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Abstract

There is an extensive list of research done on modal split, yet few take into consideration the effect of students. This paper attempts to identify the effect of a student population within a city has on its city's public transport share in 52 cities across Europe. Using a multilevel model, the 52 cities are nested into 48 NUTS3 regions and 7 countries. The findings of the multilevel model are that: an increase in (i) the share of students, (ii) commuting time, and (iii) population density increases the share of public transport; (iv) an increase in GDP per capita and (v) in area decreases the public transport share; (vi) and lastly there seems to be a differing effect of public transport costs across NUTS3 regions.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

The driving force of modal split, or the proportion of a certain form of transportation, is the interest of many research papers. Whether they are focusing on individual aspects such as car ownership (*Balcombe et al, 2004; Buehler, 2011; Cervero, 2002; Chen et al, 2008; Frank, 1994; Kim and Ulfarsson, 2008; Kitamura, 2009; Paulley et al, 2006; Pinjari et al, 2007; Sabir, 2011; Scheiner, 2010*) or even external factors such as the built environment (*Schwanen, 2002; Scheiner, 2010; Susilo and Maat, 2007*), all are attempts to justify the reasons why individuals prefer a certain mode of transportation. The common conclusions of transport research determine that high population densities are affiliated with a greater use of public transport (PT), essentially due to the greater utilization levels attained because of a larger amount of riders.

Research on this topic generally diverges into two ways of analyzing the matter (*Santos et al, 2013*). The first being an introspective approach, which has a very intuitive argument: the choices one makes are a consolidation of many individual aspects, taking into consideration one's income, age, and having children just to mention a few, the decisions one makes are a reflection of these individual factors. On the other hand, the extrospective approach has also been alluded to, but to a lesser extent. This has to do with how cities, provinces, or even countries affect the individual, instead of his or her own personal factors.

Despite the plentiful literature on modal split, the effect of the share of students on travel behavior has rarely been studied directly. Some papers insert a student variable without any justification, giving the impression of an impulsive thought, others address the topic in an indirect manner, such as increasing active modes of transportation when commuting to university (*Shannon et al, 2005*). Despite the increasing trend to use PT, partly due to benefits for students such as a free transportation card (*Brown et al, 2001, Brown et al 2003; Litman, 2004; Shannon et al, 2005*), some studies have overlooked the PT factor altogether, instead using it as a proxy for cycling and walking (*Rodriguez and Joo, 2004*). Furthermore, with the typical use of discrete choice models for modal split studies in previous papers, interpretations can be difficult. These models give insight on the relative direction of the effect with no indication on the absolute magnitude, which is why a multilevel (ML) analysis is proposed in this paper. An ML model has a unique feature of

combining econometric techniques by including both a fixed part and a random part of the modeling. More interestingly, the random part includes level effects, so it is possible to combine the introspective and extrospective approach in one.

The characteristics of students add an interesting aspect to the research. They can be generally characterized as having low or no income. Thus, trying to save money has been seen as a primary motivation (*Shannon et al, 2006*). Consequently, students tend to be very price sensitive (*Brown et al, 2003*), which additionally explains the rather large surplus of student users of PT when a free transportation policy is adopted (*Brown et al, 2003; Litman, 2004; Shannon et al, 2006*). Students are also not part of the long-term residential population (*Brown et al, 2003*). This could lead to irregular traveling patterns when comparing to the 'nine to five' employee. With these in consideration, one can deduce that students could have different behavioral patterns when it comes to travel. The amount of students has been used as a variable for several purposes. One popular use is a proxy representing the proportion of students over the whole population. This allows it to embody the share of students within a city and can express the "friendliness" towards slower transportation modes such as PT, cycling, and even walking (*Santos et al, 2013*). This relationship between students and slower modes of transportation can be limited, as studies have shown that density of an area also plays an influential role. This leads to a greater reliance on personal vehicles (*Litman, 2005*). A similar trend is seen in *Shannon et al, 2006*, where approximately 40% of students are inclined to use personal vehicles when distances are larger than one kilometer in Perth's University of Western Australia (UWA). PT use has exploded up to 200% within the first year of the introduction of free PT for students in many countries, followed by subsequent growth in the following years (*Brown et al, 2001*). This puts an interesting perspective on PT use and the dependence on the student population. On a wider context, this research may help cities better understand the position they are in with respects to their student population and their PT system. For example, if a city has a large student population, then it may be inclined to keep fare prices low to keep the demand stable.

This paper will focus on finding the effect students have on the PT, more specifically, to what extent does the number of students have an effect on the proportion of PT use on a city level, while controlling for variables such as PT cost, commuting time, and more. This

study will attempt to confirm that there is a significant “student effect” that influences the PT within a city.

The structure of this paper is as follows: relevant research concerning modal split and the travel behavior of students will be reviewed in chapter 2. Chapter 3 will include the methodological approach. Chapter 4 will assess the data with descriptive statistic. In Chapter 5, a multilevel model will be built and results analyzed. Finally, concluding remarks and limitations will be discussed in chapter 6, with possible recommendation for future research.

Chapter 2: Literature Review

This chapter establishes the theoretical foundation of the research. This will provide the proper contextual basis in evaluating the effect of the student population on the PT. This is done through the evaluation of relevant works on modal split and students travel behavior within cities. The order of the literature review is as follows: first, the importance of a European wide study is emphasized. Second, modal split is introduced, which is followed by a focus on students. Lastly, policies that encourage PT use are examined.

2.1 European Cities

Although an all encompassing theory on travel behavior is tempting to make, there are a lot of factors that would need to be accounted for. In the transportation field, many studies have tried to compare European travel behaviors to that of the United States (US) (*Schwanen, 2002; Buehler, 2011; Van Acker et al, 2007*), yet the conclusions are clear; despite the commonalities, there are still factors that are difficult to control for that play a role, such as policies or the underlying culture. In multilevel modeling, this would be the presence of a composition effect. *Schwanen, 2002* states that there are four crucial dissimilarities influencing the transportation behavior between Europe and the US. These dissimilarities can add to this composition effect and make it difficult for any contextual analysis to be made.

First there is a noticeable physical difference between European and American cities. For example, European cities are geographically smaller and older historically than the US. As such, the cities are inclined to be of a smaller size and the concentration of cities through out Europe tends to be higher. With higher densities, there is greater demand for land in Europe, which leads to the second reason, urban planning policies. As land becomes scarcer, the need to manage urban development becomes critical. As a result, it appears that most European nations have controlled the overwhelming growth of urban areas. This is especially the case when considering the Dutch “Bestemmingsplan”, which is responsible for the land use planning. From this it is evident that every plot of land within the Netherlands is accounted for. Third, the context of Europe’s economic circumstance

is different to the US. Lastly, there is a large culture difference that may have an added composition effect. Subsequently, it could affect the travel behavior of individuals, leading to the observation of lesser car dependence, ownership, and use compared to the US. Furthermore, PT and slower modes of transport are far more dominant in Europe than the US (*Kenworth and Laube, 1999; Schwanen, 2002*).

The reasons why Europe differs from the US by *Schwanen, 2002* are evident in other studies as well. In line with the first reason of *Schwanen, 2002* and *Van Acker et al, 2007* focus on historic city centers is emphasized. With some European cities centers originating from the 14th century, the inherited labyrinth like roads deters driving, whereas US cities are characterized as being grid-like strengthen auto dependency. Additionally, with the smaller spatial scale of Europe and the preference for compact development, slower modes and more active modes are stimulated (*Van Acker et al, 2007*), supporting the second reason of *Schwanen, 2002*. The four reasons is evident in *Buehler, 2011*, where auto dependent nations, Germany and the US, were compared. It is clear why it can be useful to compare the two countries, as they have a very large and strong automotive industry, but despite controlling for socio-economic, demographic, and spatial variables in their model, compared to Americans, it is more probable that Germans use PT and slower modes of transport. It is later explained in *Buehler, 2011* that these differences are captured in variables exogenous to their model such as policies and cultural differences. Thus posing a challenge for policy makers because what was effective in one country would not have the same results in the other. More specifically, when it comes to transportation behavior influences, Germans are less sensitive to changes in population density and access to PT, compared to Americans, who, despite living in higher density and proximity to PT, still choose to drive (*Buehler, 2011*).

There are some discrepancies noted in *Schwanen, 2002* that even within Europe, there are differences in travel behavior, but these behaviors are more inline with each other than reaching some global convergence as suggested by “The World City Hypothesis” in *Friedmann, 1986*, hinting at the prevalence of a

'European culture'. This idea is also put forth in *Hill and Kim, 2000* where a comparison between the development of three global cities, New York, Tokyo, and Seoul was made. The conclusion reached in that study was that, despite all three cities are considered as global cities, they do not converge onto one level, but rather cluster. The example in *Hill and Kim, 2000*, being that Seoul's development is more inline with the development of Tokyo and not New York, suggests the presence of an 'Asian culture'. With this in mind, not only would it be problematic to have different regional data on a global scale, because different factors are emphasized differently from culture to culture (*Schwanen, 2002*), but also the paths of development would not be the same (*Beuhler, 2011; Hill and Kim, 2000*). To minimize this composition effect, data on the European level will be analyzed.

2.2 General Modal Split

Before going in-depth on the behavior of student travel, it is important to understand overall modal split and modal split studies. The most available data and most common independent variables of modal split studies usually include the use of private cars, PT, bicycles, and walking. Occasionally when there is the opportunity to conduct a survey, other modes are included, such as motorcycles, taxis, and subdivisions in PT (bus, tram, and subway). *Figure 1* summarized the main points of each study because of the immense amount of literature on the topic. The summary is largely based on *Santos et al, 2013*, where various modal split studies are reviewed. *Figure 1* comprises of the average result of the relationship studies, showing the prominent conclusions of all studies on a topic. This way it is easier to get a contextual feeling toward modal split and the various variables researched. With a quick observation of *Figure 1*, it should be clear that most of the literature focuses on the influences of driving and PT use unlike motorcycling, cycling, and walking, which lack overall research on the associations. The relevant relationships will be discussed in further detail below.

Like mentioned in the beginning of this paper, there are two general methods of analyzing the influences on modal split, the introspective and extrospective approach. These approaches are not only reflected in the many

variables each study is testing against the modal split, but also the specific angle each study has. An example of an individual aspect is age. With possible changes in preferences over time, a change in the travel behavior is also anticipated (*Santos et al, 2013*). Car use seems to peak between the ages 35 to 65 (*Dargay and Hanly, 2007; Van Acker et al, 2007*). This could be explained by the fact that people tend to have a family and subsequently children. With the onset of children, PT use goes down due to the greater convenience of a car (*Santos et al, 2013*). The stigma to continue using the car seems to carry on to the later ages as the negative association with the more active modes of transport can explain a decrease of health that comes with age (*Newman et al, 2009*), emphasizing the car's door-to-door convenience. Not to mention, if elderly people do decide to drive, the distance traveled is shorter than middle-aged people (*Schwanen et al, 2004; Van Acker et al, 2007*). *Santos et al, 2013* confirms this finding with the counter example from *Sabir, 2011* and *Kim and Ulfarsson, 2008* as they found that PT use declines in later years, especially for short journeys.

