

CONCENTRATION PROBABILITIES OF THE GENERALIZED QUASI MINIMAX AND MOCK-MINIMAX ESTIMATORS IN LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL

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ABSTRACT

The generalized quasi minimax and mock-minimax estimators for the estimation of the coefficient vector β of regression coefficients and judging their performance under a decision theoretic frame work based on their quadratic risks. For judging the performance of an estimator, Rao (1981) suggested the criteria such as Pitman nearness and concentration probability of an estimator around the true parametric value under which he showed empirically that some well known minimax mean squared error estimators do not work satisfactorily. For further details regarding the justifications of the use of criteria other than minimax mean squared error criterion, see Rao (1981). Keeping in mind, the justifications given by Rao (1981)

2. The estimators and the regression model

Let the linear regression model be

$$Y = X\beta + u$$

Where Y is a $T \times 1$ vector of observations on the variable to be explained, β is a $p \times 1$ vector of regression coefficients to be estimated, X is a non-stochastic $T \times p$ full column rank matrix of observations on p explanatory variables and u is a $T \times 1$ vector of disturbances following multivariate normal distribution with

$$E(u) = 0$$

$$E(uu') = \sigma^2 I_T$$

In which σ^2 is the variance of disturbances.

Under ellipsoidal constraints

$$B = (\beta : \beta' H \beta \leq 1) \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Where H is a known positive definite symmetric matrix, trenkler and stahlecker (1984) gave the quasi minimax estimator

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = (X'X + \sigma^2 H)^{-1} X'Y \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

When σ^2 is know.

Subject to the constraints (2), the mock-minimax estimator is given by

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \left\{ 1 - \frac{(\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1})}{\overline{Ch}(AH^{-1}) + \sigma^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1}} \right\} b \quad \text{-----(4)}$$

When, σ^2 is not known, the adaptive versions of the quasi minimax estimator $\hat{\beta}_1$ and the mock-minimax estimator $\hat{\beta}_2$ are

$$b_1 = (X'X + \hat{\sigma}^2 H)^{-1} X'Y$$

And

$$b_2 = \left\{ 1 - \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1}}{\overline{Ch}(AH^{-1}) + \hat{\sigma}^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1}} \right\} b$$

Where

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \delta \sigma_0^2 + (1 - \delta) s^2$$

Generalized versions of b_1 and b_2 known as the generalized quasi minimax and the generalized mock minimax estimators are

$$b_1^* = (X'X + \hat{\sigma}_g^2 H)^{-1} X'y$$

And

$$b_2^* = \left\{ 1 - \frac{\hat{\sigma}_g^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1}}{\overline{Ch}(AH^{-1}) + \hat{\sigma}_g^2 \operatorname{tr} A(X'X)^{-1}} \right\} b$$

We now find the concentration probabilities of b_1^* and b_2^* the estimators and in next section 3.

3. CONCENTRATION PROBABILITIES OF ESTIMATORS b_1^* and b_2^*

We first introduce the following notations:

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma} (X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_1^* - \beta)$$

$$\xi(r_1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r_1'r_1}$$

And

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma} (X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_2^* - \beta)$$

$$\xi(r_2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r_2'r_2}$$

$$(b_1^* - \beta) = \phi_{-\frac{1}{2}} + \phi_{-1} + \phi_{-\frac{3}{2}} + \phi_{-2} + o\left(T^{-\frac{5}{2}}\right)$$

where

$$\phi_{-\frac{1}{2}} = (X'X)^{-1}X'u$$

$$\phi_{-1} = -\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$\phi_{-\frac{3}{2}} = -(1 - g'(1))\epsilon (X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$-\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}(X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}X'u$$

$$\phi_{-2} = -(1 - g'(1))\epsilon (X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}X'u$$

$$+\frac{(1 - g'(1))}{T(T - p)} (u'(X'X)u)(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$+\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$+\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

Where $\epsilon = (s^2 - \sigma^2)$ is a stochastic quantity of order

$$O_p\left(T^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \text{ with } E(\epsilon) = 0 \text{ and } E(\epsilon^2) = \frac{2}{T}\sigma^4$$

Defining $z = \frac{1}{\sigma} (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} X'u$, we observe that z follows multivariate normal distribution with mean vector zero and dispersion matrix I_p .

