

Online Supplement For

"Count Data Models with Social Interactions under Rational Expectations"

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S.1 Proof of the convergence of the infinite summations

Many infinite summations appear in the paper (e.g., the expected choice, the infinite summations in Proposition 2.2, Assumption 2.4, and several others used throughout the proofs). In this section, I state and prove a general lemma on the convergence of these infinite sums.

Lemma S.1. *Let h be a continuous function on \mathbb{R} and f_γ be a function defined for any $u \in \mathbb{R}$ as $f_\gamma(u) = \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} r^\gamma h(u - b_r)$, where $\gamma \geq 0$ and $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an increasing positive sequence, such that $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{-\rho}(b_{r+1} - b_r) > 0$, where $\rho \geq 0$. The following statements hold.*

(i) *For any $u \in \mathbb{R}$, if $h(x) = o(|x|^{-\kappa})$ at $-\infty$, where $(1 + \rho)\kappa > 1 + \gamma$, then $f_\gamma(u) < \infty$.*

(ii) *If $h(x) = o(|x|^{-\kappa})$ at both $-\infty$ and $+\infty$, where $(1 + \rho)\kappa > 1$, then f_0 is bounded on \mathbb{R} .*

Statement (ii) and Assumption 2.3 ensure that B_c defined in Assumption 2.4 is finite. Statement (i) and Assumption 2.3 also imply that the other infinite summations in the paper are finite.

Proof of Lemma S.1

The proof is done in several steps.

Step 0: I show that if $h(x) = o(|x|^{-\kappa})$ at both $-\infty$ and $+\infty$, then $\exists M \geq 1$, such that $|h(u - b_r)| \leq M(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa}$. Moreover, this is also true for large r even if $h(x) = o(|x|^{-\kappa})$ only at $-\infty$.

The condition $h(x) = o(|x|^{-\kappa})$ at both $-\infty$ and $+\infty$ is also equivalent to $|h(x)| = o((|x| + 1)^{-\kappa})$. Thus, $\exists x_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+ / \forall x < -x_0$ or $x > x_0$, $|h(x)| < (|x| + 1)^{-\kappa}$. As h is continuous, this implies that there exists $M \geq 1$, such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $|h(x)| \leq M(|x| + 1)^{-\kappa}$. As a result, $|h(u - b_r)| \leq M(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa}$.

Step 1: I prove Statement (i).

Let f^* be the real-valued function defined as $f^*(u) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa}$, $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}$.

The condition $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{-\rho}(b_{r+1} - b_r) > 0$ implies that there exists $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b > 0$, such that $\forall r \geq k_0$, $r^{-\rho}(b_{r+1} - b_r) \geq b$, i.e., $b_{r+1} \geq b \sum_{s=k_0}^r s^\rho + b_{k_0}$. As $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} b_r = \infty$, $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}$, it is possible to choose k_0 sufficiently large, such that $b_{k_0} > u$. It follows that $\forall r > k_0$, $|u - b_r| = b_r - u \geq b \sum_{s=k_0}^{r-1} s^\rho + b_{k_0} - u \geq 0$, which implies $(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa} \leq \left(b \sum_{s=k_0}^{r-1} s^\rho + b_{k_0} - u\right)^{-\kappa}$, and thus $(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa} \leq O(r^{-(1+\rho)\kappa})$ since $\sum_{s=k_0}^{r-1} s^\rho = O(r^{1+\rho})$. Therefore, $f^*(u) < \infty$, $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}$. Using the result of the step 0, it follows that $\forall u \in \mathbb{R}$, $\gamma \geq 0$, $r^\gamma h(u - b_r) = O(r^{-(1+\rho)\kappa+\gamma})$. Hence, $f_\gamma(u) < \infty$ if $(1 + \rho)\kappa > 1 + \gamma$.

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Step 2: I prove Statement (ii).

As $|h(u - b_r)| \leq M(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa}$, it is sufficient to prove that f^* is bounded. Moreover, since f^* is a continuous function, this also amounts to proving $\lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} f^*(u)$ and $\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} f^*(u)$ are finite.

For any $u \leq 0$, I have $(|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa} = (b_r - u + 1)^{-\kappa} \leq (b_r + 1)^{-\kappa}$. Thus, $f^*(u) \leq f^*(0)$.

Since f^* is a positive function, this implies that $\lim_{u \rightarrow -\infty} f^*(u)$ is finite.

Let $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}^*$, such that $\forall r, r' \geq k_0$ with $r > r'$, $b_r - b_{r'} \geq b \sum_{s=r'}^{r-1} s^\rho$, for some $b > 0$.

For u positive and sufficiently large, $\exists k^* \in \mathbb{N}$ (with k^* depending on u), where $k^* > k_0$ and $\forall r < k^*$, $u > b_r$, and $\forall r \geq k^*$, $u \leq b_r$. Thus, $f^*(u)$ can be decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u) &= \sum_{r=0}^{k_0-1} (|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-1} (|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*}^{\infty} (|u - b_r| + 1)^{-\kappa}, \\ f^*(u) &\leq k_0 + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-1} (u - b_r + 1)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*}^{\infty} (b_r - u + 1)^{-\kappa}, \\ f^*(u) &\leq k_0 + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-1} (b_{k^*-1} - b_r + 1)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*}^{\infty} (b_r - b_{k^*} + 1)^{-\kappa}, \\ f^*(u) &\leq 2 + k_0 + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-2} (b_{k^*-1} - b_r)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*+1}^{\infty} (b_r - b_{k^*})^{-\kappa}. \end{aligned}$$

If $k_0 \leq r \leq k^* - 1$, then $b_{k^*-1} - b_r \geq b \sum_{s=r}^{k^*-2} s^\rho$. Thus, $(b_{k^*-1} - b_r)^{-\kappa} \leq \left(b \sum_{s=r}^{k^*-2} s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}$.

Analogously, if $k^* \leq r$, then $b_r - b_{k^*} \geq b \sum_{s=k^*}^{r-1} s^\rho$. Thus, $(b_r - b_{k^*})^{-\kappa} \leq \left(b \sum_{s=k^*}^{r-1} s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(u) &\leq 2 + k_0 + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-2} \left(b \sum_{s=r}^{k^*-2} s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*+1}^{\infty} \left(b \sum_{s=k^*}^{r-1} s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}, \\ f^*(u) &\leq 2 + k_0 + \sum_{r=k_0}^{k^*-2} \left(b \sum_{s=k_0}^r s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa} + \sum_{r=k^*+1}^{\infty} \left(b \sum_{s=k^*}^{r-1} s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}, \\ f^*(u) &\leq 2 + k_0 + 2 \sum_{r=k_0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{s=k_0}^r s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}. \end{aligned}$$

As $2 + k_0 + 2 \sum_{r=k_0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{s=k_0}^r s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa}$ does not depend on u and $\left(\sum_{s=k_0}^r s^\rho\right)^{-\kappa} = O(r^{-(1+\rho)\kappa})$, $\lim_{u \rightarrow +\infty} f^*(u)$ is finite if $(1 + \rho)\kappa > 1$. As a result, f_0 is bounded.

