Nonparametric Covariance Estimation for Longitudinal Data via Penalized Tensor Product Splines

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1 Performance assessment via simulation study

To understand the strengths and weaknesses of our method, in the first portion of our simulation study, we examine performance for five underlying covariance structures across varying numbers of subjects, N, and within-subject sample sizes, M.

We study estimator performance for five covariance structures, which were chosen to exhibit varying degrees of structural complexity. The two-dimensional surfaces corresponding to each of these are show in Figure ??. At one end of the spectrum, we consider covariance corresponding to mutual independence. It is both the simplest and sparsest structure, having constant zero-valued varying coefficient function, and constant innovation variance function. To examine how well our estimator selects models belonging to the null space of the cubic smoothing spline penalty functional, we consider a class of covariance structures defined by the GARPs, which are the evaluation of a linear function of t, and the IVs, which are constant over the time domain. Banding the Cholesky factor is equivalent to banding the inverse covariance matrices at the same values of t; see ?. To investigate the performance of the estimator when inverse covariance has a banded structure, we take the Cholesky factor to have the same simple structure as in the previous setting, but truncate it to zero at a given value of $t = t - s \in [0, 1]$. Lastly, being interested in understanding how well our method can identify commonly used parametric models, we simulate data under the compound symmetric model.

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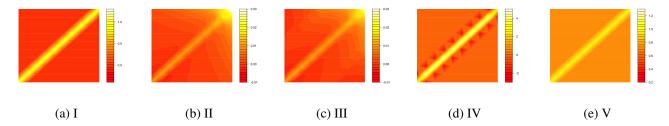


Figure 1: True covariance surfaces under simulation Model I - Model V

The two-dimensional surface corresponding to the Cholesky factor T associated with the inverse of each of the underlying covariances used for simulation are shown in Figure $\ref{eq:theory:eq:th$

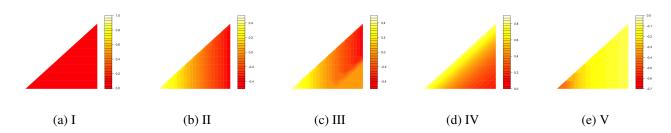


Figure 2: True cholesky surfaces corresponding to Model I - Model V

Covariance structures exhibiting sparsity or parsimony do not necessarily exhibit the same simplicity in the components of the Cholesky decomposition. For example, Model V in Figure $\ref{thm:pigure$

For each of the general covariance structures outlined in the previous simulation study description, data were simulated according to multivariate normal distributions with the following covariance matrices:

I. Mutual independence: $\Sigma = I$, where

$$\phi(t, s) = 0, \quad 0 \le s < t \le 1,$$

 $\sigma^{2}(t) = 1, \quad 0 \le t \le 1.$

II. Linear varying coefficient model with constant innovation variance: $\Sigma^{-1} = T'D^{-1}T$, where

$$\phi(t,s) = t - \frac{1}{2}, \quad 0 \le t \le 1,$$

$$\sigma^{2}(t) = 0.1^{2}, \quad 0 \le t \le 1.$$

TODO: How do we describe the structures for models II-V in terms of continuous $t \in [0, 1]$?

III. $k_{1/2}$ -banded linear varying coefficient model with constant innovation variance: $\Sigma^{-1} = T'D^{-1}T$, where

$$\phi(t,s) = \begin{cases} t - \frac{1}{2}, & t - s \le 0.5 \\ 0, & t - s > 0.5 \end{cases},$$

$$\sigma^{2}(t) = 0.1^{2}, \quad 0 \le t \le 1.$$

IV. geometrically decaying GARPs with constant innovation variance: $\Sigma^{-1} = T'D^{-1}T$ where

$$\phi\left(t,s\right) = 0.6^{t-s}, \quad 0 \le s < t \le 1,$$

$$\sigma^{2}\left(t\right) = \frac{4}{3}, \quad 0 \le t \le 1.$$

V. The compound symmetry model: $\Sigma = \sigma^2 \left(\rho J + (1 - \rho) I \right), \ \rho = 0.7, \ \sigma^2 = 1.$

$$\phi_{ts} = -\frac{\rho}{1 + (t - 1)\rho}, \quad t = 2, \dots, M, \quad s = 1, \dots, t - 1$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = \begin{cases} 1, & t = 1\\ 1 - \frac{(t - 1)\rho^2}{1 + (t - 1)\rho}, & t = 2, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

2 Loss functions and corresponding risk measures

Regularized estimators are typically obtained by minimizing appropriate norms or risk functions. To assess performance of an estimator $\hat{\Sigma}$, we consider two loss functions commonly used when the total number of observations n_Y is greater than the dimension M:

$$\Delta_1 \left(\Sigma, \hat{\Sigma} \right) = tr \left(\left(\Sigma^{-1} \hat{\Sigma} - I \right)^2 \right), \tag{1}$$

$$\Delta_2 \left(\Sigma, \hat{\Sigma} \right) = tr \left(\Sigma^{-1} \hat{\Sigma} \right) - log |\Sigma^{-1} \hat{\Sigma}| - M.$$
 (2)

 Σ denotes the true covariance matrix and $\hat{\Sigma}$ is an $M \times M$ positive definite matrix. Each of these loss functions is 0 when $\hat{\Sigma} = \Sigma$ and is positive when $\hat{\Sigma} \neq \Sigma$. Both measures of loss are scale invariant. If we let random vector Y have covariance matrix Σ , and define the transformation Z as

$$Z = CY$$
.

for some $M \times M$ matrix C, then Z has covariance matrix $\Sigma_z = C\Sigma C'$. Given an estimator $\hat{\Sigma}$ of Σ , one immediately obtains an estimator for Σ_z , $\hat{\Sigma}_z = C\hat{\Sigma}C'$. If C is invertible, then the loss functions Δ_1 and Δ_2 satisfy

$$\Delta_i \left(\Sigma, \hat{\Sigma} \right) = \Delta_i \left(C \Sigma C', C \hat{\Sigma} C' \right).$$

