

# Course codebook for: Quantitative spatial economics

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## **Abstract**

This codebook has been designed for the course "Quantitative Spatial Economics" offered to students of Humboldt University Berlin and the Berlin School of Economics. It refers to selected articles covered in the course and complements the lectures, the reading of the articles, and the study of replication and teaching directories by summarizing the primitives and endogenous objects of the models, as well as introducing selected numerical algorithms. The focus is on algorithms that are essential for the quantification and simulation of the respective quantitative models.

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## A Ahlfeldt and Barr (2022)

This section covers *Ahlfeldt and Barr (2022): The economics of skyscrapers: A synthesis. Journal of Urban Economics, 129, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jue.2021.103419>*. The model consists of exogenous parameters, fundamentals, and endowments as well as endogenous objects tabulated in Table 1.

### A.1 Equilibrium

Given the model's exogenous parameters  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \mu, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \tilde{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, \bar{U}, r^a\}$  and the exogenous fundamentals  $\{\bar{a}^U\}$ , the general equilibrium of the model is reference by  $\{a^U, \tilde{S}^U, r^U, S^U, \bar{p}^U, n(x), L(x), y\}$ . These 13 components of the equilibrium are determined by the following 13 equations:

1. Residential amenity:  $a^R(x) = \tilde{A}^R(x)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha^R}} (y^R)^{\frac{1-\alpha^R}{\alpha^R}}$
2. Production amenity:  $a^C(x) = \tilde{A}^C(x)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha^C}} (y^C)^{\frac{\alpha^C}{1-\alpha^C}}$
3. Constrained commercial height:  $\tilde{S}^C(x) = \min \left( \left( \frac{a^C}{c^C(1+\theta^C)} \right)^{\frac{\theta^C}{\theta^C-\omega^C}}, \tilde{S}^C \right)$
4. Constrained residential height:  $\tilde{S}^R(x) = \min \left( \left( \frac{a^R}{c^R(1+\theta^R)} \right)^{\frac{\theta^R}{\theta^R-\omega^R}}, \tilde{S}^R \right)$
5. Commercial land rent:  $r^C(x) = \frac{a^C}{1+\omega^C} (\tilde{S}^C)^{1+\omega^C} - c^C (\tilde{S}^C)^{1+\theta^C}$
6. Residential land rent:  $r^R(x) = \frac{a^R}{1+\omega^R} (\tilde{S}^R)^{1+\omega^R} - c^R (\tilde{S}^R)^{1+\theta^R}$
7. Realized commercial height:  $S^C(x) = \tilde{S}^C(x)$ ,  $S^R(x) = 0$ , if  $r^C(x) \geq r^R(x)$ ,  $r^C \geq r^A$
8. Realized residential height:  $S^R(x) = \tilde{S}^R(x)$ ,  $S^C(x) = 0$ , if  $r^R(x) > r^C(x)$ ,  $r^R \geq r^A$
9. Horizontal commercial rent:  $\bar{p}^C(x) = \frac{a^C(x)}{1+\omega^C} S^C(x)^{\omega^C}$
10. Horizontal residential rent:  $\bar{p}^R(x) = \frac{a^R(x)}{1+\omega^R} S^R(x)^{\omega^R}$
11. Workplace employment:  $L(x) = \frac{\alpha^C}{1-\alpha^C} \frac{\bar{p}^{-C}(x)}{y^C} S^C(x)$
12. Residence employment:  $n(x) = \frac{S^R(x)}{y^R} \frac{\bar{p}^{-R}(x)}{1-\alpha^R}$
13. Labour market clearing:  $\int_{-x_0}^{x_0} L(x) dx = \int_{-x_1}^{x_0} n(x) dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} n(x) dx = N$

Table 1: Codebook

Object	Description
Structural parameters	
$\alpha^U$	Share of non-floor space input (C) or expenditure (R)
$\beta^U$	Agglomeration elasticity
$\tau^U$	Amenity decay
$\tilde{\omega}^U$	Height elasticity of production/residential amenity
$\omega^U$	Height elasticity of rent: $\omega^U = \frac{\tilde{\omega}^U}{1-\alpha^U}$
$\theta^U$	Height elasticity of construction cost
$c^U$	Baseline construction cost
$\bar{a}^U$	Fundamental production/residential amenity
Exogenous characteristics	
$r_a$	Agricultural land rent
$\bar{S}^U$	Height limit
Endogenous variables and scalars	
$y$	Wage
$x_0$	Outer margin of commercial zone
$x_1$	Outer margin of residential zone
$L(x)$	Labour input
$n(x)$	Labour supply
$\bar{a}^U$	Fundamental production/residential amenity
$\tilde{A}^C(x)$	Productivity shifter: $\tilde{A}^R(x) = \bar{a}^R e^{-\tau^R x }$
$\tilde{A}^R(x)$	Amenity shifter: $\tilde{A}^C(x) = \bar{a}^C N^\beta e^{\tau^C x }$
$a^C(x)$	Commercial floor space price shifter: $a^C(x) = \tilde{A}^R(x) \left( \frac{1}{1-\alpha^R} \right) (y^R)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha^R}}$
$a^R(x)$	Residential floor space price shifter: $a^R(x) = \tilde{A}^C(x) \left( \frac{1}{1-\alpha^C} \right) (y^C)^{\frac{\alpha^C}{\alpha^C-1}}$
$r(x)$	Land rent
$\bar{p}^U(x)$	Floor space rent
$S^{*U}(x)$	Profit-maximizing building height: $S^{*U}(x) = \left( \frac{a^U}{c^U(1+\theta^U)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta^U-\alpha^U}}$
$\tilde{S}^U(x)$	Constrained height choice by the developer
$S^U(x)$	Actual building height conditional on the land use allocation
$\bar{f}^R$	Residential horizontal floor space demand

## A.2 Algorithms

In this section, we introduce algorithms used by AB to simulate the theoretical model and invert structural fundamentals that match the Chicago skyline. We add some algorithms that allow matching the city’s population for didactic purposes. We abstract from the empirical analysis of data. We refer to objects whose values we solve numerically as target objects. Within the solver, we refer to guessed values when values of target objects are input into the construction of other objects. We refer to predicted values when the values of target objects are computed as functions of other objects (which typically depend on guesses). Typically, we solve for the values of target objects using iterative procedures in which we update our guesses to weighted combinations of guessed and predicted values.

