

A Study on Minimum Chi-Square Type Estimators

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Abstract:

The chi-square type estimators for the multinomial set-up. The estimators obtained by minimizing the distance functions $D_n(p, \pi(\theta))$ are BAN estimators having the same asymptotic properties as the m.l. estimators. Rao (1961,63) introduced the concept of second order efficiency (s.o.e.) to discriminate different BAN estimators. He has also given a procedure of computing the second order efficiency of BAN estimators for the multinomial set-up.

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Introduction:

The second order efficiency of the minimum chi-square type estimators, In section 2 we give some definitions of s.o.e. found in the literature. In section 3 we obtain a general expression for s.o.e. of a BAN estimator. Second order/ efficiencies of some well-known estimators are obtained Section 5 deals with the computation of second order efficiency for the minimum chi-square type estimators. We have also discussed def 1 of the estimators in section 6. In Appendix, proofs of the results obtained in section 3 are given.

1.2 Some Definitions of Second Order Efficiency

The term second order efficiency was introduced by Fao (1961) but the concept as well as the first main result in this area occurs

In Fisher (1925). Fisher proposes $E'_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (i, -1_{T_n})$

as a measure of s.o.e. to discriminate between different asymptotically efficient estimators, where i is the Fisher information contained in a single observation and 1_{T_n} is the information per observation contained in the estimator T_n . Note that, if T_n is a BAN estimator $1_{T_n} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. The estimator having smaller value of E'_2 has more second order efficiency. Fisher proved that the m.l. estimator minimizes E'_2 .

Somewhat surprisingly second order efficiency remained neglected till it was reconsidered by Rao (1961) who makes major progress in proving Fisher's result that the m.l. estimator possessed highest s.o.e. However, the results actually proved differs in two ways from what Fisher stated. Rao introduces a more easily computable and a more useful measure E_2 and secondly he restricts attention to F_1 consistent estimators. We define below second order efficiency as given by Rao (1961). A statistic T_n is said to be first order efficient if $|n^{1/2}z_n - \alpha - \beta(\theta)n^{1/2}(T_n - \theta)| \rightarrow 0$ in probability under θ ; where $\beta(\theta)$ is a function of θ only, and $Z_n = \frac{1}{n} d \log P(x_n, \theta) / d\theta$, $P(x_n, \theta)$ being the density of the observations.

The condition (2.2.2) implies that the asymptotic correlation between T_n and z_n is unity. There are several estimators which are first order efficient. To compare among them we consider the random variable $\frac{d \log L}{d\theta} - \alpha n^{1/2} - \beta n(T_n - \theta) - \lambda n(T_n - \theta)^2$ which is the difference between $\frac{d \log L}{d\theta}$ and a second order polynomial approximation for $\frac{\partial \log \phi_n}{\partial \theta}$ where ϕ_n is the probability density function of T_n . The constant λ may be chosen so as to minimize the asymptotic variance of (2.2.3). Thus, a second measure of second order efficiency may be

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defined as E_2 , where E_2 is the minimum value of variance of (2.2.3) when minimized with respect to λ .

Rao (1963) proposed to compare different estimators in a more direct way by assuming a quadratic loss function. Let

$$b(\theta) = 1/n[E(T_n) - \theta]$$

and

$$T_n^* = T_n - \frac{b(T_n)}{n}.$$

Consider a quadratic loss function, if

$$E(T_n^* - \theta)^2 = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\psi(\theta)}{n^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right),$$

then $\psi(\theta)$ can be taken as a third measure (E_3) of second order efficiency. In the next section we discuss the computation of $\psi(\theta)$ for BAN estimators for the multinomial set-up. In this case the latter two definitions become equivalent.

1.3 Computation of $\psi(\theta)$ for BAN Estimators

In this section we discuss the computation of $\psi(\theta)$ for a BAN estimator in the multinomial set-up. Let $(n_1, \dots, n_k) \sim M(E; \pi_1(\theta), \dots, \pi_k(\theta))$ where θ is an unknown real parameter. To estimate θ we have several procedures like maximum likelihood, minimum chi-square and minimum chi-square type etcetera. In general the estimating equation is of the form

$$f(\theta, p_1, \dots, p_k) = 0$$

where $p_1 = \frac{n_1}{n}$, $1 = 1, \dots, k$. The following assumptions are made.

