

Bayesian nonparametric sparse VAR models

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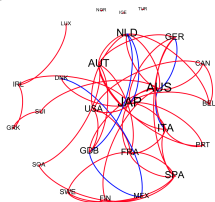
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 - (ii) study the shock transmission mechanism at **different lags**;
 - (iii) **identify** the most relevant **linkages** (coefficients) between variables;
 - (iv) **cluster** the linkages into groups via DPP (colored networks).



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In a more compact form

$$\mathbf{y}_t = (I_{Nm} \otimes \mathbf{x}'_t) \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t \quad (2)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \text{vec}(B)$, $B = (B'_1, \dots, B'_N)$, $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_t = (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_{1t}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}'_{Nt})$,

Bayesian Setting

- In a **high dimensional** setting or when applied to large panel of time series, SUR/VAR models imply a large number of parameters and suffer of **overparametrization** and overfitting problems.

- Our Original Solution:

- 1 **hierarchical Dirichlet process** prior for VAR coefficients;
- 2 **clustering** and **shrinkage** of coefficients toward **multiple locations**.



- A new **two-stage** hierarchical prior distribution:
 - (i) **Bayesian Lasso** prior of the Normal-Gamma family;
 - (ii) **Random mixture** distribution (DPP) for the Normal-Gamma hyperparameters.

Hierarchical Prior - 1st Stage

- **Bayesian Lasso** prior (Park and Casella, 2008, JASA) to incorporate the penalty

$$f(\beta) = \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{NG}(\beta_j | 0, 1, \tau),$$

where $\mathcal{NG}(\beta | \mu, \gamma, \tau)$ denotes the normal-gamma distribution

$$\mathcal{NG}(\beta | \mu, \gamma, \tau) = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathcal{N}(\beta | \mu, \lambda) \mathcal{Ga}(\lambda | \gamma, \tau/2) d\lambda$$

with location parameter μ , shape parameter $\gamma > 0$ and scale parameter $\tau > 0$.

- We extend Bayesian Lasso by allowing
 - $\gamma \neq 1$ (more flexible shrinking);
 - $\mu \neq 0$ (shrinking to location different from zero)
 - **multiple** location, shape and scale parameters $(\mu_j, \gamma_j, \tau_j)$.

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Hierarchical Prior with random measures

- We define the parameters $\theta^* = (\mu^*, \gamma^*, \tau^*)$ and assume DP prior \mathbb{Q}_i for θ_{ij}^* .

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- Following a construction of the hierarchical prior similar to (Hatjispyros et al., 2011, CSDA), we define the vector of DP priors:

$$\mathbb{Q}_1(d\theta_1) = \pi_1 \mathbb{P}_0(d\theta_1) + (1 - \pi_1) \mathbb{P}_1(d\theta_1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbb{Q}_N(d\theta_N) = \pi_N \mathbb{P}_0(d\theta_N) + (1 - \pi_N) \mathbb{P}_N(d\theta_N)$$

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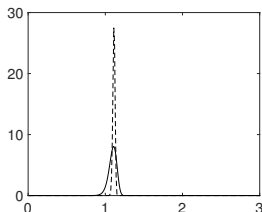
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- $\mathbb{P}_i(d\theta) \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{DPP}(d\theta, G)$, with $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w_k \delta_{(\mu_k, \gamma_k, \tau_k)}(d\theta)$
- $G \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu | c, d) \times g(\gamma, \tau | \nu_1, \rho_1, s_1, n_1)$;
- $\pi_i \sim \mathcal{B}e(\pi_i | 1, \alpha_i)$ - is the sparse component probability

Prior Hyperparameter setting

- **Sparse** case: **larger** values of (γ_j, τ_j) and **strong** shrinkage of β_j to 0 ($\nu_0 = 30$ $s_0 = 1/30$ $p_0 = 0.5$ $n_0 = 18$, dashed line the τ_j prior)
- **Nonsparse** case: **smaller** values of (γ_j, τ_j) and **weak** shrinkage of β_j to multiple locations ($\nu_1 = 3$ $s_1 = 1/3$ $p_1 = 0.5$ $n_1 = 10$, solid line the τ_j prior)



