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# Chance Constrained Data Envelopment Analysis

## The Productive Efficiency of Units with Stochastic Outputs

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**Discrete PPS** (BOWLIN, BRENNAN ET AL, 1984):  $PPS_I = \{(x_k, y_k)\}_{k=1}^K$   
Dominance wrt.  $PPS_j$ : **additive model with integer constraints**

$$\begin{aligned} \max & \left( \sum_j s_j^+ + \sum_i s_i^- \right) \text{ subject to} \\ & \sum_k x_{ik} \lambda_k + s_i^- = x_{i0} \quad \forall i \quad (\text{inputs}) \\ & \sum_k y_{ik} \lambda_k - s_i^+ = y_{j0} \quad \forall j \quad (\text{outputs}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

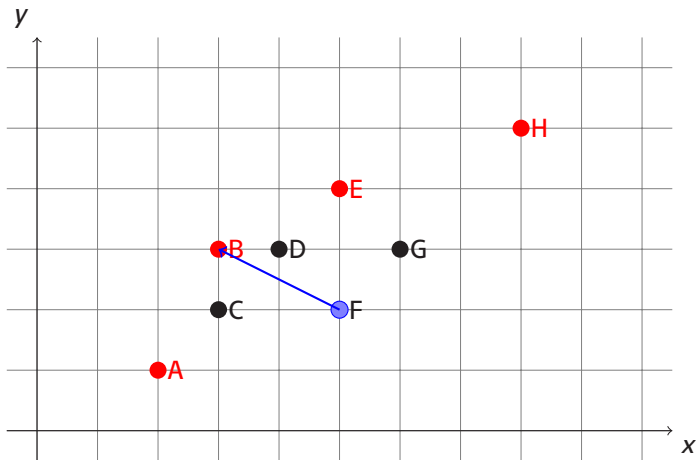
$$\sum_k \lambda_k = 1, \lambda_k \in \{0, 1\}^K, s_i^-, s_j^+ \geq 0$$

- $s^-$  ... slack for  $X\lambda \leq x_0$  //  $s^+$  ... slack (surplus) for  $Y\lambda \geq y_0$
- $DMU_0$  is efficient wrt.  $PPS_j$  if no slack is greater than 0 (i. e., both inequalities are active) in optimal solution



# Data Envelopment Analysis – 0-1 Model

Discrete Production Possibility Set





**Continuous (convex) PPS** (BANKER, COOPER, CHARNES, 1984):

$$PPS_C = \{(x, y) \mid x = X\lambda, y = Y\lambda, \sum \lambda_k = 1, \lambda \geq 0\}$$

Dominance wrt.  $PPS_C$ : **BCC (output oriented) model**

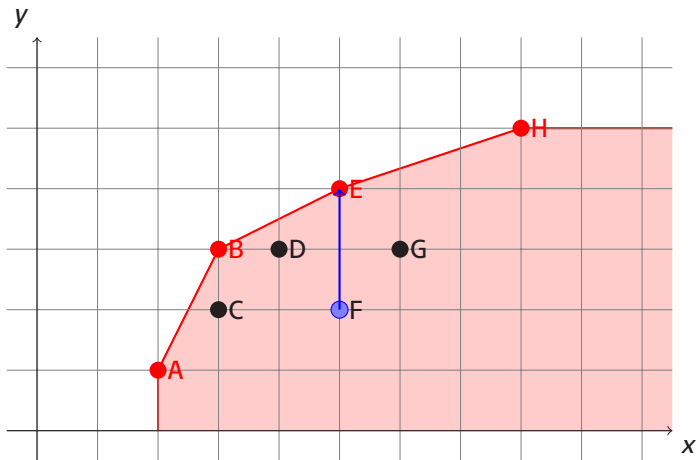
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$\epsilon$  ... non-Archimedean infinitesimal