The first loss Δ_1 is commonly referred to as the entropy loss; it gives the Kullback-Leibler divergence of two multivariate Normal densities with the same mean corresponding to the two covariance matrices. The second loss Δ_2 , or the quadratic loss, measures the discrepancy between $\left(\Sigma^{-1}\hat{\Sigma}\right)$ and the identity matrix with the squared Frobenius norm. The Frobenius norm of a symmetric matrix A is given by

$$||A||^2 = \operatorname{tr}(AA').$$

The quadratic loss consequently penalizes overestimates more than underestimates, so "smaller" estimates are favored more under Δ_2 than Δ_1 . For example, among the class of estimators comprised of scalar multiples cS of the sample covariance matrix, $\mathbf{?}$ established that S is optimal under Δ_2 , while the smaller estimator $\frac{nS}{n+p+1}$ is optimal under Δ_1 .

Given Σ , the corresponding values of the risk functions are obtained by taking expectations:

$$R_i\left(\Sigma,\hat{\Sigma}\right) = E_{\Sigma}\left[\Delta_i\left(\Sigma,\hat{\Sigma}\right)\right], \quad i = 1, 2.$$

We prefer one estimator $\hat{\Sigma}_1$ to another $\hat{\Sigma}_2$ if it has smaller risk. Given Σ , we estimate the risk of an estimator via Monte Carlo approximation.

3 Performance benchmarking with complete data

The first of our two primary goals in this simulation study is to assess the utility of our proposed methods under the covariance structures discussed in the previous section. We gauge the performance of our estimator by comparing it to that of four additional covariance estimators serving as points of reference in benchmarking performance: the sample covariance matrix S and two of its regularized variants: the soft thresholding estimator of P, S^{λ} , and the tapering estimator of P, P, as well as the MCD polynomial estimator proposed by P, P, P.

? presented a class of generalized thresholding estimators, including the soft-thresholding estimator given by

$$S^{\lambda} = \left[\operatorname{sign} \left(s_{ij} \right) \left(s_{ij} - \lambda \right)_{+} \right],$$

where σ_{ij}^* denotes the i- j^{th} entry of the sample covariance matrix, and λ is a penalty parameter controlling the amount of shrinkage applied to the empirical estimator. ? derived optimal rates of convergence under the operator norm for the tapering estimator:

$$S^{\omega} = \left[\omega_{ii}^k s_{ij} \right],$$

where the ω_{ii}^k are given by

$$\omega_{ij}^{k} = k_h^{-1} \left[(k - |i - j|)_+ - (k_h - |i - j|)_+ \right],$$

The weights ω_{ij}^k are indexed with superscript to indicate that they are controlled by a tuning parameter, k, which can take integer values between 0 and M, the dimension of the covariance matrix. Without loss of generality, we assume that $k_h = k/2$ is even. The weights may be rewritten as

$$\omega_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & ||i-j|| \le k_h \\ 2 - \frac{i-j}{k_h}, & k_h < ||i-j|| \le k, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This expression of the weights makes it clear how the selection of k controls the amount of shrinkage applied to different elements of the sample covariance matrix. The estimator applies no shrinkage to elements of S belonging to the subdiagonals closest to the main diagonal. As one moves away from the main diagonal, shrinkage increases. A shrinkage factor of $2 - \frac{i-j}{k_h}$ is applied to elements belonging to subdiagonals $k_h, \ldots, k-1, k$, and elements further than k subdiagonals from the main diagonal are shrunk to zero.

In the spirit of the GLM, the MCD polynimal estimator is a particular case of estimators which model the components of the Cholesky decomposition using covariates. The polynomial estimator takes the GARPs and IVs to be polynomials of lag and time, respectively:

$$\phi_{jk} = z'_{jk}\gamma$$
$$\log \sigma_{jk}^2 = z'_i\lambda,$$

for $j=1,\ldots,M,\,k=1,\ldots,j-1.$ The vectors z_j and z_{jk} are of dimension $q\times 1$ and $p\times 1$ which hold covariates

$$z'_{jk} = (1, t_j - t_k, (t_j - t_k)^2, \dots, (t_j - t_k)^{p-1})',$$

$$z'_i = (1, t, \dots, t^{q-1})'.$$

where polynomial orders p, q are chosen by BIC. For detailed discussion of these estimators, see See Chapter 1, Section ?? and Section ??. Since construction of the sample covariance matrix S, S^{ω} , and S^{λ} rely on having an equal number of regularly-spaced observations on each subject, these simulations were conducted using complete data with common measurement times across all N subjects. Performance is evaluated for varying sample size N and within-subject sample size M.

Given covariance matrix Σ , risk estimates are obtained from $N_{sim}=100$ samples from an M-dimensional multivariate Normal distribution with mean zero and the same covariance. The results of the simulations for complete data under entropy loss are presented in Section Section 4.1.1, tables ?? - ??. We also obtained risk estimates under quadratic loss, which echo conclusions made based on entropy loss. There are left to the Appendix, Table ??-??.

Figure ?? provides a visual summary of how well our estimator as well as each of the alternative estimators correctly identify the underlying covariance structure. The first row in the grid shows the surface plot of each of the true covariance structures. The surface plots of the oracle estimate for each of the corresponding models shown in the second row serve as a point of reference.

Our estimator is stable across all of the underlying covariance structures for the differing number of sampled trajectories N=50,100, while the performance of the alternative estimators markedly improves when the subject sample size is doubled for each of the generating structures, particularly for the case of M=30. Irrespective of tuning parameter selection method, our estimator is preferable to all three of the alternative estimators, except under Model IV when N is large and within-subject sampling rates are moderate. Under this model, both the inverse covariance as well as the covariance matrix itself are sparse. Specifically, the inverse is banded so that $\sigma^{ij}=0$ for |i-j|>1, but the non-zero elements are quite large. Inversion results in a covariance matrix which decays quickly as distance from the main diagonal increases, which is in concordance with the assumed structure of the softthresholding estimator.