S.2 Can the best response function be linear?

The key point of the identification analysis is to establish that $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^* = [\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{e*} \mathbf{Z}]$ is a full rank matrix, where $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{e*} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}^{e*}$. Proposition 2.2 states that \mathbf{y}^{e*} verifies a fixed point equation given by $y_i^e = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} F_{\varepsilon|\mathcal{I}}(\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma} - a_r)$. Although this equation is nonlinear, Figure S.1 shows that it can be approximated using a linear equation when $\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma}$ is sufficiently large. Indeed, the red line of Figure S.1 represents y_i^e as a function of $\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma}$. The function looks linear when $\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma}$ is positive and large. In this representation, I set $a_1 = 0$, and $a_r = 1$ for all $r \geq 2$, which corresponds to the situation where $\rho = 0$ and $\bar{R} = 1$. This configuration suggests that the cost function $c(\cdot)$ in Equation (1) is quadratic and that the model is similar to the SART model under rational expectations.

The best response function (BRF) of the SART model under rational expectations implies that $y_i^e = \mathbb{E}(\max\{0, \lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma} + \varepsilon_i\} | \mathcal{I})$, which is represented by the green line.

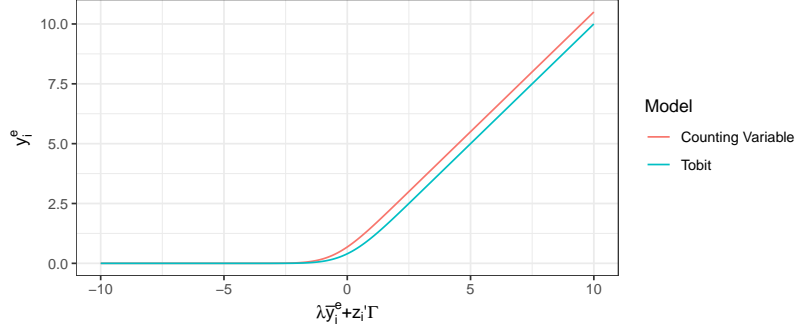


Figure S.1: Expected outcome

The slopes of both BRFs are quite similar. In an old version of the paper, I use the Poisson summation formula to show that $\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} F_{\varepsilon|\mathcal{I}}(\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma} - a_r)$ can be approximated using a linear function in $\lambda \bar{y}_i^e + \mathbf{z}_i' \mathbf{\Gamma}$ if $\rho = 0$ and $\bar{R} = 1$.

S.3 A More General Identification Analysis

In this section, I relax Assumption 3.2 and conduct a more general identification analysis. I employ Proposition 2 in Manski (1988) on the identification of the parameters in binary response models when the outcome distribution is unknown. For any vector \mathbf{b} , b_k denotes its k -th component. I set the following assumption.

Assumption S.1. (i) $(\varepsilon_i)_{i \in \mathcal{V}}$ is independent and identically distributed across agents according to a symmetric and continuous distribution independent of \mathbf{Z} and \mathbf{G} . (ii) The common density function of ε_i 's is positive almost everywhere on \mathbb{R} .

Assumption S.2. There exists at least one integer $l \in [1, K]$ such that, for every value of $\mathbf{x}_{-l,i} := (x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,l-1}, x_{i,l+1}, \dots, x_{i,K})'$, $\beta_l x_{i,l} + \gamma_l \bar{x}_{i,l}$ can take any value in \mathbb{R} , where $x_{i,l}$ and $\bar{x}_{i,l}$ are respectively the l -th component of \mathbf{x}_i and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i$.

Condition (i) of Assumption S.1 imposes strict exogeneity for \mathbf{Z} and \mathbf{G} . It implies that $F_{\varepsilon|\mathcal{I}} = F_{\varepsilon}$, where F_{ε} is the *unconditional* distribution of ε_i . Condition (ii) ensures that there is enough variation in the counting variable y to allow for the identification of the cut points. In particular, the event $\{y_i > \bar{R}\}$ has a nonzero probability of occurrence. This is important for the identification of $\bar{\delta}$ and ρ . Assumption S.2 originates from Manski (1988) and is adapted to my framework. It imposes unbounded support for $\beta_l x_{i,l} + \gamma_l \bar{x}_{i,l}$ given $\mathbf{x}_{-l,i}$, which would help for identifying F_{ε} .

Proposition S.1. *Under Assumptions 2.1–3.1, 3.3–3.5, S.1, and S.2, the tuple $(\lambda, \Gamma, \delta, \bar{\delta}, F_\varepsilon)$ is identified up to scale, whereas ρ and \bar{R} are point identified.*

If $\lambda, \Gamma = (\alpha, \beta', \gamma')'$, and F_ε are observationally equivalent to $\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma} = (\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}', \tilde{\gamma}')'$, and \tilde{F}_ε , then $p_{i0} = \tilde{p}_{i0}$, where $p_{i0} = F_\varepsilon(\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma)$, $\tilde{p}_{i0} = \tilde{F}_\varepsilon(\tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma})$.² I show in Appendix A.4 that $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^* = [\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{e*}, \mathbf{Z}]$ is a full rank matrix.³ Therefore, if $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma') \neq (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')'$ for any $\bar{\tau} > 0$, then there exists a strictly positive proportion of agents i , such that

$$\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma < 0 \leq \tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma} \quad \text{or} \quad \tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma} < 0 \leq \lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma. \quad (\text{S.1})$$

Indeed, as $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^*$ is a full rank matrix, $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma') \neq (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')'$ implies that $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ and $\tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma}$ cannot be proportional. Assumption S.2 states that $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ takes all values in \mathbb{R} .⁴ Thus, there necessary exist some i 's for which $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ and $\tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma}$ do not have the same sign. The condition $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma') \neq (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')'$ is necessary for this result. Even though $(\lambda, \Gamma') \neq (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')$, but $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma') = (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')'$ for some $\bar{\tau} > 0$, we would have $\bar{\tau}(\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma) = \tilde{\lambda} \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \tilde{\Gamma}$ and Condition (S.1) cannot hold.

I can now use Proposition 2 of Mansky (1988). Assumption S.1 guarantees the quantile independence required for this proposition. The main implication of Proposition 1 is that if for some $x, \tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $x < 0 \leq \tilde{x}$ or $\tilde{x} < 0 \leq x$, then it is not possible that $F_\varepsilon(x) = \tilde{F}_\varepsilon(\tilde{x})$. This result is due, on the one hand, to the symmetry of the distributions implying that $F_\varepsilon(0) = \tilde{F}_\varepsilon(0)$, and on the other hand, to the continuity of the distributions. This implies that Condition (S.1) is not possible if $p_{i0} = \tilde{p}_{i0}$. For Condition (S.1) not to be possible, it is necessary that $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma') = (\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')'$, which means that (λ, Γ') is identified up to scale. By replacing $(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\Gamma}')$ by $\bar{\tau}(\lambda, \Gamma')$ in Equation $p_{i0} = \tilde{p}_{i0}$, I have $F_\varepsilon(\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma) = \tilde{F}_\varepsilon(\bar{\tau}(\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma))$. It follows that $F_\varepsilon(x) = \tilde{F}_\varepsilon(\bar{\tau}x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ because $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ can take all values in \mathbb{R} . As a result, F_ε is identified up to scale.

