# Griliches Lectures 

## Lecture 3

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## Motivation

Policy has the potential to improve welfare when consumption generates social costs; applies to "sin goods" - tobacco, alcoholic drinks, sugary drinks and other unhealthy foods (such as fast food)

- this motivates corrective taxes and regulations to availability, advertising, reformulation
- social costs include
- externalities: second hand smoking, alcohol related crime, healthcare costs due to rising obesity
- internalities: poor performance at school, future poor health, worse social and economic outcomes
- role of policy is to discourage socially costly consumption


## Motivation

How effective are policies

- what the direct and indirect effects of policies?
- do they discourage socially costly consumption?
- what are the welfare implications? who gains and who loses?
- could we design better policies, that discourages socially cost consumption at lower cost?

Empirical approaches to learn about these questions ex ante

## Plan of the lectures

## Lecture 1

- what are the effects of sin taxes?
- empirical approaches to estimate suitably flexible demand models

Lecture 2

- what are the effects of restrictions to advertising?
- empirical approaches to estimate suitably flexible demand models
- evaluating welfare with possible behavioural effects

Lecture 3

- how do taxes and advertising interact?
- empirical approaches to learn about supply side dynamics


## Motivation

Taxes are commonly levied on sin goods

- Alcohol, tobacco, sugary drinks ...

These markets typically

- have a few large multiproduct firms that sell differentiated products and often spend a lot on advertise
- advertising potentially affects demand both contemporaneously and into the future

Firms may respond to taxes by adjusting their advertising expenditures, meaning the introduction of a tax can have dynamic effects on the market equilibrium

- how important? what impact on the effectiveness of policy?

Abi-Rafeh, Dubios, Griffith and O'Connell (2023) "The effects of sin taxes and advertising restrictions in a dynamic equilibrium "

## Abi-Rafeh, Dubios, Griffith and O'Connell (2023)

What is impact of tax, allowing for firms' advertising response?
How does a tax compare to advertising restrictions?

- build dynamic oligopoly model of firms' optimal price and advertising decisions
- show how role of advertising agencies reduces action space in dynamic game making it tractable to solve model
- estimate empirical model, use to compare effects of specific and ad valorem taxes and restrictions to advertising

Setting: cola segment of UK drinks market

## How do we expect tax and advertising to interact

To gain intuition consider a simple monopoly example:

- Demand $Q(p, A) ; \mathrm{p}$ : price, A: advertising
- Marginal cost $C=$

- Cost of advertising: $k$
- The monopolist chooses price and advertising to

$$
\max _{p, A}\{\underbrace{(p-C)}_{\text {markup }: \mu} Q(p, A)-k A\}
$$

- the optimal advertising choice equates marginal revenue and cost

$$
\mu Q_{A}(p, A)=k
$$

## How will monopolist change advertising?

- assume monopolist has fixed margin
- tax increases price, firm moves up demand curve; if consumers more (less) responsive to advertising at this point then firm raises (lowers) advertising
- if monopolist also adjusts margin (price is a choice)
- a second force at play; if firm raises its margin this increases the profitability of the marginal consumer and, all else equal, incentivises the firm to raise advertising (and visa versa)


## Fixed margin monopolist



Quantity

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## Margin adjustment



Quantity

## More generally ...

In simple monopoly example impact of tax on advertising depends on

- How sensitivity of demand to advertising changes along demand curve
- How tax impacts profitability of marginal consumer

In differentiated product oligopoly there will be additional forces:

- Dynamic effects due to long-last impact of advertising
- Multi-product firm with only subset of products subject to tax
- Competitors' actions will impact the firm's profits

For latter two, whether advertising steals market market share or leads to positive spillovers will be key

## Model overview

Study the UK cola market

- Firms choose prices and advertising budgets
- advertising affect demand today and into the future so that firm's choice is dynamic
- Advertising agencies act as intermediaries, choosing advertising spots
- Reduce firms' problem from decision over 1000s of advertising spots, to tractable decision over advertising budget
- Consumers choose which (if any) product to buy
- Their choice is influenced by their stock of advertising exposure
- Depends on their TV viewing habits and placement of advertising spots


## Purchase data

Kantar Purchase Panel

- household level scanner data, 2010-16
- households record all grocery transactions
- prices, quantities and characteristics at the household and product level
- longitudinal (follow the same households over time)
- facilitates modeling consumer preference heterogeneity
- includes information on TV viewing behavior of household


