

Automatic selection of indicators in a fully saturated regression

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The paper contains some misprints and to avoid misunderstandings we choose to present here the main results again.

Theorem 1 Let $y_t = \mu + \sigma_\varepsilon \varepsilon_t$, $t = 1, \dots, T$ be i.i.d., where ε_t has symmetric continuous density $f(\cdot)$ with mean zero, variance one, and $E[\varepsilon_t^8] < \infty$. Let $T = T_1 + T_2$, and assume that $T_1/T \rightarrow \lambda_1$ and $T_2/T \rightarrow \lambda_2$ where $0 < \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 1$, with $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$,

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then the limit distribution of the estimator $\tilde{\mu}$, see (5), is given by:

$$T^{1/2} (\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \xrightarrow{D} N\left[0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sigma_\mu^2\right], \quad (7)$$

where

$$\sigma_\mu^2 = \left(\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \right)^{-2} \left[\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon (1 + 4c_\alpha f(c_\alpha)) + \left(\frac{\lambda_1^2}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1} \right) (2c_\alpha f(c_\alpha))^2 \right].$$

Note that $\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = 1 - \alpha$, and for the normal distribution, $f(\varepsilon) = \phi(\varepsilon)$, we find the expression:

$$\int_{-c}^c \varepsilon^2 \phi(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = \int_{-c}^c \phi(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon - 2c\phi(c),$$

so that:

$$\sigma_\mu^2 = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)} \left(1 + 4c_\alpha \phi(c_\alpha) - \frac{2c_\alpha \phi(c_\alpha)}{(1 - \alpha)} \left[1 + 2c_\alpha \phi(c_\alpha) \left(2 - \left(\frac{\lambda_1^2}{\lambda_2} + \frac{\lambda_2^2}{\lambda_1} \right) \right) \right] \right)$$

Theorem 2 Under the assumptions of Theorem 1 it holds that the estimator $\tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2$, see (6), has the limit

$$\tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2 \xrightarrow{P} \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \frac{\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon}{\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon} = V(\varepsilon || \varepsilon | < c_\alpha).$$

For the normal distribution, $f(\varepsilon) = \phi(\varepsilon)$, we find the expression:

$$\frac{\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon}{\int_{-c_\alpha}^{c_\alpha} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon} = 1 - \frac{2c_\alpha \phi(c_\alpha)}{1 - \alpha}.$$

Theorem 3 Let $y_t = \mu + \sigma_\varepsilon \varepsilon_t$, $t = 1, \dots, T$ be i.i.d., where ε_t has symmetric continuous density $f(\cdot)$ with mean zero, variance one, and $E[\varepsilon_t^8] < \infty$. Let $T = \sum_{j=1}^m T_j$, and assume that $T_j/T \rightarrow \lambda_j$, where $0 < \lambda_j < 1$, with $\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j = 1$, then the limit distribution of the estimator $\tilde{\mu}$, see (17), is given by:

$$T^{1/2} (\tilde{\mu} - \mu) \xrightarrow{D} N\left[0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sigma_\mu^2\right], \quad (19)$$

where

$$\sigma_{\mu}^2 = \left(\int_{-c_{\alpha}}^{c_{\alpha}} f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon \right)^{-2}$$

$$\times \left[\int_{-c_{\alpha}}^{c_{\alpha}} \varepsilon^2 f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon (1 + 4c_{\alpha} f(c_{\alpha})) + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \left[\sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\lambda_k}{1 - \lambda_k} \right]^2 (2c_{\alpha} f(c_{\alpha})) \right]^2$$

If in particular $T_1 = \dots = T_m$, then $\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \left[\sum_{k \neq j} \frac{\lambda_k}{1 - \lambda_k} \right]^2 = 1$.

The results of this paper are generalized to autoregressive time series in Johansen, S. and Nielsen, B. “An analysis of the indicator saturation estimator as a robust regression estimator,” *The Methodology and Practice of Econometrics: A Festschrift in Honour of David F. Hendry*, Oxford University Press, 2008.