



BANCA D'ITALIA
EUROSISTEMA

Temi di Discussione

(Working Papers)

A method to estimate power parameter in Exponential Power Distribution via polynomial regression

by Daniele Coin

November 2011

Number

834



BANCA D'ITALIA
EUROSISTEMA

Temi di discussione

(Working papers)

A method to estimate power parameter in Exponential Power
Distribution via polynomial regression

by Daniele Coin

Number 834 - November 2011

The purpose of the Temi di discussione series is to promote the circulation of working papers prepared within the Bank of Italy or presented in Bank seminars by outside economists with the aim of stimulating comments and suggestions.

The views expressed in the articles are those of the authors and do not involve the responsibility of the Bank.

Editorial Board: SILVIA MAGRI, MASSIMO SBRACIA, LUISA CARPINELLI, EMANUELA CIAPANNA, ALESSANDRO NOTARPIETRO, PIETRO RIZZA, CONCETTA RONDINELLI, TIZIANO ROPELE, ANDREA SILVESTRINI, GIORDANO ZEVI.

Editorial Assistants: ROBERTO MARANO, NICOLETTA OLIVANTI.

A METHOD TO ESTIMATE POWER PARAMETER IN EXPONENTIAL POWER DISTRIBUTION VIA POLYNOMIAL REGRESSION

by Daniele Coin*

Abstract

The Exponential Power Distribution (EPD), also known as Generalized Error Distribution (GED), is a flexible symmetrical unimodal family belonging to the exponential family. The EPD becomes the density function of a range of symmetric distributions with different values of its power parameter β . A closed-form estimator for β does not exist, so the power parameter is usually estimated numerically. Unfortunately the optimization algorithms do not always converge, especially when the true value of β is close to its parametric space frontier. In this paper we present an alternative method for estimating β , based on the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot and exploiting the relationship between β and the kurtosis. It is a direct method that does not require computational efforts or the use of optimization algorithms.

JEL Classification: C14, C15, C63.

Keywords: Exponential Power Distribution, kurtosis, normal standardized Q-Q plot.

Contents

1. Introduction and motivation	5
2. Normal standardized Q-Q plot	6
3. Polinomial estimator of the power parameter	9
4. Monte Carlo study	12
5. Concluding remarks	15
References	16
Appendix A: In-depth examination of the S-shapes	18
Appendix B: Tables of the Monte Carlo study	19

* Bank of Italy, Economic Research Unit, Torino Branch.
e-mail: daniele.coin@bancaditalia.it

1 Introduction and Motivation

The density function of the Exponential Power Distribution (EPD) with mean $\mu \in (-\infty, \infty)$, scale parameter $\sigma \in (0, \infty)$ and power parameter $\beta \in (-1, 1]$ is

$$f_{EPD}(x; \mu, \sigma, \beta) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right|^{\frac{2}{1+\beta}}}}{2^{\frac{\beta+3}{2}} \sigma \Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+3}{2}\right)}. \quad (1)$$

This family is also known as Generalized Error Distribution (GED) and it is a flexible symmetrical, with respect to the mean, unimodal member of the exponential family (Box and Tiao (1973), Harvey (1990)).

The value of β makes (1) become the density function of a range of symmetric distributions such as the uniform ($\beta \rightarrow -1$), the double exponential ($\beta = 1$) and the normal ones ($\beta = 0$) (i.e. to obtain the standard normal distribution we set $\beta = 0$, $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$ in (1)); tails are more platykurtic for $\beta < 0$ and more leptokurtic for $\beta > 0$ than the normal distribution. In statistical modeling the EPD has thus been used when the concentration of values around the mean or the tail are of particular interest.

Thanks to its flexibility properties, the EPD family has many applications such as models for atmospheric noise, for sub band encoding of audio and video signals (see Sharifi and Leon-Garcia (1995)) or for the error distribution in time series analysis (see Nelson (1991), Chen *et al.* (2008)).

The odd central moments are zero while the even moments are given by

$$E(X - \mu)^r = \left[\frac{\sigma^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3\beta+3}{2}\right)} \right]^r \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{(r+1)(\beta+1)}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2}\right)}. \quad (2)$$

The EPD parametrization, reported in (1), was originally proposed by Box and Tiao (1973). Others are available in the literature. In particular let $v > 1$ the new power parameter; the following relationship links v with β , $v = \frac{2}{1+\beta}$.

Substituting v to β in (1), we obtain the widely diffused parametrization adopted in Nelson (1991).

We decided to adopt the parametrization reported in (1) because the power parameter has a finite domain, property useful in the next sections of the study.

The aim of this paper is to introduce a method to solve an open problem, regarding the EPD: the estimation of β . In fact in the literature maximum-likelihood (ML) and method of moments (MM) estimators have been studied but these estimators do not have closed-form solutions, hence parameter estimates need to be obtained by numerical methods. While the ML estimator is asymptotically more efficient than the MM estimator, the likelihood function does not always have a

well-defined maximum. Thus, optimization algorithms do not always converge, especially when the true value of β is close to its boundary space and/or the number of observations is small (see Agro' (1995)). The MM estimator, on the other hand, does not necessarily exist for the whole parameter space of β and can only be approximated for certain ranges of β (see Varanasi and Aazhang (1989)); furthermore the probability of a real solution depends on the true value of β ; for this reason we do not consider this approach in our work (see Dominguez-Molina *et al.* (2009)).

To solve this kind of difficulties we propose a method based on the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot. The existence of our estimator does not depend on the true value of β . Furthermore, it does not need relevant computational efforts. We compare by simulation the properties of the Maximum Likelihood Estimation with those of our method up to 1,000 observations; we find that our proposal behaves better for small sample sizes.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we describe the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot. Section 3 presents our proposal. In Section 4 an extensive Monte Carlo study comparing our proposal performances with the likelihood method is summarized. Concluding remarks are provided in Section 5.

2 Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot

Let $\alpha_n = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ denote the vector of n expected values of standard normal order statistics, and let $N_{(1)}, \dots, N_{(i)}, \dots, N_{(n)}$ be an ordered random sample of size n from a standard normal distribution so that

$$\alpha_i = E(N_{(i)}) \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3)$$

Since α_i in (3) is unknown, we use the approximation proposed by Royston (1982). Please note that in any situation the values assumed by the elements of α_n are function of n only.

Given a set of ordered observations $\mathbf{x}_{(\cdot)} = (x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)})$ the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot is constructed by plotting

$$z_{(i)} = \frac{x_{(i)} - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\sigma}}$$

against α_i , where $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ are the sample mean and the sample standard deviation, respectively.

If the estimates of location and scale parameters are selected such that $z_{(i)} = \frac{x_{(i)} - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\sigma}}$ is location and scale invariant, then any linear transformation of the original data will not alter any point of the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot. Furthermore

the intercept and the slope of the best fit line of z in function of α have to be 0 and 1 respectively.

A very interesting feature of the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot is given by the fact that samples drawn from non normal symmetrical distributions tend to assume typical S-shaped curves. Consider for example Figure 1: in panel 1 we display different EPD density shapes for some β values, while in panel 2 we represent the same EPD on the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot.

Analyzing this figure we see that the families of symmetrical distributions with tails heavier than the normal distribution are represented by symmetric, with respect to the origin of the axes, inverted S-shaped curves, while families of symmetrical alternatives with tails lighter or shorter than the normal distribution are represented by symmetrical, with respect to the origin of the axes, S-shaped curves.

The Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot properties summarized above are well known in the literature, for precise discussion of these familiar pattern see for instance Wilk and Gnanadesikan (1968), section 6.5 of Chambers *et al.* (1983) or pag. 382-383 of Bickel and Doksum (1977), furthermore for methods derived from these properties, see for example Kuczmariski and Rosenbaum (1999) or Coin (2008). In appendix A we provide a more formal proof of these empirical results. Here we would like to investigate the possibility of deriving an estimator for β exploiting the relationship, firstly between S-shaped curves and kurtosis and secondly, between the traditional measure of the kurtosis β_2 and the power parameter β given by the following relationship

$$\beta_2 = \frac{E(|X - \mu|^4)}{E\{[(X - \mu)^2]\}^2} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{5\beta+5}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\beta+1}{2}\right)}{[\Gamma\left(\frac{3\beta+3}{2}\right)]^2}, \quad (4)$$

which is easily derived from (2). This is the subject of the next section.

Let $\mathbf{x}_{(\cdot)} = (x_{(1)}, \dots, x_{(n)})$ denote an n dimensional vector of ordered random observations. If $\mathbf{x}_{(\cdot)}$ is drawn from a normal distribution with unknown parameters μ and σ we can write

$$x_{(i)} = \mu + \sigma\alpha_i + \epsilon_i, \quad (5)$$

where μ and σ become the intercept and slope of the best fit line on a Normal Q-Q Plot and ϵ is the vector of errors (see Balakrishnan and Cohen (1991)). For sufficiently large n , the $x_{(i)}$ may be considered independent and consequently ϵ can be assumed to be homoscedastic, see Gupta (1952) and Shapiro and Francia (1972). Thus, the two parameters in (5) may be consistently estimated by the simple least squares method (LS).

We mentioned that if the estimates of location and scale parameters are selected such that $z_{(i)} = \frac{x_{(i)} - \hat{\mu}}{\hat{\sigma}}$ is location and scale invariant, then any linear transformation of the original data will not alter any point of the plot.

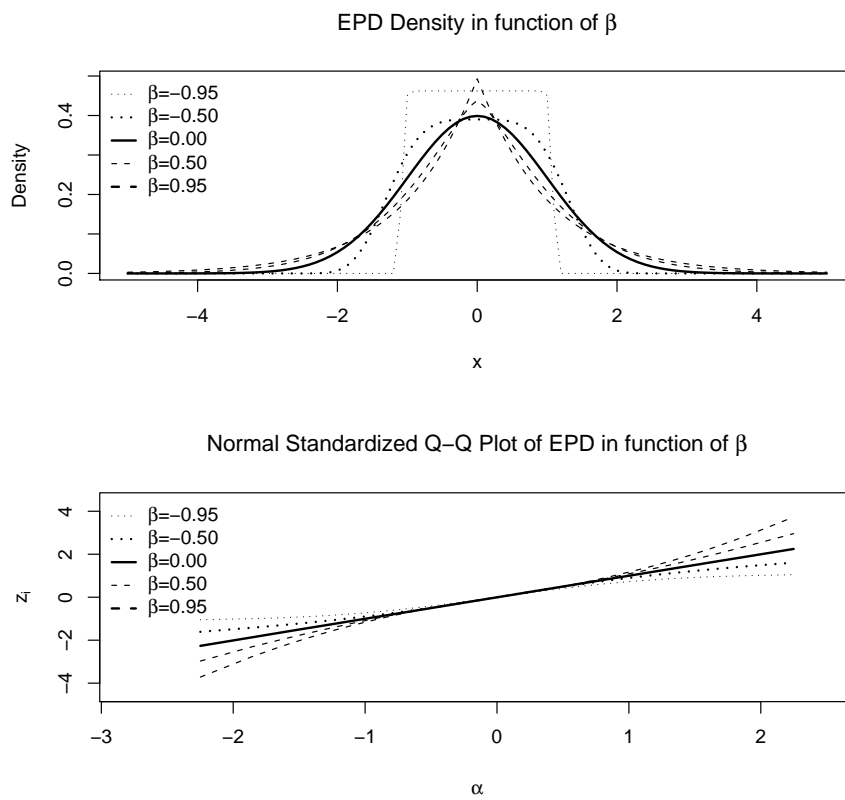


Figure 1: Densities and Normal Standardized Q-Q Plots of different EPD

Thanks to the properties of the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot, mentioned above, if we use the standardized form for $x_{(i)}$ in (5), we should have $\widehat{\mu}_{LS} = 0$ and $\widehat{\sigma}_{LS} = 1$, where μ_{LS} and σ_{LS} indicate the values of the parameters of (5) estimated with least squares method.

In order to capture the S shapes of the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot, Coin (2008) considered the following model

$$z_{(i)} - \alpha_i = \beta_3 \alpha_i^3 + \frac{\epsilon_i}{\sigma} \quad (6)$$

and proposed to estimate β_3 with least squares, obtaining $\widehat{\beta}_3$. Since $\widehat{\beta}_3$ values sensibly differ from zero when the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot assumes S-shaped or inverted S-shaped curves, the author proposed to use a transformation of β_3 as statistic to test composite null hypothesis of normality.

Therefore it seems reasonable to consider $\widehat{\beta}_3$ as a statistic measuring the propensity to the S or the inverted S shapes of the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot. Above we have suggested a reasonable relationship between S-shaped curves and kurtosis; furthermore (4) states a relationship between the kurtosis and β . It emerges that both β and $\widehat{\beta}_3$ are linked to the kurtosis, hence we deduce that a function connecting $\widehat{\beta}_3$ and β should exist.

3 Polynomial Estimator of the Power Parameter

Our proposal consists in deriving a plug-in estimator based on an appropriate function of $\widehat{\beta}_3$ and n in β . Formally, let $\mathbf{g}_n = (g_{(1)}, \dots, g_{(n)})$ be an n -size ordered sample drawn from G , an EPD with unknown β , μ and σ , in symbol

$$G \sim EPD(\mu, \sigma, \beta).$$

Denote with \mathbf{g}_n^* the corresponding standardized ordered sample given by

$$\mathbf{g}_n^* = \frac{\mathbf{g}_n - \widehat{\mu}}{\widehat{\sigma}}, \quad (7)$$

where, as usual, $\widehat{\mu}$ and $\widehat{\sigma}$ denote the sample mean and the sample standard deviation.

