

# Econometrics

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# 1 Linear Regression

## 1.1 OLS

### 1.1.1 Normal Regression model

We consider the following model and derive the likelihood.

$$\begin{aligned}y_i &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\ u_i &\sim^{iid} N(0, \sigma^2)\end{aligned}$$

We assume that  $Y$  given  $X$  is normal. Then we have

$$f(y_i | x_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2\right)$$

Therefore, likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}L_n(\beta, \sigma) &:= f(y_1, \dots, y_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} f(y_i | x_i) \because \text{samples are mutually independent} \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2\right)\end{aligned}$$

Then, Log-Likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}\log L_n(\beta, \sigma) &= f(y_1, \dots, y_n | x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= -n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)\end{aligned}$$

FOC implies

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{\partial \log L_n(\beta, \sigma)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{mle}^2} \sum_{i \in I} x_i (y_i - x_i^T \hat{\beta}_{mle}) \\ 0 &= \frac{\partial \log L_n(\beta, \sigma)}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{n}{\hat{\sigma}_{mle}} + \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{mle}^3} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \hat{\beta}_{mle})^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{mle} &= \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i y_i = \hat{\beta}_{ols} \\ \hat{\sigma}_{mle}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \hat{\beta}_{mle})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \hat{\beta}_{ols})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} \hat{e}_i^2 = \hat{\sigma}_{ols}^2\end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.2 Linear Regression model

#### Asymptotic Property

$$y_i = x_i^T \beta + u_i$$

,where  $\mathbb{E}[u_i|x_i] = 0$ .

$$\hat{\beta}_{ols} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i y_i = \beta + \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i u_i$$

By assuming

1.  $E[u_i | x_i] = 0$
2.  $(x_i, y_i)$  are iid for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
3.  $\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \right)$  is invertible.
4.  $x_i$  and  $u_i$  have at least 4th moment.

, central limit theorem implies

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i \in I} x_i u_i \rightarrow^d N(0, E[u_i^2 x_i x_i^T]).$$

Hence, the continuous mapping theorem implies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (\hat{\beta}_{ols} - \beta) &= \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i \in I} x_i u_i \\ &\rightarrow^d N(0, E[x_i x_i^T]^{-1} E[u_i^2 x_i x_i^T] E[x_i x_i^T]^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3 Influence function

We derive influence function.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Q}_n(\beta) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \beta)^2 \\ \nabla_b \hat{Q}_n(\beta) &= -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i \in I} (y_i - x_i^T \beta) x_i \\ \nabla_b^2 \hat{Q}_n(\beta) &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i \in I} x_i x_i^T \end{aligned}$$

Then influence function is

$$\mathbb{E}[x_i x_i^T]^{-1} (y_i - x_i^T \beta) x_i = \mathbb{E}[x_i x_i^T]^{-1} u_i x_i$$

### Exercise

Consider the data for  $i = 1, \dots, 1000$ ,  $y_i = 1\{1 + x_i + u_i \geq 0\}$ , where  $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\alpha_i$  and  $v_i \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $x_i = \alpha_i + v_i$ . Solve the following OLS model

