L1 Review

$[Big O(\cdot)]$

$$\overline{f(z) = O(g(z))}$$
 as $z \to z_0 \in \mathcal{R}$ if

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right| \le M$$

for some M > 0, and for all z in neighborhood of z_0 .

If $z \to \infty$, then there exists C > 0 s.t. statement holds for all z > C

[Small $o(\cdot)$]

$$f(z) = o(g(z))$$
 as $z \to z_0 \in \mathcal{R}$ if

$$\lim_{z \to z_0} \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = 0$$

[Taylor's Expansion]

Let $f(\cdot)$ defined on [a,b] s.t. it has continuous (n+1)th order derivatives. Then for all x,x_0 in [a,b]

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f'(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2!}f''(x_0) + \dots + \frac{(x - x_0)^n}{n!}f^{(n)}(x_0) + R_n$$

where

$$R_n = \frac{(x - x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = O(|x - x_0|^{n+1})$$

for some $\xi \in (x, x_0)$ or (x_0, x)

[Alternate Taylor]

Since $f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)$ is bounded based on theorem condition

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f'(x_0) + \dots + \frac{(x - x_0)^n}{n}f^{(n)}(x_0) + O(|x - x_0|^{n+1})$$

as $x \to x_0$

[Multivariate Taylor expansion]
Let
$$x = (x_1, x_2)^T, y = (y_1, y_2)^T$$

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + y_1 f_1(x) + y_2 f_2(x) + R$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2}y_1^2 f_{11}(\xi) + y_1 y_2 f_{12}(\xi) + \frac{1}{2}y_2^2 f_{22}(\xi) = O(||y||^2)$$

and $\xi = \alpha x + (1 - \alpha)(x + y)$ for some $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

[Likelihood Inference]

 X_1, \dots, X_n be iid with $f(x|\theta)$, then likelihood of $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n$ is

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i|\theta)$$

Likelihood principle find θ that maximises $L(\theta)$. Log-likelihood = $\ell(\theta) = \log L(\theta)$. Score function $s(\theta) = \ell'(\theta)$

[Asymptotic Normality of MLEs]

[Convergence Order]

A root-finding method has convergence order $\beta \ (\geq 1)$ if

- (a) $\lim_{t\to\infty} \epsilon_t = 0$
- (b) $\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{\left|\epsilon_{t+1}\right|^{\beta}}{\epsilon_t} = c$ for some c>0 When $\beta=1$, we require c<1

[Matrix Digression]

Given y, z not orthogonal to each other, find symmetric matrix M s.t. y = Mz

- [[Solution 1]] $y^T z$ is scalar, $M = \frac{yy^T}{y^T z}$
- [[Solution 2]] Given any symmetric matrix M_0 , let $v=y-M_0z$. $M=M_0+\frac{vv^T}{v^Tz}$ [[Solution 3]] $M=M_0-\frac{(M_0z)(M_0z)^T}{z^TM_0z}+\frac{yy^T}{y^Tz}$

Optimisation

[Optimisation in Uni-variate: find x^* s.t. $g'(x^*) = 0$]

Condition: g'(a) > 0, g'(b) < 0, g'(x) exist and continuous for all $x \in (a, b)$

Let
$$x_0 = (a+b)/2$$
, set $\tilde{a} = a$, $\tilde{b} = b$, $t = 0$

- (1.1) If $g'(x_{t-1}) > 0$, $X_t = (x_{t-1} + \tilde{b})/2$, $\tilde{a} = x_{t-1}$
- (1.2) If $g'(x_{t-1}) < 0$, $X_t = (\tilde{a} + x_{t-1})/2$, $b = x_{t-1}$
- (2) t = t + 1, terminate when $|x_t x_{t-1}| < \epsilon$

[Modified Bisection]

Instead of choosing the mid-point, we can choose

$$x_t = \frac{|g'(b)|}{|g'(a)| + |g'(b)|} a + \frac{|g'(a)|}{|g'(a)| + |g'(b)|} b$$