Replacing $g_{(i)}^*$ to $z_{(i)}$ in (6) we get

$$g_{(i)}^* - \alpha_i = \beta_3 \alpha_i^3 + \frac{\epsilon_i}{\sigma}, \quad (8)$$

obviously it is possible to estimate β_3 by ordinary least squares. If we assume the existence of a function $f(\cdot)$ such as

$$\beta = f(n, \beta_3), \quad (9)$$

we can use as plug-in estimator for β the following

$$\hat{\beta} = f\left(n, \hat{\beta}_3\right), \quad (10)$$

where $\hat{\beta}_3$ is the estimation with least squares of β_3 in (8).

In order to define $f\left(n, \hat{\beta}_3\right)$ we need $\alpha(\beta)_n = (\alpha(\beta)_1, \dots, \alpha(\beta)_n)$, the vector of n expected values of a standard ordered EPD with power parameter β . It is clear that $\alpha(\beta)_n$ is a function of n and β only. If we replace $\alpha(\beta)_i$ to $g_{(i)}^*$ in (8) we get

$$\alpha(\beta)_i - \alpha_i = \beta_3 \alpha_i^3, \quad (11)$$

a deterministic relationship by which we will obtain $f(\cdot)$.

Since $\alpha(\beta)_n$ is unknown, we estimated it by simulation. We considered the following sample sizes

$$n = (50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000)$$

and the following values for β

$$\beta = (-0.99, -0.95, -0.90, -0.85, -0.80, -0.75, -0.70, -0.65, -0.60, -0.55, -0.50, -0.45, -0.40, -0.35, -0.30, -0.25, -0.20, -0.15, -0.10, -0.05, 0.00, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45, 0.50, 0.55, 0.60, 0.65, 0.70, 0.75, 0.80, 0.85, 0.90, 0.95, 1.00).$$

For each combination of n and β we generated 200,000 standard ordered samples from an EPD with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$ by the function `rnormp` available in the R package by Mineo (2007). Given a specific n -size sample, let $s(\beta)_{(i)j}$ denote the i^{th} ordered observation in the j^{th} simulated samples: then we will estimate $\alpha(\beta)_i$ with

$$\hat{\alpha}(\beta)_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{200,000} s(\beta)_{(i)j}}{200,000}. \quad (12)$$

In Table 1 we report as an example some of the estimated $\hat{\alpha}(\beta)_i$ for $n = 50$.

After having replaced $\alpha(\beta)_i$ with $\hat{\alpha}(\beta)_i$ in (11) we estimate β_3 with ordinary least squares for any combination of β and n . In any case we systematically obtain a coefficient of determination $R^2 > 0.9985$.

In this way we got for any n and β their relative β_3 . In table 2 we present a selection of the estimated β_3 for some β and n .

Afterwards we plot the data partially reported in Table 2 in figure 2, which clearly shows a regular functional relationship between β and $\hat{\alpha}(\beta)_i$.

We used a Taylor approximation in $\hat{\beta}_3$ and n to define $f(\cdot)$ in (10).

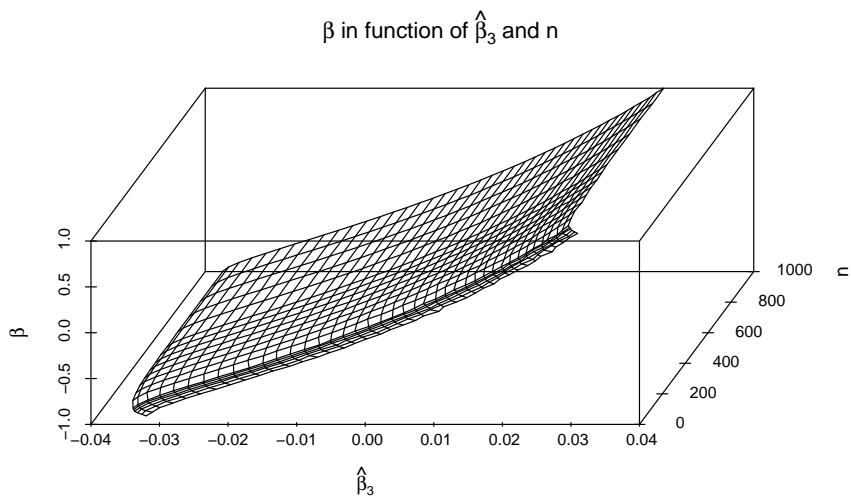
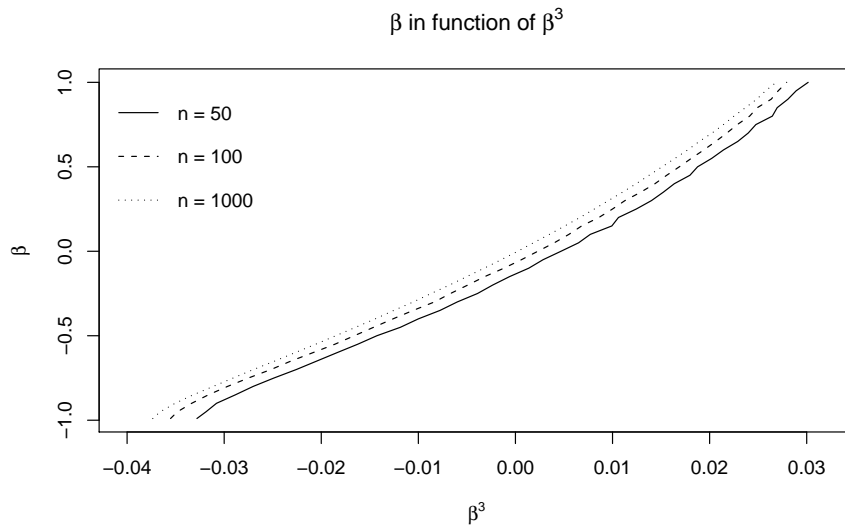


Figure 2: β in function of $\hat{\beta}_3$ and n .

β	$i = 1$	$i = 2$...	$i = 25$	$i = 26$...	$i = 49$	$i = 50$
-0.99	-0.983	-0.942	...	-0.022	0.018	...	0.943	0.984
-0.95	-1.049	-1.000	...	-0.025	0.019	...	0.998	1.048
...
-0.75	-1.308	-1.199	...	-0.023	0.025	...	1.196	1.303
...
-0.50	-1.611	-1.419	...	-0.029	0.023	...	1.420	1.610
...
-0.25	-1.918	-1.637	...	-0.026	0.024	...	1.638	1.923
...
0.00	-2.264	-1.865	...	-0.029	0.021	...	1.853	2.246
...
0.25	-2.604	-2.086	...	-0.025	0.024	...	2.086	2.607
...
0.50	-2.971	-2.303	...	-0.026	0.021	...	2.315	2.958
...
0.75	-3.374	-2.545	...	-0.023	0.023	...	2.558	3.367
...
0.95	-3.717	-2.761	...	-0.020	0.025	...	2.772	3.731
1.00	-3.806	-2.804	...	-0.025	0.019	...	2.814	3.833

Table 1: Simulated expected values of a standard ordered EPD $\hat{\alpha}(\beta)_i$ in function of β , $n = 50$.

In order to estimate efficiently β we adopt a bivariate polynomial model whose degrees were chosen with a forward stepwise approach. The resulting model is in the follows:

$$\beta = a_1 \frac{1}{n} + a_2 \frac{1}{n^2} + a_3 \beta_3 + a_4 \beta_3^2 + a_5 \beta_3^3 + a_6 \frac{\beta_3}{n} + \epsilon, \quad (13)$$

where n is the sample size. In Table 3 we report the estimates of the parameters in (13) obtained with least squares. We pointed out that we obtain a coefficient of determination $R^2 > 0.9998$.

We are now able to define our power parameter estimation procedure. Let \mathbf{g}_n be an ordered n -size sample drawn from an EPD with unknown parameters. The first step consists in standardize \mathbf{g}_n obtaining \mathbf{g}_n^* . Secondly the coefficient β_3 in (8) is estimated with ordinary least squares method obtaining $\hat{\beta}_3$.

Finally we substitute the estimation $\hat{\beta}_3$ to β_3 in (13) in order to obtain a plug-in estimation for β , in symbol

$$\hat{\beta} = f(\hat{\beta}_3) = \hat{a}_1 \frac{1}{n} + \hat{a}_2 \frac{1}{n^2} + \hat{a}_3 \hat{\beta}_3 + \hat{a}_4 \hat{\beta}_3^2 + \hat{a}_5 \hat{\beta}_3^3 + \hat{a}_6 \frac{\hat{\beta}_3}{n}. \quad (14)$$

4 Monte Carlo Study

In order to investigate some properties and performances of the $f(\hat{\beta}_3)$ estimator we performed a Monte Carlo study.

n	$\beta =$									
	-0.99	-0.95	-0.5	-0.25	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	0.95	1
50	-3281	-3187	-1427	-391	469	1244	1876	2476	2892	3015
60	-3357	-3303	-1506	-485	372	1155	1830	2417	2871	2953
70	-3436	-3384	-1576	-524	312	1109	1797	2386	2819	2896
80	-3497	-3417	-1595	-625	279	1060	1735	2325	2742	2864
90	-3526	-3457	-1622	-648	232	1025	1727	2285	2744	2832
100	-3552	-3481	-1660	-669	231	999	1688	2285	2707	2794
150	-3640	-3565	-1729	-736	156	919	1625	2233	2669	2756
200	-3676	-3601	-1773	-769	97	899	1593	2193	2644	2728
250	-3702	-3635	-1802	-811	85	882	1569	2174	2626	2742
300	-3713	-3639	-1815	-804	71	860	1565	2168	2613	2723
350	-3720	-3649	-1824	-815	67	839	1553	2160	2602	2710
400	-3724	-3642	-1832	-837	57	845	1550	2160	2610	2713
450	-3731	-3650	-1837	-840	47	844	1539	2158	2593	2705
500	-3726	-3652	-1837	-844	34	832	1536	2149	2590	2692
600	-3734	-3658	-1839	-856	33	827	1532	2137	2585	2690
700	-3734	-3659	-1843	-863	31	815	1522	2145	2592	2690
800	-3735	-3659	-1853	-865	26	821	1510	2143	2578	2681
900	-3735	-3658	-1845	-865	32	817	1522	2137	2584	2691
1000	-3735	-3659	-1851	-869	24	812	1510	2143	2577	2686

Table 2: Estimated $\hat{\beta}_3$ for some β and n . Values $\times 100,000$.

Parameter	Estimates
\hat{a}_1	-6.03758
\hat{a}_2	-48.41451
\hat{a}_3	29.25522
\hat{a}_4	219.36466
\hat{a}_5	3410.16169
\hat{a}_6	-51.11288

Table 3: Estimated parameters of (13).

We simulated 200,000 standard ordered samples with the function `rnormp` for any combination of n and β included in the set considered in Section 3.

Then, for any sample, we estimated β using $f(\hat{\beta}_3)$; furthermore, for comparison purposes, we did the same using the function `gedFit` which maximizes the likelihood function of the EPD by an optimization algorithm. This function is included in the R package by Wurtz and Miklovic (2008).

The performances of this two methods were evaluated through their mean and their square error (MSE).

In the previous sections, we stated that the likelihood function does not always have a well-defined maximum and in this case the ML estimations are unreliable. This is clearly proved by the results reported in table 4, 5 and 6. In fact table 4 reports the percentage of convergence of the ML algorithm while tables 5 and 6

present the corresponding estimated mean and MSE. By the analysis of table 4 we see that the convergence ratio is very low especially when the true β is close to its parametric space frontier and for moderate sample sizes. Furthermore when the algorithm has not converged the estimations returned are unreliable. Analyzing tables 5 and 6 we see that MSE could be extremely large and the punctual estimation completely wrong. This kind of problem is overtaken by our procedure, in tables 7 and in table 8 we report the estimated mean and MSE of our procedure performed over the corresponding samples where the ML showed to be unreliable. It emerges an overall better performance. The MSE of our method never diverges since it is a closed form plug-in estimator, on the contrary the ML needs the convergence of an optimization algorithm; when we are not in such situation it can return point estimations that are outside from the space parameter bounds (see table 5).

We now focus on the situation where the ML algorithm converges. In table 9 and 11 we report the mean of $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ and maximum likelihood estimates, while in table 10 and 12 we report the mean square errors. In this case both the methods seem to be consistent and asymptotically correct even if the MLE seems to perform a little bit better in terms of MSE.

Finally, in order to evaluate the properties of our plug-in estimator we report the Estimated Expected Values (see table 13) and the MSE (see table 14) computed on the whole simulated samples.

Analyzing table 13 it emerges that the $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ is biased but asymptotically correct, its rate convergence depends on the true value of β , it is faster for β closer to -1 . The results reported in table 14 prove that $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ is consistent, since the MSE tends to 0. Even in this case the rate of convergence depends on the true value of β and it is again faster for β closer to -1 . This phenomenon is not only caused by the bias but mainly because the $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ is less accurate when $\beta \rightarrow 1$. In order to show this statement we derive bias and variance, the two component of the MSE and thanks to the following relationship we can get the variance (The bias could be easily obtained from table 13):

$$MSE\left(f\left(\widehat{\beta}_3\right)\right) = Var\left(f\left(\widehat{\beta}_3\right)\right) + Bias\left(f\left(\widehat{\beta}_3\right)\right)^2. \quad (15)$$

The results, reported in table 15, again show that the value of this indicator is connected with the true value of β .

By the comparison with the performances of $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ and MLE it emerges that if the ML algorithm converges it is preferable to adopt its estimation: on the contrary in the not rare situation of no convergence our estimator could supply more reliable estimations.

The computational time of both the procedures are negligible.

5 Concluding Remarks

In this paper an original method to estimate the power parameter for Exponential Power Distribution is presented. This approach shows some appealing features such as definiteness, negligible computational time, asymptotic correctness and consistency.

We proved it is very useful because it is always able to provide reliable estimation in any situation, even when the existing methodologies are affected by different problems.

