Sieve “Parametric" Likelihood Ratio Bootstrapped Confidence Sets for Semiparametric Likelihood Models Under Partial Identification

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Proposal Description:

We provide methods for inference on a finite-dimensional parameter of interest, $? \in \mathbb{R}^d$, in a semiparametric probability model when an infinite-dimensional nuisance parameter, $g$, is present. We construct confidence sets for $?$ that are robust to the model parameter $(?, g)$ being partially-identified or irregular (i.e., slower than root-$n$ estimable). This allows practitioners to examine the sensitivity of their estimates of $?$ to more relaxed assumptions on $g$ in a general likelihood setup. To construct these robust confidence sets for $?$, we invert a (penalized) sieve (log-)likelihood ratio (LR) statistic. We derive the asymptotic null distribution of the sieve LR under partial-identification, which is nonstandard when $?$ is not point-identified. We present conditions under which a sieve “parametric” bootstrapped LR statistic consistently estimates the complicated limiting null distribution of the original-sample sieve LR. Our robust confidence sets are asymptotically efficient when the true $?$ parameter belongs to the interior of the parameter space and is by chance point-identified and regular.

This proposal seeks a Tobin RA (or Robin RAs) to run some Monte Carlo studies to check the performance of the bootstrapped LR procedure in finite samples.

Requisite Skills and Qualifications:

a good programmer in R or Matlab; knows some basic statistics and econometrics.

Award: Shawn Luciani
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