The rest of the proof is similar to Appendix A.4. By taking $p_{ir} = \tilde{p}_{ir}$ iteratively for $r = 1, 2, \dots$, I have $\tilde{\delta}_r = \bar{\tau} \delta_r$. However, in the ratio of the equations $\tilde{\delta}_r = \bar{\tau} \delta_r$ and $\tilde{\delta}_{r+1} = \bar{\tau} \delta_{r+1}$ for $r \geq \max\{\bar{R}, \tilde{R}\}$, the parameter $\bar{\tau}$ cancels out. Thus $\rho = \tilde{\rho}$. Also, $\bar{R} > \tilde{R}$ is not possible using the argument of Appendix A.4. As a result, $(\lambda, \Gamma, \delta, \bar{\delta}, F_\varepsilon)$ is identified up to scale, whereas ρ and \bar{R} are point identified. By setting this scale parameter of F_ε to one (as in Assumption 3.2), all the parameters would be identified.

²The average expected outcome \bar{y}_i^{e*} is necessarily the same for both sets of parameters because $p_{ir} = \tilde{p}_{ir}$.

³This result is independent of the identification of F_ε . Even for two F_ε and \tilde{F}_ε , as they yield the same rational expected outcome $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{e*}$, the argument of Appendix A.4 implies that $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{e*}$ cannot be written as a linear combination of the components \mathbf{z}_i .

⁴For $\mathbf{x}_{-l,i}$ set fixed, if $\beta_l x_{i,l} + \gamma_l \bar{x}_{i,l}$ increases to ∞ , then so does $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ because \bar{y}_i^{e*} would also goes to ∞ . Analogously, if $\beta_l x_{i,l} + \gamma_l \bar{x}_{i,l}$ goes to $-\infty$, then so does $\lambda \bar{y}_i^{e*} + \mathbf{z}_i' \Gamma$ because \bar{y}_i^{e*} would converges to zero.

S.4 Variance of the NPL estimator

I assume that $\hat{R} \geq \bar{R}^0$. By Proposition 3.2, this implies that $\hat{\theta}(\hat{R}) = \theta^0$ and $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_n^e(\hat{R}) = \mathbf{y}^{e*}$. Recall that $\theta = (\log(\lambda), \Gamma', \log(\tilde{\delta}'), \log(\bar{\delta}), \log(\rho))'$. Let $\phi_{i,r} = \phi(\lambda \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e + \mathbf{z}'_i \Gamma - a_r)$, $\Phi_{i,r} = \Phi(\lambda \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e + \mathbf{z}'_i \Gamma - a_r)$, $\Delta \phi_{i,r} = \phi_{i,r} - \phi_{i,r-1}$, and $\Delta \Phi_{i,r} = \Phi_{i,r} - \Phi_{i,r-1}$ for any $r \geq 1$, where $\bar{R} = \bar{R}^0$, $\theta = \theta^0$, and $\mathbf{y}^e = \mathbf{y}^{e*}$.

I have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\log(\lambda)} \mathcal{L}_n(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) &= \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\Delta(\phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r})}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}, \text{ where } \tilde{z}_{i,r} = \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e - r, \\ \nabla_{\Gamma} \mathcal{L}_n(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\Delta \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \mathbf{z}_i, \\ \nabla_{\log(\tilde{\delta}_k)} \mathcal{L}_{n,i}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) &= -\tilde{\delta}_k \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=k-1}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \tilde{\delta}_k \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=k}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\phi_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \text{ for } 2 \leq k \leq \bar{R}, \\ \nabla_{\log(\bar{\delta})} \mathcal{L}_{n,i}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) &= -\bar{\delta} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \bar{\delta} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r} \phi_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}, \\ \nabla_{\log(\rho)} \mathcal{L}_n(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) &= -\rho \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \rho \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} d_{ir} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\dot{a}_{\delta,r} = \sum_{k=\bar{R}+1}^r (k-1)^\rho$ and $\dot{a}_{\rho,r} = \bar{\delta} \sum_{k=\bar{R}+1}^r (k-1)^\rho \log(k-1)$ for $r \geq \bar{R}+1$.

I define the following notations: $\mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\lambda} = \lambda^2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r+1}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r}^2 - 2\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r} \tilde{z}_{i,r-1} + \phi_{i,r}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r-1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\Gamma} &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r+1}^2 - 2\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} + \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}, \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_k \delta_k} &= \tilde{\delta}_k^2 \left(\sum_{r=k-1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} - 2 \sum_{r=k}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=k}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\bar{\delta} \bar{\delta}} &= \bar{\delta}^2 \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r+1}^2 \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} - 2 \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\delta,r} a_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\delta,r}^2 \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\rho \rho} &= \rho^2 \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r+1}^2 \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} - 2 \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\rho,r} a_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\rho,r}^2 \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\Gamma} &= \lambda \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r+1}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r} - \phi_{i,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \tilde{z}_{i,r-1} - \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r} + \phi_{i,r}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r-1}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}}, \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda \delta_k} &= \lambda \tilde{\delta}_k \left(\sum_{r=k-1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r-1} - \phi_{i,r+1}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=k}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r} - \phi_{i,r}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r-1}}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda \bar{\delta}} &= \lambda \bar{\delta} \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r-1} - \dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r} - \dot{a}_{\delta,r} \phi_{i,r}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r-1}}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda \rho} &= \lambda \rho \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r-1} - \dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r}}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} \tilde{z}_{i,r} - \dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r}^2 \tilde{z}_{i,r-1}}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \delta_k} &= \tilde{\delta}_k \left(\sum_{r=k-1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=k}^{\infty} \frac{\phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \bar{\delta}} &= \bar{\delta} \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \dot{a}_{\delta,r} \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \rho} &= \rho \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} + \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Phi_{i,r+1}} \right), \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_k \delta_{k'}} &= -\tilde{\delta}_k \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \delta_{k'}} \text{ for } 2 \leq k < k' \leq \bar{R}, \quad \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_k \bar{\delta}} = -\tilde{\delta}_k \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \bar{\delta}}, \quad \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_k \rho} = -\tilde{\delta}_k \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma \rho}, \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\bar{\delta} \rho} &= \bar{\delta} \rho \left(\sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r+1}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} - \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \frac{\dot{a}_{\delta,r} \dot{a}_{\rho,r+1} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} + \dot{a}_{\delta,r+1} \dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r} \phi_{i,r+1} - \dot{a}_{\delta,r} \dot{a}_{\rho,r} \phi_{i,r}^2}{\Delta \Phi_{i,r+1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\Sigma_{n,i} := \mathbb{V}(\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{n,i}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) | \chi_n)$. It follows that

$$\Sigma_{n,i} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\lambda} & \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\Gamma} \mathbf{z}'_i & \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\delta_2} & \dots & \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\rho} \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\Gamma} \mathbf{z}_i & \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\Gamma} \mathbf{z}_i \mathbf{z}'_i & \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\delta_2} \mathbf{z}_i & \dots & \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\rho} \mathbf{z}_i \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\delta_2} & \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\delta_2} \mathbf{z}'_i & \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_2\delta_2} & \dots & \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_2\rho} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\rho} & \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\rho} \mathbf{z}'_i & \mathbf{A}_i^{\delta_2\rho} & \dots & \mathbf{A}_i^{\rho\rho} \end{pmatrix}$$

