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# Unconditional Transformed Likelihood Estimation of Time-Space Dynamic Panel Data Models\*

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## Abstract

Panel data sets allow to account for unobserved unit-specific heterogeneity, as well as time-series and cross-sectional dependence. I derive the unconditional transformed likelihood function and its derivatives for a fixed-effects panel data model with time lags, spatial lags, and spatial time lags that encompasses the pure time dynamic and pure space dynamic models as special cases. In addition, the model can accommodate spatial dependence in the error term. Consistent estimation in short panels requires making proper allowance for the influence of the initial observations. I demonstrate that the model-consistent representation of the initial-period distribution involves higher-order spatial lag polynomials. Their order is linked to the minimal polynomial of the spatial weights matrix and, in general, tends to infinity with increasing sample size. An appropriate truncation of these lag polynomials becomes necessary unless the spatial weights matrix has a regular structure. The finite sample evidence from Monte Carlo simulations shows that the proposed estimator performs well in comparison to a bias-corrected conditional likelihood estimator if parameter proliferation is kept under control. As an application, I use data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics to estimate a time-space dynamic wage equation that I derive from a bargaining model. I find significant spillover effects among household members that give rise to a positive cohabitation premium. Furthermore, the theoretical bargaining model justifies a particular nonlinear restriction on the spatial time lag that simplifies the analytical derivations considerably, and is also empirically supported.

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# 1 Introduction

The availability of panel data sets that consist of observations for several economic units over multiple consecutive time periods allows to analyze dynamic feedback processes over time and across units, and to control for various forms of heterogeneity. Modeling cross-sectional dependence has a long-standing tradition in urban and regional economics where cross-sectional units have a fixed location in space. Neighboring cities, districts, regions, or countries are interconnected on various grounds due to migration, trade, technological spillovers, financial links, economic specialization, and fiscal competition. Spatial statistics and econometrics provide the methodological tools for the analysis of such regional dependencies.<sup>1</sup> In recent years, these methods became popular for the analysis of a wide range of economic applications far beyond regional science, including the analysis of financial and social networks. As an example, Bramoullé et al. (2009) discuss the identification of peer effects with spatial econometric methods.

Empirical studies that account both for cross-sectional spillover effects and time-series persistence are still relatively rare, and most of them are located in the regional economics literature. Examples include the estimation of economic growth models in the context of regional convergence (Parent and LeSage, 2012; Yu and Lee, 2012; Ho et al., 2013; Evans and Kim, 2014; Fischer and LeSage, 2014), the analysis of trade patterns (Keller and Shiue, 2007), testing for spatial cointegration in financial liberalization of neighboring countries (Elhorst et al., 2013), and an analysis of the evolution of state-level commuting times (Parent and LeSage, 2010). Despite their dominance, potential applications are not restricted to macroeconomics. In a recent microeconomic study, Verhelst and Van den Poel (2013) assess internal and external habit formation in consumption. In the current paper, I estimate a dynamic wage equation that is motivated by the observation that wages tend to be persistent over time and correlated among cohabiting workers.

Limitations to the analysis of dynamic panel data models emerge in small samples with only a few observations over time. The current paper focuses on panel data models with a short time dimension and a sufficiently large number of units. Following the terminology of Anselin (2001), I consider a time-space dynamic panel data model that allows for pure time lags, contemporaneous spatial lags, and spatial time lags of both the dependent variable and exogenous regressors.

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<sup>1</sup>See Anselin (1988), Anselin and Bera (1998), and LeSage and Pace (2009) for a comprehensive overview.

Elhorst (2001) labels this model a general serial and spatial autoregressive distributed lag model and discusses the variety of special cases that result under different parameter restrictions. The unconditional transformed likelihood function derived in this paper encompasses the pure time dynamic and pure space dynamic models considered by Hsiao et al. (2002) and Lee and Yu (2010b), respectively, as special cases. The paper therefore builds both on the literature on short- $T$  dynamic panel data models as well as the literature on spatial autoregressive models.

Linear panel data models with cross-sectional independence and autoregressive components in the time dimension have been studied extensively. The usual way to account for unobserved heterogeneity in these models is to incorporate unit-specific and time-specific effects. When the time dimension is short, ordinary least squares and conditional maximum likelihood estimators fail to deliver consistent estimates in dynamic models with fixed effects as a consequence of the incidental parameters problem discussed by Neyman and Scott (1948). Nickell (1981) characterizes the resulting bias. Treating the unit-specific effects as random does not solve the problem due to the nonnegligible impact of the initial observations. Over the past decades several solutions have been proposed. They include bias-corrected estimators (Kiviet, 1995; Hahn and Kuersteiner, 2002; Bun and Carree, 2005), instrumental variable estimators (Anderson and Hsiao, 1981), generalized method of moments (GMM) estimators (Arellano and Bond, 1991; Ahn and Schmidt, 1995; Arellano and Bover, 1995; Blundell and Bond, 1998), and unconditional likelihood-based estimators (Bhargava and Sargan, 1983; Hsiao et al., 2002; Binder et al., 2005; Moral-Benito, 2013), to name only a few. In this paper, I extend the transformed likelihood approach of Hsiao et al. (2002) to general time-space dynamic models, carefully modeling the distribution of the initial observations.

The assumption of cross-sectional independence can be relaxed in various ways.<sup>2</sup> An extensive part of the literature puts the attention on properly accounting for cross-sectional error dependence.<sup>3</sup> I focus on models with cross-sectional dependence in the form of spatial lags of the dependent variable and the exogenous regressors while still allowing for spatial dependence in the error term. Lee (2002, 2004) provides a rigorous asymptotic framework for the analysis of such mixed-regressive spatial autoregressive models, and Lee and Yu (2010b) derive asymptotic prop-

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<sup>2</sup>Anselin (1988, 2001) and Anselin and Bera (1998) summarize the early developments of spatial econometrics, while Lee and Yu (2010c) report recent developments in spatial panel data models.

<sup>3</sup>Sarafidis and Wansbeek (2012) give a topical overview of the literature on weak and strong error cross-sectional dependence with reference to spatial and factor models. Kapoor et al. (2007) and Baltagi et al. (2013) consider panel data models with different forms of spatially correlated error components.

erties of quasi-maximum likelihood estimators for spatial autoregressive panel data models with fixed effects.<sup>4</sup> In recent years increasing emphasis is put on jointly modeling the dynamics in the time and the spatial dimension. Lee and Yu (2014) propose an efficient GMM estimator, while Yu et al. (2008) and Lee and Yu (2010a) investigate the asymptotic properties of conditional quasi-maximum likelihood estimators under asymptotics where both the time and the cross-sectional dimension become large. They propose a bias reduction procedure to correct for the incidental parameters bias. Elhorst (2005, 2010) and Parent and LeSage (2011, 2012) derive unconditional likelihood functions for panel data models that are dynamic both in time and space.

The present paper is closely related to the work of Elhorst (2010) and Parent and LeSage (2012). They obtain an unconditional likelihood function for panel data models with a time lag and a contemporaneous spatial lag of the dependent variable. The latter authors additionally allow for a restricted or unrestricted spatial time lag. When the time dimension is fixed, appropriate conditions need to be imposed on the initial observations to obtain consistent estimates. Both Elhorst (2010) and Parent and LeSage (2012) approximate the marginal distribution of the initial observations by observed values of the exogenous regressors following Bhargava and Sargan (1983) and Hsiao et al. (2002) without fully accounting for the complex spatial structure. Accordingly, Elhorst (2010) finds considerable bias in the estimate of the spatial lag coefficient. In this paper, I derive the model-consistent distribution of the initial observations. It involves higher-order spatial lag polynomials that potentially require an appropriate truncation for consistent estimation. Simplifications may occur if the spatial weights matrix has a regular structure, or under a suitable restriction on the coefficient of the spatial time lag.

The next section motivates the formulation of a time-space dynamic wage equation based on a bargaining model with intra-household spillover effects. The general time-space dynamic panel data model is described in Section 3 together with the derivation of the model-consistent representation of the initial observations. The unconditional transformed likelihood function is formulated in Section 4 for the unrestricted model, while Section 5 discusses several restricted model specifications. Monte Carlo simulation results are provided in Section 6, and the empirical results are presented in Section 7. Finally, Section 8 concludes.

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<sup>4</sup>Kelejian and Prucha (1998, 1999), Lee (2003, 2007), and Baltagi et al. (2014), among others, propose instrumental variable and GMM estimators as computationally simple alternatives.

## 2 Time-Space Dynamic Wage Equation

### 2.1 Intra-Household Wage Spillovers

In this section, I motivate the formulation of a time-space dynamic wage equation. The term *space* might be misleading here as it does not refer to the geographic location of the units but to different individuals within the same household. More generally, *space* is used in this paper as a synonym for the cross-sectional dimension of the panel. In the original meaning, it might refer to geographical units as districts, states, or countries. However, the methodology applies equally well to situations where the cross-sectional units are firms, households, or individuals, as well as any kind of financial asset. The spatial lag then captures spillover effects in industrial, social, or financial networks instead of regional spillovers.<sup>5</sup>

Andini (2007) and Semykina and Wooldridge (2013) argue in favor of a time dynamic earnings equation that income is correlated across subsequent years. In addition, I argue that intra-household spillover effects give rise to an earnings equation that is dynamic also across space. In the literature on the marriage premium it is often argued that a significant marital wage premium for men results from economies of scale and specialization within a household (Stratton, 2002), or the positive impact of the wife's presence on the productivity of the husband (or vice versa). Alternatively, marriage might coincide with changes in behavior due to preference changes that also affect labor market outcomes (Choi et al., 2008). Similar arguments can be made to rationalize a cohabitation premium which is likely to be smaller than the marriage premium because marriage is a more stable relationship than cohabitation (Stratton, 2002). However, the existence of these premiums does not require that both partners are working. Conversely, the effects due to specialization might be stronger when either of the partners devotes more time to household work.

A positive link between the earnings of housemates can be justified on different grounds. First, the literature on assortative mating argues that individuals choose spouses with similar characteristics. Consequently, this could on average also lead to similar wage profiles.<sup>6</sup> Second, labor market outcomes are potentially correlated among partners as a result of collective household preferences. Third, a wage increase of the partner potentially carries the information content that the

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<sup>5</sup>For example, Bramoullé et al. (2009) adopt a spatial econometric modeling approach for the identification of peer effects in social networks.

<sup>6</sup>Henz and Sundström (2001) find empirical support in favor of this hypothesis for Swedish couples.

macroeconomic circumstances might be favorable to ask the own employer for a pay rise. Fourth, social norms and peer pressure not to fall behind the spouse's wage go into the same direction. Fifth, the income of the cohabitant can be regarded as an outside option in wage negotiations if the household income is pooled or if there are intra-household wage transfers to compensate for income differentials. The better the outside option the higher is the expected wage outcome in an employer-employee bargaining problem.

## 2.2 Employer-Employee Wage Bargaining Model

While many different reasons can be adduced to rationalize a positive relationship between partner's wages, in the following I focus exemplarily on the last argument and derive a time-space dynamic wage equation from a theoretical bargaining model. Andini (2013) derives a time dynamic wage equation from a bargaining model where the outside option is affected by unemployment benefits that depend on past income. I extend his work to motivate a time-space dynamic wage equation. The starting point is the human capital model of Mincer (1974) that relates net potential earnings,  $npe_{it}$ , of a worker  $i$  at a point in time  $t$  to his labor market experience  $z_{it}$ , and years of schooling,  $s_i$ , in addition to his unobserved ability,  $\xi_i$ :

$$\ln npe_{it} = \varphi_1 z_{it} + \varphi_2 z_{it}^2 + \varphi_3 s_i + \xi_i. \quad (1)$$

In perfectly competitive labor markets, equilibrium wages  $y_{it}^*$  then equal net potential earnings. Andini (2013) considers a framework of imperfect competition by embedding the above human capital model into a simple wage-bargaining model between the worker and an employer. At a given time  $t$ , the worker maximizes his earnings utility,  $U_{it}^w = \ln y_{it}$ , subject to his outside option  $\bar{U}_{it}^w = \ln b_{it}$ , where  $b_{it} = y_{i,t-1}^\phi$ ,  $\phi \in [0, 1]$ , denotes unemployment benefits that depend on the worker's wage history.<sup>7</sup> On the labor demand side, the employer maximizes his utility from offering a wage contract to the worker,  $U_{it}^e = \ln npe_{it} - \ln y_{it}$ , without any outside option,  $\bar{U}_{it}^e = 0$ . Thus, the employer will offer a wage contract if the worker's productivity, measured by the net potential earnings, at least covers the wage rate.

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<sup>7</sup>For simplicity, I model the unemployment benefits as a function of the previous period's wage only. Andini (2013) allows them to be a function of additional time lags.

I augment the model by another outside option for the worker, namely intra-household transfers,  $tr_{jt}$ . When both partners  $i$  and  $j$  bargain with their employers at the same time they cannot condition on the wage realization of the other. However, they know about the net potential earnings of their partner and can base the expectation formation on them. I assume a simple functional form for the transfers:  $tr_{jt} = npe_{jt}^\delta$ ,  $\delta \in [0, 1)$ . Furthermore, I assume additively separable utility from both outside options such that  $\bar{U}_{it}^w = \ln b_{it} + \ln tr_{jt}$ . This implies decreasing marginal utility from either outside option independent of the other. For unemployment benefits, this would be reasonable if the certification process with an unemployment agency for eligibility requires additional effort of the applicant the higher the demanded benefits are. On the side of the intra-household transfers, the recipient may feel increasingly uncomfortable the more she is dependent on the other.

We can then obtain the equilibrium wage by maximizing the Nash bargaining function with respect to the wage  $y_{it}$ :

$$U_{it} = (U_{it}^w - \bar{U}_{it}^w)^\theta (U_{it}^e - \bar{U}_{it}^e)^{1-\theta}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  is the bargaining weight of the worker. The first-order condition implies the following equilibrium wage:

$$\ln y_{it}^* = (1 - \theta)(\phi \ln y_{i,t-1} + \delta \ln npe_{jt}) + \theta \ln npe_{it}. \quad (3)$$

By symmetry of the wage-bargaining problem for the partner  $j$ , we can rearrange the corresponding first-order condition:

$$\ln npe_{jt} = \frac{1}{\theta} \ln y_{jt}^* - (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{\phi}{\theta} \ln y_{j,t-1} + \frac{\delta}{\theta} \ln npe_{it} \right), \quad (4)$$

which we can substitute in equation (3) to obtain

$$\ln y_{it}^* = (1 - \theta)\phi \ln y_{i,t-1} + \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta} \delta \ln y_{jt}^* - \frac{(1 - \theta)^2}{\theta} \phi \delta \ln y_{j,t-1} + \left[ \theta - \frac{(1 - \theta)^2}{\theta} \delta^2 \right] \ln npe_{it}. \quad (5)$$

Finally, adding a stochastic error term leads us to the following time-space dynamic wage equation



that we can bring to the data:

$$\ln y_{it} = \lambda \ln y_{i,t-1} + \rho_0 \ln y_{jt} + \rho_1 \ln y_{j,t-1} + \gamma_1 z_{it} + \gamma_2 z_{it}^2 + \gamma_3 s_i + \alpha_i + u_{it}, \quad (6)$$

with the parameter restrictions  $\lambda = (1 - \theta)\phi$ ,  $\rho_0 = (1 - \theta)\delta/\theta$ ,  $\rho_1 = -(1 - \theta)^2\phi\delta/\theta$ , and similarly for  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$ , and  $\gamma_3$ .

In particular, notice the implied restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  that results from the symmetry of the bargaining problem for the two partners. Because the model predicts that  $\lambda$  and  $\rho_0$  are both positive, the coefficient  $\rho_1$  of the spatial time lag should have a negative sign. The intuition can be found in the rearranged first-order condition (4). In the equilibrium, past wages are negatively related to net potential earnings. Consequently, an increase in past wages can be seen as a proxy for lower net potential earnings today which in turn reduce the outside option of the partner and therefore his equilibrium wage outcome.