Figure 1

Prominent conclusions reached by various authors on modal split

Independent Variable	Conclusions				
	Driving	PT	Motorcycling	Cycling	Walking
Age	+/-	-/=	-	-	-
Income	+	-	-	-	+
Car Ownership	+	-	-	-	+/-
Students Population	?	+	+	+	+
Resident Population	?	+	?	?	?
Population Density	-	+	+	+	+
City Size	-	+	?	+/-	+/-
Sidewalk Availability	?	?	?	+	+
Land Use	-	+	?	+	+
Policy	-	+	?	?	?
GDP per capita	+	+	-	-	+
Number of Buses	?	+	?	?	?
PT Fare	+	-	?	?	?
PT Frequency	-	+	?	?	?
Trip Distance	+	+	+/-	+/-	-
Rain	+	+	-	-	-

Key: "+" represents a positive relationship, "-" represents a negative relationship, "=" represents no relationship, "?" represents that the relationship was not researched. Mixes of the symbols, such as "+/-" represent a mixed relationship where there are more or less an equal amount of studies observing a positive and negative relationship. As such, "-/=" represents a mixed relationship where there are more or less an equal amount of studies observing negative or no relationship.

Income also plays a role in modal split. Low-income groups tend to be more inclined to be PT dependent (*Litman, 2004*). As incomes rise, there is more expendable income, leading to the purchase of a car (*Santos et al, 2013*). Likewise, car ownership increases the use of the car and simultaneously reduces the chances of using PT (*Santos et al, 2013*).

Population measures tend to favor PT use and with a clear logic behind; as densities increase, higher utilization of the PT can be reached, thus in turn creating the opportunity for growth in the PT network (*Schwanen, 2002*) and better organization (*Van Acker et al, 2007*). Most of the literature reflects the tendency of higher population densities, not only having a positive relationships with PT use, but also reduces car use because of the increasing amount of congestion (*Beuhler, 2011; Cervero, 2002; Frank and Pivo, 1994; Litman, 2005; Santos et al, 2013; Schwanen, 2002; Van Acker et al, 2007; Zhang, 2007*). Although an increase population density seems to positively affect PT, the scientific community seems to have a rather mixed feeling towards the effects on non-motorized travel, such as biking and walking. Some studies conclude population density encourages non-motorized travel (*Santos et al, 2013; Zhang, 2007*), in the sense that it attracts new users. Other studies conclude it is at the cost of non-motorized travel (*Schwanen, 2002*), where these active modes of travel compete more with themselves.

Very closely related to population density is the size of a city. City size has been shown to increase PT use and decrease car use (*Santos et al, 2013; Schwanen, 2002; Van Acker et al, 2007*), but as *Schwanen, 2002* emphasizes, at the expense of non-motorized modes of travel. This could be due to the increasing distances between commuting to work from home that the slower modes such as biking and walking cannot cover efficiently (*Schwanen, 2002*). As a result, commuting times tend to be longer in larger cities (*Van Acker et al, 2007*). This is especially the case in Europe because some housing policies may restrict relocation initiatives (*Schwanen, 2002*).

Sidewalk availability and land use are very closely related to each other because in essence they are a measure of how the land is organized. This similarity also stretches to how they affect modal split, as seen in *Figure 1*, where they

behave similarly, both promoting non-motorized modes of transport (*Rodriguez and Joo, 2004*). Although there are not many studies that take into account sidewalk availability, it perhaps can be assumed that it behaves in a similar fashion as land use, depending on how the land use variable is defined. A way to measure land use is through a proxy or ratio that represents the diversity of the land. Land use yields analogous effects on modal split as increasing densities (*Frank and Pivo, 1994; Litman, 2005; Van Acker et al, 2007*). These proxies can include a number of diverse types of land use such as distinguishing between residential, industrial, and work areas (*Litman, 2005*). *Litman, 2005* continues to explain that an increase in the land use variables creates “urban villages”, where the decreased distances of certain areas allow for non-motorized travel. Frequently, land use variables are ignored because of assumptions that travel time and costs capture the effects of land use on travel behavior in the long run, but it has been empirically proved through models that land use has an independent influence on travel behavior, especially significant in the short-run (*Zhang, 2007*). Not only do land use variables have explanatory power, but also excluding them can result in omitted variable bias by affecting other variables such as travel time and cost (*Rodriguez and Joo, 2004*). *Rodriguez and Joo, 2004* also challenge the explanatory power of including the presence of sidewalks as they have rather ambiguous results in other previous research.

Policies play an important role in transport behavior as housing policies, as mentioned earlier, can prevent urban sprawl, and other policies can affect the attractiveness of certain modes of transport, such as heavy taxation on carbon emissions. Policies do not seem to have overflowing, but rather a direct affect on what the specific policy is aiming at. For example, job-housing policies are ineffective to air quality initiatives (*Frank and Pivo, 1994*) and decreasing the costs to travel by PT would most likely cause a rise in PT use and a simultaneous decrease in car use (*Santos et al, 2013*). Thus it is difficult to present policy in *Figure 1* as each policy tends to have a direct effect, in that the specific goal set are usually achieve it. This would mean that increasing the costs of car use would most likely decrease car use and etcetera. This directness of policies stretches to higher PT fares and PT

frequency, where lower fares and higher frequencies correspond to higher PT use and lower car use (*Santos et al, 2013*).

An increase in income or GDP per capita has primarily been associated with an increased amount of driving (*Santos et al, 2013*). The reasoning may be due to the perception of the car as a symbol of status. When a person has enough income, the trend is to purchase a car. With car ownership, the chances of using the car are significantly larger than if the person does not own one (*Balcombe et al, 2004; Buehler, 2011; Cervero, 2002; Chen et al, 2008; Frank, 1994; Kim and Ulfarsson, 2008; Kitamura, 2009; Paulley et al, 2006; Pinjari et al, 2007; Sabir, 2011; Scheiner, 2010*). Most studies subsequently relate an increase in income with a decrease in PT use. Only *Kitamura, 2009* found an increase in PT use, but this was done at the household level.

Rain is an interesting variable that has not been tested as frequently as the others mentioned. With *Sabir, 2011*, rain seems to have a positive relationship with PT use, which is rather strange when one may expect people to use PT and also non-motorized modes of transport less because of having to walk in unfavorable weather conditions (*Sumalee et al, 2011*). However, *Sabir, 2011* did not control for the specific details of PT, overlooking whether there is cover provided cover for PT users, as seen in subways or bus stops with roofs. When controlling for these additional variables, *Sumalee et al, 2011* concluded that indeed, with increasing amount of rain, people tend to use PT where cover is provided from adverse weather. Because this further detail of PT are not easy to obtain, this study would expect results more inline with *Sabir, 2011* than *Sumalee et al, 2011*.

Literature shows that there are many things affecting people when they decide to travel, be it owning a car or even a chance of rain. By understanding the various influences the modal split may have, a foundation is developed to investigate further on how students may behave.

2.3 Student Travel Behavior

Now that there is a familiarity of the general trends in modal split, the focus can be brought onto the student dimension. Distinctive individual characteristics or

the “personality dimension” has been seen to influence the perception of various factors of travel behavior (*Van Acker et al, 2007*). For example, offering a discounts on PT may be more attractive for students than car owners. *Kitamura et al, 1997* and *Bagley and Mokhtarian, 2002*, expanded this concept by taking into account individual lifestyles. As a result, their research concluded that the type of lifestyle explained the most variation when it came to travel behavior, while controlling for land use and other traditional variables. This lifestyle effect could be stretched to students and would explain their difference in travel behavior.

Although students have also been positively associated with positive use of motorcycles and slower modes of transport, student travel behavior is primarily associated with PT use (*Litman, 2005; Santos et al, 2013*). This is much more apparent in Europe as cities have higher densities and are more oriented towards the PT network, which also promotes walking (*Santos et al, 2013; Schwanen, 2002*). Car dependence seems to be the strongest in low-density cities. *Litman, 2005* explains this finding, where an educational institution can provide schooling for students on a larger range in low-density cities than in higher density cities because of the larger distances of low-density cities. Because of the spread being so large, it forces students to drive, unlike more dense cities, where students may be able to bike or walk. A prime example of this would be Perth, where almost half of the student population at the University of Western Australia (UWA) drove to the university (*Shannon et al, 2006*). This is why it is very important to control for density, otherwise there will be an unequal weight on the modal split, making it incomparable.

To understand student behavior properly, it is important to understand the motives of students. In the research of *Shannon et al, 2006*, they explored a way to increase active modes of transport in Perth, which involved understanding the motives and barriers of students. What was found was that students’ highest priority was to save money. Furthermore, because Perth is a very auto dependent city, with almost half of the student body driving, students also had found it essential to find a parking spot (*Shannon et al, 2006*). The price sensitivity of students is also supported by *Litman, 2005*, where although students are seen as PT

dependent, they are not price insensitive like other PT dependent users. This would make options like driving a car rather costly. According to *Shannon et al, 2006*, travel time is the most significant concern for students regardless of any differences to distance. Taking into account the relatively higher densities of Europe, the slower modes of transport are also advantageous to students due to the relatively closer distances, making biking and walking a real alternative cost and time wise. This is quite an interesting finding because even if the student is located walking distance to the university, travel time is still the greatest concern.

With the underlying trend of an increasing PT use with students, it raises the question of how much do the students actually contribute to the PT share, when taking into account discounts policies. Discount policies can take many different forms. The most prevalent is the subsidization of PT costs for students via a discount. When investigating further onto the various European cities, it is evident that a partial discount on the fare price is the most popular option. The less common option is to either not provide any type of discount for students or to fully subsidize student PT travel. These types of policies seem to significantly motivate students to use PT as it saves them money. In Perth, it was seen to be the strongest element that encouraged students to use PT, also including those who biked or walked (*Shannon et al, 2006*). What was the most astonishing finding from *Shannon et al, 2006* was that despite Perth's auto dependency, there was a willingness to forego driving if reasonable alternatives are offered. Other evidence from the US has shown the success of a similar policy of BruinGo, which had an increase of student PT use up to 200% from its launch in 2001 (*Brown et al, 2001*), where almost a third of students were new PT users and the rest previous drivers (*Brown et al, 2003*). With BruinGo, there was an overall outcome of a shift from driving to using PT and other slower modes of transport (*Brown et al, 2003*). With these increases in PT user, it creates a cycle of growth and development, where there is an expansion of service (*Brown et al, 2003*). This could balance out the relationship of car ownership with PT, if the PT network can provide comparable benefits to car transport.

There are three major outcomes of BruinGo that *Brown et al, 2003* goes into further detail. First is that, more can be invested to better services because of the increase in revenues of the PT provider due to the increased riders. With these improvements, it would draw the interests of additional riders. Second, as BruinGo is offered to everyone, this builds interest to find more about it. Ridership can increase with this increased familiarity of the services provided. The last outcome of *Brown et al, 2003* goes into the long-term aspect, with an increased location decision of student housing. Where previously they were bound to live in the proximity of the university, will now be able benefit from the various available BruinGo stations and have a larger variety to choose from. Thus with these types of policies, it is not just a short run increase in ridership, but it can stretch into the long run. Additional benefits include a decrease in the demand for parking lots, facilitating in making the university more attractive, and making attending university more affordable (*Brown et al, 2001*). With all these benefits stressed, most of the analysis on this topic view how important PT is for students, but in this paper the reverse is analyzed. Because full utilization of PT is very important for the PT providers, what will be the effect of students when controlling for all these variables. Could it be that students actually have no incentive to use PT if all else kept equal?

