

In-class session 5

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The goal of this in-class session was :

1. Understand the implementation of cross-fitting and see how it differs from cross validation.
2. Implement a doubly robust estimator for tau (TE parameter) and compare it to a simple difference in means that is obtained by cross fitting!

Preamble

Loading packages and setting seed :

#Loading the packages needed:

```
#install.packages('CVXR')
library(CVXR)
library(mvtnorm)
library(glmnet)
```

#Setting the seed and clearing workspace

```
set.seed(1234)
rm(list = ls())
```

Using Dmitry's plot function. Again, I find it a bit too complicated. An alternative with ggplot is easier and I have implemented it in the homework exercises.

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my_density_function <- function(x,K,deg){

  x_min <- min(x)
  x_max <- max(x)
  range_x <- x_max - x_min
  low_x <- x_min - 0.2*range_x
  up_x <- x_max + 0.2*range_x
  range_full <- up_x - low_x
  splits <- seq(low_x,up_x,length.out = K+1)
  mesh_size <- splits[2] - splits[1]
  centers <- (splits[-1]+splits[-(K+1)])/2
  counts <- as.vector(table(cut(x,splits,include.lowest = TRUE)))
  scale <- sum(counts)*mesh_size

  data_matrix <- splines::ns(centers, df = deg)
  pois_reg_res <- glm(counts~data_matrix, family = 'poisson')
  freq_pois <- exp(pois_reg_res$linear.predictors)
  dens_pois <- freq_pois/scale
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    return(cbind(centers,freq_pois,dens_pois))
}

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Setting up some parameters:

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p <- 200
n <- 200
beta_0 <- (1:p)^{-2}
beta_0_norm <- beta_0/sqrt(sum(beta_0^2))
gamma <- beta_0_norm
sigma_0 <- sqrt(0.2)
sigma_1 <- sqrt(0.2)
lambda <- 100

