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# Spatial Panel Multinomial Logit Models for large samples : An application to Land Use Change Models

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# Panel Data in Spatial Econometrics Models

## Benefits

- Modeling heterogeneity
- More specifications.

## Costs

- More complex estimation procedures( Incidental parameters problem).
- Large data sets.

# Introduction

- The objectives of our article are:
  - 1 to propose a full GMM for spatial panel multinomial choice model,
  - 2 to derive a linearized version of our GMM estimator.

# GMM

The structural model :

$$y_{jt}^* = \alpha_{jt} I_n + \lambda_t W y_{jt}^* + X_t \beta_{jt} + \epsilon_{jt} \quad (1)$$

$$y_{ijt} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_{ijt}^* \geq y_{ikt}^* \quad k \neq j \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Under the assumptions in Kelejian and Prucha (1999), we can rewrite the spatial latent model :

$$y_{jt}^* = (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} \alpha I_n + (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} X_t \beta_j + (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} \epsilon_{jt}$$

We obtain that the variance-covariance matrix is proportional to:  $V = I_t \otimes [(I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} ((I - \lambda_t W)^{-1})']$

Let us denote

$$\sigma_V^2(\lambda_t) = \text{diag}(V_t) = (\sigma_1^2(\lambda_t), \sigma_2^2(\lambda_t), \dots, \sigma_n^2(\lambda_t))'$$

$$V_t = (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} ((I - \lambda_t W)^{-1})'$$

$$X_t^* = \frac{(I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} X}{\sigma_V(\lambda_t)} \text{ and } W_t^* = \frac{(I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} I_n}{\sigma_V(\lambda_t)}, \text{ A set of alternatives ,}$$

$J$  the cardinal of  $A$  and  $A^-$  is a subset of  $A$  with cardinal  $J - 1$ .

Suppose that unobserved components are independently identically distributed across individuals and time-periods and drawn from the type  $I$  extreme value distribution, then the choice probability for the individual  $i$  to select an alternative  $j$  at period  $t$  is:

$$P_{ijt} = \frac{\exp\left(X_{it}^* \beta_j + W_{it}^* \alpha_{jt}\right)}{1 + \sum_{k \in A^-} \exp\left(X_{it}^* \beta_k + W_{it}^* \alpha_{kt}\right)}$$

The previous model implies both heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation  $\implies$  multinomial panel logit estimation method is inconsistent.



We propose, like in Pinkse and Slade (1998), Klier and McMillen (2008) and Diallo and Geniaux (2012), a GMM estimator based on the moment conditions implied by the likelihood function for a spatial panel multinomial logit model.

$$\tilde{u}_{ijt} = y_{ijt} - p_{ijt}$$

is a generalized residual.

Let us denote  $\theta = [\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_J), \lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_T), \alpha = (\alpha_{11}, \dots, \alpha_{JT})] \in \Theta$ , where  $\Theta$  is the parameter open space.

$$Q(\theta) = S_{nT}'(\theta) \Sigma_{nT} S_{nT}(\theta)$$

where  $S_{nT}(\theta) = \frac{1}{nT} Z' \tilde{u}$ ,  $\Sigma_{nT}$  some positive definite matrix

and  $Z$  is a matrix of instruments  $Z = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & Z_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & Z_T \end{pmatrix}$ .

Where  $Z_t = [X_t, WX_t, W^2X_t, W^3X_t]$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

$$(G_{\alpha_j})_{it} = p_{ijt}(1 - p_{ijt})((I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} I_n)_i$$

$$(G_{\beta_j})_{it} = p_{ijt}(1 - p_{ijt})X_{it}^*$$

$$(G_{\lambda_t})_{it} = p_{ijt} \left[ \sum_{k \in A} p_{ikt} H_{it} (\beta_j - \beta_k) - \frac{X_{it}^* (\beta_j - \beta_k) \Lambda_{ii}}{\sigma_i^2} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{k \in A} p_{ikt} H_{it}^* (\alpha_{jt} - \alpha_{kt}) - \frac{(W^* I_n)_{it} (\alpha_{jt} - \alpha_{kt}) \Lambda_{ii}}{\sigma_i^2} \right]$$

Where  $H_t = (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} W X_t^*$ ,  $H_t^* = (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} W W_t^*$  and

$\Lambda$  is a the digonal matrix of the following matrix

$$\left( (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} W (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} (I - \lambda_t W)^{-1'} \right).$$

It is important to note that, when  $\lambda_t = 0$  and  $\alpha_{jt} = 0$ ,

$$G_{\alpha_j} = p_j(1 - p_j)[I_t \otimes I_n]$$

$$G_{\beta_j} = p_j(1 - p_j)X$$

$$G_{\lambda_t} = p_j \left[ \sum_{k \in A} p_k W X_t (\beta_j - \beta_k) \right]$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_T \end{pmatrix}$$

As Klier and Klier and McMillen (2008) and Diallo and Geniaux (2012), we develop a linearized version of our GMM

# LGMM

$$\tilde{u}_{ijt} = y_{ijt} - p_{ijt}$$

$$\tilde{u}(\beta, \lambda, \alpha) - \tilde{u}(\beta^{SMNlogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0) = G(\theta - \theta_0)$$

where  $G(\cdot)$  is a gradient term

$$\tilde{u}(\beta, \lambda, \alpha) = G(\theta - \theta_0) + \tilde{u}(\beta^{SMNlogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0)$$

where  $\theta_0 = (\beta^{SMNlogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0)$ .

