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Ch. 20 of 3rd edition of Greene pp 950 onward:

THM 20.1 If x has pdf of $f(x)$, a is a constant, so keep all stuff to the right of a ($x > a$)

$$f(x|x > a) = \frac{f(x)}{\text{prob}(x > a)} \quad \text{Proof: definition of conditional prob} = \text{Joint} / \text{Marginal}$$

If $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $z = (x - \mu) / \sigma = (\text{standardized } a, \text{ where } a = \text{the truncation point}).$

The density of **truncated normal** is $f(x|x > a) = f(x) / [1 - F(z)]$

Note that the extra σ in the denominator is from Jacobian of transf.

$f(z)dz = f(x)dx$ must hold for any transformation from $f(x)$ to $f(z)$ to make sense.
hence $f(x) = f(z) (dz/dx)$. Here $z = (x - \mu) / \sigma$ means $dz = dx / \sigma$. So $(dz/dx) = (1/\sigma)$

THM 20.2 $E(x|x > a) = \mu + \sigma \lambda$, where if we keep RHS $x > a$, $\lambda = \phi(z) / [1 - F(z)]$

where if we keep LHS $x < a$, $\lambda = \phi(z) / F(z)$

λ is called inverse-Mills-ratio and $\phi(z) / [1 - F(z)]$ is also called the Hazard function for the dist'n.

$\text{Var}(x|x > a) = \sigma^2 [1 - \lambda^2]$ where λ is a shrinkage factor = $-\lambda^2$ Note $0 < \lambda < 1$ for all $z > 0$.

It is not surprising that the smaller range of the data reduces the variance.

Why hazard? death is certain, so any CDF F on $[0, 1]$ can be used as a good for prob of death.

As time on horizontal axis t we are all dead so prob $F(t) \rightarrow 1$.

$1 - F(t)$ (cumulative distribution function) is prob of survival = $[1 - F(t)]$.

Length of life between t and $t + \Delta t$ is prob of death at $t = \text{hazard rate } \lambda(t) [1 - F(t)]$.

Examples of application of Thm:

(1) uniform dist'n has mean 0.5 and truncated uniform which keeps only $x > (1/3)$ has mean 0.66.

Thus the mean has increased if RHS of truncation point $a = 1/3$ is Kept (LHS thrown out).

(2) Truncated lognormal: $y = \ln x$ has normal dist $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$x = \exp(y)$. $E(x) = E(\exp(y)) = \exp(\mu + 0.5 \sigma^2)$

Truncated regression model $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$ (data on LHS and RHS of regression, both may be missing)

$\epsilon_i | y_i > a = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$ where $\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

$\epsilon_i | \beta_0, \beta_1 \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \sigma^2)$

applying Thm 20.2 $E(x|x > a) = \mu + \sigma \lambda$ here we have

$E(\epsilon_i | y_i > a) = \sigma \lambda = \sigma \frac{\phi(z)}{1 - F(z)}$

partial $\frac{\partial E(y_i)}{\partial \beta_0} = \sigma \lambda$ $\frac{\partial E(y_i)}{\partial \beta_1} = \sigma \lambda x_i$ by the chain rule.

The chain rule is needed because $\lambda = \frac{\phi(z)}{1 - F(z)}$ does depend on β_0, β_1 .

Hence $[d E(y_i) / d \beta_0] = \sigma (1 - \lambda^2)$ where marginal effect is attenuated (reduced).

Similarly $\text{Var}(\epsilon_i | y_i > a) = \sigma^2 [1 - \lambda^2]$ where $\lambda^2 = -\lambda^2$ - the shrinkage factor.

Olsen (1978) reparameterized to get rid of σ in the denominators by defining

$\lambda = 1/\sigma$ and $\beta = \sigma \beta$. Then the log likelihood becomes more manageable.

Example of earnings eq. with marginal effect $\sigma (1 - \lambda^2)$

Censoring is of the Dependent variable only: This involves Winsorization of the data!

Tobin's study of auto demand uses censoring. There are many data points for which the dependent variable = 0, is set (Winsorized at the limit value) even though it may be negative.

