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ABSTRACT

In this thesis, an empirical likelihood method based on influence function is developed and used to construct confidence intervals for the Lorenz ordinates. This method is defined under the simple random sampling and the limiting distribution of the proposed empirical likelihood ratio statistic is a standard Chi-square distribution. Extensive simulation studies are conducted to evaluate the proposed empirical likelihood-based confidence intervals for the Lorenz ordinates. Finally, this method is used on a real income data as an application.

INDEX WORDS: Empirical likelihood, Influence function, Income distribution, Lorenz curve, Chi-square distribution.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- GSU - Georgia State University
- EL - Empirical Likelihood
- s.r.s - simple random sampling
- IF - Influence Function
- CI - Confidence Interval

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In economics, the Lorenz curve is a graphical representation of income distribution, where it shows the percentage of the total income that the bottom $(100 \cdot t)\%$ of households have. It was developed by Max O. Lorenz in 1905 [1] for representing inequality of the wealth distribution. If we put the income data in order, the Lorenz curve illustrates the percentage of total income earned by different proportions of the whole population. Let X be a non-negative random variable with a cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ and assume that $F(x)$ is differentiable, Gastwirth (1971)[2] provided a definition of Lorenz curve as below:

$$\eta(t) = \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^{\xi_t} x dF(x), \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad (1.1)$$

where $\mu = \int_0^{\infty} x dF(x)$ is the mean of the distribution F , and $\xi_t = F^{-1}(t)$ is the t -th quantile of F . For a fixed $t \in [0, 1]$, the Lorenz ordinate $\eta(t)$ is the ratio of, the mean income of the lowest t -th fraction of householders, and, the mean income of total householders. Figure 1.1 is a graph describing Lorenz curve [3].

The Lorenz curve has been widely used in different disciplines. In the field of economics and social sciences, it provides a way for the partial ordering of income distributions (Atkinson, 1970)[4], and analyzing income and earning inequality (Doiron and Barrett, 1996[5]; Sen, 1973[6]). The analysis of Lorenz curve have also been applied in industrial concentration (Hart, 1971)[7], reliability (Gail and Gastwirth, 1978)[8], and medical and health services research (Chang and Halfon, 1997[9]; Hallas and Stovring, 2006[10]).

However, the income distribution F is rarely known in practice, so we need to estimate the Lorenz curve from the sample income data. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an independent sample from F , then the Lorenz curve can be empirical estimated by

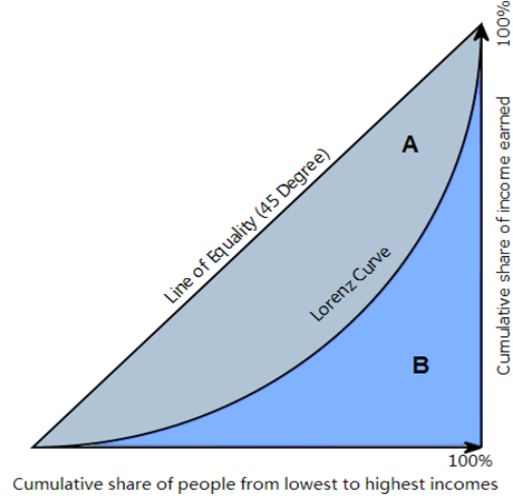


Figure 1.1 Lorenz Curve

$$\hat{\eta}(t) = \frac{1}{\hat{\mu}} \int_0^{\hat{\xi}_t} x dF_n(x), \quad (1.2)$$

where $\hat{\mu}$ is the sample mean, F_n is the empirical distribution function of the sample, $\hat{\xi}_t = \inf \{y : F_n(y) \geq t\}$ is the t -th sample quantile.

Beach and Davison (1983)[11] has developed the asymptotic theory for $\hat{\eta}$. However, the existing normal approximation-based inferential methods have poor performance when the population distribution F is skewed and t falls in the tails of the Lorenz curve.

Empirical likelihood (EL), introduced by Owen (1988[12], 1990[13]), is a powerful non-parametric method. Hall and La Scala (1990)[14] discussed its advantage over the normal approximation-based methods. Over last two decades, EL has been widely applied in many areas such as survey sampling, medical studies, and econometrics. In the area of survey sampling, Chen and Qin (1993)[15] proposed EL-based inferences for finite populations with auxiliary information. In the area of health care, Zhou et al. (2006)[16] developed EL-based inferences in censored cost regression models and showed EL-based method outperforms the existing methods. Chen and Qin (2003)[17] developed EL-based inferences for data containing observations that are zero. Qin, Yang and Belinga (2013)[18] observed that most income data are skewed or highly skewed in economics study, so they developed new EL-based

methods to make inferences for the Lorenz curve like hybrid bootstrap and EL approach.

In this thesis, a new approach is proposed by using empirical likelihood methods based on influence function (Zheng, Zhao and Yu, 2012)[19] to make inference for Lorenz curve. In Chapter 2, the profile empirical likelihood (EL) ratio statistic for Lorenz ordinate under simple random sampling (s.r.s) is reviewed, and the asymptotic distribution of the statistic is shown to be a scaled Chi-square distribution (Qin et al, 2013)[18]. In Chapter 3, the empirical likelihood based on influence function (IF) for Lorenz curve with simple random sampling is introduced and the asymptotic distribution of the empirical likelihood ratio statistic can be shown to be a standard Chi-square distribution, which is easier to be applied to real problems than those methods in Qin et al (2013)[18]. And in Chapter 4, my simulation study shows that the proposed influence function-based empirical likelihood confidence interval has good coverage probability under different nominal levels. In Chapter 5, a real data analysis is conducted. Finally, there are some discussions and conclusions, as well as some possible future work.

