

1 Introduction

Definition of NW-estimator is generally given by the following equation 1 and it can be divided into two parts, namely 2 and 3.

$$NW = \frac{\alpha(\hat{x})}{p(\hat{x})} \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha(\hat{x}) = \frac{1}{nh_n} \sum y_i \cdot K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}\right) \quad (2)$$

$$p(\hat{x}) = \frac{1}{nh_n} \sum K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}\right) \quad (3)$$

2 Variance and Expectation of $\alpha(\hat{x})$ and $p(\hat{x})$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\alpha(\hat{x})) &= \int \frac{1}{h_n} m(u) K\left(\frac{x - u}{h_n}\right) p(u) du \\ &= \int m(x + h_n z) k(z) p(x + h_n z) dz \\ &= \int \left[m(x) + h_n m'(x) z + \frac{h_n^2 z^2}{2} m''(x) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[p(x) + h_n p'(x) z + \frac{h_n^2 z^2}{2} p''(x) \right] k(z) dz + O(h_n^4) \\ &= p(x) m(x) + \frac{h_n^2}{2} m(x) p''(x) \mu_2(k) + h_n^2 m'(x) p'(x) \mu_2(k) \\ &\quad + \frac{h_n^2}{2} m''(x) p(x) \mu_2(k) + O(h_n^4) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For variance, we can write it in this way $Var(\alpha(\hat{x})) = E(\alpha(\hat{x})^2) - E^2(\alpha(\hat{x}))$. Since we already know $E(\alpha(\hat{x}))$, let's focus on the former item now. If we ignore the error terms then we have the following

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\hat{\alpha}(x)^2) &= E\left(\left[\frac{1}{nh_n} \sum y_i \cdot K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right)\right]^2\right) \\
&= n \int \frac{1}{(nh_n)^2} m^2(u) K^2\left(\frac{x-u}{h_n}\right) p(u) du + \frac{n(n-1)}{n^2} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= \frac{1}{nh_n} \int m(x+h_n z)^2 k^2(z) p(x+h_n) h_n dz + \frac{n(n-1)}{n^2} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= \frac{1}{nh_n} \int [m^2(x) + 2m(x)m'(x)h_n z + [m''(x)m(x) + m'(x)^2]h_n^2 z^2 + O(h_n^3)] \\
&\quad \cdot [p(x) + h_n p'(x)z + \frac{h_n^2 z^2}{2} p''(x) + O(h_n^3)] k(z) dz + \frac{n(n-1)}{n^2} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= \frac{1}{nh_n} [m^2(x)p(x)\mu_2(k) + [2m(x)m'(x)p'(x) + m''(x)m(x)p(x) + m'(x)^2 p(x) \\
&\quad + m^2(x)\frac{p''(x)}{2}] \sigma_k^2 h_n^2] + O(h_n^4)] + \frac{n(n-1)}{n^2} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x}))
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Knowing these we can calculate variance as the following,

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\hat{\alpha}(x)) &= \frac{1}{nh_n} [m^2(x)p(x)\mu_2(k) + [2m(x)m'(x)p'(x) + m''(x)m(x)p(x) + m'(x)^2 p(x) \\
&\quad + m^2(x)\frac{p''(x)}{2}] \sigma_k^2 h_n^2 + O(h_n^4)] - \frac{1}{n} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= O((nh_n^{-1}))
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

A better way is to use the independence,

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\hat{\alpha}(x)) &= Var\left(\frac{1}{nh_n} \sum y_i \cdot K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right)\right) \\
&= n \cdot Var\left(\frac{1}{nh_n} (m(x_i) + \epsilon_i) K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right)\right) \\
&= n(nh_n)^{-2} [E((m(x_i) + \epsilon_i)^2 K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right)^2) - E^2((m(x_i) + \epsilon_i) K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right))] \\
&= n(nh_n)^{-2} \int \int (m(y) + u)^2 K\left(\frac{y-x}{h_n}\right)^2 p(y) f(u) dy du - n^{-1} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= n(nh_n)^{-2} \int m(y)^2 K\left(\frac{y-x}{h_n}\right)^2 p(y) dy + n(nh_n)^{-2} \sigma_\epsilon^2 \int K\left(\frac{y-x}{h_n}\right)^2 p(y) dy - n^{-1} E^2(\alpha(\hat{x})) \\
&= (nh_n)^{-1} \{m^2(x)p(x)r(k) + [2m(x)m'(x)p'(x) + m''(x)m(x)p(x) + m'(x)^2 p(x) \\
&\quad + m^2(x)\frac{p''(x)}{2}]\sigma_k^2 h_n^2 + O(h_n^4)\} + (nh_n)^{-1} \sigma_\epsilon^2 \{p(x)r(k) + m^2(x)\frac{p''(x)}{2}\sigma_k^2 h_n^2 + O(h_n^4)\} - n^{-1} E^2(\alpha) \\
&\quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