$$y_i = \alpha + x_i \beta + u_i$$

1. Estimate parameters without package.

## 2. Estimate with lm.

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```
1 #Data generation
2 set.seed(123)
3 n <- 1000; u <- rnorm(n); alpha <- rnorm(n); v <- rnorm(n)
4 x <- alpha + v
5 y <- ifelse(1 + x + u >= 0, 1, 0)
6 data <- data.frame(x, y)
7
8 #(1)
9 LinearReg <- function(y_in, x_in){
10   x <- cbind(1, x_in)
11   beta <- c(1, 1)
12
13   f_ols <- function(beta, y_in, x_in){
14     xb <- x_in %*% beta
15     residuals <- y_in - xb
16     return(sum(residuals^2))
17   }
18
19   lm_ols <- optim(par = beta, fn = f_ols, y_in = y_in, x_in = x)
20
21   return(lm_ols$par)
22 }
23 LinearReg(y_in = data$y, data$x)
24
25 #(2)
26 lm(y~x, data=data)
```

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### 1.1.4 Linear Predictor

We want to predict  $Y$  with  $X$ . Let predictor be  $P(X)$ .  $P(X)$  possibly takes any function of  $X$ . We evaluate the predictive accuracy with mean squared error (MSE) criteria.

$$\mathbb{E}[(Y - P(X))^2]$$

I show  $P(X) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  minimizes MSE.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[(Y - P(X))^2] &= \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X] + \mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X])^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X])(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X])^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - \mathbb{E}[Y | X]) | X] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))^2] \quad \because \text{law of iterated expectation} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X])^2] + \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - P(X))^2]\end{aligned}$$

$P(X) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  minimizes MSE. The implication of the above argument is that if we have data  $X$  and want to predict  $Y$ , then  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  provide the best prediction of  $Y$ .

How we obtain  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  from data? We can consider a lot of way to approximate  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$ .

We often employ linear approximation. It implies we predict  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  by  $X^T \beta$ . We also evaluate via MSE criteria.

$$\min_{\beta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \mathbb{E}[Y | X] - X^T \beta \right)^2 \right]$$

FOC implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ X(\mathbb{E}[Y | X] - X^T \hat{\beta}) \right] &= 0 \\ \iff \hat{\beta} &= \mathbb{E} \left[ XX^T \right]^{-1} \mathbb{E} [X \mathbb{E}[Y | X]] = \mathbb{E} \left[ XX^T \right]^{-1} \mathbb{E} [XY] \end{aligned}$$

This is the probability limit of the OLS estimator under regularity assumptions. This result is one of the validation of why we predict outcome  $Y$  by means of OLS.

The above discussion is cumbersome, so I demonstrate the validity of OLS in a more straightforward way. We want to minimize

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - X^T \beta)^2 \right]$$

FOC implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ X(XY - X^T \hat{\beta}) \right] &= 0 \\ \iff \hat{\beta} &= \mathbb{E} \left[ XX^T \right]^{-1} \mathbb{E} [XY] \end{aligned}$$

## Summary

We considered how to predict  $Y$  via MSE criteria. We checked  $P(X) = \mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  gives the best prediction of  $Y$  within MSE. We have many way to approximate  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  (If we know  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$ , it is best!).

If we think linear prediction is reasonable, the OLS estimator achieves best prediction in the class of linear prediction. However, other approximation of  $\mathbb{E}[Y | X]$  may achieve smaller value of MSE than linear prediction.

$$\exists \hat{P}(X) \forall \beta \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - X^T \beta)^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - X^T \hat{\beta})^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - \hat{P}(X))^2 \right] \geq \mathbb{E} \left[ (Y - \mathbb{E}[Y | X])^2 \right] \right)$$

## 1.2 Endogeneity

Consider the model

$$Y = X^T \beta + u.$$

suppose  $\mathbb{E}[Xu] \neq 0$ . Then we find

$$\hat{\beta} \rightarrow_p \beta + \mathbb{E} [XX^T]^{-1} \mathbb{E} [Xu].$$

It implies  $\hat{\beta}$  is inconsistent under the endogeneity.

I provide some examples which endogeneity is violated.

- Omitted Variables
- Measurement Error
- Simultaneous Equation

### 1.2.1 Omitted variable Bias

Let the model

$$Y = \beta_0 + X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + u.$$

Suppose  $\mathbb{E}[Xu] = 0$  ( $\mathbb{E}[u] = 0$ ) and  $X_2$  is unobservable. We have the model

$$Y = \beta_0^* + \beta_1^*X_1 + u^*,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_0^* &= \beta_0 + \beta_2\mathbb{E}[X_2] \\ \beta_1^* &= \beta_1 \\ u^* &= \beta_2(X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2]) + u\end{aligned}$$

