Semiparametric Single Index Models

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Introduction

A semiparametric single index model is given by

$$Y = g(X^T \beta_0) + u,$$

where

 $Y \in \mathbb{R}$: a dependent variable, $X \in \mathbb{R}^q$: a $q \times 1$ explanatory vector, $\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^q$: a $q \times 1$ vector of unknown parameters, $u \in \mathbb{R}$: an error term which satisfies $\mathbb{E}(u \mid X) = 0$, $g(\cdot)$: an unknown function.

Introduction

- Even though x is a $q \times 1$ vector, the term $x^T \beta_0$ is a scalar of a single linear combination, which is called a single index.
- By the form of the single index model, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}(Y \mid X) = g(X^T \beta_0),$$

which means that the conditional expectation of Y only depends on the vector X through a single index $X^T\beta_0$.

- The model is SEMIPARAMETRIC when $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^q$ is estimated with the parametric methods and $g(\cdot)$ with the nonparametric methods.
- Some of the PARAMETRIC single index models are really familiar with us.

Examples of Parametric Single Index Model

 \bullet If $g(\cdot)$ is the identity function, then the model turns out to be a linear regression model:

$$Y = g(X^T \beta_0) + u = X^T \beta_0 + u.$$

- If $g(\cdot)$ is the CDF of Normal(0,1), then the model turns out to be a probit model.
- If $g(\cdot)$ is the CDF of logistic distribution, then the model turns out to be a logistic regression model.

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