List of Acronyms

C²NLS Corrected Convex Nonparametric Least Squares

CER Convex Expectile Regression

CNLS Convex Nonparametric Least Squares

CQR Convex Quantile Regression

CRS Constant Returns to Scale

DDF Directional Distance Function

DEA Data Envelopment Analysis

DMU Decision-Making Unit

GAMS General Algebraic Modeling System

MoM Method of Moments

QLE Quasi-likelihood Estimation

ICNLS Isotonic Convex Nonparametric Least Square

ICER Isotonic Convex Quantile Regression

ICQR Isotonic Convex Expectile Regression

StoNED Stochastic Nonparametric Envelopment of Data

StoNEZD Stochastic Semi-nonparametric Envelopment of Z Variables Data

KDE Kernel Density Estimation

VRS Variable Returns to Scale