

Chapter 3. M-estimator based on Le Cam

Setup: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} P_{\theta_0} (= P_0)$
↑ the true DGP parameter.
 $\in \mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$

$$\Phi: \Theta \mapsto \mathbb{R}^k$$

Goal of interest: $\phi_0 = \Phi(\theta_0)$
e.g.: population mean

M-estimator Framework

① $\text{Im}(\Phi) \subset S$

↑
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② Restriction on Φ :

$$\forall \theta \in \Theta, \Phi(\theta) \in \arg \max_{\phi \in S} \mathbb{E}_\theta [m_\phi(x)]$$

↑ $x \sim P_\theta$

where m_ϕ can be understood as

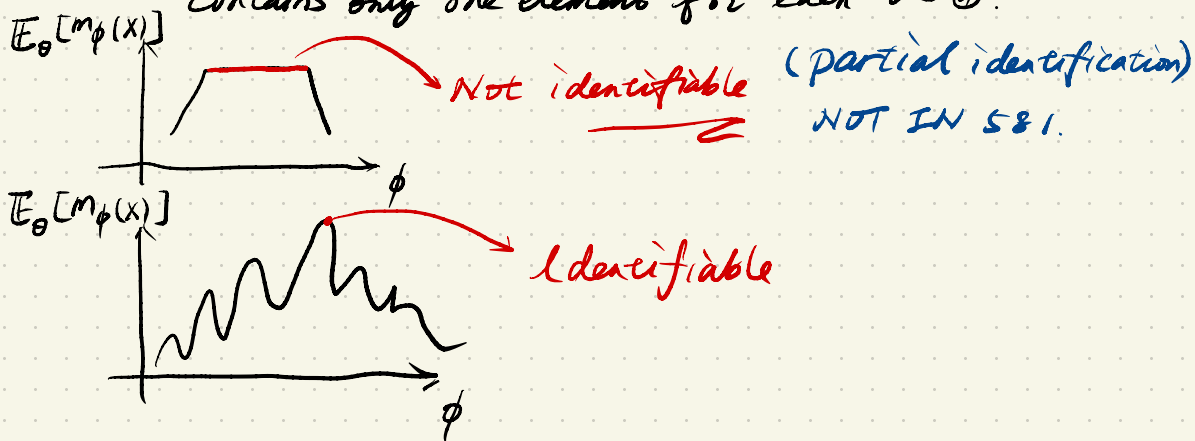
(a) negative of a loss function ;

(b) **psedo** likelihood function ;

M-est inference

① Identification

" m_ϕ " identifies $\Phi(\theta)$ iff the argmax contains only one element for each $\theta \in \Theta$.



② Regarding estimation:

Recall $\Phi(\theta_0) = \underset{\phi \in \mathcal{S}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[m_\phi(x)]$

$$\phi_0 \in \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmax}} \widehat{\mathbb{E}}[m_\phi(x)]$$

$\uparrow$
m-estimator of
 $\Phi(\theta_0)$

$$= \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmax}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_\phi(x_i)$$

Notation simplification

$$Pf := \int f(x) P(dx) (\mathbb{E}_{x \sim P})$$

P_n : the empirical probability measure

$$\text{e.g. } Pm_\phi = \int m_\phi(x) P(dx)$$

$$P_0 m_\phi = \int m_\phi(x) P_{\theta_0}(dx)$$

$$P_n m_\phi = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_\phi(x_i)$$

$$\phi_0 \in \arg \max_{\phi} P_0 m_\phi$$

$$\phi_n \in \arg \max_{\phi} P_n m_\phi$$

$$\text{CLT} : \sqrt{n} (P_n - P_0) f \Rightarrow N(0, \Sigma_f)$$

Example (MLE as an M-est.)

KL-divergence : Given any P, Q , assuming

$$P \ll \mu \text{ and } Q \ll \mu \rightarrow \text{Lebesgue / Counting measure usually.}$$
$$(\Rightarrow P = \frac{dP}{d\mu} \text{ and } Q = \frac{dQ}{d\mu})$$

$$D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) := -P \left[\log \frac{Q}{P} \right] \rightarrow m_\theta$$

$$\theta_0 \in \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} [-D_{KL}(P_{\theta_0} \parallel P_\theta)]$$

$$\theta_n \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P_n m_{\theta} \rightarrow \log \frac{q}{p}$$

We can show, by Jensen $\leq$ (Gibbs ineq) that

$$(1) D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) \geq 0$$

$$(2) D_{KL}(P \parallel Q) = 0 \text{ iff } P = Q.$$

$\Downarrow$

$$\textcircled{1} \theta_0 \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} [-D_{KL}(P_{\theta_0} \parallel P_{\theta})]$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} P_{\theta_0} \left[\log \frac{P_{\theta}}{P_{\theta_0}} \right]$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} P_{\theta_0} \left[\log P_{\theta} \right]$$

if $P_{\theta_0} |\log P_{\theta_0}| < \infty$

m_{Φ} with $\Phi: \theta \mapsto \theta$.

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} P_{\theta_0} m_{\Phi}$$

$\textcircled{2}$ Identifiability: $m_{\Phi}(m_{\theta})$ identifies the M-est if

$$P_{\theta_1} = P_{\theta_2} \text{ iff } \theta_1 = \theta_2.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \theta_n \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} P_n m_{\theta}$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} P_n [\log P_{\theta}]$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log P_{\theta}(X_i)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n P_{\theta}(X_i)$$

Classic def. of MLE

Z-est (a cousin of M-est)

Setup: the same as M-est

framework: $Z_\phi: x \mapsto \mathbb{R}^b$

$\Phi(\theta)$ is the root of

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta[Z_\phi(X)]$$

i.e. $\Phi(\theta) \in \{\phi: \mathbb{E}_\theta[Z_\phi(X)] = 0\}$

Inference:

① Z_ϕ identifies $\Phi(\theta)$ if it has a unique root.

$$\textcircled{2} \phi_n \in \{\phi: \underbrace{P_n Z_\phi = 0}_{\parallel \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_\phi(X_i)}\}$$

Ex 1 [Sample median]

if $\Phi(\theta) := \text{median}_\theta(X)$ is unique
by def. of median

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } 0 &= P_\theta[\mathbb{1}\{X > \Phi(\theta)\}] - P_\theta[\mathbb{1}\{X < \Phi(\theta)\}] \\ &= P_\theta[\underbrace{\text{sign}(X - \Phi(\theta))}_{Z_\phi := \text{sign}(x - \phi)}] \end{aligned}$$



$$\phi_n \in \left\{ \phi : P_n \bar{z}_\phi (= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(X_i - \phi)) = 0 \right\}$$

matches the sample median

$E_X[\text{Sample mean}]$ $m\text{-est} = m_\phi = -|x - \phi|^2$

$E_X[\text{Sample median}]$

also an $M\text{-est} = m_\phi = -|x - \phi|$.