The covariance matrix corresponding to Model II is highly nonstationary. It is neither sparse, nor has entries which decrease in absolute value as the time between observations increases, which is in discordance with the assumed structure of both element-wise shrinkage estimators. However, on every subdiagonal are entries which are very small. The tapering estimator performs abysmally for this structure, since for almost any choice of k, it will incorrectly be shrinking many entries which are large in absolute values to zero. The soft thresholding estimator assumes no implicit structure of the M measurements which make up the random vector (it does not assume that y_1, \ldots, y_M are time-ordered.) While the covariance is nonstationary, the elements of Σ are highly structured, but the soft-thresholding esitmator fails to exploit this structure which results in S^{λ} having 0s spuriously placed. The covariance matrix under Model III has similar structure, presenting similar difficulties for both estimators. The sample covariance matrix far outperforms both of its regularized renditions almost uniformly across subject sample sizes N for moderate within-subject sampling rates (M=20,30.)

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$$CV_{F}(\lambda) = \underset{\lambda}{\arg\min} \ K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{K} ||\hat{\Sigma}^{(-k)} - \tilde{\Sigma}^{(k)}||_{F}^{2}, \tag{4}$$

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4 Performance with irregularly sampled data

Our second concern in evaluation of our methods is how performance changes when the data exhibit varying degrees of sparsity. We fix the number of sampled trajectories N and vary M, the size of the set of possible measurement times

$$t_1,\ldots,t_M$$
.

We generate irregular data by first generating a complete dataset

$$Y_{1} = (y_{1}(t_{1}), y_{1}(t_{2}), \dots, y_{1}(t_{M}))'$$

$$Y_{2} = (y_{2}(t_{1}), y_{2}(t_{2}), \dots, y_{2}(t_{M}))'$$

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$$Y_{N} = (y_{N}(t_{1}), y_{N}(t_{2}), \dots, y_{N}(t_{M}))',$$

where Y_1, \ldots, Y_N are independently and identically distributed according to an M-dimensional multivariate Normal distribution with mean zero and having covariance structure identical to one of Models I - V in 1. To induce sparsity, we subsample from the complete data $\{y_i(t_j)\}, i=1,\ldots,N,$ $j=1,\ldots,M$, randomly omitting an observation $y_i(t_j)$ with probability 0.05, 0.07, and 0.09.

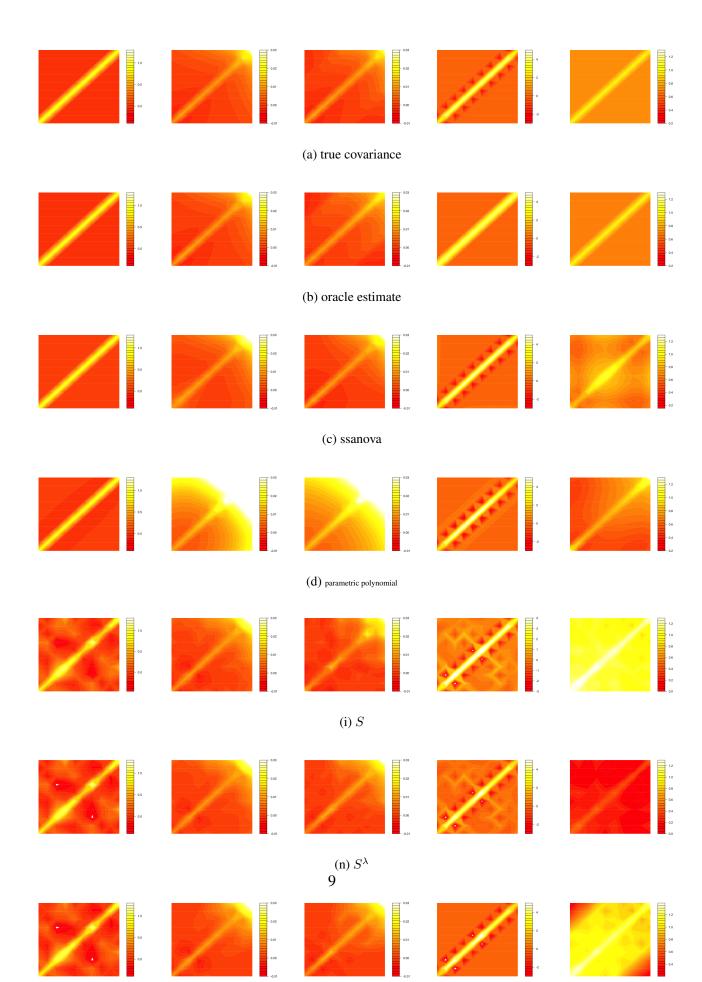
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4.1.1 Simulation study 1: complete data

Table 1: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under entropy loss, Δ_2 when the data are generated according to model I.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS}$		S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.0684	0.0678	1.2339	0.4451	1.1760
N = 50	20	0.0799	0.0720	5.0827	1.6504	4.7847
	30	0.0668	0.0740	12.5162	1.9975	11.0434
	10	0.0405	0.0379	0.5854	0.1783	0.5201
N = 100	20	0.0356	0.0378	2.3038	0.4394	1.9637
	30	0.0396	0.0322	5.2641	0.6717	4.5410

Table 2: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under entropy loss, Δ_2 when the data are generated according to model II.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS}$		S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.0647	0.0696	1.2431	1.4242	1.1195
N = 50	20	0.0884	0.0969	5.0437	17.0220	13.5290
	30	0.0702	0.0894	12.4559	39.9769	159.0521
	10	0.0307	0.0302	0.5403	0.7659	0.5609
N = 100	20	0.0357	0.0350	2.3195	8.5141	11.3740
	30	0.0372	0.0334	5.2817	16.5003	89.3414

