

# Estimación Robusta en Modelos de Índice Simple con Errores Asimétricos

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- Dimension reduction technique: reduces the dimensionality by means of the single index  $\beta_0^t \mathbf{x}$
- If  $\beta_0$  is estimated efficiently  $\Rightarrow \beta_0^t \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  carrier to estimate  $\eta_0$  nonparametrically

# Single Index Model: Identifiability

For the sake of identifiability

$$y = \eta_0(\beta_0^t \mathbf{x}) + \epsilon$$

we assume

$$\|\beta_0\| = 1 \text{ and w.l.g. } \beta_{0q} > 0$$

# Errors Distribution

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## Classical setting

Usually assumed:  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon^2) < \infty$

## Our setting

$\epsilon$  has density

$$g(\epsilon, \alpha) = Q(\alpha) \exp^{\alpha t(\epsilon)} \quad (1)$$

$\alpha > 0$ : nuisance parameter

$t(\epsilon)$ : continuous function with unique mode at  $\epsilon_0$ .

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$$g(\epsilon, \alpha) = \frac{\alpha^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \exp^{\alpha(\epsilon - \exp(\epsilon))}$$

Asymmetric and unimodal at  $\epsilon_0 = 0$

$\alpha$ : shape parameter

Estimation of  $\sigma$  and  $\alpha$  is needed to calibrate robust estimators

# Most Popular: log-Gamma Regression Model

## Parametric Case

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z \in \mathbb{R}: \text{response} \\ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^q \text{covariates} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} z|\mathbf{x} \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \mu(\mathbf{x})) \\ \log \mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^t \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 \end{array}$$

Hence

$$u = z/\mu(\mathbf{x}) \sim \Gamma(\alpha, 1) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \log(z) \\ \epsilon = \log(u) \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y = \mathbf{x}^t \boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \epsilon$$

where  $\epsilon \sim \log(\Gamma(\alpha, 1))$ , i.e.  $g(\epsilon, \alpha) = \frac{\alpha^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \exp^{\alpha(\epsilon - \exp(\epsilon))}$

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$$\phi(y, u, c) = \rho_T \left( \frac{\sqrt{d(y, u)}}{c} \right)$$

where  $c$  tuning constant (depending on  $\alpha$ )

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We borrow some of these ideas to compute a *robust profile method* that involves smoothing techniques.

Given  $\beta$ , define kernel weights  $W_{\beta,i}(u)$

$$W_{\beta,i}(u, h) = K\left(\frac{\beta^t \mathbf{x}_i - u}{h}\right) \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n K\left(\frac{\beta^t \mathbf{x}_j - u}{h}\right) \right\}^{-1}.$$

$K$ : kernel

$h$ : bandwidth

$W_{\beta,i}(u, h)$  measures the *closeness* between  $u$  and the projection of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in the direction of  $\beta$

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$$\widehat{\eta}_{\beta}(u) = \underset{a \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} R_n(a) = \underset{a \in \mathbb{R}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_T \left( \frac{\sqrt{d(y_i, a)}}{\hat{c}} \right) W_{\beta, i}(u, h)$$

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## Generalizing the proposal

$(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ , independent r. v. :  $y_i = \eta_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}'_0 \mathbf{x}_i) + \epsilon_i$

$$R_n(\boldsymbol{\beta}, a, u, c) = \sum_{i=1}^n W_{\boldsymbol{\beta}, i}(u, h) \underbrace{\rho_T\left(\frac{\sqrt{d(y_i, a)}}{c}\right)}_{\phi(y_i, a, c)}$$

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## General Case

Given an initial value  $\hat{\alpha}$

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$$\hat{\beta} = \underset{\|\beta\|=1}{\operatorname{argmin}} G_n(\beta, \hat{\eta}_{\beta}, \hat{\alpha})$$

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# Initial Estimators

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- Suitable initial estimators should be developed in each case.
- In the case of the log-Gamma distribution, we propose a profile procedure that combines smoothing techniques with the  $MM$ -estimators of B., García Ben & Yohai (2005).

