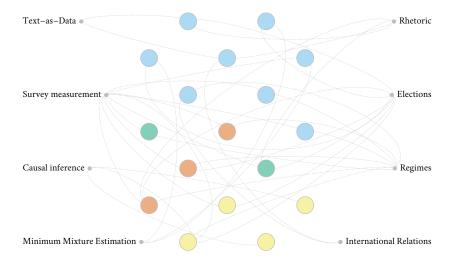
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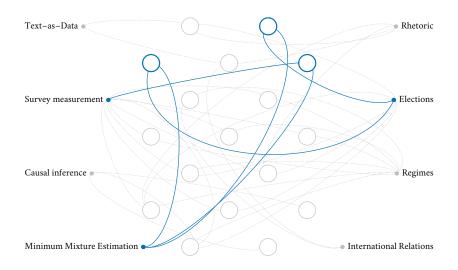
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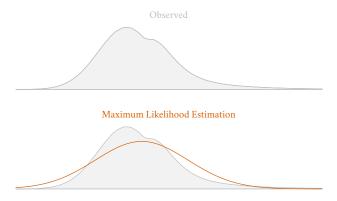


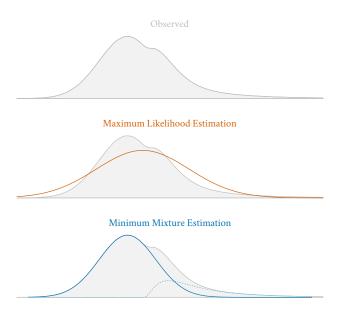


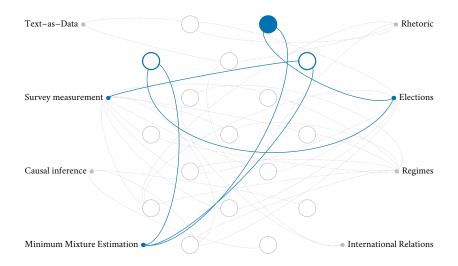


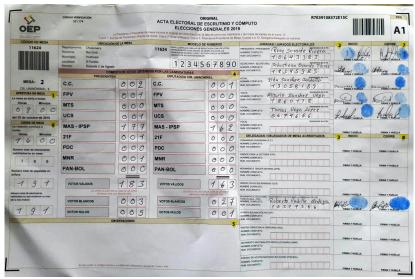
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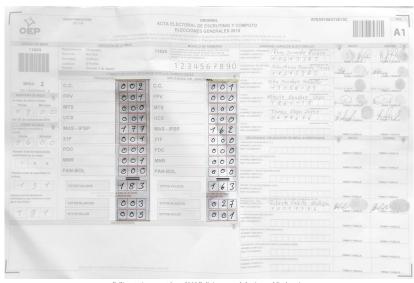






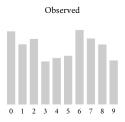


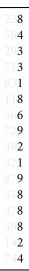
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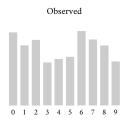


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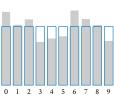




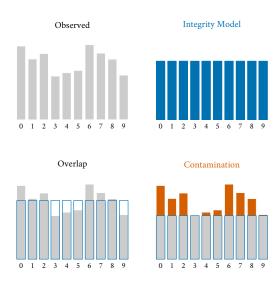




Integrity Model







MME: FEATURES

General framework that can integrate any parametric model [1-2].

It rests on *always true assumptions*, as any model will always contain between 0% and 100% of the population [1-3].

Holds *automatic robustness* of validity by insensitivity to contamination [3].

Directly interpretable residuals [4].

[1]



[2]



[3]



[4]



MME: OBJECTIVE

Minimize the fraction of the observations that lie outside of the model, known as the *mixture index of fit*,

$$\pi^*(O,\mathcal{M}) = \inf\{\pi \colon O = (1-\pi) \: M + \pi \: R, \: M \in \mathcal{M}, \: R \text{ residual}, \: \pi \in [0,1]\},$$

where O is the observed density, M an element from model \mathcal{M} , and R an unspecified residual density.

Minimum α -Divergence Estimation

α-MDE minimizes Rényi divergence

$$D_{\alpha}(O||M) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \log \left(\sum_{i} \frac{o_{i}^{\alpha}}{m_{i}^{\alpha - 1}} \right)$$

and under $\alpha \to -\infty$ equals MME.

For fixed normalized *P* and *Q* there is a factor

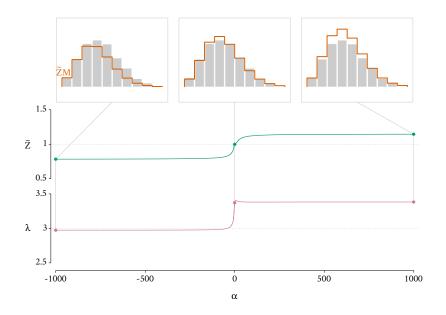
$$\tilde{Z}_{\delta} := \underset{Z}{\operatorname{arg \, min}} A_{\delta} (P||ZQ) = \left(\sum_{i} p_{i}^{\delta} q_{i}^{1-\delta} \right)^{1/\delta}$$

non-decreasing in δ (Minka 2005). Since $D_{\alpha}(O||M) = A_{(1+\alpha)/2}(O||M)$,

$$\lim_{\alpha \to -\infty} 1 - \tilde{Z}_{(1+\alpha)/2}(O, \mathcal{M}) = \pi^*(O, \mathcal{M})^-$$

giving an estimator of π^* with negative bias vanishing in decreasing α .

α -MDE: Illustration



α-MDE: FEATURES

Generalizes

Minimum Mixture Estimation $\alpha \to -\infty$ Maximum Likelihood Estimation $\alpha \to 1$ Minimum Envelope Estimation $\alpha \to \infty$ Others

Enables

- Approximate MME
- Penalized MME
- Bayesian MME

αMDE: Generative Models?

Simulating from the model under arbitrary $\alpha \neq 1$

Rényi entropy
$$H_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}\log\left(\sum_{i}p_{i}^{\alpha}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\log(\|P\|_{\alpha})$$

Non i.i.d. regimes?

Two-stage regimes: population process $\alpha \neq 1$, sampling $\alpha = 1$?

Bootstrap and jackknife under $\alpha \neq 1$?

 α -generalizations of common distributions?

Tsallis statistics? A *q*-Multinomial RNG that works would be a good start.

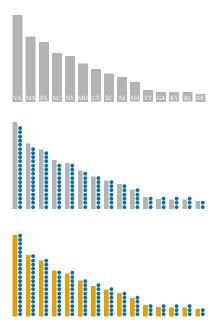
α MDE: Apportionment



Congress Hall (Philadelphia)

Source: U.S. National Park Service

MME: Adams' Method



Thank you!