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## Abstract

When there are few distinct values of the covariates but many replicates, we show that a weighted least squares fit to the sample quantiles of the replicates is more efficient than the usual method of linear quantile regression.

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## 1. Introduction

Consider a quantile regression problem with a handful of distinct values of covariates, where each covariate profile is replicated many times. A linear regression model for the quantiles are often preferred for such data. If one ignores the fact of replications, the linear quantile regression estimator of Koenker and Bassett (1978) can be used for estimating the parameters and related inference. However, the replicated nature of the data enables one to fit a linear (mean) regression model to the conditional sample quantiles for each value of covariates. Since these conditional sample quantiles would in

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general have different variances, a weighted least squares (WLS) estimator with weights inversely proportional to the estimated variances of the respective conditional sample quantiles may be used. Many researchers, apparently oblivious to this common-sense option, have used the method of Koenker and Bassett (1978) for linear quantile regression with replicated data (Redden et al., 2004; Fernandez et al., 2004; Elsner et al., 2008; Jagger and Elsner, 2009; Kossin et al., 2013). Before this trend continues further, it would be interesting to study how the two methods compare.

We show in this paper that the WLS estimator is asymptotically more efficient than the estimator of Koenker and Bassett (1978). Small sample simulation are conducted to chart the domain of this dominance relation.

## 2. Comparison of asymptotic variances

Suppose the  $\tau$ -quantile of the conditional distribution of a random variable  $Y$  given another random vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $q_Y(\tau|\mathbf{x}) := \inf\{q : P(Y \leq q|\mathbf{x}) \geq \tau\}$ . For a given  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ , consider the linear regression model (Koenker, 2005)

$$q_Y(\tau|\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}'\boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  is the vector of regressors (along with intercept) and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau)$  is the vector of corresponding regression coefficients. Consider independent sets of data of the form  $(\mathbf{x}_i, Y_{ij})$  with  $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , such that for given  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , the  $Y_{ij}$ s are conditionally iid with common distribution  $F_i$ . The sample  $\tau$ -quantile for given  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is

$$\hat{q}_i(\tau) = \arg \min_{m_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \rho_\tau(Y_{ij} - m_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad (2)$$

where  $\rho_\tau(u) = u(\tau - I(u < 0))$ . We assume that the distribution  $F_i$  has continuous Lebesgue density,  $f_i$ , with  $f_i(u) > 0$  on  $\{u : 0 < F_i(u) < 1\}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . The limiting distribution of  $\widehat{q}_i(\tau)$  has mean  $q_Y(\tau|\mathbf{x}_i)$  and variance given by (Shorack and Wellner, 2009)

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{\tau(1-\tau)}{n_i f_i^2(F_i^{-1}(\tau))}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k. \quad (3)$$

Linear regression of  $\widehat{q}_i(\tau)$  on  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , with  $\sigma_i^{-2}$  as weights, produces WLS estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau)$

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{wls}(\tau) = (\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\Omega^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{q}}(\tau) \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1 : \dots : \mathbf{x}_k)'$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $\widehat{\mathbf{q}}(\tau) = (\widehat{q}_1(\tau), \dots, \widehat{q}_k(\tau))'$  and  $\Omega$  is a diagonal matrix with  $\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_k^2$  as diagonal elements, which have to be replaced by consistent estimates.

The estimator proposed by Koenker and Bassett (1978) is

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{kb}(\tau) = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \rho_\tau(Y_{ij} - \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau)). \quad (5)$$

This estimator (the KB estimator) works even if  $n_i = 1$  for some or all  $i$ .

In order to show that (4) is asymptotically more efficient than (5), we need the following regularity conditions.

**Condition A1.** For some vector  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k)^T$  with positive components,

$$\left(\frac{n_1}{n}, \frac{n_2}{n}, \dots, \frac{n_k}{n}\right)^T \rightarrow (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k)^T \quad (6)$$

in Euclidean norm, as  $n = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Condition A2.** The distribution functions  $F_i$  are absolutely continuous, with continuous density  $f_i$  uniformly bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$  at  $F_i^{-1}(\tau)$ .

