

FASTEC- FActorizable Sparse Tail Event Curves

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Holding on the two ends...



Motivation

- Many data come as curves or bunch of time series
- Common structure analysis:
 - ▶ **Tail** (one end): τ is close to 0 or 1. Tail event curves (TEC)
 - ▶ **Spread** (both ends): between $\{q(\tau), q(1 - \tau)\}$ τ -range; changes of τ -range: expanding, shrinking, shifting, shifting with expanding/shrinking, $0 < \tau < 1/2$
- Sparsity: common structure is reduced to a few **factors**
- FASTEC: FActorisable Sparse Tail Event Curve



FASTEC construction

- Data: $\{(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ in \mathbb{R}^{p+m} i.i.d.
- Linear model for τ -quantile curve of Y_j , $j = 1, \dots, m$, $0 < \tau < 1$:

$$q_j(\tau|\mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}(\tau), \quad (1)$$

where coefficients for j response: $\mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}^p$

- Sparse factorisation: $f_k^\tau(\mathbf{X}_i) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_k^\top(\tau)\mathbf{X}_i$ factors

$$q_j(\tau|\mathbf{X}_i) = \sum_{k=1}^r \psi_{j,k}(\tau) f_k^\tau(\mathbf{X}_i), \quad (2)$$

where r : number of factors;

$$\mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}(\tau) = (\sum_{k=1}^r \psi_{j,k}(\tau)\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{k,1}(\tau), \dots, \sum_{k=1}^r \psi_{j,k}(\tau)\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{k,p}(\tau))$$



FASTEC examples

- **CAViaR**: Y_{ij} log returns at i day and institution j ; \mathbf{X}_i : $\cup_{j=1}^m (|Y_{i-1,j}|, Y_{i-1,j}^-)$ is of $p = 2m$ dimension, $j = 1, \dots, m$, $i = 1, \dots, n$;
- **Temperature data**: Y_{ij} : temperature at i day and j weather station; $\mathbf{X}_i = (b_1(t_i), \dots, b_p(t_i))$, where b_1, \dots, b_p : B -spline basis, $t = i/n$, $i = 1, \dots, n$;
- Further application: image analysis, joint analysis of many images and find the common patterns



Temperature Data

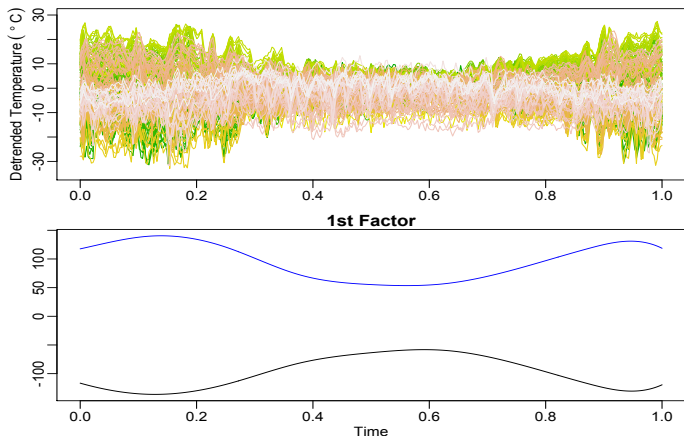



Figure 1: Top figure: detrended temperature Y_{ij} , $m = 159$ weather station, $t = i/n$ time point in year 2008, $n = 365$; bottom figure: quantile factors $f_1^{0.01}(\mathbf{X}_i)$ and $f_1^{0.99}(\mathbf{X}_i)$; $p = n^{0.4} \approx 11$.  FASTeCChinaTemper2008



Financial Data

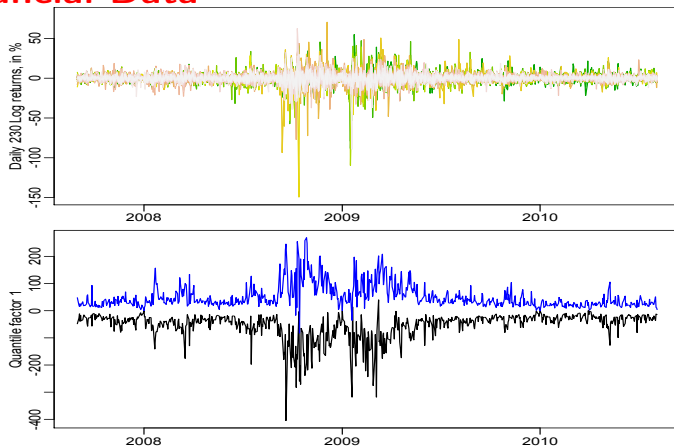


Figure 2: Top figure: log returns Y_{ij} , $n = 765$ ranging from Aug. 2007-Aug. 2010. $m = 230$ firm index. $p = 460$ covariate dimension; bottom figure: quantile factors 1 $f_1^{0.01}(\mathbf{X}_i)$, $f_1^{0.99}(\mathbf{X}_i)$. FASTECSAMCVaR
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Spread gestalt

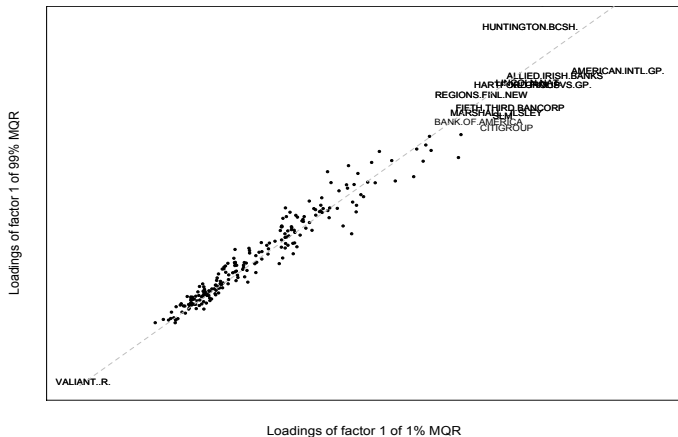



Figure 3: Loadings $(\psi_{j,1}(0.01), \psi_{j,1}(0.99))$ on factors 1 for 230 firms. Close distance indicates similar τ -range pattern.  FASTeCSAMCVaR
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Tail behavior