(A1) $\pi_1(\theta)$, $1 = 1, \dots, k$ admit derivatives up to the third order, which are continuous in the neighbourhood of the true value of θ .

(A2) The estimating equation is consistent, that is,

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$$f(\theta, \pi_1(\theta), \dots, \pi_k(\theta)) \equiv 0$$

The assumption maps that the estimator obtained from the equation

is Fisher consistent.

(A 3) f as a function of θ, p_1, \dots, p_k admits third order partial derivatives which are bounded in a closed region P of the cube

$$0 \leq p_1 \leq 1, 1 = 1, \dots, k$$

and for values of θ satisfying (2.3.1) with $(p_1, \dots, p_k) \in P$.

(A 4) The true point $\pi_1(\theta), \dots, \pi_k(\theta)$ is an interior point of P . Ghosh and Subramanyam (1974) call an estimator T_n locally stable of order two (l.s.(11)) if it is Fisher consistent and possesses second order derivatives w.r.t. p 's. If T_n is Fisher consistent and possesses third order derivatives, it is referred to as l.s.(111). Since $\frac{\partial T_n}{\partial p_1}, \frac{\partial^2 T_n}{\partial p_1 \partial p_j}$ etc. can be written in

$$\text{terms of } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p_1 \partial p_j}, \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \theta^3}$$

etc., under the assumptions (A1) to (A4), the estimator is l.s.(111).

Let $\tilde{\theta}_n$ be a solution of the equation (2.3.1) such that $\tilde{\theta}_n \neq \theta$ as $p_1 + \pi_7(\theta)$. Denote by

$$f', f_r, f_{rs}, f_{rsk}, f_r', f_r'' \text{ and}$$

$$f_{rs}' \text{ the partial derivatives } \frac{\partial f}{\partial \tilde{\theta}_n}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_r}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial p_r \partial p_s}, \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial p_r \partial p_s \partial p_k},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \tilde{\theta}_n \partial p_r}, \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \tilde{\theta}_n^2 \partial p_r} \text{ and } \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial \tilde{\theta}_n \partial p_r \partial p_s} \text{ evaluated at } \tilde{\theta}_n = \theta \text{ and}$$

$D = \pi \sim$ respectively. Expanding $f(\tilde{\theta}_n, p_1, \dots, p_k)$ by Taylor's theorem

at $(\theta, \pi_1(\theta), \dots, \pi_k(\theta))$, we get

The summation extends over $1 = 1, \dots, k$ unless otherwise stated. Since $\tilde{\theta}_n$ is BAN estimator (1.5.3),

$$\frac{f_r}{f^T} = -\frac{1}{1} \frac{\pi_r}{\pi_r}$$

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Using the above relation and rearranging the terms in (1.3.2) we can write

$$(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta) = \phi_r^{(1)} + \phi_{rs}^{(2)} + \phi_{rs\ell}^{(3)} + O(n^{-2}),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_r^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{1} \sum_r \frac{\pi_r}{\|r} (p_r - \pi_r), \\ \phi_{rs}^{(2)} &= -\frac{1}{2f} \left[\sum_r \sum_s f_{rs} (p_r - \pi_r)(p_s - \pi_s) + 2(\theta_n - \theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_r f'_r (p_r - \pi_r) + (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)^2 f'' \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{rs\ell}^{(3)} &= -\frac{1}{6f'} \left[(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)^3 f''' + 3(\theta_n - \theta)^2 \varepsilon f''_r (p_r - \pi_r) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 3(\theta_n - \theta) \sum_r \sum_s f'_{rs} (p_r - \pi_r)(p_s - \pi_s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_r \sum_s \varepsilon f_{rs\ell} (p_r - \pi_r)(p_s - \pi_s)(p_\ell - \pi_\ell) \right] \end{aligned}$$