Note we normalized  $\beta_0^*$  to obtain  $\mathbb{E}[u^*] = \mathbb{E}[\beta_2(X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2]) + u] = 0$ . Then we have  $\mathbb{E}[X_1u^*] = \mathbb{E}[X_1(\beta_2(X_2 - \mathbb{E}[X_2]) + u)] = \beta_2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$ . Therefore, if  $\beta_2 \neq 0$  and  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \neq 0$ ,  $X_1$  is endogenous.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &\rightarrow_p \beta_1 + \mathbb{E}[X_1^2]^{-1}\mathbb{E}[X_1u^*] \\ &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\text{Var}(X_1)}\end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 Measurement Error

Let

$$Y = \beta_0 + X^T\beta_1 + u.$$

Suppose  $\mathbb{E}[Xu] = 0$ . Consider the case  $X$  is not observable and only  $X^*$  is observed, where  $X^* = X + v \in \mathbb{R}^K$ . Assume  $\mathbb{E}[V] = 0$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X_1, \cdot, X_K, V) = 0$  and  $\text{Cov}(u, v) = 0$ . We have the model

$$Y = \beta_0^* + X^{T*}\beta_1 + u^*,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_0^* &= \beta_0 \\ \beta_1^* &= \beta_1 \\ u^* &= -v^T\beta_1 + u\end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\mathbb{E}[X^* u^*] = -\mathbb{E}[X^* v^T] \beta_1 = -\mathbb{E}[v v^T] \beta_1$$

Therefore, if  $\text{Var}(v) \neq 0$  and  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ ,  $X^*$  is endogenous.

$$\hat{\beta}^* \rightarrow_p \left(1 - \mathbb{E}[X^* X^{*T}]^{-1} \mathbb{E}[v v^T]\right) \beta_1$$

If we regard  $X$  as a scalar, we obtain

$$\hat{\beta}^* \rightarrow_p \left(1 - \frac{\text{Var}(v)}{\text{Var}(X^*)}\right) \beta_1 < \beta_1$$

This bias is called the attenuation bias.

### 1.3 IV method and GMM

If we find the "instrumental variable (IV)", you can couple with a endogeneity problem. Instrumental variable satisfies

1.  $\mathbb{E}[u | Z] = 0$  (Exogeneity)
2.  $\mathbb{E}[Z X^T]$  is of full rank (Relevance).

#### 1.3.1 IV estimator

Let

$$Y = X^T \beta + u.$$

Suppose  $X$  and  $Z$  are  $K \times 1$  vector and  $Z$  satisfies the condition of Instrumental variable.

We have the moment condition

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_i u_i] = 0 \iff \mathbb{E}\left[Z_i (Y_i - X_i^T \beta)\right].$$

Then we obtain IV estimator by minimizing following objective function.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i (Y_i - X_i^T \beta)$$

Thus

$$\beta_{IV} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i X_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N Z_i Y_i$$

### 1.3.2 GMM

When the dimension of  $Z$  is greater than or equal to  $X$ , we can consider the GMM estimator. The GMM estimator is defined as the minimizer of the following objective function.

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i (Y_i - X_i^T \beta) \right)^T W \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i (Y_i - X_i^T \beta) \right)$$

,where  $W$  is a some positive definite matrix. The GMM estimator is

$$\hat{\beta}_{GMM} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T W \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i X_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T W \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i$$

### 1.3.3 2SLS

Let  $W = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^T \right)^{-1}$ . Then we obtain "2SLS" (two step least square) estimator.

$$\hat{\beta}_{2SLS} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i X_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Z_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i$$

2SLS assumes that  $var(e_i | Z_i) = var(e_i)$ .

### 1.3.4 Efficient GMM

2 step least square estimation is widely used ,but 2SLS estimator is not efficient. By substituting  $W$  for  $(var(Z_i e_i))^{-1}$  or an element of  $(var(Z_i e_i))^{-1}$ , we obtain the efficient estimator.

$$\hat{\beta}_{eGMM} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T \left( \hat{\mathbb{E}}[e_i^2 Z_i Z_i^T] \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i X_i^T \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Z_i^T \left( \hat{\mathbb{E}}[e_i^2 Z_i Z_i^T] \right)^{-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i Y_i$$

## 1.4 Quantile Regression model

By using least absolute deviation estimator, we can estimate  $Med(y|x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \min_a \mathbb{E}[|y - a|] &= - \int_{-\infty}^a (y - a) f(y) dy + \int_a^{\infty} (y - a) f(y) dy \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^a y f(y) dy + \int_{-\infty}^a a f(y) dy + \int_a^{\infty} y f(y) dy - \int_a^{\infty} a f(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

FOC implies

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -a f(a) + \int_{-\infty}^a f(y) dy + a f(a) - a f(a) - \int_a^{\infty} f(y) dy + a f(a) \\ &= F(a) - (1 - F(a)) \\ \iff F(a) &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



It implies  $a^* = \hat{m}(x)$  gives a median of distribution of  $y$ .  
SOC is

$$f(a) + f(a) = 2f(a)$$

By assuming  $f(a) > 0$ , FOC gives a global minimizer. We can consider the more general case.

$$\mathbb{E}[|\phi_\theta(y - a)|]$$

,where  $\phi_\theta(s) = -\theta s \mathbb{1}\{s \leq 0\} + (1 - \theta)s \mathbb{1}\{s > 0\}$

## Exercise

Consider the data for  $i = 1, \dots, 1000$ ,  $y_i = 1\{1 + x_i + u_i \geq 0\}$ , where  $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\alpha_i$  and  $v_i \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $x_i = \alpha_i + v_i$ . Solve the following quantile regression model for 50 percent quantile.

$$y_i = \alpha + x_i\beta + u_i$$

1. Estimate parameters without package.

2. Estimate with glm.

---

