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A Comparison Study on Criteria to Select the Most Adequate Weighting Matrix

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Abstract: The practice of spatial econometrics revolves around a weighting matrix, which is often supplied by the user on previous knowledge. This is the so called **W** issue. Probably, the aprioristic approach is not the best solution although, nowadays, there few alternatives for the user. Our contribution focuses on the problem of selecting a **W** matrix from among a finite set of matrices, all of them considerer appropriate for the case. We develop a new and simple method based on the Entropy corresponding to the distribution of probability estimated for the data. Other alternatives, which are common in current applied work, are also reviewed. The paper includes a large Monte Carlo to calibrate the effectiveness of our approach compared to the others. A well-known case study is also included.

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1. Introduction

Let us begin with a mantra: the weighting matrix is the most characteristic element in a spatial model. Most scholars agree with this popular commonplace. In fact, spatial models deal primarily with phenomena such as spillovers, trans-boundary competition or cooperation, flows of trade, migration, knowledge, etc. in complex networks. Rarely does the user know about how these events operate in practice. Indeed, they are mostly unobservable phenomena which are, however, required to build the model. Traditionally the gap has been solved by providing externally this information, in the form of a weighting matrix. As an additional remark, we should note that **W** is not the unique solution to deal with such kind of unobservables (1, for example, develop a latent variables approach that does not need of **W**), but is the most simple.

Hays *et al.* [2] give a sensible explanation about the preference for a predefined **W**. Network analysts are more interested in the formation of networks, taking units attributes and behaviors as given. This is spatial dependence due to selection, where relations of homophily and heterophily are crucial. The spatial econometricians are more interested in what they call '*computing the effects of alters actions on ego's actions through the network*'; in this case, the patterns of connectivity are taken as given. This form of spatial dependence is due to the influence between the individuals, and the notions of contagion and interdependence are capital. So, if the network is predefined, why not supplying it externally?

However, beyond this point, the **W** issue han been frequent cause of dispute. In the early stages, terms like 'join' or 'link' were very common (for instance, in 3, or 4). The focus at that time was mainly on testing for the presence of spatial effects, for which is not so important the specification of a highly detailed weighting matrix; contiguity, nearness, rough measures of separation may be appropriate notions for that purpose. The work of Ord [5] is a milestone in the evolution of this issue because of its strong emphasis on the task of modelling spatial relationships. It is evident that the weights matrix needs more attention if we want to avoid estimation biases and wrong inference. Anselin [67] puts

36 the W matrix in the center of the debate about specification of spatial models, but, after decades of
37 practicing, the question still remains unclear.

38 The purpose of the so-called W is to '*determine which ... units in the spatial system have an influence on*
39 *the particular unit under consideration ... expressed in notions of neighborhood and nearest neighbor*' relations,
40 in words of Anselin [6, p.16] or '*to define for any set of points or area objects the spatial relationships that*
41 *exist between them*' as stated by Haining [8, p. 74]. The problem is how should it be done.

42 Roughly speaking, we may distinguish two approaches: (i) specifying W exogenously; (ii)
43 estimating W from data. The exogenous approach is by far the most popular and includes, for
44 example, use of a binary contiguity criterion, k-nearest neighbours, kernel functions based on distance,
45 etc. The second approach uses the topology of the space and the nature of the data, and takes many
46 forms. We find ad-hoc procedures in which a predefined objective guides the search such as the
47 maximization of Moran's I in Kooijman [9] or the local statistical model of Getis and Aldstadt [10].
48 Benjanuvatra and Burridge [11] develop a quasi maximum-likelihood, QML , algorithm to estimate the
49 weights in W assuming partial knowledge about the form of the weights. More flexible approaches are
50 possible if we have panel information such as in Bhattacharjee and Jensen-Butler [12] or Beenstock and
51 Felsenstein [13]. Endogeneity of the weight matrix is another topic introduced recently in the field
52 (i.e., [14]), which connects with the concept of *coevolution* put forward by Snijders *et al.* [15] and based
53 on the assumption that, in the long run, network connectivity must evolve endogenously with the
54 model. Much of the recent literature on spatial econometrics revolves around endogeneity, but our
55 contribution pertains to the exogenous approach where remains most part of the applied research.

56 Before continue, we may wonder if the W issue, even in our context of pure exogeneity, is really
57 a problem to worry for or it is the *biggest myth* of the discipline as claimed by LeSage and Pace [16].
58 Their argument is that only dramatic different choices for W would lead to significant differences in
59 the estimates or in the inference. We partly agree with them in the sense that is a bit silly to argue
60 whether it is better the 5 or the 6 nearest-neighbor matrix; surely there will be almost no difference
61 between the two. However, there is consistent evidence, obtained mainly by Monte Carlo [17–20]
62 showing that the misspecification of W has a non-negligable impact on the inference of the coefficients
63 of spatial dependence and other terms in the model. Moreover, the magnitude of the bias increases for
64 the estimates of the marginal direct/indirect effects. So, we are not pretty sure that '*far too much effort*
65 *has gone into fine-tunning spatial weight matrices*' as stated by LeSage and Pace [16]. Our impression is
66 that any useful result should be welcomed in this field and, especially, we need practical, clear guides
67 to approach the problem.

68 Another question of concern are the criticisms of Gibbons and Overman [21]. As said, it is
69 common in spatial econometrics to assume that the weighting matrix is known, which is the cause of
70 identification problems; this flaw extends to the instruments, moment conditions, etc. There is little
71 to say in relation to this point. In fact, spatial parameters (i.e., ρ) and weighting matrix, W , are only
72 jointly identified (we do estimate ρW). Hays *et al.* [2] and Bhattacharjee and Jensen-Butler [12] agree in
73 this point.

74 Bavaud [22, p. 153], given this controversial debate, was very skeptic, '*there is no such thing as*
75 '*true*', '*universal*' *spatial weights, optimal in all situations*' and continues by stating that the weighting
76 matrix '*must reflect the properties of the particular phenomena, properties which are bound to differ from field*
77 *to field*'. We share his skepticism; perhaps it would suffice with a 'reasonable' weighting matrix, the
78 best among those considered. In practical terms, this means that the problem of selecting a weighting
79 matrix can be interpreted as a problem of model selection. In fact, different weighting matrices result
80 in different spatial lags of the variables included in the model and different equations with different
81 regressors amounts to a model selection problem.

82 As said, our intention is to offer new evidence to help the user to select the most appropriate W
83 matrix for the specification. Section 2 revises four selection criteria that fit well into the problem of
84 selecting a weighting matrix from among a finite set of them. Section 3 presents the main features of

85 the Monte Carlo solved in the fourth Section. Section 5 includes a well known case study which is
86 revised in the light of our findings. Sixth Section concludes.

87 **2. Criteria to select a W matrix from among a finite set**

88 The W issue has been present in the literature on spatial econometrics since very early. However
89 the case of choosing one matrix from among a finite set of them is relatively recent. First, we review
90 the literature devoted to the J test and then we moved to the selection criteria, Bayesian methods and a
91 new procedure based on Entropy.

92 Anselin [23] poses formally the problem suggesting a *Cox* statistic derived in a framework
93 of non-nested models. Leenders [24], on this basis, elaborates a J -test using classical augmented
94 regressions. Later on, Kelejian [25] extends the approach of [Leenders](#) to a *SAC* model, with spatial
95 lags of the endogenous variable and in the error terms, using *GMM* estimates. Piras and Lozano [26]
96 confirm the adequacy of the J -test to compare different weighting matrices stressing that we should
97 make use of a full set of instrument to increase *GMM* accuracy. Burridge and Fingleton [27] show that
98 the Chi-square asymptotic approximations for the J -tests produces irregular results, excessively liberal
99 or conservative in a series of leading cases; they suggest a bootstrap resampling approach. Burridge
100 [28] focuses on the propensity of the spatial *GMM* algorithm to deliver spatial parameter estimates
101 lying outside the invertibility region which, in turn, affects the bootstrap; he suggest the use of a *QML*
102 algorithm to remove the problem. Kelejian and Piras [29] generalized and modify the original version
103 of [Kelejian](#) to account for all the available information, according to the findings of [Piras and Lozano](#).
104 Finally, Kelejian and Piras [30] adapt the J test to a panel data setting with unobserved fixed effects
105 and additional endogenous variables which reinforces the adequacy of the *GMM* framework. Another
106 milestone in the J test literature is Hagemann [31], who copes with the reversion problem originated
107 by the lack of a well defined null hypothesis in the test. He introduces the minimum J test, MJ . His
108 approach is based on the idea that if there is a finite set of competing models, only the model with the
109 smallest J statistic can be the correct one. In this case, the J statistic will converge to the Chi-square
110 distribution but will diverge if none of the models is correct. The author proposes a wild bootstrap to
111 test if the model with the minimum J is correct. This approach has been applied by Debarsy and Ertur
112 [20] to a spatial setting with good results.

113 In the Monte Carlo that follows, we know that there is a correct model so are going to use only
114 the first part of the procedure of [Hagemann](#). Assuming a collection of m different weighting matrices,
115 such as: $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{W}_1; \mathbf{W}_2; \dots; \mathbf{W}_m\}$, the MJ approach works as follows:

- 116 1. We need the estimates of the m models; in each case, the same equation is employed but with a
117 different weighting matrix belonging to \mathcal{W} . Following Burridge [28] and given that our interest
118 lies on the small sample case, the models are estimated by *ML*.
- 119 2. For each model, we obtain the battery of J statistics as usual, after estimating, also by *ML*, the
120 corresponding extended equations.
- 121 3. The chosen matrix is the one associated with the minimum J statistic. We do not test if this matrix
122 is really the correct matrix.

123 Another popular method for choosing between models deals with the so-called *Information Criteria*.
124 Most are developed around a loss function, such as the *Kullback-Leibler*, *KL*, quantity of information
125 which measures the closeness of two density functions. One of them corresponds to the true probability
126 distribution that generated the data, obviously not known, the other is the distribution estimated
127 from the data. The criteria differ in the role assigned to the aprioris and in the way of solving the
128 approximation to the unknown true density function [32]. The two most common procedures are the
129 *AIC* [33] and the Bayesian *BIC* criteria [34]. The first compares the models on equal basis whereas the
130 second incorporates the notion of model of the null. Both criteria are characterized by their lack of
131 specificity in the sense that the selected model is the closest to the true model, as measured by *KL*. We
132 should note that, as indicated by Potscher [35], a good global fit does not mean that the model is the

133 best alternative to estimate the parameters of interest. *AIC* and *BIC* lead to single expressions that
 134 depend on the accuracy of the *ML* estimation plus a penalty term related to the number of parameters
 135 entering the model; that is:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} AIC(k) : -2l(\tilde{\gamma}) + 2k, \\ BIC(k) : -2l(\tilde{\gamma}) + k \log(n), \end{array} \right\} \quad (1)$$

136 where $l(\tilde{\gamma})$ means the estimated log-likelihood at the *ML* estimates, $\tilde{\gamma}$, k is the number of non-zero
 137 parameters in the model and n the number of observations. For the case that we are considering
 138 the models only differ in the weighting matrix, so k and n are the same in every case. This means
 139 that the decision depends on the estimated log-likelihood, or on the balance between the estimated
 140 variance and the Jacobian term. Note that, for a standard spatial model of, i.e., *SLM* type we can write:
 141 $l(\tilde{\gamma}) \propto \log \left[\frac{1}{\sigma^n} |I - \tilde{\rho}W| \right]$, being σ the standard deviation and ρ the corresponding spatial dependence
 142 coefficient. To minimize any of the two statistics in (1) the objective is to maximize the concentrated
 143 estimated log-likelihood, $l(\tilde{\gamma})$. The same as before, the *Information Criteria* approach implies:

144 1. Estimate by *ML* of the m models corresponding to each weighting matrix in \mathcal{W} .
 145 2. For each model, we obtain the corresponding *AIC* statistic (*BIC* produces the same results).
 146 3. The matrix in the model with minimum *AIC* statistic should be chosen.

147 An important part of the recent literature on spatial econometrics has Bayesian basis; this extends
 148 also to the topic of choosing a weighting matrix. The Bayesians are well equipped to cope with these
 149 type of problems using the concept of *posterior probability* as the basis for taking a decision. There are
 150 excellent reviews in Hepple [363738], Besag and Higdon [39] and especially, LeSage and Pace [40]. For
 151 the sake of completeness, let us highlight the main points in this approach.