Moreover we think that our procedure can be easily implemented in any statistical package.

It remains to find the asymptotic distribution of our estimator. This task awaits further research.

References

- Agro' G. (1995) Maximum likelihood estimation for the exponential power function parameters, *Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation*, 24, 523–536.
- Balakrishnan N. and Cohen C. (1991) *Order statistics and Inference*, Academic Press.
- Bickel P. and Doksum K. (1977) *Mathematical statistics: Basic ideas and selected topics*.
- Box G. and Tiao G. (1973) *Bayesian inference in statistical analysis.*, Addison-Wesley Ed.; Reading, Massachusetts.
- Chambers J., Cleveland W., Kleiner B. and Tukey P. (1983) *Graphical methods for data analysis*. Wadsworth International Group, Belmont, California, and Duxbury Press, Boston.
- Chen C., Su Y. and Huang Y. (2008) Hourly index return autocorrelation and conditional volatility in an EAR–GJR-GARCH model with generalized error distribution, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, 15, 4, 789–798.
- Coin D. (2008) A goodness-of-fit test for normality based on polynomial regression, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 52, 4, 2185–2198.
- David H. and Nagaraja H. (1981) Order statistics, *Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences*.
- Dominguez-Molina J., González-Farías G. and Rodríguez-Dagnino R. (2009) A practical procedure to estimate the shape parameter in the generalized Gaussian distribution, *technique report I-01-18_eng. pdf*, available through http://www.cimat.mx/reportes/enlinea/I-01-18_eng.pdf.
- Dyson F. (1943) A note on kurtosis., *Journal. Royal Statistical Society*.
- Finucan H. (1964) A note on kurtosis, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological)*, 111–112.
- Gupta A. (1952) Estimation of the mean and standard deviation of a normal population from a censored sample, *Biometrika*, 39, 260–273.
- Harvey A. (1990) *The econometric analysis of time series*, Mit Press.

- Kuczmariski J. and Rosenbaum P. (1999) Quantile plots, partial orders, and financial risk, *American Statistician*, 239–246.
- Mineo A.M. (2007) *normalp: Package for exponential power distributions (EPD)*, r package version 0.6.8.
- Nelson D.B. (1991) Conditional heteroskedasticity in asset returns: A new approach, *Econometrica*, 59, 347–370.
- Royston J. (1982) Algorithm AS 177: Expected normal order statistics (exact and approximate), *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series C (Applied Statistics)*, 31, 2, 161–165.
- Shapiro S.S. and Francia R.S. (1972) An approximate analysis of variance test for normality, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 67, 215–216.
- Sharifi K. and Leon-Garcia A. (1995) Estimation of shape parameter for generalized Gaussiandistributions in subband decompositions of video, *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, 5, 1, 52–56.
- Varanasi M. and Aazhang B. (1989) Parametric generalized Gaussian density estimation, *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 86, 1404.
- Wilk M. and Gnanadesikan R. (1968) Probability plotting methods for the analysis for the analysis of data, *Biometrika*, 55, 1, 1.
- Wuertz D. C.Y. and Miklovic M. (2008) *fGarch: Rmetrics - Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedastic Modelling*, r package version 290.76.

A In-depth examination of the S-Shapes

Samples drawn from unimodal and symmetric respect to the mean distributions with lighter or shorter (heavier) tails than a normal density tend to assume symmetrical, with respect to the origin of the axes, S-shaped (inverted S-shaped) curves when represented on the Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot. This feature, based on empirical observations, is widely accepted in the literature and it can be more formally proved. In the following we will only explore the case of distribution with lighter or shorter tails (the other can be obtained by similar arguments). Consider $f_X(x)$ to be a continuous, symmetrical and unimodal density and a normal density $f_N(x)$, without loss of generality we set mean and median equal to 0 and variance equal to 1 both for X and N . If $f_X(x)$ has lighter or shorter tails than $f_N(x)$ then we have

$$f_X(x) < f_N(x) \text{ for } |x| > a$$

where a is a positive constant. Furthermore we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) < F_N(x) & \text{ for } x < -b; x \in (0, b) \\ F_X(x) > F_N(x) & \text{ for } x > b; x \in (-b, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where $0 < b < a$ and $F_X(x)$ and $F_N(x)$ are the cumulative distribution function of X and N respectively. If $f_X(x)$ and $f_N(x)$ have only two intersection in $-a$ and a then $b = 0$. Let $\alpha(X)_n$ be the n -size vector ordered expected values of X . Since the (16) means that X is stochastically smaller than N for $x < -b$, thanks to the properties of stochastic orderings (see for example theorem 4.4.1 in David and Nagaraja (1981)) then exists an integer values $k \leq \frac{n}{2}$ ($k = \frac{n}{2}$ if $f_X(x)$ and $f_N(x)$ have only two intersection) such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(X)_i < \alpha_i & \text{ for } i \leq k \\ \alpha(X)_i > \alpha_i & \text{ for } i \geq n - k + 1. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Furthermore thanks to the properties of symmetry of X and N we have

$$\alpha_i - x_{(i)} = \alpha_{n-i+1} - x_{(n-i+1)} \quad \forall i \quad (18)$$

If $f_X(x)$ has a monotonic growth for $x < 0$ the conditions reported in (17) and in (18) determine that the vector of $\alpha(X)_i$ plotted over a Normal Standardized Q-Q Plot assume symmetrical, with respect the origin of the axes, S-shaped curves for $i \leq k$ and $i \geq n - k + 1$ (for any i if $f_X(x)$ and $f_N(x)$ have only two intersection). Finally we would like to point out that there is a direct relationship between light or heavy tails and kurtosis, this is clearly proved in Finucan (1964) and Dyson (1943).

B Tables of the Monte Carlo Study

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	6.66	7.82	8.26	9.60	12.22	15.88	36.75
-0.95	9.56	16.50	37.16	57.74	73.64	83.08	98.30
-0.9	16.76	37.42	72.84	89.62	95.66	98.22	99.75
-0.85	25.28	57.86	88.26	97.26	98.80	99.38	99.65
-0.8	36.20	70.78	95.68	98.68	99.28	99.30	99.35
-0.75	47.12	82.68	97.82	99.08	99.70	99.26	99.60
-0.7	56.04	88.06	98.62	99.52	99.46	99.42	99.40
-0.65	63.18	92.86	99.36	99.48	99.60	99.58	99.80
-0.6	70.16	94.86	99.50	99.70	99.54	99.70	99.65
-0.55	76.20	96.20	99.52	99.66	99.68	99.66	99.60
-0.5	79.08	97.82	99.64	99.30	99.56	99.74	99.75
-0.45	82.36	98.26	99.60	99.42	99.50	99.50	99.45
-0.4	86.88	98.74	99.58	99.42	99.04	99.14	99.30
-0.35	88.70	98.88	99.54	99.58	99.28	99.16	99.10
-0.3	90.20	99.22	99.50	99.42	99.02	98.82	98.40
-0.25	91.76	98.86	99.44	99.14	99.10	99.02	98.70
-0.2	92.30	99.02	99.28	99.18	99.10	98.94	98.40
-0.15	94.56	99.18	99.16	98.84	98.96	99.06	98.45
-0.1	93.94	98.92	99.12	98.66	98.36	98.54	97.35
-0.05	94.76	98.96	98.58	98.42	98.36	98.38	98.20
0	95.36	99.00	98.48	98.26	98.46	98.26	98.20
0.05	95.70	98.76	98.64	98.52	98.00	97.96	98.55
0.1	94.14	98.80	98.64	98.64	98.60	98.24	98.75
0.15	94.60	98.50	98.78	98.70	98.60	98.54	98.75
0.2	93.76	98.44	98.36	98.68	98.56	98.58	99.05
0.25	92.34	97.90	98.66	98.58	98.68	98.48	98.75
0.3	91.28	96.94	98.64	98.96	98.84	99.02	98.85
0.35	90.22	95.76	98.46	98.68	98.72	98.94	99.55
0.4	87.58	95.48	97.98	98.98	98.92	98.92	99.45
0.45	86.02	93.94	96.98	98.16	98.80	99.18	99.35
0.5	84.50	90.86	96.62	98.04	98.56	99.00	99.20
0.55	81.66	89.66	94.88	96.80	98.06	98.26	99.30
0.6	79.84	86.14	92.24	95.42	96.36	97.48	98.55
0.65	75.38	82.90	89.34	92.90	94.92	95.88	97.95
0.7	72.86	79.06	85.94	89.02	92.16	93.18	94.55
0.75	70.68	74.16	81.28	86.42	88.20	89.04	93.00
0.8	66.80	70.88	75.40	79.62	81.88	83.92	88.60
0.85	62.20	65.88	69.54	73.74	75.30	77.50	83.45
0.9	60.80	61.60	63.82	65.88	68.24	70.12	73.50
0.95	57.28	56.06	58.16	59.94	59.60	61.54	65.00
1	53.14	51.52	49.92	49.90	49.80	52.12	57.05

Table 4: Percentage of Convergence of ML algorithm.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	-1.0057	-0.9723	-1.0000	-1.0000	-1.0000	-1.0000	-1.0000
-0.95	-1.0187	-0.8524	-0.9996	-0.6306	-0.9990	-0.9990	-0.9922
-0.9	-1.0251	-0.9996	-0.9983	-0.9972	-0.9913	-0.9735	-0.9210
-0.85	-0.9555	-0.9990	-0.9959	-0.9777	-0.9401	-0.9045	-0.8582
-0.8	-0.5675	-0.9981	-0.9790	-0.8994	-0.8675	-0.8237	-0.8007
-0.75	-1.0054	-0.9927	-0.9452	-0.8275	-0.7699	-0.7527	-0.7544
-0.7	-1.0020	-0.9936	-0.9179	-0.7279	-0.7260	-0.7129	-0.7043
-0.65	-0.9953	-0.9808	-0.8060	-0.6974	-0.6565	-0.6729	-0.6509
-0.6	-0.7414	-0.9788	-0.6187	-0.6461	-0.5930	-0.6366	-0.6096
-0.55	-0.9039	-0.9626	-0.6829	-0.5213	-0.5769	-0.5454	-0.5643
-0.5	-0.7430	-0.9452	-0.5221	-0.4941	-0.4692	-0.4597	-0.4657
-0.45	-0.2731	-0.8274	-0.4849	-0.4370	-0.4316	-0.4195	-0.4350
-0.4	-0.9533	-0.7771	-0.4366	-0.3919	-0.3899	-0.3791	-0.4011
-0.35	-0.9844	-0.7108	-0.3985	-0.3553	-0.3600	-0.3390	-0.3558
-0.3	-0.9643	-0.5164	-0.2594	-0.2516	-0.3002	-0.3101	-0.2905
-0.25	-0.9336	-0.5935	-0.1766	-0.2209	-0.2690	-0.2247	-0.2471
-0.2	-0.8825	-0.3405	-0.1557	-0.1592	-0.1796	-0.1966	-0.1817
-0.15	0.5661	-0.2211	-0.0991	-0.1096	-0.0969	-0.1445	-0.1520
-0.1	0.9402	-0.0771	-0.0558	-0.0584	-0.0619	-0.0678	-0.1039
-0.05	-1.5720	-0.0219	0.0103	-0.0171	-0.0208	-0.0395	-0.0569
0	-0.3999	0.1318	0.0169	0.0114	-0.0008	-0.0014	-0.0189
0.05	2.0509	0.1705	0.0775	0.0288	0.0163	0.0219	0.0312
0.1	0.0798	0.2129	0.0921	0.0792	0.0869	0.0632	0.0747
0.15	-0.3682	0.3555	0.1470	0.1364	0.1212	0.1488	0.1241
0.2	0.9319	0.4478	0.1887	0.1852	0.1776	0.1955	0.2129
0.25	10.6656	0.6097	0.2752	0.2176	0.1981	0.2209	0.1845
0.3	0.9413	0.6171	0.3740	0.2864	0.2813	0.2859	0.2609
0.35	3.0136	0.6745	0.5400	0.3262	0.2975	0.3411	0.3273
0.4	0.7699	0.6846	0.6469	0.4836	0.3990	0.4229	0.3958
0.45	0.7117	0.7700	0.6521	0.5795	0.5380	0.4536	0.4094
0.5	1.6260	0.7104	0.7940	0.6838	0.5792	0.5810	0.5511
0.55	0.9470	0.6925	0.8015	0.8130	0.7686	0.7118	0.6311
0.6	1.1964	0.6866	0.7402	0.8105	0.8467	0.7810	0.6802
0.65	0.8104	0.6902	0.7436	0.8096	0.8484	0.8559	0.7386
0.7	1.1467	0.6220	0.7474	0.8082	0.8705	0.8702	0.8106
0.75	1.1397	0.6052	0.6648	0.7806	0.8046	0.8784	0.8571
0.8	1.0783	0.5090	0.5985	0.7905	0.8104	0.8776	0.9193
0.85	0.5294	0.4742	0.6113	0.7501	0.7803	0.8561	0.9006
0.9	0.6394	0.4534	0.4635	0.6481	0.6928	0.7987	0.8905
0.95	-2.1563	0.4128	0.3927	0.5838	0.6197	0.7132	0.8679
1	0.7464	0.3564	0.3320	0.4639	0.5618	0.5914	0.7460

