# Nonparametric Bayes Subject to Overidentified Moment Conditions 

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## Outline

- Brief Introduction to Bayesian Estimation
- Best reference: Lindley, Dennis (1985), Making Decisions, Second Edition, Wiley.
- MCMC
- Best reference: Gamerman, D., and Lopes, H. F., (2006), Markov Chain Monte Carlo: Stochastic Simulation for Bayesian Inference (2nd Edition), Chapman \& Hall.
- Nonparametric Bayes Subject to Overidentified Moment Conditions
- Comparisons


## Bayesian Inference

- Bayesian inference is based on the posterior, which is the likelihood times the prior divided by a normalization factor: $p(\theta \mid x)=\ell(\theta \mid x) \pi(\theta) / \int \ell(\theta \mid x) \pi(\theta) d \theta$
- E.g., to get a confidence interval, integrate an indicator function with respect to the posterior. E.g., $P\left[\theta_{i} \in(a, b)\right]=\int I\left(a<\theta_{i}<b\right) p(\theta \mid x) d \theta$
- The normalization factor is hard to compute.
- MCMC allows one to sample the posterior without knowing the normalization factor.
- E.g., to get a confidence interval, average an indicator function over the MCMC draws.
- A GMM criterion function times a Jacobian term can be used as a likelihood. $\ell(\theta \mid x)=J(x, \theta) \exp \left[\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2} \bar{m}^{\prime}(x, \theta) W^{-1}(x, \theta) \bar{m}(x, \theta)\right]$
- Gallant, A. Ronald (2020), "Complementary Bayesian Method of Moments Strategies," Journal of Applied Econometrics 35, 422-439.


## MCMC

- Posterior: $p(\theta \mid x)=\frac{\ell(\theta \mid x) \pi(\theta)}{\int \ell(\theta \mid x) \pi(\theta) d \theta}$
- Proposal transition density: $T\left(\theta_{\text {old }}, \theta_{\text {new }}\right)$
- Proposal: Draw $\theta_{\text {prop }}$ from $T\left(\theta_{o l d}, \theta\right)$
- Put $\theta_{\text {new }}$ to $\theta_{\text {prop }}$ with probability

$$
\alpha=\min \left[1, \frac{\pi\left(\theta_{\text {prop }}\right) \ell\left(\theta_{\text {prop }}\right) T\left(\theta_{\text {prop }}, \theta_{\text {old }}\right)}{\pi\left(\theta_{\text {old }}\right) \ell\left(\theta_{\text {old }}\right) T\left(\theta_{\text {old }}, \theta_{\text {prop }}\right)}\right]
$$

- Put $\theta_{\text {new }}$ to $\theta_{\text {old }}$ with probability $1-\alpha$.
- If $\theta_{\text {old }}$ is distributed as $p(\theta \mid x)$, then so is $\theta_{\text {new }}$.


## Why Does This Work?

Let $x$ be the old and $y$ the new and let $f(\cdot)$ be the product of the prior and the likelihood of the previous slide. The proposal density is $T(x, y)$ and the transition density determined by the chain is

$$
A(x, y)=T(x, y) \min \left\{1, \frac{f(y) T(y, x)}{f(x) T(x, y)}\right\}
$$

for $y \neq x$ and

$$
A(x, x)=1-\int I(x, y) A(x, y) d y
$$

where

$$
I(x, y)= \begin{cases}1 & y \neq x \\ 0 & y=x\end{cases}
$$

## Detailed Balance

For $x \neq y$

$$
f(x) A(x, y)=\min \{f(x) T(x, y), f(y) T(y, x)\}
$$

which implies that $f(x) A(x, y)$ is symmetric, i.e. that

$$
f(y) A(y, x)=f(x) A(x, y) .
$$

Symmetry holds trivially for $x=y$.

This symmetry condition is called the detailed balance condition and implies, among other things, that the chain defined by $A(x, y)$ is reversible.

