# Simulation of the Inequality Process 

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#### Abstract

We are all aware of the unequal distribution of wealth across the society, and the inequality keeps rising in recent years. An interesting experiment of randomly exchanging dollars within a certain population yields an exponential-like distribution of wealth rather than a uniform distribution, which sheds light on one possible way of modeling this inequality process. In this paper, we model the inequality process via simulating random exchanges of surplus within a certain population (with certain constraints). Different sets of parameters are applied to the model to simulate different types of societies, and we observe the pattern of the wealth distribution. These are fully implemented with Python, and can be found at Yao Xiao's Github repository ${ }^{2}$.


Keywords Economics System • Inequality Process • Surplus Theory • Wealth Distribution

## 1 Introduction

Consider a scenario where $n$ people sit in a room and each person possesses $m$ dollars initially. At each clock tick, a randomly-chosen person gives one dollar to another randomly-chosen person. After a certain amount of time, how will the wealth be distributed among the $n$ people? Intuitively, this can be considered as a random walk on an undirected graph $G=(V, E)$, where each vertex $v \in V$ is an $n$-tuple summing up to $m n$, representing some state of the wealth distribution in the room, and two vertices are connected if and only if one is reachable from the other with a single transaction. We know that the stationary probability measure for any vertex is given by

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\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{P}(v)=\frac{\operatorname{deg}(v)}{2|E|}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

according to László Lovász [9]. Therefore, since $G$ is almost regular, intuitively we would get a uniform distribution. However, in the post [1], a simple program implied that the distribution will become exponential-like, which indicates extreme inequality, which is similar to an inequality process in the economic system. This sheds light on the feasibility of simulating the inequality process via (constrained) random exchange.
In this paper, we will model the economic system in the same way as described above, creating an initial population with an initial distribution of wealth. By saying wealth, we actually mean the only the surplus, and the rest of an individual's wealth will not be modeled and assumed constant. In particular, we will use equally distributed, uniformly distributed, and normally distributed initial wealth in our simulation. Then, two people are selected at random at each clock tick, exchanging their wealth based on various different types of transaction functions, which we will discuss later. We will simulate for a certain number of clock ticks (which we denote by step in the rest of this paper), sufficiently large so as to observe a certain better of the distribution of wealth of the population. We will then analyze the pattern to observe the inequality of the population, and perform distribution fitting to figure out the specific shape of the distribution of wealth.

[^0]Organization. In the rest of this section, we provide an outline of this paper. In Section 2, we will describe the equations used for our simulation, in particular the transaction functions we use and the motivations behind them (Section 2.1). In addition, we describe our method of distribution fitting on the discrete distribution of wealth across the population (Section 2.2). In Section 3, we will validate our simulation results by comparing with the existing research results on real economic systems. In Section 4, we will apply different types of transaction functions with different sets of parameters on various distributions of initial wealth, and elaborate on the results of our simulations and their further implications. We will also select a reasonable set of parameters for the current society discuss our simulation of the real-world economy. Finally, in Section 5, we will wrap up previous discussions and draw some conclusions on the inequality process and the distribution of wealth across the society.

## 2 Equations

### 2.1 Transaction Functions

In this section, we will propose four different transaction functions, each of which simulating a different type of society. The first three of them are based on the propositions in the surplus theory of social stratification [5], as we will discuss as follows.
Proposition 1 (Fugitivity of Surplus Wealth Principle [5]). Surplus is the difference between subsistence and the total production of wealth; societal net product. At the level of the individual person, where people are able to produce a surplus, some of the surplus will be fugitive and leave the possession of people who produce it. Moreover, this implies encounters in which surplus wealth changes hands fairly readily.

With Proposition 1, we are able to simulate a hunter-gatherer society, in which different people are in charge of different necessities that are exchanged later within small groups. We propose the corresponding transaction function, win_take_partial, which acts on the two randomly picked individuals as

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{A}^{\prime}=X_{A}+d U \cdot X_{B}-(1-d) U \cdot X_{A}  \tag{2}\\
& X_{B}^{\prime}=X_{B}+(1-d) U \cdot X_{A}-d U \cdot X_{B} \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{A}, X_{A}^{\prime}=\text { the surplus wealth of } A \text { before (respectively, after) an encounter with } B, \\
& X_{B}, X_{B}^{\prime}=\text { the surplus wealth of } B \text { before (respectively, after) an encounter with } A, \\
& d=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
1, & \text { with probability } 0.5, \\
0, & \text { otherwise },
\end{array} \text { and } U \sim \operatorname{Uniform}(0,1) .\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

Proposition 2 (The Snowball [5]). Wealth confers on those who possess it the ability to extract wealth from others. So netting out each person's ability to do this in a general competition for surplus wealth, the rich tend to take surplus away from the poor.

With Proposition 2, we are able to simulate a simple ranked society, in which there is a bias towards the richer party. The bias can be simply modeled by a assigning the richer party a large probability of taking the wealth rather than giving the wealth. Therefore, we propose the corresponding transaction function, win_take_biased, which acts on the two randomly picked individuals as

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{A}^{\prime}=X_{A}+d U \cdot X_{B}-(1-d) U \cdot X_{A}  \tag{4}\\
& X_{B}^{\prime}=X_{B}+(1-d) U \cdot X_{A}-d U \cdot X_{B} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{A}, X_{A}^{\prime}, X_{B}, \text { and } X_{B}^{\prime} \text { are as previously stated, } \\
& d= \begin{cases}1, & \text { with probability } \delta \text { if } X_{A}>X_{B} \text { and }(1-\delta) \text { otherwise, } \\
0, & \text { otherwise, }\end{cases} \\
& U \sim \operatorname{Uniform}(0,1) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using $\delta \in(0.5,1)$, we can simulate the previous scenario in which the transaction is biased towards the richer party. Note that with $\delta=0.5$, win_take_biased is the same as win_take_partial, and with $\delta \in(0,0.5)$, it can be easily generalized to make the transaction biased towards the poorer party.

Proposition 3 (Resistance Principle [5]). Surplus should be viewed as being made up of layers and that the top layers are more fugitive, more easily lost than the bottom layers, those close to the level of subsistence.

From Proposition 3, we can see the layering of surplus and subsistence. Note that layer here does not mean an explicit structure of layers, but an implicit measure of the level of resistance to loss, meaning that in a society with more layers, any individual is less likely to lose to much of his wealth in a single transaction. Lenski also hypothesized that with the evolution of the industrial society, there will be more layers with increasing resistance to loss, and the total expectation of loss should thus drop [8]. This is modeled via the corresponding transaction function, win_take_layer, which acts on the two randomly picked individuals as

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\begin{align*}
& X_{A}^{\prime}=X_{A}+d Z \cdot X_{B}-(1-d) Z \cdot X_{A}  \tag{6}\\
& X_{B}^{\prime}=X_{B}+(1-d) Z \cdot X_{A}-d Z \cdot X_{B} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{A}, X_{A}^{\prime}, X_{B}, X_{B}^{\prime}, \text { and } d \text { are as previously stated, } \\
& Z=\sum_{k=1}^{l} \frac{U_{k}^{k}}{l}, \quad \text { with } U_{k} \sim \operatorname{Uniform}(0,1), k=1, \cdots, n .
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that using $l=1$, the model becomes a single-layer economy, and thus win_take_layer becomes the same as win_take_biased. Moreover, we check that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{E}(Z)=\frac{1}{l} \sum_{k=1}^{l} \mathbb{E}\left(U_{k}^{k}\right)=\frac{1}{l} \sum_{k=1}^{l} \int_{0}^{1} x^{k} d x=\frac{1}{l} \sum_{k=1}^{l} \frac{1}{k+1}, \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

which significantly decreases as $l$ increases (especially for small values of $l$ ), indicating the increase of resistance to loss since $Z$ represents the proportion of wealth that the loser is likely to lose in each transaction.
Based on the propositions and observations as discussed above, we further embed a certain tax policy into the model of the economic system, which takes a portion from the amount of exchange and later distributes equally across the total population. This partially simulates the modern society, in which government policy and intervention (e.g., taxing) takes microeconomic effects on the distribution of wealth across the society. The corresponding transaction function, win_with_tax, acts on the two randomly picked individuals as

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{A}^{\prime}=X_{A}+d \cdot\left(Z X_{B}-\operatorname{tax}\left(Z X_{B}\right)\right)-(1-d) \cdot Z X_{A}  \tag{9}\\
& X_{B}^{\prime}=X_{B}+(1-d) \cdot\left(Z X_{A}-\operatorname{tax}\left(Z X_{A}\right)\right)-d \cdot Z X_{B} \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

where
$X_{A}, X_{A}^{\prime}, X_{B}, X_{B}^{\prime}, d$, and $Z$ are as previously stated,
tax : the amount of the transaction $\mapsto$ the amount of tax taken for later distribution.
The tax function can take a simple proportion, or impose some more complicated taxing policy as we will specify when we simulate the real-world economy system later.

