

Handling spatial dependence under unknown unit locations

Supplementary material

1 Proof of Equation (7)

Proof. According to LeSage and Pace (2009, p. 47), the log-likelihood function of the SLM (2) is:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\rho; W) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \ln \det(A) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Ay - X\beta)^\top (Ay - X\beta), \quad (\text{SM.1})$$

where $A = I_n - \rho W$, as defined in the paper.

If (SM.1) is concentrated with respect to ρ , we have (cf. LeSage and Pace 2009, p. 48):

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_c(\rho; W) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi e}{n} + \ln \det(A) - \frac{n}{2} \ln [(MAy)^\top (MAy)], \quad (\text{SM.2})$$

where $M = I_n - X(X^\top X)^{-1}X^\top$ is the projection matrix defined in the paper.

Analogously, the concentrated log-likelihood of model (5) is

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_c(\rho_X; W_X) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{2\pi e}{n} + \ln \det(A_X) - \frac{n}{2} \ln [(MA_X y)^\top (MA_X y)]. \quad (\text{SM.3})$$

Equation (7) is obtained by subtracting Equation (SM.2) from (SM.3). \square

2 Proof of Equation (8)

Proof. In case of squared real matrices (as spatial weight matrices are), the Frobenius norm $\|\cdot\|_F$ is defined as $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{tr}(AA^\top)}$, for some $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (Horn and Johnson 2013, p. 341). Thus, properties of the trace of matrices imply that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\rho_X W_X - \rho W\|_F^2 &= \text{tr}((\rho_X W_X - \rho W)(\rho_X W_X - \rho W)^\top) = \\ &= \text{tr}((\rho_X W_X)(\rho_X W_X)^\top) + \text{tr}((\rho W)(\rho W)^\top) - 2\rho_X \rho \text{tr}(W_X W^\top) = \\ &= \|\rho_X W_X\|_F^2 + \|\rho W\|_F^2 - 2\rho_X \rho \text{tr}(W W_X^\top) \\ &= \|\rho_X W_X\|_F^2 + \|\rho W\|_F^2 - 2\rho_X \rho \text{tr}(W_X^\top W). \end{aligned}$$

Standard matrix algebra permits the following identity to be verified for any quadratic form:

$$x^\top A x = \text{tr}(A x x^\top).$$

Thus, the trace $\text{tr}(W_X^\top W)$ can be seen as the expected value of the quadratic form $u^\top W_X^\top W u$, where $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a random vector such that $\mathbb{E}(u) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\mathbb{E}(u u^\top) = I_n$. \square

3 Proof of Equations (10) and (11)

Proof. In order to prove Equations (10) and (11), some preliminary results are first derived.

Since both $W_{(m)}$ and $W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)}$ are binary matrices, we have that:

$$W_{(m)}\iota_n = m, \quad W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)}\iota_n = \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor, \quad (\text{SM.4})$$

where $\iota_n = [1, \dots, 1]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

The perturbation Equation (9) in matrix form becomes:

$$\tilde{W}_\alpha = A + [W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)} - A] \odot B,$$

endequation where \odot is the Hadamard matrix multiplication (that is, the elementwise multiplication). Just like in case of perturbation (9), $B_{ij} \sim \mathcal{B}(1 - \gamma)$ for any $i \neq j$ and $B_{ii} = 0$ for any i , whereas the elements of A are distributed as $A_{ij} \sim \mathcal{B}(\lfloor \alpha m_i \rfloor / (n - 1))$ if $i \neq j$, whilst $A_{ii} = 0$ for any i . Off-diagonal elements of A are statistically independent from off-diagonal elements of B .

Let define $Q_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota_n \iota_n^\top - I_n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. From the definition of A and B , it follows that:

$$\mathbb{E}(A) = (n - 1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor \iota_n^\top \odot Q_n, \quad \mathbb{E}(B) = (1 - \gamma)Q_n,$$

thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha) &= \mathbb{E}(A) + W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)} \odot \mathbb{E}(B) - \mathbb{E}(A) \odot \mathbb{E}(B) = \\ &= (n - 1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor \iota_n^\top \odot Q_n + (1 - \gamma)W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)} + \\ &\quad - (1 - \gamma)(n - 1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor \iota_n^\top \odot Q_n = \\ &= \gamma(n - 1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor \iota_n^\top \odot Q_n + (1 - \gamma)W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.5})$$

since $Q_n \odot Q_n = Q_n$, and since for any spatial weight matrix W of order n , $W \odot Q_n = W$.