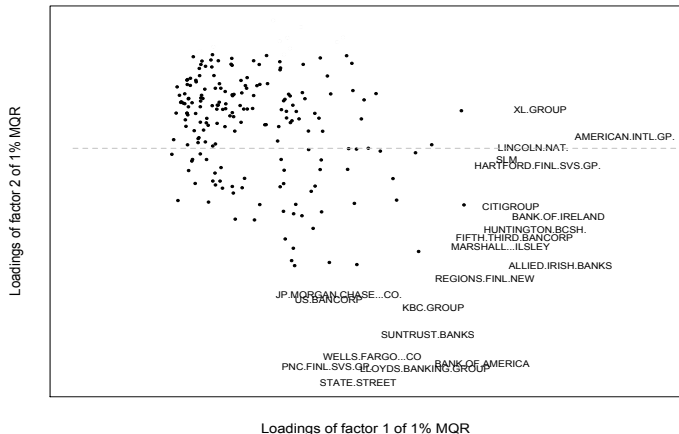



Figure 4: Loadings $(\psi_{j,1}(0.01), \psi_{j,2}(0.01))$ on factors for 230 firms. Close distance implies similar τ -quantile behavior.  FASTECSAMCVaR



Challenges

- Implementation of FASTEC needs regularized multivariate quantile regression (MQR)
 - ▶ Estimation
 - ▶ Proper model tuning
 - ▶ Non-asymptotic error bounds
- Applications: High-dimensional joint Value-at-Risk analysis, common temperature risk
- Dimension reduction



Outline

1. Motivation ✓
2. High-dimensional multivariate quantile regression (MQR)
3. Oracle inequalities
4. Numerical analysis
5. Application: Sparse Asymmetric Multivariate Conditional Value-at-Risk (SAMCVaR) Model

Implementing FASTEC: MQR formulation

Recall $q_j(\tau|\mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}(\tau)$, for $\mathbf{\Gamma} = [\mathbf{\Gamma}_{*1}, \dots, \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*m}]$,

$$L(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underbrace{(nm)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_\tau(Y_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j})}_{(A)} + \lambda \underbrace{\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_*}_{(B)} \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\lambda, \tau} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \arg \min_{\mathbf{\Gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}} L(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \quad (4)$$

$\rho_\tau(u) = |u(u \leq 0) - \tau||u|$. $\mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}$: j th column of $\mathbf{\Gamma}$.

► Shape ρ_τ

- (A): quantile regression fitting quality. Ferguson (1967), Koenker and Bassett (1978), Koenker and Portnoy (1990)



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$$\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\lambda, \tau} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \arg \min_{\mathbf{\Gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}} L(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \quad (6)$$

- (B): nuclear norm $\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_* = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma})} \sigma_k(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ prompts 0 for singular values, $\text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) =$ number of nonzero singular values
- $\lambda = \lambda_{n,p,m,\mathbf{X},\tau} > 0$ converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}$ is estimated by Smooth Fast Iterative Shrinkage-Thresholding Algorithm (SFISTA), convergence rate is analyzed



Theorem (Convergence analysis of SFISTA)

Let $\{\mathbf{\Gamma}_t\}_{t=0}^T$ be the SFISTA sequence, and $\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\tau,\lambda}$ minimize (5) for $0 < \tau < 1$ and $\lambda > 0$. Then for any t and $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\left| L(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - L(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\tau,\lambda}) \right| \leq \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon\{\tau \vee (1-\tau)\}^2}{2}}_{\text{Loss from smoothing}} + \underbrace{\frac{4\|\mathbf{\Gamma}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\tau,\lambda}\|_F^2 \|\mathbf{X}\|^2}{(t+1)^2 \epsilon mn}}_{\text{convergence of FISTA}}. \quad (7)$$

Requiring $L(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - L(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\tau,\lambda}) \leq \epsilon$ (e.g. $\epsilon = 10^{-6}$) yields

$$t \geq 2 \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_{\tau,\lambda} - \mathbf{\Gamma}_0\|_F \|\mathbf{X}\|}{\epsilon \sqrt{mn} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\{\tau \vee (1-\tau)\}^2}{2}}}. \quad (8)$$

$\|\mathbf{X}\|$: spectral norm (largest singular value) of design matrix \mathbf{X} .

► Proof



FASTEC estimation

- High-dimensional setting: $p, m \rightarrow \infty$ with $n, m = \dim(\mathbf{Y}_i)$; $p = \dim(\mathbf{X}_i)$
- **Sparsity** in factor: $\text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ is finite and fixed
- Quality measures:

- ▶ Prediction error: $\|\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma}\|_{L_2(\Pi)}^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m^{-1} \mathbb{E} \|(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma})^\top \mathbf{X}\|_2^2$, where Π is the distribution for \mathbf{X}
- ▶ Frobenius error: $\|\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma}\|_F^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{tr}\{(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma})(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma})^\top\}$
- ▶ Nuclear error: $\|\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma}\|_* = \sum_{k=1}^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma})} \sigma_k(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} - \mathbf{\Gamma})$



Estimation noise

Tuning parameter λ depends on:

$$\Delta_\tau \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|(mn)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W}_\tau\|$$

$(\mathbf{W}_\tau)_{ij} = \mathbf{I}\{Y_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{*j} \leq 0\} - \tau \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\tau)$, $\|\mathbf{X}\|$: matrix spectral norm

Lemma

Under Assumptions 1 and 2,

▸ Assumption

$$n^{-1} \|\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W}_\tau\| \leq C^* \sqrt{\sigma_{\max}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}}) \{\tau \vee (1 - \tau)\}} \sqrt{\frac{p + m}{n}}, \quad (9)$$

with probability greater than $1 - 3e^{-(p+m) \log 8} - \gamma_n$, where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}}$ is the covariance matrix for \mathbf{X}_i , $\gamma_n \rightarrow 0$, $C^* = 4\sqrt{2\frac{c_2}{C'} \log 8}$, C' and c_2 are absolute constants.

▸ γ_n



Nonasymptotic Risk Bounds

Theorem

Under regularity conditions and

► Assumption

$$\lambda = 2C^* \sqrt{\sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}) \{\tau \vee (1 - \tau)\}} \sqrt{\frac{p + m}{n}},$$

where C^* and $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}$ are defined in previous page. Then

$$\|\hat{\Gamma}_{\tau} - \Gamma_{\tau}\|_{L_2(\Pi)} \leq \frac{C_0}{\underline{f}\sqrt{m}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})}{\sigma_{\min}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})}} \sqrt{\tau \vee (1 - \tau)} \sqrt{r} \sqrt{\frac{p + m}{n}}, \quad (10)$$

with probability greater than $1 - \gamma_n - 9(p + m)^{-2} - 3e^{-(p+m)\log 8}$ and $p + m > 3$, where $C_0 = 16\sqrt{2} \left\{ \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{C'}} + 4 \right) \sqrt{c_2} \vee 4\sqrt{2\frac{c_2}{C'}} \log 8 \right\}$.



