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GLMM Based Clustering of Multivariate Mixed Type Longitudinal Data

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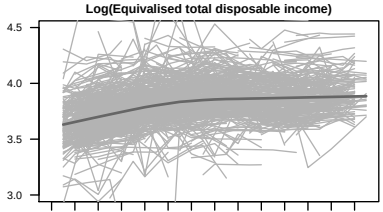
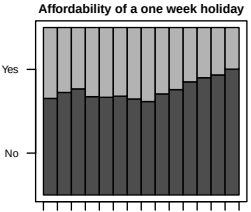
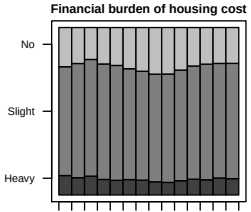
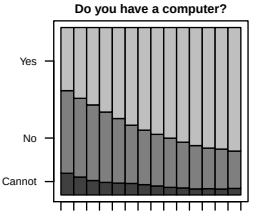
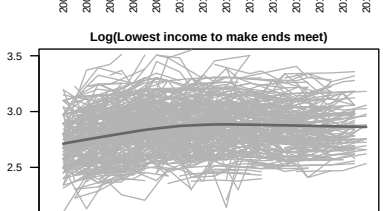
EU-SILC - Outcomes of interest

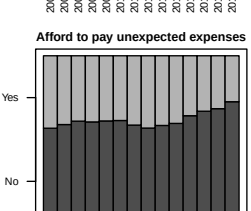


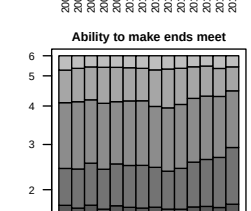


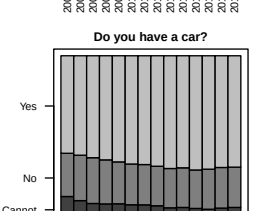




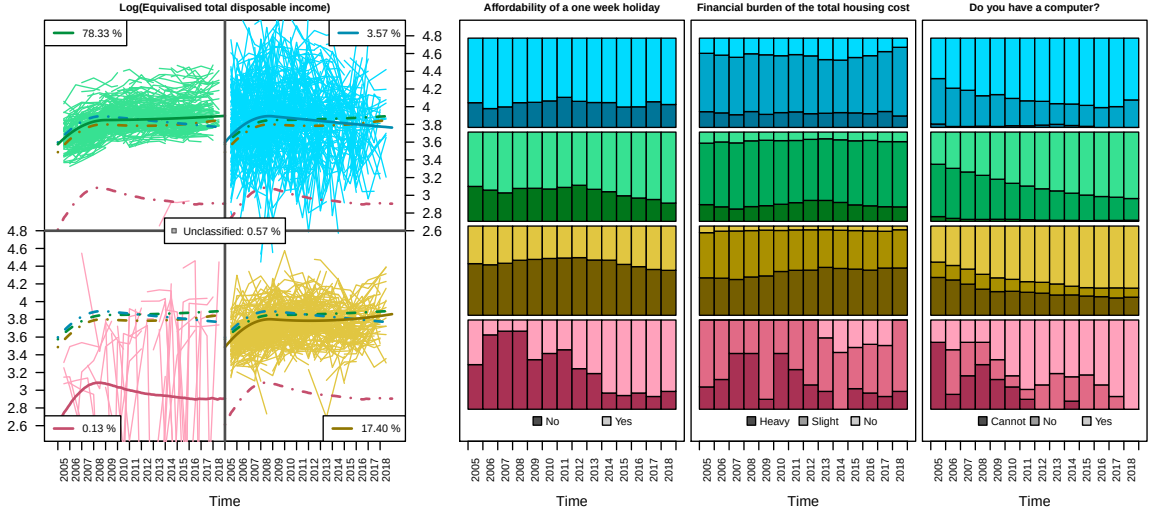








Clustering into $G = 4$ groups



Random effects models

Each outcome is modelled by predictor η consisting of

$$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text{Fixed part - } \boldsymbol{X}_{ij}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \text{Random part - } \boldsymbol{Z}_{ij}^{\top}\boldsymbol{b}_i\end{array}\right\} \quad \eta = \boldsymbol{X}_{ij}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{Z}_{ij}^{\top}\boldsymbol{b}_i$$