On the one hand, by the law of large numbers (LLN), Σ_0 is the limit of $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma_{n,i}$ as n grows to infinity. On the other hand, I have

$\mathbf{H}_{1,n} := \nabla_{\theta\theta'} \mathcal{L}_n(\dot{\theta}_n(\hat{R}), \dot{\mathbf{y}}_n^e(\hat{R}))$ and $\mathbf{H}_{2,n} := \nabla_{\theta\mathbf{y}^{e'}} \mathcal{L}_n(\dot{\theta}_n(\hat{R}), \dot{\mathbf{y}}_n^e(\hat{R})) \nabla_{\theta'} \dot{\mathbf{y}}^{e'}(\hat{R})$ for some point $\dot{\theta}_n(\hat{R})$ between $\hat{\theta}_n(\hat{R})$ and θ^0 , such that $\dot{\mathbf{y}}_n^e(\hat{R}) = \mathbf{L}(\dot{\theta}_n(\hat{R}), \dot{\mathbf{y}}_n^e(\hat{R}))$. As $\hat{\theta}_n(\hat{R})$ converges to θ^0 , by the LLN,

$\mathbf{H}_{1,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{1,0} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(\nabla_{\theta\theta'} \mathcal{L}_{i,n}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) | \chi_n)$ and

$\mathbf{H}_{2,n} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{2,0} := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(\nabla_{\theta\mathbf{y}^{e'}} \mathcal{L}_{i,n}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) | \chi_n) \nabla_{\theta'} \mathbf{y}^{e*}$.

One can verify that $\mathbb{E}(\nabla_{\theta\theta'} \mathcal{L}_{i,n}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) | \chi_n) = -\Sigma_{n,i}$. Thus, $\mathbf{H}_{1,0} = -\Sigma_0$.

Besides, $\mathbb{E}(\nabla_{\theta\mathbf{y}^{e'}} \mathcal{L}_{i,n}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*}) | \chi_n) = \lambda(\mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\Gamma}, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\Gamma} \mathbf{z}'_i, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\delta_2}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\rho})' \mathbf{g}_i$.

$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{y}^{e*}$ can be computed using the implicit definition of \mathbf{y}^{e*} ; that is $\mathbf{y}^{e*} = \mathbf{L}(\theta^0, \mathbf{y}^{e*})$. This implies that $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{y}^{e*} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{B}$, where $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}_n - \lambda \mathbf{D} \mathbf{G}$, \mathbf{I}_n is the identity matrix of dimension n , $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_{1,r}, \dots, \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_{n,r})$, and $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{B}^1, \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{B}^2)$. The component \mathbf{B}^1 is an n -vector i -th element of which is $\lambda \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_{i,r} \ddot{z}_{i,r-1}$. The component \mathbf{B}^2 is a matrix of n rows, where the i -th row is $\mathbf{B}_i^2 = (-\ddot{\delta}_2 \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \phi_{i,r}, \dots, -\ddot{\delta}_{\bar{R}} \sum_{r=\bar{R}}^{\infty} \phi_{i,r}, -\ddot{\delta} \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \phi_{i,r} \dot{a}_{\delta,r}, -\rho \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \phi_{i,r} \dot{a}_{\rho,r})$.

I assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{A}_i^{\lambda\Gamma}, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\Gamma} \mathbf{z}'_i, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\delta_2}, \dots, \mathbf{A}_i^{\Gamma\rho})' \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{B}$ exists and is equal to Ω_0 . As a result, $\mathbf{H}_{1,0} = -\Sigma_0$, $\mathbf{H}_{2,0} = \Omega_0$, where Σ_0 is the limit of $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \Sigma_{n,i}$ as n grows to infinity.

S.5 Asymptotics in the case of endogenous networks

Let $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n = (\hat{\mu}_1, \dots, \hat{\mu}_n)'$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_n = (\hat{\nu}_1, \dots, \hat{\nu}_n)'$, $\bar{\hat{\mu}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{g}_{ij} \hat{\mu}_j$, $\bar{\hat{\nu}}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{g}_{ij} \hat{\nu}_j$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_n = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n', \hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_n')'$, and $\boldsymbol{\chi}_n^0$ be the true value of $((\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)', (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)')'$. As I have new regressors that are estimated, I define the following notations. For any \bar{R} , $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*(\bar{R})$ is the vector of new parameters to be estimated. $\Theta^*(\bar{R})$ is the space of $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*(\bar{R})$. The mapping \mathbf{L} is redefined as $\mathbf{L}^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*, \mathbf{y}^e) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \Phi(\lambda \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e + \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \hat{h}_{\psi,i} - a_r)$, where $\hat{h}_{\psi,i} = \sum_k^T (\theta_{1,k} \hat{\mu}_i^k + \theta_{2,k} \hat{\nu}_i^k + \theta_{3,k} \bar{\hat{\mu}}_i^k + \theta_{4,k} \bar{\hat{\nu}}_i^k)$ is assumed to be a consistent approximation of $h_{\psi}(\mu_i, \nu_i, \bar{\mu}_i, \bar{\nu}_i)$. $\mathcal{L}_{n,i}^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}^e) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} d_{ir} \log(\Phi(\lambda \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e + \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \hat{h}_{\psi,i} - a_r) - \Phi(\lambda \mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e + \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\Gamma} + \hat{h}_{\psi,i} - a_{r+1}))$. $\mathcal{L}_0^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}^e) = \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{L}_{n,i}^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}^e) | \chi_n, \hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_n)$, $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^*(\mathbf{y}^e, \bar{R}) = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta^*(\bar{R})} \mathcal{L}_0^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}^e)$, $\phi_0^*(\mathbf{y}^e, \bar{R}) = \mathbf{L}^*(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^*(\mathbf{y}^e, \bar{R}), \mathbf{y}^e)$, and $\mathcal{A}_0^*(\bar{R}) = \{(\boldsymbol{\theta}^*, \mathbf{y}^e) \in \Theta^*(\bar{R}) \times [0, \bar{y}]^n, \text{ such that } \boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_0^*(\mathbf{y}^e, \bar{R}) \text{ and } \mathbf{y}^e = \phi_0^*(\mathbf{y}^e, \bar{R})\}$. Let also $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}$ be the true value of $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$ and $\mathbf{y}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^{e*0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $\mathbf{y}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^{e*0} = \mathbf{L}^*(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}^{e*0})$.

