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## 1. Introduction.

**1.1. Moment Matching Estimation.** Consider an  $N$  dimensional independent sample  $X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(T)}$  generated by a stochastic process that is governed by a joint probability density function (pdf)  $f_X(x) : \mathbb{R}_+^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ . The pdf is parameterized by a  $P$  vector  $\theta$  whose domain  $\Theta$  is a subset of the Euclidean space. The problem is to identify the model parameter  $\theta$  of density function  $f_X(x; \theta)$  using an  $M$ -dimensional independent sample  $Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}$ , whose relation with sample of  $X$  is given by a known function  $Y^{(t)} = g(X^{(t)})$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R}_+^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^M$  for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .

An initial attempt might be to first solve for  $X^{(t)} = g^{-1}(Y^{(t)})$  and then to find the estimate of  $\theta$  based on  $X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(T)}$ . Unfortunately, function  $g$  is often not injective due to O-D flow observability issue; multiple solutions of  $X^{(t)}$  may be admitted by solving  $g(X^{(t)}) - Y^{(t)} = 0$  in some or all  $t$ . Simultaneous determination of all  $X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(T)}$  from  $Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}$  may alleviate the observability issues as reported in [?] and [?]. However, this additional layer of treatment could significantly complicate the problem to be analyzed. One may also hope to be able to specify  $f_Y(y|\theta)$ , which bestows the “full” amount of information on observed data and serves as the premise of ML estimation and related hypothesis tests. Following the fact that the probability contained in a differential area must be invariant under the change of variables, the pdf of  $Y$  is the sum of  $\left| \frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) \right| \cdot f_X(g^{-1}(y))$  for all points that solve the inverse problem. However, calculating the derivative of  $g^{-1}(y)$  is not a straightforward task.

Fortunately, based on the law of the unconscious statistician, the calculation of the moments of  $Y$  conditional to  $\theta$  does not involve anything related to  $g^{-1}(y)$ :

$$(1.1) \quad E(h(Y)|\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^M} h(g(x)) f_X(x|\theta) dx.$$

where, for now,  $h(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_+^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^R$  can be considered as a function defined on entire  $Y$  space for calculating various orders of moments. Its specific form will be given later.

According to the analogy principle, an estimator of  $\theta$  can be obtained by solving for  $\theta$  that makes the sample analogs of population moments small. Therefore, the density estimation problem becomes finding  $\theta$  using the sample moments of  $Y$  calculated from  $Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}$ . The details of our method is presented in the following section.

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Let us first introduce notation that is convenient for defining moments for a multivariate random variable. Define  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_+^M$  as an order indicator vector for a particular moment  $\mu_{\{r\}}$  of multivariate random variable  $Y$ . The  $j$ -th element  $r_j$  in vector  $r$  specifies the order of  $Y_j$ . For instance, when  $M = 5$ ,  $r = [1, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$  indicates the mean of  $Y_1$  and  $r = [0, 1, 1, 0, 0]^T$  indicates the second moment of  $Y_2$  and  $Y_3$ .

Now  $h(\cdot)$  in (1.1) can be defined as a  $R \times 1$  vector function with its entry

$$(1.2) \quad h_{\{r\}}(y) = \prod_{j=1}^M y_j^{r_j}.$$

The moment vector functions  $\mu(\theta)$  is the expectation of  $h(y)$  conditioning on  $\theta$ , that is

$$(1.3) \quad \mu(\theta) = E\left(h(Y) \middle| \theta\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^N} h(g(x)) f_X(x|\theta) dx.$$

Note that the order of moment  $\mu_{\{r\}}$  is  $\sum_{j=1}^M r_j$ . The vector  $\mu$  up to  $\bar{r}$ -th order consists of all  $\mu_{\{r\}}$ 's such that  $0 < \sum_{j=1}^M r_j \leq \bar{r}$  and is of length

$$(1.4) \quad R = \sum_{a=1}^{\bar{r}} \binom{M+a-1}{a},$$

where  $\binom{n}{k}$  is the number of  $k$ -combinations from a given set of  $n$  elements.

