Multivariate ordinal regression for multiple repeated measurements

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- Panel data: Multiple ordinal outcomes correlated both in the cross-section and in time arise in a variety of applications: medicine, finance, ...
- R package **mvord** (Hirk, Hornik, and Vana, 2020) implements multivariate ordinal regression models where the outcomes can be correlated in the cross-section or in time (using different error structures such as the stationary distribution of an AR(1) process or general correlation matrices).
- In this work, we extend the framework to incorporate both longitudinal and cross-sectional dependence.















General setup:

- $y_{i,t}^{j}$ an ordinal observation
- $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ subject index
- $t \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$ time index among all equidistant time points,
- $j \in \{1, \dots, q\}$ outcome index

Latent variable representation:

$$y_{i,t}^j = r \Leftrightarrow heta_{t,r-1}^j < ilde{y}_{i,t}^j \leq heta_{t,r}^j, \quad r \in \{1,\ldots,K_j\},$$

where $-\infty \equiv \theta_{t,0}^j < \theta_{t,1}^j < \cdots < \theta_{t,K_j-1}^j \equiv \infty$.

Model: Underlying regression model

$$\tilde{y}_{i,t}^{j} = (\mathbf{x}_{i,t}^{j})^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{t}^{j} + \epsilon_{i,t}^{j}$$

- $\mathbf{x}_{i,t}^{j}$ is *p*-dimensional vector of time- and outcome-specific covariates
- β_t^j is a time- and outcome-specific vector of coefficients
- $\epsilon_{i,t}^{j}$ is an error term of subject *i* for outcome *j* in time *t*.

Model: Structure of the errors

We consider an auto-regressive structure on the q-dimensional error terms $\epsilon_{i,t}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,t} = \boldsymbol{\Psi} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,t-1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^{1/2} \boldsymbol{u}_{i,t}, \qquad \boldsymbol{u}_{i,t}^j \stackrel{\textit{iid}}{\sim} \boldsymbol{F}, \tag{1}$$

where

- Ψ = diag(ψ₁, ψ₂, ..., ψ_q) is a diagonal matrix of persistence parameters for each outcome j with |ψ_j| < 1 (to ensure stationarity).
- Σ_t = Σ_t^{1/2}(Σ_t^{1/2})^T captures the cross-sectional correlation among the different outcomes at time t conditional on ε_{i,t-1}.



Model: Multivariate probit link

- A common approach is to assume that u^j_{i,t} ~ N(0,1) and Σ_t = Σ. We assume Σ is a general correlation matrix.
- Then, the stationary distribution of $\epsilon^*_i = (\epsilon^{\top}_{i,1}, \epsilon^{\top}_{i,2}, \dots, \epsilon^{\top}_{i,T})^{\top}$ is

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i}^{*} = MVN_{qT}(\boldsymbol{0},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{*}), \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{*} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{2}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} & \cdots & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{T-1}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} & \cdots & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{T-2}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{2}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \cdots & (\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{T-3}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}})^{\top} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{T-1}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \cdots & \cdots & \boldsymbol{\Psi}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} & \boldsymbol{\tilde{\Sigma}} \end{pmatrix}$$

• Here $\tilde{\Sigma}$ is the unconditional variance of the multivariate AR(1) process in Equation (1): $vec(\tilde{\Sigma}) = (I - \Psi \otimes \Psi)^{-1} vec(\Sigma)$.



- Given that $\mathcal{L}_{qT}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma^*)$ is well approximated by $MVT_{qT}(\mathbf{0}, \gamma \Sigma^*, \nu)$ for $\gamma = \pi^2(\nu 2)/(3\nu)$ and $\nu \approx 8$ (O'Brien and Dunson, 2004), we specify:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*_i \sim MVT_{qT}(\mathbf{0}, \gamma \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^*, \nu), \qquad \nu = 8.$$

• Using results in Virolainen, 2021, this implies

$$u_{i,t}^j \sim t(0,1,
u+q), \, oldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,0} \sim {\cal MVT}_q(oldsymbol{0},\gamma ilde{\Sigma},
u), \, \Sigma_t = rac{
u-2+oldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,t-1}^ op(\gamma ilde{\Sigma})^{-1}oldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i,t-1}}{
u-2+q}\gamma \Sigma.$$