```

1 library(texreg)
2 library(quantreg)
3
4 #(1)
5 quantile_reg <- function(y_in, x_in, tau) {
6   n <- length(y_in)
7   fit <- lm(y ~ x)
8   beta <- fit$coef
9
10  f_quantile <- function(beta, y_in, x_in, tau) {
11    xb <- cbind(1, x_in) %*% beta
12    residuals <- y_in - xb
13    quantile_loss <- sum(residuals[residuals > 0]) * (1 - tau) - sum(residuals[
14      residuals <= 0]) * tau
15    return ((1/n) * quantile_loss)
16  }
17  result <- optim(par = beta, fn = f_quantile, y_in = y_in, x_in = x_in, tau = tau)
18  return(result)
19 }
20 quantile_coef <- quantile_reg(y_in = data$y, x_in = data$x, tau = 0.5)
21
22 formatted_coef <- format(round(quantile_coef$par, digits = 4), scientific = FALSE
23   )
24 print(formatted_coef)
25
26 #(2)
27 rq <- rq(y ~ 1 + x, tau = 0.5, data = data)
28 screenreg(rq)

```

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I need to write how to construct confidence interval for quantile regression.

## 2 Non-linear MLE estimation

We overviwe some non-linear estimation method.

### 2.1 Binary Choice model

We consider the model  $y_i^* = x_i^T \beta + u_i$ . We only observe whether  $y_i^*$  is greate than 1 or not, i.e.

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i^* \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* < 0 \end{cases}$$

This type of model is called as Binary Choice model.

#### 2.1.1 Probit model

We assume the normality of the error term, i.e.  $u_i \sim_{iid} N(0, \sigma_u^2)$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(y_i = 1|x) &= Pr(y_i^* \geq 0|x) = Pr(x_i^T \beta + u_i \geq 0|x) \\ &= Pr\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u} \geq -\frac{u_i}{\sigma_u} \mid x\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \end{aligned}$$

,where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the distribution function of the standard normal distribution. Note  $Pr(y_i = 0|x) = 1 - Pr(y_i = 1|x)$ . Then likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta, \sigma_u) &= \prod_{i \in I} Pr(y_i = 1|x)^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i=1\}}} \times Pr(y_i = 0|x)^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i=0\}}} \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i=1\}}} \times \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)\right)^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i=0\}}} \end{aligned}$$

Log-likelihood function is

$$\log L(\beta, \sigma_u) = \sum_{i \in I} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 1\}} \log \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) + \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}} \log \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)\right) \right]$$

#### Exercise

Consider the model for  $i = 1, \dots, 1000$ ,

$$y_i = 1\{1 + x_i + u_i \geq 0\}$$

,where  $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\alpha_i$  and  $v_i \sim N(0, 1)$ , and  $x_i = \alpha_i + v_i$ .

1. Estimate parameters without glm package.
2. Estimate with glm.

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```

1 # Data generation#
2 set.seed(123)
3 n <- 1000; u <- rnorm(n); alpha <- rnorm(n); v <- rnorm(n)
4 x <- alpha + v
5 y <- ifelse(1 + x + u >= 0, 1, 0)
6 data <- data.frame(x, y)
7
8 # (1)#
9 lm_1 <- lm(y~x)
10 f_probit <- function(beta, y, x){
11   xb <- cbind(1, x) %*% beta
12   lik <- pnorm(xb)^y*(1-pnorm(xb))^(1-y)
13   return(-sum(log(lik)))
14 }
15 optim(par=lm_1$coefficients, fn=f_probit, y=y, x=x)$par
16
17 # (2)#
18 model_2 <- glm(y ~ 1 + x, family =
19   binomial("probit"), data =data)
20 model_2$coef

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### 2.1.2 Random Utility Model

Suppose there are  $J$  goods and the man  $n$  wants to choose one good he buys within  $J$  alternatives. For example, in the restaurant, he chooses to drink beer or wine. In the case, the choice set  $C$  is  $\{beer, wine\}$ . Now we consider the case he chooses only one good.

We express the utility that person  $n$  chooses a option  $i$  within a choice set as  $U_{ni}$ . If  $n$  chooses  $i$ , then it implies for all  $j \neq i$ ,  $U_{ni} > U_{nj}$  (Assume  $Pr(ties) = 0$ ). In the example, we observed that he chosen beer. Then we guess  $U_{n,beer} > U_{n,wine}$  holds.

$U_{ni}$  is often decomposed to  $V(x_{ni}, s_n) + \varepsilon_{ni}$ , where

- $V$  is a representative utility
- $x_{ni}$  is observed attributes of the good  $n$ .
- $s_n$  is observed  $n$ 's characteristics.
- $\varepsilon_{ni}$  is unobserved idiosyncratic taste of person  $n$  for the good  $i$ .

Let  $\varepsilon_n = (\varepsilon_{n1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{nJ})$  and joint density function is  $f(\varepsilon_n)$ . We want to know the probability  $n$  chooses  $i$ .

To obtain closed form solution late, suppose  $\varepsilon_{ni}$  and  $\varepsilon_{nj}$  are iid Type 1 Extreme Value distri-

bution. Then  $\varepsilon_{nj} - \varepsilon_{ni}$  follows Logistic distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{ni} &= Pr(\forall j \neq i, U_{ni} > U_{nj}) \\
&= Pr(\forall j \neq i, \varepsilon_{nj} - \varepsilon_{ni} < V_{ni} - V_{nj}) \\
&= \int_{\varepsilon} 1(\forall j \neq i, \varepsilon_{nj} - \varepsilon_{ni} < V_{ni} - V_{nj}) f(\varepsilon_n) d\varepsilon_n \\
&= \int \left( \prod_{j \neq i} \exp(-\exp(-\varepsilon_{ni} + V_{ni} - V_{nj})) \exp(-\varepsilon_{ni}) \right) \exp(-\exp(-\varepsilon_{ni})) d\varepsilon_{ni} \\
&= \frac{\exp(V_{ni})}{\sum_j \exp(V_{nj})}
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Censored Tobit model

### 2.2.1 Parametric assumption

We firstly assume the normality of the error term. In the next section, we relax this normality assumption. Censored Tobit model is characterized as

$$\begin{aligned}
y_i^* &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\
y_i &= \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } y_i^* > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases} \\
u_i &\sim_{iid} N(0, \sigma_u^2)
\end{aligned}$$

Under the normality of the error term, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
F_y(t | x) &= Pr(y_i \leq t | x_i) \\
&= Pr\left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_u} \leq \frac{t - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u} \mid x\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{t - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$f_y(t | x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \phi\left(\frac{t - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)$$

The likelihood funtion is

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\beta, \sigma_u) &= \prod_{i \in I} Pr(y_i > 0 | x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i > 0\}} \times Pr(y_i = 0 | x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}} \\
&= \prod_{i \in I} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i > 0\}}} \times \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}}}
\end{aligned}$$

Log-likelihood funtion is

$$\log L(\beta, \sigma_u) = \sum_{i \in I} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i > 0\}} \left[ \log \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) - \log(\sigma_u) \right] + \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}} \log \left( 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right) \right]$$

## Exercise

Consider the model for  $i = 1, \dots, 1000$ ,

$$y_i^* = 1 + x_{1i} + x_{2i} + u_i$$
$$y_i = \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } y_i^* > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases}$$
$$u_i \sim_{iid} N(0,1)$$

and then generate the data  $x_{1i}$  and  $x_{2i} \sim N(0,1)$ .

1. Estimate parameters without glm package.
2. Estimate with censReg package.
3. Change to  $u_i \sim N(0,2)$ . What happens on coefficients.
4. Change the initial value and confirm it does not affect the solution.

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```
1 # Data Generation#
2 set.seed(123)
3 n <- 1000; u <- rnorm(n,0,1); x1 <- rnorm(n,0,1); x2 <- rnorm(n,0,1)
4 y_star <- 1 + x1 + 2*x2 + u
5 y <- ifelse(y_star > 0, y_star, 0)
6 df_cen <- data.frame(y,y_star,x1,x2)
7
8 #(1)
9 Censored_Reg <- function(y_in, x_in) {
10   x <- cbind(1,as.matrix(x_in))
11   parameters <- c(rep(1, ncol(x)+1))
12
13   f_censored <- function(parameters, y_in, x_in) {
14     beta <- parameters[2:4]
15     sigma <- parameters[1]
16     xb <- cbind(1,as.matrix(x_in)) %*% beta
17     z <- (y_in - xb) / sigma
18
19     y.indic <- ifelse(y_in > 0, 1, 0)
20
21     log_lik <- sum(y.indic*(log(dnorm(z))-log(sigma)) + (1 - y.indic)*log(1 -
22       pnorm(xb/sigma)))
23     return(-log_lik)
24   }
25   result <- optim(par = parameters, fn = f_censored, y_in = y_in, x_in = x_in)
26   return(result)
27 }
28
29 # Results # -
30 result <- Censored_Reg(y_in = df$y, x_in = df[,c("x1","x2")])
31 print(result)
32
33 # (2) #
34 model_cr <- censReg(y~1 + x1 + x2, left = 0, data = df)
35 stargazer(type = "text",model_cr)
```

