

Note 1: Readme file - Codes

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PURPOSE OF THE NOTE:

This readme file documents the procedures and features of the MATLAB codes related to the project *Behavioural Epidemiology*. There are 4 files that are the key focus of this note:

- *Initialization Codes*
 - **BE_DataSetup.m**: Loads the dataset and initializes the fixed parameters
- *Estimation Codes*
 - **BE_EstimationCode.m**: The main file that invokes the estimation exercise
 - **Objective_Avec.m**: The objective function that describes the agent's problem for the estimation exercise
- *Simulation Codes*
 - **BE_SimulationCode.m**: This is the main file that invokes the simulation exercise
 - **Objective_Solve.m**: The objective function that solves the full problem for the simulation exercise

1.1 General Organization

1.2 Structure of Codes

Algorithm 1 Estimate $\beta, \gamma, \phi_+, \frac{\phi_-}{\phi_+}, rl2, c$

Require: **Datafile** $\rightarrow data_upd3xls.xlsx$

Data: Poisitve cases (POSN), Negative cases (NEGN), Deaths (DN), Hospitalization (H)

Fixed Parameters: $t_i, t_h, e_0, \delta_p, \delta_a, \lambda_{min}, ifr, rl1, \beta_{share}, mi, mh$

Vaccine Arrival: $p \rightarrow \text{Negative Binomial}(\mu = 540, \sigma^2 = 180)$

Misc. Fixed Parameters: $pop, T, Tmax, p, q$

Require: **Smoothening data:**

Smooth POSN, NEGN, DN, H \rightarrow use 5-period moving average

Extrapolate Tests: $X_t = \max\{\omega_0 + \omega_1(POSNr + NEGNr)^2, 1e6\}$

Ensure: **Save Parameters** $\rightarrow Initial_Parameters.mat$

Require: **Parameter set** $\rightarrow Initial_Parameters.mat$

Bounds: for $\beta, \gamma, \phi_+, \frac{\phi_-}{\phi_+}, rl2, c$

SOLVE AGENT'S PROBLEM

Optimization Routine: \rightarrow Particle Swarm: 100 particles

while Iterations ≤ 50 or Tolerance $\leq 1e - 12$ **do**

Generate random swarm (size 100) of Parameters

Evaluate Objective function \rightarrow

Initialize variable: $S_1^1 = 1 - e0; I_1^1 = e0$

$$\text{Calculate } \lambda_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } T \in \{1, 2, \dots, 54\} \\ \sqrt{1 - \frac{1 - \lambda_{min}}{(\frac{70}{55} - 1)^{rl1}} (\frac{t}{55} - 1)^{rl1}} & \text{for } T \in \{55, \dots, 70\} \\ L_{min} & \text{for } T \in \{71, \dots, 100\} \\ \sqrt{L_{min}^2 (rl2^{t-101}) + 1(1 - rl2^{t-101})} & \text{for } T \in \{101, \dots, T\} \end{cases}$$

Solve State Variables forward (with initial conditions)

Solve Adjoint Variables backward (with terminal conditions)

while Iterations ≤ 30 or Tolerance $\leq 1e - 4$ **do**

Given parameters: solve for Control Variable $\alpha_t^k \rightarrow$ updating weights $b = 0.9$

Express α_t^k as $\kappa \rightarrow 0$.

end while

Generate moments: (1) $M_t^1 = [POSN_t - XP0_t]$; (2) $M_t^2 = [DN_t - D0_t]$; (3) $M_t^3 = [HST_t - H_t]$ where $XP0$: No of positive tests, DN : No. of deaths, HST : No of hospitalized

Calculate Mean Squared Errors: $\sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_i \{\sum_{t=1}^T (M_t^i)^2\}$ where ω_i are weights: $\omega_1 = (\frac{pop*1e6}{max(POSN)})^2$,

$\omega_2 = (\frac{pop*1e6}{max(DN)})^2$, $\omega_3 = (\frac{pop*1e6}{max(HST)})^2$

if Mean Squared Error $\leq 1e - 12$ **then**

Break

end if

end while

Ensure: Output: $\rightarrow XP0, D, XN0, SR, SA, \lambda$

Ensure: Plot: (1) $XP0$ vs. $POSN$; (2) D vs. DN ; (3) $\frac{SR}{SA} =$ vs. λ where $\frac{SR_t}{SA_t} = \sum_{k=1}^t \alpha_t^k \frac{S_t^k}{SA_t}$

Ensure: **Save Parameters** $\rightarrow EstimationParameters.mat$

Algorithm 2 Simulate Optimal $\eta_t^k, \chi_t, \lambda_t, \alpha_t^k$

Require: Parameter set \rightarrow *EstimationParameters.mat*Initialize $\chi_1 = 0, \eta_t^1 = 0, \lambda_1 = Lmin, \alpha_1^1 = 0.5$ Set $\delta_A = [0.9899, 0.9949, 0.9989, 0.9994]$ and $b = [0.99, 0.995, 0.999, 0.9999]$ **for** each b and δ_A **do**

SOLVE FULL PROBLEM

while Iterations ≤ 10000 or Tolerance ≤ 1 **do** **end while****end for**
