

# Online Supplement: An expectation conditional maximization algorithm for the skew-normal based stochastic frontier model

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## Supplementary Material

This supplementary material includes the detailed information about the simulation study in Section 4 of main text.

The following six simulation scenarios with moderate skewness  $\lambda = -5, -2$ , and relative large skewness  $\lambda = -10$  with small and moderate sample sizes  $n = 50, 100$ , and  $200$ , are considered:

**Scenario 1. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 0.5$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,  $\lambda = -5$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = -1$  for cost function.

**Scenario 2. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 1$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,  $\lambda = -5$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = 1$  for production function.

**Scenario 3. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 0.5$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,

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$\lambda = -2$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = -1$ .

**Scenario 4. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 1$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,  $\lambda = -2$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = 1$ .

**Scenario 5. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 0.5$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,  $\lambda = -10$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = -1$ .

**Scenario 6. ECM v.s. NM:**  $\beta = 1$ ,  $V \sim SN(0, \sigma_v^2, \lambda)$  with  $\sigma_v = 1$ ,  $\lambda = -10$ , and  $U \sim HN(0, \sigma_u^2)$  with  $\sigma_u = 0.5$  and  $s = 1$ .

**Table 1** The sample mean and RMSE of the MLE for parameters SN-SFM based on ECM-algorithms and NM algorithm given for sample sizes  $n = 50, 100$  and  $200$ , under simulation Scenario 1 for 1000 simulated data sets.

NM								ECM										
n=50	Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3			Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3		
True	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE		
$\hat{\beta}$	0.5	0.520	0.141	0.520	0.142	0.522	0.151	0.520	0.142	0.520	0.142	0.511	0.137					
$\hat{\sigma}_v$	1.0	0.962	0.085	0.962	0.085	0.964	0.085	0.960	0.084	0.960	0.084	0.968	0.080					
$\hat{\sigma}_u$	0.5	0.417	0.167	0.417	0.168	0.420	0.169	0.413	0.163	0.412	0.163	0.439	0.149					
$\hat{\lambda}$	-5.0	-1256.804	4712.939	-1108.443	4233.623	-2818.076	12027.745	-5.142	4.490	-5.088	4.426	-6.728	5.033					
$\hat{\lambda}_w$	-5.0	-1066.343	3263.589	-853.427	2796.913	-2163.537	6768.167	-5.014	3.671	-4.965	3.577	-6.703	4.952					
$\hat{\lambda}_T$	-5.0	-475.388	1599.549	-313.641	1151.119	-907.158	3132.608	-4.714	3.097	-4.676	3.023	-6.473	4.422					
NM								ECM										
n=100	Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3			Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3		
True	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE		
$\hat{\beta}$	0.5	0.484	0.194	0.482	0.197	0.476	0.196	0.483	0.192	0.484	0.192	0.473	0.186					
$\hat{\sigma}_v$	1.0	0.943	0.112	0.941	0.115	0.952	0.105	0.942	0.110	0.941	0.111	0.956	0.100					
$\hat{\sigma}_u$	0.5	0.416	0.184	0.411	0.189	0.443	0.167	0.415	0.173	0.412	0.175	0.457	0.151					
$\hat{\lambda}$	-5.0	-2299.816	9054.092	-2730.388	9102.090	-9033.763	28666.134	-5.234	4.379	-5.174	4.283	-7.649	6.224					
$\hat{\lambda}_w$	-5.0	-1763.478	5375.246	-2470.002	7527.073	-7516.779	19808.067	-5.153	4.079	-5.099	4.004	-7.540	5.779					
$\hat{\lambda}_T$	-5.0	-780.719	2585.598	-1093.253	3535.225	-4430.423	12527.677	-4.799	3.383	-4.767	3.356	-7.290	5.150					
NM								ECM										
n=200	Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3			Initial 1			Initial 2			Initial 3		
True	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE	Mean	RMSE		
$\hat{\beta}$	0.5	0.455	0.270	0.445	0.279	0.446	0.270	0.453	0.267	0.454	0.268	0.443	0.261					
$\hat{\sigma}_v$	1.0	0.915	0.151	0.907	0.162	0.925	0.147	0.915	0.149	0.913	0.150	0.929	0.140					
$\hat{\sigma}_u$	0.5	0.403	0.212	0.387	0.226	0.437	0.197	0.409	0.192	0.403	0.196	0.451	0.175					
$\hat{\lambda}$	-5.0	-6147.461	18154.508	-6532.214	21056.548	-19346.642	47032.341	-5.715	5.769	-5.679	5.810	-8.112	7.294					
$\hat{\lambda}_w$	-5.0	-5410.104	14195.274	-5695.146	16304.836	-18453.644	43239.918	-5.534	4.998	-5.500	5.065	-7.933	6.672					
$\hat{\lambda}_T$	-5.0	-3136.300	8580.876	-2790.288	7967.408	-12212.393	28855.814	-5.119	4.229	-5.069	4.272	-7.655	5.957					





**Table 6** The sample mean and RMSE of the MLE for parameters SN-SFM based on ECM-algorithms and NM algorithm given for sample sizes  $n = 50, 100$  and  $200$ , under Scenario 6 for 1000 simulated data sets.