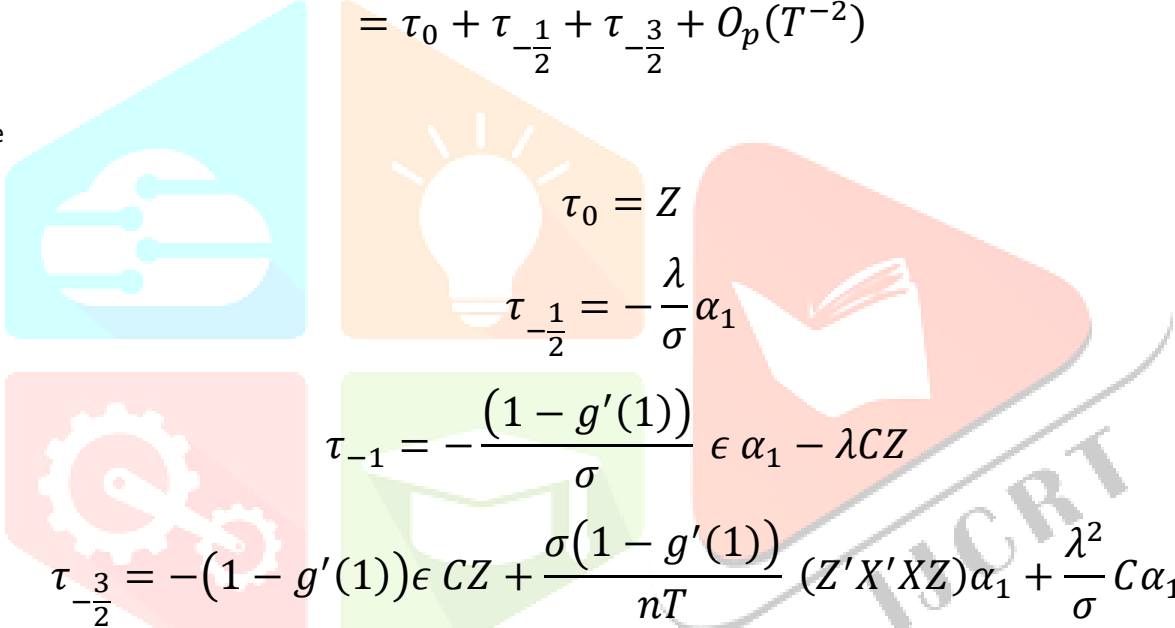
Further, $\left(\frac{u'\bar{P}_X u}{\sigma^2}\right)$ follows a chi-square distribution with $n = T - p$ degrees of freedom and Z and $\left(\frac{u'\bar{P}_X u}{\sigma^2}\right)$ are independently distributed.

From (3,3,2), we have

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma} (X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_1^* - \beta)$$

$$= \tau_0 + \tau_{-\frac{1}{2}} + \tau_{-\frac{3}{2}} + O_p(T^{-2})$$

where



$$\tau_0 = Z$$

$$\tau_{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{\lambda}{\sigma} \alpha_1$$

$$\tau_{-1} = -\frac{(1 - g'(1))}{\sigma} \epsilon \alpha_1 - \lambda CZ$$

$$\tau_{-\frac{3}{2}} = -(1 - g'(1)) \epsilon CZ + \frac{\sigma(1 - g'(1))}{nT} (Z'X'XZ) \alpha_1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{\sigma} C \alpha_1$$

Where $\lambda = g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2$

The approximate characteristic function of vector r_1 upto order $(T^{-\frac{3}{2}})$, can then be obtained as follows

$$\zeta_{r_1}(h) = E(e^{ih'r_1})$$

$$= E \left\{ e^{ih\zeta_0} e^{(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} + ih'\zeta_{-1} + ih'\zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}})} \right\}$$

$$= E \left[e^{ih'\zeta_0} \left\{ 1 + \left(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) + ih'\zeta_{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \left(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^2 + \left(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) + \left(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \left(ih'\zeta_{-1} \right) + \frac{1}{6} \left(ih'\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^3 \right\} \right]$$

