Adam Smith's invisible hand

Searching for the code of nature

An inquiry to the nature

- Greedy versus moral
- Centralization versus distributed and asynchronous processes
- Microscopic view versus Macroscopic view
- Global information versus local information
- Competition and cooperation
- Economics, physics, neuroscience and biology

Biography

biography of Adam Smith





Greedy

Individual greedy

- Some kind of rule that guides individual behaviors to persuade individual benefits
- Such rule may fit global benefits or result in obstacles against global benefits or damage to individual benefits

Centralization

Powerful Central government

- A top-down plan or program that guides all individuals synchronously and sequentially toward some global goal
- A top-down program focuses more on social control and management less on individual benefits
- Inhibition to individual development

Invisible hand

- Asynchronous and distributed approach
- Bottom-up approach
- Collective decisions
- Equilibrium
 - Fluctuation & interaction
 - Randomness & Entropy & Evolution to seeking ground states
 - Efficiency & greedy & Reduction of social costs

Quantitative and qualitative measures

Quantitative measures

- Physics : Energy and entropy
- Social science : GDP, CPI, Job, Housing, income...

Qualitative measures

- Happiness
- Honor
- Security
- Medicine care

Local minimum & Global minimum

Interactive Dynamics

- Asynchronous and distributed processes
 - Differential equations
- Competition and cooperation, collective decisions
- Fault tolerance
- No central control
- No synchronous instructions
- Free run system
 - Maximal possibility and minimal social cost
 - Self-correction
 - Evolution to improve performance

Interactive dynamics

- Phase transition
- Evolution
- Global optimization

Function exploration

Linear function and quadratic function

Function exploration

- Mapping from R to R
- Domain and Range
- Linear function
- High-order polynomials
- Triangular function
- Logistic function
 - Exponential grow & exponential decay

Linear function

- y=f(x)=ax+b
- Zero
- Slope
- Intersection to x axis and y axis
- Plot a linear function

Quadratic function

- y = f(x) = ax²+bx+c
- Zeros
- Intersection to x axis and y axis
- Slope
- Minimum & maximum
- Concave up & concave down
- Plot quadratic function