

Homework 18

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Problem 1 (18.1) Find the asymptotic distributions of the local linear estimators (36) and (37) in Slide 18.

Solution

Equation (36):

$$\hat{\beta}_u = [(X - SX)'(X - SX)]^{-1} (X - SX)'(Y - SY) \quad (1)$$

Equation (37):

$$\hat{\alpha}_u(z) = \alpha_{\hat{\beta}}(z) = S(z)(Y - X\hat{\beta}_u) \quad (2)$$

A semiparametric partially linear model is given by

$$Y_i = X_i'\beta_0 + g(Z_i) + \mu_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Equation (36) and (37) can be achieved by using local linear approximation to improve the result of local constant approximation with smoother operator

$$S(z) = [\tilde{Z}_z' W_z \tilde{Z}_z]^{-1} \tilde{Z}_z' W_z,$$

and

$$\tilde{Z}_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (Z_1 - z)' \\ 1 & (Z_2 - z)' \\ & \vdots \\ 1 & (Z_n - z)' \end{pmatrix}$$

and $W_z = \text{diag}(K_h(Z_1 - z), K_h(Z_2 - z), \dots, K_h(Z_n - z))$.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0 &= [(X - SX)'(X - SX)]^{-1} (X - SX)'[Y - SY - (X - SX)\beta_0] \\ &= [X'(I - S)'(I - S)X]^{-1} X'(I - S)'(I - S)(Y - X\beta_0) \\ &= [X'(I - S)'(I - S)X]^{-1} X'(I - S)'(I - S)[g(Z) + \mu] \end{aligned}$$

Let $A = (I - S)'(I - S)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0 &= [X'AX]^{-1} X'A[g(Z) + \mu] \\ &= \underbrace{[X'AX]^{-1} X'Ag(Z)}_{\text{Bias}} + \underbrace{[X'AX]^{-1} X'A\mu}_{\text{Variance}} \end{aligned}$$

$$E \left[\hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0 \right] = [X'AX]^{-1} X'Ag(Z) \triangleq Bias$$

and

$$Var \left[\hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0 \right] = [X'AX]^{-1} X'AS\Lambda A'X [X'AX]^{-1} \triangleq Var$$

where $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma^2(X_1, Z_1), \dots, \sigma^2(X_n, Z_n))$.

Thus we have

$$\hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0 \rightsquigarrow N(Bias, Var).$$

According to $\alpha_0(z) = S(z)(Y - X\beta_0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha}_u(z) - \alpha_0(z) &= -S(z)(\hat{\beta}_u - \beta_0) \\ &\rightsquigarrow N(-S(z)Bias, S(z)VarS(z)') . \end{aligned}$$

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