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## 2.2 Application

$$\begin{aligned} y_i^* &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\ y_i &= \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } T y_i^* > 0 \\ T & \text{if } y_i^* \geq T \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases} \\ u_i &\sim_{iid} N(0, \sigma_u^2) \end{aligned}$$

We find

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(y_i = T | x_i) &= Pr(y_i^* \geq T | x_i) \\ &= Pr\left(\frac{u_i}{\sigma_u} \geq \frac{T - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u} \mid x\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{T - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta, \sigma_u) &= \prod_{i \in I} Pr(y_i = T | x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = T\}} \times \prod_{i \in I} Pr(T > y_i > 0 | x) \mathbb{1}_{\{T > y_i > 0\}} \times Pr(y_i = 0 | x) \mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}} \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{T - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = T\}}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}_{\{T > y_i > 0\}}} \times \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}_{\{y_i = 0\}}} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.2.2 Censored LAD

We relax the normality assumption.

$$\begin{aligned} y_i^* &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\ y_i &= \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } y_i^* > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases} \\ Med[u_i | x] &= x_i^T \beta \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have  $Med[y_i | x] = \max\{0, x_i^T \beta\}$ .

Objective function is

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in I} |y_i - \max\{0, x_i^T \beta\}|$$

The minimizer of this function estimates  $Med[y_i | x]$  consistently. The asymptotic distribution is

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta) \rightarrow^d N\left(0, \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} C_T^{-1} M_T C_T^{-1}\right)$$

,where

$$\begin{aligned} C_T &= E \left[ \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_u(u_i = 0 | x) \cdot 1(x_i^T \beta > 0) x_i x_i^T \right] \\ M_T &= E \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 1(x_i^T \beta > 0) x_i x_i^T \right] \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Truncated Tobit model

$$\begin{aligned}
y_i^* &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\
y_i &= \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } y_i^* > 0 \\ \text{missing} & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases} \\
u_i &\sim_{iid} N(0, \sigma_u^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr(0 \leq y_i \leq t \mid x, y_i > 0) &= \frac{Pr(0 \leq y_i \leq t \mid x)}{Pr(y_i > 0 \mid x)} \\
&= \frac{\Phi\left(\frac{t - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f_{Y|X, Y>0}(t \mid x, y_i > 0) = \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \frac{\phi\left(\frac{t - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)}$$

The likelihood funtion is

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\beta, \sigma_u) &= \prod_{i \in I} Pr(y_i > 0 \mid x) \\
&= \prod_{i \in I} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \frac{\phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)}{\Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Log-likelihood funtion is

$$\log L(\beta, \sigma_u) = \sum_{i \in I} \left( -\log(\sigma_u) + \log \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) - \log \Phi\left(\frac{x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \right)$$

