

# What Do Consumers Consider Before They Choose?

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# Introduction

- ▶ When estimating consumer demand models we usually assume that consumers **consider all the alternatives** that we as the researcher see
- ▶ Lots of evidence that the assumption of full consideration is **violated in reality** for many applications of interest
- ▶ We should care about this for a number of reasons, e.g:
  - ▶ Cannot predict the impact/evaluate the benefits of making consumers aware of a wider set of alternatives
  - ▶ Biased estimates of preference parameters with implications for welfare analysis

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- ▶ An exception: the literature on “**consideration sets**” — consumers might only consider an (unobserved) subset of alternatives
- ▶ Popular in marketing and a growing applied literature for providing a “simple” way to introduce unobserved choice sets
  - ▶ (Behavioural) decision theory provides a rich set of models: see, e.g. Masatlioglu et al (2012) and Cattaneo et al (2018)
  - ▶ **Default specific:** Ho, Hogan & Scott-Morton (2016); Heiss, McFadden, Winter, Wuppermann & Zhou (2016); Moshkin & Shachar (2002)
  - ▶ **Alternative specific:** Goeree (2008); Manzini and Mariotti (2012); Conlin and Mortimer (2013); Honka et al (2015); Gaynor, Propper & Seiler (2016)

# Challenge

- ▶ Wider application of these models has been held back by the difficulty of separately identifying “utility” and “consideration probability” parameters from observational data
- ▶ Two main strategies pursued to date:
  1. **Auxiliary data:** can we collect additional data on what options consumers considered?
  2. **Exclusion restrictions:** are there exogenous variables excluded from utility and from process generating consideration?

# This Paper

- ▶ In this paper we show that the restrictions from economic theory are sufficient for identification in many applied settings of interest
- ▶ Our approach relies on exploiting asymmetries in the “Slutsky” matrix
  - ▶ Changes in the characteristics of products impact the probability that you consider a good and not just utility
  - ▶ There is a particular pattern of cross-price asymmetries and violations of nominal illusion that are characteristic of a lack of consideration
  - ▶ Inspired by the theoretical work of Gabaix (2014) on inattention to characteristics although our focus is on inattention to goods

# This Paper

- ▶ Different strategy to that pursued in other current working papers on identification of consideration set models:
  - ▶ **Crawford, Griffith & Iaria**: results specific to Logit errors and rely on some assumptions about stability of choice sets over time
  - ▶ **Dardanoni, Manzini, Mariotti & Tyson**: limited allowance for preference heterogeneity
  - ▶ **Cattaneo, Ma, Masatlioglu & Suleymanov**: deterministic preferences but weaker assumptions on consideration
  - ▶ **Barseghyan, Coughlin, Molinari & Teitelbaum**: weaker assumptions on preference heterogeneity and consideration leading to set identification results

# This Paper

- ▶ Bring a parametric version of our framework to data to show that the variation at heart of our identification result is important for driving empirical results
  - ▶ Indirect inference estimator in which auxiliary model allows for cross derivative asymmetries
  - ▶ Structural parameters chosen to match the reduced form asymmetries
- ▶ **Lab validation:** can we recover the process generating consideration sets from choice data?
- ▶ **Medicare Part D:** to what extent is inertia driven by switching costs or lack of consideration?
  - ▶ Used to evaluate a proposed 'active default' policy

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- ▶ The probability that a consumer chooses some good  $j$  is then:

$$\begin{aligned}Pr(i \text{ chooses } j) &= Pr(u_{ij} > u_{ij'} \quad \forall j' \neq j) \\s_j^* &= Pr(\epsilon_{ij'} < v_j + \epsilon_{ij} - v_{j'} \quad \forall j' \neq j)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ **Example:** when  $\epsilon_{ij}$  is distributed Type 1 Extreme Value, we get the popular logit model

$$s_j^* = \frac{\exp(v_j)}{\sum_{j'=1}^J \exp(v_{j'})}$$

- ▶ NB We allow for correlated unobservables in utility!