Table 5: Estimated Expected Values of MLE for samples when the ML algorithm did not converge.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	0.0557	3.5320	0.1801	0.0901	0.0500	0.0001	0.0001
-0.95	0.2267	90.6539	0.0026	288.0079	0.0027	0.0025	0.0021
-0.9	0.3822	0.0100	0.0099	0.0097	0.0091	0.0077	0.0021
-0.85	11.7164	0.0224	0.0218	0.0192	0.0136	0.0065	0.0007
-0.8	615.6928	0.0396	0.0358	0.0217	0.0132	0.0026	0.0007
-0.75	0.1062	0.0607	0.0495	0.0169	0.0041	0.0015	0.0010
-0.7	0.1244	0.0881	0.0622	0.0060	0.0042	0.0029	0.0011
-0.65	0.1228	0.1154	0.0513	0.0137	0.0013	0.0029	0.0011
-0.6	96.8948	0.1510	0.0334	0.0058	0.0043	0.0049	0.0014
-0.55	6.1442	0.1822	0.0586	0.0096	0.0041	0.0075	0.0015
-0.5	64.6074	0.2215	0.0112	0.0096	0.0081	0.0083	0.0039
-0.45	443.4779	0.2670	0.0242	0.0063	0.0040	0.0037	0.0013
-0.4	2.5563	0.2479	0.0167	0.0052	0.0048	0.0039	0.0021
-0.35	0.5843	0.2533	0.0121	0.0102	0.0037	0.0034	0.0025
-0.3	0.6985	0.2358	0.0258	0.0192	0.0067	0.0068	0.0030
-0.25	0.9471	0.3113	0.0280	0.0203	0.0126	0.0111	0.0037
-0.2	4.1507	0.2113	0.0192	0.0141	0.0130	0.0122	0.0030
-0.15	493.6522	0.2141	0.0222	0.0118	0.0114	0.0095	0.0028
-0.1	908.6306	0.1869	0.0163	0.0111	0.0099	0.0072	0.0038
-0.05	297.4151	0.1150	0.0165	0.0094	0.0082	0.0081	0.0044
0	1.9337	0.1474	0.0233	0.0122	0.0073	0.0083	0.0063
0.05	354.5645	0.1849	0.0216	0.0097	0.0116	0.0078	0.0050
0.1	7.9709	0.2191	0.0324	0.0135	0.0115	0.0110	0.0053
0.15	74.6269	0.3010	0.0255	0.0127	0.0155	0.0123	0.0046
0.2	125.9162	0.3016	0.0420	0.0253	0.0173	0.0149	0.0065
0.25	35554.7203	0.3810	0.0701	0.0248	0.0205	0.0143	0.0099
0.3	80.4714	0.3693	0.0932	0.0395	0.0194	0.0132	0.0068
0.35	2097.5776	0.4524	0.1412	0.0487	0.0227	0.0170	0.0118
0.4	20.1237	0.4771	0.1955	0.0717	0.0342	0.0359	0.0107
0.45	14.9122	0.4520	0.2000	0.0862	0.0615	0.0344	0.0102
0.5	417.6718	1.1750	0.2556	0.1616	0.0739	0.0555	0.0183
0.55	64.6936	0.4838	0.2726	0.1374	0.0883	0.0694	0.0303
0.6	26.4655	0.5380	0.3508	0.1633	0.1130	0.0871	0.0184
0.65	454.2022	0.7468	0.3882	0.2365	0.1210	0.0791	0.0181
0.7	369.0362	0.6294	0.4189	0.2678	0.1682	0.1067	0.0252
0.75	99.2059	0.7175	0.5667	0.3594	0.2749	0.1389	0.0225
0.8	316.8554	1.0079	0.6983	0.3813	0.3233	0.1828	0.0391
0.85	451.4573	0.9598	0.7191	0.4905	0.4023	0.2696	0.1098
0.9	1164.7002	1.0332	0.9945	0.6998	0.6076	0.4161	0.1810
0.95	10452.2633	1.3831	1.1687	0.8546	0.7854	0.6099	0.2918
1	163.7763	1.3639	1.3552	1.1351	0.9545	0.8933	0.5765

Table 6: Estimated Mean Square Errors of MLE for samples when the ML algorithm did not converge.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	-0.9971	-0.9899	-0.9830	-0.9814	-0.9784	-0.9755	-0.9719
-0.95	-0.9979	-0.9781	-0.9738	-0.9658	-0.9662	-0.9538	-0.9685
-0.9	-0.9711	-0.9518	-0.9481	-0.9374	-0.9368	-0.9230	-0.9113
-0.85	-0.9431	-0.9238	-0.9135	-0.9017	-0.8986	-0.8917	-0.8711
-0.8	-0.9257	-0.8928	-0.8726	-0.8338	-0.8552	-0.8217	-0.8105
-0.75	-0.8956	-0.8655	-0.8177	-0.8141	-0.7535	-0.7607	-0.7474
-0.7	-0.8691	-0.8383	-0.8016	-0.7160	-0.7179	-0.7117	-0.7032
-0.65	-0.8430	-0.8036	-0.7460	-0.6798	-0.6572	-0.6699	-0.6411
-0.6	-0.8112	-0.7736	-0.5731	-0.6439	-0.5944	-0.6294	-0.6084
-0.55	-0.7891	-0.7558	-0.6213	-0.5046	-0.5695	-0.5316	-0.5528
-0.5	-0.7643	-0.7263	-0.5093	-0.4838	-0.4614	-0.4501	-0.4544
-0.45	-0.7502	-0.6461	-0.4509	-0.4251	-0.4223	-0.4119	-0.4263
-0.4	-0.7148	-0.5872	-0.4266	-0.3801	-0.3817	-0.3705	-0.3923
-0.35	-0.7000	-0.5229	-0.3903	-0.3508	-0.3471	-0.3299	-0.3496
-0.3	-0.6679	-0.3877	-0.2470	-0.2411	-0.2926	-0.3029	-0.2835
-0.25	-0.6250	-0.4126	-0.1620	-0.2159	-0.2643	-0.2211	-0.2398
-0.2	-0.5506	-0.2229	-0.1497	-0.1482	-0.1780	-0.1888	-0.1684
-0.15	-0.4936	-0.1879	-0.0861	-0.1039	-0.1008	-0.1333	-0.1490
-0.1	-0.4204	-0.0727	-0.0385	-0.0527	-0.0629	-0.0599	-0.1001
-0.05	-0.3191	-0.0139	0.0172	-0.0148	-0.0238	-0.0418	-0.0550
0	-0.2256	0.1183	0.0113	0.0195	0.0042	-0.0030	-0.0199
0.05	-0.1189	0.1375	0.0704	0.0299	0.0151	0.0215	0.0332
0.1	0.0841	0.2079	0.0956	0.0800	0.0817	0.0576	0.0729
0.15	0.1661	0.2494	0.1404	0.1292	0.1221	0.1391	0.1150
0.2	0.3212	0.3155	0.1874	0.1649	0.1586	0.1802	0.1965
0.25	0.4140	0.4936	0.2411	0.2026	0.1918	0.2160	0.1900
0.3	0.5224	0.5686	0.3309	0.2729	0.2788	0.2754	0.2563
0.35	0.6338	0.5856	0.4904	0.2863	0.2749	0.3180	0.3026
0.4	0.6880	0.6931	0.5791	0.4672	0.3812	0.3857	0.3520
0.45	0.7503	0.7437	0.6071	0.5110	0.4942	0.4256	0.3888
0.5	0.7376	0.7833	0.7186	0.6817	0.5395	0.5380	0.5294
0.55	0.7878	0.8247	0.7975	0.7286	0.7318	0.6641	0.6156
0.6	0.8066	0.8600	0.8306	0.7880	0.8127	0.7294	0.6487
0.65	0.8616	0.8921	0.8538	0.8350	0.8288	0.8181	0.7540
0.7	0.8555	0.9240	0.9133	0.8815	0.8773	0.8509	0.7913
0.75	0.8910	0.9371	0.9533	0.9252	0.9009	0.8885	0.8308
0.8	0.9121	0.9647	0.9588	0.9470	0.9439	0.9300	0.9026
0.85	0.9183	0.9799	0.9949	0.9799	0.9764	0.9565	0.9380
0.9	0.9365	0.9157	0.9019	0.8988	0.9070	0.9016	0.9021
0.95	0.9454	0.9713	0.9670	0.9701	0.9601	0.9542	0.9521
1	0.9896	1.0416	1.0425	1.0613	1.0462	1.0500	1.0401

Table 7: Estimated Expected Values of $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ for samples when the ML algorithm did not converge.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	0.0476	0.0214	0.0100	0.0064	0.0045	0.0038	0.0021
-0.95	0.0476	0.0221	0.0101	0.0060	0.0045	0.0038	0.0025
-0.9	0.0509	0.0236	0.0114	0.0069	0.0055	0.0035	0.0004
-0.85	0.0522	0.0244	0.0121	0.0080	0.0079	0.0052	0.0009
-0.8	0.0559	0.0274	0.0138	0.0091	0.0081	0.0023	0.0022
-0.75	0.0608	0.0310	0.0140	0.0104	0.0039	0.0031	0.0014
-0.7	0.0649	0.0359	0.0172	0.0040	0.0037	0.0037	0.0018
-0.65	0.0722	0.0390	0.0196	0.0078	0.0021	0.0028	0.0010
-0.6	0.0803	0.0455	0.0191	0.0058	0.0054	0.0061	0.0015
-0.55	0.0920	0.0571	0.0213	0.0104	0.0041	0.0072	0.0019
-0.5	0.1049	0.0676	0.0091	0.0098	0.0101	0.0106	0.0049
-0.45	0.1251	0.1019	0.0098	0.0068	0.0056	0.0041	0.0014
-0.4	0.1414	0.0860	0.0141	0.0061	0.0048	0.0044	0.0021
-0.35	0.1671	0.0841	0.0116	0.0095	0.0036	0.0039	0.0024
-0.3	0.1799	0.0970	0.0227	0.0216	0.0060	0.0058	0.0033
-0.25	0.1935	0.1124	0.0334	0.0198	0.0116	0.0109	0.0033
-0.2	0.2316	0.0952	0.0181	0.0155	0.0128	0.0116	0.0036
-0.15	0.2987	0.1044	0.0242	0.0125	0.0112	0.0100	0.0025
-0.1	0.3028	0.0870	0.0188	0.0127	0.0098	0.0083	0.0037
-0.05	0.3375	0.0740	0.0180	0.0110	0.0088	0.0087	0.0046
0	0.3885	0.0806	0.0193	0.0163	0.0077	0.0083	0.0056
0.05	0.3655	0.1246	0.0225	0.0128	0.0124	0.0083	0.0079
0.1	0.4236	0.1393	0.0374	0.0163	0.0122	0.0142	0.0062
0.15	0.4046	0.1247	0.0254	0.0130	0.0162	0.0135	0.0051
0.2	0.4065	0.1137	0.0462	0.0305	0.0168	0.0166	0.0063
0.25	0.3447	0.1964	0.0520	0.0259	0.0210	0.0171	0.0130
0.3	0.3922	0.2152	0.0715	0.0417	0.0283	0.0190	0.0074
0.35	0.3618	0.1880	0.1044	0.0426	0.0259	0.0229	0.0142
0.4	0.3368	0.2215	0.1390	0.0640	0.0424	0.0317	0.0099
0.45	0.3037	0.1907	0.1219	0.0686	0.0550	0.0375	0.0151
0.5	0.2791	0.1818	0.1362	0.0946	0.0604	0.0460	0.0257
0.55	0.2742	0.1930	0.1321	0.0904	0.0757	0.0472	0.0272
0.6	0.2496	0.1681	0.1227	0.0900	0.0971	0.0561	0.0185
0.65	0.2464	0.1632	0.1031	0.0859	0.0804	0.0668	0.0286
0.7	0.2299	0.1537	0.1122	0.0773	0.0683	0.0541	0.0310
0.75	0.2327	0.1434	0.1047	0.0738	0.0619	0.0518	0.0266
0.8	0.2213	0.1375	0.0923	0.0701	0.0618	0.0501	0.0300
0.85	0.2184	0.1243	0.0867	0.0680	0.0556	0.0459	0.0261
0.9	0.2119	0.1164	0.0791	0.0643	0.0520	0.0416	0.0274
0.95	0.2121	0.1171	0.0760	0.0536	0.0469	0.0428	0.0262
1	0.2113	0.1215	0.0718	0.0587	0.0484	0.0395	0.0258

