

# Looking back at the third volume of the *Journal of Dynamic Decision Making*

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We are proud to announce the completion of volume 2017, which comprises a range of interesting findings about dynamic decision making (DDM). As the editors of the *Journal of Dynamic Decision Making* we consider DDM a multi-faceted phenomenon (see Fischer, Holt, and Funke, 2015; 2016) and we are pleased to see a variety of different methods and perspectives on DDM that is apparent in the papers published in 2017.

Emphasizing the value of self-descriptive methods, Wendt (2017) proposes to use live streaming as a valuable data source for research on DDM. Engelhart, Funke, and Sager (2017) elaborate on the empirical effect of different kinds of feedback on performance in DDM. Sharma and Dutt (2017) compare the performance and generalization of various cognitive models in the sampling paradigm of DDM. Frank and Kluge (2017) elaborate on the effects of general mental ability and memory on temporal transfer of work-related DDM skills. Vangsness and Young (2017) present two experiments on effects of task difficulty and experienced losses on the probability of applying risk defusing operators in a videogame environment.

The broad and multi-faceted approach to investigating decision making and problem solving promoted by JDDM is also reflected in a recent Research Topic in the journal *Frontiers* (edited by W. Schoppek, J. Funke, M. Osman, and A. Kluge<sup>1</sup>). While specifically addressing complex problem solving, which is conceptually related to DDM (see Fischer, Greiff, & Funke, 2012), the Research Topic covers many questions also relevant for cognitive research in DDM. In particular, Dörner and Funke (2017) discuss the central question of validity: What is complex problem solving and what is it not? They propose that instead of concentrating attention on psychometric issues such as reliable assessment instruments we should refocus on the content validity of complex problem solving. Dörner and Funke draw attention to psychological phenomena like the emergency reaction of the cognitive system, the role of context and background knowledge (as demonstrated by cross-cultural differences), the potential for failures, or the context dependency of strategies. Similarly, Funke, Fischer, and Holt (2017) argue that “solving multiple simple problems is not complex problem solving” and that “complex problem solving is, first and foremost, a complex cognitive process, which involves a range of skills, abilities and knowledge” (Funke, et al., 2017, p. 8). Processes of this kind – complex problem solving as well as dynamic decision making – require a wide range of tools and perspectives in order to be investigated adequately. We look forward to seeing such a broad scientific approach and corresponding discourse unfold in future volumes of JDDM.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/5058/complex-problem-solving-beyond-the-psychometric-approach>

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