CHAPTER 2

A REVIEW OF EMPIRICAL LIKELIHOOD FOR THE LORENZ CURVE WITH SIMPLE RANDOM SAMPLE

2.1 Empirical Likelihood

Let (X_1, \dots, X_n) be a simple random sample from the population of X with cumulative distribution function F . For a fixed $t \in (0, 1)$, the Lorenz ordinate $\eta(t)$ satisfies:

$$E[X(I(X \leq \eta_t) - \eta(t))] = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Thus, the empirical likelihood for $\eta(t)$ can be defined as:

$$\tilde{L}_1(\eta(t)) = \sup_{\mathbf{p}} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n p_i : \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i D_i(t) = 0 \right\}, \quad (2.2)$$

where $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is a probability vector, $D_i(t) = X_i[I(X_i \leq \xi_t) - \eta(t)]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

2.2 Profile Empirical Likelihood

After substituting $\hat{\xi}_t = X_{[nt]}$, the t -th quantile estimated from sample, we have the profile empirical likelihood for $\eta(t)$:

$$L_1(\eta(t)) = \sup_{\mathbf{p}} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n p_i : \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \hat{D}_i(t) = 0 \right\}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $\hat{D}_i(t) = X_i[I(X_i \leq \hat{\xi}_t) - \eta(t)]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

A unique maximum for \mathbf{p} exists if $\eta(t)$ is inside the convex hull of $\left\{ X_1[I(X_1 \leq \hat{\xi}_t) - \eta(t)], \dots, X_n[I(X_n \leq \hat{\xi}_t) - \eta(t)] \right\}$. By Lagrange multiplier method, the supremum is achieved at

$p_i = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ 1 + \nu(t) \hat{D}_i(t) \right\}^{-1}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\nu(t)$ is the solution to:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{D}_i(t)}{1 + \nu(t) \hat{D}_i(t)} = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

So the profile empirical likelihood ratio for $\eta(t)$ can be defined as:

$$R_1(\eta(t)) = \prod_{i=1}^n (np_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \{1 + \nu(t) \hat{D}_i(t)\}^{-1}. \quad (2.5)$$

And the corresponding profile empirical log-likelihood ratio for $\eta(t)$ is:

$$l_1(\eta(t)) = -2 \log R_1(\eta(t)) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log \{1 + \nu(t) \hat{D}_i(t)\}. \quad (2.6)$$

We have the following theorem from Qin et al (2013)[18].

Theorem 2.1 If $E(X^2) < \infty$, and $\eta(t_0) = E[XI(X \leq \xi_{t_0})]/E(X)$ for a given $t = t_0 \in (0, 1)$, then the limiting distribution of $l_1(\eta(t_0))$ is a scaled Chi-square distribution with degree of freedom 1.

That is,

$$r_1 l_1(\eta(t_0)) \rightarrow^{\mathcal{L}} \chi_1^2,$$

$$r_1 = s_p^2(t_0)/s_d^2(t_0),$$

$$s_p^2(t_0) = \int_0^\infty \{x[I(x \leq \xi_{t_0}) - \eta(t_0)]\}^2 dF(x),$$

$$s_d^2(t_0) = \int_0^\infty \{(x - \xi_{t_0})[I(x \leq \xi_{t_0}) - x\eta(t_0)]\}^2 dF(x) - (t_0 \xi_{t_0})^2.$$

This Theorem can be used to construct confidence intervals for the Lorenz ordinates.

CHAPTER 3

INFLUENCE FUNCTION-BASED EMPIRICAL LIKELIHOOD FOR THE LORENZ CURVE WITH SIMPLE RANDOM SAMPLE

In the previous chapter, we can see if we want to construct confidence interval for the Lorenz ordinates, we need to find the unknown scale r_1 , which is complicated. If we take advantage of the influence function when using empirical likelihood, the limiting distribution of the log-likelihood ratio statistic would be a standard chi-square distribution. Thus, we do not need to estimate the unknown scale. So in this chapter, influence function-based empirical likelihood for the Lorenz curve with simple random sample is introduced.

From results in Qin et al (2013)[18], we can derive:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(t_0) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i [I(X \leq \xi_{t_0}) - \eta(t_0)]) \\
 &= \sqrt{n} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \xi_{t_0}) I(X_i \leq \xi_{t_0}) + t_0 \xi_{t_0} - X_i \eta(t_0)] \right\} + o_p(1) \\
 &= \sqrt{n} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i, \eta(t_0)) \right\} + o_p(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $g(X_i, \eta(t_0))$ is called the influence function, and

$$g(X_i, \eta(t_0)) = (X_i - \xi_{t_0}) I(X_i \leq \xi_{t_0}) + t_0 \xi_{t_0} - X_i \eta(t_0). \quad (3.1)$$

Then, based on the estimated influence function $\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))$, where $\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0)) = (X_i - \hat{\xi}_{t_0}) I(X_i \leq \hat{\xi}_{t_0}) + t_0 \hat{\xi}_{t_0} - X_i \eta(t_0)$, we can define the influence function-based empirical likelihood for $\eta(t_0)$ as:

$$L_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = \sup_{\mathbf{p}} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n p_i : \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0)) = 0 \right\}. \quad (3.2)$$

And the empirical likelihood ratio based on the estimated influence function can be

defined as:

$$R_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = \prod_{i=1}^n (np_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \{1 + \nu_{IF}(t_0)\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))\}^{-1}, \quad (3.3)$$

where ν_{IF} is the solution to:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))}{1 + \nu_{IF}(t_0)\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))} = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

And the corresponding influence function-based empirical log-likelihood ratio for $\eta(t_0)$ is:

$$l_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = -2\log R_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 + \nu_{IF}(t_0)\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))\}, \quad (3.5)$$

