

Statistical analysis of spatio-temporal and multi-dimensional data from a network of sensors

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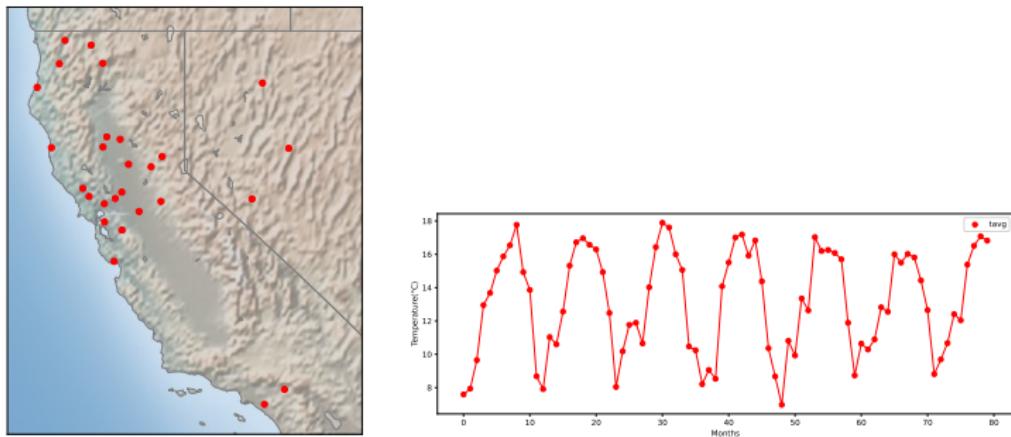


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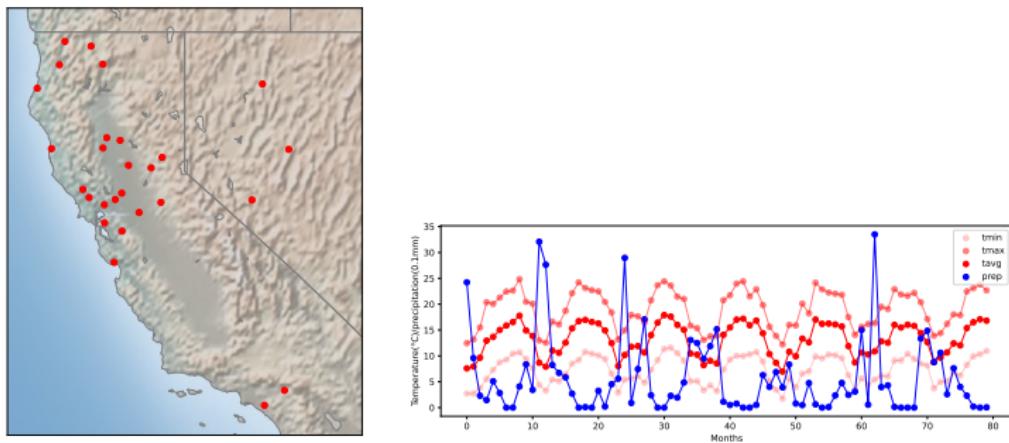


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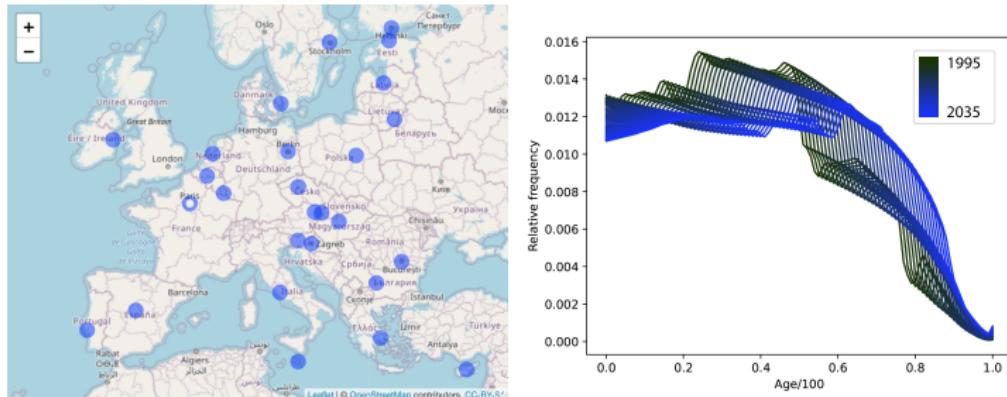