### A.2.1 Stylized city structure

In the algorithmic implementation of the equilibrium solver, we use the above system of equations and treat wage and population  $\{y, N\}$  as target objects. Once we have the values for our targets, we can use the recursive structure of the above equations to solve for all endogenous objects, conditional on given primitives. This is implemented in Algorithm 1. We use Algorithm 1 in Algorithm 3 to solve for all other endogenous objects starting from guesses of the target objects  $\{y, N\}$ . We then aggregate local labour demand  $L(x)$  and labour supply  $n(x)$  to the city level. We use aggregate labour demand and supply in Algorithm 2 to compute the market-clearing wage and equilibrium employment, which we use to update our guesses of the target objects  $\{y, N\}$ . Algorithm 3 iterates until our guesses do not change any more. By default, Algorithm 3 returns a stylized city with smooth monotonic gradients emerging from the center. This is because the location-specific component of fundamental amenities ( $a_i^U$ ) are set to a uniform unit value.

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#### Algorithm 1: Solver for endogenous variables: SOLVER

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \bar{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \tilde{U}\}$

Given values of target objects wage and population  $\{y, N\}$

- 1 Compute  $\bar{p}^U(x)$  using bid-rent eqs.
- 2 Compute  $\tilde{S}^U(x)$  using profit-maximizing building height eq.
- 3 Compute  $r^U(x)$  using land bid rent eq.
- 4 Allocate land to use with the highest land rent
- 5 Compute local workplace employment  $L(x)$  using MRS eq. within commercial zone
- 6 Compute local residence employment  $n(x)$  using Marshallian demand eq. within residential zone
- 7 Compute labour demand (total  $L$  within commercial zone)
- 8 Labour supply (total  $\hat{N}$ ) within residential zone

**Result:**  $L(x), n(x), \bar{p}^U(x), r^U(x), S^U(x), L, \hat{N}$

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**Algorithm 2:** Finding equilibrium wage: WAGE

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \bar{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \bar{U}\}$

Given values for labour supply and labour demand  $\{L, \hat{N}\}$

Guess of wage  $y$

Algorithm 1

1 **while**  $L \neq \hat{N}$  **do**

2     Update  $y$  to  $\hat{y} = y \times \left(\frac{\hat{N}}{L}\right)^{\rho > 0}$

3     Use Algorithm 1 to local workplace and residence employment

4     Update labour demand ( $L$ ) within commercial zone

5     Update labour supply ( $\hat{N}$ ) within residential zone

**Result:** Updated values  $\{\hat{y}, L, \hat{N}\}$

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**Algorithm 3:** Finding the equilibrium: FINDEQ

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \bar{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \bar{U}\}$

Guesses of wage and employment  $\{y, N\}$

Algorithm 1

Algorithm 2

1 Solve endogenous variables for guesses of  $\{y, N\}$  using Algorithm 1

2 **while**  $N$  changes **do**

3     Use Algorithm 2 to clear labour market and obtain new  $\{\hat{y}, N\}$

4     Update guesses to weighted combination of old guess of  $\{N\}$  and updated value  $\{N\}$

**Result:** Equilibrium values of  $L(x), n(x), \bar{p}^U(x), r^U(x), S^U(x), y, N$

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### A.2.2 Fuzzy gradients

The same solvers introduced in A.2.1 can be used in a setting with more realistic fuzzy height gradients, simply by changing the values of the location-specific component  $a_i^U$ . If  $a_i^U$  values are non-monotonic in distance from the center, endogenous outcomes such as rents, heights, and densities will also change non-monotonically. Therefore, we index all variables by  $i$  in this section.

It is possible to invert the location-specific component  $a_i^U$  to rationalize a distribution of heights. Similarly, we can scale amenities to target a desired total population. Intuitively, a higher level of residential amenities attracts residents until congestion of the housing market and higher house prices restore the reservation utility level. Algorithm 6 implements an iterative procedure to create a city with a given height profile and population. First, it iteratively updates amenities using Algorithm 4 until there is a perfect correlation between the height profile in the model and the data. Then it iteratively scales residential amenities using Algorithm 5 until the population matches the target.

The inverted amenities can be used as a starting point for counterfactuals. Changing any of

the primitives conditional on the inverted fundamentals, delivers counterfactual solutions, just like in the case with the stylized city structure.

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**Algorithm 4:** Updating amenities to match heights CONV

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \tilde{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \tilde{U}\}$

Given values of wage and population  $\{y, N\}$

Given values of model-generated heights,  $S_i^U$

Observed heights,  $H_i^U$

Algorithm 3

1 Adjust  $a_i^U$  using a function of the adjustment factor  $\frac{H_i^U}{S_i^U}$

2 Solve for endogenous objects using Algorithm 3

**Result:** Updated values of amenities  $a_i^U$  and equilibrium values of

$L_i, n_i, \bar{p}_i^U, r_i^U, S_i^U, y, N$

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**Algorithm 5:** Updating amenities to match total employment EMP

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \tilde{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \tilde{U}\}$

Given values of wage and population  $\{y, N\}$

User-specified target population,  $\bar{N}$

Algorithm 3

1 Adjust  $a_i^R$  using a function of the adjustment factor  $\frac{\bar{N}}{N}$

2 Solve for endogenous objects using Algorithm 3

**Result:** Updated values of amenities  $a_i^U$  and equilibrium values of

$L_i, n_i, \bar{p}_i^U, r_i^U, S_i^U, y, N$

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**Algorithm 6:** Inverting amenities  $a_i^U$ : INVERT

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**Data:** Given values for primitives  $\{\alpha^U, \beta, \omega^U, \theta^U, \tau^U, \bar{a}^U, \bar{c}^U, \bar{S}^U, r^a, \tilde{U}\}$

Given values of wage and population  $\{y, N\}$

Given values of model-generated heights,  $S_i^U$

Observed heights,  $H_i^U$

User-specified target employment,  $\bar{N}$

Algorithm 4

Algorithm 5

**1 while**  $\text{Corr}(S_i^U, H_i) \neq 1$  **do**

**2**   └ Use Algorithm 4 to update  $a_i^U$  and obtain new  $S_i^U$

**3 while**  $N \neq \bar{N}$  **do**

**4**   └ Use Algorithm 5 to update  $a_i^U$  and obtain new  $N$

**Result:** Updated values of amenities  $a_i^U$  and equilibrium values of

$L(x), n(x), \bar{p}^U(x), r^U(x), S^U(x), y, N$

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## B Ahlfeldt, Redding, Sturm, and, Wolf (2015)

This section covers *Ahlfeldt, Redding, Sturm, and Wolf (2015): The economics of density: Evidence from the Berlin Wall. Econometrica, 83, <https://doi.org/10.3982/ECTA10876>*. The model consists of exogenous parameters exogenous location characteristics, and endogenous objects tabulated in Table 2.