Then the following result gives the limiting distribution of the empirical likelihood based on influence function:

Theorem 3.1 If $E(X^2) < \infty$, and $\eta(t_0) = E[XI(X \leq \xi_{t_0})]/E(X)$ for a given $t = t_0 \in (0, 1)$, then the limiting distribution of $l_{IF}(\eta(t_0))$ is a standard Chi-square distribution, i.e., $l_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) \rightarrow \chi_1^2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

This theorem makes it much easier to construct confidence interval for the Lorenz ordinates than the profile empirical likelihood method. And Theorem 3.1 can be proved by using Theorem 2.1 in Zhang, Zhao and Yu (2012)[19]. Based on Theorem 3.1, a $(1 - \alpha)$ level asymptotic confidence interval for Lorenz ordinate $\eta(t)$ can be constructed as $R_{IF} = \{\eta(t) : l_{IF}(\eta(t)) \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2\}$.

CHAPTER 4

SIMULATION STUDY

In this chapter, we're going to use simulation study to evaluate our method. First, recall the $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval is defined as $R_{IF} = \{\eta(t) : l_{IF}(\eta(t)) \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2\}$, equivalently, we have $p(\eta(t) \in R_{IF}) = (1 - \alpha) + o(1)$. In the simulation study, the coverage probabilities and the average lengths of the confidence intervals at different t 's are calculated to evaluate our method.

The coverage probabilities are calculated following these procedures:

1. Generate X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n from a distribution F , n is the sample size.
2. Calculate $\eta(t_0)$ for fixed t_0 , solve $\nu_{IF}(t_0)$ and get the value of log-likelihood $l_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = -2\log R_{IF}(\eta(t_0)) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log\{1 + \nu_{IF}(t_0)\hat{g}(X_i, \eta(t_0))\}$.
3. Repeat 1 and 2 for B (a large number) times, then calculate the coverage probability:

$$\frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B I(\eta(t_0) \in R_{IF,b}) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B I(l_{IF,b}(\eta(t_0)) \leq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2). \quad (4.1)$$

At the same time, the average lengths of the 95% confidence intervals are calculated from the generated samples.

When generating samples, we should notice that most income distributions are positively skewed, so the choice of underlying distribution F should be a positively skewed distribution.

Then we choose six different simulation settings as follows:

$$n = 100, B = 10000, X_i \sim Weibull(1, 2)$$

$$n = 200, B = 10000, X_i \sim Weibull(1, 2)$$

$$n = 400, B = 10000, X_i \sim Weibull(1, 2)$$

$$n = 100, B = 10000, X_i \sim beta(2, 5)$$

$$n = 200, B = 10000, X_i \sim beta(2, 5)$$

$$n = 400, B = 10000, X_i \sim beta(2, 5)$$

$t = (0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, \dots, 0.85, 0.9)$, $\alpha = 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.05$

After the simulation, results are shown in the Appendices. In Appendix A, Figure A.1 - Figure A.12 show the coverage probabilities. From these results, we observe that the coverage probabilities of those confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates are closer to the nominal levels (0.9, 0.95) as sample size increases. When t_0 falls in the lower and upper tails of Lorenz curve, the coverage probabilities are relatively lower than the nominal level. But as the sample size increases, this problem is less severe. In general, these confidence intervals have good coverage probabilities. These results are also shown in the Appendix B, Table B.1 and Table B.2. In Table B.3, it shows the average lengths of the 95% confidence intervals of Lorenz ordinates. To summary, the proposed method is a good way to construct confidence intervals for the Lorenz ordinates.

CHAPTER 5

A REAL EXAMPLE

In this chapter, I apply the influence function-based empirical likelihood method to make inference for Lorenz curve with a real income data.

Income inequality is a significant economic problem. The rising of the inequality is the highest in the United States among most developed countries (Weeks, 2007)[20]. By constructing confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates at different t , we can discuss how the income inequality is in the United States and have a general view of the inequality.

The income data was selected from the database - The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) - from the University of Michigan. It is called the 2011 PSID Main Family Data, which contains two variables: 2011 Family Interview (ID) Number and Total Family Income-2010. The income reported here was collected in 2011 about tax year 2010. Please note that this variable can contain negative values. Negative values indicate a net loss, which in waves prior to 1994 were bottom-coded at \$1, as were zero amounts. These losses occur as a result of business or farm losses. There are in total 8907 households in this dataset.

A brief summary of this income data is shown below:

| Table 5.1 Summary of Income Data (amount in US\$) | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>Min.</i> | <i>1stQu.</i> | <i>Median</i> | <i>Mean</i> | <i>3rdQu.</i> | <i>Max.</i> |
| -70000 | 22620 | 45880 | 64870 | 83000 | 2420000 |

The histogram (Figure 5.1) shows that this income data is severely positively skewed. We applied our method and calculated the 95% confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates at different t 's. The results are shown in Table B.4. For example, when $t = 0.1$, the 95% confidence interval is (0.003349568, 0.01156908), it means the ratio of the mean income of the lowest 10% households and the mean income of total households is greater than 0.0033,

but smaller than 0.0116. In other words, the percentage of the income of the lowest 10% households out of the total households is between 0.33% and 1.16%. On the other hand, at $t = 0.9$, the 95% confidence interval is (0.648726902, 0.66399601), so the the ratio of the mean income of the lowest 90% households and the mean income of the total households is greater than 0.6487, but smaller than 0.6640. Similarly, the percentage of the income of the lowest 90% households out of total households is between 64.87% and 66.40%. That means, the top 10% households owned almost 35% percent of the total income in total households in 2010. This is a huge difference between the lower 10% and the upper 10% households, which indicates the severity of the income inequality.