This nonlinear restriction deserves special attention beyond this particular model. Tao and Yu (2012) derive the same restriction from a model of intertemporal consumption and investment decisions with external habits, as well as a model of governmental policy adjustments with policy inertia and spillovers from neighboring jurisdictions. Yu and Lee (2012) and Evans and Kim (2014) introduce technological spillovers into the neoclassical growth model and obtain an estimation equation with the same nonlinear restriction for which they also find empirical support.<sup>8</sup> As shown by Parent and LeSage (2010, 2011, 2012) and further down in the current paper, it simplifies the computational complexity of likelihood-based estimation procedures considerably. It also facilitates the interpretability of the model parameters as it disentangles the time effect,  $\lambda$ , and the spatial effect,  $\rho_0$ , which enhances the interpretation of marginal effects and the computation of dynamic responses.

Equation (6) is a formulation of a time-space dynamic panel data model in the terminology of Anselin (2001) that features a pure time lag of the dependent variable,  $w_{i,t-1}$ , a contemporaneous spatial lag,  $w_{jt}$ , and a spatial time lag,  $w_{j,t-1}$ . In the following sections, I discuss unconditional quasi-maximum likelihood estimation of general time-space dynamic panel data models.

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<sup>8</sup>In the context of regional convergence, the empirical results of Parent and LeSage (2012), Ho et al. (2013), and Fischer and LeSage (2014) provide further evidence for this particular restriction, as do the estimates of Keller and Shiue (2007) in their analysis of trade patterns.

### 3 Time-Space Dynamic Panel Data Model

#### 3.1 Unrestricted Model

Consider the following time-space dynamic autoregressive distributed lag model for the cross-sectional units  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and a fixed number of time periods  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ :

$$y_{it} = \lambda y_{i,t-1} + \beta_0 x_{it} + \beta_1 x_{i,t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} (\rho_0 y_{jt} + \rho_1 y_{j,t-1} + \gamma_0 x_{jt} + \gamma_1 x_{j,t-1}) + e_{it}, \quad (7)$$

where  $x_{it}$  is a strictly exogenous regressor,<sup>9</sup> and the spatial weights  $w_{ij}$  describe the structural dependencies between the cross-sectional units. The initial observations  $y_{i0}$  and  $x_{i0}$  are assumed to be observed, and the error term  $e_{it}$  has a spatial error components structure following Kapoor et al. (2007):<sup>10</sup>

$$e_{it} = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} \rho_2 e_{jt} + \alpha_i + u_{it}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\alpha_i$  is a unit-specific intercept that is allowed to be freely correlated with  $x_{it}$ , and  $u_{it}$  is an independently and identically distributed error term such that the following assumptions hold:

**Assumption 1:** The sequence of error terms  $\{u_{it}\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ , are i.i.d. with  $E[u_{it}] = 0$ ,  $E[u_{it}^2] = \sigma_u^2$ , and  $E[u_{it}u_{js}] = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  or  $t \neq s$ .<sup>11</sup> The fourth moment  $E[u_{it}^4]$  exists.

**Assumption 2:** The regressor  $x_{it}$  is strictly exogenous with respect to the error term  $u_{it}$  such that  $E[u_{it}|x_{j0}, x_{j1}, \dots, x_{jT}] = 0$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

<sup>9</sup>To avoid notational complications, I restrict the exposition to a single exogenous regressor  $x_{it}$ .

<sup>10</sup>Baltagi et al. (2013) allow the error components  $\alpha_i$  and  $u_{it}$  to follow separate spatial autoregressive processes, while Lee and Yu (2010b) model the spatial error dependence in  $u_{it}$  only. For the current paper, this distinction is not of relevance because the fixed effects  $\alpha_i$  will drop out by applying a suitable model transformation. Lee and Yu (2010b) also allow the spatial weights to be different in equations (7) and (8). I abstract from this additional complication. Interactive fixed effects can also be incorporated along the lines of Hayakawa et al. (2014).

<sup>11</sup>Allowing for cross-sectional heteroscedasticity is possible by adopting the approach of Hayakawa and Pesaran (2012).

We can then write model (7) and (8) in more compact form as

$$\mathbf{S}_N \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_{0N} \mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{B}_{1N} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{e}_t, \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{e}_t = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{u}_t, \quad (10)$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_t = (y_{1t}, y_{2t}, \dots, y_{Nt})'$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_{t-1} = (y_{1,t-1}, y_{2,t-1}, \dots, y_{N,t-1})'$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_t$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_t$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_t$  are stacked accordingly.<sup>12</sup> The coefficient matrices are  $\mathbf{S}_N = (\mathbf{I}_N - \rho_0 \mathbf{W}_N)$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_N = (\lambda \mathbf{I}_N + \rho_1 \mathbf{W}_N)$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_{lN} = (\beta_l \mathbf{I}_N + \gamma_l \mathbf{W}_N)$ ,  $l = 0, 1$ , and  $\mathbf{R}_N = (\mathbf{I}_N - \rho_2 \mathbf{W}_N)$ , where  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is the  $N \times N$  spatial weights matrix with  $w_{ij}$  as the  $(i, j)$ -th element, and  $\mathbf{I}_N$  is the identity matrix of dimension  $N$ .

### 3.2 Spatial Weights Matrix

The spatial weights matrix captures the cross-sectional dependency structure. In the regional science literature, these structural dependencies typically reflect the relative location of the regional units.  $\mathbf{W}_N$  can be an inverse distance matrix with spatial weights  $w_{ij}$  that measure the inverse of the (geographical) distance between two regions  $i$  and  $j$ . In a broader sense, the distance between two units can also be defined on economic grounds by considering, for example, the bilateral trade intensity or the degree of financial connectedness. Alternatively,  $\mathbf{W}_N$  may be constructed as a contiguity matrix where nonzero weights indicate a common border among two units. Similar to Lee (2004) and Lee and Yu (2010b), I make the following regularity assumptions:

**Assumption 3:** The spatial weights  $w_{ij}$  are constant over time and at most of order  $h_N^{-1}$  uniformly in all  $i, j$ , with  $w_{ii} = 0$ . The sequence  $\{h_N\}$  is bounded or divergent, and the ratio  $h_N/N \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Assumption 4:** The matrices  $\mathbf{S}_N$  and  $\mathbf{R}_N$  are invertible for all  $\rho_0, \rho_2 \in (-1/|\omega_{\min}|, \omega_{\max})$ , where  $\omega_{\min}$  and  $\omega_{\max}$  are the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{W}_N$ , respectively.

**Assumption 5:** The matrices  $\mathbf{W}_N$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_N^{-1}$ , and  $\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$  are uniformly bounded both in row and column sum.

<sup>12</sup>For convenience, in defining these vectors I suppress the subscript  $N$  that denotes the dependence on the sample size.

Assumptions 3 to 5 limit the cross-sectional dependence to a manageable degree.<sup>13</sup> To simplify the exposition, I further impose the following normalization:

**Assumption 6:** The spatial weights matrix  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is normalized to have a spectral radius of unity, that is  $\|\mathbf{W}_N\| = 1$  for the spectral matrix norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

Assumption 6 is neither necessary nor restrictive. A spectral radius of unity can be achieved by dividing the spatial weights matrix by its largest eigenvalue in absolute value. The spatial coefficients  $\rho_0, \rho_1, \rho_2, \gamma_0$ , and  $\gamma_1$  are rescaled accordingly. Alternatively, the normalization of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  can be achieved by row standardization, that is by dividing all elements of the initial weights matrix by the respective row sum such that  $\sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} = 1$ . Notice that if the weights matrix was symmetric before standardization the former approach preserves symmetry while row standardization may not. In both cases,  $\omega_{\max} = 1$  after the normalization.

For the time-space dynamic wage equation (6) with intra-household spillovers derived in Section 2 and a household size of  $M = 2$  workers, the weights are easily constructed as  $w_{ij} = 1$  if  $i$  and  $j$ , with  $i \neq j$ , are members of the same household, and  $w_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. The resulting spatial weights matrix is a special case of a matrix used by Lee (2004) for illustrative purposes. Inspired by Case (1991), he considers a sample with  $R$  regions (or households) that each contain  $M$  members such that  $N = RM$ . The members within a region are spatially dependent with equal weights but there is no dependence across regions. The spatial weights matrix thus has the symmetric and block-diagonal form  $\mathbf{W}_N = \mathbf{I}_R \otimes \mathbf{B}_M$  with  $\mathbf{B}_M = (\boldsymbol{\iota}_M \boldsymbol{\iota}'_M - \mathbf{I}_M)/(M - 1)$ , where  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker product and  $\boldsymbol{\iota}_M$  is an  $M$ -dimensional column vector of ones.  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is diagonalizable and has only two distinct eigenvalues, unity with multiplicity  $R$  and  $(1 - M)^{-1}$  with multiplicity  $R(M - 1)$ . In this case,  $h_N/N = (M - 1)/(RM)$  such that Assumption 3 rules out asymptotics where  $R$  is fixed and  $M \rightarrow \infty$ .

As discussed by Kripfganz (2014), the Cayley-Hamilton theorem implies that every power  $K > Q_N$  of an  $N$ -dimensional square matrix can be expressed by a polynomial of order  $Q_N$  when its minimal polynomial is of order  $Q_N + 1$ , where  $Q_N < N$  may or may not depend on the dimension  $N$ . For diagonalizable matrices,  $Q_N$  equals the number of distinct eigenvalues

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<sup>13</sup>See Lee (2004) for a detailed discussion.

less one. Therefore,  $Q_N = 1$  for this particular spatial weights matrix and we can express all powers of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  as first-order polynomials, namely  $\mathbf{W}_N^k = \zeta_{k0}\mathbf{I}_N + \zeta_{k1}\mathbf{W}_N$  for all  $k \geq 0$ , where  $\zeta_{kl} = [1 - (1 - M)^{1-k-l}](M - 1)^l/M$  for  $l = 0, 1$ . This result also simplifies the computation of inverse matrices that are polynomials in  $\mathbf{W}_N$ :

$$(a_0\mathbf{I}_N - a_1\mathbf{W}_N)^{-1} = \frac{1}{a_0} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a_1}{a_0} \mathbf{W}_N \right)^k = b_0\mathbf{I}_N + b_1\mathbf{W}_N, \quad (11)$$

with

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{a_0 - a_1} - b_1, \quad b_1 = \frac{a_1(M - 1)}{(a_0 - a_1)[a_0(M - 1) + a_1]},$$

for some scalar constants  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  such that the inverse has a convergent series representation.

The example can be generalized to a potentially differing number of members within each group such that  $R = \sum_{m=1}^{\tilde{M}} R_m$ , where  $R_m \geq 0$  denotes the number of groups with the same size  $m \in [1, \tilde{M}]$ , and  $\tilde{M} \leq \infty$  may define an upper bound on the group size. Also let  $\tilde{R} \leq R$  be the number of groups with distinct member counts, that is  $\tilde{R} = \sum_{m=1}^{\tilde{M}} \mathcal{I}(R_m > 0)$ , where  $\mathcal{I}(\cdot)$  is an indicator function that returns unity if the condition is satisfied and zero otherwise. Due to row standardization the largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is again unity with multiplicity  $R$ . In addition, there are the  $\tilde{R}$  distinct eigenvalues  $(1 - m)^{-1}$  with multiplicity  $R_m(m - 1)$ , respectively, such that  $Q_N = \tilde{R}$ . Notice that  $\tilde{R} \leq \tilde{M}$ , and consequently  $Q_N$  is bounded if  $\tilde{M} < \infty$ . The distinction if  $Q_N$  is bounded or not becomes relevant in Section 4. For the application in Section 7, we will reconsider the dynamic-wage equation for single-earner households,  $m = 1$ , and dual-earner households,  $m = 2$ , such that  $\tilde{R} = \tilde{M} = 2$  and, consequently,  $Q_N = 2$ .

With these insights, we can already infer the following statement on identification of the model parameters:

**Proposition 1:** A necessary condition for identification of all parameters in the unrestricted model (9) and (10) is  $Q_N > 1$ .

*Proof.* Consider equation (9) for a generic period  $t$  premultiplied by  $\mathbf{R}_N$ :

$$\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{B}_{0N} \mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{B}_{1N} \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{u}_t. \quad (12)$$

Now suppose  $Q_N = 1$  such that  $\mathbf{W}_N^k = \zeta_{k0}\mathbf{I}_N + \zeta_{k1}\mathbf{W}_N$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . Thus,

$$\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N = (1 + \zeta_{20}\rho_0\rho_2)\mathbf{I}_N + (\zeta_{21}\rho_0\rho_2 - \rho_0 - \rho_2)\mathbf{W}_N = \sigma^*\mathbf{I}_N - \rho_0^*\mathbf{W}_N,$$

$$\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{A}_N = (\lambda - \zeta_{20}\rho_1\rho_2)\mathbf{I}_N + (\rho_1 - \lambda\rho_2 - \zeta_{21}\rho_1\rho_2)\mathbf{W}_N = \lambda^*\mathbf{I}_N + \rho_1^*\mathbf{W}_N,$$

$$\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{B}_{lN} = (\beta_l - \zeta_{20}\gamma_l\rho_2)\mathbf{I}_N + (\gamma_l - \beta_l\rho_2 - \zeta_{21}\gamma_l\rho_2)\mathbf{W}_N = \beta_l^*\mathbf{I}_N + \gamma_l^*\mathbf{W}_N, \quad l = 0, 1.$$

After normalizing the estimation equation by  $1/\sigma^*$ , we obtain a reformulation of the initial time-space dynamic panel data model with first-order spatial lags only but without spatial error dependence. Consequently, we cannot identify all spatial lag parameters  $\rho_0$ ,  $\rho_1$ ,  $\gamma_0$ , and  $\gamma_1$  jointly with  $\rho_2$  when  $Q_N = 1$ .  $\square$

Therefore, a spatial weights matrix with  $Q_N = 1$  requires identifying restrictions on the model parameters, for example  $\rho_0 = 0$  or  $\rho_2 = 0$ . However, the models under these two restrictions would still be observationally equivalent. Testing for spatial lag dependence,  $\rho_0 \neq 0$  and  $\rho_2 = 0$ , versus spatial error dependence,  $\rho_0 = 0$  and  $\rho_2 \neq 0$ , is only possible if at least one additional coefficient of the right-hand side variables is restricted to zero. When  $Q_N > 1$ , identification is in general feasible but might be weak if the second-order spatial lags  $\mathbf{W}_N^2 \mathbf{y}_t$  and  $\mathbf{W}_N^2 \mathbf{x}_t$  are highly correlated with  $(\mathbf{y}_t, \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{y}_t)$  and  $(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{x}_t)$ , respectively.

### 3.3 Model Transformation and Initial Observations

To remove the time-invariant incidental parameters  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  from equation (9), we can apply a linear filter  $\Delta_t$  such that  $\Delta_t \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$ . When  $L$  denotes the time lag operator,  $\Delta_t$  may inter alia be the operator that creates first differences,  $\Delta_t = \Delta = 1 - L$ , the forward-orthogonal deviations operator,  $\Delta_t = \sqrt{(T-t)/(T-t+1)}[1 - \sum_{s=1}^{T-t} L^{-s}/(T-t)]$ , or the operator that creates deviations from the time means,  $\Delta_t = 1 - \sum_{s=1}^T L^{t-s}/T$ .<sup>14</sup> In this paper, I follow Hsiao et al. (2002) and focus on the first-difference transformation that yields

$$\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{A}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_{0N} \Delta \mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{B}_{1N} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{u}_t. \quad (13)$$

<sup>14</sup>As shown by Arellano and Bover (1995) and Bun and Kiviet (2006), the resulting least squares estimator conditional on the initial observations is invariant to the particular transformation. Hsiao et al. (2002) derive a similar result for the unconditional transformed likelihood estimator.