### B.1 Equilibrium

Given the model's exogenous parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \mu, \varepsilon, \kappa\}$ , the exogenous reservation utility level  $\bar{U}$ , exogenous location characteristics  $\{T_i, E_i, A_i, B_i, \varphi_i, K_i, \xi_i, \tau_{ij}\}$ , the general equilibrium of the model is referenced by  $\{\pi_{Mi}, \pi_{Ri}, Q_i, q_i, w_i, \theta_i, H\}$ . These seven components of the equilibrium are determined by the following seven equations:

1. Population mobility (9):  $\mathbb{E}[u] = \gamma \left[ \sum_{r=1}^S \sum_{s=1}^S T_{r,s} E_s \left( d_{rs} Q_r^{-\beta} \right)^{-\varepsilon} (B_{r,w_s})^\varepsilon \right]^{1/\varepsilon} = \bar{U}$
2. Residential choice probability:  $\pi_{Ri} = \sum_{j=1}^S \pi_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^S \Phi_{ij}}{\Phi}$
3. Workplace choice probability:  $\pi_{Mj} = \sum_{i=1}^S \pi_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^S \Phi_{ij}}{\Phi}$
4. Commercial land market clearing:  $\left( \frac{(1-\alpha)A_j}{q_j} \right)^{1/\alpha} H_{Mj} = \theta_j L_j$
5. Residential land market clearing:  $\left( \frac{(1-\alpha)A_j}{q_j} \right)^{1/\alpha} H_{Rj} = \theta_j L_j$
6. Profit maximization and zero profits:  $q_j = (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{\alpha}{w_j} \right)^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} A_j^{1/(1-\alpha)}$ .
7. No-Arbitrage between alternative uses of land:  $\theta_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } q_i > \xi_i Q_i, \\ [0, 1] & \text{if } q_i = \xi_i Q_i, \\ 0 & \text{if } q_i < \xi_i Q_i. \end{cases}$

To quantify the model, we use the mapping created via the above equations to invert adjusted productivities, amenities, and density of development  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i, \tilde{\varphi}_i\}$  which incorporate  $\{T_i, E_i, A_i, B_i, \varphi_i, K_i, \xi_i\}$ . When incorporating endogenous agglomeration forces, we decompose  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  into adjusted fundamental productivity and adjusted fundamental amenity  $\{\tilde{a}_i, \tilde{b}_i\}$  and endogenous productivity and amenity, which depend on nearby workplace and residence employment density. We observe  $\tau_{ij}$  (through GIS modelling), but travel costs could, in principle, be inverted from bilateral commuting data. Once the model is fully quantified, we solve it numerically. To this end, we use the above equations to pin down the values of the target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i, q_i, Q_i, \theta_i\}$ . For given values of model primitives and these target variables, we can solve for all other endogenous objects.



Table 2: Codebook

Object	Description
Structural parameters	
$\alpha$	Input share of floor space in production
$\beta$	Expenditure share on non-housing consumption
$\mu$	Share of non-land inputs in floor space production
$\varepsilon$	Preference heterogeneity (labour supply elasticity)
$\kappa$	Iceberg commuting cost parameter
$\nu = \kappa\varepsilon$	commuting decay
$\lambda$	Density elasticity or productivity
$\delta$	Productivity decay
$\eta$	Density elasticity of residential amenity
$\rho$	Residential decay
$\chi$	Scale parameter in relationship between floor space prices and land prices
$\gamma = \Gamma \frac{\varepsilon-1}{\varepsilon}$	Scale parameter in expected utility
$\Delta$	Parameter vector including $\{\nu, \epsilon, \lambda, \delta, \nu, \rho\}$
Exogenous characteristics	
$a_j$	Production fundamentals
$A_j$	Productivity
$b_i$	Residential fundamentals
$B_i$	Amenities
$\xi_i$	Tax-equivalent of land use regulations
$E_j$	Commuting destination-specific mean preference (from idiosyncratic shock)
$\tilde{A}_i = A_i E_i^{\alpha/\epsilon}$	Adjusted productivity
$\tilde{a}_i = a_i E_i^{\alpha/\epsilon}$	Adjusted production fundamentals
$\tilde{B}_i = B_i T_i^{1/\epsilon} / I_{R_i}^{1-\beta}$	Adjusted amenities
$\tilde{b}_i = b_i T_i^{1/\epsilon} / I_{R_i}^{1-\beta}$	Adjusted residential fundamentals
$K_i$	Land endowment
$\varphi_i = M_i^\mu = \frac{L_i}{K_i^{1-\mu}}$	Density of development
$\tilde{\varphi}_i = \tilde{\varphi}_i(\varphi_i, E_i^{1/\epsilon}, \xi_i)$	Adjusted density of development
$L_i = \varphi_i K_i^{1-\mu}$	Total floor space in block, subscripts M,R index use
$\tau_{ij}$	Bilateral travel times
$\bar{U}$	Reservation utility level
Endogenous variables and scalars	
$H$	Total city employment
$\pi_{ij}$	Commuting probabilities

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Object	Description
$H_{Mj}$	Workplace employment (observed)
$H_{Ri}$	Residence employment (observed)
$w_j$	Nominal wages (solved within the model)
$\mathbb{E}[w_s i] = \sum_{s=1}^S \pi_{is j} w_s$	Expected worker income
$\tilde{w}_j$	Adjusted wages $\tilde{w}_j = E_j^{\frac{1}{\epsilon}} w_j$
$\omega_j$	Transformed wages $\omega_j = \tilde{w}_j^\epsilon = E_j w_j^\epsilon$
$W_{it} = \sum_{s=1}^S \omega_{st} / e^{\nu' \tau_{ist}}$	(Residential) Commuting market access
$l_i$	Floor space per resident
$M_i$	Capital
$\theta_i$	Share of commercial floor space at total floor space
$q_i$	Commercial floor space rent
$Q_i$	Residential floor space rent
$\theta_i$	Share of floor space use commercially
	1 if $q_i > \xi_i Q_i$ , $[0,1]$ if $q_i = \xi_i Q_i$ , 0 if $q_i < \xi_i Q_i$
$Q_i = \max\{q_i, Q_i\}$	Observed floor space price, $q_i$ if $q_i > \xi_i Q_i$ , $q_i$ if $q_i = \xi_i Q_i$ , $Q_i$ if $q_i < \xi_i Q_i$
$\mathbb{R}_i$	Land price
$y_i$	output

## B.2 Algorithms

We introduce a subset of algorithms used by ARSW. We abstract from the computationally demanding structural estimation and focus on algorithms used for the quantification and simulation of the model. We refer to objects whose values we solve numerically as target objects. Within the solver, we refer to guessed values when values of target objects are input into the construction of other objects. We refer to predicted values when the values of target objects are computed as functions of other objects (which typically depend on guesses). Typically, we solve for the values of target objects using iterative procedures in which we update our guesses to weighted combinations of guessed and predicted values.

