

## **Section 6. The generalized additive model**

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## Nonparametric regression

Model:  $Y = f(X) + \epsilon$

$f$ : smooth       $\epsilon$ : noise, mean 0,  $\perp f(x)$

$$f(x) = E\{Y|X=x\}$$

This conditional expectation has two interpretations:

$$1) \min_f E\{(Y - f(x))^2\}$$

Proof.  $E\{(Y - EY|X + \epsilon)^2\} =$

$$= E\{(Y - EY|X)^2\} + E\{(EY|X - f(x))^2\} \\ + 2 \sum_x E\{(Y - EY|X)(f(x) - EY|X)\} \quad \epsilon = 0$$

$$2) \max_f \text{cov}\{Y, f(X)\}$$

This result will be used to motivate `acol()` later.

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Model and large sample properties.

Suppose  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent r.v.'s with

$$E\{Y_i | x_i\} = s(x_i)$$

$$\text{var}\{Y_i | x_i\} = \sigma^2(x_i)$$

Consider

$$\hat{s}(x) = \sum Y_i K_n(x - x_i) / \sum K_n(x - x_i)$$

where  $K_n(x) = \frac{1}{b_n} K(x/b_n)$  for some bandwidth  $b_n$ .

$$E \hat{s}(x) = \sum s(x_i) K_n(x - x_i) / \sum K_n(x - x_i)$$

and

$$\text{var} \hat{s}(x) = \sum \sigma^2(x_i) K_n(x - x_i)^2 / (\sum K_n(x - x_i))^2$$

Let us look for approximations of the terms appearing, using the lemma and supposing  $b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\sum K_n(x - x_i) = \int K_n(x - u) f(u) du + \text{remainder}$$

$$= \int K(v) f(x - b_n v) dv + \text{remainder}$$

$$\approx f(x) \int K(v) dv, \text{ for smooth } f$$

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Next

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_i \delta(x_i) K_m(x - x_i) = \int \delta(u) K_m(x-u) f(u) du + \text{remainder}$$

$$= \int K(u) \delta(x - b_m u) f(x - b_m u) du + \text{remainder}$$

$$\approx \delta(x) f(x) \int K(u) du, \text{ for smooth } f$$

So provided  $f(x), \int K(u) du \neq 0$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{E} \hat{\delta}(x) \approx \delta(x)}, \text{ i.e asymptotically unbiased.}$$

Next consider the variance. As before

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_i \sigma(x_i)^2 K_m^2(x - x_i)^2 = \int \sigma(u)^2 K_m^2(x-u)^2 f(u) du + \text{remainder}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b_m} \int K(u)^2 \sigma(x - b_m u)^2 f(x - b_m u) du + \text{remainder}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{b_m} \sigma(x)^2 f(x) \int K(u)^2 du$$

So the variance

$$\approx \frac{1}{b_m} \sigma(x)^2 f(x) \int K(u)^2 du / \left( \int f(u) \int K(u) du \right)^2$$

$$\approx \frac{\frac{1}{m} \sigma(x)^2}{\frac{1}{b_m} \frac{f(x)}{\int K(u) du}} \frac{\int K(u)^2 du}{\left( \int K(u) du \right)^2}$$

This will tend to 0 provided  $mb_m \rightarrow \infty$ . Also estimate the consistent.

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## Local weighting / local likelihood.

Model:  $f(y|\theta)$

Suppose measurements made in time,  $(t_i, y_i)$

With  $\hat{\theta}(\cdot)$  as  $\theta$  may be changing

### I. Local likelihood

$$\max_{\theta} \prod_{i: |t_i - t| < b} f(y_i | \theta)$$

### II. Local weighting.

$$\max_{\theta} \sum k\left(\frac{t - t_i}{b}\right) \log f(y_i | \theta)$$

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We have been considering the models

$$Y = s(x) + \text{noise} \quad s: \text{smooth}$$

$$Y = s(x_1, x_2) + \text{noise} \quad s: \text{smooth}$$

Now turn to

$$Y = s_1(x_1) + s_2(x_2) + \text{noise} \quad s: \text{smooth}$$

The generalized additive model (gam)

Hastie and Tibshirani gam()

Another technique - projection pursuit

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Glm.Basic.

$$(\underline{x}, y)$$

$$EY = \mu(\underline{x})$$

$$\pi = \underline{x}' \beta$$

$$= g(\mu)$$

link function

$$\mu = h(\pi)$$

inverse link

$$\text{var } Y = V(\mu)$$

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to get  $\hat{\beta}_1$ , then  $\hat{\eta}_1$ ; then  $\hat{\mu}_1 = h(\eta_1)$

To get started take  $\hat{\mu}_0 = y$ , ie. the response

The setup (\*) even suggests large sample distribution.