## 2.4 Sample Selection model

We consider the model for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
y_i^* &= x_i^T \beta + u_i \\
S_i^* &= z_i^T \theta + v_i \\
S_i &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_i^T \theta + v_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z_i^T \theta + v_i \leq 0 \end{cases} \\
y_i &= \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } z_i^T \theta + v_i > 0 \iff S_i = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } z_i^T \theta + v_i \leq 0 \iff S_i = 0 \end{cases} \\
\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} &\sim N \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^2 & \rho \sigma_u \sigma_v \\ \rho \sigma_u \sigma_v & \sigma_v^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

The likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}
\log L(\beta^T, \theta^T, \sigma_u, \sigma_v, \rho) &= \prod_{i \in I} f(y, S \mid x_i, z_i) \\
&= \prod_{i \in I} f(y, S = 1 \mid x_i, z_i)^{\mathbb{1}\{D_i\}} \times \Pr(S_i = 0 \mid x_i, z_i)^{\mathbb{1}\{1-S_i\}}
\end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned}
f(y, S = 1 \mid x_i, z_i) &= \int_0^\infty f(y_i, s_i^* \mid x_i, z_i) ds^* \\
&= f(y_i \mid x_i, z_i) \int_0^\infty f(s_i^* \mid y_i, x_i, z_i) ds^*
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we know

$$\begin{aligned}
v_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i &= z_i^T \theta + v_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i \\
&= z_i^T \theta + v_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i, u_i
\end{aligned}$$

$u_i$  and  $v_i$  follow to bivariate normal distribution, then there exists  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(\mu_\varepsilon, \sigma_\varepsilon)$ .  
Therefore

$$v_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i, u_i = \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} u_i + \varepsilon_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i, u_i$$

, note that the coefficient of the  $u_i$  is the just that of OLS.  $\mathbb{E}[u_i] = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}[v_i] = 0$  implies  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_i] = 0$ . It leads to  $\text{Var}[\varepsilon_i] = \mathbb{E}[(\varepsilon_i - \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_i])^2] = \mathbb{E}[\varepsilon_i^2] = \mathbb{E}[(v_i - \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} u_i)^2] = \sigma_v^2 - 2\rho^2 \sigma_u^2 + \rho^2 \sigma_u^2 = (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_u^2$ .

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
S_i^* \mid y_i, x_i, z_i &= z_i^T \theta + v_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i \\
&= z_i^T \theta + \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} u_i + \varepsilon_i \mid y_i, x_i, z_i, u_i \\
&\sim N(z_i^T \theta + \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} (y_i - x_i^T \beta), (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_u^2)
\end{aligned}$$

,then it implies

$$f(y, S = 1 \mid x_i, z_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{z_i^T \theta + \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} (y_i - x_i^T \beta)}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho^2) \sigma_u^2}}\right)$$

Therefore the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}
\log L(\beta^T, \theta^T, \sigma_u, \sigma_v, \rho) &= \prod_{i \in I} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma_u} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{z_i^T \theta + \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} (y_i - x_i^T \beta)}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho^2) \sigma_u^2}}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}\{S_i\}} \times \left[ 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{z_i^T \theta}{\sigma_v}\right) \right]^{\mathbb{1}\{1-S_i\}}
\end{aligned}$$



Log-likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log L(\beta^T, \theta^T, \sigma_u, \sigma_v, \rho) \\
&= \sum_{s_i=1} \left[ -\log \sigma_u + \log \phi \left( \frac{y_i - x_i^T \beta}{\sigma_u} \right) + \log \Phi \left( \frac{z_i^T \theta + \frac{\rho \sigma_u \sigma_v}{\sigma_v^2} (y_i - x_i^T \beta)}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho^2) \sigma_u^2}} \right) \right] \\
&+ \sum_{s_i=0} \log \left( 1 - \Phi \left( \frac{z_i^T \theta}{\sigma_v} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.5 Duration model

Hazard function and distribution function of dependent variable have the following relationship.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(t_i) &:= \frac{f(t_i)}{1 - F(t_i)} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\log(1 - F(t_i))] \\
F(t_i) &= 1 - \exp \left( - \int_0^{t_i} \lambda(s_i) ds \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $\lambda(t_i) = \exp(x_i^T \beta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(t_i) &= \exp(x_i^T \beta) \\
F(t_i) &= 1 - \exp \left( - \int_0^t \exp(x_i^T \beta) ds \right) = 1 - \exp(-\exp(x_i^T \beta) t_i) \\
f(t_i) &= \lambda(t_i) \times (1 - F(t_i)) = \exp(x_i^T \beta) \times \exp(-\exp(x_i^T \beta) t_i)
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.6 Dynamic Programming model

<http://www.its.caltech.edu/~mshum/gradio/zurcher.pdf>

<https://github.com/QuentinAndre/John-Rust-1987-Python>

We consider Optimal Stopping problem introduced in Rust(1987).  $x_t$  donates the mileage of the engine, and  $i_t$  is the dummy variable if the engine is replaced, it takes 1, otherwise 0.

$$i_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the engine is replaced} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

The flow cost is characterized as

$$RC \times i_t + c(x_t \mid i_t, \theta_1) + \varepsilon(i_t)$$

Rust(1987) considered several form of  $c(x_t \mid i_t, \theta_1)$

$$c(x_t \mid i_t, \theta_1) = \begin{cases} \theta_{11} x_t + \theta_{12} x_t^2 + \theta_{13} x_t^3 \\ \theta_{11} \exp(\theta_{12} x_t) \\ \frac{\theta_{11}}{91 - x_t} \\ \theta_{11} \sqrt{x_t}. \end{cases}$$

We use  $c(x_t | i_t, \theta_1) = \exp(\theta_{12}x_t(1 - i_t))$  as cost function.