In the complete case, the likelihood is the product of $n q \times T$ -dimensional integrals:

$$L(\delta; Y, X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P\left(\bigcap_{\substack{j \in 1, \dots, q \\ t \in \{1, \dots, T\}}} \{y_{i,t}^{j} = r_{i,t}^{j}\} | X_{i}\right) = \int_{D_{i}} f_{qT}(\epsilon_{i}^{*}; \delta, X_{i}^{*}) d^{qT} \epsilon_{i}^{*}.$$
 (2)

where $D_i = \prod_{t \in \{1,...,T\}} \prod_{j \in 1,...,q} (\theta^j_{t,r^j_{i,t}-1}, \theta^j_{t,r^j_{i,t}})$ is a Cartesian product (here $r^j_{i,t}$ denotes the observed ordinal class for subject *i*, time *t* and outcome *j*) and f_{qT} is the multivariate density of the error terms.



Model: Pairwise likelihood estimation

We approximate $L(\delta; Y, X)$ by a pairwise likelihood, given by the product of the bivariate probabilities corresponding to all pairs in $\mathbf{y}_i^* = (\mathbf{y}_{i,1}^\top, \mathbf{y}_{i,2}^\top, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{i,T}^\top)^\top$:

$$PL(\boldsymbol{\delta}; \boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{k=1}^{(q \cdot T)-1} \prod_{l=k+1}^{q \cdot T} PL_{i}^{(k,l)}(\boldsymbol{\delta}; \boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{X}),$$
$$PL_{i}^{(k,l)}(\boldsymbol{\delta}; \boldsymbol{Y}_{i}, \boldsymbol{X}_{i}) = P\left((\boldsymbol{y}_{i}^{*})_{k} = (\boldsymbol{r}_{i})_{k}, (\boldsymbol{y}_{i}^{*})_{l} = (\boldsymbol{r}_{i})_{l} | \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{*}\right).$$

One option is to only consider (more informative) pairs which lie close in time:

$$PL_{i}^{(k,l)}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, c; Y_{i}, X_{i}), = \left[P\left((\boldsymbol{y}_{i}^{*})_{k} = (\boldsymbol{r}_{i})_{k}, (\boldsymbol{y}_{i}^{*})_{l} = (\boldsymbol{r}_{i})_{l}|X_{i}\right)\right]^{1(l_{t}-k_{t}\leq c)}$$





• Under regularity conditions, for a fixed value of c,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}(c) - \delta) \sim MVN(\mathbf{0}, H(\delta, c)^{-1}V(\delta, c)H(\delta, c)^{-1}), n o \infty$$

where the following estimators can be used:

$$\hat{H}(\delta, c) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{(q \cdot T)-1} \sum_{l=k+1}^{q \cdot T} \left(\frac{\partial \log PL_i^{(k,l)}(\delta, c; Y_i, X_i)}{\partial \delta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \log PL_i^{(k,l)}(\delta, c; Y_i, X_i)}{\partial \delta} \right)^\top \\ \hat{V}(\delta, c) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{(q \cdot T)-1} \sum_{l=k+1}^{q \cdot T} \frac{\partial \log PL_i^{(k,l)}(\delta, c; Y_i, X_i)}{\partial \delta} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{(q \cdot T)-1} \sum_{l=k+1}^{q \cdot T} \frac{\partial \log PL_i^{(k,l)}(\delta, c; Y_i, X_i)}{\partial \delta} \right)^\top$$

• Model comparison can be performed using information criteria such as the composite likelihood AIC or BIC (Varin and Vidoni, 2005)



Simulation 1: Different correlation settings

- moderate n = 1000 subjects,
- q=3 multiple outcomes with $K_1=4$, $K_2=4$, $K_3=2$ and T=10 time points,

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$$\theta^1 = (-\infty, -3, 0, 3, \infty)$$
, $\theta^2 = (-\infty, -2, 0, 2, \infty)$, $\theta^3 = (-\infty, 3, \infty)$

- p = 2 covariates from N(0,1) and $\beta = (2,-1)^{\top}$.
- Error structure:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{low}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 & 0.100 & 0.200 \\ 0.100 & 1.000 & 0.300 \\ 0.200 & 0.300 & 1.000 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{high}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 & 0.950 & 0.875 \\ 0.950 & 1.000 & 0.800 \\ 0.875 & 0.800 & 1.000 \end{pmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{\mathsf{low}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.200 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.250 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.350 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{\mathsf{high}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.800 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.850 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.900 \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

• M = 100 repetitions.