From the expression (1.3.4) we compute $E(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$ and $E(\theta_n - \theta)^2$. Since $\tilde{\theta}_n$ is a function of p_1, \dots, p_k , to compute mean and variance of $(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$ either we can use the exact moments of the multinomial distribution and collect the terms to the relevant order or alternatively we can use the formal multivariate Edgeworth expansion for the joint density of $\sqrt{n}(p_1 - \pi_1), \dots, \sqrt{n}(p_{k-1} - \pi_{k-1})$. The validity of using such formal Edgeworth expansion follows from Gotze and Hipp (1978) and Ghosh, Sinha and Subramanyam (1979). Harris (1985) also compares the exact moments and moments obtained by formal Edgeworth expansion. The advantage of using this type of approach would be clear when we link the variance of $(\theta_n - \theta)$ obtained to the variance of the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$.

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The bias and variance of $\tilde{\theta}_n$ are computed using the expression (2.3.4) and the Edgeworth density of length 1. To the order of approximation considered, we need Edgeworth expansion of length one. The bias of $\tilde{\theta}_n$ to $O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b(\theta)}{n} &= E_1'(\phi_r^{(1)} + \phi_{rs}^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \left[-\frac{f''}{1+f} - \frac{2}{1+f}, \sum_r f_r^1 \pi_r' - \frac{1}{f'} \sum_r f_{rr} \pi_r \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{f} \sum_r \sum_s f_{rs} \pi_r \pi_s \right] \end{aligned}$$

and the variance $V(\theta_n)$ to the order $1/n^2$ is $V(\tilde{\theta}_n) = \frac{1}{n^1} + \frac{1}{n^2} \left[2E_1'(\phi_r^{(1)} \phi_{rs}^{(2)}) + 2E_1'(\phi_r^{(1)} \phi_{rsl}^{(3)}) + E_1'(\phi_{rs}^{(2)} \phi_{rs}^{(2)}) \right] - \frac{b^2(\theta)}{n^2} + O(n^{-3})$

The above expectation E_1^1 is with respect to the Edgeworth density. The details of obtaining the expectations are given in Appendix 1x and

we get

where

$$\mu_{1j} = \sum \pi_r \left(\frac{\pi_r'}{\pi_r} \right)^1 \left(\frac{\pi_r^n}{\pi_r} \right)^j,$$

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$$\text{and } 4E_1' \left(\phi_{rs}^{(2)} \phi_{rs}^{(2)} \right) = \frac{3f''z}{1.2f'^2} + \frac{12f''}{1.2f'^2} \sum f_r' \pi_r'$$

Substituting (1.3.10), (1.3.11) and (1.3.12) in (1.3.9) we get

The bias corrected estimator is

$$\theta_n^* = \tilde{\theta}_n - \frac{b(\tilde{\theta}_n)}{n}.$$

The variance of the bias corrected estimator θ_n^k [Rao, 1963] is

$$V(\theta_n^*) = V(\tilde{\theta}_n) - \frac{2b'(\theta)}{n^2} + O(n^{-3})$$

It follows from (1.3.13) and (1.3.15) that It may be noted that we have used expansion for the estimating equation and thus our approach differs from Ghosh and Subramanyam (1974) and Koorts (1985) where expansion of the estimator is considered. However, unlike Rao (1963) we have considered a direct approach to compute $\text{Var}(\theta_n^*)$ w.r.t. θ (cf. 1.3.3) we get It follows from (1.3.21) that $\psi(\theta)$ involves sum of two terms; a term which does not depend upon the estimating equation and a term that depends on the estimating equation through f' and f_{rs} only. We wish to rewrite $\psi(\theta)$ in an alternative form.

where $d_r = (p_r - \pi_r)$ and $z_n = \sum \frac{\pi_r}{\pi_r} d_r$

We have and

$$V(q) = \frac{1}{n^2} \left[\frac{1}{1.4} (\sum \sum f_{rs} \pi_r' \pi_s')^2 + \frac{1}{1.3} (\sum \sum f_{rs} \pi_r \pi_s')^2 \right]$$