## Conditional Expectation

Let

$$
I(x, y)= \begin{cases}1 & y \neq x \\ 0 & y=x\end{cases}
$$

Then

$$
\mathcal{E}[g(Y) \mid x]=\int g(y) I(x, y) A(x, y) d y+g(x) A(x, x)
$$

## Unconditional Expectation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int \mathcal{E}[g(Y) \mid x] f(x) d x \\
&=\iint g(y) I(x, y) A(x, y) f(x) d x d y+\int g(x) A(x, x) f(x) d x \\
&=\iint g(y) I(x, y) A(y, x) f(y) d x d y+\int g(x) A(x, x) f(x) d x \\
&=\int g(y) f(y) \int I(x, y) A(y, x) d x d y+\int g(x) A(x, x) f(x) d x \\
&=\int g(y) f(y)[1-A(y, y)] d y+\int g(x) A(x, x) f(x) d x \\
&=\int g(y) f(y) d y
\end{aligned}
$$

## Stationary Density of the Chain

The fact that the equation

$$
\int \mathcal{E}[g(Y) \mid x] f(x) d x=\int g(y) f(y) d y
$$

holds for all integrable $g(y)$ implies that $f(y)$ is the stationary density of the MCMC chain with transition density $A(x, y)$.

## Bayes Subject to Moment Conditions

The parameters $(\rho, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$ of the likelinood

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(y \mid x, \rho)=\prod_{t=1}^{n} f\left(y_{t} \mid x_{t-1}, \rho\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

are to be estimated subject to the moment conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
0=q(\rho, \theta)=\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^{n} \int m\left(y, x_{t-1}, \rho, \theta\right) f\left(y \mid x_{t-1}, \rho\right) d y m \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

the support conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
h(\rho, \theta)>0, \quad h \in \mathbb{R}^{l} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the prior

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pi(\rho, \theta) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Nonparametric Bayes

- Bayesian estimation can be regarded as nonparametric when

$$
f\left(y_{t} \mid x_{t-1}, \rho\right)
$$

is a sieve.

- A sieve is a density with a variable number $K$ of parameters

$$
\rho=\left(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}, \ldots, \rho_{K}\right)
$$

that is dense for some norm, e.g. Sobolev norm, as $K \rightarrow \infty$.

- We use the SNP time series sieve in the application (Gallant and Tauchen, 1989, ECTA).
- Which paper considers the same problem as here from a frequentist perspective.


## A Much Better Bayesian GMM

With respect to Bayesian GMM al. la. Chernozhukov and Hong (2003, JoE)

- Same asymptotic efficiency (were one a frequentist)
- No continuously updated weighting matrix
- No auxiliary distributional assumption.
- No missing Jacobian term


## Overidentification

- The support of the posterior is the manifold

$$
\begin{equation*}
M=\left\{\mathrm{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}: q_{i}(\mathrm{x})=0, i=1, . ., m, h_{j}(\mathrm{x})>0, j=1, . ., l\right\} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

- The problem is interesting when $\theta$ is overidentified, i.e., when the dimension $m$ of $q$ is larger than the dimension of $\theta$ because then $M$ is singular with respect to Lebesgue measure on $R^{d_{a}}$.
- Whence standard MCMC (Markov Chain Monte Carlo) methods cannot be used to estimate ( $\rho, \theta$ ).
- Otherwise the problem is boring.


## Clash of Notation

To adhere to the notational conventions of both the econometric and numerical analysis literature:

- Italic represents data: $x_{t}, y_{t}, x, y$
- $x_{t}, y_{t}$ are what is observed at time $t$, have a fixed number of rows, but the columns of $x_{t}$, the information set, can increase with $t$ if $f\left(y_{t} \mid x_{t}, \rho\right)$ is recursive.
$-x$ contains all the observed $x_{t}$ and $y$ the same for $y_{t}$
- Sans serif represents parameters: $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{X}_{k}, \mathrm{Y}_{k}$
- x and y represent values of ( $\rho, \theta$ )
- $X_{k}, Y_{t}$ represent either $(\rho, \theta)$ considered as a random variable or their ex post values as draws in an MCMC chain.