### 2.2 Distribution Fitting

To explicitly analyze the distribution of wealth as a result of the inequality process, we load all generic continuous random variables from the scipy. stats Python library. We take the normalized histogram (with the horizontal axis representing wealth and the vertical axis representing the number of people, normalized in the sense that the height of the histogram bars sum up to 1 ). For each distribution, we try to maximize its likelihood function $\mathcal{L}(\theta \mid x)$ with the normalized histogram where $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ denotes the set of parameters of the continuous random variable. The maximum likelihood estimation [4] can be done by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}=\underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\arg \max } f(\mathbf{x} ; \boldsymbol{\theta})=\underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\arg \min }\left(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log f\left(x_{i}, \boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\right), \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f$ is the probability density function, and $\mathbf{x}$ is the random vector as a sample of $n$ independent random variables with this probability density function.
After fitting each continuous random variable to the normalized histogram (with the best set of parameters respectively), we compute for each of them the mean-squared error, and sort in ascending order to find the top 20 fits. We also perform the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test [3] which measures if the sample comes from a population with the specific distribution.

## 3 Validation

In this section, we will compare our results to the existing research results on real economic systems to validate our simulation. Note that our simulation is hard to validate in other ways, given that there are no invariants except for the total amount of wealth in the system (which is clearly constant since the gain of the winner and the loss of the loser coincide trivially by definition of the transaction functions). The simulation results will be discussed more in detail in Section 4.

Previous research on different countries has shown that the income distribution of the richest (the tail) approximates the Pareto distribution [7][10]. Moreover, the gamma distribution is a conjugate prior to the Pareto distribution, which is indistinguishable from the latter near the tail. Various simulation results of our model indicate that the gamma distribution is one of the best fits of the the normalized histogram (with different transaction functions and different sets of parameters), one of which as is shown in Figure 1. Note, however, that the Pareto distribution is not among the top 20 best fits of the normalized histogram in this graph. This is due to the implementation of the fit algorithm. We are using the maximum likelihood estimation, whereas the method of moments estimation may generate some highly accurate fits that are missed by the maximum likelihood estimation but also miss some nice fits that can be found by it. To conclude, our simulation results do agree with the previous research.
Another recent research on the economic exchange claims that the beta prime distribution is suitable for describing real-world wealth distribution, given that it can mimic various behaviors (e.g., exponential behavior for both large and small values) [11]. Indeed, the beta prime distribution is also among the top 20 best fits of the normalized histogram shown in Figure 1. Moreover, we have another simulation with carefully chosen parameters that simulate the real-world economic system, the result of which is shown in Figure 2.


Figure 1: The gamma distribution is one of the best fits of the normalized histogram of some simulation result, which agrees to the existing research results.

## 4 Results and Discussion

In this section, we provide some of our simulation results. The full Python implementation of our simulation can be found at Yao Xiao's Github repository ${ }^{3}$. Note that due to the limitation of space, we will display only a small portion

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Figure 2: The beta prime distribution fits the normalized histogram of real-world economy simulation especially well, which agrees with the existing research results.
of figures and printouts of our simulation. The still figures of all our simulation results can be found here, and the printout and animations can be found here. See also the Appendices (Section A and Section B). Also note that in all our simulations, we use populations of size 2000 with mean initial wealth 100 . We simulate for $2 \times 10^{4}$ steps for simulations in Section 4.1 and Section 4.2, and for $2 \times 10^{5}$ steps for simulations in Section 4.3 and Section 4.4.
For each simulation Section 4.1 and Section 4.2, we provide the following plots:

- Gini coefficient: the horizontal axis represents the number of exchanges, and the vertical axis represent the Gini coefficient of the economic system, measuring the inequality of the society.
- Histogram: the histogram of total population at the start and by the end of the simulation. The horizontal axis is the wealth, and each bar represents the number of people with a certain range of wealth. This graph vividly demonstrates the distribution of wealth across the society.
- Ordered curves: the ordered curves at the start and by the end of the simulation. This graph can visualize how the wealth of a person at a certain rank in the society changes during the simulation.
- Percentiles: the 1st, 5th, 25th, 50th, 75th, 95th, 99th percentiles are considered. The quantiles are of interest since they represent important statistical information. The other percentiles of interest represents the behavior of the wealthiest (respectively, the poorest) population.


### 4.1 The Evolution of the Society

In this section, we consider only the case of equally-distributed initial wealth. Together with the assumption that the mean of the initial wealth is 100 , this means that each individual is initially assigned a wealth of 100 .

The hunter-gatherer society. We use the transaction function win_take_partial for this part of simulation, and the plots are shown as in Figure 3.
From the plot of the Gini coefficient, we can see that the it converges to approximately 0.63 , indicating a pretty high level of inequality in the society. From the distribution histograms, we can see more in detail that the distribution of the wealth is exponential-like. The ordered curves again confirms that most of the total wealth is concentrated in the


Figure 3: The simulation results of the hunter-gatherer society using the transaction function win_take_partial.
the very few richest individuals. Finally, from the graph of percentiles, we can see that the richest $1 \%$ is continuously becoming even richer, while the poorest $25 \%$ holds almost no wealth.

The ranked society. We use the transaction function win_take_biased for this part of simulation. There is a bias parameter $\delta$ involved in this transaction function, and we discuss two cases.

- $\delta \in(0.5,1)$. In this case, the transaction is biased towards the richer party, meaning that richer individuals in the society are more likely to gain wealth than to lose wealth, and the poorer individuals in contrary. Therefore, this simulates a ranked society. We experimented on $\delta=0.6$ and $\delta=0.8$, and the plots for $\delta=0.8$ are shown as in Figure 4.
Comparing with the hunter-gatherer society, we can see that the Gini coefficient becomes even higher and keeps growing till the end of our simulation. Moreover, the graph of the percentiles shows that more than half of the (poorest) population owns almost no wealth at all, comparing to the $25 \%$ in the hunter-gatherer society. All of these results indicate a severer inequality in the ranked society, which is indeed the case by intuition.
- $\delta \in(0,0.5)$. This case is not for simulating the ranked society (since the transaction is biased towards the poorer party), but for discovering if a large enough bias towards the poor can lead to equality in a society. We experimented on $\delta=0.4$ and $\delta=0.2$, but both still show a obvious inequality in the distribution of wealth across the society, though not as unequal as the previous case or as the hunter-gatherer society. Therefore, we even reduced to $\delta=0$, where only wealthy people give money to the poor but not the converse. The simulation results of this extreme case are as shown in Figure 5.
In this case, we can see that the Gini coefficient converges to only approximately 0.45 , which is close to the Gini coefficient of the modern society nowadays. The histogram finally does not show an exponential shape, also meaning that the inequality is reduced. The ordered curves become much smoother, and from the graph of percentiles we can see that even the poorest $5 \%$ of people now possess a small amount of wealth. To conclude, using $\delta=0$ simulate a system in which the inequality level is acceptable (compared to nowadays). However, it is unrealistic for such a society to exist.

The industrial society. We use the transaction function win_take_layer for this part of simulation. In addition to the bias parameter $\delta$, we introduce a new layer parameter $l$, and we analyze its effects on the inequality process. Due to


Figure 4: The simulation results of the ranked society with bias 0.8 towards the richer party in the economic system, using the transaction function win_take_biased with $\delta=0.8$. This means that, the richer party in each transaction has $80 \%$ probability of gaining wealth while only $20 \%$ probability of losing wealth.


Figure 5: The simulation results of a society in which only wealthy people give money to the poor but not the converse, using the transaction function win_take_biased with $\delta=0$.
the limitation of space, we will only show the results for $\delta=0.5$ (which means there is no bias), with only the graphs of histograms as an illustration. Experiments are conducted for $l=2$ and $l=5$, whose results are as shown in Figure 6.


Figure 6: The simulation results of the industrial society using the transaction function win_take_layer with $\delta=0.5$. The plot on the left is the result for $l=2$, while the plot on the right is the result for $l=5$.

The Gini coefficients, though not plotted, converge to approximately 0.47 and 0.42 for $l=2$ and $l=5$ respectively, which are decreasing as $l$ increases, also comparing to the hunter-gatherer society in which $l=1$. As for the histograms, the slope of the shape for $l=2$ is much gentler than that for $l=1$, and the shape of $l=5$ is not even exponential-like but similar to a bell-shaped curve, indicating less inequality in the society. The graphs of the percentiles lead to the same conclusion. Indeed, this result agrees with the intuition that, with greater resistance to loss, one will be less likely to become poor very quickly.

The modern society. We use the transaction function win_with_tax for this simulation, introducing tax apart from the factors $\delta$ and $l$ as previously discussed. In this section, we take the tax function to simply return a certain proportion of wealth for each exchange. Again, due to limitation of space, only the graphs of histograms will be plotted. Moreover, we select $\delta=0.6$ and $l=5$, which best approximates the reality. We experiment for extracting $3 \%, 10 \%, 20 \%$, and $45 \%$ tax from each transaction, and their plots are shown in Figure 7.
We can see that $3 \%$ of tax does not make a great difference in the final wealth distribution, compared with previous results. However, as the tax rate increases, the wealth becomes more evenly distributed across the population. With just $10 \%$ of tax, the Gini coefficient comes to 0.45 , and the histogram changes from the exponential-like shape to a bell shape, as compared with Figure 5 in which the rich are forced to give wealth to the poor. As the tax rate keep increasing, the bell shape becomes clearer, indicating an increasingly equal wealth distribution (indeed, the Gini coefficient for $45 \%$ tax rate is only approximately 0.36 ).