In case of EU-SILC application:

- Fixed:
  - intercept
  - time - quadratic spline with 3 equidistant knots
  - level of urbanisation
  - highest education level achieved in the household
  - presence of a student
  - presence of a baby
  - no interaction terms
- Random: random intercept $\boldsymbol{Z}_{ij}^{\top}\boldsymbol{b}_i = b_{i,0} \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma_b^2\right), i = 1, \ldots, n$

GLMM for different types of outcomes

Numeric outcome

- Linear Mixed-effects Model (LMM)
  - $Y_{ij}^N \mid \eta^N \sim \mathrm{N}\left(\eta^N, \tau^{-1}\right)$

Binary outcome

- Logistic Regression with random effects
  - $\mathrm{P}\left[Y^B = 1 \mid \eta^B\right] = \mathrm{logit}^{-1}\left(\eta^B\right) = \frac{e^{\eta^B}}{1 + e^{\eta^B}}$

Ordinal outcome of K levels

- Ordinal Logistic Regression (OLR)
  - $p_k = \mathrm{P}\left[Y^O > k | \eta^O, \mathbf{c}\right] = \mathrm{logit}^{-1}\left(\eta^O - c_k\right)$
  - $q_k = \mathrm{P}\left[Y^O = k | \eta^O, \mathbf{c}\right] = p_{k-1} - p_k$
  - ordered intercepts
    $-\infty = c_0 < c_1 < \cdots < c_{K-1} < c_K = \infty$

General categorical outcome of K levels

- Multinomial Logistic Regression (MLR)
  - η_k^C specific for each level k

$$\mathrm{P}\left[Y^C = k | \eta_1^C, \ldots, \eta_{K-1}^C\right] =$$

$$= \mathrm{softmax}_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}^C) = \frac{e^{\eta_k^C}}{1 + \sum_{k'=1}^{K-1} e^{\eta_{k'}^C}}$$

Joint modelling

Models for individual outcomes

- Numeric: $Y_i^N \sim \text{LMM}\left(\beta_N, \boldsymbol{b}_i^N, \tau\right)$
- Ordinal: $Y_i^O \sim \text{ORL}\left(\beta_O, \boldsymbol{b}_i^O, \boldsymbol{c}\right)$
- Binary: $Y_i^B \sim \text{LR}\left(\beta_B, \boldsymbol{b}_i^B\right)$
- Categorical: $Y_i^C \sim \text{MLR}\left(\beta_{k,C}, \boldsymbol{b}_i^C\right)$

Join individual models through joint distribution of random effects

$$\boldsymbol{b}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{b}_i^N \\ \boldsymbol{b}_i^B \\ \boldsymbol{b}_i^O \\ \boldsymbol{b}_i^C \end{pmatrix} \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{N}\left(\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{NN} & \Sigma^{NB} & \Sigma^{NO} & \Sigma^{NC} \\ \Sigma^{BN} & \Sigma^{BB} & \Sigma^{BO} & \Sigma^{BC} \\ \Sigma^{ON} & \Sigma^{OB} & \Sigma^{OO} & \Sigma^{OC} \\ \Sigma^{CN} & \Sigma^{CB} & \Sigma^{CO} & \Sigma^{CC} \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad i = 1, \ldots, n$$

Joint probability density function

$$h(\mathbf{y}_i; \mathcal{C}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) = p(\mathbb{Y}_i = \mathbf{y}_i \,|\, \boldsymbol{\beta}_N, \tau, \boldsymbol{\beta}_B, \boldsymbol{\beta}_O, \boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_C, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}; \mathcal{C}_i) =$$

$$= \int \prod_{r=1}^{R} \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \exp\left\{ \ell^{\text{type}(r)}\left(Y_{i,j}^r | \, \boldsymbol{b}_i^r, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_r; \mathcal{C}_{i,j} \right) \right\} \cdot (2\pi)^{-\frac{\dim b_i}{2}} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-1} \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} b_i^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{b}_i \right\} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{b}_i$$

Requires methods for numerical evaluation of the integral.