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Generalized linear model.

Exponential family

$$p_y(y; \theta, \varphi) = \exp \left\{ \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{\varphi} + c(y, \varphi) \right\}$$

$\theta$ : natural parameter

$\varphi$ : dispersion parameter

$\mu = E(Y)$  related to covariates  $x_1, \dots, x_p$  by

$$g(\mu) = \eta$$

where

$$\eta = \alpha + x_1 \beta_1 + \dots + x_p \beta_p$$

is the linear predictor and  $g(\cdot)$  is the link function.

$\{ \mu = b'(\theta), \text{ the } \underline{\text{canonical link}} \}$

$$w_i^{-1} = \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)_0 V_i^0$$

weights

$V_i^0 = \text{variance of } Y \text{ at } \mu_i^0$

Regress  $\beta_i = \eta_i^0 + (y_i - \mu_i^0) \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)_0$  on  $x^i$  with weights  $w_i$

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## generalized additive variant

Now

$$g(\mu) = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(x_j)$$

## Local scoring algorithm

1) Initialise.

$$\alpha = g(\bar{y})$$

$$f_1^0, \dots, f_p^0 = 0$$

2) Update

$$\hat{\eta}_i = \eta_i^0 + (y_i - \mu_i^0) \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)_0$$

with

$$\eta_i^0 = \alpha^0 + \sum_{j=1}^p f_j^0(x_{ij})$$

$$\mu_i^0 = g^{-1}(\eta_i^0)$$

$$w_i = \left( \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \eta_i} \right)_0^2 (V_i^0)^{-1}$$

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Fit a weighted additive model to  $g_i$  to obtain: estimated functions  $f_j'$   
 predictor  $\eta'$   
 fitted values  $\mu_i'$

Convergence criterion

$$\Delta(\eta', \eta^*) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^p \|f_j' - f_j^*\|}{\sum_{j=1}^p \|f_j^*\|}$$

iii) Repeat step ii) replacing  $\eta^*$  by  $\eta'$  until  
 $\Delta(\eta', \eta^*)$  is below some small threshold.

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Alternate approach to gam.

Penalized likelihood

linear predictor

$$\eta_i = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(x_{i,j})$$

log likelihood  $\ell(\eta; y)$

Find functions  $f_1, \dots, f_p$  to maximize

$$\ell(\eta; y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \int [f_j''(x)]^2 dx$$
$$\lambda_j > 0$$

Cox & O'Sullivan (1985)

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## Resistant fitting of additive models.

Penalized M-estimate

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}^{-2} \rho \left( \frac{y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(x_{ij})}{\hat{\sigma}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \int [f_j''(x)]^2 dx$$

Iterative re-weighting  $\hat{\sigma} = \hat{\rho}^{-1}$

$$w_i = \frac{4(r_i/\hat{\sigma})}{r_i/\hat{\sigma}}$$

$$r_i = y_i - \sum_{j=1}^p f_j(x_{ij})$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \text{med}|r_i|/0.67$$

Solution sum of cubic splines  
Can use Newton-Raphson

$$f(x) = \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^{k+3} \alpha_j B_j(x) \quad k \text{ knots}$$

Linear parametrization, Easy way to think about it all.

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Resistant fitting of gam's?

View deviance contribution  $D(y_i; \hat{\mu}_i)$  as analog  
of  $(y_i - \hat{f}_i)^2$ .

$$g(\mu_i) = \alpha + \sum_j f_j(x_{ij})$$

Re-express  $\rho(r)$  as  $w(r^2)$

Penalized criterion

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w\{D(y_i; \mu_i)\} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p \gamma_j \int [f_j''(x)]^2 dx$$

Express  $f_j$  using finite dimensional basis

Use penalized iterative reweighted least squares

May need to use

$$D(y_i; \mu_i)/\hat{\sigma}^2$$

$$\text{eg. } \hat{\sigma} = \text{med } D(y_i; \hat{\mu}_i)$$

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gam(, family = robust (binomial))

c.p. robust version of glm.)

Instead of minimizing usual

$$\sum_i D(y_i; \mu_i)$$

minimize

$$D_w = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\sigma}^2 w_i \left( \frac{D(y_i; \mu_i)}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right)$$

$\phi$ : robust estimate of scale

Idea: damp down large contributions

e.g.

