

Study of Fuzzy Linear Regression's Properties and its Parameter Estimation

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Abstract

In this paper, we have studied the fuzzy Linear regression whose parameters are fuzzy numbers. By introducing the notions of the fitting measure and h-containing between fuzzy numbers, we have proposed three methods to estimate fuzzy parameter. Finally, we proved some properties.

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1. Fuzzy number and fuzzy Linear regression

Definition 1.1 Suppose A is a fuzzy set on R . If A satisfies the following conditions:

- (1). $\mu_{A(x)}$ is super continuous
- (2). $\mu_{A(x)} = 1 \forall x \in [c, d]$
- (3). $\exists a, b$ such that $c \leq a \leq b \leq d, \mu_{A(x)} = 1$

when $x \in [a, b], \mu_{A(x)}$ is increased when $x \in [c, d]$ and $\mu_{A(x)}$ is decreased when $x \in [b, d]$. Then A is called a fuzzy number.

Theorem 1.1 A fuzzy set A is a fuzzy number, only and only there is an interval $[a, b]$ such that

$$\mu_{A(x)} = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in [a, b] \\ L(x), & x < a \\ R(x), & a > b \end{cases}$$

Here $L(x), R(x)$ are increased and right-continuous and decreased and left-continuous respectively, there exists an interval $[c, d] \supseteq [a, b]$, when $x < c, L(x) = 0$, when $x > d, R(x) = 0$.

$$(0 \leq R(x) \leq 1, 0 \leq L(x) \leq 1)$$

In this paper we adopt such fuzzy numbers as the following

$$\mu_{A(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|x-a|}{c}, & |x-a| \leq c \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Specially, when $c = 0, A = a$, denoted A as $A = L(a, c)$. For $\forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$, the λ -level set of fuzzy

membership of fuzzy set $A * B$ is defined as

$$\mu_{A*B(x)} = \bigvee_{z*y} [\mu_{A(x)} \wedge \mu_{B(y)}]$$

Theorem 1.2 Suppose $A_1 = L(a_1, c_1), A_2 = L(a_2, c_2), * \in \{+, -, \times\}$, then $A_1 * A_2$ is a fuzzy number and

$$A_1 + A_2 = L(a_1 \pm a_2, |c_1 \pm c_2|)$$

$$\lambda A_1 = L(\lambda a_1, |\lambda| c_1), (\lambda \in R)$$

Definition 1.3 Suppose A_1, A_2, Λ, A_n are fuzzy numbers, x_1, x_2, Λ, x_n are independent random variables, then the formula

$$Y = A_1 X_1 + A_2 X_2 + \Lambda + A_n X_n + E$$

is called fuzzy linear regression.

Here Y is a fuzzy set which is called fuzzy out-put, A_1, A_2, Λ, A_n are parameter, E is a fuzzy set called fuzzy disturbed set.

Theorem 1.3 Suppose $A_i = L(a_i, c_i), E = L(e, d)$

$$Y = A_1 X_1 + A_2 X_2 + \Lambda + A_n X_n + E$$

Then Y is a fuzzy number, and

$$Y = L\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i + e, \sum_{i=1}^n c_i |X_i| + d\right)$$

That is, the membership of Y is

$$\mu_{Y(x)} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\left| x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i - e \right|}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i |X_i| + d}, & \left| x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i - e \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i |X_i| + d \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Fuzzy parameter estimation

Suppose $X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \Lambda, X_{in}, Y_i (i=1, 2, \Lambda, N)$ are input-output data, which satisfy fuzzy linear regression

$$Y_i = A_1 X_{i1} + A_2 X_{i2} + \Lambda + A_n X_{in} + E_i$$

In the following we propose three methods to estimate fuzzy parameters A_i according to these

$$M(A_1, A_2) = \bigvee_{x \in R} [\mu_{A_1(x)} \wedge \mu_{A_2(x)}]$$

Then call M to be fitting measure of A_1 against A_2 according to Definition 2.1, If A_1, A_2 are two fuzzy numbers, $A_1 = L(a_1, c_1), A_2 = L(a_2, c_2)$, then

$$M(A_1, A_2) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|a_1 - a_2|}{c_1 + c_2}, & |a_1 - a_2| \leq c_1 + c_2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.2 Suppose A_1, A_2 are two fuzzy numbers, If for a certain $h \in [0, 1], [A_1]_h \supseteq [A_2]_h$, then call A_1 h includes A_2 denoted as $A_1 \supseteq_h A_2$.

If $A_1 = L(a_1, c_1), A_2 = L(a_2, c_2)$ then $A_1 \supseteq_h A_2$ is only and only the following inequalities are true.

$$\begin{cases} a_1 \leq a_2 + (1-h)(c_1 - c_2) \\ a_1 \geq a_2 + (1-h)(c_1 - c_2) \end{cases}$$

And if $A_1 \supseteq_h A_2$, then $A_1 \supseteq_{h'} A_2$ where $0 \leq h' \leq h \leq 1$

(1). parameter estimation (I)

Suppose $\hat{A}_i = L(\hat{a}_i, \hat{c}_i)$ are the estimations of $A_i, \hat{Y}_i = \hat{A}_1 X_{i1} + \hat{A}_2 X_{i2} + \Lambda + \hat{A}_n X_{in}$ are estimation of $Y_i = L(y_i, e_i) (i = 1, 2, \Lambda, N)$

For the given level h advance. and each $i, \hat{A}_i, Y_i, \hat{Y}_i$ satisfy the following conditions

$$\begin{cases} M(\hat{Y}_i, Y_i) \geq h \\ \hat{J}(c, h) = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i c_i \text{ is minimum} \end{cases}$$

$$W_i = \sum_{k=1}^n |\omega_{ki}|$$

According to the measure of fuzzy numbers, we can reduce the above problem into the following Linear programming

$$\hat{J}(c, h) = \text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i c_i$$

parameter A_i , therefore we can get the predictions of

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{Y}_i &= \hat{A}_1 X_{i1} + \hat{A}_2 X_{i2} + \Lambda + \hat{A}_n X_{in} \\ \bar{Y}_i &= \bar{A}_1 X_{i1} + \bar{A}_2 X_{i2} + \Lambda + \bar{A}_n X_{in} \\ \underline{Y}_i &= \underline{A}_1 X_{i1} + \underline{A}_2 X_{i2} + \Lambda + \underline{A}_n X_{in}\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

3. Some properties

In paragraph two, we have discussed parameter estimation problem, but now we must ask if there exists an optimal solution to the Linear programming (I), (II), (III)? If they have optimal solutions, what are the relations among $\hat{J}(c, h)$, $\bar{J}(c, h)$ and $\underline{J}(c, h)$? and how do they vary with the given h in advance?

The following theorems answer those questions basically.

Theorem 3.1 There are optimal solutions $\hat{A}_1 = L(\hat{a}_1, \hat{c}_1)$ and $\hat{A}_2 = L(\hat{a}_2, \hat{c}_2)$ and in (I), (II). But it is not assured that there exists an optimal solution in (II).

Theorem 3.2 If there is an optimal solution for h' in (III), there exists an optimal solution for $0 < h < h'$ in (III).

Theorem 3.3 For $h < h'$, we have

$$\hat{J}(h', c) \leq \hat{J}(h, c), \underline{J}(h', c) \geq \underline{J}(h, c), \bar{J}(h', c) \leq \bar{J}(h, c)$$

Theorem 3.4 For $0 < h < 1$, we have the following inequalities

$$\bar{J}(h, \bar{c}) \geq \hat{J}(h, c), \underline{J}(h, \underline{c}) \geq \hat{J}(h, \hat{c})$$

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