Figure 3: Annual records of age distributions of EU countries. A distribution $\mu_{it} \in \mathcal{P}([0, 1])$ is recorded on each node i , at each time t . In this example, μ_{it} is an age distribution. Time is represented by color instead of x -axis. Lighter curves correspond to the distributions from more recent years.

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Causal graph and vector auto-regressive model

For $(\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R}^F$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, the **VAR Models** have been widely adapted in literature to learn their causality (Granger) dependency.

$$\text{VAR}(1) : \mathbf{x}_t - \mathbf{u} = A(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} - \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{z}_t, \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_t = (\mathbf{x}_{1t}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{Nt})$, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{x}_t$, and \mathbf{z}_t is white noise.

When VAR (1) is stationary, the sparsity structure of $A \xrightleftharpoons[\text{adj. mat.}]{\iff} \mathcal{G}$.

Contribution of the thesis:

$$\mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R}^F \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\mathbf{x}_{it})_t \in \mathbb{R}^F + \text{online inference,} \\ \mathcal{G} \text{ of } (\boldsymbol{\mu}_{it})_t \in \mathcal{W}_2(\mathbb{R}). \end{cases}$$

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KS endows the matrix representation of the vector Model (1'):

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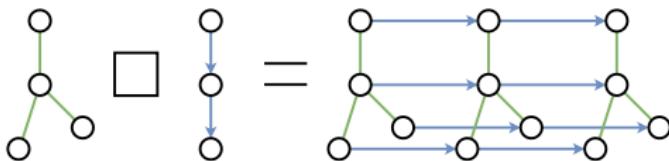
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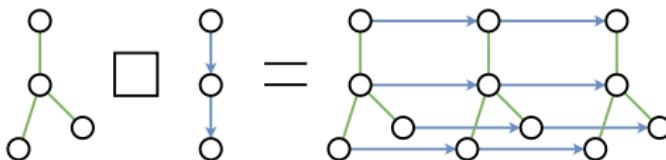
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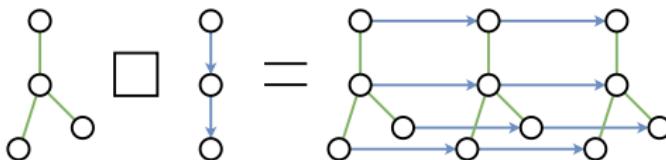
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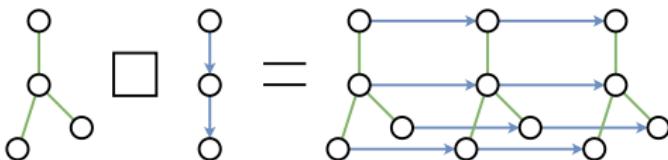
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Due to the model identifiability and application reasons, we employ a more sophisticated structure for A . The complete MAR(1) is

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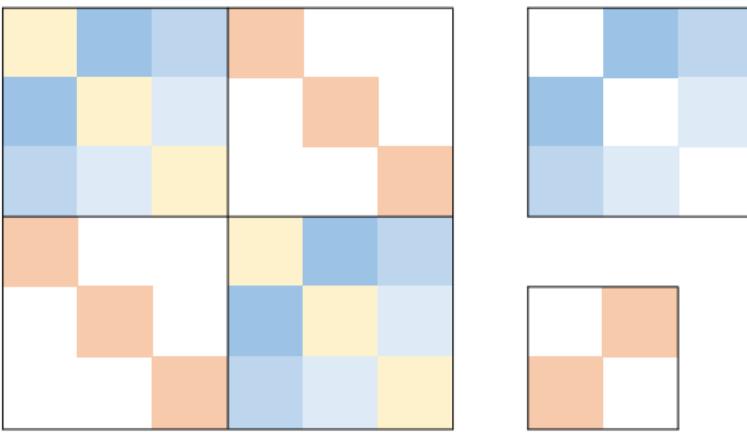


Figure 4: $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ for $N = 3, F = 2$. M (left), M_N (right upper), M_F (right bottom).