### B.2.1 One-step estimation of $\omega$

While estimation is not the focus of this teaching directory, we cover the one-step estimation of the taste heterogeneity parameter  $\varepsilon$ . The procedure described below is not particularly computationally demanding.  $\varepsilon$  is less consensual than most of the other parameters and it is likely context-dependent. Therefore, it can be useful to estimate  $\varepsilon$  even though it might be justifiable to borrow values of many other parameters from the literature.

To estimate  $\varepsilon$ , we combine three algorithms. Algorithm 7 solves for transformed wages,  $\omega_i$ . Algorithm 8 uses transformed wages to compute the difference between the Bezirke-level variance in adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_i$ , in model and data, our objective function. Algorithm 9 nests Algorithm 8 and searches for the value of  $\varepsilon$  that minimizes the value of the objective function.

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**Algorithm 7:** Solving for transformed wages ( $\omega_j$ ): `comegaopt0.m` (used in estimation)

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa\varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ ,  
observed workplace employment  $H_{Mj}$  and residence employment  $H_{Ri}$   
Guesses of transformed wages  $\tilde{\omega}_j^0$

- 1 **while** *Predicted workplace employment*  $\hat{H}_{Mj} \neq H_{Mj}$  **do**
- 2     Use guessed values of transformed wages  $\tilde{\omega}_j^0$  in Eq. (S.44) to predict  $\hat{H}_{Mj}$
- 3     Generate new guesses  $\tilde{\omega}_j^1 = \frac{H_{Mj}}{\hat{H}_{Mj}} \tilde{\omega}_j^0$
- 4     Update guesses to weighted combination of new and old guesses
- 5     Normalize guesses by geometric mean

**Result:** Transformed wages  $\tilde{\omega}_j$

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**Algorithm 8:** Compute value of objective function  $f(\varepsilon)$ : `cdensityoptren.m`

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**Data:** Current guess of  $\varepsilon$

Model solutions of transformed wages  $\omega$  from Algorithm 7 (`comegaopt.m`)

Variance of log wages across Bezirke  $\hat{\sigma}^2(\log(w_B))$  in data

- 1 Compute adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j = \omega_j^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$  using  $\omega_i$  and current guess of  $\varepsilon$
- 2 Compute Bezirke adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_B$
- 3 Compute variance of log wages across Bezirke,  $\sigma^2(\log(\tilde{w}_B))$  in model
- 4 Compute residual  $\mathbf{ftD} = \hat{\sigma}^2(\log(w_B)) - \sigma^2(\log(\tilde{w}_B))$
- 5 Compute current value of objective function  $f(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{ftD}'\mathbf{ftD}$  (the residual sum of squares)

**Result:** Value of objective function  $f(\varepsilon)$

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### B.2.2 Quantification with exogenous fundamentals (sequential procedure)

This sub-section summarizes a sequential procedure during which Eqs. S.47 and S.48 are used to recover adjusted productivity,  $\tilde{A}_i$  and adjusted amenity,  $\tilde{B}_i$ . Algorithm 10 recovers adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_i$ , from the commuting market clearing condition. Given adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_i$  and observed floor space prices,  $Q_i$ , it recovers adjusted productivity,  $\tilde{A}_i$ . Using adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_i$ , Algorithm 11 then recovers adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$ . Using adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$  along with adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_i$ , Algorithm 13 computes expected total income,  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)H_{Ri}$ . Income, adjusted productivity and adjusted amenity are then used by Algorithm 14 to recover total floor space,  $L_i$  and the share of commercial floor space,  $\theta_i$ .

Going through these algorithms and the sequential quantification procedure is particularly useful for didactic purposes since there is a close link to the analytical solutions (up to scale) for  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in Eqs. (27) and (28). Moreover, each of the algorithms individually is arguably more intuitive than the simultaneous quantification procedure introduced in Section B.3. Finally, the algorithms introduced here can be useful to understand how to solve for selected variables (e.g. adjusted wages) in other contexts.

Notice, however, that the algorithmic implementation of this sequential procedure in the original replication directory does not ensure that adjusted amenity and productivity are in the right scale to be input into the equilibrium solver in Algorithm 17. Algorithm 15 introduced in the next section, chooses the scales of  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  such that aggregate employment matches observed total employment. This is why Algorithm 15 is used for the quantification preceding counterfactuals in the paper. Adjusted productivity,  $\tilde{A}_i$  and amenity,  $\tilde{B}_i$ , recovered by Algorithms 7 and 11 are, of course, still entirely suitable if the objective is to analyze relative differences in amenity and productivity across locations. However, they should not be used as a starting point for counterfactuals without further adjustment.

To this end, this teaching directory contains Algorithm 12, which is not part of the original replication directory. When executed after Algorithms 7 and 11, it rescales adjusted amenity,  $\tilde{A}_i$ , and productivity,  $\tilde{B}_i$ , to match observed total employment. As a result, the values of  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  are identical to the values recovered by Algorithm 15. This means that Algorithm 17 correctly

recovers the initial equilibrium using these vales of  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$ . So, after executing Algorithm 12,  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  from the sequential procedure can be used to solve for counterfactual equilibria.

