

# City Location Choice and Productivity

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## 1 Joint distribution of productivity across cities

$$P[Z_c \leq z] = e^{-G^c T_c z^{-\theta}} \quad (1)$$

$$P[Z_1 \leq z, \dots, Z_c \leq z] = \exp\left[-\sum_{c=1}^N (G^c T_c Z_c^{-\theta})^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}\right]^{1-\sigma} \quad (2)$$

$G^c$  is the tail dependence correlation function.  $\sigma$  determines the substitutability between cities.  $T_c$  is the scale parameter that can be substituted for amenities later on.  $\theta$  is the shape parameter.

## 2 Tail dependence correlation function

$$G^c(x_1, \dots, x_c) = \sum_{k=1}^K \left[ \sum_{s=1}^N (w_{sk} x_{sc})^{\frac{1}{1-\rho_k}} \right]^{1-\rho_k} \quad (3)$$

$w_{sk}$  is the weight of technology  $k$  for sector  $s$  which is common between cities.  $\rho_k$  is the substitutability of technologies.  $x_s^c$  is the expenditure in sector  $s$  for city  $c$ , this can be analogous to endowments for each city.

## 3 Individual distributions

$$P[Z_{csk} \leq z] = \exp\left[-\left((w_{sk} x_{sc})^{\frac{1}{1-\rho_k}} T_c Z_c^{-\theta}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}\right] \quad (4)$$

Specific Fréchet distribution for city  $c$ , sector  $s$  and technology  $k$ .

$$\phi_c = \begin{pmatrix} z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{s1} & \cdots & z_{sk} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$\phi_c$  is the matrix of productivity draws from their respective Frechet distributions for each sector and technology in city  $c$ .

## 4 Individual specific technology endowments

$$\omega_p = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$\omega_p$  is the vector of technology endowments for each person  $p$ . For now, each endowment is assumed to be drawn from a normal distribution.

## 5 Wage realization

$$\tilde{w}_{cp} = \phi_c \omega_p \quad (7)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_s \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Realised wage for each sector in city  $c$ .

## 6 Worker problem

$$\max_w [\tilde{w}_1, \dots, \tilde{w}_c | \omega_p] \quad (9)$$