Then, we can define utility function as

$$u(x_t, i_t | \theta) = -RC \times i_t - \theta_{11}\exp(\theta_{12}x_t(1 - i_t)) + \varepsilon(i_t)$$

The stochastic process of  $\{x_t\}$  is

$$p(x_{t+1} | x_t, i_t, \theta_2) = \begin{cases} \theta_2 \exp(\theta_2(x_{t+1} - x_t)) & \text{if } i_t = 0 \text{ and } x_{t+1} \geq x_t \\ \theta_2 \exp(\theta_2 x_{t+1}) & \text{if } i_t = 1 \text{ and } x_{t+1} \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\theta = (\theta_1^T, \theta_2, RC, \beta)$ . The value function is

$$\begin{aligned} V(x, i) &= \max\{u(x, i | \theta) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x'|x} V(x')\} \\ &= \max\{u(x, 1 | \theta) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x'|x} V(0, i'), u(x, 0 | \theta) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x'|x} V(x', i')\} \end{aligned}$$

Likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x_1, \dots, x_T, i_1, \dots, i_T | x_0, i_0, \theta) &= \prod_{t=1}^T Pr(i_t, x_t | x_0, \dots, x_{t-1}, i_0, \dots, i_{t-1}; \theta) \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^T Pr(i_t, x_t | x_{t-1}, i_{t-1}; \theta) \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^T Pr(i_t | x_t; \theta) \times Pr(x_t | x_{t-1}, i_{t-1}; \theta) \end{aligned}$$

## Estimation

We estimate parameters by following 2 step.

**Step1:** Estimate  $\theta_2$ , which governs stochastic process of  $x$ .

**Step2:** Estimate  $(\theta_{11}, \theta_{12}, RC, \beta)$  by ML.

### Step1

Let

$$\Delta x_{t+1} = \begin{cases} x_{t+1} - x_t & \text{if } D_t = 0 \\ x_{t+1} & \text{if } D_t = 1 \end{cases}$$

Likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\Delta x_{i,t-1}, \dots, \Delta x_{i,1}, i_{i,t}, \dots, i_{i,1}) &= \prod_{i \in I} \prod_{s=1}^{t_{i-1}} p(\Delta x_{i,t} | \Delta x_{i,s-1}, \dots, \Delta x_{i,1}, i_{i,s}, \dots, i_{i,1}) \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} \prod_{s=1}^{t_{i-1}} p(\Delta x_{i,t} | x_{i,s-1}, i_{i,s}) \\ &= \prod_{i \in I} \prod_{s=1}^{t_{i-1}} \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 \Delta x_{i,s}) \end{aligned}$$

## Step2

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(i_t = 1 \mid x_t m \theta) \\ &= Pr(V(x, i_t = 1) > V(x, i_t = 0) \mid x_t \theta) \\ &= Pr(u(x, 1 \mid \theta) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(0, i') > u(x, 0 \mid \theta) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(x', i') \mid x_t \theta) \\ &= Pr(-RC - \theta_{11} + \varepsilon_t(1) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(0, i') > -\theta_{11} \exp(\theta_{12} x_t) + \varepsilon_t(0) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(x', i') \mid x_t \theta) \\ &= Pr(\varepsilon_t(1) - \varepsilon_t(0) > RC + \theta_{11} - \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(0, i') - \theta_{11} \exp(\theta_{12} x_t) + \beta \mathbb{E}_{x' \mid x} V(x', i') \mid x_t \theta) \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Nonparametric model

Let  $X_i = (X_{1i}, \dots, X_{Ki})^T \in \mathbb{R}^K$ . We consider the model

$$Y_i = m(X_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

We assume  $E[\varepsilon_i|X_i] = 0$  and  $E[\varepsilon_i^2|X_i] \leq N < \infty$ .

There are two approaches to estimate  $m(X)$ . They are local and global approach.

#### 3.1 Local approach(Kernel Regression)

We introduce kernel function to conduct Local approach. Therefore, local approach include the kernel regression.

##### 3.1.1 Local constant estimation

Let  $X_i = (X_{1i}, \dots, X_{Ki})^T \in \mathbb{R}^K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= m(X_i) + \varepsilon_i \\ &= m(x) + \varepsilon_i + m(X_i) - m(x) \end{aligned}$$

,where  $m(x) = E[Y_i|X_i = x]$ .

If  $X_i \approx x$  and  $m(\cdot)$  is smooth, then  $m(X_i) - m(x) \approx 0$  hold. In the case, we have  $Y_i \approx m(x) + \varepsilon_i$ .