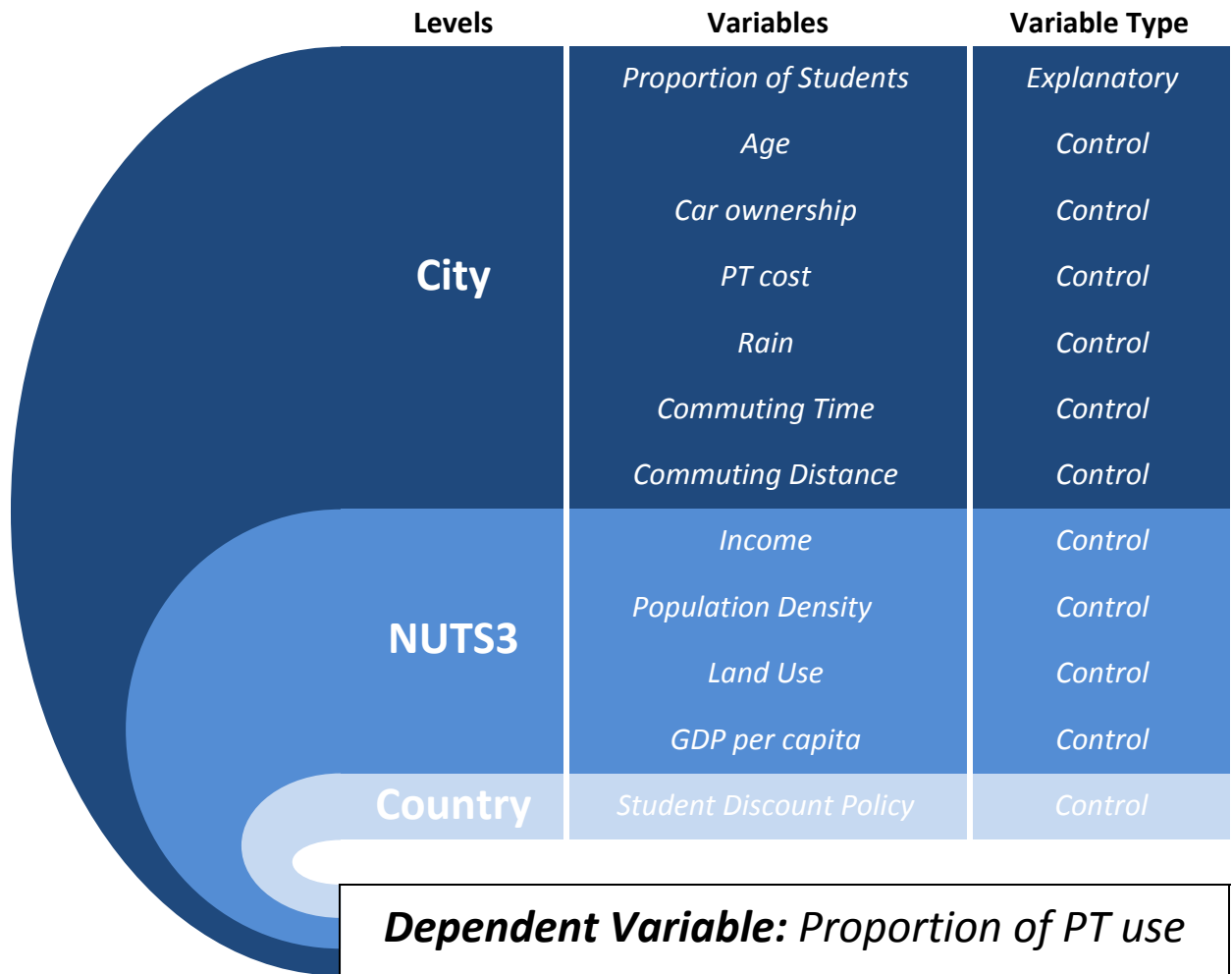
Chapter 3: Methodology

This research will use cross-sectional data where observations are nested within 3 levels: city, NUTS3, and country. Because each observation is from a different city, the city level is technically the individual level. Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression is inappropriate mainly due to group dependence. In OLS, group dependence would cause very low standard errors because it would be ignoring the group aspect of the data. Although the standard errors can be corrected for by using the White standard errors, multilevel (ML) analysis is still preferred over OLS for two reasons. First, ML analysis is more efficient as it uses a within and between dimension across the different levels, which can avoid the use of an excessive amount of dummy variables. Second, ML analysis is more flexible than OLS. This is because ML models can allow for random slopes on different levels and complex covariance structures, which can explain heterogeneity in the model.

The concept behind ML modeling is to control for the composition effects or the individual characteristics, so that the contextual effect or the group characteristics can be revealed. This can be done through analyzing the group variances and level effects that are captured by the model.

The process of analysis includes first describing data, then the model developed, and finally the model's outcomes are analyzed. This method is based on the methods of the Learning Environment for Multilevel Methods and Applications (LEMMA) "*Module 11: Three-Level Multilevel Models*" (Lecklie, 2013). A conceptual model is made to better understand the structure of the ML model represented in *Figure 2*. With an ML analysis, the model will be built step by step, with the inception of an intercept only model. Subsequently, variables will be added and tested with the Likelihood Ratio (LR) test on whether they add more explanatory power. First the city variables will be added, followed by the NUTS3 level and country level variables.

Figure 2
Conceptual Model



Taking the literature review into consideration, this paper has 3 hypotheses to test:

Because students are cost conscious, it could be expected that they will choose the cheapest form of transport. Of course walking and cycling are free, but these have a limited range. Thus, the first hypothesis is that an increase in the student population leads to an increase in PT use within a city.

Hypothesis 1: Cities with a higher proportion of students increase the share of PT use.

Because different regions may have different proportion of students, it would be speculative to assume that the student effect on PT is fixed across regions and that each

region may have a same magnitude of this effect. This leads to the second hypothesis that there is a presence of heterogeneity in the student effect across NUTS3 regions.

Hypothesis 2a: There is heterogeneity in the student effect across NUTS3 regions

After proving the heterogeneity of the student variable, the magnitude of this heterogeneity can be analyzed through its covariance structure. This would give insight on the degree of the regional effect of students. In turn, hypothesis 2b is that NUTS3 regions with a lower than average PT use would be more sensitive to an increase in the student population.

Hypothesis 2b: With an increase of the students share, NUTS3 regions with a lower than average PT use share would have a larger increase in PT use than NUTS3 regions with a higher than average PT use share.

The last hypothesis takes into account the various national policies that subsidize student travel, divided into full, partial, or no discount. The hypothesis is that a full discount policy for students would have the largest effect on PT use, compared to a partial and no discount policy.

Hypothesis 3: Countries that offer a full discount for students will have a greater share of PT use than countries with partial or no discount policy

Chapter 4: Data

In this chapter, the data will be discussed. All of the data has been collected from the European Union statistical office, Eurostat. In total, 14 datasets from Eurostat were compiled, reshaped, and merged using Stata. The most challenging part was matching the different city codes with their corresponding NUTS3 code. This was because the city codes have a different type of syntax unlike the composite nature of the NUTS syntax, where the first two letters represent the country code and the subsequent numbers represent regions.

Furthermore, Stata is the main statistical software used in this research. Most of the data ranges from the year 1990 until 2014. In this research, only the most recent observation from each city is used, but still some cities do not have updated figures. The full list of cities can be seen in *Appendix 5*. Thus, caution should be taken in the interpretations for some cities such as Zürich, Nantes, Winterthur, and Biel because some variables have not been updated. This can be problematic for variables that change dramatically over the years, such as PT use. On the other hand, there are variables that are quite stable over the years, such as area. The reason for selecting the most recent observations of cities is because the data does not lend itself to take the time aspect into account in this multilevel model. More specifically, each city only includes a maximum of one observation per year, thus nesting observations per year would be useless.

Discount policy data was collected through interviews with students from the 20 European countries that are part of this research. The interviewees were personal acquaintances that had been studying for a minimum of 1 year in the specific country and were also nationals of it. The variables *income* and *rain* were not included in the modeling due to a lack of data. There were no observations left for the *income* variable after the merging process, thus GDP per capita is used as a proxy towards income. Moreover, the variables *commutedist* and *rain* have a lot more missing values relative to other variables. As a consequence, it removes too many observations in a model when including it in the calculations.

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

It is important to check the dataset for any abnormalities such as outliers as they will affect the consecutive statistical outputs. Although outliers are not necessarily a bad thing, it is still important to be aware of them, as their characteristics may not be applicable to the whole sample. A graph matrix is made with all the variables to see whether there are any abnormalities in the data. The full output is presented in *Appendix 1*, where some observations require further attention. The observations that need to be investigated are presented in *Figure 3* below. This graph matrix displays a scatter plot of each variable with one another over, making outliers very easy to spot. By labeling the outliers, it allows a closer examination of which specific observations are outliers. These are presented in *Figure 4*. These outlier observations point to Hungarian cities. With a closer look to both city data, it seems that they have been recorded incorrectly. The Hungarian data for PT use seems incorrectly recorded because, where other countries have percentages and not exceeding 100%, Hungary is reported to have around 75,000% of PT use compared to other modes of transport. This was consistent with the other Hungarian cities, and thus the observations for Hungary was dropped due to clear error. With all said and done, this shows the importance of further investigating outliers, occasionally they are mistakes in the data and do not represent the reality.

Figure 3

Graph matrix between variables

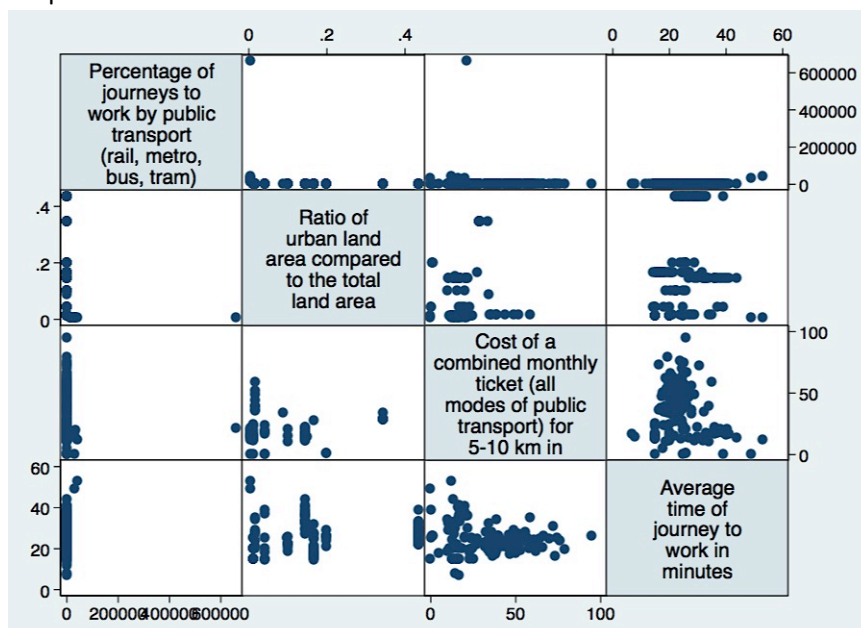
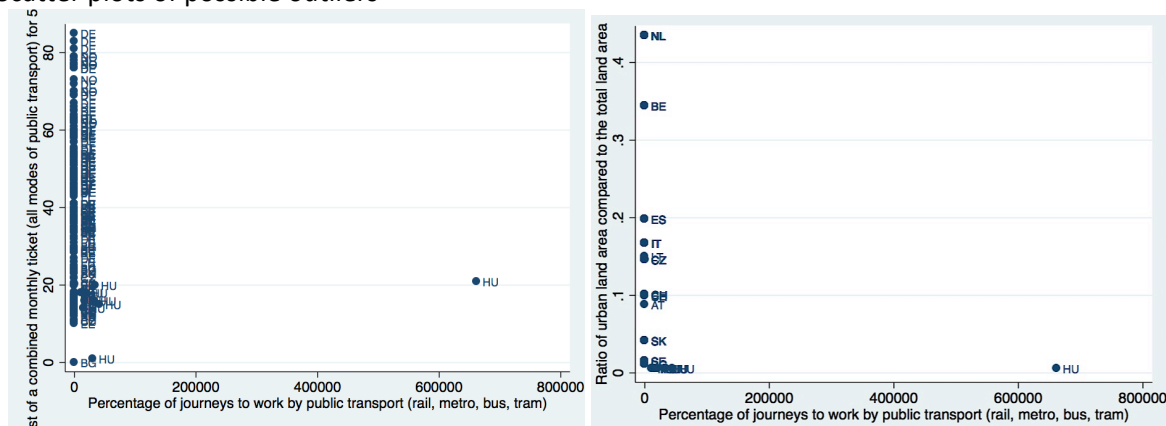