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Unique $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^*, 0)$ at λ , $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_0)$, $\mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_0)$:

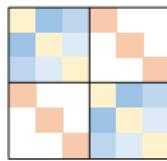
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Continuity \implies (8) is the explicit form of all lasso solutions in a neighbourhood of λ , which ends with the critical values.

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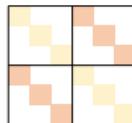
Lasso above becomes

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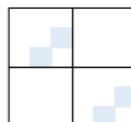
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where $\hat{\Gamma}_t(0) = \sum_{\tau=1}^t \mathbf{x}_{\tau-1} \mathbf{x}_{\tau-1}^\top$, $\hat{\Gamma}_t(1) = \sum_{\tau=1}^t \mathbf{x}_\tau \mathbf{x}_{\tau-1}^\top$, W^0 is the sub-gradient matrix of zero entries in A_N , and W^1 is the sign matrix of active entries in A_N .

Adaptive tuning of lambda

$$\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_t) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_{t+1}), \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_{t+1}) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(t+1, \lambda_{t+1})$$

$$\lambda_t \rightarrow \lambda_{t+1}:$$

Monti et al. (2018); Garrigues and Ghaoui (2008) propose an adaptive tuning method, in our notations:

$$f_{t+1}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1} - \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda) \mathbf{x}_t\|_{\ell_2}^2,$$

and updating rule:

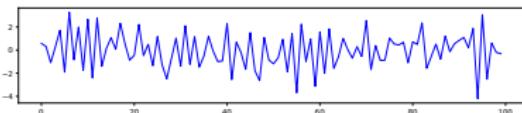
$$\lambda_{t+1} = \lambda_t - \eta \frac{df_{t+1}(\lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=\lambda_t},$$

$\frac{d\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda)}{d\lambda} \Big|_{\lambda=\lambda_t}$ can be calculated from the optimality condition of $\mathbf{A}(t, \lambda_t)$.

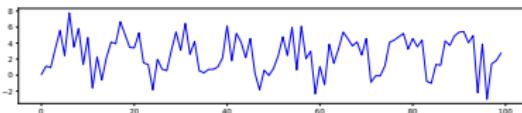
Online graph and trend learning

Come back to the assumption:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_\tau)_\tau = 0, \forall \tau \Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t \|\mathbf{x}_\tau - A\mathbf{x}_{\tau-1}\|_{\ell_2}^2.$$



However, raw data $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_\tau)_\tau = \mathbf{b}_\tau$, that is, a trend is present.



Offline: Detrend $\mathbf{x}_\tau - \hat{\mathbf{b}}_\tau \Rightarrow$ is forbidden online.

Online graph and trend learning

Augmented data model:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{b}_t + \mathbf{x}'_t, \rightarrow \text{Observations} \\ \mathbf{x}'_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}'_{t-1} + \mathbf{z}_t, \rightarrow \text{underlying stationary process.} \end{cases}$$

In particular, we consider periodic trend of period M :

$$\mathbf{b}_t = \mathbf{b}_m, m = 0, \dots, M-1, m = t \bmod M.$$

Augmented structured matrix Lasso:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathbf{b}_m} \frac{1}{2t} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{\tau \in I_{m,t}} \|(\mathbf{x}_\tau - \mathbf{b}_m) - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_{\tau-1} - \mathbf{b}_{m-1})\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda_t F \|\mathbf{A}_N\|_{\ell_1},$$

where $I_{m,t} = \{\tau = 1, \dots, t : \tau \bmod M = m\}$.