The model in equation (13) is well defined for  $t = 2, 3, \dots, T$  but not for  $t = 1$  because  $\Delta \mathbf{y}_0$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{x}_0$  are unobserved.<sup>15</sup> By continuous substitution we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 &= (\mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^p \mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_{1-p} \\ &+ \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s (\mathbf{B}_{0N} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{1-s} + \mathbf{B}_{1N} \Delta \mathbf{x}_{-s}) + \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{u}_{1-s}, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which still depends on unobservables. Let  $\Delta \mathbf{x} = (\Delta \mathbf{x}'_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}'_2, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}'_T)'$ . Similar to Hsiao et al. (2002), I make either of the following two assumptions:

**Assumption 7.1:** The process started in the infinite past,  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , and reached stationarity,  $\|\mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1}\| < 1$ .

**Assumption 7.2:** The process was initiated at some finite period in the past with  $E[\Delta \mathbf{y}_{1-p} | \Delta \mathbf{x}] = \varphi_0 \varphi(\mathbf{W}_N) \boldsymbol{\nu}_N$ , where  $|\varphi_0| < \infty$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{I}_N + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi_k \mathbf{W}_N^k$ , and there exists a real constant  $q_\varphi$ ,  $0 < q_\varphi < 1$ , such that  $|\varphi_k| \leq q_\varphi^k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ .<sup>16</sup>

The stationarity condition  $\|\mathbf{A}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1}\| < 1$  implies a restriction on the coefficients, namely  $|(\lambda + \rho_1 \omega_j)(1 - \rho_0 \omega_j)^{-1}| < 1$  for all eigenvalues  $\omega_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , of  $\mathbf{W}_N$ .<sup>17</sup> Moreover, I generalize the stationarity assumption for the regressor  $x_{it}$  made by Hsiao et al. (2002) to allow for spatial dependence:

**Assumption 8:**  $\mathbf{x}_t$  is generated either by a trend-stationary or a first-difference stationary process such that

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) \left( g \boldsymbol{\nu}_N + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} d_s \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{t-s} \right), \quad (15)$$

where  $\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{I}_N + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varsigma_k \mathbf{W}_N^k$  is bounded away from zero, and there exists a real constant  $q_\varsigma$ ,  $0 < q_\varsigma < 1$ , such that  $|\varsigma_k| \leq q_\varsigma^k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Also,  $\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} |d_s| < \infty$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$  are independently and identically distributed with  $E[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t] = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $E[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t'] = \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}_N$ .

<sup>15</sup>If the forward-orthogonal deviations operator is applied, the model is well defined for periods  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T-1$ . In the case of the within transformation, the model is still defined for all observations  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ . However, the effective number of observations is also just  $T-1$  due to the removal of the time means.

<sup>16</sup>Consequently, the sequence of coefficients  $\{\varphi_k\}$  decays to zero at an exponential rate, and  $\|\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N)\| \leq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\varphi_k| \cdot \|\mathbf{W}_N\|^k < \infty$  since  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is normalized to have a spectral radius of unity.

<sup>17</sup>Compare Elhorst (2001), Yu et al. (2008), and Parent and LeSage (2011, 2012).

For example, if  $\varsigma_k = \varsigma^k$  for all  $k$  and  $|\varsigma| < 1$  such that  $\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) = (\mathbf{I}_N - \varsigma\mathbf{W}_N)^{-1}$  then  $\Delta\mathbf{x}_t$  follows a first-order spatial autoregressive process. Under normality of  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$ , Assumption 8 implies<sup>18</sup>

$$E[\Delta\mathbf{x}_{1-s}|\Delta\mathbf{x}] = b_{s0}\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N)\boldsymbol{\iota}_N + \sum_{l=1}^T b_{sl}\Delta\mathbf{x}_l, \quad (16)$$

such that we can rewrite equation (14) as

$$\mathbf{S}_N\Delta\mathbf{y}_1 = \psi(\mathbf{W}_N)\boldsymbol{\iota}_N + \sum_{l=1}^T \pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)\Delta\mathbf{x}_l + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_1, \quad (17)$$

where

$$\psi(\mathbf{W}_N) = (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^p\mathbf{S}_N\varphi_0\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N) + \pi_0(\mathbf{W}_N)\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N), \quad (18)$$

$$\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N) = \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s (b_{sl}\mathbf{B}_{0N} + b_{s+1,l}\mathbf{B}_{1N}), \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, T. \quad (19)$$

Under Assumption 7.1, expression (18) reduces to  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \pi_0(\mathbf{W}_N)\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . Also,  $\pi_0(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{0}$  if  $g = 0$  in equation (15). The initial observations error term turns out to be

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_1 = (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^p\mathbf{S}_N\mathbf{q}_{y,1-p} + \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s (\mathbf{B}_{0N}\mathbf{q}_{x,1-s} + \mathbf{B}_{1N}\mathbf{q}_{x,-s} + \mathbf{R}_N^{-1}\Delta\mathbf{u}_{1-s}), \quad (20)$$

where  $\mathbf{q}_{y,1-p} = \Delta\mathbf{y}_{1-p} - E[\Delta\mathbf{y}_{1-p}|\Delta\mathbf{x}]$  and  $\mathbf{q}_{x,s} = \Delta\mathbf{x}_s - E[\Delta\mathbf{x}_s|\Delta\mathbf{x}]$  are projection errors with variances  $\tau_{y,1-p}\varphi^2(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\tau_{x,s}\varsigma^2(\mathbf{W}_N)$ , respectively. To simplify the formulation of the likelihood function, notice that the distribution of the error term  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_1$  is observationally equivalent to that of  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N)\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N) &= \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{y,1-p}}{\sigma_\nu^2}} (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^p\mathbf{S}_N\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N)\mathbf{R}_N \\ &+ \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{x,1-s}}{\sigma_\nu^2}} \mathbf{B}_{0N}\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) + \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{x,-s}}{\sigma_\nu^2}} \mathbf{B}_{1N}\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) \right] \mathbf{R}_N + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau}} \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} (\mathbf{A}_N\mathbf{S}_N^{-1})^s, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

and  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$  is a composite error with the properties  $E[\boldsymbol{\nu}_1|\Delta\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $E[\boldsymbol{\nu}_1\boldsymbol{\nu}_1'] = \sigma_\nu^2\mathbf{I}_N$  with  $\sigma_\nu^2/\sigma_u^2 = \tau$ ,

<sup>18</sup>If  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t$  are not normally distributed, equation (16) can be seen as a linear projection. See Hsiao et al. (2002).



$E[\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \Delta \mathbf{u}'_t] = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $t = 3, 4, \dots, T$ , and  $E[\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \Delta \mathbf{u}'_2] = -\sigma_u^2 \phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ .<sup>19</sup> Finally notice that the functions  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ ,  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$ , and  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  can be written as polynomials in  $\mathbf{W}_N$  such that

$$\psi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \sum_{k=0}^{Q_N} \psi_k \mathbf{W}_N^k, \quad (22)$$

$$\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N) = \sum_{k=0}^{Q_N} \pi_{kl} \mathbf{W}_N^k, \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, T, \quad (23)$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{I}_N + \sum_{k=1}^{Q_N} \phi_k \mathbf{W}_N^k, \quad (24)$$

where the order  $Q_N$  equals the order of the minimal polynomial of the spatial weights matrix less one, as discussed in Section 3.2. The first coefficient in the polynomial  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  is standardized to unity by appropriately scaling  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N)$  in equation (21).

In the case of the spatial weights matrix  $\mathbf{W}_N = \mathbf{I}_R \otimes \mathbf{B}_M$  from Section 3.2, the polynomials  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  reduce both to the first order irrespective of the sample size, and  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  becomes a scalar multiple of the identity matrix due to row standardization. Moreover, if the exogenous regressor is a region-specific variable such that  $\mathbf{x}_t = (x_{1t}, x_{2t}, \dots, x_{Rt})' \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_M$ , the order of  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  shrinks to zero because  $\mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{x}_t = \Delta \mathbf{x}_t$  in this case.<sup>20</sup>

**Remark 1:** At this stage, we shall compare the formulation (17) of the initial observations with that of Elhorst (2010). He considers a restricted version of model (9) with  $\rho_1 = \beta_1 = \gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$  such that  $\mathbf{A}_N = \lambda \mathbf{I}_N$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_{0N} = \beta_0 \mathbf{I}_N$ , and  $\mathbf{B}_{1N} = \mathbf{0}$ . His projection is then characterized by  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \psi \mathbf{I}_N$ , and  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N) = \pi_l \mathbf{I}_N$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, T$ . However, even with a row-standardized spatial weights matrix a model-consistent representation demands  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N) = \beta \sum_{s=0}^{p-1} \lambda^s \mathbf{S}_N^{-s} b_{sl}$ ,  $l = 0, 1, \dots, T$ , which is not free of spatial dependence irrespective of whether  $p \rightarrow \infty$  or not. It also does not depend on the choice of  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\zeta(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . Similar arguments apply to the projection of Parent and LeSage (2012) in the context of an unrestricted random effects model without a first-difference transformation. A set of restrictions that removes this kind of spatial dependence is discussed in Section 5.

<sup>19</sup>The variance of  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$  follows from a suitable scaling of  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N)$ , and the covariance term  $E[\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \Delta \mathbf{u}'_2] = -\sigma_u^2 \phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  results from  $E[\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N) \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \Delta \mathbf{u}'_2] = E[\tilde{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_1 \Delta \mathbf{u}'_2] = -\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$ .

<sup>20</sup>See also Kripfganz (2014).

### 3.4 Covariance Matrix

The variance-covariance matrix of the stacked vector of errors  $\Delta \mathbf{u} = (\boldsymbol{\nu}'_1, \Delta \mathbf{u}'_2, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{u}'_T)'$  is given by

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \sigma_u^2 \begin{pmatrix} \tau \mathbf{I}_N & -\phi(\mathbf{W}_N) & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ -\phi(\mathbf{W}_N) & 2\mathbf{I}_N & -\mathbf{I}_N & & \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I}_N & 2\mathbf{I}_N & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & -\mathbf{I}_N \\ \mathbf{0} & & & -\mathbf{I}_N & 2\mathbf{I}_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

The cross-sectional dependence in the covariance of  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$  and  $\Delta \mathbf{u}_2$  is an unfortunate characteristic of this model as it considerably complicates both the numerical and the analytical inversion of  $\tilde{\Omega}$ .<sup>21</sup> As a computationally tractable circumvention of this problem, I propose the approximation  $\tilde{\Omega} \approx \Omega \otimes \mathbf{I}_N$ , with

$$\Omega = \sigma_u^2 \Omega^* = \sigma_u^2 \begin{pmatrix} \tau & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (26)$$

which corresponds to a truncation of the polynomial  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  in equation (25) at order zero. The covariance matrix (26) is identical to that of the pure time dynamic model analyzed by Hsiao et al. (2002) who show that  $|\Omega| = \sigma_u^{2T} [1 + T(\tau - 1)]$ . As I demonstrate in Section 6, the transformed likelihood estimator performs well under this approximation.

<sup>21</sup>It can be shown that using forward-orthogonal deviations instead of first differences does not solve this problem. While in that case  $E[\Delta_s \mathbf{u}_s \Delta_t \mathbf{u}'_t] = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $s \neq t$ , it holds  $E[\Delta_0 \mathbf{u}_{-s} \Delta_{T-s} \mathbf{u}'_{T-s}] = -\sqrt{s/[(s+1)T(T+1)]} \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{I}_N$  for all  $s > 0$ , which creates a nonzero correlation between the transformed errors  $\Delta_t \mathbf{u}_t$ ,  $t = \min(1, T-p), \dots, T-1$ , and the composite initial observations error.

## 4 Quasi-Maximum Likelihood Estimation

With

$$\Delta \mathbf{y}_t = \begin{cases} \tilde{g}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_1) = E[\Delta \mathbf{y}_1 | \Delta \mathbf{x}] + \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N) \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 & , t = 1 \\ g(\Delta \mathbf{u}_t) = E[\Delta \mathbf{y}_t | \Delta \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{y}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}] + \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{u}_t & , t = 2, 3, \dots, T \end{cases}, \quad (27)$$

we can write the joint density of  $\Delta \mathbf{y} = (\Delta \mathbf{y}'_1, \Delta \mathbf{y}'_2, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{y}'_T)'$  conditional on  $\Delta \mathbf{x}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{y}}(\Delta \mathbf{y} | \Delta \mathbf{x}) &= f_{\mathbf{y}_1}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_1 | \Delta \mathbf{x}) \prod_{t=2}^T f_{\mathbf{y}_t}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_t | \Delta \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{y}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}^*) \\ &= f_{\nu_1}(\tilde{g}^{-1}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_1) | \Delta \mathbf{x}) \text{abs}(|\tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_1)|) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{t=1}^T f_{\mathbf{u}_t}(g^{-1}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_t) | \Delta \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{y}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}) \text{abs}(|\mathbf{J}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_t)|), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where  $f_{\mathbf{y}_t}$ ,  $f_{\mathbf{u}_t}$ , and  $f_{\nu_1}$  denote the marginal density functions of  $\Delta \mathbf{y}_t$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{u}_t$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$ , respectively, and  $\text{abs}(|\mathbf{J}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_t)|)$  is the absolute value of the determinant of the Jacobian matrix of  $g^{-1}$  with respect to  $\Delta \mathbf{y}_t$ . Assuming for simplicity that all eigenvalues  $\omega_l$  of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  are real-valued, it is readily seen from equation (27) that

$$|\mathbf{J}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_t)| = |\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N| = \prod_{l=1}^N (1 - \rho_2 \omega_l)(1 - \rho_0 \omega_l), \quad (29)$$

which is independent of  $t$  and strictly positive as a consequence of Assumption 6.<sup>22</sup> Similarly,

$$|\tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\Delta \mathbf{y}_1)| = |\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N \phi(\mathbf{W}_N)| = \prod_{l=1}^N (1 - \rho_2 \omega_l)(1 - \rho_0 \omega_l) \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{Q_N} \phi_k \omega_l^k \right). \quad (30)$$

When  $f_{\mathbf{u}_t}$  and  $f_{\nu_1}$  describe the density function of the normal distribution, the log-likelihood

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<sup>22</sup>Compare Ord (1975). If  $\mathbf{W}_N$  has complex eigenvalues, it holds that  $\text{abs}(|\mathbf{S}_N|) = \prod_{l=1}^N [(1 - \rho_0 \text{Re}(\omega_l))^2 + (\rho_0 \text{Im}(\omega_l))^2]^{1/2}$ , where  $\text{Re}(\omega_l)$  and  $\text{Im}(\omega_l)$  denote the real and imaginary part of  $\omega_l$ , respectively (Lee, 2002, Note 7). In the remainder of the paper, I assume for simplicity that all eigenvalues are real. The latter is guaranteed if  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is symmetric, or if  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is similar to a symmetric matrix which holds if  $\mathbf{W}_N$  was symmetric before row standardization.

function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{NT}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\tilde{\Omega}| - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{u}' \tilde{\Omega}^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{u} \\ & + T \sum_{l=1}^N \ln(1 - \rho_2 \omega_l) + T \sum_{l=1}^N \ln(1 - \rho_0 \omega_l) + \sum_{l=1}^N \ln \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{Q_N} \phi_k \omega_l^k \right), \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

with

$$\Delta \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Phi_{NT} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*], \quad (32)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}', \boldsymbol{\theta}')$ ,  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = (\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_{Q_N}, \pi'_0, \pi'_1, \dots, \pi'_{Q_N})'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\lambda, \rho_1, \beta_0, \gamma_0, \beta_1, \gamma_1)'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_k = (\pi_{k1}, \pi_{k2}, \dots, \pi_{kT})'$ ,

$$\Phi_{NT} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi(\mathbf{W}_N) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{N(T-1)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta \mathbf{Z} \end{pmatrix},$$

$\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} = (\iota_N, \mathbf{W}_N \iota_N, \dots, \mathbf{W}_N^{Q_N} \iota_N, \Delta \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{X}, \dots, \mathbf{W}_N^{Q_N} \Delta \mathbf{X})$ ,  $\Delta \mathbf{X} = (\Delta \mathbf{x}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{x}_T)$ , and

$$\Delta \mathbf{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 & \Delta \mathbf{x}_2 & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{x}_2 & \Delta \mathbf{x}_1 & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \Delta \mathbf{y}_{T-1} & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_{T-1} & \Delta \mathbf{x}_T & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{x}_T & \Delta \mathbf{x}_{T-1} & \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{x}_{T-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Under the approximation  $\tilde{\Omega} \approx \Omega \otimes \mathbf{I}_N$  we get the simplifications  $\tilde{\Omega}^{-1} = \Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N$  and  $\ln |\tilde{\Omega}| = NT \ln(\sigma_u^2) + N \ln(1 + T(\tau - 1))$ .