Figure 4

Scatter plots of possible outliers



Now that the outliers have been taken care of, descriptive statistics will be looked at. With the use `–des–` and `–sum–`, the data is generally described and summarized. These results are presented in *Appendix 2* and *Appendix 3*. Because this is hierarchical data, there are no special commands such as `–xtdes–` and `–xtsum–`. *Appendix 2* shows that the dataset has 680 observations and 25 variables, one of which is a categorical variable *policy*. This variable has three categories. The first is “Full Discount”, representing a fully subsidized PT for students, such as seen in the Netherland and Germany. These are mainly organized on a national level. The second, “Partial Discount”, representing the presence of a student discount for PT fare, these are generally 50% off the regular price and are mainly city specific. The last category is “No Discount”, which means that there is no discount offered to students, such places include Switzerland. As such, this categorical variable has been create into a 3 dummies *fulldisc*, *partdisc*, and *nodisc*.

Figure 5

Tabulated Policy Dummy Variables

Levels	Full Discount	Partial Discount	No Discount	Total
City	34	486	160	680
NUTS3	20	305	151	476
Country	2	15	3	20

The data is summarized in *Appendix 3*, indicating the number of observations, mean value, standard deviation, the minimum and maximum. Because the `–sum–` command summarizes numerical inputs, string variables such as

nationcode, *nuts3code*, and *citycode* display zero observations, mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum. This table also acts as a confirmation of the data, such as the years, the minimum is 1990 and the maximum is 2012 and that the dummy variables are indeed binary. The dummy variables can be tabulated to examine their distribution across levels, which are displayed in *Figure 5*. *Figure 5*, acts as a confirmation of the number of observations in each level because there can only be one type of policy per country. Thus, each level total represents the number of cities, NUTS3 regions, and countries respectively. As such, the data contains 680 city observations that are nested in 476 different NUTS3 regions. These NUTS3 regions are nested in 20 different countries. The data also reflects the nature of the policy and confirms that a partial discount policy is the most prevalent. Although not required for a multilevel analysis, it is important to note this trend reflects the unbalanced nature of the policy data. This can be further confirmed by Stata's `codebook` command where its output is on *Appendix 4*. Here it shows that indeed this data set has 680 cities, 476 NUTS3 regions, and 20 countries.

Next the dependent and the independent variables will be evaluated. By checking the distribution of the dependent variable *ptuse* through a histogram, a visual representation is made in *Figure 6*. It should be noted that the distribution of *ptuse* is skewed to the right and is not normally distributed. It is not a requirement for the dependent variable to be normally distributed in multilevel analysis, therefore it should not cause any statistical inconsistencies. More importantly, the residuals should be normally distributed to make any inferences with the model, but this will be discussed later in the paper.

Because the main purpose of this paper is to find the effect of the student population on PT and essentially whether student discount policies affect this, it can be interesting to calculate the average levels of PT use for each different type of policy and see how they differ. The expectation is that with a free PT policy for students, PT use should be the highest, subsequently followed by the partial discount policy, leaving the lowest PT use with a no discount policy. A bar graph is plotted in *Figure 7* confirming the earlier expectation of a higher PT use on average with a free PT policy. Because *ptuse* is an index of the proportion of PT use over

driving, cycling, and walking, it is a percentage. Thus, by looking at the bar graph in *Figure 7*, there is a difference of approximately 10 percentage points between a free policy and a discount policy. What is also interesting to see is that a discount policy and no policy have relatively same mean PT use, instead of a clear difference like with the free and discount policy. In summary, a free PT scheme may have the largest impact on the levels of PT use, with marginal differences between a discount and no discount schemes.

Figure 6

Histogram of the dependent variable *ptuse*

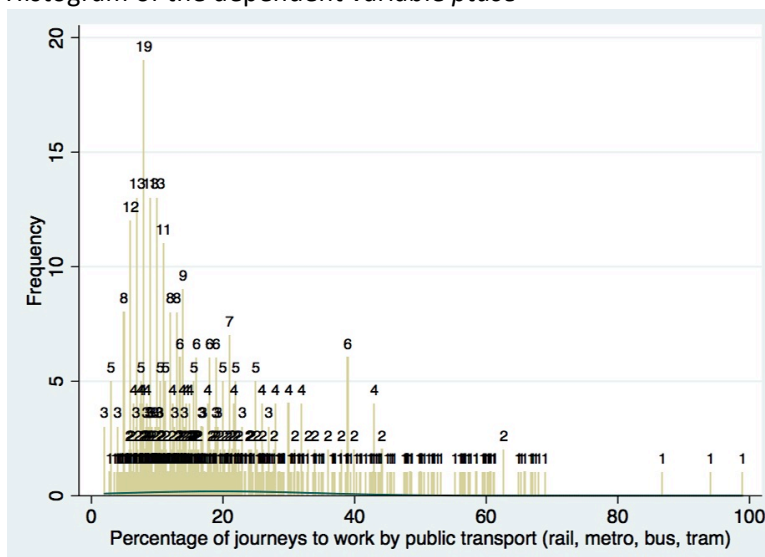
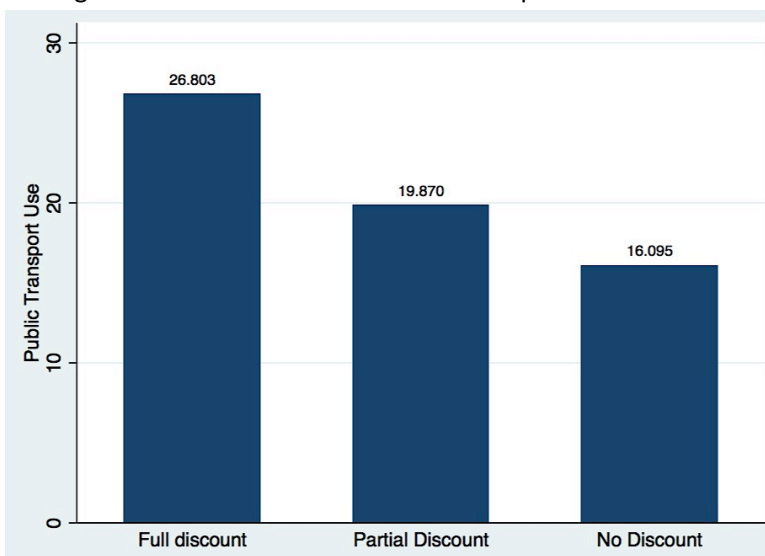


Figure 7

Average PT use over the different discount policies



Multicollinearity is also very important to check. An exact linear relationship with the independent variables can be problematic as it leads to imprecise estimates. In *Figure 8*, a correlation matrix is created. This paper will use a 0.70 limit to the correlations. All of the independent variables seem to not be too correlated with each other and being below the established 0.70 limit. Although the variables are below the limit, *gdppc* and *ptcost* come very close to the 0.70 correlation limit. This is not unexpected as the PT costs could be capturing some income effects that are represented in GDP per capita.

Figure 8
Correlation matrix between the independent variables

	student	ptcost	carown~p	commut~e	commut~t	age65p	gdppc	popden	area	landuse
student	1.0000									
ptcost	-0.0649	1.0000								
carownership	-0.2928	-0.1721	1.0000							
commutetime	0.1959	0.1308	-0.5146	1.0000						
commutedist	-0.1949	0.3395	0.1750	0.2938	1.0000					
age65p	-0.4837	0.2564	0.2580	-0.1481	0.4688	1.0000				
gdppc	-0.0319	0.6932	-0.4704	0.4780	0.6010	0.2870	1.0000			
popden	0.0445	-0.0644	0.0246	0.4328	0.4966	0.2515	0.1908	1.0000		
area	0.0945	0.3899	-0.2727	-0.0003	0.1191	-0.1229	0.4511	-0.1864	1.0000	
landuse	0.0238	-0.4218	-0.2495	0.2066	0.3186	0.2588	0.2303	0.3387	-0.0373	1.0000

Chapter 5: Results and Analysis

Unlike in OLS regression, in ML analysis, it is important to build up the model starting an intercept only base model. Adding explanatory variables to the base model and conducting LR tests to confirm that the added subsequent variables indeed provide additional explaining power is the procedure taken in this paper to build the final model.

5.1 Intercept Only Model

The first step is to have an intercept model only to provide as a base, which would include city, NUTS3, and country level random effects. This would mean that only the dependent variable is included across the three level data. Formally, this base model is written as follows:

$$ptuse_{ijkl} = \beta_0 + w_l + v_{kl} + u_{jkl} + e_{ijkl}$$

Where:

$$w_l \sim N(0, \sigma_w^2)$$
$$v_{kl} \sim N(0, \sigma_v^2)$$
$$e_{ijkl} \sim N(0, \sigma_e^2)$$

Where $ptuse_{ijkl}$ is the percentage of modal split that is PT within a European city. Each city observation i ($i = 1, \dots, 680$) is in a NUTS3 region k ($k = 1, \dots, 476$) in a country l ($l = 1, \dots, 20$). The intercept β_0 is the mean percentage of PT use throughout all countries l , with an effect w_l , NUTS3 regions k , with an effect v_{kl} , and finally the single city observation residual error term e_{ijkl} . There is also an assumption that all the ML effects and residual errors are independent and follow a normal distributed that has a mean of zero and a constant variance.

The model is built by using Stata's `-xtmixed-` command that uses a maximum likelihood estimation which can be likened to a 'badness' to fit *id es*, the more negative it is, the better fitting the model is. This model is written as follows in Stata: `xtmixed ptuse || country: || nuts3:, mle variance`, where *ptuse* is the dependent variable and the following *country*, *nuts3*, and *city* and are the levels descending from the highest level to the lowest level. The *mle variance* represents

the maximum likelihood estimation. The output of this model is displayed in *Figure 9*.

Stata optimizes the model until it converges, where at that point it is able to give an output. In this model, it converges in three iterations. Stata provides us with three tables that this paper will go into further detail. Other interesting output from Stata includes the number of observations, which in this case is 680. This number represents the number of observations captured by this model. In the upcoming models, the number of observations will drop because the observations captured by the model are different to the datasets total observations. This is a sign of an unbalanced dataset, as not all the observations have data for some variables. This becomes a challenge when adding more variables, as the observation count will decrease and running an ML model becomes more difficult to converge.