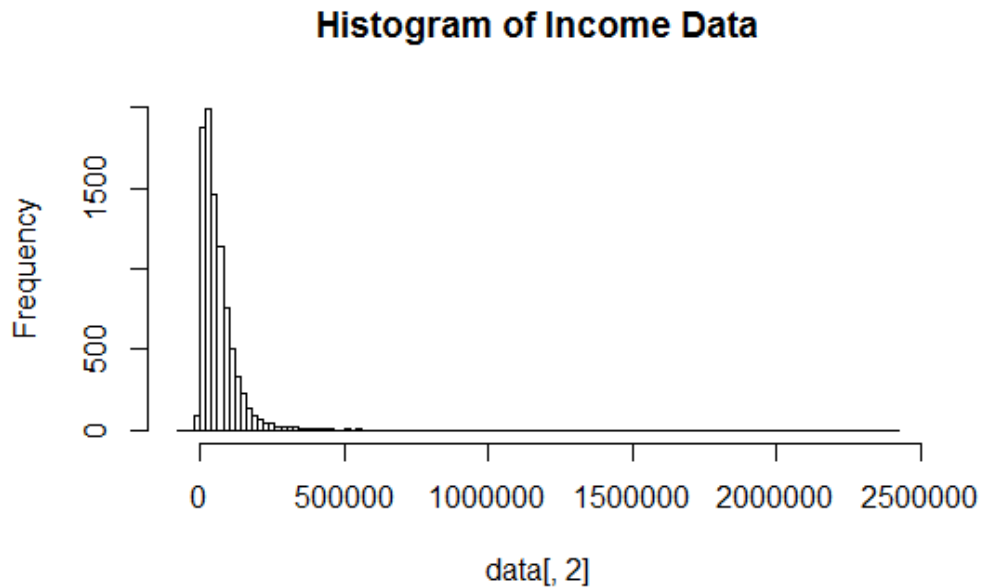


Figure 5.1 Histogram of Income Data

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSIONS

In this thesis, an empirical likelihood method based on influence function is developed and used to construct confidence intervals for the Lorenz ordinates. This method is defined under the simple random sampling and the limiting distribution of the proposed empirical likelihood ratio statistic is a standard Chi-square distribution. Comparing with the profile empirical likelihood, we get rid of the constant scale which is complicated to calculate.

Simulation results shows good coverage probability and average lengths of the confidence intervals. This interval also has good coverage probabilities even at the lower and upper tail of the Lorenz curve, which gives us a better way to make inferences on Lorenz curve.

The real data example shows the confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates at different t 's, which give us a general view of the income inequality and how severe it is in the United States.

In the future, I will compare my method with the plug-in empirical likelihood method and the Jackknife empirical likelihood inferences for Lorenz curve to find the best one among these methods to make inferences for the Lorenz curve.

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Appendix A

FIGURES FOR SIMULATION STUDY

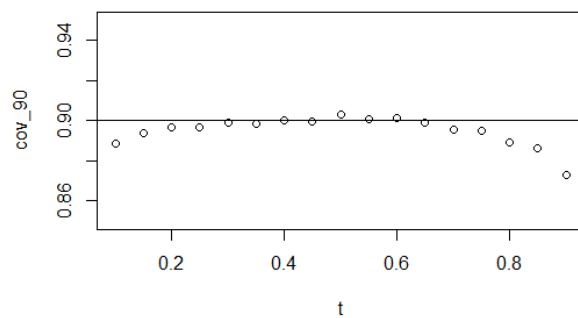


Figure A.1 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates (n=100, Weibull(1,2))

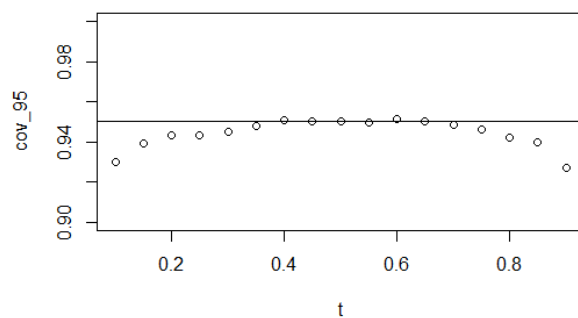


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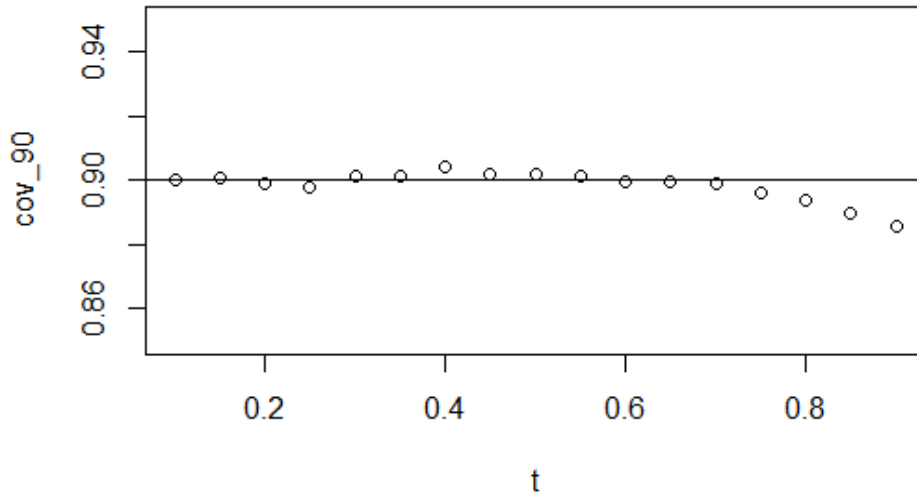