When the order  $Q_N$  increases with the sample size, an incidental parameters problem might occur depending on the rate at which  $Q_N$  grows to infinity. In that case, a solution lies in the truncation of the polynomials  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ ,  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ , and  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  such that the truncation order  $K_N$  satisfies the following condition:

**Assumption 9:** The truncation order  $K_N$  satisfies  $K_N \leq Q_N$  for all  $N$ ,  $K_N \rightarrow Q$  as  $Q_N \rightarrow Q$  for  $0 \leq Q \leq \infty$ , and  $K_N^3/N \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .<sup>23</sup>

<sup>23</sup>The condition  $K_N^3/N \rightarrow 0$  originates from the work of Berk (1974) and Said and Dickey (1984). Chudik and Pesaran (2013) assume  $K_N^3/T \rightarrow c$ ,  $0 < c < \infty$ , as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $K_N^3/(NT) \rightarrow 0$  as both  $(T, N) \rightarrow \infty$ .

$Q_N$  might be bounded or not. If  $Q < \infty$  it is in most cases safe to set  $K_N = Q_N$  unless there are not enough degrees of freedom in small samples. In the case of  $\mathbf{W}_N = \mathbf{I}_R \otimes \mathbf{B}_M$  as before,  $Q_N = 1$  for all  $N$  and no truncation is needed to obtain consistent estimates. Now consider the generalization with a differing number of members in each group such that  $Q_N = \tilde{R}$ . If the group size has an upper bound  $\tilde{M}$ ,  $Q_N$  may still depend on the sample size but is bounded by  $\tilde{M}$  as well. When there is no upper bound on the region size, we have to distinguish between increasing-domain asymptotics,  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , and fixed-domain asymptotics,  $m \rightarrow \infty$  while  $R$  is fixed. In the first case,  $\tilde{R}$  may be unbounded as well such that  $Q_N \rightarrow \infty$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and a truncation becomes necessary unless  $\tilde{R}^3/N \rightarrow 0$ . In the second case,  $Q_N$  is bounded above by  $R$ . However, fixed-domain asymptotics are incompatible with Assumption 3 as discussed by Lee (2004).

Maximization of the log-likelihood function can be done with an iterative procedure such as Newton-Raphson. Appendix A provides the analytical first-order and second-order derivatives. The initial parameter estimates can be obtained from a consistent GMM estimation. Alternatively, we can obtain initial estimates for  $(\lambda, \beta_0, \beta_1, \psi_0, \boldsymbol{\pi}'_0, \sigma_u^2, \tau)$  with the transformed likelihood estimator of Hsiao et al. (2002) assuming absence of spatial dependence. The remaining parameters are initialized as zero. We can further improve the quality of the initial estimates by applying a sequential iterative procedure similar to the algorithm proposed by Anderson and Hsiao (1982). By substituting the initial estimate of  $\tau$  into the closed-form solutions for the parameters in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^*$  we can update the latter, keeping fixed the spatial parameters  $\rho_0, \rho_2$ , and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{K_N}$  at zero (or any other initial value). These new values can then be used to obtain a new estimate of  $\tau$ , and so on. In contrast to the pure time-dynamic model, this sequential iterative approach does not yield the quasi-maximum likelihood estimates because closed-form solutions for the spatial parameters  $\rho_0, \rho_2$ , and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{K_N}$  are not available.

## 5 Restricted Model Specifications

In the literature, several restricted versions of model (9) are considered.<sup>24</sup> In this section, I focus on some of these restrictions that have particular implications for econometric modeling. All of the following restrictions can be tested by means of a likelihood ratio test. The test statistic has a  $\chi^2$

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<sup>24</sup>Elhorst (2001) summarizes the resulting models under certain parameter restrictions.

distribution with  $r$  degrees of freedom that are determined by the number of imposed restrictions:

$$\mathcal{LR} = 2(\ln \mathcal{L} - \ln \mathcal{L}_0) \sim \chi_r^2, \quad (33)$$

where  $\ln \mathcal{L}$  denotes the maximized value of the unrestricted log-likelihood function (31) and  $\ln \mathcal{L}_0$  that of the restricted log-likelihood function.

## 5.1 Restricted Time-Space Dynamic Panel Data Model

Parent and LeSage (2012) consider the particularly interesting nonlinear restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  that leaves the model time-space dynamic but enhances the interpretability of the model parameters as it disentangles the time and spatial effects.<sup>25</sup> In the presence of distributed spatial lags, I extend this idea and impose the additional nonlinear restriction  $\beta_1\gamma_0 = \beta_0\gamma_1$ .

The first restriction implies  $\mathbf{A}_N = \lambda\mathbf{S}_N$ , and the second restriction yields  $\mathbf{B}_{1N} = \kappa\mathbf{B}_{0N}$  with  $\kappa = \beta_1\beta_0^{-1}$ , assuming that  $\beta_0 \neq 0$ . As a consequence, model (9) becomes

$$\mathbf{S}_N\mathbf{y}_t = \lambda\mathbf{S}_N\mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \mathbf{B}_{0N}(\mathbf{x}_t + \kappa\mathbf{x}_{t-1}) + \mathbf{e}_t. \quad (34)$$

The stationarity condition imposed by Assumption 7.1 simplifies to  $|\lambda| < 1$ . Under Assumption 7.2, we may assume  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{S}_N^{-1}\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$  to simplify the distribution of the initial observations. Similarly, we shall assume  $\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N) = \beta_0\mathbf{B}_{0N}^{-1}\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$  in Assumption 8, provided that  $\mathbf{B}_{0N}$  is nonsingular and  $|\gamma_0\beta_0^{-1}| < 1$ . Under these two restrictions,  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \psi\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$  in equation (18), and the projection error for the initial observations has the same spatial dependence structure as the error terms for the other periods,  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N)\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 = \mathbf{R}_N^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$ , since  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  vanishes. Finally,  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  in equation (19) does not depend on the particular form of  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and becomes a first-order polynomial. The restriction that is imposed on  $\varsigma(\mathbf{W}_N)$  may be disputable. Particularly in the absence of distributed spatial lags, that is  $\gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$ , it boils down to the assumption that the spatial dependence structure of  $x_{it}$  coincides with the spatial error dependence of  $y_{it}$ .

<sup>25</sup>Alternatively, both effects can be separated by setting  $\rho_1 = 0$ . This restriction does not deserve particular attention because it leaves the derivations in Sections 3 and 4 unaffected.

If we accept all of the above restrictions, the initial observations satisfy

$$\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 = \psi \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\iota}_N + \sum_{l=1}^T (\pi_{0l} \mathbf{I}_N + \pi_{1l} \mathbf{W}_N) \Delta \mathbf{x}_l + \mathbf{R}_N^{-1} \boldsymbol{\nu}_1. \quad (35)$$

Notice that the approximation of the variance-covariance matrix proposed in Section 3.4 becomes obsolete as well. Consequently, the restricted log-likelihood function is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \mathcal{L}_r = & -\frac{NT}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_u^2) - \frac{N}{2} \ln(1 + T(\tau - 1)) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{u}'_r (\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}_r \\ & + T \sum_{l=1}^N \ln(1 - \rho_2 \omega_l) + T \sum_{l=1}^N \ln(1 - \rho_0 \omega_l), \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

with

$$\Delta \mathbf{u}_r = (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*] - \psi \mathbf{s}_1, \quad (37)$$

where  $\mathbf{s}_1 = (\boldsymbol{\iota}'_N, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0})'$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_r^* = (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}'_r, \boldsymbol{\theta}'_r)'$  is partitioned in a similar fashion as in the unrestricted case, with  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r = (\boldsymbol{\pi}'_0, \boldsymbol{\pi}'_1)'$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_r = (\lambda, \beta_0, \gamma_0)'$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_k = (\pi_{k1}, \pi_{k2}, \dots, \pi_{kT})'$ ,  $k = 0, 1$ .

Moreover,

$$\Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_r & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Delta \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_r = (\Delta \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}_N \Delta \mathbf{X})$ , and  $\mathbf{H}$  is a matrix that contains the parameter restrictions:

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}_\rho & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{H}_\kappa \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{h}_\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\rho_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{H}_\kappa = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_2 \\ \kappa \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The analytical derivatives for a gradient-based optimization are provided in Appendix A.

The degrees of freedom for the likelihood ratio test exceed the two restrictions  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  and  $\beta_1\gamma_0 = \beta_0\gamma_1$  because the additional coefficients in equation (17) are treated as free parameters. The total number of restrictions is  $r = 2 + (T + 2)K_N - T$ . If  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is row standardized,  $r$  is reduced by  $K_N$ . If more than one regressor is included in the model, each additional regressor adds another  $T(K_N - 1)$  restrictions.<sup>26</sup>

<sup>26</sup>When  $\gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$  both in the unrestricted and the restricted model, as considered by Parent and LeSage (2012), we have  $r = 2 + (T + 2)K_N$  and each additional regressor adds  $T K_N$  restrictions.

## 5.2 Pure Time Dynamic Panel Data Model

The time dynamic model without spatial lags is nested in model (9) by restricting  $\rho_0 = \rho_1 = \gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$  such that

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \lambda \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \beta_0 \mathbf{x}_t + \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \mathbf{e}_t. \quad (38)$$

Without loss of generality, we can leave the spatial error coefficient  $\rho_2$  unrestricted. Under the Assumption 7.1, the stationarity condition simplifies again to  $|\lambda| < 1$ . If the process started in the finite past and  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is not row standardized, we need to restrict  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$  in Assumption 7.2 unless  $\varphi_0 = 0$ . Otherwise, the polynomial  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  does not vanish. As in the previous subsection, the projection error  $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{W}_N)\mathbf{R}_N^{-1}\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$  still suffers from cross-sectional correlation if we continue to allow for spatial dependence in the data generating process of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  by leaving  $\zeta(\mathbf{W}_N)$  unconstrained. We thus have to additionally impose  $\zeta(\mathbf{W}_N) = \mathbf{R}_N^{-1}$ .  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  becomes a scalar multiple of the identity matrix irrespective of any restriction on  $\varphi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  or  $\zeta(\mathbf{W}_N)$ .

The absence of spatial dependence can be tested again with a likelihood ratio test. With a similar argument as in the previous subsection, the degrees of freedom are  $r = 4 + (T + 2)K_N$  because the spatial lag coefficients in the initial observations are treated as free parameters in the unrestricted model and need to be restricted to zero as well. If  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is row standardized the number of restrictions reduces to  $r = 4 + (T + 1)K_N$ . If more than one regressor is included in the model, each additional regressor adds another  $TK_N$  restrictions.

## 5.3 Pure Space Dynamic Panel Data Model

The space dynamic model without time lags is nested as well in model (9) by considering the restrictions  $\lambda = \rho_1 = \beta_1 = \gamma_1 = 0$ . In this case, the distribution of the initial observations does not depend on unobservables and can be obtained directly from the model. Therefore, it is irrelevant for the specification of the likelihood function if the exogenous regressors are cross-sectionally correlated or not. Technically, we have to impose the additional  $(T + 2)(K_N + 1) - 1$  restrictions  $\pi_{10} = \beta_0$ ,  $\pi_{11} = \gamma_0$ ,  $\pi_{sk} = 0$  if  $s > 1$  or  $k > 1$ , as well as  $\phi_k = \psi_k = 0$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Also, the initial observations error term now has the same distribution as the errors for the other time periods. This implies the final restriction  $\tau = 2$ . The likelihood ratio test statistic (33) is thus based on  $r = 4 + (T + 2)(K_N + 1)$  degrees of freedom that are again reduced by  $K_N$  if  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is row



standardized. Each additional regressor adds  $T(K_N + 1)$  restrictions.

Notice that by imposing these linear parameter restrictions, the unconditional QML estimator obtained in Section (4) collapses to the QML estimator proposed by Lee and Yu (2010b).<sup>27</sup> Furthermore, with the two additional restrictions  $\rho_0 = \gamma_0 = 0$  the least squares dummy variable estimator for the static model can also be viewed as a constrained estimator within the general time-space dynamic framework.

## 6 Monte Carlo Simulation

### 6.1 Simulation Design

To analyze the finite sample performance of the estimator I conduct the following Monte Carlo experiments. The data generating process of the dependent variable  $y_{it}$  has the same time-space dynamic structure as in the simulation exercise of Parent and LeSage (2012):

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \lambda_y \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \rho_{y0} \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{y}_t + \rho_{y1} \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{y}_{t-1} + \beta \mathbf{x}_t + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_y + \mathbf{u}_t, \quad \mathbf{u}_t \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{I}_N). \quad (39)$$

The regressor  $x_{it}$  features similar dynamics in both dimensions:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \lambda_x \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \rho_{x0} \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{x}_t + \rho_{x1} \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_x + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_t \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_\epsilon^2 \mathbf{I}_N), \quad (40)$$

such that  $\mathbf{x}_t$  is strictly exogenous with respect to  $\mathbf{u}_t$ . The unobserved unit-specific effects  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_y$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_x$  are generated from a joint normal distribution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{yi} \\ \alpha_{xi} \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{\alpha y}^2 & \sigma_{\alpha y x} \\ \sigma_{\alpha y x} & \sigma_{\alpha x}^2 \end{pmatrix} \right). \quad (41)$$

When  $\sigma_{\alpha y x} \neq 0$  it is inappropriate to consider the unit-specific effects in equation (39) as random with respect to  $\mathbf{x}_t$ . The spatial weights matrix  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is generated following Lee (2004). There are  $R$  regions with  $M$  members each. All members have equal weight within the same region and

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<sup>27</sup>Lee and Yu (2010b) consider the forward-orthogonal model transformation instead of first differences to remove the incidental fixed effects parameters. However, the estimator is invariant to the choice of the transformation matrix as demonstrated by Arellano and Bover (1995).

are spatially unrelated to members of other regions. Therefore,  $\mathbf{W}_N = \mathbf{I}_R \otimes \mathbf{B}_M$  with  $\mathbf{B}_M = (\boldsymbol{\iota}_M \boldsymbol{\iota}'_M - \mathbf{I}_M)/(M - 1)$ .