Figure 9

Base model output of `-xtmixed ptuse || country: || nuts3:, mle- variance-`

Group Variables	No. of Groups		
Country	20	No. of observations:	680
NUTS3	476	Log likelihood:	-2513.6251

Variables	Coefficient	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>intercept</i>	22.62909*	16.21365	29.04453

Level Variance	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>Country</i>	192.4892*	64.20%	98.0882	377.7426
<i>NUTS3</i>	68.85077*	22.96%	57.6141	82.27897
<i>Residual</i>	38.46908*	12.83%	32.64437	45.33308

LR test vs. linear regression:	chi2(2)= 567.53	Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
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*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

There are three main components to the output of *Figure 8*. First is the data on the group variables, presenting all of the three levels included in the model: *country* and *NUTS3*. The *city* level is not shown because the number of observations represents the number of cities, as each observation is from a different city. It also displays the number of groups within each level, accounting for 20 countries, and 476 NUTS3 regions.

The second component includes the fixed effects part of the ML model and the interpretation is similar to that of an OLS regression. In this base model, the fixed part only includes the intercept. Later in the paper when more variables will be added, their coefficients will be presented in this fixed part of the ML model. Because this model is an intercept only model, the value of 22.63 represents the mean PT use percentage, meaning on average, PT accounts for 22.63% of the modal split in the 680 European cities. This mean is also statistically significant at the 0.05 level as represented in the 95% confidence interval not crossing zero, thus the mean is significantly different from zero.

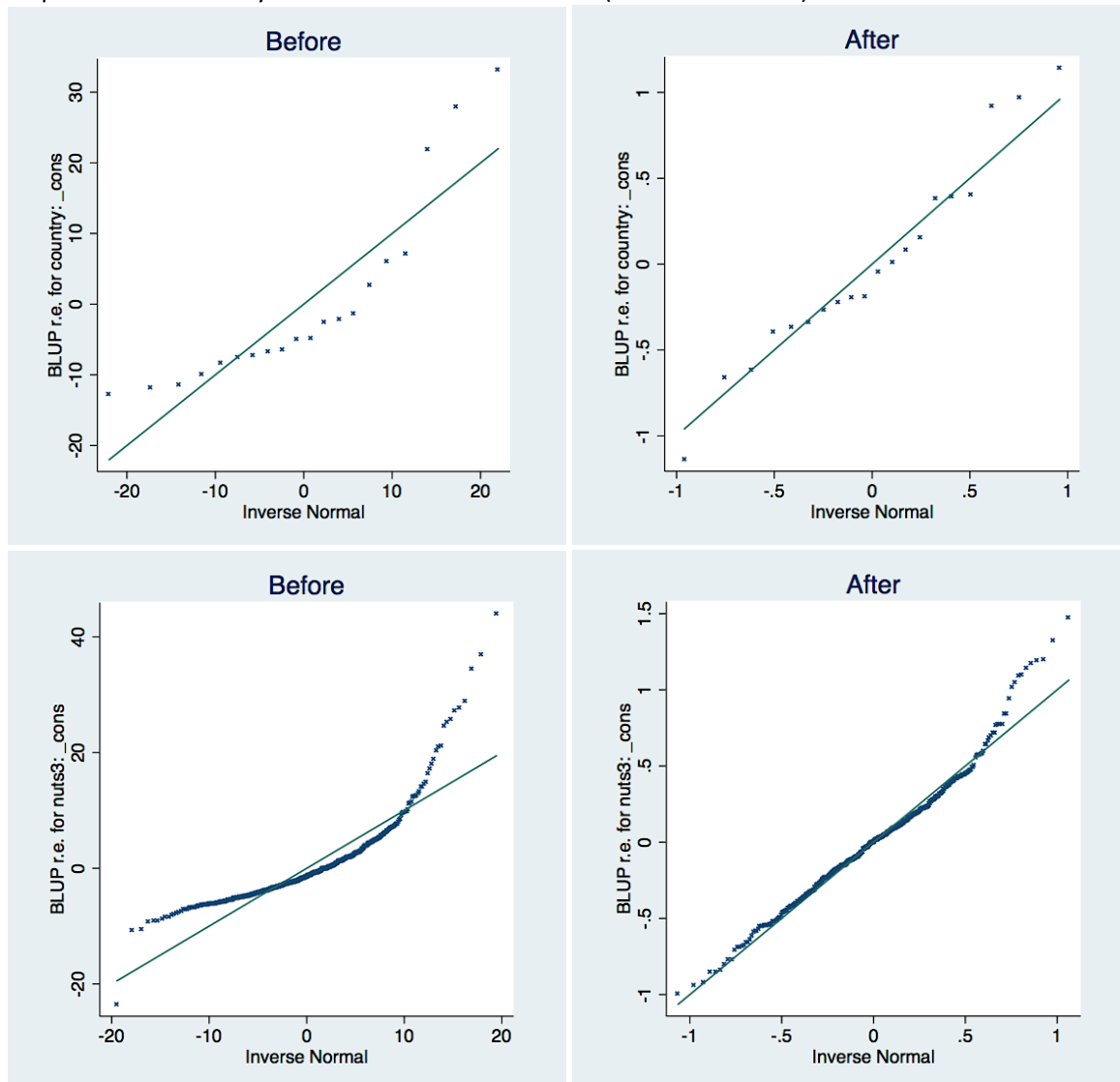
The final component of this output provides the random effects part of the model. This would include the various variance components of the different levels and the within level variance, here the Variance Partition Coefficient (VPC) is displayed. Below this table is an output of the LR test. This test signifies that whether the ML model is better than a single-level model model in describing the data. With the p-value zero, the null hypothesis that a single level model describes the model better is rejected, thus the ML model can continue to be built upon. Before going into further detail of the variances, such as the Variance Partition Coefficients (VPCs) and the Intraclass Correlation Coefficients (ICCs), the residuals must be checked for normality.

Quantile-quantile (QQ) plots are produced to examine whether the NUTS3 and country level effect residuals are approximately normally distributed. Normality is important for inference reasons, as biased residuals would lead to an incorrect interpretation of the statistical output. This is usually problematic for models with smaller samples, but nonetheless it is still useful to check. As the residuals seem somewhat abnormal from the QQ plots, a method to counteract this is to logarithmically transform the dependent variable *ptuse*, converting this level-level model into a log-level model. Thus, taking the natural logarithm of PT use creates the variable *logptuse* making this a log-level model. The QQ plots are plotted again with the outcomes in *Figure 10*, showing the before and after distribution of the residuals. Observing the distribution of the residuals in *Figure 10*,

it seems that log transforming the dependent variable has fixed the somewhat right skewed residuals.

Figure 10

QQ plots of the country and NUTS3 effects residuals (before and after)



Now that the model uses *logptuse*, it helps the residuals look more normal. The model must be run again through Stata to see if there are any changes to the estimates. The new output using *logptuse* as the dependent variable is presented in *Figure 11*.

Figure 11New base model output of `-xtmixed logptuse || country: || nuts3, mle- variance-`

Group Variables	No. of Groups		
Country	20	No. of observations:	680
NUTS3	476	Log likelihood:	-515.49569

Variables	Coefficient	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>intercept</i>	2.791932*	2.499396	3.084468

Level Effects	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>Country</i>	0.3866722*	55.73%	0.1821673	0.8207587
<i>NUTS3</i>	0.2017241*	29.07%	0.1673493	0.2431598
<i>City</i>	0.1054605*	15.20%	0.0885185	0.1256452

LR test vs. linear regression:	chi2(2)=409.69	Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
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*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

Compared to *Figure 9*, *Figure 11* shows that the coefficient for the intercept has changed. For the intercept and the ML variances, the estimates have decreased dramatically, which can be explained by the logarithmic transformation. The most major change is the way of interpreting the coefficients. For example, before the intercept was the mean PT percentage of the modal split, now the intercept is the mean logarithm of the percentage of PT use. Because the mean logarithm of the percentage of PT use does not provide much intuitive interpretation, there must be a reverse log calculation of the log transformation to interpret the effect of coefficients on the dependent variable. To interpret the intercept, the coefficient of 2.79 must be exponentially transformed to give a value of 16.31, which is the mean of PT use. When dependent variable will be added on later in the process, the effect they will have on PT use is a factor of $e^{\text{coefficient}}$, which this factor must multiply the expected PT use.

Now that the model has been corrected for its abnormal residuals, the variances are investigated further by calculating the VPCs and ICCs. The VPC indicates how much variance a certain level explains and the ICC indicates how correlated the observations are within a cluster.

As such the city level VPCs is:

$$VPC_e = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_e^2} = \frac{0.1054605}{0.3866722 + 0.2017241 + 0.1054605} = 15.19\%$$

As such the NUTS3 level VPCs is:

$$VPC_v = \frac{\sigma_v^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_e^2} = \frac{0.2017241}{0.3866722 + 0.2017241 + 0.1054605} = 29.07\%$$

As such the Country level VPCs is:

$$VPC_w = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_e^2} = \frac{0.3866722}{0.3866722 + 0.2017241 + 0.1054605} = 55.72\%$$

This result of $VPC_e = 15.19\%$ indicates that 15.19% of the variation in PT use is explained on the city level. The NUTS3 level and the country level explain 29.07% and 55.72% of the variance respectively. It is interesting to find that the country level explains more than half of the variance already. Tracking the variance estimates from this point is important because it will provide insight on how the composition effect evolves throughout the model building process.

The concept behind the ICC measure is that it calculates the correlation between two observations within the same level, but different groups in the lower level. For example, the country level ICC would indicate how two observations are correlated within the same country, but in different NUTS3 regions.

As such, the country level ICC is as follows:

$$ICC_w = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_e^2} = \frac{0.3866722}{0.3866722 + 0.2017241 + 0.1054605} = 55.72\%$$

The ICC for the NUTS3 level:

$$ICC_{wv} = \frac{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2}{\sigma_w^2 + \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_e^2} = \frac{0.3866722 + 0.2017241}{0.3866722 + 0.2017241 + 0.1054605} = 84.80\%$$

The country level ICC puts out the same result as the country level VPC. This is because this model does not include any random slope variables, resulting in the

same ICC and VPC for the country level. As the ICC measure is calculated for the lower levels, the correlation within the level increases, meaning that, cities from the same country, or even the same NUTS3 region, do not have comparable levels of PT use in their modal split. Overall, there seems to be a rather moderate degree of clustering already in the data with the country level almost explaining half of the variation. It would be interesting to see how the model changes with the inclusion of explanatory variables. Because the VPC measure is a relative measure, it will not indicate how much absolute level variance is has been captured by the model. Thus, to properly track the level effects, it is important to not the progression of the estimate, rather than the VPC.

Now that the model has been fitted, Stata can predict the different level residuals to make predicted effects of the national and NUTS3 levels. In *Figure 12*, each level is ordered by the predicted magnitude of their effects from highest to lowest, showing the results of the top 3 observations of each level. This table summarizes the overall level effects, such as Czech Republic has the largest predicted country effect and the eastern part of inner London has the largest NUTS3 effect.