## The cola market: firms and brands

| Firm | Brand | Market share | No. of <br> products | Average price <br> (£per liter) |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coca Cola Enterprises | Regular Coke | $25.9 \%$ | 15 | 0.82 |
|  | Diet Coke | $34.8 \%$ | 15 | 0.81 |
| Pepsico | Regular Pepsi | $7.6 \%$ | 3 | 0.72 |
|  | Diet Pepsi | $25.8 \%$ | 5 | 0.73 |
|  | Regular store | $2.4 \%$ | 2 | 0.21 |
|  | Diet store | $3.5 \%$ | 2 | 0.21 |
| All |  | $100 \%$ | 42 | 0.74 |

## Advertising data

TV adverts from AC Nielsen

- Spot level data on all TV adverts over 2009-16
- over 1m adverts for cola (Coca Cola and Pepsi)
- Details of what was advertised, time slot, station, show
- Plus advertising expenditure

Broadcaster Audience Research Board (BARB)

- Measure of advertising impressions for all adverts in 2015


## Individual level advertising exposure

Exposure of individual $i$ to advertising of brand $b$ in week $t$ is:

$$
a_{i b t}=\sum_{k \mid t(k)=t} w_{i k} f\left(T_{b k}\right)
$$

where $k$ is slot, $w_{i k}$ is probability of viewing slot $k, T_{b k}$ is advert duration and $f($.$) is a concave function$

- households asked whether they "regulary", "sometimes", "hardly ever", "never" watch most popular TV shows and alls stations and times
- use BARB data on population viewing in 2015 to estimate probability corresponding to each answer to get $\hat{w}$


## Estimation of $w_{i k}$

Match between houshold media data (Kantar) and advert data (AC Nielsen)

| Match | No. ads | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Show | 209,733 | 20 |
| Station + time slot | 483,180 | 46 |
| Time slot only | 352,267 | 34 |
| Total | $1,045,180$ | 100 |

Match in 2015 with BARB data

|  |  |  | Expenditure (£) |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Match | No. ads | Mean TVR | Mean per ad | Sum |
| Show | 35,481 | .05337 | 214 | $7,584,502$ |
| Station + time slot | 77,083 | .01700 | 105 | $8,104,405$ |
| Time slot only | 62,270 | .00068 | 13 | 833,836 |

TVR: television rating values
We use the match with BARB to estimate $\hat{w}$

## Brand advertising expenditure

Expenditure on brand $b$ advertising in week $t$ is:

$$
e_{b t}=\sum_{k \mid t(k)=t} \rho_{k} T_{b k}
$$

where $\rho_{k}$ is the price of advertising during slot $k$

Monthly advertising expenditure


## Monthly advertising expenditure




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## The consumer's decision

Advertising today can affect consumers' choices into the future
Consumers accumulate stock of advertising exposure to each brand $b$ :

$$
\mathcal{A}_{i b t}=g\left(a_{i b 0}, a_{i b 1}, \ldots, a_{i b t-1}\right)
$$

Vector of consumer exposure stocks across brands

$$
\mathcal{A}_{i t}=\left(\mathcal{A}_{i 1 t}, \ldots, \mathcal{A}_{i B t}\right)
$$

the set of exposure stocks across consumers

$$
\mathcal{A}_{t}=\left\{\mathcal{A}_{i t}\right\}_{i \in I}
$$

## The consumer's decision

Choose among products $j=\{0, \ldots, J\}$, decision utility from product $j$ :

$$
U_{i j t}=u\left(\mathcal{A}_{i t}, p_{j t}, \mathbf{x}_{j t} ; \theta_{i}\right)+\epsilon_{i j t}
$$

where $p$ : price, $\mathbf{x}$ are product attributes, $\theta$ preferences, and $\epsilon_{i j t}$ an iid extreme value shock

The $(i, j, t)$ choice probability is:

$$
s_{i j t}=\frac{\exp \left(V\left(\mathcal{A}_{i t}, p_{j t}, x_{j t} ; \theta_{i}\right)\right)}{\exp \left(V\left(\theta_{i}\right)\right)+\sum_{j^{\prime}=1}^{J} \exp \left(V\left(\mathcal{A}_{i t}, p_{j^{\prime} t}, x_{j^{\prime} t} ; \theta_{i}\right)\right)}
$$

