# On Robust Estimation of Multiple Change Points in Multivariate Processes

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# Introduction and notation

- Objective of change point estimation: identifying changes in processes observed over given time interval
- Simplest change point setting:
  - data observed over T time points
  - ► K + 1 processes: (0), (1), ..., (K)
  - *K* change points at times  $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_K$
  - dataset

$$\mathbf{Y}_{1}^{(0)}, \, \mathbf{Y}_{2}^{(0)}, \dots, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{1}-1}^{(0)}, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{1}}^{(1)}, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{1}+1}^{(1)}, \dots, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{K}-1}^{(K-1)}, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{K}}^{(K)}, \, \mathbf{Y}_{t_{K}+1}^{(K)}, \dots, \, \mathbf{Y}_{T}^{(K)}$$

# **Motivation**

- The majority of methods
  - focus of univariate settings
  - assume processes following normal distribution
    - ★ or *p*-variate normal distribution in multivariate setting
  - assume independence of observations observed over time
  - focus on single subject
    - \* or assume independence of subjects in multisubject studies
- We aim at developing procedures that
  - relax distributional assumptions (robust to deviations from normality)
  - are capable to handle multivariate processes
  - take into account dependence among observations
  - take into account dependence among variables
  - take into account dependence among subjects in multisubject studies
  - model joint covariance structure for variables, subjects, and observations

### Matrix normal distribution

 Consider a generalization of *p*-variate normal to *p* × *T* matrix normal distribution (see, *e.g.*, Gupta and Nagar (2000)) with pdf

$$\begin{split} \phi_{\boldsymbol{\rho}\times\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}}(\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{Y}};\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{M}},\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}},\boldsymbol{\Psi}) &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}}{2}} |\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}|^{-\frac{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}}}{2}} |\boldsymbol{\Psi}|^{-\frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}}{2}} \\ &\times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{tr}\left\{\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{Y}}-\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{M}})\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{Y}}-\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{M}})^{\top}\right\}\right\} \end{split}$$

- **Y** is  $p \times T$  matrix of data
- **M** is  $p \times T$  mean matrix
- Σ<sub>p×p</sub> and Ψ<sub>T×T</sub> are covariance matrices associated with rows and columns, respectively
- tr{·} represents the trace operator
- Matrix normal distribution is effective in modeling variability associated with rows and columns

## Matrix normal distribution

- It can be shown that  $\operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{Y}) \sim \phi_{pT}(\operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{M}), \mathbf{\Psi} \otimes \mathbf{\Sigma})$ 
  - i.e., rows and columns are not assumed independent
- Taking into account matrix structure of data allows reducing the number of parameters associated with covariances from pT(pT+1)/2 to T(T+1)/2 + p(p+1)/2
- Note that  $\Psi \otimes \mathbf{\Sigma} = a \Psi \otimes a^{-1} \mathbf{\Sigma}$ , for any  $a \in (0, \infty)$ 
  - to avoid non-identifiability, a constraint should be employed

# Dealing with deviations from normality

- Data are often skewed normality assumption is violated
- Possible remedies include
  - tranforming data to near-normality (e.g., Box-Cox power or Manly exponential transformations)
  - employing more appropriate models (e.g., skew-normal, log-normal, gamma, etc.)
- Manly transformation (1986) has several advantages over Box-Cox
  - not restricted to positive numbers
  - flexible for modeling left and right skewness
  - $\mathcal{M}(y;\lambda) = \lambda^{-1}(\exp(\lambda y) 1)I(\lambda \neq 0) + yI(\lambda = 0)$ 
    - ★ y: original observation
    - \*  $\mathcal{M}(\cdot; \lambda)$ : transformation operator with parameter  $\lambda$
    - ★ I(A): indicator function that returns 1 if A is true and yields 0 otherwise