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**Algorithm 9:** Estimating  $\varepsilon$  using the MATLAB `patternsearch` algorithm

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**Data:** Define initial guess of parameter value ( $\varepsilon$ )  
Objective function  $f(\varepsilon)$  defined in Algorithm 8 (`cdensityoptren.m`)  
Define `initial_step_size`  
Define `step_size_threshold`

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1 while current_step_size > step_size_threshold do
2   pattern_points  $\leftarrow$  generate_pattern(current_point, current_step_size);
3   (generate a pattern of test points [paramter values] around the current point)
4   for point to pattern_points do
5     point_value  $\leftarrow$  objective_function(point) using Algorithm 8;
6     (evaluate the objective function at each point [paramter value] in the pattern)
7     if point_value < objective_function(current_point) then
8       current_point  $\leftarrow$  point;
9       (If a point with a lower value is found, update the current point [paramter
        value])
10  if current_point was not updated then
11    current_step_size  $\leftarrow$  reduce_step_size(current_step_size);
12    (If no better points were found, reduce the step size)

Result: Estimate of parameter value for  $\varepsilon$  that minimizes objective function  $f(\varepsilon)$ 

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**Algorithm 10:** Solving for adjusted wages ( $\tilde{w}_j$ ) and productivities ( $\tilde{A}_j$ ): `comegaoptC.m` (used in calibration)

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**Data:** Solver for transformed wages ( $\omega_j$ ) `comegaopt0.m` Algorithm 7  
Given values for structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa\varepsilon, \varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ ,  
observed workplace employment  $H_{Mj}$  and residence employment  $H_{Ri}$ ,  
and floor space prices  $\mathbb{Q}_j$   
Guesses of adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_i^0$

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1 Compute guesses of transformed wages  $\omega_i^0 = (\tilde{w}_i^0)^\varepsilon$ 
2 Use solver comegaopt0.m Algorithm 7 to solve for transformed wages  $\omega_j$ 
3 Compute equilibrium adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j = \omega_j^{1/\varepsilon}$ 
4 Use adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$  and floor space prices  $\mathbb{Q}_j$  in Eq. S48 to solve for adjusted
  productivities  $\tilde{A}_j$ 

Result: Adjusted wages and productivities, conditional commuting probabilities
   $\{\tilde{w}_j, \tilde{A}_j\}$ 

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Note: In the actual code directory, `comegaoptC.m` replicats much of the code from `comegaopt0.m` (instead of calling `comegaopt0.m`).

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**Algorithm 11:** Solving for adjusted amenities ( $\tilde{B}_i$ ): `camen.m`

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**Data:** Adjusted wages,  $\tilde{w}_j$  solved by Algorithm 10 (`comegaoptC.m`)  
Observed residence employment  $H_{Ri}$  and floor space prices  $Q_i$ ,  
bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , estimated preference heterogeneity  $\varepsilon$  and  
commuting decay  $\varepsilon\kappa$

- 1 Use adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_i$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , and commuting decay  $\varepsilon\kappa$  to compute commuting market access  $W_i$  using the commuting market access equation in Section S.3.1.2.
- 2 Use solved commuting market access  $W_i$ , observed residence employment  $H_{Ri}$ , floor space prices  $Q_j$  and estimated  $\varepsilon$  in Eq. S47 to solve for adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_j$

**Result:** Adjusted amenities, residential commuting market access  $\{\tilde{B}_i, W_i\}$

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**Algorithm 12:** Rescaling adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$  and productivities  $\tilde{A}_i$  to rationalize observed population  $H$ : `calcal_adj_TD.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\beta, \kappa\varepsilon, \varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ ,  
adjusted productivities  $\tilde{A}_i$  solved by Algorithm 10, adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$  solved  
by Algorithm 11, observed floor space prices  $Q_j$

- 1 Normalize adjusted productivities  $\tilde{A}_i$  by the geometric mean
- 2 Use rescaled adjusted productivities  $\tilde{A}_i$  and observed floor space prices  $Q_j$  in Eq. (12) to compute rescaled adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$
- 3 Use bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$ , observed floor space prices  $Q_j$ , and rescaled adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$  to compute  $\Phi$  (the denominator in Eq. (12) and the total employment in the model)
- 4 Rescale adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$  by multiplying them by the adjustment factor  $\left(\frac{H}{\Phi}\right)^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$  (see supplement p. 18 to see that  $H$  scales in any spatially invariant component of  $B_i$  at an elasticity of  $\varepsilon$ )

**Result:** Rescaled adjusted productivity and amenity  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$

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**Algorithm 13:** Solving for total expected income ( $\mathbb{E}(w_i)H_{Ri}$ ) and adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$ : `expincome.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\beta, \kappa\varepsilon, \varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$  solved by Algorithm 10, adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$  solved by Algorithm 11 (`camen.m`), and observed residence employment  $H_{Ri}$  floor space prices  $Q_i$

- 1 Compute bilateral commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$  using Eq. (5)
- 2 Compute conditional commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij|i}$  using Eq. (6)
- 3 Compute expected worker income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)$  using Eq. (S.20)
- 4 Use expected worker income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)$  and residential employment to compute total expected income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)H_{Ri}$

**Result:** Total expected income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)H_{Ri}$

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**Algorithm 14:** Solving for density of development ( $\varphi_i$ ), total floor space  $L_i$ , and commercial floor space share  $\theta_i$ : `cdenisty.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ , land endowment  $i$ , observed floor space prices  $Q_j$ , adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_j$  solved by Algorithm 10 (`comegaoptC.m`), adjusted amenities  $\tilde{B}_i$  solved by Algorithm 11 (`camen.m`)

- 1 Compute commercial floor space demand  $\theta_i L_i$  using Eq. (S.29)
- 2 Compute residential floor space demand  $(1 - \theta_i)L_i$  using Eq. (S.30)
- 3 Compute total floor space demand  $L_i = \theta_i L_i + (1 - \theta_i)L_i$
- 4 Use expected worker income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)$  and residence employment to compute total expected income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)H_{Ri}$
- 5 Compute density of development  $\varphi_i$  using  $L_i$ , land area  $K_i$  and Eq. (S.31)
- 6 Compute commercial floor space share  $\theta_i = \frac{\theta_i L_i}{L_i}$

**Result:** Density of development, total floor space, and commercial floor space share  $\{\varphi_i, L_i, \theta_i\}$

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### B.3 Counterfactuals with exogenous fundamentals

A simple two-step procedure can be used to conduct flexible counterfactuals. In the first step, we use Algorithms 15 and 16 as well as observed values of the endogenous variables residence employment,  $H_{Ri}$ , workplace employment,  $H_{Mi}$ , and floor space prices  $Q_i$ , to invert adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$  and adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$ . In the second step, we use the inverted values of  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  and Algorithm 17 to solve for all endogenous outcomes. We obtain solutions to a counterfactual instead of the observed equilibrium by changing any of the model's primitives.