Table 8: Estimated Mean Square Errors of $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ for samples when the ML algorithm did not converge.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	-0.7237	-0.8734	-0.9431	-0.9603	-0.9716	-0.9768	-0.9871
-0.95	-0.7486	-0.8805	-0.9356	-0.9483	-0.9521	-0.9531	-0.9539
-0.9	-0.7486	-0.8677	-0.9019	-0.9085	-0.9090	-0.9072	-0.9042
-0.85	-0.7468	-0.8360	-0.8627	-0.8628	-0.8596	-0.8572	-0.8534
-0.8	-0.7193	-0.8022	-0.8176	-0.8130	-0.8100	-0.8086	-0.8035
-0.75	-0.6976	-0.7599	-0.7667	-0.7636	-0.7592	-0.7582	-0.7548
-0.7	-0.6681	-0.7164	-0.7196	-0.7132	-0.7090	-0.7066	-0.7041
-0.65	-0.6225	-0.6749	-0.6682	-0.6622	-0.6596	-0.6588	-0.6546
-0.6	-0.5851	-0.6313	-0.6215	-0.6122	-0.6087	-0.6080	-0.6046
-0.55	-0.5506	-0.5801	-0.5698	-0.5620	-0.5599	-0.5571	-0.5544
-0.5	-0.5091	-0.5370	-0.5183	-0.5125	-0.5091	-0.5079	-0.5029
-0.45	-0.4731	-0.4875	-0.4688	-0.4618	-0.4623	-0.4569	-0.4526
-0.4	-0.4237	-0.4344	-0.4182	-0.4135	-0.4087	-0.4061	-0.4030
-0.35	-0.3750	-0.3821	-0.3686	-0.3637	-0.3585	-0.3589	-0.3549
-0.3	-0.3335	-0.3351	-0.3196	-0.3120	-0.3113	-0.3086	-0.3038
-0.25	-0.2843	-0.2858	-0.2666	-0.2605	-0.2573	-0.2567	-0.2543
-0.2	-0.2344	-0.2273	-0.2156	-0.2125	-0.2078	-0.2061	-0.2050
-0.15	-0.1966	-0.1890	-0.1625	-0.1624	-0.1598	-0.1564	-0.1516
-0.1	-0.1494	-0.1364	-0.1133	-0.1087	-0.1100	-0.1069	-0.1029
-0.05	-0.1086	-0.0802	-0.0683	-0.0616	-0.0586	-0.0573	-0.0534
0	-0.0586	-0.0312	-0.0164	-0.0140	-0.0082	-0.0077	-0.0044
0.05	-0.0175	0.0214	0.0360	0.0431	0.0440	0.0433	0.0465
0.1	0.0369	0.0699	0.0855	0.0898	0.0966	0.0974	0.1006
0.15	0.0730	0.1197	0.1393	0.1412	0.1400	0.1435	0.1458
0.2	0.1185	0.1680	0.1853	0.1894	0.1946	0.1970	0.1978
0.25	0.1629	0.2147	0.2410	0.2452	0.2473	0.2464	0.2464
0.3	0.1971	0.2586	0.2934	0.2901	0.2905	0.2933	0.2976
0.35	0.2279	0.2968	0.3405	0.3422	0.3453	0.3494	0.3468
0.4	0.2603	0.3518	0.3832	0.3926	0.3982	0.3953	0.3979
0.45	0.2932	0.3919	0.4302	0.4389	0.4431	0.4462	0.4466
0.5	0.3271	0.4332	0.4790	0.4874	0.4939	0.4913	0.4961
0.55	0.3510	0.4683	0.5191	0.5363	0.5408	0.5436	0.5429
0.6	0.3989	0.5072	0.5627	0.5803	0.5863	0.5933	0.5958
0.65	0.4311	0.5330	0.6005	0.6217	0.6309	0.6374	0.6453
0.7	0.4398	0.5643	0.6413	0.6651	0.6777	0.6817	0.6967
0.75	0.4847	0.5969	0.6735	0.6993	0.7138	0.7230	0.7405
0.8	0.4998	0.6281	0.7062	0.7345	0.7492	0.7645	0.7874
0.85	0.5204	0.6445	0.7355	0.7653	0.7910	0.8023	0.8352
0.9	0.5371	0.6731	0.7531	0.7960	0.8113	0.8347	0.8690
0.95	0.5545	0.6953	0.7844	0.8224	0.8513	0.8669	0.9094
1	0.5953	0.7053	0.8032	0.8503	0.8794	0.8976	0.9436

Table 9: Estimated Expected Values of MLE for samples when the ML algorithm converged.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	0.1027	0.0187	0.0032	0.0014	0.0006	0.0003	0.0001
-0.95	0.0658	0.0094	0.0011	0.0006	0.0004	0.0004	0.0002
-0.9	0.0466	0.0056	0.0019	0.0014	0.0011	0.0009	0.0004
-0.85	0.0320	0.0065	0.0030	0.0022	0.0016	0.0013	0.0006
-0.8	0.0282	0.0078	0.0047	0.0030	0.0022	0.0017	0.0007
-0.75	0.0258	0.0105	0.0057	0.0038	0.0026	0.0021	0.0009
-0.7	0.0259	0.0140	0.0071	0.0044	0.0031	0.0025	0.0012
-0.65	0.0358	0.0177	0.0081	0.0051	0.0039	0.0028	0.0013
-0.6	0.0427	0.0207	0.0096	0.0058	0.0042	0.0033	0.0016
-0.55	0.0464	0.0239	0.0104	0.0067	0.0050	0.0038	0.0018
-0.5	0.0498	0.0274	0.0116	0.0079	0.0054	0.0044	0.0021
-0.45	0.0584	0.0297	0.0137	0.0084	0.0061	0.0048	0.0024
-0.4	0.0645	0.0344	0.0143	0.0094	0.0068	0.0053	0.0028
-0.35	0.0751	0.0360	0.0162	0.0104	0.0076	0.0058	0.0029
-0.3	0.0810	0.0384	0.0174	0.0111	0.0083	0.0063	0.0033
-0.25	0.0926	0.0424	0.0196	0.0123	0.0090	0.0073	0.0036
-0.2	0.1006	0.0478	0.0203	0.0131	0.0097	0.0077	0.0039
-0.15	0.1069	0.0489	0.0223	0.0143	0.0105	0.0083	0.0041
-0.1	0.1121	0.0508	0.0231	0.0155	0.0115	0.0088	0.0044
-0.05	0.1202	0.0578	0.0261	0.0169	0.0120	0.0094	0.0047
0	0.1232	0.0594	0.0272	0.0178	0.0131	0.0104	0.0047
0.05	0.1321	0.0630	0.0295	0.0189	0.0141	0.0108	0.0056
0.1	0.1388	0.0711	0.0311	0.0210	0.0147	0.0115	0.0061
0.15	0.1465	0.0709	0.0326	0.0214	0.0156	0.0127	0.0064
0.2	0.1459	0.0702	0.0360	0.0230	0.0165	0.0134	0.0067
0.25	0.1542	0.0785	0.0369	0.0246	0.0184	0.0135	0.0066
0.3	0.1626	0.0763	0.0386	0.0259	0.0190	0.0153	0.0075
0.35	0.1636	0.0817	0.0399	0.0266	0.0199	0.0153	0.0081
0.4	0.1719	0.0837	0.0426	0.0283	0.0202	0.0166	0.0085
0.45	0.1720	0.0826	0.0430	0.0299	0.0220	0.0168	0.0081
0.5	0.1723	0.0837	0.0430	0.0309	0.0222	0.0180	0.0090
0.55	0.1891	0.0825	0.0432	0.0313	0.0239	0.0185	0.0094
0.6	0.1967	0.0855	0.0431	0.0312	0.0230	0.0195	0.0094
0.65	0.1994	0.0893	0.0441	0.0309	0.0237	0.0192	0.0096
0.7	0.2220	0.0941	0.0451	0.0306	0.0229	0.0191	0.0106
0.75	0.2243	0.0952	0.0440	0.0318	0.0227	0.0185	0.0107
0.8	0.2409	0.0961	0.0462	0.0329	0.0245	0.0196	0.0104
0.85	0.2583	0.1105	0.0506	0.0338	0.0241	0.0191	0.0102
0.9	0.2825	0.1190	0.0567	0.0368	0.0286	0.0216	0.0111
0.95	0.3093	0.1288	0.0633	0.0408	0.0306	0.0244	0.0116
1	0.3384	0.1520	0.0737	0.0479	0.0346	0.0281	0.0135

Table 10: Estimated Mean Square Errors of MLE for samples when the ML algorithm converged.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	-0.7298	-0.8865	-0.9515	-0.9557	-0.9658	-0.9685	-0.9694
-0.95	-0.7493	-0.8896	-0.9443	-0.9539	-0.9550	-0.9532	-0.9488
-0.9	-0.7605	-0.8854	-0.9127	-0.9157	-0.9156	-0.9133	-0.9088
-0.85	-0.7550	-0.8502	-0.8715	-0.8682	-0.8667	-0.8647	-0.8585
-0.8	-0.7231	-0.8037	-0.8201	-0.8162	-0.8164	-0.8145	-0.8091
-0.75	-0.6919	-0.7589	-0.7644	-0.7642	-0.7615	-0.7608	-0.7567
-0.7	-0.6578	-0.7071	-0.7146	-0.7125	-0.7093	-0.7055	-0.7031
-0.65	-0.6134	-0.6612	-0.6614	-0.6577	-0.6559	-0.6556	-0.6506
-0.6	-0.5713	-0.6147	-0.6120	-0.6045	-0.6026	-0.6020	-0.5982
-0.55	-0.5362	-0.5623	-0.5593	-0.5524	-0.5521	-0.5495	-0.5469
-0.5	-0.4905	-0.5173	-0.5062	-0.5028	-0.5000	-0.4995	-0.4947
-0.45	-0.4509	-0.4670	-0.4565	-0.4512	-0.4527	-0.4477	-0.4434
-0.4	-0.4014	-0.4152	-0.4066	-0.4032	-0.3992	-0.3966	-0.3942
-0.35	-0.3520	-0.3649	-0.3570	-0.3542	-0.3495	-0.3501	-0.3465
-0.3	-0.3138	-0.3198	-0.3087	-0.3032	-0.3027	-0.3003	-0.2961
-0.25	-0.2659	-0.2717	-0.2575	-0.2526	-0.2499	-0.2498	-0.2478
-0.2	-0.2219	-0.2183	-0.2082	-0.2055	-0.2015	-0.2002	-0.1998
-0.15	-0.1842	-0.1806	-0.1564	-0.1576	-0.1562	-0.1519	-0.1477
-0.1	-0.1408	-0.1317	-0.1103	-0.1048	-0.1065	-0.1040	-0.0999
-0.05	-0.1022	-0.0824	-0.0687	-0.0614	-0.0571	-0.0563	-0.0518
0	-0.0580	-0.0352	-0.0177	-0.0154	-0.0087	-0.0084	-0.0046
0.05	-0.0180	0.0138	0.0322	0.0398	0.0421	0.0431	0.0453
0.1	0.0254	0.0592	0.0794	0.0848	0.0916	0.0947	0.0988
0.15	0.0475	0.1045	0.1307	0.1330	0.1334	0.1384	0.1408
0.2	0.1011	0.1493	0.1719	0.1785	0.1874	0.1899	0.1922
0.25	0.1344	0.1906	0.2236	0.2330	0.2362	0.2378	0.2420
0.3	0.1596	0.2305	0.2737	0.2760	0.2799	0.2833	0.2923
0.35	0.1902	0.2641	0.3201	0.3293	0.3316	0.3404	0.3416
0.4	0.2154	0.3130	0.3573	0.3726	0.3835	0.3862	0.3891
0.45	0.2424	0.3476	0.4027	0.4172	0.4274	0.4327	0.4361
0.5	0.2677	0.3846	0.4478	0.4650	0.4744	0.4761	0.4870
0.55	0.2930	0.4153	0.4849	0.5063	0.5203	0.5263	0.5345
0.6	0.3296	0.4470	0.5247	0.5512	0.5635	0.5750	0.5862
0.65	0.3547	0.4759	0.5576	0.5902	0.6074	0.6157	0.6366
0.7	0.3613	0.4965	0.5983	0.6306	0.6512	0.6594	0.6860
0.75	0.3886	0.5305	0.6253	0.6629	0.6870	0.7004	0.7253
0.8	0.4075	0.5599	0.6555	0.6997	0.7190	0.7364	0.7777
0.85	0.4228	0.5669	0.6839	0.7235	0.7518	0.7772	0.8220
0.9	0.4275	0.5917	0.6939	0.7520	0.7775	0.8050	0.8535
0.95	0.4436	0.6076	0.7248	0.7801	0.8092	0.8305	0.8943
1	0.4637	0.6129	0.7449	0.8061	0.8335	0.8589	0.9235

Table 11: Estimated Expected Values of $f\left(\widehat{\beta}_3\right)$ for samples when the ML algorithm converged.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	0.1132	0.0329	0.0100	0.0075	0.0052	0.0040	0.0021
-0.95	0.0851	0.0263	0.0100	0.0064	0.0045	0.0034	0.0017
-0.9	0.0655	0.0223	0.0099	0.0064	0.0045	0.0035	0.0017
-0.85	0.0553	0.0216	0.0100	0.0063	0.0046	0.0037	0.0017
-0.8	0.0501	0.0204	0.0100	0.0062	0.0046	0.0035	0.0018
-0.75	0.0455	0.0214	0.0096	0.0064	0.0045	0.0036	0.0016
-0.7	0.0419	0.0212	0.0100	0.0065	0.0048	0.0037	0.0017
-0.65	0.0479	0.0231	0.0103	0.0066	0.0050	0.0037	0.0018
-0.6	0.0498	0.0231	0.0108	0.0068	0.0051	0.0040	0.0018
-0.55	0.0508	0.0249	0.0112	0.0073	0.0054	0.0042	0.0021
-0.5	0.0516	0.0264	0.0116	0.0081	0.0056	0.0045	0.0022
-0.45	0.0567	0.0273	0.0133	0.0083	0.0061	0.0048	0.0025
-0.4	0.0590	0.0300	0.0135	0.0090	0.0066	0.0053	0.0028
-0.35	0.0629	0.0317	0.0150	0.0098	0.0072	0.0056	0.0028
-0.3	0.0679	0.0333	0.0163	0.0106	0.0080	0.0061	0.0033
-0.25	0.0739	0.0368	0.0182	0.0116	0.0088	0.0070	0.0036
-0.2	0.0816	0.0411	0.0187	0.0127	0.0094	0.0076	0.0038
-0.15	0.0871	0.0423	0.0212	0.0138	0.0102	0.0083	0.0041
-0.1	0.0895	0.0446	0.0222	0.0151	0.0116	0.0089	0.0047
-0.05	0.0994	0.0503	0.0252	0.0168	0.0123	0.0097	0.0051
0	0.1049	0.0536	0.0272	0.0181	0.0138	0.0110	0.0053
0.05	0.1133	0.0578	0.0303	0.0199	0.0152	0.0122	0.0064
0.1	0.1170	0.0673	0.0321	0.0224	0.0162	0.0129	0.0071
0.15	0.1271	0.0678	0.0345	0.0239	0.0175	0.0148	0.0076
0.2	0.1316	0.0715	0.0393	0.0256	0.0193	0.0159	0.0082
0.25	0.1414	0.0779	0.0410	0.0276	0.0220	0.0167	0.0088
0.3	0.1471	0.0805	0.0432	0.0306	0.0235	0.0192	0.0104
0.35	0.1584	0.0881	0.0473	0.0332	0.0250	0.0202	0.0109
0.4	0.1738	0.0911	0.0508	0.0342	0.0267	0.0218	0.0122
0.45	0.1758	0.0950	0.0534	0.0385	0.0297	0.0240	0.0122
0.5	0.1873	0.0990	0.0551	0.0412	0.0305	0.0252	0.0134
0.55	0.2075	0.1038	0.0585	0.0432	0.0338	0.0276	0.0145
0.6	0.2237	0.1129	0.0619	0.0455	0.0341	0.0292	0.0162
0.65	0.2350	0.1215	0.0655	0.0473	0.0366	0.0308	0.0161
0.7	0.2615	0.1312	0.0702	0.0487	0.0377	0.0316	0.0176
0.75	0.2767	0.1408	0.0737	0.0534	0.0396	0.0325	0.0191
0.8	0.2979	0.1456	0.0798	0.0562	0.0438	0.0357	0.0193
0.85	0.3330	0.1728	0.0864	0.0605	0.0453	0.0363	0.0203
0.9	0.3686	0.1881	0.1018	0.0674	0.0530	0.0438	0.0228
0.95	0.4025	0.2117	0.1133	0.0755	0.0590	0.0484	0.0224
1	0.4310	0.2401	0.1274	0.0848	0.0668	0.0547	0.0273