**Condition A3.**  $\max_{i=1,\dots,k} \|\mathbf{X}_i\|/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further, the sample matrices  $D_{0n} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T$ ,  $D_{1n} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau)) \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T$  and  $D_{2n} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i f_i^2(F_i^{-1}(\tau)) \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T$  converge to positive definite matrices  $D_0$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , respectively, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 1:** *Under Conditions A1, A2 and A3, and assuming the  $\Omega$  in (4) is replaced by a consistent estimator,*

$$(a) \sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{kb}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau)) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \tau(1-\tau)D_1^{-1}D_0D_1^{-1}),$$

$$(b) \sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{wls}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau)) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \tau(1-\tau)D_2^{-1}),$$

(c) *the limiting dispersion matrix of  $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{kb}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau))$  is larger than that of  $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{wls}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau))$  in the sense of the Löwner order.*

**Proof:** The result of part (a) follows from (Koenker (2005), page 121). Part (b) follows from the fact that the WLS estimator is a linear function of the conditional sample quantiles  $\widehat{q}_i(\tau)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , whose limiting distribution under the given conditions are well known (Shorack and Wellner, 2009). The continuous mapping theorem ensures that a consistent estimator of  $\Omega$  would be an adequate substitute for it.

Note that the asymptotic dispersion matrices of  $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{kb}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau))$  and  $\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{wls}(\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau))$  are the limits of  $\tau(1-\tau)D_{1n}^{-1}D_{0n}D_{1n}^{-1}$  and  $\tau(1-\tau)D_{2n}^{-1}$ , respectively, where  $D_{0n}$ ,  $D_{1n}$  and  $D_{2n}$  are as defined in Condition A3. Thus, part (c) is proved if we can show that for every  $n$ ,  $D_{2n}^{-1} \leq D_{1n}^{-1}D_{0n}D_{1n}^{-1}$  in the sense of the Löwner order. It suffices to show that  $D_{1n}D_{0n}^{-1}D_{1n} \leq D_{2n}$ .

Let  $D_{0n} = n^{-1}B'B$ ,  $D_{1n} = n^{-1}A'B = n^{-1}B'A$  and  $D_{2n} = n^{-1}A'A$ , where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n_1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sqrt{n_k} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n_1}f_1(F_1^{-1}(\tau)) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \sqrt{n_k}f_k(F_k^{-1}(\tau)) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}. \quad (7)$$

It follows that

$$D_{1n}D_{0n}^{-1}D_{1n} = n^{-1}A'B(B'B)^{-1}B'A = n^{-1}A'P_B A \leq n^{-1}A'A = D_{2n},$$

where  $P_B$  is the orthogonal projection matrix for the column space of  $B$ . Part (c) is proved by taking limits of the two sides of the above inequality as  $n$  goes to infinity.  $\square$

The next theorem provides a necessary and sufficient condition for the Löwner order of part (c) to hold with equality.

**Theorem 2:** *Suppose Conditions A1, A2 and A3 hold and assume that  $\Omega$  in (4) is replaced by a consistent estimator.*

- (a) *The asymptotic dispersion matrices of the estimators (4) and (5) coincide if all  $f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau))$ 's in (3) for  $i = 1, \dots, k$  are equal.*
- (b) *Suppose  $\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}'_i \end{pmatrix}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , where  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k$  are samples from a  $p$ -variate continuous distribution not restricted to any lower dimensional subspace. The asymptotic dispersion matrices of the estimators (4) and (5) coincide only if all  $f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau))$ 's in (3) for  $i = 1, \dots, k$  are equal.*

**Proof:** For simplicity of notation, we refer to  $f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau))$  simply by  $f_i$  in this proof. The point of departure of the proof of this theorem is part (c) of

Theorem 1, where a Löwner order between the two dispersion matrices has been established. This order follows from the inequality at the end of the proof of that theorem, which holds with equality if and only if the column space of  $A$  is contained in the column space of  $B$ . From the definition of  $A$  and  $B$  given in (7), this condition amounts to the containment of the column space of  $\mathbf{FX}$  in that of  $\mathbf{X}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}$  is the diagonal matrix with  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  as its diagonal elements.