I set the unconditional long-run effect of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  on  $\mathbf{y}_t$  to unity. That is  $\beta = 1 - \lambda_y - \rho_{y0} - \rho_{y1}$ .<sup>28</sup> The processes are initialized at  $t = -5$  with their long-run means conditional on the realizations of the unit-specific effects:

$$\mathbf{y}_{-5} = [(1 - \lambda_y)\mathbf{I}_N - (\rho_{y0} + \rho_{y1})\mathbf{W}_N]^{-1}(\beta\mathbf{x}_{-5} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_y) \quad (42)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{-5} = [(1 - \lambda_x)\mathbf{I}_N - (\rho_{x0} + \rho_{x1})\mathbf{W}_N]^{-1}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_x. \quad (43)$$

The matrix inverses can be computed efficiently with the inversion formula (11). The first 5 observations are discarded. Furthermore, I fix  $\lambda_y = \lambda_x = 0.4$ ,  $\rho_{y0} = \rho_{x0} = 0.2$ ,  $\rho_{y1} = \rho_{x1} = -0.08$ ,  $\sigma_u^2 = \sigma_\epsilon^2 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha_y}^2 = \sigma_{\alpha_x}^2 = 3$ , and  $\sigma_{\alpha_y \alpha_x} = 1.5$ . The time span is  $T = 9$  and the cross-sectional dimension varies along  $R \in \{10, 20, 50\}$  and  $M \in \{2, 5, 10, 20, 50\}$ . For each simulation I perform 1000 replications.

I estimate the model with three versions of the unconditional transformed likelihood estimator developed in this paper. For the first estimator, I impose the nonlinear restriction  $\rho_{y1} = -\lambda_y \rho_{y0}$  which is valid given the parameter values in the data generating process. As discussed in Section 5, this restriction simplifies the distribution of the initial observations by removing the spatial lags of the exogenous regressor. However, since  $x_{it}$  itself is spatially correlated the initial observations error term will still exhibit cross-sectional dependence, and by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem the order of  $\phi(\mathbf{W})_N$  equals one. To analyze the impact of a different choice for the truncation order, I further compare the performance of two otherwise unrestricted estimators. The truncation order  $K_N$  is either set to zero or unity for all polynomials  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . Finally, as a benchmark I add the bias-corrected conditional transformed likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008) to the simulation study. The optimization is performed with a Newton-Raphson algorithm, and analytical derivatives of the log-likelihood function are used to sizably increase the computation speed of this gradient-based optimization.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>28</sup>Parent and LeSage (2012) restrict the long-run effect of  $\mathbf{x}_t$  on  $(\mathbf{I}_N - \rho_{y0}\mathbf{W}_N)\mathbf{y}_t$  to unity such that  $\beta = (1 - \lambda_y - \rho_{y0} - \rho_{y1})/(1 - \rho_{y0})$ . However, they set down the reciprocal of that fraction which is presumably a typographical error.

<sup>29</sup>First-order and second-order derivatives can be found in Appendix A. The bias-corrected estimator of Yu et al. (2008) is briefly sketched in Appendix B. *Stata* estimation files are available from the author upon request.

## 6.2 Simulation Results

Tables 2 and 1 show the average bias and the root mean square error (RMSE) of the parameter estimates for different combinations of  $R$  and  $M$ . With increasing  $R$  and fixed  $M$  the spatial weights matrix becomes relatively more sparse, while with increasing  $M$  and fixed  $R$  it becomes relatively more dense. The simulation results reveal that this distinction is important for the spatial lag coefficients  $\rho_{y0}$  and  $\rho_{y1}$ . When  $M$  increases, neither the bias nor the RMSE of the estimators show a clear tendency to go down for these coefficients. This observation is in line with the argumentation of Lee (2004) that the quasi-maximum likelihood estimators are inconsistent under fixed-domain asymptotics.<sup>30</sup> Intuitively, by holding the number of regions  $R$  fixed and increasing the number of members  $M$  the spatial structure changes and there is no informational gain about the spatial dependence parameters. To the contrary, with increasing domain  $R$  both the bias and the RMSE of all estimators shrink for the spatial lag coefficients. Clearly, the statistical inference can be improved by drawing additional regions  $R$  from the population that have the same dimension as the previously sampled data. For the coefficients  $\lambda_y$  and  $\beta$ , the direction of the asymptotics does not matter. In fact, the bias and RMSE have about the same magnitude for a given sample size  $N$  irrespective of the ratio  $M/R$ .

[Table 1 about here.]

[Table 2 about here.]

Another observation concerns the unconditional transformed likelihood estimator with truncation order  $K_N = 1$ . For small sample sizes, in particular when  $R = 10$ , it shows unexpectedly large biases and dispersions for the parameters that capture the dynamics across time and space. In the extreme case,  $N = RM = 20$ , the estimator even breaks down completely as the Newton-Raphson algorithm fails to converge. This is likely to be a consequence of overparameterizing the distribution of the initial observations. With more observations at hand convergence can be achieved although large distortions remain when the sample increases only in the direction of  $M$ . I conjecture that the source of these distortions can be found in the vicinity of the too many instruments problem in instrumental variable estimations. As a remedy serves the restriction of the truncation

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<sup>30</sup>The Monte Carlo findings of Bao (2013) also confirm this result.

order to  $K_N = 0$ . The resulting estimator convinces with a reasonably small bias and RMSE even in very small samples. When  $R$  increases, the performance of both estimators becomes comparable for the parameters  $\lambda_y$  and  $\beta$  while the truncated version,  $K_N = 0$ , retains its lead for the spatial lag coefficients  $\rho_{y0}$  and  $\rho_{y1}$ .

Not surprisingly, the unconditional likelihood estimator with the valid nonlinear restriction  $\rho_{y1} = -\lambda_y \rho_{y0}$  shows by far the lowest root mean square error for the restricted coefficient  $\rho_{y1}$ . The gains spill over to the coefficient  $\lambda_y$ , in particular when  $M$  is small, while it seems to come at the cost of a slightly increased RMSE for the coefficients  $\rho_{y0}$ .

Leaving aside the specific problems when  $R$  is small of the estimator without truncation,  $K_N = Q_N = 1$ , the unconditional likelihood estimators perform well in comparison to the bias-corrected conditional likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008). For the coefficient  $\lambda_y$ , the latter reveals a larger bias than the unconditional estimators but can convince with the smallest RMSE under most combinations of  $R$  and  $M$ . Interestingly, for the spatial parameters  $\rho_{y0}$  and  $\rho_{y1}$  this picture flips upside down. Here, the bias-corrected estimator shows a smaller bias than the unconditional estimators but a larger RMSE than its unrestricted competitor with truncation order  $K_N = 0$ . Eventually, for  $R = 50$  even the unrestricted estimator with  $K_N = 1$  passes by the bias-corrected estimator in terms of RMSE.

[Table 3 about here.]

While studying the estimator performance for the individual parameters provides useful insights, the main quantities of interest in empirical studies are the marginal effects of  $x_{it}$  on  $y_{it}$ . In space dynamic models we can divide the total marginal effect into a direct and an indirect effect. The time dynamics in addition allow to distinguish between short-run and long-run effects. Table 3 provides the simulation results for the marginal effects for the sample dimensions  $R = 50$  and  $M = 2$ . For the short-run effects, all the estimators under comparison are essentially indistinguishable. Notable differences emergence for the long-run effects. The unconditional likelihood estimator that exploits the valid restriction  $\rho_{y1} = -\lambda_y \rho_{y0}$  convinces in particular with a RMSE for the indirect long-run effect that is less than half of the RMSE for the other estimators. This comparative advantage carries over to the total long-run effect. However, also the unconditional estimators without this restriction show lower RMSEs than the bias-corrected conditional likelihood

estimator. Here, the advantages of modeling the distribution of the initial observations under a short time horizon as opposed to a bias-correction that is derived under large- $T$  asymptotics become evident.

## 7 Application

### 7.1 Data Description

For the estimation of the time-space dynamic wage equation that was derived in Section 2, I use biennial data from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) for the years from 2001 to 2011. According to the Mincerian theory of wage determination, labor market experience plays a key role as an explanatory factor of net potential earnings. I proxy experience by the age of the individuals. Because age is linearly growing over time, as is experience in the absence of career gaps, in first differences it reduces to a constant term. Therefore, its coefficient cannot be identified separately from the set of time-specific effects that are included to capture fluctuations and trends in macroeconomic conditions. However, the coefficient of squared age is still identifiable. Furthermore, I include dummy variables for union coverage, marriage, and the number of children living in the same family unit. When the model includes a spatial lag, the marriage variable is supposed to capture a true marriage premium that is not confounded with a mere cohabitation premium. As additional control variables I include three industry dummies (primary sector, manufacturing, and public administration) and three regional dummies (northeast, north central, and south), such that the baseline group is workers in the services sector living in the western part of the United States. Other explanatory variables as education, gender, race, or family background are time-invariant characteristics that are removed by the first-difference transformation.<sup>31</sup> Further details on the variables can be found in Appendix C.

The PSID does not only allow to track individuals over time but also to link them to other individuals living in the same household. I restrict the sample to individuals that report a nonzero hourly wage rate for all periods. Furthermore, I dismiss all individuals that earned less than the federal minimum wage in at least one of the years.<sup>32</sup> Moreover, to avoid time-varying spatial

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<sup>31</sup>The effects of time-invariant regressors could be estimated by adjusting the two-stage procedure proposed by Kripfganz and Schwarz (2013).

<sup>32</sup>The federal minimum wage was raised from 5.15 USD to 7.25 USD per hour on July 24, 2009. I selected the

weights I dismiss workers that did not stay together with the same cohabitant over the sample period. This leads to a strongly balanced sample of  $N = 738$  individuals of which 138 have a working housemate. Consequently, there is a total of  $R_1 = 600$  households with workers that are either single or have a partner that is not working (and thus not part of the sample), and  $R_2 = 69$  dual-earner households. By appropriately ordering the individuals the spatial weights matrix has the following symmetric and block-diagonal structure:

$$\mathbf{W}_N = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{R_1} \otimes \mathbf{B}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{R_2} \otimes \mathbf{B}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B}_1 = 0, \quad \mathbf{B}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This matrix is a special case of the spatial weights matrix discussed in Section 3.2 with  $\tilde{R} = \tilde{M} = 2$ .  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is diagonalizable and has three distinct eigenvalues, namely unity and minus unity with multiplicity  $R_2$  each, and zero with multiplicity  $R_1 = N - 2R_2$ . As discussed by Kripfganz (2014), we can thus write higher-order powers of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  as second-order polynomials which determines the order  $Q_N = 2$  of the polynomials  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  in Section 3.3. Moreover, the row sum of  $\mathbf{W}_N$  is unity for the last  $2R_2$  rows and zero for the remaining rows. It is therefore only partially row standardized which requires  $\psi(\mathbf{W}_N)$  to be a first-order polynomial.<sup>33</sup>

In the current analysis, the labor market participation decision is left aside. In general, an increase in the relative wage of the cohabitant may have an adverse effect on the own participation as specialization in household labor becomes comparatively more advantageous. However, if a worker decides to reduce the number of hours worked this does not have to be reflected in an adjustment of hourly wage rates. If the hours are reduced to zero in any period the worker drops out from the sample for all periods. The resulting sample selection is therefore a time-invariant characteristic and thus captured by the individual-specific effects.

## 7.2 Marginal Effects and the Cohabitation Premium

To avoid identification problems, consider model (9) with the restrictions  $\beta_1 = \gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = 0$ . To obtain marginal effects of the exogenous regressor variable, the following result for this particular

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individuals based on the former for the years 2001 to 2009, and based on the latter for the final year 2011.

<sup>33</sup>A similar argument applies to  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  if  $x_{it}$  is a household-specific regressor that takes on the same value for both partners, as it is the case for marriage, children, and the regional dummies.

spatial weights matrix is helpful:<sup>34</sup>

$$(\mathbf{I}_N - \rho_0 \mathbf{W}_N)^{-1} = \mathbf{I}_N + \frac{\rho_0}{1 - \rho_0^2} \mathbf{W}_N + \frac{\rho_0^2}{1 - \rho_0^2} \mathbf{W}_N^2, \quad (44)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_N^2$  equals the identity matrix with the first  $R_1$  main diagonal elements replaced by zero.

We then have the short-run direct marginal effect

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{it}} = \begin{cases} \beta & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \left(1 + \frac{\rho_0^2}{1 - \rho_0^2}\right) & , i > R_1 \end{cases}, \quad (45)$$

and the short-run indirect marginal effect

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{jt}} = \begin{cases} 0 & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \frac{\rho_0}{1 - \rho_0^2} & , i > R_1 \end{cases}, \quad (46)$$

where  $j$  refers to the cohabitant of individual  $i$ . The short-run total effect equals the sum of both:

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{it}} + \frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{jt}} = \begin{cases} \beta & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \frac{1}{1 - \rho_0} & , i > R_1 \end{cases}. \quad (47)$$

For single-earner households,  $i \leq R$ , there are no within-household spillover effects such that the total effect equals the direct effect, and both are just given by the coefficient  $\beta$ . The immediate spillover effect in dual-earner households manifests itself in the nonzero indirect effect, but also the direct effect is larger than for single earners because of second-round effects. The total effect for dual-earner households is then obtained by scaling  $\beta$  with the spatial multiplier  $1/(1 - \rho_0)$ . We can thus compute a regressor-specific short-run cohabitation premium that individuals obtain from sharing a household with another worker as the difference of the total effects for dual-earner and single-earner households:

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t; i > R_1]}{\partial x_{it}} + \frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t; i > R_1]}{\partial x_{jt}} - \frac{\partial E[y_{it} | \mathbf{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t; i \leq R_1]}{\partial x_{it}} = \beta \frac{\rho_0}{1 - \rho_0}. \quad (48)$$

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<sup>34</sup>See LeSage and Pace (2009) for a discussion of direct, indirect, and total marginal effects in spatial econometric models with an arbitrary spatial weights matrix.

Corresponding long-run effects depend on potential restrictions imposed on the parameter  $\rho_1$ . For the unrestricted model, the long-run direct marginal effects are obtained as

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{it}} = \begin{cases} \beta \frac{1}{1-\lambda} & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left( 1 + \frac{(\rho_0 + \rho_1)^2}{(1-\lambda)^2 - (\rho_0 + \rho_1)^2} \right) & , i > R_1 \end{cases}, \quad (49)$$

and the long-run indirect marginal effects become

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{jt}} = \begin{cases} 0 & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \frac{\rho_0 + \rho_1}{(1-\lambda)^2 - (\rho_0 + \rho_1)^2} & , i > R_1 \end{cases}. \quad (50)$$

Adding them up yields the long-run total marginal effects

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{it}} + \frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t]}{\partial x_{jt}} = \begin{cases} \beta \frac{1}{1-\lambda} & , i \leq R_1 \\ \beta \frac{1}{1-\lambda - \rho_0 - \rho_1} & , i > R_1 \end{cases}. \quad (51)$$

Under the restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  the spatial long-run multiplier  $1/(1 - \lambda - \rho_0 - \rho_1)$  becomes the product of the simple long-run multiplier  $1/(1 - \lambda)$  and the short-run spatial multiplier  $1/(1 - \rho_0)$ . Finally, we can compute the unrestricted long-run cohabitation premium again as the difference between the dual-earner and single-earner total effects:

$$\frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t; i > R_1]}{\partial x_{it}} + \frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t; i > R_1]}{\partial x_{jt}} - \frac{\partial E[y_{it}|\mathbf{x}_t; i \leq R_1]}{\partial x_{it}} = \beta \frac{\rho_0 + \rho_1}{(1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda - \rho_0 - \rho_1)}, \quad (52)$$

which simplifies to  $[\beta/(1 - \lambda)] \cdot [\rho_0/(1 - \rho_0)]$  under the nonlinear restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ . Standard errors for all marginal effects and cohabitation premiums can be obtained with the Delta method.

### 7.3 Estimation Results

Table 4 presents the estimation results for a set of wage equations with different dynamic model components. All models are nested within the general time-space dynamic panel data model (7) as outlined in Section 5. In line with the dynamic wage equation derived from the bargaining model in Section 2, I do not consider distributed time or spatial lags of the regressors. Also, to avoid



identification problems I assume absence of spatial error dependence. Thus,  $\beta_1 = \gamma_0 = \gamma_1 = \rho_2 = 0$  in all specifications.

