

Hierarchical Markov Normal Mixture models
with Applications to Financial Asset Returns
Appendix: Proofs of Theorems and
Conditional Posterior Distributions

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Proofs of Theorems

Proof of Theorem 1

Using the methods of Ryden et al. (1998) for the Markov normal mixture model,

$$\text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-s} \mid \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T) = \boldsymbol{\phi}' \mathbf{B}^{s'} \boldsymbol{\Pi} \boldsymbol{\phi} = \boldsymbol{\phi}' \boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{B}^s \boldsymbol{\phi} \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots), \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Pi} = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{e}_{m_1} \boldsymbol{\pi}'$, which establishes sufficiency.

If the eigenvalues of \mathbf{P} are distinct then \mathbf{P} is diagonalizable and it has spectral decomposition $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q}$, where the matrix $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{m_1})$ contains the ordered eigenvalues λ_j of \mathbf{P} , $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_{m_1}|$. The matrix \mathbf{Q} has orthogonal columns and we may take

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} &= [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{m_1}]' = [\boldsymbol{\pi}, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{m_1}]', \\ \mathbf{Q}^{-1} &= [\mathbf{q}^1, \mathbf{q}^2, \dots, \mathbf{q}^{m_1}] = [\mathbf{e}_m, \mathbf{q}^2, \dots, \mathbf{q}^{m_1}]. \end{aligned}$$

If \mathbf{P} is also irreducible and aperiodic then $\lambda_1 = 1 > |\lambda_2|$ and we may write

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{q}^1 \mathbf{q}_1' = \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}} \mathbf{Q} \quad (2)$$

where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}} = \text{diag}(0, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{m_1})$. From (1) absence of serial correlation is equivalent to

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}' \boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}^s \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\phi} = 0 \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots).$$

The first element of $\mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\phi}$ is $\mathbf{q}_1' \boldsymbol{\phi} = \boldsymbol{\pi}' \boldsymbol{\phi} = 0$, and so

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}' \boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^s \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\phi} = 0 \quad (s = 1, 2, \dots). \quad (3)$$

Define the $m_1 \times m_1$ matrix

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_{m_1} \\ \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 & \cdots & \lambda_{m_1}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1^{m_1} & \lambda_2^{m_1} & \cdots & \lambda_{m_1}^{m_1} \end{bmatrix},$$

whose determinant is $\left(\prod_{i=1}^{m_1} \lambda_i \right)^{m_1} \prod_{i < j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) \neq 0$ (Rao (1965), p 28). Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{D}^{-1}$

and let $\delta_{i,j}$ denote the Kronecker delta function; then

$$\sum_{s=1}^{m_1} a_{is} \lambda_j^s = \delta_{i,j} \implies \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{s=1}^{m_1} a_{is} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^s = \mathbf{I}_{m_1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1),$$

and from (3)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{s=1}^{m_1} a_{is} \phi' \Pi \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \Lambda^s \mathbf{Q} \phi = \phi' \Pi \phi = \sum_{i=1}^m \phi_i^2 \pi_i = 0.$$

Proof of Theorem 2

The instantaneous variance matrix $\Gamma_0^{(p)}$ is immediately attained by considering

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_0^{(p)} &= E \left[\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \right] \left[\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \right]' = E \left(\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} \mathbf{z}_t^{(p)'} \right) - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)'} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \pi_j \left[\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} \mathbf{z}_t^{(p)'} \mid s_t = j \right] - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)'} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \pi_j \left(\mathbf{R}_j^{(p)} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}_m^{(p)'} \right) - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)'} . \end{aligned}$$