Table 12: Estimated Mean Square Errors of $f(\widehat{\beta}_3)$ for samples when the ML algorithm converged.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	-0.9886	-0.9818	-0.9804	-0.9790	-0.9769	-0.9744	-0.9710
-0.95	-0.9741	-0.9635	-0.9628	-0.9589	-0.9580	-0.9533	-0.9491
-0.9	-0.9358	-0.9269	-0.9223	-0.9179	-0.9165	-0.9134	-0.9088
-0.85	-0.8955	-0.8812	-0.8764	-0.8691	-0.8671	-0.8648	-0.8585
-0.8	-0.8524	-0.8298	-0.8224	-0.8165	-0.8167	-0.8145	-0.8091
-0.75	-0.7996	-0.7774	-0.7656	-0.7647	-0.7614	-0.7608	-0.7566
-0.7	-0.7507	-0.7227	-0.7158	-0.7125	-0.7093	-0.7055	-0.7031
-0.65	-0.6980	-0.6713	-0.6620	-0.6578	-0.6559	-0.6556	-0.6506
-0.6	-0.6429	-0.6229	-0.6118	-0.6046	-0.6025	-0.6021	-0.5982
-0.55	-0.5964	-0.5697	-0.5595	-0.5522	-0.5522	-0.5494	-0.5469
-0.5	-0.5478	-0.5219	-0.5062	-0.5026	-0.4998	-0.4993	-0.4946
-0.45	-0.5037	-0.4701	-0.4565	-0.4510	-0.4526	-0.4475	-0.4433
-0.4	-0.4425	-0.4174	-0.4066	-0.4031	-0.3990	-0.3964	-0.3942
-0.35	-0.3913	-0.3667	-0.3572	-0.3542	-0.3495	-0.3499	-0.3465
-0.3	-0.3485	-0.3203	-0.3084	-0.3028	-0.3026	-0.3003	-0.2959
-0.25	-0.2955	-0.2733	-0.2570	-0.2523	-0.2500	-0.2495	-0.2477
-0.2	-0.2472	-0.2183	-0.2078	-0.2050	-0.2013	-0.2001	-0.1993
-0.15	-0.2011	-0.1806	-0.1558	-0.1569	-0.1556	-0.1517	-0.1478
-0.1	-0.1577	-0.1310	-0.1096	-0.1041	-0.1058	-0.1034	-0.1000
-0.05	-0.1135	-0.0817	-0.0675	-0.0607	-0.0566	-0.0561	-0.0519
0	-0.0658	-0.0337	-0.0173	-0.0148	-0.0085	-0.0083	-0.0049
0.05	-0.0224	0.0154	0.0327	0.0397	0.0416	0.0426	0.0451
0.1	0.0288	0.0610	0.0797	0.0847	0.0915	0.0940	0.0985
0.15	0.0539	0.1067	0.1308	0.1329	0.1333	0.1384	0.1405
0.2	0.1148	0.1519	0.1722	0.1783	0.1870	0.1898	0.1922
0.25	0.1558	0.1970	0.2239	0.2326	0.2356	0.2375	0.2413
0.3	0.1913	0.2409	0.2745	0.2760	0.2799	0.2832	0.2919
0.35	0.2336	0.2777	0.3227	0.3287	0.3309	0.3402	0.3414
0.4	0.2741	0.3302	0.3618	0.3735	0.3835	0.3862	0.3889
0.45	0.3134	0.3716	0.4089	0.4189	0.4282	0.4326	0.4358
0.5	0.3405	0.4211	0.4569	0.4692	0.4753	0.4767	0.4874
0.55	0.3837	0.4576	0.5009	0.5134	0.5244	0.5287	0.5351
0.6	0.4258	0.5042	0.5485	0.5620	0.5726	0.5789	0.5871
0.65	0.4795	0.5471	0.5892	0.6076	0.6186	0.6241	0.6390
0.7	0.4954	0.5860	0.6426	0.6582	0.6689	0.6725	0.6917
0.75	0.5359	0.6355	0.6867	0.6985	0.7122	0.7210	0.7326
0.8	0.5750	0.6778	0.7301	0.7501	0.7597	0.7675	0.7919
0.85	0.6101	0.7078	0.7786	0.7909	0.8073	0.8175	0.8412
0.9	0.6270	0.7468	0.8086	0.8397	0.8504	0.8608	0.8849
0.95	0.6580	0.7893	0.8512	0.8773	0.8957	0.9046	0.9346
1	0.7101	0.8207	0.8940	0.9340	0.9403	0.9504	0.9736

Table 13: Estimated Expected Values of $f(\hat{\beta}_3)$, whole simulated samples.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.99	0.0519	0.0223	0.0100	0.0065	0.0046	0.0038	0.0021
-0.95	0.0512	0.0228	0.0101	0.0062	0.0045	0.0035	0.0017
-0.9	0.0533	0.0231	0.0103	0.0065	0.0046	0.0035	0.0017
-0.85	0.0530	0.0228	0.0102	0.0064	0.0047	0.0037	0.0017
-0.8	0.0538	0.0224	0.0101	0.0062	0.0046	0.0035	0.0018
-0.75	0.0536	0.0231	0.0097	0.0064	0.0045	0.0036	0.0016
-0.7	0.0520	0.0230	0.0101	0.0065	0.0047	0.0037	0.0017
-0.65	0.0568	0.0243	0.0104	0.0066	0.0049	0.0037	0.0018
-0.6	0.0589	0.0243	0.0109	0.0068	0.0051	0.0040	0.0018
-0.55	0.0606	0.0261	0.0112	0.0073	0.0054	0.0043	0.0021
-0.5	0.0628	0.0273	0.0116	0.0081	0.0056	0.0046	0.0022
-0.45	0.0688	0.0286	0.0133	0.0083	0.0060	0.0048	0.0025
-0.4	0.0698	0.0307	0.0135	0.0090	0.0066	0.0053	0.0028
-0.35	0.0747	0.0323	0.0149	0.0098	0.0072	0.0056	0.0028
-0.3	0.0789	0.0338	0.0163	0.0107	0.0080	0.0061	0.0033
-0.25	0.0838	0.0377	0.0183	0.0117	0.0088	0.0071	0.0036
-0.2	0.0932	0.0416	0.0187	0.0127	0.0095	0.0076	0.0038
-0.15	0.0986	0.0429	0.0212	0.0138	0.0102	0.0083	0.0041
-0.1	0.1025	0.0451	0.0221	0.0151	0.0116	0.0089	0.0047
-0.05	0.1119	0.0506	0.0251	0.0167	0.0123	0.0097	0.0051
0	0.1181	0.0538	0.0270	0.0180	0.0137	0.0110	0.0053
0.05	0.1242	0.0586	0.0302	0.0198	0.0152	0.0121	0.0065
0.1	0.1350	0.0682	0.0322	0.0223	0.0162	0.0130	0.0071
0.15	0.1421	0.0687	0.0344	0.0237	0.0175	0.0148	0.0075
0.2	0.1487	0.0722	0.0394	0.0257	0.0192	0.0159	0.0082
0.25	0.1570	0.0804	0.0411	0.0276	0.0220	0.0167	0.0088
0.3	0.1685	0.0847	0.0436	0.0307	0.0236	0.0192	0.0104
0.35	0.1783	0.0923	0.0481	0.0333	0.0250	0.0202	0.0109
0.4	0.1940	0.0970	0.0526	0.0345	0.0268	0.0219	0.0122
0.45	0.1937	0.1008	0.0555	0.0391	0.0300	0.0241	0.0122
0.5	0.2016	0.1066	0.0579	0.0423	0.0309	0.0254	0.0135
0.55	0.2198	0.1130	0.0622	0.0447	0.0346	0.0279	0.0146
0.6	0.2289	0.1205	0.0666	0.0476	0.0364	0.0299	0.0162
0.65	0.2378	0.1286	0.0695	0.0500	0.0388	0.0323	0.0163
0.7	0.2529	0.1360	0.0761	0.0518	0.0401	0.0331	0.0184
0.75	0.2638	0.1414	0.0795	0.0562	0.0422	0.0346	0.0196
0.8	0.2725	0.1433	0.0829	0.0590	0.0470	0.0380	0.0205
0.85	0.2897	0.1562	0.0865	0.0625	0.0479	0.0385	0.0213
0.9	0.3072	0.1605	0.0936	0.0663	0.0527	0.0431	0.0240
0.95	0.3212	0.1701	0.0977	0.0667	0.0541	0.0462	0.0237
1	0.3280	0.1826	0.0995	0.0717	0.0576	0.0474	0.0267

Table 14: Estimated Mean Square Errors of $f(\hat{\beta}_3)$, whole simulated samples.

	$n = 50$	$n = 100$	$n = 200$	$n = 300$	$n = 400$	$n = 500$	$n = 1000$
-0.9900	0.0519	0.0222	0.0099	0.0064	0.0044	0.0036	0.0017
-0.9500	0.0506	0.0226	0.0099	0.0061	0.0044	0.0035	0.0017
-0.9000	0.0520	0.0224	0.0098	0.0062	0.0043	0.0033	0.0016
-0.8500	0.0509	0.0218	0.0095	0.0060	0.0044	0.0035	0.0016
-0.8000	0.0511	0.0215	0.0096	0.0059	0.0043	0.0033	0.0017
-0.7500	0.0511	0.0223	0.0095	0.0062	0.0044	0.0035	0.0016
-0.7000	0.0494	0.0225	0.0099	0.0063	0.0046	0.0037	0.0017
-0.6500	0.0545	0.0238	0.0103	0.0065	0.0049	0.0037	0.0018
-0.6000	0.0571	0.0238	0.0108	0.0068	0.0051	0.0040	0.0018
-0.5500	0.0584	0.0257	0.0111	0.0073	0.0054	0.0043	0.0021
-0.5000	0.0605	0.0268	0.0116	0.0081	0.0056	0.0046	0.0022
-0.4500	0.0659	0.0282	0.0133	0.0083	0.0060	0.0048	0.0025
-0.4000	0.0680	0.0304	0.0135	0.0090	0.0066	0.0053	0.0028
-0.3500	0.0730	0.0320	0.0148	0.0098	0.0072	0.0056	0.0028
-0.3000	0.0765	0.0334	0.0162	0.0107	0.0080	0.0061	0.0033
-0.2500	0.0817	0.0372	0.0183	0.0117	0.0088	0.0071	0.0036
-0.2000	0.0910	0.0413	0.0186	0.0127	0.0095	0.0076	0.0038
-0.1500	0.0960	0.0420	0.0212	0.0138	0.0102	0.0083	0.0041
-0.1000	0.0992	0.0441	0.0220	0.0151	0.0116	0.0089	0.0047
-0.0500	0.1079	0.0496	0.0248	0.0166	0.0123	0.0097	0.0051
0.0000	0.1138	0.0527	0.0267	0.0178	0.0136	0.0109	0.0053
0.0500	0.1190	0.0574	0.0299	0.0197	0.0151	0.0120	0.0065
0.1000	0.1299	0.0667	0.0318	0.0221	0.0161	0.0130	0.0071
0.1500	0.1329	0.0668	0.0340	0.0234	0.0172	0.0147	0.0074
0.2000	0.1414	0.0699	0.0386	0.0252	0.0190	0.0158	0.0081
0.2500	0.1481	0.0776	0.0404	0.0273	0.0218	0.0165	0.0087
0.3000	0.1567	0.0812	0.0429	0.0301	0.0232	0.0189	0.0103
0.3500	0.1648	0.0871	0.0474	0.0328	0.0246	0.0201	0.0108
0.4000	0.1781	0.0921	0.0511	0.0338	0.0265	0.0217	0.0121
0.4500	0.1750	0.0947	0.0538	0.0381	0.0295	0.0238	0.0120
0.5000	0.1762	0.1004	0.0560	0.0414	0.0303	0.0249	0.0133
0.5500	0.1921	0.1045	0.0598	0.0434	0.0339	0.0274	0.0144
0.6000	0.1986	0.1113	0.0639	0.0462	0.0356	0.0295	0.0160
0.6500	0.2087	0.1180	0.0658	0.0482	0.0378	0.0316	0.0162
0.7000	0.2110	0.1230	0.0728	0.0501	0.0391	0.0323	0.0183
0.7500	0.2180	0.1283	0.0755	0.0535	0.0408	0.0338	0.0193
0.8000	0.2219	0.1284	0.0780	0.0565	0.0454	0.0369	0.0204
0.8500	0.2321	0.1360	0.0814	0.0590	0.0461	0.0374	0.0212
0.9000	0.2327	0.1370	0.0852	0.0627	0.0502	0.0416	0.0238
0.9500	0.2359	0.1443	0.0879	0.0614	0.0512	0.0441	0.0235
1.0000	0.2440	0.1505	0.0883	0.0673	0.0540	0.0449	0.0260

Table 15: Estimated Variance of $f(\hat{\beta}_3)$, whole simulated samples.

