

Multi-population mortality models

Fitting, Forecasting, Comparison and Applications

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- Contribution:
Comparing a new multipopulation model
Kleinow (2015) \leftrightarrow Li and Lee (2005)
and applications.
- Data
- Model fit and robustness
- Correlations between populations
- Financial risk management applications

Six populations considered:

| <i>i</i> | Country | Exposure to risk at the age of 60 in 2010 | |
|----------|----------------|---|--------|
| | | Male | Female |
| 1 | Austria | 47023 | 49526 |
| 2 | Belgium | 65344 | 66434 |
| 3 | Czech Republic | 71575 | 71575 |
| 4 | Denmark | 34420 | 35132 |
| 5 | Sweden | 59759 | 59742 |
| 6 | Switzerland | 46527 | 47078 |

- Thirty ages 60 to 89
- Fifty calendar years 1961 to 2010
- Closely related countries
- Similar size and features

Multi-population mortality models

- **Model 0:** (Li and Lee, 2005)

Country i , Age x , Year t .

$$\log m(x, t, i) = \alpha(x, i) + B(x)K(t) + \beta(x, i)\kappa(t, i)$$

Mixture of **common parameters**, and **country-specific parameters**.

- Models 1 and 2: special cases of Model 0.
- **Model 3:** (Kleinow, 2015)

$$\log m(x, t, i) = \alpha(x, i) + \beta^1(x)\kappa^1(t, i) + \beta^2(x)\kappa^2(t, i)$$

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$$\text{Model 3: } \log m(x, t, i) = \alpha(x, i) + \beta^1(x)\kappa^1(t, i) + \beta^2(x)\kappa^2(t, i)$$

- Parameter estimation: maximum likelihood (Conditional Poisson)
- Model selection using Bayes Information Criterion (BIC)

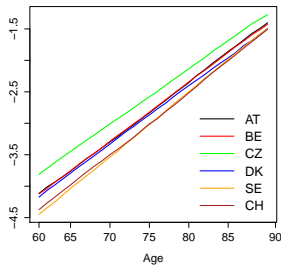
| | BIC | Rank |
|---------|------------------|------------|
| Model 0 | 100043.08 | (2) |
| Model 1 | 101,628.38 | (4) |
| Model 2 | 101,525.12 | (3) |
| Model 3 | 99,805.38 | (1) |

Estimated age effects in Model 3

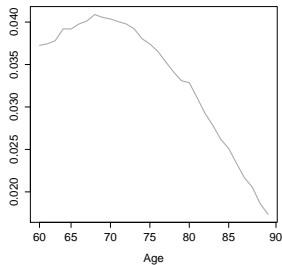
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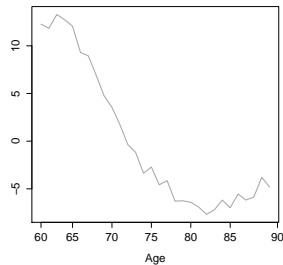
$\alpha(x, i)$



$\beta^1(x)$



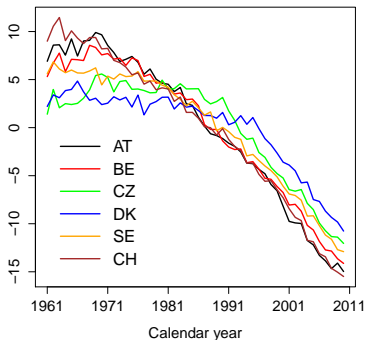
$\beta^2(x)$



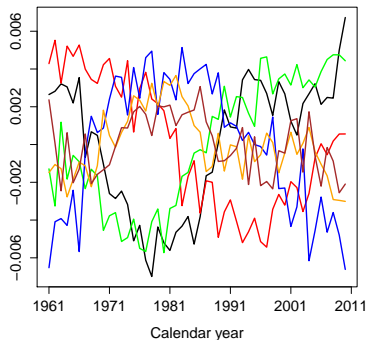
Estimated period effects in Model 3

$$\log m(x, t, i) = \alpha(x, i) + \beta^1(x) \kappa^1(t, i) + \beta^2(x) \kappa^2(t, i)$$