The dynamic covariance matrices $\Gamma_u^{(p)}$ ($p > 0$) are obtained by conditioning on s_t and s_{t-u} , exploiting serial independence of observables after conditioning on the states, and then by marginalizing out the states:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_u^{(p)} &= cov \left(\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)}, \mathbf{z}_{t-u}^{(p)} \right) = E \left(\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} \mathbf{z}_{t-u}^{(p)'} \right) - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)'} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m E \left(\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} \mathbf{z}_{t-u}^{(p)'} \mid s_t = j, s_{t-u} = i \right) [\mathbf{P}^u]_{ij} \pi_i - \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\pi} \boldsymbol{\pi}' \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m E \left(\mathbf{z}_t^{(p)} \mid s_t = j \right) E \left(\mathbf{z}_{t-u}^{(p)'} \mid s_{t-u} = i \right) [\mathbf{P}^u]_{ij} \pi_i - \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\pi} \boldsymbol{\pi}' \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{(p)'} [\mathbf{P}^u]_{ij} \pi_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(p)} \mathbf{e}_m' \Pi \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} = \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \mathbf{B}^u \Pi \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} , \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{B}^u = (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{e}_m \boldsymbol{\pi}')^u = \mathbf{P}^u - \mathbf{e}_m \boldsymbol{\pi}'$.

Proof of Theorem 3

Adopt the notation in the proof of Theorem 2. From (2), $\mathbf{B}^u = \sum_{j=2}^m \lambda_j^u \mathbf{q}^j \mathbf{q}_j'$. Substituting in the expression for $\Gamma_u^{(p)}$ in the statement of the theorem,

$$\Gamma_u^{(p)} = \sum_{j=2}^m \lambda_j^u \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \mathbf{q}_j \mathbf{q}_j' \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} = \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \lambda_j^u \mathbf{A}_j' \quad (u = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_j' = \sum_{h \in H_j} \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \mathbf{q}_h \mathbf{q}_h' \mathbf{M}^{(p)'} , \quad H_j = \{ h : \mathbf{q}_h' \mathbf{P} = \lambda_j \mathbf{q}_j' , \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \mathbf{q}_h \neq \mathbf{0} \} ..$$

Observe that r is the number of distinct eigenvalues of \mathbf{P} with modulus in the open unit interval associated with at least one column of \mathbf{Q}' not in the column null space of $\mathbf{M}^{(p)}$. In other words, r can be less than $m - 1$ because some eigenvalues are equal to zero (as in the compound Markov model interpreted as having $m = m_1 m_2$ states), because some eigenvalues are repeated, or because some eigenvalues are associated with columns of \mathbf{Q}' all in the column null space of $\mathbf{M}^{(p)}$.

Define now a stochastic process $\mathbf{v}_t^{(p)}$ with autocovariances $\tilde{\Gamma}_u^{(p)} = \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \lambda_j^u \mathbf{A}'_j$ ($u > 0$) and $\tilde{\Gamma}_0^{(p)} = \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \mathbf{A}'_j$. Then for $u > 0$, $\tilde{\Gamma}_u^{(p)} = \Gamma_u^{(p)}$, while

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_0^{(p)} = \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \mathbf{A}'_j = \sum_{j=1}^m \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}_j'^{(p)} \pi_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{*(p)'}$$

Notice that the matrix $\Gamma_0^{(p)} - \tilde{\Gamma}_0^{(p)} = \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbf{R}_j^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\pi}_j$ is positive (semi) definite, since each $\mathbf{R}_j^{(p)}$ is a variance matrix.

Given that there are r distinct eigenvalues of \mathbf{P} , $\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{r+1}$, with modulus in the open unit interval, contributing to the determination of $\Gamma_u^{(p)} = \tilde{\Gamma}_u^{(p)}$, there exists a unique set of constants $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$ such that

$$\lambda_j^r - \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \lambda_j^{r-i} = 0 \quad (j = 2, \dots, r+1).$$

The coefficients $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$ determine a degree r polynomial whose roots are $\lambda_2^{-1}, \dots, \lambda_r^{-1}$. Thus for all $u > r$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma}_u^{(p)} - \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \tilde{\Gamma}_{u-i}^{(p)} &= \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \lambda_j^u \mathbf{A}'_j - \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \lambda_j^{u-i} \mathbf{A}'_j \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \left(\lambda_j^u - \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \lambda_j^{u-i} \right) \mathbf{A}'_j = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

The autocovariance function of $\{\mathbf{v}_t^{(p)}\}$ therefore satisfies the Yule-Walker equations for a VAR(r) process with coefficient matrices $\alpha_i \mathbf{I}_{np}$ ($i = 1, \dots, r$).

