Econ 675: HW 2

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1 Kernel Density Estimation

1.1

First we consider the kernel density derivative estimator. $\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{nh}\sum_{i=1}^{N} k\left(\frac{X_i - x}{h}\right)$

The expectation of the estimator is:

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^{(s)}(x)] = \mathbb{E}[\hat{f}^{(s)}(x, h_n)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{h^{1+s}} k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right) f(z)dz$$

where $k^{(s)}$ is the s^{th} derivative of the kernel function Now integrate by parts

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^s}{h^{1+s}} k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right) f(z)dz =$$
$$(-h)k^{(s-1)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right) f^{(1)}(z)|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{s-1}}{h^{1+s-1}} k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right) f^{(1)}(z)dz$$

As $k(.)$ is a P^{th} order kernel function and $s-1 < P$, the first term on the RHS of the equation above is equal to zero. Integrating by parts s-1 more times and changing the base, we get the following expression

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k\left(u\right) f^{(s)}(uh+x)du$$

So now we take a P^{th} order taylor expansion of $f^{(s)}(uh+x)$ around x, which gives us

$$f^{(s)}(x) + \frac{1}{P!}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k\left(u\right) f^{(s+P)}(uh+x)(uh+x-x)^{p}du + o(h_n^P)$$

$$= f^{(s)}(x) + \frac{1}{P!}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k\left(u\right) f^{(s+P)}(uh+x)(uh)^{p}du + o(h_n^P)$$

$$= f^{(s)}(x) + \frac{f^{(s+P)}(x)}{P!}\mu_P(K)h_n^p + o(h_n^p)$$

where $\mu_P(K) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^P K(u)du$ - which gives the result. (Note: the second term is the bias of the estimator)

Now consider the variance of the estimator

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{f}^{(s)}(x)] = \frac{1}{nh^{2+2s}}\mathbb{V}\left[[k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{nh^{2+2s}}\mathbb{E}\left[k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right)\right]^2 - \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{nh^{1+s}}k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right)\right]^2$$

Now using our derivation of the expected value of our estimator we can rewrite the expression above as:

$$\frac{1}{nh^{2+2s}}\mathbb{E}\left[k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right)\right]^2 - \frac{1}{n}f^{(s)}(x)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

(This comes from $\{\frac{f^{(s+P)}(x)}{P!}\mu_P(K)h_n^p + o(h_n^p)\}$ being bounded)

So continuing on, we just expand the first term a bit

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{f}^{(s)}(x)] = \frac{1}{nh^{2+2s}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k^{(s)}\left(\frac{z-x}{h}\right)^2 f(z)dz - \frac{1}{n}f^{(s)}(x)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{nh^{1+2s}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k^{(s)}\left(u\right) f(uh+x)du - \frac{1}{n}f^{(s)}(x)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{f(x)}{nh^{1+2s}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} k^{(s)}\left(u\right) du - \frac{1}{n}f^{(s)}(x)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{f(x)\nu_s(k)}{nh^{1+2s}} - \frac{1}{n}f^{(s)}(x)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

where $\nu_s(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} k^{(s)}(u)^2 \, du$ is the roughness of the s^{th} derivative of a given function k - which gives the result.

1.2

The optimal bandwith estimator solves the following problem

$$\min_h AIMSE[h] = \min_h \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\left(h_n^p \mu_p(k) \frac{f^{(P+s)}(x)}{P!} \right)^2 + \frac{\nu_s(k) f(x)}{n h_n^{1+2s}} \right] dx$$

Take first order conditions

$$0 = 2Ph^{2P-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\left(\mu_p(k) \frac{f^{(P+s)}(x)}{P!} \right)^2 - \frac{(1+2s)\nu_s(k) f(x)}{n h^{2s}} \right] dx$$

$$\frac{2Pnh^{1-2P-2s}}{(1+2s)\nu_s(k)} = \left(\frac{P!}{\mu_p(k)\nu_{(P+s)}(f))} \right)^2$$

$$h_{AIMSE,s} = \left(\frac{(1+2s)\nu_s(k)(P!)^2}{2Pn\mu_p(k)^2\nu_{(P+s)}(f))} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-2P-2s}}$$

$$h_{AIMSE,s} = \left(\frac{(1+2s)(P!)^2}{2Pn} \frac{\nu_s(k)}{\mu_p(k)^2\nu_{(P+s)}(f))} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-2P-2s}}$$

Now for a consistent bandwith estimator we use cross validation procedure from the lecture notes.

$$\hat{h}_{AIMSE,s} = \left(\frac{(1+2s)(P!)^2}{2Pn} \frac{\hat{\nu}_s(k)}{\hat{\mu}_p(k)^2\hat{\nu}_{(P+s)}(f))} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-2P-2s}}$$

where

$$\hat{\nu}_s(k) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} k^{(s)}(X_i)^2$$

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2 Linear Smoothing, Cross-Validation and Series

2.1

Local polynomial regression solves the following problem:

$$\hat{\beta} = \text{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^P+1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(Y_i - r_p(x - x_0)\beta\right)^2 K(\frac{x_i - x}{h})$$

where $r_p(u) = (1, u, u^2, ..., u^p)'$ which can be rewritten as a weighted least-squares problem where $\hat{\beta}(x) = (\mathbf{R_p'WR_p})^{-1}\mathbf{R_p'WY}$ where the weighting matrix is a diagonal matrix with the kernel functions of the x_i s the derivative kernel estimators s.t.