Figure A.3 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=200, \text{Weibull}(1,2)$)

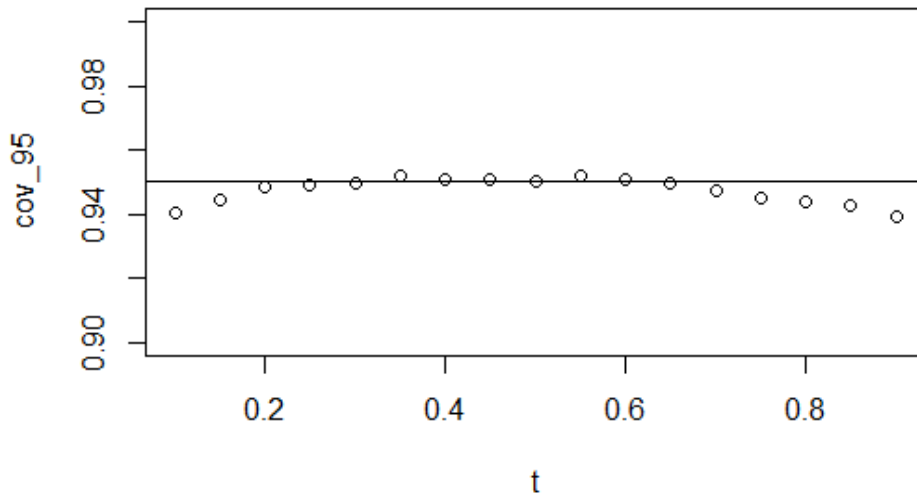


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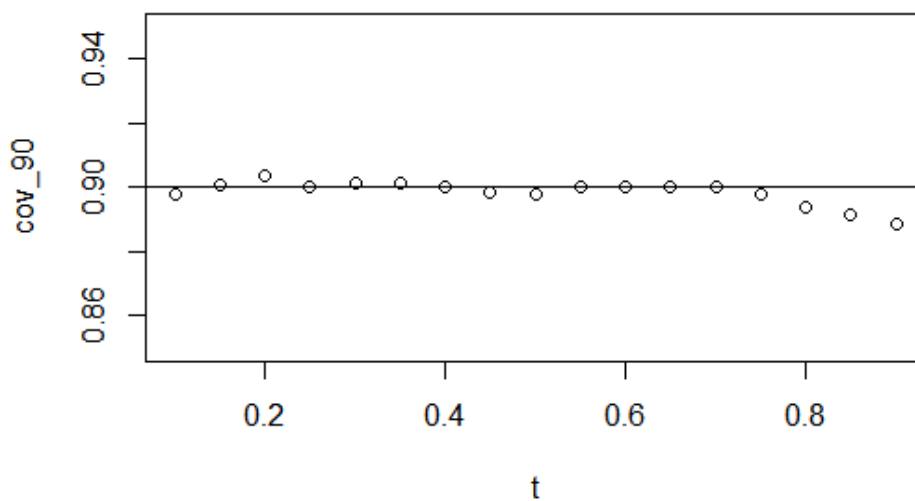


Figure A.5 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=400, \text{Weibull}(1,2)$)

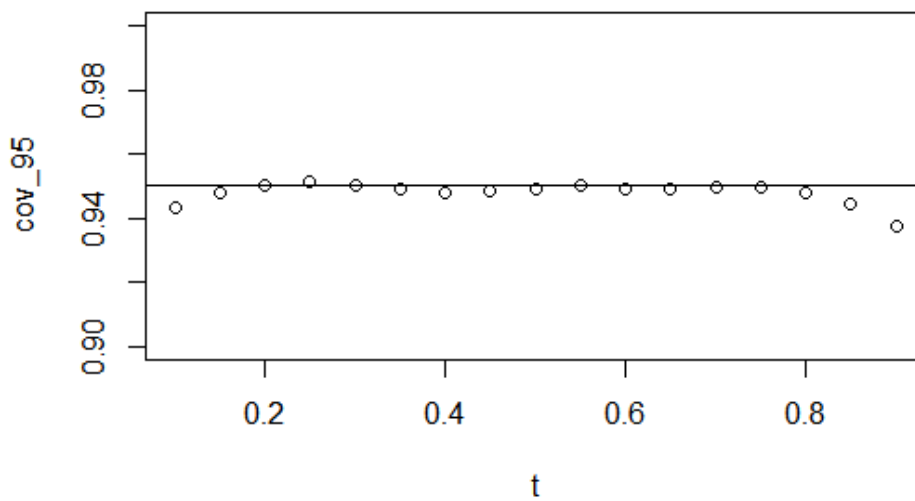


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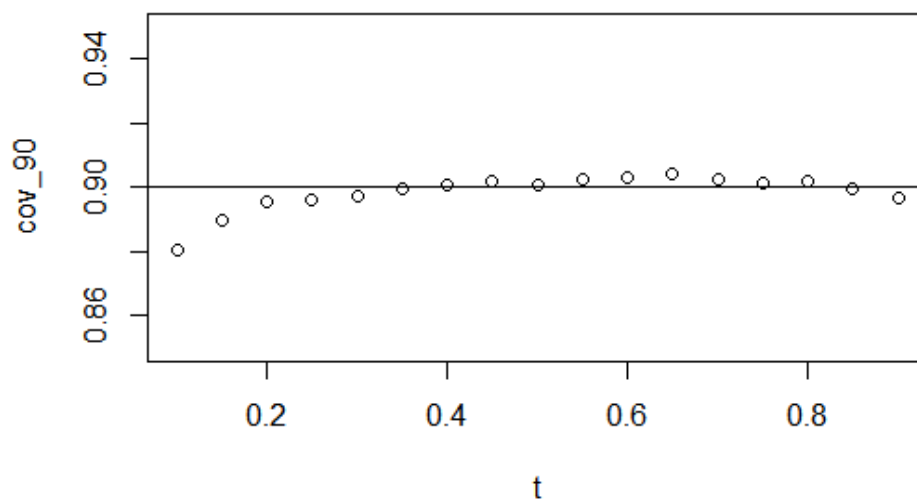