Details of the Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithm

Let $\mathbf{s}^1 = (\mathbf{s}_{11}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{T1})'$. Then

$$p(\mathbf{s}^1 | \mathbf{X}) = \pi_{\mathbf{s}_{11}} \prod_{t=2}^T p_{\mathbf{s}_{t-1}, \mathbf{s}_{t1}} = \pi_{\mathbf{s}_{11}} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} \prod_{j=1}^{m_1} p_{ij}^{T_{ij}}, \quad (4)$$

where T_{ij} is the number of transitions from persistent state i to j in \mathbf{s}^1 . The $n \times n$ Markov transition matrix \mathbf{P} is irreducible and aperiodic, and $\boldsymbol{\pi} = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{m_1})'$ is the unique stationary distribution of $\{s_{t1}\}$. Let $\mathbf{s}^2 = (s_{12}, \dots, s_{T2})'$ denote all T transitory states. Then

$$p(\mathbf{s}^2 | \mathbf{s}^1, \mathbf{X}) = \prod_{t=1}^T \rho_{\mathbf{s}_t} = \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} \prod_{j=1}^{m_2} \rho_{ij}^{U_{ij}}. \quad (5)$$

where U_{ij} is the number of occurrences of $\mathbf{s}_t = (i, j)$ ($t = 1, \dots, T$).

The observables y_t depend on the latent states \mathbf{s}_t and the deterministic variables \mathbf{x}_t . If $\mathbf{s}_t = (i, j)$ then

$$y_t = \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_t + \phi_i + \psi_{ij} + \varepsilon_t; \quad \varepsilon_t \sim N[\mathbf{0}, (h \cdot h_i \cdot h_{ij})^{-1}]. \quad (6)$$

Conditional on $(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{s}_t)$ ($t = 1, \dots, T$) the y_t are independent. From (6) one expression for this distribution is

$$p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{X}) = (2\pi)^{-Tn/2} h^{T/2} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i^{T_{i1}n/2} \prod_{j=1}^{m_2} h_{ij}^{U_{ij}n/2} \cdot \exp \left[-h \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} h_{ij} \sum_{t: \mathbf{s}_t = (i,j)} \varepsilon_t^2 / 2 \right], \quad (7)$$

The unconditional mean of the transitory states within each permanent state is $\mathbf{0}$, which is equivalent to $\boldsymbol{\psi}'_i \boldsymbol{\rho}_i = \mathbf{0}$ ($i = 1, \dots, m_1$). Let \mathbf{C}_j be an $m_2 \times (m_2 - 1)$ orthonormal complement of $\boldsymbol{\rho}_j$, define the $(m_2 - 1) \times 1$ vectors $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}'_j = \mathbf{C}'_j \boldsymbol{\psi}_j$, and note that $\boldsymbol{\psi}_j = \mathbf{C}_j \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_j$ ($j = 1, \dots, m_1$). Construct the $m_1 m_2 \times m_1 (m_2 - 1)$ block diagonal matrix $\mathbf{C} = \text{Blockdiag}[\mathbf{C}_1, \dots, \mathbf{C}_{m_1}]$ and the $m_1 (m_2 - 1) \times 1$ vector $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}} = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}'_1, \dots, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}'_{m_1})'$. Then $\boldsymbol{\psi} = \mathbf{C} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}$, and substituting in equation (7) at the end of Section 2.1.1,

$$y_t = \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_t + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}' \mathbf{C}'_0 \mathbf{z}_t^1 + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}' \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{z}_t + \varepsilon_t. \quad (8)$$

This expression has the form $y_t = \boldsymbol{\gamma}' \mathbf{w}_t + \varepsilon_t$ in which the $(k + m_1 m_2 - 1) \times 1$ vector $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}', \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}', \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}})'$ and

$$\mathbf{w}_t' = (\mathbf{x}_t', \mathbf{z}_t^{1'} \mathbf{C}_0, \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}) . \quad (9)$$