Since both $W_{(m)}$ and $W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)}$ are binary matrices based on the nearest-neighbour criterion, we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} (W_{(m)})_{ij} > 0 &\Rightarrow (W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)})_{ij} > 0 && \text{if } \alpha > 1 \\ (W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)})_{ij} > 0 &\Leftrightarrow (W_{(m)})_{ij} > 0 && \text{if } \alpha = 1 \\ (W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)})_{ij} > 0 &\Rightarrow (W_{(m)})_{ij} > 0 && \text{if } \alpha < 1 \end{aligned}$$

and thus:

$$W_{(m)} \odot W_{(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)} = W_{(\lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha) m \rfloor)}. \quad (\text{SM.6})$$

Moreover, note that:

$$\iota^\top m = n\bar{m}, \quad m^\top m = n\bar{m}(1 + \kappa_m^2), \quad (\text{SM.7})$$

by definition of $\bar{m} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$ and $\kappa_m^2 = \frac{1}{n\bar{m}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (m_i - \bar{m})^2$.

Finally, define the following quantities:

$$d_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha m - \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor, \quad \bar{d}_\alpha = n^{-1} \iota^\top d_\alpha, \quad (\text{SM.8})$$

and note that, since $0 \leq d_\alpha < \iota_n$, the following inequality holds:

$$0 \leq \bar{d}_\alpha < 1 \quad \text{for any } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad (\text{SM.9a})$$

whereas

$$\bar{d}_\alpha = 0 \quad \text{for any } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (\text{SM.9b})$$

Correlation between the terms of $\tilde{W}_\alpha u$ and $W_{(m)}u$ requires covariance and variances to be computed. The rest of the proof is focused on this.

The expected values of the elements of $\tilde{W}_\alpha u$ and $W_{(m)}u$ is zero, thus the covariance between them can be computed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{W}_\alpha u)_i (W_{(m)}u)_i \right) &= \mathbb{E} \left(\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{W}_\alpha u)_i (W_{(m)}u)_i \middle| \tilde{W}_\alpha \right) \right) = \\ &= n^{-1} \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(u^\top \tilde{W}_\alpha^\top W_{(m)} u | \tilde{W}_\alpha)) = \\ &= n^{-1} \mathbb{E}(\text{tr}(\tilde{W}_\alpha^\top W_{(m)} \mathbb{E}(uu^\top | \tilde{W}_\alpha))) = \\ &= n^{-1} \mathbb{E}(\text{tr}(\tilde{W}_\alpha^\top W_{(m)})) = \\ &= n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot W_{(m)}) \iota_n. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.10})$$

From Equation (SM.6) it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot W_{(m)}) &= \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha) \odot W_{(m)} = \\ &= \gamma(n-1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor \iota_n^\top \odot W_{(m)} + (1-\gamma)W_{(\lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha)m \rfloor)} = \\ &= \gamma(n-1)^{-1} \Lambda W_{(m)} + (1-\gamma)W_{(\lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha)m \rfloor)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.11})$$

where $\Lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{diag}(\lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)$.

Hence, if (SM.11) is substituted in (SM.10), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot W_{(m)}) \iota_n &= \\ &= \gamma n^{-1} (n-1)^{-1} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor^\top m + (1-\gamma) n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha)m \rfloor = \\ &\approx \gamma(n-1)^{-1} (\alpha(1 + \kappa_m^2) \bar{m}^2 - \bar{m} \bar{d}_\alpha) + (1-\gamma) ((1 \wedge \alpha) \bar{m} - \bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha}), \end{aligned}$$

because of (SM.4), and since

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_n^\top \lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha)m \rfloor &= (1 \wedge \alpha) \iota_n^\top m - \iota_n^\top ((1 \wedge \alpha)m - \lfloor (1 \wedge \alpha)m \rfloor) = \\ &= (1 \wedge \alpha) n \bar{m} - n \bar{d}_{(1 \wedge \alpha)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.12a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor^\top m &= \alpha m^\top m - (\alpha m - \lfloor \alpha m \rfloor)^\top m = \\ &= \alpha (\bar{m}^2 \kappa_m^2 + \bar{m}^2) - \bar{d}_\alpha^\top m \approx \\ &\approx \alpha (1 + \kappa_m^2) \bar{m}^2 - \bar{m} \bar{d}_\alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.12b})$$

according to (SM.7).

