

Model estimation and comparison

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$$y(t) = \alpha \cdot y(t-1) + \beta_1 \cdot x_1(t) + \beta_2 \cdot x_2(t) + w(t)$$

Least Squares estimation

$$\begin{aligned} Y &:= N \times 1 \text{ output vector} \\ X &= N \times (r \cdot q) \text{ matrix of inputs} \\ Z &= N \times p \text{ matrix of lagged outputs} \\ U &= [Z|X] = N \times (p + r \cdot q) \text{ matrix of predictors} \\ W &= N \times 1 \text{ vector of errors} \\ B &= [B_y|B_x] = (p + r \cdot q) \times 1 \text{ vector of parameters} \\ Y &= U \cdot B + W \\ \hat{B} &= (U' \cdot U)^{-1} \cdot (U' \cdot Y) \\ \hat{Y} &= U \cdot \hat{B}, E = Y - \hat{Y}, \\ SSE &= E' \cdot E \end{aligned}$$



Model comparison for Lin stoch Diff + white noise

SSE_C : = sum of squared errors from model c

$\ln like_C = -(N/2) \cdot \ln(SSE_C/N) - N/2 \cdot [\ln(2\pi) + 1]$

$BIC_C = N \cdot \ln(SSE_C/N) + p_C \cdot \ln(N) + N \cdot [\ln(2\pi) + 1]$

p_C = no. parms in model C

SSE_R : = sum of squared errors for restricted version of C

p_R = no. parms in model R (after linearly constraining parms in C)

$MSR = (SSE_R - SSE_C) / (p_C - p_R)$

$MSE = SSE_C / (N - p_C)$

$F = MSR / MSE$, dist under H_0 as central F with

$df_N = (p_C - p_R)$, $df_D = N - p_C$

Z := $p \times 1$ state vector

X := $q \times 1$ input vector

W := $p \times 1$ white noise vector

Y := $r \times 1$ output vector

ϵ := $r \times 1$ measurement error vector

$$Z(t) = F \cdot Z(t-1) + G \cdot X(t) + W(t)$$

$$Y = H \cdot Z(t) + \epsilon(t)$$

Likelihood function for State Space model

Assume $W \sim N(0, \Omega)$ and $\epsilon \sim N(0, \Psi)$,

$\theta = F, G, H, \Omega, \Psi$ vector of parameters that need to be estimated

$$\hat{Z}(t) = E[Z(t) | Y(1) \dots Y(t-1)]$$

$$\epsilon(t) = Z(t) - \hat{Z}(t)$$

$$P_t = E[\epsilon(t) \cdot \epsilon(t)']$$

$$\hat{\epsilon}(t) = Y(t) - H \cdot \hat{Z}(t)$$

$$= H \cdot Z + \epsilon - H \cdot \hat{Z} = H \cdot (Z - \hat{Z}) + \epsilon$$

$$V[\hat{\epsilon}(t)] = V(H \cdot \epsilon + \epsilon) = E[\hat{\epsilon}(t) \cdot \hat{\epsilon}(t)']$$

$$= H \cdot P_t \cdot H' + \Psi = \Sigma_t$$

$$\ln L(\theta) = \ln f(Y_1, \dots, Y_N | \theta) = \ln f(\hat{\epsilon}_1, \dots, \hat{\epsilon}_N | \theta)$$

$$-2 \cdot \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{t=1}^N \ln |\Sigma_t| + \sum_{t=1}^N \hat{\epsilon}'(t) \Sigma_t^{-1} \hat{\epsilon}(t)$$

Assume Simple model is nested within complex model

$$-2 \cdot \ln L = G^2$$

$G_C^2 \rightarrow$ Complex model with p parameters

$G_S^2 \rightarrow$ Simple model with $q < p$ parameters

$$(G_S^2 - G_C^2) \sim \chi^2(p - q)$$

BIC Bayesian information (Schwartz) Criterion Comparison

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Model A has p parameters

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Suppose $p > q$

Asymptotically equivalent to a Bayesian model comparison

Choose model with lowest BIC



$$-2 \cdot \ln L = G^2$$

$$BIC_A = G_A^2 + p \cdot \ln(N)$$

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AIC (Akaike) information Criterion Comparison

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Measures (Kullback-Leibler) Distance between model and true distribution

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Newton - Raphson Parameter Search

Quadratic Approximation of the objective function at some point in the parameter space

$$F(\theta) = -2 \ln L(\theta)$$

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} F(\theta) := \text{gradient}$$

$$H = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \cdot \partial \theta'} F(\theta) := \text{Hessian}$$

$$F(\theta + \delta) \approx F(\theta) + \delta' \cdot \nabla + \frac{1}{2} [\delta' \cdot H \cdot \delta]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} F(\theta + \delta) = \nabla + H \cdot \delta = 0$$

$$\delta = -H^{-1} \cdot \nabla$$

$$\theta_k = \theta_{k-1} + s \cdot \delta$$

$$\text{as } N \rightarrow \infty, H^{-1} \approx \text{Var}[\hat{\theta}]$$