$E_X[\text{Pearson method of moments}]$

Suppose $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\Phi : \theta \mapsto \theta$, i.e.

we are interested in estimating θ_0 .

Suppose $X \sim P_{\theta_0}$ and the first k moments

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{\theta_0}[X] \\ \vdots \\ E_{\theta_0}[X^k] \end{pmatrix} \text{ are well-defined and finite}$$

Then $P_0 X (= E_{\theta_0}[X]) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$P_0 X^2 \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$

$P_0 X^k \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$

Then the MoM est. is the root of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - E_{\theta_0}[X] \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - E_{\theta_0}[X^2] \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k - E_{\theta_0}[X^k] \end{pmatrix} \text{ the blue parts are known functions of } \theta.$$

Then, Moll ests are Z ests:

$$Z_0: x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x - E_0[X] \\ x^2 - E_0[X^2] \\ \vdots \\ x^K - E_0[X^K] \end{pmatrix}$$

← plz. verify it

$E_{X_i} [\mu\text{-ests.}]$, but more general (U-stat) 583

$$PLM: Y_i = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{outcome}}}{X_i^T} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{linear}}}{\beta_0} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{nonlinear}}}{g(U_i)} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{noise}}}{\varepsilon_i}$$

covariates →

unknown params.

a benchmark "semi-parametric" model since

$\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is finite-dim
 g is infinite-dim

Goal of interest: $\Phi(\theta) = \beta_0$
↑
 (β_0, g)

Difference-based estimator:

$$Y_i = X_i^T \beta_0 + g(U_i) + \varepsilon_i$$

$$Y_j = X_j^T \beta_0 + g(U_j) + \varepsilon_j$$

Pairwise diff

$$Y_i - Y_j = (X_i - X_j)^T \beta_0 + [g(U_i) - g(U_j)] + \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$$

Then, if $U_i - U_j \approx 0$ and g is smooth, then

$$[g(U_i) - g(U_j)] \approx 0$$

$$Y_i - Y_j \approx (X_i - X_j)^T \beta_0 + \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$$

$$\arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ \sum_{i < j} \left[\underbrace{K_h(U_i - U_j)}_{\text{encouraging closeness of } U_i \text{ and } U_j} \underbrace{(Y_i - Y_j - (X_i - X_j)^T \beta)^2}_{\text{LSE loss}} \right] \right\}$$

U -statistics for any β

$\{ \beta : \sum_{i < j} K_h(\cdot) \dots \}$ is a U -process indexed by β .

Full generalization of M- and Z-

M-est: $\Phi(\theta) \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\phi \in \mathcal{S}} \underbrace{M_{\theta}(\phi)}_{\substack{\text{special case:} \\ P_{\theta} m_{\phi}}}$ population

$\phi_n \in \operatorname{argmax}_{\phi \in \mathcal{S}} \underbrace{M_n(\phi)}_{\substack{\text{special case:} \\ P_n m_{\phi}}} \quad \text{data-based}$

We believe as long as $M_n(\cdot)$ is close to $M_{\theta_0}(\cdot)$,
then their maximizer

ϕ_n should be close to $\phi_0 (:= \Phi(\theta_0))$

Z-est ① $\phi_0 \in \{\text{roots of } Z_{\theta_0}(\phi)\}$

② $\phi_n \in \{\text{roots of } Z_n(\phi)\}$

Similarly, as long as $Z_{\theta_0}(\cdot)$ is close to
 $Z_n(\cdot)$, ϕ_n should be close to ϕ_0 .

Remark:

(i) Usually, M -est, can be also formulated as an Z -est.

$$Z_\theta: \phi \mapsto \nabla M_\theta(\phi)$$

$$Z_n: \phi \mapsto \nabla M_n(\phi)$$

But not always true.

Manski's estimator:

Binary choice model ← goal of interest

$$Y_i = \mathbb{1}(X_i^\top \beta_0 + \varepsilon_i > 0)$$

↑ outcome ↑ covariates ↑ noise

$$\hat{\beta}_n := \arg \max_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ Y_i \mathbb{1}\{X_i^\top \beta > 0\} \right\}$$

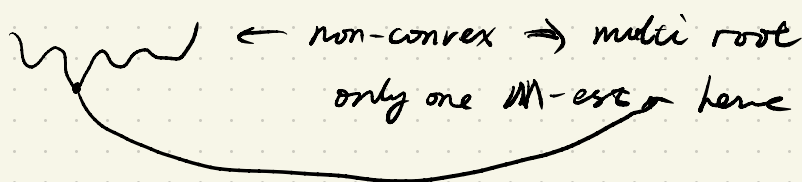
It doesn't have a natural Z -estimator.

(ii) Z -est. can always be formulated as an M -est.:

$$M_0: \phi \mapsto \|Z_0(\phi)\|^2$$

$$M_n: \phi \mapsto \|Z_n(\phi)\|^2$$

Intuition: the global max is easier to be unique than the root.

Ex.  $\leftarrow$ non-convex $\Rightarrow$ multi root
only one M -est. here.

Q: "consistency"? "Rate of convergence"?

3. Diso.?

1st Q: Is the ϕ_n above a consistent est. of ϕ_0 ??
i.e., $\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$?

Example [1-dim Z -est.]

$$\Phi: \mathbb{D} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \phi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^1.$$

$\phi_0 = \text{root of } \underline{Z_0(\phi)}$ $\rightarrow$ population score function

$\phi_n = \text{root of } \underline{Z_n(\phi)}$ *empirical score func.*

Conditions:

(i) $\phi_0, \phi_n \in \underline{\mathbb{R}^1}$

(ii) [Point-wise consistency]: $\forall$ given ϕ ,
 $Z_n(\phi) \xrightarrow{P} Z_0(\phi)$

(iii) One of the following two is true

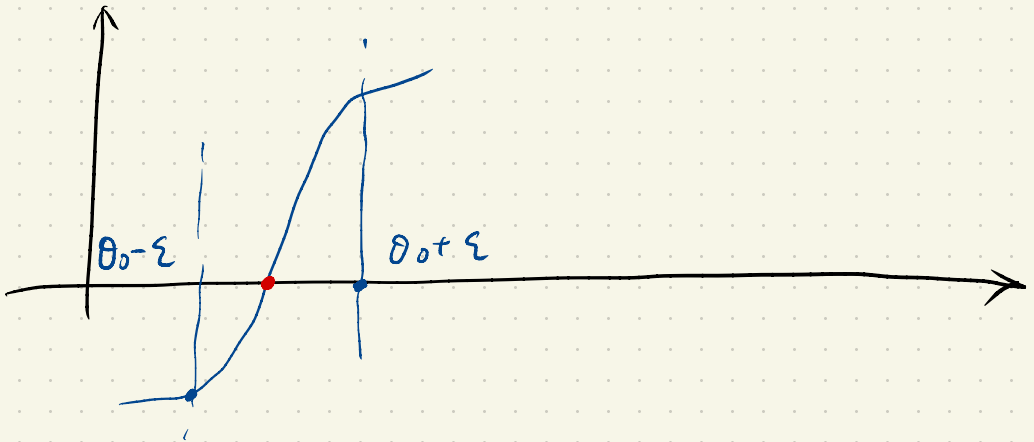
(a) Each $\phi \mapsto Z_n(\phi)$ is cont. and
has exactly one root

or (b) $\phi \mapsto Z_n(\phi)$ is non-decreasing.

