

\sqrt{n} -CONSISTENCY OF THE LEAST WEIGHTED SQUARES UNDER HETEROSCEDASTICITY

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Obsah

- 1 Recalling basic framework
- 2 Robustifying identification of regression model
- 3 The least weighted squares

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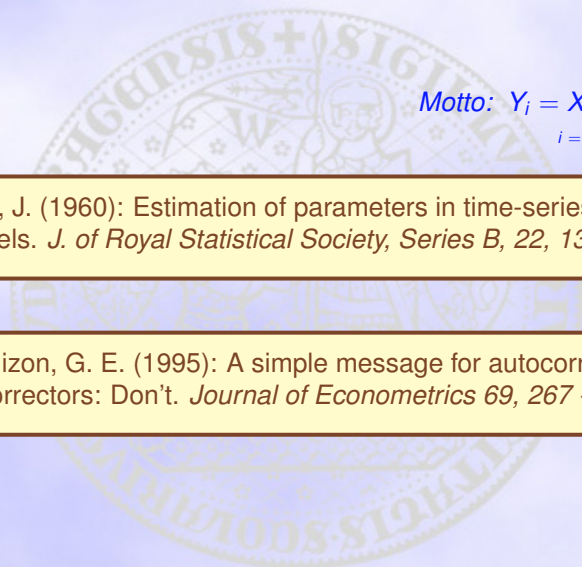
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To reach scale- and regression-equivariance of an M -estimator, say

$$\hat{\beta}^{(M, \rho, n)} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho \left(\frac{Y_i - X_i^t \beta}{\hat{\sigma}_{(n)}} \right)$$

$\hat{\sigma}_{(n)}$ is to be scale-equivariant and regression-invariant.

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Examples in title: mean
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The break down point of the sequence of estimators $\{T_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ at the d. f. F is defined by

$$\varepsilon^* = \sup \left\{ \varepsilon \leq 1; \exists \text{ a compact } K_\varepsilon \subsetneq \Theta : \right. \\ \left. \pi(F, G) < \varepsilon \Rightarrow G(\{T_n \in K_\varepsilon\}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 1 \right\}$$

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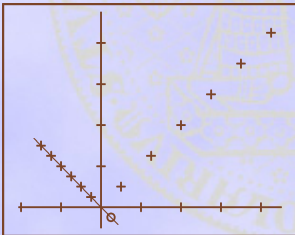


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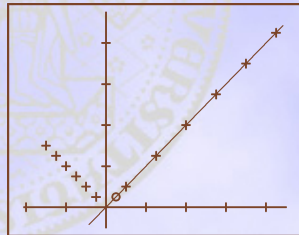
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Residuals $\forall \beta \in R \rightarrow r_i(\beta) = Y_i - X_i' \beta$

Order statistics of squared residuals, i. e.

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What about to employ it for estimating scale of disturbances?

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Assertion: \sqrt{n} -consistency of d. f. under heteroscedasticity

Let Conditions $\mathcal{C}1$ hold. For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a constant K_{ε} and $n_{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{N}$ so that for all $n > n_{\varepsilon}$

$$P \left(\left\{ \omega \in \Omega : \sup_{v \in \mathbb{R}^+} \sup_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \sqrt{n} |F_{\beta}^{(n)}(v) - \bar{F}_{n,\beta}(v)| < K_{\varepsilon} \right\} \right) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