## Basic Set-Up: Consideration

- ▶ A consumer may not consider all goods in her choice set
- ▶ Good-0 represents an “inside” or “outside” default
- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{P}(J)$  represent the power set of all goods, with any given element indexed by  $C$
- ▶ Set of consideration sets containing good  $j$  is given as:

$$\mathbb{P}(j) = \{C : C \in \mathcal{P}(J) \quad \& \quad j \in C \quad 0 \in C\}$$

# Basic Set-Up: Consideration

- ▶ Need some restrictions on consideration probabilities to achieve identification
- ▶ Two main classes of consideration set model found in the applied literature:
  - ▶ **Default specific:** with some probability  $\mu(\mathbf{x}_0)$  you consider the full choice set, otherwise you only consider a (known) default option
  - ▶ **Alternative specific:** you consider good  $j$  with probability  $\phi_j(\mathbf{x}_j)$
- ▶ We consider a general framework that subsumes both of these classes of model
- ▶ NB throughout this presentation will be assuming independence of unobservables driving utility and consideration

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# Extensions

- ▶ Dependence of  $\phi_j$  on the characteristics of the default product
- ▶ Independence of unobservables influencing utility and attention implicit in the background
  - ▶ Consider case of finite set of “types”
  - ▶ Require exclusion restrictions for identification but fewer than if ignored results in this paper
- ▶ Asymmetries and nominal illusion results that we will now develop imply imperfect consideration in wider class of models

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# Symmetry

- ▶ With full consideration, choice probabilities will satisfy a **symmetry restriction**

$$\frac{\partial s_j^*}{\partial p_k} = \frac{\partial s_k^*}{\partial p_j}$$

- ▶ They will also satisfy **absence of nominal illusion**

$$s_j^*(\mathbf{p}) = s_j^*(\mathbf{p} + \delta)$$

- ▶ Given our assumptions on preferences, this result holds with correlation in unobserved tastes across products and in the mixed logit model [More](#)

# Symmetry

- ▶ With consideration sets, symmetry is violated and we suffer from nominal illusion

$$\frac{\partial s_j}{\partial p_k} \neq \frac{\partial s_k}{\partial p_j}$$
$$s_j^*(\mathbf{p}) \neq s_j^*(\mathbf{p} + \delta)$$

- ▶ Changes in characteristics do not just impact utility, but also the probability of paying attention to particular subsets of goods
- ▶ We can use these asymmetries to identify attention probabilities,  $\mu(p_0)$  and  $\phi_j(p_j)$

# Proof: Special Case

- ▶ For purposes of this presentation, will walk through the proof of a special case of our more general framework
- ▶ Default specific model:  $\phi_j = 1$  for all  $j$
- ▶ Choice probabilities take the form

$$\begin{aligned}s_0 &= (1 - \mu) + \mu s_0^* \\ s_j &= \mu s_j^*\end{aligned}$$

where  $s_j^* \equiv s_j^*(\mathbf{p} | \{0, \dots, J\})$ .

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- Changes in consideration probabilities constructively identified by cross-derivative differences:

$$\frac{\partial \log(\mu)}{\partial p_0} = \frac{1}{s_j} \left[ \frac{\partial s_j}{\partial p_0} - \frac{\partial s_0}{\partial p_j} \right]$$

- Get the level of attention by integrating over the support of characteristics and pinning down the constant at point of symmetry

$$\mu = \exp \left( - \int \frac{1}{s_j} \left[ \frac{\partial s_j}{\partial p_0} - \frac{\partial s_0}{\partial p_j} \right] dp_0 \right)$$

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- ▶ Identification results constructive and so, in theory, consistent nonparametric estimators could be based on them
- ▶ However, in practice, nonparametric estimation is infeasible given the dimensionality problems
- ▶ Place a set of functional form assumptions on utility and the process driving consideration that are consistent with our framework
- ▶ We estimate special cases of our general framework in two scenarios, showing that asymmetries important for driving the ultimate results