## The firm's decision

Firm choose prices and advertising expenditures
Firm $f$ 's flow profits take the form:

$$
\pi_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}, \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{t}}, \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{t}}\right)=\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}_{f}}\left(p_{j t}-c_{j t}\right) s_{j t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{t}, \mathcal{A}_{t}\right) M_{t}-\sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{f}}\left(1+\psi_{b}\right) e_{b t}
$$

- $c_{j t}$ : product $j$ marginal cost
- $\psi_{b}$ : advertising agency mark-up
- $M_{t}$ : size of market
- $e_{b t}$ : expenditure on advertising brand $b$
market share for product $j>0$
$s_{j t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{t}}, \mathcal{A}_{t}\right)=\iint \frac{\exp \left(V\left(\mathcal{A}_{i t}, p_{j t}, x_{j t} ; \theta_{i}\right)\right)}{\exp \left(V\left(\theta_{i}\right)\right)+\sum_{j^{\prime}=1}^{J} \exp \left(V\left(\mathcal{A}_{i t}, p_{j^{\prime} t}, x_{j^{\prime} t} ; \theta_{i}\right)\right)} d F\left(\theta_{i}, \mathcal{A}_{i t}\right)$


## The firm's decision - pricing

We assume that

- firms simultaneously set prices to maximize profit (conditional on the distribution of advertising exposure stocks)
- prices directly impact current but not future flow profits firm $f$ 's first order condition for period $t$ prices is:

$$
s_{j t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{t}, \mathcal{A}_{t}\right)+\sum_{j^{\prime} \in \mathcal{J}_{f}}\left(p_{j^{\prime} t}-c_{j^{\prime} t}\right) \frac{\partial s_{j^{\prime} t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{t}, \mathcal{A}_{t}\right)}{\partial p_{j t}}=0
$$

We assume prices are set in a Bertrand-Nash equilibrium, such that the set of price first order conditions hold for all $f$

## The firm's decision - advertising

Firms simultaneously choose advertising budgets, $e_{b t}$, to maximize profits

- advertising has lasting effects into the future, so the problem is dynamic

Re-write the flow profit,

$$
\tilde{\pi}_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}, \mathbf{e}_{t}\right) \equiv \pi_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}, p_{j t}^{*}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}\right), \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{t}}\right)
$$

where $p_{j t}^{*}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}\right)$ : optimal price given advertising exposure stocks
Firm's intertemporal profits,

$$
\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \beta^{t} \tilde{\pi}_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}, \mathbf{e}_{t}\right)
$$

## The firm's decision - advertising

We focus on Markov strategies

- for firm $f$, a strategy $\sigma_{f}$ is a mapping between the current advertising exposure stock distribution and advertising expenditure for the brands it owns, $\sigma_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}\right) \equiv\left(\left\{e_{b t}\right\}_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{f}}\right)$
- each firm chooses its strategy given beliefs about competitors' strategies
- in a Markov Perfect Equilibrium, firms' beliefs are mutually compatible Given other firms' strategies $\sigma_{-f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}\right)$, firm $f$ solves the Bellman equation:

$$
\pi_{f}^{*}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}\right)=\max _{\left\{e_{b t}\right\}_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{f}}} \tilde{\pi}_{f}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t}, \mathbf{e}_{t}\right)+\beta \pi_{f}^{*}\left(\mathcal{A}_{t+1}\right)
$$

## Oligopoly competition in price and advertising

- Dynamic oligopoly game because advertising has lasting impact on consumers preferences
- Action space for each multiproduct firm: prices of all products, advertising spots by brand on all TV channels, day, program and time of the day, by 30 seconds spot
- State space for each multiproduct firm: all actions (prices, ads, ..) of all firms in the past, current marginal costs and demand shocks
$\rightarrow$ huge action and state spaces prohibit considering the estimation of Markov Perfect Equilibrium strategies of this dynamic game mapping state space to action space for each firm
- Unlikely (impossible) that firms solve such problem
- Firms use advertising agencies as intermediary to choose ad spots


## The advertising agency

Firms delegate their choice of advertising slots to an advertising agency

- agency chooses slots to maximize exposure given a budget constraint This captures important feature of the advertising market, and reduces firms' action space so dynamic oligopoly game is tractable