□ **Dimensionality:**

- ▶ When p, m fixed: the estimator converges in rate $n^{-1/2}$
- ▶ Oracle property: performance depends on unknown number of parameters $r(p + m)$

□ **Design:** condition number $\sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})/\sigma_{\min}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})$, where $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}$ is the covariance for \mathbf{X}

□ **Conditional densities:**

- ▶ $\underline{f} = \inf_{j \leq m} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} f_{Y_{ij} | \mathbf{X}_i}(\mathbf{x}^\top \Gamma_{*j} | \mathbf{x})$
- ▶ Difficult to estimate at τ close to 0 or 1

Frobenius norm and nuclear norm bounds differ to the prediction error bound by a factor \sqrt{m} and a constant



Tuning

- Δ_τ has the same distribution as

$$\Lambda_\tau = (nm)^{-1} \|\mathbf{X}^\top \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_\tau\|, \quad (11)$$

where $\widetilde{W}_{ij,\tau} = \mathbf{I}(U_{ij} \leq 0) - \tau$, $\{U_{ij}\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 1, \dots, m$ are i.i.d. $U(0, 1)$

- Λ_τ is pivotal (independent of unknown Γ) conditioning on \mathbf{X}



Tuning

- Bound estimation noise with α quantile of Λ , for small $0 < \alpha < 1$:

$$\lambda_\tau = 2 \cdot q_{\Lambda_\tau}(1 - \alpha | \mathbf{X}), \quad (12)$$

where $q_{\Lambda_\tau}(1 - \alpha | \mathbf{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of Λ_τ conditional on \mathbf{X} is computed via simulation

- By symmetry, $\lambda_\tau = \lambda_{1-\tau}$
- Pivotal principle: QR-Lasso Belloni and Chernozukov (2011) and $\sqrt{\text{Lasso}}$ Belloni, Chernozukov and Wang (2011)



Simulation: symmetric situation

- $m = p = 500, n = 500$. Iteration=500.
- \mathbf{X}_i i.i.d. $N(0, \Sigma)$ with $\Sigma_{ij} = 0.5^{|i-j|}$.

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{\Gamma}^\top \mathbf{X}_i + \varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \mathbf{I}_m) \text{ i.i.d. } \varepsilon_i \perp \mathbf{X}$$

- $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ generation: sampling entries from i.i.d. $N(0, 1)$
 1. **Model LS** (less sparse): The **last 375** singular values of $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ are 0, $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = 125$
 2. **Model MS** (moderately sparse): Set the **first 10** singular values to 30 and the rest 0, $r = 10$
 3. **Model ES** (extremely sparse): Set the **first** singular value to 20 and the rest 0, $r = 1$



Simulation: asymmetric situation

- ▣ Simulate Y_{ij} with asymmetric conditional quantiles
- ▣ $m = p = 500$, $n = 500$. Iteration=500.
- ▣ Generating Γ_1 and Γ_2 with $\text{rank}(\Gamma_1) = 2$ and $\text{rank}(\Gamma_2) = r_2$:
- ▣ **Model AES** (Asymmetric Extremely Sparse): $r_2 = 2$
- ▣ **Model AMS** (Asymmetric Moderately Sparse): $r_2 = 10$

▸ Generating Γ_1 and Γ_2



Simulation: asymmetric situation

- $\mathbf{X}_i = \Phi(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i)$ where $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i$ i.i.d. $N(0, \Sigma)$ with $\Sigma_{ij} = 0.5^{|i-j|}$. $\Phi(\cdot)$: cdf of $N(0, 1)$
- $\{U_{ij}\}$ i.i.d. $U[0, 1]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = 1, \dots, m$

$$Y_{ij} = \Phi^{-1}(U_{ij})\mathbf{X}_i^\top \{ \Gamma_{1,*j} \mathbf{1}(U_{ij} < 0.5) + \Gamma_{2,*j} \mathbf{1}(U_{ij} \geq 0.5) \}$$

- Quantiles of Y_{ij} given \mathbf{X} :

$$q_j(\tau|\mathbf{X}) = \Phi^{-1}(\tau)\mathbf{X}_i^\top \Gamma_{1,*j}, \quad \tau < 0.5;$$

$$q_j(\tau|\mathbf{X}) = \Phi^{-1}(\tau)\mathbf{X}_i^\top \Gamma_{2,*j}, \quad \tau \geq 0.5.$$

- Given \mathbf{X}_i , Y_{ij} independent in j



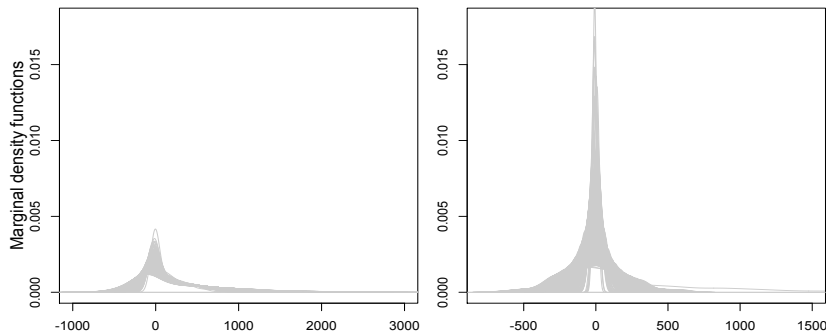


Figure 5: 500 marginal densities (kernel estimators) of \mathbf{Y}_i in asymmetric situation. Left figure: AMS shows more asymmetry as the right tail corresponds to higher rank Γ_2 ; right: AES shows less asymmetry as the rank of Γ_1 and Γ_2 are equal.