Detrend + graph estimation simultaneously
⇒ Online graph learning on raw data

Climatology data

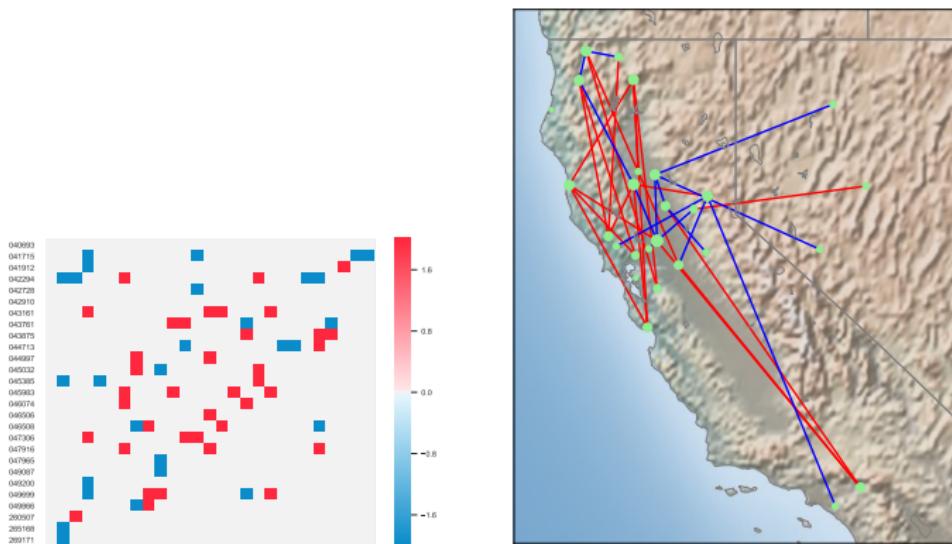


Figure 5: California weather graph. Graph Adjacency matrix (left), visualization on the map (right) using sensor coordinates. The nodes with bigger sizes connect with more nodes.

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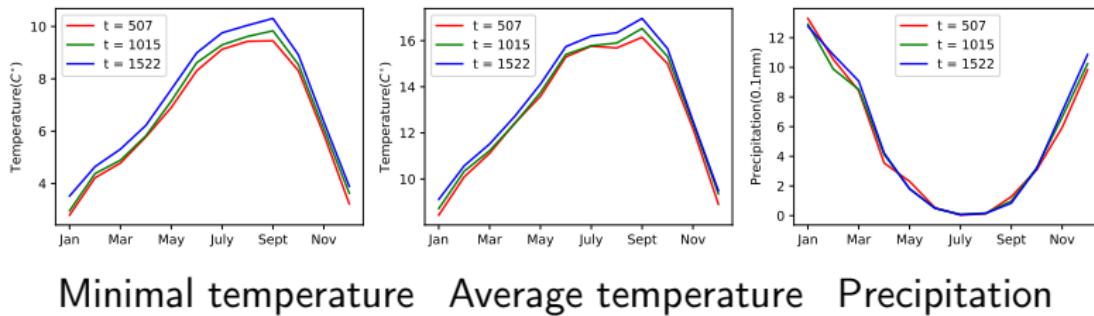


Figure 6: *Estimated trends along years.* On the left, middle, right are the estimated trends at different years of a certain station for the 3 features. Experiment settings: $N = 27$, $F = 4$, $M = 12$.