Figure A.7 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=100, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

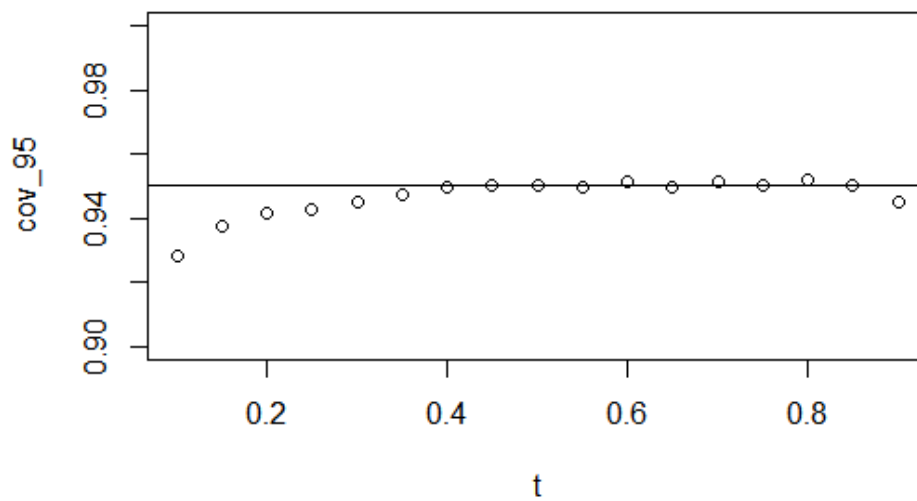


Figure A.8 Coverage probabilities of 95% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=100, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

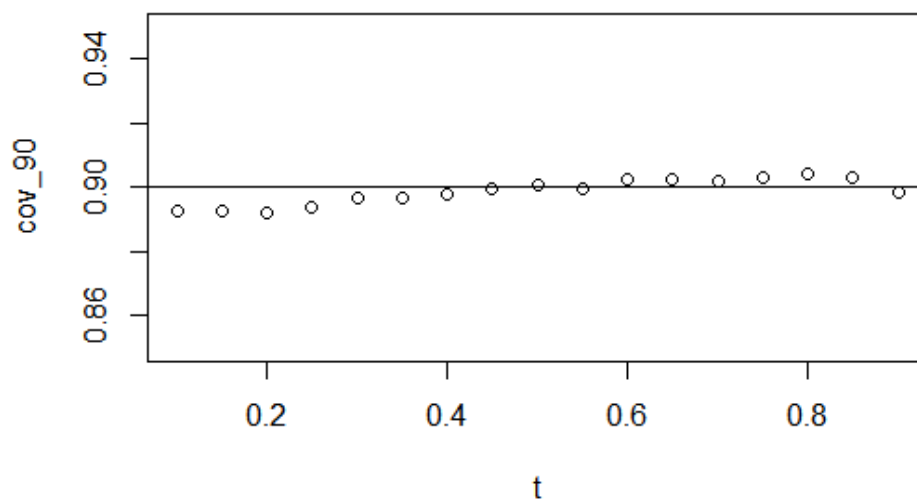


Figure A.9 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=200, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

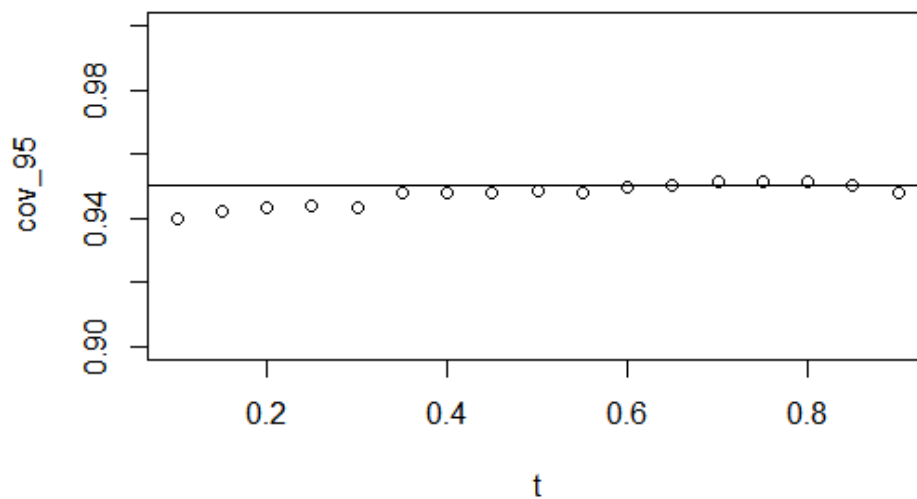


Figure A.10 Coverage probabilities of 95% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=200, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