Part (a) is proved by using the fact that if all the  $f_i$ 's are equal, then  $\mathbf{FX}$  is a constant multiple of  $\mathbf{X}$ , implying the equivalence of the column spaces of these two matrices.

In order to prove part (b), we start from the assumption that the column space of  $\mathbf{FX}$  is contained in that of  $\mathbf{X}$ , that is, there is a  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{XC}' = \mathbf{FX}$ . By writing this matrix equation in terms of equality of the corresponding rows of the two sides, we have

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_i = f_i\mathbf{x}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k.$$

Therefore, every  $f_i$  is an eigen value of the  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}$  with eigen vector  $\mathbf{x}_i$ . Lemma 1 proved below implies that all the  $f_i$ 's have to be the same almost surely over the distribution of the  $\mathbf{z}_i$ 's mentioned in the statement of the theorem.  $\square$

**Lemma 1:** *Suppose  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_k$  are samples from a  $p$ -variate continuous distribution not restricted to any lower dimensional subspace. If  $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  matrix with  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_k \end{pmatrix}$  as eigen vectors, then  $\mathbf{C}$  is almost surely a multiple of the  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  identity matrix.*

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_{p+1}$  are samples drawn initially as in the statement of the lemma and  $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $(p+1) \times (p+1)$  matrix having  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_{p+1} \end{pmatrix}$  as

eigen vectors. If  $\mathbf{C}$  is not a multiple of the identity matrix, no eigen value of  $\mathbf{C}$  has multiplicity  $(p + 1)$ . Therefore, the eigenspace (space of eigenvectors) corresponding to each eigenvalue has dimension  $p$  or less. For  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_{p+2} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z}_k \end{pmatrix}$  to be eigen vectors of  $\mathbf{C}$ , they have to belong to the union of these eigenspaces (each with dimension  $< p$ ). This event has probability zero, according to the hypothesis of the lemma. The result follows.  $\square$

**Remark 1:** The condition  $f_1(F_1^{-1}(\tau)) = \dots = f_k(F_k^{-1}(\tau))$  mentioned in Theorem 2 may occur when, for instance, the model (1) arises from the more restrictive observation model

$$Y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + e_{ij}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, k,$$

where  $e_{ij} \sim F$  for some common distribution  $F$  that does not depend on  $X_i$ . This is a special case of (1) with  $\beta_0(\tau) = \beta_0 + F^{-1}(\tau)$  and  $\beta_1(\tau) = \beta_1$  for all  $\tau$ . By denoting  $\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$ , we get  $F_i(y) = F(y - \mu_i)$  and  $f_i(y) = f(y - \mu_i)$ . Thus, the conditional  $\tau$ - quantile is  $F_i^{-1}(\tau) = F^{-1}(\tau) + \mu_i$  and the value of the conditional density at that quantile is  $f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau)) = f(F_i^{-1}(\tau) - \mu_i) = f(F^{-1}(\tau))$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . The equality holds for all  $\tau$ , which is a much stronger condition than the conditions of Theorem 2.

In order to define the estimator (4) completely, one has to choose a consistent estimator of  $\Omega$ , which may be obtained by plugging any consistent estimator of  $1/(f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau)))$  in (3). Let us denote  $s_i(\tau) = 1/(f_i(F_i^{-1}(\tau)))$  and consider some consistent estimators of this parameter under various conditions.

A simple plug-in estimator is obtained by using the sample quantile to estimate  $F_i^{-1}$  and the kernel density estimator (Silverman, 1986) of  $f_i$ , for each  $i$ . If  $h_{n_i}$  is the kernel bandwidth, then this estimator would be consistent

as long as  $h_{n_i} \rightarrow 0$  and  $n_i h_{n_i} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n_i \rightarrow \infty$ , and the conditions of Theorem 1 hold.