Simulation 1: Different correlation settings





Simulation 2: Different values of lag parameter c

• Similar setting as before, only for **probit**, M = 100 repetitions, n = 200 subjects

$$\Sigma = egin{pmatrix} 1.000 & 0.100 & 0.500 \ 0.100 & 1.000 & 0.900 \ 0.500 & 0.900 & 1.000 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Psi = egin{pmatrix} 0.800 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0.500 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{pmatrix}.$$

• Compute log generalized asymptotic estimate variance for $c=1,\ldots,$ $\mathcal{T}-1$

$$\hat{g}(c) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \log \det(\hat{H}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c), c)^{-1} \hat{V}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c), c) \hat{H}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c), c)^{-1})$$

• Compute MSE for $c=1,\ldots,$ $\mathcal{T}-1$, $ar{\delta}_{PL}(c)=\sum_{m=1}^M \hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c)/M$

$$MSE(c) = \underbrace{(\bar{\delta}_{PL}(c) - \delta)^{\top}(\bar{\delta}_{PL}(c) - \delta)}_{\text{bias}^2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c) - \bar{\delta}_{PL}(c))^{\top}(\hat{\delta}_{PL}^{(m)}(c) - \bar{\delta}_{PL}(c))}_{\text{variance}}.$$



Simulation 2: Different values of lag parameter c







- Collection of exchange-listed North American firms observed over the period 2003–2013 (T = 11).
- Issuer credit ratings from S&P and Moody's
- Default information obtained from UCLA-LoPucki Bankruptcy Research Database and the Mergent issuer default file
- p = 7 firm-level and market variables are built from the Compustat/CRSP databases.



Empirical analysis: Descriptives and model fit

- *n* = 1519 firms
- Imbalanced panel of ratings (77% S&P, 57% Moody's ratings) and years (around 1/3 of firms observed for all time points).
- Default rate: < 1%.



- We estimate outcome-specific coefficients and thresholds.
- We up-sample the defaulted companies to have 50% failed vs 50% non-failed companies in the sample. After up-sampling, we achieve an overall default rate of 11.98%.





	CLAIC	CLBIC
Proposed model	979045.65	993631.26
Longitudinal model	1007943.90	1022511.19
Cross-sectional model	1031555.63	1046438.48
Model with iid errors	1038281.48	1053091.83

Main takeaways from proposed model

- High persistence in ratings and default process
- High correlation among the ratings, moderate correlation between ratings and default.
- Lower thresholds estimated for S&P compared to Moody's in the speculative grades ⇒ Moody's more conservative in the speculative grade regions.





- We propose a multivariate ordinal regression model which accounts for dependence between **repeated** and **multiple** ordinal measurements by ...
- ... a multivariate AR(1) structure on the errors of underlying process.
- Simulation study take-aways:
 - Pairwise likelihood approach recovers parameters well (provided the unbalancedness in the classes is not extreme)
 - A bootstrapping exercise should be employed for selection of lag parameter c.
- We provide an implementation of the model as an R package **mvordflex** (Hirk and Vana, 2024), which is an extension to the existing R package **mvord**.
- Future work: allow a full matrix Ψ (currently experimental feature) and incorporate in **mvord**.





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- **Missing values**: construct the pairwise likelihood only from the bivariate probabilities corresponding to all pairs of observed responses. This approach assumes that the missing value mechanism is **completely at random**.
- Approaches to model the missing data mechanism jointly with the observations in longitudinal models can be found in e.g., Li and Grace, 2013.

Model: Constraints on parameters I

Constraints on coefficients and threshold parameters can be set by specifying appropriate constraint matrices. Let

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\eta}_{i}^{\text{upper}} &= \boldsymbol{B}_{i}^{\text{upper}} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*} - \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{*} \boldsymbol{\beta}^{*} = \boldsymbol{Z}_{i}^{\text{upper}} \boldsymbol{\kappa}^{*}, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}_{i}^{\text{lower}} = \boldsymbol{B}_{i}^{\text{lower}} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*} - \boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{*} \boldsymbol{\beta}^{*} = \boldsymbol{Z}_{i}^{\text{lower}} \boldsymbol{\kappa}^{*}, \\ \boldsymbol{Z}_{i} &= (\boldsymbol{B}_{i}, -\boldsymbol{X}_{i}^{*}), \quad \boldsymbol{\kappa}^{*} = ((\boldsymbol{\theta}^{*})^{\top}, (\boldsymbol{\beta}^{*})^{\top})^{\top}, \end{split}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = ((\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^1)^\top, \dots, (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1^q)^\top, \dots, (\boldsymbol{\theta}_T^1)^\top, \dots, (\boldsymbol{\theta}_T^q)^\top)^\top$ and the matrices B_i^{lower} and B_i^{upper} are $(q \times T) \times (T \sum_{j=1}^q (K_j - 1))$ block diagonal binary matrices