Model based clustering

To identify different patterns:

- suppose G latent groups each following model given by $h\left(\boldsymbol{y}_i; \mathcal{C}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(g)}\right)$
- $\boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(g)}$ consists of
  - $\boldsymbol{\psi}$ - parameters common to all latent groups
  - $\boldsymbol{\psi}^{(g)}$ - group-specific parameters (fixed effects for evolution in time, ...)
- group allocation indicators $U_i \in \{1, \ldots, G\}$
- marginal clustering probabilities $0 < w_g := \mathrm{P}\left[U_i = g\right] < 1, \quad w_1 + \cdots + w_G = 1$
- complete set of unknown parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \left\{\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}^{(1)}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\psi}^{(G)}\right\}$
- mixture distribution for $\boldsymbol{Y}_i$:

$$f(\boldsymbol{y}_i | \mathcal{C}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{g=1}^{G} w_g h\left(\boldsymbol{y}_i; \mathcal{C}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(g)}\right)$$

Sparse finite mixture to estimate appropriate number of clusters

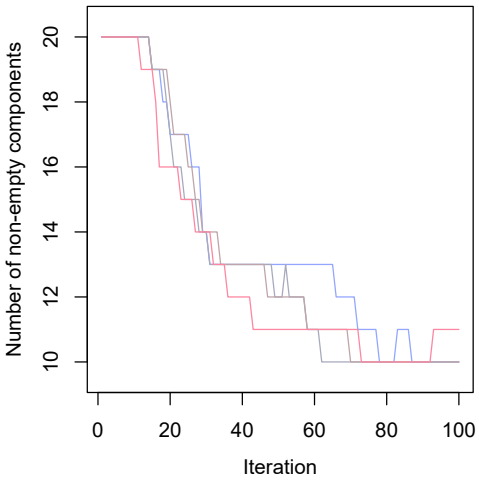
Method for G not known in advance

Number of non-empty clusters $G_+ = G - \sum_{g=1}^{G} \mathbb{I}_{(n_g=0)}$

prior $\boldsymbol{w} \sim \text{Dir}_G(e_0)$

Idea [4]:

- choose initial large G
- force sparsity by $e_0 \sim \Gamma(1,0.01)$
- run MCMC
- converge to a solution of $\widehat{G}_+$ clusters



Clustering probabilities

- Estimation: Bayesian approach and MCMC methods (Gibbs sampling)
- Metropolis proposal steps for fixed and random effects
- By Bayes Theorem:

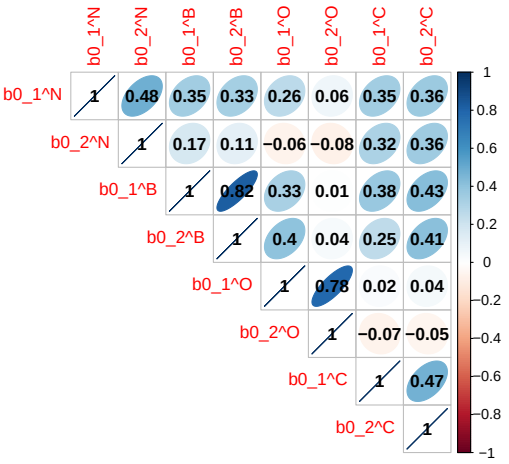
$$p_{i,g}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathrm{P}\left[U_i = g | \boldsymbol{Y}_i = \boldsymbol{y}_i, \mathcal{C}_i; \boldsymbol{\theta}\right] = \frac{w_g h\left(\boldsymbol{y}_i; \mathcal{C}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(g)}\right)}{\sum_{\ell=1}^{G} w_\ell h\left(\boldsymbol{y}_i; \mathcal{C}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}^{(\ell)}\right)}$$

  $\rightarrow$ integral approximation required
- Simple clustering rule:

$$\widehat{U}_i := g \iff g = \underset{\ell \in \{1,\ldots,G\}}{\arg\max}\, \widehat{p_{i,\ell}}$$

- Alternatively use sampled cluster indicators U_i
- Software: implemented in R using the C programming language

Correlation matrix of random intercepts



Random intercepts for

Log(Total disposable income)

Log(Lowest income to make ends meet)

Affordability of a one week holiday

Afford to pay unexpected expenses

Ability to make ends meet

Financial burden of the total housing cost

Do you have a computer?