Now we define functions  $\gamma$  as

$$(1.5) \quad \gamma(Y, \theta) = \mu(\theta) - h(Y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^M} f_X(x|\theta) h(g(x)) dx - h(Y).$$

Let  $\theta_0$  be the true value of  $\theta$  in the population. A generalized method of moment (GMM) requires  $\gamma(Y, \theta)$  to have a population expected value equals to a zero vector, if  $\theta = \theta_0$ :

$$(1.6) \quad E(\gamma(Y, \theta)) = 0, \text{ if } \theta = \theta_0$$

When the number of estimated parameters is less than the number of equations in (1.6), i.e.  $P < R$ , in such an over-identification case, the sample mean of  $\gamma(Y, \theta)$ , denoted as  $\gamma_T(\theta) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma(Y^{(t)}, \theta)$ , may not have a root  $\theta$  for all elements in  $\gamma_T(\theta)$  simultaneously equal to zero. Then a GMM estimator of  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_T$ , is a vector function of data that minimizes the weighted quadratic distance of sample generalized moments  $\gamma_T(Y, \theta)$  from zeros, that is

$$(1.7)$$

$$(65) \quad \text{(Exact Density Estimation)} \quad J_T(\theta) \equiv T \gamma_T(\theta)^T W \gamma_T(\theta), \text{ with } \theta_T = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} J_T(\theta).$$

where  $W$  is a  $R \times R$  symmetric weighting matrix. For brevity, we use the subscript  $T$  to claim the dependence of a vector on a sample  $Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}$ . With sample moments  $h_T = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T h(Y^{(t)})$ , the problem (1.7) is equivalent to the following generalized  $\ell_2$  norm minimization problem,

$$(1.8) \quad J_T(\theta) = T(\mu(\theta) - h_T)^T W(\mu(\theta) - h_T).$$

Note with  $\bar{r} = 1$ , the GMM method is the same with GLS approach used in several travel demand estimation studies (e.g., [?]).

One critical step of finding a GMM estimator is the determination of “distance metric”  $W_T$ . Define a dispersion matrix

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \Omega(\theta) &\equiv E(\gamma(\theta, Y)\gamma(\theta, Y)^T) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^N} h(g(x))h(g(x))^T f_X(x|\theta)dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^N} h(g(x))f_X(x|\theta)dx \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^N} h(g(x))^T f_X(x|\theta)dx \end{aligned}$$

Then the best choice for  $W$  is  $W(\theta_0) = (\Omega(\theta_0))^{-1}$ , which inevitably requires knowing  $\theta_0$  beforehand. In general, a suboptimal matrix  $W(\tau_T)$  that depends on some sequence of “preliminary estimates”  $\tau_T$  is used in place of  $W(\theta_0)$ . In literature of travel demand estimation, for GLS approach, [?] tested several alternatives of specifying  $W_T$  and compared them numerically. In general, several popular approaches to deal with this issue include two-step substitution, iterative updating and simultaneous estimation. In this specific context, because data  $Y$  and  $\theta$  are separated in different terms of  $\gamma(Y, \theta)$ , a good candidate for  $W_T$  without involving guesstimate  $\tau_T$  is actually simple to find

$$(1.10) \quad W_T = (\Omega_T)^{-1}, \text{ where } \Omega_T = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T h(Y^{(t)})h(Y^{(t)})^T - \frac{1}{T^2} \sum_{t=1}^T h(Y^{(t)}) \sum_{t=1}^T h(Y^{(t)})^T.$$