# Data Envelopment Analysis – BCC Model

Continuous Production Possibility Set





### Dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min u^T x_{.0} + q \text{ subject to} \\ & u^T x_{.k} - v^T y_{.k} + q \geq 0 \quad \forall k \text{ (DMUs)} \\ & v^T y_{.0} = 1 \quad \text{(dual for } \phi) \\ & u \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1}, v \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1}, q \text{ unconstrained} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$q$  (dual for  $\sum_k \lambda_k = 1$ ) ... **variable returns to scale** (VRS) factor

**BCC (output oriented) DEA problem of fractional programming:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \frac{u^T x_{.0} + q}{v^T y_{.0}} \text{ subject to} \\ & \frac{u^T x_{.k} + q}{v^T y_{.k}} \geq 1 \quad \forall k \text{ (DMUs)} \\ & v^T y_{.0} = 1, u/v^T y_{.0} \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1}, v/v^T y_{.0} \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1}, q \text{ unconstrained} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$





### Definition 3 (DEA Efficiency)

DMU<sub>0</sub> is **BCC-O (fully) efficient** wrt. **PPS<sub>C</sub>** if

1  $\phi^* = 1$

2  $s^{+*} = s^{-*} = 0$

### Remark

- **weak DEA efficiency**:  $\phi^* = 1$  but some of  $s_i^{-*}, s_j^{+*}$  are not zero (efficient points which are not extreme points of PPS)
- **two-stage solution procedure**:
  - 1 solve the BCC-O problem with  $\epsilon = 0$  to obtain  $\phi^*$
  - 2 solve the problem  $\max \sum_j s_j^+ + \sum_i s_i^-$  subject to remaining constraints where  $\epsilon = 0$  and  $\phi = \phi^*$  to obtain maximal possible slacks



**Linear PPS** (CHARNES, COOPER, RHODES (1978)):

$$PPS_L = \{(x, y) \mid x = X\lambda, y = Y\lambda, \lambda \geq 0\}$$

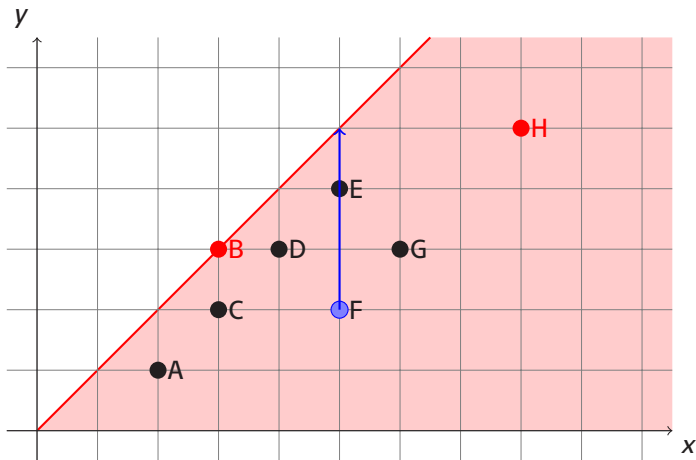
Dominance wrt.  $PPS_L$ : **CCR (output oriented) model**

$$\begin{aligned} \max \phi + \epsilon \left( \sum_j s_j^+ + \sum_i s_i^- \right) \text{ subject to} \\ \sum_k x_{ik} \lambda_k + s_i^- = x_{i0} \quad \forall i \text{ (inputs)} \\ \sum_k y_{ik} \lambda_k - s_i^+ = \phi y_{j0} \quad \forall j \text{ (outputs)} \\ \lambda_k \geq 0, s_i^-, s_j^+ \geq 0, \phi \text{ unconstrained} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$



# Data Envelopment Analysis – CCR Model

Linear Production Possibility Set





### Dual problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min u^T x_{.0} \text{ subject to} \\ & u^T x_{.k} - v^T y_{.k} \geq 0 \quad \forall k \text{ (DMUs)} \\ & v^T y_{.0} = 1 \quad \text{(dual for } \phi) \\ & u \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1}, v \geq \epsilon \mathbf{1} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$q = 0$  ... constant returns to scale (CRS)

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### Introducing Randomness

- $X, Y$  are random matrices
- PPS random production possibility sets
- $\alpha \in [0; 1)$  ... tolerance (risk) level (sufficiently small)