The agency chooses the set of slots, $T_{b k}$, to solve:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\max _{\left\{T_{b k}\right\}_{k}} \sum_{i} \phi_{g(i) b} a_{i b t} \\
\text { s.t. } \sum_{\{k \mid t(k)=t\}} \rho_{k} T_{b k} \leq e_{b t} .
\end{array}
$$

where $\phi_{g(i) b}$ is the weight the firm assigns to the exposure of consumers belonging to demographic group $g$, and $\rho_{k}$ is the price of advertising during slot $k$

## The advertising agency

The first order condition of the agency's problem implies that the ratio of total marginal impacts during two advertising slots, $k$ and $k^{\prime}$, is set equal to the ratio of the price of advertising during these slots:

$$
\frac{\sum_{i} \phi_{g(i) b} w_{i k} f^{\prime}\left(T_{b k}\right)}{\sum_{i} \phi_{g(i) b} w_{i k^{\prime}} f^{\prime}\left(T_{b k^{\prime}}\right)}=\frac{\rho_{k}}{\rho_{k^{\prime}}} .
$$

- concavity of $f($.$) means T_{b k}^{*}$ is a decreasing function of the price per viewer during slot $k, \frac{\rho_{k}}{\sum_{i} \phi_{g(i) b} w_{i k}}$
- we assume $f\left(T_{b k}\right)=T^{\gamma}$, agency problem implies log-linear relationship between price per impression and advert length (conditional on brand-time fixed effects)
- use BARB data to estimate $\hat{\gamma}=0.642 \quad$ (0.001)


## Demand specification

We specify the form of the decision utility

- important that specification is rich enough to capture heterogeneity in different consumers responses to variation in price and advertising, how these responses are correlated, and how the impact of advertising of one product might affect demand of other products

We estimate the demand model separately by 12 demographic groups, denoted $d(i)$, based on the household type (household with children, working age household with no children, pensioner household) and within household type income quartiles

Our motivation for this is to control for demographic attributes advertisers may target

## Demand specification

Decision utility function for advertised goods (Coca Cola and Pepsi):

$$
\begin{aligned}
U_{i j t}=\alpha_{i} p_{j r(i, t) t}+\beta_{i}^{O} \sinh ^{-1}( & \left(A_{i b(j) t}\right)+\beta_{d(i)}^{w} \sinh ^{-1}\left(A_{i-b(j) t}\right)+\beta_{d(i)}^{X} \sinh ^{-1}\left(A_{i-f(j) t}\right) \\
& +\gamma_{i} \operatorname{Sug}_{j}+\phi_{d(i)} \mathbf{Z}_{i f(j)}+\eta_{i b(j)}+\chi_{j}+\xi_{b(j), \tau(t)}+\zeta_{b(j), r(i, t)}+\epsilon_{i j t}
\end{aligned}
$$

three distinct effects of advertising on decision utility:

- an own-brand advertising effect, $\beta_{i}^{O}$
- a within-firm spillover effect, $\beta_{d(i)}^{W}$
- a cross-firm spillover effect, $\beta_{d(i)}^{X}$
advertising stock enters through inverse-hyperbolic sine function to capture diminishing returns of advertising exposure


## Demand specification

Decision utility also depends on

- whether the product contains sugar $\left(\mathrm{Sug}_{j}\right)$
- TV viewing behavior interacted with firm, $\mathbf{Z}_{\text {if }(j)}$
- consumer specific brand valuations, $\eta_{i b(j)}$
- product effects, $\chi_{j}$
- time (year-quarter) varying brand effects, $\xi_{b(j), \tau(t)}$
- retailer varying brand effects, $\zeta_{b(j), r(i, t)}$
consumer specific preference coefficients on price, own-brand advertising, sugar and the brand effects
important to capture consumer substitution pattern across products


## Advertising exposure

We assume consumers accumulate stock of advertising exposure to each brand $b$ :

$$
A_{i b t}=\sum_{s=0}^{t-1} \delta^{t-1-s} a_{i b s}=\delta A_{i b t-1}+a_{i b t-1}
$$

specification implies exposure to brand advertising two weeks ago contributes $\delta$ as much to the current stock of exposure as the same amount of exposure one week ago