S.5.1 Consistency

Under Assumptions A.1–A.2 adapted to the new regressors and $\Theta^*(\bar{R})$, Results A.1–A.2 can be extended to the new pseudo-likelihood. Thus, \mathcal{L}_n^* uniformly converges to \mathcal{L}_0^* . Moreover, \mathcal{L}_0^* has a unique maximizer $(\check{\theta}_n^*(\bar{R}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\bar{R}))$, such that $\check{y}_n^{e*}(\bar{R}) = \mathbf{L}(\check{\theta}_n^*(\bar{R}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\bar{R}))$. As for the case of exogenous networks, under Assumptions A.1–A.2 and Assumptions A.3–A.5 adapted to the new maximizer $(\check{\theta}_n^*(\bar{R}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\bar{R}))$, the new NPL estimator $\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$ converges in probability to $\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$. However, Gibbs' inequality cannot be applied because $h_\psi(\mu_i, \nu_i, \bar{\mu}_i, \bar{\nu}_i)$ is replaced by its estimator. However, as the estimator is assumed to be consistent, Gibbs' inequality can be applied as n grows to infinity. It then follows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}) = \theta^{*0}$ if $\hat{\bar{R}} \geq \bar{R}^0$. As a result, the NPL estimator converges to θ^{*0} if $\bar{R} \geq \bar{R}^0$.

S.5.2 Asymptotic normality

I assume for the sake of simplicity that $\hat{\bar{R}} \geq \bar{R}^0$.

By applying the mean value theorem (MVT) to $\nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}), \hat{y}_n^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}}))$ between $\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$ and θ^{*0} , I obtain

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}) - \theta^{*0}) = -(\mathbf{H}_{1,n}^* + \mathbf{H}_{2,n}^*)^{-1} \sqrt{n} \nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0}) \quad (\text{S.2})$$

for some point $\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$ between $\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$ and $\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}})$, where $\mathbf{H}_{1,n}^* := \nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}}))$, $\mathbf{H}_{2,n}^* := \nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}})) \nabla_{\theta^*} \mathbf{y}^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}})$, and $\check{y}_n^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}}) = \mathbf{L}^*(\check{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}), \check{y}_n^{e*}(\hat{\bar{R}}))$.

I apply the MVT a second time to $\nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_{n,i}^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0})$ between $\hat{\chi}_n$ and χ_n^0 . I have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n^*(\hat{\bar{R}}) - \theta^{*0}) = -(\mathbf{H}_{1,n}^* + \mathbf{H}_{2,n}^*)^{-1} (\sqrt{n} \nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0}) + n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{E}_{i,n} \Delta \hat{\chi}_n), \quad (\text{S.3})$$

where $\nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0})$ is the value of $\nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_n^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0})$ when $\hat{\mu}_n$ and $\hat{\nu}_n$ are equal to their true values, $\Delta \hat{\chi}_n = \hat{\chi}_n - \chi_n^0$, and $\mathcal{E}_{i,n}$ is the derivative of $\nabla_{\theta^*} \mathcal{L}_{n,i}^*(\theta^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_\chi^{e*0})$ with respect to $\hat{\chi}_n'$, applied to some point between $\hat{\chi}_n$ and χ_n^0 . I set the following regulatory condition.

Assumption S.1. $n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{E}_{i,n} \Delta \hat{\chi}_n$ is $o_p(1)$.

A similar assumption is also set in the case of the control function approach.⁵ Assumption S.1 requires $\Delta \hat{\chi}_n$ to converge to zero at some rate. Yan et al. (2019) show that $\|\Delta \hat{\chi}_n\|_\infty = O_p((\log(n)/n)^{1/2})$. Thus, a sufficient condition for this assumption to hold is that $(1/n) \|\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{E}_{i,n}\|_\infty = o_p(\zeta_n^{1/2})$, where $\zeta_n \log(n)$ converges to zero as n grows to infinity. This condition is realistic because, if $\mathcal{E}_{i,n}$'s were independent across i , then $(1/n) \|\sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{E}_{i,n}\|_\infty = o_p(\zeta_n^{1/2})$ would be true for any $\zeta_n = n^{-\zeta}$ where $\zeta \in (0, 1)$. Therefore, if the dependence is not too strong, Assumption S.1 will be verified.

⁵See the Lipschitz condition set in Assumption 8 of Johnsson, I. and H. R. Moon (2021): "Estimation of peer effects in endogenous social networks: control function approach," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 103, 328–345.

Under Assumption S.1, Equation (S.3) implies that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n^*(\hat{R}) - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}) = -(\mathbf{H}_{1,n}^* + \mathbf{H}_{2,n}^*)^{-1} \sqrt{n} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*} \mathcal{L}_n^{*0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_{\chi}^{e*0}) + o_p(1).$$

The CLT can be applied to $\sqrt{n} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*} \mathcal{L}_n^{*0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_{\chi}^{e*0})$ since $\mathcal{L}_n^{*0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_{\chi}^{e*0})$ is a sum of n independent bounded variables conditionally on χ_n . It then follows that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n^*(\hat{R}) - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, (\mathbf{H}_{1,0}^* + \mathbf{H}_{2,0}^*)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0^* (\mathbf{H}_{1,0}^{*'} + \mathbf{H}_{2,0}^{*'})^{-1}), \quad (\text{S.4})$$

where $\mathbf{H}_{1,0}^*$ and $\mathbf{H}_{2,0}^*$ are the limits of $\mathbf{H}_{1,n}^*$ and $\mathbf{H}_{2,n}^*$ as n grows to infinity, and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0^*$ is a consistent estimator of the variance of $\sqrt{n} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^*} \mathcal{L}_n^{*0}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*0}, \mathbf{y}_{\chi}^{e*0})$.

S.6 Marginal effects

The parameters of the counting variable model cannot be interpreted directly. Policymakers are interested in the marginal effect of the explanatory variables on the expected outcome.