Thus conditional on the latent states \mathbf{s}_t (equivalently \mathbf{z}_t^1 and \mathbf{z}_t^2) ($t = 1, \dots, T$), and given the restrictions on the state means, (6) is a linear regression model with highly structured heteroscedasticity. If we take $\delta_t = h_{s_{t1}} h_{s_t}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{X}) &= (2\pi)^{-T/2} h^{T/2} \prod_{t=1}^T \delta_t^{n/2} \exp \left[- \sum_{t=1}^T h \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2 / 2 \right] \\ &= (2\pi)^{-T/2} h^{T/2} \prod_{t=1}^T \delta_t^{n/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \exp \left[-h \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t (y_t - \mathbf{w}_t' \boldsymbol{\gamma})^2 / 2 \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The kernel of the prior density is the product of the following expressions.

$$p(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \propto \exp \left[- (\boldsymbol{\beta} - \underline{\boldsymbol{\beta}})' \underline{\mathbf{H}}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} (\boldsymbol{\beta} - \underline{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) / 2 \right] \quad (11)$$

$$p(\mathbf{p}_i) \propto \prod_{j=1}^{m_1} p_{ij}^{r_{ij} - 1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1) \quad (12)$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\rho}_i) \propto \prod_{j=1}^{m_2} \rho_{ij}^{r_{ij} - 1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1) \quad (13)$$

$$p(h) \propto h^{(\underline{\nu} - 1)/2} \exp(-\underline{s}^2 h / 2) \quad (14)$$

$$p(h_i) \propto h_i^{(\underline{\nu}_1 - 1)/2} \exp(-\underline{s}_1^2 h_i / 2) \quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1) \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(h_{ij}) &\propto h_{ij}^{(\underline{\nu}_2 - 1)/2} \exp(-\underline{s}_2^2 h_{ij} / 2) \\ &\quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1; j = 1, \dots, m_2) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \mid h) \propto h^{(m_1 - 1)/2} \exp \left(-\underline{h}_{\phi} h \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}} / 2 \right) \quad (17)$$

$$= h^{(m_1 - 1)/2} \exp \left(-\underline{h}_{\phi} h \sum_{i=1}^{m_1 - 1} \tilde{\phi}_i^2 / 2 \right) \quad (18)$$

$$p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i \mid h_i, h) \propto (h \cdot h_i)^{(m_2 - 1)/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\cdot \exp \left(-\underline{h}_{\psi} h_i h \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i / 2 \right) \\ &\quad (i = 1, \dots, m_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& p(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}} \mid h_1, \dots, h_{m_1}, h) \\
& \propto h^{m_1(m_2-1)/2} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i^{(m_2-1)/2} \exp\left(-\underline{h}_\psi h \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i / 2\right) \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= h^{m_1(m_2-1)/2} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i^{(m_2-1)/2} \exp\left[-\underline{h}_\psi h \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i \sum_{j=1}^{m_2-1} \tilde{\psi}_{ij}^2 / 2\right] \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = h^{m_1(m_2-1)/2} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i^{(m_2-1)/2} \\
& \cdot \exp\left\{-\underline{h}_\psi h \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}' [\text{diag}(h_1, \dots, h_{m_1}) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{m_2-1}] \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}} / 2\right\} \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

Conditional posterior distribution of h . From (14), (18), (20) and (7),

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{s}^2 h & \sim \chi^2(\bar{\nu}); \\
\bar{s}^2 & = \underline{s}^2 + \zeta \underline{h}_\phi \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}} + \underline{h}_\psi \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} h_i \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i + \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2, \\
\bar{\nu} & = \underline{\nu} + \zeta(m_1 - 1) + m_1(m_2 - 1) + T.
\end{aligned}$$

Conditional posterior distribution of the h_i . From (15), (20), and (7),

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{s}_i^2 h_i & \sim \chi^2(\bar{\nu}_i); \\
\bar{s}_i^2 & = \underline{s}_1^2 + \underline{h}_\psi h \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i' \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}_i + h \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} h_{ij} \sum_{t:\mathbf{s}_t=(i,j)} \varepsilon_t^2, \\
\bar{\nu}_i & = \underline{\nu}_1 + m_2 - 1 + nT_i
\end{aligned}$$

($i = 1, \dots, m_1$).