# Asymptotic Behavior

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Under regularity conditions (Rodriguez, 2007)

- $\hat{\eta}_\beta$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  are consistent.
- Denote  $\beta^{(q-1)} = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{q-1})^t$ . Then:
  - ▶  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}^{(q-1)} - \beta_0^{(q-1)}) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \Sigma)$
  - ▶  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_q - \beta_{0q}) \xrightarrow{p} 0$

## Asymptotic Behavior: log-Gamma model

Using the independence between  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and after some algebra, we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(q-1)} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_0^{(q-1)}) \xrightarrow{D} N\left(0, \frac{\mathbb{E}_0 \psi^*{}^2(u_1, c)}{(\mathbb{E}\chi^*(u_1, c))^2} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_1^{-1} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1 (\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_1^{-1})^t\right)$$

## Asymptotic Efficiency

$$e = \frac{\mathbb{E}_0 \psi^*{}^2(u_1, c)}{(\mathbb{E}\chi^*(u_1, c))^2}$$

corresponds to *MM*-estimator B., García Ben & Yohai (2005).

# Monte Carlo Experiment

Model: Scheme  $S_0$

$$\begin{aligned}y_i &= \log(z_i) & 1 \leq i \leq 100 \\z_i | x_i &\sim \Gamma(3, \mu(x_i))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(z_i | x_i) &= \mu(x_i) \\ \log(\mu(x_i)) &= \eta_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0^t \mathbf{x}_i)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 = (1, 1)/\sqrt{2}$   $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{U}((0, 1) \times (0, 1))$
- ▶ 1)  $\eta_0(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$
- 2)  $\eta_0(t) = 8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$
- ▶  $NR = 1000$

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We compute the classical and the proposed estimators:  $c_l$  and  $r$

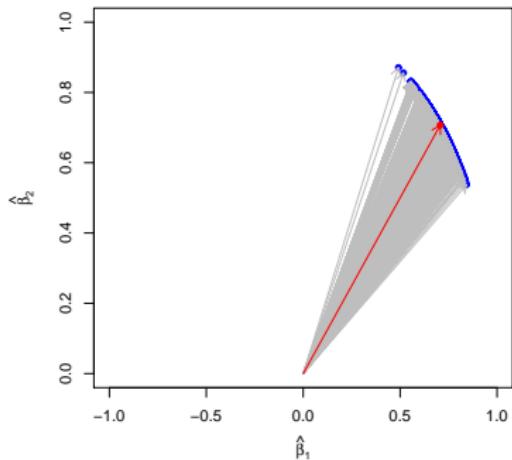
- ▶  $K$ : Epanechnikov kernel
- ▶ Bandwidths:
  - $h_1 = 0.15$  initial
  - $h_{\text{LIN}} = 0.25$  local linear
- ▶ We also compute a local constant estimator in Step 3 with
  - $h_2 = 0.20$  local constant
- ▶  $\rho$ : Tukey's biweight score function

# $MSE(\hat{\beta})$

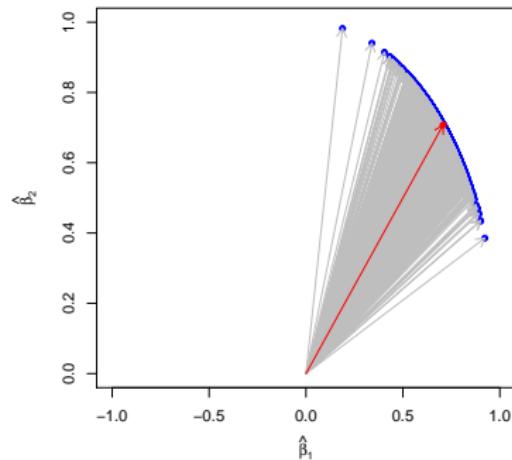
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# Estimators of $\beta_0$ when $\eta_0(t) = 8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$