- Prior for Σ : Hyper Inverse Wishart $\Sigma \sim \mathcal{HIW}_{\mathcal{G}}(b, L)$ (HIW).
- Prior for \mathcal{G} : $p(\mathcal{G}) \propto \psi^{|\mathcal{E}|} (1 - \psi)^{T - |\mathcal{E}|}$

Hierarchical Prior - DAG

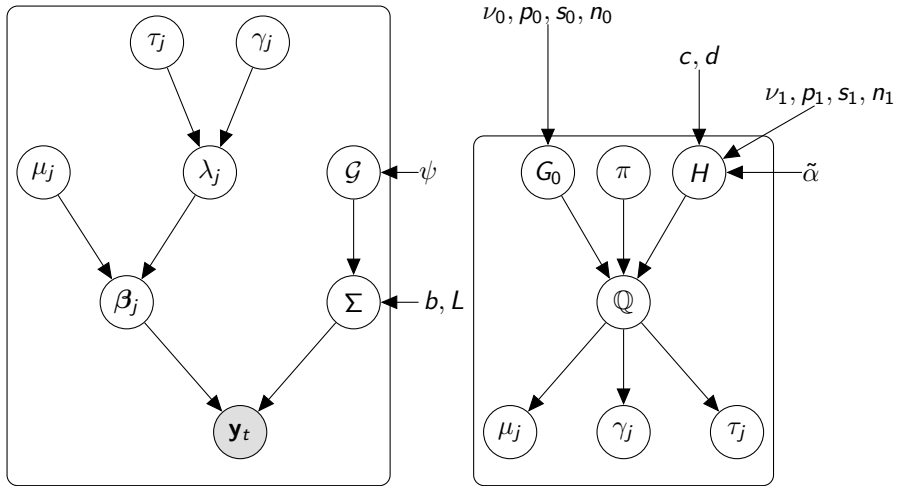


Figure : Left: first stage. Right: second stage.

Data augmentation

Data augmentation and Gibbs sampler for posterior approximation is used (see (Walker, 2007, ComSta) and (Kalli et al., 2011, StaCo)): ([More details](#))

- **latent variable** u_{ij} reduces problem from **infinite to finite** mixture, through use of finite sets

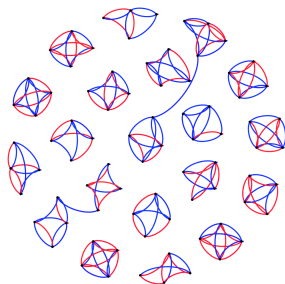
$$A_{w_i}(u_{ij}) = \{k : u_{ij} < w_{ik}\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i$$

where w_{ik} are the stick-breaking mixture weights.

- **allocation variable** d_{ij} allocates each coefficient to one component of the mixture model \mathbb{P}_i ;
- **latent variable** δ_{ij} selects the random measures \mathbb{P}_0 (sparse) and \mathbb{P}_i (non-sparse).

Weighted networks for simulated experiment

- We consider different dataset with sample size $T = 100$ from a VAR(1) where \mathbf{y}_t takes:
 - $m = 20$ (small); $m = 40$ (medium); $m = 80$ (large). [Other Results](#)



(a) $m = 80$

- The **blue** edges represent **negative** weights, while **red** ones represent **positive** weights;
- nodes represent m variables of VAR model;
- **clockwise-oriented edge** between two nodes i and j represents non-null coefficient for variable $y_{i,t-1}$ in i -th VAR equation.

Is it good our method?

Our Hierarchical Bayesian nonparametric prior compared with:

- **Bayesian Lasso** (Park and Casella, 2008, JASA);
- **Elastic-Net** (Zou and Hastie, 2005, JRSSB);
- Stochastic Search Variable Selection (**SSVS**) (George et al., 2008, JoE);
- **OLS**, unrestricted estimator, equivalent to diffuse prior.

	BNP-Lasso	B-Lasso	E-net	SSVS	OLS
$m = 20$	0.228	0.2513	0.2582	0.2938	0.3382
$m = 40$	0.2663	0.3145	0.3143	0.401	0.4835
$m = 80$ (random)	0.2294	0.3011	0.2951	0.5413	0.7048
$m = 80$ (block)	0.2916	0.3773	0.3743	0.5633	0.7290

Table : Mean square deviation statistics for different m .