$$B_{i}^{\text{upper}} = \text{diag}((\boldsymbol{b}_{i,1}^{1,\text{upper}})^{\top}, \dots, (\boldsymbol{b}_{i,1}^{q,\text{upper}})^{\top}, \dots, (\boldsymbol{b}_{i,T}^{1,\text{upper}})^{\top}, \dots, (\boldsymbol{b}_{i,T}^{q,\text{upper}})^{\top})$$
$$B_{i}^{\text{lower}} = \text{diag}((\boldsymbol{b}_{i,1}^{1,\text{lower}})^{\top}, \dots, (\boldsymbol{b}_{i,1}^{q,\text{lower}})^{\top}, \dots, (\boldsymbol{b}_{i,T}^{q,\text{lower}})^{\top})$$

where the vector $\boldsymbol{b}_{i,t}^{j,\text{upper}}$ has length $K_j - 1$ and contains a one in the $r_{i,t}^j$ -th position if $r_{i,t}^j \in \{1, \dots, K_j - 1\}$, else zero; the vector $\boldsymbol{b}_{i,t}^{j,\text{lower}}$ has length $K_j - 1$ and contains a one in the $(r_{i,t}^j - 1)$ -th position if $r_{i,t}^j \in \{2, \dots, K_j\}$, else zero.

Model: Constraints on parameters II

The probabilities in the likelihood function can then be expressed as:

$$P\left(\bigcap_{\substack{j\in 1,\ldots,q\\t\in\{1,\ldots,T\}}} \{y_{i,t}^j = r_{i,t}^j\}\right) = F_{qT}(Z_i^{\text{upper}}\kappa^*|\Sigma^*,\ldots) - F_{qT}(Z_i^{\text{lower}}\kappa^*|\Sigma^*,\ldots).$$

Assuming that $\tilde{\kappa} = (\tilde{\theta}^{\top}, \tilde{\beta}^{\top})^{\top}$ is the reduced $(h \times 1)$ vector of thresholds and coefficients to be estimated, the linear predictors can be rewritten as:

$$oldsymbol{\eta}_i = Z_i C ilde{oldsymbol{\kappa}}$$

where C is a contrast matrix of dimension $(T \times \sum_{j=1}^{q} (K_j - 1) + qTp) \times h$.



Model: Constraints on parameters III

For example, the C matrix for a model where all thresholds should be constant over time and one set of regression coefficients should be employed for all t and j would be of dimension $(T \sum_{j=1}^{q} (K_j - 1) + qTp) \times (\sum_{j=1}^{q} (K_j - 1) + p)$:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{(1,\ldots,1)^{\top}}_{T \text{ times}} \otimes I_{\sum_{j=1}^{q}(K_{j}-1)} & \mathbf{0}_{T \sum_{j=1}^{q}(K_{j}-1) \times p} \\ \mathbf{0}_{(q \cdot T \cdot p) \times p} & \underbrace{(1,\ldots,1)^{\top}}_{q \cdot T \text{ times}} \otimes I_{p} \end{pmatrix},$$

where I denotes the identity matrix, ${\bf 0}$ is the zero matrix and \otimes denotes the Kronecker product.

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$\prod_{i=1}^{N}$ Simulation 1: Setting Σ high and Ψ high

Table: This table presents simulation results based on 100 repetitions, n = 1000, T = 10, q = 3 for the correlation setting Σ high and Ψ high.