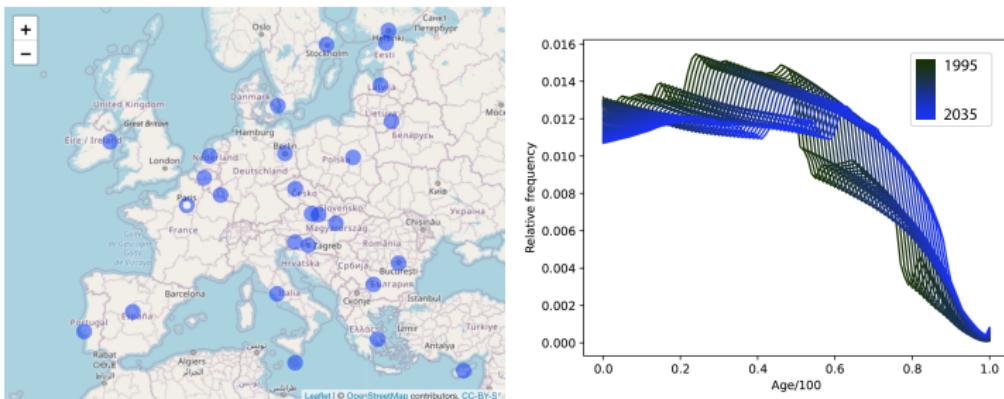
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Note that $t = 1522 < \#params = 1761$.

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Recall the data setting:



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The exponential map $\text{Exp}_\gamma : \text{Tan}_\gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_2$ is defined as

$$\text{Exp}_\gamma g = (g + id)\#\gamma,$$

where $T\#\mu$ is the measure pushforwarded by function T , defined as $[T\#\mu](A) = \mu(\{x : T(x) \in A\})$.

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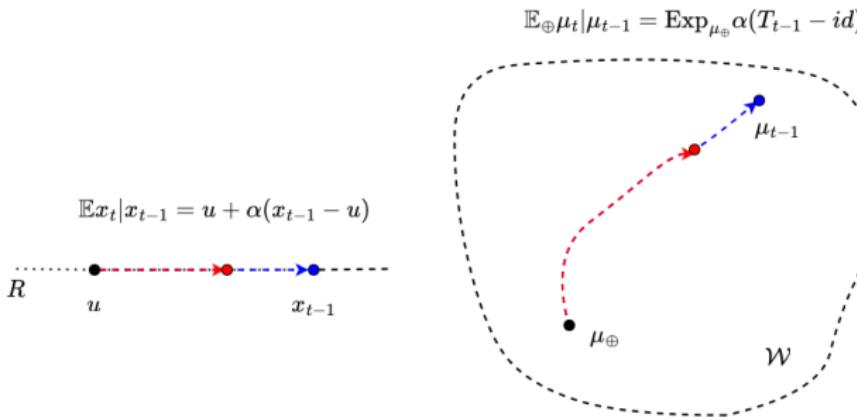
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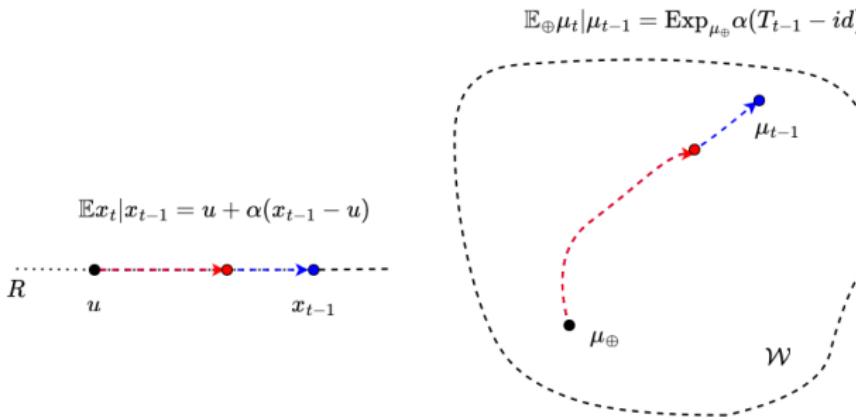


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Zhu and Müller (2021) proposed a notion of addition for two increasing functions:

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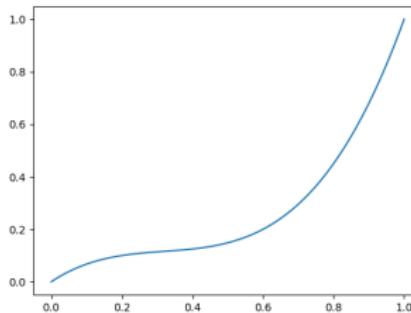
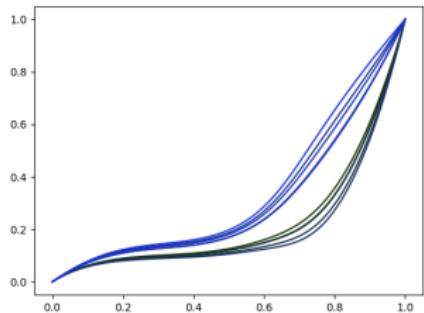
where $^{-1}$ are the left continuous inverse.

For μ , its centered measure $\tilde{\mu}$ is defined by the quantile function

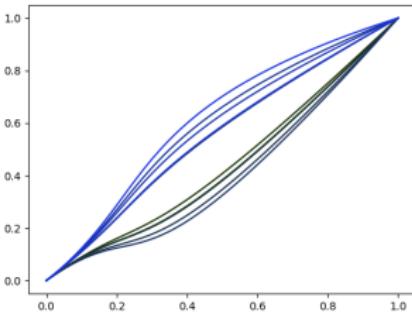
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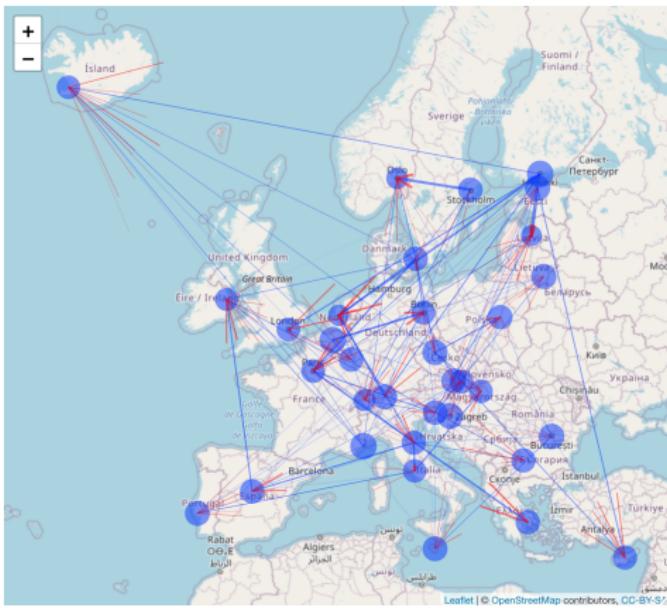


Figure 8: Inferred age structure graph. The non-zero coefficients A_{ij} are represented by the weighted directed edges from node j to node i . Thicker arrow corresponds to larger weights. The blue circles around nodes represent the weights of self-loop.