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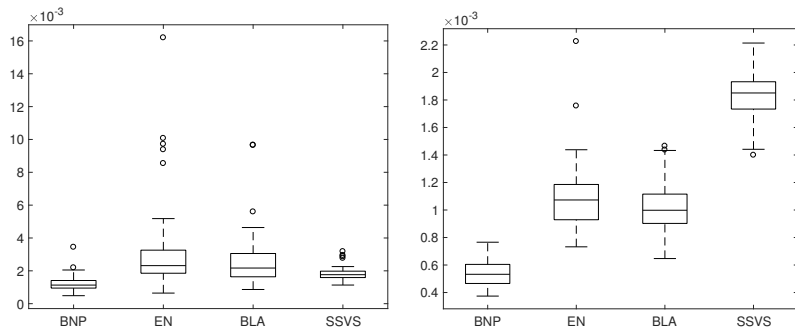


Figure : Boxplots of MSD statistics in the Monte Carlo exercises with $m = 20$ (left) and $m = 80$ (right) over 50 different simulations.

Empirical Applications

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- European Financial Markets (2005-2014)
 - Daily realized volatilities using intraday high-low-close price indexes;
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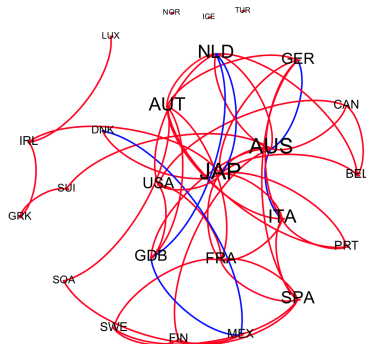
Business Cycle Analysis

- **Extract network structures** to investigate shock transmission effects between variables and **cluster** the linkages into groups;
- Study shock transmission mechanism at **different lags**;
- Analyse the **network topology**;
- Identify most **relevant linkages** between variables (Billio et al., 2012, JFE),(Diebold and Yilmaz, 2014, JoE),(Bianchi et al., 2018, JoE).

Shock transmission at different lags

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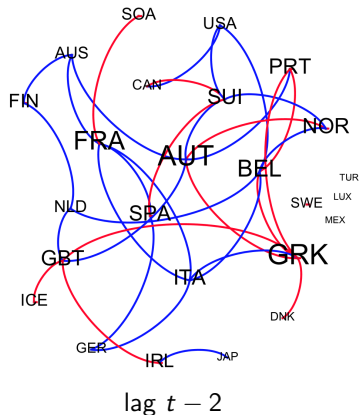
lag $t - 1$

- core EU transmit highest percentage of shocks;
- periphery EU receive more shocks;
- Japan is exposed at risk of receiving highest percentage of shocks from other countries, followed by Spain and Australia;
- Australia can transmit the highest percentage of shocks, followed by France, Germany and UK;
- EU countries have positive linkages.

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- periphery EU receive more shocks;
- in the other lags, core EU receive and transmit highest percentage of shocks;
- a shock to Greece, France and Austria turns out to have a bigger effect on the economy.

Some network Statistics - [← Back](#)

- **average path length** = average graph distance between all pair of nodes (connected nodes have graph distance 1), reaches minimum value at **lag $t - 3$** → faster shock transmission;
- **lag $t - 1$** is **dense** graph, density of the graph (0.122), highest number of links (73) → highest presence of contagion effects between countries;
- **average degree** shows presence of connectedness and transmission of shocks between countries. At **lag $t - 1$** , average degree is 2.92 → network with higher shocks transmission.

	Links	Avg Degree	Density	Avg Path length
$t - 1$	73	2.92	0.122	3.423
$t - 2$	45	1.80	0.075	3.211
$t - 3$	41	1.64	0.068	2.479
$t - 4$	52	2.08	0.087	2.718
multilayer	143	5.72	0.238	2.377

Table : The network statistics for single layers and multilayers.