However, we also note that taxes, in the real world, are not just a simple proportion, but with more complicated strategies to stabilize the wealth distribution and minimize the inequality of the society. A real-world simulation will be introduced and discussed in Section 4.4.

### 4.2 The effect of the Initial Wealth Distribution

In this section, we will apply different distributions of initial wealth to our model.

- Equally-distributed initial wealth: This is as discussed in the previous section. All individuals within the simulated economic system will be assigned the same amount of initial wealth.
- Uniformly-distributed initial wealth: The initial wealth distribution follows a continuous uniform random variable. With the assumption that the initial mean of wealth is 100 , init $\sim \operatorname{Uniform}(0,100)$.
- Normally-distributed initial wealth: The initial wealth distribution follows a normal random variable. In addition to initial mean of 100 , we further assume that initial standard deviation of wealth is 20 in our simulations. That is, init $\sim \mathcal{N}(100,400)$, where $\mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \sigma^{2}\right)$ denotes the normal distribution.

We have repeated all the experiments done for the equally-distributed initial wealth on the other two types on initial wealth distributions, but the experiment on the transaction function win_take_layer is sufficient to show the results since the other experiments are similar. To illustrate the comparison more explicitly, we will use specific data instead of plots, as is shown in Table 1.


Figure 7: The simulation results of the modern society using the transaction function win_with_tax with $\delta=0.6$, $l=5$, and tax as the simple tax function. The plots (from left to right, and from top to bottom) are the results for tax $\%=3 \%, 10 \%, 20 \%$, and $45 \%$, respectively.

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Equally-distributed initial wealth:
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Uniformly-distributed initial wealth:
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Normally-distributed initial wealth:

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% \| |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 20.22 | 53 | 68 | 86 | 100 | 114 | 132 | 145 \| |
| 20000 | 0.64 | 142.29 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 128 | 388 | 664 |

Table 1: The simulation of the hunter-gatherer society, given different distributions of initial wealth. The columns gini represent the Gini coefficient, std represents the standard deviation, and the percentages represent the corresponding percentiles. Step 0 and Step 20000 refer to the start and the end of the simulation, respectively.

We can see that the final Gini coefficient for all three kinds of initial wealth distributions are similar, namely around 0.63 . Moreover, corresponding percentiles show a similar amount of wealth. In particular, the $5 \%$ poorest population occupies no wealth, and the top $1 \%$ richest population occupies most of the wealth $(600+)$. Therefore, we can conclude that different distributions of initial wealth will not contribute to significant difference in the final distribution of wealth in the long run.

### 4.3 Distribution Fitting

In this section, we fit then continuous probability distributions from scipy. stats Python library to the normalized histogram. Experiments are performed on the following sets of parameters for equally-distributed initial wealth.

- $\delta=0.5, l=1$ : the shape of the histogram is exponential-like.
- $\delta=0.6, l=1$ : the shape of the histogram is exponential-like, and is much steeper than the previous case.
- $\delta=0.5, l=5$ : the histogram shows a bell shape.
- $\delta=0.6, l=5$ : the histogram shows a bell shape, but is less obvious than the previous case, with a very short left tail (the part to the left of the top of the bell).

These four cases cover all the shapes of the histogram that we observe in the previous experiments. Therefore, it is sufficient to perform distribution fitting for these cases. Due to the limitation of space, we will show only the plots for the second and the third case as in Figure 8, with the former being "the most unequal" and the latter being "the most equal" among these four test cases.


Figure 8: The plots and printout for distribution fitting. In the graphs on the left, the top 20 fits are listed in order, and the data in the parentheses are their corresponding parameters. In the printout on the right, the mean-squared error MSE and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test statistics KS-stat of some well-known distributions among the top 20 fits are listed.

We can see that in both cases shown here, the gamma distribution and the betaprime distribution fit the normalized histogram very well, and in fact they are among the top 20 in almost all previous cases. This agrees with the research results on the income distribution of various different countries [7][10], as is also specified in Section 3.

### 4.4 Case Study: Real-World Economy

In this section, we perform an experiment simulating the real-world economy of China. In China, residents are subject to the taxes on personal income enforced by People's Republic of China, in which different levels of income are subject to different tax rates [6]. For instance, if a resident of China has 100000 CNY of annual income, 36000 of it will be applied a tax rate of $3 \%$ and the rest a tax rate of $10 \%$. We simulate this policy and design the piecewise constant tax rates, with the jumps at the same proportion as the original policy, but adjusted to fit the initial mean of wealth in our model. The corresponding mapping of tax is visualized in Figure 9.


Figure 9: The function tax that is used for simulating the taxes on personal income enforced by People's Republic of China in our model, where the initial mean wealth is 100 .

This tax function is applied to the transaction function with_with_tax. Moreover, we consider $\delta=0.6$ and $l=5$ as the best set of parameters to simulate the real-world economy today. We simulate for $2 \times 10^{5}$ step for the accuracy of our result, and we perform distribution fitting as well. Due to the limitation of space, we show only the plot of Gini coefficient and the plot of percentiles to prove that the distribution of wealth has indeed reached a steady state (Figure 10), and fitted normalized histogram to reflect the distribution of wealth in our simulated real-world economy (Section 3, Figure 2).


Figure 10: The simulation results of the real-world economy using the transaction function win_with_tax with $\delta=0.6, l=5$, and the tax function as described above. The distribution fitting is shown in Section 3, Figure 2, which is not shown here again due to the limitation of space.

As we can see, the Gini coefficient converges to approximately 0.45 , and China's Gini coefficient has been around this value for decades [2]. The plot of percentiles also indicate a reasonable behavior, in which only the wealth of the top $10 \%$ richest population varies a lot along with the simulation while the wealth of other people are stable. From Section 3, Figure 2, we again claim that the gamma distribution, as discussed in Section 4.3, fits the normalized histogram very well, and the beta prime distribution fits it even better, with both results agreeing with the researches on the modern world economic exchange and wealth distribution [7][10][11]. Though this does not necessarily mean that we are simulating the real-world economy in a correct way and following the real-world economic activities, this does indicate that our model, to some extent, reflects the wealth distribution of a real-world society and the inequality process correctly.

## 5 Summary and Conclusions

In this paper, we described a way of modeling the inequality process using random transactions within a population with certain transaction functions and restrictions. We followed the evolution of society, and analyzed the effect of bias and layers in the transactions on the distribution of wealth across the society. That is, with a lower bias towards the rich and more layers (i.e., a more industrialized society), the distribution of wealth tends to be more equal. However, in the real world, it is unrealistic to impose any set of parameters to reduce inequality. Therefore, tax is introduced into our model, and we also performed a real-world simulation using the policy of taxes on personal income of People's Republic of China, along with a reasonable set of bias and layers. The results turn out to agree with the real world economy, in a sense that the Gini coefficient is around 0.45 , and the distributions that fit well with the normalized histogram include the gamma distribution and the beta prime distribution. This in turn validates the feasibility of our modeling in reflecting the inequality process and the distribution of wealth across the society.

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## Appendix

## A Implementation and Python Code

## A. 1 Population Setup

```
class Population(ABC): # The abstract class
    def simulate(self, transaction, n:int, *args): # The simulation method
        :param function: the transaction function to use in the simulation
        :param n: the total number of transactions to simulate
        for _ in range(n):
            A, B = random.sample(range(self.size), 2) # Select two people at random
                self.update(transaction(self.history[-1], A, B, *args))
                        # Perform a transaction
class EqualPopulation(Population): # Inherits the abstract class
    def __init__(self, size:int, mean:float) -> None:
        self.size = size
        self.history = [np.array([mean] * size)]
    # Inherits the 'simulate` method
class UniformPopulation(Population): # Inherits the abstract class
    def __init__(self, size:int, mean: float) -> None:
        self.size = size
        sample = np.random.uniform(0, 200, size) # Generate a uniform sample
        factor = size * mean / np.sum(sample)
                            # Fit the sample to the mean
        self.history = [sample * factor]
    # Inherits the 'simulate` method
class NormalPopulation(Population): # Inherits the abstract class
    def __init__(self, size:int, mean:float, std:float) -> None:
        self.size = size
        self.history = [np.random.normal(mean, std, size)]
    # Inherits the 'simulate` method
```


