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The Spatial² Lag Model (S2LM)

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Introduction

Several methodological contributions proposed estimators adapted to situations where some economic behaviors can change depending on their location.

Two main approaches in spatial regression:

- spatial regimes (—→ stratification / segmentation)
- spatially varying coefficients model.

Introduction

The first approaches in this field consisted in parametric models that incorporate the spatial coordinates of observations by different ways, such as the "Trend Surface Analysis" method (Ripley, 2005) and its generalization proposed by Casetti (1997, 1972) under the name of "Variable Expansion" method.

Introduction

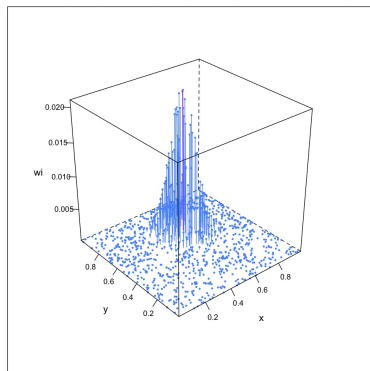
Since, the main contributions considered semi-parametric methods like the LWR (McMillen, 1996) and GWR (Brunsdon et al., 1996) which provide a methodological framework to estimate local values of the parameters using local regressions.

Introduction

The idea of LWR/GWR is to estimate as many regressions as focal points i' (data coordinates or other sets of coordinates) by weighting the local regressions with respect to the observations' distance to these focal points. Let's note M the weight matrix with:

$$m_{i'i} = \exp(-d_{i'i}^2/h^2)$$

Locally/Geographically Weighted Regression (LWR/GWR)



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$$\hat{\beta}(u_{i'}, v_{i'}) = (X' M_{i'} X)^{-1} X' M_{i'} Y \quad (1)$$

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A MGWR (Fotheringham et al., 1999) model can be expressed as:

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j=q+1}^p \beta_j(u_{i'}, v_{i'}) x_{ij} + \epsilon_i \quad i', i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2)$$

Mei (2004) and Geniaux et al. (2011) propose the use of a two steps estimator for mixed GWR that is easy to implement.

Aim of the paper

We consider a regression model that includes a spatial lag of the endogenous variable and that allows the spatial parameter to vary among locations: $Y_i = \lambda(u_i, v_i)WY_i + X_i\beta + \epsilon_i$

We propose for estimating this model to use a two steps estimator based on a linearized GMM and a mixed GWR.

S2LM

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GMM estimator

First consider λ constant. Then a GMM estimator of $\theta = (\lambda, \beta)$ could be used with:

$$\theta = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} Q(\theta)$$

Where:

- $Q(\theta) = S_N'(\theta) \Sigma_N S_N(\theta)$
- $S_N(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} Z' u(\tilde{\theta})$
- $Z \in [X, WX, W^2X, W^3X]$
- Σ_N some positive definite matrix
- $u(\theta)$ the vector of residuals of the regression (3) considering λ constant

Linearized GMM estimator

With a convergent $\hat{\theta}$, we can use a LGMM estimator (KM2008):

$$u(\hat{\theta}_{IV}) = P_Z Y - \hat{\lambda}_{IV} P_Z W Y - P_Z X \hat{\beta}_{IV} \quad (4)$$

The gradients of the GMM are quite simple:

$$G_{\beta_i} = P_Z X \quad (5)$$

$$G_{\lambda_i} = P_Z W Y \quad (6)$$

To linearize the error term $u_i(\beta, \lambda)$, we use a Taylor approximation.

$$\tilde{u}_i(\beta, \lambda) - \tilde{u}_i(\hat{\beta}_{IV}, \hat{\lambda}_{IV}) = G(\theta(u_i, v_i) - \theta_0) \quad (7)$$

where $G(\cdot)$ is a gradient term: $\tilde{u}_i(\beta, \lambda) = G(\theta(u_i, v_i) - \theta_0) + \tilde{u}_i(\hat{\beta}_{IV}, \hat{\lambda}_{IV})$

