

Final examen in *Asymptotic Statistics*

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Duration 3 hours-13h30-16h30

Manuscript notes and handout of the lectures are allowed

1 Cheap Fish

Let Z be a random variable with Poisson distribution of mean $\mu > 0$ ($Z \sim \mathcal{P}(\mu)$). We recall the following formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Z) &= \mu, \\ \mathbb{E}(Z^2) &= \mu + \mu^2, \\ \mathbb{E}(Z^3) &= \mu + 3\mu^2 + \mu^3, \\ \mathbb{E}(Z^4) &= \mu + 7\mu^2 + 6\mu^3 + \mu^4.\end{aligned}$$

Recall further that the sum of two independent Poisson distributed random variables is also Poisson distributed. For $\lambda^* > 0$, let X_1, \dots, X_n be an i.i.d. sample with common law $\mathcal{P}(\sqrt{\lambda^*})$. To estimate the parameter λ^* , we consider the maximum likelihood estimator $\widehat{\lambda}$.

1. Show that $\widehat{\lambda} = \overline{X_n}^2$. Here, as usual, $\overline{X_n}$ denotes the empirical mean built on the sample X_1, \dots, X_n . Compute the two first moments of $\widehat{\lambda}$. Compute its mean square error :

$$R_{\widehat{\lambda}}(\lambda^*) := \mathbb{E}[(\widehat{\lambda} - \lambda^*)^2].$$

2. Modify $\widehat{\lambda}$ to build an unbiased estimator $\widehat{\widetilde{\lambda}}$. Compute $R_{\widehat{\widetilde{\lambda}}}(\lambda^*)$.
3. Show that $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\lambda} - \lambda^*)$ and $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\widetilde{\lambda}} - \lambda^*)$ converge both in distribution towards the same law. What is the limit law ?
4. What estimator should we use ? Why ?
5. Show that the statistical model is LAN. Is $\widehat{\widetilde{\lambda}}$ optimal ?

2 Sobol indices in \mathbb{R}^p

For $i = 1, 2$ let $(E_i, \mathcal{A}_i, \mu_i)$ be two probability spaces and f be a measurable application from $E_1 \times E_2$ to \mathbb{R}^p . Let X be a random variable taking its value in E_1 and Z a random variable taking its value in E_2 . We assume that X and Z are independent. Set

$$Y := f(X, Z),$$

and assume that

$$\mathbb{E}(\|Y\|^2) < +\infty.$$

Here, $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^p .

We also set $\mathbb{E}[Y] := (E[Y_1], \dots, E[Y_p])^t$ (the mean vector of Y), and $\Sigma := (\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq p}$ (its covariance matrix). Recall that Y satisfies the following decomposition

$$Y = \mathbb{E}[Y] + (\mathbb{E}[Y|X] - \mathbb{E}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y|Z] - \mathbb{E}[Y]) + Y - (\mathbb{E}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y|X] - \mathbb{E}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y|Z] - \mathbb{E}[Y]). \quad (1)$$

The aim is to define some generalization of the classical Sobol indices defined in the lectures in the case $p = 1$ to a more general p . This generalized index is

$$S(Y) = (S^1(Y), S^2(Y)) = \left(\frac{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|X])}{\text{Var}(Y)}, \frac{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|Z])}{\text{Var}(Y)} \right)$$

Our index should verify the following statements

1. They are invariant by the action of translation, multiplication by a scalar and left-composition by any orthogonal matrix. In other words

$$S(Y + c) = S(Y), \text{ and } S(\lambda Y) = |\lambda| S(Y) \forall (c, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R} \quad (2)$$

$$S(OY) = S(Y), \forall O \in O_p(\mathbb{R}) \quad (3)$$

where $O_p(\mathbb{R})$ is the set of all orthogonal matrices of order p .

2. The index should be easy to estimate.

2.1 Case $p = 1$

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Show that when $p = 1$ properties (2) and (3) are satisfied by Sobol indices.

2.2 Case $p \geq 1$

2.2.1 Building an index

1. For any square matrix M of size p , from equation (1) show that

$$\text{Tr}(M\Sigma) = \text{Tr}(M\text{Var}(E[Y|X])) + \text{Tr}(M\text{Var}(E[Y|Z])) + \text{Tr}(M\text{Var}(Y - E[Y|X] - E[Y|Z])).$$

2. Let us consider the sensitivity index associated with M

$$S(M; Y) = \left(\frac{\text{Tr}(M\text{Var}(E[Y|X]))}{\text{Tr}(M\Sigma)}, \frac{\text{Tr}(M\text{Var}(E[Y|Z]))}{\text{Tr}(M\Sigma)} \right).$$

and show that

(a) for any orthogonal matrix O we have $S(M; OY) = S(O^t M O, Y)$

(b) show that if $p = 1$ then the previous index does not depend on M . Show that, in this case, we recover the classical Sobol index.

3. Show that for $M = I_p$ (the identity matrix) properties (2) and (3) hold for $S(M; Y)$

4. Let

Assume further that M has full rank; and that $S(M; Y)$ is invariant by left-composition of f by any isometry of \mathbb{R}^k . We aim to prove

$$S(M; Y) = S(I_p, Y). \quad (4)$$

(a) Show that for any symmetric matrix V if M satisfies $M^t = -M$ then $\text{Tr}(MV) = 0$. Deduce that we can then assume that M is a symmetric matrix.

(b) Show that if $M = PDP$ where D is a diagonal matrix and $P^tP = I_p$ we have

$$S(M, Y) = S(D, P^tY).$$

Deduce that, we can then assume that M is a diagonal matrix.

(c) Show that $M = \lambda I_p$ is then the only possible choice.

(d) Conclude

5. Let X_1 and X_2 be i.i.d. standard Gaussian random variables and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Compute $S(Y)$ in the following two cases

(a) $Y = \begin{pmatrix} aX_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix},$

(b) $Y = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 + X_1X_2 + X_2 \\ aX_1 + bX_1X_2 + X_2 \end{pmatrix}.$

2.3 Estimation of $S^1 = \frac{\text{Tr}(\text{Var}(E[Y|X_1]))}{\text{Tr}(M\Sigma)}$

Let (X_1, \dots, X_N) and (X'_1, \dots, X'_N) be two independent i.i.d sample of law μ_1 . Let further (Z_1, \dots, Z_N) be an i.i.d sample of law μ_2 . Set $Y^i := f(X_i, Z_i)$ and $Y^{1,i} := f(X_i, Z'_i)$.

We define

$$S_N := \frac{\sum_{l=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_l^i Y_l^{1,i} - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Y_l^i + Y_l^{1,i}}{2} \right)^2 \right)}{\sum_{l=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(Y_l^i)^2 + (Y_l^{1,i})^2}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{Y_l^i + Y_l^{1,i}}{2} \right)^2 \right)}. \quad (5)$$

1. Show that S_N converges almost surely to S^1

2. Show that $\sqrt{N}(S_N - S^1)$ converges in law to a centered Gaussian distribution.

3. Compute the variance of this limit distribution.