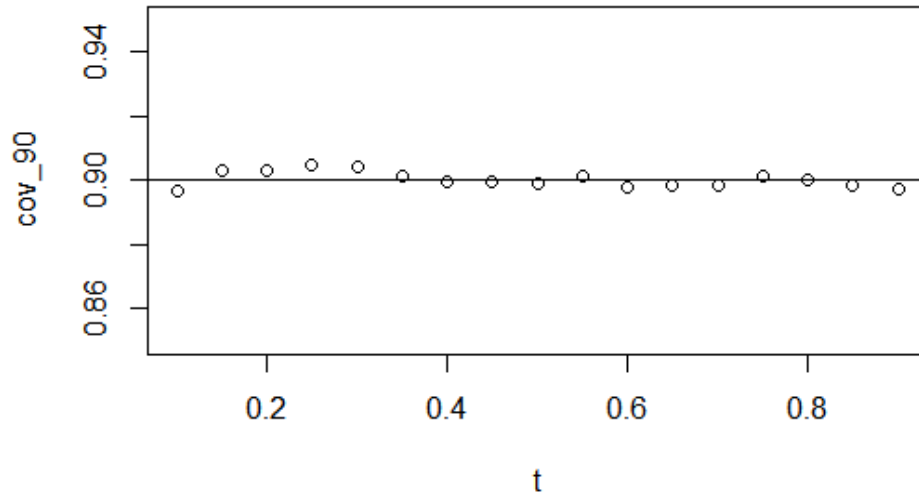


Figure A.11 Coverage probabilities of 90% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=400, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

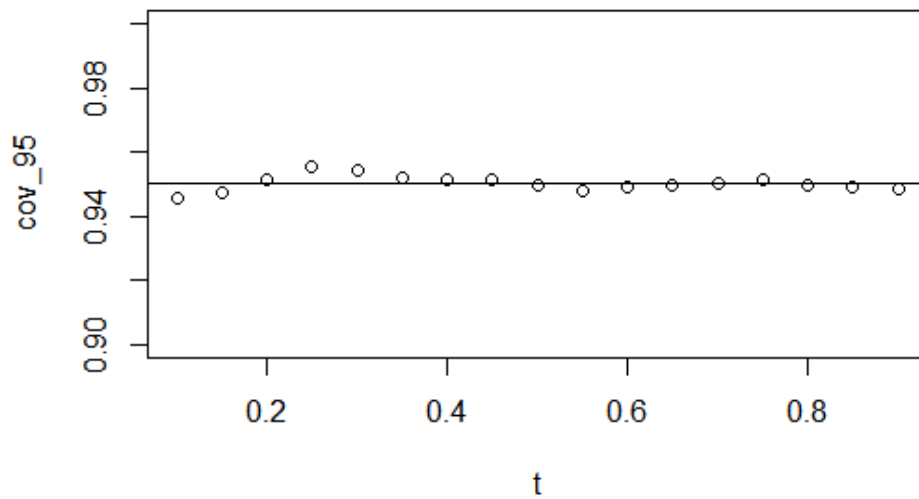


Figure A.12 Coverage probabilities of 95% level confidence intervals for Lorenz ordinates ($n=400, \text{beta}(2,5)$)

Appendix B

COVERAGE PROBABILITIES AND AVERAGE LENGTHS OF CONFIDENCE INTERVALS

Table B.1 Coverage probabilities (Weibull(1,2))

| $1 - \alpha$ n | 0.9 | | | 0.95 | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 100 | 200 | 400 | 100 | 200 | 400 |
| t=0.10 | 0.8889 | 0.9001 | 0.8977 | 0.9299 | 0.9401 | 0.9435 |
| t=0.15 | 0.8936 | 0.9008 | 0.9010 | 0.9393 | 0.9444 | 0.9478 |
| t=0.20 | 0.8970 | 0.8990 | 0.9038 | 0.9434 | 0.9486 | 0.9502 |
| t=0.25 | 0.8967 | 0.8982 | 0.9001 | 0.9433 | 0.9491 | 0.9513 |
| t=0.30 | 0.8993 | 0.9014 | 0.9016 | 0.9452 | 0.9499 | 0.9503 |
| t=0.35 | 0.8987 | 0.9012 | 0.9014 | 0.9481 | 0.9519 | 0.9493 |
| t=0.40 | 0.9000 | 0.9041 | 0.9002 | 0.9507 | 0.9506 | 0.9481 |
| t=0.45 | 0.8994 | 0.9021 | 0.8986 | 0.9502 | 0.9508 | 0.9485 |
| t=0.50 | 0.9029 | 0.9019 | 0.8978 | 0.9501 | 0.9504 | 0.9491 |
| t=0.55 | 0.9011 | 0.9016 | 0.9003 | 0.9497 | 0.9517 | 0.9501 |
| t=0.60 | 0.9013 | 0.8999 | 0.9004 | 0.9513 | 0.9506 | 0.9488 |
| t=0.65 | 0.8988 | 0.8997 | 0.9005 | 0.9501 | 0.9494 | 0.9491 |
| t=0.70 | 0.8957 | 0.8990 | 0.9001 | 0.9483 | 0.9471 | 0.9495 |
| t=0.75 | 0.8949 | 0.8964 | 0.8977 | 0.9460 | 0.9449 | 0.9498 |
| t=0.80 | 0.8890 | 0.8941 | 0.8936 | 0.9421 | 0.9436 | 0.9480 |
| t=0.85 | 0.8861 | 0.8899 | 0.8917 | 0.9400 | 0.9426 | 0.9444 |
| t=0.90 | 0.8732 | 0.8858 | 0.8888 | 0.9270 | 0.9391 | 0.9373 |