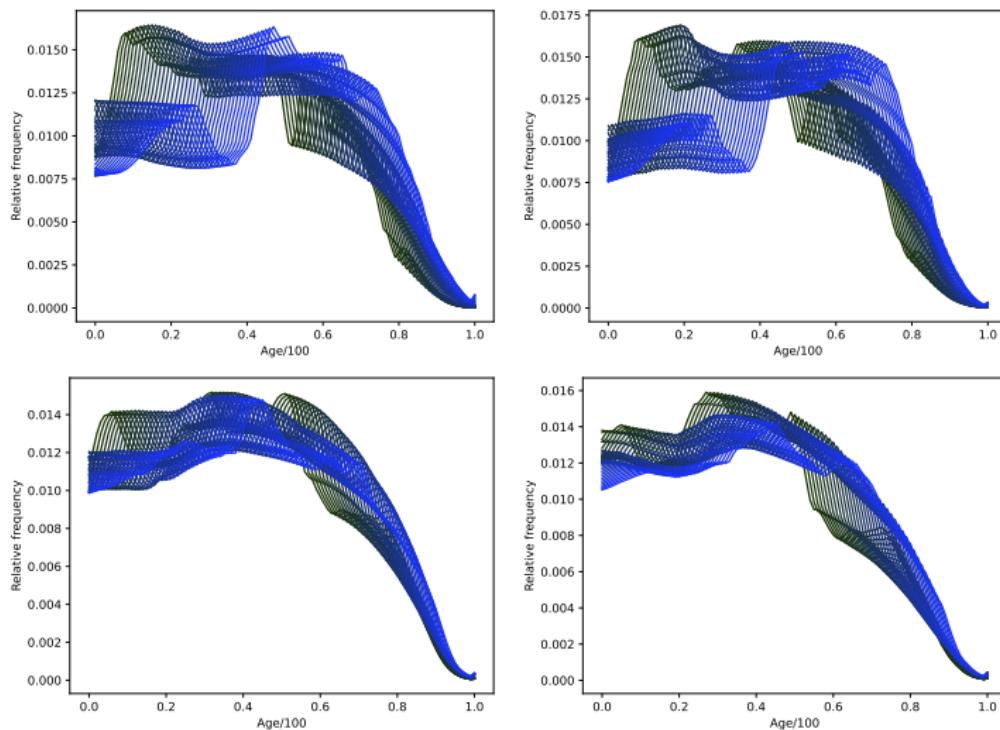


Figure 9: Evolution of age structure from 1995 to 2035 (projected). Estonia (top left), Latvia (top right), Sweden (bottom left) versus Norway (bottom right).

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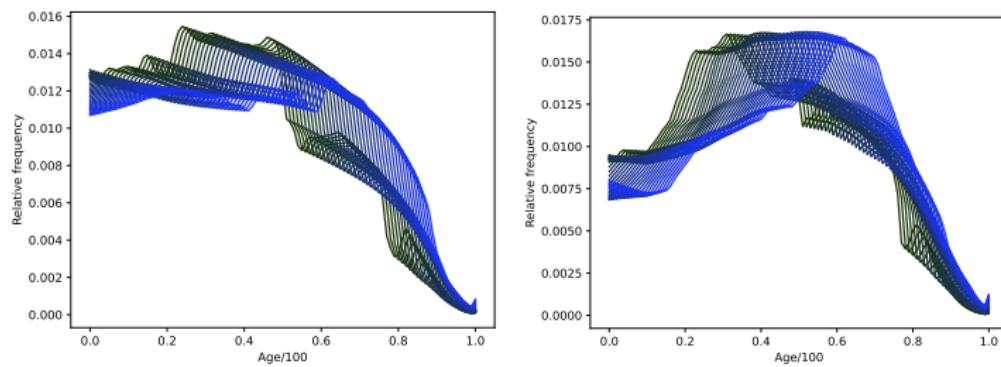


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More generalized models to be developed, e.g. Network (functional) regression with network predictors.

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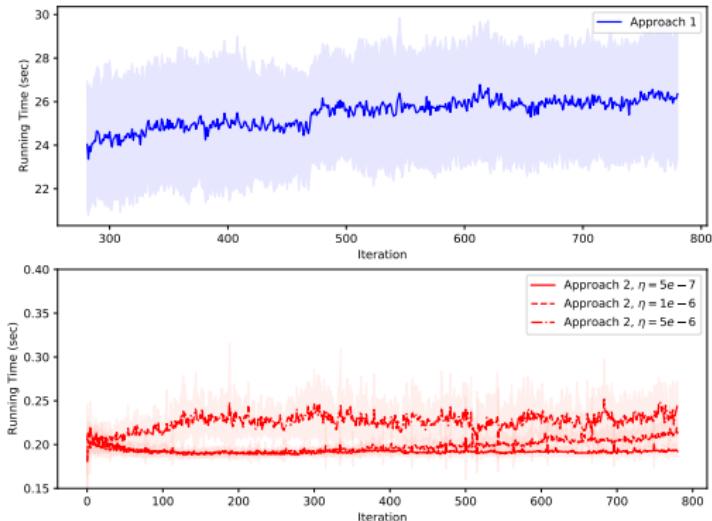