Conditional posterior distribution of the h_{ij} . From (16) and (7),

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{s}_{ij}^2 h_{ij} & \sim \chi^2(\bar{\nu}_{ij}); \\
\bar{s}_{ij}^2 & = \underline{s}_2^2 + h \cdot h_i \cdot \sum_{t:\mathbf{s}_t=(i,j)} \varepsilon_t^2, \\
\bar{\nu}_{ij} & = \underline{\nu}_2 + U_{ij}
\end{aligned}$$

($i = 1, \dots, m_1; j = 1, \dots, m_2$).

Conditional posterior distribution of \mathbf{P} . From (12), (7), and (4),

$$p(\mathbf{P}) \propto \pi_{s_{11}} \prod_{i=1}^{m_1} \prod_{j=1}^{m_1} p_{ij}^{r_{11}+T_{ij}-1} \exp\left(-h \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2 / 2\right).$$

Use a Metropolis within Gibbs step for each for each row i of \mathbf{P} . Draw the candidate $\mathbf{p}_i^* \sim \text{Beta}(r_1 + T_{i1}, \dots, r_1 + T_{im_1})$, and let \mathbf{C}_0^* be the orthonormal complement of $\boldsymbol{\pi}^*$ corresponding to the resulting $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^*$. Account must be taken of the fact that because $\varepsilon_t = y_t - \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{x}_t - \boldsymbol{\psi}_{s_t} - \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}_0 \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$, \mathbf{C}_0 is a function of $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ and therefore of \mathbf{P} . Let \mathbf{C}_0^* be the orthonormal complement of $\boldsymbol{\pi}^*$ and compute $\varepsilon_t^* = y_t - \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{x}_t - \boldsymbol{\psi}_{s_t} - \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}_0^* \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$. The Metropolis acceptance ratio is

$$\frac{\pi_{s_{t1}}^* \exp\left(-\zeta h \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t \varepsilon_t^{*2}/2\right)}{\pi_{s_{t1}} \exp\left(-\zeta h \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2/2\right)}.$$

If the candidate is accepted, then \mathbf{P} is updated to \mathbf{P}^* , $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ to $\boldsymbol{\pi}^*$, and \mathbf{C}_0 to \mathbf{C}_0^* .

The orthonormal complement of \mathbf{C}_0 of $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ is not unique. As discussed in Section 2.1.2 nothing substantive in the model depends on which \mathbf{C}_0 is used. However, if \mathbf{C}_0 is not a smooth function of $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ then the candidate will be rejected more often than if it is, because $\mathbf{C}_0 \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ will change more. To construct a unique orthonormal complement \mathbf{C} that is a smooth function of a vector of probabilities $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^m \pi_i = 1$, note that $\pi_j \in (0, 1)$ with probability 1 ($j = 1, \dots, m$). Construct a matrix \mathbf{C}^* as follows. The first column of \mathbf{C}^* is $c_{11}^* = \pi_2$, $c_{21}^* = -\pi_1$, $c_{i1}^* = 0$ ($i = 3, \dots, m$). The j 'th column of \mathbf{C}^* is $c_{ij}^* = \pi_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, j$), $c_{j+1,j}^* = -\sum_{i=1}^j \pi_i^2 / \pi_{j+1}$, $c_{ij}^* = 0$ ($i = j+2, \dots, m$). Construct \mathbf{C} from \mathbf{C}^* by normalizing the columns to each have Euclidian length 1.