[Table 4 about here.]

I compare several restricted versions of the model. The static model does neither control for time dependence nor for within-household dependence. The space dynamic model adds a spatial lag of the dependent variable in line with the argumentation that wage rates are correlated among household members.<sup>35</sup> In contrast, the empirical observation of correlated earnings over time is accommodated in the time dynamic model. For this specification, I assume absence of spatial dependence both in the dependent variable and the exogenous regressors. Thus, the resulting QML estimators for the space dynamic and the time dynamic models are those of Lee and Yu (2010b) and Hsiao et al. (2002), respectively. The time-space dynamic model merges the space dynamic and the time dynamic models. Besides the unrestricted version, I consider two restrictions on the spatial time lag,  $\rho_1 = 0$  or  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ , that both disentangle the time and spatial effects. The latter is in line with the bargaining model derived above. For the time-space dynamic specifications, I allow for an unrestricted spatial correlation of the regressors according to Assumption 8, but set the truncation order to  $K_N = 0$  to avoid an overparameterization of the initial observations equation. This truncation has been shown in Section 6 to yield satisfactory results.

The static model delivers the familiar results. The significantly negative coefficient of age squared signals a hump-shaped wage-age profile provided that the unidentified linear age component enters with a positive sign. The aggregate time effects (relative to the initial period) are all positive and growing over time.<sup>36</sup> In the absence of other excluded trending components, this would indeed imply a positive influence of the linear age component. Moreover, there is a strongly significant wage premium of about 6.5 percent for jobs covered by a union contract. The marriage premium of 4.1 percent is significant only at the 10 percent level, as is effect of the number of children in the household.

Adding a contemporaneous spatial lag to the model has almost no effect on the remaining coefficient estimates even though the spatial lag coefficient is highly significant. The picture changes

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<sup>35</sup>The unconditional correlation coefficient of the hourly wage rates among cohabitants in the sample is 0.55. For the corresponding biennial growth rates it is still 0.22.

<sup>36</sup>To economize on space, the estimates of the industry, regional, and time effects are not reported in the table.

when adding a time lag. Both in the pure time dynamic and in the time-space dynamic models, the time lag coefficient is statistically and economically highly significant. If interpreted as a speed of convergence, it implies that wage rate deviations from their long-run trend are reduced by 54 percent within one period (2 years). While the coefficient of union coverage rises due to the inclusion of the time lag, the effects of the marital status and the presence of children shrink towards zero and turn insignificant. When comparing the unrestricted time-space dynamic model to the specification with the nonlinear restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ , it is evident that the point estimate of the unrestricted coefficient of the spatial time lag comes close to the restricted estimate. Importantly, the restriction reduces the corresponding standard error by factor 2.5 and turns the spatial time lag significant at the 1 percent level while it is insignificant without the restriction.<sup>37</sup>

Concerning the optimal model choice, the time-space dynamic models tend to be preferred. Both the time lag and the contemporaneous spatial lag are significant predictors of the wage outcome. A model comparison on the basis of a likelihood ratio test points in the same direction. We can reject the null hypothesis that the imposed restrictions are valid for the static, space dynamic, and time dynamic model. However, we cannot reject the two restricted versions of the time-space dynamic model against the unrestricted model which is evidence that the underlying dynamics can be characterized by just two instead of three coefficients that capture the time and spatial effect, respectively. In particular, we cannot reject the time-space dynamic wage equation with the nonlinear restriction that results from the bargaining model in Section 2. Also observe that the static model is rejected against any alternative which strongly suggests to consider dynamic model specifications in the analysis of wage determinants.

For comparison of the different model's implications, the marginal effects are more meaningful than pure coefficient estimates. Table 5 presents these effects for dual earners.<sup>38</sup> For the static model, the results are presented under the assumption that the underlying data generating process is static as well. In this case, short-run and long-run marginal effects coincide. If the data generating process is dynamic, the within estimates in static models approximate short-run effects and the between estimates approximate long-run effects.<sup>39</sup> We should then disregard the reported long-run estimates for the static model, and similarly for the pure space dynamic model, because

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<sup>37</sup>The standard error of the estimate for  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  is computed with the Delta method.

<sup>38</sup>The marginal effect of age is not identified, and a separate effect for age squared is not of interest.

<sup>39</sup>See for example Egger and Pfaffermayr (2004).

the first-difference transformation yields within estimates. The marginal effects from the static model simply equal the respective coefficient estimates. They are very close to the direct marginal effects from the space dynamic model. The difference between the total marginal effects is larger due to the positive indirect effects in the space dynamic model. The latter is highly significant for union coverage.

[Table 5 about here.]

Stronger differences emerge when we include time dynamics. In the absence of additional spatial dynamics, the short-run direct and total effects are again equal to the respective coefficient estimates, while the long-run effects are more than twice as high due to the long-run multiplier,  $1/(1 - \lambda) = 2.19$ . For marriage and the number of children, the insignificance of the coefficient estimates transmits into insignificant marginal effects. For union coverage, the results confirm the preceding argumentation that the within estimates of static models are approximations to short-run rather than long-run effects.

When we move on to time-space dynamic models that control both for wage persistence over time and interaction effects among cohabitants, the direct effects remain about the same as in the pure time dynamic model. The important difference lies again in the significant indirect effects for job coverage under a union contract. In the short run, this increases the corresponding total effect by about 0.4 to 0.6 percentage points. In the long run, the difference is even more pronounced. The total effect is about 1.1 to 2.1 percentage points higher than under ignorance of within-household spillovers, depending on the restrictions on the spatial time lag. The effects are largest when we restrict  $\rho_1 = 0$ , but also under the nonlinear restriction  $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$  the effects are slightly higher than with the unrestricted model. More importantly, due to the imprecise estimation of the spatial time lag coefficient in the latter model the long-run indirect effect turns insignificant.

For single-earner households the exposition simplifies a lot because they do not benefit from spillover effects such that the direct and total marginal effects coincide, as reported in Table 6. The short-run marginal effects in all models are given by the corresponding coefficient estimates, and the long-run coefficients are appropriately scaled by the long-run multiplier. For the static and space dynamic model the qualification applies again that we should not put much emphasis on long-run effects when we acknowledge the autoregressive nature of the underlying data generating

process. In all models that include time dynamics it is clearly visible that the single-earner marginal effects are virtually the same.

[Table 6 about here.]

We are now ready to compute the short-run and long-run cohabitation premiums that dual earners receive from cohabiting with another worker. This is done in Table 7. Clearly, there is no such premium in the static and the time dynamic model. Under the remaining specifications, the short-run cohabitation premium for union coverage varies between 0.4 and 0.6 percentage points. The corresponding long-run premium lies in the range of 1.1 and 2.1 percentage points, leaving aside the space dynamic model due to the known reasons. Besides the long-run premium in the unrestricted model, these premiums are significant at the 5 percent level. Their magnitude is economically meaningful and nonnegligible given a total long-run effect of about 17 to 19 percent.

[Table 7 about here.]

Summarizing the estimation results, we find evidence for wage persistence over time and within-household spillover effects. On statistical grounds, we have to reject all model specifications that ignore either or both of the two dynamic model components. On the other hand-side, the completely unrestricted model seems to be overparameterized as we can neither restrict the absence of the spatial time lag nor a nonlinear restriction on its coefficient. With both specifications we find a significant cohabitation premium for union coverage both in the short and the long run.

## 8 Conclusion

The formulation of an unconditional transformed likelihood function for short- $T$  dynamic panel data models requires a specification of the marginal distribution for the initial observations. The presence of spatial lags complicates the respective derivations under the assumption that the initial observations are generated from the same process as the remaining observations. The resulting likelihood function involves higher-order spatial lag polynomials. In general, their order can increase with the sample size which requires a truncation for consistent estimation and admissible finite sample performance. When appropriate measures are taken to rein the parameter proliferation, the

unconditional transformed likelihood estimator is shown to perform well in finite samples with a smaller root mean square error of the marginal effects estimates than the competing bias-corrected conditional likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008).

The derivations simplify considerably by imposing a particular nonlinear restriction on the spatial time lag as discussed earlier by Parent and LeSage (2010, 2011, 2012). The same restriction is also implied by a theoretical bargaining model derived in this paper to rationalize a time-space dynamic wage equation. The empirical results based on PSID data are in favor of a model specification that allows for both autoregressive dynamics and within-household spillovers. They also support the aforementioned nonlinear restriction on the spatial time lag. The rich dynamic model specification allows to separate long-run from short-run effects, and to split total marginal effects into direct and indirect marginal effects. Furthermore, the difference between the marginal effects for single-earner and dual-earner households gives rise a regressor-specific cohabitation premium.

Simplifications also occur for particular spatial weights matrices with a finite order of their minimal polynomial. Such situations may occur for example in socio-economic settings where individuals interact with others in groups of manageable size while there are no interactions between groups. The resulting spatial weights matrix has a block-diagonal structure with repeated eigenvalues. The finite order of the corresponding spatial lag polynomials also allows to obtain analytical expressions for the marginal effects as explicit functions of the model parameters.

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## A Derivatives of the Log-Likelihood Function

### A.1 Unrestricted Time-Space Dynamic Model

In the following, I consider the approximation  $\tilde{\Omega} \approx \Omega \otimes \mathbf{I}_N$  from Section 3.4, with  $\Omega = \sigma_u^2 \Omega^*$  given in equation (26). Hsiao et al. (2002) decompose  $\Omega^{*-1} = \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{C}$ , where

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_0 & c_1 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ c_0 & c_1 & \dots & c_{T-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 c_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 c_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & c_{T-1} c_T \end{pmatrix},$$

with  $c_s = 1 + s(\tau - 1)$ ,  $s = 0, 1, \dots, T$ . Define  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2}\mathbf{C}$ , and let  $\mathbf{p}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{2..T}$  denote the first column and the columns 2 to  $T$  of  $\mathbf{P}$ , respectively. Furthermore,  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}} = (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$  and  $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{P}_{2..T} \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)\Delta\mathbf{Z}$ . Then,  $\Delta\mathbf{u}'(\Omega^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N)\Delta\mathbf{u} = \sigma_u^{-2}\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}'\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ , with

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N)\Delta\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{P} \otimes (\mathbf{R}_N\mathbf{S}_N)]\Phi_{NT}\Delta\mathbf{y} - \tilde{\mathbf{G}}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \mathbf{G}\boldsymbol{\theta}. \quad (53)$$

The first-order derivatives with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ,  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ , and  $\sigma_u^2$  are given by

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}' \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \quad (54)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}' \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma_u^2} = -\frac{NT}{2\sigma_u^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_u^4} \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}' \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{u}}. \quad (56)$$

Setting them equal to zero yields the following closed-form solutions for given values of  $\rho_0$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $\tau$ , and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{K_N}$ :

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left( \mathbf{G}' \tilde{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{G} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{G}' \tilde{\mathbf{M}} [\mathbf{P} \otimes (\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N)] \Phi_{NT} \Delta\mathbf{y}, \quad (57)$$

$$\hat{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = \left( \tilde{\mathbf{G}}' \tilde{\mathbf{M}} \tilde{\mathbf{G}} \right)^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}' \tilde{\mathbf{M}} [\mathbf{P} \otimes (\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N)] \Phi_{NT} \Delta\mathbf{y}, \quad (58)$$

where  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_{NT} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{G}'\mathbf{G})^{-1}\mathbf{G}'$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{I}_{NT} - \tilde{\mathbf{G}}(\tilde{\mathbf{G}}'\tilde{\mathbf{G}})^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{G}}'$ , and

$$\hat{\sigma}_u^2 = \frac{1}{NT} \left[ (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^* \right]' \boldsymbol{\Phi}'_{NT} (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' \left( \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{*-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N \right) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} \left[ (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^* \right]. \quad (59)$$

Inserting these expressions back into the log-likelihood function yields a concentrated log-likelihood function that can be maximized with respect to the remaining parameters. The first-order derivatives for these parameters are given by

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - T \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_0 \omega_l}, \quad (60)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \left[ (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^* \right]' \boldsymbol{\Phi}'_{NT} (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}} - T \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_2 \omega_l}, \quad (61)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_k} = -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' \mathbf{R}'_N (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}} + \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l^k}{1 + \sum_{h=1}^{K_N} \phi_h \omega_l^h}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K_N, \quad (62)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{NT}{2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_u^2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{u}' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}, \quad (63)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta} = (T, T - 1, \dots, 1)'$ . Setting the latter equal to zero yields

$$\hat{\tau} = \frac{T-1}{T} + \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_u^2 NT^2} \left[ (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^* \right]' \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}'_{NT} (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \hat{\mathbf{R}}_N)' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \hat{\mathbf{R}}_N) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_{NT} \left[ (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \hat{\mathbf{S}}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^* \right], \quad (64)$$

which implies a lower bound for  $\tau$  at  $(T-1)/T$ .

The second-order derivatives are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}' \mathbf{G}, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}' \tilde{\mathbf{G}}, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}' \tilde{\mathbf{G}}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \sigma_u^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \mathbf{G}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \sigma_u^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\sigma_u^2)^2} &= \frac{NT}{2\sigma_u^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^6} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' \left[ \Omega^{*-1} \otimes (\mathbf{W}'_N \mathbf{W}_N) \right] (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y} \\
&\quad - T \sum_{l=1}^N \left( \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_0 \omega_l} \right)^2, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_2^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*]' \Phi'_{NT} \left[ \Omega^{*-1} \otimes (\mathbf{W}'_N \mathbf{W}_N) \right] \\
&\quad \Phi_{NT} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*] - T \sum_{l=1}^N \left( \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_2 \omega_l} \right)^2, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_{k_1} \partial \phi_{k_2}} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' \mathbf{R}'_N (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}^{k_1}_N)' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}^{k_2}_N) \mathbf{R}_N (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\
&\quad - \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l^{k_1+k_2}}{(1 + \sum_{h=1}^{K_N} \phi_h \omega_l^h)^2}, \quad k_1, k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_N, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tau^2} &= \frac{NT^2}{2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} - \frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^3} \Delta \mathbf{u}' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}'(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) \Phi_{NT} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*] - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \Delta \mathbf{Z}' (\mathbf{P}_{2..T} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}'(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) \Phi_{NT} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*] - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [\phi(\mathbf{W}_N) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}]' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} (\Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*]' \Phi'_{NT} (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{Z}' \left[ (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N \right] \Delta \mathbf{u}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \tau} &= -\frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}' (\boldsymbol{\vartheta}' \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_u^4 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{u}' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} (\Phi_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{W}'_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_2 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*]' \Phi'_{NT} [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{W}'_N] \Delta \mathbf{u},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}} = (T-1, T-2, \dots, 1)'$ . Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \phi_k} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k) \mathbf{R}_N (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}), \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \partial \phi_k} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}'(\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k) \mathbf{R}_N (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) + \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{R}_N \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}})' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \phi_k} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' \mathbf{R}_N' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0 \partial \phi_k} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k) \mathbf{R}_N (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{R}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1)' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^{k+1})' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_2 \partial \phi_k} &= \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*]' \boldsymbol{\Phi}'_{NT} (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k) \mathbf{R}_N (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1 - \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^{k+1})' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_k \partial \tau} &= \frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} (\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N \Delta \mathbf{y}_1)' (\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^k)' \Delta \mathbf{u},
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K_N$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0 \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' \left[ \Omega^{*-1} \otimes (\mathbf{W}'_N \mathbf{W}_N) \right] \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}^* \boldsymbol{\theta}^*] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{NT} \Delta \mathbf{y})' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^2)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}.
\end{aligned}$$

## A.2 Restricted Time-Space Dynamic Model

Again, I make use of the decomposition for  $\Omega^{*-1}$  to obtain

$$\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r = (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}_r = [\mathbf{P} \otimes (\mathbf{R}_N \mathbf{S}_N)] \Delta \mathbf{y} - \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{H} \boldsymbol{\theta}_r - \psi(\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N), \quad (65)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r = (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_r$ , and  $\mathbf{G}$  is defined as before. The first-order derivatives become