Just as the top 3 NUTS3 regions and countries with the highest net level effects have been identified in *Figure 11*, the same can be done to the top 3 NUTS3 regions and countries with the lowest net level effects. These are presented in *Figure 13*. One interesting speculation is that the highest city and NUTS3 region effects seem to be coming from large metropolitan areas. The highest country effect does not have an obvious explanation can could be researched further. Similarly, the lowest predicted effects seem to come from smaller cities or NUTS3 regions with less large cities in Europe. Perhaps the countries reflect the overall consistency of its cities and NUTS3 regions. For example, the Netherlands has large global cities such as Amsterdam and Rotterdam, but perhaps with the presence of a lot of smaller cities, the overall country effect of the Netherlands is quite small.

Figure 12

Rank of the top 3 NUTS3 regions and countries by the highest net predicted effects

Rank	NUTS3 Region	Country
1	Inner London (East), UK	Czech Republic
2	Inner London (West), UK	Slovakia
3	Val-d'Oise, France	Switzerland

Figure 13

Rank of the top 3 NUTS3 regions and countries by the lowest net predicted effects

Rank	NUTS3 Region	Country
1	Västerboteens län, Sweden	Cyprus
2	Tâmega, Portugal	Ireland
3	Kempton, Kreisfreie Stadt, Germany	The Netherlands

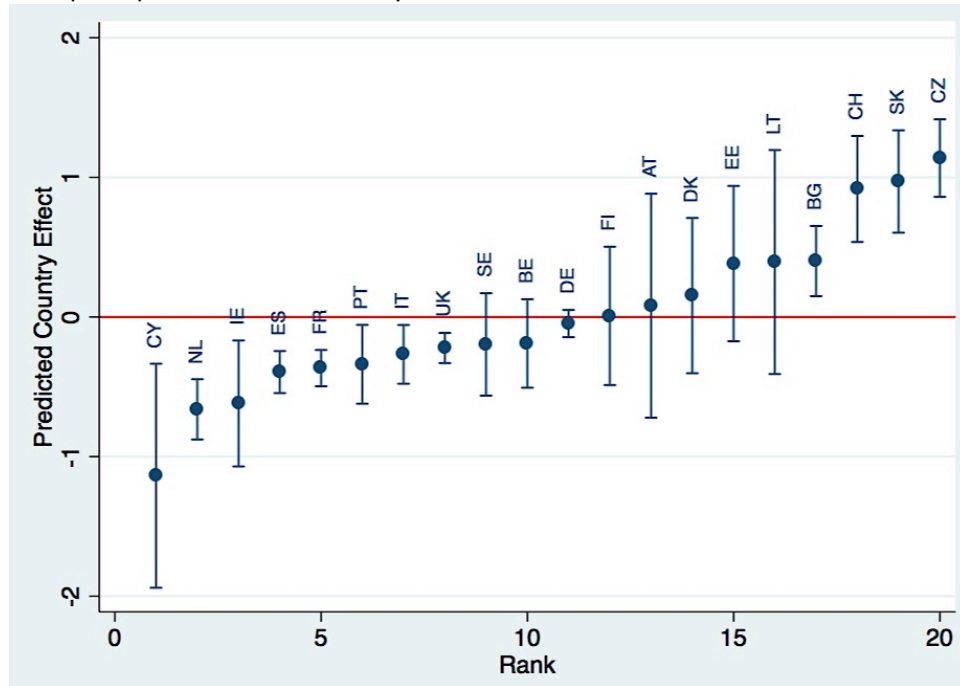
The different net level effects can be visually represented with the use of caterpillar plots. With these plots' magnitudes and observations that deviate from the average can be analyzed. The net country effects are analyzed first in *Figure 14*.

Each country's confidence interval in the predicted net country effect differs from one another in *Figure 14*. This is due to an unbalanced data as not all countries had the same amount of observations, such as France, Germany, Spain, and the UK had relatively more observations than countries such as Austria, Cyprus, and Lithuania. The red line going through the caterpillar plot indicated the average country. In combination of the red line and the confidence intervals of each country, it is possible to distinguish how many countries statistically differ from the average. On the country level, Cyprus, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and the UK have PT use, which is significantly lower than the average. On the other hand, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland have significantly higher than average PT use.

This approach can be done on the NUTS3 level, but unfortunately a caterpillar plot would be rather unhelpful due to the sheer number of NUTS3 regions. Nonetheless, the regions that differ from the average can be counted, with 71 out of 476 NUTS3 regions significantly differ from the average. This is a rather

small proportion of the sample, meaning that the PT use is very similar when comparing region to region.

Figure 14
Caterpillar plot of the net country effect



The interpretations made from the base model should be taken with care, as this is an intercept only model. An intercept only model does not control for any variables that may influence the PT use. Thus the composition effect may be large in this model, making it difficult to construct contextual inferences. The purpose of these results is to establish a baseline, so that changes in the level effects can be tracked. If by the end of the research, more or less the same countries remain on the top and bottom rank, perhaps the composition effect was not as large to begin with as not much has changed.

5.2 Adding Explanatory Variables

With the base model thoroughly established, the next step in building the ML model is to add explanatory variables. As the analytical approach is more familiar now, building up the model will continue at a faster pace, with a full analysis of the final model only.

The procedure for optimizing the ML model is to add independent variables and LR testing it against a restricted model, which should be nested within the current model. Step by step, this is done until the LR test rejects a new model, as it would not provide any further explaining power. This method comes with a set back because of the unbalanced data. As each variable has its own set of cities, not all variables have observations from the same cities. Thus, introducing new variables into the model increases the probability of the most recent model being rejected. Therefore, there is an expectation that at one point, there will not be enough observations to sufficiently provide a decent amount of explanation power to improve the model. At this point, the model would be at its optimum.

Keeping in mind the base model in chapter 5.1, model 1 will include all the level one variables: *student*, *ptcost*, *carownership*, *commutetime*, and *age65p*. A description of all the variables can be found in *Appendix 1*. The output for model 1 is in *Figure 15*.

Figure 15

Stata output of model 1: *xtmixed logptuse student ptcost carownership commutetime age65p*
|| country: || nuts3;, mle variance

Group Variables	No. of Groups			
Country	9	No. of observations:	112	
NUTS3	108	Log likelihood:	-63.823586	
Variables	Coefficient	Factor	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>intercept</i>	2.7513*		1.796659	3.705941
<i>student</i>	0.1828068	1.20	-0.9613744	1.326988
<i>ptcost</i>	0.0100058*	1.01*	0.0021593	0.0178524
<i>carownership</i>	-0.0012654*	1.00*	-0.0024301	-0.0001007
<i>commutetime</i>	0.0490426*	1.05*	0.0319605	0.0661247
<i>age65p</i>	-0.0360649*	0.96*	-0.0721163	-0.0000136
Level Effects	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>Country</i>	0.287867*	65.14%	0.096831	0.8557945
<i>NUTS3</i>	0.1155735*	26.15%	0.0616093	0.2168053
<i>City</i>	0.0384552*	8.70%	0.0085368	0.1732273

*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

Because this is a log-level model, a “Factor” column has been created to represent the impact of the explanatory variables on the dependent variable. This

“Factor” is the exponential transformation of the coefficient. The interpretations would be as follows. Normally in a level-level model, the intercept would signify the mean PT use in the sample. Reverse transforming the intercept would give a mean of 15.66. This would mean that in model 1, the average PT use across 108 cities is 15.66 percent. This mean is statistically significant to the 0.05 level. The variables *ptcost*, *carownership*, *commutetime*, and *age* are also statistically significant. An increase in these variables by one unit would increase PT use by the product of the factor value when keeping all else equal (Benoit, 2011). As a result, any factor that is below 1 would mean the variable has a negative association with the dependent variable. Therefore, *ptuse*, *carownership*, and *commutetime* all have a positive association with PT use, where as *age65p* has a negative association.

Other observations include the level effects, which are all significant at the 0.05 level. When comparing to the intercept only model, the variances have decreased on all levels. Meaning that the inclusion of the variables *student*, *ptcost*, *carownership*, *commutetime*, and *age* in model 1 has captured some of the country, NUTS3, and city effects. This suggests that by controlling for these variables, a lot of the within level variation can be explained by model 1. Furthermore, countries and NUTS3 regions have different effects on cities with a large share of PT use verses cities with a low share of PT use.

As mentioned earlier in the paper, the number of observations is expected decreased. This is evident in model 1, where the number of observations has decreased from 680 in the base model to 108. This would be a reoccurring problem that will cause problems when running the LR test, as it will be comparing two models with different observations. This is easily fixed with Stata’s `–e(sample) –` option, which uses the sample of the previous model. This will be the persistent limitation in building the model where not all cities have a measurement for a certain variable. With a p-value of 0.0000 attained from the LR test, the added variable significantly improves the model compared to the base model. Deeper interpretations will be refrained since this is the model building process and the model could still have a large composition effect, making it difficult to make interpretations on the contextual effect of the model.

As model 1 was successful, model 2 will include the addition of NUTS3 control variables. The output of model 2 is presented in *Figure 16*.

Figure 16

Stata output of model 2: *xtmixed logptuse student ptcost carownership commutetime age65p area popden gdppc landuse || country: || nuts3;, mle variance*

Group Variables	No. of Groups			
Country	7	No. of observations:	52	
NUTS3	48	Log likelihood:	-19.831722	

Variables	Coefficient	Factor	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>intercept</i>	2.609082*		1.677233	3.54093
<i>student</i>	0.8604434	2.36	-0.6337402	2.354627
<i>ptcost</i>	0.0019577	1.00	-0.0120575	0.015973
<i>carownership</i>	-0.0008482*	1.00*	-0.0016789	-0.0000175
<i>commutetime</i>	0.0471269*	1.05*	0.0299435	0.0643102
<i>age65p</i>	0.0321047	1.03	-0.0312688	0.0954782
<i>popden</i>	0.000584*	1.00*	0.0002226	0.0009455
<i>gdppc</i>	-0.0000363*	1.00*	-0.0000567	-0.0000159
<i>area</i>	-0.0000274*	1.00*	-0.0000427	-0.000012
<i>landuse</i>	-1.374889	0.25	-4.269738	1.51996

Level Effects	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
Country	5.58E-22	5.58E-20%	.	.
NUTS3	0.0975167*	72.75%	0.0415721	0.2287472
City	0.0365198*	27.25%	0.0070393	0.1894633

*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

Most of the newly added variables are significant at the 0.05 level. This includes variables *popden*, *gdppc*, and *area*. These variables all have a factor of 1, due to rounding. If investigating the factors of the variables *popden*, *gdppc*, and *area* deeper, then *popden* is slightly larger than 1, meaning it increases PT use. Variables *gdppc* and *area* have a slight smaller value than one, thus decreasing PT use. Because this logarithmic transformation is a scalar transformation, only the magnitudes of the coefficients change. The sign of the coefficients should remain the same. These associations seem to be consistent with the literature findings, where population density is positively associated with PT use and income has a negative association, keeping all else equal. Compared to model 1, model 2 has a

decreased mean of 13.59. This could mean that the composition effect is decreasing, as the model is slowly reaching its “true” mean.

The level effects have some irregularity in the sense that Stata did not give a 95% confidence interval for the country effect. This model seems to have converged correctly with no signs of errors. To stay prudent, the assumption is that the country effect is insignificant. The NUTS3 and city effect are significant at the 0.05 level and it seems that the NUTS3 variance decreased more than the city variance when comparing to model 1. This would mean this model is capturing more of the NUTS3 effect. Conducting the LR test confirms that this model adds value with a P-value of 0.0002.