# Estimation: Application Assumptions

- Functional form assumptions a simple version of those followed in marketing literature and Goeree (2008):

$$s_j^*(C) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_j\beta)}{\sum_{j' \in C} \exp(\alpha_{j'} + x_{j'}\beta)}$$

$$\phi_j = \frac{\exp(\delta_j + x_j\gamma)}{1 + \exp(\delta_j + x_j\gamma)}$$

$$\mu = \frac{\exp(\delta_0 + x_0\omega)}{1 + \exp(\delta_0 + x_0\omega)}$$

- Typical to estimate the parameters of the parametric model by maximum (simulated) likelihood (e.g. Goeree 2008)

# Indirect Inference

- ▶ We instead pursue an estimation strategy that is grounded in the identifying variation at the heart of our identification proof
- ▶ Estimate the model by indirect inference
  - ▶ Match the parameters of a flexible auxiliary model that is able to capture cross-derivative asymmetries in the data
  - ▶ Intuitively, if estimate the auxiliary model on data simulated from the 'true' DGP, should get the same parameters as when estimating the auxiliary model on simulated data

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# Choice Experiment

- ▶ Endowed respondents with \$25 and asked them to select their most preferred option from a set of goods that appeared on their screen
- ▶ 10 goods in full choice set chosen from Yale Bookstore with the price randomly drawn
- ▶ We set the probability that a particular good showed up on a respondent  $i$ 's screen in round  $r$  as:

$$\phi_j(p_{ijr}) = \frac{\exp(\delta_j + \gamma p_{ijr})}{1 + \exp(\delta_j + \gamma p_{ijr})}$$

- ▶ Can we recover the (known)  $\delta_j$  and  $\gamma$ ?

# Choice Experiment



**Collegiate Pacific Banner**  
("Yale University Lux et  
Veritas")  
\$8.00



**Embroidered Towel From  
Team Golf**  
\$20.00



**Mug w/ Thumb Piece**  
\$11.00



**LXG Power Bank**  
\$12.00



**Moleskin Large Notebook  
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Unruled**  
\$23.00

(You must wait 10 seconds before clicking next to make sure you consider all options)

Next

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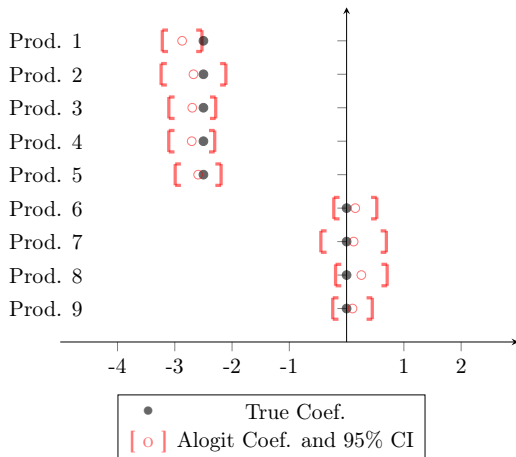
- ▶ Auxiliary model specified as a flexible logit with good specific parameters:

$$v_{ijr} = \omega_j + \theta_p p_{ijr} + \sum_{j'=0}^J \theta_{jj'} p_{ijr} p_{ij'r}$$
$$\tilde{s}_{ijr} = \frac{\exp(v_{ijr})}{\sum_{j'} \exp(v_{ij'r})}$$

- ▶ Estimator of structural utility and consideration parameters,  $\psi = [\delta, \gamma, \alpha, \beta]$ , defined as:

$$\hat{\psi} = \arg \min_{\psi} \left( \hat{\theta}^t - \hat{\theta}^s(\psi) \right)' W \left( \hat{\theta}^t - \hat{\theta}^s(\psi) \right)$$