LAND, LOVELL, THORE (1993), COOPER, HUANG, LI (1996), COOPER, HUANG ET AL (1998), COOPER, DENG, HUANG, LI (2002), COOPER, HUANG, LI (2004)

### Definition 4

$DMU_0$  is *not* stochastically dominated in its efficiency wrt.  $PPS_t$  if  $\forall \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^K$  with  $\sum \lambda_k = 1$  we have

$$\mathbb{P} \{X\lambda \leq x_{\cdot 0}, Y\lambda \geq y_{\cdot 0}\} \leq \alpha$$

- if  $X, Y$  are continuous we don't need "at least one strict" notion



## Stochastic extension of the additive 0-1 model

$$\beta^* := \max \mathbb{P} \{X\lambda \leq x_{\cdot 0}, Y\lambda \geq y_{\cdot 0}\}$$

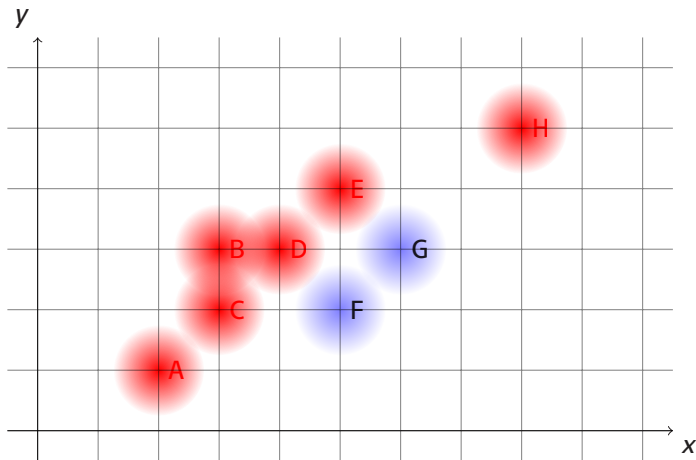
DMU<sub>0</sub> is stochastically dominated  $\Leftrightarrow \beta^* > \alpha$ .

Recall  $PPS_j = \{(x_k, y_k)\}_{k=1}^K$  (random discrete production set).



# Data Envelopment Analysis – 0-1 Model

Discrete Production Possibility Set





## Definition 5

- 1  $(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^*) \in \text{PPS}_C$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient wrt.  $\text{PPS}_C$  if  $\forall \lambda \geq 0$  with  $\sum_k \lambda_k = 1$  we have

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{X}\lambda \leq \mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{Y}\lambda \geq \mathbf{y}^*\} \leq \alpha$$

- 2 the set of all  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient points is called  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient frontier of  $\text{PPS}_C$
- 3  $\text{DMU}_0$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient wrt.  $\text{PPS}_C$  if  $\forall \lambda \in \{0, 1\}^K$  with  $\sum \lambda_k = 1$  we have

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{X}\lambda \leq \mathbf{x}_{\cdot 0}, \mathbf{Y}\lambda \geq \mathbf{y}_{\cdot 0}\} \leq \alpha$$

Recall  $\text{PPS}_C = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mid \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X}\lambda, \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Y}\lambda, \sum \lambda_k = 1, \lambda \geq 0\}$  (random).





## Testing efficiency of $DMU_0$

### Proposition 6 (sufficient condition)

If

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{1}^T(X\lambda - \mathbf{x}_0) < \mathbf{1}^T(Y\lambda - \mathbf{y}_0)\} \leq \alpha$$

then  $DMU_0$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient.