# Multivariate Manly transformation

- For *p*-variate vector **y**, it is commonly assumed that coordinatewise transformation leads to joint near-normality (*e.g.*, Andrews et al (1971), Velilla (1993))
  - $\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{y};\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = (\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{y}_1;\boldsymbol{\lambda}_1), \mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{y}_2;\boldsymbol{\lambda}_2), \dots, \mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{y}_p;\boldsymbol{\lambda}_p))^\top \sim Normal(\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$   $\star \boldsymbol{y} = (\boldsymbol{y}_1, \boldsymbol{y}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{y}_p)^\top$   $\star \boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_1, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_p)^\top$
- This transformation idea can be generalized to matrices
  - $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{\Lambda}) \sim MatrixNormal(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{\Psi})$
  - specific form of A depends on the problem
    - ★ if rows represent p variables and columns correspond to T times, each variable can have its own skewness parameter, *i.e.*,  $\Lambda = \lambda_p \mathbf{1}_T^T$
    - \* if rows represent *N* subjects and columns correspond to *T* times, common parameter  $\lambda$  need to be applied to all rows, *i.e.*,  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \lambda \mathbf{1}_N \mathbf{1}_T^T$

## Multivariate processes

- p variables, T times
- Log-likelihood function:

$$\begin{split} \log \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{Y}; \boldsymbol{M}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= -\frac{pT}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \log|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{p}{2} \log|\boldsymbol{\Psi}| \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) - \boldsymbol{M}) \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{-1} (\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) - \boldsymbol{M})^{\top} \right\} \\ &+ \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\top} \boldsymbol{Y} \boldsymbol{1}_{T} \end{split}$$

•  $\lambda^{\top} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{1}_{T}$  is the log of Jacobian corresponding to transformation

# Modeling mean matrix

- Note that mean matrix **M** has *pT* parameters
- In case of K shift change points

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \left(\underbrace{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}}_{t_{1}}, \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{1}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{2}}_{t_{2}-t_{1}}, \dots, \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{K-1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K-1}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K}}_{t_{K}-t_{K-1}}, \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\mu}_{K}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{K}}_{T-t_{K}}\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{K} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k} \boldsymbol{m}_{k}^{\mathsf{T}}$$

*m<sub>k</sub>* is vector of 0's and 1's, with 1's in positions corresponding to the *k<sup>th</sup>* process

## Modeling covariance matrices

- Choice of  $\Psi$  depends on specific problem
- Matrix Ψ corresponding to AR<sub>1</sub> process is given by

$$\Psi = \frac{\delta^2}{1 - \phi^2} R_{\phi} \quad \text{with} \quad R_{\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi & \phi^2 & \dots & \phi^{T-1} \\ \phi & 1 & \phi & \dots & \phi^{T-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi^{T-1} & \phi^{T-2} & \phi^{T-3} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\delta^2$  and  $\phi$  are corresponding variance and  $AR_1$  parameters
- *R*<sub>\u03c6</sub> represents the correlation matrix associated with *AR*<sub>1</sub>
- Recall non-identifiability issue due to  $a\Psi \otimes a^{-1}\Sigma = \Psi \otimes \Sigma$
- One convenient constraint in the considered setting is  $\delta^2 = 1 \phi^2$ 
  - $\Psi$  reduces to correlation matrix  $\boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}$

# Modeling covariance matrices

• It can be shown that

$$|\Psi| = |\mathbf{R}_{\phi}| = (1 - \phi^2)^{T-1}$$

$$\Psi^{-1} = \mathbf{R}_{\phi}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - \phi^2} (\mathbf{I}_T - \phi \mathbf{J}_1 + \phi^2 \mathbf{J}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{J}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

• This helps completely avoid inverting potentially high-dimensional  $\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$  matrix  $\Psi$ 

### Parameter estimation

Taking partial derivatives of log-likelihood with respect to Σ yields

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \frac{(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{M})\boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{M})^{\top}}{T}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{k} = \left( \mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) - \sum_{\substack{k'=0\\k' \neq k}}^{K} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k'} \boldsymbol{m}_{k'}^{\top} \right) \boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1} \boldsymbol{m}_{k} \left( \boldsymbol{m}_{k}^{\top} \boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1} \boldsymbol{m}_{k} \right)^{-1}$$