RECENTLY PUBLISHED “TEMI” (*)

- N. 811 – *Schooling and youth mortality: learning from a mass military exemption*, by Piero Cipollone and Alfonso Rosolia (June 2011).
- N. 812 – *Welfare costs of inflation and the circulation of US currency abroad*, by Alessandro Calza and Andrea Zaghini (June 2011).
- N. 813 – *Legal status of immigrants and criminal behavior: evidence from a natural experiment*, by Giovanni Mastrobuoni and Paolo Pinotti (June 2011).
- N. 814 – *An unexpected crisis? Looking at pricing effectiveness of different banks*, by Valerio Vacca (July 2011).
- N. 815 – *Skills or culture? An analysis of the decision to work by immigrant women in Italy*, by Antonio Accetturo and Luigi Infante (July 2011).
- N. 816 – *Home bias in interbank lending and banks’ resolution regimes*, by Michele Manna (July 2011).
- N. 817 – *Macroeconomic determinants of carry trade activity*, by Alessio Anzuini and Fabio Fornari (September 2011).
- N. 818 – *Leaving home and housing prices. The experience of Italian youth emancipation*, by Francesca Modena and Concetta Rondinelli (September 2011).
- N. 819 – *The interbank market after the financial turmoil: squeezing liquidity in a “lemons market” or asking liquidity “on tap”*, by Antonio De Socio (September 2011).
- N. 820 – *The relationship between the PMI and the Italian index of industrial production and the impact of the latest economic crisis*, by Valentina Aprigliano (September 2011).
- N. 821 – *Inside the sovereign credit default swap market: price discovery, announcements, market behaviour and corporate sector*, by Alessandro Carboni (September 2011).
- N. 822 – *The demand for energy of Italian households*, by Ivan Faiella (September 2011).
- N. 823 – *Sull’ampiezza ottimale delle giurisdizioni locali: il caso delle province italiane*, by Guglielmo Barone (September 2011).
- N. 824 – *The public-private pay gap: a robust quantile approach*, by Domenico Depalo and Raffaella Giordano (September 2011).
- N. 825 – *Evaluating students’ evaluations of professors*, by Michele Braga, Marco Paccagnella and Michele Pellizzari (October 2011).
- N. 826 – *Do interbank customer relationships exist? And how did they function in the crisis? Learning from Italy*, by Massimiliano Affinito (October 2011).
- N. 827 – *Foreign trade, home linkages and the spatial transmission of economic fluctuations in Italy*, by Valter Di Giacinto (October 2011).
- N. 828 – *Healthcare in Italy: expenditure determinants and regional differentials*, by Maura Francese and Marzia Romanelli (October 2011).
- N. 829 – *Bank heterogeneity and interest rate setting: what lessons have we learned since Lehman Brothers?*, by Leonardo Gambacorta and Paolo Emilio Mistrulli (October 2011).
- N. 830 – *Structural reforms and macroeconomic performance in the euro area countries: a model-based assessment*, by Sandra Gomes, Pascal Jacquinot, Matthias Mohr and Massimiliano Pisani (October 2011).
- N. 831 – *Risk measures for autocorrelated hedge fund returns*, by Antonio Di Cesare, Philip A. Stork and Casper G. de Vries (October 2011).

(*) Requests for copies should be sent to:
Banca d’Italia – Servizio Studi di struttura economica e finanziaria – Divisione Biblioteca e Archivio storico – Via Nazionale, 91 – 00184 Rome – (fax 0039 06 47922059). They are available on the Internet www.bancaditalia.it.

2008

- P. ANGELINI, *Liquidity and announcement effects in the euro area*, *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, v. 67, 1, pp. 1-20, **TD No. 451 (October 2002)**.
- P. ANGELINI, P. DEL GIOVANE, S. SIVIERO and D. TERLIZZESE, *Monetary policy in a monetary union: What role for regional information?*, *International Journal of Central Banking*, v. 4, 3, pp. 1-28, **TD No. 457 (December 2002)**.
- F. SCHIVARDI and R. TORRINI, *Identifying the effects of firing restrictions through size-contingent Differences in regulation*, *Labour Economics*, v. 15, 3, pp. 482-511, **TD No. 504 (June 2004)**.
- L. GUIISO and M. PAIELLA., *Risk aversion, wealth and background risk*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, v. 6, 6, pp. 1109-1150, **TD No. 483 (September 2003)**.
- C. BIANCOTTI, G. D'ALESSIO and A. NERI, *Measurement errors in the Bank of Italy's survey of household income and wealth*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, v. 54, 3, pp. 466-493, **TD No. 520 (October 2004)**.
- S. MOMIGLIANO, J. HENRY and P. HERNÁNDEZ DE COS, *The impact of government budget on prices: Evidence from macroeconomic models*, *Journal of Policy Modelling*, v. 30, 1, pp. 123-143 **TD No. 523 (October 2004)**.
- L. GAMBACORTA, *How do banks set interest rates?*, *European Economic Review*, v. 52, 5, pp. 792-819, **TD No. 542 (February 2005)**.
- P. ANGELINI and A. GENERALE, *On the evolution of firm size distributions*, *American Economic Review*, v. 98, 1, pp. 426-438, **TD No. 549 (June 2005)**.
- R. FELICI and M. PAGNINI, *Distance, bank heterogeneity and entry in local banking markets*, *The Journal of Industrial Economics*, v. 56, 3, pp. 500-534, **No. 557 (June 2005)**.
- S. DI ADDARIO and E. PATACCHINI, *Wages and the city. Evidence from Italy*, *Labour Economics*, v.15, 5, pp. 1040-1061, **TD No. 570 (January 2006)**.
- S. SCALIA, *Is foreign exchange intervention effective?*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, v. 27, 4, pp. 529-546, **TD No. 579 (February 2006)**.
- M. PERICOLI and M. TABOGA, *Canonical term-structure models with observable factors and the dynamics of bond risk premia*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, v. 40, 7, pp. 1471-88, **TD No. 580 (February 2006)**.
- E. VIVIANO, *Entry regulations and labour market outcomes. Evidence from the Italian retail trade sector*, *Labour Economics*, v. 15, 6, pp. 1200-1222, **TD No. 594 (May 2006)**.
- S. FEDERICO and G. A. MINERVA, *Outward FDI and local employment growth in Italy*, *Review of World Economics*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, v. 144, 2, pp. 295-324, **TD No. 613 (February 2007)**.
- F. Busetti and A. HARVEY, *Testing for trend*, *Econometric Theory*, v. 24, 1, pp. 72-87, **TD No. 614 (February 2007)**.
- V. CESTARI, P. DEL GIOVANE and C. ROSSI-ARNAUD, *Memory for prices and the Euro cash changeover: an analysis for cinema prices in Italy*, In P. Del Giovane e R. Sabbatini (eds.), *The Euro Inflation and Consumers' Perceptions. Lessons from Italy*, Berlin-Heidelberg, Springer, **TD No. 619 (February 2007)**.
- B. H. HALL, F. LOTTI and J. MAIRESSE, *Employment, innovation and productivity: evidence from Italian manufacturing microdata*, *Industrial and Corporate Change*, v. 17, 4, pp. 813-839, **TD No. 622 (April 2007)**.
- J. SOUSA and A. ZAGHINI, *Monetary policy shocks in the Euro Area and global liquidity spillovers*, *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, v.13, 3, pp. 205-218, **TD No. 629 (June 2007)**.
- M. DEL GATTO, GIANMARCO I. P. OTTAVIANO and M. PAGNINI, *Openness to trade and industry cost dispersion: Evidence from a panel of Italian firms*, *Journal of Regional Science*, v. 48, 1, pp. 97-129, **TD No. 635 (June 2007)**.
- P. DEL GIOVANE, S. FABIANI and R. SABBATINI, *What's behind "inflation perceptions"? A survey-based analysis of Italian consumers*, in P. Del Giovane e R. Sabbatini (eds.), *The Euro Inflation and Consumers' Perceptions. Lessons from Italy*, Berlin-Heidelberg, Springer, **TD No. 655 (January 2008)**.
- R. BRONZINI, G. DE BLASIO, G. PELLEGRINI and A. SCOGNAMIGLIO, *La valutazione del credito d'imposta per gli investimenti*, *Rivista di politica economica*, v. 98, 4, pp. 79-112, **TD No. 661 (April 2008)**.

- B. BORTOLOTTI, and P. PINOTTI, *Delayed privatization*, Public Choice, v. 136, 3-4, pp. 331-351, **TD No. 663 (April 2008)**.
- R. BONCI and F. COLUMBA, *Monetary policy effects: New evidence from the Italian flow of funds*, Applied Economics, v. 40, 21, pp. 2803-2818, **TD No. 678 (June 2008)**.
- M. CUCCULELLI, and G. MICUCCI, *Family Succession and firm performance: evidence from Italian family firms*, Journal of Corporate Finance, v. 14, 1, pp. 17-31, **TD No. 680 (June 2008)**.
- A. SILVESTRINI and D. VEREDAS, *Temporal aggregation of univariate and multivariate time series models: a survey*, Journal of Economic Surveys, v. 22, 3, pp. 458-497, **TD No. 685 (August 2008)**.

2009

- F. PANETTA, F. SCHIVARDI and M. SHUM, *Do mergers improve information? Evidence from the loan market*, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, v. 41, 4, pp. 673-709, **TD No. 521 (October 2004)**.
- M. BUGAMELLI and F. PATERNÒ, *Do workers' remittances reduce the probability of current account reversals?*, World Development, v. 37, 12, pp. 1821-1838, **TD No. 573 (January 2006)**.
- P. PAGANO and M. PISANI, *Risk-adjusted forecasts of oil prices*, The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, v. 9, 1, Article 24, **TD No. 585 (March 2006)**.
- M. PERICOLI and M. SBRACIA, *The CAPM and the risk appetite index: theoretical differences, empirical similarities, and implementation problems*, International Finance, v. 12, 2, pp. 123-150, **TD No. 586 (March 2006)**.
- U. ALBERTAZZI and L. GAMBACORTA, *Bank profitability and the business cycle*, Journal of Financial Stability, v. 5, 4, pp. 393-409, **TD No. 601 (September 2006)**.
- S. MAGRI, *The financing of small innovative firms: the Italian case*, Economics of Innovation and New Technology, v. 18, 2, pp. 181-204, **TD No. 640 (September 2007)**.
- V. DI GIACINTO and G. MICUCCI, *The producer service sector in Italy: long-term growth and its local determinants*, Spatial Economic Analysis, Vol. 4, No. 4, pp. 391-425, **TD No. 643 (September 2007)**.
- F. LORENZO, L. MONTEFORTE and L. SESSA, *The general equilibrium effects of fiscal policy: estimates for the euro area*, Journal of Public Economics, v. 93, 3-4, pp. 559-585, **TD No. 652 (November 2007)**.
- R. GOLINELLI and S. MOMIGLIANO, *The Cyclical Reaction of Fiscal Policies in the Euro Area. A Critical Survey of Empirical Research*, Fiscal Studies, v. 30, 1, pp. 39-72, **TD No. 654 (January 2008)**.
- P. DEL GIOVANE, S. FABIANI and R. SABBATINI, *What's behind "Inflation Perceptions"? A survey-based analysis of Italian consumers*, Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia, v. 68, 1, pp. 25-52, **TD No. 655 (January 2008)**.
- F. MACCHERONI, M. MARINACCI, A. RUSTICHINI and M. TABOGA, *Portfolio selection with monotone mean-variance preferences*, Mathematical Finance, v. 19, 3, pp. 487-521, **TD No. 664 (April 2008)**.
- M. AFFINITO and M. PIAZZA, *What are borders made of? An analysis of barriers to European banking integration*, in P. Alessandrini, M. Fratianni and A. Zazzaro (eds.): The Changing Geography of Banking and Finance, Dordrecht Heidelberg London New York, Springer, **TD No. 666 (April 2008)**.
- A. BRANDOLINI, *On applying synthetic indices of multidimensional well-being: health and income inequalities in France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom*, in R. Gotoh and P. Dumouchel (eds.), Against Injustice. The New Economics of Amartya Sen, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, **TD No. 668 (April 2008)**.
- G. FERRERO and A. NOBILI, *Futures contract rates as monetary policy forecasts*, International Journal of Central Banking, v. 5, 2, pp. 109-145, **TD No. 681 (June 2008)**.
- P. CASADIO, M. LO CONTE and A. NERI, *Balancing work and family in Italy: the new mothers' employment decisions around childbearing*, in T. Addabbo and G. Solinas (eds.), Non-Standard Employment and Quality of Work, Physica-Verlag. A Springer Company, **TD No. 684 (August 2008)**.
- L. ARCIERO, C. BIANCOTTI, L. D'AURIZIO and C. IMPENNA, *Exploring agent-based methods for the analysis of payment systems: A crisis model for StarLogo TNG*, Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation, v. 12, 1, **TD No. 686 (August 2008)**.
- A. CALZA and A. ZAGHINI, *Nonlinearities in the dynamics of the euro area demand for M1*, Macroeconomic Dynamics, v. 13, 1, pp. 1-19, **TD No. 690 (September 2008)**.
- L. FRANCESCO and A. SECCHI, *Technological change and the households' demand for currency*, Journal of Monetary Economics, v. 56, 2, pp. 222-230, **TD No. 697 (December 2008)**.
- G. ASCARI and T. ROPELE, *Trend inflation, taylor principle, and indeterminacy*, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, v. 41, 8, pp. 1557-1584, **TD No. 708 (May 2007)**.