Where h is a $p \times 1$ column vector of fixed constants. Further we observe that for a fixed $p \times 1$ vector a and $p \times p$ matrix A

$$E(e^{ih'Z}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}h'h}$$

$$E(\alpha'Z)e^{ih'Z} = i(\alpha'h) e^{-\frac{1}{2}h'h}$$

$$E(Z'AZ)e^{ih'Z} = (tr A - h'Ah)e^{-\frac{1}{2}h'h}$$

With the help of results along with, the characteristic function of the vector r_1 , upto order $O_p \left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right)$ has been obtained as

$$\zeta_{r_1}(h) = \left(1 + \zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} + \zeta_{-1} + \zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}h'h}$$

Where

$$\zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{i\lambda}{\sigma} (h'\alpha_1)^2$$

$$\zeta_{-1} = \lambda(h'ch) - \frac{2\lambda}{2\sigma^2} (h'\alpha_1)^2$$

$$\zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{i(1-g'(1))}{nT} (trX'X - h'X'Xh)(h'\alpha_1) + \frac{i\lambda^2}{\sigma} (h'c\alpha_1) - \frac{i\lambda^2}{\sigma} ((h'\alpha_1)h'ch) + \frac{i\lambda^3}{6\sigma^3} (h'\alpha_1)^3$$

Utilizing the following results for a fixed $p \times 1$ vector α and a $p \times p$ matrix A ,

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ih'r_1 - \frac{1}{2}h'h} dh = \xi(r_1)$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\alpha'h) e^{-ih'r_1 - \frac{1}{2}h'h} dh = -i(\alpha'r_1)\xi(r_1)$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h'Ah) e^{-ih'r_1 - \frac{1}{2}h'h} dh = (tr A - r_1'Ar_1)\xi(r_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\alpha'h) (h'Ah) e^{-ih'r_1 - \frac{1}{2}h'h} dh \\ = i(\alpha'r_1)(r_1'Ar_1) - (\alpha'r_1) tr A - \alpha'(A + A')r_1 \end{aligned}$$

Along with the inversion theorem

$$f(r_1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ih'r_1} \xi_{r_1}(h) dh,$$

Where $f(r_1)$ is the probability density function of the random vector r_1 , we get the large sample asymptotic approximation for the joint probability density function of the elements of vector r_1 upto order $O_p\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$ to be

$$f(r_1) = \left\{ 1 + Y_{-\frac{1}{2}} + Y_{-1} + Y_{-\frac{3}{2}} \right\} \xi(r_1)$$

Where

$$Y_{-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{1}{\sigma} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\} \alpha_1' r_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{-1} = \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\} (tr C - r_1'Cr_1) \\ - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (\alpha_1'\alpha_1 - (\alpha_1'\alpha_1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{(1 - g'(1))}{nT} (\alpha_1'r_1)(r_1'X'Xr_1) - 2(\alpha_1'X'Xr_1) \\ + \frac{1}{\sigma} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 \{(\alpha_1'r_1)(r_1'Cr_1) - (\alpha_1'r_1) tr C \\ - (\alpha_1'Cr_1)\} - \frac{1}{6\sigma^3} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^3 (\alpha_1'r)^3 \\ - 3(\alpha_1'\alpha_1)(\alpha_1'r_1) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the large sample approximation for the estimation error for the estimator b_2^* , is

$$(b_2^* - \beta) = \phi_{-\frac{1}{2}} + \phi_{-1} + \phi_{-\frac{3}{2}} + \phi_{-2} + O\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{-\frac{1}{2}} &= (X'X)^{-1}X'u \\ \phi_{-1} &= -\{g'(1)\sigma_2^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}d\beta \\ \phi_{-\frac{3}{2}} &= -(1 - g'(1))d\beta - \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}.d(X'X)^{-1}X'u \\ \phi_{-2} &= -(1 - g'(1))d(X'X)^{-1}X'u + \frac{(1 - g'(1))}{T(T - p)}(u'XX'u)d\beta \\ &\quad + \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2.d^2\beta\end{aligned}$$