## Relevant Literature

- Born, Shephard, and Solgi (2018, JRSSb)
- Shin (2015, Working paper),
- Schennach (2005, Biometrika)
- Gallant, Hong, Leung, and Li (2019, Working paper)
- Zappa, Emilio, Miranda Holmes-Cerfon,and Jonathan Goodman (2018), "Monte Carlo on Manifolds: Sampling Densities and Integrating Functions," Communications on Pure and Applied Mathematics 71, 2609-2647.


## Computing the Integral - 1

- Start with a univariate Gauss-Hermite rule

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int g(u) e^{-\frac{1}{2} u^{2}} d u \doteq \sum_{i=1}^{I} \tilde{w}_{i} g\left(\tilde{u}_{i}\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Critical: make sure that the $5 \%$ and $95 \%$ quantiles of the elements $y_{i, t}$ of the data are within the min and max of the of the $u_{i}$.
- Either increase $I$ or rescale the data if not.


## Computing the Integral - 2

- Multivariate Gauss-Hermite rule

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int \ldots \int g\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{J}\right) d y_{1}, \ldots, d y_{J} \doteq \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{w_{k}}{e_{k}} g\left(y_{k}\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

- For $\lambda_{k}$ a permutation of $\{1,2, \ldots, I\}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
-y_{k} & =\left(\tilde{u}_{\lambda_{1, k}}, \ldots, \tilde{u}_{\lambda_{J, k}}\right) \\
-w_{k} & =\prod_{j=1}^{J} \tilde{w}_{\lambda_{j, k}} \\
-e_{k} & =\prod_{j=1}^{J} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\tilde{u}_{\lambda_{j, k}}\right)^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- This form because analytic derivatives of $m\left(y_{k}, x_{t-1}, \rho, \theta\right)$ are required and would be a nightmare to obtain if $y_{k}$ and $w_{k}$ depended on $(\rho, \theta)$, which would be the case for a standard rule.


Figure 1. Zappa et al's Innovation The embedded manifold $M$ given by (5) is illustrated by the curved line. The upper panel shows a move at the Projection Step of the Surface Sampling Algorithm. It consists of a move $v$ tangent to $M$ followed by a perpendicular move $w$ onto $M$. The lower panel shows the Reverse Projection Step. If the proposed move is accepted and the reverse projection succeeds, then the draw satisfies the detailed balance condition on $M$. The nonlinear equation solver used to compute $w$ and $w^{\prime}$ must be same in both instances.

## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Begin

- Begin: $X_{k}=\mathrm{x}=(\rho, \sigma)$
- $X_{k}$ must be in $M$
- Use $\lambda$-prior method, described later, to find $X_{k}$
- Notation for subsequent steps
- $Q_{\mathrm{x}}$ is the transpose of the Jacobian of $q(\mathrm{x})$
- Apply SVD algorithm to $A=\left[Q_{\times} \mid 0\right] \rightarrow\left[T_{\mathrm{x}}^{\perp} \mid T_{\mathrm{x}}\right]$
- $p(v)$ the proposal density for $v$ shown in Figure 1
$-\mathrm{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}, q(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m}, d=d_{a}-m, T_{\mathrm{x}}^{\perp}$ is $d_{a} \times m, T_{\mathrm{x}}$ is $d_{a} \times d$.


## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Proposal

- Proposal:

1. Calculate $Q_{\mathrm{x}}$, the transpose of the Jacobian of $q(\mathrm{x})$
2. Compute $T_{\mathrm{x}}^{\perp}$ and $T_{\mathrm{x}}$ using the SVD as described above.
3. Draw $z$ from $N_{d}\left(0, s^{2} I\right) ; v=T_{\mathrm{x}} z$ is the draw from $p(v)$.

## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Projection

- Projection:

1. Solve $q\left(\mathrm{x}+v+Q_{\mathrm{x}} a\right)=0$ for $a$ using Newton's method.
2. If Newton's method fails, put $X_{k+1}=x$. Done.
3. Else $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{x}+v+Q_{\mathrm{x}} a$. Continue.

## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Inequality Check

- Inequality check:

1. If $h_{i}(\mathrm{y})<0$ for some $i$, put $\mathrm{X}_{k+1}=\mathrm{x}$. Done.
2. Else y satisfies (3). Continue.

## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Metropolis Step

- Metropolis-Hastings acceptance/rejection step:

1. Calculate $Q_{y}$
2. Compute $T_{\mathrm{y}}^{\perp}$ and $T_{\mathrm{y}}$ using the SVD as described above.
3. Find $v^{\prime} \in T_{\mathrm{y}}$ and $w^{\prime} \in T_{\mathrm{y}}^{\perp}$ so that $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{y}+v^{\prime}+w^{\prime}$.*
4. $P_{a}=\min \left(1, \frac{f(y \mid \mathrm{y}) \pi(\mathrm{y}) p\left(v^{\prime}\right)}{f(y \mid \mathrm{x}) \pi(\mathrm{x}) p(v)}\right)$
5. Generate $U \sim \operatorname{Uniform}(0,1)$.
6. If $U>P_{a}$, put $X_{k+1}=\mathrm{x}$. Done.
7. Else Continue.
${ }^{*}$ I.e., put $z=\left[T_{\mathrm{y}}^{\perp} \mid T_{\mathrm{y}}\right]^{\top}(\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y})$, then $w^{\prime}=T_{\mathrm{y}}^{\perp} z$ and $v^{\prime}=T_{\mathrm{y}} z$.

## Surface Sampling Algorithm: Reverse Projection Step

- Reverse Projection:

1. Solve $q\left(\mathrm{y}+v^{\prime}+Q_{\mathrm{y}} a\right)=0$ for $a$ using Newton's method.
2. If Newton's method fails, put $X_{k+1}=x$. Done.
3. Else accept move, $X_{k+1}=y$. Done.

## $\lambda$-prior Method

- Used to get starting values for the Surface Sampling Algorithm.
- The $\lambda$-prior method is simple: Draw from the posterior

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(\rho, \theta \mid y, x) \propto f(y \mid x, \rho) \pi(\rho, \theta) \pi_{\lambda}(\rho, \theta) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

by MCMC subject to the support conditions (3), where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pi_{\lambda}(\rho, \theta)=\exp \left[-\lambda \frac{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} q_{i}^{2}(\rho, \theta)\right] \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Large $\lambda$ forces the $(\rho, \theta)$ draws to be near $M$.
- Will fail for $\lambda$ too large because $M$ is singular.


## Standard Deviations

- On a submanifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$ of dimension $d<d_{a}$, distance is computed along geodesics.
- One computes distance $\delta_{M}(s, p)$ by traversing a geodesic from a starting point $s$ to an end point $p$ and accumulating some norm defined on $M$.
- Average squared distance is computed by integrating $\left[\delta_{M}(s, p)\right]^{2}$ as a function of the end point $p$ with respect to the probability distribution over the manifold.
- The mean $\bar{x}$ is defined as that starting point that minimizes average squared distance.
- Variance is computed similarly by accumulating distance elementwise over a geodesic to obtain a vector $D_{M}(\overline{\mathrm{x}}, p)$ and then integrating $D_{M}(\overline{\mathrm{x}}, p) D^{\top}(\overline{\mathrm{x}}, p)$ as a function of $p$ with respect to the probability distribution.
- If one has a sample from the distribution, e.g., MCMC draws, one averages distances over the sample to estimate the mean and variance instead of integrating with respect to a distribution on the manifold.


## Geodesics from a Point Cloud

- All we have are the Surface Sampling MCMC draws.
- Which lie on the $d$-dimensional submanifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$,
$-d<d_{a}$
- The question becomes how to compute a geodesic on a manifold when one only has a point cloud.


## Geodesics - 1

- Distance along a geodesic satisfies the intrinsic Eikonal distance equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\|\nabla_{M} \delta_{M}(s, p)\right\|=1 \quad p \in M  \tag{10}\\
& \delta_{M}(s, s)=0
\end{align*}
$$

where $\nabla_{M} \delta_{M}(s, p)$ denotes intrinsic differentiation, $\delta_{M}(s, p)$ denotes intrinsic distance as described above, $s$ is the starting point, and $p$ is the end point.