Performance

- Prediction error: $\|\hat{\Gamma} - \Gamma\|_{L_2(\Pi)}^2$
 1. V shape: tail quantiles have larger error
 2. For more sparse model: larger λ
- Frobenius error and nuclear norm error show similar patterns as prediction error
- Estimated number of nonzero singular values



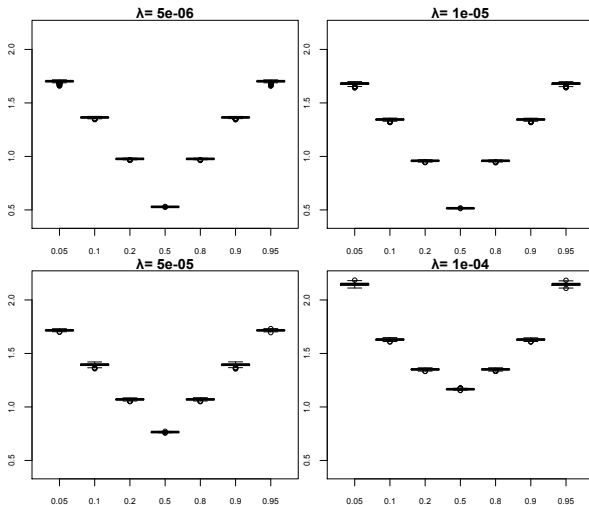


Figure 6: Model LS Prediction Error box plots. Symmetric "V" shape is observed for different choices of λ . Model MS and ES perform similarly. FASTEC- Factorizable Sparse Tail Event Curves



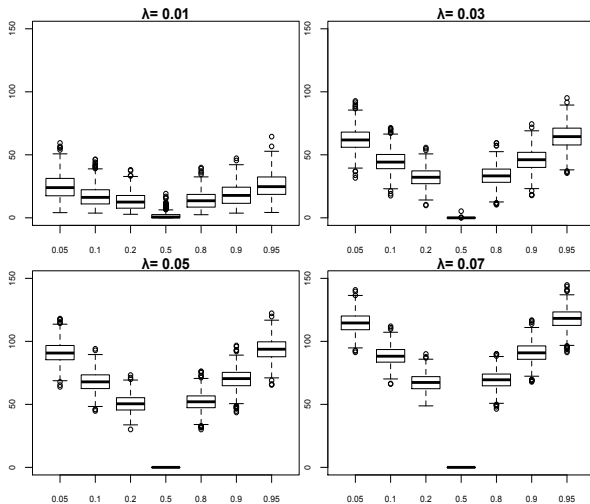


Figure 7: Model AES Prediction Error box plots. Prediction errors present symmetric "V" shape since $\text{rank}(\Gamma_1) = \text{rank}(\Gamma_2)$.
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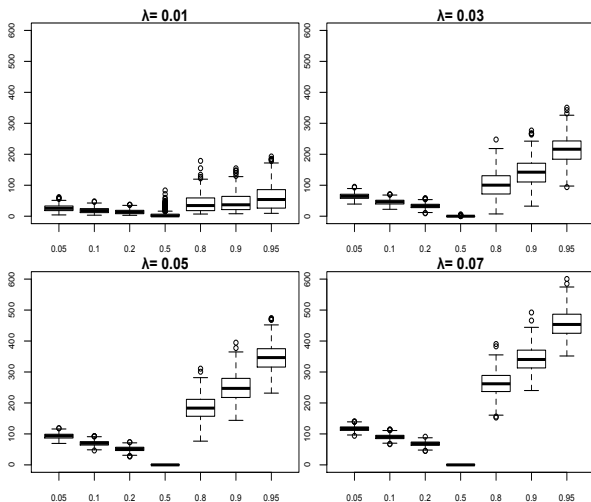


Figure 8: Model AMS Prediction Error box plots. For $\tau > 0.5$ the prediction errors are higher as $\text{rank}(\Gamma_1) < \text{rank}(\Gamma_2)$.



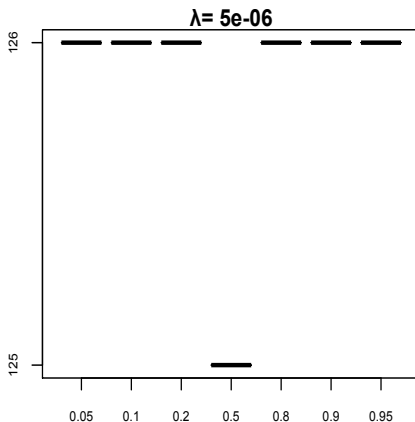


Figure 9: Model LS [Estimated number of nonzero singular values](#) box plot. True number of singular value is 125. The result is the same for other choice of λ with certain threshold.



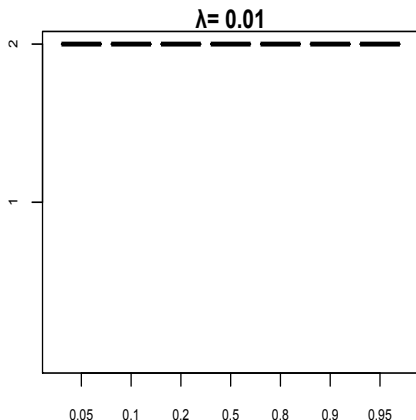


Figure 10: Model AES **Estimated number of nonzero singular values** box plot. The true number is 2. The result is the same for other choice of λ with certain threshold.



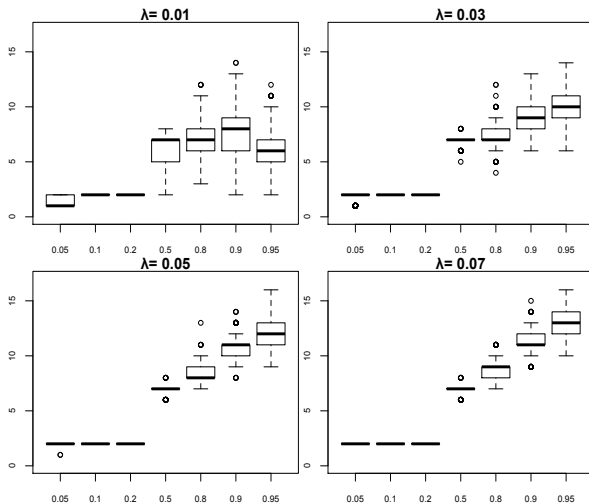


Figure 11: Model AMS **Estimated number of nonzero singular values** box plots. The true number is 2 for $\tau < 0.5$ and 10 for $\tau \geq 0.5$.
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Sparse Asymmetric Multivariate Conditional Value-at-Risk (SAMCVaR)

$$q_{t,j}(\tau|\mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^\top \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{*j},$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{t-1} = (|Y_{t-1,1}|, \dots, |Y_{t-1,m}|, Y_{t-1,1}^-, \dots, Y_{t-1,m}^-)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{2m},$$

where $Y^- = \max\{-Y, 0\}$

- Engle and Manganelli (2004): Conditional Autoregressive Value-at-Risk (CAViaR)
- White et al. (2008): Univariate Multi-Quantile CAViaR (MQ-CAViaR)
- White et al. (2015) "VAR for VaR": estimate **bivariate** VAR due to computational burden