Figure 11: Running time of each online update. The red curves are the mean running time of the high-dimensional procedure, taken over 10 simulations each. The blue curve is the mean running time of the low-dimensional procedure, taken over the same 30 simulations. The shaded areas represent the corresponding one standard deviations. Other simulation settings: $N = 20$, $F = 5$, $M = 12$, number of model parameters = 1500.

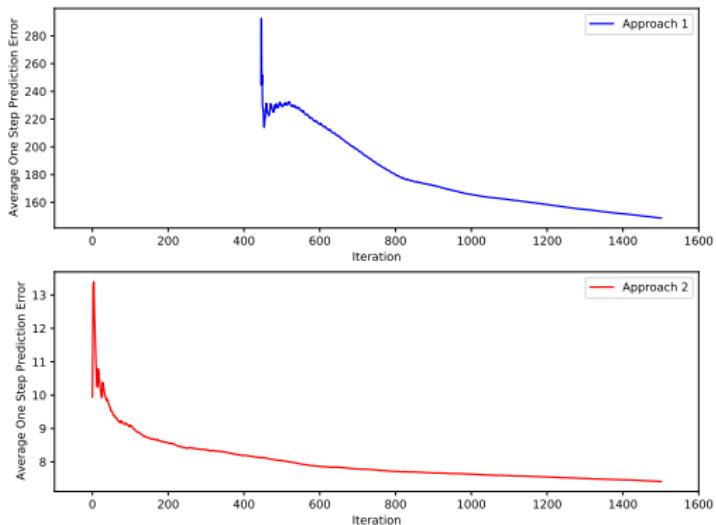


Figure 12: Average one step prediction error of raw time series.
Projected OLS (top), and Lasso (bottom).

Homotopy algorithms and optimality conditions

Algo: $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$:

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d} L(\theta), \quad L(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mu y_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mu \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^\top \end{pmatrix} \theta \right\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_{\ell_1},$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \implies$ Optimality condition \implies Homotopy algorithm.

Enable again linear methods - towards tangent space

$$d_W(\mu, \gamma)^2 = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \gamma)} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} (x_1 - x_2)^2 d\pi(x_1, x_2)$$

When γ is an atomless measure, that is F_γ is continuous, we have π^* exists uniquely and is induced by a function $T_\gamma^\mu : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that

$$T_\gamma^\mu \# \gamma = \mu$$

where $[T_\gamma^\mu \# \gamma](A) = \gamma(\{x : T_\gamma^\mu(x) \in A\})$, $A \subset \mathbb{R}$. T_γ^μ is called optimal transport map. Furthermore,

$$T_\gamma^\mu(x) = F_\mu^{-1} \circ F_\gamma(x).$$

Characterization of the difference between μ, γ :

$$d_W(\mu, \gamma) \implies T_\gamma^\mu(x) \in \mathcal{L}_\gamma^2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Adaptive tuning of lambda

Updating rule can be interpreted as the steps in the **projected stochastic gradient descent** derived for the batch problem

$$\lambda_n^* = \arg \min_{\lambda \geq 0} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{t=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_{t+1} - \mathbf{A}(t, \lambda) \mathbf{x}_t\|_{\ell_2}^2,$$

which is the average one step prediction error.

KS/KP as a common practice

vec(\mathbf{X}_i) + vector model + KP/KS imposed in parameters is a common practice to extend vector models to matrix-variate data in literature. For example, Gupta and Nagar (2018) proposed a matrix-variate Normal distribution as:

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_i) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}, \Sigma), \text{ where } \Sigma = \Sigma_1 \otimes \Sigma_2,$$

where \otimes is the Kronecker product.