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		$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS}$		S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.3354	0.3174	1.1947	1.1073	1.1649
N = 50	20	1.1144	1.1143	5.0966	17.0220	12.6171
	30	2.3247	2.3168	12.4905	50.3684	101.8245
	10	0.2826	0.2955	0.5446	0.5410	0.5531
N = 100	20	1.0690	1.0627	2.3514	12.8490	11.4934
	30	2.2737	2.2767	5.4204	27.2736	30.5818

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		$\hat{\Sigma}_{SS}$		S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.2605	.2743	1.1692	0.5899	1.1126
N = 50	20	0.8836	.8764	5.0899	1.8834	4.6363
	30	1.6087	1.6195	12.5844	3.1902	11.4818
	10	0.2193	0.2183	0.5642	0.2902	0.5456
N = 100	20	0.8468	0.8491	2.2607	0.7869	2.2028
	30	1.5743	1.5802	5.2437	1.1974	4.8555

Table 5: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under entropy loss, Δ_2 when the data are generated according to model V.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{ss}$		S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.2837	0.2766	1.1943	17.3871	1.2122
N = 50	20	0.7551	0.7657	5.0283	35.4067	5.1671
	30	1.1936	1.1927	12.5871	46.5337	12.4110
	10	0.2449	0.2390	0.5734	16.2705	0.5796
N = 100	20	0.7231	0.7299	2.2678	31.3226	2.2988
	30	1.1780	1.1813	5.2562	39.2108	5.2592

4.2 Simulation study 2: irregularly sampled data

M	% subsampling	2	$\hat{\Delta}_1$	$\hat{\Delta}_2$	
10	0.05	0.0016	(0.0002)	0.0760	(0.0059)
10	0.07	0.0017	(0.0002)	0.0824	(0.0055)
10	0.09	0.0015	(0.0002)	0.0776	(0.0058)
15	0.05	0.0020	(0.0003)	0.1027	(0.0085)
15	0.07	0.0024	(0.0004)	0.1135	(0.0100)
15	0.09	0.0021	(0.0004)	0.1013	(0.0087)
20	0.05	0.0011	(0.0001)	0.0878	(0.0069)
20	0.07	0.0011	(0.0001)	0.0971	(0.0071)
20	0.09	0.0013	(0.0002)	0.0998	(0.0073)

Table 6: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator when the data are generated according to model I and smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

M	% subsampling	Ž	$\hat{\Delta}_{1}$		$\hat{\Delta}_2$
10	0.05	0.0520	(0.0063)	0.0940	(0.0076)
10	0.07	0.0462	(0.0061)	0.0949	(0.0085)
10	0.09	0.0676	(0.0088)	0.1124	(0.0101)
15	0.05	0.4004	(0.0548)	0.1434	(0.0111)
15	0.07	0.7398	(0.1168)	0.1895	(0.0161)
15	0.09	1.3971	(0.1984)	0.3201	(0.0332)
20	0.05	5.1618	(0.6220)	0.2705	(0.0218)
20	0.07	9.9945	(1.0978)	0.3894	(0.0306)
20	0.09	19.6154	(2.0697)	0.7071	(0.0520)

Table 7: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator when the data are generated according to model II and smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

M	% subsampling	Ĺ	$\grave{\Delta}_1$	$\hat{\Delta}_2$	
10	0.05	0.0617	(0.0041)	0.3451	(0.0078)
10	0.07	0.0681	(0.0043)	0.3498	(0.0074)
10	0.09	0.0574	(0.0041)	0.3427	(0.0085)
15	0.05	0.2226	(0.0193)	0.6905	(0.0257)
15	0.07	0.4622	(0.0680)	0.6909	(0.0253)
15	0.09	0.6438	(0.0708)	0.8038	(0.0463)
20	0.05	3.6000	(0.4421)	1.2193	(0.0208)
20	0.07	8.6383	(1.1900)	1.3306	(0.0316)
20	0.09	10.0914	(1.4934)	1.3546	(0.0369)

Table 8: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator when the data are generated according to model III and smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

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10	0.05	0.0116	(0.0006)	0.2573	(0.0051)
10	0.07	0.0126	(0.0007)	0.2665	(0.0064)
10	0.09	0.0113	(0.0006)	0.2537	(0.0056)
15	0.05	0.0325	(0.0012)	0.5596	(0.0077)
15	0.07	0.0421	(0.0027)	0.6065	(0.0131)
15	0.09	0.0365	(0.0014)	0.5835	(0.0082)
20	0.05	0.0659	(0.0019)	0.9159	(0.0105)
20	0.07	0.0603	(0.0009)	0.8904	(0.0066)
20	0.09	0.0615	(0.0012)	0.8935	(0.0078)

Table 9: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator when the data are generated according to model IV and smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

M	% subsampling	2	$\hat{\Delta}_1$	4	$\hat{\Delta}_2$
10	0.05	0.4202	(0.0165)	0.3159	(0.0099)
10	0.07	0.4674	(0.0187)	0.3349	(0.0100)
10	0.09	0.6244	(0.0363)	0.3887	(0.0149)
15	0.05	0.7857	(0.0262)	0.6157	(0.0137)
15	0.07	0.8649	(0.0260)	0.6548	(0.0145)
15	0.09	1.0203	(0.0425)	0.7163	(0.0195)
20	0.05	1.0288	(0.0203)	0.8323	(0.0156)
20	0.07	1.1388	(0.0343)	0.9065	(0.0247)
20	0.09	1.3248	(0.0593)	1.0355	(0.0351)

Table 10: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator when the data are generated according to model V and smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

5 Appendix

5.1 Quadratic risk estimates for simulation study 1

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Table 11: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under quadratic loss, Δ_1 when the data are generated according to model I.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{s}$	'S	S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.0010	0.0013	0.4702	0.3926	0.3871
N = 50	20	0.0007	0.0006	0.8495	0.8301	0.8287
	30	0.0003	0.0004	1.1449	1.1926	1.1924
	10	0.0004	0.0004	0.2072	0.1802	0.1777
N = 100	20	0.0002	0.0002	0.3920	0.3858	0.3817
	30	0.0001	0.0001	0.5712	0.6191	0.6109

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Table 12: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under quadratic loss, Δ_1 when the data are generated according to model II.