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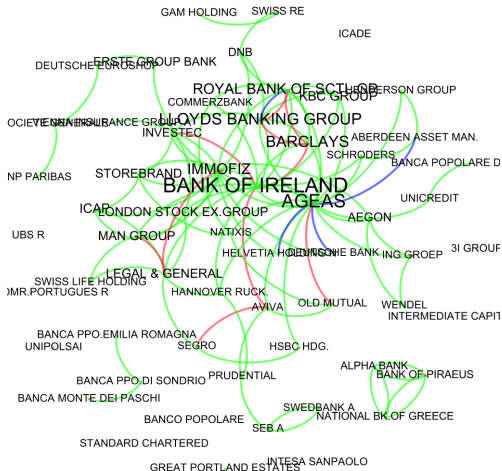
- Single Layer:

- **Betweenness centrality:** Italy is country with more control over the network at all lags except $t - 1$, while Japan is central at $t - 1$ and France at $t - 3$ and $t - 4$;
- **Eigencentality:** Italy is one of the central country in the shock transmission over lags. Japan at $t - 1$, $t - 3$ and France at $t - 2$ and $t - 4$ are more central.

- Multiplex:

- Japan, US and biggest European economies (Germany, Italy, France and Spain) appears to be countries that receive the highest percentage of shocks;
- France, Netherlands, Italy and Austria are most important and central countries, while Turkey, Iceland, Mexico and Finland are less important due to their isolation.

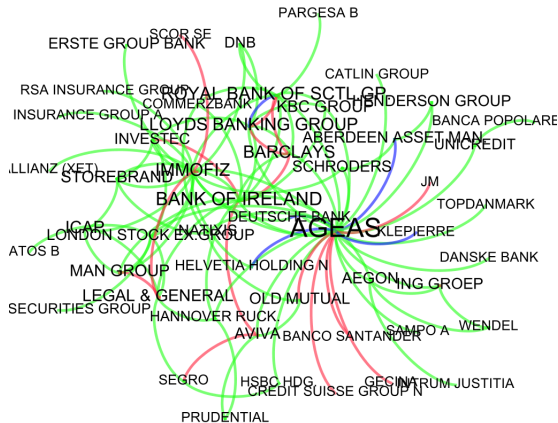
Realized volatility network - Colored network



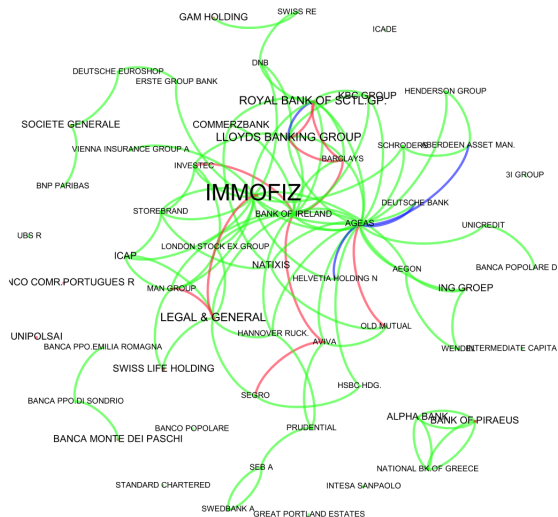
Levels of linkage strengths:

- "negative" (blue);
- "weak positive" (green);
- "positive" (orange);
- "strong positive" (red).

Realized volatility network - Insurance (AGEAS 2-steps ego network)



Realized volatility network - Real estate



Conclusions

- We propose novel **Bayesian nonparametric prior**, which allows for shrinking coefficients toward multiple locations and for identifying groups of coefficients;
- The proposed hierarchical prior allows for **Bayesian nonparametrics** in high-dimensional time series models;
- Our approach allows us to
 - **extract network** of linkages at different lags;
 - **identify** and **cluster** the most relevant linkages;

Multiplex network representation provides evidence of **stronger** shock transmission effects than in single layers and allows for a better identification of variables which are central in shocks transmission.

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Stick-Breaking representation and DPP

Definition - Stick-Breaking Representation (Sethuraman, 1994, StatSin)

The atoms $(\theta_j)_j$ and weights w_j satisfy following hypotheses:

- $(\theta_j)_j$ and $(w_j)_j$ are stochastically independent;
- $(\theta_j)_j$ is independent and identically distributed sequence of random elements with common probability distribution G_0 ;
- weights (w_j) are determined through stick-breaking construction:

$$w_j = v_j \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} (1 - v_k)$$

with $w_1 = v_1$, $\prod_{k < 1} (1 - v_k) = 1$ and v_j independent random variables distributed as $\mathcal{Be}(1, \alpha)$.

