An Evolutionary Game Analysis of Synergetic Innovation behaviour in regional innovation networks

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Abstract. Regional innovation network has become an important way to improve national independent innovation ability and promote regional and social development. This paper studies the evolution of the synergetic innovation system of industry-university-Research Collaboration under the government behaviour, constructs an asymmetric evolutionary game model between the government and industry-university-Research collaboration, and analyses the influence of parameter changes on synergetic innovation decision-making behaviour. The results showed that the government's regulatory costs, subsidies from the government, the production, will take the profit resulting from the synergetic innovation behaviour, coordination costs and government punishment, and one party to the cooperative behaviour decision to bring the other side of the loss factors such as size, to participate in Innovation decision-making behaviour of the subject of dynamic evolution path and the results have important influence to the use of MATLAB software evolution paths of related factors under different conditions and the trend of simulation test and verify.

1 Introduction

High-quality economic development must rely on innovation. Kamla Ali al-Busaidi and Lorne Olfman (2016) [1] believe that sharing knowledge through knowledge sharing network is conducive to improving innovation performance. Cooke and Uranga (1992) put forward the concept of "regional innovation system" for the first time [2], pointing out that regional innovation system is a system that realizes the interaction between enterprises and university research institutes by combining regional resources, social capital and other factors [3]. According to Saxenian's research on Silicon Valley, regional innovation networks promote collective learning and knowledge transfer among innovation subjects [4]. Lee, Olson and Trimi et al. [5] believe that the development from closed innovation, cooperative innovation and open innovation to collaborative innovation is a new paradigm of innovation. Collaborative innovation is the integration of new ideas and methods from internal and external sources of innovation into the platform to generate new organizations and values. Therefore, the collaborative innovation research of regional innovation network has certain practical significance. From the 1990s to the present, research achievements of regional collaborative innovation have certain practical significance. From the 1990s to the present, research achievements of regional collaborative innovation mainly focus on the factors influencing regional collaborative innovation ability [6-7], the operation mechanism and mechanism of regional collaborative innovation [8, 9], regional collaborative innovation alliance, model and performance [10, 11, 12], etc. From the perspective of cost and benefit, this paper studies the evolution of the collaborative innovation system of industry-university-Research collaboration under the government behaviour.

2 Model Construction

2.1 Basic Assumptions

Hypothesis1: There are three types of main participants in the regional innovation network, namely, the government, enterprises, universities and research institutes. Their decision-making behaviour is bounded rationality.

Hypothesis2: In the synergetic Innovation game, the participants need to play games for many times. The optimal strategy will not be reached once, but the players will gradually seek for the optimal strategy through constant communication and trial and error adjustment.

Hypothesis3: The strategy choice of government is {supervision, non-supervision}, while the strategy choice of the enterprise and the research party is {coordination, non-coordination}. Knowledge and technology are the key factors of synergetic Innovation [13]. Among them, synergetic innovation refers to that enterprises and universities and research institutes among regional innovation subjects actively engage in knowledge sharing and technical cooperation in order to achieve the development of regional innovation ability. Non-collaborative innovation refers to that enterprises and universities and research institutes among regional
innovation subjects only meet the cooperation requirements of the lowest level, but do not actively engage in knowledge sharing and technical cooperation. Suppose that at the beginning of the game, the probability of government choosing supervision is Z, the probability of non-supervision is 1-z, the probability of enterprise choosing synergetic Innovation is X, the probability of non-collaborative innovation is 1-x, the probability of academic research party choosing synergetic Innovation is Y, and the probability of non-collaborative innovation is 1-y, 0 ≤ x, y, z ≤ 1.

Hypothesis4: When both enterprises and universities and research institutes choose the synergetic Innovation strategy, a certain cost C is required to construct the synergetic Innovation system, and the cost distribution coefficient is α, the enterprise input cost is αC, the input cost of the research party is (1-α)C. Due to market risk, the enterprise and the research of party building in synergetic Innovation system, the degree of market risk depends on both sides of the synergy degree, coordination degree and coordination degree, namely, relation between market is inversely proportional risk, the higher the market risk is smaller, a market risk coefficient for f, synergy degree for h, the enterprises and research of the risk coefficient for f-h. Then the synergetic innovation cost of the enterprise is (f-h)αC. The synergetic innovation cost of university-research party is (f-h)(1-α)C. In the development of regional innovation ability, enterprises play the role of taking social responsibility of talent training and enhancing regional employment rate, and the government gives preferential policies or subsidies to G1. Similarly, universities and research institutes, as participants in regional innovation, provide knowledge and technology reserves for regional innovation, and the government gives preferential policies or subsidies for G2. In the process of synergetic innovation, knowledge spillover and technological innovation are the key factors that determine synergetic innovation [14-15]. The technological innovation input of enterprises and universities and research parties is V1 and V2, and the knowledge spillover benefit is γ. Then the profits of the enterprise and the research party are respectively $V_1 + γV_1$, $V_2 + γV_2$ [16].