We set $\delta=0.9$

## Identification of advertising effects

We control for

- brand-time-demographic group effects
- individual average viewing behavior for
- weekly hours of viewing
- genres: game shows, documentaries, drama, reality TV, sport and entertainment
- stations
- weekday/weekend $\times$ time slot
- all interacted with brand

Isolate differences in individual advertising exposure driven by variation in slots within demographic groups and show genre

## Identification of advertising effects

Example

(a) X Factor

(b) Britain's Got Talent


## Identification of advertising effects

Example
(a) Frasier

(b) Everybody Loves Ramond


## Preference distribution

We include random coefficients on price, own advertising, brand, sugary and outside option

- Model as joint normal, conditional on demographic group

Allow for correlation in preferences over price and advertising

- Allows for flexibility in cross derivative of market demand

Longitidunal micro data helps us pin down preference distribution

- For instance, all else equal, the higher the correlation in the price of chosen options within individual over time, the higher the implied spread parameter on price


## Brand price and advertising elasticities

impact of $1 \%$ increase in price/stock of exposure of brand in row on demand for brand in column

|  | Price elasticities |  |  |  |  |  | Advertising elasticities |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Coke |  | Pepsi |  |  | Coke | Pepsi |  |  |
|  | Regular | Diet | Regular | Diet |  | Regular | Diet | Diet |  |
| Regular Coke | $\mathbf{- 2 . 2 1 0}$ | 0.511 | 0.050 | 0.092 |  | $\mathbf{0 . 1 1 5}$ | 0.043 | 0.020 |  |
| Diet Coke | 0.378 | $\mathbf{- 2 . 1 9 2}$ | 0.023 | 0.142 |  | 0.054 | $\mathbf{0 . 1 1 0}$ | 0.016 |  |
| Regular Pepsi | 0.210 | 0.128 | $\mathbf{- 1 . 8 4 2}$ | 0.552 |  | 0.021 | 0.020 | 0.015 |  |
| Diet Pepsi | 0.110 | 0.232 | 0.157 | $\mathbf{- 1 . 6 7 9}$ |  | 0.015 | 0.011 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 5 7}$ |  |
| Regular Store | 0.243 | 0.155 | 0.063 | 0.106 |  | -0.021 | -0.017 | -0.011 |  |
| Diet Store | 0.130 | 0.276 | 0.031 | 0.170 |  | -0.020 | -0.021 | -0.012 |  |
| Regular outside | 0.185 | 0.138 | 0.050 | 0.095 |  | -0.020 | -0.017 | -0.009 |  |
| Diet outside | $\mathbf{0 . 1 0 4}$ | 0.236 | 0.027 | 0.152 |  | -0.019 | -0.021 | -0.011 |  |

## Impact of Regular Coke price level on advertising elasticity

illustrates the importance of allowing for correlation between price and advertising sensitivity


## Dynamic supply-side

- Definition of state space Details
- State-to-state transition function
- Solve for Markov perfect equilibrium


## Counterfactual policy simulations

1 Solve for dynamic equilibrium with no policy in place

2 Simulate counterfactual equilibria

- ban on advertising sugary colas (Coca Cola and Pepsi)
- two alternative taxes applied to sugar-sweetened products
- Volumetric tax: $p_{c}=p_{f}+\tau_{s} \times$ volume, with $\tau_{s}=£ 0.25 /$ liter
- Ad valorem tax: $p_{c}=p_{f} \times\left(1+\tau_{a d}\right)$, with $\tau_{\text {ad }}$ chosen to achieve same consumption reduction as under volumetric tax (holding advertising fixed)


## Variation in Regular Coke Nash equilibrium

with Coca Cola advertising states
Price-cost margin
figure shows that Regular Coke margins are decreasing in the Regular Coke advertising state; this reflects the negative correlation in advertising and price sensitivity


## Optimal policy function for Coca Cola Enterprises

model yields functions describing how equilibrium objects, such as prices, quantities, gross profits and advertising expenditures vary across the advertising states
denote one of these functions $y\left(\{\mathbb{A}\}_{b}\right)$
and an equilibrium probability distribution across states, $p\left(\{\mathbb{A}\}_{b}\right)$
The average equilibrium outcome is then given by $\bar{Y}=\int_{\{\mathbb{A}\}_{b}} y\left(\{\mathbb{A}\}_{b}\right) p\left(\{\mathbb{A}\}_{b}\right)$

