A Spatial Econometric Examination of China's Economic Growth

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Abstract

It is universally acknowledged that China's recent economic growth involves distinct spatial patterns across the 30 provinces. Despite this, most studies analyze provincial economic growth patterns using cross-sectional methods that average over all provinces. This study analyzes China's recent economic growth at a provincial level using non-parametric and Bayesian spatial econometric methods that allow for locally linear spatial variation in the relationships being analyzed.