S^{ω}
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44
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80

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Table 13: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under quadratic loss, Δ_1 when the data are generated according to model III.

		$\hat{\Sigma}$	SS	S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.0562	0.0547	0.5237	0.5810	0.5313
N = 50	20	0.7832	0.8934	2.1419	9.5721	9.1421
	30	8.2650	10.6855	15.2842	407.3659	129.7459
	10	0.0376	0.0449	0.2546	0.2556	0.2661
N = 100	20	0.6260	0.5967	1.3751	3.3281	1.2759
	30	5.7635	6.2824	7.4750	203.6710	10.0634

Table 14: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under quadratic loss, Δ_1 when the data are generated according to model IV.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle S}$	S	S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.0134	0.0145	0.4169	0.3987	0.3985
N = 50	20	0.0590	0.0574	0.8810	0.9078	0.9073
	30	0.1351	0.1362	1.2571	1.2570	1.2575
	10	0.0077	0.0078	0.2263	0.2111	0.2104
N = 100	20	0.0549	0.0534	0.4309	0.4127	0.4120
	30	0.1331	0.1320	0.6819	0.6579	0.6565

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Table 15: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator under quadratic loss, Δ_1 when the data are generated according to model V.

		$\hat{\Sigma}_{s}$	'S	S	S^{λ}	S^{ω}
	M	LosoCV	URE			
	10	0.3688	0.3599	0.7872	0.8058	1.4774
N = 50	20	0.9770	0.9954	1.6167	1.7840	3.4516
	30	1.6067	1.6151	2.5548	2.4837	4.9027
	10	0.3210	0.3168	0.3913	0.3819	0.8958
N = 100	20	0.9793	0.9774	0.8714	0.8479	2.2110
	30	1.6177	1.6032	1.2967	1.2293	3.4968

5.2 Simulation study 1: risk estimates (standard errors)

Should we decide to keep the following tables in the chapter, the analogous tables for S^{λ} and S^{ω} will also be included here as well.

Model	N	M	$\hat{\Delta}_1($	$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS})$	$\hat{\Delta}_2$	$(\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS})$	$\hat{\Delta}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	(S)	$\hat{\Delta}_2$	$\hat{\Sigma}_{\scriptscriptstyle SS})$			
1	50	10	0.0023	(0.0006)	0.0843	(0.0099)	0.3915	(0.0262)	1.1924	(0.0348)			
1	50	20	0.0009	(0.0002)	0.0804	(0.0062)	0.7953	(0.0365)	5.0792	(0.0676)			
1	50	30	0.0006	(0.0001)	0.0822	(0.0064)	1.2408	(0.0460)	12.2989	(0.1174)			
1	100	10	0.0007	(0.0001)	0.0453	(0.0042)	0.1901	(0.0107)	0.5800	(0.0133)			
1	100	20	0.0003	(0.0001)	0.0421	(0.0034)	0.4025	(0.0199)	2.3150	(0.0273)			
1	100	30	0.0002	(0.0001)	0.0407	(0.0040)	0.5914	(0.0224)	5.2940	(0.0476)			
2	50	10	0.0709	(0.0063)	0.3298	(0.0082)	0.5168	(0.0359)	1.2156	(0.0318)			
2	50	20	1.0948	(0.1234)	1.1179	(0.0108)	2.3802	(0.1604)	5.0130	(0.0664)			
2	50	30	13.9982	(1.9602)	2.3284	(0.0161)	22.5542	(2.8650)	12.3822	(0.1101)			
2	100	10	0.0449	(0.0022)	0.2955	(0.0047)	0.2515	(0.0145)	0.5566	(0.0127)			
2	100	20	0.6322	(0.0421)	1.0638	(0.0064)	1.1628	(0.0925)	2.3893	(0.0252)			
2	100	30	7.1979	(0.6928)	2.2805	(0.0091)	10.7818	(1.4529)	5.2753	(0.0418)			
3	50	10	0.0573	(0.0086)	0.0753	(0.0061)	0.5234	(0.0369)	1.2228	(0.0308)			
3	50	20	0.8747	(0.1197)	0.1025	(0.0085)	2.8719	(0.2644)	5.0775	(0.0733)			
3	50	30	8.1496	(1.5069)	0.0958	(0.0077)	24.8586	(3.9217)	12.5350	(0.1127)			
3	100	10	0.0200	(0.0028)	0.0329	(0.0028)	0.2642	(0.0217)	0.5750	(0.0165)			
3	100	20	0.3360	(0.0624)	0.0387	(0.0038)	1.4008	(0.1128)	2.3517	(0.0290)			
3	100	30	3.6555	(1.0573)	0.0382	(0.0043)	9.6946	(1.1953)	5.2919	(0.0413)			
4	50	10	0.0170	(0.0015)	0.2812	(0.0067)	0.4254	(0.0273)	1.2228 (0.0338)				
4	50	20	0.0600	(0.0012)	0.8899	(0.0082)	0.9665	(0.0423)	5.1032 (0.0639)				
4	50	30	0.1378	(0.0015)	1.6220	(0.0074)	1.1690	(0.0417)	12.3825	(0.1139)			
4	100	10	0.0088	(0.0005)	0.2252	(0.0046)	0.1941	(0.0102)	0.5676	(0.0187)			
4	100	20	0.0543	(0.0007)	0.8514	(0.0043)	0.4281	(0.0221)	2.2750	(0.0250)			
4	100	30	0.1333	(0.0009)	1.5826	(0.0037)	0.6650	(0.0219)	5.2777	(0.0408)			
5	50	10	0.3956	(0.0207)	0.2900	(0.0078)	0.8750	(0.0619)	1.2395	(0.0400)			
5	50	20	0.9995	(0.0110)	0.7660	(0.0063)	1.8312	(0.0745)	5.0307	(0.0719)			
5	50	30	1.6198	(0.0134)	1.1976	(0.0090)	2.5880	(0.1102)	12.4199	(0.0979)			
5	100	10	0.3194	(0.0065)	0.2407	(0.0037)	0.4209	(0.0284)	0.5530	(0.0115)			
5	100	20	0.9774	(0.0060)	0.7299	(0.0041)	0.8714	(0.0339)	2.2297	(0.0283)			
5	100	30	1.6032	(0.0088)	1.1813	(0.0051)	1.2967	(0.0474)	5.3014	(0.0526)			