[Newton's Method]

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \frac{g'(x_t)}{g''(x_t)}$$

[Fisher Scoring]

Replace Hessian $\ell''(\theta_t)$ in Newton method by $-I(\theta_t)$

$$-I(\theta) = nE\left\{\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\log f(X|\theta)\right\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\log f(x_i|\theta)$$
$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \frac{\ell'(\theta_t)}{I(\theta_t)}$$

[Secant Method]

Approximate Hessian $g''(x) = \lim_{y \to x} \frac{g'(y) - g'(x)}{y - x}$, assuming update is small, i.e. $|x_{t-1} - x_t| < \epsilon$

$$g''(x_t) \approx \frac{g'(x_{t-1} - g'(x_t))}{x_{t-1} - x_t}$$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - g'(x_t) \frac{x_t - x_{t-1}}{g'(x_t) - g'(x_{t-1})}$$

[Fixed-point Iteration]

Let g'(a) > 0, g'(b) < 0. Assume $\exists x^* \in [a, b], \epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ s.t.

$$(1 - \epsilon)(x^* - x) \ge g'(x) \ge \epsilon(x^* - x)$$
 for $x < x^*$

$$(1 - \epsilon)(x^* - x) \le g'(x) \le \epsilon(x^* - x)$$
 for $x > x^*$

Then $x_{t+1} = x_t + g'(x_t)$ converges to x^*

[Optimisation in Multivariate]

[Newton's Method, Fisher scoring]

Similar to single variable method, with $g' = \nabla g$, $g'' = \nabla^2 g$

[Newton-like method]

General form with $-M_t$ a positive definite matrix

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha_t [M_t]^{-1} g'(x_t)$$

[Ascent Algorithm: Bracketing]

Ascent algo: Control for α_t s.t. $g(x_{t+1}) \geq g(x_t)$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + \alpha_t g'(x_t)$$

Bracketing:

- (1) start with $\alpha_t = 1$, compute x_{t+1}
- (2) if $g(x_{t+1}) < g(x_t)$, α_t is too large and update $\alpha_t = 1/2$

[Discrete Newton]

Approximate Hessian g'' by discrete version, with $e_1 = (1,0)^T$, $e_2 = (0,1)^T$, some small $h_{ij} > 0$

$$M_{ij}^{(t)} = \frac{g_i(x_t + h_{ij}e_j) - g_i(x_t)}{h_{ij}}$$

To ensure symmetry, consider

$$N_{ij}^{(t)} = \frac{M_{ij}^{(t)} + M_{ji}^{(t)}}{2}$$

[Quasi-Newton]

Estimate Hessian with $g'(x_t) - g'(x_{t-1}) = M_t(x_t - x_{t-1})$.

Consider $y = g'(x_t) - g'(x_{t-1}), z = x_t - x_{t-1}, M_t = M_{t-1} + \frac{v^T}{v^T z}$

If $1/(v^T z) \le 0$, $-M_0 > 0 \Rightarrow -M > 0$

If $1/(v^T z) > 0$, $M_t = M_{t-1} + \alpha_t v v^T$ with $\alpha_t > 0$ s.t. -M > 0

[Gaussian-Newton]

Model $y_i = f(z_i, \theta) + \epsilon_i$, $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \tau)$ iid, then $\theta = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T y$ (linear) else $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + [A_t^T A_t]^{-1} A_t^T x_t$

[Nonlinear Gauss-Seidel]

Restrict update to one co-ordinate at a time, find x_1^*, x_2^* s.t. $g_1(x_1^*, x_2^*) = 0$, $g_2(x_1^*, x_2^*) = 0$ Iterate with $g_1(x_1^{(t+1)}, x_2^{(t)}) = 0$ $g_2(x_1^{(t+1)}, x_2^{(t+1)}) = 0$ **L2: EM Optimization**

[EM]

Want to solve $\hat{\theta} = arg \max \ell_X(\theta)$ with some missing data Z.