By noting that  $s_i(\tau) = \frac{d}{dt} F_i^{-1}(\tau)$ , Siddiqui (1960) proposed the finite difference estimator

$$\hat{s}_i(\tau) = [\hat{q}_i(\tau + h_{n_i}) - \hat{q}_i(\tau - h_{n_i})]/2h_{n_i}, \quad (8)$$

which has been quite popular. This estimator is consistent under the conditions of Theorem 1 when the bandwidth parameter  $h_{n_i}$  tends to 0 as  $n_i \rightarrow \infty$ . A bandwidth rule, suggested by Hall and Sheather (1988) for the purpose of obtaining confidence intervals of the  $\tau$ -quantile based on Edgeworth expansions is

$$h_{n_i} = n_i^{-1/3} z_\alpha^{2/3} [1.5s_i(\tau)/s_i''(\tau)]^{1/3},$$

where  $z_\alpha$  satisfies  $\Phi(z_\alpha) = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , and  $1 - \alpha$  is the specified coverage probability of the said confidence interval. In the absence of any information about  $s_i(\cdot)$ , one can use the Gaussian model, as in Koenker and Machado (1999), to choose

$$h_{n_i} = n_i^{-1/3} z_\alpha^{2/3} [1.5\phi^2(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))/(2(\Phi^{-1}(\tau))^2 + 1)]^{1/3}. \quad (9)$$

### 3. Simulations of performance

We now compare the small sample performances of the estimators  $\hat{\beta}_{wls}(\tau)$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{kb}(\tau)$  defined in (4) and (5), in terms of their empirical Mean Squared Error (MSE). The specific version of the WLS estimator we use here is defined

by (4) with  $\Omega$  replaced by

$$\widehat{\Omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n_1}\tau(1-\tau)\widehat{s}_1(\tau) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{n_2}\tau(1-\tau)\widehat{s}_2(\tau) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{n_k}\tau(1-\tau)\widehat{s}_k(\tau) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\widehat{s}_i(\tau)$  is defined as in (8) together with (9) and  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

For  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , we simulate a scalar covariate  $x_i$  from the gamma distribution with shape parameter  $p = 2$  and scale parameter  $\theta = 0.5$ . Then, for every  $i$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ , we simulate  $Y_{ij}$  from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \eta_i^2)$  where  $\mu_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i - \eta_i \Phi^{-1}(\tau)$ , so that the  $\tau$ -quantile of  $Y_{ij}$  is  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i$ . As for  $\eta_i^2$ , we choose two different values:  $\eta_i = 1/x_i$  and  $\eta_i = 1$ . Only the second choice ensures asymptotic equivalence of the two estimators as per Theorem 2. We use  $\beta_1 = 1$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.5$ , quantile  $\tau = 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7$  and  $0.9$  and number of distinct covariate values  $k = 5, 10$  and  $30$ . As for the number of replicates  $n_i$  for the  $i$ th distinct value of the covariate, we choose the balanced design  $n_1 = \dots = n_k = n_0$  (say), and use the values  $50, 100, 200$  and  $500$  for  $n_0$ . These choices of  $\tau$ ,  $k$  and  $n_i$  by and large cover the data analytic problems of Redden et al. (2004), Fernandez et al. (2004), Elsner et al. (2008), Jagger and Elsner (2009) and Kossin et al. (2013).

We compute the KB estimator (5) by using the quantile regression package `quantreg` (R package version 5.29; [//www.r-project.org](http://www.r-project.org)).

Table 1 shows the empirical MSE of the WLS and KB estimators of the two regression parameters, for  $\eta_i = 1/x_i$  and the specified values of the other parameters, based on 10,000 simulation runs. It can be seen that the empirical MSE of the WLS estimator is generally less than that of the KB

estimator. The only case where the KB estimator has much smaller MSE than the WLS estimator occurs for the extreme quantiles ( $\tau = 0.1$  or  $0.9$ ) and small sample size, ( $n_i = 50$  and  $k = 30$ ). This may be because  $n_i = 50$  is too small for the estimation of variance of extreme quantiles. For  $n_i = 200$  or higher, the MSE of the WLS estimator is smaller for all the quantiles considered here. For  $\tau = 0.3, 0.5$  and  $0.7$ , the superiority holds for all the sample sizes considered. These small sample findings nicely complement the large sample superiority of the WLS estimator over the KB estimator, as described in Theorem 1.