Table B.2 Coverage probabilities (Beta(2,5))

| $1 - \alpha$ n | 0.9 | | | 0.95 | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 100 | 200 | 400 | 100 | 200 | 400 |
| t=0.10 | 0.8806 | 0.8927 | 0.8968 | 0.9283 | 0.9396 | 0.9455 |
| t=0.15 | 0.8896 | 0.8925 | 0.9030 | 0.9372 | 0.9420 | 0.9474 |
| t=0.20 | 0.8958 | 0.8922 | 0.9034 | 0.9414 | 0.9433 | 0.9516 |
| t=0.25 | 0.8964 | 0.8936 | 0.9048 | 0.9426 | 0.9437 | 0.9556 |
| t=0.30 | 0.8973 | 0.8970 | 0.9044 | 0.9452 | 0.9433 | 0.9540 |
| t=0.35 | 0.8998 | 0.8965 | 0.9015 | 0.9475 | 0.9477 | 0.9518 |
| t=0.40 | 0.9007 | 0.8980 | 0.8999 | 0.9496 | 0.9479 | 0.9512 |
| t=0.45 | 0.9022 | 0.8998 | 0.8999 | 0.9504 | 0.9477 | 0.9514 |
| t=0.50 | 0.9006 | 0.9010 | 0.8988 | 0.9504 | 0.9483 | 0.9495 |
| t=0.55 | 0.9026 | 0.8998 | 0.9015 | 0.9497 | 0.9478 | 0.9480 |
| t=0.60 | 0.9034 | 0.9023 | 0.8981 | 0.9513 | 0.9494 | 0.9491 |
| t=0.65 | 0.9045 | 0.9025 | 0.8985 | 0.9497 | 0.9500 | 0.9498 |
| t=0.70 | 0.9026 | 0.9021 | 0.8983 | 0.9512 | 0.9512 | 0.9504 |
| t=0.75 | 0.9016 | 0.9031 | 0.9013 | 0.9504 | 0.9513 | 0.9515 |
| t=0.80 | 0.9022 | 0.9043 | 0.9005 | 0.9522 | 0.9514 | 0.9496 |
| t=0.85 | 0.8998 | 0.9030 | 0.8985 | 0.9503 | 0.9502 | 0.9493 |
| t=0.90 | 0.8966 | 0.8985 | 0.8976 | 0.9452 | 0.9477 | 0.9486 |

Table B.3 Average lengths of 95% confidence intervals

| <i>Distn.</i> n | <i>Weibull</i> | | | <i>Beta</i> | | |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 100 | 200 | 400 | 100 | 200 | 400 |
| t=0.10 | 0.00945357 | 0.00692476 | 0.0535361 | 0.0323008 | 0.0264231 | 0.0268866 |
| t=0.15 | 0.01454205 | 0.01002360 | 0.0537866 | 0.0351350 | 0.0283931 | 0.0276706 |
| t=0.20 | 0.02128002 | 0.01450925 | 0.0539807 | 0.0385226 | 0.0309470 | 0.0286824 |
| t=0.25 | 0.02901595 | 0.01989264 | 0.0546131 | 0.0424714 | 0.0335878 | 0.0300119 |
| t=0.30 | 0.03727772 | 0.02568766 | 0.0550189 | 0.0466611 | 0.0360278 | 0.0315837 |
| t=0.35 | 0.04603719 | 0.03179192 | 0.0560467 | 0.0511770 | 0.0382981 | 0.0332935 |
| t=0.40 | 0.05489759 | 0.03816266 | 0.0571385 | 0.0555562 | 0.0405042 | 0.0348211 |
| t=0.45 | 0.06401218 | 0.04462963 | 0.0557727 | 0.0595336 | 0.0427314 | 0.0359971 |
| t=0.50 | 0.07303239 | 0.05117023 | 0.0527874 | 0.0626508 | 0.0447654 | 0.0368143 |
| t=0.55 | 0.08177513 | 0.05760901 | 0.0523597 | 0.0650283 | 0.0464122 | 0.0373429 |
| t=0.60 | 0.09041622 | 0.06378781 | 0.0510167 | 0.0664787 | 0.0474715 | 0.0376683 |
| t=0.65 | 0.09833928 | 0.06958508 | 0.0504515 | 0.0668277 | 0.0477620 | 0.0377743 |
| t=0.70 | 0.10517143 | 0.07477144 | 0.0530669 | 0.0659313 | 0.0471970 | 0.0376009 |
| t=0.75 | 0.11056774 | 0.07896507 | 0.0560403 | 0.0636315 | 0.0456557 | 0.0371167 |
| t=0.80 | 0.11345419 | 0.08166692 | 0.0580766 | 0.0596822 | 0.0430609 | 0.0362429 |
| t=0.85 | 0.11281494 | 0.08199173 | 0.0585355 | 0.0537300 | 0.0396800 | 0.0344566 |
| t=0.90 | 0.10596554 | 0.07808131 | 0.0568427 | 0.0458065 | 0.0360526 | 0.0314706 |

Table B.4 Pointwise 95% Confidence Intervals for Lorenz Ordinates

| | <i>Real Data</i> $n = 8907$ | |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| | lower | upper |
| t=0.10 | 0.003349568 | 0.01156908 |
| t=0.15 | 0.007994029 | 0.02480974 |
| t=0.20 | 0.028432227 | 0.03147866 |
| t=0.25 | 0.043483721 | 0.04775264 |
| t=0.30 | 0.060762805 | 0.06709955 |
| t=0.35 | 0.083463703 | 0.09009548 |
| t=0.40 | 0.108935447 | 0.11638391 |
| t=0.45 | 0.138160473 | 0.14754500 |
| t=0.50 | 0.175101618 | 0.18135262 |
| t=0.55 | 0.211608438 | 0.21973006 |
| t=0.60 | 0.254046440 | 0.26303637 |
| t=0.65 | 0.294915464 | 0.31141553 |
| t=0.70 | 0.349759799 | 0.36487000 |
| t=0.75 | 0.410361397 | 0.42512349 |
| t=0.80 | 0.479237680 | 0.49364741 |
| t=0.85 | 0.557037935 | 0.57158249 |
| t=0.90 | 0.648726902 | 0.66399601 |