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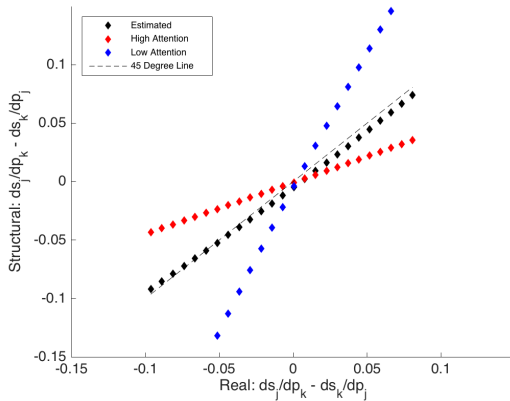


# Results: Price Coefficients

Table: Price Coefficients

|                  | Conditional Logit    | ALogit MLE            | ALogit II            | 'Truth'              |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Utility</i>   | -0.054***<br>(0.003) | -0.1644***<br>(0.037) | -0.1284**<br>(0.048) | -0.173***<br>(0.004) |
| <i>Attention</i> |                      | 0.137***<br>(0.017)   | 0.141***<br>(0.025)  | 0.15                 |

# Asymmetries



# Field Application: Health Insurance

- ▶ Apply the Default Specific Model to Medicare Part D data on:
  - ▶ 20% sample of Part D beneficiaries from 2008-2009
  - ▶ Low Income Subsidy (LIS) beneficiaries “with stakes”
- ▶ DSC model applied by Heiss et al (2017) and Ho, Hogan & Scott-Morton although both rely on additional exclusion restrictions for identification
- ▶ Key question: how to explain inertia in choices over time?
- ▶ Often get implausibly large estimates of switching costs ( $> \$1,000$ )



# Health Insurance

- ▶ Important for welfare evaluation of a **smart default policy**
  - ▶ Low switching because of high inattention?
  - ▶ Low switching because of utility relevant switching costs?
- ▶ Two sources of switching costs:
  - ▶ Paperwork costs,  $\rho$ : hassle and time to enrol in new scheme
  - ▶ Acclimation costs,  $\alpha$ : cost of rescheduling deliveries and switching to new drugs
- ▶ Identification strategy:
  - ▶ Asymmetries: disentangle inattention from switching costs
  - ▶ Random reassignment of LIS beneficiaries: separately identify  $\rho$  and  $\alpha$

# Utility

- Choice probabilities in the DSC model given by:

$$s_{ijt} \equiv s_{jt}(\mathbf{x}_{it}) = (1 - \mu_t(\mathbf{x}_{idt})) \textit{Default}_{ijt} + \mu_t(\mathbf{x}_{idt}) s_{jt}^*(\mathbf{x}_{it})$$

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# Welfare

- ▶ **Smart Default Policy**: individuals are reassigned to an alternative plan and given the option of immediately switching back if they desire without enrolling in the new plan for a year.
- ▶ Assume that normative utility depends only on total cost and other observable factors
- ▶ Change in welfare associated with the policy can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta W_i &= W_i^1 - W_i^0 \\ &= \rho \left( s_{id}^1 - s_{io}^0 \right) + \alpha \Delta s_{io} + \sum_j \Delta s_{ij} v_{ij}\end{aligned}\tag{5.1}$$

# Preference Parameters: Medicare Part D

|                                       | Conditional Logit |         | DSC Model |         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Utility:</i>                       |                   |         |           |         |
| Annual Premium (hundreds)             | -0.505***         | (0.005) | -1.034*** | (0.010) |
| Annual Out of Pocket Costs (hundreds) | -0.214***         | (0.007) | -0.297*** | (0.012) |
| Variance of Costs (millions)          | 2.246***          | (0.089) | 2.579***  | (0.165) |
| Deductible (hundreds)                 | -0.516***         | (0.009) | -0.724*** | (0.013) |
| Donut Hole Coverage                   | 0.691***          | (0.027) | 0.335***  | (0.051) |
| Average Consumer Cost Sharing %       | -1.181***         | 0.107   | -4.128*** | 0.163   |
| # of Top 100 Drugs in Formulary       | 0.038***          | (0.004) | 0.172***  | (0.006) |
| Normalized Quality Rating             | 0.438***          | (0.010) | 0.515***  | (0.015) |
| Original Plan                         | 0.988***          | (0.238) | 1.314***  | (0.257) |
| Assigned Plan                         | 6.428***          | (0.012) | 4.240***  | (0.078) |
| Acclimation Costs                     | \$196             |         | \$127     |         |
| Paperwork Costs                       | \$1078            |         | \$283     |         |
| Attention Probability                 |                   |         | 19.7%     |         |

