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Combining DCE and TTO into a single value function

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The TTO estimation procedure

- Have say 1000 people value 43 states
- Estimate a model
- Derive a value function

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TTO may

- be difficult
- be time consuming
- lead to inconsistencies
- lead to non traders

So, we might need something else

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Discrete Choice Task

Which is better, state A or state B?

- severe problems in walking about
- moderate problems washing or dressing myself
- unable to do my usual activities
- moderate pain or discomfort
- severely anxious or depressed

A

- moderate problems in walking about
- slight problems washing or dressing myself
- no problems with performing my usual activities
- slight pain or discomfort
- extremely anxious or depressed

B

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The DCE estimation procedure

- Have say 1000 people value 100 pairs
- Hope that people make errors or disagree
- Estimate a model
- Derive a tariff (a value function)
 - Where is dead?
 - Where is the PITS?

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Anchoring

- Assuming worst state = zero **silly**
- Anchoring the worst state using TTO **silly**
 $\beta = \text{DCE } \beta^* \text{ (TTO PITS/DCE PITS)}$
- Using the DCE dead dummy **silly**
- Mapping DCE onto TTO **silly**
- A hybrid model

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A Hybrid



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The likelihood

TTO

$$v_i = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j d_{ij} + \epsilon_i = \alpha + \beta' d_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{v_i - \alpha - \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j d_{ij}}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

DCE

$$P(\text{left} > \text{right}) = P(v_i) > P(v_j)$$

$$v_i = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j d_{ij} + \epsilon_i; \quad v_j = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j d_{ij} + \epsilon_j$$

$$P(\text{left} > \text{right}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j (d_{ij} - d_{ij})\right)}$$

$$P(\text{right} > \text{left}) = \frac{\exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j (d_{ij} - d_{ij})\right)}{1 + \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j (d_{ij} - d_{ij})\right)}$$

$$\text{Loglik} = \sum_{i=1}^{N'} \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\beta' \Delta d_i)}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{N'} \log\left(\frac{\exp(-\beta' \Delta d_j)}{1 + \exp(-\beta' \Delta d_j)}\right)$$

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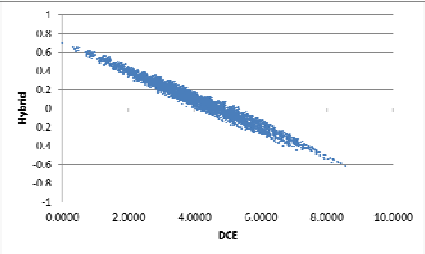
Results form the UK

	DCE		lead time TTO		hybrid	
	Estimate	Std. error	Estimate	Std. error	Estimate	Std. error
constant			13.4030	0.27053	13.4818	0.126704
mobility 2	0.4112	0.08	-0.168	0.37	-0.29	0.07
mobility 3	0.4577	0.10	-0.264	0.54	-0.26	0.08
mobility 4	-1.246	0.09	-0.472	0.23	-4.321	0.08
mobility 5	-1.7683	0.11	-1.569	0.41	-1.5611	0.08
self care 2	0.3799	0.08	0.19	0.41	-0.314	0.07
self care 3	0.4031	0.09	-0.761	0.52	-0.471	0.08
self care 4	-1.260	0.10	-0.94	0.24	-1.004	0.08
self care 5	-1.2589	0.09	-1.02	0.44	-1.1569	0.07
usual activities 2	0.4367	0.08	0.678	0.34	-0.28	0.07
usual activities 3	0.5163	0.09	0.617	0.42	-0.24	0.08
usual activities 4	-1.1030	0.09	-0.7454	0.24	-0.628	0.08
usual activities 5	-1.3296	0.10	-0.7618	0.37	-1.071	0.08
pain and discomfort 2	0.3262	0.09	-0.112	0.37	-0.17	0.07
pain and discomfort 3	0.4487	0.09	-0.41	0.46	-0.23	0.08
pain and discomfort 4	-1.5817	0.10	-1.8088	0.23	-1.089	0.08
pain and discomfort 5	-1.9897	0.11	-1.8163	0.40	-1.291	0.08
anxiety and depression 2	0.4758	0.09	0.47	0.40	-0.36	0.08
anxiety and depression 3	0.7269	0.09	-0.19	0.23	-0.47	0.08
anxiety and depression 4	-1.9699	0.11	-2.257	0.44	-1.302	0.08
anxiety and depression 5	-2.2077	0.11	-1.79	0.17	-1.559	0.08

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DCE, TTO and hybrid

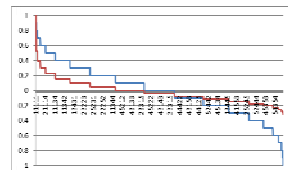


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Conclusions

- There is no technical limitation to combining DCE and TTO in a likelihood function
- It leads to plausible results
- One may need monotonic transformations



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