Therefore, consider Y = (X, Z) complete data instead. $\ell_Y(\theta) = \ell_X(\theta) + \ell_{Z|X}(\theta)$.

Solve for

$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = E_{\theta^{(t)}} \left[\ell_Y(\theta)|X\right]$$

with (1) E-step: Compute $Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)})$ (2) M-step: Maximise Q with respect to θ and set $\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^*$ Only requires: $\ell_X(\theta^{(t+1)}) > \ell_X(\theta^{(t)})$ (generalised EM)

[EM for Canonical Exp Fam]

Canonical Exp Fam has log-likelihood linear in missing data Z and observed data X. Check before solving (1) impute Z (2) estimate

$$\ell_Y(\theta) = c(Y) + d(\theta) + \sum_{j=1} p\theta_j Y_j$$

$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = c(Y) + d(\theta) + \sum_{j=1}^{p} \theta_{j} E_{\theta^{(t)}}(Y_{j}|X)$$

[Var estimate of $\hat{\theta}$]

Fisher information $I(\theta) = E_{\theta}[-\ell_X''(\theta)] = var_{\theta}(\ell_X'(\theta))$

MLE asymptotic dist $I(\theta)^{-1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \to N(0, I_K)$

Fisher info for complete data $i_Y(\theta) = i_X(\theta) + i_{Z|X}(\theta) \Rightarrow i_X = i_Y - i_{Z|X}$ (note the variance estimate $\hat{\theta}$ is wrt to i_X)

BS-MC estimate $\hat{i}_Y(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell''_{Y^{(k)}}(\theta), \, \hat{i}_{Z|X}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \ell''_{Z^{(k)}}(\theta)$

[MC-EM]

Instead of calculating $Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)})$ via integration, use MC instead.

[Expected Conditional Max]

Instead of maximising $\theta = (a, b)$ at once, maximise them sequentially

(a) $\max_a Q(a, b^{(t)}|\theta^{(t)})$ (b) $\max_b Q(a^{(t+1)}, b|\theta^{(t)})$ (c) $\theta^{(t+1)} = (a^{(t+1)}, b^{(t+1)})$

Instead of solving maximisation analytically, use gradient-based methods (e.g. Newton). $\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} - Q''(\theta|\theta^t)^{-1}|_{\theta=\theta^t} \times Q'(\theta|\theta^t)|_{\theta=\theta^{(t)}}$ **EM Acceleration Methods**

[Convergence rate]

EM est $\hat{\theta}$ converge to θ at linear rate, depending on fraction of observed information $\rho(\theta) = \frac{i_X(\theta)}{i_Y(\theta)}$

[Aitken Acceleration]

Use Newton method for optim (Quad rate) and estimate $\ell_X(\theta)$ using EM with $\rho(\theta) = \frac{i_X(\theta)}{i_Y(\theta)} = 1 - \frac{i_{Z|X}(\theta)}{i_Y(\theta)}$

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} + \frac{\theta_{EM}^{(t)} - \theta^{(t)}}{\rho(\theta^{(t)})}$$

[Quasi-Newton Acceleration]

Avoid estimating $\rho(\theta)$, $\rho(\theta) \approx 1 - \frac{\theta_{EM}^{(t)} - \theta_{EM}^{(t-1)}}{\theta^{(t)} - \theta^{(t-1)}}$

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} + (I - M^{(t)})^{-1} (\theta_{EM}^{(t)} - \theta^{(t)})$$

L3: Numerical Integration

[Integration]

Objective: approximate $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ numerically Naive method: Divide [a,b] into n sub-intervals, x_i^* is the middle point of ith subinterval.