(iv) $\forall \varepsilon > 0, Z_0(\phi_0 - \varepsilon) < 0 < Z_0(\phi_0 + \varepsilon)$

Proof. We only show

(i) + (ii) + (iii) a + (iv)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\text{Step 1}} &: P(Z_n(\phi_0 - \varepsilon) < 0, Z_n(\phi_0 + \varepsilon) > 0) \\
 &\leq P(\exists \text{ a root of } Z_n \text{ between } \phi_0 - \varepsilon \text{ and } \phi_0 + \varepsilon) \\
 &= P(\phi_n \in (\phi_0 - \varepsilon, \phi_0 + \varepsilon))
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have known

$$(iv): Z_0(\phi_0 - \varepsilon) < 0, Z_0(\phi_0 + \varepsilon) > 0$$

$$(ii): Z_n(\phi_0 - \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{P} Z_0(\phi_0 - \varepsilon)$$

$$Z_n(\phi_0 + \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{P} Z_0(\phi_0 + \varepsilon)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$P(Z_n(\phi_0 - \varepsilon) < 0, Z_n(\phi_0 + \varepsilon) > 0) \xrightarrow{P} 1$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$$

Remark: This proof doesn't work for general $\mathbb{R}^k$ param.

Real meat: $\phi_0 \in \operatorname{argmax} M_{00}(\phi)$
 $\phi_n \in \operatorname{argmax} M_n(\phi) \quad (*)$

Goal: $\phi_n \xrightarrow{P_i} \phi_0$

Remark: (i) Normally, we can relax (*) to allow for computation error.

$$M_n(\phi_n) \geq \sup_{\phi} M_n(\phi) - o_p(1)$$

(ii) Identification: $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$M_0(\phi_0) > \sup_{\phi: \|\phi - \phi_0\| > \varepsilon} M_0(\phi)$$

(iii) [Uniform consistency M_n to M_0]

$$\sup_{\phi \in S} |M_n(\phi) - M_0(\phi)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Claim: (i) + (ii) + (iii) $\Rightarrow \phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$

Map

$(\mathcal{P}, \Theta)$

$$\Phi: \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$\bar{\Phi}(\theta)$$

- ① maximizer $M_\theta(\phi)$
 $\arg\max_{\phi \in S} \boxed{P_\theta m_\phi}$
- ② root of $\boxed{P_\theta Z_\phi}$
 $Z_\theta(\phi)$

μ - & Z -estimation

DGD:

(P_0, θ_0)

P_{θ_0}

Data

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$
or
 P_n

est. & inference

$$\phi_0 = \bar{\Phi}(\theta_0)$$

$$\phi_n \in$$

$$\arg\max \boxed{P_n m_\phi} \quad M_n(\phi)$$

$$\text{root of } \boxed{P_n Z_\phi} \quad Z_n(\phi)$$

Consistency & rate of convergence

$$(i) M_n(\phi_n) \geq \sup_{\phi} M_n(\phi) - \underline{O_p(1)}$$

minor computation error

$$(ii) \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

$$M_0(\phi_0) > \sup_{\phi: \|\phi - \phi_0\| > \varepsilon} M_0(\phi)$$

(iii) Uniform convergence

$$\sup_{\phi \in S} |M_n(\phi) - M_0(\phi)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

$$\text{Goal: } \phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0.$$

Proof: $0 \leq M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n)$

$$\leq [M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n)]$$

$$- [\underbrace{M_n(\phi_0) - \sup_{\phi \in S} M_n(\phi)}_{\leq 0}]$$

$$\leq [M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n)]$$

$$- [M_n(\phi_0) - M_n(\phi_n)] + \overset{(i)}{O_p(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \underbrace{[M_0(\phi_0) - M_n(\phi_0)]}_{\leq \sup_{\phi} |M_n - M_0(\phi)|} + \underbrace{[M_n(\phi_n) - M_0(\phi_n)]}_{\leq \sup_{\phi} |(M_n - M_0)(\phi)|} + o_p(1) \\
&\leq 2 \sup_{\phi} |(M_n - M_0)(\phi)| + o_p(1) \stackrel{(iii)}{=} o_p(1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n) = o_p(1) \quad (*)$$

It remains to show

$$(*) \stackrel{(ii)}{\Rightarrow} \phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$$

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, and let

$$\delta = M_0(\phi_0) - \sup_{\|\phi - \phi_0\| > \varepsilon} M_0(\phi) \stackrel{(ii)}{>} 0$$

Notice

$$\{\|\phi_n - \phi_0\| > \varepsilon\} \subset \{M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n) \geq \delta\}$$

$$P_0(\|\phi_n - \phi_0\| > \varepsilon) \leq P_0(M_0(\phi_0) - M_0(\phi_n) \geq \delta)$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} = 0$$

$$\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$$

Uniform consistency

$$\text{Setup: } M_0(\phi) = P_0 m_\phi$$

$$M_n(\phi) = P_n m_\phi = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_\phi(X_i)$$

Prop. As long as

$$(i) \forall \phi \in S, P_0 |m_\phi| < \infty$$

$$(ii) |S| < \infty$$

We have

$$\sup_{\phi \in S} |(P_n - P_0) m_\phi| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

Proof. $\downarrow (i)$
SLLN + (ii)

Union bound: as long as

$$A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$$

$$\text{then } \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$$

Step 1.