The next step would be to add the policy dummy variable. Unfortunately, Stata omitted the policy dummy variables due to multicollinearity. Accordingly, the output of this model is the same as model 2. This would mean Hypothesis 3 is not confirmed, which is quite a shame because the more interesting *policy* variable would have been very exciting to test as it would demonstrate the effects of the three different types of policies. Interaction effects have also been tested with the *student* variable. There were no significant interactions that passed the LR test, thus it was not pursued any further. As a result, model 2 is thus far the most optimal.

5.3 Final Model

Model 3 is created to investigate whether there is heterogeneity of the dependent variables across the NUTS3 level. The final result is that the LR test only approved a random slope of the variable *ptcost* with a P-value of 0.0109. Other variables failed the LR test when allowing for heterogeneity on the NUTS3 and country level. Because no more additional things can be added to improve model 3, it is the final model of this research paper. This means that Hypothesis 2a and 2b could not be confirmed, as the model did not converge when allowing the *student* variable to have a random slope. Model 3 is presented in *Figure 17*.

Figure 17

Model 3 output of `-xtmixed logptuse student ptcost carownership commutetime age65p popden gdppc area landuse || country: || nuts3: ptcost, covariance (unstructured) mle variance-`

Group Variables	No. of Groups		
Country	7	No. of observations:	52
NUTS3	48	Log likelihood:	-15.309479

Variables	Coefficient	Factor	95% Confidence Interval	
<i>intercept</i>	2.396376*		1.58139	3.211361
<i>student</i>	1.149266*	3.16*	0.0757966	2.222736
<i>ptcost</i>	-0.0005362	1.00	-0.0146593	0.0135869
<i>carownership</i>	-0.0003342	1.00	-0.0010692	0.0004007
<i>commutetime</i>	0.0420692*	1.04*	0.0251609	0.0589776
<i>age65p</i>	0.0320402	1.03	-0.0177341	0.0818145
<i>popden</i>	0.0004818*	1.00*	0.0001855	0.000778
<i>gdppc</i>	-0.0000344*	1.00*	-0.0000582	-0.0000107
<i>area</i>	-0.0000262*	1.00*	-0.0000458	-6.46E-06
<i>landuse</i>	0.1321226	1.14	-2.517989	2.782234

Level Effects	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
Country	1.25E-15			
NUTS3	0.1923727*	77.69%	0.0561429	0.6591612
City	0.0547606*	22.11%	0.0258517	0.1159973

Random Slop	Estimate	VPC	95% Confidence Interval	
NUTS3				
<i>ptcost</i>	0.0004964*	0.20%	0.0001745	0.0014124
<i>cov(ptcost,_cons)</i>	-0.0097725		-0.0204602	0.0009151

*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

When allowing for a random slope in *ptcost*, the mean PT use decreases to 10.98. Furthermore, variables *student*, *commutetime*, *popden*, *gdppc* and *area* have statistically significant associations at the 0.05 level. More specifically, an increase in commute time and population density would lead to an increase in PT use *ceteris paribus*. This relationship is rather intuitive, as PT would probably become more convenient than the alternative when knowing the commute time would be long. Population density is popularly supported by scientific literature for having a positive association with PT use, which this research can confirm with this final model. Income and area also have unsurprising results as the tendency of increased income is associated with less PT use, whereas the larger an area would be, one can imagine that it would be more costly to develop and sustain a competitive PT

system. The most remarkable result is that the *student* variable has a positive effect of a factor 3.16. Although it has been supported by scientific literature previously, it was not expected to have such a significant effect. This would mean that Hypothesis 1 is confirmed, that an increasing share of students does have a positive effect on the share of PT use. This effect is the largest effect seen in this research and could be due to omitted variable bias, leading to an over estimation of the *student* coefficient. The level effects are similar to that of model 2 in that there is a significant NUTS3 and city level effect on the 0.05 level.

This research seems to have predominately captured the country effect in the model. This country effect is investigated further by ranking the highest and lowest predicted country effect. This is done in the same manner as in chapter 5.1. The results are presented in *Figure 18*. When comparing the ranking in *Figure 18* and *Figure 12*, it is interesting to see that the Czech Republic and Slovakia are still in the first and second places in terms of the country effect. Perhaps this is coincidence or possibly that the composition effect for these two countries were low to begin with. Seeing that the lowest country effects from *Figure 18* and *Figure 13* differ may suggest that this composition effect is less strong for countries with a high country effect, although this is a bold assumption to make.

Figure 18

Rank of the top 3 NUTS3 regions and countries by the highest net predicted effects

Rank	Highest Country Effect	Lowest Country Effect
1	Czech Republic	Estonia
2	Slovakia	Spain
3	Lithuania	Sweden

To summarize the development of the model, a visual representation is made where each model is compiled together in *Figure 19*. From *Figure 19*, contains the 3 models that were confirmed by the LR test in this paper. As expected and mentioned earlier, the number of observations decreased as the model developed. This research seems to have predominately explained the differences a country may have on a city. The NUTS3 region and city effect still seem to affecting the data, but to of a lesser extent when compared to models 1 and 2. When looking at *carownership* in models 2 and 3, this variable become insignificant when allowing

for heterogeneity in the PT cost effect. As the two models are essentially the same, it may suggest that car ownership and PT cost may be capturing an income effect. This could be further supported by the fact that *ptcost* changes direction in the effect from model 2 to model 3. When assuming *ptcost* has a fixed effect on the model, it gives a somewhat unintuitive interpretation of an increase in PT cost increases PT use. This also may point to an increasing wage within the city, thus as the cost rise it does not have a detrimental effect on PT use. Once allowing this PT cost effect to be random, it could be capturing the effect better, and thus *carownership* becomes insignificant.

Figure 19
Summary of the models

	Base Model	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Number of observations	680	112	52	52
<i>Mean</i>	16.31*	15.66*	13.59*	10.98*
<i>student</i>	.	+	+	+*
<i>ptcost</i>	.	+*	+	-
<i>carownership</i>	.	-*	-*	-
<i>commutetime</i>	.	+*	+*	+*
<i>age65p</i>	.	-*	+	+
<i>popden</i>	.	.	+*	+*
<i>gdppc</i>	.	.	-*	-*
<i>area</i>	.	.	-*	-*
<i>landuse</i>	.	.	-	+
Level Effects				
<i>Country</i>	0.3866722*	0.287867*	5.58E-22	1.25E-15
<i>NUTS3</i>	0.2017241*	0.1155735*	0.0975167*	0.1923727*
<i>City</i>	0.1054605*	0.0384552*	0.0365198*	0.0547606*
Random Slope				
<i>ptcost</i>	.	.	.	0.0004964*
<i>cov(ptcost,_cons)</i>	.	.	.	-0.0097725

*Statistically significant at the 0.05 level

Because ML models use maximum likelihood estimations, results may differ when rerunning the model. This could be a sign of multicollinearity. In this study, this problem seems to be rather severe when running model 3 when including a random slope for *ptcost*. Rarely, Stata had to be closed and opened again for the

model to run properly. Occasionally, the acceptance of a random slope by the LR test seems to alternate between *ptcost* and *carownership*, which may suggest that there is also heterogeneity in the effect of car ownership. Having said that, the direction of the effect seems to be stable when running model 3.

Chapter 6: Conclusion

This research paper builds an ML model with the intentions of finding the effect of students on PT use within European cities. There are a few noteworthy outcomes that have very interesting implications. Not only is it confirmed Hypothesis 1 that the students share has a positive effect on PT share, but also that it has the most dominant effect compared to other factors such as commuting time, population density, income, and area. This could mean that PT service providers should focus more on the student population within a city to increase usage. Furthermore, it seems that the regional effect is stronger than the country effect on PT use. This sheds light on an interesting aspect of PT that perhaps cities did not consider before, as a broader regional effect may influence a city's PT use more than the country. Thus, when making policy decisions about a cities transport system, not only within city factors like students should be considered, but also external factors, such as its surrounding region. Although Hypothesis 2a and 2b were not confirmed, heterogeneity was found in the effect of PT cost. This would mean each NUTS3 regions has a different PT cost effect on the share of PT use.

This study has intentionally focused on the European level because it would be difficult to extend the validity of the results to a broader scale. Even within western cultures such as the US there are still large differences in travel behavior when compared to Europe. These differences are not limited to cultural differences but also social, political, and economic differences, thus the conclusions made in this study are strictly based on European data.

A number of limitations were encountered. The largest limitation is the unbalanced data used in this research. Although there could be many observations for a certain variable, if the sample of those observations is different from one variable to another, it makes it difficult to compile a set of cities that have all the different variables measured. This was largely the case in this study, to the point where some variables such as *commutedist* and *rain* had to be dropped, merely because they would exclude too many cities from the analysis. This unbalanced data also has an impact on optimizing the model. The addition of a new variable decreases the number of observations within the model, eventually reaching a limit where adding another variable can be highly detrimental to the model. If all cities had measurements for all the variables, perhaps this analysis could have

gone deeper into the *policy* variable and try to confirm Hypothesis 3, including interaction effects within the model. The models that are run could also be suffering from omitted variable bias, as seen with a relatively high coefficient for *student*. Fixing this problem would be difficult to solve, as complete datasets would be needed. Finally, there are signs of multicollinearity in the model building process. Although correlations were no higher than 0.70, as seen in *Figure 8*, the model seems to suffer from multicollinearity, evidenced in the instability of model 3.

These limitations should encourage countries and their respective statistical offices to consistently and systematically collect data on a regular basis. This would provide sufficient data to scholars and would allow them to provide a better analysis in their research. Perhaps even rerunning the same research with better data may change the initial conclusions made.

For future research, it would be interesting to see how a discount policy for students influences the PT use, as this study was not able to incorporate it. Additionally, this study uses a ML model, which has a strict exogeneity assumption in the explanatory variables. This assumption may be difficult to hold in real life, as there could be influences between the variables. Hence, it would be interesting to run a similar model using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), where these exogeneity assumptions may be relaxed.