## Optimal policy function for Coca Cola Enterprises

Advertising expenditure


Dark grey surface is Regular, lighter (red) surface is Diet Coca Cola

## Equilibrium probability distribution for Coca Cola Enterprises



Regular Coke adv. state

## Aggregate impact of Advertising restriction

| $\Delta$ quantity | Regular | $-7.2 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Diet | $-2.8 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ price | Regular | $0.4 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-0.5 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ margin | Regular | $0.9 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-1.0 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ adv. exp. | Regular | $-100.0 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-16.2 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ profits |  | $-1.2 \%$ |
| Compensating variation |  | $-2.8 \%$ |
| Tax revenue |  | - |
| $\Delta$ surplus |  | $-4.0 \%$ |

## Aggregate impact of Specific tax

Fixed adv. Incremental effect of

|  |  | Eq. adv. <br> response | Adv. <br> restrict. |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\Delta$ quantity | Regular | $-59.7 \%$ | $-1.1 \%$ | $-2.8 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $11.8 \%$ | $-1.7 \%$ | $-4.1 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ price | Regular | $33.0 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-1.4 \%$ | $-0.1 \%$ | $-0.3 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ margin | Regular | $6.0 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-2.9 \%$ | $-0.2 \%$ | $-0.7 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ adv. exp. | Regular | - | $-56.8 \%$ | $-100.0 \%$ |
|  | Diet | - | $-19.5 \%$ | $-29.9 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ profits |  | $-1.2 \%$ | $-6.8 \%$ | $-0.0 \%$ |
| Compensating variation |  | $-2.8 \%$ | $-7.6 \%$ | $-1.0 \%$ |
| Tax revenue | - | $4.7 \%$ | $-0.1 \%$ |  |
| $\Delta$ surplus |  | $-4.0 \%$ | $-9.7 \%$ | $-1.2 \%$ |

## Aggregate impact of Ad valorem tax

Fixed adv. Incremental effect of

|  |  |  | Eq. adv. <br> response | Adv. <br> restrict. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\Delta$ quantity | Regular | $-59.5 \%$ | $-1.6 \%$ | $-2.8 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $11.4 \%$ | $-2.9 \%$ | $-4.6 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ price | Regular | $43.0 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.2 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-1.4 \%$ | $-0.1 \%$ | $-0.3 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ margin | Regular | $-37.8 \%$ | $0.1 \%$ | $0.3 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-2.9 \%$ | $-0.3 \%$ | $-0.6 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ adv. exp. | Regular | - | $-80.0 \%$ | $-100.0 \%$ |
|  | Diet | - | $-37.2 \%$ | $-43.8 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ profits |  | $-10.4 \%$ | $-0.0 \%$ | $-0.5 \%$ |
| Compensating variation |  | $-7.6 \%$ | $-1.6 \%$ | $-2.7 \%$ |
| Tax revenue | $7.7 \%$ | $-0.3 \%$ | $-0.5 \%$ |  |
| $\Delta$ surplus | $-10.3 \%$ | $-2.0 \%$ | $-3.7 \%$ |  |

## Aggregate impact of counterfactual policies

|  |  | Adv. <br> restrict. | Specific <br> tax | Ad valorem <br> tax |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\Delta$ quantity | Regular | $-7.2 \%$ | $-60.8 \%$ | $-61.1 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ price | Diet | $-2.8 \%$ | $13.5 \%$ | $14.3 \%$ |
|  | Regular | $0.4 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ | $43.1 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ margin | Diet | $-0.5 \%$ | $-1.5 \%$ | $-1.5 \%$ |
|  | Regular | $0.9 \%$ | $6.2 \%$ | $-37.7 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ adv. exp. | Diet | $-1.0 \%$ | $-3.1 \%$ | $-3.2 \%$ |
|  | Regular | $-100.0 \%$ | $-56.8 \%$ | $-80.0 \%$ |
|  | Diet | $-16.2 \%$ | $-19.5 \%$ | $-37.2 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ profits |  | $-1.2 \%$ | $-6.8 \%$ | $-10.4 \%$ |
| Compensating variation |  | $-2.8 \%$ | $-8.6 \%$ | $-9.2 \%$ |
| Tax revenue |  | - | $4.6 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ |
| $\Delta$ surplus | $-4.0 \%$ | $-10.9 \%$ | $-12.3 \%$ |  |