By LLN, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$P_0(|P_n - P_0| m_\phi > \varepsilon)$$

$$= P_0\left[\left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (m_\phi(X_i) - P_0 m_\phi)\right| > \varepsilon\right]$$

LLN (ii)

$$\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Step 2. } & P_0 \left(\sup_{\phi \in S} |P_n - P_0| m_\phi > \varepsilon \right) \\
 &= P_0 \left(\bigcup_{\phi \in S} \{ |P_n - P_0| m_\phi > \varepsilon \} \right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{\phi \in S} P_0 (|P_n - P_0| m_\phi > \varepsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

union
bound

$$\leq |S| \cdot \underbrace{\sup_{\phi \in S} P_0 (|P_n - P_0| m_\phi > \varepsilon)}_{\substack{\downarrow n \rightarrow \infty \\ 0}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

For studying

$$\sup_{\phi \in S} |P_n - P_0| m_\phi$$

it suffices to study

$$\{ m_\phi : \phi \in S \}$$

Def. [P₀-Glivenko-Cantalli]

The class of functions

$$\{m_\phi : \phi \in S\}$$

is called a P₀-GC class/set

if it satisfies

$$\sup_{\phi \in S} |P_n - P_0| m_\phi = o_p(1)$$

Remark G & C independently studied

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(t) - F_0(t)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

empirical
CDF

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}\{X_i \leq t\}$$

$$P_n \mathbb{1}(X \leq \cdot)$$

population CDF

$$P(X \leq t)$$

$$P_0 \mathbb{1}(X \leq \cdot)$$

$$\iff \sup_{\phi \in \mathbb{R}} |P_n - P_0| m_\phi \xrightarrow{P} 0$$

$$\text{w.r.t. } \{m_\phi := \mathbb{1}\{X \leq \phi\}, \phi \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Remark. Methods to prove a certain function class is P₀-GC:

(i) Symmetrization + VC-type bound

(ii) Martingale theory [5205]

(iii) Entropy argument [581]

metric-entropy, bracketing-entropy ...

Def. [bracketing entropy]

Setup: $\mathcal{F} = \{f \in \mathcal{F}\}$

$f: \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$ ↗ real line

(i) [Bracket] Given any two functions

l and u [$l < u$]

in $L^1(P_0)$ [i.e., $\int |l(x)| P_0(dx) < \infty$

$\int |u(x)| P_0(dx) < \infty$]

the bracket of l and u ,

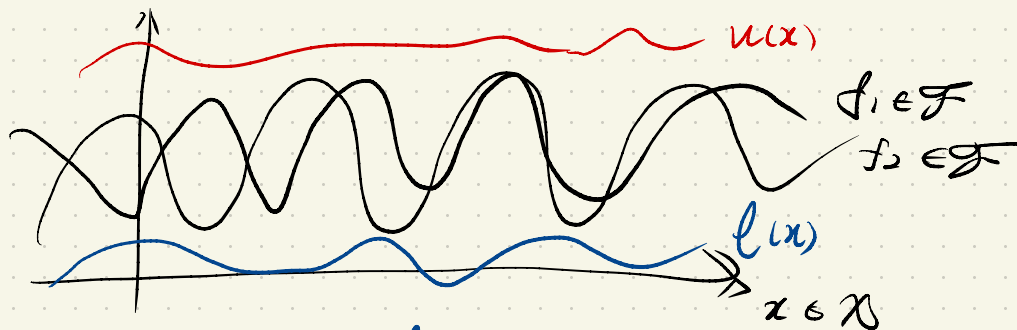
[l, u]

containing all functions

$f \in \mathcal{F}$

s.t.

$l(x) \leq f(x) \leq u(x), \forall x \in \mathcal{X}$.



(ii) A bracket $[l, u]$ is said to be an

ε -bracket if

$$\|u - l\|_{L^1(P_0)} \leq \varepsilon.$$

$$(\|f\|_{L^1(P_0)} := \int |f(x)| P_0(dx))$$

(iii) Bracteting entropy of $\mathcal{F}$.

$$N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, L^1(P_0), \mathcal{F})$$

represents the **smallest number**
of ε -brackets needed to cover $\mathcal{F}$.

Remark. Notice the l 's and u 's do not have to be in $\mathcal{F}$, but they should $\in L^1(P_0)$.

Thm. [P_0 -GC using bracketing entropy]

Suppose, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$$N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, L^1(P_0), \mathcal{F}) < \infty$$

Then, $\mathcal{F}$ is P_0 -GC, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_n - P_0\|_{\mathcal{F}} &=: \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} |P_n - P_0|f \\ &= o_p(1) \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (i) with each ε -bracket,

f 's are nearly the same (identical)

(ii) $\exists$ only finitely many ε -brackets

(iii) Union bound proof.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. By cond.,

$$\exists [l_j, u_j] \quad j=1, 2, \dots, \boxed{N_\varepsilon(\dots)} \leftarrow N$$

s.t. it covers $\mathcal{F}$.

Define

$$A_{n,\varepsilon} := \left\{ \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (P_n - P)f > 2\varepsilon \right\}$$

$$B_{n,\varepsilon} := \left\{ \inf_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (P_n - P)f < -2\varepsilon \right\}$$

By symmetry, only study $A_{n,\varepsilon}$.

Fix $f \in \mathcal{F}$, By cond.,

$\exists$ one $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ s.t.

$$l_j \leq f \leq u_j$$

implying

$$P_n f \leq P_n u_j$$

$$P_0 f \geq P_0 u_j - P_0(u_j - l_j)$$

$\Downarrow$

$$(P_n - P_0)f \leq P_n u_j - P_0 u_j + P_0(u_j - l_j)$$

$$= (P_n - P_0)u_j + P_0(u_j - l_j)$$

$$= (P_n - P_0)u_j + \underbrace{P_0|u_j - l_j|}$$

$$= \|u_j - l_j\|_{L^1(P_0)}$$

$$\leq \varepsilon$$

$$\leq (P_n - P_0)u_j + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& P_0(A_n, \varepsilon) \\
&= P_0 \left(\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} (P_n - P_0)f > 2\varepsilon \right) \\
&\leq P_0 \left(\sup_{j=\{1, 2, \dots, n\}} (P_n - P_0)u_j > \varepsilon \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^n P_0 \left((P_n - P_0)u_j > \varepsilon \right) = o(1) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Real Q: How to show a class of functions have finite bracketing entropy

$N_{[\cdot]}(\cdot) ???$

Thm [Example 9.8 Van der Vaart]

① Suppose

$$\mathcal{F} := \{f_\phi, \phi \in K \subset \mathbb{R}^d\}$$

where K is compact.

② $\forall$ given x ,

$\phi \mapsto f_\phi(x)$ is continuous w.r.t. ϕ .

③ [Envelope] Suppose

$\exists$ a function F satisfying

$$(a) \sup_{\phi \in K} |f_\phi(x)| \leq F(x), \quad \forall x$$

$$(b) P_0|F| = P_0F < \infty$$

Then, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $N_{[\cdot]}(\varepsilon, L^1(P_0), \mathcal{F})$ is finite.

Proof HW!

Ex. [logistic reg.]