Then $\Phi := \sum w_j \delta_{\theta_j} \sim DP(\alpha, G_0)$, where $\alpha > 0$ is the concentration and G_0 is the base measure.

Two-parameters Gamma

Two-parameters Gamma (Miller, 1980, Techn) has density

$$g(\gamma, \tau | \nu, p, s, n) \propto \tau^{\nu\gamma-1} p^{\gamma-1} \exp\{-s\tau\} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)^n}$$

with hyperparameters fixed such that: (ν, p, s, n) are all strictly positive and

$$g(\gamma, \tau) = g(\tau|\gamma)g(\gamma)$$

where

$$g(\gamma) = \int_0^\infty g(\gamma, \tau) d\tau = C \frac{\Gamma(\nu_0\gamma)}{\Gamma(\gamma)^{n_0}} \frac{p_0^{\gamma-1}}{s_0^{\nu_0\gamma}} \quad (3)$$

$$g(\tau|\gamma) = \frac{g(\gamma, \tau)}{g(\gamma)} = \frac{\tau^{\nu_0\gamma-1} e^{-s_0\tau}}{\Gamma(\nu_0\gamma)} s_0^{\nu_0\gamma} \quad (4)$$

with normalizing constant $C = \int_0^\infty g(\gamma) d\gamma$. [◀ Back](#)

Hyper-Inverse Wishart (HIW) distribution

- HIW is unique hyper-Markov distribution for Σ with consistent clique-marginals that are inverse Wishart;
- The density of $\Sigma_P \sim \mathcal{IW}(b, D_P)$ for each $P \in \mathcal{P}$

$$p(\Sigma_P | b, D_P) \propto |\Sigma_P|^{-(b+2|P|)/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma_P^{-1} D_P) \right\}$$

- Full HIW density is:

$$p(\Sigma | b, D) = \frac{\prod_{P \in \mathcal{P}} p(\Sigma_P | b, D_P)}{\prod_{S \in \mathcal{S}} p(\Sigma_S | b, D_S)} \sim \mathcal{HIW}_G(b, D)$$

with b is degree-of-freedom parameter, D is location matrix. \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{S} are prime and separator components.

Gibbs Sampler definition

This distribution is not tractable thus apply Gibbs sampling to draw random numbers. The Gibbs sampler iterates over

- 1 Draw latent variables U, V given $[\Theta, G, \Sigma, \Lambda, \beta, D, \Delta, Y]$;
- 2 Draw latent variable Λ given $[\Theta, G, \Sigma, \beta, U, V, D, \Delta, Y]$;
- 3 Draw atoms Θ given $[G, \Sigma, \Lambda, \beta, U, V, D, \Delta, Y]$;
- 4 Draw coefficients β given $[\Theta, G, \Sigma, \Lambda, U, V, D, \Delta, Y]$;
- 5 Draw covariance and graph matrix Σ, G given $[\Theta, \Lambda, \beta, U, V, D, \Delta, Y]$;
- 6 Draw allocation variable D and sparse variable Δ given $[\Theta, G, \Sigma, \Lambda, \beta, U, V, Y]$
- 7 Draw probability π given $[\Theta, G, \Sigma, \Lambda, \beta, U, V, Y]$

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- 1 For each $i = 1, 2$ we draw from

$$\pi(v_{ij} | \dots) \propto \text{Be} \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \mathbb{I}(d_{ij} = d, \delta_{ij} = 1), \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \mathbb{I}(d_{ij} > d, \delta_{ij} = 1) \right)$$

For U we simulate from:

$$f(u_{ij} | \dots) \propto \begin{cases} \mathbb{I}(u_{ij} < w_1 d_{ij})^{\delta_{ij}} & \text{if } \delta_{ij} = 1 \\ \mathbb{I}(u_{ij} < 1)^{1-\delta_{ij}} & \text{if } \delta_{ij} = 0 \end{cases}$$