▶ this system of K + 1 equations can be solved for  $\mu_k$ , k = 0, 1, ..., K

Analytical expressions for other parameters (φ, λ) unavailable

- ▶ plug the expressions for  $\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_K, \Sigma$  into log-likelihood
- maximize log-likelihood numerically to find estimates for  $\phi$  and  $\lambda$

# **Multisubject studies**

- one variable, N subjects (rows), T times (columns)
- Log-likelihood function:

$$\begin{split} \log \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Y}; \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{\Psi}, \lambda) &= -\frac{NT}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \log|\mathbf{\Sigma}| - \frac{N}{2} \log|\mathbf{\Psi}| \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{Y}; \lambda) - \mathbf{M}) \mathbf{\Psi}^{-1} (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{Y}; \lambda) - \mathbf{M})^{\top} \right\} \\ &+ \lambda \mathbf{1}_{N}^{\top} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{1}_{T} \end{split}$$

- Note that mean matrix **M** has NT parameters
  - N can be very large
- Often explanatory variables are available and *M* can be modeled as *M* = *XB*
  - ► X is N × q design matrix
  - **B** is  $q \times T$  matrix of linear model coefficients

# Change point modeling

• For *K* shift change points at times  $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_K$ , **B** can be written as

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \left(\underbrace{\beta_0, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_0, \beta_1}_{t_1}, \underbrace{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_1, \beta_2}_{t_2 - t_1}, \dots, \underbrace{\beta_{K-1}, \dots, \beta_{K-1}, \beta_K}_{t_K - t_{K-1}}, \underbrace{\beta_K, \dots, \beta_K}_{T - t_K}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{K} \beta_k \boldsymbol{b}_k^{\top}$$

- β<sub>k</sub> is a vector of linear model coefficients of length q that corresponds to k<sup>th</sup> process
- **b**<sub>k</sub> is a vector of length *T* that consists of 0's and 1's, with 1's at positions corresponding to the k<sup>th</sup> process

## Modeling covariance matrices

- $N \times N$  matrix  $\Sigma$  can be a problem if N is large
- Specific choice of Σ depends on a particular application
- We illustrate further model development in random effect setting
- Then, covariance matrix Σ is given by Σ = σ<sup>2</sup>diag {V<sub>1</sub>,..., V<sub>M</sub>} with

$$\boldsymbol{V}_{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta + 1 & \eta & \dots & \eta \\ \eta & \eta + 1 & \dots & \eta \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \eta & \eta & \dots & \eta + 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n_{m} \times n_{m}}$$

- m block number,  $m = 1, 2, \ldots, M$
- $n_m$  size of  $m^{th}$  block
- $\eta = \frac{\sigma_b^2}{\sigma^2}$  ratio of between and within block variances

## Parameter estimation

 To avoid inverting potentially large N × N Σ, the following expressions can be obtained

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{\Sigma}| &= \sigma^{2N} |\mathcal{D}_M(\mathbf{V})| = \sigma^{2N} (n\eta + 1)^M \\ \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2 (\eta n + 1)} \left( \eta \left( n \mathbf{I}_N - \mathcal{D}_N (\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}_n^\top) \right) + \mathbf{I}_N \right) \end{aligned}$$

•  $\mathcal{D}_M(V)$  is block-diagonal matrix, consisting of *M* blocks *V* 

### Parameter estimation

Taking partial derivatives of log-likelihood with respect to β<sub>k</sub> yields

$$\beta_{k} = \left(\boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \mathcal{D}_{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{V}) \boldsymbol{X}\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^{\top} \mathcal{D}_{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{V})$$
$$\times \left(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y}; \lambda) - \boldsymbol{X} \sum_{k'=0 \atop k' \neq k}^{K} \beta_{k'} \boldsymbol{b}_{k'}^{\top}\right) \boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1} \boldsymbol{b}_{k} \left(\boldsymbol{b}_{k}^{\top} \boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1} \boldsymbol{b}_{k}\right)^{-1}$$

this system of K + 1 equations can be solved for β<sub>k</sub>, k = 0, 1,..., K
 Taking partial derivatives of log-likelihood with respect to σ<sup>2</sup> yields

$$\sigma^{2} = \frac{\operatorname{tr}\left\{\mathcal{D}_{M}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{V})(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y};\lambda) - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{B})\boldsymbol{R}_{\phi}^{-1}(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{Y};\lambda) - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{B})^{\top}\right\}}{TN}$$