Setup: $X = (\overset{\substack{\in \mathbb{R}^d \\ \text{covariates}}}{Z}, \overset{\substack{\in \{0,1\} \\ \text{outcome}}}{Y})$
Data

$$\text{GLM: } \begin{cases} Y|Z \sim \text{Ber}(g_{\Phi(\theta)}(Z)) \\ \text{w. } g_{\Phi}(Z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\phi^T Z)} \\ Z \sim P_{\theta} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Gaussian} \\ \text{others} \end{array} \right. \end{cases}$$

n IID obs. of (Z, Y)
 $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

Goal: Estimate ϕ_0

Assumption: $\Phi(\theta_0) = \phi_0 \in K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ ← compact

Procedure: MLE / M-est.

$$\hat{\phi}_n = \arg \max_{\phi \in K} P_n m_{\phi}$$

with $m_{\phi}: x = (z, y) \mapsto y \log g_{\phi}(z) + (1-y) \log(1-g_{\phi}(z))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= y \log g_{\phi}(z) + \log(1-g_{\phi}(z)) \\ &= y \cdot \underbrace{\phi^T z}_{\text{||}} - \log(1 + \exp(\phi^T z)) \end{aligned}$$

① $\phi \in K$ compact ✓

② $\forall x = (y, z)$, it is cont. w.r.t. ϕ . ✓

③ It remains to find the envelope F :

$$\sup_{\phi \in K} |m_{\phi}(x)| \leq |y \cdot \phi^T z| + |\log(1 + \exp(\phi^T z))|$$
$$\leq |\phi^T z| + \log(1 + \exp(\phi^T z))$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 0 \leq \log(1 + \exp(t)) \\ \leq \max(t, 0) + 1 \\ \forall t \end{array} \right]$$

$$\leq |\phi^T z| + \max(\phi^T z, 0) + 1$$

$$= 2|\phi^T z| + 1$$

$$[\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}] \leq 2\|\phi\|\|z\| + 1$$

$$\sup_{\phi \in K} = 2\|z\| \sup_{\phi \in K} \|\phi\| + 1$$

since K compact, it is finite, $< \infty$.

$$:= F, \quad F := x \mapsto 2\|z\|\sup\|\phi\| + 1$$

If $\|F\|_{L^1(P_0)} < \infty$, then done.

$$\Leftrightarrow P_0\|z\| < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_0 z_j^2 < \infty, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, d.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{By Vdr} \\ N_{[]}\left(\varepsilon, L'(P_0), \{m\phi : \phi \in K\}\right) < \infty \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ \text{ULLN is true} \end{array}$$

$$P_0 m\phi^\top \text{ is convex} \leftarrow \text{verify}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$$

3.4 ASN of m - & z - est.

$$\sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

asymptotic normality, a.k.a. ASN

To establish ASN of ϕ_n , usually we aim to show

Asymptotic linear estimator (ALE)

$$\sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i}_{\substack{\text{linear expansion} \\ \text{Hajek projection}}} + \underbrace{R_n}_{\substack{\text{Donsker property} \\ \sqrt{n}(P_n - P)(\hat{f}_n - \hat{g}_n) \\ \text{with } d(\hat{f}_n, \hat{g}_n) \xrightarrow{P} 0}} + o_p(1)$$

The most challenging part is to show

$$R_n = o_p(1) \quad (\text{Take supremum})$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{f, g: d(f, g) < \varepsilon} \sqrt{n} (P_n - P)(f - g) = 0$$

eg

$\mathcal{F}$ s.t. $\square$ is true is called
 P_0 -Donsker

Example (mean absolute deviation, David Pollard)

$$\mu_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i - \bar{X}_n| \quad \text{Robust statistics}$$

$$[\text{Setup: } X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} P_0, \\ \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i]$$

1st [Consistency]

$$\mu_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu_0 := E[|X - EX|]$$

2nd Mean absolute deviation is ASN

$$\text{Goal: } \sqrt{n} (\mu_n - \mu_0) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Proof. Def. $\mathcal{F} := \{ \underbrace{|x - t|}_{f_t(x)} : t \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$$\mu_n = P_n f_{\bar{X}_n}$$

$$\mu_0 = P_0 f_{\mu_0} := EX$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\mu_n - \mu_0) = \sqrt{n}(P_n f_{\bar{X}_n} - P_0 f_{\mu})$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0)f_{\mu}} \leftarrow \text{CLT}$$

$$+ \sqrt{n}(P_n f_{\bar{X}_n} - P_n f_{\mu})$$

$$= \boxed{\sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0)f_{\mu}} \leftarrow \text{CLT}$$

$$= P_0 f_{\mu}$$

ψ : smooth

$\leftarrow$ Delta method

$$+ \boxed{\sqrt{n}(\psi(\bar{X}_n) - \psi(\mu))}$$

$$+ \boxed{\sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0)(f_{\bar{X}_n} - f_{\mu})}$$

$\uparrow$
Donsker

$$\Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$= \sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0)(f_{\mu}(x) + \boxed{\psi'(\mu) \cdot x}) + \boxed{Op(1)} + \boxed{Op(1)}$$

Delta method main term by Taylor expansion

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$\uparrow$
Delta method

$\uparrow$
Donsker's $Op(1)$

$$\Rightarrow N(0, \boxed{\sigma^2}) \rightarrow \text{please calculate it}$$

ASN of Z -est.

Cramer 1930

Setup [simple]

Cond. too strong
and eliminate very important
application like quantile regression.

$$\phi_0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\phi_0: Z_0(\phi_0) = 0$$

$$\phi_n: Z_n(\phi_n) = 0$$

$$\text{Goal: } \sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) \Rightarrow N(0, \theta^2)$$

513-level:

- ① Taylor expansion on Z_n
- ② Cramer-type cond.
- ③ smoothness on Z_n 's function

smoothness

is required

roughly

might not be 0

They are strong conditions and not necessary.

Claim: ①-③ cannot handle many estimators, such as quantile reg:

$$\arg\min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i=1}^n |Y_i - X_i^T \beta|$$

Insight: too much assumption on Z_n which can be very non-smooth.

Instead of Z_n , we can look at Z_0 .

Because Z_0 we can add expectation, which will smoothen the original function.

Use Donsker to connect Z_n and Z_0 .