## Summary

Estimate an equilibrium model in which firms compete through their pricing and advertising decisions

Show advertising has spillovers to other brands in market, and consumer sensitivity to advertising and price changes are positively correlated

Both a specific and ad valorem tax lead to lower advertising of taxed brands and modest change in advertising of non-taxed brands

- Larger response under ad valorem tax consistent with lower margins under this tax

Model predicts heterogeneous patterns of consumer response driven by differential advertising exposure

Advertising restriction leads to modest reduction in quantity

## The end

Hopefully you've gained some ideas for how we can use economic models combined with data and econometrics to learn about the impacts of policies, and how we can design them better

## Extra slides

## Highest adv exp shows, 2010-2016 Свас

|  | Both |  |  |  | Coca Cola |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pepsi |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The X Factor | 6.2 | 1 | 1463 | 5.6 | 1 | 1480 | 0.6 | 2 | 1312 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coronation Street | 4.3 | 2 | 1076 | 4.0 | 2 | 1128 | 0.4 | 6 | 723 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emmerdale | 3.8 | 3 | 1086 | 3.3 | 3 | 1130 | 0.5 | 4 | 871 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hollyoaks | 3.7 | 4 | 338 | 3.1 | 4 | 336 | 0.6 | 1 | 349 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Britain's Got Talent | 3.4 | 5 | 1716 | 2.9 | 5 | 1836 | 0.5 | 5 | 1208 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I'm A Celebrity | 2.5 | 6 | 2040 | 2.4 | 6 | 2096 | 0.1 | 21 | 1332 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Jeremy Kyle Show | 2.4 | 7 | 217 | 2.1 | 7 | 216 | 0.3 | 12 | 227 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Come Dine With Me | 1.9 | 8 | 221 | 1.7 | 8 | 229 | 0.3 | 11 | 181 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This Morning | 1.8 | 9 | 180 | 1.6 | 9 | 181 | 0.2 | 18 | 171 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Big Brother | 1.6 | 10 | 296 | 1.4 | 10 | 297 | 0.3 | 9 | 294 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday 9Pm Movie | 1.5 | 11 | 378 | 1.2 | 12 | 373 | 0.3 | 8 | 399 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friends | 1.0 | 15 | 172 | 0.7 | 25 | 179 | 0.3 | 7 | 156 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Uefa Champions League | 0.9 | 18 | 596 | 0.4 | 45 | 483 | 0.5 | 3 | 708 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Simpsons | 0.7 | 28 | 228 | 0.4 | 40 | 174 | 0.3 | 10 | 442 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Highest adv exp stations, 2010-2016 Свак

|  | Both |  |  |  | Coca Cola |  |  |  | Pepsi |  |  |
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|  | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot |  |  |
|  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Itv1 | 53.4 | 1 | 466 | 47.2 | 1 | 473 | 6.3 | 1 | 417 |  |  |
| C4 | 24.8 | 2 | 203 | 20.0 | 2 | 203 | 4.8 | 2 | 201 |  |  |
| C5 | 11.4 | 3 | 165 | 9.4 | 3 | 165 | 2.0 | 3 | 168 |  |  |
| Itv2 | 6.1 | 4 | 494 | 5.3 | 4 | 504 | 0.8 | 5 | 432 |  |  |
| E4 | 4.4 | 5 | 268 | 3.6 | 5 | 262 | 0.8 | 4 | 295 |  |  |
| Pick | 2.4 | 6 | 228 | 2.1 | 6 | 227 | 0.3 | 8 | 236 |  |  |
| Dave | 1.5 | 7 | 170 | 1.3 | 7 | 171 | 0.2 | 11 | 164 |  |  |
| Sky Sports | 1.5 | 8 | 78 | 1.0 | 10 | 65 | 0.5 | 6 | 127 |  |  |
| Sky 1 | 1.5 | 9 | 255 | 1.2 | 8 | 231 | 0.3 | 9 | 411 |  |  |
| Quest | 1.2 | 10 | 131 | 1.1 | 9 | 134 | 0.1 | 13 | 112 |  |  |
| Film4 | 0.7 | 16 | 206 | 0.5 | 18 | 205 | 0.2 | 10 | 208 |  |  |
| Itv4 | 0.6 | 17 | 173 | 0.2 | 35 | 171 | 0.4 | 7 | 174 |  |  |