Let us recall that $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\log(\lambda), \boldsymbol{\Gamma}', \log(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}}'), \log(\bar{\delta}), \log(\rho))'$, where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\delta}} = (\tilde{\delta}_2, \dots, \tilde{\delta}_{\bar{R}})$, and $\tilde{\delta}_r = \delta_r - \lambda$. Let $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i = (\mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e, \mathbf{z}'_i)$ and $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = (\lambda, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}')'$. For any $k = 1, \dots, \dim(\boldsymbol{\Lambda})$, let λ_k and \tilde{z}_{ik} be the k -th component in $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_i$, respectively. The marginal effect of the explanatory variable \tilde{z}_{ik} on y_i^e is given by $\delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\partial y_i^e}{\partial \tilde{z}_{ik}} = \lambda_k \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r)$. Using the Delta method, I show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{ik}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n(\hat{R})) \stackrel{a}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0), \mathbf{Q}_0^* \mathbb{V}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n(\hat{R}) | \chi_n) \mathbf{Q}_0^{*'}),$$

where $\mathbf{Q}_0^* = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}'} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$,

$$\nabla_{\log(\lambda)} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{1}(k=1) \lambda \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) - \lambda \lambda_k \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{g}_i \mathbf{y}^e - r) (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r),$$

$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}'} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{e}_k \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) - \lambda_k \mathbf{z}'_i \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r)$, where \mathbf{e}_k is a $\dim(\boldsymbol{\Gamma})$ -dimensional row vector with zero everywhere except the $(k-1)$ -th term, which equals one if $k \geq 2$,

$$\nabla_{\log(\delta_l)} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \tilde{\delta}_l \lambda_k \sum_{r=l}^{\infty} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \quad \text{for } 2 \leq l < \bar{R},$$

$$\nabla_{\log(\bar{\delta})} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \bar{\delta} \lambda_k \sum_{r=\bar{R}+1}^{\infty} \dot{a}_{\delta,r} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r),$$

$$\nabla_{\log(\rho)} \delta_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \rho \lambda_k \sum_{r=l}^{\infty} \dot{a}_{\rho,r} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r) \phi(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}'_i \boldsymbol{\Lambda} - a_r).$$

S.7 Bayesian estimation of the dyadic linking model

This section presents a data augmentation (DA) approach to estimate the dyadic linking model of Section 3.4 following Albert and Chib (1993). Let $a_{ij} = \mathbf{1}\{g_{ij} > 0\}$, where $\mathbf{1}\{\cdot\}$ is the indicator function. Let also $a_{ij}^* = \ddot{\mathbf{x}}'_{ij} \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \mu_i + \nu_j + \varepsilon_{ij}^g$, where ε_{ij}^g is independent and identically distributed

across i and j . Assume that the distribution function of ε_{ij}^g is F_g on Equation (11). This means that $\mathbb{P}(a_{ij}^* > 0 | \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}, \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \mu_i, \nu_j) = F_g(\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \mu_i + \nu_j)$. The DA approach treats μ_i and ν_j as random effects (independent of $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}$). Moreover, I assume that $(\mu_i, \nu_i)'$ and $(\mu_j, \nu_j)'$ are independent for $i \neq j$, i.e., $\mathbb{E}(\mu_i) = 0$, $\mathbb{E}(\mu_j) = 0$, $\mathbb{E}(\mu_i \mu_j) = 0$, $\mathbb{E}(\nu_i \nu_j) = 0$, and $\mathbb{E}(\mu_i \nu_j) = 0$. But μ_i and ν_i may be correlated: $\mathbb{E}(\mu_i \nu_i) = \rho_{\mu, \nu} \sigma_\mu \sigma_\nu$, where $\rho_{\mu, \nu}$ is the correlation between μ_i and ν_i . The reason why one can identify μ_i and ν_j is that the DA approach allows the posterior distribution of a_{ij}^* to be simulated. Given this distribution, all parameters can be identified using the equation $a_{ij}^* = \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \mu_i + \nu_j + \varepsilon_{ij}^g$ (as in a linear-in-means model). Importantly, as the sample size grows, the number of observations for each i and j grows as well. This makes it possible for a consistent estimation of μ_i and ν_j .

The posterior distribution of $\mathbf{a}^* = (a_{ij}^*; i \neq j)'$ conditionally on $\mathbf{a} := (a_{ij}; i \neq j)'$, $\ddot{\mathbf{X}} = (\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}; i \neq j)'$, $\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)'$, and $\boldsymbol{\nu} = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n)'$ is proportional to

$$\prod_{i \neq j} \{ \mathbf{1} \{ a_{ij}^* \geq 0; a_{ij} = 1 \} + \mathbf{1} \{ a_{ij}^* < 0; a_{ij} = 0 \} \} \frac{1}{2} (a_{ij}^* - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mu_i - \nu_j)^2.$$

This is equivalent to $\mathcal{N}(\ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \mu_i + \nu_j, 1)$, truncated at the left by 0 if $a_{ij} = 1$, and truncated at the right by 0 if $a_{ij} = 0$. Given a large number of observations in the network formation model, I set flat prior distributions for $\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, σ_μ^2 , σ_ν^2 , and $\rho_{\mu, \nu}$. It follows that the posterior distribution of $\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ conditionally on \mathbf{a}^* , $\ddot{\mathbf{X}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}$, and $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ is $\mathcal{N}((\ddot{\mathbf{X}}'\ddot{\mathbf{X}})^{-1}\ddot{\mathbf{X}}'\mathbf{a}^*, (\ddot{\mathbf{X}}'\ddot{\mathbf{X}})^{-1})$, where $\mathbf{a}^* = (a_{ij}^* - \mu_i - \nu_j; i \neq j)'$.

For any $i \in \mathcal{V}$, the posterior distribution of μ_i conditionally on $\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, \mathbf{a}^* , $\ddot{\mathbf{X}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{-i}$, $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ is $\mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}_\mu, \hat{\sigma}_\mu^2)$, where $\hat{\mu}_\mu = \hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 \sum_{i \neq j} (a_{ij}^* - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \nu_j)$ and $\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 = \frac{\sigma_\mu^2}{1+(n-1)\sigma_\mu^2}$. Analogously, the posterior distribution of ν_i conditionally on $\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$, \mathbf{a}^* , $\ddot{\mathbf{X}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}$, and $\boldsymbol{\nu}_{-i}$ is $\mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}_\nu, \hat{\sigma}_\nu^2)$, where $\hat{\mu}_\nu = \hat{\sigma}_\nu^2 \sum_{i \neq j} (a_{ji}^* - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{ji}'\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mu_j)$ and $\hat{\sigma}_\nu^2 = \frac{\sigma_\nu^2}{1+(n-1)\sigma_\nu^2}$.

Finally, let $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mu, \nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_\mu^2 & \rho_{\mu, \nu} \sigma_\mu \sigma_\nu \\ \rho_{\mu, \nu} \sigma_\mu \sigma_\nu & \sigma_\nu^2 \end{pmatrix}$. The posterior distribution of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mu, \nu}$ conditionally on \mathbf{a}^* , $\ddot{\mathbf{X}}$, $\boldsymbol{\mu}$, and $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ is Inverse-Wishart $(n, \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mu, \nu}})$, where $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mu, \nu}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{d}_i \mathbf{d}_i'$ and $\mathbf{d}_i = (\mu_i, \nu_i)'$.

As the posterior conditional distributions have closed forms, a Gibbs sampler can be used to simulate the parameters. In practice, the MCMC converges very quickly. I perform $T = 20,000$ simulations and keep the last 10,000. As the number of parameters in the model is large, I randomly choose some parameters and present their posterior distribution in Figure S.2.

