

Minimum Distance Estimations in a Switching Regression Model

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Abstract

We propose the minimum distance estimators of parameters in a switching regression model under parametric error distributions with Cramér-von Mises type discrepancy.

The main results of the proposed minimum distance estimator $\hat{\eta} = (\hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_2, \hat{p}, \hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2)$ of $\eta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \theta_1, \theta_2)$ show that (i) $\hat{\eta}$ is a strongly consistent estimator of η , (ii) the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\eta} - \eta)$ is 5-variate normal.

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