From (3.3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}r_2 &= \frac{1}{\sigma}(X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}}(b_2^* - \beta) \\ &= \zeta_0 + \zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* + \zeta_{-1}^* + \zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}}^* + 0_p(T^{-2})\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_0 &= Z \\ \zeta_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* &= -\frac{\lambda}{\sigma}da_1 \\ \zeta_{-1}^* &= -\frac{(1 - g'(1))}{\sigma} \in da_2 - \lambda dZ \\ \zeta_{-\frac{3}{2}}^* &= -(1 - g'(1)) \in dZ + \frac{\sigma(1 - g'(1))}{nT}(Z'X'XZ)da_2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{\sigma}d^2a_2\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding on some line as for r_1 , the characteristic function of vector r_2 to order $0_p(T^{-\frac{3}{2}})$ is given by

$$\zeta_{r_2}(h) = \left(1 + \xi_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* + \xi_{-1}^* + \xi_{-\frac{3}{2}}^*\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}h'h}$$

Where

$$\xi_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* = -\frac{i\lambda}{\sigma}d(h'a_2)$$

$$\xi_{-1}^* = \lambda d(h'h) - \frac{\lambda^2}{2\sigma^2} (h'\alpha_2)^2$$

$$\xi_{-\frac{3}{2}}^* = \frac{i(1-g'(1))}{nT} \sigma d(\text{tr}(X'X) - h'X'Xh)(h'\alpha_2) + \frac{i\lambda^2}{\sigma} d^2(h'\alpha_2)$$

$$+ \frac{i\lambda^2}{\sigma} d^2(h'\alpha_2)h'h + \frac{i\lambda^3}{6\sigma^3} d^3(h'\alpha_2)^3$$

Using the approximate expression (13) of the characteristic function of r_2 , the inversion theorem (9) and the results in (8), we obtain the large sample approximate expression for the joint probability density function of r_2 , to order $O\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$, to be

$$f(r_2) = \left(1 + Y_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* + Y_{-1}^* + Y_{-\frac{3}{2}}^*\right) \xi(r_2)$$

Where

$$Y_{-\frac{1}{2}}^* = -\frac{d}{\sigma} (g'(1))\sigma^2 + (1 - g'(1)\sigma^2)(\alpha_2' r_2)$$

$$Y_{-1}^* = d(g'(1))\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1)\sigma^2)(p - r_2' r_2)$$

$$- \frac{d^2}{2\sigma^2} (g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)^2 \cdot (\alpha_2' \alpha_2 - (\alpha_2' r_2)^2)$$

$$Y_{-\frac{3}{2}}^* = \frac{(1 - g'(1))d\sigma}{nT} \{(\alpha_1' r_2)(r_2' X' X r_2) - 2(\alpha_2' X' X r_2)\}$$

$$+ \frac{d^2}{\sigma} (g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)^2 (\alpha_2' r_2)(r_2' r_2) - (p + 1)(\alpha_2' r_2)$$

$$- \frac{d^3}{6\sigma^3} (g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)^3 \cdot \{(\alpha_2' r_2)^3 - 3(\alpha_2' \alpha_2)(\alpha_2' r_2)\}.$$

For the derivation of the small disturbance asymptotic expressions of the sampling distributions of the estimators b_1^* and b_2^* , we rewrite the model taking $u = \sigma w$ as

$$Y = X\beta + \sigma w$$

So that w follows a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector zero and dispersion matrix I_T . The small disturbance approximation for the estimation error of estimator b_1^* can be written from chapter II as

$$(b_1^* - \beta) = \sigma\phi_1 + \sigma^2\phi_2 + \sigma^3\phi_3 + \sigma^4\phi_4 + 0(\sigma^5)$$