$\kappa^1(t, i)$



$\kappa^2(t, i)$

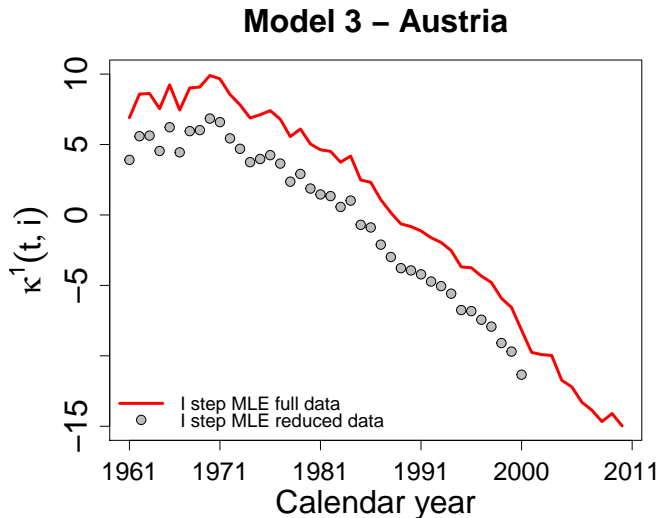


Robustness of the estimated parameters

- Compare parameter estimates for two time periods
1961-2010 versus 1961-2000
- Should get similar estimates for age and period effects
- For Model 0: Two approaches to estimation:
 - One step MLE
 - Two step MLE:
 - 1 Fit the Lee-Carter model to the combined data
 - 2 Optimise over all country-specific parameters

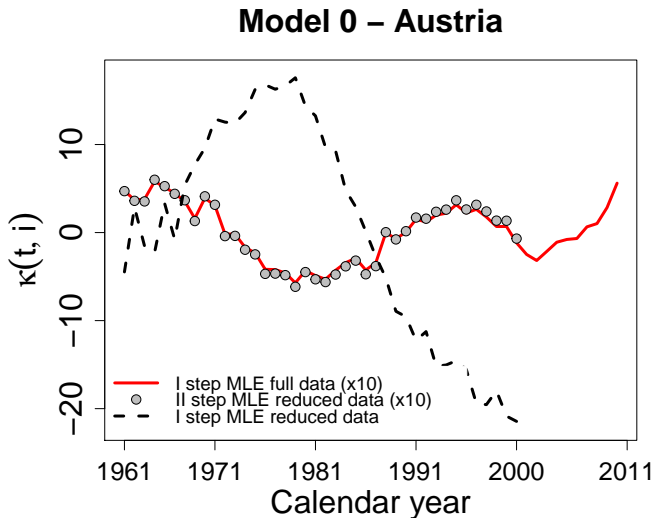
Robustness of the estimated parameters: Model 3

e.g. Austria $\kappa^1(t, i)$



Robustness of the estimated parameters: Model 0

e.g. Austria $\kappa(t, i)$



Robustness observations

- 1961-2000 \Rightarrow Li and Lee model has robustness problems
- One and two-step procedures lead to qualitatively different estimates for period effects.
- Log likelihood function is not concave
- Leading to problems with multiple maxima
- Different initial values \Rightarrow potentially different parameter estimates
- Model 3: robust (so far!)
- Robustness strengthens conclusion that Model 3 is the better model.