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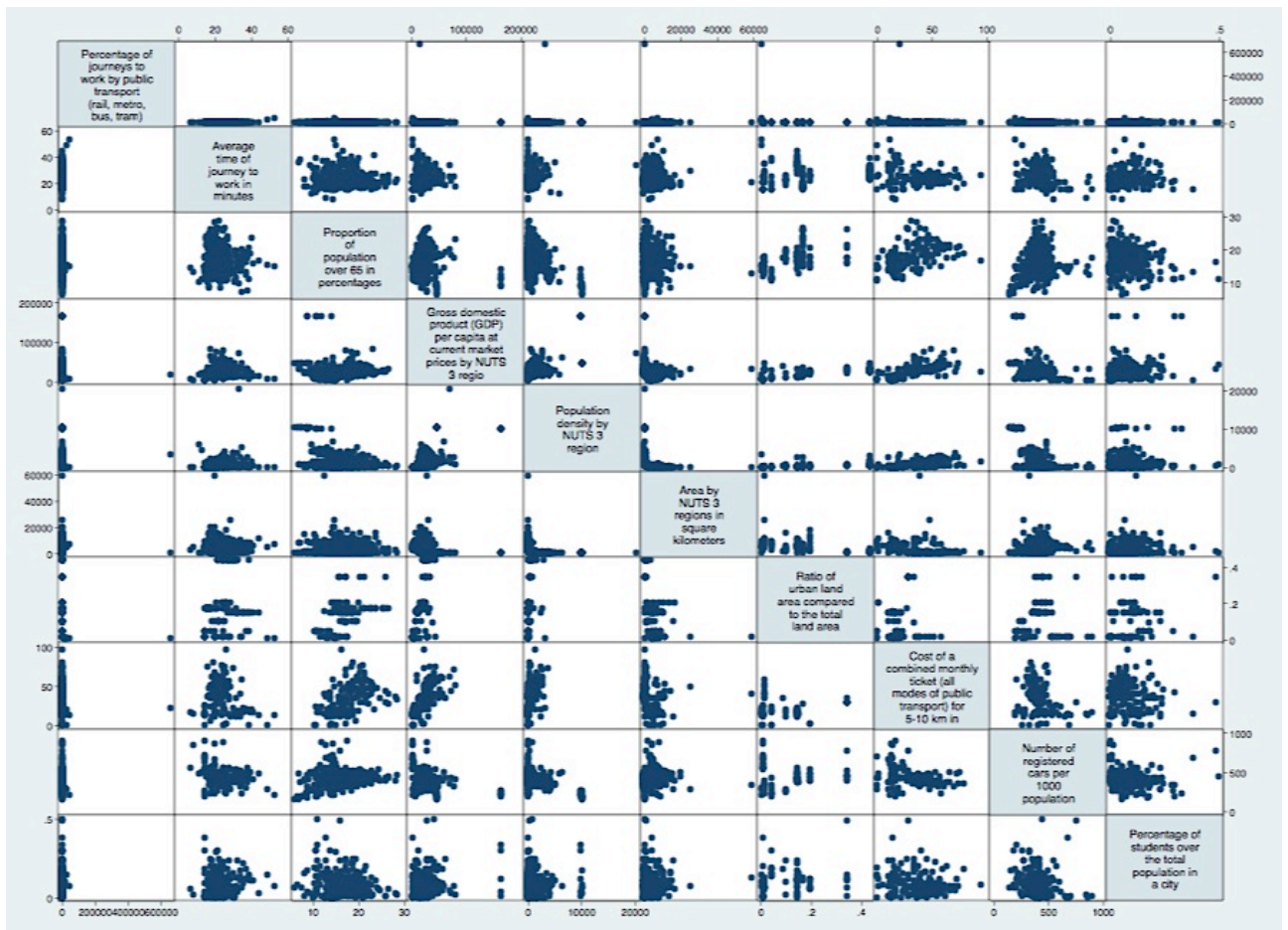
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Appendix

1. Graph matrix of possible outliers



2. General description of the data

Contains data from Final.dta

obs: 680
vars: 25
size: 174,080

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variable name	storage type	display format	value label	variable label
city	int	%10.0g		City ID
nuts3	int	%10.0g		NUTS 3 ID
country	byte	%10.0g		Country ID
nationcode	str14	%14s		Nation code
nuts3code	str14	%14s		NUTS3 Code
citycode	str14	%14s		City code
year	int	%10.0g		Years 1990-2014
cityname	str42	%42s		City Name
ptuse	double	%10.0g		Percentage of journeys to work by public transport (rail, metro, bus, tram)
student	float	%9.0g		Percentage of students over the total population in a city
ptcost	double	%10.0g		Cost of a combined monthly ticket (all modes of public transport) for 5-10 km in
carownership	double	%10.0g		Number of registered cars per 1000 population
rain	double	%10.0g		Rainfall in litre/m2
commutetime	double	%10.0g		Average time of journey to work in minutes
commutedist	double	%10.0g		Average length of journey to work by private car in km
age65p	float	%9.0g		Proportion of population over 65 in percentages
NUTS32010code~e	str78	%78s		NUTS 3 2010 code and name
gdppc	long	%10.0g		Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita at current market prices by NUTS 3 regio
popden	double	%10.0g		Population density by NUTS 3 region
area	double	%10.0g		Area by NUTS 3 regions in square kilometers
landuse	float	%9.0g		Ratio of urban land area compared to the total land area
policy	float	%16.0g	policy	group(Free Discount None)
fulldisc	byte	%8.0g		policy==Full discount
partdisc	byte	%8.0g		policy==Partial Discount
nodisc	byte	%8.0g		policy==No Discount

3. Summary of the data

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
city	680	448.2162	304.4726	2	976
nuts3	680	736.5074	387.6203	1	1357
country	680	16.86471	10.22253	1	32
nationcode	0				
nuts3code	0				
citycode	0				
year	680	2007.932	4.05574	1990	2012
cityname	0				
ptuse	680	19.36876	14.89386	2	99
student	305	.0850219	.0771628	0	.4981493
ptcost	178	36.01264	18.61247	0	95
carownership	413	421.3341	96.0794	146.5	898.4
rain	138	733.821	254.2532	137.4	1968.4
commutetime	410	23.38232	5.73134	7	44
commutedist	225	14.97502	5.032618	2	32
age65p	498	16.56044	3.903646	6.1	28.5
NUTS32010c~e	0				
gdppc	612	26601.47	17193.24	2600	164100
popden	658	1089.838	1885.353	4.7	20893.4
area	659	3535.009	4370.569	13.4	59284
landuse	132	.2008364	.1524954	.0113456	.4349966
policy	680	2.185294	.501328	1	3
fulldisc	680	.05	.2181054	0	1
partdisc	680	.7147059	.4518868	0	1
nodisc	680	.2352941	.4244947	0	1

4. Codebook of the different levels

city	City ID
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type: numeric (int)

range: [2.976]           units: 1
unique values: 680       missing .: 0/680

mean: 448.216
std. dev: 304.473

percentiles:           10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                    82.5    184.5  379.5  769.5  905.5

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nuts3	NUTS 3 ID
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type: numeric (int)

range: [1.1357]         units: 1
unique values: 476       missing .: 0/680

mean: 736.507
std. dev: 387.62

percentiles:           10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                    142.5  474.5  663    1177.5  1247

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country	Country ID
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type: numeric (byte)

range: [1,32]           units: 1
unique values: 20        missing .: 0/680

mean: 16.8647
std. dev: 10.2225

percentiles:           10%    25%    50%    75%    90%
                    7      7      13     30     32

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5. List of cities and their observation year

<i>Year</i>	<i>City Code</i>	<i>City Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>City Code</i>	<i>City Name</i>
			2011	ES062C1	Sanlúcar de Barrameda
2003	NL512C1	Ede	2003	FR010C1	Montpellier
2001	CY001C1	Lefkosia	2011	UK568C2	Cheshire West and Chester
2003	NL517C1	Hengelo	2003	NL014C1	Apeldoorn
2011	PT017C1	Paredes	2007	FR066C1	Saint-Brieuc
2003	NL515C1	Venlo	2007	FR063C2	Béziers
2003	NL519C1	Almelo	2007	FR090C2	Châteauroux
2003	NL516C1	Helmond	2007	FR059C2	Chalon-sur-Saône
2011	IE005C1	Waterford	2007	FR052C2	Saint-Nazaire
2005	SE005C1	Umeå	2011	UK035C1	Nuneaton and Bedworth
1997	FR202C1	Aix-en-Provence	2007	FR046C2	Bayonne
2011	PT019C1	Póvoa de Varzim	2007	FR077C1	Roanne
2012	DE066C1	Kempton (Allgäu)	2007	FR068C2	Vannes
2003	NL513C1	Deventer	2007	FR043C2	Perpignan
2007	FR027C1	Ajaccio	2011	BE010C1	Kortrijk
2007	FR093C2	Brive-la-Gaillarde	2011	UK060C1	Tamworth
2011	UK038C1	Waveney	2011	UK036C1	Fareham
2004	IE004C1	Galway	2011	ES073C1	Elda
2011	PT014C1	Viseu	2012	DE078C1	Greifswald
2011	UK043C1	East Staffordshire	2007	DE023C1	Moers
2001	DE520C1	Oldenburg (Oldenburg)	2012	DE055C1	Neumünster
2011	PT016C1	Viana do Castelo	2012	DE048C1	Wilhelmshaven
2011	ES059C1	Zamora	1998	FR009C1	Lille
2011	ES046C1	Gandia	2001	UK024C1	Worcester
2006	DE544C1	Zwickau	2011	UK019C1	Lincoln
2003	NL012C1	Breda	2011	PT008C1	Aveiro
2007	FR073C2	Tarbes	2012	DE082C1	Dessau-Roßlau
2003	NL008C1	Enschede	2001	IT023C1	Potenza
2005	SE008C1	Örebro	2011	UK543C1	North East Lincolnshire
2007	FR099C1	Fréjus	2012	DE060C1	Celle
2003	NL520C1	Lelystad	2003	NL502C1	Zaanstad
2007	FR061C2	Niort	2003	NL514C1	Alkmaar
2007	FR096C2	Albi	2007	FR207C1	Lens - Liévin
2011	UK054C1	Cannock Chase	2007	FR324C1	Martigues
2001	DE517C1	Osnabrück	2003	NL010C1	Heerlen
2008	ES020C1	Córdoba	2007	FR067C2	Quimper
2011	ES040C1	Talavera de la Reina	2011	UK517C1	Swansea
2011	UK015C1	Derry	2011	UK051C1	Great Yarmouth
2001	IT013C1	Cremona	2003	NL013C1	Nijmegen
2008	ES007C1	Murcia	2007	FR057C2	Boulogne-sur-Mer
2012	DE051C1	Villingen-Schwenningen	2003	NL006C1	Tilburg
2011	UK542C1	Telford and Wrekin	2007	FR505C1	Charleville-Mézières
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2011	UK531C1	Warrington	2011	UK053C1	Hartlepool
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2011	ES527C1	Jaén	2001	IT008C1	Bari
2012	DE069C1	Rosenheim	2011	ES044C1	Pontevedra
2011	UK571C1	Cheltenham	2011	ES054C1	Benidorm
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2012	DE080C1	Speyer	2011	UK519C1	Barnsley
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2012	DE059C1	Bayreuth	2011	UK027C1	Stoke-on-trent
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2012	DE072C1	Friedrichshafen	2011	ES524C1	San Cristóbal de la Laguna
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2007	FR214C1	Valence	2007	FR051C2	Troyes
2007	FR044C2	Nîmes	2003	NL518C1	Schiedam
2007	FR104C2	Châlons-en-Champagne	2007	FR024C2	Limoges
2007	FR065C2	Bourges	2007	FR082C2	Beauvais
2003	NL007C1	Groningen	2002	IE002C1	Cork
2007	FR045C2	Pau	2012	DE079C1	Wetzlar
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2011	FI007C1	Lahti / Lahtis	2001	IT010C1	Catania
2003	NL005C1	Eindhoven	2007	FR069C1	Cherbourg
2007	FR039C2	Avignon	2007	FR201C1	Aubagne
2007	FR053C1	La Rochelle	2011	UK528C1	Northampton
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2011	BE011C1	Oostende	2011	UK044C1	Darlington
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2011	UK537C1	St. Helens	2007	FR032C2	Toulon
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2011	ES063C1	Vilanova i la Geltrú	2012	DE056C1	Brandenburg an der Havel
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2011	UK101C1	City of London	2007	FR212C1	CC de la Boucle de la Seine
2011	UK129C1	Sutton	2001	PT001C1	Lisboa
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2007	FR211C1	Versailles	2001	EE001C1	Tallinn
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2011	UK116C1	Havering	2012	CH006C1	Winterthur
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2011	CZ012C1	Kladno	2007	FR322C1	CA Val de France
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2011	CZ014C1	Jihlava	2011	UK124C1	Merton
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2011	CZ005C1	Ústí nad Labem
2011	UK128C1	Southwark
2011	UK123C1	Lewisham
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