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \quad (66)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \quad (67)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \sigma_u^2} = -\frac{NT}{2\sigma_u^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_u^4} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \quad (68)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \psi} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r. \quad (69)$$

Similar to the unrestricted model, we can obtain closed-form solutions for these parameters for given values of  $\rho_0$ ,  $\kappa$ , and  $\tau$  that can be used to set up a concentrated log-likelihood function. The first-order derivatives for the remaining parameters are given by

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_0} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)\Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G}\dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r]' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r - T \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_0 \omega_l}, \quad (70)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N)\Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*]' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r - T \sum_{l=1}^N \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_2 \omega_l}, \quad (71)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \kappa} = \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \boldsymbol{\theta}_r' \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\kappa' \mathbf{G}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \quad (72)$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ -1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\kappa = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{NT}{2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]} + \frac{1}{2\sigma_u^2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{u}_r' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r. \quad (73)$$

The second-order derivatives become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' \mathbf{G} \mathbf{H}, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r' \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r'} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \sigma_u^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \sigma_u^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial (\sigma_u^2)^2} &= \frac{NT}{2\sigma_u^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^6} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \psi} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N), & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \psi} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_r' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N), \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \psi} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N), & \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \psi^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N)' (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N), \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_0^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)\Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G}\dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r]' \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)\Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G}\dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right] \\ &\quad - T \sum_{l=1}^N \left( \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_0 \omega_l} \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_2^2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*]' \left[ \Omega^{*-1} \otimes (\mathbf{W}'_N \mathbf{W}_N) \right] [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*] \\
&\quad - T \sum_{l=1}^N \left( \frac{\omega_l}{1 - \rho_2 \omega_l} \right)^2, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tau^2} &= \frac{NT^2}{2[1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} - \frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^3} \Delta \mathbf{u}'_r [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right] - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \dot{\mathbf{H}}'_\rho \mathbf{G}' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}'_r \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right], \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \mathbf{H}' \mathbf{G}' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*] - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \Delta \mathbf{Z}' (\mathbf{P}_{2..T} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \tilde{\mathbf{G}}'_r (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*] - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}'_r (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right]' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^4} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*]' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N)' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \psi \partial \rho_0} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N)' \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right], \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \psi \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} (\mathbf{p}_1 \otimes \boldsymbol{\iota}_N)' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*], \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \mathbf{H}' \Delta \mathbf{Z}' (\mathbf{I}_{T-1} \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' \left[ (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N \right] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_r \partial \tau} &= -\frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}'_r \mathbf{R}'_N (\boldsymbol{\vartheta}' \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \sigma_u^2 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma_u^4 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{u}'_r [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \psi \partial \tau} &= -\frac{T}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \boldsymbol{\iota}'_N (\boldsymbol{\vartheta}' \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_0 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} \Delta \mathbf{y}' (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{W}'_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} (\Delta \mathbf{Z} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r)' (\mathbf{I}_{T-1} \otimes \mathbf{R}_N)' \left[ (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{I}_N \right] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}_r}{\partial \rho_2 \partial \tau} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2 [1 + T(\tau - 1)]^2} [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*]' [(\boldsymbol{\vartheta} \boldsymbol{\vartheta}') \otimes \mathbf{W}'_N] \Delta \mathbf{u}_r, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \rho_0 \partial \rho_2} &= -\frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) (\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{R}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{G} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right]' (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) [(\mathbf{I}_T \otimes \mathbf{S}_N) \Delta \mathbf{y} - \Delta \mathbf{Z}_r^* \boldsymbol{\theta}_r^*] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\sigma_u^2} \left[ (\mathbf{P} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N^2) \Delta \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{P}_{2..T} \otimes \mathbf{W}_N) \Delta \mathbf{Z} \dot{\mathbf{H}}_\rho \boldsymbol{\theta}_r \right]' \Delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_r.
\end{aligned}$$

## B Conditional Transformed Likelihood Estimation

Modeling the initial observations aims at obtaining unbiased estimators in dynamic panel data models. As an alternative, Yu et al. (2008) derive a bias reduction for the transformed likelihood estimator of time-space dynamic panel data models conditional on  $\Delta \mathbf{y}_1$ . The conditional log-likelihood function for the first-differenced model, for simplicity assuming  $\rho_2 = 0$ , is given by

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_c = -\frac{N(T-1)}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma_u^2) - \frac{N}{2} \ln(T) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{u}'_c (\Omega_c^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_N) \Delta \mathbf{u}_c + (T-1) \sum_{l=1}^N \ln(1 - \rho_0 \omega_l), \quad (74)$$

where  $\Delta \mathbf{u}_c = (\Delta \mathbf{u}_2, \Delta \mathbf{u}_3, \dots, \Delta \mathbf{u}_T)$  and

$$\Omega_c = \sigma_u^2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & -1 \\ 0 & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (75)$$

Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_c = (\hat{\rho}_0, \hat{\lambda}, \hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\gamma}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\gamma}_1, \sigma_u^2)'$  be the corresponding conditional quasi-maximum likelihood estimator. The bias-corrected estimator of Yu et al. (2008) can then be obtained as

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{bc} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_c + \frac{1}{T} \hat{\Sigma}_\theta^{-1} \xi(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_c), \quad (76)$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma}_\theta$  is the inverse negative Hessian matrix evaluated at  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_c$ , and

$$\xi(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_c) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{W}_N \mathbf{S}_N^{-1} (\hat{\lambda} \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N^{-1} + \hat{\rho}_1 \mathbf{W}_N \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N^{-1} + \mathbf{I}_N) \right) \\ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N^{-1} \right) \\ \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{W}_N \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N^{-1} \right) \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}_u^2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (77)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N = [(1-\lambda)\mathbf{I}_N - (\rho_0 + \rho_1)\mathbf{W}_N]$ . In the case of the spatial weights matrix  $\mathbf{W}_N = \mathbf{I}_R \otimes \mathbf{B}_M$  introduced in Section 3.2, the inverses of  $\mathbf{S}_N$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_N$  can be easily obtained with formula (11).

## C Detailed Data Description

Table 8 lists the variables extracted from the PSID for the years 2001 to 2011. The interview number is used to link cohabiting workers to each other, and the relation to head allows to assign labor market outcomes from the family data set to the respective household head, who is always male in the PSID, or “wife” (legal wife or female cohabitant). Because the estimation methodology relies on constant spatial weights over time, I have to dismiss all individuals whose partner in the same family unit changed during the analyzed time horizon.

[Table 8 about here.]

The dependent variable in the regression analysis is the natural logarithm of the hourly wage rate for the current main job. Only individuals that continuously earned at least the federal minimum wage in each year are kept in the data set. The respective minimum wage was 5.15 USD in the years 2001 to 2009, and 7.25 USD in 2011.<sup>40</sup>

The age of the individuals is constructed as the current year minus the year of birth. Some apparently miscoded data points have been corrected to ensure that age is linearly growing with time. The main industry for the current job based on the 3-digit industry code from the 2000 census of population and housing is used to create three industry dummy variables: primary sector (codes 17–77), manufacturing (codes 107–399), and public administration (codes 937–987). The reference group are thus the remaining services industries. Regional dummy variables are created for the northeast, north central, and southern part of the United States. The western part serves as the reference group.

The set of independent variables further includes a dummy variable for union coverage of the current job, the marital status, and the number of children under the age of 18 living in the same family unit. Summary statistics for the variables used in the estimation of the time-space dynamic wage equation are presented in Table 9. The number of data points is 4,428 that form a balanced panel with 738 individuals observed at 6 time points.

[Table 9 about here.]

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<sup>40</sup>The wage data for some individuals showed extreme jumps potentially due to miscoding. To avoid distortions due to such outliers, I dropped all individuals whose standard deviation of the hourly wage rate exceeded 30.

# Tables

Table 1: Simulation results: coefficients  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_1$

| M  | $\rho_0$<br>Estimator     | R<br>$K_N$ | 10      |        | 20      |        | 50      |        |
|----|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|    |                           |            | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   |
| 2  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0106 | 0.0533 | -0.0036 | 0.0346 | -0.0012 | 0.0213 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0132 | 0.0524 | -0.0056 | 0.0338 | -0.0019 | 0.0211 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     |         |        | -0.0028 | 0.0357 | -0.0004 | 0.0216 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0007 | 0.0524 | -0.0006 | 0.0351 | 0.0002  | 0.0223 |
| 5  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0071 | 0.0547 | -0.0045 | 0.0373 | -0.0009 | 0.0237 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0121 | 0.0539 | -0.0061 | 0.0368 | -0.0016 | 0.0234 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0678 | 0.0907 | -0.0131 | 0.0403 | -0.0033 | 0.0244 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0063 | 0.0559 | -0.0042 | 0.0386 | -0.0000 | 0.0245 |
| 10 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0085 | 0.0578 | -0.0053 | 0.0390 | -0.0016 | 0.0245 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0131 | 0.0572 | -0.0069 | 0.0388 | -0.0021 | 0.0239 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0637 | 0.0893 | -0.0146 | 0.0422 | -0.0052 | 0.0251 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0101 | 0.0598 | -0.0045 | 0.0404 | -0.0013 | 0.0250 |
| 20 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0095 | 0.0579 | -0.0047 | 0.0389 | -0.0012 | 0.0255 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0130 | 0.0584 | -0.0063 | 0.0377 | -0.0013 | 0.0248 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0600 | 0.0867 | -0.0149 | 0.0430 | -0.0050 | 0.0265 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0093 | 0.0598 | -0.0049 | 0.0414 | -0.0009 | 0.0266 |
| 50 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0073 | 0.0566 | -0.0034 | 0.0392 | -0.0009 | 0.0261 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0105 | 0.0561 | -0.0051 | 0.0382 | -0.0013 | 0.0254 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0564 | 0.0843 | -0.0136 | 0.0434 | -0.0048 | 0.0272 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0077 | 0.0595 | -0.0040 | 0.0413 | -0.0007 | 0.0273 |

  

| M  | $\rho_1$<br>Estimator     | R<br>$K_N$ | 10      |        | 20      |        | 50      |        |
|----|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|    |                           |            | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   |
| 2  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0042  | 0.0292 | 0.0012  | 0.0180 | 0.0007  | 0.0108 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0204 | 0.0824 | -0.0063 | 0.0493 | -0.0015 | 0.0313 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     |         |        | -0.0026 | 0.0522 | 0.0012  | 0.0320 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0054  | 0.0778 | 0.0038  | 0.0533 | 0.0028  | 0.0348 |
| 5  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0033  | 0.0240 | 0.0020  | 0.0164 | 0.0004  | 0.0104 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0116 | 0.0733 | -0.0040 | 0.0485 | -0.0007 | 0.0305 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.1286 | 0.1548 | -0.0254 | 0.0571 | -0.0065 | 0.0323 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0007  | 0.0794 | 0.0005  | 0.0540 | 0.0031  | 0.0354 |
| 10 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0036  | 0.0242 | 0.0021  | 0.0161 | 0.0007  | 0.0103 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0077 | 0.0752 | -0.0016 | 0.0509 | -0.0001 | 0.0313 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.1090 | 0.1360 | -0.0264 | 0.0592 | -0.0084 | 0.0334 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0001  | 0.0819 | 0.0038  | 0.0581 | 0.0024  | 0.0351 |
| 20 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0038  | 0.0236 | 0.0019  | 0.0160 | 0.0005  | 0.0105 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0064 | 0.0736 | -0.0005 | 0.0515 | -0.0011 | 0.0312 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0983 | 0.1272 | -0.0281 | 0.0605 | -0.0106 | 0.0339 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0021  | 0.0834 | 0.0036  | 0.0575 | 0.0006  | 0.0352 |
| 50 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0030  | 0.0228 | 0.0014  | 0.0159 | 0.0004  | 0.0105 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0085 | 0.0722 | -0.0036 | 0.0493 | 0.0009  | 0.0330 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0933 | 0.1216 | -0.0318 | 0.0600 | -0.0087 | 0.0346 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0008 | 0.0817 | 0.0000  | 0.0564 | 0.0031  | 0.0363 |

Note: The first three estimators are described in Sections 4 and 5. The first number of the truncation order  $K_N$  refers to the polynomials  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and the second number to  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . The fourth estimator is the bias-corrected conditional transformed likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008).

Table 2: Simulation results: coefficients  $\lambda$  and  $\beta$

| M  | $\lambda$<br>Estimator    | R<br>$K_N$ | 10      |        | 20      |        | 50      |        |
|----|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|    |                           |            | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   |
| 2  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0000 | 0.0907 | 0.0014  | 0.0594 | -0.0011 | 0.0336 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | 0.0080  | 0.0930 | 0.0024  | 0.0616 | -0.0012 | 0.0354 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     |         |        | 0.0025  | 0.0610 | -0.0019 | 0.0353 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0099 | 0.0784 | -0.0038 | 0.0564 | -0.0035 | 0.0351 |
| 5  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0021 | 0.0491 | -0.0009 | 0.0340 | -0.0003 | 0.0211 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0017 | 0.0495 | -0.0013 | 0.0345 | -0.0006 | 0.0214 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0508  | 0.0793 | 0.0031  | 0.0349 | 0.0004  | 0.0214 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0060 | 0.0487 | -0.0030 | 0.0340 | -0.0019 | 0.0212 |
| 10 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0008 | 0.0342 | 0.0002  | 0.0241 | -0.0001 | 0.0152 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0014 | 0.0345 | -0.0002 | 0.0242 | -0.0003 | 0.0153 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0322  | 0.0485 | 0.0024  | 0.0245 | 0.0004  | 0.0154 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0031 | 0.0340 | -0.0015 | 0.0240 | -0.0014 | 0.0152 |
| 20 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0002  | 0.0242 | -0.0003 | 0.0173 | 0.0000  | 0.0112 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0001 | 0.0242 | -0.0005 | 0.0172 | -0.0000 | 0.0112 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0237  | 0.0343 | 0.0009  | 0.0173 | 0.0003  | 0.0112 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0015 | 0.0239 | -0.0017 | 0.0169 | -0.0010 | 0.0111 |
| 50 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0000 | 0.0153 | 0.0000  | 0.0112 | -0.0000 | 0.0071 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0002 | 0.0153 | -0.0000 | 0.0112 | -0.0001 | 0.0071 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0158  | 0.0221 | 0.0006  | 0.0112 | 0.0000  | 0.0071 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0013 | 0.0151 | -0.0010 | 0.0111 | -0.0011 | 0.0071 |

  

| M  | $\beta$<br>Estimator      | R<br>$K_N$ | 10      |        | 20      |        | 50      |        |
|----|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|    |                           |            | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   | Bias    | RMSE   |
| 2  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0045  | 0.0795 | 0.0015  | 0.0550 | 0.0000  | 0.0331 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | 0.0063  | 0.0773 | 0.0025  | 0.0553 | 0.0005  | 0.0329 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     |         |        | 0.0016  | 0.0550 | -0.0001 | 0.0329 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0025  | 0.0767 | 0.0010  | 0.0547 | -0.0002 | 0.0329 |
| 5  | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0026 | 0.0496 | -0.0000 | 0.0339 | 0.0003  | 0.0218 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0017 | 0.0492 | 0.0004  | 0.0338 | 0.0005  | 0.0219 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0015  | 0.0498 | 0.0011  | 0.0338 | 0.0007  | 0.0219 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0023 | 0.0491 | 0.0002  | 0.0337 | 0.0004  | 0.0218 |
| 10 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0002 | 0.0340 | 0.0009  | 0.0250 | -0.0005 | 0.0160 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | 0.0005  | 0.0339 | 0.0012  | 0.0251 | -0.0004 | 0.0160 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0009  | 0.0342 | 0.0016  | 0.0251 | -0.0002 | 0.0160 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0004  | 0.0339 | 0.0011  | 0.0251 | -0.0004 | 0.0159 |
| 20 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | 0.0010  | 0.0251 | 0.0002  | 0.0166 | -0.0001 | 0.0112 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | 0.0012  | 0.0250 | 0.0003  | 0.0166 | -0.0000 | 0.0112 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | 0.0005  | 0.0251 | 0.0004  | 0.0167 | 0.0001  | 0.0112 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | 0.0012  | 0.0250 | 0.0003  | 0.0166 | 0.0000  | 0.0111 |
| 50 | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1)     | -0.0005 | 0.0161 | -0.0001 | 0.0112 | -0.0002 | 0.0070 |
|    | unrestricted              | (0, 0)     | -0.0004 | 0.0161 | -0.0000 | 0.0112 | -0.0002 | 0.0070 |
|    | unrestricted              | (1, 1)     | -0.0012 | 0.0161 | 0.0001  | 0.0112 | -0.0002 | 0.0070 |
|    | bias-corrected            |            | -0.0003 | 0.0160 | 0.0001  | 0.0112 | -0.0001 | 0.0070 |

Note: The first three estimators are described in Sections 4 and 5. The first number of the truncation order  $K_N$  refers to the polynomials  $\pi_l(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and the second number to  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . The fourth estimator is the bias-corrected conditional transformed likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008).