Table 16: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator and the sample covariance matrix under models I - V where smoothing parameters are selected using the unbiased risk estimate.

The following table will be formatted just as the one immediately before it if we decide to include it in the chapter.

1	N	M	$\hat{\Delta}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}(\hat{\Sigma}$	$\Sigma_{ss})$	$\hat{\Delta}_2$	$\hat{\Sigma}_{ss})$	$\hat{\Delta}_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}($	(S)	$\frac{\hat{\Delta}_2(S)}{1.2584.00216}$					
1	50	10	0.0031	0.0009	0.0941	0.0115	0.4624	0.0249	1.2584	0.0316				
1	50	20	0.0015	0.0003	0.1065	0.0105	0.8609	0.0543	5.0851	0.0660				
	50	30	0.0005	0.0001	0.0778	0.0075	1.1356	0.0396	12.5491	0.1248				
1	100	10	0.0006	0.0001	0.0477	0.0045	0.2092	0.0124	0.5911	0.0143				
1	100	20	0.0003	0.0000	0.0410	0.0037	0.3891	0.0161	2.3162	0.0278				
1	100	30	0.0002	0.0000	0.0457	0.0042	0.5724	0.0211	5.2742	0.0498				
2	50	10	0.0715	0.0073	0.3476	0.0091	0.5318	0.0415	1.2190	0.0301				
2	50	20	0.8640	0.1042	1.1204	0.0117	2.2754	0.1813	5.0921	0.0713				
	50	30	14.6715	2.0991	2.3440	0.0144	16.2024	1.6967	12.4749	0.1194				
2	100	10	0.0415	0.0026	0.2854	0.0034	0.2661	0.0170	0.5510	0.0138				
2	100	20	0.6597	0.0495	1.0718	0.0071	1.3733	0.1096	2.3569	0.0304				
2	100	30	6.8953	0.6368	2.2727	0.0082	7.3618	0.8281	5.4390	0.0428				
3	50	10	0.0498	0.0083	0.0736	0.0064	0.5675	0.0425	1.2447	0.0353				
3	50	20	0.4704	0.0763	0.0972	0.0088	2.5606	0.2129	5.0612	0.0705				
3	50	30	8.2884	1.6398	0.0823	0.0089	18.9040	2.3564	12.4416	0.1086				
3	100	10	0.0245	0.0046	0.0379	0.0042	0.2558	0.0163	0.5506	0.0134				
3	100	20	0.3433	0.0729	0.0404	0.0041	1.4803	0.1345	2.3231	0.0304				
3	100	30	3.3560	0.6491	0.0392	0.0036	9.3395	0.8295	5.2862	0.0421				
4	50	10	0.0163	0.0019	0.2692	0.0081	0.4266	0.0286	1.1800	0.0319				
4	50	20	0.0590	0.0010	0.8836	0.0074	0.8810	0.0399	5.0899	0.0724				
4	50	30	0.1365	0.0015	1.6123	0.0084	1.2551	0.0433	12.5609	0.1101				
4	100	10	0.0088	0.0008	0.2246	0.0046	0.2216	0.0131	0.5639	0.0168				
4	100	20	0.0551	0.0007	0.8476	0.0037	0.4292	0.0198	2.2649	0.0295				
4	100	30	0.1342	0.0010	1.5769	0.0035	0.6775	0.0222	5.2374	0.0480				
5	50	10	0.4017	0.0216	0.2988	0.0117	0.7943	0.0523	1.2061	0.0395				
5	50	20	0.9817	0.0105	0.7555	0.0051	1.6034	0.0775	5.0172	0.0601				
5	50	30	1.6266	0.0135	1.2043	0.0083	2.5378	0.0861	12.5483	0.1092				
	100	10	0.3307	0.0101	0.2507	0.0058	0.3969	0.0235	0.5751	0.0133				
	100	20	6.0835	4.9816	1.3637	0.5844	0.8470	0.0327	2.2673	0.0300				
	100	30	3.2806	1.6330	1.5457	0.3612	1.2599	0.0439	5.2507	0.0499				

Table 17: Risk estimates and corresponding standard errors for our proposed estimator and the sample covariance matrix under models I - V where smoothing parameters are selected using losoCV.