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X <- rmvnorm(n,sigma = diag(rep(1,p)))
logit <- X%*%gamma*2
pi <- exp(logit)/(1+exp(logit))
pi_tau <- as.numeric(pi > 0.5)
tau_het <- 1

```

Implementing a double-robust estimator:

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B <- 200
results <- matrix(0, ncol = 2, nrow = B)

for (b in 1:B){

  noise_0 <- rnorm(n,sd = sigma_0)
  noise_1 <- rnorm(n,sd = sigma_1)
  W <- rbinom(n,1,pi)
  Y_0 <- X%*%beta_0_norm + noise_0
  Y_1 <- tau_het + X%*%beta_0_norm + noise_1
  tau_cond <- mean(tau_het)
  Y <- Y_0*(1-W) + Y_1*W

  W_1 <- as.numeric(W==1)
  W_0 <- as.numeric(W==0)

  index_1 <- sample(c(TRUE,FALSE),n,replace = TRUE)
  index_2 <- !index_1

  data_x_11 <- X[index_1 & W_1 == 1,]
  data_y_11 <- Y[index_1 & W_1 == 1,]

  cv_glm_11 <- cv.glmnet(data_x_11, data_y_11, family = "gaussian")
  lambda_11 <- cv_glm_11$lambda.min
  glm_opt_11 <- glmnet(data_x_11, data_y_11, family = "gaussian",
                      lambda =lambda_11)
}

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data_x_10<- X[index_1 & W_0 == 1,]
data_y_10 <- Y[index_1& W_0 == 1,]

cv_glm_10 <- cv.glmnet(data_x_10, data_y_10, family = "gaussian")
lambda_10 <- cv_glm_10$lambda.min
glm_opt_10 <- glmnet(data_x_10, data_y_10, family = "gaussian",
                    lambda =lambda_11)

data_x_21 <- X[index_2 & W_1 == 1,]
data_y_21 <- Y[index_2& W_1 == 1,]

cv_glm_21 <- cv.glmnet(data_x_21, data_y_21, family = "gaussian")
lambda_21 <- cv_glm_21$lambda.min
glm_opt_21 <- glmnet(data_x_21, data_y_21, family = "gaussian",
                    lambda =lambda_11)

data_x_20<- X[index_2& W_0 == 1,]
data_y_20 <- Y[index_2& W_0 == 1,]

cv_glm_20 <- cv.glmnet(data_x_20, data_y_20, family = "gaussian")
lambda_20 <- cv_glm_20$lambda.min
glm_opt_20 <- glmnet(data_x_20, data_y_20, family = "gaussian",
                    lambda =lambda_11)

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prediction

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fit_11 <- predict(glm_opt_21,X)
fit_21 <- predict(glm_opt_11,X)
fit_10 <- predict(glm_opt_20,X)
fit_20<- predict(glm_opt_10,X)
hat_m_1 <- rep(0,n)
hat_m_0 <- rep(0,n)
hat_m_1[index_1] <- fit_11[index_1]
hat_m_1[index_2] <- fit_21[index_2]
hat_m_0[index_1] <- fit_10[index_1]
hat_m_0[index_2] <- fit_20[index_2]

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Now finding the weights as a balancing problem:

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w_unit_1 <- Variable(n)
t_1 <- Variable(1)
obj <- Minimize(1/n^2*sum((W_1*w_unit_1)^2) + lambda*t_1^2)
constr <- list(
  abs(t(W_1*w_unit_1-1)%*%X/n) <= t_1,
  sum(w_unit_1*W_1)/n == 1
)

problem <- Problem(obj, constraints = constr)
result <- psolve(problem)
weights_upd_1 <- result[[1]]

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w_unit_0 <- Variable(n)
t_0 <- Variable(1)
obj <- Minimize(1/n^2*sum((W_0*w_unit_0)^2) + lambda*t_0^2)
constr <- list(
  abs(t(W_0*w_unit_0-1)%*%X/n) <= t_0,
  sum(w_unit_0*W_0)/n == 1
)

problem <- Problem(obj, constraints = constr)
result <- psolve(problem)
weights_upd_0 <- result[[1]]

# Now constructing the estimators tau_pred and tau_db

tau_pred <- mean(hat_m_1 - hat_m_0)
tau_db <- tau_pred + mean(W_1*(Y-hat_m_1)*weights_upd_1) - mean(W_0*(Y-hat_m_0)*weights_upd_0)

results[b,] <- c(tau_db,tau_pred)
print(b)
}

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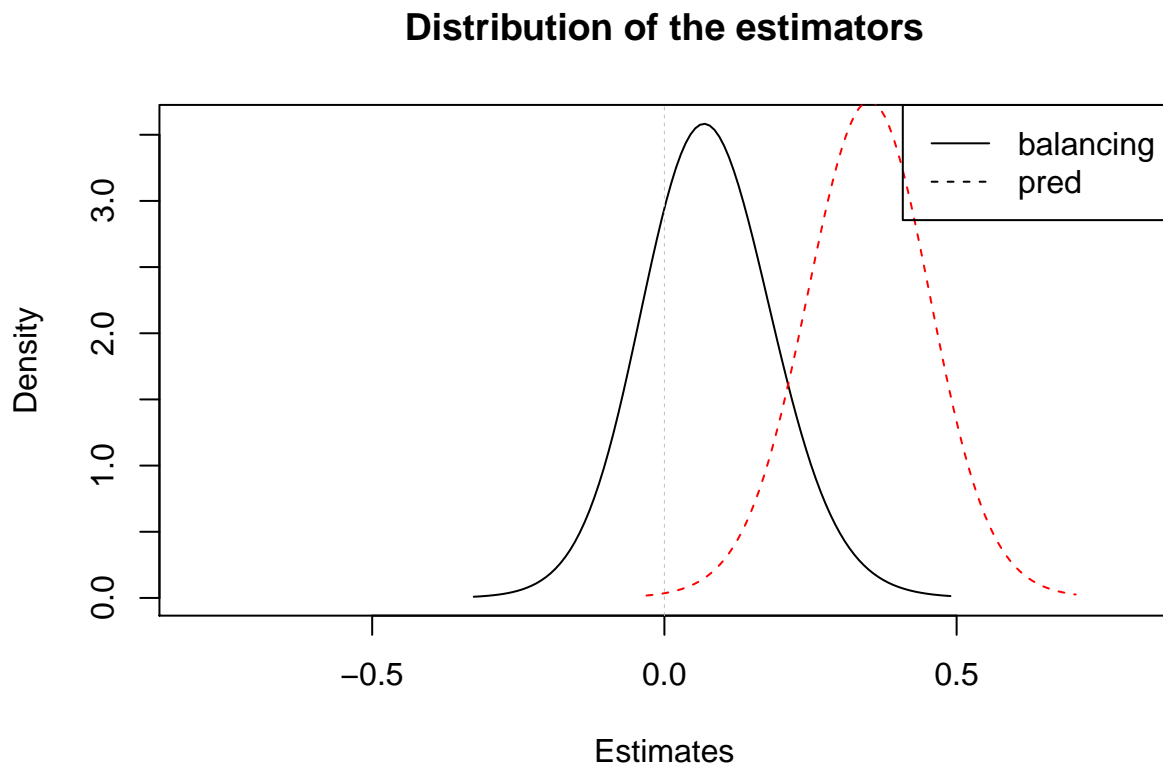
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bal_est <- my_density_function(results[,1]-tau_cond,100,deg = 3)[,c(1,3)]
pred_est <- my_density_function(results[,2]-tau_cond,100,deg = 3)[,c(1,3)]

plot(bal_est,main = 'Distribution of the estimators', xlim = c(-0.8,0.8),
     col = 'black',lty = 1,type = 'l',xlab = 'Estimates',ylab = 'Density')
lines(pred_est, col = 'red',lty = 2)
abline(v = 0, lty = 2, lwd = 0.5, col = 'grey')
legend('topright',col <- c('black','red',), lty = c(1,2),
      legend = c('balancing','pred'))
```



```
rmse_res <- round(sqrt(colMeans((results-tau_het)^2)),2)
names(rmse_res) <- c('bal','pred')
```

The doubly robust estimator (black) has a lower bias than the simple estimator `tau_pred` (red).