- S. COLAROSSO and A. ZAGHINI, *Gradualism, transparency and the improved operational framework: a look at overnight volatility transmission*, *International Finance*, v. 12, 2, pp. 151-170, **TD No. 710 (May 2009)**.
- M. BUGAMELLI, F. SCHIVARDI and R. ZIZZA, *The euro and firm restructuring*, in A. Alesina e F. Giavazzi (eds): *Europe and the Euro*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, **TD No. 716 (June 2009)**.
- B. HALL, F. LOTTI and J. MAIRESSE, *Innovation and productivity in SMEs: empirical evidence for Italy*, *Small Business Economics*, v. 33, 1, pp. 13-33, **TD No. 718 (June 2009)**.

2010

- A. PRATI and M. SBRACIA, *Uncertainty and currency crises: evidence from survey data*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, v. 57, 6, pp. 668-681, **TD No. 446 (July 2002)**.
- L. MONTEFORTE and S. SIVIERO, *The Economic Consequences of Euro Area Modelling Shortcuts*, *Applied Economics*, v. 42, 19-21, pp. 2399-2415, **TD No. 458 (December 2002)**.
- S. MAGRI, *Debt maturity choice of nonpublic Italian firms*, *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, v.42, 2-3, pp. 443-463, **TD No. 574 (January 2006)**.
- R. BRONZINI and P. PISELLI, *Determinants of long-run regional productivity with geographical spillovers: the role of R&D, human capital and public infrastructure*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, v. 39, 2, pp.187-199, **TD No. 597 (September 2006)**.
- E. IOSSA and G. PALUMBO, *Over-optimism and lender liability in the consumer credit market*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, v. 62, 2, pp. 374-394, **TD No. 598 (September 2006)**.
- S. NERI and A. NOBILI, *The transmission of US monetary policy to the euro area*, *International Finance*, v. 13, 1, pp. 55-78, **TD No. 606 (December 2006)**.
- F. ALTISSIMO, R. CRISTADORO, M. FORNI, M. LIPPI and G. VERONESE, *New Eurocoin: Tracking Economic Growth in Real Time*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, v. 92, 4, pp. 1024-1034, **TD No. 631 (June 2007)**.
- A. CIARLONE, P. PISELLI and G. TREBESCHI, *Emerging Markets' Spreads and Global Financial Conditions*, *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions & Money*, v. 19, 2, pp. 222-239, **TD No. 637 (June 2007)**.
- U. ALBERTAZZI and L. GAMBACORTA, *Bank profitability and taxation*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, v. 34, 11, pp. 2801-2810, **TD No. 649 (November 2007)**.
- M. IACOVIELLO and S. NERI, *Housing market spillovers: evidence from an estimated DSGE model*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, v. 2, 2, pp. 125-164, **TD No. 659 (January 2008)**.
- F. BALASSONE, F. MAURA and S. ZOTTERI, *Cyclical asymmetry in fiscal variables in the EU*, *Empirica*, **TD No. 671**, v. 37, 4, pp. 381-402 **(June 2008)**.
- F. D'AMURI, O. GIANMARCO I.P. and P. GIOVANNI, *The labor market impact of immigration on the western german labor market in the 1990s*, *European Economic Review*, v. 54, 4, pp. 550-570, **TD No. 687 (August 2008)**.
- A. ACCETTURO, *Agglomeration and growth: the effects of commuting costs*, *Papers in Regional Science*, v. 89, 1, pp. 173-190, **TD No. 688 (September 2008)**.
- S. NOBILI and G. PALAZZO, *Explaining and forecasting bond risk premiums*, *Financial Analysts Journal*, v. 66, 4, pp. 67-82, **TD No. 689 (September 2008)**.
- A. B. ATKINSON and A. BRANDOLINI, *On analysing the world distribution of income*, *World Bank Economic Review*, v. 24, 1, pp. 1-37, **TD No. 701 (January 2009)**.
- R. CAPPARIELLO and R. ZIZZA, *Dropping the Books and Working Off the Books*, *Labour*, v. 24, 2, pp. 139-162, **TD No. 702 (January 2009)**.
- C. NICOLETTI and C. RONDINELLI, *The (mis)specification of discrete duration models with unobserved heterogeneity: a Monte Carlo study*, *Journal of Econometrics*, v. 159, 1, pp. 1-13, **TD No. 705 (March 2009)**.
- L. FORNI, A. GERALI and M. PISANI, *Macroeconomic effects of greater competition in the service sector: the case of Italy*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, v. 14, 5, pp. 677-708, **TD No. 706 (March 2009)**.
- V. DI GIACINTO, G. MICUCCI and P. MONTANARO, *Dynamic macroeconomic effects of public capital: evidence from regional Italian data*, *Giornale degli economisti e annali di economia*, v. 69, 1, pp. 29-66, **TD No. 733 (November 2009)**.
- F. COLUMBA, L. GAMBACORTA and P. E. MISTRULLI, *Mutual Guarantee institutions and small business finance*, *Journal of Financial Stability*, v. 6, 1, pp. 45-54, **TD No. 735 (November 2009)**.

- A. GERALI, S. NERI, L. SESSA and F. M. SIGNORETTI, *Credit and banking in a DSGE model of the Euro Area*, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, v. 42, 6, pp. 107-141, **TD No. 740 (January 2010)**.
- M. AFFINITO and E. TAGLIAFERRI, *Why do (or did?) banks securitize their loans? Evidence from Italy*, Journal of Financial Stability, v. 6, 4, pp. 189-202, **TD No. 741 (January 2010)**.
- S. FEDERICO, *Outsourcing versus integration at home or abroad and firm heterogeneity*, Empirica, v. 37, 1, pp. 47-63, **TD No. 742 (February 2010)**.
- V. DI GIACINTO, *On vector autoregressive modeling in space and time*, Journal of Geographical Systems, v. 12, 2, pp. 125-154, **TD No. 746 (February 2010)**.
- S. MOCETTI and C. PORELLO, *How does immigration affect native internal mobility? new evidence from Italy*, Regional Science and Urban Economics, v. 40, 6, pp. 427-439, **TD No. 748 (March 2010)**.
- A. DI CESARE and G. GUAZZAROTTI, *An analysis of the determinants of credit default swap spread changes before and during the subprime financial turmoil*, Journal of Current Issues in Finance, Business and Economics, v. 3, 4, pp., **TD No. 749 (March 2010)**.
- P. CIPOLLONE, P. MONTANARO and P. SESTITO, *Value-added measures in Italian high schools: problems and findings*, Giornale degli economisti e annali di economia, v. 69, 2, pp. 81-114, **TD No. 754 (March 2010)**.
- A. BRANDOLINI, S. MAGRI and T. M. SMEEDING, *Asset-based measurement of poverty*, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, v. 29, 2, pp. 267-284, **TD No. 755 (March 2010)**.
- G. CAPPELLETTI, *A Note on rationalizability and restrictions on beliefs*, The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, v. 10, 1, pp. 1-11, **TD No. 757 (April 2010)**.
- S. DI ADDARIO and D. VURI, *Entrepreneurship and market size. the case of young college graduates in Italy*, Labour Economics, v. 17, 5, pp. 848-858, **TD No. 775 (September 2010)**.
- A. CALZA and A. ZAGHINI, *Sectoral money demand and the great disinflation in the US*, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, v. 42, 8, pp. 1663-1678, **TD No. 785 (January 2011)**.

2011

- S. DI ADDARIO, *Job search in thick markets*, Journal of Urban Economics, v. 69, 3, pp. 303-318, **TD No. 605 (December 2006)**.
- E. CIAPANNA, *Directed matching with endogenous markov probability: clients or competitors?*, The RAND Journal of Economics, v. 42, 1, pp. 92-120, **TD No. 665 (April 2008)**.
- L. FORNI, A. GERALI and M. PISANI, *The Macroeconomics of Fiscal Consolidation in a Monetary Union: the Case of Italy*, in Luigi Paganetto (ed.), Recovery after the crisis. Perspectives and policies, VDM Verlag Dr. Muller, **TD No. 747 (March 2010)**.
- A. DI CESARE and G. GUAZZAROTTI, *An analysis of the determinants of credit default swap changes before and during the subprime financial turmoil*, in Barbara L. Campos and Janet P. Wilkins (eds.), The Financial Crisis: Issues in Business, Finance and Global Economics, New York, Nova Science Publishers, Inc., **TD No. 749 (March 2010)**.
- G. GRANDE and I. VISCO, *A public guarantee of a minimum return to defined contribution pension scheme members*, The Journal of Risk, v. 13, 3, pp. 3-43, **TD No. 762 (June 2010)**.
- P. DEL GIOVANE, G. ERAMO and A. NOBILI, *Disentangling demand and supply in credit developments: a survey-based analysis for Italy*, Journal of Banking and Finance, v. 35, 10, pp. 2719-2732, **TD No. 764 (June 2010)**.
- M. TABOGA, *Under/over-valuation of the stock market and cyclically adjusted earnings*, International Finance, v. 14, 1, pp. 135-164, **TD No. 780 (December 2010)**.
- S. NERI, *Housing, consumption and monetary policy: how different are the U.S. and the Euro area?*, Journal of Banking and Finance, v.35, 11, pp. 3019-3041, **TD No. 807 (April 2011)**.

FORTHCOMING

- M. BUGAMELLI and A. ROSOLIA, *Produttività e concorrenza estera*, Rivista di politica economica, **TD No. 578 (February 2006)**.
- G. DE BLASIO and G. NUZZO, *Historical traditions of civiness and local economic development*, Journal of Regional Science, **TD No. 591 (May 2006)**.

- F. CINGANO and A. ROSOLIA, *People I know: job search and social networks*, Journal of Labor Economics, **TD No. 600 (September 2006)**.
- F. SCHIVARDI and E. VIVIANO, *Entry barriers in retail trade*, Economic Journal, **TD No. 616 (February 2007)**.
- G. FERRERO, A. NOBILI and P. PASSIGLIA, *Assessing excess liquidity in the Euro Area: the role of sectoral distribution of money*, Applied Economics, **TD No. 627 (April 2007)**.
- P. E. MISTRULLI, *Assessing financial contagion in the interbank market: maximum entropy versus observed interbank lending patterns*, Journal of Banking & Finance, **TD No. 641 (September 2007)**.
- Y. ALTUNBAS, L. GAMBACORTA and D. MARQUÉS, *Securitisation and the bank lending channel*, European Economic Review, **TD No. 653 (November 2007)**.
- M. BUGAMELLI and F. PATERNÒ, *Output growth volatility and remittances*, Economica, **TD No. 673 (June 2008)**.
- V. DI GIACINTO e M. PAGNINI, *Local and global agglomeration patterns: two econometrics-based indicators*, Regional Science and Urban Economics, **TD No. 674 (June 2008)**.
- G. BARONE and F. CINGANO, *Service regulation and growth: evidence from OECD countries*, Economic Journal, **TD No. 675 (June 2008)**.
- S. MOCETTI, *Educational choices and the selection process before and after compulsory school*, Education Economics, **TD No. 691 (September 2008)**.
- P. SESTITO and E. VIVIANO, *Reservation wages: explaining some puzzling regional patterns*, Labour, **TD No. 696 (December 2008)**.
- P. PINOTTI, M. BIANCHI and P. BUONANNO, *Do immigrants cause crime?*, Journal of the European Economic Association, **TD No. 698 (December 2008)**.
- R. GIORDANO and P. TOMMASINO, *What determines debt intolerance? The role of political and monetary institutions*, European Journal of Political Economy, **TD No. 700 (January 2009)**.
- F. LIPPI and A. NOBILI, *Oil and the macroeconomy: a quantitative structural analysis*, Journal of European Economic Association, **TD No. 704 (March 2009)**.
- F. CINGANO and P. PINOTTI, *Politicians at work. The private returns and social costs of political connections*, Journal of the European Economic Association, **TD No. 709 (May 2009)**.
- Y. ALTUNBAS, L. GAMBACORTA, and D. MARQUÉS-IBÁÑEZ, *Bank risk and monetary policy*, Journal of Financial Stability, **TD No. 712 (May 2009)**.
- P. ANGELINI, A. NOBILI e C. PICILLO, *The interbank market after August 2007: What has changed, and why?*, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, **TD No. 731 (October 2009)**.
- G. BARONE and S. MOCETTI, *Tax morale and public spending inefficiency*, International Tax and Public Finance, **TD No. 732 (November 2009)**.
- L. FORNI, A. GERALI and M. PISANI, *The macroeconomics of fiscal consolidations in euro area countries*, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, **TD No. 747 (March 2010)**.
- G. BARONE, R. FELICI and M. PAGNINI, *Switching costs in local credit markets*, International Journal of Industrial Organization, **TD No. 760 (June 2010)**.
- G. BARONE and S. MOCETTI, *With a little help from abroad: the effect of low-skilled immigration on the female labour supply*, Labour Economics, **TD No. 766 (July 2010)**.
- S. MAGRI and R. PICO, *The rise of risk-based pricing of mortgage interest rates in Italy*, Journal of Banking and Finance, **TD No. 778 (October 2010)**.
- A. ACCETTURO and G. DE BLASIO, *Policies for local development: an evaluation of Italy's "Patti Territoriali"*, Regional Science and Urban Economics, **TD No. 789 (January 2006)**.
- E. COCOZZA and P. PISELLI, *Testing for east-west contagion in the European banking sector during the financial crisis*, in R. Matoušek; D. Stavárek (eds.), Financial Integration in the European Union, Taylor & Francis, **TD No. 790 (February 2011)**.
- S. NERI and T. ROPELE, *Imperfect information, real-time data and monetary policy in the Euro area*, The Economic Journal, **TD No. 802 (March 2011)**.