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Abstract

We provide consistent and asymptotic normal estimators of correlation that corrects the bias induced by partial samples. Through examples, we show that the estimators behaves well in small-sample and yields powerful methodologies for non-linear regression as well as dependence testing.

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1. Introduction

We provide methods to estimate and compare correlation estimates based on partial samples. We do so by deriving under minimal assumptions the properties of a new dependence parameter: event conditional correlation.

We define event conditional correlation as the correlation of two variables X and Y conditionally to an event \mathcal{A} and denote it $\rho_{XY|\mathcal{A}}$. Event conditional correlation is the natural correlation parameter when working with partial samples. Consider the case where one is able to measure (X, Y) only if a third random variable Z is large enough, say larger than a threshold z . One classical example is knowing the grades of students (the variables X and Y), only if these students had high enough scores in high school (the

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