S2LM stimator

- 1 In the first step, estimate β_{OLS} by OLS and keep the residuals vector $u(\beta_{OLS}, \lambda = 0)$. Estimate the gradient terms :

$$G_{\beta_i}(\hat{\beta}_{IV}, \hat{\lambda}_{IV}) = X$$

$$G_{\lambda_i}(\hat{\beta}_{IV}, \hat{\lambda}_{IV}) = WY$$

- 2 In the second step, Regress G_{β} and G_{λ} on Z . The predicted values are $\hat{G}_{\beta}$ and $\hat{G}_{\lambda}$. Finally, use a Mixed GWR to estimate:

$$u_{(\beta_{OLS}, \lambda=0)} + G'_{\beta} \hat{\beta}_{OLS} = \beta \hat{G}_{\beta} + \lambda(u_i, v_i; M) \hat{G}_{\lambda} + \epsilon_i$$

MC Settings

We focus our experiments on the ability of the proposed estimator to identify the spatial pattern of $\lambda(u_i, v_i, M)$ when W is known.

M is considered unknown.

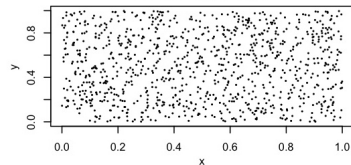
MC Settings

An experiment is defined by a quadruplet $(l, h, \lambda_{\text{c}}, \lambda_{\text{v}})$

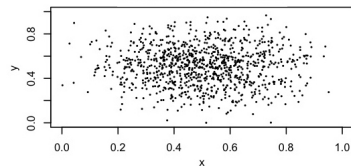
MC Settings: locations l

$l \in (\text{random}, \text{monocentric}, \text{polycentric})$.

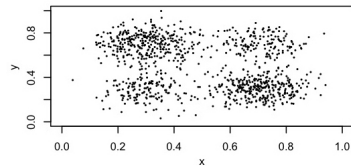
Random coordinates



Monocentric coordinates



Polycentric coordinates



MC Settings: Weighting scheme wt

The weighting scheme type for W is an exponential distance kernel with $w_{ij} = \frac{e^{-(d_{ij}/h_1)^k}}{\sum_j w_{ij}}$ and we choose a set of bandwidth h equal to the distance of neighboring that contains 4, 10 or 20 mean number of neighbors (mnb), so we have $h_1 \in (h_1^4, h_1^{10}, h_1^{20})$.

MC Settings: spatial pattern of $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$

Three different spatial patterns for $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$:

$$\lambda_c = \sum_i \lambda(u_i, v_i) / n \in (0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6).$$

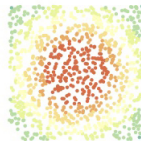
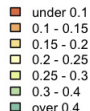
Pattern 1: $\lambda(u_i, v_i) =$

$$\lambda_c + f(\sqrt{(u_i - 0.5)^2 + (v_i - 0.5)^2})$$

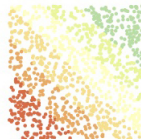
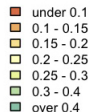
Pattern 2: $\lambda(u_i, v_i) = \lambda_c + f(u_i + v_i)$

Pattern 3: $\lambda(u_i, v_i) = \lambda_c + f_{u_i+v_i < 1}(u_i + v_i)$

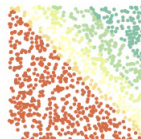
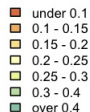
Lambda_v pattern 1 (random coordinates)



Lambda_v pattern 2 (random coordinates)



Lambda_v pattern 3 (random coordinates)



MC settings

- $\beta = (1, 0.5)$
- $X_1 = 1, X_2 \sim N(0, 3)$
- Coordinates of data (u_i, v_i) and X are drawn once and only once for each type l .
- 1000 replications of ϵ using normal random ($\epsilon \sim N(0, 1)$) to generate the vector of y

Random locations Case.