Analogously, the variance of the elements of $\tilde{W}_\alpha u$ can be computed as follows:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{W}_\alpha u)_i^2 \right) = n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot \tilde{W}_\alpha) \iota_n.$$

Note that $\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot \tilde{W}_\alpha = \tilde{W}_\alpha$, since \tilde{W}_α is binary, hence:

$$\mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot \tilde{W}_\alpha) = \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha)$$

and thus, according to Equation (SM.5) and (SM.12a), we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha \odot \tilde{W}_\alpha) \iota_n &= n^{-1} \iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W}_\alpha) \iota_n = \\ &= \gamma n^{-1} \iota_n^\top [\alpha m] + (1 - \gamma) n^{-1} \iota_n^\top [\alpha m] = \\ &= \alpha \bar{m} - \bar{d}_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the variance of the elements of $W_{(m)}u$ can be computed as it follows:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_{(m)}u)_i^2 \right) = n^{-1} \iota_n^\top (W_{(m)} \odot W_{(m)}) \iota_n = \bar{m}.$$

It is now possible to determine the correlation coefficient between the elements of $\tilde{W}_\alpha u$ and $W_{(m)}u$ as it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cor}(\tilde{W}_\alpha u, W_{(m)}u) &= \frac{\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{W}_\alpha u)_i (W_{(m)}u)_i \right)}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{W}_\alpha u)_i^2 \right) \cdot \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (W_{(m)}u)_i^2 \right)}} = \\ &= \frac{\gamma \frac{\bar{m}}{n-1} \left[\alpha(1 + \kappa_m^2) - \frac{\bar{d}_\alpha}{\bar{m}} \right] + (1 - \gamma) \left[(1 \wedge \alpha) - \frac{\bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha}}{\bar{m}} \right]}{\sqrt{\alpha \left(1 - \frac{\bar{d}_\alpha}{\alpha \bar{m}} \right)}} = \\ &= \gamma \frac{\bar{m}}{n-1} (1 + \kappa_m^2) \sqrt{\alpha} \xi_1 + (1 - \gamma) \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{\max\{1, \alpha\}} \xi_2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{SM.13})$$

where

$$\xi_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1 - \frac{\bar{d}_\alpha}{(1 + \kappa_m^2) \alpha \bar{m}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\bar{d}_\alpha}{\alpha \bar{m}}}}, \quad \xi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1 - \frac{\bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha}}{(1 \wedge \alpha) \bar{m}}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\bar{d}_\alpha}{\alpha \bar{m}}}}. \quad (\text{SM.14})$$

If $\bar{d}_\alpha = 0$ then $\xi_1 = 1$ and $\xi_2 = 1$, and Equation (SM.13) becomes Equation (11). Moreover, if $\kappa_m^2 = 0$, Equation (10) is obtained.

Properties (SM.9) permit one to verify that $\bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha} = 0$ if $\alpha \geq 1$, hence $\bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha} = \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha < 1\}} \bar{d}_{1 \wedge \alpha}$ (being $\mathbb{1}_{\{\cdot\}}$ the indicator function). Basic algebra manipulations permit the following inequalities to be derived:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \leq \xi_1 &\leq 1 + \frac{\kappa_m^2}{1 + \kappa_m^2} (\alpha \bar{m} - 1)^{-1}, \\ 1 - \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha < 1\}} (\alpha \bar{m})^{-1} &\leq \xi_2 \leq 1 + \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha > 1\}} (\alpha \bar{m} - 1)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha \bar{m} > 1$, whereas the condition $\alpha \bar{m} \leq 1$ is practically irrelevant. \square

4 Proof of Equation (13)

Proof. If the binary matrix $H \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$ is defined as:

$$H_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{\{(W)_{ij} > 0\}},$$

pertrurbation (12) can be restated in matrix form as it follows:

$$\tilde{W} = V \odot (Q_n - B) \odot H + W \odot B, \quad (\text{SM.15})$$

where $Q_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota_n \iota_n^\top - I_n$.

From (SM.15), it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{W} \odot \tilde{W} &= V \odot V \odot (Q_n - B) + W \odot W \odot B, \\ \tilde{W} \odot W &= V \odot W \odot (Q_n - B) + W \odot W \odot B,\end{aligned}$$

since $(Q_n - B) \odot B = 0$. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\tilde{W} \odot \tilde{W}) &= \gamma(1 + \kappa_V^2)\mu_V^2 H + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2 H, \\ \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W} \odot W) &= \gamma(1 + \kappa_W \kappa_V \rho_{WV})\mu_W \mu_V H + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2 H, \\ \mathbb{E}(W \odot W) &= (1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2 H.\end{aligned}$$

Finally we have that:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cor}(\tilde{W}u, Wu) &= \frac{n^{-1}\iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W} \odot W)\iota_n}{\sqrt{n^{-1}\iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(W \odot W)\iota_n \cdot n^{-1}\iota_n^\top \mathbb{E}(\tilde{W} \odot \tilde{W})\iota_n}} = \\ &= \frac{\gamma(1 + \kappa_W \kappa_V \rho_{WV})\mu_W \mu_V + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2}{\sqrt{(1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2 [\gamma(1 + \kappa_V^2)\mu_V^2 + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)\mu_W^2]}} = \\ &= \frac{\gamma(1 + \kappa_W \kappa_V \rho_{WV})\eta + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)}{\sqrt{(1 + \kappa_W^2) [\gamma(1 + \kappa_V^2)\eta^2 + (1 - \gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)]}}.\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