Forecasting joint mortality rates

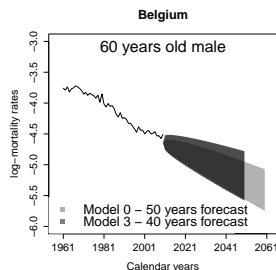
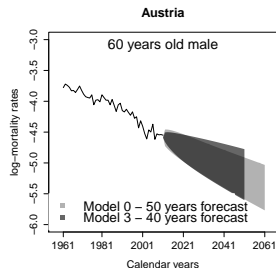
Simulations:

- Model 0:

- $K(t)$: univariate random walk
- $\kappa(t, i)$: Vector AR(1)

- Model 3:

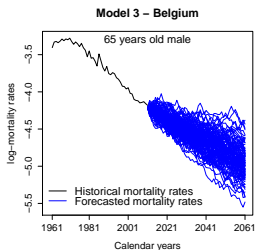
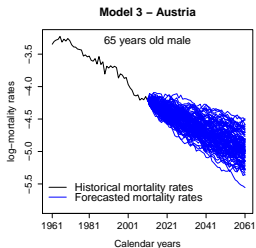
- $\kappa^1(t, i)$: multivariate random walk
- $\kappa^2(t, i)$: vector AR(1)



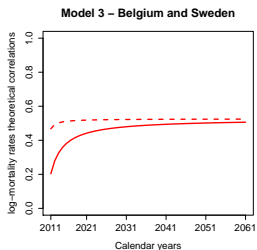
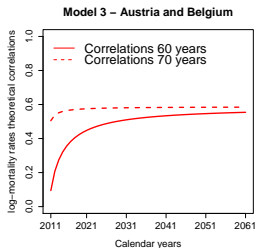
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Joint forecasts



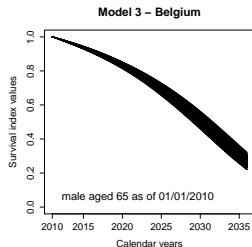
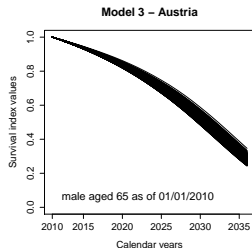
Theoretical correlations



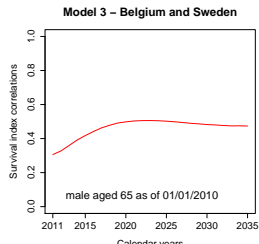
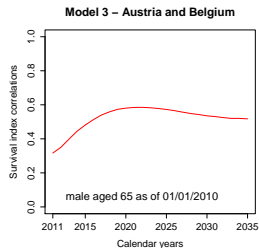
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$$S(x, T, i) = \exp[-m(x, 1, i) - m(x + 1, 2, i) - \dots - m(x + T - 1, T, i)]$$

Survival index values



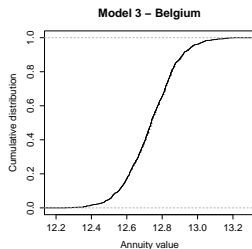
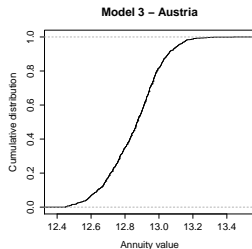
Empirical correlations



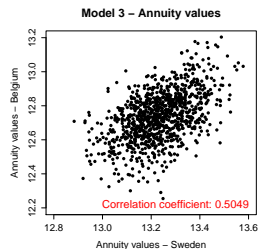
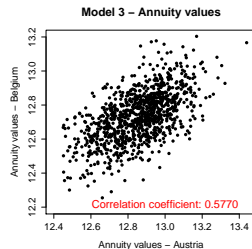
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$$A(x, i) = S(x, 1, i)v + S(x, 2, i)v^2 + \dots$$

Annuity ECDF



Annuity scatter plots



Multi-population mortality models applications

Other applications of multi-population mortality models include

- Improved risk reserving (e.g. NL, BEL)
- Ability to assess benefits of diversification across countries
- SCR values: single and multi country
- Model 3: potential application to sub-population data
- Hedging portfolio risk
 - Q-forward contracts
 - S-forward contracts

<http://www.macs.hw.ac.uk/~andrewc/papers/Enchev2015.pdf> (Scandinavian Actuarial Journal)

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