In order to ascertain that  $W_T$  is invertible, the linear dependency among the moments condition has to be eliminated prior to estimation. This linear dependency could stem from the relation between flows  $Y_j, j = 1, \dots, M$ . Since the nodal balance law of traffic flows is assumed to be strictly observed at all intermediate nodes in many assignment model  $g(x)$ , flow observations could be linearly dependent to each other. If a flow variable  $Y_j$  is equal to a linear combination of other  $Y_{j'}, \forall j' \neq j$  variables, the inclusion of any moment related to  $Y_j$  does not add any additional information for  $\theta$ . In the scope of this current study, it is safe to remove such variables to obtain all linearly independent  $Y$ 's without worsening estimation performance. The number of variables to remove should be the difference between  $M$  and the rank of data matrix  $[Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}]$ . In case where data redundancy is preferred to preserve more information, one may employ some dimensional reduction techniques such as Principal Component Analysis, which is not covered in the current effort.

**1.2. Numerical Approximation.** In general, with a complicated assignment model  $g(x)$  and/or an intractable probability density  $f_X(x|\theta)$ , the integral in the definition of  $\gamma(Y, \theta)$  in (1.5) is approximated through numerical integration techniques, as an analytical evaluation may not be possible. In order to obtain desired results with the least effort, it is helpful to first construct a sufficiently large bounded region  $S$  for the majority of possible values of  $X$  to fall within. Choice of  $S$  can be based on one's preliminary knowledge about the scale of the demand.

Let  $N \times 1$  real-valued vectors  $Z^{[k]}, k = 1, \dots, K$  be the integration points sampled from the region  $S$  and  $w(z)$  is a predetermined weight function for any integration point  $z$ . Then the definite integral is approximated by the weighted sum of evaluated

integrands at all integration points, that is

$$(1.11) \quad \mu(\theta) \approx \int_S h(g(x))f_X(x|\theta)dx \approx \mu^K(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K w(Z^{[k]})h(g(Z^{[k]}))f_X(Z^{[k]}|\theta).$$

It is important to pay attention that rather than evaluating the integral to a number, we actually employ such techniques to obtain an approximated version  $\mu^K(\theta)$  of  $\mu(\theta)$ . Also notice in the approximation formula,  $h(g(Z^{[k]}))$  is evaluated exogenously prior to the estimation, which can be conducted using parallel computing if needed. Denote  $J^K(\theta)$  as the new objective function of optimization problem (1.7) after substituting the functions  $\mu^K(\theta)$  into it and  $\theta^K$  is the estimate based on the approximated problem, that expands to,

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{(Approximated Density Estimation)} \quad J_T^K(\theta) \equiv T \left( \mu^K(\theta) - h_T \right)^T W \left( \mu^K(\theta) - h_T \right) \\ & \text{with } \theta_T^K = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} J_T^K(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

For brevity, we use the superscript  $K$  to claim the dependence of a quantity on a simulation sample  $Z^{[1]}, \dots, Z^{[K]}$ .

Given a data sample of  $Y^{(1)}, \dots, Y^{(T)}$ , as the number of points that the integrand functions  $h(g(x))f_X(x|\theta)$  are evaluated at rises, the estimates obtained based on the approximated GMM optimization problem will be approaching the values of those where the integrals are exactly evaluated.

**PROPOSITION 1.1** (Convergence of Approximated Density Estimator). *Suppose  $f(x|\theta)$  is lower semicontinuous on  $S \times \Theta$ . If  $\theta_T^K$  minimizes  $J_T^K(\theta)$ , then  $\theta_T^K \rightarrow \theta_T$  possible along a sequence, then  $\theta_T$  minimizes  $J(\theta)$  almost surely.*

*Proof.* Since  $h(g(x)) \geq 0, \forall x \in S$  and  $f(x|\theta) \geq 0, \forall x \in S$ , their product is always greater or equal to zero. Because  $g(x)$  is a continuous function, the integrand  $h(g(x))f(x|\theta)$  is also lower semicontinuous on  $S \times \Theta$ . Then the proof is completed using uniform law of large number in functions.  $\square$

Most density functions are lower-semicontinuous with respect to  $x$  and  $\theta$ . For those probabilistic models that have jumps in their densities, for example, uniform distribution, we simply need to assign the density to the lower branch so that lower-semicontinuity is satisfied.