# Attention Parameters: Medicare Part D

|                                       | Conditional Logit |   | DSC Model |         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------|---------|
| <i>Attention:</i>                     |                   |   |           |         |
| Annual Premium (hundreds)             | -                 | - | 0.062***  | (0.014) |
| Annual Out of Pocket Costs (hundreds) | -                 | - | 0.030*    | (0.012) |
| Variance of Costs (millions)          | -                 | - | -0.627*** | (0.159) |
| Deductible (hundreds)                 | -                 | - | 0.069***  | (0.020) |
| Donut Hole Coverage                   | -                 | - | -0.761*** | (0.052) |
| Average Consumer Cost Sharing %       | -                 | - | -1.447*** | (0.219) |
| # of Top 100 Drugs in Formulary       | -                 | - | -0.002    | (0.010) |
| Normalized Quality Rating             | -                 | - | -0.511*** | (0.019) |
| <hr/>                                 |                   |   |           |         |
| Acclimation Costs                     | \$196             |   | \$127     |         |
| Paperwork Costs                       | \$1078            |   | \$283     |         |
| Attention Probability                 |                   |   | 19.7%     |         |

# Welfare Simulations: Smart Default Policy 1

|   | Attention Cost |       |       |       |       |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | \$0            | \$50  | \$100 | \$200 | \$300 |
| Conditional Logit Parameters                  | \$31           | \$31  | \$31  | \$31  | \$31  |
| DSC Parameters                                | \$177          | \$177 | \$177 | \$177 | \$177 |
| <i>Direct Effect on Attention Probability</i> |                |       |       |       |       |
| 25%   |                |       |       |       |       |
| 50%   |                |       |       |       |       |
| 75%   |                |       |       |       |       |
| 100%  |                |       |       |       |       |

# Welfare Simulations: Smart Default Policy 1

|   | Attention Cost |       |       |       |        |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|   | \$0            | \$50  | \$100 | \$200 | \$300  |
| Conditional Logit Parameters                  | \$31           | \$31  | \$31  | \$31  | \$31   |
| DSC Parameters                                | \$177          | \$177 | \$177 | \$177 | \$177  |
| <i>Direct Effect on Attention Probability</i> |                |       |       |       |        |
| 25%   | \$172          | \$170 | \$168 | \$164 | \$160  |
| 50%   | \$144          | \$129 | \$115 | \$86  | \$57   |
| 75%   | \$112          | \$85  | \$58  | \$4   | -\$50  |
| 100%  | \$77           | \$37  | -\$2  | -\$81 | -\$161 |



# Welfare Simulations: Smart Default Policy 2

|   | Attention Cost |       |       |       |        |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|   | \$0            | \$50  | \$100 | \$200 | \$300  |
| DSC Parameters                                | \$222          | \$222 | \$222 | \$222 | \$222  |
| <i>Direct Effect on Attention Probability</i> |                |       |       |       |        |
| 25%   | \$215          | \$213 | \$210 | \$204 | \$199  |
| 50%   | \$184          | \$168 | \$153 | \$122 | \$91   |
| 75%   | \$150          | \$122 | \$95  | \$39  | -\$17  |
| 100%  | \$114          | \$74  | \$35  | -\$45 | -\$124 |

# Overview of Additional Analysis

- ▶ **Reduced form evidence of asymmetries**: differential sensitivity of switching to changes in the characteristics of the default and rival plans
- ▶ **Overidentification tests**: test whether the exclusion restrictions used in the literature are valid

# Conclusion

- ▶ Show identification of a class of consideration set models that are likely to be useful to applied researchers
- ▶ Exploit violations in symmetry of cross derivatives
- ▶ Assumptions already made by researchers in specifications with full-consideration typically sufficient for identification with limited consideration
- ▶ Demonstrate model utility/tractability through applications to choice in a variety of different settings including welfare evaluation of Smart Default Policy

Thank you!