A "house full" performance means demand > seats available $\frac{3}{4}$ censored dep.LHS var.data missing.

There is Winsorization at the upper limit, values are simply replaced by upper limit values.

Other examples: durable goods purchase, extramarital affairs, arrests after release, vacation expenditures, expenditures on commodity groups. (page 959)

THM 20.3: Moments of censored normal $C^+ \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Define new r.v. y from y^* as follows: $y = a$, if $C^* \leq a$; and $y = C^*$, otherwise.
 This is Winsorization (replacement of values in the **left tail** by the limiting value a). Then

$$E(y) = Fa + (1 - F)(a + 5)$$

$$\text{var}(y) = 5^2(1 - F)S^2 + (1 - F)^2 F^2, \text{ where } S^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - a)^2 f(x) dx, \text{ and } F = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$$

If the **right tail** is Winsorized ("house-full" events) then $E(y) = (1 - F)a + F(a + 5)$

The corresponding regression model is called **Tobit** model (in honor of Prof. Tobin)

Example 20.10 p 964 dep. var = hours worked by wives.

regressors are: prob of divorce, small kids, relative wage, etc.

Simple OLS regression gives reasonable estimates of sophisticated marginal effects.

What can be WRONG with Tobit Model Specification Using Building-Fire Example:

C_3 = loss due to fire in a building, we are interested in the effect of age of the house.

If there is no fire, loss is zero. This is a REAL observation, like buying car where nothing (=0) was spent on a car.

$\hat{\text{prob}}(C_3 > 0) \hat{\text{age}} > 0$ for old houses since old houses are more likely to have fires.

i.e. prob of positive loss from fire \hat{A} as age \hat{A}

However, deriv. of expectation (distinguished from deriv. of prob) is Negative!

$\hat{E}(C_3 | C_3 > 0) \hat{\text{age}} < 0$ for old houses since old houses are more likely to have fires.

i.e. given that fire occurred, Expected loss \hat{E} as age \hat{A} older buildings are less expensive, and there is less to lose in a fire.

Note that positive coeff. in Tobit means both partials above MUST be OF the SAME sign.

The partial of the probability wrt x and partial of expected value wrt x need not be equal in examples like the house fires. Partial for prob of fire is positive and partial for expected loss is negative. To force the two to be equal is an unnecessary restriction of the Tobit (censored regression) model.

A more general model should have **Decision equation** $\Pr(y^* > 0) = F(\beta_3)$
 $\Pr(y^* \leq 0) = 1 - F(\beta_3)$

then for nonlimit observations $E(C_3 | z_3 = 1) = \beta_3 + 5$

How to **test the restrictions** of the Tobit model?

(i) **Heteroscedasticity** may be handled directly.

(ii) For **misspecification** noted above Fin and Schmidt (1984 Rev.Eco.Stats, p.174) suggest a Lkhd ratio st'c is $-2[\ln L_X \cdot (\ln L_T + \ln L_{XV})$

subscript T for L is likelihood of Tobit, subscr P is for probit and sub TR for Trunc. regr.

one would have to estimate Truncated regr, probit and Tobit (ALL 3) to use this test.

Generalized Residual: p 883 of Greene

Binary choice model $\ln L \hat{\beta} = \beta_3 \cdot A_3 \cdot \beta_3$ is the first order condition,

where A_3 is $\text{Prob}(Y=1) = \frac{\exp(\beta_3 x)}{1 + \exp(\beta_3 x)}$, which is the CDF of logistic

here we can interpret $(C_3 - A_3)$ as a generalized RESIDUAL.

Thus the partial of the log-Lkhd w.r.t. the intercept term ($\beta_3 = 1$ as the regressor) can be interpreted as a residual.