152 The analysis is made conditional to a model, which is not under discussion. Moreover, we have a
 153 collection of m weighting matrices in \mathcal{W} , a set of k parameter in γ , some of which are of dispersion,
 154 σ , others of position, β , and others of spatial dependence, ρ and θ , and a panel data set with nT
 155 observations in y . The point of departure is the joint probability of data, parameters and matrices:

$$p(\mathbf{W}_i; \gamma; y) = \pi(\mathbf{W}_i) \pi(\gamma | \mathbf{W}_i) L(y | \gamma; \mathbf{W}_i), \quad (2)$$

156 where $\pi(\cdot)$ are the prior distributions and $L(y | \gamma; \mathbf{W}_i)$ the likelihood for y conditional on the
 157 parameters and the matrix. Bayes' rule leads to the posterior joint probability for matrices and
 158 parameters:

$$p(\mathbf{W}_i; \gamma | y) = \frac{\pi(\mathbf{W}_i) \pi(\gamma | \mathbf{W}_i) L(y | \gamma; \mathbf{W}_i)}{L(y)}, \quad (3)$$

159 whose integration over the space of parameters, $\gamma \in \mathcal{Y}$, produces the posterior probability for
 160 matrix \mathbf{W}_i :

$$p(\mathbf{W}_i | y) = \int_{\mathcal{Y}} p(\mathbf{W}_i; \gamma | y) d\gamma. \quad (4)$$

161 The presence of spatial structures in the model complicates the resolution of (4) which usually
 162 requires of numerical integration. The priors are always a point of concern and, usually, practitioners
 163 prefer diffuse priors. LeSage and Pace [40, Section 6.3] suggest $\pi(\mathbf{W}_i) = \frac{1}{m} \forall i$, a *NIG* conjugate prior
 164 for β and σ where $\pi_{\beta}(\beta | \sigma) \sim N(\beta_0; \sigma^2 (\kappa X'X)^{-1})$, being X the matrix of the exogenous variables
 165 in the model, and $\pi(\sigma)$ a inverse gamma, $IG(a, b)$. For the parameter of spatial dependence they
 166 suggest a *Beta*(d, d) distribution, being d the amplitude of the sampling space of ρ . The defaults in the
 167 MATLAB codes of LeSage [41] are $\beta_0 = 0$, $\kappa = 10^{-12}$ and $a = b = 0$. In sum, the *Bayesian* approach
 168 implies the following:

169 1. Fix the priors for all the terms appearing in the equation. In this point, we have followed the
 170 suggestions of [LeSage and Pace](#).
 171 2. For each matrix, obtain the corresponding posterior probability of (4) for which we need (i) solve
 172 the *ML* estimation of the corresponding model and (ii) solve the numerical integration of (4).
 173 3. The matrix chosen will be that associated with the highest posterior probability.

174 This paper advocates for a selection procedure based on the notion of *Entropy*, which is used as
 175 a measure of the information contained in a distribution of probability. Let us assume an univariate
 176 continuous variable, y , whose probability density function is $p(y)$; then, *Entropy* is defined as:

$$h(p) = - \int_I p(y) \log p(y) dy, \quad (5)$$

177 being I the domain of the random variable y . As known, higher *Entropy* means less information
 178 or, what is the same, more uncertainty about y . Our case fits with Shannon's framework (42): we
 179 observe a random variable, y , and there is a finite set of rival distribution functions capable of having
 180 generated the data. Our decision problem is well defined because each distribution function differs
 181 from the others only in the weighting matrix; the other elements are the same. However, we are not
 182 interested in the Laplacian principle of indifference (select the density with maximum *Entropy*, less
 183 informative, to avoid uncertain information). Quite the opposite: in our case there is no uncertain
 184 information and we are looking for the more informative probability distribution so our objective is to
 185 minimize *Entropy*.

186 As with the other three cases, the application of this principle requires the complete specification
 187 of the distribution function, which means that the user knows the form of the model (equations 7
 188 to 9 below, except the \mathbf{W} matrix); additionally we add a Gaussian distribution. Next, we should
 189 remind that for the case of a $(n \times 1)$ multivariate normal random variable, $y \sim N(\mu; \Sigma)$, the entropy
 190 is: $h(y) = \frac{1}{2} [n + \log((2\pi)^n |\Sigma|)]$. This measure does not depend, directly, on first order moments
 191 (parameters of position of the model) but on second order moments (dependence and dispersion
 192 parameters). For example, in the case of the *SLM* of (9) below, the entropy is:

$$h(y)_{SDM} = \frac{1}{2} \left(nT + \log((2\pi\sigma^2)^{nT} |(B'B)^{-1}|) \right) \quad (6)$$

193 where $B = (I - \rho\mathbf{W})$. Note that the covariance matrix for y in the *SDM* is $V(y) = B^{-1}V(u)B'^{-1}$.
 194 If u is indeed a white noise random term with variance σ^2 , the covariance matrix of y is simply
 195 $V(y) = \sigma^2 (B'B)^{-1}$. Let us note that the covariance matrix of y in the *SDM* of (7) coincides with that
 196 of the *SLM* case. The covariance matrix for the *SDEM* equation is $V(y) = \sigma^2 (B'B)$, everything else
 197 remains the same.

198 In order to apply the *Entropy* criterion we must go through the following steps:

199 1. Estimate each one of the m versions of the model that we are considering. As said, each models
 200 differs only in the weighting matrix. We obtain the *ML* estimates for reasons given above.
 201 2. For each model, we obtain the corresponding value of the *Entropy*, in the h_i ; $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ statistic.
 202 3. The decision criterion consists in choosing the weighting matrix corresponding to the model
 203 with minimum value of the *Entropy*.

204 3. Description of the Monte Carlo

205 This part of the paper is devoted to the design of the Monte Carlo conducted in the next Section
 206 in order to calibrate the performance of the four criteria presented so far for selecting \mathbf{W} : the *MJ*
 207 procedure, the *Bayesian* approach, the *AIC* criterion and the *Entropy* measure. The objective of the
 208 analysis is to identify and select the matrix that intervened in the generation of the data. Moreover, our
 209 focus is on small sample sizes. As will be clear below, the four criteria have good behaviour even in
 210 small samples, so it is not necessary to employ very large sample sizes

211 We are going to simulate a panel setting, with three of the most common *DGPs* in the applied
 212 literature on spatial econometrics; namely, the spatial Durbin Model, *SDM* of (7), the spatial Durbin
 213 error model, *SDEM* in expression (8) and the spatial lag model of (9), *SLM*.¹

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + \rho \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{ij} y_{jt} + x_{it} \beta_1 + \theta \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{ij} x_{jt} + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad (7)$$

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + x_{it} \beta_1 + \theta \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{ij} x_{jt} + u_{it}, \quad u_{it} = \rho \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{ij} u_{jt} + \varepsilon_{it}. \quad (8)$$

$$y_{it} = \beta_0 + \rho \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{ij} y_{jt} + x_{it} \beta_1 + \varepsilon_{it}, \quad (9)$$

214 Only one exogenous regressor, x variable, appears in the right hand side of the equations whose
 215 observations are obtained from a normal distribution, $x_{it} \sim i.i.d.N(0; \sigma_x^2)$, where $\sigma_x^2 = 1$; the same
 216 applies with respect to the error terms: $\varepsilon_{it} \sim i.i.d.N(0; \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$, where $\sigma_\varepsilon^2 = 1$. The two variables are not
 217 related, $E(x_{it}\varepsilon_{it}) = 0$. Our space is made of hexagonal pieces which are arranged regularly, one next
 218 to the others without discontinuities nor empty spaces.

219 One weighting matrix appears in the three equations, which plays a central role in the functioning
 220 of the model. As said before, the weighting matrix is not observable and the user must take decisions
 221 to resolve the uncertainty. The problem consists in choosing one matrix from among a finite set of
 222 alternatives which in our simulation are composed by three candidates: \mathbf{W}_1 is built using the traditional
 223 contiguity criterion between spatial units; the weights in \mathbf{W}_2 are the inverse of the distance between
 224 the centroids of the spatial units, $\mathbf{W}_2 = \left\{ \omega_{ij} = \frac{1}{d_{ij}}; i \neq j \right\}$; whereas \mathbf{W}_3 incorporates a cut-off point to
 225 the connections in \mathbf{W}_2 , so that $\mathbf{W}_3 = \left\{ \omega_{ij} = \frac{1}{d_{ij}}; i \neq j \text{ if } j \in N_4(i); 0 \text{ otherwise} \right\}$ being $N_4(i)$ the set of
 226 4 nearest neighbors to i . To keep things simple, the same weighting matrix plays with the endogenous
 227 and exogenous variables in (7) and with the exogenous and error terms in (8). Following usual practice,
 228 every matrix has been row-standardized. Due to the row-standardization, the three matrices are non
 229 nested in the sense that the sequence of weights are different among them.

230 Three different small cross-sectional sample sizes, n , have been used $n \in \{25, 49, 100\}$; that
 231 is enough because higher values of this parameter only improves marginally the results. For the
 232 same reason, the number of cross-sections in the panel, T , are limited to only three, $T \in \{1, 5, 10\}$.
 233 The values for the coefficient of spatial dependence, ρ , ranges from negatives to positives, $\rho =$
 234 $\{-0.8, -0.5, -0.2, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8\}$. Other global parameters are those associated with the constant term,
 235 $\beta_0 = 1$, the x variable, $\beta_1 \in \{1, 5\}$, and its spatial lag, $\theta \in \{1, 5\}$.

236 In sum, each case consists in:

- 237 • Generate the data using a given weighting matrix, \mathbf{W}_k , $k = 1, 2, 3$ and a spatial equation, *SLM*,
 238 *SDM* or *SDEM*. There are 216 cases of interest for each equation (6 values in ρ , 3 values in n , 3
 239 values in T , 2 values in β_1 and 2 values in θ).
- 240 • The spatial equation is assumed to be known so the model can be estimated by maximum
 241 likelihood, *ML*, once the user supplies a \mathbf{W} matrix.
- 242 • Compute the four selection criteria, *MJ*, *Posterior probability*, *Entropy* and *AIC* for the three
 243 alternative weighting matrices for each draw.
- 244 • Select the corresponding matrix according to each criterion and compare the result with the *true*
 245 matrix in the *DGP*.
- 246 • The process has been replicated 1,000 times.

¹ Main conclusions can be extended to other processes like the spatial error model, which are not replicated here (details on request from the authors).

247 Note that the selection of the matrix is made conditional on a correct specification of the equation.
 248 We are perfectly aware that this dichotomy is artificial; in fact, both decisions are intimately related
 249 because the same matrix, but in different equations, plays different roles and bears different information.
 250 However, this point is not further developed in the present paper. In order to give some intuition,
 251 we include the results corresponding to the case of a wrong specification (i.e, estimate a *SDM* model
 252 whereas the true model in the *DGP* is a *SDEM*).

