

BvM for Mixtures

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BvM for semiparametric mixtures

Dirichlet process mixtures

Mixture distributions are densities of the form

$$p_{\theta,F} := \int p_{\theta}(x|z) dF(z) \quad (1)$$

where $p_{\theta}(x|z)$ is a given kernel, which has two parameters: θ, z . z can be seen as a marginal variable that we marginalize over given some distribution F . We will endow F with a Species Sampling process prior and θ with a parameter prior.

Bernstein-von Mises

Theorem 1. *If $\Pi_n(\theta \in \Theta_n, F \in \mathcal{F}_n | X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow 1$, in P_0^n -probability, and (2)-(3) hold, then*

$$\sqrt{n}(\theta - \hat{\theta}_n) | X^{(n)} \rightsquigarrow N(0, \tilde{I}_0^{-1}).$$

The likelihood condition

For given $(\theta, F) \in \Theta \times \mathcal{F}$, assume that there exists a map $t \mapsto F_t(\theta, F)$ from a given neighbourhood of $0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ to \mathcal{F} such that, for given measurable subsets $\Theta_n \subset \Theta$ and $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \mathcal{F}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_n\left(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, F_{t/\sqrt{n}}(\theta, F)\right) - \ell_n(\theta, F) \\ = t^T \mathbb{G}_n \tilde{\ell}_0 - t^T (\tilde{I}_0 + R_{n,1}(\theta, F)) \sqrt{n}(\theta - \theta_0) \\ - \frac{1}{2} t^T \tilde{I}_0 t + R_{n,2}(\theta, F), \end{aligned}$$

for a matrix-valued process $R_{n,1}$ and and scalar process $R_{n,2}$ such that

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_n, F \in \mathcal{F}_n} \|R_{n,1}(\theta, F)\| + |R_{n,2}(\theta, F)| \xrightarrow{P_0^n} 0. \quad (2)$$

The change of measure condition

$$\frac{\int_{\Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n} e^{\ell_n(\theta - t/\sqrt{n}, F_{-t/\sqrt{n}}(\theta, F))} d\Pi(\theta, F)}{\int_{\Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n} e^{\ell_n(\theta, F)} d\Pi(\theta, F)} \xrightarrow{P_0^n} 1. \quad (3)$$

LAN expansion

Condition (2) can be split in a random and a deterministic part:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{G}_n \left[\sqrt{n} \log \frac{p_{\theta+n^{-1/2}t, F_{n^{-1/2}t}}(\theta, F)}{p_{\theta, F}} - t^T \tilde{\ell}_0 \right] &= o_P(1), \\ n P_0 \log \frac{p_{\theta+n^{-1/2}t, F_{n^{-1/2}t}}(\theta, F)}{p_{\theta, F}} &= -t^T (\tilde{I}_0 + o_P(1)) \sqrt{n}(\theta - \theta_0) - \frac{1}{2} t^T \tilde{I}_0 t + o_P(1). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Lemma 2. *Suppose that the map $t \mapsto \ell(t; \theta, F)(x) := \log p_{\theta+n^{-1/2}t, F_{n^{-1/2}t}}(\theta, F)(x)$ is twice continuously differentiable in a neighbourhood of zero, for every $(\theta, F) \in \Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n$ and $x \in \mathcal{X}$.*

- *If the classes of functions $\{\dot{\ell}(t/\sqrt{n}; \theta, F) : \|t\| < 1, (\theta, F) \in \Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n\}$ are contained in a given P_0 -Donsker class and $P_0\|\dot{\ell}(t_n/\sqrt{n}; \theta_n, F_n) - \tilde{\ell}_0\|^2 \rightarrow 0$, for every $\|t_n\| < 1$ and $(\theta_n, F_n) \in \Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n$, then (4) is valid.*
- *If $\|P_0 \ddot{\ell}(t_n/\sqrt{n}; \theta_n, F_n) - \tilde{I}_0\| \rightarrow 0$, for every $\|t_n\| \leq 1$ and $(\theta_n, F_n) \in \Theta_n \times \mathcal{F}_n$, then (5) is satisfied if also*