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx \approx \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_{i}^{*})$$

Improvement: for each of the sub-interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ add (m+1) nodes

[Trapezoidal Rule]

Choose 2 nodes (m=1) in $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$. To approximate height $I = \frac{\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$. Area $= (x_{i+1} - x_i) \times I$

$$\hat{I}_1 = \frac{f(x_0^*) + f(x_1^*)}{2}$$

Total area $\int_a^b f(x)dx$, with h=(b-a)/n

$$\hat{T}(n) = h \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})}{2}$$

$$\hat{T}(n) - \int_a^b f(x) dx = O(n^{-2})$$
 [Simpson Rule]

Choose 3 nodes (m=2). Approximate height I

$$\hat{I}_2 = \frac{1}{6}f(X_0^*) + \frac{4}{6}f(x_1^*) + \frac{1}{6}f(x_2^*)$$

Total area $\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx$, with h = (b - a)/n, $x_{i}^{*} = (x_{i} + x_{i+1})/2$

$$\hat{S}(n) = h \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ \frac{f(x_i)}{6} + \frac{2f(x_i^*)}{3} + \frac{f(x_{i+1})}{6} \right\}$$

 $\hat{S}(n) - \int_a^b f(x)dx = O(n^{-4})$, can generalised to other polynomial order m

[Gaussian Quadrature]

Perfect est for polynomial order 2m+1 and below (or fn close enough) using 2m+2 points.

$$I = \int_a^b w(x)f(x)dx = \sum_{j=0}^m c_j f(x_j)$$

when a, b finite, w(x) = 1; when $a = 0, b = \infty$, $w(x) = e^{-x}$; when $a = -\infty, b = \infty$, $w(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$

Requires solving for x_0, \dots, x_m and c_0, \dots, c_m (2m+2 unknowns)

L4: Bootstrap

[Nonparametric]

Re-sample with replacement and estimate E(f(X)) with $\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^{B} f(X^{(b)})$

First estimate $\hat{\theta}$ (e.g. with MLE) then generate samples from $F_{\hat{\theta}}(x)$. require assumption on parametric form.

BS techniques

Paired BS: generate BS samples by pairing $Z_i = (x_i, y_i)$

BS residual: generate est y_i^* by bootstrapping $\hat{\epsilon}_i^*$

Bias correction: bias = $\frac{1}{B} \sum_{k=1}^{B} (\hat{\theta}_k^* - \hat{\theta})$, correct estimate with $\hat{\theta}$ – bias

[BS Percentile CI]

90% BS CI for
$$\theta = (\hat{\theta}_{(5)}^*, \hat{\theta}_{(95)}^*)$$

Only works well if $\hat{\theta} - \theta$ does not depend on θ and is symetric about 0

Consider $\frac{\hat{\theta}-\theta}{\hat{\theta}}$ instead, let $d_k^* = \frac{\hat{\theta}_k^* - \hat{\theta}}{\hat{\sigma}_k^*}$, 90% CI for θ is $(\hat{\theta} - \hat{\sigma}d_{(95)}^*, \hat{\theta} - \hat{\sigma}d_{(5)}^*)$

[Balanced BS]

Reduce MC error from some observed X_i are too frequently selected by chance.

(1) Generate every X_i exactly B times. (2) Permute/re-order the samples (3) first n is assigned to first BS sample

Reduce MC error by enforcing data pairing.

(1) Generate B data (2) second sample is replacing $X_{(k)}$ with $X_{(n-k+1)}$

L5: Simulation and MC Integration

[MC integration]

Estimate $\mu = E[h(X)]$, generate X_i from f(x) (known) $\hat{\mu}_{MC} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(X_i)$ $\hat{\sigma}_{MC}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [h(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_{MC}]^2$ MC estimate: $\hat{\mu}_{MC} \pm \hat{\sigma}/\sqrt{n}$

$$\hat{\mu}_{MC} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{h}(X_i)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [h(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_{MC}]^2$$

[Extract Simulation]

Simulate samples from f(x) directly if $F^{-1}(U)$ exist and known, and is single-variate

(1) Generate $U \sim Unif(0,1)$ (2) $X = F^{-1}(U)$

Known distributions such as Gaussian, Beta have special algorithm.

