

# VoI book code: Case study and guidelines for estimating EVPPI using regression in R

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This block of code is only needed if you want to compile this Rmd source file into a document.

Draw a sample from probabilistic analysis of the model.

```
source("04_analysis/01_model_run.R")
nb <- m_net_benefit[ , , wtp_seq == 20000]
```

## Calculating single-parameter EVPPI.

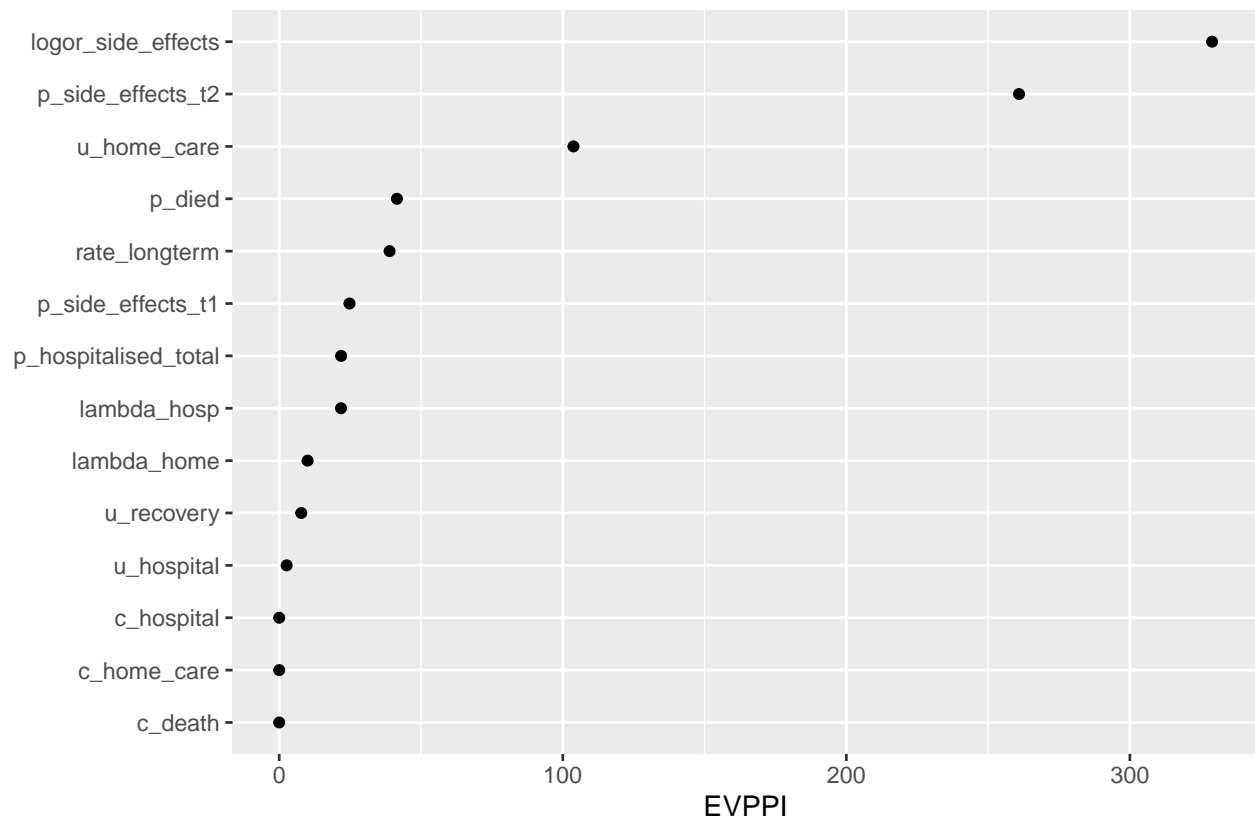
Calculate the single-parameter EVPPI for all the parameters in the model. This returns a data frame containing the EVPPI estimates.

```
library(voi)
pars_all <- as.list(names(m_params))
ev_single <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=pars_all)
ev_single
```

```
##           pars      evppi
## 1  p_side_effects_t1 24.7915
## 2  p_side_effects_t2 260.9055
## 3      c_home_care   0.0000
## 4      c_hospital   0.0032
## 5      c_death      0.0000
## 6      u_recovery    7.7910
## 7      u_home_care 103.7762
## 8      u_hospital    2.6355
## 9  logor_side_effects 329.0098
## 10 p_hospitalised_total 21.8343
## 11           p_died 41.5116
## 12      lambda_home 10.0146
## 13      lambda_hosp 21.7919
## 14      rate_longterm 38.9335
```

Dot-plot of the estimates, sorted with the highest values at the top.

```
plot(ev_single, order = TRUE)
```



Single-parameter EVPPIs for a specified subset of parameters.

```
evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params,
      pars=list("logor_side_effects", "p_side_effects_t1", "u_hospital"))
```

Multi-parameter EVPPI for four groups of parameters: those associated with side effects, transition probabilities, costs and utilities respectively.

```
par_groups <- list(
  "side_effects" = c("p_side_effects_t1", "logor_side_effects"),
  "trans_probs" = c("p_hospitalised_total", "p_died",
                    "lambda_home", "lambda_hosp"),
  "costs" = c("c_home_care", "c_hospital", "c_death"),
  "utilities" = c("u_recovery", "u_home_care", "u_hospital")
)
ev_grouped <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=par_groups)
ev_grouped
```