### Proposition 7 (necessary condition)

If  $DMU_0$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient then  $\forall \lambda \geq 0$  with  $\sum \lambda_k = 1$  and

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{x}_{i \cdot} \lambda < \mathbf{x}_{i0}\} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall i \text{ (inputs)}$$

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{y}_{j \cdot} \lambda > \mathbf{y}_{j0}\} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall j \text{ (outputs)}$$

then

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{1}^T(X\lambda - \mathbf{x}_0) < \mathbf{1}^T(Y\lambda - \mathbf{y}_0)\} \leq \alpha$$



## Almost 100% Confidence Chance-Constrained Problem

$$\beta^* := \max \mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{1}^T(X\lambda - \mathbf{x}_0) + \mathbf{1}^T(\mathbf{y}_0 - Y\lambda) < 0\} \quad \text{subject to}$$
$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \lambda < \mathbf{x}_{i0}\} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall i \quad (\text{inputs})$$
$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathbf{y}_j \cdot \lambda > \mathbf{y}_{j0}\} \geq 1 - \epsilon \quad \forall j \quad (\text{outputs})$$
$$\lambda \geq 0, \sum \lambda_k = 1$$

### Proposition 8

- 1 If  $DMU_0$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient then  $\beta^* \leq \alpha$ .
- 2 If  $\beta^* > \alpha$  then  $DMU_0$  is not  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient.



## Example: normally distributed outputs

- let  $Y$  follow **multivariate normal distribution**;
- denote  $\bar{X} := \mathbb{E}X$ ,  $\bar{Y} := \mathbb{E}Y$ , and  $\sigma_j^2(\lambda) := \text{var}(y_j^T \lambda - y_{j0})$

$$\beta^* := \min \mathbf{1}^T(X\lambda - \mathbf{x}_0) + \mathbf{1}^T(\bar{y}_{\cdot 0} - \bar{Y}\lambda) + \sigma_0(\lambda)\Phi^{(-1)}(\alpha) \quad \text{subject to}$$
$$\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \lambda \leq \mathbf{x}_{i0} \quad \forall i \quad (\text{inputs})$$
$$\bar{y}_j \cdot \lambda + \sigma_k(\lambda)\Phi^{(-1)}(\epsilon) \geq \bar{y}_j \quad \forall j \quad (\text{outputs})$$
$$\lambda \geq 0, \sum \lambda_k = 1$$

## Proposition 9

- 1 If  $DMU_0$  is  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient then  $\beta^* \geq 0$ .
- 2 If  $\beta^* < 0$  then  $DMU_0$  is not  $\alpha$ -stochastically efficient.



COOPER, DENG, HUANG, LI (2002, 2003):  $\mathbb{E}$ -model for BCC

$$\begin{aligned} \max \phi + \epsilon \left( \sum_j s_j^+ + \sum_i s_i^- \right) \quad & \text{subject to} \\ \mathbb{P}\{x_i \cdot \lambda + s_i^- \leq x_{i0}\} & \geq 1 - \alpha \quad \forall i \quad (\text{inputs}) \\ \mathbb{P}\{y_j \cdot \lambda - s_j^+ \geq \phi y_{j0}\} & \geq 1 - \alpha \quad \forall j \quad (\text{outputs}) \\ \lambda & \geq 0, \sum \lambda_k = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

## Definition 10

DMU<sub>0</sub> is  $\alpha$ -stochastically DEA efficient if

- 1  $\phi^* = 1$
- 2  $s^{+*} = s^{-*} = 0$ .



- let  $Y$  follow **multivariate normal distribution**;
- let  $\bar{Y} := \mathbb{E}Y$ , and  $\sigma_j^2(\phi, \lambda) := \text{var}(\mathbf{y}_j^T \lambda - \phi \mathbf{y}_{j0})$

Then the (nonlinear) DEA problem to solve is

$$\begin{aligned} \max \phi + \epsilon \left( \sum_j s_j^+ + \sum_i s_i^- \right) \quad \text{subject to} \\ \mathbf{x}_i \cdot \lambda + s_i^- = \mathbf{x}_{i0} \quad \forall i \quad (\text{inputs}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}_j^T \lambda + \Phi^{(-1)}(\alpha) \sigma_j(\phi, \lambda) - s_j^+ = \phi \bar{\mathbf{y}}_{j0} \quad \forall j \quad (\text{outputs}) \\ \sum \lambda_k = 1, \lambda_k \geq 0, s_i^-, s_j^+ \geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

(DEA problem with adjusted outputs).

We can use second-order cone programming approximation scheme to find the upper and lower bounds for the problem (c.f. CHENG, HOUDA, LISSER (2014)).



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