Hypothesis5: When both the enterprise and the university and research party choose not to cooperate with the innovation strategy, R1 and R2 are the benefits that the enterprise and the university and research party obtain by independent innovation based on their own capabilities. Moreover, the input cost of independent innovation is C1 and C2, and the market risk coefficient faced by independent innovation is F, so the cost of independent innovation of enterprises and research parties is fC1 and fC2. In order to promote the development of regional Innovation and improve the economic capacity of the region, the government will punish enterprises that do not cooperate in innovation by means of punishment, which are L1 and L2 respectively.

Hypothesis6: When the enterprise and the research institute do not cooperate with each other, they cannot obtain synergies, but can obtain basic benefits R1 and R2. In addition, the non-cooperative innovator who adopts opportunistic behavior will get additional benefits, which are recorded as D1 and D2 respectively. If the enterprise fails to make collaborative innovation, the loss to the enterprise is W1; similarly, the loss to the enterprise fails to make synergetic innovation is W2. The penalties are still L1 and L2.

Hypothesis7: The game, in addition to the enterprise and government to rewards and punishments, and research and to supervise and monitor the decision to choose, when the government choose monitoring strategy takes the supervision of the cost of F, but at the same time because of the supervision behavior can bring economic benefits, improve the capacity of science and technology achievements conversion rate etc., set up enterprises and at parties shall take the economic benefits of synergetic Innovation for E. If only the enterprise adopts the synergetic innovation strategy, the revenue obtained by the government is N1, and if only the university and research company adopts the synergetic innovation strategy, the revenue obtained by the government is N2 parameter which is greater than 0. Based on the above assumptions, the revenue matrix of the cooperative innovation game model of the three parties is shown in Table 1 below:

Table1. the revenue matrix of the cooperative innovation game model of the three parties

| enterprise | Synergetic Innovation | Non-Synergetic Innovation (1-x) |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| the university and research institute | | |
| | Synergetic Innovation (1-y) | Non-Synergetic Innovation (1-y) |
| | | |
| Supervise | E, G1, G2, F | N1 + L1 + G1, F |
| x | R1 + (γ + γ1) + G1 - (f-h) αC | N2 + L2 + G2, F |
| | R2 + (γ + γ2) + G2 - (f-h) (1-α)C | L1 + L2 + F |
| Government | | |
| | E | N1 |
| | R1 + (γ + γ1) - (f-h) αC | N2 |
| | R2 + (γ + γ2) - (f-h) (1-α)C | 0 |
| No Supervise | | |
| (1-z) | | |
| | E | N1 |
| | R1 + (γ + γ1) - (f-h) αC | N2 |
| | R2 + (γ + γ2) - (f-h) (1-α)C | R1 |

2.2 model analysis

According to the hypothesis, the enterprises choose the expected return of innovation strategy are as follows:
The expected benefits of the non-synergetic innovation strategy are as follows:

\[ U_{11} = yz[R_1 + (v_1 + y_1) + G_1 - (f + h)] C_1 + (1-y)z[R_1 + G_1 - W_1 + C_1] + y(z)(R_1 + (v_1 + y_1) - (f - h)) \]

The expected benefits of the synergetic innovation strategy chosen by the university and research institute are as follows:

\[ U_{12} = xz[R_2 + (v_2 + y_2) + G_2 - (1-\alpha)C_2 + (1-x)z(R_2 - W_2 + C_2)] + x(z)(R_2 + D_2 - (1-x)(1-z)) R_2 \]

The expected benefits of the governments’ regulatory strategy selection are:

\[ U_{31} = xy(E - G_1 + F)(x + y) + N_1 + L_1 + G_1 - (f + h) + L_1 + G_1 - (f + h) \]

The expected benefits of the government’s non-regulatory strategy are:

\[ U_{32} = xyE + (1-y)N_1 + (1-x)yN_2 \]

The average expected earnings of the enterprise are:

\[ U_1 = U_{11} + (1-x)U_{12} \]

Therefore, the Jacobian matrix of the evolutionary game system is:

\[ J = \begin{bmatrix} 
\frac{dx}{dt} & \frac{dy}{dt} & \frac{dz}{dt} \\
\frac{dx}{dt} & \frac{dy}{dt} & \frac{dz}{dt} \\
\frac{dx}{dt} & \frac{dy}{dt} & \frac{dz}{dt} 
\end{bmatrix} \]

The values in the Jacobian matrix are as follows:

When \( E_1 = (0, 0, 0) \), the Jacobian matrix of the evolutionary game system is:

\[ \begin{bmatrix} 
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 
\end{bmatrix} \]

Similarly, the Jacobian matrix of the evolutionary game system synergetic innovation can also be obtained at other points.

### 3 Simulation

According to literature [17], the stability of each equilibrium point is determined by the positive and negative eigenvalues obtained from the linear homogeneous equation corresponding to the Jacobian matrix of each equilibrium point. When the eigenvalues of each equilibrium point are negative, the point is an evolutionary stable strategy (ESS). Otherwise, it is
regarded as unstable point. However, according to the jacobian matrices obtained above, the positive and negative eigenvalues depend on the equivalence of G1 and C1. Therefore, the variable that affects the eigenvalue symbol is assigned as: \(F=3, G1=4, G2=3, L1=1.5, L2=1, V1=2, V2=1.5, C=4, C1=3, C2=3, D1=5, D2=4, W1=2, W2=1\). The stability analysis of each point is shown in Table 2 on the next page.