Classical

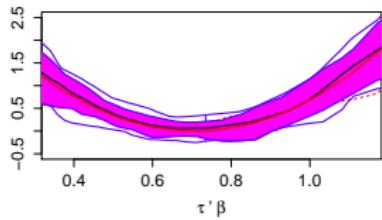


Robust

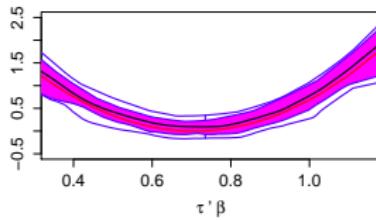


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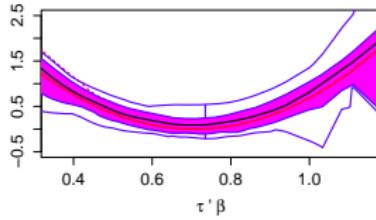
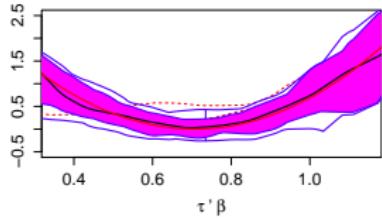
Local constant  
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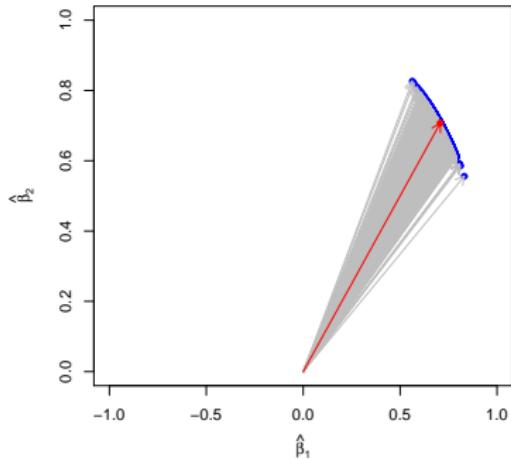
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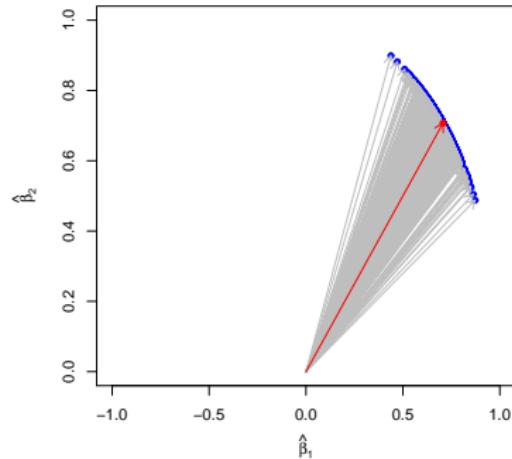
Functionals boxplots when  $\eta_0(t) = 8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$ .

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Classical



Robust

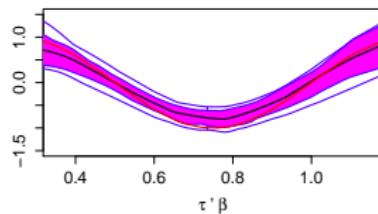
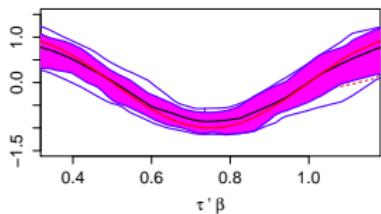


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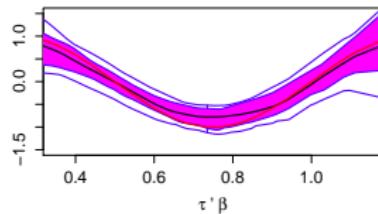
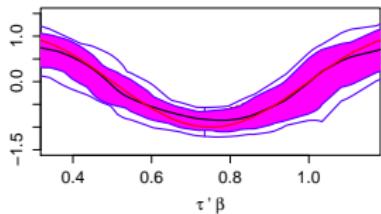
Local constant

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Robust Estimators



Functionals boxplots when  $\eta_0(t) = \sin(2\pi u)$ .

