

Appendix: Proofs of Propositions

Proposition 1 (Correctness) The likelihood maximization problem as defined in Eq. 1 with the mixture models as given in Fig. 1 is equivalent to the problem of solving the original l-POMDP_{*i,l*} of discounted infinite horizon whose solution assumes the form of a finite state controller.

Proof. Let $z_i^{0:T} = \{s^t, a_i^t, m_{-i,l-1}^t, a_{-i}^t, o_i^t, o_{-i}^t\}_0^T$, where o_i^0 and o_{-i}^0 are null. Equation 1 maximizes the following likelihood:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\pi_{i,l}) &= (1 - \gamma) \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T Pr(r_i^T = 1 | T; \pi_{i,l}) \\ &= (1 - \gamma) \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} Pr(r_i^T = 1, z_i^{0:T} | T; \pi_{i,l}) \\ &= (1 - \gamma) \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} Pr(r_i^T = 1 | z_i^{0:T}, T; \pi_{i,l}) Pr(z_i^{0:T} | T; \pi_{i,l}) \\ &\propto \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} \gamma^T R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) Pr(z_i^{0:T} | T; \pi_{i,l}) \\ &\propto \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{z_i^{0:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \end{aligned}$$

The infinite-horizon value function for l-POMDP_{*i,l*} given a FSC, $\pi_{i,l}$, is:

$$V_{\pi_{i,l}}(\theta_{i,l}) = \rho(b_{i,l}, a_i^t) + \gamma \sum_{o_i^t} Pr(o_i^t | b_{i,l}^t, a_i^t) V_{\pi_{i,l}}(\theta_{i,l}^t) = \sum_{is} b_{i,l}(is) \alpha_{\pi_{i,l}}(is)$$

where $is = \langle s, m_{-i,l-1} \rangle$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\pi_{i,l}}(is) &= E_{a_i, a_{-i}} [R_i(s, a_i, a_{-i}) | \pi_{i,l}] + \gamma E_{s, a_i, m_{-i,l-1}, a_{-i}, o_{-i}, o_i} [\alpha_{\pi_{i,l}}(is) | \pi_{i,l}] \\ &= E_{a_i^0, a_{-i}^0} [R_i(s^0, a_i^0, a_{-i}^0)] + \sum_{T=1}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{s^{1:T}, a_i^{1:T}, m_{-i,l-1}^{1:T}, a_{-i}^{1:T}, o_{-i}^{1:T}, o_i^{1:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \\ &= \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{s^{1:T}, a_i^{0:T}, m_{-i,l-1}^{1:T}, a_{-i}^{0:T}, o_{-i}^{0:T}, o_i^{0:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \end{aligned}$$

Subsequently,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\pi_{i,l}}(\theta_{i,l}) &= \sum_{is} b_{i,l}(is) \left(\sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{s^{1:T}, a_i^{0:T}, m_{-i,l-1}^{1:T}, a_{-i}^{0:T}, o_{-i}^{0:T}, o_i^{0:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \right) \\ &= \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{s^{0:T}, a_i^{0:T}, m_{-i,l-1}^{0:T}, a_{-i}^{0:T}, o_{-i}^{0:T}, o_i^{0:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \\ &= \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T E_{z_i^{0:T}} [R_i(s^T, a_i^T, a_{-i}^T) | \pi_{i,l}] \end{aligned}$$

□

Consequently, value function of l-POMDP_{*i,l*} is proportional to the likelihood, and maximizing the latter is equivalent to finding the policy with the optimal value function.

Proposition 2 (Sufficiency) Distributions, $Pr(a_j^t | s^t)$ across actions, $a_j^t \in A_j$, for each state s^t is sufficient predictive information about the other agent j over all time steps in order to infer the most likely policy of agent i . Here,

$Pr(a_j^0 | s^0) = \sum_{m_{j,0}^0} Pr(a_j^0 | m_{j,0}^0) b_{i,1}(m_{j,0} | s^0)$, and

$Pr(a_j^t | s^t) = \sum_{m_{j,0}^t, o_j^t} Pr(m_{j,0}^t | a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t, m_{j,0}^{t-1}) O_j(s^t, a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t) Pr(a_j^t | m_{j,0}^t)$