# Symmetry Proof: Example Nested Logit

- ▶ To see in a very simple case, consider the nested logit in which cross-price effects take the form:

$$\frac{\partial s_{jm}}{\partial p_{km}} = \begin{cases} \beta s_{km} \left( \frac{\sigma}{1-\sigma} s_{jm|g} + s_{jm} \right) & \text{if } j \text{ and } k \text{ in the same nest} \\ \beta s_{jm} s_{km} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $s_{jm|g}$ : gives the within-nest market share of good  $j$
  - ▶  $\sigma$ : how different substitution patterns are within and across nests.
- ▶ Clear that these are symmetric in products in different nests, but what about those in the same nest?

# Symmetry Proof: Example Nested Logit

- For products in the same nest we have:

$$\frac{\partial s_{jm}}{\partial p_{km}} - \frac{\partial s_{km}}{\partial p_{jm}} = \beta \frac{\sigma}{1 - \sigma} (s_{km}s_{jm|g} - s_{jm}s_{km|g})$$

- Given that

$$s_{jm} = s_{jm|g}g_m$$

where  $g_m$  is the probability of buying a good from nest  $g$ .  
We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial s_{jm}}{\partial p_{km}} - \frac{\partial s_{km}}{\partial p_{jm}} &= \beta \frac{\sigma}{1 - \sigma} (s_{km|g}g_ms_{jm|g} - s_{jm|g}g_ms_{km|g}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

# Symmetry Proof: General

- ▶ With  $\mathbb{J}$  denoting exclusion, the probability that option  $j$  is chosen under full consideration is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}s_{jm}^* &= Pr \left( v_{jm} + \epsilon_{ijm} = \max_{j'} v_{j'm} + \epsilon_{ij'm} \right) \\ &= \int \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + e^{-v_{0m}}} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + e^{-v_{Jm}}} f(z_0, \dots, e, \dots, z_J) dz_J \dots [dz_j] \dots dz_0 de\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This allows for an arbitrary correlation structure in the random utility errors.

# Symmetry Proof: General

► Then:

$$\frac{\partial s_{jm}}{\partial p_{j'm}} = -\beta \int \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + \mathbf{e} - v_{0m}} \dots \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + \mathbf{e} - v_{jm}} \right] \dots \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + \mathbf{e} - v_{j'm}} \right] \dots \int_{-\infty}^{v_{jm} + \mathbf{e} - v_{Jm}} \\ f(z_0, \dots, \mathbf{e}, \dots, v_{jm} + \mathbf{e} - v_{j'm}, \dots, z_J) dz_J \dots [dz'_j] \dots [dz_j] \dots dz_0 d\mathbf{e}$$



# Symmetry Proof: General

- Using the change of variables  $t = v_{jm} + e - v_{j'm}$ , one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial s_{jm}}{\partial p_{j'm}} &= -\beta \int \int_{-\infty}^{v_{j'm}+t-v_{0m}} \dots \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{v_{j'm}+t-v_{j'm}} \right] \dots \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{v_{j'm}+t-v_{jm}} \right] \dots \int_{-\infty}^{v_{j'm}+t-v_{iJ}} \\ &\quad f(z_0, \dots, v_{j'm} + t - v_{jm}, \dots, t, \dots, z_J) dz_J \dots [dz'_j] \dots [dz_j] \dots dz_0 dt \\ &= \frac{\partial s_{j'm}}{\partial p_{jm}} \end{aligned}$$