		Multivariate probit link					Multivariate logit link			
	True	Mean Est	АРВ	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample	Mean Est	APB	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample	
$\theta_{1,1}$	-3.0000	-2.9767	0.78%	0.0632	0.1076	-2.9719	0.94%	0.0771	0.1278	
$\theta_{1,2}$	0.0000	0.0005	-	0.0430	0.0734	0.0130	-	0.0425	0.1098	
$\theta_{1,3}$	3.0000	2.9792	0.69%	0.0624	0.1032	2.9956	0.15%	0.0776	0.1164	
$\theta_{2,1}$	-2.0000	-1.9907	0.46%	0.0597	0.0949	-1.9807	0.96%	0.0666	0.1219	
$\theta_{2,2}$	0.0000	-0.0025	-	0.0516	0.0738	0.0096	-	0.0501	0.1127	
$\theta_{2,3}$	2.0000	1.9867	0.66%	0.0595	0.0934	1.9998	0.01%	0.0672	0.1091	
$\theta_{3,1}$	3.0000	2.9719	0.94%	0.0846	0.1379	2.9979	0.07%	0.0959	0.1520	
β_1	2.0000	1.9866	0.67%	0.0338	0.0437	1.9878	0.61%	0.0442	0.0431	
β_2	-1.0000	-0.9932	0.68%	0.0219	0.0254	-0.9938	0.62%	0.0265	0.0304	
$\rho_{1,2}$	0.9500	0.9523	0.24%	0.0044	0.0086	0.9495	0.05%	0.0055	0.0048	
$\rho_{1,3}$	0.8750	0.8758	0.09%	0.0178	0.0229	0.8705	0.52%	0.0215	0.0217	
ρ2.3	0.8000	0.8027	0.34%	0.0195	0.0275	0.8003	0.04%	0.0228	0.0190	
ψ_1	0.8000	0.7955	0.57%	0.0087	0.0111	0.7955	0.57%	0.0114	0.0078	
ψ_2	0.8500	0.8470	0.36%	0.0069	0.0081	0.8451	0.58%	0.0088	0.0071	
ψ_3	0.9000	0.8454	6.07%	0.0065	0.2467	0.8975	0.28%	0.0087	0.0063	

$\prod_{v \in \mathbb{N}} \text{Simulation 1: Setting } \Sigma \text{ high and } \Psi \text{ low}$

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	True	Mean Est	АРВ	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample	Mean Est	APB	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample
$\theta_{1,1}$	-3.0000	-2.9928	0.24%	0.0369	0.0721	-2.9696	1.01%	0.0469	0.0915
$\theta_{1,2}$	0.0000	0.0018	-	0.0201	0.0655	0.0028	-	0.0210	0.0809
$\theta_{1,3}$	3.0000	2.9966	0.11%	0.0365	0.0685	2.9804	0.65%	0.0467	0.0867
$\theta_{2,1}$	-2.0000	-1.9939	0.31%	0.0292	0.0652	-1.9818	0.91%	0.0355	0.0825
$\theta_{2,2}$	0.0000	0.0013	-	0.0205	0.0634	0.0017	-	0.0205	0.0802
$\theta_{2,3}$	2.0000	1.9979	0.10%	0.0294	0.0706	1.9922	0.39%	0.0360	0.0858
$\theta_{3,1}$	3.0000	3.0006	0.02%	0.0399	0.0738	2.9835	0.55%	0.0490	0.0931
β_1	2.0000	1.9959	0.21%	0.0225	0.0174	1.9797	1.01%	0.0302	0.0317
β_2	-1.0000	-0.9993	0.07%	0.0152	0.0120	-0.9892	1.08%	0.0191	0.0222
$\rho_{1,2}$	0.9500	0.9458	0.44%	0.0054	0.0039	0.9495	0.05%	0.0053	0.0036
$\rho_{1,3}$	0.8750	0.8580	1.95%	0.0158	0.0192	0.8768	0.21%	0.0178	0.0107
P2.3	0.8000	0.7888	1.39%	0.0207	0.0204	0.8007	0.09%	0.0307	0.0139
ψ_1	0.2000	0.1917	4.15%	0.0221	0.0219	0.2000	0.02%	0.0284	0.0171
ψ_2	0.2500	0.2448	2.06%	0.0219	0.0165	0.2449	2.03%	0.0276	0.0162
$\bar{\psi_3}$	0.3500	0.3529	0.82%	0.0484	0.0467	0.3583	2.37%	0.0632	0.0374