Algorithm 15 recovers  $\{\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}\}$  from one iterative procedure. The algorithm starts from guessed values of  $\{\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}\}$  and exploits the unique mapping from primitives to endogenous outcomes to compute residence and workplace employment  $\{\hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$ . It keeps adjusting the guesses of  $\{\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}\}$  until  $\{\hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$  correspond to the values observed in data. For the final  $\{\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}\}$  values, it further generates endogenous objects not observed in data, such as

adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$ , commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$ , and expected income  $\mathbb{E}(\tilde{w}_s)$ . Using the values of  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \mathbb{E}(\tilde{w}_i)\}$  solved by Algorithm 15, Algorithm 16 recovers the exogenous density of development and total floor space  $\{\varphi_i, L_i\}$  as well as the endogenous commercial floor space shares  $\theta_i$ , which completes the quantification of the model.

Algorithm 17 exploits the unique mapping from primitives to endogenous outcomes to solve for the endogenous variables. It uses the values of  $\{\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}\}$  recovered using Algorithm 15. To this end, it uses an iterative procedure to solve for the values of the target variables adjusted wages, floor space prices, and commercial floor space shares  $\{\tilde{w}_i, q_i, Q_i, \theta_i\}$ . For the solved values of these target variables, the algorithm generates a range of further endogenous outcomes (all endogenous variables can be recovered from if the values of the target variables and primitives are known).

Notice that Algorithm 17 solves for the spatial equilibrium holding total employment,  $H$  constant. This corresponds to the closed-city case and implies the expected utility changes in the counterfactual. We cover the open-city case with endogenous  $H$  and fixed exogenous  $\bar{U}$  in the next section, where we incorporate endogenous agglomeration forces.



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**Algorithm 15:** Solving for adjusted wage  $\tilde{w}_i$ , adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$  and adjusted amenity ( $\tilde{B}_i$ ): `cmoexog.m`

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**Data:** Given values of endogenous variables floor space prices, workplace employment, residence employment,  $\{Q_i, H_{Mj}, H_{Ri}\}$ , structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa\varepsilon, \varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , guesses of adjusted productivity and adjusted amenity,  $\{\tilde{A}_j^0, \tilde{B}_i^0\}$

- 1 **while** *guesses of  $\{\tilde{A}_j^0, \tilde{B}_i^0\}$  change* **do**
- 2     Compute adjusted wages  $\tilde{w}_j$  using guesses of  $\tilde{A}_j^0$ , observed  $Q_j$ , and Eq. (12)
- 3     Compute commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$  using Eq. (4) using guesses of  $\{\tilde{A}_j^0, \tilde{B}_i^0\}$  and  $\tilde{w}_j$  using Eq. (4)
- 4     Use  $\pi_{ij}$  to compute predicted workplace and residence employment  $\{\hat{H}_{Mj}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$  using Eq. (5)
- 5     Generate new guesses of  $\tilde{A}_i^1$  by inflating old guesses by the ratio of observed over predicted workplace employment  $H_{Mi}/\hat{H}_{Mi}$  (we increase guesses if we underpredict employment)
- 6     Generate new guesses of  $\tilde{B}_i^1$  by inflating old guess by the ratio of observed over predicted residence employment  $H_{Ri}/\hat{H}_{Ri}$  (we increase guesses if we underpredict employment)
- 7     Update guesses of  $\tilde{A}_i^0$  to the weighted combination of new guess  $\tilde{A}_i^1$  and old guesses  $\tilde{A}_i^0$
- 8     Update guesses of  $\tilde{B}_i^0$  to the weighted combination of new guess  $\tilde{B}_i^1$  and old guesses  $\tilde{B}_i^0$
- 9     Normalize guesses  $\tilde{A}_i^0$  by the geometric mean to ensure a unit mean
- 10    Inflate guesses of  $\tilde{B}_i^0$  by the ratio of total employment in data over total predicted employment in model (we make the city more attractive if we underpredict total employment)
- 11 Use solved  $\tilde{w}_j$ ,  $\tau_{ij}$ , and  $\kappa\varepsilon$  to compute commuting market access (see p. 40 in supplement for equation)

**Result:** Adjusted productivities, adjusted amenities, adjusted wages, commuting probabilities, expected income, predicted workplace employment, predicted residence employment, predicted total employment  
 $\{\tilde{A}_j, \tilde{B}_j, \tilde{w}_j, \pi_{ij}, \mathbb{E}(\tilde{w}_s|i), \hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$

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Note: Still need to check how the fundamentals differ from the sequential procedure.

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**Algorithm 16:** Solving for density of development  $\varphi_i$ , total floor space stock  $L_i$ , and commercial floor space share  $\theta_i$ : `cdenisityE.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ , land endowment  $K_i$ , observed floor space prices  $Q_j$  adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_j$ , adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$ , and total income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)$  solved by Algorithm 15 (`cmoindex.m`)

- 1 Compute commercial floor space demand  $\theta_i L_i$  using Eq. (S.29)
- 2 Compute residential floor space demand  $(1 - \theta_i) L_i$  using Eq. (S.30)
- 3 Compute total floor space demand  $L_i = \theta_i L_i + (1 - \theta_i) L_i$
- 4 Use expected worker income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i)$  and residence employment to compute total expected income  $\mathbb{E}(w_i) H_{Ri}$
- 5 Compute density of development  $\varphi_i$  using  $L_i$ , land area  $K_i$  and Eq. (S.31)
- 6 Compute commercial floor space share  $\theta_i = \frac{\theta_i L_i}{L_i}$
- 7 Compute commercial commercial and residential floor space using  $\theta_i$  and  $L_i$

**Result:** Density of development, total floor space, and commercial floor space share  $\{\varphi_i, L_i, \theta_i\}$

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Note: This is essentially the same code as in `cdenisity.m`), except that the algorithm also generates the stock of commercial and residential floor space, which serve as guesses in `smoindex.m` to speed up convergence.

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**Algorithm 17:** Solving for the equilibrium for given primitives: `smodex.m`


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**Data:** Given values of structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa, \varepsilon\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , inverted adjusted productivity, adjusted amenity, and floor space stock  $\{\tilde{A}_j, \tilde{B}_i, L_i\}$ ; guesses of the target variables adjusted wages, commercial and residential floor space prices, commercial floor space shares  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$ ; total employment  $H$ .