## linearized procedure

We estimate  $\beta^{SMNlogit}$  by standard multinomial logit estimation method with  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ <sup>1</sup> and we calculate  $u(\beta^{SMNplogit}, 0, 0)$ , we obtain the following gradient terms:

$$G_{\alpha_j}(\beta^{SMNplogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0) = p_j(1 - p_j)[I_t \otimes I_n]$$

$$G_{\beta_j}(\beta^{SMNplogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0) = p_j(1 - p_j)X$$

$$G_{\lambda_t}(\beta^{SMNplogit}, \lambda = 0, \alpha = 0) = p_j \left[ \sum_{k \in A} p_k WX_t(\beta_j - \beta_k) \right]$$

<sup>1</sup>spatial autocorellation, heteroscedastic and heterogeneity are ignored

## linearized procedure

Regress  $G_\alpha$ ,  $G_\beta$  and  $G_\lambda$  on  $Z$ . The predicted values are  $\hat{G}_\alpha$ ,  $\hat{G}_\beta$  and  $\hat{G}_\lambda$ . Finally regress  $u(\beta^{SMNPlogit}, 0, 0) + G'_\beta \beta^{SMNlogit}$  on  $\hat{G}_\alpha$ ,  $\hat{G}_\beta$  and  $\hat{G}_\lambda$ . The coefficients of this last regression provides the estimated values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$ .

This algorithm provides accurate estimators of  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$ , and an biased estimator of  $\beta$ .

## Adjusting coefficient

To correct the downward bias in  $\beta$ , we will need to calculate the marginal effects <sup>2</sup>. The general coefficient to adjust the downward bias in  $\beta$  is given by

$$\frac{Tr((\sigma_V(\lambda)))}{Tr((A))}$$

where  $Tr$  is the trace operator of matrix

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<sup>2</sup>see (Diallo and Geniaux, 2012)



- We present the results of Monte Carlo analysis to evaluate the performance of full GMM and linearized multinomial logit GMM estimators with a spatial panel data framework.
- we generate the data according to:

$$P_{ijt} = \frac{\exp\left(X_{it}^* \beta_j + W_{it}^* \alpha_{jt}\right)}{1 + \sum_{k \in A^-} \exp\left(X_{it}^* \beta_k + W_{it}^* \alpha_{jt}\right)}$$

## MC settings

- $n=1000$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  individuals,  $j = 1, \dots, 4$  alternatives and  $t = 1, \dots, 3$  time-period.
- $X_t$  is drawn from bivariate  $U(-1, 1)$
- $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \in [0, 0.9] \times [0, 0.9] \times [0, 0.9]$
- For alternative 0  $\beta_{10} = \beta_{20} = 0$ , for alternative 1  $\beta_{11} = 0.5; \beta_{21} = 1$ , for alternative 2  $\beta_{12} = 0; \beta_{22} = -1$ , for alternative 3  $\beta_{13} = 0; \beta_{23} = 0.7$ .

## MC settings

- The fixed time-varying preferential effects are generated as  $\alpha_{jt} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_{it} \beta_j$
- $\alpha_{0t} = 0$
- The exogenous spatial weight matrix for the experiments is created as follows: firstly we draw two random numbers from the uniform distribution  $U(0, 1)$  for each observation. These numbers are used to specify the coordinates of each observation in the  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  plane.

## MC settings

- To work in large samples, we use the following approximation  $(I - \lambda_t W)^{-1} = I + \lambda_t W + \lambda_t^2 W^2 + \lambda_t^3 W^3$  and we suppose that each location have two neighbors.

- $$Z = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & Z_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & Z_T \end{pmatrix}.$$

Where  $Z_t = [X_t, WX_t, W^2 X_t, W^3 X_t]$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ .

# Results of Monte Carlo experiment with 1000 repetitions, $n=1000$

			Standard Multinomial Logit						LGMM									
$\lambda_{01}$	$\lambda_{02}$	$\lambda_{03}$	$b_{11}$	$b_{21}$	$b_{12}$	$b_{22}$	$b_{13}$	$b_{23}$	$b_{11}$	$b_{21}$	$b_{12}$	$b_{22}$	$b_{13}$	$b_{23}$	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_3$	
0	0	0	0.505	1.005	-0.007	-1.008	-0.007	0.701	0.498	1.001	0.001	-0.998	-0.003	0.707	0.001	0.002	0.001	
			RMSE	0.082	0.081	0.082	0.083	0.080	0.081	0.076	0.081	0.075	0.087	0.077	0.080	0.119	0.124	0.120
0.1	0.2	0.3	0.496	0.993	-0.002	-1.001	-0.002	0.694	0.505	1.001	0.005	-1.019	-0.005	0.697	0.101	0.200	0.302	
			RMSE	0.089	0.088	0.087	0.090	0.090	0.091	0.076	0.081	0.075	0.083	0.075	0.078	0.122	0.126	0.129
0.7	0.8	0.9	0.405	0.800	-0.004	-0.818	-0.002	0.581	0.501	0.997	0.004	-1.049	-0.010	0.697	0.775	0.885	1.025	
			RMSE	0.097	0.095	0.098	0.096	0.099	0.101	0.085	0.095	0.085	0.096	0.080	0.083	0.142	0.156	0.161

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