[Rejection Sampling]

Assume f(x) can be computed easily, find proposal density $Y \sim g$ s.t. $f(x) \leq g(x)/\alpha$ for known $\alpha > 0$ If $\alpha f(Y)/g(y)$ is small, then also is inefficient.

- (1) Generate $Y \sim g$
- (2) Generate $U \sim unif(0,1)$
- (3) If $U \leq \alpha f(Y)/g(Y)$, set X = Y
- (4) Else, repeat (1-3) until succeed

SIR

Sampling Importance Resampling, with envelope function g(x)

Generate approximate distribution from f(x) (previous 2 methods are exact).

- (1) Sample Y_i, \cdot, Y_m from g(x)
- (2) Calculate standardised importance weight $w(Y_1), \dots, w(Y_m)$

$$w(Y_i) = \frac{f(Y_i)/g(Y_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} f(Y_j)/g(Y_j)}$$

(3) Resample X_i from Y_1, \dots, Y_m with probability $w(Y_1), \dots, w(Y_m)$

[Sequential MC]

Splitting high-dimensional task into sequence of simpler steps, each step updates the previous one. Goal: simulate $X_{1:t}^{(i)}$, $i=1,\cdots,n$ iid from $f(x_{1:t})$

- (1) Sample $X_1 \sim g(x_1)$. Let $w_1 = u_1 = f(x_1)/g(x_1)$. set t = 2, $X_{1:t-1} = X_1$
- (2) Sample $X_t = g(x_t|X_{1:t-2})$
- (3) Append X_t to $X_{1:t-1}$. Obtain $X_{1:t}$
- (4) Let $u_t = f(X_t|X_{1:t-1})/g(X_t|X_{1:t-1})$
- (5) Let $w_t = w_{t-1}u_t$
- (6) Increase t by 1 and return to step (2)

[SISR]

When t increases $w_t^{(i)}$ may have large variability and reduce sampling efficiency. Effective sample size $\hat{N}_t = \frac{n}{1+cv_t^2}$, $cv_t^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (w_t^{(i)} - \bar{w}_t)^2/(n\bar{w}_t^2)$, $\bar{w}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n w_t^{(i)}/n$

- (1) When \hat{N}_t is smaller than predetermined threshold, stop SIS
- (2) Resample n sequences from $\{X_{1:t}^{(1)}, \dots, X_{1:t}^{(n)}\}$ with probability $\{w_t^{(1)}, \dots, w_t^{(n)}\}$, set weight for new resampled seq as 1/n
- (3) Use resample sequences and weights as inputs for next step in SIS algo

Variance Reduction

[Importance Sampling]

$$\mu = E[h(X)] = \int h(x)w(x)g(x)dx, \ w(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{IS} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(X_i) w(X_i)$$

[Antithetic Sampling]

Find two unbiased estimators $\hat{\mu}_1$ and $\hat{\mu}_2$ that are negatively correlated

$$\hat{\mu}_{AS} = \frac{\hat{\mu}_1 + \hat{\mu}_2}{2}$$

[Control Variates]

Generate 2 sets of samples $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}, \mu = E[h(X)], \theta = E(c(Y))$

$$\hat{\mu}_{CV} = \hat{\mu}_{MC} + \lambda(\hat{\theta}_{MC} - \theta)$$

with
$$\lambda_{\min} = -\frac{cov(h(X), c(Y))}{var(c(Y))}$$

[Rao-Blackwellization]

Remove randomness from some vectors by solving conditional expectation.