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$\theta_{1,1}$	-3.0000	-2.9846	0.51%	0.0582	0.0847	-2.9710	0.97%	0.0673	0.1217
$\theta_{1,2}$	0.0000	0.0053	-	0.0438	0.0729	0.0133	-	0.0413	0.1086
$\theta_{1,3}$	3.0000	3.0014	0.05%	0.0583	0.0789	2.9959	0.14%	0.0671	0.1163
$\theta_{2,1}$	-2.0000	-1.9852	0.74%	0.0570	0.0745	-1.9901	0.50%	0.0604	0.1112
$\theta_{2,2}$	0.0000	0.0090	-	0.0521	0.0751	0.0016	-	0.0487	0.1134
$\theta_{2,3}$	2.0000	2.0022	0.11%	0.0571	0.0749	1.9861	0.69%	0.0603	0.1126
$\theta_{3,1}$	3.0000	2.9981	0.06%	0.0865	0.1015	2.9820	0.60%	0.0875	0.1527
β_1	2.0000	1.9953	0.23%	0.0260	0.0228	1.9867	0.67%	0.0325	0.0317
β_2	-1.0000	-0.9976	0.24%	0.0175	0.0150	-0.9956	0.44%	0.0204	0.0252
P1.2	0.1000	0.0938	6.21%	0.0297	0.0231	0.1003	0.27%	0.0354	0.0301
P1.3	0.2000	0.1993	0.37%	0.0369	0.0308	0.1959	2.07%	0.0501	0.0334
P2.3	0.3000	0.2991	0.29%	0.0348	0.0332	0.2973	0.89%	0.0474	0.0319
ψ_1	0.8000	0.7986	0.17%	0.0079	0.0066	0.7951	0.62%	0.0098	0.0075
ψ_2	0.8500	0.8482	0.21%	0.0062	0.0055	0.8442	0.68%	0.0075	0.0068
ψ_3	0.9000	0.8986	0.15%	0.0065	0.0061	0.8973	0.31%	0.0085	0.0064

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			Multiva	ariate probit link	Multivariate logit link				
	True	Mean Est	АРВ	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample	Mean Est	APB	Mean Asym SE	SD Sample
$\theta_{1,1}$	-3.0000	-2.9849	0.50%	0.0353	0.0648	-2.9704	0.99%	0.0446	0.0933
$\theta_{1,2}$	0.0000	0.0029	-	0.0202	0.0678	0.0026	-	0.0211	0.0803
$\theta_{1,3}$	3.0000	2.9992	0.03%	0.0351	0.0702	2.9822	0.59%	0.0444	0.0877
$\theta_{2,1}$	-2.0000	-1.9884	0.58%	0.0276	0.0645	-1.9776	1.12%	0.0324	0.0807
$\theta_{2,2}$	0.0000	0.0042	-	0.0206	0.0632	0.0027	-	0.0205	0.0763
$\theta_{2,3}$	2.0000	1.9954	0.23%	0.0276	0.0662	1.9852	0.74%	0.0326	0.0841
$\theta_{3,1}$	3.0000	2.9886	0.38%	0.0403	0.0758	2.9787	0.71%	0.0486	0.0884
β_1	2.0000	1.9933	0.34%	0.0187	0.0169	1.9808	0.96%	0.0254	0.0258
β_2	-1.0000	-0.9959	0.41%	0.0125	0.0109	-0.9896	1.04%	0.0156	0.0171
$\rho_{1,2}$	0.1000	0.1020	2.03%	0.0178	0.0155	0.0994	0.63%	0.0229	0.0141
$\rho_{1,3}$	0.2000	0.1991	0.47%	0.0346	0.0295	0.1954	2.30%	0.0427	0.0274
P2.3	0.3000	0.2987	0.45%	0.0345	0.0300	0.2958	1.40%	0.0445	0.0241
ψ_1	0.2000	0.1979	1.06%	0.0328	0.0249	0.2039	1.94%	0.0407	0.0261
ψ_2	0.2500	0.2398	4.09%	0.0293	0.0245	0.2425	3.01%	0.0361	0.0295
ψ_3	0.3500	0.1889	46.03%	0.0709	0.2614	0.3555	1.56%	0.0859	0.0480



Simulation 3: Comparison with a Bayesian approach





Empirical application: Choice of AR(1)

We motivate the choice of AR(1) instead of AR(p) by:

- Short length of the time series.
- We extract the surrogate residuals (Liu and Zhang, 2018) from separate models with iid errors. For each firm we run ARIMA model on the residuals for each firm and each response and select the optimal autoregressive lag based on AIC. For the large majority of the firms chosen lag is 0 or 1.



Figure: Distribution of the number of time points observed per firm in the sample.