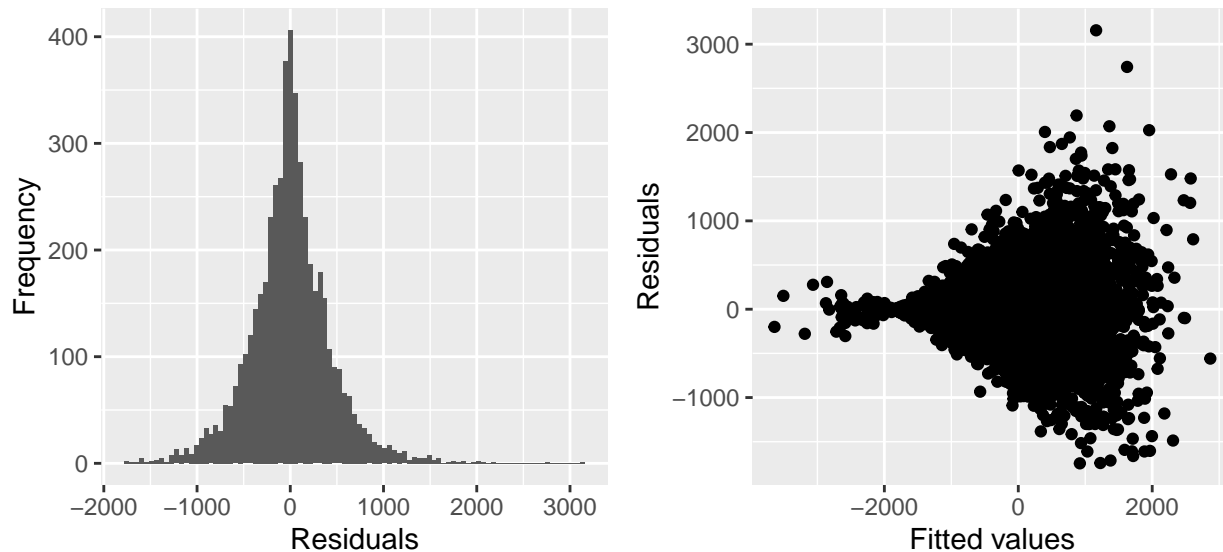
```
##      pars  evppi
## 1 side_effects 330.62
## 2 trans_probs  63.14
## 3      costs   7.01
## 4  utilities 105.22
```

In this example, it is clear that the parameters associated with the risk of side effects have the greatest EVPPI.

## Checking regression models for EVPPI calculation

Figure shown in the book

```
ev_single <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=pars_all, check=TRUE)
check_regression(ev_single, pars = "logor_side_effects")
```



Additional analysis with standard errors:

```
evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params,
      pars = list("p_side_effects_t2", "u_hospital"), se=TRUE)
```

Alternative regression models:

```
evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params,
      pars = list("p_side_effects_t2", "u_hospital"))
```

```
##           pars  evppi
## 1 p_side_effects_t2 260.91
## 2       u_hospital   2.64
```

```
evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params,
      pars = list("p_side_effects_t2", "u_hospital"),
      method="earth")
```

```
##           pars  evppi
## 1 p_side_effects_t2   262
## 2       u_hospital     0
```

## Comparing different regression specifications: single-parameter EVPPI

```
(e1 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=par_groups[1], check=TRUE))
```

```
##           pars  evppi
## 1 side_effects   331
```

```
(e2 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=par_groups[1],
      gam_formula="s(p_side_effects_t1) + s(logor_side_effects)", check=TRUE))
```

```
##           pars  evppi
## 1 side_effects   332
```

```

check_regression(e1, plot=FALSE)

## $AIC
## [1] 74754

check_regression(e2, plot=FALSE)

## $AIC
## [1] 74838

earth models with two-way versus three-way interactions

(e1 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=par_groups[1], method = "earth", check=TRUE))

##           pars evppi
## 1 side_effects   334

(e2 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=par_groups[1], method = "earth",
             degree=3, check=TRUE))

##           pars evppi
## 1 side_effects   333

check_regression(e1, plot=FALSE)

## $gcv
## [1] 185678

check_regression(e2, plot=FALSE)

## $gcv
## [1] 183384

```

## Comparing different regression specifications: multi-parameter EVPPI

```

costs_utilities <- c(par_groups$costs, par_groups$utilities)
ev1 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="gam",
            gam_formula = "s(c_home_care) + s(c_hospital) + s(c_death) +
                          s(u_recovery) + s(u_home_care) + s(u_hospital)",
            check=TRUE)
ev2 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="gam",
            gam_formula = all_interactions(costs_utilities, 2), check=TRUE)
ev3 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="earth", check=TRUE)
ev4 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="earth",
            degree=2, check=TRUE)
ev5 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="gp")
ev6 <- evppi(outputs=nb, inputs=m_params, pars=costs_utilities, method="inla")

```