Proof. Let $z_i^{0:T} = \{s^t, o_i^t, n_{i,l}^t, a_i^t, m_{j,l-1}^t, o_j^t, a_j^t\}$ be a trajectory consisting of the latent state, agent i 's FSC node, j 's hidden model, and both agents' actions and observations. We use it to expand on the likelihood maximization as given in Eq. 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{i,1}^* &= \arg \max_{\pi_{i,1}} (1 - \gamma) \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \gamma^T Pr(r_i^T = 1 | T; \pi_{i,1}) \\ &= \arg \max_{\pi_{i,1}} \sum_{T=0}^{\infty} \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} Pr(r_i^T = 1, z_i^{0:T} | T; \pi_{i,1}) \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity of notation, we focus on $l = 1$ and note that the proof holds inductively for any level, $l \geq 1$. Next, we expand the term, $Pr(r_i^T = 1, z_i^{0:T}|T; \pi_{i,1})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} Pr(r_i^T = 1, z_i^{0:T}|T; \pi_{i,1}) &= \sum_{n_{i,1}^0} \mathcal{V}_i(n_{i,1}^0) \sum_{s^0} b_{i,1}^0(s^0) \sum_{m_{j,0}^0} b_{i,1}^0(m_{j,0}^0|s^0) \\ &\times \sum_{a_i^0} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^0, a_i^0) \sum_{a_j^0} Pr(a_j^0|m_{j,0}^0) \prod_{t=1}^T \sum_{s^t} T_i(s^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, s^t) \\ &\times \sum_{o_i^t} O_i(s^t, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, o_i^t) \sum_{n_{i,1}^t} \mathcal{T}_i(n_{i,1}^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, o_i^t, n_{i,1}^t) \sum_{a_i^t} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^t, a_i^t) \sum_{m_{j,0}^t, o_j^t} Pr(m_{j,0}^t| \\ &a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t, m_{j,0}^{t-1}) O_j(s^t, a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t) \sum_{a_j^t} Pr(a_j^t|m_{j,0}^t) Pr(r_i^T = 1|a_i^T, a_j^T, s^T) \end{aligned}$$

Grouping all terms related to each agent, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{z_i^{0:T}} Pr(r_i^T = 1, z_i^{0:T}|T; \pi_{i,1}) &= \sum_{n_{i,1}^0} \mathcal{V}_i(n_{i,1}^0) \sum_{s^0} b_{i,1}^0(s^0) \sum_{a_i^0} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^0, a_i^0) \\ &\times \sum_{m_{j,0}^0} b_{i,1}^0(m_{j,0}^0|s^0) \sum_{a_j^0} Pr(a_j^0|m_{j,0}^0) \prod_{t=1}^T \sum_{s^t} T_i(s^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, s^t) \\ &\times \sum_{o_i^t} O_i(s^t, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, o_i^t) \sum_{n_{i,1}^t} \mathcal{T}_i(n_{i,1}^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, o_i^t, n_{i,1}^t) \sum_{a_i^t} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^t, a_i^t) \sum_{m_{j,0}^t, o_j^t} Pr(m_{j,0}^t| \\ &a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t, m_{j,0}^{t-1}) O_j(s^t, a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t) \sum_{a_j^t} Pr(a_j^t|m_{j,0}^t) Pr(r_i^T = 1|a_i^T, a_j^T, s^T) \\ &= \sum_{n_{i,1}^0} \mathcal{V}_i(n_{i,1}^0) \sum_{s^0} b_{i,1}^0(s^0) \sum_{a_i^0} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^0, a_i^0) \sum_{a_j^0} Pr(a_j^0|s^0) \prod_{t=1}^T \sum_{s^t} T_i(s^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, s^t) \\ &\times \sum_{o_i^t} O_i(s^t, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, o_i^t) \sum_{n_{i,1}^t} \mathcal{T}_i(n_{i,1}^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, o_i^t, n_{i,1}^t) \sum_{a_i^t} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^t, a_i^t) \\ &\times \sum_{m_{j,0}^t, o_j^t} Pr(m_{j,0}^t|a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t, m_{j,0}^{t-1}) O_j(s^t, a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t) \sum_{a_j^t} Pr(a_j^t|m_{j,0}^t) Pr(r_i^T = 1|a_i^T, a_j^T, s^T) \\ &= \sum_{n_{i,1}^0} \mathcal{V}_i(n_{i,1}^0) \sum_{s^0} b_{i,1}^0(s^0) \sum_{a_i^0} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^0, a_i^0) \sum_{a_j^0} Pr(a_j^0|s^0) \prod_{t=1}^T \sum_{s^t} T_i(s^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, s^t) \\ &\times \sum_{o_i^t} O_i(s^t, a_i^{t-1}, a_j^{t-1}, o_i^t) \sum_{n_{i,1}^t} \mathcal{T}_i(n_{i,1}^{t-1}, a_i^{t-1}, o_i^t, n_{i,1}^t) \sum_{a_i^t} \mathcal{L}_i(n_{i,1}^t, a_i^t) \\ &\times \sum_{a_j^t} Pr(a_j^t|s^t) Pr(r_i^T = 1|a_i^T, a_j^T, s^T) \end{aligned}$$

where, $Pr(a_j^0|s^0) = \sum_{m_{j,0}^0} Pr(a_j^0|m_{j,0}^0) b_{i,1}(m_{j,0}^0|s^0)$, and $Pr(a_j^t|s^t) = \sum_{m_{j,0}^t, o_j^t} Pr(m_{j,0}^t|a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t, m_{j,0}^{t-1}) O_j(s^t, a_j^{t-1}, o_j^t) Pr(a_j^t|m_{j,0}^t)$.