## A. 2 Transaction Functions

```
def win_take_partial(population:np.ndarray, A:int, B:int) -> np.ndarray:
    """
    :param population: the population in which the transaction takes place
    :param A: the index of one person in the population to make transaction
    :param B: the index of the other person in the population to make transaction
    :return: the new population after (if exists) the transaction
    """
    result = np.copy(population)
    ratio = np.random.uniform(0, 1) # Determine the ratio to give/take
    if random.random() < 0.5: # Determine the winner
        result[A] = population[A] + ratio * population[B]
        result[B] = population[B] - ratio * population[B]
    else:
        result[B] = population[B] + ratio * population[A]
        result[A] = population[A] - ratio * population[A]
    return result
```

def win_take_biased(population:np.ndarray, A:int, B:int, bias:float) -> np.ndarray:
"""
:param bias: the bias towards the richer party in the transaction, should be in [0, 1]

```
    :return: the new population after (if exists) the transaction
    Other params same as above
    """
    assert(bias >= 0 and bias <= 1)
    result = np.copy(population)
    ratio = np.random.uniform(0, 1) # Determine the ratio to give/take
    if population[A] > population[B]: # Determine the richer party
    richer, poorer = A, B
else:
    richer, poorer = B, A
if random.random() < bias: # Determine the winner
    result[richer] = population[richer] + ratio * population[poorer]
    result[poorer] = population[poorer] - ratio * population[poorer]
else:
    result[poorer] = population[poorer] + ratio * population[richer]
    result[richer] = population[richer] - ratio * population[richer]
return result
def win_take_layer(population:np.ndarray, A:int, B:int, bias:float, layers:int) -> np.ndarray:
    """
    :param layers: the number of layers that forces a resistance to loss from the loser
    :return: the new population after (if exists) the transaction
    Other params same as above
    """
    assert(bias >= 0 and bias <= 1)
    result = np.copy(population)
    ratio = np.sum(np.square(np.random.uniform(0, 1, layers)) / layers)
                                    # Determine the ratio to give/take
    if population[A] > population[B]: # Determine the richer party
        richer, poorer = A, B
    else:
        richer, poorer = B, A
    if random.random() < bias: # Determine the winner
        result[richer] = population[richer] + ratio * population[poorer]
        result[poorer] = population[poorer] - ratio * population[poorer]
    else:
        result[poorer] = population[poorer] + ratio * population[richer]
        result[richer] = population[richer] - ratio * population[richer]
    return result
def win_with_tax(population:np.ndarray, A:int, B:int, bias:float, layers:int):
    """
    :return: the new population after (if exists) the transaction
    Params same as above. 'tax' is a function that takes an amount of exchange,
    and returns the tax to be taken, according to some specific tax policy
    """
    result = np.copy(population)
    ratio = np.sum(np.square(np.random.uniform(0, 1, layers)) / layers)
                                    # Determine the ratio to give/take
    if population[A] > population[B]: # Determine the richer party
        richer, poorer = A, B
    else:
        richer, poorer = B, A
    if random.random() < bias: # Determine the winner
        exchange_amount = ratio * population[poorer]
        tax = tax(exchange_amount, init_mean) # Determine the amount of tax
        result += tax / len(population) # Evenly distribute the tax
        result[richer] = population[richer] + exchange_amount - tax
        result[poorer] = population[poorer] - exchange_amount
```

```
else:
    exchange_amount = ratio * population[richer]
    tax = tax(exchange_amount, init_mean) # Determine the amount of tax
    result += tax / len(population) # Evenly distribute the tax
    result[poorer] = population[poorer] + exchange_amount - tax
    result[richer] = population[richer] - exchange_amount
return result
```


## A. 3 Distribution Fitting

For the each distribution fitting, we refer to the 'scipy.stats' documentation. The code is long and complicated, thus will not be explicitly shown here but implicitly represented by the fit method that returns the set of parameters of the fitted distribution.

```
for name in distributions: # Iterate all distributions in 'scipy.stats`
    try:
            # Fitting distribution and computing errors
            distribution = eval("stats.{}".format(name))
            param = distribution.fit(data) # Get fitted parameters
            fit_pdf = distribution.pdf(hist_bins, *param) # Get probability density
            mse = np.sum(np.square(fit_pdf - hist)) # Compute mean-squared error
            ks_stat, ks_pval = stats.kstest(data, distribution(*param).cdf)
                                    # Perform Kolmogorov-Smirnov test
            # Storing information
            mses.append(mse)
            ks_stats.append(ks_stat)
            ks_pvals.append(ks_pval)
            pdfs[name] = fit_pdf
            params[name] = tuple([float("{0:.2f}".format(n)) for n in param])
    except: # Failed to fit the distribution
            # Mark errors as infinity to avoid affecting the final result
            mses.append(np.inf)
            ks_stats.append(np.inf)
            ks_pvals.append(np.inf)
            pdfs[name] = None
            params[name] = (,)
# Create dataframe for data collection
df_info = pd.DataFrame({"MSE": mses, "KS-stat": ks_stats, "KS-pval": ks_pvals})
df_info.index = distributions
# Obtain the top 20 based on mean-squared error
best_fits = df_info.sort_values(by="MSE").index[0:min(20, len(distributions))]
# Plot the fitting distributions
for name in best_fits:
    plt.plot(hist_bins, pdfs[name], label="{} {}".format(name, params[name]))
# Initialize the output table of fitting errors
table = PrettyTable()
table.field_names = ["distr", "MSE", "KS-stat", "KS-pval"]
for name in best_fits:
    table.add_row([name,
            "{:.2E}".format(df_info.loc[name, "MSE"]),
            "{:.2E}".format(df_info.loc[name, "KS-stat"]),
            "{:.2E}".format(df_info.loc[name, "KS-pval"]),
    ])
```


## B Printouts of Simulation Results

In this section, we will provide the full printouts of all our experiments. Apart from this section, you may also find the still figures (with printouts) of all our simulation results here, and corresponding animations (with printouts) here.

## B. 1 Equally-Distributed Initial Wealth

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2000 | 0.43 | 80.77 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 100 | 139 | 257 | 356 |
| 4000 | 0.57 | 113.32 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 64 | 145 | 342 | 477 |
| 6000 | 0.64 | 136.25 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 42 | 145 | 363 | 632 |
| 8000 | 0.69 | 153.72 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 140 | 402 | 741 |
| 10000 | 0.72 | 166.94 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 125 | 449 | 776 |
| 12000 | 0.75 | 177.94 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 114 | 469 | 843 |
| 14000 | 0.76 | 185.20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 104 | 502 | 831 |
| 16000 | 0.77 | 191.89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 101 | 537 | 891 |
| 18000 | 0.78 | 201.22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 95 | 550 | 957 |
| 20000 | 0.79 | 209.72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 90 | 536 | 1065 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has 60\% chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps

Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% \| |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2000 | 0.40 | 74.30 | 0 | 5 | 41 | 100 | 135 | 239 | 331 |
| 4000 | 0.49 | 93.68 | 0 | 3 | 27 | 77 | 145 | 277 | 422 |
| 6000 | 0.54 | 107.54 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 64 | 143 | 323 | 462 |
| 8000 | 0.55 | 110.53 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 61 | 139 | 330 | 493 |
| 10000 | 0.57 | 114.67 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 59 | 141 | 341 | 502 |
| 12000 | 0.58 | 121.11 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 56 | 137 | 342 | 546 |
| 14000 | 0.58 | 121.83 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 56 | 137 | 346 | 567 |
| 16000 | 0.58 | 120.38 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 57 | 137 | 343 | 543 |
| 18000 | 0.58 | 123.44 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 54 | 137 | 339 | 569 |
| 20000 | 0.59 | 125.50 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 55 | 140 | 339 | 590 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has 20\% chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning


| 4000 | 0.43 | 80.06 | 1 | 7 | 35 | 82 | 144 | 258 | 339 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6000 | 0.51 | 98.67 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 67 | 147 | 295 | 433 |
| 8000 | 0.56 | 111.21 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 59 | 145 | 326 | 486 |
| 10000 | 0.59 | 120.38 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 53 | 143 | 343 | 529 |
| 12000 | 0.62 | 130.25 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 49 | 136 | 384 | 584 |
| 14000 | 0.64 | 137.97 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 43 | 131 | 401 | 627 |
| 16000 | 0.65 | 143.35 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 41 | 135 | 425 | 656 |
| 18000 | 0.67 | 149.99 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 36 | 131 | 437 | 709 |
| 20000 | 0.67 | 153.83 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 35 | 130 | 408 | 742 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% |  | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2000 | 0.29 | 52.88 | 7 | 20 | 62 | 100 | 126 | 201 | 253 |
| 4000 | 0.38 | 70.10 | 3 | 12 | 46 | 87 | 137 | 236 | 312 |
| 6000 | 0.43 | 80.46 | 2 | 7 | 38 | 79 | 144 | 253 | 360 |
| 8000 | 0.46 | 87.42 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 75 | 143 | 269 | 388 |
| 10000 | 0.48 | 94.90 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 72 | 139 | 283 | 428 |
| 12000 | 0.50 | 98.43 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 69 | 141 | 292 | 444 |
| 14000 | 0.51 | 102.68 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 68 | 142 | 294 | 496 |
| 16000 | 0.52 | 104.08 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 66 | 142 | 297 | 488 |
| 18000 | 0.52 | 106.82 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 66 | 141 | 308 | 481 |
| 20000 | 0.52 | 104.40 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 65 | 140 | 313 | 482 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has 50\% chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning


| 14000 | 0.41 | 78.79 | 2 | 11 | 42 | 81 | 136 | 253 | 365 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16000 | 0.42 | 80.96 | 3 | 12 | 42 | 80 | 133 | 262 | 380 |
| 18000 | 0.42 | 81.22 | 2 | 11 | 39 | 80 | 136 | 261 | 379 |
| 20000 | 0.43 | 81.57 | 3 | 11 | 38 | 79 | 139 | 257 | 383 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning

| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.30 | 54.69 | 12 | 25 | 59 | 100 | 129 | 201 | 269 |
| 4000 | 0.42 | 78.04 | 4 | 11 | 40 | 81 | 140 | 247 | 344 |
| 6000 | 0.48 | 92.04 | 1 | 5 | 29 | 71 | 143 | 281 | 388 |
| 8000 | 0.52 | 101.45 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 68 | 143 | 308 | 440 |
| 10000 | 0.55 | 108.15 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 62 | 144 | 327 | 493 |
| 12000 | 0.58 | 117.64 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 56 | 139 | 345 | 546 |
| 14000 | 0.60 | 124.96 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 51 | 136 | 375 | 566 |
| 16000 | 0.61 | 128.01 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 49 | 137 | 382 | 577 |
| 18000 | 0.62 | 131.91 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 46 | 133 | 390 | 589 |
| 20000 | 0.63 | 134.98 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 44 | 136 | 376 | 595 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 2000 | 0.27 | 48.46 | 16 | 31 | 64 | 100 | 129 | 188 | 237 |
| 4000 | 0.36 | 65.73 | 9 | 18 | 50 | 87 | 135 | 229 | 306 |
| 6000 | 0.40 | 74.60 | 4 | 12 | 43 | 82 | 140 | 250 | 346 |
| 8000 | 0.43 | 81.88 | 3 | 10 | 37 | 79 | 140 | 262 | 370 |
| 10000 | 0.45 | 86.73 | 2 | 8 | 33 | 77 | 140 | 280 | 383 |
| 12000 | 0.47 | 91.87 | 2 | 6 | 32 | 74 | 142 | 275 | 409 |
| 14000 | 0.47 | 92.61 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 73 | 139 | 281 | 424 |
| 16000 | 0.46 | 90.96 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 73 | 142 | 276 | 405 |
| 18000 | 0.46 | 90.94 | 2 | 7 | 33 | 73 | 140 | 270 | 386 |
| 20000 | 0.47 | 93.03 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 74 | 138 | 280 | 404 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $50 \%$ chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning

| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.22 | 39.33 | 27 | 43 | 71 | 100 | 123 | 169 | 203 |
| 4000 | 0.25 | 45.77 | 22 | 37 | 67 | 93 | 127 | 180 | 238 |
| 6000 | 0.26 | 48.24 | 21 | 36 | 63 | 92 | 127 | 192 | 249 |
| 8000 | 0.26 | 47.96 | 22 | 35 | 64 | 92 | 126 | 185 | 254 |
| 10000 | 0.27 | 48.95 | 19 | 34 | 64 | 91 | 128 | 190 | 251 |
| 12000 | 0.27 | 49.47 | 20 | 34 | 64 | 92 | 127 | 193 | 251 |
| 14000 | 0.28 | 50.20 | 21 | 33 | 62 | 91 | 128 | 195 | 241 |
| 16000 | 0.27 | 50.50 | 21 | 34 | 63 | 90 | 129 | 193 | 249 |
| 18000 | 0.27 | 50.09 | 18 | 34 | 63 | 92 | 126 | 197 | 251 |
| 20000 | 0.28 | 51.56 | 18 | 34 | 62 | 91 | 127 | 197 | 257 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


## B. 2 Uniformly-Distributed Initial Wealth

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.33 | 57.02 | 1 | 9 | 52 | 99 | 150 | 187 | 195 |
| 2000 | 0.48 | 90.62 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 75 | 153 | 274 | 383 |
| 4000 | 0.55 | 106.81 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 63 | 151 | 310 | 459 |
| 6000 | 0.57 | 116.22 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 57 | 143 | 339 | 518 |
| 8000 | 0.60 | 125.44 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 52 | 143 | 358 | 586 |
| 10000 | 0.62 | 132.18 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 48 | 136 | 379 | 605 |
| 12000 | 0.62 | 132.40 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 45 | 141 | 376 | 620 |
| 14000 | 0.62 | 130.03 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 48 | 139 | 370 | 616 |
| 16000 | 0.62 | 129.10 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 49 | 139 | 385 | 591 |
| 18000 | 0.62 | 131.84 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 49 | 137 | 352 | 643 |
| 20000 | 0.63 | 133.99 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 46 | 137 | 374 | 633 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning


| 4000 | 0.62 | 128.66 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 47 | 149 | 361 | 575 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6000 | 0.67 | 144.44 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 148 | 414 | 634 |
| 8000 | 0.70 | 155.77 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 | 139 | 448 | 678 |
| 10000 | 0.73 | 167.29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 126 | 454 | 765 |
| 12000 | 0.75 | 180.28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 117 | 480 | 888 |
| 14000 | 0.76 | 187.87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 112 | 496 | 885 |
| 16000 | 0.77 | 191.27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 105 | 535 | 870 |
| 18000 | 0.78 | 196.59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 100 | 539 | 912 |
| 20000 | 0.79 | 202.29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 93 | 558 | 967 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| ste | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.34 | 58.68 | 2 | 10 | 48 | 99 | 152 | 190 | 197 |
| 2000 | 0.47 | 86.49 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 82 | 146 | 277 | 371 |
| 4000 | 0.52 | 102.19 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 67 | 147 | 310 | 432 |
| 6000 | 0.56 | 115.73 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 59 | 144 | 336 | 546 |
| 8000 | 0.58 | 119.66 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 58 | 142 | 342 | 540 |
| 10000 | 0.58 | 121.64 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 58 | 137 | 343 | 575 |
| 12000 | 0.58 | 121.35 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 54 | 141 | 352 | 533 |
| 14000 | 0.59 | 124.79 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 55 | 138 | 344 | 572 |
| 16000 | 0.58 | 123.63 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 57 | 133 | 334 | 571 |
| 18000 | 0.58 | 122.38 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 58 | 139 | 345 | 562 |
| 20000 | 0.58 | 122.92 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 57 | 138 | 344 | 562 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning

$|20000| 0.51|104.08| 0|4| 26|66| 143|305| 474 \mid$

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.34 | 58.32 | 2 | 11 | 49 | 100 | 150 | 191 | 199 |
| 2000 | 0.41 | 77.71 | 2 | 9 | 40 | 83 | 143 | 242 | 327 |
| 4000 | 0.43 | 81.58 | 1 | 8 | 38 | 81 | 138 | 260 | 367 |
| 6000 | 0.44 | 83.50 | 0 | 7 | 38 | 80 | 137 | 266 | 387 |
| 8000 | 0.44 | 86.00 | 1 | 7 | 37 | 78 | 140 | 263 | 403 |
| 10000 | 0.45 | 85.91 | 1 | 8 | 35 | 78 | 143 | 267 | 384 |
| 12000 | 0.45 | 86.89 | 1 | 7 | 37 | 75 | 138 | 270 | 406 |
| 14000 | 0.44 | 84.70 | 1 | 7 | 37 | 80 | 138 | 265 | 384 |
| 16000 | 0.44 | 87.11 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 79 | 139 | 261 | 392 |
| 18000 | 0.45 | 86.68 | 2 | 8 | 37 | 77 | 136 | 269 | 389 |
| 20000 | 0.45 | 85.76 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 78 | 138 | 267 | 387 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has 80\% chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2
the richer party has 50\% chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2
the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2
the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2
the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


| 2000 | 0.31 | 54.85 | 10 | 25 | 58 | 91 | 135 | 195 | 258 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4000 | 0.29 | 52.65 | 11 | 30 | 61 | 92 | 129 | 193 | 259 |
| 6000 | 0.29 | 52.76 | 14 | 29 | 61 | 91 | 130 | 197 | 258 |
| 8000 | 0.29 | 52.30 | 14 | 31 | 61 | 91 | 128 | 200 | 257 |
| 10000 | 0.29 | 52.46 | 17 | 31 | 62 | 91 | 126 | 203 | 264 |
| 12000 | 0.28 | 51.27 | 18 | 31 | 63 | 90 | 128 | 193 | 250 |
| 14000 | 0.27 | 48.96 | 18 | 34 | 65 | 92 | 126 | 192 | 244 |
| 16000 | 0.27 | 49.79 | 18 | 33 | 62 | 92 | 127 | 193 | 243 |
| 18000 | 0.28 | 50.98 | 16 | 32 | 63 | 92 | 127 | 195 | 253 |
| 20000 | 0.27 | 49.11 | 16 | 34 | 65 | 91 | 128 | 191 | 255 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has 80\% chance of winning


Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% |  | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.33 | 57.83 | 1 | 9 | 48 | 99 | 150 | 189 | 197 |
| 2000 | 0.39 | 70.23 | 1 | 10 | 44 | 86 | 144 | 230 | 298 |
| 4000 | 0.41 | 77.49 | 2 | 9 | 41 | 82 | 139 | 242 | 354 |
| 6000 | 0.43 | 81.47 | 2 | 9 | 37 | 81 | 138 | 253 | 357 |
| 8000 | 0.45 | 85.15 | 2 | 9 | 36 | 77 | 138 | 277 | 379 |
| 10000 | 0.46 | 87.87 | 1 | 6 | 35 | 74 | 141 | 277 | 403 |
| 12000 | 0.46 | 89.76 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 72 | 141 | 283 | 412 |
| 14000 | 0.47 | 92.11 | 2 | 7 | 32 | 73 | 138 | 286 | 430 |
| 16000 | 0.47 | 91.22 | 1 | 7 | 31 | 72 | 143 | 289 | 411 |
| 18000 | 0.47 | 91.08 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 72 | 142 | 281 | 414 |
| 20000 | 0.48 | 93.56 | 0 | 6 | 30 | 73 | 140 | 283 | 429 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5
the richer party has 50\% chance of winning


| $\mid 12000$ | 0.42 | 79.61 | 4 | 13 | 41 | 77 | 138 | 255 | 367 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mid 14000$ | 0.42 | 80.22 | 4 | 13 | 39 | 77 | 140 | 253 | 379 |  |
| $\mid 16000$ | 0.42 | 80.17 | 3 | 12 | 41 | 79 | 137 | 256 | 367 |  |
| $\mid 18000$ | 0.41 | 78.83 | 4 | 12 | 42 | 80 | 134 | 256 | 355 |  |
| $\mid$ | 20000 | 0.41 | 78.49 | 4 | 11 | 43 | 80 | 134 | 264 | 337 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| 50\% \| 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.33 | 57.38 | 2 | 10 | 49 | 99 | 148 | 189 | 198 |
| 2000 | 0.34 | 61.42 | 4 | 16 | 52 | 90 | 137 | 211 | 272 |
| 4000 | 0.35 | 63.67 | 6 | 19 | 52 | 87 | 134 | 224 | 292 |
| 6000 | 0.35 | 66.09 | 7 | 19 | 51 | 86 | 132 | 230 | 307 |
| 8000 | 0.36 | 66.68 | 9 | 20 | 49 | 86 | 134 | 230 | 306 |
| 10000 | 0.36 | 65.91 | 9 | 19 | 50 | 84 | 133 | 225 | 307 |
| 12000 | 0.36 | 65.92 | 8 | 19 | 51 | 85 | 134 | 230 | 297 |
| 14000 | 0.35 | 65.01 | 7 | 19 | 53 | 86 | 132 | 227 | 303 |
| 16000 | 0.36 | 67.03 | 8 | 19 | 51 | 83 | 136 | 228 | 308 |
| 18000 | 0.36 | 67.35 | 8 | 18 | 50 | 84 | 135 | 228 | 307 |
| 20000 | 0.37 | 69.57 | 8 | 19 | 50 | 83 | 131 | 236 | 330 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning

| 1\% \| 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.33 | 57.10 | 1 | 11 | 50 | 100 | 149 | 186 | 193 |
| 2000 | 0.30 | 53.94 |  | 24 | 60 | 92 | 134 | 193 | 252 |
| 4000 | 0.29 | 52.91 | 13 | 30 | 61 | 89 | 131 | 197 | 258 |
| 6000 | 0.28 | 52.09 | 19 | 33 | 61 | 91 | 127 | 197 | 262 |
| 8000 | 0.28 | 51.30 | 18 | 33 | 62 | 91 | 128 | 194 | 256 |
| 10000 | 0.28 | 50.05 | 19 | 34 | 63 | 91 | 128 | 190 | 248 |
| 12000 | 0.27 | 49.82 | 19 | 34 | 63 | 91 | 128 | 196 | 242 |
| 14000 | 0.27 | 49.86 | 18 | 33 | 64 | 92 | 128 | 193 | 242 |
| 16000 | 0.27 | 49.65 | 18 | 33 | 63 | 91 | 128 | 190 | 249 |
| 18000 | 0.28 | 50.44 | 17 | 33 | 63 | 91 | 126 | 195 | 252 |
| 20000 | 0.27 | 50.62 | 18 | 33 | 63 | 91 | 127 | 193 | 261 |

Uniform population, size=2000, mean=100.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


## B. 3 Normally-Distributed Initial Wealth

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 20.22 | \| 53 | 68 | 86 | 100 | 114 | 132 | 145 |
| 2000 | 0.42 | 78.09 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 91 | 138 | 238 | 356 |
| 4000 | 0.52 | 102.51 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 70 | 144 | 313 | 466 |
| 6000 | 0.56 | 112.76 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 62 | 147 | 325 | 500 |
| 8000 | 0.59 | 121.55 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 55 | 140 | 339 | 537 |
| 10000 | 0.61 | 126.64 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 50 | 141 | 358 | 538 |
| 12000 | 0.61 | 131.69 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 48 | 136 | 364 | 586 |
| 14000 | 0.63 | 136.24 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 46 | 140 | 384 | 625 |
| 16000 | 0.64 | 140.84 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 46 | 129 | 392 | 616 |
| 18000 | 0.63 | 137.27 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 48 | 132 | 385 | 606 |
| 20000 | 0.64 | 142.29 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 128 | 388 | 664 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| 0 | 0.11 | 20.26 | 54 | 66 | 86 | 99 | 113 | 132 | 149 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.40 | 74.70 | 0 | 5 | 43 | 90 | 134 | 239 | 330 |
| 4000 | 0.49 | 93.45 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 75 | 146 | 291 | 399 |
| 6000 | 0.53 | 104.09 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 66 | 145 | 319 | 443 |
| 8000 | 0.56 | 111.54 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 59 | 145 | 330 | 485 |
| 10000 | 0.56 | 113.16 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 60 | 142 | 331 | 524 |
| 12000 | 0.57 | 117.09 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 56 | 140 | 330 | 527 |
| 14000 | 0.58 | 119.71 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 54 | 140 | 336 | 536 |
| 16000 | 0.58 | 124.52 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 56 | 136 | 353 | 587 |
| 18000 | 0.59 | 127.01 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 53 | 134 | 362 | 611 |
| 20000 | 0.59 | 126.67 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 56 | 135 | 344 | 613 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes random proportion of wealth from the loser however, the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning


| 10000 | 0.59 | 120.04 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 53 | 141 | 335 | 536 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12000 | 0.62 | 128.11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 46 | 139 | 359 | 590 |
| 14000 | 0.64 | 134.94 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 41 | 140 | 389 | 617 |
| 16000 | 0.65 | 140.36 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 40 | 138 | 398 | 658 |
| 18000 | 0.66 | 145.35 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 36 | 129 | 406 | 707 |
| 20000 | 0.67 | 148.88 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 37 | 130 | 411 | 718 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 20.12 | \| 53 | 65 | 86 | 99 | 113 | 133 | 146 |
| 2000 | 0.32 | 57.30 | 7 | 20 | 57 | 94 | 132 | 203 | 260 |
| 4000 | 0.40 | 72.79 | 3 | 11 | 42 | 85 | 140 | 239 | 325 |
| 6000 | 0.44 | 81.13 | 2 | 7 | 36 | 79 | 143 | 258 | 340 |
| 8000 | 0.47 | 88.43 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 73 | 144 | 276 | 379 |
| 10000 | 0.48 | 92.42 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 72 | 140 | 297 | 393 |
| 12000 | 0.50 | 95.92 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 70 | 141 | 299 | 422 |
| 14000 | 0.50 | 97.75 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 68 | 137 | 300 | 434 |
| 16000 | 0.51 | 100.36 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 70 | 138 | 316 | 438 |
| 18000 | 0.52 | 103.27 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 68 | 137 | 308 | 464 |
| 20000 | 0.52 | 104.11 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 65 | 142 | 304 | 462 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $50 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| step \| gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.12 | 20.42 | 52 | 65 | 86 | 99 | 113 | 133 | 149 |
| 2000 | 0.28 | 51.41 | 10 | 25 | 63 | 95 | 128 | 193 | 246 |
| 4000 | 0.34 | 63.14 | 7 | 18 | 52 | 90 | 133 | 216 | 291 |
| 6000 | 0.38 | 71.39 | 5 | 16 | 47 | 86 | 136 | 231 | 342 |
| 8000 | 0.40 | 75.42 | 3 | 13 | 44 | 81 | 137 | 242 | 355 |
| 10000 | 0.41 | 77.91 | 4 | 12 | 43 | 80 | 137 | 247 | 366 |
| 12000 | 0.42 | 79.93 | 4 | 12 | 40 | 78 | 138 | 263 | 341 |
| 14000 | 0.43 | 82.32 | 3 | 10 | 39 | 77 | 140 | 259 | 378 |
| 16000 | 0.43 | 80.83 | 3 | 11 | 41 | 76 | 139 | 258 | 367 |
| 18000 | 0.42 | 80.13 | 3 | 10 | 41 | 79 | 134 | 262 | 373 |