## Geodesics - 2

- If one puts an $\epsilon$-offset on the submanifold $M$ to obtain a $d_{a^{-}}$ dimensional subset $M_{\epsilon}$ of $\mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$, then one can solve, instead, the extrinsic Eikonal distance equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \|\nabla \delta(s, p)\|=1 \quad p \in M_{\epsilon}  \tag{11}\\
& \delta(s, s)=0
\end{align*}
$$

where $\delta$ is Euclidean distance and differentiation is the usual one.

- One can construct such an $M_{\epsilon}$ as the union of $\epsilon$-balls centered at the draws of an MCMC chain on the manifold $M$ provided $\epsilon$ is large enough that $M_{\epsilon}$ is a connected set.


## Geodesics - 3

- Standard algorithms for the solution of (10) produce as a by-product the geodesic that connects the starting point $s$ to the end point $p$.


## Fast Marching Algorithm

- The Fast Marching Algorithm (Sethian, 1996, Proc.NatI.Acad.) is frequently used to solve (10)
- Memoli and Sapiro (2001, Comp.Phsics.) provide the upwind equation and the neighbor checking modification to adapt the Fast Marching Algorithm to a point cloud.
- Unfortunately, the Fast Marching Algorithm requires that $M_{\epsilon}$ be placed on a Euclidean grid which limits the Fast Marching Algorithm to problems where $d_{a}<5$


## Dijkstra's Algorithm

- If $M_{\epsilon}$ is a connected set, then the MCMC draws may be viewed as nodes $p_{j}$ of a graph $\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}$ connected by edges $e_{j, j^{\prime}}$ with length $\delta\left(p_{j}, p_{j^{\prime}}\right)$.
- From a start $s$, Dijkstra's algorithm finds the shortest path that traverses edges to every node $p_{j}$. (Dijkstra, 1959, Numerische Mathematik)
- Distances will be larger than those of the Fast Marching Algorithm because the Fast Marching Algorithm is not constrained to follow edges.
- Used by Google Maps.


## Tuning Dijkstra's Algorithm - 1

- The $\epsilon$ that determines the graph $\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}$ is a tuning parameter.
- Too small and one is essentially forcing Dijkstra's algorithm to traverse the entire Surface Sampling MCMC chain to find a path.
- Too large and nodes that should not be connected by edges are.
- Way too large is the same as computing sample variance matrix directly from the MCMC draws.


## Tuning Dijkstra's Algorithm - 2

- Upper bound: increase $\epsilon$ until standard errors are larger than returned by the $\lambda$-prior method but reasonable relative to the $\lambda$-prior method.
- Lower bound: Computing sample variance matrix directly from the MCMC draws $\mathcal{D}=\left\{\mathrm{x}_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{N}$.


## Normalization Constant

- The normalizing constant, aka marginal likelihood or marginal data density, is

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z=\int_{M} f(y \mid \mathrm{x}) \pi(\mathrm{x}) d \sigma(\mathrm{x}) \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\sigma(\mathrm{x})$ is $d$-dimensional Hausdorff measure on $\mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$.

- If a mapping from $\mathbb{R}^{d}$ to $M$ can be found, then computing (12) can be accomplished by Riemann integration after multiplication by a Jacobian term
- The strategy is to reduce the domain of integration until a mapping can be found.
- The remaining part of the integral can be computed from Surface Sampling draws.


## Reduction via Concentric Balls

- $x_{0}$ the estimated posterior mode
- $\mathcal{D}]_{0}=\left\{\mathrm{x}_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{n_{0}}$ be $n_{0}$ draws with duplicates that occur in succession deleted
- Compute the Euclidean norms $\mathcal{N}_{0}=\left\{\left\|x-x_{0}\right\|: x \in \mathcal{D}_{0}^{e}\right\}$.
- $r_{0}=\max \mathcal{N}_{0}, r_{1}$ the 90th percentile, $r_{2}$ the 80th, and so on until $r_{9}$ the 10th.
- $B_{i}$ a closed ball in $\mathbb{R}^{d_{a}}$ with center $\mathrm{x}_{0}$ and radius $r_{i}$.
- $B_{0} \supset B_{1} \supset \ldots \supset B_{9}$.