## Contaminated samples: 10% contamination

Contaminated samples:

we generate  $u_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 100$  and we take

$$z_{i,c} = \begin{cases} z_i & \text{if } u_i \leq 0.90 \\ z_i^* & \text{if } u_i > 0.90. \end{cases}$$

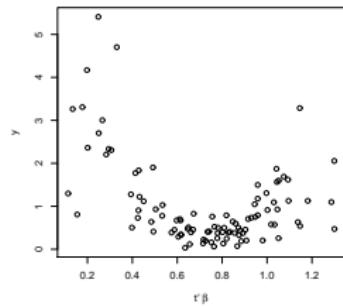
$$S_1 : z_i^* \sim \Gamma(3, 100)$$

$$S_2 : z_i^* \sim \Gamma(3, 500)$$

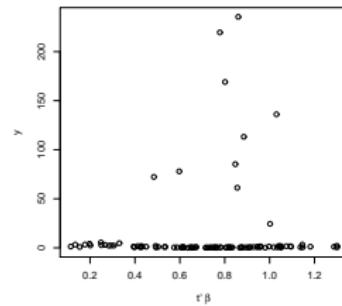
$$S_3 : z_i^* \sim \Gamma(3, 1000)$$

# Generated sample when $\eta_0(u) = \sin(2\pi u)$

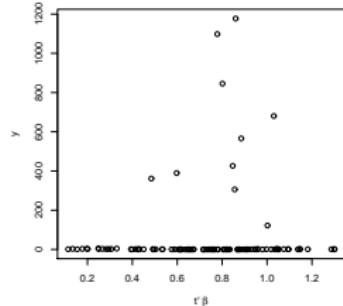
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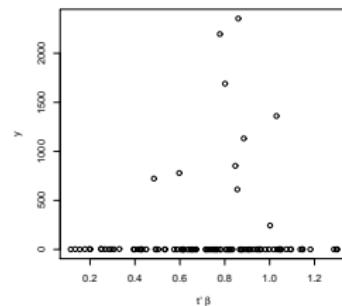
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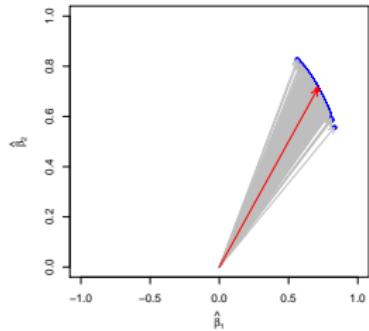


# $MSE(\hat{\beta})$

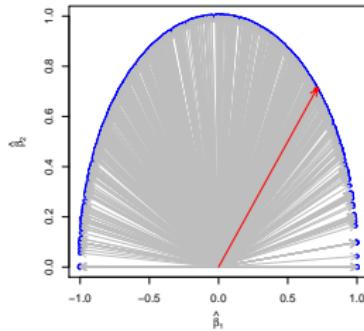
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	$S_2$	1.246	<b>0.008</b>
	$S_3$	1.250	<b>0.006</b>
$8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$	$S_0$	<b>0.006</b>	0.013
	$S_1$	1.033	<b>0.073</b>
	$S_2$	1.257	<b>0.048</b>
	$S_3$	1.266	<b>0.016</b>

# Classical estimators of $\beta_0$ when $\eta_0(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$

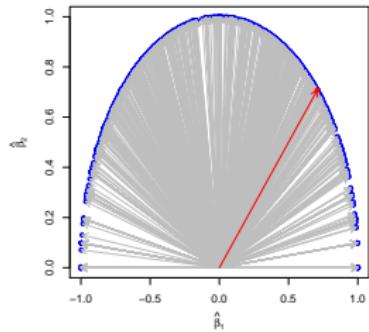
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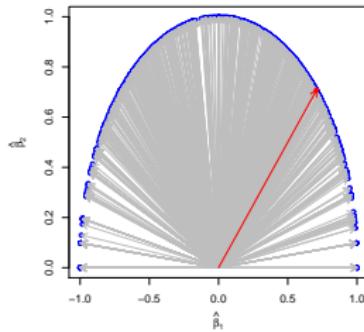
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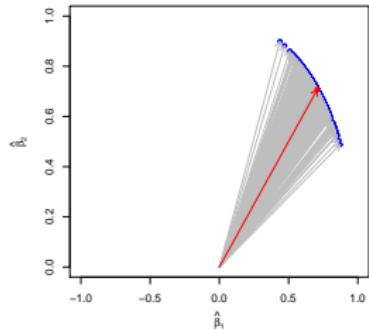