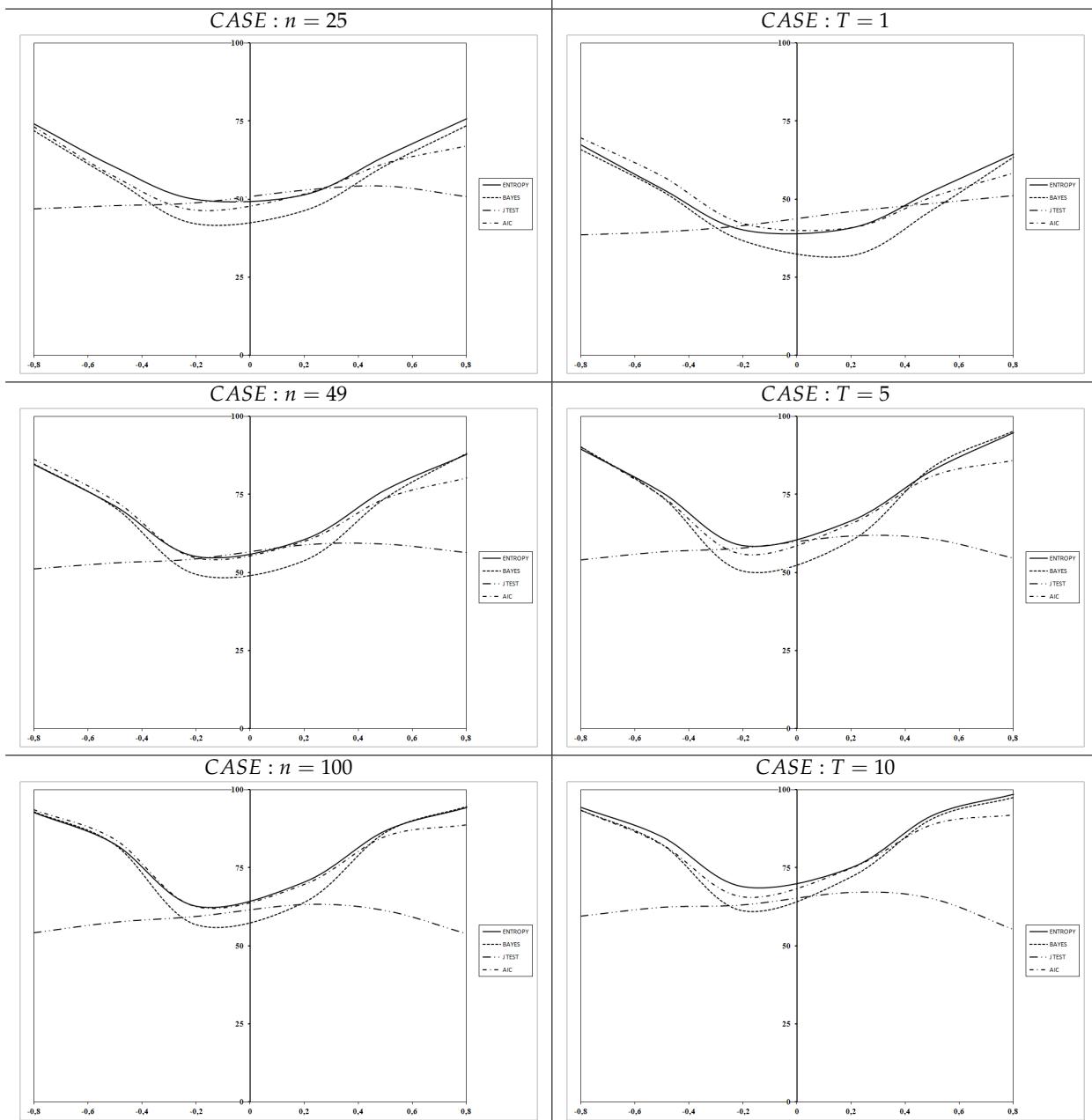
253 **4. Results of the Monte Carlo**

254 This Section summarizes the results obtained in the Monte Carlo. Let us advance a little spicy:
 255 in strictly quantitative terms, the *Entropy* measure is the best criterion. What is more surprising, the
 256 *Bayesian* approach is marginally better than the *AIC*, but only when the amount of information is
 257 large and there is positive spatial correlation. Finally, the *MJ* approach is the worse alternative among
 258 the four criteria. The last two observations are a bit surprising given the strong support that the two
 259 procedures have received in the literature. Table 1 presents the percentage of correct selections attained
 260 by each criterion after aggregating all the experiments in the Monte Carlo. A cell in bold indicates that
 261 the respective criterion reaches the maximum rate of correct selections.

Table 1. Percentage of correct selections. Aggregated results

ρ	$h(y)$	<i>Bayes</i>	<i>MJ</i>	<i>AIC</i>
-0.8	83.8	83.2	50.7	84.4
-0.5	71.4	69.7	52.8	71.4
-0.2	55.9	49.4	54.2	54.6
0.2	60.8	54.6	58.3	60.5
0.5	75.7	73.6	58.2	73.5
0.8	85.9	85.4	53.6	78.7
<i>AVERAGE</i>	72.3	69.3	54.6	70.5

262 *Entropy* dominates in 5 out of the 6 cases presented in the Table, and is the second in the sixth
 263 case; *AIC* leads in two cases, is second in two and third in another two cases. *Bayes* does not do very
 264 well for small values of the spatial coefficient (is fourth in ± 0.2) and the curve of correct selections of
 265 the *MJ* is very flat.

Figure 1. Percentages of correct selections, disaggregated by n and T 

266 Figure 1 disaggregates the accumulated percentages by number of spatial units, left, or number
 267 of cross-sections, right. Note that in each case, the data represent aggregated percentages (i.e., in
 268 the case $n = 25$ we aggregate the three cross-sections corresponding to $T = 1$, $T = 5$ and $T = 10$).
 269 These courses ratifies the ordering set out above. Note the asymmetry in all the curves and the
 270 strange behaviour of the *MJ* criterion that produces worst results at the extremes of the interval for
 271 ρ . The other three criteria react positively to increases in the sample size (both in n or in T). Overall,
 272 the improvement is more relevant according to T than to n , specially for high values of the spatial
 273 coefficient.

274 Tables 2 to Table 5 present the details by type of *DGP*. A quick look at the Tables reveals that bold
 275 percentages are concentrated, mainly, in the *Entropy* and *AIC* columns.

276 The prevalence of the *Entropy* criterion is quite regular (the exception is the *SDEM* process where
 277 *AIC* has better results). The preference extends to the case of correctly specified models, as in Tables

278 2, 3 and 4, and also for misspecified equations, as in Table 5, for negative and especially for positive
 279 values of the spatial coefficient, for small and large number of individuals in the sample (n) and for
 280 simple to large panels (T). Overall, *Entropy* attains the highest rate in 48% of the 180 cases in Tables 2
 281 to 5.

282 The complete relation of results for the 864 different experiments in the MC (3 n s, 3 T s, 6 ρ s, 2 β s,
 283 2 θ s and four configurations for the DGP/estimated equation pair) appear in Tables 10 to 21 in the
 284 Appendix. Let us note the good results attained in the case of small samples ($n = 25$ and $T = 1$) where
 285 the average rate of correct selections for *Entropy* and *AIC* is above 40% criteria (a little worse for the
 286 other two). The percentage exceeds 60% at the extremes of the spatial parameter interval, ± 0.8 . The
 287 average rate improves upto 65% - 75%, for the case of $n = 25$ and $T = 5$ and continues improving
 288 when $T = 10$, where most cases have a rate of correct selections above 90%. In general, the rate of
 289 correct selections is nearly 100%, using 5 to 10 cross-sections.

Table 2. Average percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDM. Equation estimated: SDM.

Aggregated by cross-section, sample size (n)					Aggregated by time series, sample size (T)						
	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC		
$n = 25$	-0.8	78.1	77.8	52.4	79.6	$T = 1$	-0.8	67.4	66.2	39.4	68.8
	-0.5	62.9	62.5	52.0	61.8		-0.5	54.4	54.3	38.5	57.5
	-0.2	53.5	48.7	53.1	50.2		-0.2	41.1	38.4	40.0	41.7
	0.2	61.5	59.8	65.0	61.2		0.2	43.2	35.8	48.4	40.8
	0.5	74.7	56.5	50.8	72.1		0.5	56.5	50.8	55.2	54.3
	0.8	84.3	81.7	74.5	75.5		0.8	69.7	68.1	63.4	63.8
$n = 49$	-0.8	88.9	88.7	57.6	90.1	$T = 5$	-0.8	91.9	93.0	62.3	93.5
	-0.5	76.4	77.5	58.6	78.7		-0.5	79.4	80.2	63.7	79.5
	-0.2	59.6	55.5	58.6	58.8		-0.2	63.3	57.3	62.4	60.1
	0.2	71.0	67.9	73.1	70.0		0.2	79.1	76.6	78.1	76.1
	0.5	84.1	81.7	81.6	82.0		0.5	92.3	92.5	87.1	89.8
	0.8	93.3	93.8	88.1	87.4		0.8	98.4	98.3	88.2	89.9
$n = 100$	-0.8	94.4	94.3	63.9	95.2	$T = 10$	-0.8	97.3	97.4	69.2	97.9
	-0.5	87.3	87.2	66.6	88.7		-0.5	88.8	88.7	72.1	87.9
	-0.2	67.6	61.9	62.8	66.6		-0.2	72.3	66.5	68.2	69.8
	0.2	80.5	76.4	79.4	77.1		0.2	86.6	87.7	86.4	87.4
	0.5	91.9	90.5	85.6	89.7		0.5	97.0	97.5	92.9	95.4
	0.8	97.3	96.3	89.5	92.4		0.8	99.8	99.8	94.6	95.8

Table 3. Average percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM. Equation estimated: SDEM.

Aggregated by cross-section, sample size (n)					Aggregated by time series, sample size (T)						
	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC		
$n = 25$	-0.8	80.5	77.3	56.7	82.5	$T = 1$	-0.8	66.7	65.3	42.5	70.4
	-0.5	69.6	65.2	57.5	69.6		-0.5	55.4	55.6	44.0	62.1
	-0.2	59.6	52.5	56.5	58.2		-0.2	42.5	42.8	43.8	49.3
	0.2	55.6	52.4	56.9	57.7		0.2	39.5	36.1	45.7	43.4
	0.5	63.5	62.6	55.7	63.7		0.5	49.5	45.4	46.5	48.7
	0.8	74.4	73.8	54.0	67.0		0.8	59.3	58.1	48.9	53.2
$n = 49$	-0.8	88.1	88.5	64.5	91.0	$T = 5$	-0.8	94.0	94.7	71.1	95.4
	-0.5	78.2	78.8	65.6	81.9		-0.5	84.1	84.8	72.5	84.9
	-0.2	64.6	62.6	65.2	66.3		-0.2	70.2	67.1	71.6	69.6
	0.2	64.8	61.4	65.2	65.9		0.2	71.2	69.3	70.3	73.1
	0.5	78.0	75.7	64.5	75.1		0.5	83.1	85.5	67.8	83.7
	0.8	88.0	87.1	64.0	79.6		0.8	94.7	95.4	64.6	86.8
$n = 100$	-0.8	95.1	95.8	75.1	96.4	$T = 10$	-0.8	97.7	98.2	78.9	98.6
	-0.5	88.9	91.3	76.4	92.1		-0.5	92.4	91.6	79.3	91.7
	-0.2	74.2	75.1	76.4	77.2		-0.2	81.5	77.4	78.8	78.3
	0.2	75.6	74.9	75.1	78.3		0.2	81.4	80.3	77.3	81.7
	0.5	87.9	89.1	72.9	88.1		0.5	93.3	93.5	75.2	91.3
	0.8	94.3	95.6	69.4	90.7		0.8	99.1	99.4	70.0	93.9

Table 4. Average percentage of correct selections. DGP: SLM. Equation estimated: SLM.

Aggregated by cross-section, sample size (n)					Aggregated by time series, sample size (T)						
	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC		ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC
$n = 25$	-0.8	58.7	59.7	27.3	58.3	$T = 1$	-0.8	54.0	53.1	23.7	54.5
	-0.5	41.9	36.2	27.0	38.4		-0.5	36.3	33.3	24.3	37.7
	-0.2	28.3	15.8	28.3	26.5		-0.2	22.6	14.2	28.3	22.5
	0.2	33.4	21.0	30.2	33.5		0.2	30.8	12.6	32.5	30.0
	0.5	54.0	49.6	31.8	54.2		0.5	46.3	37.4	34.6	45.4
	0.8	72.4	70.8	31.9	70.0		0.8	61.0	61.0	36.2	56.6
$n = 49$	-0.8	73.6	73.2	22.1	74.4	$T = 5$	-0.8	79.7	81.4	19.9	80.7
	-0.5	53.2	47.7	25.4	51.5		-0.5	57.9	53.0	24.1	55.9
	-0.2	32.3	17.9	28.9	30.5		-0.2	32.8	15.1	28.1	30.2
	0.2	41.7	24.9	31.5	39.9		0.2	44.4	27.4	29.2	43.0
	0.5	68.8	64.3	26.9	67.7		0.5	73.0	72.8	24.4	71.5
	0.8	86.8	87.1	26.2	82.1		0.8	93.5	93.3	24.8	88.3
$n = 100$	-0.8	86.7	87.0	12.0	87.6	$T = 10$	-0.8	85.4	85.3	17.7	85.1
	-0.5	68.0	65.2	18.0	68.3		-0.5	68.8	62.8	22.0	64.7
	-0.2	37.8	22.2	27.1	36.3		-0.2	43.0	26.6	28.0	40.6
	0.2	51.3	35.4	27.6	50.6		0.2	51.1	41.3	27.6	51.1
	0.5	81.4	79.8	20.6	79.0		0.5	84.9	83.4	20.2	84.0
	0.8	92.3	92.9	20.2	86.9		0.8	97.0	96.5	17.3	94.0

Table 5. Average percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM. Equation estimated: SDM.