Where

$$\phi_1 = (X'X)^{-1}X'w$$

$$\phi_2 = -V(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$\phi_3 = -V(X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}X'W$$

$$\phi_4 = V^2(X'X)^{-1}H(X'X)^{-1}H\beta$$

$$V = g'(1)\mu + \frac{(1 - g'(1))}{n}(W'\bar{P}_X W)$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2}$$

It may be mentioned here that the random vector $Z = (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}}X'W$ follows a multivariate normal distribution with mean vector zero and dispersion matrix I_T and $W'\bar{P}_X W$ has a chi square distribution with $n = (T-p)$ degrees of freedom. Also Z and $W'\bar{P}_X W$ are independently distributed.

From, we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= \frac{1}{\sigma}(X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}}(b_1^* - \beta) \\ &= A_0 + \sigma A_1 + \sigma^2 A_2 + \sigma^3 A_3 + \sigma^4 A_4 + 0(\sigma^4) \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$A_0 = Z$$

$$A_1 = -V\alpha_1$$

$$A_2 = -VCZ$$

$$A_3 = V^2C\alpha_1$$

The approximate characteristic function of the vector r_1 in up to order $0(\sigma^3)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} K_{r_1}(h) &= E(e^{1h'r_1}) \\ &= E\{e^{ihA_0} e^{\sigma ih'A_1 + \sigma^2 ih'A_2 + \sigma^3 ih'A_3}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= E \left[e^{ih'A_0 \left\{ 1 + \sigma(ih'A_1) + \sigma^2 \left((ih'A_1) + \frac{1}{2}(ih'A_1)^2 \right) + \sigma^3 \left((ih'A_1) + (ih'A_1)(ih'A_1) + \frac{1}{6}(ih'A_1)^3 \right) \right\}} \right]$$

Utilizing the results

$$E(W' \bar{P}_X W) = n$$

$$E(W' \bar{P}_X W)^2 = n(n+2)$$

$$E(W' \bar{P}_X W)^3 = n(n+2)(n+4),$$

And the results in (3.3.5), we observe that the

Characteristic function of the vector r_1 up to order $O(\sigma^3)$, is given by

$$K_{r_1}(h) = (1 + \sigma K_1 + \sigma^2 K_2 + \sigma^3 K_3) e^{-\frac{1}{2} h' h}$$

Where

$$K_1 = -i \{ \mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1)) \} (h' \alpha_1)$$

$$K_2 = \{ \mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1)) \} (h' c h)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + (2\mu g'(1))(1 - g'(1)) + \frac{(n+2)}{n} (1 - g'(1))^2 \right\} (h' \alpha_1)^2$$

$$K_3 = i \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + (2\mu g'(1))(1 - g'(1)) + \frac{(n+2)}{n} (1 - g'(1))^2 \right\} (h' c \alpha_1)$$

$$+ i \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + (2\mu g'(1))(1 - g'(1)) + \frac{(n+2)}{n} (1 - g'(1))^2 (h' \alpha_1)(h' c h) \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{i}{6} \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 3\mu^3 (g'(1))^2 (1 - g'(1)) \right\}$$

Now with the help of the result (8) and inversion theorem (3.3.8), the small disturbance asymptotic expression for the joint probability density function of the elements of vector r_1 is given by

$$g(r_1) = (1 + \sigma v_1 + \sigma^2 v_2 + \sigma^3 v_3) \xi(r_1)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= -\{g'(1)\mu + (1 - g'(1))\}(\alpha'_1 r_1) \\ v_2 &= \{\mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1))\}(tr\ c - r' c r) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - g'(1))^2 \frac{(n+2)}{n} \right\} (\alpha'_1 \alpha_1 - (\alpha'_1 r_1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_3 &= \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - g'(1))^2 \frac{(n+2)}{n} \right\} \dots \dots \dots \{(\alpha'_1 r_1)(r'_1 c r_1) \\ &\quad - (\alpha'_1 r_1)(tr\ c - \alpha'_1 c r_1)\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{6} \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 3\mu^2 (g'(1))^2 (1 - g'(1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 3\mu^2 (g'(1))^2 (1 - g'(1)) + 3\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) \cdot \frac{(n+2)}{n} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - g'(1))^3 \cdot \frac{(n+2)(n+4)}{n^2} \right\} \cdot \{(\alpha'_1 r_1)^3 - 3(\alpha'_1 \alpha_1)(\alpha'_1 r_1)\} \end{aligned}$$

