

Estimation of Extreme Quantile

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Introduction

Let X_1, \dots, X_{100} be i.i.d. random variables with common distribution F .

- Estimate 50% quantile.
- Estimate 80% quantile.
- Estimate 95% quantile.
- Estimate 99% quantile.

Introduction

- Now, we are ready to consider extreme quantile estimation.
- Let $x_p := U(1/p)$ be the quantile we want to estimate.
- We are particularly interested in the cases in which the mean number observations above x_p , np equals to a very small number.

$$U(p_n) \approx b(n/k) + a(n/k) \frac{\left(\frac{k}{np_n}\right)^\gamma - 1}{\gamma}$$

- Estimation of γ . (well discussed in Chapter 3)
- Estimation of $b(n/k)$.
- Estimation of $a(n/k)$.

Scale Estimation

Recall that

$$\frac{M_n^{(1)}}{a(n/k)/U(n/k)} \xrightarrow{P} \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_-}.$$

Then we can estimate $a(n/k)$ by

$$\hat{\sigma}_M := X_{n-k,n} M_n^{(1)} (1 - \hat{\gamma}_-).$$

Scale Estimation

Assume $F \in D(G_\gamma)$ and $k \rightarrow \infty, k/n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}_M}{a(n/k)} \rightarrow 1.$$

Assume second order condition, then

$$\sqrt{k} \left(\frac{\hat{\sigma}_M}{a(n/k)} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(\lambda b_{\gamma, \rho}, \text{var}_\gamma)$$

Threshold Estimation

Indeed, we can always take $b(n/k) = U(n/k)$. Then, we can estimate $b(n/k)$ by $X_{n-k,n}$

From Theorem 2.4.1, we have

$$\frac{X_{n-k,n} - U(n/k)}{a(n/k)} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1).$$

Extreme Quantile Estimation

Let k be an intermediate sequence. Suppose that for suitable estimators $\hat{\gamma}, \hat{a}(n/k), \hat{b}(n/k)$,

$$\sqrt{k} \left(\hat{\gamma} - \gamma, \frac{\hat{a}(n/k)}{a(n/k)} - 1, \frac{\hat{b}(n/k) - X_{n-k,n}}{a(n/k)} \right) \xrightarrow{d} (\Gamma, \Lambda, B).$$

Define

$$\hat{x}_{p_n} := \hat{b}(n/k) + \hat{a}(n/k) \frac{\left(\frac{k}{np_n} \right)^{\hat{\gamma}} - 1}{\hat{\gamma}}$$

Theorem 4.3.1

Suppose second order condition holds and

- $\rho < 0$ or $\rho = 0, \gamma < 0$.
- $\sqrt{k}A(n/k) \rightarrow \lambda$.
- $np_n = o(k)$ and $\log(np_n) = o(\sqrt{k})$.

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sqrt{k} \frac{\hat{x}_{p_n} - x_{p_n}}{a(n/k)q_\lambda(d_n)} \xrightarrow{d} \Gamma + (\gamma_-)^2 B - \gamma_- \Lambda - \lambda \frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_- + \rho}$$

with $d_n = k/(np_n)$ and

$$q_\lambda(t) := \int_1^t s^{\gamma-1} \log s ds.$$

Heavy Tailed Case

A simpler version is valid when γ is positive.
Suppose for some function A with $A(t) \rightarrow 0$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{U(tx)}{U(t)} - x^\gamma}{A(t)} = x^\gamma \frac{x^\rho - 1}{\rho}.$$

Suppose the same condition as in Theorem 4.3.1. Define

$$\hat{x}_{p_n} := X_{n-k,n} \left(\frac{k}{np_n} \right)^{\hat{\gamma}}.$$

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{\sqrt{k}}{\log d_n} \left(\frac{\hat{x}_{p_n}}{x_{p_n}} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \Gamma.$$

Tail Probability Estimation

Now, we consider the dual problem, estimate

$$p = 1 - F(x).$$

To estimate the probability, we can use

$$\hat{p}_n = \frac{k}{n} \left\{ \max \left(0, 1 + \hat{\gamma} \frac{x_n - \hat{b}(n/k)}{\hat{a}(n/k)} \right) \right\}^{-1/\hat{\gamma}}$$

Tail Probability Estimation

Suppose that $\rho > -1/2$ and second order condition holds. Suppose

- $\rho < 0$ or $\rho = 0, \gamma < 0$.
- $k \rightarrow \infty, k/n \rightarrow 0$ and $\sqrt{k}A(n/k) \rightarrow \lambda$.
- $d_n \rightarrow \infty$ and $w_\gamma(d_n) = o(\sqrt{k})$ where

$$w_\gamma(d_n) = t^{-\gamma} \int_1^t s^{\gamma-1} \log s ds.$$

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{\sqrt{k}}{w_\gamma(d_n)} \left(\frac{\hat{p}_n}{p_n} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \Gamma + (\gamma_-)^2 B - \gamma_- \Lambda - \lambda \frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_- + \rho}$$

Heavy Tailed Case

Define

$$\hat{p}_n := \frac{k}{n} \left(\frac{x_n}{X_{n-k,n}} \right)$$

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{\gamma\sqrt{k}}{\log d_n} \left(\frac{\hat{p}_n}{p_n} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \Gamma.$$

Endpoint Estimation

We can estimate x^* by

$$\hat{x}^* := \hat{b}(n/k) - \frac{\hat{a}(n/k)}{\hat{\gamma}}.$$

Further Reading about Extreme Quantile Regression

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