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- 2 Full conditional posterior distribution of latent variables λ_{ij} :

$$f(\lambda_{ij} | \dots) \propto \mathcal{G}i\mathcal{G}(A_{ij}, B_{ij}, C_{ij})$$

where

$$A_{ij} = \left[(1 - \delta_{ij})\tau_0 + \delta_{ij}\tau_{id_{ij}} \right] \quad B_{ij} = \left[(1 - \delta_{ij})\beta_{ij}^2 + \delta_{ij}(\beta_{ij} - \mu_{id_{ij}})^2 \right]$$

$$C_{ij} = \left[(1 - \delta_{ij})\gamma_0 + \gamma_{id_{ij}}\delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

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- 3 For sparse case, posterior distribution of atoms:

$$\pi((\gamma_0, \tau_0) | \dots) \propto g(\gamma_0, \tau_0 | \nu_0^*, p_0^*, s_0^*, n_0^*)$$

where $\nu_0^* = \nu_0 + r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}$, $p_0^* = p_0 \prod_{j|\delta_{1j}=0} \lambda_{1j} \prod_{j|\delta_{2j}=0} \lambda_{2j}$,
 $s_0^* = s_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j|\delta_{1j}=0} \lambda_{1j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j|\delta_{2j}=0} \lambda_{2j}$ and $n_0^* = n_0 + r_{1,0} + r_{2,0}$

- 4 For nonsparse case, posterior for atoms μ_{ik} :

$$\pi(\mu_{ik} | \dots) \propto \mathcal{N}(E_k, V_k)$$

and posterior for (γ_{ik}, τ_{ik}) :

$$\pi((\gamma_{ik}, \tau_{ik}) | \dots) \propto g(\gamma_{ik}, \tau_{ik} | \nu_{ik}^*, p_{ik}^*, s_{ik}^*, n_{ik}^*)$$

where $\nu_{ik}^* = \nu_1 + r_{i1k}$, $p_{ik}^* = p_1 \prod_{j|\delta_{ij}=1, d_{ij}=k} \lambda_{ij}$, $s_{ik}^* = s_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j|\delta_{ij}=1, d_{ij}=k} \lambda_{ij}$
 and $n_{ik}^* = n_1 + r_{i,1k}$

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- 5 Full conditional for coefficients β_i :

$$\pi(\beta_i | \dots) \propto \mathcal{N}_{n_i}(\tilde{\nu}_i, M_i)$$

where $M_i = \left(\sum_t \mathbf{x}_t \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x}_t' + \Lambda_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}$,

$$\tilde{\nu}_i = M \left(\sum_t \mathbf{x}_t \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{y}_t + \Lambda_i^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^* \odot \boldsymbol{\delta}_i) \right)$$

- 6 Posterior for Covariance matrix Σ :

$$p(\Sigma | \dots) \propto \mathcal{HIW}_G \left(b + T, D + \sum_t (y_t - \mathbf{X}_t \beta)' (y_t - \mathbf{X}_t \beta) \right)$$

- 7 Full conditional for probability of being sparse π_i :

$$f(\pi_i | \dots) \propto \mathcal{Be} \left(n_i + 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \mathbb{I}(\delta_{1i} = 1), \alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n_i} \mathbb{I}(\delta_{1i} = 1) \right)$$

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Consider different dataset with sample size $T = 100$ from a **VAR(1)**

$$\mathbf{y}_t = B\mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t, \quad \varepsilon_t \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_m(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma) \quad t = 1, \dots, 100,$$

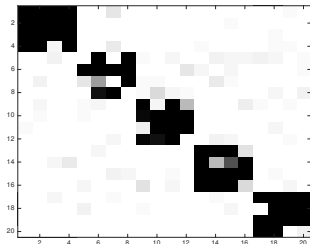
where dimension of \mathbf{y}_t and of B takes different values:

- $m = 20$ (small); $m = 40$ (medium); $m = 80$ (large),

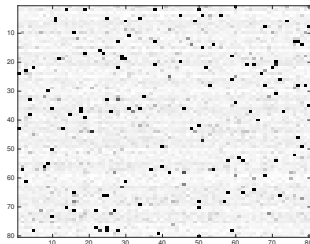
and different settings of matrix B :

- **block-diagonal** matrix $B = \text{diag}\{B_1, \dots, B_{m/4}\} \in \mathcal{M}_{(m,m)}$ with blocks B_j ($j = 1, \dots, m/4$) of (4×4) matrices on main diagonal, where elements are randomly taken from $\mathcal{U}(-1.4, 1.4)$ and checked for weak stationarity condition;
- **random** matrix B is (80×80) matrix with 150 elements randomly chosen from $\mathcal{U}(-1.4, 1.4)$ and checked for weak stationarity condition.