Table 3: Simulation results: marginal effects

| Estimator                 | $K_N$  | short-run direct |        | short-run indirect |        | short-run total |        |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|                           |        | Bias             | RMSE   | Bias               | RMSE   | Bias            | RMSE   |
| $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1) | 0.0000           | 0.0339 | -0.0006            | 0.0123 | -0.0006         | 0.0415 |
| unrestricted              | (0, 0) | 0.0003           | 0.0338 | -0.0009            | 0.0123 | -0.0006         | 0.0413 |
| unrestricted              | (1, 1) | 0.0001           | 0.0337 | -0.0002            | 0.0124 | -0.0002         | 0.0413 |
| bias-corrected            |        | 0.0000           | 0.0337 | 0.0000             | 0.0127 | 0.0001          | 0.0414 |

  

| Estimator                 | $K_N$  | long-run direct |        | long-run indirect |        | long-run total |        |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
|                           |        | Bias            | RMSE   | Bias              | RMSE   | Bias           | RMSE   |
| $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | (0, 1) | 0.0008          | 0.0702 | -0.0009           | 0.0221 | -0.0000        | 0.0852 |
| unrestricted              | (0, 0) | 0.0016          | 0.0705 | -0.0053           | 0.0455 | -0.0037        | 0.0953 |
| unrestricted              | (1, 1) | 0.0023          | 0.0705 | 0.0004            | 0.0478 | 0.0027         | 0.0975 |
| bias-corrected            |        | 0.0017          | 0.0705 | 0.0029            | 0.0544 | 0.0045         | 0.1017 |

Note: The first three estimators are described in Sections 4 and 5. The first number of the truncation order  $K_N$  refers to the polynomials  $\pi_i(\mathbf{W}_N)$  and the second number to  $\phi(\mathbf{W}_N)$ . The fourth estimator is the bias-corrected conditional transformed likelihood estimator of Yu et al. (2008). The sample size is  $R = 50$  and  $M = 2$ .

Table 4: Estimation results: coefficient estimates

| $\ln(\text{wage})_{i,t}$   | static                          | space dynamic              | time dynamic          | time-space dynamic    |                           |                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                            | $\lambda = \rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\lambda = \rho_1 = 0$     | $\rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_1 = 0$          | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | unrestricted          |
| $\ln(\text{wage})_{i,t-1}$ |                                 |                            | 0.5432<br>(0.0241)*** | 0.5413<br>(0.0240)*** | 0.5429<br>(0.0241)***     | 0.5429<br>(0.0241)*** |
| $\ln(\text{wage})_{j,t}$   |                                 | 0.0732<br>(0.0240)***      |                       | 0.0503<br>(0.0211)**  | 0.0704<br>(0.0264)***     | 0.0717<br>(0.0276)*** |
| $\ln(\text{wage})_{j,t-1}$ |                                 |                            |                       |                       | -0.0382<br>(0.0144)***    | -0.0435<br>(0.0361)   |
| $\text{age}_{i,t}^2$       | -0.0002<br>(0.0000)***          | -0.0002<br>(0.0000)***     | 0.0000<br>(0.0000)    | 0.0000<br>(0.0000)    | 0.0000<br>(0.0000)        | 0.0000<br>(0.0000)    |
| $\text{union}_{i,t}$       | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0652<br>(0.0122)***      | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0780<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0779<br>(0.0131)***     | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** |
| $\text{marriage}_{i,t}$    | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0418<br>(0.0222)*        | 0.0119<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0123<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0124<br>(0.0247)        | 0.0124<br>(0.0247)    |
| $\text{children}_{i,t}$    | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*        | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)        | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    |
| log likelihood             | 1466.07                         | 1470.69                    | 1958.87               | 1961.70               | 1962.42                   | 1962.43               |
| likelihood ratio           | $\chi_{39}^2 = 992.72$ ***      | $\chi_{38}^2 = 983.48$ *** | $\chi_2^2 = 7.12$ **  | $\chi_1^2 = 1.45$     | $\chi_1^2 = 0.03$         |                       |

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

Note: Variables are indexed with unit and time period, where  $j$  refers to the cohabitant. All regressions include industry, region and time dummies. The models are estimated with the unconditional transformed QML estimator proposed in this paper. Standard errors are reported in parentheses. The likelihood ratio test statistics are computed as  $2(\ln \mathcal{L} - \ln \mathcal{L}_0)$ , where  $\ln \mathcal{L}$  refers to the log-likelihood value of the unrestricted time-space dynamic model and  $\ln \mathcal{L}_0$  to that of the respective restricted model.

Table 5: Estimation results: marginal effects for dual-earners

| ln(wage)                          | static                          | space dynamic          | time dynamic          | time-space dynamic    |                           |                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                   | $\lambda = \rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\lambda = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_1 = 0$          | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | unrestricted          |
| <b>short-run direct effects</b>   |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0656<br>(0.0123)***  | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0782<br>(0.0132)*** | 0.0782<br>(0.0132)***     | 0.0782<br>(0.0132)*** |
| marriage                          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0420<br>(0.0223)*    | 0.0119<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0124<br>(0.0248)    | 0.0124<br>(0.0248)        | 0.0124<br>(0.0248)    |
| children                          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0071<br>(0.0038)*    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)        | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    |
| <b>short-run indirect effects</b> |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             |                                 | 0.0048<br>(0.0018)***  |                       | 0.0039<br>(0.0018)**  | 0.0055<br>(0.0023)**      | 0.0056<br>(0.0024)**  |
| marriage                          |                                 | 0.0031<br>(0.0019)     |                       | 0.0006<br>(0.0013)    | 0.0009<br>(0.0018)        | 0.0009<br>(0.0018)    |
| children                          |                                 | 0.0005<br>(0.0003)     |                       | 0.0001<br>(0.0002)    | 0.0002<br>(0.0003)        | 0.0002<br>(0.0003)    |
| <b>short-run total effects</b>    |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0704<br>(0.0133)***  | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0821<br>(0.0140)*** | 0.0838<br>(0.0143)***     | 0.0838<br>(0.0143)*** |
| marriage                          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0451<br>(0.0240)*    | 0.0119<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0130<br>(0.0260)    | 0.0133<br>(0.0266)        | 0.0133<br>(0.0266)    |
| children                          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0076<br>(0.0040)*    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0029<br>(0.0046)    | 0.0029<br>(0.0047)        | 0.0029<br>(0.0047)    |
| <b>long-run direct effects</b>    |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0656<br>(0.0123)***  | 0.1702<br>(0.0302)*** | 0.1721<br>(0.0305)*** | 0.1712<br>(0.0303)***     | 0.1709<br>(0.0303)*** |
| marriage                          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0420<br>(0.0223)*    | 0.0260<br>(0.0542)    | 0.0272<br>(0.0545)    | 0.0272<br>(0.0543)        | 0.0272<br>(0.0543)    |
| children                          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0071<br>(0.0038)*    | 0.0059<br>(0.0096)    | 0.0060<br>(0.0097)    | 0.0060<br>(0.0096)        | 0.0060<br>(0.0096)    |
| <b>long-run indirect effects</b>  |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             |                                 | 0.0048<br>(0.0018)***  |                       | 0.0189<br>(0.0089)**  | 0.0121<br>(0.0050)**      | 0.0106<br>(0.0107)    |
| marriage                          |                                 | 0.0031<br>(0.0019)     |                       | 0.0030<br>(0.0061)    | 0.0019<br>(0.0039)        | 0.0017<br>(0.0038)    |
| children                          |                                 | 0.0005<br>(0.0003)     |                       | 0.0007<br>(0.0011)    | 0.0004<br>(0.0007)        | 0.0004<br>(0.0007)    |
| <b>long-run total effects</b>     |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union                             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0704<br>(0.0133)***  | 0.1702<br>(0.0302)*** | 0.1910<br>(0.0354)*** | 0.1832<br>(0.0328)***     | 0.1815<br>(0.0343)*** |
| marriage                          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0451<br>(0.0240)*    | 0.0260<br>(0.0542)    | 0.0302<br>(0.0605)    | 0.0291<br>(0.0581)        | 0.0289<br>(0.0576)    |
| children                          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0076<br>(0.0040)*    | 0.0059<br>(0.0096)    | 0.0067<br>(0.0107)    | 0.0064<br>(0.0103)        | 0.0063<br>(0.0102)    |

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

Note: All regressions include industry, region and time dummies. The models are estimated with the unconditional transformed QML estimator proposed in this paper. Standard errors are computed with the Delta method and reported in parentheses. The formulas for the short-run marginal effects are equations (45) to (47), and for the long-run marginal effects equations (49) to (51).

Table 6: Estimation results: marginal effects for single-earners

| ln(wage)          | static                          | space dynamic          | time dynamic          | time-space dynamic    |                           |                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                   | $\lambda = \rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\lambda = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_1 = 0$          | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | unrestricted          |
| short-run effects |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0652<br>(0.0122)***  | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0780<br>(0.0131)*** | 0.0779<br>(0.0131)***     | 0.0778<br>(0.0131)*** |
| marriage          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0418<br>(0.0222)*    | 0.0119<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0123<br>(0.0247)    | 0.0124<br>(0.0247)        | 0.0124<br>(0.0247)    |
| children          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)        | 0.0027<br>(0.0044)    |
| long-run effects  |                                 |                        |                       |                       |                           |                       |
| union             | 0.0651<br>(0.0122)***           | 0.0652<br>(0.0122)***  | 0.1702<br>(0.0302)*** | 0.1701<br>(0.0300)*** | 0.1703<br>(0.0301)***     | 0.1703<br>(0.0301)*** |
| marriage          | 0.0411<br>(0.0222)*             | 0.0418<br>(0.0222)*    | 0.0260<br>(0.0542)    | 0.0269<br>(0.0539)    | 0.0271<br>(0.0540)        | 0.0271<br>(0.0540)    |
| children          | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*             | 0.0070<br>(0.0037)*    | 0.0059<br>(0.0096)    | 0.0059<br>(0.0095)    | 0.0059<br>(0.0096)        | 0.0059<br>(0.0096)    |

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

Note: All regressions include industry, region and time dummies. The models are estimated with the unconditional transformed QML estimator proposed in this paper. Standard errors are computed with the Delta method and reported in parentheses. The formulas for the marginal effects are equations (47) and (51).

Table 7: Estimation results: cohabitation premiums

| ln(wage)           | static                          | space dynamic          | time dynamic          | time-space dynamic   |                           |                      |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                    | $\lambda = \rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\lambda = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_0 = \rho_1 = 0$ | $\rho_1 = 0$         | $\rho_1 = -\lambda\rho_0$ | unrestricted         |
| short-run premiums |                                 |                        |                       |                      |                           |                      |
| union              |                                 | 0.0052<br>(0.0021)**   |                       | 0.0041<br>(0.0020)** | 0.0059<br>(0.0026)**      | 0.0060<br>(0.0027)** |
| marriage           |                                 | 0.0033<br>(0.0221)     |                       | 0.0007<br>(0.0013)   | 0.0009<br>(0.0019)        | 0.0010<br>(0.0020)   |
| children           |                                 | 0.0006<br>(0.0004)     |                       | 0.0001<br>(0.0002)   | 0.0002<br>(0.0003)        | 0.0002<br>(0.0003)   |
| long-run premiums  |                                 |                        |                       |                      |                           |                      |
| union              |                                 | 0.0052<br>(0.0021)**   |                       | 0.0210<br>(0.0107)** | 0.0129<br>(0.0057)**      | 0.0112<br>(0.0120)   |
| marriage           |                                 | 0.0033<br>(0.0221)     |                       | 0.0033<br>(0.0068)   | 0.0021<br>(0.0042)        | 0.0018<br>(0.0040)   |
| children           |                                 | 0.0006<br>(0.0004)     |                       | 0.0007<br>(0.0012)   | 0.0005<br>(0.0007)        | 0.0004<br>(0.0008)   |

\*  $p < 0.1$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

Note: All regressions include industry, region and time dummies. The models are estimated with the unconditional transformed QML estimator proposed in this paper. Standard errors are computed with the Delta method and reported in parentheses. The formulas for the cohabitation premiums are equations (48) and (52).



Table 8: PSID variable index

|                  |      | 2001    | 2003    | 2005    | 2007    | 2009    | 2011    |
|------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| wage             | head | ER17235 | ER21159 | ER25148 | ER36153 | ER42188 | ER47501 |
|                  | wife | ER17805 | ER21409 | ER25406 | ER36411 | ER42440 | ER47758 |
| year of birth    |      | ER33606 | ER33706 | ER33806 | ER33906 | ER34006 | ER34106 |
| union            | head | ER17224 | ER21150 | ER25138 | ER36143 | ER42178 | ER47491 |
|                  | wife | ER17794 | ER21400 | ER25396 | ER36401 | ER42430 | ER47748 |
| marriage         |      | ER17024 | ER21023 | ER25023 | ER36023 | ER42023 | ER47323 |
| children         |      | ER17016 | ER21020 | ER25020 | ER36020 | ER42020 | ER47320 |
| industry         | head | ER17227 | ER21146 | ER25128 | ER36133 | ER42168 | ER47480 |
|                  | wife | ER17797 | ER21396 | ER25386 | ER36391 | ER42420 | ER47737 |
| region           |      | ER20376 | ER24143 | ER28042 | ER41032 | ER46974 | ER52398 |
| interview number |      | ER33601 | ER33701 | ER33801 | ER33901 | ER34001 | ER34101 |
| relation to head |      | ER33603 | ER33703 | ER33803 | ER33903 | ER34003 | ER34103 |

Table 9: Summary statistics

|                       | mean    | std. dev. | min.   | max.   |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|
| ln(wage)              | 2.7152  | 0.4444    | 1.6390 | 5.1240 |
| age                   | 46.3117 | 10.1165   | 20     | 85     |
| union                 | 0.2676  | 0.4428    | 0      | 1      |
| marriage              | 0.7378  | 0.4399    | 0      | 1      |
| children              | 0.9266  | 1.0988    | 0      | 8      |
| primary sector        | 0.0788  | 0.2695    | 0      | 1      |
| manufacturing         | 0.1696  | 0.3753    | 0      | 1      |
| public administration | 0.0357  | 0.1855    | 0      | 1      |
| northeast             | 0.1222  | 0.3275    | 0      | 1      |
| north central         | 0.2841  | 0.4510    | 0      | 1      |
| south                 | 0.3839  | 0.4864    | 0      | 1      |