(iii) Testing **normality** assumption. (can be done by using 3rd and 4th moments)

Pagan and Vella (1989 J of App Etr suppl) define conditional moment (CM) tests

$$e_i = C_3 - \beta_3 \text{ where } \beta = \text{OLS estimator } (X'X)^{-1} X'y$$

if variables are not erroneously omitted from regression $r = (1/n) \sum z_3 e_i$

$<_2 = (1/n) \sum z_3 (e_i^2 - s^2)$ where $s^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum e_i^2$ i.e. homoscedastic disturbances

$\epsilon_3 = (1/n)D(\text{vec})_i$ where (vec) is a 2×1 vector with $(e_1^2$ and $e_1^4 - 3s^2)$ i.e. errors are normally dist'd.
the CM tests check these $\epsilon_i = 0$.

Note that ϵ_3 does not have the multiplier z_3

INCIDENTAL TRUNCATION **sample selection** model (Greene p. 974)

incidental truncation means non-random selection of data.

Assume that we are interested in incomes y (but in data collection we ignore low net worth people)

Wealth w is a related variable $w = \text{net worth}$. If the data are only for $w > 500,000$ wealthy folks.

The study of incomes y here is not good, since the wealthy are likely to have a high y also.

$f(y, w)$ is bivariate dist'n. It is truncated by including only $w > a$. The density $f(y, w)$ will have to be divided by the prob. that $\Pr(w > a)$ to get the correct truncated density here.

Where does inverse Mills ratio come from? It is in the mean and var. of incidentally truncated bivariate normal distributions? See below.

THM 20.4 $E(y | z > a) = \mu_y + \rho \frac{\phi(\alpha)}{1 - F(\alpha)}$ where $\alpha = \frac{a - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}$ if we keep RHS $x > a$
where $\alpha = \frac{a - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}$ if we keep LHS $x < a$

- is called inverse Mills ratio and $\frac{\phi(\alpha)}{1 - F(\alpha)}$. It is evaluated at $(a - \mu_x) / \sigma_x$

It is also called the Hazard function for the dist'n.

$\text{Var}(y | z > a) = \sigma_y^2 [1 - \rho^2 \frac{\phi(\alpha)^2}{(1 - F(\alpha))^2}]$ where ρ is a shrinkage factor = $-\rho^2$ Note $0 < \rho < 1$ for all ! .

this is similar to theorem 20.2 except that we have the ρ present in both

Since $|\rho| < 1$ by definition of correlation, the variance is shrunk (attenuated) even further!

Sample selection **A** Simple Truncation

Note sample selection is different from simple truncation because

sample selection has one more variable (e.g. w for wealth or z from selection eq.) is involved.

Select only high net worth $w > \$500,000$ people is a sample selection mechanism.

Example of female labor supply eq.

Two equations, Wage = $f(\text{age, education, children})$ and

Hours worked = $f(\text{wage, marital status, small children})$

where desired working hours are observed only for working women.

b truncation of hours data, z we have no data on hours for nonworking women.

selection variable $z_3^* = \beta_3 w_i + u_i$, where z_3^* is unobservable but $z_3 = 1$ if $z_3^* > 0$ and $z_3 = 0$ otherwise.

probit eq. is $\Pr(z_3 = 1) = F(\beta_3 w_i)$

$\Pr(z_3 = 0) = 1 - F(\beta_3 w_i)$

regression model: $C_3 = \beta_3 w_i + \epsilon_i$ is observed only if $z_3 = 1$

$(u_i, \epsilon_i) \sim \text{Bivariate Normal}(0, 0, 1, \sigma_\epsilon, \rho)$

$E(C_3 | z_3 = 1) = \beta_3 w_i + \rho \frac{\phi(\alpha)}{1 - F(\alpha)}$

Heckman 2-step procedure is (1) estimate probit by ML to estimate β_3

compute for each i density $\phi(\beta_3 w_i)$, $F(\beta_3 w_i)$, and

$-\phi(\beta_3 w_i) = \text{the inverse-Mills-ratio}$.

