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  - Subset polynomial regression is more flexible than full polynomial regression for modeling data. Subset polynomial is often used in many fields.
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  - Authors suggested that If the subset polynomial regression model fitted to the data, the model parameter is generally unknown. For the order is known, many methods have proposed to estimate the model parameter.
  - To overcome this problem, they have proposed the reversible jump MCMC method.
  - Authors have described Likelihood Function and Bayesian approach.
  - Described Reversible Jump MCMC Algorithm
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- They have also suggested that a comparison with other existing approach is currently under investigation.

12. **Recommendation:** with consideration the above points, Article recommended for publication
Selection in Subset Polynomial Regression Model by Using Reversible Jump MCMC Algorithm

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Abstract: Subset polynomial regression is more flexible than full polynomial regression for modeling data. If the subset polynomial regression is fitted to the data, then the parameters are generally unknown. This paper proposes a method for selecting the subset polynomial regression where the order is unknown. The method used to estimate the parameters of the subset polynomial regression is the Bayesian method. However, the Bayesian estimator is analytically not able to be found. To solve these problems, the reversible jump MCMC algorithm is proposed. The key of this algorithm is the producing of the Markov Chain that converges to the limit distribution of the posterior distribution.

Keywords: Subset Polynomial Regression, Bayesian, Reversible Jump MCMC algorithm.

INTRODUCTION

Selection in subset polynomial regression is to find a subset of the available subset polynomial regressions that does a good predicting. Subset polynomial regression model is a model that is very flexible for modeling data. Subset polynomial is often used in many fields. For example, it is used in the health for diagnosing breast cancer and for segmenting medical image.

If the subset polynomial regression model fitted to the data, the model parameter is generally unknown. For the order is known, many methods have proposed to estimate the model parameter, for example. In fact, the order is unknown. Because the order of the subset polynomial regression is unknown, previous method cannot used to estimate the parameter of the subset polynomial regression. To overcome this
problem, the reversible jump MCMC\textsuperscript{4} is proposed. There are many subset polynomial regressions; here they are limited to the subset polynomial regression model with the mean 0 and variance unknown.

1. LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION

Let \( y = (y_1, \cdots, y_n) \) be a dependent variable and let \( x = (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \) be a independent variable where \( n \) is the number of observations. The subset polynomial regression can be written by:

\[
y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_{n_i} x_t^{n_i} + \cdots + \beta_{n_p} x_t^{n_p} + z_t
\]

The set \( \{n_1, \cdots, n_p\} \) is a subset of the set \( \{1, \cdots, p\} \) where \( p \) is the order. For a polynomial regression with \( p = 3 \), there are \( 2^4 = 16 \) subset polynomial regressions. In this case, the residual \( z_t \) are normally distributed with mean 0 and variance \( \sigma^2 \), denoted by \( z_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \). So for \( t = 1, 2, \cdots, n \)

\[
f(z_t \mid \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} z_t^2\right).
\]

If the variable transformation \( z_t = y_t - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_i} x_t^{n_i} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_t^{n_p} \) is used, then \( \frac{dz_t}{dy_t} = 1 \). So that

\[
f(y_t \mid p, \beta, \sigma^2, x_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_t - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_i} x_t^{n_i} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_t^{n_p})^2\right).
\]

If \( \beta = (\beta_0, \beta_{n_i}, \cdots, \beta_{n_p}) \), then the likelihood function is

\[
L(y \mid p, \beta, \sigma^2, x) = \prod_{t=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_t - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_i} x_t^{n_i} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_t^{n_p})^2\right)
\]

\[
= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^{n} (y_t - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_i} x_t^{n_i} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_t^{n_p})^2\right).
\]

2. BAYESIAN

To use the Bayesian approach\textsuperscript{5}, the prior distribution is selected. The same choice with\textsuperscript{6}, the prior distribution of \( p \) is a binomial distribution with hyper parameter \( \lambda \), denoted by \( p \sim \text{BIN}(\lambda, p_{\text{max}}) \),

\[
\pi(p \mid \lambda) = \binom{p_{\text{max}}}{p} \lambda^p (1 - \lambda)^{p_{\text{max}} - p}
\]

Where \( p = 0, 1, 2, \cdots, p_{\text{max}} \).
The prior distribution of \((\beta, \sigma^2)\) is a Jeffreys prior distribution,
\[\pi(\beta, \sigma^2|p, \lambda) \propto \sigma^{-2}.\]

As in \(^7\), the hyper parameter \(\lambda\) is considered as a variable. So, hyper prior distribution of \(\lambda\) is also selected. The prior distribution of \(\lambda\) is a Jeffreys prior distribution,
\[\pi(\lambda) \propto [\lambda(1-\lambda)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.\]

Therefore, the prior distribution of \((p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda)\) is
\[\pi(p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda) = \pi(\beta, \sigma^2|p, \lambda) \pi(p|\lambda) \pi(\lambda)\]
\[\propto \left(\frac{p_{\text{maks}}}{p}\right)^p (1-\lambda)^{p_{\text{maks}}-p} \sigma^{-2} [\lambda(1-\lambda)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}.\]

Using Bayes theorem, the posterior distribution of \((p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda)\) is written in the following way:
\[\pi(p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda|y, x) \propto L(y|p, \beta, \sigma^2, x) \pi(p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda)\]
\[\propto (2\pi \sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_1} x_i^{n_1} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_i^{n_p})^2\right)\]
\[\left(\frac{p_{\text{maks}}}{p}\right)^p (1-\lambda)^{p_{\text{maks}}-p} \sigma^{-2} [\lambda(1-\lambda)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\]
\[\propto (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_{n_1} x_i^{n_1} - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_i^{n_p})^2\right)\]
\[\left(\frac{p_{\text{maks}}}{p}\right)^{p+\frac{1}{2}-1} (1-\lambda)^{p_{\text{maks}}-p+\frac{1}{2}-1}\]