Model	Z	\mathbf{Z}	$\hat{\Delta}_1(\hat{\lambda})$	$\hat{\Delta}_1(\hat{\Sigma}^{ure}_{SS})$	$\hat{\Delta}_1(\hat{\Sigma}_{SS}^{loso})$	$({}^{c}_{sol})_{c}$	$\hat{\Delta}_1(\hat{\Sigma}_{PS}^{loso})$	$(osol_{r}^{l})$	$\hat{\Delta}_1(S)$	(S)	$\hat{\Delta}_1(S^\omega)$	$S^{\omega})$	$\hat{\Delta}_1(S^{\lambda})$	$S^{\lambda})$
_	20	10	0.0023	(6e-040)	0.0017	(3e-040)	0.0052	(0.0010)	0.3915	(0.0262)	0.3655	(0.0197)	0.3703	(0.
1	50	20	0.0009	(2e-040)	0.0024	(7e-040)	0.0043	(6e-040)	0.7953	(0.0365)	0.7986	(0.0360)	0.7983	(0.
1	50	30	0.0006	(1e-040)	0.0015	(9e-040)	0.0036	(6e-040)	1.2408	(0.0460)	1.2364	(0.0504)	1.2519	(0.
_	100	10	0.0007	(1e-040)	9000.0	(1e-040)	0.0010	(1e-040)	0.1901	(0.0107)	0.1938	(0.0130)	0.1961	(0.
1	100	20	0.0003	(000000)	0.0003	(000000)	0.0011	(1e-040)	0.4025	(0.0199)	0.3944	(0.0181)	0.4001	(0.
1	100	30	0.0002	(000000)	0.0002	(000000)	0.0011	(1e-040)	0.5914	(0.0224)	0.5695	(0.0232)	0.5865	(0.
2	50	10	0.0709	(0.0063)	9990.0	(0.0056)	0.0623	(0.0043)	0.5168	(0.0359)	0.5642	(0.0393)	0.5153	(0.
2	50	20	1.0948	(0.1234)	0.8882	(0.0952)	3.3623	(0.2241)	2.3802	(0.1604)	5.1056	(1.3636)	15.5901	(3.
2	50	30	13.9982	(1.9602)	12.6406	(1.3045)	110.7368	(12.1364)	22.5542	(2.8650)	97.0180	(35.8215)	1507.7082	(330
2	100	10	0.0449	(0.0022)	0.0415	(0.0026)	0.0525	(0.0033)	0.2515	(0.0145)	0.2516	(0.0144)	0.2467	(0.
2	100	20	0.6322	(0.0421)	0.6597	(0.0495)	3.3059	(0.2199)	1.1628	(0.0925)	1.5125	(0.1383)	3.3054	(0.:
2	100	30	7.1979	(0.6928)	6.8953	(0.6368)	71.0815	(5.4194)	10.7818	(1.4529)	12.5811	(1.6436)	474.4443	(116.
3	50	10	0.0573	(9800.0)	0.0457	(0.0056)	0.0665	(0.0081)	0.5234	(0.0369)	0.9081	(0.1014)	0.5890	(0.
3	50	20	0.8747	(0.1197)	0.6152	(0.0951)	3.2706	(0.2149)	2.8719	(0.2644)	19.5830	(6.4061)	19.9996	(3.
3	50	30	8.1496	(1.5069)	8.1968	(1.1830)	199.3705	(21.3899)	24.8586	(3.9217)	181.0963	(23.2385)	1323.0063	(351
3	100	10	0.0200	(0.0028)	0.0245	(0.0046)	0.0363	(0.0047)	0.2642	(0.0217)	0.3915	(0.0285)	0.2841	(0.
3	100	20	0.3360	(0.0624)	0.3433	(0.0729)	3.1740	(0.2060)	1.4008	(0.1128)	6.1001	(0.7095)	12.7102	(2.
3	100	30	3.6555	(1.0573)	3.3560	(0.6491)	98.3929	(8.2390)	9.6946	(1.1953)	83.8858	(7.6284)	682.4404	(205.
4	50	10	0.0170	(0.0015)	0.0157	(0.0012)	0.0088	(8e-040)	0.4254	(0.0273)	0.5219	(0.0364)	0.5227	(0.
4	50	20	0.0600	(0.0012)	0.0601	(0.0013)	0.0393	(0.0013)	0.9665	(0.0423)	0.8922	(0.0426)	0.8920	(0.
4	20	30	0.1378	(0.0015)	0.1445	(0.0039)	0.0944	(0.0014)	1.1690	(0.0417)	1.3120	(0.0451)	1.3116	(0.
4	100	10	0.0088	(5e-040)	0.0088	(8e-040)	0.0061	(4e-040)	0.1941	(0.0102)	0.2511	(0.0120)	0.2514	(0.
4	100	20	0.0543	(7e-040)	0.0551	(7e-040)	0.0331	(9e-040)	0.4281	(0.0221)	0.4297	(0.0197)	0.4296	(0.
4	100	30	0.1333	(9e-040)	0.1342	(0.0010)	9680.0	(8e-040)	0.6650	(0.0219)	0.7035	(0.0248)	0.7036	.0)
5	50	10	0.3956	(0.0207)	0.3588	(9600.0)	0.2056	(0.0206)	0.8750	(0.0619)	1.6562	(0.1361)	0.8844	(0.
5	20	20	0.9995	(0.0110)	1.0380	(0.0138)	0.2298	(0.0213)	1.8312	(0.0745)	3.7009	(0.3637)	1.7680	.0)
5	20	30	1.6198	(0.0134)	1.5981	(0.0116)	0.2713	(0.0176)	2.5880	(0.1102)	5.0495	(0.2337)	2.5783	(0.
5	100	10	0.3194	(0.0065)	0.3307	(0.0101)	0.1023	(0.0112)	0.4209	(0.0284)	1.0553	(0.0569)	0.4926	(0.
5	100	20	0.9774	(0.0060)	6.0835	(4.9816)	0.1087	(0.0072)	0.8714	(0.0339)	2.3203	(0.0969)	0.8585	(0.
5	100	30	1.6032	(0.0088)	3.2806	(1.6330)	0.1577	(0.0124)	1.2967	(0.0474)	3.2678	(0.1193)	1.3052	(0.

Table 18: Quadratic risk estimates and corresponding standard errors based on N = 100 Monte Carlo simulations.

