
- Distributional assumptions on utility, estimation of utility, relationship to demand
- Commercial software vendors sell software that using ML techniques to try to determine relationship between incentive efforts, sales (but not in an interpretable way)

Key: New (Noisy) Data Streams to Maximize Incentive Allocation Efficiency



- **Question: Can we model utility, optimize incentives?**

Coughlan (1993)

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## Limitations/Opportunities

To effectively model supply chain problems, we need to relax the following:

- System dynamics known **Some ideas – theoretically challenging**
- Motivational state dynamics known – agent “type” evolves deterministically
- Myopic agents **Some ideas – computationally challenging**
- Perhaps as problems get bigger, we’ll need to approximate MIPS

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Thank you