- 1 **while** guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  change **do**
- 2     Compute location choice probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$  using guesses of  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0\}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_j, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in in Eq. (4)
- 3     Compute residence and workplace employment  $\{\hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$  using  $\pi_{ij}$ ,  $H$  and residence and Eq. (5).
- 4     Compute output  $\hat{Y}_i$  using the production function in Eq. (10), workplace employment  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$ , inverted total floor space  $L_i$ , and guesses of  $\theta_i^0$ .
- 5     Compute predicted adjusted wage  $\tilde{w}_i^1 = \alpha \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{\hat{H}_{Mi}}$  using the input demand function derived from F.O.C. of Eq. (10) and  $\{\hat{Y}_i$ , and  $\hat{H}_{Mi}\}$
- 6     Compute total income  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i \times \hat{H}_{Mi})$  using Eq. (S.20), predicted  $\tilde{w}_i^1$ ,  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$ , and conditional commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij|i} = \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\sum_j \pi_{ij}}$
- 7     Compute predicted commercial and residential floor space prices  $\{q_i^1, Q_i^1\}$  using  $\hat{Y}_i$ , guesses of  $\theta_i^0$ , and Marshallian demand and input demand based on Eqs. (1) and (10)
- 8     Compute predicted values of  $\theta_i^0$  using commercial floor space input  $L_{Mi} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{q_i^1}$  recovered from input demand function based on Eq. (10) and  $L_i$  in Eq. (S.53)
- 9     Update guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  to weighted average of old guesses  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and predicted values  $\{\tilde{w}_i^1, q_i^1, Q_i^1, \theta_i^1\}$

**Result:** Predicted values of adjusted wage, total income, commercial floor space shares, output, commercial and residential floor space prices, workplace employment and residence, total employment, unconditional commuting probabilities  $\{\tilde{w}_i, \mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i \times \hat{H}_{Mi}), \theta_i, Y_i, q_i, Q_i, H_{Mi}, H_{Ri}, \pi_{ij}\}$

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## B.4 Counterfactuals with endogenous agglomeration forces

Conducting counterfactuals with endogenous agglomeration forces follows the two steps—quantification and simulation—as in the case with exogenous fundamentals. To quantify the model with endogenous agglomeration forces, we first recover adjusted productivity and adjusted amenity  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  using either the sequential procedure in Algorithms 10 and 11, plus the rescaling Algorithm 15, or the simultaneous procedure in Algorithm 15. We then break down  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  into endogenous components that depend on nearby density,  $\{\Upsilon_i, \Omega_i\}$ , and exogenous components  $\{a_i, b_i\}$  using Algorithms 18 and 19. We then use Algorithm 16 to recover density of development, total floor space, and commercial floor space share  $\{\varphi_i, L_i, \theta_i\}$ . Using Algorithm 20 to recover the reservation utility level  $\bar{U}$  completes the quantification.

For given primitives, Algorithm 21 solves for the equilibrium values of the endogenous

outcomes in the closed-city case where total employment  $H$  is exogenous and expected utility  $\bar{U}$  is endogenous. To this end, it uses an iterative procedure to solve for the values of the target variables adjusted wages, floor space prices, and commercial floor space shares  $\{\tilde{w}_i, q_i, Q_i, \theta_i\}$ . For the solved values of these target variables, the algorithm generates a range of further endogenous outcomes (all endogenous variables can be recovered if the values of the target variables and primitives are known).

Algorithm 22 similarly solves for the equilibrium values of the endogenous outcomes in the open-city case where  $\bar{U}$  is exogenous and total employment  $H$  is endogenous. The algorithm is very similar to Algorithm 21. It nests an additional adjustment within the loop in line 17 (of the pseudo code). If the predicted expected utility in the city exceeds the target, total employment is increased, which reduces the expected utility via the model's endogenous congestion force. To ensure that the algorithm converges to the target expected utility, the stopping rule is extended in line 5.

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**Algorithm 18:** Decomposing adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$ : `cprod.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\lambda, \delta\}$ , land endowment  $K_i$ , travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , adjusted productivities  $\tilde{A}_j$  solved by Algorithm 15 and observed workplace employment  $H_{Mi}$

- 1 Compute endogenous productivity  $\Upsilon_i$  using  $\{\delta, \tau_{ij}, E_{Mi}, K_i\}$  in Eq. (20)
- 2 Compute exogenous productivity  $a_i$  using  $\{\lambda, \tilde{A}_i, \Upsilon_i\}$  in Eq. (20)

**Result:** Endogenous and exogenous productivity  $\Upsilon_i, a_i$

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**Algorithm 19:** Decomposing adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$ : `cres.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\eta, \rho\}$ , land endowment  $K_i$ , travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_j$  solved by Algorithm 15 and observed residence employment  $H_{Ri}$

- 1 Compute endogenous amenity  $\Omega_i$  using  $\{\rho, \tau_{ij}, E_{Ri}, K_i\}$  in Eq. (21)
- 2 Compute exogenous amenity  $b_i$  using  $\{\eta, \tilde{B}_i, \Omega_i\}$  in Eq. (21)

**Result:** Endogenous and exogenous amenity  $\Omega_i, b_i$

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**Algorithm 20:** Computing reservation utility level  $\bar{U}$ : `ubar.m`

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**Data:** Given values for structural parameters  $\{\kappa, \epsilon\}$ , travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_j$  solved by Algorithm 15 and floor space prices and wages  $\{Q_i, \tilde{w}_i\}$

- 1 Compute  $\bar{U}$  using all inputs in Eq. (9)

**Result:** Endogenous and exogenous amenity  $\Omega_i, b_i$

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**Algorithm 21:** Solving for the equilibrium with endogenous agglomeration forces and exogenous total employment  $H$ : `smodendog.m`

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**Data:** Given values of structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa, \varepsilon, \mu\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , land area  $K_i$ ; inverted fundamental productivity and amenity  $\{a_i, b_i\}$ , adjusted density of development  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ ; guesses of the target variables: adjusted wages, commercial and residential floor space prices, commercial floor space shares  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and initial values of workplace and residence employment  $\{H_{Mi}, H_{Ri}\}$ ; total employment  $H$