From chapter II , we have small disturbance asymptotic expression for the estimation error of the estimator b_2^* to be

$$(b_2^* - \beta) = \sigma \phi_1 + \sigma^2 \phi_2^* + \sigma^3 \phi_3^* + \sigma^4 \phi_4^* + 0(\sigma^5)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 &= (X'X)^{-1} X'w \\ \phi_2^* &= -vd\beta \\ \phi_3^* &= -vd(X'X)^{-1} X'w \\ \phi_4^* &= v^2 d^2 \beta \end{aligned}$$

From (3.3.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 &= \frac{1}{\sigma} (X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_2^* - \beta) \\ &= A_0 + \sigma A_1^* + \sigma^2 A_2^* + \sigma^3 A_3^* + 0(\sigma^4) \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= Z \\ A_1^* &= -vd\alpha_2 \\ A_2^* &= -vdz \\ A_3^* &= v^2 d^2 \alpha_2 \end{aligned}$$

The approximate characteristic function of the vector r_2 in (3.3.21) upto order $0(\sigma^3)$ is

$$K_{r_2}(h) = [1 + \sigma K_1^* + \sigma^2 K_2^* + \sigma^3 K_3^*] e^{-\frac{1}{2} h'h}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} K_1^* &= -i\{g'(1) + (1 - g'(1))\}(h'\alpha_2) \\ K_2^* &= d\{\mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1))\}h'h - \frac{d^2}{2}\{\mu^2(g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1))\} \\ &\quad + \left\{\frac{(n+2)}{n}(1 - g'(1))^2\right\}(h'\alpha_2)^2 \\ K_3^* &= id^2\left\{\mu^2(g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) + \frac{(n+2)}{n}(1 - g'(1))^2\right\}(h'\alpha_2) \\ &\quad - id^2\left\{\mu(g'(1))^2 + 2\mu(g'(1))(1 - g'(1))\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \left(\frac{n+2}{n}\right)(1 - g'(1))^2\right\} \cdot (h'\alpha_2)(h'h) \\ &\quad + \frac{i}{6}d^3\left\{\mu^3(g'(1)) + 3\mu^2(g'(1))^2(1 - g'(1))\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ 3\left(\frac{n+2}{n}\right)\mu g'(1) \cdot (1 - g'(1))^2\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \left(\frac{n+2}{n}\right)\left(\frac{n+4}{n}\right)(1 - g'(1))^3\right\}(h'\alpha_2)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Using the approximate expression (3.3.22) of the characteristic function of r_2 , the inversion theorem and the results in the small distribution asymptotic expression for the joint probability density function of the elements of vector r_2 is given by

$$g(r_2) = (1 + \sigma v_1^* + \sigma^2 v_2^* + \sigma^3 v_3^*)\xi(r_2)$$

Where

$$v_1^* = -d\{\mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1))\}(\alpha_2' r_2)$$

$$v_2^* = d\left(\mu g'(1) + (1 - g'(1))\right)(p - r_2' r_2) - \frac{d^2}{2} \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) + (1 - g'(1))^2 \frac{n+2}{2} (\alpha_2' \alpha_2 - (\alpha_2' r_2)^2) \right\}$$

$$v_3^* = d^2 \left\{ \mu^2 (g'(1))^2 + 2\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1)) \right\} + \left\{ (1 - g'(1))^2 \frac{(n+2)}{2} \right\} \dots \dots \dots \{ (\alpha_2' r_2)(r_2' r) - (p+1)(\alpha_2' r_2) \} - \frac{d^3}{6} \left\{ \mu^3 (g'(1))^3 + 3\mu^2 (g'(1))^2 (1 - g'(1)) + 3\mu g'(1)(1 - g'(1))^2 \cdot \frac{(n+2)}{n} + (1 - g'(1))^3 \frac{(n+2)(n+4)}{n^2} \right\} \cdot \{ (\alpha_2' r_2)^3 - 3(\alpha_2' \alpha_2)(\alpha_2' r_2) \}$$

Before finding the concentration probability of the generalized quasi minimax and mock-minimax estimators b_1^* and b_2^* we find the concentration probability of the ordinary least square (OLS) estimators b around the true unknown coefficient vector β .