Details (heuristic)

$$0 = -Z_0(\phi_0)$$

$$= [Z_n(\phi_0) - Z_0(\phi_0)] - Z_n(\phi_0)$$

$$= [Z_n(\phi_0) - Z_0(\phi_0)]$$

$$+ [Z_n(\phi_n) - Z_n(\phi_0)]$$

$$Z_n(\phi_n) = 0$$

$$\text{I} \quad = [Z_n(\phi_0) - Z_n(\phi_0)] \rightarrow \text{CLT}$$

$$\text{II} \quad + Z_0(\phi_n) - \cancel{Z_0}(\phi_0) \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{usually smooth} \\ \text{Taylor expansion} \end{array}$$

$$+ Z_n(\phi_n) - Z_n(\phi_0)$$

$$\text{III} \quad - Z_0(\phi_n) + Z_0(\phi_0) \rightarrow \text{a Donsker term}$$

$$\text{When } Z_n(\phi) = P_n Z_\phi$$

$$Z_0(\phi) = P_0 Z_\phi$$

the last term $= (P_n - P_0)(Z_{\phi_n} - Z_{\phi_0})$

Step I, Term I $= (P_n - P_0) Z_{\phi_0}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n} \text{ Term I} \Rightarrow N(0, \text{Var}(Z_{\phi_0}))$$

Step II, Term II $= Z_0(\phi_n) - Z_0(\phi_0)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Term II} = (\phi_n - \phi_0) \dot{Z}_0(\phi_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\phi_n - \phi_0)^2 \ddot{Z}_0(\tilde{\phi}_n)$$

for some $\tilde{\phi}_n$ between ϕ_0 and ϕ_n .

$$= (\phi_n - \phi_0) \dot{Z}_0(\phi_0)$$

$$+ o_p(\phi_n - \phi_0)$$

$$\text{If } ① \phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$$

$$② \sup_{\phi \in U(\phi_0)} |\ddot{Z}_0(\phi)| < \infty$$

small neighbourhood

Step 3, We need to show

$$\sqrt{n} \cdot \text{Term II} = o_p(1)$$

An incorrect heuristic to step 3.

LeCam's thinking: Instead of having

a random seq. of $\{\phi_n\}$, let's think about

" $\{\phi_n\}$ to be deterministic."

Under the Incorrect assumption:

Fixing any $t > 0$,

$$= \frac{\text{Var}(Z\phi_n(X_i) - Z\phi_0(X_i))}{t^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{Z}_{\phi_n}(\cdot) - \bar{Z}_{\phi_0}(\cdot)) \rightarrow 0$$

as $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$

e.g. Lipschitz cond:

$$|Z_\phi(x) - Z_{\phi_0}(x)| \leq \|\phi - \phi_0\| \cdot G(x)$$

and $P_0 G^2 < \infty$

Step 4

Step 4. $0 = \text{Term I} + \text{Term II} + \text{Term III}$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_n - \phi_0 = \frac{-(P_n - P_0) Z_{\phi_0}}{\dot{Z}_0(\phi_0) + o_p(1)} \leftarrow \text{Term I} + o_p(n^{-1/2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) = - \frac{\sqrt{n}(P_n - P_0) \dot{Z}\phi_0}{\dot{Z}_0(\phi_0)} + o_p(1) \quad \leftarrow \text{ASL}$$

$$\Rightarrow N\left(0, \frac{\text{var}_0(\dot{Z}\phi_0)}{(\dot{Z}_0(\phi_0))^2}\right)$$

$$\uparrow \uparrow$$

$$\ln \text{MLE}, = \frac{1}{I(\theta_0)}$$

The following 2 Thms will not be proved.

Thm [General Z-est. ASN]

① $Z_0 = P_0 \dot{Z}\phi$, $Z_n = P_n \dot{Z}\phi$, and $\forall \phi$ in an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\dot{Z}\phi : x \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$$

② $\mathbb{E}_0 \|\dot{Z}\phi_0(x)\|^2 < \infty$

③ $\phi \mapsto P_0 \dot{Z}\phi$ is differentiable (Taylor expansion) at ϕ_0 with nonsingular Jacobian $V\phi_0$. $\longrightarrow \ln \text{MLE}, \text{ Fisher info matrix}$

④ Assume $\exists G : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ (smoothness for Donsker)
s.t. ① $P_0 G^2 < \infty$

② $\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \forall \phi, \tilde{\phi} \in U(\phi_0),$

$$\|\dot{Z}\phi(x) - \dot{Z}\tilde{\phi}(x)\| \leq \|\phi - \tilde{\phi}\| \cdot G(x)$$

⑤ $\{ \phi_n \}$ is a sequence of est. ϕ_0 s.t.

$$P_n Z_{\phi_n} = o_p(n^{-1/2})$$

and $\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$.

Claim: Under ①-⑤,

$$\sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) \Rightarrow N(0, V_{\phi_0}^{-1} \cdot P_0[Z_{\phi_0} Z_{\phi_0}^T][V_{\phi_0}^{-1}])$$

Thm [ASN of M-est.] Assume

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad & \phi_0 = \operatorname{argmax} P_0 m_\phi \\ & [\phi_n \approx \operatorname{argmax} P_n m_\phi] \\ & m_\phi : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

② $\forall \phi \in \text{open subset} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$,

$\phi \mapsto m_\phi(x)$ is differentiable at ϕ_0 for

P_0 -almost everywhere x .

Note: think about $|x|$  has measure 0
 $\therefore$ still satisfies cond. ②

We take $\dot{m}_{\phi_0}$ to be the derivative.

③ $\forall \phi, \tilde{\phi} \in U(\phi_0)$, assume

$\exists G : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P_0 G^2 < \infty$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad |m_\phi(x) - m_{\tilde{\phi}}(x)| \leq \|\phi - \tilde{\phi}\| G(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Note: even weaker than Z because M-est. acts like integral of Z-est.

④ Assume $\exists$ a non-singular symmetric matrix

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sup_{\|h\|=1} |P_0 m_{\phi_0 + \varepsilon h} - P_0 m_{\phi_0} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 h^T V_{\phi_0} h|}{\varepsilon^2} = 0$$

V_{ϕ_0} s.t.

[We will use QMD to verify]

$$\textcircled{5} \quad P_n m_{\phi_n} \geq \sup_{\phi} P_n m_{\phi} - o_p(n^{-1})$$

& $\phi_n \xrightarrow{P} \phi_0$

Claim: $\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{5}$ imply

$$\sqrt{n}(\phi_n - \phi_0) \Rightarrow N(0, V_{\phi_0}^{-1} [P_0 \dot{m}_{\phi_0} \dot{m}_{\phi_0}^T] [V_{\phi_0}^{-1}]^T)$$

$$= V_{\phi_0}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{m}_{\phi_0}(X_i) + o_p(1)$$

Slutsky

As long as it is not ASL, Bootstrap cannot work.

Bootstrap consistency $\approx$ ASL.

BS can improve finite sample accuracy.

BS can accelerate rate.