Factorization

- Factorisation: $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$,

$$q_{t,j}(\tau | \mathcal{F}_{t-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^r \psi_{j,k}(\tau) f_k^\tau(\mathbf{X}_t) \quad (13)$$

$$f_k^\tau(\mathbf{X}_t) = \sum_{l=1}^m \varphi_{1,k,l}(\tau) |Y_{t-1,l}| + \sum_{l=1}^m \varphi_{2,k,l}(\tau) Y_{t-1,l}^-, \quad (14)$$

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Flow from component j to f_k^τ :

$$\frac{\partial f_k^\tau}{\partial (|Y_j|, Y_j^-)} = \{\varphi_{|\cdot|,k,j}(\tau), \varphi_{-,k,j}(\tau)\}.$$

Sensitivity of j quantile to $f_k(\tau)$: $\frac{\partial q_j(\tau | \mathbf{X})}{\partial f_k^\tau} = \psi_{j,k}(\tau)$.



Goals

- Leverage effect: $Y_{t-1,j}^- > 0$ implies the increase in $\sigma_{t,j}$. Black (1976) and Engle and Ng (1993)
 - ▶ **Is leverage effect symmetric?** i.e., $|\varphi_{-,k,j}(\tau)| = |\varphi_{-,k,j}(1-\tau)|$?
- Risk sensitivity analysis with τ -range: plot of $\{\psi_{j,1}(\tau), \psi_{j,1}(1-\tau)\}$



Data

- Data period: August 31, 2007 to August 5, 2010. 766 daily closing price for each stock in the sample.

| | Banks | Financial Services | Insurances | Total |
|---------------|-------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| EU | 47 | 22 | 27 | 96 |
| North America | 25 | 17 | 28 | 70 |
| Asia | 47 | 14 | 3 | 64 |
| Total | 119 | 53 | 58 | $m = 230$ |

Table 1: Financial firms summary.

- $p = 2m = 460$ (2 transformations of lag return $|Y_{t-1,j}|, Y_{t-1,j}^-$)
- Downloaded from Simone Manganelli's website
- Using tuning method introduced previously: $\lambda = 0.0247$ for both $\tau = 1\%$ and 99%



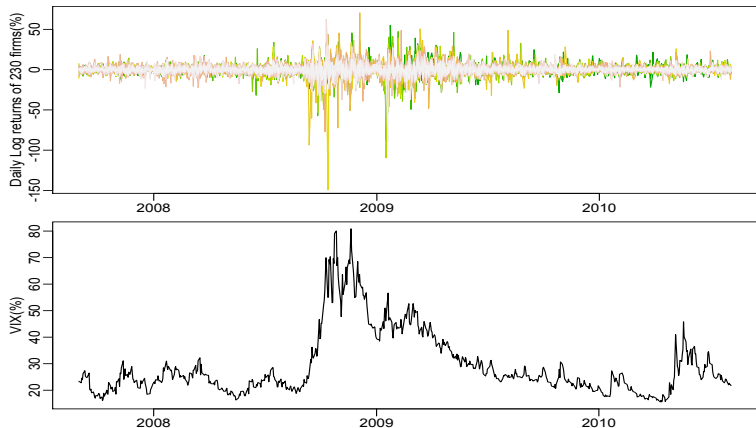



Figure 12: Time series plots of log returns Y_{ij} , i ranging from Aug. 31, 2007-Aug. 5, 2010. $n = 765$. $j = 1, \dots, 230$ firm. The lower figure shows the time series of VIX.  FASTeCSAMCVaR



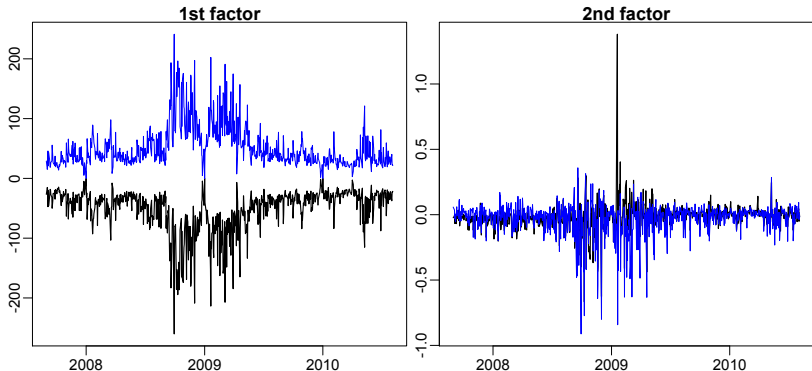



Figure 13: Time series of first factors $f_1^{0.01}$, $f_1^{0.99}$ (left) and second factors $f_2^{0.01}$, $f_2^{0.99}$ (right). Large deviation periods of first factors correspond to that of VIX. The magnitude of factor 2 is much smaller than that of factor 1.  FASTeCSAMCVaR



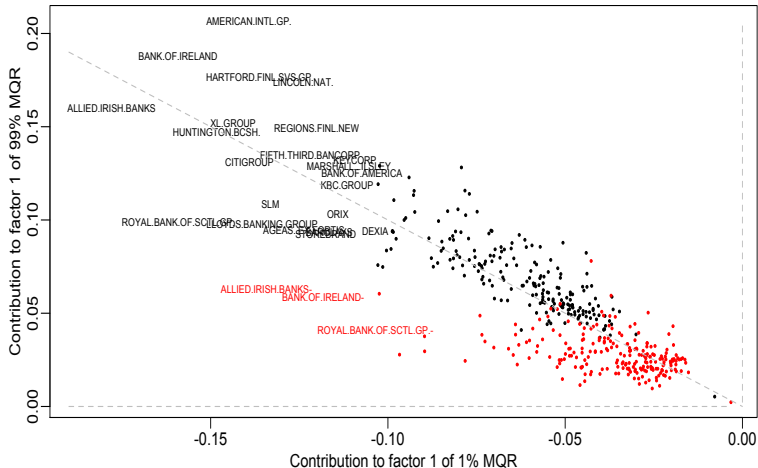



Figure 14: Scatter plot of $(\varphi_{|\cdot|,1,j}(0.01), \varphi_{|\cdot|,1,j}(0.99))$ and $(\varphi_{-\cdot,1,j}(0.01), \varphi_{-\cdot,1,j}(0.99))$ for $j = 1, \dots, 230$. $Y_{t-1,j}^-$ relates more to left dispersion, while $|Y_{t-1,j}|$ contributes symmetrically.  FASTECSAMCVaR