For p arbitrarily chosen positive constants $\bar{m}_1, \bar{m}_2, \bar{m}_3, \dots \dots \dots \bar{m}_p$ and $\bar{m} = (\bar{m}_1, \bar{m}_2, \bar{m}_3, \dots \dots \dots \bar{m}_p)$, the concentration probability of of the OLS estimator b around β in the region bounded by the plane $\{|b - \beta| \leq \bar{m}\} = \{|b_j - \beta| \leq \bar{m}_j ; j = 1,2,3, \dots \dots p\}$ in the p -dimensional ecludian space is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 CP(b) &= P\{|b - \beta| \leq \bar{m}\} \\
 &= P\left\{\frac{1}{\sigma}(X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}}(b - \beta) \leq m\right\}, \text{ where } m = \frac{1}{\sigma}(X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{m} \\
 &= P\{|Z_j| \leq m_j ; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p\} \\
 &= \Phi(m),
 \end{aligned}$$

Where m_j is the j^{th} element of the $p \times 1$ vector m, Z_j 's

($j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$) are the p elements of the standard normal vector $z = \frac{1}{\sigma}(X'X)^{\frac{1}{2}}(b - \beta)$ and $\Phi(m)$ is the probability that the standard normal Z lies in a region bounded by the planes ($|Z_j| \leq m_j ; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$) in the p -dimensional Ecludian space and is obtained by

$$\Phi(m) = \int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} \xi(z) dz_1 \dots dz_p$$

with $\xi(z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z'z}$ being the standard multivariate normal density of Z .

Proceeding on the same lines as for the OLS estimator b for finding the concentration probability, we see that the concentration probabilities of the estimators b_1^* and b_2^* around β are given by

(1) Under large sample asymptotic

$$\begin{aligned}
 CP(b_1^*) &= P\{|b_1^* - \beta| \leq \bar{m}\} \\
 &= P\{|r_{1j}| \leq m_j ; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p\}
 \end{aligned}$$

(where r_{1j} is the j^{th} element of vector r_1)

$$= \int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} f(r_1) dr_{11} dr_{12} \dots dr_{1p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 CP(b_2^*) &= P\{|b_2^* - \beta| \leq \bar{m}\} \\
 &= P\{|r_{2j}| \leq m_j ; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} f(r_2) dr_{21} dr_{22} \dots \dots dr_{2p}$$

And

(2) Under small sigma asymptotic

$$CP(b_1^*) = \int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} g(r_1) dr_{11} dr_{12} \dots \dots dr_{1p}$$

$$CP(b_2^*) = \int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} g(r_2) dr_{21} dr_{22} \dots \dots dr_{2p}$$

Using the following result in

$$\int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} \xi(r) dr_1 dr_2 \dots \dots dr_p = \phi(m)$$

$$\int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} (\alpha' r) \xi(r) dr_1 dr_2 \dots \dots dr_p = 0$$

$$\int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} (r' A r) \xi(r) dr_1 dr_2 \dots \dots dr_p$$

$$= \left\{ \text{tr } A - \sum_{i=1}^p a_{ii} \frac{m_i e^{-\frac{1}{2}m_1^2}}{\int_0^{m_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r_i^2} dr_i} \right\} \phi(m)$$

$$\int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} (\alpha' r)^2 \xi(r) dr_1 dr_2 \dots \dots dr_p$$

$$= \left\{ \alpha' \alpha - \sum_{i=1}^p a_i^2 \frac{m_i e^{-\frac{1}{2}m_1^2}}{\int_0^{m_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r_i^2} dr_i} \right\} \phi(m)$$

$$\int_{-m_p}^{m_p} \dots \dots \dots \int_{-m_1}^{m_1} (\alpha' r)(r' A r) \xi(r) dr_1 dr_2 \dots \dots dr_p = 0$$

