Estimation, Analysis of Variance, and F-Tests for Partial Linear Models

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Using the asymptotic projection matrix for local linear regression by Huang and Chen (2006), we propose a new set of estimators for both parametric and nonparametric terms, analysis of variance inference, and F-type hypothesis testing procedures for partial linear models. The new parametric estimator achieves root-n consistency without undersmoothing for the nonparametric part, and the new nonparametric estimate is in a form of a projection estimator. The ANOVA inference explicitly gives the proportion of variation explained by fitting a partial linear model and separates the contributions from the parametric and nonparametric F-tests, which can be viewed as extensions from classical F-tests and are applicable to testing significance of the parametric or nonparametric terms, and a combination of both terms. Simulation results illustrate that the performance of the new estimators and semiparametric F-tests are comparable with alternative methods in practical applications.

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