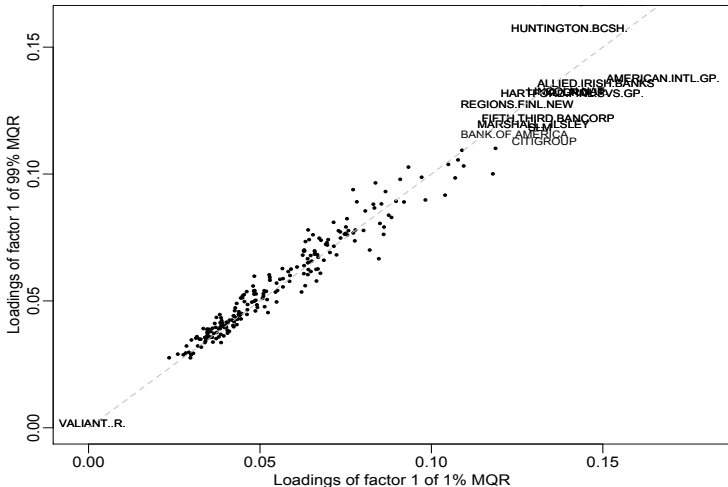


Figure 15: Scatter plot of loadings $(\psi_{j,1}(0.01), \psi_{j,1}(0.99))$ for $j = 1, \dots, 230$ firms. Firms on the northeast corner are more associated to the extreme event of the market.

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FASTEC: SAMCVaR

- Figure 5-7
 - ▶ leverage effect: $Y_{t-1,j}^-$ leads to **left** τ -range expansion
 - ▶ $|Y_{t-1,j}|$ contributes **symmetrically** to τ -range
- Figure 5-8 Large loadings ($\psi_{j,1}(0.01), \psi_{j,1}(0.99)$), large τ -range



Chinese Temperature Data

- Temperature data from $m = 159$ weather stations in China in year 2008, downloaded from Research Data Center of CRC 649

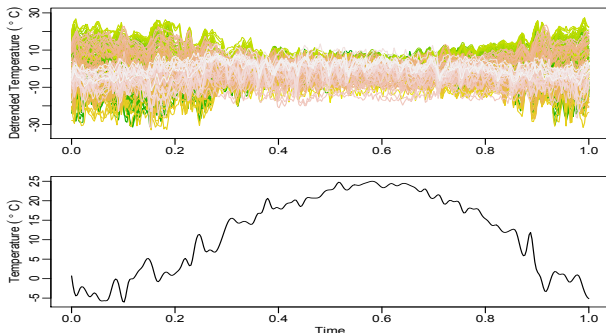


Figure 16: Upper: detrended temperature $Y_j(t)$ and yearly trend by smoothing spline. j : weather station, $t \in [0, 1]$ time point in year 2008.

Lower: trend. [▶ Detrending](#) [FASTeCChinaTemper2008](#)



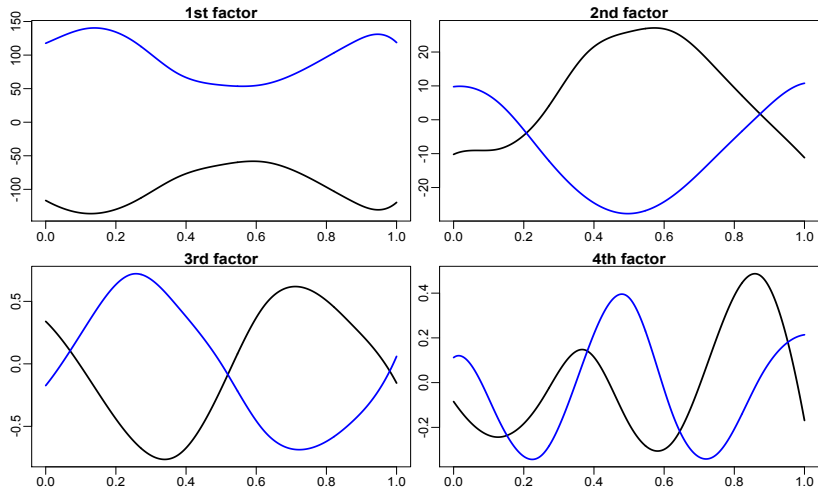



Figure 17: The first 4 factor curves. $\tau = 90\%$. $\tau = 10\%$.

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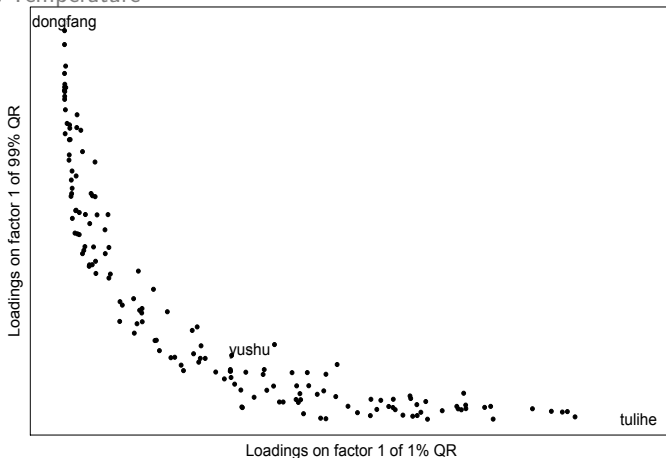
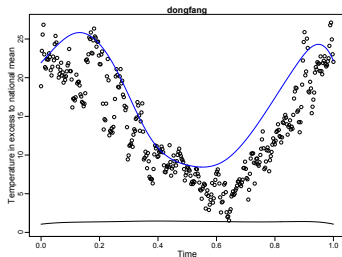
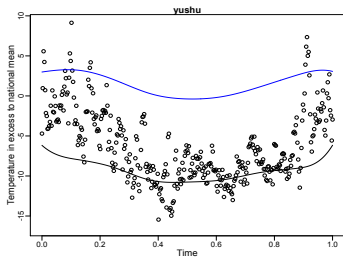
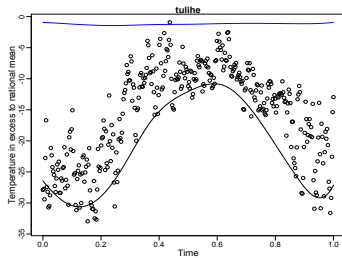


Figure 18: Scatter plot of factor loadings of weather station j , $j = 1, \dots, 159$, demonstrates a "L"-like shape: stations associated with factor 1 of 1% have almost no association with that of 99%.