Do you have a car?

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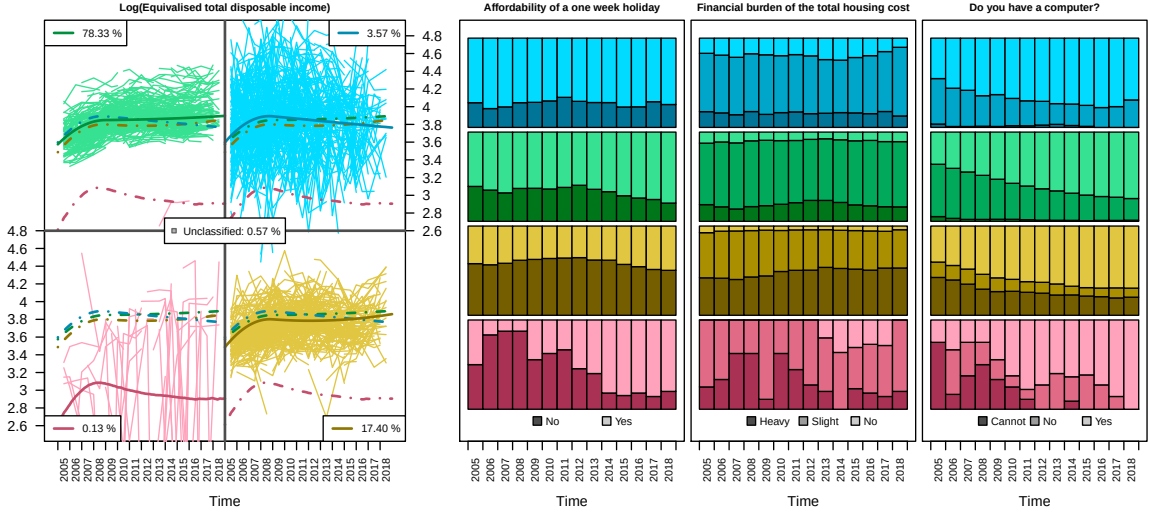

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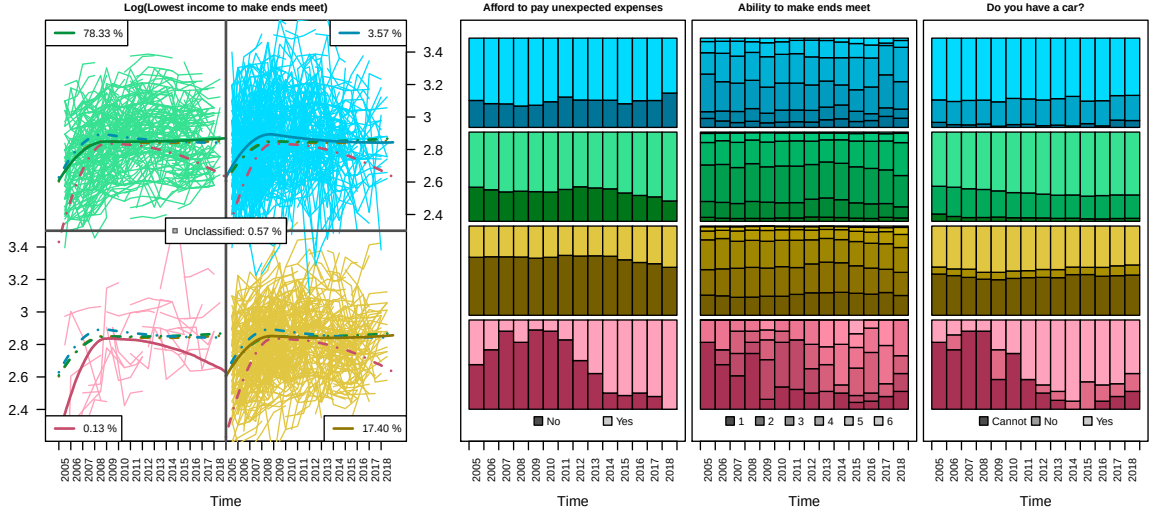

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Thank you for your attention.

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