Aggregated by cross-section, sample size (n)					Aggregated by time series, sample size (T)						
	ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC		ρ	$h(y)$	Bayes	MJ	AIC
$n = 25$	-0.8	79.2	77.2	51.4	77.6	$T = 1$	-0.8	66.2	66.0	38.1	68.9
	-0.5	66.5	64.1	55.1	62.3		-0.5	54.3	55.5	40.8	58.1
	-0.2	57.9	52.4	57.4	52.7		-0.2	42.2	40.2	42.3	42.7
	0.2	54.8	54.0	59.1	55.4		0.2	38.2	32.3	44.8	37.7
	0.5	62.8	62.4	55.9	59.4		0.5	46.4	42.3	45.4	43.6
	0.8	71.9	72.2	42.5	59.4		0.8	55.1	54.1	42.5	47.3
$n = 49$	-0.8	87.9	88.6	60.4	89.9	$T = 5$	-0.8	92.3	92.3	64.3	91.7
	-0.5	77.5	78.9	62.7	79.8		-0.5	83.3	81.6	67.4	80.0
	-0.2	64.2	61.3	64.7	63.1		-0.2	69.4	63.4	69.5	64.5
	0.2	64.8	60.7	65.5	64.1		0.2	71.9	68.5	69.4	70.9
	0.5	75.1	73.5	63.2	70.2		0.5	82.2	83.9	65.7	78.2
	0.8	84.3	84.3	47.1	72.1		0.8	92.2	93.7	44.3	77.9
$n = 100$	-0.8	94.9	95.0	67.0	95.8	$T = 10$	-0.8	97.2	97.2	72.6	96.9
	-0.5	87.9	88.6	70.4	89.8		-0.5	89.9	89.9	76.1	88.8
	-0.2	72.4	68.9	71.5	71.3		-0.2	78.6	74.9	77.7	75.6
	0.2	74.9	70.0	71.1	73.4		0.2	80.8	80.2	77.0	80.5
	0.5	85.9	85.9	68.2	83.3		0.5	91.8	92.5	72.0	87.9
	0.8	92.7	93.3	39.6	84.4		0.8	98.3	98.8	38.3	87.6

²⁹⁰ In a similar vein, the increase in the cross-sectional size, n , maintaining constant the number of
²⁹¹ cross-sections, T , also has positive effects in the four criteria. The rate of correct selections for the case
²⁹² of a hundred of spatial units is above 70%, on average, for the case of a single cross-section ($T = 1$),
²⁹³ but these percentages improve quickly if the time dimension of the panel increases.

²⁹⁴ The value of parameter β_1 , as expected, has a weak impact in the four criteria; on the contrary,
²⁹⁵ the signal of θ_1 plays a crucial role in the SDEM case. Another interesting feature is the asymmetry of
²⁹⁶ the selection curves, that tends to be diluted with T . Negative spatial dependence helps to detect the
²⁹⁷ correctly weighting matrix, especially when the number of time cross-sections is small. The asymmetry
²⁹⁸ exists in Entropy, Bayes and AIC. However, the behavior of the MJ worsens in case of negative values
²⁹⁹ in parameter ρ .

³⁰⁰ To complete the picture, we estimate a *response-surface* for each *DGP*/Estimated-equation
³⁰¹ combination, with the aim of modelling the empirical probability of choosing the correct weighting

302 matrix for each criterion, p_i . As usual, a logit transformation of the empirical probabilities is carried
 303 out, so the estimated equation is:

$$\log \left(\frac{p_i + (2r)^{-1}}{1 - p_i + (2r)^{-1}} \right) = p_i^* = \eta + z_i \varphi + \epsilon_i, \quad (10)$$

304 where p_i^* is the logit transformation, often known as the *logit*, r the number of replications of each
 305 experiment (1000 in all the cases); $(2r)^{-1}$ assures that the *logit* is defined even when the probability
 306 of correct selection is 0 or 1 (43); η is an intercept term, z_i the design matrix whose columns reflect
 307 the conditions of each experiment, φ is a vector of parameters and ϵ_i the error term assumed to be
 308 independent and identically distributed (this assumption is reasonable if all experiments come from
 309 the same study, as ours, and are obtained under identical circumstances; 44). Let us remind that the
 310 number of observations for each *response-surface* equation is 216 (so $i = 1, 2, \dots, 216$). Table 6 shows the
 311 results for the four *DGP*/Estimated-equation combinations.

312 In general, the estimates confirm previous facts. The main factor influencing the empirical
 313 probability of choosing the correct weights matrix is the spatial parameter, absolute value of ρ in Table
 314 6. Its contribution is crucial in the case of the *Bayesian* criteria and, to a lesser extend, also in the cases
 315 of *Entropy* and *AIC*. This parameter is not significant, for the case of the *MJ* approach and *SDEM*
 316 processes whereas its contribution is negative in the *SLM* and in misspecified equations. The second
 317 more influential factor is the parameter θ , associated to spatial spillovers. Its impact is beneficial for
 318 all the cases though it appears to be more important for the *MJ*; the other three criteria are a bit less
 319 sensitive. Sample size is also relevant in all the cases and T has a relatively higher impact than n .
 320 Finally, as said before, parameter β_1 is not significant in any circumstance, with the exception of the
 321 *SLM* case; this means that the *signal-to-noise* ratio should not be a major factor to consider when the
 322 problem is select the best weighting matrix.

323 Table 7 completes the *response-surface* analysis with the *F* tests of equality in the coefficients of
 324 the estimates of Table 6. According to the sequence of *F* tests, the most dissimilar method is the
 325 *MJ* approach, and then *Bayes*. On the other hand, *Entropy* and *AIC* emerge as similar strategies to
 326 compare weighting matrices; in fact, in what respect this simple *response-surface* analysis, they are
 327 almost indistinguishable in the four types of *DGPs*.

Table 6. Estimated response surfaces.

SDEM case	constant	<i>n</i>	<i>T</i>	β_1	θ	$ \rho $	R^2	F_{AV}
<i>Entropy</i>	-5.9410	0.0037	0.0566	0.0005	0.0748	0.5568	0.74	117.90 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.9402)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>Bayes</i>	-6.2233	0.0051	0.0660	-0.0017	0.0904	0.6813	0.66	81.57 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.8553)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>MJ test</i>	-6.1295	0.0044	0.0520	0.0106	0.1569	-0.0377	0.82	196.74 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0910)	(0.0000)	(0.4612)		
<i>AIC</i>	-5.9177	0.0043	0.0506	0.0044	0.0795	0.4590	0.67	87.21 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.5407)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
SDM case	constant	<i>n</i>	<i>T</i>	β_1	θ	$ \rho $	R^2	F_{AV}
<i>Entropy</i>	-5.8902	0.0033	0.0481	0.0053	0.0702	0.06348	0.66	83.35 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.4614)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>Bayes</i>	-6.1117	0.0033	0.0548	0.0052	0.0861	0.8116	0.60	63.33 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.5974)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>MJ test</i>	-5.8998	0.0024	0.0476	0.0186	0.1036	0.1668	0.47	36.74 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0004)	(0.0000)	(0.0813)	(0.0000)	(0.0552)		
<i>AIC</i>	-5.9339	0.0034	0.0479	0.0092	0.0722	0.6301	0.67	83.61 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.2051)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
SLM case	constant	<i>n</i>	<i>T</i>	β_1		$ \rho $	R^2	F_{AV}
<i>Entropy</i>	-6.3435	0.0049	0.0613	-0.0390		1.2505	0.81	113.60 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0001)		(0.0000)		
<i>Bayes</i>	-7.0854	0.0054	0.0786	-0.0709		2.2207	0.83	122.53 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		(0.0000)		
<i>MJ test</i>	1.3129	-0.0131	-0.0896	-0.2215		-1.4089	0.40	16.92 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0006)	(0.0000)		(0.0004)		
<i>AIC</i>	-6.3808	0.0050	0.0599	-0.0396		1.2678	0.79	96.74 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0003)		(0.0000)		
MISS case	constant	<i>n</i>	<i>T</i>	β_1	θ	$ \rho $	R^2	F_{AV}
<i>Entropy</i>	-5.9736	0.0039	0.0583	-0.0004	0.0745	0.5505	0.72	109.13 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.9511)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>Bayes</i>	-6.1882	0.0040	0.0648	-0.0001	0.0916	0.7103	0.67	85.13 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.9887)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>MJ test</i>	-5.6677	0.0020	0.0379	0.0007	0.1162	-0.3854	0.55	50.92 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.9431)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		
<i>AIC</i>	-5.9741	0.0043	0.0558	-1.9169	0.0696	0.4728	0.68	88.38 (0.0000)
	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)	(0.9979)	(0.0000)	(0.0000)		

Note: pvalue appear between brackets. F_{AV} means *F* test of the null that all coefficients are zero except the constant. MISS means that the model in the DGP is a SDEM but we estimate a SDM equation

Table 7. F test for the equality of coefficients in the response-surface estimates

<i>SDEM case</i>	<i>Bayes</i>	<i>MJ test</i>	<i>AIC</i>
<i>Entropy</i>	55.000 (0.00)	87.331 (0.00)	1.535 (0.17)
<i>Bayes</i>	–	34.720 (0.00)	4.558 (0.00)
<i>MJ test</i>	–	–	61.774 (0.00)
<i>SDM case</i>	<i>Bayes</i>	<i>MJ test</i>	<i>AIC</i>
<i>Entropy</i>	4.699 (0.00)	34.886 (0.00)	0.471 (0.83)
<i>Bayes</i>	–	14.791 (0.00)	3.300 (0.00)
<i>MJ test</i>	–	–	28.553 (0.00)
<i>SLM case</i>	<i>Bayes</i>	<i>MJ test</i>	<i>AIC</i>
<i>Entropy</i>	61.544 (0.00)	8685.34 (0.00)	0.500 (0.78)
<i>Bayes</i>	–	432.170 (0.00)	45.475 (0.00)
<i>MJ test</i>	–	–	7423.01 (0.00)
<i>MISS case</i>	<i>Bayes</i>	<i>MJ test</i>	<i>AIC</i>
<i>Entropy</i>	4.454 (0.00)	118.882 (0.00)	2.056 (0.06)
<i>Bayes</i>	–	65.420 (0.00)	5.171 (0.00)
<i>MJ test</i>	–	–	85.234 (0.00)

Note: p-value appear between brackets.

328 5. Empirical application

329 The case studied in this section is based on a well-known economic model. It is a model of
 330 economic growth estimated by Ertur and Koch (2007) using a cross-section of 91 countries for the
 331 period 1960–1995. The purpose of this section is to illustrate the use of the selection procedures
 332 discussed before.

333 *5.1. Study case: Ertur and Koch (2007)*

334 Ertur and Koch [45] build a growth equation to model technological interdependence between
 335 countries using spatial externalities. The main hypotheses of interaction is that the stock of knowledge
 336 in one country produces externalities that cross national borders and spill over into neighboring
 337 countries, with an intensity which decreases with distance. The authors use a geographical distance
 338 measure.

339 The benchmark model assumes an aggregated Cobb-Douglas production function with constant
 340 returns to scale in labour and physical capital:

$$Y_i(t) = A_i(t)K_i^\alpha(t)L_i^{1-\alpha}(t), \quad (11)$$

341 where $Y_i(t)$ is output, $K_i(t)$ is the level of reproducible physical capital, $L_i(t)$ is the level of labour,
 342 and $A_i(t)$ is the aggregate level of technology specified as:

$$A_i(t) = \Omega(t)k_i^\phi(t) \prod_{j \neq i}^n A_j^{\delta\omega_{ij}}(t). \quad (12)$$

343 The aggregate level of technology $A_i(t)$ in a country i depends on three elements. First, a certain
 344 proportion of technological progress is exogenous and identical in all countries: $\Omega(t) = \Omega(0)e^{\mu t}$, where
 345 μ is a constant rate of technological growth. Second, each country's aggregate level of technology
 346 increases with the aggregate level of physical capital per worker $k_i^\phi(t) = (K_i(t)/L_i(t))^\phi$ with parameter
 347 $\phi \in [0; 1]$ capturing the strength of home externalities by physical capital accumulation. Finally, the
 348 third term captures the external effects of knowledge embodied in capital located in a different country,
 349 whose impact crosses national borders at a diminishing intensity, $\delta \in [0; 1]$. The terms ω_{ij} represent
 350 the connectivity between country i and its neighbours; these weights are assumed to be exogenous,
 351 non-negative and finite.