Conditional posterior distribution of \mathbf{R} . From (13), (7), and (5),

$$p(\boldsymbol{\rho}_j) \propto \prod_{k=1}^{m_2} \rho_{jk}^{r_2 + U_{jk} - 1} \exp\left(-h \sum_{t:s_{t1}=j} \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2/2\right).$$

Use a Metropolis within Gibbs step for each for each row j of \mathbf{R} . Note that in $\varepsilon_t = y_t - \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{x}_t - \boldsymbol{\phi}_{s_t} - \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}_j \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}$, \mathbf{C}_j is a function of $\boldsymbol{\rho}_j$ whenever $s_{t1} = j$. Draw the candidate $\boldsymbol{\rho}_j^*$ from $\text{Beta}(r_2 + U_{j1}, \dots, r_2 + U_{j,m_2})$. Let \mathbf{C}_j^* be the orthonormal complement of $\boldsymbol{\rho}_j^*$. For all t for which $s_{t1} = j$, compute $\varepsilon_t^* = y_t - \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{x}_t - \boldsymbol{\phi}_{s_t} - \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}_j^* \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}$. The Metropolis acceptance ratio is

$$\frac{\exp\left(-h \sum_{t:s_{t1}=j} \delta_t \varepsilon_t^{*2}/2\right)}{\exp\left(-h \sum_{t:s_{t1}=j} \delta_t \varepsilon_t^2/2\right)}.$$

The Metropolis step is used only after the first 1,000 iterations.

Conditional posterior distribution of $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$. Recall that $y_t = \mathbf{w}_t' \boldsymbol{\gamma} + \varepsilon_t$, with $\boldsymbol{\gamma}' = (\boldsymbol{\beta}', \tilde{\boldsymbol{\phi}}', \tilde{\boldsymbol{\psi}}')$ and

$$\mathbf{w}_t' = (\mathbf{x}_t', \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}_0, \mathbf{z}_t' \mathbf{C}) . \quad (22)$$

From (11), (17), (21) and (10),

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} \sim N\left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}, \bar{\mathbf{H}}_\gamma^{-1}\right), \quad \bar{\mathbf{H}}_\gamma = \underline{\mathbf{H}}_\gamma + h \sum_{t=1}^T \delta_t \mathbf{w}_t \mathbf{w}_t'$$

where

$$\underline{\mathbf{H}}_\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{H}}_\beta & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \underline{\mathbf{H}}_\phi & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \underline{\mathbf{H}}_\psi \end{bmatrix},$$

with

$$\underline{\mathbf{H}}_\phi = \underline{h}_\phi h \mathbf{I}_{m_1-1} \text{ and } \underline{\mathbf{H}}_\psi = \underline{h}_\psi h \text{Diag}(h_1, \dots, h_{m_1});$$

the mean is $\bar{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \overline{\underline{\mathbf{H}}_\gamma}^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{c}}_\gamma$ with

$$\bar{\mathbf{c}}_\gamma = \underline{\mathbf{c}}_\gamma + h \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{w}_t y_t \delta_t, \quad \underline{\mathbf{c}}'_\gamma = (\underline{\boldsymbol{\beta}}' \underline{\mathbf{H}}'_\beta, \mathbf{0}').$$

Drawing the state matrix \mathbf{S} . The final step of the MCMC algorithm is the draw of the $T \times 2$ matrix of latent states from its distribution conditional on the parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and observed \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} . Define

$$\begin{aligned} d_{tij} &= p[y_t \mid \mathbf{s}_t = (i, j), \mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}] \\ &= (2\pi)^{-1/2} (hh_i h_{ij})^{1/2} \exp \left[-hh_i h_{ij} (y_t - \boldsymbol{\beta}' \mathbf{x}_t - \phi_i - \psi_{ij})^2 / 2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d_{ti} = p(y_t \mid s_{t1} = i, \mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} \rho_{ij} d_{tij}.$$

We draw $\mathbf{s} \sim P(\mathbf{s} \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ as a two step marginal-conditional, $\mathbf{s}^1 \sim P(\mathbf{s}^1 \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ followed by $\mathbf{s}^2 \sim P(\mathbf{s}^2 \mid \mathbf{s}^1, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$. First, given d_{ti} ($t = 1, \dots, T, i = 1, \dots, m_1$) and \mathbf{P} , the algorithm of Chib (1996) draws $\mathbf{s}^1 \sim P(\mathbf{s}^1 \mid \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ and provides $p(\mathbf{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$ as a byproduct of the computations. Then the transitory states s_{t2} are conditionally independent with $P(s_{t2} = j \mid s_{t1} = i, y_t, \mathbf{x}_t, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \rho_{ij} d_{tij}$.

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