$n = 1000$, $r = 1000$, $\beta = (1, 0.5)$, $l = \text{random}$, W known

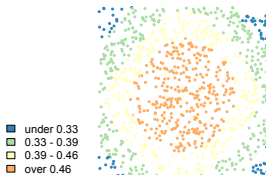
Exp. parameters			OLS		IV				S2LM				
λ_c	$mn(b(h))$	pattern	β_0	β_1	β_0	β_1	λ	$RMSE_\lambda$	β_0	β_1	$\bar{\lambda}(u_i, v_i)$	$RMSE_\lambda$	h_2^*
0	4	1	0.9989	0.4997	0.9928	0.4995	0.0032	0.0014	0.9937	0.4994	0.0027	0.0464	0.845
0	10	1	0.9989	0.4997	0.9896	0.4995	0.0047	0.0021	0.9914	0.4994	0.0037	0.0685	0.8418
0	20	1	0.9989	0.4997	0.9866	0.4995	0.0061	0.0029	0.9907	0.4995	0.004	0.0955	0.8354
0.2	4	1	1.5269	0.5011	1.0949	0.4986	0.1702	0.0995	1.0085	0.4999	0.2103	0.0646	0.1846
0.2	4	2	1.529	0.5048	0.9537	0.5007	0.2264	0.0956	1.0028	0.4997	0.2064	0.0514	0.3046
0.2	4	3	1.5384	0.5047	0.9617	0.5005	0.2262	0.1101	1.0136	0.4997	0.2049	0.0685	0.247
0.2	10	1	1.5315	0.4993	1.1433	0.4981	0.1519	0.116	1.0235	0.4995	0.2048	0.0834	0.1842
0.2	10	2	1.5317	0.503	0.9339	0.5004	0.2339	0.1063	0.9935	0.4996	0.2098	0.0695	0.3131
0.2	10	3	1.5405	0.5027	0.9662	0.5003	0.224	0.1181	1.0129	0.4995	0.2048	0.084	0.2551
0.2	20	1	1.5341	0.4984	1.2338	0.4978	0.1168	0.1486	1.0747	0.4992	0.1845	0.1116	0.1807
0.2	20	2	1.534	0.502	0.8334	0.5001	0.2727	0.1309	0.9579	0.4996	0.2234	0.0962	0.3263
0.2	20	3	1.5422	0.5016	0.9243	0.5	0.2398	0.1337	1.0149	0.4994	0.2036	0.1062	0.2645

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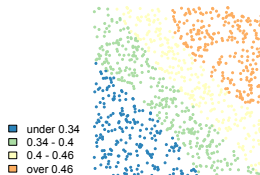
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0.4	4	1	2.3905	0.5102	1.1574	0.4986	0.3644	0.0984		0.9853	0.5002	0.4274	0.0571	0.2327
0.4	4	2	2.3922	0.5171	0.935	0.5005	0.4305	0.0935		1.0158	0.4996	0.4051	0.0399	0.421
0.4	4	3	2.414	0.517	0.9485	0.5004	0.4302	0.1082		1.0325	0.4996	0.4046	0.0621	0.4005
0.4	10	1	2.4081	0.5029	1.2329	0.4978	0.343	0.1147		1.0122	0.4998	0.419	0.0704	0.2263
0.4	10	2	2.4064	0.5095	0.9058	0.5003	0.4385	0.1017		0.9995	0.4995	0.4095	0.0549	0.4265
0.4	10	3	2.4266	0.5091	0.9578	0.5004	0.4268	0.1131		1.0475	0.4993	0.3995	0.0726	0.3973
0.4	20	1	2.4176	0.4993	1.3502	0.4973	0.309	0.1475		1.1179	0.4992	0.3865	0.0985	0.2096
0.4	20	2	2.4149	0.5059	0.7304	0.4999	0.4888	0.1313		0.9335	0.4994	0.4286	0.0764	0.4386
0.4	20	3	2.4334	0.5053	0.8716	0.5	0.451	0.128		1.0777	0.4993	0.3903	0.0878	0.3884
0.6	4	1	4.2053	0.5306	1.3348	0.4986	0.5536	0.1		0.9501	0.5004	0.6583	0.0674	0.327
0.6	4	2	4.1976	0.5464	0.9016	0.5001	0.6366	0.0924		1.0608	0.4996	0.6027	0.0305	0.5974
0.6	4	3	4.2696	0.5465	0.9246	0.5002	0.6373	0.1075		1.1007	0.4996	0.6029	0.0577	0.6096
0.6	10	1	4.25	0.5097	1.4455	0.4969	0.5328	0.1159		1.0219	0.5003	0.642	0.0652	0.313
0.6	10	2	4.2367	0.5248	0.8401	0.5002	0.6474	0.0995		1.0356	0.4993	0.6071	0.0413	0.5997
0.6	10	3	4.3024	0.524	0.935	0.5005	0.6341	0.1096		1.1808	0.4994	0.5865	0.0664	0.592
0.6	20	1	4.2671	0.5001	1.4042	0.4957	0.5395	0.135		1.1644	0.4992	0.6093	0.0816	0.2866
0.6	20	2	4.2557	0.515	0.4802	0.4993	0.7146	0.143		0.9626	0.4991	0.6212	0.0561	0.6072
0.6	20	3	4.3148	0.514	0.7171	0.4999	0.6737	0.1293		1.3701	0.4994	0.5503	0.0897	0.5597