As for choosing among all possible approximation techniques, we generally prefer Monte Carlo based over grid based algorithms. The reason is that the approximation error of Monte Carlo methods is not dependent on the number of  $X$  variables, while that of deterministic approaches grows exponentially on the dimension, albeit they can be much more efficient when  $N$  is small.

In the naive Monte Carlo approach,  $Z^{[1]}, \dots, Z^{[K]}$  is an i.i.d. sample drawn from a continuous uniform distribution defined on  $S$ . Let  $V \equiv \int_S dx$  be the volume of  $S$ , then the integration weight  $w(Z) = V, \forall z \in S$ . By law of large numbers,  $\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \mu^K(\theta) = \mu(\theta)$ . Since  $\mu^K(\theta)$  is simply the sum of i.i.d. random vectors  $w(Z^{[k]})f_X(Z^{[k]}|\theta)h(Z^{[k]})$ , Lindeberg-Lévy central limit theorem ensures that

$$(1.13) \quad \sqrt{K}(\mu^K(\theta) - \mu(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma(\theta))$$

where

$$(1.14) \quad \Sigma(\theta) = \int_S \varphi(z)w(z)^2 f_X(z|\theta)^2 h(g(z))h(g(z))^T dz - \mu(\theta)\mu(\theta)^T.$$

It can be estimated using unbiased sample covariance matrix, that is  
(1.15)

$$\Sigma^K \equiv \frac{1}{K-1} \sum_{k=1}^K (w^{[k]} h(z^{[k]}) f_X(z^{[k]}|\theta) - \mu^K(\theta)) (w^{[k]} h(z^{[k]}) f_X(z^{[k]}|\theta) - \mu^K(\theta)).$$

Often times,  $f_X(x|\theta)h(x)$  has very small magnitudes on a dominant fraction of  $S$ . In this way, the computation effort of evaluating  $g(x)$  on a large number of integration points is wasted then. The efficiency could be worse if  $S$  is chosen too conservative and larger than necessary. Importance sampling has a known advantage on this matter when some preliminary density estimate  $\varphi_X(x)$  of  $X$  is known. In this case, the random sample  $Z^1, \dots, Z^{[k]}$  can be drawn from  $\varphi_X(x)$  and  $w^{[k]} = 1/\varphi_X(Z^{[k]})$ . The naive Monte Carlo approach is a special case of importance sampling with  $\varphi_X(x) = 1/V$ , with the density of a uniform distribution. Importance sampling based  $\mu^K(\theta)$  still has the same asymptotic distribution provided in (1.13).

## 2. Model Formulation.

$$\min_{f \in \mathbb{R}_+^K} T \quad \left( \mu^K(\theta) - h_T \right)^T W \left( \mu^K(\theta) - h_T \right)$$

$$\text{with} \quad h_T = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T h(Y^{(t)}) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \mu^K(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K w(Z^{[k]}) h(g(Z^{[k]})) f^{[k]}$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad |f^{[k]} - f^{[l]}| \leq \tau (\|Z^{[k]} - Z^{[l]}\|_2), \quad k, l = 1, \dots, K, Z^{[l]} \in \mathcal{N}(Z^{[k]})$$

where  $\tau$  is a controlling parameter that needs to be carefully chosen. The distance does not have to be Euclidean distance.  $\mathcal{N}$  stands for a neighborhood that can be specified based on user preference. We can do a fixed region or some area that covers a certain number of nearest neighbors. Let us say that the closest ten sample points around  $Z^{[k]}$  are considered, so the number of constraints are ten times of that of variables.

**3. Main results.** We interleave text filler with some example theorems and theorem-like items.

Here we state our main result as [Theorem 3.1](#); the proof is deferred to [section SM2](#).