We now turn to the case  $\eta_i = 1$  for all  $i$ , so that the condition of Theorem 2 holds and the two estimators have asymptotically equivalent performance. Table 2 shows the empirical MSE of the WLS and the KB estimators of the regression of parameters, based on 10,000 simulation runs, for  $\eta_i = 1$  and other parameters having specified values as in Table 2. It is found that there is no clear dominance of any one estimator over the other, for any choice of sample size. The WLS estimator of  $\beta_0$  generally has smaller MSE than the KB estimator, while the KB estimator appears to work better for  $\beta_1$ . Overall, the empirical MSE of two estimators are very close to one another.

Thus, the limited simulations conducted here generally support the wisdom of using the WLS estimator as an alternative to the KB estimator in the case of replicated data, particularly for the middle quantiles.

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Table 1: Empirical MSE of  $\widehat{\beta}_{wls}$  and  $\widehat{\beta}_{kb}$  for  $\eta_i = 1/x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and for different values of  $\tau$ ,  $k$  and  $n_0$ .

$\tau$	$k$	Estimator	$n_0=50$		$n_0=100$		$n_0=200$		$n_0=500$	
			$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$
0.1	5	WLS	0.2662	0.2769	0.1291	0.1521	0.0610	0.0640	0.0238	0.0273
		KB	0.3272	0.3521	0.1589	0.1875	0.0809	0.0872	0.0332	0.0389
	10	WLS	0.0912	0.0445	0.0380	0.0203	0.0174	0.0094	0.0063	0.0035
		KB	0.0877	0.0521	0.0426	0.0250	0.0208	0.0120	0.0087	0.0051
	30	WLS	0.0299	0.0064	0.0104	0.0025	0.0042	0.0011	0.0014	0.0004
		KB	0.0172	0.0059	0.0084	0.0028	0.0044	0.0015	0.0017	0.0006
0.3	5	WLS	0.1390	0.1514	0.0739	0.0892	0.0347	0.0414	0.0090	0.0054
		KB	0.1889	0.2027	0.0999	0.1241	0.0477	0.0550	0.0128	0.0076
	10	WLS	0.0373	0.0212	0.0184	0.0102	0.0133	0.0165	0.0035	0.0021
		KB	0.0494	0.0286	0.0247	0.0139	0.0189	0.0213	0.0050	0.0029
	30	WLS	0.0079	0.0024	0.0036	0.0011	0.0090	0.0054	0.0017	0.0005
		KB	0.0104	0.0035	0.0052	0.0017	0.0128	0.0076	0.0025	0.0008
0.5	5	WLS	0.1228	0.142	0.0605	0.0709	0.0156	0.0089	0.0031	0.0010
		KB	0.1707	0.1870	0.0846	0.0978	0.0228	0.0132	0.0046	0.0016
	10	WLS	0.0320	0.0190	0.0304	0.0350	0.0078	0.0044	0.0015	0.0005
		KB	0.0459	0.0278	0.0425	0.0477	0.0114	0.0066	0.0023	0.0007
	30	WLS	0.0061	0.0019	0.0122	0.0134	0.0031	0.0018	0.0006	0.0002
		KB	0.0092	0.0031	0.0167	0.0175	0.0046	0.0028	0.0009	0.0003
0.7	5	WLS	0.1453	0.1890	0.0696	0.0832	0.0185	0.0104	0.0037	0.0011
		KB	0.1981	0.2505	0.1003	0.1202	0.0259	0.0148	0.0052	0.0017
	10	WLS	0.0380	0.0221	0.0362	0.0469	0.0089	0.0051	0.0017	0.0005
		KB	0.0512	0.0314	0.0481	0.0639	0.0125	0.0072	0.0025	0.0008
	30	WLS	0.0079	0.0024	0.0141	0.0182	0.0036	0.0020	0.0006	0.0002
		KB	0.0104	0.0035	0.0192	0.0239	0.0051	0.0030	0.0010	0.0003
0.9	5	WLS	0.2719	0.2833	0.1302	0.1570	0.0375	0.0192	0.0107	0.0026
		KB	0.3546	0.3697	0.1623	0.1863	0.0437	0.0254	0.0085	0.0029
	10	WLS	0.0912	0.0432	0.0612	0.0717	0.0177	0.009	0.0043	0.0011
		KB	0.0870	0.0490	0.0802	0.1000	0.0213	0.0124	0.0044	0.0015
	30	WLS	0.0304	0.0067	0.0253	0.0297	0.0063	0.0034	0.0013	0.0004
		KB	0.0174	0.0058	0.0349	0.0414	0.0083	0.0047	0.0017	0.0005

Table 2: Empirical MSE of  $\widehat{\beta}_{wls}$  and  $\widehat{\beta}_{kb}$  for  $\eta_i = 1, \forall i$  and for different values of  $\tau, k$  and  $n_0$ .