Analytical expressions for other parameters (η, φ, λ) unavailable
 Plug β<sub>0</sub>, β<sub>1</sub>,..., β<sub>K</sub> and σ<sup>2</sup> into log-likelihood and numerically optimize it for η, φ, λ

# Simulation study in multivariate setting

- Assume *p*-variate observations observed over *T* time points
- Simulated datasets with p = 3, and T = 100

$$\mu_0 = (1, 1.2, -2.3)^\top 
 \mu_1 = (1.2, 1.7, -2.2)^\top 
 \mu_2 = (1.1, 1.5, -2.0)^\top 
 \lambda = (3, 2, -0.5)^\top 
 \phi = 0.1, 0.5, 0.9 
 \Sigma = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & -0.1 & 0.0 \\ -0.1 & 0.2 & -0.1 \\ 0.0 & -0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma, \Sigma/2, \Sigma/4$$

- Competitors (available through ECP R package):
  - probabilistic pruning with Energy statistic as goodness-of-fit measure
  - probabilistic pruning with Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic as goodness-of-fit measure
- Model selection based on BIC

- Simulated datasets
  - challenging settings
  - first change point is easier to detect





- Two change points at  $t_1 = 10$ , and  $t_2 = 20$ 
  - First two processes are relatively short compared to the third one

K = 2		Σ		Σ/2			Σ/4			
$t_1 = 10, t_2 = 20$		Method	Energy	KS	Method	Energy	KS	Method	Energy	KS
$\phi = 0.1$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.061	0	0.024	0.353	0	0.020	0.660	0.036	0.044
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.016	0
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\} / \{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.236	0	0.116	0.326	0.004	0.148	0.277	0.028	0.224
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.577	0	0.04	0.213	0	0.056	0.016	0.012	0.064
	$\{t_1, !t_2\}/\{!t_1, t_2\}$	0.126	0.024	0.024	0.108	0.080	0.016	0.047	0.192	0.028
$\phi = 0.5$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.032	0	0	0.194	0	0.016	0.600	0.020	0.028
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.008	0.004
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\} / \{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.101	0	0.076	0.166	0	0.092	0.185	0.012	0.132
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.734	0	0.032	0.479	0	0.092	0.128	0.004	0.132
	$\{t_1, !t_2\}/\{!t_1, t_2\}$	0.133	0.020	0.016	0.161	0.060	0.024	0.087	0.176	0.020
$\phi = 0.9$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.148	0.004	0.004	0.492	0.028	0.012	0.932	0.356	0.024
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0.004	0	0	0.008	0	0	0.044	0.004
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\} / \{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.012	0	0.044	0.016	0.004	0.052	0	0.016	0.076
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.692	0	0.020	0.424	0.004	0.040	0.040	0.068	0.060
	$\{t_1, !t_2\}/\{!t_1, t_2\}$	0.136	0.120	0.032	0.068	0.188	0.048	0.028	0.148	0.060

- Two change points at  $t_1 = 10$ , and  $t_2 = 50$ 
  - First process is relatively short compared to the other two