- 1 Compute floor space  $L_i$  using  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$  and  $K_i$  in Eq. (S.52)
- 2 Compute adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and initial values of  $H_{Mi}$  and Eq. (20)
- 3 Compute adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and initial values of  $H_{Ri}$  and Eq. (21)
- 4 Compute total employment  $H = \sum H_{Mi}$
- 5 **while** guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  change **do**
- 6     Compute choice probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$  using guesses of  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in Eq. (4)
- 7     Compute residence and workplace employment  $\{\hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$  using  $\hat{\pi}_{ij}$ ,  $H$  and Eq. (5)
- 8     Compute utility  $\hat{U}$  using guesses of  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in Eq. (9)
- 9     Compute  $\tilde{A}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$  in Eq. (20)
- 10    Compute  $\tilde{B}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and  $\hat{H}_{Ri}$  in Eq. (21)
- 11    Compute output  $\hat{Y}_i$  using the production function in Eq. (10),  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$ , total floor space  $L_i$ , and guesses of  $\theta_i^0$
- 12    Compute predicted adjusted wage  $\tilde{w}_i^1 = \alpha \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{\hat{H}_{Mi}}$  using the input demand function derived from F.O.C. of Eq. (10), and  $\{\hat{Y}_i, \hat{H}_{Mi}\}$
- 13    Compute total income  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i \times \hat{H}_{Ri})$  using Eq. (S.20),  $\{\tilde{w}_i^1, \hat{H}_{Mi}\}$ , and conditional commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij|i} = \frac{\Phi_{ij}}{\sum_j \Phi_{ij}}$
- 14    Compute predicted commercial and residential floor space prices  $\{q_i^1, Q_i^1\}$  using  $\hat{Y}$ , guesses of  $\theta_i^0$ , and Marshallian demand functions and input demand functions based on Eqs. (1) and (10)
- 15    Compute predicted values of commercial floor space  $\theta_i^1$  using commercial floor space input  $L_{Mi} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{q_i^1}$  recovered from input demand function based on Eqs. (10) and (S.53)
- 16    Update guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  to weighted average of old guesses  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and predicted values  $\{\tilde{w}_i^1, q_i^1, Q_i^1, \theta_i^1\}$

**Result:** Predicted values of adjusted wage, total income, commercial floor space shares, output, commercial and residential floor space prices, workplace employment and residence, total employment, unconditional commuting probabilities  $\{\tilde{w}_i, \mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i \times \hat{H}_{Mi}), \theta_i, Y_i, q_i, Q_i, H_{Mi}, H_{Ri}, \tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i, \bar{U}, \pi_{ij}\}$

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**Algorithm 22:** Solving for the equilibrium with endogenous agglomeration forces and exogenous reservation utility: `ussmodendog.m`

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**Data:** Given values of structural parameters  $\{\alpha, \beta, \kappa, \varepsilon, \mu\}$ , bilateral travel times  $\tau_{ij}$ , land area  $K_i$ ; inverted fundamental productivity and amenity  $\{a_i, b_i\}$ , adjusted density of development  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ ; guesses of the target variables: adjusted wages, commercial and residential floor space prices, commercial floor space shares  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and initial values of workplace and residence employment  $\{H_{Mi}, H_{Ri}\}$ ; calibrated value of exogenous reservation utility level  $\bar{U}$

- 1 Compute floor space  $L_i$  using  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$  and  $K_i$  in Eq. (S.52)
- 2 Compute adjusted productivity  $\tilde{A}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and initial values of  $H_{Mi}$  and Eq. (20)
- 3 Compute adjusted amenity  $\tilde{B}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and initial values of  $H_{Ri}$  and Eq. (21)
- 4 Compute total employment  $H = \sum H_{Mi}$
- 5 **while** guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  change or  $\mathbb{E}(U) \neq \bar{U}$  **do**
- 6     Compute choice probabilities  $\pi_{ij}$  using guesses of  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in Eq. (4)
- 7     Compute residence and workplace employment  $\{\hat{H}_{Mi}, \hat{H}_{Ri}\}$  using  $\hat{\pi}_{ij}$ ,  $H$  and Eq. (5)
- 8     Compute utility  $\hat{U}$  using guesses of  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and  $\{\tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i\}$  in Eq. (9)
- 9     Compute  $\tilde{A}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$  in Eq. (20)
- 10    Compute  $\tilde{B}_i$  using  $\tau_{ij}$  and  $\hat{H}_{Ri}$  in Eq. (21)
- 11    Compute output  $\hat{Y}_i$  using the production function in Eq. (10),  $\hat{H}_{Mi}$ , total floor space  $L_i$ , and guesses of  $\theta_i^0$
- 12    Compute predicted adjusted wage  $\tilde{w}_i^1 = \alpha \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{\hat{H}_{Mi}}$  using the input demand function derived from F.O.C. of Eq. (10), and  $\{\hat{Y}_i, \hat{H}_{Mi}\}$
- 13    Compute total income  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i \times \hat{H}_{Ri})$  using Eq. (S.20),  $\{\tilde{w}_i^1, \hat{H}_{Mi}\}$ , and conditional commuting probabilities  $\pi_{ij|i} = \frac{\Phi_{ij}}{\sum_j \Phi_{ij}}$
- 14    Compute predicted commercial and residential floor space prices  $\{q_i^1, Q_i^1\}$  using  $\hat{Y}$ , guesses of  $\theta_i^0$ , and Marshallian demand functions and input demand functions based on Eqs. (1) and (10)
- 15    Compute predicted values of commercial floor space  $\theta_i^1$  using commercial floor space input  $L_{Mi} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{\hat{Y}_i}{q_i^1}$  recovered from input demand function based on Eqs. (10) and (S.53)
- 16    Update guesses of target variables  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  to weighted average of old guesses  $\{\tilde{w}_i^0, q_i^0, Q_i^0, \theta_i^0\}$  and predicted values  $\{w_i^1, \hat{q}_i^1, \hat{Q}_i^1, \hat{\theta}_i^1\}$
- 17    Update  $H$  using adjustment factor  $\frac{\hat{U}}{\bar{U}}$  (we increase total employment if expected utility exceeds reservation utility)

**Result:** Predicted values of adjusted wage, total income, commercial floor space shares, output, commercial and residential floor space prices, workplace employment and residence, total employment, unconditional commuting probabilities  $\{\tilde{w}_i, \mathbb{E}(\hat{w}_i) \times \hat{H}_{Mi}, \theta_i, Y_i, q_i, Q_i, H_{Mi}, H_{Ri}, \tilde{A}_i, \tilde{B}_i, H, \pi_{ij}\}$

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