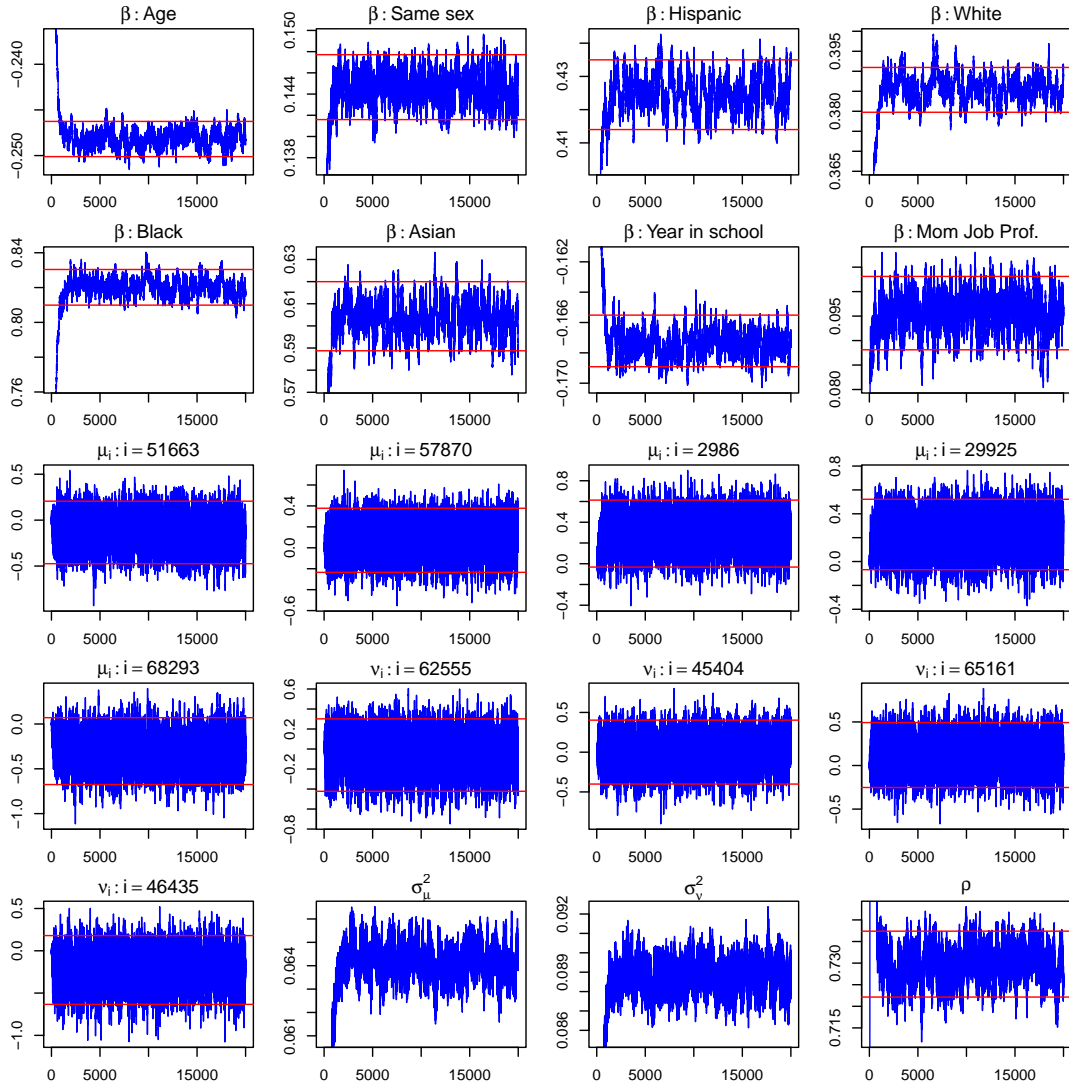


Figure S.2: Posterior distribution of the network formation model parameters

This figure presents the posterior distribution of the coefficients of the observed dyad-specific variables as well as some other parameters chosen at random. Same-sex students, Hispanic, White, Black, and Asian students, and students whose mothers hold professional jobs are likely to form links. Moreover, students of similar age and students who have spent a similar number of years at their current school are likely to form links.

S.8 Empirical results controlling for network endogeneity

Table S.1: Empirical results controlling for network endogeneity (NE). Unobserved attributes are treated as random effects and estimated using a Bayesian approach

Parameters	Count data model			Tobit model		
	Coef.	Marginal effects		Coef.	Marginal effects	
λ	0.046	0.084	(0.020)	0.307	0.249	(0.019)
Own effects						
Age	-0.044	-0.080	(0.008)	-0.045	-0.037	(0.005)
Male	-0.163	-0.298	(0.016)	-0.265	-0.215	(0.011)
Hispanic	-0.006	-0.012	(0.025)	0.116	0.094	(0.017)
Race						
Black	0.208	0.381	(0.031)	0.444	0.360	(0.02)
Asian	0.209	0.383	(0.034)	0.660	0.535	(0.023)
Other	0.027	0.050	(0.028)	0.137	0.111	(0.018)
Years at school	0.030	0.054	(0.007)	0.089	0.072	(0.005)
With both par.	0.073	0.134	(0.019)	0.146	0.118	(0.012)
Mother educ.						
<High	-0.052	-0.094	(0.023)	-0.033	-0.027	(0.015)
>High	0.202	0.369	(0.019)	0.382	0.310	(0.013)
Missing	0.028	0.052	(0.031)	0.211	0.172	(0.021)
Mother job						
Professional	0.134	0.245	(0.024)	0.235	0.191	(0.016)
Other	0.035	0.064	(0.020)	0.053	0.043	(0.013)
Missing	-0.041	-0.074	(0.028)	-0.069	-0.056	(0.019)
μ^1	0.480	0.879	(0.110)	0.917	0.744	(0.073)
μ^2	-1.065	-1.949	(0.428)	-2.122	-1.721	(0.286)
μ^3	-0.705	-1.290	(1.608)	1.050	0.851	(1.080)
μ^4	1.121	2.052	(2.088)	0.615	0.499	(1.404)
ν^1	0.286	0.524	(0.083)	0.338	0.274	(0.056)
ν^2	0.668	1.224	(0.348)	1.810	1.468	(0.232)
ν^3	-0.551	-1.009	(1.504)	0.606	0.492	(1.009)
ν^4	0.575	1.053	(1.736)	0.684	0.555	(1.170)
Contextual effects						
Age	-0.021	-0.039	(0.004)	-0.075	-0.061	(0.003)
Male	-0.050	-0.092	(0.030)	-0.044	-0.035	(0.019)
Hispanic	-0.067	-0.123	(0.042)	-0.077	-0.062	(0.027)
Race						
Black	0.059	0.109	(0.039)	0.016	0.013	(0.026)
Asian	-0.011	-0.020	(0.052)	-0.238	-0.193	(0.035)
Other	-0.101	-0.185	(0.052)	-0.254	-0.206	(0.035)
Years at school	0.016	0.030	(0.011)	-0.007	-0.006	(0.007)
With both par.	0.134	0.246	(0.036)	0.164	0.133	(0.024)
Mother educ.						
<High	-0.116	-0.213	(0.043)	-0.160	-0.130	(0.028)
>High	0.168	0.307	(0.038)	0.197	0.160	(0.025)
Missing	-0.056	-0.102	(0.060)	-0.132	-0.107	(0.040)
Mother job						
Professional	0.165	0.302	(0.048)	0.221	0.180	(0.031)
Other	0.029	0.053	(0.038)	0.019	0.016	(0.025)
Missing	-0.014	-0.026	(0.054)	0.025	0.020	(0.036)
μ^1	0.022	0.041	(0.203)	-0.200	-0.162	(0.135)
μ^2	-0.638	-1.169	(0.894)	-0.889	-0.721	(0.597)
μ^3	-1.894	-3.468	(4.116)	-2.241	-1.818	(2.752)
μ^4	0.967	1.771	(5.839)	0.871	0.706	(3.906)
ν^1	0.597	1.092	(0.171)	0.906	0.735	(0.114)
ν^2	0.705	1.290	(1.099)	0.881	0.715	(0.733)
ν^3	-0.739	-1.354	(4.220)	-1.183	-0.960	(2.821)
ν^4	-0.270	-0.494	(4.465)	-1.191	-0.966	(2.986)
σ				2.420		