352 Following Solow, the authors assume that a constant fraction of output s_i , in every country i , is
 353 saved and that labour grows exogenously at the rate n_i . Also, they assume a constant and identical

354 annual rate of depreciation of physical capital for all countries, denoted τ . The evolution of output
 355 per worker in country i is governed by the usual fundamental dynamics of the Solow equation which,
 356 after some manipulations, lead to a steady-state real income per worker [45, p. 1038, eq. 9]:

$$y = \Omega + (\alpha + \phi) k - \alpha \delta \mathbf{W} k + \delta \mathbf{W} y. \quad (13)$$

357 This is a spatially augmented Solow model and coincides with the predictor obtained by Solow
 358 adding spillover effects. In terms of spatial econometrics, we have a *Spatial Durbin Model*, *SDM*, which
 359 can be expressed as:

$$y = x\beta + \rho \mathbf{W} y + \mathbf{W} x\theta + \varepsilon. \quad (14)$$

360 Equation (14) is estimated using information on real income, investment and population growth
 361 for a sample of 91 countries for the period 1960 – 1995. Regarding the spatial weighting matrix, [Ertur](#)
 362 and [Koch](#) consider two geographical distance functions: the inverse of squared distance (which is
 363 the main hypothesis) and the negative exponential of squared distance (to check robustness in the
 364 specification). We also consider a third matrix based on the inverse of the distance.

365 Let us call the three weighting matrices as \mathbf{W}_1 , \mathbf{W}_2 and \mathbf{W}_3 which are row-standardized: $\omega_{hij} =$
 366 $\omega_{hij}^* / \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_{hij}^*$; $h = 1, 2, 3$ where:

$$\omega_{1ij}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ d_{ij}^{-2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \omega_{2ij}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ e^{-2d_{ij}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}; \quad \omega_{3ij}^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ d_{ij}^{-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad (15)$$

367 with d_{ij} as the great-distance between the capitals of countries i and j .

368 The authors analyze several specifications checking for different theoretical restrictions and
 369 alternative spatial equations. We concentrate our revision in the so-called non-restricted equation, in
 370 the sense that it includes more coefficients than advised by theory. Table 8 presents the SDM version of
 371 this equation using the three alternative weighting matrices specified before (the first two columns
 372 coincide with those in Table I, columns 3-4, pp. 1047, of 45). The last four rows in the Table show the
 373 value of the selection criteria corresponding to each case.

374 The preferred model by [Ertur and Koch](#) is the *SDM*/ \mathbf{W}_1 which coincides with the selection
 375 attained by minimum *Entropy*, the *Bayesian* posterior probability and *AIC*. The selection of the *MJ*
 376 approach is \mathbf{W}_2 .

377 Other results in [Ertur and Koch](#) refer to the Spatial Error Model version of the steady-state
 378 equation of (13), or *SEM* model. The intention of the authors is to visualize the presence of spatial
 379 correlation in the traditional non spatial Solow equations; we use this case as an example of selection of
 380 weighting matrices in misspecified models. The main results appear in Table 9 (which can be compared
 381 with columns 2-3 of Table II, in 45, p. 1048).

Table 8. Ertur & Koch case. Unrestricted SDM estimates

Model/Weight matrix	SDM / W1	SDM / W2	SDM / W3
constant	0.967 (0.51)	0.499 (0.27)	5.197 (0.99)
$\log(s)$	0.825 (8.26)	0.792 (7.62)	0.910 (8.49)
$\log(n + 0.05)$	-1.498 (-2.64)	-1.451 (-2.62)	-1.710 (-2.67)
$\mathbf{W} \times \log(s)$	-0.326 (-1.78)	-0.378 (-2.29)	0.500 (1.25)
$\mathbf{W} \times \log(n + 0.05)$	0.574 (0.68)	0.141 (0.18)	2.150 (1.01)
$\mathbf{W} \times \log(y)$	0.742 (10.70)	0.661 (9.01)	0.883 (11.60)
Selection Criteria			
<i>Entropy</i>	28.001	29.615	34.615
<i>Bayesian</i>	0.864	0.133	0.003
<i>MJ</i>	11.158	9.388	10.208
<i>AIC</i>	95.885	99.100	109.132

Note: t-ratios appear between brackets.

Table 9. Ertur & Koch case. Unrestricted SEM estimates

Model/Weight matrix	SEM / W1	SEM / W2	SEM / W3
constant	6.458 (4.23)	6.706 (4.62)	5.892 (3.02)
$\log(s_i)$	0.828 (8.37)	0.804 (7.88)	0.992 (8.95)
$\log(n_i + 0.05)$	-1.702 (-3.03)	-1.553 (-2.85)	-2.269 (-3.65)
$\mathbf{W} \times \varepsilon_i$	0.823 (15.69)	0.737 (12.19)	0.937 (22.08)
Selection Criteria			
<i>Entropy</i>	30.973	31.734	42.049
<i>Bayesian</i>	0.690	0.310	0.000
<i>MJ</i>	0.171e ⁻¹²	0.043e ⁻¹²	0.085e ⁻¹²
<i>AIC</i>	97.870	99.391	120.021

Note: t-ratios appear between brackets.

382 The selection of the most adequate \mathbf{W} matrix does not change. Using the values of *Entropy* criterion
 383 we select the model in which intervenes the matrix \mathbf{W}_1 , the same as with the Bayesian approach and
 384 the *AIC* criterion; *MJ* continues selecting \mathbf{W}_2 .

385 6. Conclusion

386 Much of the applied spatial econometrics literature seems to prefer an exogenous approximation
 387 to the \mathbf{W} matrix. Implicitly, it is assumed that the user has relevant knowledge with respect to the way
 388 individuals in the sample interact. In recent years, new literature advocates for a more data driven
 389 approach to the \mathbf{W} issue. We strongly support this tendency, which should be dominant in the future;
 390 however, our focus in this paper is on the exogenous approach.

391 The problem posed in the paper is very frequent in applied work: the user has a finite collection
 392 of weighting matrices, they all are coherent with the case of study, and one needs to select one of them.
 393 Which is the best \mathbf{W} ? We can address this question using different proposals: the *Bayesian* posterior
 394 probability, the *J* approach with all its variants, by means of simple model selection criteria, such as
 395 *AIC* or *BIC* and several other alternatives not used in this study. We add a fourth one, based on the
 396 *Entropy* of the estimated distribution function. This new criterion $h(y)$ is a measure of uncertainty, and
 397 fits well with the \mathbf{W} decision problem. The $h(y)$ statistics depends on the estimated covariance matrix
 398 of the corresponding model offering a more complete picture of the suitability of the distribution
 399 function (related to a particular choice of \mathbf{W}), to deal with the data at hand.

400 The conclusions of our Monte Carlo are very illuminating. First, we can confirm that it is possible
 401 to identify, with confidence, the true weighting matrix (if it exists); in this sense, the selection criteria
 402 do a good job. However, the four criteria should not be taken as indifferent, especially in samples of
 403 small size (n or T). The ordering is clear: *Entropy* in first place, *AIC* and *Bayesian* posterior probability

404 slightly worse, and then MJ in the fourth position. As shown in the paper, the value of the spatial
405 parameter has a great impact to guarantee a correct selection, but this aspect is unobservable to the
406 researcher. However, the user effectively controls the amount of information involved in the exercise,
407 and this is also a key factor. The advice is clear: use as much information as you have because the
408 quality of the decision improves with the amount of information. Once again, the way the information
409 accrues is not neutral: the length of the time series in the panel is more relevant than the number of
410 cross-sectional units in the sample.

411 Our final recommendation for applied researchers is to care for the adequacy of the weighting
412 matrix and, in case of having various candidates, take a decision using well-defined criteria such as
413 the *Entropy*. The empirical application presented in Section 5 illustrates the procedure.

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510 8. Appendix

Table 10. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDM; Estimated equation SDM. T=1

				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	ρ	β_1	θ	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
1	-0.8	1	1	53.3	54.0	35.7	57.7	67.0	68.3	28.3	70.6	80.7	79.8	34.2	81.9
1	-0.5	1	1	45.8	42.7	32.1	48.5	52.3	51.1	29.8	54.9	59.1	57.4	32.3	63.2
1	-0.2	1	1	33.7	33.2	34.9	38.2	36.0	30.9	32.9	34.7	30.8	25.0	30.2	33.0
1	0.2	1	1	24.3	23.1	35.7	25.5	29.5	18.3	37.1	28.1	37.9	18.6	37.6	34.9
1	0.5	1	1	27.8	23.3	41.6	27.6	45.2	33.5	46.1	40.6	63.4	57.1	42.1	60.7
1	0.8	1	1	36.8	31.1	40.7	33.4	62.8	61.7	53.4	55.1	80.5	82.3	55.0	67.3
1	-0.8	1	5	65.9	57.7	43.9	61.9	81.4	75.3	53.1	77.7	90.5	91.0	69.4	92.9
1	-0.5	1	5	55.0	53.5	45.5	57.2	67.4	71.5	55.3	72.6	81.4	83.9	71.1	84.3
1	-0.2	1	5	51.2	48.2	47.1	49.7	57.8	56.5	56.6	54.4	72.7	70.9	72.1	71.0
1	0.2	1	5	45.9	45.1	53.2	43.3	57.6	51.6	63.6	53.8	73.4	65.7	74.2	69.8
1	0.5	1	5	52.7	44.8	57.4	46.4	66.2	61.5	68.6	67.6	83.3	79.0	74.7	79.8
1	0.8	1	5	62.1	51.5	60.1	56.6	81.1	87.6	82.6	78.8	94.9	93.8	77.9	84.4
1	-0.8	5	1	59.8	57.7	42.6	62.2	75.8	74.8	46.4	76.6	84.0	85.7	55.3	88.2
1	-0.5	5	1	46.4	46.1	34.2	50.4	52.7	55.6	33.7	58.7	65.6	63.5	38.5	68.1
1	-0.2	5	1	34.7	31.0	31.9	36.2	28.5	28.6	29.1	33.0	28.6	22.3	26.9	32.5
1	0.2	5	1	29.0	27.4	41.3	30.1	31.9	23.4	44.8	30.9	46.7	26.9	45.8	39.4
1	0.5	5	1	39.6	35.7	49.3	37.5	55.7	48.7	58.1	55.1	74.6	70.3	59.2	69.8
1	0.8	5	1	58.0	49.1	55.2	50.6	76.7	85.7	78.2	76.0	93.3	92.0	73.9	81.3
1	-0.8	5	5	56.8	51.1	36.1	55.1	67.7	69.8	30.1	73.6	82.6	80.2	33.7	82.0
1	-0.5	5	5	48.1	47.1	34.9	51.1	56.6	56.4	39.6	59.0	70.6	70.2	49.5	73.6
1	-0.2	5	5	47.9	46.8	46.4	48.6	53.7	53.0	54.0	53.7	66.0	60.8	64.0	63.6
1	0.2	5	5	49.6	47.1	56.5	48.4	65.2	55.5	67.5	58.9	76.7	74.5	79.5	74.6
1	0.5	5	5	58.1	48.5	62.5	52.1	77.0	67.6	77.4	78.2	92.5	88.4	87.9	88.7
1	0.8	5	5	72.4	67.1	70.0	69.9	90.7	94.6	91.8	90.4	98.9	87.6	92.0	91.7

Table 11. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDM; Estimated equation SDM. T=5