Temperature analysis

- The algorithm classifies the **northern** and **southern** temperature patterns
- "L" like shape in Figure 18: stations associated with factor 1 of 1% have almost no association with that of 99%
- Stations in the middle cannot be explained by either northern or southern temperature pattern
- Yuchu: region avg. 4000 meters high above sea level, **highland climate** with reverse seasonality



Summary and Extensions

- Conditional quantiles are useful for studying tail events and spread of dispersion
- Nuclear norm regularized multivariate quantile regression
- Algorithm and oracle properties are derived

Further research directions:

- Expectile regression, support vector machine (non-smooth loss)
- Confidence intervals for singular values
- Nonconvex penalty. e.g. nonconvex adaptive nuclear norm $\|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{p \wedge m} w_i d_i(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ by Chen, Dong and Chan (2013, Biometrika)



FASTEC- FActorizable Sparse Tail Event Curves

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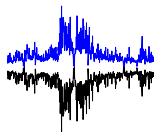
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Check function

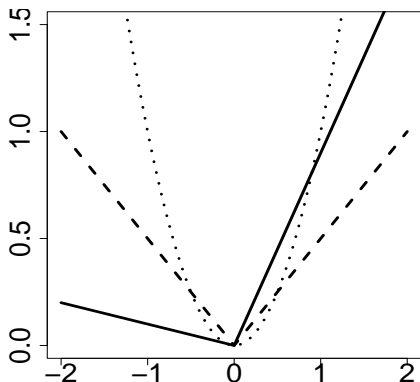


Figure 19: Solid line: $\tau = 0.9$. Dashed line: $\tau = 0.5$. Dotted line: square loss u^2 (OLS regression). [LQRcheck](#)

► Loss function



Nonsmooth loss function: $\frac{1}{mn} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_{\tau} (Y_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{*j}) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\Gamma}\|_*$

Introduce dual variables

$$\max_{\Theta_{ij} \in [\tau-1, \tau]} \ell(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \boldsymbol{\Theta})$$

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \Theta_{ij} (Y_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{*j})$$

Smoothing by Nesterov (2005)

$$f_{\kappa}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}) = \max_{\Theta_{ij} \in [\tau-1, \tau]} \{ \ell(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, \boldsymbol{\Theta}) - \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\Theta}\|_{\mathbf{F}}^2 \}$$

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}} f_{\kappa}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}) = -(mn)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} [(\kappa mn)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\Gamma})]_{\tau}$$

Lipschitz constant $M = (\kappa m^2 n^2)^{-1} \|\mathbf{X}\|^2$
 $\kappa = \epsilon/2mn$

Project on low rank space

$$S_{\lambda}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{D} - \lambda \mathbf{I})_{+} \mathbf{V}^{\top}$$

▶ Algorithm

▶ $[[\cdot]]_{\tau}$ and Theorem of Nesterov



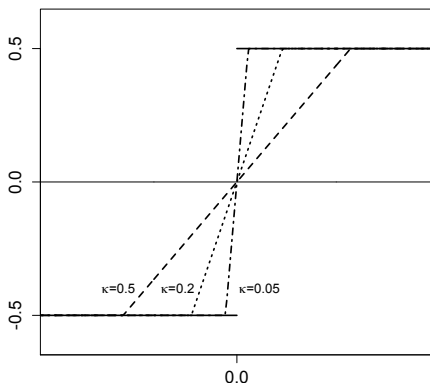


Figure 20: $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{1}$, $m = p = n = 1$. Solid line: $\psi_\tau(u) = \tau - \mathbf{I}(u \leq 0)$ with $\tau = 0.5$; Dashed, dotted, dot-dash line: smoothing gradient $[[\kappa^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\Gamma)]]_\tau$, $\kappa = 0.5, 0.2, 0.05$. [▶ Algorithm](#)



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Project on low rank space

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▶ Algorithm

▶ Proximity operator



Detrending of Chinese temperature data

- Chapter 4 of Ramsay and Silverman (2005): smooth discretized data with smoothing spline
- Estimation of mean function and smoothing are done jointly by minimizing

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m [Y_{ij} - \hat{\mu}(t_i)]^2 + \eta \int [D^2 \hat{\mu}(s)]^2 ds \quad (15)$$

where $\eta > 0$ is a smoothing parameter selected by cross-validation and $\hat{\mu}$ is fitted by cubic spline basis

► Introduction-temperature data

► Application-temperature data



$$[[a_{ij}]]_{\tau} = \begin{cases} \tau, & \text{if } a_{ij} \geq \tau; \\ a_{ij}, & \text{if } \tau - 1 < a_{ij} < \tau; \\ \tau - 1, & \text{if } a_{ij} \leq \tau - 1. \end{cases}$$

Theorem

For any $\kappa > 0$, $f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ is well-defined, convex and continuously-differentiable function in $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ with the gradient $\nabla f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = -(mn)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{\Theta}^*(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$, where $\mathbf{\Theta}^*(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ is the optimal solution to $\max_{\Theta_{ij} \in [\tau-1, \tau]} \{ (mn)^{-1} \ell(\mathbf{\Gamma}, \mathbf{\Theta}) - \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\mathbf{\Theta}\|_{\text{F}}^2 \}$, namely

$$\mathbf{\Theta}^*(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = [[(\kappa mn)^{-1}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{\Gamma})]]_{\tau}. \quad (16)$$

Moreover, the gradient $\nabla f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ is Lipschitz continuous with the Lipschitz constant $M = (\kappa m^2 n^2)^{-1} \|\mathbf{X}\|^2$.