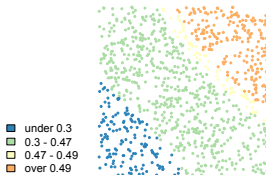
Estimate of $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$ with pattern 1,
wt=random, $\lambda_c=0.4$



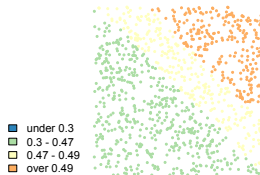
Estimate of $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$ with pattern 2,
wt=random, $\lambda_c=0.4$



Estimate of $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$ with pattern 3,
wt=random, $\lambda_c=0.4$



True pattern 3



Application example

Housing prices in Boston database (Harrison and Rubinfeld, 1978) contains an aggregated house price index (median) for 506 census tracts and a set of 14 covariates, augmented with census coordinates projected to UTM Zone 19. Anselin (2003) proposes this SLM:

$$\begin{aligned} \log(MEDV) = & \lambda W \log(MEDV) + \beta_0 + \beta_1 CRIM + 2 + \beta_3 INDUS + \beta_4 CHAS \\ & + \beta_5 NOX^2 + \beta_6 RM^2 + \beta_7 AGE + \beta_8 \log(DIS) + \beta_9 \log(RAD) \\ & + \beta_{10} TAX + \beta_{11} PTRATIO + \beta_{12} B + \beta_{13} \log(LSTAT) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

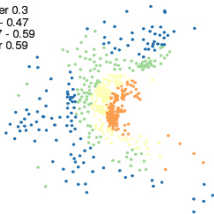
$$\begin{aligned} \log(MEDV) = & \beta_0(u_i, v_i) + \lambda(u_i, v_i)W \log(MEDV) + \beta_1 CRIM + 2 \\ & + \beta_3 INDUS + \beta_4 CHAS + \beta_5 NOX^2 + \beta_6 RM^2 + \beta_7 AGE \\ & + \beta_8 \log(DIS) + \beta_9 \log(RAD) + \beta_{10} TAX \\ & + \beta_{11} PTRATIO + \beta_{12} B + \beta_{13} \log(LSTAT) + \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Choosing (h_1, k_1) and (h_2)

		W	EDK	DTRI
First	h_1^*/k^*		0.225/1.1	NA
step	SSR_{IV}		14.418	13.276
Second	h_2^*		3.13	4.34
step	SSR_{S2LM}		10.301	9.606
Third	$SMPA_{S2LM}(n = 1)$		0.0265	0.0251
step	$SMPA_{IV}(n = 1)$		0.0289	0.0263
Third	$SMPA_{S2LM}(n = 10)$		0.0321	0.0324
step	$SMPA_{IV}(n = 10)$		0.0349	0.0343
Third	$SMPA_{S2LM}(n = 50)$		0.0327	0.0333
step	$SMPA_{IV}(n = 50)$		0.0352	0.0351

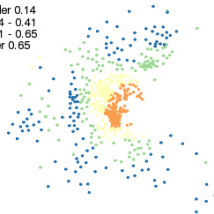
W: Delaunay Triangulation M: EDK(h=4.34,k=2)
lambda(ui,vi)