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
5	-0.8	1	1	75.4	77.0	30.7	78.3	92.2	92.6	35.2	93.9	98.2	98.2	33	99
5	-0.5	1	1	51.0	46.5	33.6	46.7	65.7	69.7	35.7	72.4	88.5	88.0	34.6	89.7
5	-0.2	1	1	34.4	22.6	34.1	26.9	38.3	30.4	40.1	37.7	51.3	39.7	45.8	48.5
5	0.2	1	1	41.5	33.8	39.6	41.1	53.9	49.5	51.7	55.8	71.3	67.1	63.0	48.5
5	0.5	1	1	68.5	66.9	48.2	64.6	80.7	82.0	64.1	74.9	92.6	93.7	76.7	88.6
5	0.8	1	1	88.3	89.1	52.4	72.9	97.1	96.5	72.2	79.6	99.7	99.5	81.8	91.1
5	-0.8	1	5	90.3	92.6	79.8	91.8	97.9	98.9	93.9	99.3	99.8	99.9	98.3	99.9
5	-0.5	1	5	84.6	85.8	82.2	79.5	96.6	96.7	94.7	97.0	99.7	99.6	99.3	99.8
5	-0.2	1	5	82.3	80.8	85.0	71.8	92.3	95.1	95.1	93.3	99.6	99.6	99.4	99.4
5	0.2	1	5	88.5	85.9	89.7	85.7	96.6	97.3	97.5	95.4	99.8	100	100	99.5
5	0.5	1	5	94.6	92.7	90.5	90.4	98.5	99.6	99.3	96.4	100	100	100	99.6
5	0.8	1	5	98.3	97.4	84.1	83.0	99.9	99.9	99.4	93.5	100	100	100	98.5
5	-0.8	5	1	85.3	89.1	70.3	89.5	96.0	96.4	79.6	98.0	99.4	99.4	91.3	99.8
5	-0.5	5	1	54.3	55.1	44.4	51.7	73.2	76.3	52.0	77.0	92.2	93.8	68.6	94.2
5	-0.2	5	1	27.9	17.6	27.0	24.5	30.0	18.3	28.9	31.8	39.1	25.7	29.3	39.3
5	0.2	5	1	56.4	45.6	53.1	51.3	66.1	66.6	68.8	69.1	83.7	85.5	84.1	82.6
5	0.5	5	1	83.5	83.3	79.2	83.5	93.0	95.8	92.9	89.0	98.3	98.8	97.8	95.8
5	0.8	5	1	97.5	97.8	78.5	81.7	99.7	99.7	98.5	89.5	100	100	100	97.9
5	-0.8	5	5	78.0	79.7	38.7	80.4	93.0	93.8	44.0	94.1	97.7	98.4	52.6	98.5
5	-0.5	5	5	67.2	66.6	61.8	60.8	83.3	87.2	72.4	87.6	96.9	96.7	85.3	97.1
5	-0.2	5	5	78.6	70.3	76.4	65.6	88.0	89.0	90.6	85.3	97.2	98	97.3	97.4
5	0.2	5	5	93.5	88.8	90.9	86.9	98.2	99.3	99.1	97.6	100	100	100	100
5	0.5	5	5	98.5	96.8	96.3	96.1	99.6	100	99.9	98.5	100	100	100	99.7
5	0.8	5	5	99.8	99.8	91.3	92.9	100	99.9	100	98.6	100	100	100	100

Table 12. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDM; Estimated equation SDM. T=10

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
10	-0.8	1	1	89.7	89.9	32.8	92.2	98.2	97.2	34.0	98.6	99.7	99.6	35.3	100
10	-0.5	1	1	62.6	61.8	32.9	61.3	84.5	81.5	37.7	82.9	96.1	95.6	41.2	96.2
10	-0.2	1	1	40.0	29.1	38.5	36.7	53.4	41.0	48.5	47.4	68.0	59.2	60.3	61.2
10	0.2	1	1	49.7	52.9	53.2	54.6	69.6	69.1	64.5	68.9	81.8	84.7	77.1	84.3
10	0.5	1	1	80.7	84.1	61.6	80.0	93.3	92.7	75.1	88.4	98.6	99.0	89.5	94.4
10	0.8	1	1	98.3	98.0	67.0	84.1	99.3	99.7	81.3	91.3	100	100	92.9	97.2
10	-0.8	1	5	98.3	98.8	93.5	98.4	100	99.9	98.1	99.9	100	100	99.9	100
10	-0.5	1	5	93.1	96.2	94.5	93.7	99.6	99.8	99.2	99.9	100	99.9	99.9	100
10	-0.2	1	5	91.5	94.2	95	90.8	99.3	99.4	99.0	99.1	100	100	100	100
10	0.2	1	5	95.6	98.1	98.3	97.7	99.9	99.3	99.4	98.8	100	100	100	100
10	0.5	1	5	99	99.7	99.4	97.8	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99.9
10	0.8	1	5	100	100	98.5	92.8	100	100	99.9	98.6	100	100	100	99.9
10	-0.8	5	1	95.5	97.1	82.9	97.1	99.2	99.5	92.6	99.8	100	100	98.3	100
10	-0.5	5	1	67.5	68.9	53.5	66.5	89.9	87.5	66.0	86.4	97.9	97.8	81.7	98
10	-0.2	5	1	33.4	21.0	28.0	29.7	40.8	25.4	31.0	38.0	57.9	41.4	28.3	53.7
10	0.2	5	1	66.5	70.7	69.8	71.3	83.5	85.2	83.4	83.3	94.4	93.9	92.0	91.0
10	0.5	5	1	93.8	95.7	91.9	90.8	99.6	98.8	97.8	95.8	100	100	99.7	99.0
10	0.8	5	1	99.7	100	96.7	90.6	100	100	99.8	98.0	100	100	100	99.5
10	-0.8	5	5	89.0	88.9	42.3	90.4	97.8	98.3	55.5	98.5	99.7	99.7	65.6	99.9
10	-0.5	5	5	79.3	80.0	74.4	74.2	95.3	96.1	87.2	95.4	99.8	99.8	97.0	99.8
10	-0.2	5	5	86.1	89.5	92.3	84	97.6	98.1	97.7	97.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	100
10	0.2	5	5	97.9	99.2	99.1	98.5	100	99.8	99.8	99.8	100	100	100	100
10	0.5	5	5	99.0	100	100	98.9	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
10	0.8	5	5	100	100	99.5	97.6	100	100	100	99.9	100	100	100	100

Table 13. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDEM. T=1

				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	ρ	β_1	θ	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
1	-0.8	1	1	56.6	52.3	23.1	58.1	64.6	67.0	24.3	70.5	81.2	80.5	28.2	82.8
1	-0.5	1	1	45.8	42.3	22.4	48.9	46.0	51.1	24.0	56.7	60.7	60.0	31.2	65.3
1	-0.2	1	1	36.9	31.8	23.8	38.4	30.4	31.9	26.9	37.0	33.6	26.6	31.0	34.9
1	0.2	1	1	28.3	20.7	24.4	26.5	28.3	17.0	33.1	26.4	36.0	17.9	35.9	34.1
1	0.5	1	1	29.1	21.0	30.2	26.1	43.9	30.6	42.2	37.8	61.5	55.8	37.1	58.8
1	0.8	1	1	31.9	26.3	35.9	28.0	61.5	56.2	46.9	48.9	77.1	79.4	44.0	67.7
1	-0.8	1	5	63.6	54.7	40.0	64.7	75.6	77.5	63.4	81.8	92.2	91.8	75.1	92.7
1	-0.5	1	5	58.7	48.8	43.0	58.6	66.5	73.5	64.7	77.6	84.2	85.2	77.6	86.2
1	-0.2	1	5	51.5	42.7	42.2	51.8	49.8	59.9	62.3	61.8	76.3	74.5	76.1	76.2
1	0.2	1	5	44.3	39.1	46.1	45.2	49.4	55.4	64.3	58.5	72.8	67.2	74.4	72.9
1	0.5	1	5	44.6	38.9	44.7	40.3	58.0	59.7	61.2	61.2	80.8	78.6	71.6	79.5
1	0.8	1	5	44.6	37.6	43.8	36.8	72.3	71.4	63.8	68.4	89.8	91.6	66.1	83.7
1	-0.8	5	1	57.9	40.7	22.6	56.2	63.7	62.8	23.6	70.2	80.9	91.8	75.1	92.7
1	-0.5	5	1	47.6	31.1	23.4	49.5	46.6	41.8	26.5	55.8	63.5	85.2	77.6	86.2
1	-0.2	5	1	39.4	19.4	21.5	38.1	29.4	22.9	26.7	35.5	32.4	74.5	76.1	76.2
1	0.2	5	1	30.0	13.5	27.7	27.5	28.7	15.3	32.3	27.3	36.2	67.2	74.4	72.9
1	0.5	5	1	30.2	14.9	28.5	24.2	46.8	30.9	41.8	36.3	60.3	78.6	71.6	79.5
1	0.8	5	1	30.6	25	36.3	26.6	67.2	59.5	51.9	48.8	76.6	91.6	66.1	83.7
1	-0.8	5	5	64.2	42.0	46.0	66.2	72.8	75.0	62.1	83.9	91.0	88.9	72.4	90.6
1	-0.5	5	5	57.8	36.0	44.9	60.0	61.2	64.9	62.7	73.3	84.1	83.2	74.7	86.9
1	-0.2	5	5	50.0	34.5	46.7	53.1	53.4	56.5	64.3	66.1	77.1	72.8	74.6	75.4
1	0.2	5	5	46.0	34.8	46.3	44.0	48.1	52.8	62.9	58.7	71.9	67.2	73.4	71.1
1	0.5	5	5	41.9	35.5	42.8	39.3	57.3	57.8	59.3	59.1	80.9	78.5	70.2	81.1
1	0.8	5	5	41.7	44.2	47.5	40.3	70.2	70.8	64.2	64.7	90.3	87.6	67.7	81.1

Table 14. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDEM. T=5

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
5	-0.8	1	1	78.3	78.5	36.6	81.0	92.9	93.3	44.3	94.9	98.5	98.5	53.9	99.2
5	-0.5	1	1	52.2	50.2	39.7	50.6	72.4	73.5	47.5	74.5	90.5	90.9	56.6	92.8
5	-0.2	1	1	34.3	26.7	35.8	30.6	44.9	38.8	46.0	43.9	58.1	52.2	56.8	57.8
5	0.2	1	1	34.6	31.7	37.1	37.9	49.5	42.3	45.3	52.6	67.9	58.8	52.4	64.0
5	0.5	1	1	55.0	60.2	37.3	62.7	77.1	77.3	41.5	72.2	88.7	92.7	50.9	86.5
5	0.8	1	1	84.0	86.5	35.8	71.6	93.2	94.3	45.6	78.8	99.1	98.9	48.5	90.6
5	-0.8	1	5	96.3	98	94.4	97.9	99.2	99.8	98.8	99.7	99.9	100	99.8	100
5	-0.5	1	5	90.6	94.6	93.9	93.0	98.6	99.0	98.6	98.9	99.8	99.9	100	99.9
5	-0.2	1	5	85.2	89.9	92.9	88.7	96.7	98.5	98.4	98.2	99.8	100	100	100
5	0.2	1	5	78.9	87.1	90	89.0	95.9	96.8	96.8	96.4	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.5
5	0.5	1	5	81.8	87.8	84.2	87.5	97.6	97.1	93.2	96.9	99.9	99.9	99.2	99.7
5	0.8	1	5	90.5	93.3	75.9	86.5	99.1	99.4	88.0	95.0	100	100	96.1	98.6
5	-0.8	5	1	77.9	81.0	32.1	81.9	93.0	91.5	45.7	93.8	97.7	98.1	54.7	98.6
5	-0.5	5	1	52.2	51.9	36.5	49.6	71.6	70.9	47.2	73.6	89.8	92.9	57.7	93.5
5	-0.2	5	1	35.5	26.9	36	32.2	44.0	35.0	45.3	42.0	59.3	51.8	59.4	57.7
5	0.2	5	1	35.2	30.2	37.0	37.7	50.7	41.3	44.6	49.2	65.2	62.1	56.1	68.1
5	0.5	5	1	55.7	57.2	37.2	56.6	76.8	77.8	45.4	73.4	88.1	91.1	49.3	85.9
5	0.8	5	1	86.5	86.3	37.6	71.1	94.2	95.4	43.3	77.8	98.8	98.6	46.8	90.7
5	-0.8	5	5	95.2	98.0	94.3	98.1	99.3	99.5	98.6	99.6	100	100	100	100
5	-0.5	5	5	92.1	94.8	94.0	93.0	98.9	99.3	98.3	98.9	100	99.9	99.9	100
5	-0.2	5	5	87.8	87.7	90.7	86.5	97.4	98.4	98.1	98.2	99.7	99.8	99.5	99.8
5	0.2	5	5	80.3	85.5	88.7	88.0	97.3	96.3	96.4	95.5	99.5	99.9	99.7	99.8
5	0.5	5	5	80.8	87.9	84	87.2	95.7	97.2	93	96.4	99.8	99.7	98.9	99.4
5	0.8	5	5	91.2	93.1	75.5	87.0	99.7	99.4	86.5	95.4	100	100	95.1	99