Here $r(k) = \int K^2(z) dz$ and $\sigma_k^2 = \int K^2(z) z^2 dz$

3 Moment Generating Function

The next step is to derive the asymptotic behavior of the estimators. Besides MGF, we can also use *CLT for Triangular Arrays*. But For generality, we may first discuss MGF. Consider an estimator

$$\beta(\hat{x}) = \frac{1}{nh_n} \sum m(x_i) \cdot K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h_n}\right) \quad (8)$$

$$C = (nh_n)^{1/2} [\beta(\hat{x}) - E(\beta(\hat{x}))] \quad (9)$$

Its MGF can be calculated as below

$$\begin{aligned}
MGF(C) &= MGF((nh_n)^{1/2}[\beta(\hat{x}) - E(\beta(\hat{x}))]) \\
&= E(\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{1/2}[\beta(\hat{x}) - E(\beta(\hat{x}))])) \\
&= \frac{1}{\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{1/2} \cdot E(\beta(\hat{x})))} \cdot E[\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{nh_n} \sum m(x_i) \cdot K(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}))] \\
&= \frac{1}{\exp^n(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))} \cdot E^n[\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot m(x_i) \cdot K(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}))] \\
&= E^n[\frac{\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot m(x_i) \cdot K(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}))}{\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[\frac{\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot m(x_i) \cdot K(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}))}{\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))}] &= E[\exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot (m(x_i) \cdot K(\frac{x - x_i}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x}))))] \\
&= \int \exp(t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot (m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))) p(y) dy \\
&= \int [1 + t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot (m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x}))) \\
&\quad + [t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot (m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))^2] \cdot p(y) dy
\end{aligned}$$

Note that each term is just r-th absolute central moment (which is actually talking about the same thing as CLT for triangular arrays),

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot (m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x}))) \cdot p(y) dy \\
&= \int t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) \cdot p(y) dy - t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})) \\
&= t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})) - t \cdot (nh_n)^{-1/2} \cdot h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int t^2 \cdot (nh_n)^{-1} \cdot (m(y) \cdot K(\frac{y - x}{h_n}) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))^2 \cdot p(y) dy \\
&= t^2 \cdot h_n [Var(\beta(\hat{x})) + n^{-1} E^2(\beta(\hat{x}))] \\
&= t^2 \cdot [O(\frac{1}{n}) + O(\frac{h_n}{n})] = t^2 \cdot O(\frac{1}{n})
\end{aligned}$$

Since we did Taylor expansion before to make the integration plausible, we already used the condition $nh_n \rightarrow \infty$

Taking into consideration terms of higher orders, we shall find that

$$\begin{aligned}
& O\left(\int (m(y) \cdot K\left(\frac{y-x}{h_n}\right) - h_n E(\beta(\hat{x})))^r \cdot p(y) dy\right) \\
&= O\left(\int m^r(y) \cdot K^r \frac{y-x}{h_n} \cdot p(y) dy\right) + O\left(\int h_n^r E(\beta(\hat{x}))^r \cdot p(y) dy\right) \\
&= O\left(\int m^r(x + h_n z) \cdot K^r(x) \cdot p(x + h_n z) h_n dz\right) + O(h_n^r) \\
&= O(h_n) + O(h_n^r) = O(h_n)
\end{aligned}$$

To summarize, each high order term of t can be written as the following $O((nh_n)^{-r/2} h_n)$

Therefore, MGF can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned}
MGF(B) &= MGF((nh_n)^{1/2}[\beta(\hat{x}) - E(\beta(\hat{x}))]) \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{C^*}{n} t^2 + \Sigma O((nh_n)^{-r/2} h_n) t^r\right)^n \\
&= \exp\left(n \frac{C^*}{n} t^2 + n O((nh_n)^{-3/2} h_n) t^3\right) \\
&= \exp(C^* t^2 + O((nh_n)^{-1/2}))
\end{aligned}$$