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BAYESIAN CALIBRATION OF STOCHASTIC AGENT BASED MODEL VIA PCA BASED SURROGATE MODELING

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OVERVIEW

- 1. Agent based models
- 2. CityCOVID
- 3. PCA + Random Forest surrogate model
- 4. Parameter estimation outline
- 5. Calibration results and comparison
- 6. Challenges / future work

AGENT BASED MODELS - OVERVIEW

- Agent based models (ABMs) simulate interactions of discrete agents in an environment
 - Agents can have a variety of attributes and behaviors
 - Environment can influence and be influenced by agents (often graphs or continuum)

• Features:

- Can capture emergent behavior in diverse populations
- Usually, nonlinear, discrete, and stochastic
- Examples:
 - Epidemiology
 - Biology (cellular, ecological, etc.)
 - Economics



AGENT BASED MODELS - CHARACTERISTICS





Stochasticity:

 * Population-level measurements are heavily influenced by initial conditions



CITYCOVID – OVERVIEW

 Models COVID19 spread in Chicago metropolitan area (2.7 million agents, 1.2 million locations)

Characteristics:

- Models protective behaviors and alternative schedules
- Graph geometry
- 100 CPU hrs per 70 day simulation





SURROGATE – MODEL

 $h_{i,j}$

 $d_{i,j}$

 $lpha_{i,j}$

 \vec{c}_j

- Hospitalization, death data concatenated and decomposed with PCA
 - Captures temporal modes across all parameter samples
- Random forest mapping from CityCOVID parameters to PCA weights (100 trees)

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1} & \dots & h_{1,n} & d_{1,1} & \dots & d_{1,n} \\ h_{2,1} & \dots & h_{2,n} & d_{2,1} & \dots & d_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ h_{m,1} & \dots & h_{m,n} & d_{m,1} & \dots & d_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1,1} \\ \alpha_{2,1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m,1} \end{bmatrix} \odot \vec{c_1} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1,2n} \\ \alpha_{2,2n} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m,2n} \end{bmatrix} \odot \vec{c_{2n}}$$

Hospitalizations for parameter set i at time step j

- Deaths for parameter set *i* at time step *j*
- PCA component *j*
- PCA weight multiplying component *j* for parameter set *i*
- Random forest mapping from parameter set *i* to PCA weights $\vec{\alpha}_i$

Model	q5	q50	q95
LinReg	<1%	6%	23%
Ridge	<1%	6%	23%
SVR	2%	21%	61%
KNN	2%	22%	66%
GP	<1%	5%	21%
MLP	2%	10%	66%
Tree	<1%	7%	35%
RF	<1%	4%	24%
GBRF	<1%	5%	20%

SURROGATE – PERFORMANCE

- PCA decomposition is able to recover accurately temporal trends
 - Only 4 modes required to recover 95% of data variance
- PCA + RF 5% median abs relative error





PARAMETER ESTIMATION FORMULATION

- Surrogate sensitivity identified 4 key parameters
- 4D Latin hypercube sampling minimally reduced around real observations from Chicago
- Daily counts used for estimation (more stationary)

Parameter	Gini	Perm
Infection susceptibility	0.39	0.56
First exposure date	0.32	0.54
Stay-at-home probability	0.21	0.27
Protective behavior factor	0.08	0.03







BAYESIAN INFERENCE – SAMPLING

• Samples from posterior taken via Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis-Hastings (DRAM):

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- . Propose new parameters and calculate acceptance ratio
- 2. If rejected, sample interpolated between proposal and previous
- B. Covariance matrix of proposal distribution adjusts with samples
 - Random Forest classifier to remove proposals
 outside of surrogate training set
 - Data is smoothed (weekly windows)



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BAYESIAN INFERENCE – RESULTS

- Posteriors show clear MAP in all but least important parameter (behavior adjustment)
- Posterior predictions capture daily data fairly well but also population rates after cumulative sum



BAYESIAN INFERENCE – SCORING

- **CRPS** measure of absolute error and inter-sample variance (from posterior)
- **DSS** similar to CRPS but with additional penalization on overconfidence
- Rank verification histogram death predictions are often either under or over predicted



PUSHFORWARD RESULTS – OUTLINE

- Posterior samples fed into ABM with 50 initial conditions resulting trajectories averaged
- Average **over**-prediction of hospitalizations and **under**-prediction of deaths for early times
- Improved accuracy at late times though increased uncertainty



PUSHFORWARD RESULTS – COMPARISON

- rABC calibration of CityCOVID required 3000 ABM samples (3×10⁶ CPU hrs)
- PCA + RF assisted calibration used 500 samples (5×10^5 CPU hrs) with <5 CPU hrs for MCMC
- Almost equally resolved pushforward prediction, but much tighter parameter calibration





CONCLUSION

- PCA based temporal mode decomposition with RF mapping was:
 - Able to adequately approximate mean behavior of population stats in CityCOVID ABM
 - Sampled with control using additional RF classifier
- Bayesian inference yielded more concise posterior distributions than original ABC sampling
- Pushforward population values were comparable with ABC sampling

Challenges / Future work

- Surrogate inadequate for calibration using fixed-seed ABM runs (not averaged)
- Further efforts needed to include measure of ABM stochasticity