## Domain Reduction

- Let

$$
Z_{i}=\int_{M \cap B_{i}} f(y \mid \mathrm{x}) \pi(\mathrm{x}) d \sigma(\mathrm{x})
$$

- For $k$ yet to be determined, note that

$$
Z=Z_{k} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{Z_{i}}{Z_{i+1}}=Z_{k} \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} R_{i}
$$

- $\operatorname{Now} \frac{Z_{i+1}}{Z_{i}}=\frac{1}{Z_{i}} \int_{M \cap B_{i}} I_{B_{i+1}}(\mathrm{x}) f(y \mid \mathrm{x}) \pi(\mathrm{x}) d \sigma(\mathrm{x})$.
- Append $\left\|\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{x}_{0}\right\|<=r_{i}$ to the support conditions (3), generate $n_{i}$ draws, let $N_{i, i+1}$ be those draws that are in $B_{i+1}$.
- A estimate of $\frac{Z_{i+1}}{Z_{i}}$ is $\frac{N_{i, i+1}}{n_{i}}$, whence $\hat{R}_{i}=\frac{n_{i}}{N_{i, i+1}}$.


## Find $k$

- Start at $k=5$
- Compute $Q_{\mathrm{x}}$ and $T_{\mathrm{x}}$ as described earlier
- For $i=1, \ldots, n_{k}$, draw $u_{i}$ from the uniform distribution on a ball of dimension $d$ and radius $r_{k}$
- Put $v_{i}=T_{\times_{0}} u_{i}$ and project to $y_{i} \in M$ as described earlier
- If projection fails for some $i$, abort, increase the guessed value for $k$ by one, and repeat.


## Compute $Z_{k}$

- Jacobian is $J_{i}=\operatorname{det}\left(T_{x_{0}}^{\top} T_{y_{i}}\right)$.
- Compute $Z_{k}$ by Monte Carlo integration as follows:
- $S=\frac{1}{n_{k}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{k}} I_{B_{k}}\left(\mathrm{y}_{i}\right)\left(J_{i}\right)^{-1} \exp \left[\log f\left(y \mid \mathrm{y}_{i}\right)+\log \pi\left(\mathrm{y}_{i}\right)-\log f\left(y \mid \mathrm{x}_{0}\right)-\log \pi\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)\right]$.
- $\log Z_{k}=(d / 2) \log \pi-\log \Gamma(d / 2+1)+d \log \left(r_{k}\right)+\log (S)+\log f\left(y \mid \times_{0}\right)+$ $\log \pi\left(x_{0}\right)$
- $\log Z=\log Z_{k}+\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \log \widehat{R}_{i}$.


## Example: CRRA Moment Function

- Parameter: $\theta=(\beta, \gamma)=$ (discount factor, risk aversion)
- Data: $x_{t}=\binom{x_{1 t}}{x_{2 t}}=\binom{\mid \operatorname{Isr}_{t}}{\operatorname{Icg}_{t}}=\binom{$ log stock returns }{$\log$ endowment growth }
- Moments: $m\left(x_{t}, \theta\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}1 \\ \mathbf{I s}_{t-1} \\ \operatorname{lcg}_{t-1}\end{array}\right)\left[1-\exp \left(\log \beta-\gamma\left|\mathrm{Icg}_{t}+\right| \mathrm{Ir}_{t}\right)\right]$
- Adjustment: $\operatorname{adj}(x, \theta)=4(1-e)^{2}\left|\frac{1-\tanh \left(\frac{1}{4} z_{1}\right)}{1-\left[\tanh \left(\frac{1}{4} z_{1}\right)\right]^{2}}\right|$


## Moment Weighting

Setup: Classical GMM with selective weighting.
I.e., Diagonal matrix with ones and zeros along the diagonal

| Moments | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| e \& exIsr | 0.9994 | 3.96 |
| e \& exIcg | 0.9811 | 0.44 |
| exisr \& exIcg | 0.9999 | 3.88 |
| e \& exlsr \& exIcg | 0.9993 | 3.94 |

Conclusion: One can produce any desired answer with GMM by choosing the weighting matrix appropriately.