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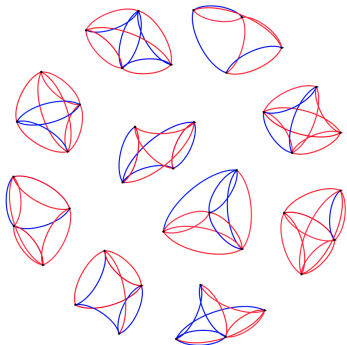
$m = 20$



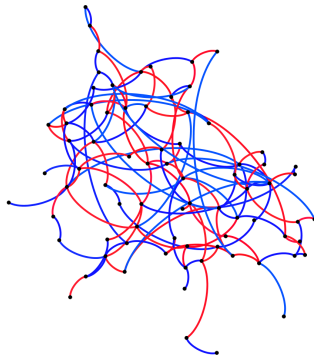
$m = 80$ with random entries

Figure : Posterior mean of Δ , which shows allocation of coefficients between two random measures \mathbb{P}_0 and \mathbb{P}_1 . White color indicates if coefficient δ_{ij} is equal to zero (i.e. sparse component), while black one if δ_{ij} is equal to one (non-sparse components).

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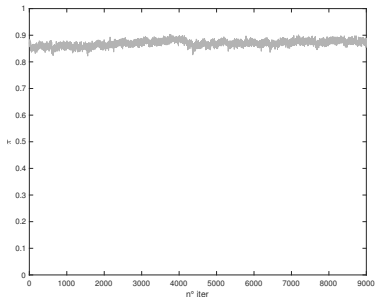


$m = 40$



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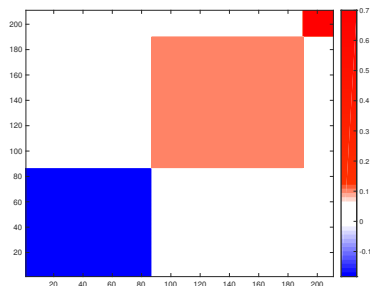
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MCMC sample for π

- MCMC samples for the **probability** of being sparse, π ;
- Posterior mean has value 0.87 providing evidence of **high sparsity** in the model;
- small proportion of coefficient is not null and then is **responsible** of the transmission of shocks between countries.

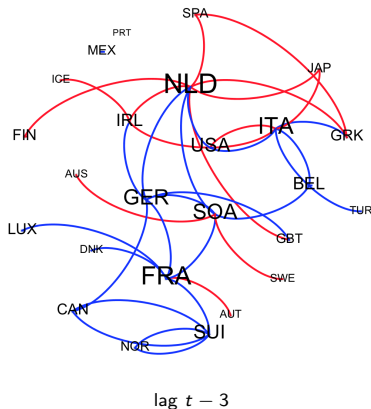
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Co-clustering matrix

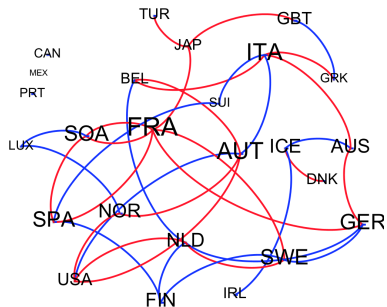
- Choice of **nonsparse** components and posterior pairwise probabilities of joint classification $P(D_i = D_j | Y, \delta = 1)$.
- Presence of different clusters from the **co-clustering** matrix based on the **location atom**, μ , generated at each MCMC iteration and build up from the least square marginal clustering.
- Presence of **3** types of relation: “**negative**”, “**positive**” and “**strong positive**”.

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