Table 15. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDEM. T=10

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
10	-0.8	1	1	89.6	92.7	47.4	94.2	98.4	97.8	56.7	98.9	100	99.9	70.8	100
10	-0.5	1	1	68.0	68.8	48.2	68.6	88.2	85.7	58.3	86.7	97.0	97.7	71.1	97.6
10	-0.2	1	1	49.4	36.9	43.8	41.5	65.3	54.2	56.6	56.3	75.9	74.1	71.7	73.3
10	0.2	1	1	46.9	45.3	45.6	49.8	67.1	60.8	54.2	63.7	78.0	80.9	69.3	80.8
10	0.5	1	1	76.8	76.3	45.6	73.3	91.4	89.8	49.6	85.3	97.3	96.8	62.1	93.0
10	0.8	1	1	95.5	97.2	43.1	83.0	99.4	99.7	43.6	90.5	99.9	100	51.9	97.1
10	-0.8	1	5	99.5	99.7	99.0	99.9	100	100	99.8	100	100	100	100	100
10	-0.5	1	5	99.4	99.6	99.1	99.3	100	99.9	99.9	99.9	100	100	100	100
10	-0.2	1	5	98.1	98.3	98.2	98.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.7	100	100	100	100
10	0.2	1	5	95.9	98.0	97.9	98.1	99.8	99.1	99.0	98.8	100	100	100	100
10	0.5	1	5	95.5	98.1	96.1	97.2	99.5	99.7	98.8	99.6	100	100	100	100
10	0.8	1	5	99.4	99.4	88.9	97.0	100	100	95.1	99.2	100	100	99.8	100
10	-0.8	5	1	87.4	90.5	46.0	92.4	97.8	97.9	57	98.3	99.7	99.8	70.6	99.8
10	-0.5	5	1	71.9	63.9	45.4	64.8	88.5	86.5	59.3	87.2	96.8	96.8	70.7	96.8
10	-0.2	5	1	49.3	36.9	47.9	40.8	64.6	55.6	57.7	56.9	78	74.6	71.3	74.7
10	0.2	5	1	50.8	46.1	46.0	52	62.7	59.4	54.0	64.6	79.8	78.4	66.1	76.8
10	0.5	5	1	74.6	76.4	43.3	73.2	91.7	90.7	49.3	83.9	97.1	97.2	64.2	93.7
10	0.8	5	1	96.8	97.7	40.5	80.8	98.6	99.5	43.5	89.0	100	99.8	51.5	95.9
10	-0.8	5	5	99.9	99.8	99.0	99.8	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
10	-0.5	5	5	99.3	100	99.7	99.5	100	100	99.9	100	100	100	100	100
10	-0.2	5	5	98.1	98.5	98.6	98.5	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.7	100	100	100	100
10	0.2	5	5	95.7	96.2	96.2	96.2	99.8	99.9	99.7	99.5	99.9	100	100	100
10	0.5	5	5	95.9	97.4	94.1	96.9	99.8	99.5	99.1	99.2	100	100	99.9	100
10	0.8	5	5	99.7	99.0	87.1	95.2	100	100	95.7	98.9	100	100	99.6	100

Table 16. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SLM; Estimated equation SLM. T=1

				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	ρ	β_1	θ	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
1	-0.8	1	1	49.6	47.5	29.6	50.2	64.5	62.4	30.1	66.4	78.8	79.5	26.5	80.3
1	-0.5	1	1	33.3	32.8	25.9	36.3	42.3	40.6	25.2	45.2	54.4	54.2	25.4	59.6
1	-0.2	1	1	24.5	20.6	28.3	26.7	24.2	19.8	29.4	25.6	26.8	17.5	29.0	28.0
1	0.2	1	1	23.7	16.2	32.5	25.2	29.1	11.8	34.9	28.1	36.6	15.5	31.4	35.4
1	0.5	1	1	26.1	19.8	35.9	26.9	47.0	37.2	41.5	45.2	62.6	60.3	39.5	59.8
1	0.8	1	1	37.6	35.1	47.0	36.6	62.2	63.2	45.6	57.1	76.7	78.5	41.0	64.0
1	-0.8	1	5	33.3	34.7	22.3	31.0	42.7	40.4	24.0	42.9	55.0	54.0	9.6	55.9
1	-0.5	1	5	22.7	18.4	23.3	19.9	31.0	26.3	25.7	31.1	34.3	27.7	20.1	33.9
1	-0.2	1	5	20.2	10.1	27.2	17.0	21.3	9.4	28.5	19.7	18.7	7.5	27.4	17.7
1	0.2	1	5	27.6	9.5	31.3	27.0	32.7	10.9	34.5	31.2	35.2	11.4	30.1	32.8
1	0.5	1	5	34.9	22.8	37.7	34.9	50.0	36.0	31.6	49.9	57.2	48.4	21.4	55.6
1	0.8	1	5	42.3	39.3	38.3	41.6	69.3	69.8	30.3	69.5	77.9	80.0	14.8	70.7
1	-0.8	5	1	49.6	47.5	29.6	50.2	64.5	62.4	30.1	66.4	78.8	79.5	26.5	80.3
1	-0.5	5	1	33.3	32.8	25.9	36.3	42.3	40.6	25.2	45.2	54.4	54.2	25.4	59.6
1	-0.2	5	1	24.5	20.6	28.3	26.7	24.2	19.8	29.4	25.6	26.8	17.5	29.0	28.0
1	0.2	5	1	23.7	16.2	32.5	25.2	29.1	11.8	34.9	28.1	36.6	15.5	31.4	35.4
1	0.5	5	1	26.1	19.8	35.9	26.9	47.0	37.2	41.5	45.2	62.6	60.3	39.5	59.8
1	0.8	5	1	37.6	35.1	47.0	36.6	62.2	63.2	45.6	57.1	76.7	78.5	41.0	64
1	-0.8	5	5	33.3	34.7	22.3	31.0	42.7	40.4	24.0	42.9	55.0	54.0	9.6	55.9
1	-0.5	5	5	22.7	18.4	23.3	19.9	31.0	26.3	25.7	31.1	34.3	27.7	20.1	33.9
1	-0.2	5	5	20.2	10.1	27.2	17.0	21.3	9.4	28.5	19.7	18.7	7.5	27.4	17.7
1	0.2	5	5	27.6	9.5	31.3	27.0	32.7	10.9	34.5	31.2	35.2	11.4	30.1	32.8
1	0.5	5	5	34.9	22.8	37.7	34.9	50.0	36.0	31.6	49.9	57.2	48.4	21.4	55.6
1	0.8	5	5	42.3	39.3	38.3	41.6	69.3	69.8	30.3	69.5	77.9	80.0	14.8	70.7

Table 17. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SLM; Estimated equation SLM. T=5

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
5	-0.8	1	1	78.5	82.3	29.8	81.1	90.8	91.9	25.7	92.7	98.2	98.3	17.7	98.2
5	-0.5	1	1	52.3	48.4	28.6	49.8	64.9	64.3	28.0	65.9	86.0	86.6	24.1	87.9
5	-0.2	1	1	28.3	13.8	27.3	25.5	34.6	17.5	28.5	31.3	44.2	24.8	27.5	42.1
5	0.2	1	1	36.0	22.0	28.4	35.4	49.1	26.6	30.2	42.1	56.8	44.3	29.4	57.5
5	0.5	1	1	60.0	60.7	32.2	58.8	76.1	77.9	34.4	73.1	87.3	89.0	29.8	82.7
5	0.8	1	1	86.6	87.8	38.9	72.7	95.7	96.5	42.2	81.8	99.3	99.0	39.8	90.5
5	-0.8	1	5	52.7	55.2	24.7	51.8	66.9	68.2	18.8	67.1	91.2	92.7	2.5	93.2
5	-0.5	1	5	37.1	29.4	27.2	32.4	44.6	33.6	25.8	39.3	62.6	55.4	10.9	59.8
5	-0.2	1	5	27.9	11.6	26.5	24.6	31.2	12.4	31.7	29.4	30.3	10.6	27.1	28.2
5	0.2	1	5	33.9	18.9	29.9	33.9	40.0	22.3	31.1	39.2	50.5	30.0	26.4	49.9
5	0.5	1	5	60.1	57.8	27.7	61.5	66.9	64.2	17.4	66.7	87.5	87.1	5.1	86.2
5	0.8	1	5	84.8	82.6	21.1	89.8	94.6	93.9	6.3	95.5	100	100	0.2	99.7
5	-0.8	5	1	78.5	82.3	29.8	81.1	90.8	91.9	25.7	92.7	98.2	98.3	17.7	98.2
5	-0.5	5	1	52.3	48.4	28.6	49.8	64.9	64.3	28.0	65.9	86.0	86.6	24.1	87.9
5	-0.2	5	1	28.3	13.8	27.3	25.5	34.6	17.5	28.5	31.3	44.2	24.8	27.5	42.1
5	0.2	5	1	36.0	22.0	28.4	35.4	49.1	26.6	30.2	42.1	56.8	44.3	29.4	57.5
5	0.5	5	1	60.0	60.7	32.2	58.8	76.1	77.9	34.4	73.1	87.3	89.0	29.8	82.7
5	0.8	5	1	86.6	87.8	38.9	72.7	95.7	96.5	42.2	81.8	99.3	99.0	39.8	90.5
5	-0.8	5	5	52.7	55.2	24.7	51.8	66.9	68.2	18.8	67.1	91.2	92.7	2.5	93.2
5	-0.5	5	5	37.1	29.4	27.2	32.4	44.6	33.6	25.8	39.3	62.6	55.4	10.9	59.8
5	-0.2	5	5	27.9	11.6	26.5	24.6	31.2	12.4	31.7	29.4	30.3	10.6	27.1	28.2
5	0.2	5	5	33.9	18.9	29.9	33.9	40.0	22.3	31.1	39.2	50.5	30.0	26.4	49.9
5	0.5	5	5	60.1	57.8	27.7	61.5	66.9	64.2	17.4	66.7	87.5	87.1	5.1	86.2
5	0.8	5	5	84.8	82.6	21.1	89.8	94.6	93.9	6.3	95.5	100	100	0.2	99.7

Table 18. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SLM; Estimated equation SLM. T=10

