

Compute the MLE for the different parameters

In this general setting no local maximum.

One assumption: $\sigma_{\xi}^2 = \lambda \sigma_{\epsilon}^2$ for a fixed $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

With this assumption

$$L(\dots | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{\lambda^{n/2}}{\sigma_{\xi}^{2n}} \left(\exp - \sum_i \frac{(x_i - \xi_i)^2 + \lambda(y_i - \alpha - \beta \xi_i)^2}{2\sigma_{\xi}^2} \right)$$

We are going to look at local maxima for this function,

as a function of the parameters (see Chapter IV on point estimators with MLE)

1) By taking derivatives with respect to ξ_i , and put the derivative equal to 0, one gets that a local maximum is observed for

$$\hat{\xi}_i = \frac{x_i + \lambda \beta (y_i - \alpha)}{1 + \lambda \beta^2}$$

By substituting these expressions in L , one finds

$$L(\alpha, \beta, \hat{\xi}_1, \dots, \hat{\xi}_n, \sigma_{\xi}^2 | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{\lambda^{n/2}}{\sigma_{\xi}^{2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2\sigma_{\xi}^2(1+\lambda\beta^2)} \sum_i (y_i - \alpha - \beta x_i)^2\right)$$

For computing the MLE for α and β we set

$$y_i^* := \sqrt{\lambda} y_i; \quad \alpha^* := \sqrt{\lambda} \alpha; \quad \beta^* := \sqrt{\lambda} \beta \quad (\text{rescaling})$$

One gets

$$L(\alpha^*, \beta^*, \hat{\xi}_1, \dots, \hat{\xi}_n, \sigma_{\xi}^2 | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{\lambda^{n/2}}{\sigma_{\xi}^{2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_{\xi}^2(1+\lambda\beta^2)} \sum_i (y_i^* - \alpha^* - \beta^* x_i)^2\right)$$

(similar expression as at the beginning of the section for data fitting)

By the result for data fitting one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha} &= \frac{\bar{y}^* - \beta^* \bar{x}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \bar{y} - \beta \bar{x} \\ \hat{\beta} &= \frac{\beta^*}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \frac{-(S_{xx} - S_{y^*y^*}) + \sqrt{(S_{xx} - S_{y^*y^*})^2 + 4S_{xy^*}}}{2S_{xy^*}} \\ &= \frac{-(S_{xx} - \lambda S_{yy}) + \sqrt{(S_{xx} - \lambda S_{yy})^2 + 4\lambda S_{xy}^2}}{2\lambda S_{xy}} \end{aligned}$$

Remark:

For $\lambda = 1$, we get the result of the data fitting

(obtained with the total least square)

This can be considered as a justification of the total least square.

Remark: From

$$L(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\xi}_1, \dots, \hat{\xi}_n, \sigma_s^2 | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \frac{\lambda^{n/2}}{\sigma_s^{2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2\sigma_s^2(1+\lambda\hat{\beta}^2)} \sum_i (y_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}x_i)^2\right)$$

We can differentiate it with respect to σ_s^2 , and find the critical point.

One gets

$$\hat{\sigma}_s^2 \stackrel{\text{MLE}}{\text{for } \sigma_s^2} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\lambda}{2(1+\lambda\hat{\beta}^2)} \sum_i (y_i - \hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}x_i)^2$$

What about confidence interval for β ? \rightsquigarrow very complicated

One way to get an approximate solution: Consider

$$\hat{\sigma}_\beta^2 := \frac{(1+\lambda\hat{\beta}^2)(S_{xx}S_{yy} - S_{xy}^2)}{(S_{xx} - \lambda S_{yy})^2 + 4\lambda S_{xy}^2}$$

is a consistent estimator for σ_β^2

in precise sense
see Chap VII

Chap VII \rightarrow when sample size $\rightarrow \infty$, $\hat{\sigma}_\beta^2 \rightarrow \sigma_\beta^2$

Then by the central limit thm, one has

$$\text{we don't know it} \rightarrow \frac{\hat{\beta} - \beta}{\sigma_\beta / \sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

from which one obtains the approximate $(1-\alpha)$ confidence interval

$$\left[\hat{\beta} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_\beta}{\sqrt{n}}, \hat{\beta} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_\beta}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

⚠ It is not a $(1-\alpha)$ confidence interval,

but for n large, it converges to a $(1-\alpha)$ confidence interval.

IX.2 Logistic regression (0,1 model)

$$E(Y_i) = \pi_i = P(Y_i = 1)$$

Model: $\{Y_i\}$ independent variables with $Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i)$ with

$$\pi_i = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} \in [0, 1] \Leftrightarrow \ln \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} = \alpha + \beta x_i$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{prob of success / prob of failure}} =: \text{odds}$

Remark: We cannot draw a graph (x_i, y_i) and use the least squares

but we can use the MLE.

One has $L(\alpha, \beta | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \prod_i \pi(x_i)^{y_i} (1 - \pi(x_i))^{1 - y_i}$ under the assumption of independence of measurements

with $\pi_i = \pi(x_i)$

pmf for Bernoulli

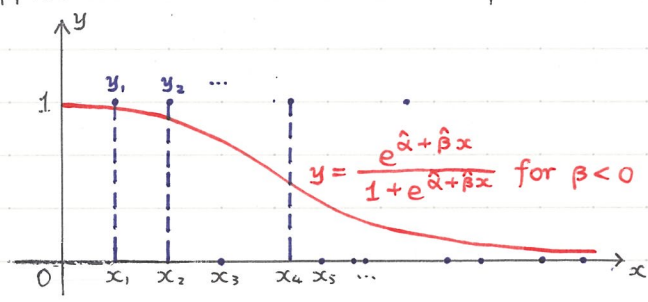
and π the function $x \mapsto \pi(x) := \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x}}$

We can then compute

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} L(\alpha, \beta | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} L(\alpha, \beta | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = 0$$

and solve the system.

We can not solve this system explicitly, but a computer can do it easily. Suppose we have obtained $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ numerically, then we can plot the result



Remember $E(Y) = \pi(x)$

We can get some confidence intervals.

If we want to consider several measures for a given x , one has to use a binomial distribution.

More precisely, if n_i independent, Bernoulli observations are measured at x_i , then Bernoulli (π_i) has to be replaced by binomial (n_i, π_i) .

Then $L(\alpha, \beta | \underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \prod_i \binom{n_i}{y_i} \pi(x_i)^{y_i} (1 - \pi(x_i))^{n_i - y_i}$ $\hookrightarrow \pi = \pi(x_i)$

with y_i the number of success at x_i ,

and we can compute the MLE for α and for β (with a computer)

Application: see (3.2) of Appendix 13

Conclusion for the course

We have only touched the surface of statistics, but we have opened many doors, and you can continue in these directions.