Where a_{ii} is the i^{th} diagonal element of matrix A and α_i

is the i^{th} element vector α , we get the concentration probabilities of estimators b_1^* and b_2^* around β in the region bounded by the column vector m in the p -dimensional Ecludian space as

(1) Under large sample asymptotic to order $O\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$

$$CP(b_1^*) = \left[1 + \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}tr C E - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (\alpha_1' E \alpha_1) \right] \cdot \Phi(m)$$

$$CP(b_2^*) = \left[1 + d\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}tr E - \frac{d^2}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (\alpha_2' E \alpha_2) \right] \cdot \Phi(m)$$

where E is a diagonal matrix, i.e. $E = \text{diag.} (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_p)$ with elements as

$$e_j = \frac{m_j e^{-\frac{1}{2}m_j^2}}{\int_0^{m_j} e^{-\frac{1}{2}r_{1j}^2} dr_{1j}}; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p,$$

And

(ii) Under small sigma asymptotic to order $O(\sigma^3)$

$$CP(b_1^*) = \left[1 + \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}tr C E - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 + \frac{2}{n} (1 - g'(1))^2 \sigma^4 (\alpha_1' E \alpha_1) \right] \cdot \Phi(m)$$

$$CP(b_2^*) = \left[1 + d\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}tr E - \frac{d^2}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 + \frac{2}{n} (1 - g'(1))^2 \sigma^4 (\alpha_2' E \alpha_2) \right] \cdot \Phi(m)$$

4. SOME REMARKS

(a) The results obtained by shukla (1993) concerning the concentration probabilities of the estimators b_1 and b_2 may be easily seen to be the special cases of those obtained in this chapter for the generalized estimators b_1^* and b_2^* .

(b) From (3.3.24) and (3.3.23) upto the order $O\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$ we see that

$$\begin{aligned} CP(b_1^*) - CP(b_2^*) &= \left[d\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\} \text{tr } C E \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (\alpha_2' E \alpha_2) \right] \cdot \phi(m) \end{aligned}$$

which is positive if

$$\frac{\beta' H (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} H \beta}{2\sigma} \leq \frac{\text{tr } (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} H}{(g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)},$$

Which hold for a sufficient condition

$$\frac{\overline{Ch} \cdot \left[(X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} H \right] \beta}{2\sigma^2} < \frac{\text{tr } (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E (X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} H}{(g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)},$$

Which hold if

$$\frac{g'(1)}{1 + g'(1)} < \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2}$$

Further, from (3.3.25) and (3.3.23) to order $O\left(T^{-\frac{3}{2}}\right)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} CP(b_1^*) - CP(b) &= \left[d\{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\} \text{tr } E \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{d^2}{2\sigma^2} \{g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2\}^2 (\alpha_2' E \alpha_2) \right] \cdot \phi(m) \end{aligned}$$

Which is positive if and only if

$$\beta'(X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E(X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \beta < \frac{2\sigma^2}{(g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)} \cdot \left(\frac{\overline{Ch} \cdot (AH^{-1})}{\text{tr } A (X'X)^{-1}} \right) \text{tr } E$$

And holds true at least as long as

$$\overline{Ch} \cdot \left[H^{-1}(X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} E(X'X)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right] < \frac{2\sigma^2}{(g'(1)\sigma_0^2 + (1 - g'(1))\sigma^2)} \cdot \left(\frac{\overline{Ch} \cdot (AH^{-1})}{\text{tr } A (X'X)^{-1}} \right) \text{tr } E$$

Under small disturbance approach, comparison of concentration probabilities of the estimators b_1^*, b_2^*, b_1, b_2 and b may be done on similar lines.

(c) In particular, for the estimators

$$b_{10}^* = [X'X + S^2(1 - (1 - u)^k)H]^{-1} X'Y$$

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