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
10	-0.8	1	1	89.3	89.1	29.7	90.1	97.9	97.7	24.0	98.3	99.7	99.7	15.0	99.7
10	-0.5	1	1	64.7	58.3	27.0	58.2	80.9	78.1	23.6	79.8	95.5	95.6	20.3	95.8
10	-0.2	1	1	37.1	21.8	30.0	34.7	45.9	27.3	25.2	42.1	60.2	45.7	26.8	57.7
10	0.2	1	1	40.3	30.8	28.7	40.7	53.6	43.1	30.3	52.8	69.7	64.5	29.9	68.6
10	0.5	1	1	76.7	75.9	34.8	73.5	90.0	90.4	29.3	84.8	97.0	97.2	26.1	92.2
10	0.8	1	1	96.1	96.0	36.5	84.6	99.7	99.8	31.5	88.6	100	100	25.1	96.2
10	-0.8	1	5	49.0	49.2	27.6	45.5	79.0	78.5	9.7	78.8	97.4	97.8	0.4	98.2
10	-0.5	1	5	41.5	29.9	30.1	33.8	55.2	43.4	24.1	47.9	75.0	71.5	7.0	72.7
10	-0.2	1	5	31.8	16.9	30.7	30.2	36.7	20.7	30.3	34.8	46.5	27.3	24.7	44.1
10	0.2	1	5	38.6	28.3	30.4	38.8	45.9	34.7	27.7	46.2	58.7	46.6	18.4	59.6
10	0.5	1	5	66.1	60.5	22.2	69.6	82.7	79.9	7.2	86.3	96.8	96.7	1.4	97.3
10	0.8	1	5	86.7	83.9	9.6	94.8	99.2	99.1	1.2	100	100	0.0	100	
10	-0.8	5	1	89.3	89.1	29.7	90.1	97.9	97.7	24.0	98.3	99.7	99.7	15.0	99.7
10	-0.5	5	1	64.7	58.3	27.0	58.2	80.9	78.1	23.6	79.8	95.5	95.6	20.3	95.8
10	-0.2	5	1	37.1	21.8	30.0	34.7	45.9	27.3	25.2	42.1	60.2	45.7	26.8	57.7
10	0.2	5	1	40.3	30.8	28.7	40.7	53.6	43.1	30.3	52.8	69.7	64.5	29.9	68.6
10	0.5	5	1	76.7	75.9	34.8	73.5	90.0	90.4	29.3	84.8	97.0	97.2	26.1	92.2
10	0.8	5	1	96.1	96.0	36.5	84.6	99.7	99.8	31.5	88.6	100	100	25.1	96.2
10	-0.8	5	5	49.0	49.2	27.6	45.5	79.0	78.5	9.7	78.8	97.4	97.8	0.4	98.2
10	-0.5	5	5	41.5	29.9	30.1	33.8	55.2	43.4	24.1	47.9	75.0	71.5	7.0	72.7
10	-0.2	5	5	31.8	16.9	30.7	30.2	36.7	20.7	30.3	34.8	46.5	27.3	24.7	44.1
10	0.2	5	5	38.6	28.3	30.4	38.8	45.9	34.7	27.7	46.2	58.7	46.6	18.4	59.6
10	0.5	5	5	66.1	60.5	22.2	69.6	82.7	79.9	7.2	86.3	96.8	96.7	1.4	97.3
10	0.8	5	5	86.7	83.9	9.6	94.8	99.2	99.1	1.2	100	100	0.0	100	

Table 19. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDM. T=1

				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	ρ	β_1	θ	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
1	-0.8	1	1	53.5	53.5	36.1	59.8	65.3	67.0	28.2	70.4	81.7	80.6	34.2	82.5
1	-0.5	1	1	46.4	44.5	32.8	49.5	49.6	51.7	29.1	56.3	61.0	59.8	34.3	63.6
1	-0.2	1	1	34.9	33.7	35.1	38.2	30.8	32.4	34.0	35.8	33.1	26.1	32.7	34.3
1	0.2	1	1	23.9	21.9	34.0	25.0	25.1	16.7	37.1	26.3	35.7	16.7	34.8	33.3
1	0.5	1	1	25.7	22.3	39.8	25.3	42.0	29.1	41.1	36.2	59.6	55.3	42.0	56.9
1	0.8	1	1	29.3	26.8	37.5	28.3	56.2	55.3	48.1	48.7	77.7	79.4	52.3	65.7
1	-0.8	1	5	66.0	60.2	44.0	64.8	73.8	72.9	47.9	74.1	90.0	91.2	59.9	93.1
1	-0.5	1	5	53.8	53.8	49.2	57.0	64.0	68.2	54.0	68.1	78.9	80.7	70.3	82.0
1	-0.2	1	5	51.2	48.4	48.1	48.1	57.4	55.7	58.1	53.5	71.6	69.1	72.9	69.4
1	0.2	1	5	45.0	43.8	50.2	43.1	50.7	51.3	62.6	53.3	70.6	64.6	72.9	66.8
1	0.5	1	5	44.2	39.3	51.0	37.8	54.2	54.4	57.8	52.3	74.4	73.7	64.2	71.0
1	0.8	1	5	41.0	35.9	44.5	35.2	63.6	62.5	49.5	53.6	81.0	83.5	43.8	70.3
1	-0.8	5	1	54.0	52.2	35.8	57.7	66.4	67.7	31.4	71.5	81.6	83.4	33.1	85.4
1	-0.5	5	1	45.1	44.9	32.7	50.5	46.4	50.4	30.8	55.6	61.8	63.4	33.3	66.4
1	-0.2	5	1	35.6	33.3	35.3	37.2	31.8	30.1	31.0	34.2	31.6	25.8	31.6	34.5
1	0.2	5	1	23.7	22.4	38.5	26.0	25.8	16.6	38.2	26.3	35.8	15.1	35.7	30.9
1	0.5	5	1	24.7	21.1	36.7	22.7	43.9	29.1	44.6	35.5	59.3	56.4	41.5	60.4
1	0.8	5	1	29.9	26.6	40.6	27.4	59.4	58.1	48.9	49.2	77.4	81.1	49.8	69.4
1	-0.8	5	5	67.5	64.1	45.5	67.8	73.3	74.9	47.7	76.7	89.2	87.9	58.3	90.4
1	-0.5	5	5	53.7	55.9	46.8	59.0	64.6	66.9	54.0	64.5	79.4	81.5	69.0	83.3
1	-0.2	5	5	51.4	51.2	49.1	51.6	54.8	57.5	58.5	57.1	73.2	69.8	70.2	69.6
1	0.2	5	5	44.5	44.1	52.2	45.4	52.0	52.2	61.8	53.7	69.7	65.8	72.3	68.0
1	0.5	5	5	42.3	36.2	50.4	37.2	54.6	52.6	60.2	52.8	73.9	73.9	65.4	72.7
1	0.8	5	5	40.1	40.0	48.7	37.3	64.4	59.5	51.4	50.7	80.7	80.2	43.2	69.1

Table 20. Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDM. T=5

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
5	-0.8	1	1	76.1	76.6	36.1	77.8	90.8	94.2	41.7	94.9	98.6	98.7	48.3	99.3
5	-0.5	1	1	54.4	49.0	38.9	48.1	71.4	71.9	42.9	74.3	90.4	90.3	50.0	92.3
5	-0.2	1	1	38.1	25.0	36.7	28.9	41.4	35.3	46.0	42.3	55.5	48.6	53.8	53.4
5	0.2	1	1	36.9	30.0	36.5	36.7	50.9	41.3	43.8	51.2	67.7	58.7	51.2	63.7
5	0.5	1	1	61.9	59.7	36.6	60.9	79.0	76.8	43.3	69.7	88.2	91.8	48.5	85.9
5	0.8	1	1	85.7	86.7	43.8	69.7	94.3	94.4	47.2	77.7	98.9	98.9	48.9	88.7
5	-0.8	1	5	93.3	84.4	66.0	77.1	99.0	99.6	93.6	99.5	99.8	100	99.3	100
5	-0.5	1	5	87.8	78.3	75.7	67.2	96.4	98.1	96.8	97.4	99.9	100	99.7	99.9
5	-0.2	1	5	85.2	78.4	83.2	70.2	96.6	95.8	96.8	93.7	100	99.8	99.8	99.5
5	0.2	1	5	82.6	86.3	88.7	83.0	94.8	95.0	95.8	92.6	98.8	99.2	99.3	98.3
5	0.5	1	5	80.6	84.4	78.1	77.4	88.7	93.6	88.6	84.4	97.5	97.9	95.2	93.4
5	0.8	1	5	83.6	87.5	43.4	66.4	91.6	94.2	49.6	75.0	99.2	99.6	32.2	88.5
5	-0.8	5	1	75.1	78.3	36.4	79.0	91.7	91.7	42.5	94.2	98.1	98.1	47.9	98.9
5	-0.5	5	1	55.1	49.7	37.4	48.9	68.4	71.8	43.1	73.7	89.5	92.6	53.2	93.6
5	-0.2	5	1	38.1	25.4	36.6	29.4	39.7	32.8	45.3	39.8	55.1	47.8	57.7	53.9
5	0.2	5	1	38.6	29.7	37.6	36.7	49.5	40.7	44.0	49.5	65.5	62.5	54.6	66.3
5	0.5	5	1	58.8	57.9	39.9	56.7	75.4	77.7	43.6	71.0	87.4	90.2	51.9	85.0
5	0.8	5	1	83.5	87.1	42.5	69.2	94.1	95.0	48.9	76.6	98.8	98.5	49.4	90.5
5	-0.8	5	5	93.0	86.5	65.6	80.4	99.0	99.5	95.0	99.8	100	100	99.3	100
5	-0.5	5	5	88.6	79.3	75.2	68.1	97.4	98.0	95.8	96.9	99.8	100	99.7	100
5	-0.2	5	5	87.9	76.5	81.5	69.0	95.6	95.6	96.6	93.8	99.6	99.8	99.7	99.9
5	0.2	5	5	82.9	84.9	86.7	81.6	95.6	94.6	94.7	92.4	98.8	99.6	99.4	98.8
5	0.5	5	5	80.9	86.2	79.6	77.0	89.4	92.7	88.5	83.3	98.4	98.3	94.9	93.7
5	0.8	5	5	84.9	89.0	43.7	67.9	92.5	94.7	47.4	75.2	99.2	98.7	35.1	88.9

Table 21. (continues) Percentage of correct selections. DGP: SDEM; Estimated equation SDM. T=10

Other parameters				CASE n=25				CASE n=49				CASE n=100			
T	r	b1	q1	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC	Entropy	Bayes	MJ	AIC
10	-0.8	1	1	89.1	91.2	42.1	92.6	97.7	97.9	50.5	99.1	100	99.9	61.1	100
10	-0.5	1	1	64.3	64.0	44.7	63.7	86.2	85.1	52.8	85.9	96.9	97.9	67.8	98.3
10	-0.2	1	1	43.6	33.6	45.5	39.1	62.2	49.9	54.8	53.7	73.3	69.2	69.8	69.6
10	0.2	1	1	45.6	45.9	45.8	48.2	68.6	62.2	55.3	63.9	76.7	79.6	67.4	79.4
10	0.5	1	1	75.9	76.8	44.2	73.0	90.4	89.6	48.4	84.1	96.7	96.5	60.8	91.6
10	0.8	1	1	97.7	97.3	47.0	81.9	99.1	99.6	48.3	89.8	99.9	100	47.6	96.1
10	-0.8	1	5	96.5	95.4	82.8	92.7	100	100	98.6	100	100	100	100	100
10	-0.5	1	5	91.5	94.4	93.0	88.4	100	100	99.9	99.9	100	100	100	100
10	-0.2	1	5	93.4	94.2	95.1	90.1	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	100	100	100	100
10	0.2	1	5	93.0	97.3	97.1	95.2	99.8	98.2	98.5	97.9	100	100	99.9	99.8
10	0.5	1	5	90.4	94.7	86.5	85.6	98.5	98.4	95.0	95.2	99.8	99.9	98.9	99.2
10	0.8	1	5	94.9	97.0	38.7	73.8	98.6	99.6	39.0	90.0	99.8	100	13.2	95.8
10	-0.8	5	1	89.9	89.4	42.2	90.5	98.0	97.7	48.4	98.2	99.7	99.6	62.7	99.8
10	-0.5	5	1	63.5	61.4	43.6	61.0	85.7	84.2	53.0	85.5	97.0	97.1	67.4	97.8
10	-0.2	5	1	42.6	35.2	45.8	39.7	59.9	51.4	55.7	54.3	76.2	71.2	69.7	71.6
10	0.2	5	1	48.1	46.2	45.1	51.2	65.9	59.9	54.5	63.7	79.7	78.2	65.3	75.3
10	0.5	5	1	75.4	75.7	43.1	71.4	88.1	89.8	51.2	82.7	96.3	96.8	56.8	91.7
10	0.8	5	1	96.9	97.5	42.2	81.1	99.0	99.7	47.7	89.0	100	99.8	47.9	95.1
10	-0.8	5	5	95.8	95.1	83.7	90.4	100	100	98.8	100	100	100	100	100
10	-0.5	5	5	93.7	94.5	91.6	85.7	100	100	99.7	99.9	100	100	100	100
10	-0.2	5	5	92.6	94.4	96.8	90.6	99.9	99.7	99.5	99.1	100	100	100	100
10	0.2	5	5	92.6	95.7	96.4	93.2	99.4	99.5	99.1	98.3	99.7	100	100	99.9
10	0.5	5	5	93.0	94.1	85.2	87.5	97.2	98.0	95.6	94.6	99.7	99.9	97.9	97.8
10	0.8	5	5	95.5	95.5	37.2	74.3	98.3	99.0	38.7	89.5	100	100	12.1	94.8