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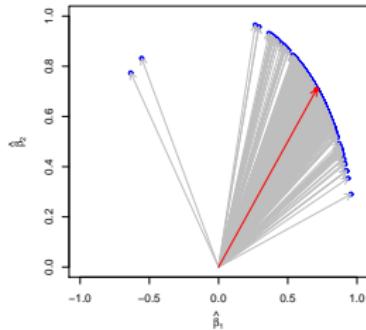


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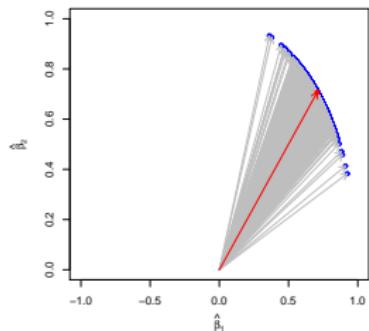
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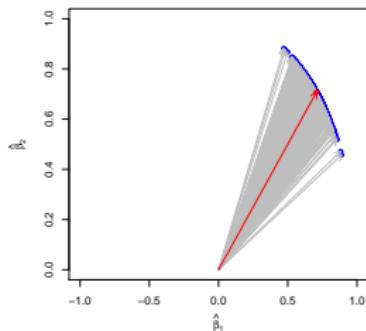
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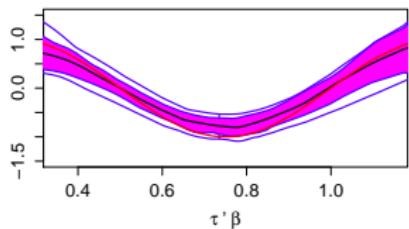


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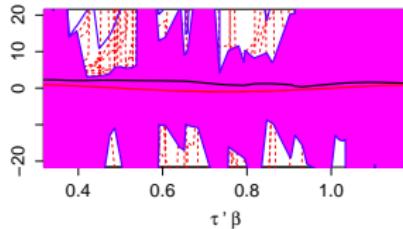


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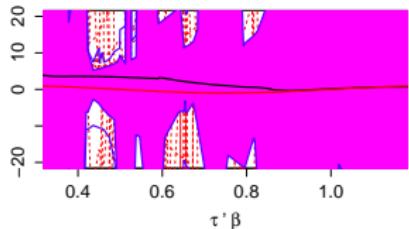
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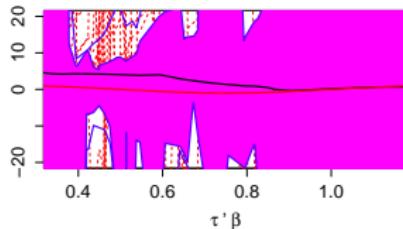
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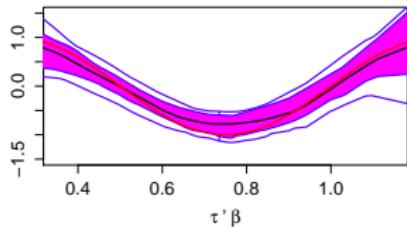
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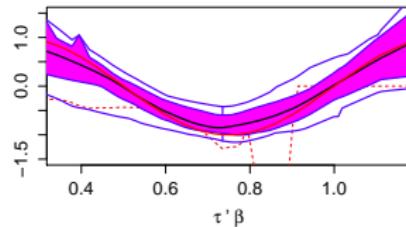
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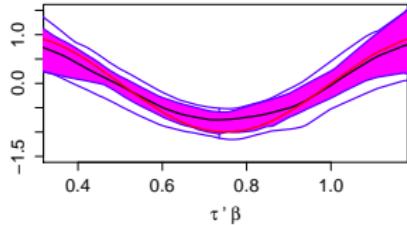
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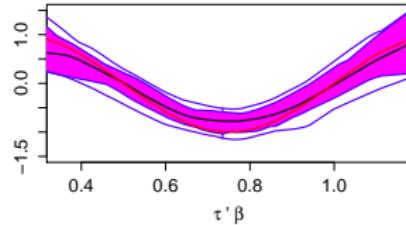
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# Conclusions

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- ▶ We propose a stepwise robust procedure for the estimation of the link function  $\eta_0$  and the single index parameter  $\beta_0$ .
- ▶ The resulting estimators are consistent and  $\widehat{\beta}^{(q-1)}$  is asymptotically normal.
- ▶ The results of our preliminary simulation show the stability of the proposal in the selected contaminated scenarios.