Consider $X = (X_1, X_2), \ \mu = E(h(X)) = E[E(h(X)|X_2)] = E(\tilde{h}(X_2))$

$$\hat{\mu}_{RB} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \tilde{h}(X_{i2})$$

L6: Markov Chain Monte Carlo

[MCMC]

Objective: generate stationary distribution s.t. $X_t \sim f(x) \Rightarrow X_{t+1} \sim f(x)$

[Independence Chains]

Proposal distribution g(x), w(x) = f(x)/g(x)

- (1) Generate $X_1 \sim g(x)$, let t = 1
- (2) Generate $Y \sim g(x), U \sim Unif(0,1)$
- (2.1) If $U \leq w(Y)/w(X_t)$, $X_{t+1} = Y$
- (2.2) If $U > w(Y)/w(X_t)$, $X_{t+1} = X_t$
- (3) Increase t by 1
- (4) Repeat steps (2) and (3) to generate X_1, X_2, \cdots

Basically,

$$R(X_t, Y) = \frac{f(Y)g(X_t)}{f(X_t)g(Y)}$$

[Metropolis-Hasting]

- (1) Generate X_1 from arbitary initial distribution and set t=1
- (2) Simulate $Y \sim g(y|X_t)$
- (3) Compute MH ratio $R(X_t, Y)$

$$R(X_t, Y) = \frac{f(Y)g(X_t|Y)}{f(X_t)g(Y|X_t)}$$

- (4) Generate $U \sim Unif(0,1)$,
- (4.1) If $U \leq R(X_t, Y), X_{t+1} = Y$
- (4.2) Otherwise, $X_{t+1} = X_t$
- (5) Increase t by 1
- (6) Repeat steps (2)-(5) t generate MC chain X_1, X_2, \cdots

[Gibbs Sampling]

- (1) Simulate $X_1 = (X_{11}, X_{12})$ from arbitary distribution, set t = 1
- (2) Simulate $X_{t+1|1} \sim f_1(x_1|X_{t,2})$ and then simulate $X_{t+1,2} \sim f_2(x_2|X_{t+1},1)$
- (3) Increase t by 1 and repeat (2)

L7: Non-parametric Density Estimation

[Measure of Performance]

ISE: Integrated squared error

$$ISE(\hat{f}(x)) = \int \left\{ \hat{f}(x) - f(x) \right\}^2 dx$$

MSE: mean squared error

$$MSE(\hat{f}(x)) = E\left[\left\{\hat{f}(x) - f(x)\right\}^{2}\right] = bias^{2}\{\hat{f}(x)\} + var\{\hat{f}(x)\}$$

MISE: mean integrated squared error

$$MISE(\hat{f}(x)) = E\left\{ISE(\hat{f}(x))\right\} = \int MSE(\hat{f}(x))dx = \int \mathrm{bias}^2\{\hat{f}(x)\} + \int \mathrm{var}\{\hat{f}(x)\}$$

[Naive Estimators]

$$\hat{f}_n(x) = \frac{\hat{F}_2(x+h) - \hat{F}_n(x-h)}{2h} = \frac{1}{2nh} (\# \text{ of } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ in } (x-h, x+h])$$

Equivalently,

$$w(x) = I(|x| < 1)\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h}\right)$$

[Kernel Density Estimators]

h bandwidth - most important hyper-parameter, $K(\cdot)$ kernel function, $K_h(x) = K(y/h)/h$ bandwidth-rescaled kernel function

$$\hat{f}_n(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - X_i}{h}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(x - X_i)$$

Kernel Function

Non-negative function $K(\cdot)$ with following condition, usually a pdf

- (1) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(x)dx = 1$ (2) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xK(x)dx = 0$ (3) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2K(x)dx = \sigma_k^2 > 0$ Common kernel:

Uniform: $K(t) = \frac{1}{2}I(|t| < 1)$

Gaussian (most popular): $K(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} exp(-t^2/2)$ Epanechnikov (most popular): $K(t) = \max(0.75(1-t^2), 0)$

Biweight $K(t) = \max(15/16(1-t^2)^2, 0)$

[Unbiased C-V]

UCV is a better approach than conventional Cross Validation

$$\min_{h} UCV(h) = \int \hat{f}_{n}^{2}(x)dx - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{f}_{-i,n}(x_{i})$$