For the count data model, $\hat{R} = 12$. The estimates of $\delta_2, \dots, \delta_{\hat{R}}$ are 1.555, 0.523, 0.452, 0.385, 0.320, 0.264, 0.218, 0.174, 0.130, 0.100, 0.086. The estimate of $\bar{\delta}$ is $1.2e^{-5}$. Columns referred to as "Coef" report the parameter estimates, whereas Columns referred to as "Marginal effects" report the marginal effects and their corresponding standard error in parentheses.

Table S.2: Empirical results controlling for NE. Unobserved attributes are treated as fixed effects

Parameters	Count data model			Tobit model		
	Coef.	Marginal effects		Coef.	Marginal effects	
λ	0.046	0.084	(0.024)	0.304	0.246	(0.025)
Own effects						
Age	-0.044	-0.081	(0.008)	-0.050	-0.041	(0.005)
Male	-0.160	-0.293	(0.017)	-0.259	-0.210	(0.011)
Hispanic	-0.013	-0.023	(0.025)	0.108	0.088	(0.017)
Race						
Black	0.224	0.411	(0.032)	0.524	0.425	(0.021)
Asian	0.206	0.378	(0.034)	0.641	0.520	(0.023)
Other	0.027	0.050	(0.028)	0.127	0.103	(0.018)
Years at school	0.034	0.062	(0.007)	0.101	0.082	(0.005)
With both par.	0.074	0.137	(0.019)	0.150	0.122	(0.012)
Mother educ.						
<High	-0.055	-0.102	(0.023)	-0.040	-0.033	(0.015)
>High	0.206	0.378	(0.020)	0.390	0.317	(0.013)
Missing						
Mother job	0.027	0.049	(0.031)	0.205	0.166	(0.021)
Professional	0.135	0.249	(0.024)	0.242	0.196	(0.016)
Other	0.037	0.069	(0.020)	0.060	0.049	(0.013)
Missing	-0.039	-0.072	(0.028)	-0.066	-0.053	(0.019)
μ^1	0.126	0.232	(0.137)	0.300	0.244	(0.154)
μ^2	-0.082	-0.151	(0.751)	-0.339	-0.275	(1.440)
μ^3	-0.589	-1.081	(1.851)	-2.132	-1.729	(7.031)
μ^4	-0.452	-0.829	(2.074)	-1.424	-1.156	(18.735)
μ^5	-0.006	-0.010	(0.857)	1.021	0.828	(27.358)
μ^6				0.418	0.339	(20.495)
μ^7				-0.449	-0.364	(6.145)
ν^1	0.093	0.170	(0.014)	0.167	0.135	(0.010)
ν^2	0.061	0.113	(0.055)	0.233	0.189	(0.058)
ν^3	0.048	0.088	(0.074)	-0.356	-0.289	(0.119)
ν^4	-0.109	-0.200	(0.188)	-0.063	-0.051	(0.377)
ν^5	-0.144	-0.265	(0.163)	1.914	1.553	(0.312)
ν^6				0.070	0.056	(0.782)
ν^7				-1.499	-1.216	(0.535)
Contextual effects						
Age	-0.011	-0.021	(0.010)	-0.061	-0.049	(0.007)
Male	-0.044	-0.081	(0.030)	-0.030	-0.024	(0.020)
Hispanic	-0.048	-0.087	(0.041)	-0.059	-0.048	(0.027)
Race						
Black	0.123	0.226	(0.042)	0.074	0.060	(0.029)
Asian	-0.017	-0.032	(0.053)	-0.243	-0.197	(0.036)
Other	-0.105	-0.193	(0.052)	-0.259	-0.210	(0.035)
Years at school	0.003	0.005	(0.012)	-0.021	-0.017	(0.008)
With both par.	0.134	0.246	(0.037)	0.173	0.141	(0.024)
Mother educ.						
<High	-0.126	-0.231	(0.043)	-0.179	-0.145	(0.029)
>High	0.181	0.333	(0.040)	0.216	0.175	(0.026)
Missing	-0.065	-0.119	(0.060)	-0.143	-0.116	(0.041)
Mother job						
Professional	0.176	0.322	(0.048)	0.241	0.195	(0.032)
Other	0.036	0.066	(0.038)	0.034	0.028	(0.025)
Missing	-0.011	-0.019	(0.055)	0.036	0.029	(0.036)
μ^1	0.164	0.301	(0.241)	0.633	0.514	(0.213)
μ^2	0.138	0.253	(2.465)	2.213	1.795	(3.868)
μ^3	-0.019	-0.035	(11.064)	2.720	2.207	(36.684)
μ^4	-0.187	-0.344	(22.434)	-0.265	-0.215	(184.271)
μ^5	0.017	0.031	(16.807)	-0.539	-0.438	(498.076)
μ^6				0.787	0.639	(684.420)
μ^7				-0.370	-0.301	(374.754)
ν^1	0.032	0.060	(0.018)	0.113	0.092	(0.0160)
ν^2	0.021	0.038	(0.077)	-0.025	-0.021	(0.088)
ν^3	-0.034	-0.063	(0.109)	-0.651	-0.528	(0.168)
ν^4	0.075	0.138	(0.301)	0.609	0.494	(0.635)
ν^5	0.110	0.202	(0.280)	1.872	1.518	(0.476)
ν^6				-0.555	-0.450	(1.439)
ν^7				-1.341	-1.088	(0.962)
σ				2.424		

For the count data model, $\hat{R} = 12$. The estimates of $\delta_2, \dots, \delta_{\hat{R}}$ are 1.551, 0.521, 0.450, 0.384, 0.319, 0.263, 0.218, 0.174, 0.130, 0.100, 0.086. The estimate of $\bar{\delta}$ is $1.2e^{-5}$. Columns referred to as "Coef" report the parameter estimates, whereas Columns referred to as "Marginal effects" report the marginal effects and their corresponding standard error in parentheses.