$\tau$	$k$	Estimator	$n_0=50$		$n_0=100$		$n_0=200$		$n_0=500$	
			$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$
0.1	5	WLS	1.5488	0.0782	1.5949	0.0439	1.6086	0.0199	1.6297	0.0083
		KB	1.7055	0.0773	1.6768	0.0413	1.6544	0.0197	1.6491	0.0083
	10	WLS	1.4943	0.0231	1.5671	0.0111	1.5943	0.0054	1.6253	0.0021
		KB	1.6607	0.0204	1.6583	0.0102	1.6448	0.0051	1.6463	0.0020
	30	WLS	1.4693	0.0059	1.5460	0.0027	1.5905	0.0012	1.6199	0.0005
		KB	1.6464	0.0046	1.6427	0.0023	1.6426	0.0011	1.6418	0.0004
0.3	5	WLS	0.3013	0.0468	0.2869	0.0262	0.2823	0.0112	0.2769	0.0050
		KB	0.3161	0.0466	0.2950	0.0256	0.2869	0.0111	0.2789	0.0049
	10	WLS	0.2716	0.0125	0.2727	0.0062	0.2737	0.0031	0.2744	0.0012
		KB	0.2880	0.0121	0.2816	0.0060	0.2786	0.0030	0.2766	0.0012
	30	WLS	0.2621	0.0030	0.2676	0.0014	0.2707	0.0007	0.2730	0.0002
		KB	0.2790	0.0028	0.2774	0.0013	0.2758	0.0006	0.2752	0.0002
0.5	5	WLS	0.0368	0.0412	0.0188	0.0211	0.0090	0.0105	0.0038	0.0044
		KB	0.0373	0.0420	0.0189	0.0213	0.0090	0.0102	0.0038	0.0043
	10	WLS	0.0127	0.0114	0.0064	0.0056	0.0031	0.0027	0.0012	0.0011
		KB	0.0126	0.0114	0.0063	0.0055	0.0031	0.0026	0.0012	0.0011
	30	WLS	0.0035	0.0025	0.0017	0.0013	0.0008	0.0006	0.0003	0.0002
		KB	0.0034	0.0025	0.0017	0.0012	0.0008	0.0006	0.0003	0.0002
0.7	5	WLS	0.3010	0.0477	0.2863	0.0243	0.2823	0.0128	0.2756	0.0047
		KB	0.3165	0.0479	0.2943	0.0240	0.2864	0.0129	0.2777	0.0046
	10	WLS	0.2719	0.0127	0.2736	0.0062	0.2737	0.0030	0.2740	0.0012
		KB	0.2889	0.0124	0.2828	0.0060	0.2785	0.0030	0.2761	0.0012
	30	WLS	0.2614	0.0030	0.2676	0.0015	0.2709	0.0007	0.2730	0.0002
		KB	0.2793	0.0028	0.2772	0.0014	0.2759	0.0007	0.2753	0.0002
0.9	5	WLS	1.5597	0.0807	1.5919	0.0436	1.6164	0.0218	1.6299	0.0085
		KB	1.7151	0.0806	1.6719	0.0420	1.6579	0.0209	1.6499	0.0085
	10	WLS	1.4987	0.0232	1.5667	0.0114	1.5972	0.0055	1.6228	0.0021
		KB	1.6618	0.0206	1.6562	0.0106	1.6459	0.0052	1.6447	0.0020
	30	WLS	1.4729	0.0060	1.5495	0.0027	1.5922	0.0013	1.6215	0.0005
		KB	1.6505	0.0047	1.6450	0.0023	1.6436	0.0011	1.6440	0.0004