Estimate $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = \sigma_\epsilon^2 (1 - \rho^2)$ for variance term

(σ_ϵ^2 is used in heterosc. adjustment)

(2) 2nd step is to regress C_3 on β_3 and $-\lambda$. Coeff of $-\lambda$ is $\rho \frac{\phi(\alpha)}{1 - F(\alpha)}$ (NOTE: coeff is not just ρ or σ_ϵ)

The errors of this regr. are heteros. with variance = $\sigma_\epsilon^2 (1 - \rho^2)$

Some extensions of selectivity models:

Treatment Effects: Self Selection problem. typical indivi who goes to college will earn more whether or no he goes to college! treatment=go to college
 If so, the effect of (college) treatment is overestimated.

What is the difference between sample selection and self selection?

crit = criterion function tells us why data are missing.

If crit is written in "reduced form," we have sample selection.

If crit is written in STRUCTURAL form, we have SELF selection.

(aid to memory: it is selfish to own a big structure mansion as one's home!self sel=str eq.)

earnings = $\beta_0 + \beta_1 C_3 + u_i$ where C_3 is dummy variable =1 if went to college

this is a structural equation. Indivi. going to college will have high earnings,

even if the indivi did not go to college. This is self-selection to attend college.

the structural formulation. Greene p 982 has formulation of this as a participation eq.

$C_3^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 u_i$ where $C_3=1$ if $C_3^* > 0$ (ie person participates in the study, ie, goes to college)

It can be shown that simple OLS ignoring the selectivity-type correction underestimates.

here the additional regressor is $-\beta_1 \hat{F}_3$ for the non-college $C_3=0$ case.

the difference in earnings between participants and non-participants is

$$E(C_3|C_3=1) - E(C_3|C_3=0) = \beta_1 \left[\frac{\beta_0}{\beta_1} - F_3 \right]$$

Problems: (1) normality assumption, robust approaches have been suggested.

Terza (1995, J of Etr.) has detailed derivation involving Poisson model. Greene p 982 summarizes.

§ 20.5 DURATION models

Typical data are cross section of durations of unemployment (of life despite a disease).

Censoring is pervasive in these studies.

Given that person has survived till time t, what is the prob that he will die by time=t+?t?

die(t,?)=Pr(t <= age to death <= t+?)

$$\text{hazard rate } \lambda = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{die}(t, t+\Delta t)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(t+\Delta t) - F(t)}{\Delta t [1 - F(t)]} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+\Delta t) - f(t)}{\Delta t S(t)} = \frac{f(t)}{S(t)}$$

where S(t) denotes the survival function. (Death is CDF and survival is 1-CDF)

Hazard function $-\lambda(t) = -\frac{d \ln S(t)}{dt}$ Note that $f(t) = S(t) \lambda(t)$ holds.

Also, integrated hazard (used later for assessment of the overall fit)

$$A(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds, \text{ satisfies } S(t) = \exp(-A(t)), A(t) = -\ln S(t),$$

Assume that $-\lambda(t) = -\lambda$ or that it remains fixed over time (no memory)

Then we can solve the differential equation $-\lambda = -\frac{d \ln S(t)}{dt}$ whose solution is

$$\ln S(t) = \text{constant} \cdot -t, \text{ so } S(t) = \text{const of integration} \cdot \exp(-\lambda t).$$

Since S(0)=1, at time zero one is guaranteed to survive, const of integration =1.

Finally the solution is $S(t) = \exp(-\lambda t)$ This is exponential distribution whose mean is $(1/\lambda)$

that is: $E(t) = 1/\lambda$. thus to estimate λ we simply use $1/\bar{t}$

Some survival distributions are:

Exponential dist'n has hazard function $-\lambda(t) = -\lambda$, survival $S(t) = \exp(-\lambda t)$.

Note we have e-to-the-power λ times t not $-\lambda(t)$ which may change with t.

Weibull dist. $-\lambda(t) = -p (-t)^{p-1}$ and $S(t) = \exp(-[t]^p)$ additional parameter is p for Weibull.

If additional regressors are present, $E(t|\beta_3) = \exp(\beta_3) > [(1/p)+1]$, note that p=1 for exponential

the shape of hazard function for exponential and Weibull is monotonic (downward)

see page 989 of Greene for similar expressions for log-normal and log-logistic.