Substituting (2.3.24) and (2.3.25) in (2.3.21) we get $u(\theta) = \left[\frac{\mu_{02} - 2\mu_{21} + \mu_{40}}{1.3} - \frac{1}{1.4} - \frac{(\mu_{11} - \mu_{30})^2}{1.4} \right]$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{\mu_{11}^2}{21.4} \Big] + \frac{n^2 1.2}{f^2} \left[v(Q) - \frac{[\text{cov}(Q, z_n^2)]^2}{v(z_n^2)} \right] \\
 & \left[\frac{\mu_0 d - 2\mu_{21} + \mu_{40}}{1.3} - \frac{1}{1} - \frac{(\mu_{11} - \mu_{30})^2}{1^4} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{\mu_{11}^2}{21.4} \right] + \frac{n^2 1.2 \delta^*}{f'^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

since $\delta^* = v(\theta) - \frac{[\text{cov}(0, z_n^2)]^2}{v(z_n^2)} \geq 0$, it is clear that an estimator

we have maximum second order efficiency if $\delta^* = 0$.

We can establish the relationship between the two measures second order efficiency E_2 and E_3 . It follows from (2.3.26) that

$$\psi(\theta) = \frac{n^2 1.4}{f'^2} \left[\text{var}(0) - \frac{[\text{cov}(0, z_n^2)]^2}{\text{var}(z_n^2)} \right] + 1.2\psi(m.1)$$

where $\psi(m.1)$ is the value of $\psi(\theta)$ for the m.l. estimator. We can write $H(m.1)$ as [Ra0,1963]

$$1.2 \psi(m.1) = E_2(m.1) + \frac{\mu_{11}^2}{21.2}$$

where $E_2(m.1)$ is the value of E_2 for m.l. estimator. Hence we can

$$\begin{aligned}
 1.2 \psi(\theta) & = \frac{n^2 1.4}{f^2} \left[\text{var}(0) - \frac{[\text{cov}(0, z_n^2)]^2}{\text{Var}(z_n^2)} \right] \\
 & + E_2(m.1) + \frac{\mu_{11}^2}{21.2} \\
 & = E_2 + \frac{\mu_{11}^2}{21.2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

the above equation we have written

$$E_2 = E_2(m.1) + \frac{n^2 1.4}{f^2} \left[\text{Var}(Q) - \frac{[\text{cov}(0, z_n^2)]^2}{\text{Var}(z_n^2)} \right]$$

which is the expression obtained in Rao (1961).

Conclusion:

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We have corrupted the values of deficiencies of estimators obtained by minimizing $0_n^{(n)}$ and is presented in Table 2.6.2. A glance at the table indicates that when $n \in 0$, the magnitude of deforcieny is quite substantial. For exarple, when $\theta = 0.5625$ and $n = -2$, the deficiency 15 116.0727, indicati_ng that if m. 1. estimator requires 100 observations to have the sane preciston, the estimator obtained through $b_n^{(-2)}$ fequires 216 conservatories. However, when $n = 0.5$ or 1 , the maximum value of disfluency 151.8 when $\theta = 0.5625$; $n = 1$. For these values of n , there is hardly any saving in the sample size through the use of ro. 1. estimator.

A question that naturally arises 15 the equivalence between the variance of $\sqrt{n_1} \cdot (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$ obtained by the usual Taylor's expansion and the variance of the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n_1} \cdot (\theta_n - \theta)$. The asymptatic distribution is the formal Edgeworth expansion of the density of $\sqrt{n_1} \cdot (\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$. Since $\tilde{\theta}_n$ is a function of (w_1, \dots, m_k) . were $w_1 = \ln(p_1 - \pi_1)$, and since we have used the multivariate Edgeworth expansion for the joint density of (n_1, \dots, w_{k-1}) , it is clear that the asymptotic variance is equal to the variance of the asymptotic distribution. Thas is similar to the observation made in Ghosh and Subramanyan (1974).

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