Chapter 3.5 Parametric models

(MLE + QMD)

K-L divergence

Hellinger distance

Setup: $\mathcal{P} := \{P_\theta : \theta \in \overset{\text{open}}{\mathcal{H}} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \xrightarrow{\text{finite dim}}\}$

MLE, maximize log-likelihood.

is a M-est:

$$M_\theta : \theta \mapsto \mathbb{E}_\theta \left[\log \frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu}(x) \right]$$

① μ is the reference measure $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Lebesgue} \\ \text{counting} \end{array} \right.$

② Choose μ to be Lebesgue measure.

$\frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu}$ is the pdf

③ Choose μ to be counting measure.

$\frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu}$ is the pmf.

We'll write

$$P_\theta = \frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu} \quad (\text{w.r.t. } \mu)$$

M_θ will give us Z_θ

$$\begin{aligned} Z_\theta : \theta &\mapsto \nabla_\theta M_\theta \\ &= \nabla_\theta \mathbb{E}_\theta [\log P_\theta(x)] \end{aligned}$$

High level motivation of QMD

∇_{θ} and $\int$

Interchange the position

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ex}} Z_{\theta_0}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[Z_{\theta}(x)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\theta} &:= x \mapsto \nabla_{\theta} \log P_{\theta}(x) \\ &= \frac{\dot{P}_{\theta}(x)}{P_{\theta}(x)} \dot{\ell}_{\theta}(x) \\ &\quad (\dot{P}_{\theta}(x) = \nabla_{\theta} P_{\theta}(x)) \end{aligned}$$

Claim [513] "In general,"

$$Z_{\theta_0}(\theta_0) = 0$$

Proof. $Z_{\theta_0}(\theta_0) = \mathbb{E}_0[\dot{\ell}_{\theta_0}(x)]$

$$= \int \dot{\ell}_{\theta_0}(x) P_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)$$

$$= \int \dot{P}_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)$$

cond.
is very
naughty

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} = \int \nabla_{\theta} P_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} \underbrace{\int P_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)}_1 = 0$$

Claim 2 [STAT 513 level]

ASN of MLE:

We can formulate the problem as

Z-est:

$$\sqrt{n}(\theta_n - \theta_0) \Rightarrow N\left(0, \frac{P_0[Z_{\theta_0}]^2}{[\dot{Z}_{\theta_0}(\theta_0)]^2}\right)$$

[when $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$]

Intuitively,

$$\frac{P_0 Z_{\theta_0}^2}{[\dot{Z}_{\theta_0}(\theta_0)]^2} = \frac{1}{I(\theta_0)} \leftarrow \text{FIN at } \theta_0 \quad (*)$$

To prove (*), 513 tells us

$$\dot{Z}_{\theta_0}(\theta_0) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \int \dot{l}_{\theta_0}(x) P_{\theta_0}(dx)$$

$$= \int \frac{d}{d\theta} \dot{l}_{\theta_0}(x) P_{\theta_0}(dx)$$

Interchange

$$= \int \frac{\ddot{P}_{\theta_0}(x) P_{\theta_0}(x) - \dot{P}_{\theta_0}^2(x)}{[P_{\theta_0}(x)]^2} \boxed{P_{\theta_0}(dx)}$$

$P_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)$

$$= \int \ddot{P}_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \int \boxed{P_{\theta_0}(x) \mu(dx)}$$

$$- \int [\dot{l}_{\theta_0}(x)]^2 P_{\theta_0}(dx)$$

var of score function

"FIN"

$$= -\text{FIN}$$

Chapter. 3.6 QMD

Quadratic Mean Differentiability

Note:
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\theta}(\sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)}) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\dot{P}_{\theta}(x)}{\sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\dot{P}_{\theta}(x)}{P_{\theta}(x)} \cdot \sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \dot{\ell}_{\theta}(x) \cdot \sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)}\end{aligned}$$

Def [QMD]

(i) The root density

$$\theta \mapsto \sqrt{P_{\theta}}$$

is called QMD at θ if

$\exists$ a function $\dot{\ell}_{\theta}$

perturbation

s.t.

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\|h\|=1} \int \left[\frac{\sqrt{P_{\theta+\varepsilon h}(x)} - \sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)}}{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2} h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta}(x) \sqrt{P_{\theta}(x)} \right]^2 \mu(dx) = 0$$

mean

differentiability

quadratic

related to Hellinger distance (metric)

$$\forall p, q \ll \mu, \int (\sqrt{p} - \sqrt{q})^2 \mu(dx)$$

$$p(x) = \frac{dP}{d\mu}, q = \frac{dQ}{d\mu}$$

(ii) A model $\{P_{\theta} : \theta \in \Theta\}$ is QMD at θ

if $\theta \mapsto \sqrt{P_{\theta}}$ is QMD at θ .

This model is QMD if it is QMD at $\forall \theta \in \Theta$.

Remark: An equivalent expression for QMD at θ is

$$\int \left[\sqrt{P_{\theta+h}} - \sqrt{P_{\theta}} - \frac{1}{2} h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta} \cdot \sqrt{P_{\theta}} \right]^2 \mu(dx)$$

$= o(\|h\|^2)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$ [vdV book]

↑
uniform [Please verify]

Thm. [1st part of vdV's Thm. 7.2]

Suppose $\mathcal{D}$ is open subset of $\mathbb{R}^d$ and

$\{P_{\theta} : \theta \in \mathcal{D}\}$ is QMD at θ . Then

$\dot{\ell}_{\theta}(\cdot)$ is
the function
is QMD

① $P_{\theta} \dot{\ell}_{\theta} = 0$ (1st $\xi_{1,1}$)

② $I_{\theta} = P_{\theta} [\dot{\ell}_{\theta} \dot{\ell}_{\theta}^T]$ exists.

Proof of ① QMD at θ gives us

① $\frac{\sqrt{P_{\theta+\varepsilon h}}(x) - \sqrt{P_{\theta}}(x)}{\varepsilon}$ converge in QM

to $\frac{1}{2} h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta} \cdot \sqrt{P_{\theta}}$

② $\sqrt{P_{\theta+\varepsilon h}}(x) - \sqrt{P_{\theta}}(x)$ converges in QM to 0.