K = 2		Σ		Σ/2			Σ/4			
$t_1 = 10, t_2 = 50$		Method	Energy	KS	Method	Energy	KS	Method	Energy	KS
$\phi = 0.1$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.230	0	0	0.392	0	0	0.661	0.008	0.008
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0	0	0	0.004	0	0	0.008	0
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\}/\{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.383	0	0	0.446	0	0.004	0.307	0	0.012
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.068	0.068	0.036	0	0.128	0.056	0	0.296	0.060
	$\{t_1, !t_2\}/\{!t_1, t_2\}$	0.319	0.012	0.104	0.162	0.052	0.112	0.031	0.084	0.176
$\phi = 0.5$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.117	0	0	0.332	0	0.004	0.629	0.004	0.004
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0	0	0	0.004	0	0	0	0
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\}/\{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.170	0	0	0.230	0	0.008	0.222	0	0.004
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.377	0.036	0.028	0.097	0.116	0.024	0	0.284	0.068
	$\{t_1, !t_2\}/\{!t_1, t_2\}$	0.336	0.024	0.056	0.341	0.052	0.096	0.149	0.088	0.104
$\phi = 0.9$	$\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.216	0	0.004	0.576	0.008	0.004	0.948	0.128	0
	$\{t_1, t_2, x\}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.064	0
	$\{t_1, \tilde{t}_2\} / \{\tilde{t}_1, t_2\}$	0.008	0.004	0.004	0.008	0.012	0.008	0	0.012	0.016
	$\{t_1\}/\{t_2\}$	0.600	0.156	0.016	0.316	0.412	0.044	0.044	0.580	0.076
	$\{t_1, t_2\}/\{t_1, t_2\}$	0.168	0.076	0.064	0.100	0.088	0.096	0.008	0.152	0.136

# Simulation study - results

- Proposed method outperforms competitors substantially
- Best performance for  $\phi = 0.9$  and  $\Sigma/4$ :
  - 93.2% for  $t_1 = 10$  and  $t_2 = 20$
  - 94.8% for  $t_1 = 10$  and  $t_2 = 50$
- Nearly always identifies at least one change point correctly
- No tendency to overestimate the number of change points
  - BIC assumes large penalty for extra parameters
- Results are better in all cases when  $t_2 = 50$

# Illustration: crime rates in two US cities

- Crime rates obtained at the US Department of Justice, FBI web-site (http://www.ucrdatatool.gov/Search/Crime/Crime.cfm)
- Two categories of crime:
  - Violent crime
    - Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault
  - Property crime
    - \* Burglary, Larceny, and Moto-Vehicle Theft
- 13-year time period (2000-2012)
- Consider Austin and Cincinnati
- Assume all permutations of processes

# Illustration: crime rates in Austin



**Austin Property Rate** 

Solution is driven by Violent crimes primarily

# Illustration: crime rates in Cincinnati



**Cincinnati Property Rate** 

Solution is driven by Property crimes primarily

# Application: effect of Amendment 64 in Colorado

- The same seven crime variables are considered
- For Colorado, we found data for 10-year period: 2007 to 2016
- Amendment 64: legalization of marijuana
  - added to Colorado constitution in 2012
  - first official sellers appeared in January, 2014
- Goal: compare crimes in 2007-2013 versus those in 2014-2016
  - study crime variables

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- BIC of model without change point in 2014 is -996.2
- BIC of model with change point in 2014 is -1,006.1
- Likelihood ratio test yields p-value  $1.47 \times 10^{-6}$
- Considered all combinations of variables to detect one leading to the most significant change point
  - Rape, Burglary, and Murder

# Application: Burglary rates for 125 cities in the US

- Burglary rates are studied
- 13-year time period (2000-2012)
- US regions: West, MidWest, NorthEast, SouthWest, SouthEast



#### Selected 25 most populated cities in each region

- ▶ *N* = 125, *M* = 5, *n* = 25, and *T* = 13
- Multisubject setting

# Application: Burglary rates for 125 cities in the US

#### • Change point is found for Burglary in 2012

$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_0$	$\hat{oldsymbol{eta}}_1$	$\hat{\eta}$	$\hat{\lambda}$	$\hat{\sigma}^2$	$\hat{\phi}$
(5.70, 7.19, 5.77, 6.93, 8.28) <sup>⊤</sup>	$(5.97, 6.99, 5.48, 6.52, 7.81)^{ op}$	0.010	-0.778	0.034	0.967

- In 2012, decrease in Burglary rates observed in all regions except West
- $\hat{\phi}$  high,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  low according to simulation studies, change point estimation is rather accurate in such cases

# Discussion and future work

- Novel approach to robust change point analysis proposed
- Capable of incorporating various dependence structures for
  - observations
  - subjects
  - variables
- Generalization: multisubject multivariate processes over time *i.e.*, *N*, *p*, *T* 
  - requires tensors instead of matrices
- R package under development