$S^{\lambda})$	(0.0374)	(0.1145)	(0.3347)	(0.0165)	(0.0590)	(0.1573)	(0.0366)	(5.6851)	(18.4613)	(0.0117)	(0.8752)	(16.5003)	(0.0341)	(4.7751)	(18.3376)	(0.0148)	(2.1390)	(16.6058)	(0.0300)	(0.0703)	(0.1196)	(0.0143)	(0.0315)	(0.0408)	(0.4606)	(0.8737)	(0.1161)	(0.0607)	(0.4335)	(0.8444)
$\hat{\Delta}_2(S^{\lambda})$	1.1239	4.6562	11.1448	0.5465	2.0194	4.3808	1.1468	27.9181	154.2427	0.5353	8.5141	89.3414	1.1788	25.0179	129.4202	0.5507	13.7121	82.9490	1.2284	5.0695	12.3981	0.5862	2.3158	5.2885	3.2572	14.9515	26.7310	1.7943	4.8505	15.7546
S^{ω}	(0.0489)	(0.1618)	(0.4753)	(0.0224)	(0.0599)	(0.1306)	(0.0419)	(0.7425)	(2.2823)	(0.0140)	(0.7298)	(0.5485)	(0.0588)	(0.9914)	(1.6911)	(0.0231)	(0.8588)	(1.1178)	(0.0461)	(0.1828)	(0.4015)	(0.0162)	(0.0689)	(0.1893)	(0.9145)	(0.6763)	(0.8519)	(0.2606)	(0.6075)	(0.1698)
$\hat{\Delta}_2(S^\omega)$	0.4217	1.3097	3.1227	0.2283	0.4777	0.8231	1.1704	17.7525	44.2387	0.5430	11.3740	28.7007	1.4722	20.9163	51.1717	0.7487	10.8373	34.7162	0.7065	2.1561	4.1290	0.3253	0.9367	2.0095	18.4324	35.2296	48.0137	16.7606	32.2514	39.0077
(S)	(0.0348)	(9.0676)	(0.1174)	(0.0133)	(0.0273)	(0.0476)	(0.0318)	(0.0664)	(0.1101)	(0.0127)	(0.0252)	(0.0418)	(0.0308)	(0.0733)	(0.1127)	(0.0165)	(0.0290)	(0.0413)	(0.0338)	(0.0639)	(0.1139)	(0.0187)	(0.0250)	(0.0408)	(0.0400)	(0.0719)	(0.0979)	(0.0115)	(0.0283)	(0.0526)
$\hat{\Delta}_2(S)$	1.1924	5.0792	12.2989	0.5800	2.3150	5.2940	1.2156	5.0130	12.3822	0.5566	2.3893	5.2753	1.2228	5.0775	12.5350	0.5750	2.3517	5.2919	1.2228	5.1032	12.3825	0.5676	2.2750	5.2777	1.2395	5.0307	12.4199	0.5530	2.2297	5.3014
J_{PS}^{loso}	(0.0107)	(0.0095)	(0.0118)	(0.0042)	(0.0048)	(0.0062)	(0.0082)	(0.0158)	(0.0472)	(0.0059)	(0.0100)	(0.0293)	(0.0000)	(0.0109)	(0.0390)	(0.0050)	(0.0057)	(0.0169)	(0.0063)	(0.0066)	(0.0076)	(0.0038)	(0.0033)	(0.0040)	(0.0108)	(0.0128)	(0.0125)	(0.0049)	(0.0042)	(0.0062)
$\hat{\Delta}_2(\hat{\Sigma}_{PS}^{loso})$	0.1261	0.1713	0.1969	0.0671	0.0965	0.1148	0.3423	1.3640	2.6485	0.2945	1.2875	2.4365	0.1051	0.2555	0.6242	0.0579	0.2011	0.3845	0.1894	0.7039	1.3687	0.1673	0.6664	1.3334	0.1464	0.1772	0.2179	0.0722	0.0878	0.1216
$(\hat{\Sigma}_{SS}^{loso})$	(0.0065)	(0.0142)	(0.0162)	(0.0045)	(0.0037)	(0.0042)	(0.0083)	(0.0103)	(0.0145)	(0.0034)	(0.0071)	(0.0082)	(0.0063)	(0.0073)	(0.0069)	(0.0042)	(0.0041)	(0.0036)	(0.0087)	(0.0078)	(0.0137)	(0.0046)	(0.0037)	(0.0035)	(0.0059)	(0.0068)	(9600.0)	(0.0058)	(0.5844)	(0.3612)
$\hat{\Delta}_2(\hat{\lambda})$	0.0767	0.1134	0.1020	0.0477	0.0410	0.0457	0.3499	1.1028	2.3344	0.2854	1.0718	2.2727	0.0707	9980.0	0.0736	0.0379	0.0404	0.0392	0.2840	0.8850	1.6371	0.2246	0.8476	1.5769	0.2732	0.7629	1.2039	0.2507	1.3637	1.5457
$\hat{\Delta}_2(\hat{\Sigma}^{ure}_{SS})$	(0.0099)	(0.0062)	(0.0064)	(0.0042)	(0.0034)	(0.0040)	(0.0082)	(0.0108)	(0.0161)	(0.0047)	(0.0064)	(0.0091)	(0.0061)	(0.0085)	(0.0077)	(0.0028)	(0.0038)	(0.0043)	(0.0067)	(0.0082)	(0.0074)	(0.0046)	(0.0043)	(0.0037)	(0.0078)	(0.0063)	(0.0000)	(0.0037)	(0.0041)	(0.0051)
$\triangle_2($	0.0843	0.0804	0.0822	0.0453	0.0421	0.0407	0.3298	1.1179	2.3284	0.2955	1.0638	2.2805	0.0753	0.1025	0.0958	0.0329	0.0387	0.0382	0.2812	0.8899	1.6220	0.2252	0.8514	1.5826	0.2900	0.7660	1.1976	0.2407	0.7299	1.1813
\mathbb{Z}	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30	10	20	30
Z	20	50	50	100	100	100	50	50	50	100	100	100	50	50	50	100	100	100	50	50	50	100	100	100	50	20	50	100	100	100
Model			1	_		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5

Table 19: Entropy risk estimates and corresponding standard errors based on N = 100 Monte Carlo simulations.

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