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Abstract

This paper establishes the asymptotic normality of plug-in sieve M estimators of possibly irregular functionals of semi-nonparametric time series models. We show that, even when the sieve score process is not a martingale difference sequence, the asymptotic variance in the case of irregular functionals is the same as those for independent data. Using an orthonormal series long run variance estimator, we construct a "pre-asymptotic" Wald statistic and show that it is asymptotically F distributed. Simulations indicate that our "pre-asymptotic" Wald test with F critical values has more accurate size in finite samples than the conventional Wald test with chi-square critical values.

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