Objective function is

$$\sum_{i \in I} (Y_i - m(x))^2 K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)$$

,where  $m(x) = E[Y_i|X_i = x]$  is constant.  $K(\cdot)$  is a **Kernel function** and  $h \in \mathbb{R}^K$  is called as **bandwith, window width,or smoothing parameter**.  $K(\cdot)$  is caluculated as follow

$$K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) = K\left(\frac{X_{1i} - x_1}{h_1}\right) \times \dots \times K\left(\frac{X_{Ki} - x_K}{h_K}\right).$$

Note this is the weighted least square estimation. By minimizing the Objective funtion, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I} Y_i K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) &= \sum_{i \in I} \hat{m}_C(x, h) K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) \\ \iff \hat{m}_C(x, h) &= \frac{\sum_{i \in I} Y_i K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)}{\sum_{i \in I} K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{m}_C(x, h)$  is called **Nadayara-Watson(NW) estimator, Kernel regression estimator or local constant estimator**.

Let  $w_{ni}^C(x) = \frac{K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)}{\sum_{j \in I} K\left(\frac{X_j - x}{h}\right)}$ . Note  $\sum_{i \in I} w_{ni}^C(x) = 1$ . Then we have

$$\hat{m}_C(x, h) = \sum_{i \in I} w_{ni}^C(x) Y_i$$

From this notation, we can easily find  $\hat{m}_C(x, h)$  is a linear estimator of  $Y_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . In practice, Gaussian kernel or Epanechnikov kernel is commonly used. Especially, Gaussian kernel is recommended because the derivatives of estimator have any orders (Hansen(2019)).

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{Gaussian} & K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)^2\right) \\ \text{Epanechnikov} & K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right) = \frac{3}{4\sqrt{5}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)^2\right) \text{ if } \left|\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right| < \sqrt{5}, 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{array}$$

I provide R code for one dimension case. Since local approach is WLS, we can follow same steps as we conduct OLS.

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1 ---Data generation---
2 n <- 1000; x <- runif(n,0,1); epsilon_i <- rnorm(n,0,1)
3 y <- 1 + x + exp(-x) + epsilon_i
4 data <- data.frame(x,y)
5
6
7 ---Create Kernel---
8 GaussianK <- function(x_data, x, h) {
9   u <- (x_data - x) / h
10  K <- (1/sqrt(2*pi))*exp(-(u^2)/2)
11  return(K)
12 }
13 GK <- GaussianK(x, 0.5, 0.1)
14
15 EpanechnikovK <- function(x_data, x, h) {
16   u <- (x_data - x) / h
17   K <- numeric(length(u))
18   condition <- which(abs(u) < sqrt(5))
19   K[condition] <- (3/(4*sqrt(5)))*(1-(u[condition]^2)/5))
20   return(K)
21 }
22 EK <- EpanechnikovK(x,0.5,0.1)
23
24
25 ---Estimation---
26 lm_robust(y ~ 1, weights = GK, se_type = "HC0",data = data)
27 lm_robust(y ~ 1, weights = EK, se_type = "HC0",data = data)

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	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>  t )	CI Lower	CI Upper
Gaussian	2.086	0.051	40.91	$1.065 \times 10^{-215}$	1.986	2.186
Epanechnikov	2.077	0.04996	41.57	$4.553 \times 10^{-220}$	1.979	2.175

Table 1: NW estimator

### 3.1.2 Local linear estimation

Let  $X_i = (X_{1i}, \dots, X_{Ki})^T \in \mathbb{R}^K$ ,  $\alpha = m(x)$  and  $\beta = \nabla m(x) = \left(\frac{\partial m(x)}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial m(x)}{\partial x_K}\right)^T$ . We consider the model  
Objective function is

$$\sum_{i \in I} (Y_i - \alpha - (X_i - x)^T \beta)^2 K\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)$$

It is convenient to write down as WLS.

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (X_1 - x)^T \\ 1 & (X_2 - x)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & (X_n - x)^T \end{pmatrix}, W = \begin{pmatrix} K\left(\frac{X_1 - x}{h}\right) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & K\left(\frac{X_2 - x}{h}\right) & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & (X_n - x)^T \end{pmatrix}, \beta(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_K \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$$

### 3.1.3 Local Polynomial estimation

Fix the degree  $p$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= m(X_i) + \varepsilon_i \\ &\approx m(x) + (X_i - x)^T \nabla m(x) + \cdots + \frac{((X_i - x)^p)^T}{p!} \nabla^p m(x) + \varepsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

By following same argument to Local linear estimation, Let

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix}, X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (X_1 - x)^T & \cdots & \frac{((X_1 - x)^p)^T}{p!} \\ 1 & (X_2 - x)^T & \cdots & \frac{((X_2 - x)^p)^T}{p!} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & (X_n - x)^T & \cdots & \frac{((X_n - x)^p)^T}{p!} \end{pmatrix}, \beta(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \nabla m(x) \\ \nabla^2 m(x) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla^p m(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \nabla \hat{m}(x) \\ \nabla^2 \hat{m}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla^p \hat{m}(x) \end{pmatrix} = (X^T W X)^{-1} X^T W Y$$

In R, `dnorm` represents PDF.  
`pnorm` represents CDF.

$$\begin{aligned}pnorm(x) &= \Phi(x) \\ dnorm(x) &= \phi(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 z_i + \beta_3 x_i z_i + u_i$$