■ under 0.3
■ 0.3 - 0.47
■ 0.47 - 0.59
■ over 0.59



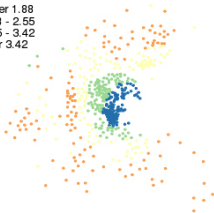
W: EDK(h=0.225,k=1.1) - M: EDK(h=3.13,k=2)
lambda(ui,vi)

■ under 0.14
■ 0.14 - 0.41
■ 0.41 - 0.65
■ over 0.65



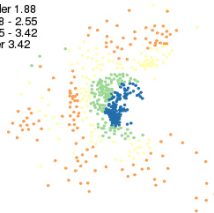
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Beta0(ui,vi)

■ under 1.88
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■ 2.55 - 3.42
■ over 3.42



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	OLS	IV	S2LM
W		DTRI	DTRI
M			EDK(4.34,2)
	coef (p-value)	coef (p-value)	coef (p-value)
CRIM	-0.0119 ($< 2e-16$)	-0.00739 ($1.39e-09$)	-0.0058 ($7.50e-09$)
ZN	8.02e-05 (0.874)	0.000374 (0.413)	0.00112 (0.03260)
INDUS	0.00024 (0.919)	0.00133 (0.535)	0.00181 (0.2360)
CHAS1	0.0914 (0.00613)	0.0116 (0.706)	0.00432 (0.8926)
I(NOX ²)	-0.638 ($2.88e-08$)	-0.289 (0.00713)	-0.33471 (0.0008)
I(RM ²)	0.00633 ($1.89e-06$)	0.00675 ($2.04e-08$)	0.00808 ($5.02e-14$)
AGE	9.07e-05 (0.863)	-0.000238 (0.616)	-0.00154 (0.00256)
log(DIS)	-0.191 ($1.78e-08$)	-0.155 ($4.45e-07$)	-0.19951 ($5.66e-05$)
log(RAD)	0.0957 ($7.91e-07$)	0.0771 ($1.08e-05$)	0.09359 ($5.26e-06$)

TAX	-0.00042 (0.000664)	-0.000373 (0.000817)	-0.00042 (0.0002)
PTRATIO	-0.0311 ($1.14e-09$)	-0.014 (0.00357)	-0.01362 (0.0027)
B	0.000364 (0.00046)	0.000287 (0.00221)	0.00032 (0.0003)
log(LSTAT)	-0.371 ($< 2e-16$)	-0.236 ($< 2e-16$)	-0.21437 ($< 2e-16$)
$\beta_0(u_i, v_i)$	4.56 ($6.24e-111$)	2.38 ($2.61e-20$)	Min.: 0.7284 1st Qu.: 2.0446 Median: 2.3850 Mean: 2.5532 3rd Qu.: 2.9209 Max.: 6.5365
$\lambda(u_i, v_i)$		0.4643 ($4.33e-02$)	Min.: -0.8631 1st Qu.: 0.2982 Median: 0.4703 Mean: 0.4189 3rd Qu.: 0.5857 Max.: 1.0082
n=506	DF=492		
SSR	16.378	13.275	9.606
R ²	0.9965	0.9972	0.9979
SMPA (m=1)	0.0351	0.0263	0.0251
SMPA (m=10)	0.0347	0.0343	0.0324
SMPA (m=50)	0.0348	0.0351	0.0333

Conclusion

Our proposition has several advantages, compared to a simple extension of the GWR that takes into account spatial autocorrelation.

- First, the mixed GWR framework with a limited number of spatial varying parameters allows to avoid numerous problems relative to the GWR framework.
- Second, it is usable for large datasets
- Third, our estimator seems very promising by allowing a substantial gain in predictive accuracy on different datasets tested.

Conclusion

But it remains a lot of works to do:

- 1 To rerun the MC experiments with adaptive bandwidths.
- 2 To ameliorate the criteria to choose the bandwidth of M .
- 3 To test a wider range of spatial patterns of spatial lag parameter in order to draw conclusions on the accuracy of θ estimates.
- 4 To run Monte Carlo experiments with unobserved spatial heterogeneity
- 5 Finding a way to deal with the presence of spatial discontinuities of $\lambda(u_i, v_i)$
- 6 Extension to Logit/Probit model.

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