In the last equation above, the only distributions pertaining to j are those over its actions given the state at the initial time step and across time steps up to T . \square

Proposition 3 (E-step speed up) Each E-step at level 1 using the forward-backward pass as shown previously results in a net speed up of $\mathcal{O}((|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}(|\Omega_{-i}|^K))$ over the formulation that ascribes $|M|$ FSCs each to K other agents with each having $|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|$ nodes.

Proof. In the E -step, we compute α^t and β^h , which are then used in the M -step. Each of these has complexity, $\mathcal{O}(T_{max} S^2 |\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2)$, where T_{max} is a bound on T in practice. In order to compute $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$, we need the transition function of the DBN for given current and next states in the E -step, which has complexity of $\mathcal{O}(S^2 |\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2 |A_i| |A_{-i}|^K |\Omega_i|)$, where there are K other agents in the environment. E-step's net complexity is given by $\mathcal{O}(S^2 |\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2 (T_{max} + |A_i| |A_{-i}|^K |\Omega_i|))$.

A naive formulation infers an FSC for each of $|M|$ level 0 models ascribed to K other agents. Nodes of these controllers are included in the state space of the DBN. The complexity of computing $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ is, $\mathcal{O}(T_{max} S^2 |\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2 (|M| |\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K})$. In order to compute $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$, we need the transition function of the Markov model for given current and next states, which has complexity of

$\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}|A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i||\Omega_{-i}|^K)$. E-step's net complexity for this approach is, $\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}(T_{max} + |A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i||\Omega_{-i}|^K))$.

The speed up due to our approach is the ratio of the above net complexity of the E-step to the complexity of our E-step:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Speedup} &= \frac{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}(T_{max} + |A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i||\Omega_{-i}|^K))}{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(T_{max} + |A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i|))} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}T_{max})}{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(T_{max} + |A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i|))} + \\ &\quad \frac{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}(|A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i||\Omega_{-i}|^K))}{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{i,1}|^2(T_{max} + |A_i||A_{-i}|^K|\Omega_i|))} \\ &= \mathcal{O}((|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}) + \mathcal{O}((|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}|\Omega_{-i}|^K) \\ &= \mathcal{O}((|M||\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|)^{2K}|\Omega_{-i}|^K) \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 4 (E-step ratio at level 0) E-steps in the EMs for obtaining $\phi_{-i,0}$ of K agents exhibits a ratio of complexity, $\mathcal{O}(\frac{|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2}{|M|})$, compared to the E-steps when $|M|$ FSCs are obtained for K agents.

Proof. In the E -step presented in this paper, we compute $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ (Eq. 4) first. Each of these has complexity, $\mathcal{O}(T_{max}S^2|M|^2)$, where T_{max} is a bound on T in practice. In order to compute $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$, the transition function of the DBN for given current and next states in the E -step has a complexity of $\mathcal{O}(S^2|M|^2|A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|)$. E-step's net complexity is then given by $\mathcal{O}(S^2|M|^2(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))$. For K other agents, we perform K EMs and the net complexity for K agents is, $\mathcal{O}(S^2|M|^2K(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))$.

The naive approach iteratively improves a FSC for each level 0 model. The complexity of computing $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ in this case is, $\mathcal{O}(T_{max}S^2|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2)$. We need the transition function of the DBN for given current and next states to compute $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$, which has complexity of $\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2|A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|)$. The net complexity of the E-step is given by, $\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))$. For K agents and $|M|$ model each, this becomes, $\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2|M|K(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))$.

The ratio of the complexity of the naive approach to the one presented in this paper is,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ratio} &= \frac{\mathcal{O}(S^2|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2|M|K(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))}{\mathcal{O}(S^2|M|^2K(T_{max} + |A_{-i}||\Omega_{-i}|))} \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\frac{|\mathcal{N}_{-i,0}|^2}{|M|}) \end{aligned}$$

This ratio is typically less than 1 because smaller-sized controllers are preferred while the number of models, $|M|$, could get large. □