Estimating α-Rank by Maximising Information Gain

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- Our goal is to estimate α-Rank by querying entries of the payoff matrix using as few samples as possible.
- Adopt a Bayesian approach:



• Pick entry that maximises the **Information Gain** about our hallucinated belief distribution and its observed payoff.

• **Theoretically,** we bound:

- regret attained by greedily maximizing information gain **on the payoffs**.
- regret attained by sampling sequence of strategy profiles maximizing information gain **on the α-rank**.
- **Empirically,** we show maximising information gain in this way outperforms the baselines on synthetic games.

We also introduce a Wasserstein-based objective (see paper for more details!)