The table 2 shows that political study evolutionary game system consisting of three parties in an evolutionary stable strategy (synergetic innovation, cooperative innovation, not regulation), the evolutionary stable strategy shows that regardless of the initial enterprise and at parties choose what kind of strategy, after a period of trials, exploration, enterprise and eventually at party can choose cooperative innovation strategy, build synergy innovation system.

For the government, its best strategy is not to regulate, that is, to let go boldly, and let enterprises and universities and research institutes innovate according to their own actual conditions.

**Table2. Stability analysis of each equilibrium point**

| equilibrium point | Eigenvalue symbol | stability               |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| E1(0,0,0)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E2(0,0,1)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E3(0,1,0)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E4(0,1,1)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E5(1,0,0)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E6(1,0,1)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |
| E7(1,1,0)         | All are non-negative eigenvalues | ESS                     |
| E8(1,1,1)         | There are nonnegative eigenvalues | Instability point       |

Although the government's best strategy is non-regulation, the government's subsidies and penalties for non-synergetic innovation have an impact on the decision making of enterprises and research institutes. The government can moderately increase the subsidy policy and adjust the punishment measure, to promote the decision-making behavior of the nodes of the regional system, and then increase the probability of building synergetic innovation to promote the regional economic development. The phase diagram of the evolution game of the three groups of government, enterprises, university and research institute is obtained through simulation, as shown in Figure 1 below.

**Fig1. Phase diagram of a three-group evolutionary game**

It can be seen from FIG. 1 that, regardless of the initial probability \((x, y, z)\) of the three groups, under the hypothetical parameter of this paper, the ultimate population evolution path of the government is unregulated, while that of the enterprise and the three groups is synergetic innovation, that is, the ultimate evolutionary stability strategy is ESS\((1, 1, 0)\).

To further verify the above conclusion, when the initial value is \((0.1, 0.3, 0.8)\), the evolution phase diagram of the three populations is shown in Figure 2 on next page.

It can be seen from FIG.2 that, given an initial value, enterprises and research institutes will eventually tend to synergetic innovation over time, while the government would tend not to regulate. This is what the government wants to see the situation for production. The government expects enterprises to innovate according to their actual needs and make the most of marketization, but that doesn't mean the government will completely ignore regulation. The government still needs to provide certain policy support and reward and punishment mechanism, and encourage the standardization, marketization and scale of collaborative innovation behaviors, thus leading to the development of regional economy.

**Fig2. Evolution phase diagrams of the three groups at each initial value**

4 Conclusions

This paper builds regional innovation networks cooperative innovation mechanism in the process of
evolution game. The participants mainly include government, enterprises, university and research institution. The result of the game shows that the stability mechanism cannot be achieved without the cooperation of any party, each participant's decision on whether to adopt synergetic innovation will have a significant influence on the dynamic evolution path and result.

The government's regulatory costs, subsidies from the government would affect the willingness and synergetic effect of collaborative innovation of enterprises and university and research; the profit resulting from synergetic innovation behaviour further influence synergetic innovation decisions; not coordination costs, government punishment, the synergistic decision of one party bring the other side of the other party's loss factors stand to synergetic innovation decision-making.

The cooperative parties of regional innovation network should establish network information management center. It should be able to improve procedures and systems for formal and informal communication associated with regional innovation networks, smooth communication channels to enhance the sensitivity and responsiveness of network information. Through improving the quality and efficiency of communication, cooperative enterprises in regional networks can increase cooperation opportunities, gain the right to take the initiative in cooperation, improve the breadth and depth of knowledge retrieval, and then strengthen knowledge sharing and mutual learning to improve absorption capacity.

As the carrier of regional innovation competition, the government should focus on the mechanism construction of promoting intra-regional coordination and extra-regional cooperation and communication. It is necessary to formulate laws, policies and management regulations that belong to the regional industry- academic-research synergetic innovation in combination with regional characteristics. The policy subsidy and punishment mechanism will be used to enhance the impetus for the cooperation between the industry- academic-research institutes and guide the sound coordinated development of regional innovation network.

As the direct participant of regional synergetic innovation, the academic and research parties should give play to the advantages of regional talents ,resources,knowledge and scientific research; improve the internal policies of scientific research cooperation, intellectual property right confirmation, protection ,transfer and sharing; break the institutional barriers that hinder openness and sharing; develop incentive and punitive measures to protect and promote the safety and initiative of personnel ,institutions and organizations working together to promote regional synergetic innovation capacity.

Enterprises should make full use of resources to establish institutions and systems for collecting, processing and integrating scientific, technological and market intelligence, strengthen research cooperation with schools and research institutes.

In brief, only in this way can the regional innovation network effectively play its role, promote integrated innovation, encourage breakthrough innovation, and enhance independent innovation capacity and innovation performance through collaboration.

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