Muchas gracias por su atención!

$\eta_0(t)$	$\hat{\beta}_{\text{CL,INI}}$	$\hat{\beta}_{\text{CL}}$	$\hat{\beta}_{\text{R,INI}}$	$\hat{\beta}_{\text{R}}$
$\sin(2\pi t)$	0.004	0.003	0.006	0.006
$8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$	0.007	0.006	0.013	0.013

Table 1: MSE of  $\hat{\beta}$ .

	$\hat{\eta}_{\text{CL}}$	$\hat{\eta}_{\text{CL,LIN}}$	$\hat{\eta}_{\text{R}}$	$\hat{\eta}_{\text{R,LIN}}$
$\sin(2\pi t)$	0.031	0.036	0.037	0.037
$8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$	0.034	0.024	0.052	0.064

Table 2: Mean over replications of  $MSE(\hat{\eta}_0)$ .

## log-Gamma case: Initial Estimators

**Step I.1** For each  $a$ ,  $u$  and  $\beta$ , compute  $s_{n,\beta,u}(a)$  solution of

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_0 \left( \frac{\sqrt{d(y_i, a)}}{s_{n,\beta,u}(a)} \right) W_{\beta,i}(u, h) = b$$

and  $\tilde{\eta}_{\beta}(u)$  as the value  $\tilde{\eta}_{\beta}(u) = \operatorname{argmin}_a s_{n,\beta,u}(a)$

**Step I.2** For each  $\beta$  let  $\tilde{\sigma}(\beta)$  solve

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tau_{n,\beta}(\mathbf{x}_i)} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_0 \left( \frac{\sqrt{d(y_i, \tilde{\eta}_{\beta}(\beta^t \mathbf{x}_i))}}{\tilde{\sigma}(\beta)} \right) \tau_{n,\beta}(\mathbf{x}_i) = b$$

$$\tilde{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\|\beta\|=1} \tilde{\sigma}(\beta) \text{ and } \hat{s}_n = \tilde{\sigma}(\tilde{\beta})$$

**Step I.3** Consider  $\hat{\alpha} = S^{\star -1}(\hat{s}_n)$ , where  $S^{\star}(\alpha)$  is the solution of

$$\mathbb{E}_{\alpha} \rho_0 \left( \frac{\sqrt{-1 - u + \exp(u)}}{S^{\star}(\alpha)} \right) = b$$

## General Case

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$\phi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ : loss function.

For each  $\beta$  and any continuous function  $v : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  define

$$\begin{aligned} R(\beta, a, u, \alpha) &= \mathbb{E}_0 [\phi(y, a, \alpha) | \beta^t \mathbf{x} = u] \\ G(\beta, v, \alpha) &= \mathbb{E}_0 [\phi(y, v(\beta^t \mathbf{t}), \alpha) \tau_\beta(\mathbf{x})] \end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $\eta_\beta(u) = \operatorname{argmin}_{a \in \mathbb{R}} R(\beta, a, u, \alpha_0)$ .

Assume that  $\beta_0 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^q} G(\beta, \eta_0, \alpha_0)$  is the unique minimum.

## Mean over replications of $MSE(\widehat{\eta}_0)$

$\eta(t)$		$\widehat{\eta}_{\text{CL}}$	$\widehat{\eta}_{\text{CL,LIN}}$	$\widehat{\eta}_{\text{R}}$	$\widehat{\eta}_{\text{R,LIN}}$
$\sin(2\pi t)$	$S_0$	0.031	0.036	0.037	0.037
	$S_1$	29.773	630.148	0.460	0.047
	$S_2$	35.906	227.174	0.356	0.042
	$S_3$	39.473	350.844	0.072	0.041
$8(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})^2$	$S_0$	0.034	0.024	0.052	0.064
	$S_1$	19.344	2693.669	1.258	0.960
	$S_2$	28.435	249.353	0.756	0.116
	$S_3$	31.411	444.717	0.081	0.057