► Smoothing the loss



Definition (Proximity Operator)

Let $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ with inner product $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{B})$ and $\|\cdot\|$ be the induced norm. $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a lower semicontinuous convex function. The **proximity operator of f** , $S_f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$:

$$S_f(\mathbf{Y}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{X}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{X}) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|^2 \right\}, \forall \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Theorem (Cai et al. (2010))

SVD: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$. The proximity operator $S_\lambda(\cdot)$ of $\lambda \|\cdot\|_$ is*

$$S_\lambda(\mathbf{Y}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{D} - \lambda \mathbf{I})_+ \mathbf{V}^\top, \quad (17)$$

▶ Estimating Γ

▶ Smoothing the loss



Proof.

$$\square \ell(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = (nm)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \rho_{\tau}(Y_{ij} - \mathbf{X}_i^{\top} \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j})$$

$$\square L(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ell(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_*$$

$$\square \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Gamma}\|_*$$

$$\square f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \min_{\mathbf{\Theta} \in [\tau-1, \tau]^{n \times m}} \ell(\mathbf{\Gamma}, \mathbf{\Theta}) - \frac{\kappa}{2} \|\mathbf{\Theta}\|_{\text{F}}^2$$

$$L(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - L(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}) = L(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) + \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - \tilde{L}(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}) + L(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}) - \tilde{L}(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}).$$

1. $\tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \leq L(\mathbf{\Gamma}) \leq \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \kappa \max_{\mathbf{\Theta} \in [\tau-1, \tau]^{n \times m}} \frac{\|\mathbf{\Theta}\|_{\text{F}}^2}{2} \leq \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) + \kappa \mu(\tau)^2 \frac{nm}{2}$
2. BT(2009): $\left| \tilde{L}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_t) - \tilde{L}(\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}) \right| \leq \frac{2M \|\mathbf{\Gamma}_0 - \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}\|_{\text{F}}^2}{(t+1)^2}$, $M = (\kappa m^2 n^2)^{-1} \|\mathbf{X}\|^2$:
Lipschitz constant of $\nabla f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{\Gamma})$,

□



Nonasymptotic risk bounds

Generalization of support using projections:

- SVD: $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma(\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^\top$ for matrix \mathbf{A}
- $\mathbf{U}_r = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_r]$, $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r]$.
 $P_{\mathbf{A},1} = \mathbf{U}_r \mathbf{U}_r^\top$; $P_{\mathbf{A},2} = \mathbf{V}_r \mathbf{V}_r^\top$ are orthogonal projections
- $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{S}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{S} - P_{\mathbf{A},1}^\perp \mathbf{S} P_{\mathbf{A},2}^\perp$; $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{A}}^\perp(\mathbf{S}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_{\mathbf{A},1}^\perp \mathbf{S} P_{\mathbf{A},2}^\perp$

The cone

$$\mathcal{K}(\Gamma, c_0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m} : \|\mathcal{P}_{\Gamma}^\perp(\mathbf{S})\|_* \leq c_0 \|\mathcal{P}_{\Gamma}(\mathbf{S})\|_* \right\}. \quad (18)$$

The norm: $\|\mathbf{S}\|_{L_2(\Pi)}^2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m^{-1} \mathbb{E}_{\Pi} \|\mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{X}_i\|_2^2$

▶ Nonasymptotic Risk Bounds



Assumption (Sampling setting)

Samples $(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{Y}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{Y}_n)$ are i.i.d. copies of (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) random vectors in \mathbb{R}^{p+m} . $F_{Y_{ij}|\mathbf{X}_i}^{-1}(\tau|\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{\Gamma}_{*j}(\tau)$. Conditioning on \mathbf{X}_i , Y_{ij} is independent in j .

Assumption (Covariance matrix condition)

Let the covariance matrix of \mathbf{X} be $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}$, assume that $0 < \sigma_{\min}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}) < \sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}) < \infty$. Moreover, assume the sample covariance matrix of covariates $\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}$ satisfies

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\sigma_{\min}(\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}}) \geq c_1 \sigma_{\min}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}), \sigma_{\max}(\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}}) \leq c_2 \sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}}) \right] \geq 1 - \gamma_n. \quad (19)$$

Covariates come from a joint p -Gaussian distribution $N(0, \Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})$:
 $c_1 = 1/9$, $c_2 = 9$ and $\gamma_n = 4 \exp(-n/2)$ from Wainwright (2009)

▶ Nonasymptotic Risk Bounds

▶ Estimation noise



Assumption (Conditional density condition)

There exist $\underline{f} > 0$ and $\bar{f}' < \infty$ such that $|\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} f_{Y_{ij}|\mathbf{X}_i}(y_i|\mathbf{x})| \leq \bar{f}'$ and $\inf_{j \leq m} \inf_{\mathbf{x}} f_{Y_{ij}|\mathbf{X}_i}(\mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{*j}|\mathbf{x}) \geq \underline{f}$, where $f_{Y_{ij}|\mathbf{X}_i}$ is the conditional density function of Y_{ij} on \mathbf{X}_i .

Assumption (Restricted eigenvalue)

For a given probability distribution Π for \mathbf{X} ,

$$\beta_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma},3} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \inf \left\{ \beta > 0 : \beta \|\mathcal{P}_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}(\boldsymbol{\Delta})\|_{\text{F}} \leq \|\boldsymbol{\Delta}\|_{L_2(\Pi)}, \forall \boldsymbol{\Delta} \in \mathcal{K}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}, 3) \right\} > 0. \quad (20)$$

A rough lower bound: $\beta_{\boldsymbol{\Gamma},3} \geq m^{-1/2} \sqrt{\sigma_{\min}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{X}})}$

► Nonasymptotic Risk Bounds



Assumption (Restricted nonlinearity)

$$\nu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{3 \underline{f}}{8 \bar{f}'} \inf_{\substack{\Delta \in \mathcal{K}(\Gamma, \mathfrak{z}) \\ \Delta \neq 0}} \frac{\|\Delta\|_{L_2(\Pi)}^3}{m^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{E}[|\mathbf{X}_j^\top \Delta_{*j}|^3]}, \quad (21)$$

$$\nu > \frac{C'_\tau}{\underline{f} \sqrt{m}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\max}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})}{\sigma_{\min}(\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}})}} \sqrt{\tau \vee (1 - \tau)} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(p + m)}{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{p + m}{n}} \right) \sqrt{r}. \quad (22)$$

Section 2.5 of Belloni and Chernozhukov (2011) calculate ν for various data generating processes

► Nonasymptotic Risk Bounds



Asymmetric situation: Γ generation

1. Basis vectors $\{v_1, v_2\}$ and $\{u_1, \dots, u_{r_2}\}$ in \mathbb{R}^p . Components in v_j and u_k follow $U[0, 1]$
2. $\Gamma_{1,*j} = a_{1,j}v_1 + a_{2,j}v_2$, $a_{1,j}, a_{2,j} \sim U[0, 1]$ i.i.d.;
 $\Gamma_{2,*j} = b_{1,j}u_1 + \dots + b_{r_2,j}u_{r_2}$, $b_{1,j}, \dots, b_{r_2,j} \sim U[0, 1]$ i.i.d.

▶ Asymmetric Models



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