note $\hat{e}(x) = \frac{\hat{m}(x)}{\hat{f}(x)}$

$WY = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{N} K(\frac{x_i - x}{h})y_i$

Now we consider the series estimator, which solves the following problem

$$\hat{\beta} = \text{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{k_n}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(Y_i - r_{k_n}(x)\beta\right)^2 K(\frac{x_i - x}{h})$$

where $r_{k_n}(x)$ is the basis of some series defined on x, so that

$$\hat{e}(x) = r_{k_n}(x)'\hat{\beta} =$$

3 Semiparametric Semi-Linear Model

3.1

The following question concerns this moment condition:

$$\mathbb{E}[(t_i - h_0(x_i))(y_i - t_i\theta)] = 0 \text{ , where } h_0(x_i) = \mathbb{E}[t_i|x_i]$$

As long as t_i is not collinear with x_i then θ_0 will be identifiable. Assuming that θ_0 is identifiable, it satisfies the moment condition above:

$$\begin{gathered}
\mathbb{E}[t_i y_i] + \mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)t_i\theta] - \mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)y_i] - \mathbb{E}[t_i t_i\theta)] = 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[t_i y_i|t_i, x_i]] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)t_i\theta|t_i, x_i]] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)y_i|t_i, x_i]] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[t_i t_i\theta)|t_i, x_i]] = 0 \\
\mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)\mathbb{E}[y_i|t_i, x_i]] + \mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)h_0(x_i)]\theta - \mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)\mathbb{E}[y_i|t_i, x_i]] + \mathbb{E}[h_0(x_i)h_0(x_i)]\theta = 0 \\
0 = 0
\end{gathered}$$

To derive a closed form equation for θ_0 we follow the steps outlined in Hansen's notes on nonparametrics (chapter 7), which describes Robinson (Econometrica, 1988).

$$y_i = t_i\theta_0 + g(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

First we take the conditional expectation with respect to the treatment and other covariates. (We assume the treatment is not collinear with the other covariates.)

$$\mathbb{E}[y_i|t_i x_i] = \mathbb{E}[t_i|t_i x_i]\theta_0 + \mathbb{E}[g(x_i)|t_i x_i] + 0\mathbb{E}[y_i|t_i x_i] = h_o(x_i)\theta_0 + g(x_i) + 0$$

Next, let's define $g_{y,x} \coloneqq \mathbb{E}[y_i|t_i x_i]$, and subtract the equation above from the original regression.

$$y_i - g_{y,x} = (t_i - h_o(x_i))\theta_0 + g(x_i) - g(x_i) + \epsilon_i$$

Now, we can rewrite the regression as a residual regression:

$$\begin{gathered}
\epsilon_{yi} = \epsilon_{ti}\theta_0 + \epsilon_i \\
y_i = g_{y,x} + \epsilon_{yi} \\
t_i = h_o(x_i) + \epsilon_{ti}
\end{gathered}$$

Which produces the infeasible estimtor:

$$\beta = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_{ti}\epsilon_{ti}'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_{ti}\epsilon_{yi}'\right)$$

Note that we can rewrite the residual regression as :

$$M_{yx}y_i = M_{tx}t_i\theta_0 + \epsilon_i$$

Which is the second stage of an IV regression that partials out the effects of X_i on y_i and t_i using anhilation matrixes.

3.2

3.2.1

If the treatment is undetermined by the power series of the covariates, θ_0 is simply

$$\theta_0 = (T'T)^{-1}(T'Y)$$

which has a feasible estimator of

$$\hat{\theta}(K) = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i t_i)^{-1}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_i y_i)$$

3.2.2

If the treatment is correlated to the other covariates, in order to estimate a feasible estimator, one must run Nadaraya - Watson kernel regressions of the outcome and treatment variables onto the power series.

$$\hat{y}_i = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{p^{K_n}(x_i)-p^{K_n}(x)}{h}\right) y_i}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{p^{K_n}(x_i)-p^{K_n}(x)}{h}\right)}$$

$$h_0(x_i) = \frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{p^{K_n}(x_i)-p^{K_n}(x)}{h}\right) t_i}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{p^{K_n}(x_i)-p^{K_n}(x)}{h}\right)}$$

Now, construct residualize

$$\hat{\epsilon}_{yi} = y_i - \hat{y}_i = M_{yx}y_i$$
$$\hat{\epsilon}_{ti} = t_i - h_0(x_i) = M_{tx}t_i$$

Which produces the feasible estimator

$$\hat{\theta}(K) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_{ti}\hat{\epsilon}'_{ti}\right)^{-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{\epsilon}_{ti}\hat{\epsilon}'_{yi}\right)$$

3.3

3.3.1

Fixing K, the reason this approach is called a "flexible parametric" estimation because you are estimating θ_0, while letting

If $K \to \infty$ does not invalidate the "fixed K" assumption as long as the ratio between the observations and covariates is fixed $\left(\frac{K_n}{n} = \frac{\bar{K}}{\bar{n}}\right)$

3.3.2

Using the results above the confidence interval is

$$CI_{95} = \left[\hat{\theta}(K) - 1.96\sqrt{\hat{V}_{HCO}/n}; \hat{\theta}(K) + 1.96\sqrt{\hat{V}_{HCO}/n}\right]$$

3.4