## Highest adv exp time slots, 2010-2016 Сваск

|  | Both |  |  |  | Coca Cola |  |  |  | Pepsi |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot | Exp | Rank | $£ /$ slot |  |  |
|  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  | $(£ m)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Week2000-2230 | 32.0 | 1 | 253 | 27.0 | 1 | 254 | 5.0 | 1 | 245 |  |  |
| Week1800-2000 | 15.5 | 2 | 170 | 13.1 | 2 | 173 | 2.4 | 2 | 156 |  |  |
| Sat2000-2230 | 13.2 | 3 | 431 | 11.6 | 3 | 443 | 1.7 | 4 | 367 |  |  |
| Week2230-0100 | 11.2 | 4 | 87 | 8.9 | 4 | 84 | 2.3 | 3 | 100 |  |  |
| Sun2000-2230 | 8.7 | 5 | 305 | 7.5 | 6 | 315 | 1.2 | 5 | 255 |  |  |
| Sat1800-2000 | 8.6 | 6 | 363 | 7.9 | 5 | 385 | 0.6 | 7 | 212 |  |  |
| Week1600-1800 | 5.1 | 7 | 108 | 4.4 | 7 | 110 | 0.8 | 6 | 96 |  |  |
| Week0930-1200 | 4.6 | 8 | 61 | 3.9 | 8 | 62 | 0.6 | 8 | 53 |  |  |
| Week0600-0930 | 3.9 | 9 | 49 | 3.4 | 9 | 50 | 0.5 | 11 | 44 |  |  |
| Sun1800-2000 | 3.5 | 10 | 191 | 3.0 | 10 | 198 | 0.5 | 12 | 155 |  |  |
| Sat2230-0100 | 2.5 | 12 | 97 | 2.0 | 12 | 93 | 0.5 | 9 | 118 |  |  |
| Sun1600-1800 | 1.5 | 16 | 116 | 1.0 | 16 | 96 | 0.5 | 10 | 200 |  |  |

## State space

Payoff relevant state variable is $\mathcal{A}_{t}$, the joint distribution of brand exposure in the population

Assume firms:

- Use mean stock, $A_{b t}=\mathbb{E}\left[A_{i b t}\right]$ as state variable in dynamic game
- And they expect all quantiles of long-run average stock distribution to scale in $A_{b t}$

Leads to very little prediction error:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[q_{j t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{t}, \mathcal{A}_{t}\right)\right]-\tilde{q}_{j t}\left(\mathbf{p}_{t}, \mathbf{A}_{b t}\right)
$$

## State-to-state transitions

Transition function specifies probability over next period's advertising stock, given its current value and expenditure, $f\left(A_{b t+1} \mid A_{b t}, e_{b t}\right)$ We
estimate:

$$
A_{b t+1}-\delta A_{b t}=\lambda e_{b t}^{\gamma}+\nu_{b t}
$$

As $T_{b k}^{*}=g\left(\mathbf{w}_{k}, \rho_{k}\right) e_{b t}^{\gamma}, \lambda=\mathbb{E}\left[g\left(\mathbf{w}_{k}, \rho_{k}\right)\right]$
We use a discrete grid for $A_{b t},\left\{A_{1}, \ldots, A_{K}\right\}$, where:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{Pr}\left(A_{b t+1}=A_{k^{\prime}} \mid A_{b t}=A_{k}, e_{b t}\right)=\int_{A_{k-1}^{\prime}}^{A_{k^{\prime}}} f_{\nu}\left(A_{b t+1}-\delta A_{k}-\lambda e_{b t}^{\gamma}\right) \frac{A_{b t+1}-A_{k-1}}{A_{k^{\prime}}-A_{k^{\prime}-1}} d A_{b t+1}+ \\
\int_{A_{k}^{\prime}}^{A_{k^{\prime}+1}} f_{\nu}\left(A_{b t+1}-\delta A_{k}-\lambda e_{b t}^{\gamma} \frac{A_{k^{\prime}+1}-A_{b t+1}}{A_{k^{\prime}+1}-A_{k^{\prime}}} d A_{b t+1}\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