To prove $P_{\theta} \dot{\ell}_{\theta} = 0$, it suffices to show

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{P_{\theta} [h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta}]} = 0, \quad \forall h \text{ s.t. } \|h\| = 1 \\ &= \int h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta} P_{\theta} d\mu \\ &= \int [h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta} \cdot \sqrt{P_{\theta}}] \sqrt{P_{\theta}} d\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 2 \int \left[\frac{\sqrt{P_{\theta_0 + \varepsilon h}} - \sqrt{P_{\theta_0}}}{\varepsilon} \right] \frac{\sqrt{P_{\theta_0 + \varepsilon h}} + \sqrt{P_{\theta_0}}}{2} d\mu \\
 &\stackrel{HW}{=} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{P_{\theta_0 + \varepsilon h} - P_{\theta_0}}{\varepsilon} d\mu \\
 &= 0 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Thm [ASYM of MLE under QMD]

Suppose

- ① $\{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ is QMD at θ_0 , which is an inner point of Θ .
- ② $\exists$ a function G satisfying
 - (a) $P_{\theta_0} G^2 < \infty$
 - (b) $\forall \theta_1, \theta_2 \in U(\theta_0), \forall x$

$$|\log P_{\theta_1}(x) - \log P_{\theta_2}(x)| \leq G(x) \|\theta_1 - \theta_2\|$$

- ③ I_{θ_0} is non-singular (invertible) and the MLE θ_n is consistent.

Then, we have asymptotic normality.

$$\sqrt{n}(\theta_n - \theta_0) \Rightarrow N(0, I(\theta_0)^{-1})$$

Proof. We only prove ④ in M-ess. Thm.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sup_{\|h\|=1} \left| P_{\theta_0 + \varepsilon h} - P_{\theta_0} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 h^T V_{\theta_0} h \right| = o(\varepsilon^2) \\
 &\text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \square &= P_0 \left[\log \overset{\leftarrow P_\varepsilon}{P_{00+\varepsilon h}} - \log \overset{\leftarrow P_0}{P_{00}} \right] \\
 &= P_0 [\log P_\varepsilon - \log P_0] \\
 &= P_0 [2 \log \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - 2 \log \sqrt{P_0}] \\
 &= 2 P_0 [\log \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \log \sqrt{P_0}] \\
 &= 2 P_0 \left[\log \frac{\sqrt{P_\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{P_0}} - \log 1 \right] \\
 &= 2 \int [f(w_\varepsilon) - f(0)] P_0(dx)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f(w) = \log(1+w)$

$$w_\varepsilon = \sqrt{P_\varepsilon/P_0} - 1$$

Now do Taylor expansion on $f(\cdot)$: Lyapunov version of Taylor expansion

$$f(w) - f(0) = w - \frac{w^2}{2} + \underbrace{w^2 \cdot r(w)}_{O(w^2)}$$

with $r(w) \rightarrow 0$ as $w \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \square &= \boxed{2 \int w_\varepsilon \cdot P_0(dx)} = \int (\sqrt{\frac{P_\varepsilon}{P_0}} - 1) P_0 \mu(dx) \\
 &= \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_0}} \mu(dx) \\
 &\quad - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \boxed{\int w_\varepsilon^2 \cdot P_0(dx)} = \int \left(\frac{\sqrt{P_\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{P_0}} - 1 \right)^2 P_0 \mu(dx) \\
 &= \int \left(\frac{P_\varepsilon}{P_0} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{P_\varepsilon}{P_0}} \right) P_0 d\mu \\
 &= \int (P_\varepsilon + P_0 - 2 \sqrt{P_\varepsilon P_0}) d\mu \\
 &= \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0})^2 d\mu \\
 &\quad + 2 \int [\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0}]^2 r(w_\varepsilon) d\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2 \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0}) \sqrt{P_0} d\mu} \quad \text{1st}$$

$$- \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0})^2 d\mu \quad \text{H-distance}$$

$$+ 2 \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0})^2 r(W_\varepsilon) d\mu \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{H-distance} \\ \text{small order term} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1st) &= 2 \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon P_0} - P_0) d\mu \\ &= -2 \int (P_0 - \sqrt{P_0 P_\varepsilon}) d\mu \\ &= -2 \int \frac{P_\varepsilon + P_0 - 2\sqrt{P_\varepsilon P_0}}{2} d\mu \\ &= -\cancel{\frac{2}{2}} \int (\sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0})^2 d\mu \\ &= -H^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2nd) = H^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0)$$

$$(3rd) = o(\varepsilon^2)$$

↑ left to the students



$$P_0[m_{\theta_0 + \varepsilon h} - m_{\theta_0}] = -2H^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0) + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

Wish to show $\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 h^T V_0 h$

It remains to show

$$-2H^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0) \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2 h^T V_0 h \quad (*)$$

are $o(\varepsilon^2)$ close.

To show (*) holds:

① Reverse triangle inequality:

$$| \|a\| - \|b\| | \leq \|a - b\|$$

$$(\|a\| \leq \|b\| + \|a - b\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|a\| - \|b\| \leq \|a - b\|)$$

② Introduce $L^2(\mu) = \{ f : \|f\|_{L^2(\mu)} < \infty \}$

$$\left[\int f^2(x) \mu(dx) \right]^{1/2}$$

is a metric space

||

$$\left| \| \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0} \|_{L^2(\mu)} - \left\| \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta_0} \sqrt{P_0} \right\|_{L^2(\mu)} \right|$$

$$\leq \left\| \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0} - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta_0} \sqrt{P_0} \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}$$

QMD $\downarrow$ says $\square^2 = o(\varepsilon^2)$

which means

$$\| \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0} \|_{L^2(\mu)} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \| h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta_0} \sqrt{P_0} \|_{L^2(\mu)} + o(\varepsilon)$$

||

$$\left\| \sqrt{P_\varepsilon} - \sqrt{P_0} \right\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 = \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^2 \| h^T \dot{\ell}_{\theta_0} \sqrt{P_0} \|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\mathcal{H}^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0)$$

$$-2H^2(P_\varepsilon, P_0) = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^T \left\| h^\top \dot{\ell}_0 \sqrt{P_0} \right\|_{L_2(\mu)}^2 + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$h^\top \left[\int \dot{\ell}_0 \dot{\ell}_0^\top P_0 d\mu \right] h \\ h^\top P_0 \dot{\ell}_0 \dot{\ell}_0^\top h$$

$$P_0[m_{\theta_0+\varepsilon h} - m_{\theta_0}] = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^T h^\top V_0 h + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\text{with } V_0 = P_0[\dot{\ell}_0 \dot{\ell}_0^\top]$$

[Thm 7.6 rdV] Suppose

$\forall \theta \in \text{open subset of } \mathbb{R}^d$,
we have

$$P_\theta = \frac{dP_\theta}{d\mu}$$

Assume

(i) $\theta \mapsto \sqrt{P_\theta}$ is cont. differentiable $\forall x$,

(ii) The elements in the FIM

$$I(\theta) = \int \frac{\dot{P}_\theta(x) \dot{P}_\theta(x)^\top}{[P_\theta(x)]^2} P_\theta(dx)$$

are all well-defined and cont. w.r.t. θ

Then ^(a) $\theta \mapsto \sqrt{p_\theta}$ is QMD

(b) $\dot{l}_\theta$ in the QMD is $\frac{\dot{p}_\theta}{p_\theta}$