**THEOREM 3.1** (*LDL<sup>T</sup> Factorization [1]*). *If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric and the principal submatrix  $A(1:k, 1:k)$  is nonsingular for  $k = 1:n-1$ , then there exists a unit lower triangular matrix  $L$  and a diagonal matrix*

$$D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$$

*such that  $A = LDL^T$ . The factorization is unique.*

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THEOREM 3.2 (Mean Value Theorem). Suppose  $f$  is a function that is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ . and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ . Then there exists a number  $c$  such that  $a < c < b$  and

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

In other words,

$$f(b) - f(a) = f'(c)(b - a).$$

Observe that Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 and Corollary 3.3 correctly mix references to multiple labels.

COROLLARY 3.3. Let  $f(x)$  be continuous and differentiable everywhere. If  $f(x)$  has at least two roots, then  $f'(x)$  must have at least one root.

*Proof.* Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct roots of  $f$ . By Theorem 3.2, there exists a number  $c$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = \frac{0 - 0}{b - a} = 0. \quad \square$$

Note that it may require two L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X compilations for the proof marks to show.

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$$(3.1) \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Equation (3.1) shows some example matrices.

We calculate the Fréchet derivative of  $F$  as follows:

$$(3.2a) \quad F'(U, V)(H, K) = \langle R(U, V), H\Sigma V^T + U\Sigma K^T - P(H\Sigma V^T + U\Sigma K^T) \rangle \\ = \langle R(U, V), H\Sigma V^T + U\Sigma K^T \rangle$$

$$(3.2b) \quad = \langle R(U, V)V\Sigma^T, H \rangle + \langle \Sigma^T U^T R(U, V), K^T \rangle.$$

Equation (3.2a) is the first line, and (3.2b) is the last line.

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Our analysis leads to the algorithm in Algorithm 4.1.

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**Algorithm 4.1** Build tree

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Define  $P := T := \{\{1\}, \dots, \{d\}\}$ 
while  $\#P > 1$  do
  Choose  $C' \in \mathcal{C}_p(P)$  with  $C' := \operatorname{argmin}_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p(P)} \varrho(C)$ 
  Find an optimal partition tree  $T_{C'}$ 
  Update  $P := (P \setminus C') \cup \{\bigcup_{t \in C'} t\}$ 
  Update  $T := T \cup \{\bigcup_{t \in \tau} t : \tau \in T_{C'} \setminus \mathcal{L}(T_{C'})\}$ 
end while
return  $T$ 

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**5. Experimental results.** Quisque facilisis auctor sapien. Pellentesque gravida hendrerit lectus. Mauris rutrum sodales sapien. Fusce hendrerit sem vel lorem. Integer pellentesque massa vel augue. Integer elit tortor, feugiat quis, sagittis et, ornare non, lacus. Vestibulum posuere pellentesque eros. Quisque venenatis ipsum dictum nulla. Aliquam quis quam non metus eleifend interdum. Nam eget sapien ac mauris malesuada adipiscing. Etiam eleifend neque sed quam. Nulla facilisi. Proin a ligula. Sed id dui eu nibh egestas tincidunt. Suspendisse arcu.

Figure 1 shows some example results. Additional results are available in the supplement in Table SM1.

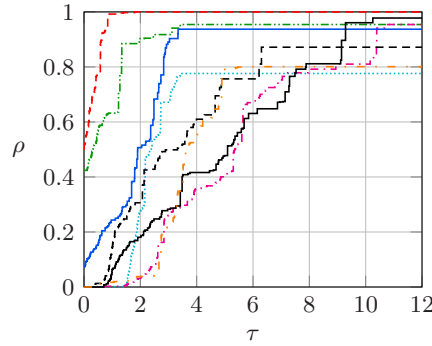


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**7. Conclusions.** Some conclusions here.

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LEMMA A.1. *Test Lemma.*

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