3. **REVERSIBLE JUMP MCMC ALGORITHM**

Suppose that \(\xi = (p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda)\). The MCMC algorithm is a method of sampling to produce a homogeneous Markov Chain \(\xi_1, \xi_2, \cdots, \xi_m\) that satisfies aperiodic and irreductible\(^8\) such that \(\xi_1, \xi_2, \cdots, \xi_m\) can be
considered as a random variable whose distribution \( \pi(p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda | y, x) \). Thus \( \xi_1, \xi_2, \cdots, \xi_m \) can be used to estimate parameter \( \xi \). The algorithm consists of three steps:

1. Simulate \( \sigma^2 \sim \pi(\sigma^2 | p, \beta, \lambda, y, x) \)
2. Simulate \( \lambda \sim \pi(\lambda | p, \beta, \sigma^2, y, x) \)
3. Simulate \( (p, \beta) \sim \pi(p, \beta | \sigma^2, \lambda, y, x) \)

Because the conditional distribution of \( \sigma^2 \) given \( (\beta, p, \lambda) \) is

\[
\pi(\sigma^2 | p, \beta, \lambda, y, x) = IG\left(\frac{n}{2}, s^2\right)
\]

where \( s^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_{0} - \beta_{n_1} x_i - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_i) \), it is easy to simulate \( \sigma^2 \sim IG\left(\frac{n}{2}, s^2\right) \). In the same reason, since the conditional distribution of \( \lambda \) given \( (\beta, p, \sigma^2) \) is

\[
\pi(\lambda | p, \beta, \sigma^2, y, x) = \text{Beta}\left(p + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \left(p_{\max} - p + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right),
\]

It is also easy to generate \( \lambda \sim \text{Beta}\left(p + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \left(p_{\max} - p + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \).

The conditional distribution of \( (p, \beta) \) given \( (\sigma^2, \lambda) \) is

\[
\pi(p, \beta | \sigma^2, \lambda, y, x) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \pi(p, \beta, \sigma^2, \lambda | y, x) d\lambda d\sigma^2
\]

\[
\propto (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(p_{\max} - p + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(p_{\max} + 1\right)} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \times \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_{0} - \beta_{n_1} x_i - \cdots - \beta_{n_p} x_i)\right]^{n/2}.
\]

But because the conditional distribution of \( (p, \beta) \) given \( (\sigma^2, \lambda) \) is unknown distribution, it is not easy to simulate \( (p, \beta) \sim \pi(p, \beta | \sigma^2, \lambda, y, x) \). To simulate it, the reversible jump MCMC algorithm is used.

Let \( \xi = (p, \beta) \) be the actual point of the Markov chain. There are three types of transformations are used, namely: the birth of the order, the death of the order and the change of the coefficient. Further suppose
that \( N_p \) is the probability of transformation from \( p \) to \( p + 1 \), \( D_p \) is the probability of transformation from \( p + 1 \) to \( p \), and \( C_p \) is the probability of transformation from \( p \) to \( p \) (the same order).

3.1. Change of the coefficient: The transformation of the change of coefficient does not change the order. Let \( \xi = (p, \beta) \) be a current point and let \( \xi^* = (p^*, \beta^*) \) be a updated point. If the change of the coefficient is selected, then \( p^* = p \) and simulate \( \beta^* \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2) \). Let \( \alpha_p \) be the probability of acceptance for the change of the coefficient. This probability of acceptance is written by

\[
\alpha_p = \min\left\{1, \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(s^{*2} - s^2)\right)\right\}
\]

where \( s^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{n} (y_t - \beta_0^* - \beta_{n_1}^* x_1 - \cdots - \beta_{n_p}^* x_{n_p}) \).

3.2 Birth of order: Transformation of the birth of order changes from \( p \) to \( p+1 \). Let \( \xi = (p, \beta) \) be a current point and let \( \xi^* = (p^*, \beta^*) \) be a updated point. If the birth of the coefficient is selected, then \( p^* = p + 1 \), \( \beta_{n+1}^* = \beta_i + u \) and \( \beta_{i+1}^* = \beta_i - u \) where \( u \sim U(0,1) \). Let \( \alpha_n \) be the probability of acceptance for the birth of order. This probability of acceptance is given by

\[
\alpha_n = \min\left\{1, \frac{p_{\text{max}} - p}{p + 1} \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(s^{*2} - s^2)\right)\right\}
\]

3.3 Death of order: Transformation of the death of order changes from \( p+1 \) to \( p \). Let \( \xi = (p+1, \beta) \) be a current point and let \( \xi^* = (p, \beta^*) \) be a updated point. If the death of the coefficient is selected, then \( p^* = p \) and \( \beta_i^* = \frac{(\beta_{i+1}^* + \beta_{i+1}^*)}{2} \). Let \( \alpha_d \) be the probability of acceptance for the death of order. This probability of acceptance is defined by

\[
\alpha_d = \min\left\{1, \frac{p + 1}{p_{\text{max}} - p} \frac{1 - \lambda}{\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(s^{*2} - s^2)\right)\right\}
\]

4. CONCLUSION

This paper developed the estimation of the parameter for subset polynomial regression model where the order is unknown with using reversible jump MCMC algorithm. The advantage of this algorithm of this algorithm is both the order, coefficient and variance can simultaneously be estimated. Because the polynomial regression is special case of this subset polynomial regression, then this algorithm can use to estimate the parameter of the polynomial regression. A comparison with other existing approach is currently under investigation.
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