$|20000| 0.42|82.38| 3|12| 41|79| 132|265| 399 \mid$

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning

| step \| gini | std | $1 \%$ \| 5\% | $25 \%$ \| 50\% | $75 \%$ \| 95\% | 99\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 20.22 | 52 | 66 | 86 | 99 | 113 | 132 | 146 |
| 2000 | 0.26 | 46.45 | 18 | 31 | 67 | 96 | 125 | 184 | 235 |
| 4000 | 0.30 | 54.12 | 11 | 27 | 60 | 92 | 129 | 202 | 251 |
| 6000 | 0.33 | 59.88 | 10 | 23 | 54 | 89 | 133 | 209 | 278 |
| 8000 | 0.33 | 61.40 | 10 | 23 | 55 | 88 | 132 | 218 | 297 |
| 10000 | 0.33 | 60.39 | 10 | 23 | 54 | 88 | 132 | 213 | 291 |
| 12000 | 0.33 | 61.03 | 10 | 23 | 54 | 87 | 133 | 217 | 284 |
| 14000 | 0.34 | 62.35 | 8 | 23 | 54 | 86 | 133 | 216 | 302 |
| 16000 | 0.34 | 62.91 | 9 | 22 | 54 | 86 | 132 | 220 | 296 |
| 18000 | 0.34 | 62.94 | 9 | 21 | 52 | 88 | 133 | 221 | 297 |
| 20000 | 0.34 | 64.07 | 9 | 20 | 52 | 88 | 132 | 220 | 317 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 2 the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 19.94 | 53 | 67 | 86 | 99 | 113 | 132 | 146 |
| 2000 | 0.23 | 41.21 | 21 | 40 | 71 | 95 | 122 | 175 | 220 |
| 4000 | 0.26 | 46.41 | 18 | 34 | 66 | 94 | 125 | 187 | 230 |
| 6000 | 0.27 | 48.34 | 16 | 33 | 64 | 93 | 126 | 191 | 240 |
| 8000 | 0.27 | 49.23 | 18 | 33 | 64 | 91 | 126 | 194 | 242 |
| 10000 | 0.27 | 49.67 | 16 | 33 | 63 | 92 | 127 | 189 | 257 |
| 12000 | 0.27 | 48.85 | 17 | 33 | 63 | 92 | 126 | 191 | 246 |
| 14000 | 0.27 | 49.40 | 18 | 32 | 64 | 92 | 129 | 190 | 244 |
| 16000 | 0.27 | 49.98 | 16 | 32 | 63 | 91 | 128 | 193 | 253 |
| 18000 | 0.27 | 50.01 | 15 | 32 | 63 | 94 | 128 | 193 | 253 |
| 20000 | 0.28 | 50.95 | 18 | 32 | 61 | 93 | 127 | 196 | 246 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $80 \%$ chance of winning

| 0 | 0.11 | 19.74 | 55 | 68 | 86 | 100 | 114 | 131 | 146 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.33 | 59.36 | 12 | 21 | 53 | 92 | 134 | 209 | 272 |
| 4000 | 0.43 | 79.73 | 3 | 11 | 37 | 80 | 143 | 256 | 348 |
| 6000 | 0.49 | 94.23 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 69 | 144 | 292 | 398 |
| 8000 | 0.54 | 106.79 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 62 | 144 | 319 | 468 |
| 10000 | 0.57 | 114.94 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 56 | 143 | 341 | 499 |
| 12000 | 0.59 | 120.87 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 51 | 140 | 357 | 537 |
| 14000 | 0.61 | 126.82 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 50 | 139 | 372 | 588 |
| 16000 | 0.61 | 131.03 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 48 | 139 | 371 | 604 |
| 18000 | 0.62 | 133.96 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 45 | 139 | 374 | 629 |
| 20000 | 0.64 | 138.94 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 134 | 391 | 634 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser
with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 20.07 | 54 | 66 | 86 | 100 | 114 | 132 | 143 |
| 2000 | 0.29 | 51.72 | 14 | 28 | 62 | 94 | 130 | 193 | 243 |
| 4000 | 0.37 | 68.28 | 7 | 18 | 48 | 85 | 135 | 229 | 320 |
| 6000 | 0.41 | 77.44 | 4 | 12 | 42 | 80 | 136 | 256 | 358 |
| 8000 | 0.43 | 82.42 | 2 | 10 | 39 | 78 | 136 | 266 | 378 |
| 10000 | 0.46 | 87.46 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 76 | 137 | 280 | 400 |
| 12000 | 0.46 | 88.06 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 74 | 139 | 277 | 391 |
| 14000 | 0.47 | 91.03 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 73 | 138 | 275 | 423 |
| 16000 | 0.47 | 91.87 | 1 | 7 | 32 | 71 | 141 | 285 | 412 |
| 18000 | 0.48 | 91.96 | 1 | 5 | 32 | 73 | 139 | 278 | 418 |
| 20000 | 0.48 | 93.86 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 73 | 137 | 286 | 437 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $50 \%$ chance of winning


Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $40 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | 0.11 | 19.96 | 53 | 64 | 85 | 99 | 112 | 132 | 145 |
| 2000 | 0.26 | 45.61 | 20 | 34 | 66 | 94 | 126 | 182 | 229 |
| 4000 | 0.30 | 54.92 | 13 | 25 | 57 | 91 | 130 | 201 | 265 |
| 6000 | 0.34 | 61.87 | 11 | 22 | 53 | 87 | 129 | 221 | 284 |
| 8000 | 0.34 | 63.16 | 10 | 22 | 52 | 85 | 132 | 223 | 294 |
| 10000 | 0.36 | 66.49 | 9 | 20 | 50 | 86 | 131 | 221 | 318 |
| 12000 | 0.36 | 66.85 | 9 | 19 | 50 | 86 | 132 | 225 | 318 |
| 14000 | 0.36 | 67.75 | 8 | 20 | 49 | 85 | 132 | 229 | 309 |
| 16000 | 0.36 | 68.00 | 7 | 18 | 50 | 84 | 131 | 233 | 314 |
| 18000 | 0.36 | 67.65 | 9 | 20 | 50 | 84 | 132 | 235 | 314 |
| 20000 | 0.36 | 67.11 | 6 | 19 | 50 | 84 | 132 | 229 | 320 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $20 \%$ chance of winning