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_n, F \in \mathcal{F}_n} \frac{\|P_0 \dot{\ell}(0; \theta, F) + \tilde{I}_0(\theta - \theta_0)\|}{\|\theta - \theta_0\| + n^{-1/2}} \xrightarrow{P_0^n} 0.$$

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Consistency

Consistency by compactness

Lemma 3. *Assume the assumptions as in [1] and suppose that (θ_0, F_0) belongs to the Kullback-Leibler support of Π . Then the posterior distribution is consistent at (θ_0, F_0) .*

Consistency by Glivenko-Centelli class

Lemma 4. *Suppose that $\{\log(p_{\theta,F})\}$ is Glivenko-Cantelli, (θ_0, F_0) is identifiable and that (θ_0, F_0) belongs to the Kullback-Leibler support of Π . Then the posterior distribution is consistent at (θ_0, F_0) .*

Change of Measure condition

Lemma 5. *Let Π be a a species sampling process with center measure G , such that G has density g . Let π be a probability distribution on Θ with density h . Suppose that for all $t \in T$, with T a open neighbourhood of 0 Assumptions 6 to 8 hold. Then*

$$\frac{\iint_{\Theta_n, \mathcal{F}_n} e^{\ell_n\left(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, F_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}(\theta, F)\right)} d\pi(\theta) d\Pi(F)}{\iint_{\Theta_n, \mathcal{F}_n} e^{\ell_n(\theta, F)} d\pi(\theta) d\Pi(F)} \rightsquigarrow 1.$$

Assumption 6. *If F_t is the map as in Equation (3), we assume that $p_{\theta+t, F_t}(X) = \int p_{\theta+t}(x | \phi_{t, \theta}(z)) dF(z)$*

Assumption 7. *For h the density of the prior π and G the center measure of the species sampling process with density g , we assume that there exists a open set U of θ and constants $C_t, C'_t > 0$ such that, for all $\theta \in U$ and all z*

$$\left\| \frac{g(\phi_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, \theta - \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}^{-1}(z)) \left\| \det \dot{\phi}_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, \theta - \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}^{-1}(z) \right\|}{g(z)} - 1 \right\| \leq \frac{C_t}{\sqrt{n}}; \quad (6)$$

$$\left\| \frac{h(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}})}{h(\theta)} - 1 \right\| \leq \frac{C'_T}{\sqrt{n}}. \quad (7)$$

Assumption 8. *We assume that for all t in a neighbourhood of 0, and for U a neighbourhood of θ_0 ,*

$$\pi \otimes \Pi_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, \theta} \left(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}} \notin U, K_n \geq k_n | X^{(n)} \right) = o(1),$$

for some sequence $k_n = o(\sqrt{n})$.

Assumption 9. *Assume that for all t the following limit converges to 1.*

$$\frac{\iint_{\Theta_n, \mathcal{F}_n} e^{\ell_n\left(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, F_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}(\theta, F)\right)} d\pi(\theta) d\Pi(F)}{\iint e^{\ell_n\left(\theta + \frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}, F_{\frac{t}{\sqrt{n}}}(\theta, F)\right)} d\pi(\theta) d\Pi(F)} \rightsquigarrow 1.$$

Examples

We give two explicit examples of models were all the assumptions can be verified:

Frailty model

In a frailty model, the kernel is given by

$$p_{\theta_0}(x, y | z) = z^2 \theta_0 e^{-z(x+\theta y)}.$$

Errors-in-Variables model

The errors in variables model is defined by a kernel which is given by

$$p_{\theta}(x, y | z) = \phi_{\sigma}(x - z) \phi_{\tau}(y - \alpha - \beta z),$$

where ϕ_s is the density of the mean zero normal distribution with variance s^2 .