5 Proof of Equations (14) and (15)

5.1 Proof of Equation (15a)

Proof. For the sake of notational convenience, define the following quantities:

$$a_W = 1 + \kappa_V^2 \quad a_V = 1 + \kappa_V^2 \quad a_{WV} = 1 + \kappa_W \kappa_V \rho_{WV}, \quad (\text{SM.16})$$

and the function g as it follows:

$$g(\gamma, \eta, a_W, a_V) = a_W [\gamma a_V \eta^2 + (1 - \gamma)a_W];$$

then note that:

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial \eta} = 2\gamma a_W a_V \eta.$$

It is now possible to compute the first derivative of (13) with respect to η as it follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \text{cor}(\tilde{W}_{\bar{m}}u, W_{\bar{m}}u) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{\gamma a_{WV} \eta + (1 - \gamma)a_W}{\sqrt{g(\gamma, \eta, a_W, a_V)}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\gamma a_{WV} g(\gamma, \eta, a_W, a_V) - [\gamma a_{WV} \eta + (1 - \gamma)a_W] \gamma a_W a_V \eta}{[g(\gamma, \eta, \kappa_W, \kappa_V)]^{3/2}} = \\ &= \frac{\gamma(1 - \gamma) a_W^2 (a_{WV} - a_V \eta)}{(a_W [\gamma a_V \eta^2 + (1 - \gamma)a_W])^{3/2}}.\end{aligned}$$

If the previous derivative is set to zero and the equation is solved with respect to η , optimality condition (15a) is found. \square

5.2 Proof of Equation (15b)

Proof. Using notation shortcuts defined in (SM.16), it is possible to compute the first derivative of (13) with respect to κ_V as it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\kappa_V} \text{cor}(\tilde{W}_{\bar{m}}u, W_{\bar{m}}u) &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_V} \left(\frac{\gamma a_{WV}\eta + (1-\gamma)a_W}{\sqrt{g(\gamma, \eta, a_W, a_V)}} \right) = \\ &= \gamma\eta a_W \frac{\rho_{WV}\kappa_W [\gamma a_V\eta^2 + (1-\gamma)a_W] - [\gamma a_{WV}\eta + (1-\gamma)a_W] \kappa_V\eta}{[g(\gamma, \eta, \kappa_W, \kappa_V)]^{3/2}} = \\ &= \gamma\eta(1 + \kappa_W^2) \frac{\gamma\eta^2(\rho_{WV}\kappa_W - \kappa_V) + (1-\gamma)(1 + \kappa_W^2)(\rho_{WV}\kappa_W - \kappa_V\eta)}{[g(\gamma, \eta, \kappa_W, \kappa_V)]^{3/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

If the previous derivative is set to zero and the equation is solved with respect to κ_V , optimality condition (15b) is found. \square

5.3 Proof of Equation (14)

Proof. Correlation (13) is maximised with respect to η and κ_V if both conditions (15) are satisfied. It follows that if the system of two equations (15) is solved with respect to η and κ_V , solution (14) is found.

This can be easily verified if (15a) is substituted in (13), and the result is maximised with respect to κ_V :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\kappa_V} \left(\frac{\gamma a_{WV}\eta + (1-\gamma)a_W}{\sqrt{g(\gamma, \eta, a_W, a_V)}} \right) &= \\ &= \frac{d}{d\kappa_V} \left(\frac{\gamma a_{WV}^2 a_V^{-1} + (1-\gamma)a_W}{\sqrt{a_W [\gamma a_{WV}^2 a_V^{-1} + (1-\gamma)a_W]}} \right) = \frac{d}{d\kappa_V} \left(\sqrt{1 - \gamma + \gamma \frac{a_{WV}^2}{a_W a_V}} \right) = \\ &= \left(1 - \gamma + \gamma \frac{a_{WV}^2}{a_W a_V} \right)^{-1/2} \gamma \frac{a_{WV}}{a_W a_V^{-2}} (\kappa_W \rho_{WV} - \kappa_V). \end{aligned}$$

If the previous derivative is set to zero and the equation is solved with respect to κ_V , optimality condition (14) is found for κ_V . If $\kappa_V^* = \kappa_W \rho_{WV}$ is substituted in (15a), optimality condition $\eta^* = 1$ in (14) is found. \square

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