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| step | gini | std | 1% | 5% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 95% | 99% |
```

| 0 | 0.11 | 20.43 | 53 | 67 | 86 | 100 | 114 | 134 | 147 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.23 | 40.95 | 26 | 43 | 70 | 96 | 124 | 173 | 219 |
| 4000 | 0.25 | 46.32 | 23 | 36 | 66 | 93 | 127 | 185 | 230 |
| 6000 | 0.27 | 49.86 | 20 | 33 | 64 | 92 | 127 | 195 | 252 |
| 8000 | 0.27 | 50.31 | 20 | 32 | 63 | 92 | 130 | 191 | 250 |
| 10000 | 0.27 | 49.61 | 22 | 35 | 65 | 91 | 127 | 194 | 251 |
| 12000 | 0.27 | 49.87 | 22 | 34 | 62 | 91 | 129 | 192 | 245 |
| 14000 | 0.27 | 50.27 | 19 | 32 | 64 | 93 | 127 | 194 | 252 |
| 16000 | 0.28 | 51.19 | 19 | 33 | 63 | 91 | 130 | 197 | 251 |
| 18000 | 0.27 | 50.74 | 19 | 34 | 63 | 93 | 128 | 189 | 254 |
| 20000 | 0.28 | 52.51 | 18 | 33 | 62 | 90 | 126 | 200 | 268 |

Normal population, size=2000, mean=100.0, std=20.0, simulating 20000 steps Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $0 \%$ chance of winning

| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.11 | 19.59 | 55 | 67 | 87 | 101 | 112 | 132 | 145 |
| 2000 | 0.20 | 35.48 | 35 | 50 | 74 | 96 | 120 | 164 | 201 |
| 4000 | 0.21 | 38.32 | 34 | 47 | 72 | 95 | 121 | 171 | 208 |
| 6000 | 0.21 | 38.48 | 35 | 46 | 71 | 95 | 124 | 170 | 206 |
| 8000 | 0.21 | 38.70 | 32 | 47 | 71 | 95 | 123 | 171 | 205 |
| 10000 | 0.22 | 39.97 | 33 | 45 | 71 | 94 | 124 | 175 | 211 |
| 12000 | 0.22 | 39.67 | 33 | 45 | 70 | 94 | 124 | 173 | 211 |
| 14000 | 0.22 | 39.52 | 32 | 45 | 72 | 94 | 122 | 174 | 211 |
| 16000 | 0.22 | 40.16 | 33 | 45 | 71 | 94 | 123 | 176 | 217 |
| 18000 | 0.22 | 39.41 | 33 | 47 | 71 | 93 | 122 | 174 | 216 |
| 20000 | 0.22 | 40.60 | 35 | 46 | 70 | 93 | 123 | 177 | 217 |

## B. 4 Distribution Fitting

Fitting with transaction function win_take_layer, simulating 200000 steps
Testing on equal population of size=2000, mean=100.00, transaction bias=60\%, layers=1

| distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval | distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fatiguelife | 5.38E-06 | 8.62E-02 | $2.30 \mathrm{E}-13$ | levy | $1.59 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.21E-01 | 8.09E-26 |
| johnsonsb | 5.65E-06 | 6.41E-02 | $1.40 \mathrm{E}-07$ | exponweib | 1.59E-05 | 2.77E-02 | 9.05E-02 |
| johnsonsu | 7.86E-06 | 6.91E-02 | 9.44E-09 | invgauss | $1.70 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 8.21E-02 | 3.60E-12 |
| lognorm | 7.87E-06 | 6.93E-02 | 8.67E-09 | norminvgauss | $1.71 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 8.21E-02 | 3.61E-12 |
| powerlognorm | 9.49E-06 | 5.02E-02 | 8.00E-05 | invweibull | $1.74 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 7.78E-02 | 5.52E-11 |
| fisk | 9.84E-06 | 6.25E-02 | 3.03E-07 | genextreme | $1.74 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 7.78E-02 | 5.52E-11 |
| mielke | 1.06E-05 | 8.42E-02 | 8.82E-13 | kappa3 | 1.83E-05 | 5.87E-02 | 1.97E-06 |
| halfgennorm | 1.08E-05 | 4.05E-02 | 2.75E-03 | betaprime | 2.06E-05 | 7.16E-02 | 2.34E-09 |
| gamma | 1.30E-05 | $1.11 \mathrm{E}-01$ | 7.70E-22 | weibull_min | 2.15E-05 | 2.67E-02 | 1.13E-01 |
| burr12 | $1.43 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 6.01E-02 | 1.03E-06 | invgamma | $2.54 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 7.73E-02 | 7.61E-11 |

Fitting with transaction function win_take_layer, simulating 200000 steps
Testing on equal population of size=2000, mean $=100.00$, transaction bias $=50 \%$, layers $=1$


| beta | 9.78E-06 | 1.32E-02 | 8.71E-01 | johnsonsb | 1.38E-05 | 4.58E-02 | 4.31E-04 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mielke | 1.11E-05 | 4.64E-02 | 3.46E-04 | fatiguelife | $1.80 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 5.96E-02 | 1.31E-06 |
| burr12 | 1.12E-05 | 6.20E-02 | 3.90E-07 | nakagami | 2.42E-05 | 4.88E-02 | 1.39E-04 |

Fitting with transaction function win_take_layer, simulating 200000 steps
Testing on equal population of size $=2000$, mean $=100.00$, transaction bias $=60 \%$, layers=5

| distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval | distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| geninvgauss | 5.51E-06 | 1.16E-02 | 9.47E-01 | genhyperbolic | 6.28E-06 | $1.00 \mathrm{E}+00$ | $0.00 \mathrm{E}+00$ |
| gamma | 5.51E-06 | $1.16 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.47E-01 | genexpon | 6.56E-06 | $1.71 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 5.99E-01 |
| pearson3 | 5.51E-06 | $1.16 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.47E-01 | genpareto | 9.95E-06 | 2.78E-02 | 8.88E-02 |
| chi2 | 5.51E-06 | $1.16 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.47E-01 | gompertz | 1.01E-05 | 2.81E-02 | 8.26E-02 |
| exponweib | 5.51E-06 | $1.14 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.55E-01 | halflogistic | $1.04 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 4.03E-02 | 2.90E-03 |
| burr12 | 5.55E-06 | $1.29 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 8.88E-01 | recipinvgauss | $1.04 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.14 \mathrm{E}-02$ | $3.79 \mathrm{E}-02$ |
| betaprime | 5.56E-06 | $1.41 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 8.18E-01 | kappa3 | $1.08 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 3.00E-02 | 5.30E-02 |
| f | 5.62E-06 | $1.52 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 7.39E-01 | burr | $1.12 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 3.02E-02 | 5.13E-02 |
| $n c f$ | 5.94E-06 | $1.31 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 8.80E-01 | genhalflogistic | $1.19 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 4.71E-02 | 2.66E-04 |
| beta | 6.24E-06 | 2.33E-02 | 2.24E-01 | laplace_asymmetric | 1.31E-05 | 3.89E-02 | 4.55E-03 |

Fitting with transaction function win_take_layer, simulating 200000 steps
Testing on equal population of size=2000, mean=100.00, transaction bias $=50 \%$, layers $=5$


## B. 5 Taxed Transactions

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.00, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning there is a $3 \%$ tax for each exchange, later distributed among all


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.00, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser
with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning there is a 10\% tax for each exchange, later distributed among all

| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | 0.26 | 46.05 | 17 | 31 | 66 | 103 | 126 | 179 | 239 |
| 4000 | 0.34 | 61.59 | 11 | 21 | 52 | 90 | 133 | 216 | 290 |
| 6000 | 0.37 | 68.69 | 8 | 17 | 46 | 85 | 137 | 233 | 304 |
| 8000 | 0.40 | 75.11 | 7 | 14 | 42 | 81 | 139 | 252 | 327 |
| 10000 | 0.42 | 79.68 | 6 | 14 | 41 | 76 | 137 | 264 | 355 |
| 12000 | 0.44 | 84.55 | 5 | 12 | 37 | 74 | 135 | 271 | 404 |
| 14000 | 0.44 | 87.26 | 6 | 12 | 37 | 73 | 136 | 273 | 410 |
| 16000 | 0.44 | 87.39 | 5 | 12 | 38 | 72 | 138 | 271 | 407 |
| 18000 | 0.45 | 88.05 | 5 | 11 | 36 | 73 | 138 | 274 | 411 |
| 20000 | 0.45 | 88.21 | 5 | 11 | 34 | 75 | 137 | 279 | 410 |

Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.00, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has 60\% chance of winning there is a 20\% tax for each exchange, later distributed among all


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.00, simulating 20000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning there is a 45\% tax for each exchange, later distributed among all


Equal population, size=2000, mean=100.00, simulating 200000 steps
Exchange strategy: winner takes some proportion of wealth from the loser with the loser resisting the loss of wealth at Lvl. 5 the richer party has $60 \%$ chance of winning
Tax policy: part of the exchange is taken and equally distributed among all

| below 0.15 times initial mean | $3 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0.15 to 0.50 times initial mean | $10 \%$ |
| 0.50 to 1.04 times initial mean | $20 \%$ |
| 1.04 to 1.96 times initial mean | $25 \%$ |
| 1.96 to 2.29 times initial mean | $30 \%$ |
| 2.29 to 3.33 times initial mean | $35 \%$ |
| above 3.33 times initial mean | $45 \%$ |


| step | gini | std | 1\% | 5\% | 25\% | 50\% | 75\% | 95\% | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 20000 | 0.45 | 85.33 | 5 | 11 | 35 | 77 | 136 | 271 | 390 |
| 40000 | 0.44 | 84.68 | 5 | 11 | 36 | 76 | 138 | 268 | 396 |
| 60000 | 0.44 | 85.21 | 5 | 12 | 37 | 75 | 137 | 260 | 400 |
| 80000 | 0.44 | 85.50 | 5 | 12 | 37 | 74 | 136 | 271 | 401 |
| 100000 | 0.44 | 85.67 | 5 | 11 | 37 | 77 | 134 | 276 | 387 |
| 120000 | 0.44 | 85.41 | 5 | 12 | 39 | 76 | 133 | 280 | 407 |
| 140000 | 0.45 | 87.31 | 4 | 10 | 36 | 74 | 136 | 269 | 414 |
| 160000 | 0.45 | 86.74 | 5 | 11 | 35 | 74 | 139 | 275 | 407 |
| 180000 | 0.44 | 86.12 | 5 | 11 | 37 | 74 | 137 | 270 | 399 |
| 200000 | 0.45 | 87.59 | 4 | 10 | 35 | 75 | 136 | 270 | 404 |

Distribution fitting:

| distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval | distr | MSE | KS-stat | KS-pval |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| betaprime | 2.04E-06 | 1.01E-02 | 9.85E-01 | beta | 3.87E-06 | 3.13E-02 | 3.85E-02 |
| f | 2.04E-06 | 1.01E-02 | 9.85E-01 | genexpon | 4.79E-06 | $2.38 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 2.04E-01 |
| erlang | 2.06E-06 | 1.16E-02 | 9.48E-01 | burr12 | 5.85E-06 | $2.19 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 2.87E-01 |
| pearson3 | 2.06E-06 | 1.16E-02 | 9.48E-01 | mielke | 6.41E-06 | $2.58 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 1.38E-01 |
| gamma | 2.06E-06 | $1.16 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.48E-01 | recipinvgauss | 6.96E-06 | $2.98 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 5.58E-02 |
| chi2 | 2.06E-06 | $1.16 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.48E-01 | johnsonsb | 7.64E-06 | 2.94E-02 | 6.24E-02 |
| exponweib | 2.10E-06 | 1.21E-02 | 9.30E-01 | kappa3 | 8.27E-06 | 2.17E-02 | 3.01E-01 |
| geninvgauss | 2.28E-06 | $1.24 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 9.16E-01 | fatiguelife | 8.44E-06 | $3.28 \mathrm{E}-02$ | 2.66E-02 |
| $n \mathrm{nf}$ | 2.78E-06 | 1.51E-02 | 7.45E-01 | halflogistic | 8.52E-06 | 2.17E-02 | 3.00E-01 |
| genhyperbolic | 3.17E-06 | $1.00 \mathrm{E}+00$ | $0.00 \mathrm{E}+00$ | burr | 8.96E-06 | 3.91E-02 | 4.34E-03 |


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