## Example: SNP Sieve

$$
f\left(x_{t} \mid x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, x_{t-3}, \ldots, \rho\right) \quad \text { (recursive) }
$$

- $x_{t}=\binom{x_{1 t}}{x_{2 t}}=\binom{\operatorname{Isr}_{t}}{\operatorname{lcg}_{t}}=\binom{$ log stock returns }{$\log$ endowment growth }
- Garch(1,1)
- Diagonal ARCH term
- Scalar GARCH term
- Hermite error density
- Polynomial of degree four in $u$ times a normal density $n(u \mid 0, \Sigma)$


## Example: Support and Prior

- Support: $0<\beta<0.999990<\gamma<100$
- Prior: $n\left(\beta \mid 0.9975,0.001^{2}\right) \times n\left(\gamma \mid 4.00,2.00^{2}\right)$ 0.9975 quarterly discount is 0.99 annual.


## Table 1. Estimates

| parm | $\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{I}$ |  | 2SL2 |  | Cont. Up. |  | $\lambda$-Prior |  | NP Bayes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | est | sdev | est | sdev | est | sdev | est | sdev | est | lo sdev | hi sdev |
| $a_{01}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.2149 | 0.0713 | 0.2254 | 0.0769 | 0.24839 |
| $a_{02}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0608 | 0.0597 | 0.0732 | 0.0578 | 0.19428 |
| $a_{03}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0862 | 0.0294 | -0.0774 | 0.0319 | 0.09312 |
| $a_{04}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0805 | 0.0274 | 0.0816 | 0.0295 | 0.10939 |
| $a_{05}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0121 | 0.0501 | -0.0539 | 0.0408 | 0.08623 |
| $a_{06}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0742 | 0.0542 | -0.0367 | 0.0393 | 0.10223 |
| $a_{07}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0738 | 0.0317 | -0.0521 | 0.0258 | 0.07523 |
| $a_{08}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0953 | 0.0340 | 0.0918 | 0.0351 | 0.09023 |
| $b_{0,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0584 | 0.0454 | 0.0946 | 0.0471 | 0.12701 |
| $b_{0,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.3341 | 0.1153 | -0.3166 | 0.1269 | 0.40114 |
| $B_{1,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.0572 | 0.0592 | 0.0153 | 0.0141 | 0.05128 |
| $B_{2,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.2490 | 0.0558 | 0.2294 | 0.0478 | 0.16735 |
| $B_{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0887 | 0.0443 | 0.0034 | 0.0117 | 0.02781 |
| $B_{2,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1690 | 0.0359 | 0.1369 | 0.0396 | 0.10595 |
| $R_{0,1,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.3059 | 0.0338 | 0.2952 | 0.0359 | 0.08214 |
| $R_{0,1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0207 | 0.0156 | -0.0293 | 0.0150 | 0.04815 |
| $R_{0,2,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.4657 | 0.0400 | 0.4685 | 0.0373 | 0.09390 |
| $P_{1,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.5492 | 0.0509 | 0.5500 | 0.0553 | 0.16231 |
| $P_{2,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.0551 | 0.0701 | -0.0677 | 0.0682 | 0.20625 |
| $Q_{1,1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.8344 | 0.0290 | 0.8220 | 0.0320 | 0.09005 |
| $\beta$ | 0.9975 | 0.0010 | 0.9974 | 0.0010 | 0.9974 | 0.0010 | 0.9980 | 0.0010 | 0.9980 | 0.0010 | 0.00323 |
| $\gamma$ | 3.9844 | 1.8386 | 3.1116 | 0.7195 | 3.0416 | 0.7226 | 4.5299 | 1.2248 | 3.0500 | 0.7174 | 1.73501 |