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} t & t \leq k^2 \\ 2k\sqrt{t} - k^2 & t > k^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{e.g. } k = 1.345$$

Iterative weights get multiplied by a factor which is  $\approx 1$  for small deviance contributions and gets small for large contributions

```
> robust
function(family = gaussian(), scale = 0, k = 1.345, maxit = 10)
{
  family <- as.family(family)
  weight <- family$weight
  new.exp <- eval(if(scale == 0) substitute(expression({
    if(iter == 1)
      robweight <- 1
    else {
      if(iter == 2) {
        robust.scale <- median(abs(family$deviance(mu,
          y, w, T, F)))/0.67
        attr(w, "robust") <- c(robust.scale, k)
      }
      robust.scale <- attr(w, "robust")[1]
      robweight <- (k * robust.scale)/abs(family$deviance(mu, y, w, T, F))
      robweight <- ifelse(robweight > 1, 1, robweight)
    }
  })
  , list(k = k)) else substitute(expression({
    robweight <- (k * scale)/abs(family$deviance(mu, y, w,
      T, F))
    robweight <- ifelse(robweight > 1, 1, robweight)
    attr(w, "robust") <- c(scale, k)
  })
  , list(k = k, scale = scale)))
  dummy <- expression(junk * robweight)
  dummy[[1]][[2]] <- weight[[1]]
  new.exp[[1]][[length(new.exp[[1]]) + 1]] <- dummy[[1]]
  family$weight <- new.exp
  family$deviance <- substitute(function(mu, y, w, residuals = F, robust
    = T)
  {
    old.deviance <- function(mu, y, w, residuals = F)
    body
    if(!robust)
      return(old.deviance(mu, y, w, residuals))
    a <- attr(w, "robust")
    if(is.null(a))
      return(old.deviance(mu, y, w, residuals))
    else {
      robust.scale <- a[1]
      k <- a[2] * robust.scale
      dev <- old.deviance(mu, y, w, T)      #
    # remember if there are prior weights they are included here
      devtest <- abs(dev) <= k
      devsq <- dev^2 * devtest + (!devtest) * (2 * k * abs(
        dev) - k^2)
      if(residuals)
        sign(dev) * sqrt(devsq)
      else sum(devsq)
    }
  }
  , list(body = family$deviance[[5]]))
  family$family["name"] <- paste("Robust", family$family["name"])
  family$initialize <- c(family$initialize, substitute(expression(maxit <-
    nit), list(nit = maxit))[2])
  family
})
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Call: glm(formula = y ~ a + b + offset(log(n)), family = "poisson")

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.832904	-0.8559731	-0.3807713	0.4241323	2.176178

Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-7.2810177	0.1724004	-42.2331955
a1	-2.1787235	0.5027471	-4.3336372
a2	-0.9586813	0.3663622	-2.6167581
a3	-0.0796293	0.2562401	-0.3107605
a4	0.1302123	0.2492969	0.5223182
a5	0.7221383	0.1716511	4.2070126
a6	0.9374875	0.1689896	5.5476038
b1	-3.1187052	0.8933875	-3.4908761
b2	-2.1717629	0.5299118	-4.0983481
b3	-1.4171269	0.3886831	-3.6459703
b4	0.0842177	0.2294316	0.3670711
b5	0.1235435	0.2421091	0.5102803
b6	1.0901213	0.2050192	5.3171658
b7	1.3289269	0.2177310	6.1035266
b8	1.7861285	0.2292702	7.7904966

(Dispersion Parameter for Poisson family taken to be 1 )

Null Deviance: 445.099 on 62 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 51.47087 on 48 degrees of freedom

Number of Fisher Scoring Iterations: 5

Call: glm(formula = y ~ d + b + offset(log(n)), family = poisson)

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.991026	-1.202705	-0.3255014	0.4096175	2.018623

Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-11.7739704	0.37019955	-31.804389
d	0.4886346	0.04956777	9.857911
b	0.5637749	0.03775633	14.931931

(Dispersion Parameter for Poisson family taken to be 1 )

Null Deviance: 445.099 on 62 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 71.21102 on 60 degrees of freedom

Number of Fisher Scoring Iterations: 4

Correlation of Coefficients:

(Intercept)	d
d	-0.7462301
b	-0.6817992
	0.0678269

Call: gam(formula = y ~ lo(d) + lo(b) + offset(log(n)), family = poisson)  
Deviance Residuals:

British physicians: 1 & 2 fitted factors, 3 & 4 via ~~gam~~

