PARAMETER ESTIMATION BY TYPE-2 FUZZY LOGIC IN CASE THAT DATA SET HAS OUTLIER

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ABSTRACT. One of the problems encountered in estimating the unknown parameters of the regression models is the presence of outliers in the data set. This situation may cause problems in providing some assumptions such as the normal distribution for the parameter estimation process and the homogeneity of the variances. The case of the presence of outlier observations in the data set, estimation methods based on fuzzy logic that can be minimized the level of impact of this data are emerged as available methods. If fuzzy logic is used in regression analysis, there are two main steps for parameter estimation. The first of these is to define the clusters that compose the data set, and the other is calculate the degree of membership to determining the contributions of the data to each model for the clusters. In this study, type-2 fuzzy clustering algorithm defined as an expansion of fuzzy c-means algorithm in the determination of membership degrees of data sets was benefited. The presence of outliers in the data set is addressed. An algorithm has been proposed to estimate the unknown belonging to parameters of the regression model using the membership degrees obtained relating to the cluster elements. The parameters were estimated using regression methods to examine the effectiveness of the algorithm that called robust methods, and the results obtained were compared.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of fuzzy sets was first described by Zadeh in 1965 with his work Fuzzy Sets [1]. The fuzzy c-means method was introduced by Dunn in 1973. The method was developed with the studies carried out by Bezdek [2]. Zadeh et al. published their studies on fuzzy sets and their application to decision processes in 1975 [3]. The fuzzy c-means algorithm developed by Bezdek et al., includes euclidean, diagonal and mahalanobis distance measurements and the output from
this algorithm is controlled by validity criteria [4]. Mendel and John precisely
defined type-2 fuzzy sets and used the expansion principle for type-2 fuzzy sets in
2002 [5].

They discussed the uncertainty of the $m$ fuzzifier parameter of the fuzzy $c$-means
algorithm, and they defined the $m$ parameter as the interval number. The fuzzy $c$-means algorithm that include $m$ fuzzifier parameter uncertainty is applied type
reduction, and solutions are obtained in 2007 [6]. Dalkilic and Apaydin determined
the optimal class number using the validity criterion when the independent variables
had an exponential distribution and has been made parameter prediction using
fuzzy neural network [7]. Juang et al. proposes a repetitive type-2 Fuzzy Neural
Networks (FNN) for dynamic system processing. The self-developing network is
a structure that does not require a pre-assignment task and can automatically
develop its parameters according to the training data [8]. Fazel Zarandi et al.
suggested a new type-2 fuzzy $c$-regression clustering method for the application
of the steel industry in the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) system identification stage and
the model was tested on the actual data set from a steel company [9]. Enke and
Mehdiyev proposed the use of a hybrid model for the estimation of short-term
US interest rates. The model consists of fuzzy type-2 inferential neural network
that performs input pretreatment with multiple regression analysis and fuzzy type-
2 clustering based on differential evolution. The proposed model was applied to
estimate US 3-Month T-bill ratios in 2013 [10]. In 2015, Kalhori and Fazel Zarandi
presents a new approach to type-2 fuzzy clustering. This approach proposed to
separating clusters that does not use only the distance from the centers, and a new
validity index is suggested to determine the optimal number of clusters [11]. In
2016, Golsefid and Zaranid present an algorithm for clustering. In the clustering
algorithm that developed according to the dicentric type-2 fuzzy clustering model,
the centers of the clusters are defined by the double object. There are no type
reduction or blurring steps in this algorithm [12]. In 2016, Hwak proposed a method
for the design of the linear regression and this method is designed using Type-2
Fuzzy C-Means (T2FCM) clustering. This clustering approach takes into account
the uncertainty associated with the fuzzification factor when estimating cluster
centers. The method was also supported by experimental results [13]. Rubio et al.
presented an extension of the Fuzzy Possibilistic C-Means (FPCM) algorithm. In
this algorithm, Type-2 Fuzzy Logic Techniques were used to increase the efficiency
of the Fuzzy Probabilistic C-Means (FPCM) method. In addition, the performance
of the method was controlled by experimental data [14].

In this study, membership degrees for cluster elements are obtained by using
type-2 fuzzy clustering algorithm, and an algorithm has been proposed for the
regression model to include these degrees based on parameter estimates. The situ-
ation of the outlier observation in the data set was discussed, and estimation values
from the parameters obtained based on type-2 fuzzy clustering were obtained.
Remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In the second part of the study, type-2 fuzzy clustering method was described. In the third section, definitions of robust regression methods to be used in comparison were given briefly. In the fourth section, an algorithm was proposed for parameter estimation based on the type-2 fuzzy membership. In the application part, Proposed algorithm for data set that has outlier, and estimates concerning models obtained using regression methods were compared.

2. Fuzzy Clustering Based Type-2 Fuzzy Logic

While equal fuzzifier index is given to each set-in type-1 fuzzy clustering, the fuzzifier index is defined as an interval in type-2 fuzzy clustering. Different fuzzifier index is given each cluster. Performance loss is prevented with description when sets have different set volumes. First, volumes of the sets obtained with fuzzy clustering algorithm are determined. Fuzzifier indexes based on obtained volumes and cluster center based on these fuzzifier indexes are calculated. The objective function values are determined based on the principle of minimizing the distance between cluster centers and cluster elements [15].

The center value and membership values are updated until the objective function reaches the smallest target value. Fuzzifier indexes that have the optimal center value and membership degrees are determined, and observations are divided into sets based on obtained membership degrees. The parameters of the linear regression model related clusters are estimated based on the membership degree that obtained from type-2 fuzzy clustering.

In the clustering that based on type-2 fuzzy logic, the objective function that calculated for interval $m = [m_1, m_2]$ defined as

$$J_{m_1} (U, v) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{c} u_{m_1 j}^i d_{ji}^2,$$

$$J_{m_2} (U, v) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{c} u_{m_2 j}^i d_{ji}^2.$$  (1)

The aim of the function given by the Eq. (1) is minimizing the error. In the system of Eq. (1), $m_1$ and $m_2$ are the fuzzifier index of the first and second sets, respectively. The weighted least squares function $J_{m_1} (U, v)$ is the sum of the weighted error squares of the first set and $J_{m_2} (U, v)$ is the sum of the weighed error squares of the second set, and $d_{ji}^2 = \|x_i - v_j\|^2$ is used to express the distance between data and cluster centers. Type-2 fuzzy clustering algorithm that is based on the aim of the function that given by Eq. (1) can be given by the following steps [16, 17].
Step 1: Initial values given as: $c$: number of sets, $m_1$ and $m_2$: fuzzifier indexes of the first and second sets, $U$: matrix showing the membership degrees and $\varepsilon$: termination criterion, are determined.

Step 2: Set centers are calculated using $U$ matrix fuzzifier indexes $m$ which is arbitrarily determined in first step and $m = [m_1, m_2]$ fuzzifier parameters,

$$v_{Lj} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^{m_1} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^{m_1}}, \quad j = 1, ..., c,$$

$$v_{Rj} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^{m_2} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^{m_2}}, \quad j = 1, ..., c. \quad (2)$$

Step 3: $\pi_{ji}$ and $u_{ji}$ are indicates the upper membership degree and the lower membership degree respectively [6]. These degrees updated with Eq. (3) and Eq. (4).

$$\pi_{ji} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)^{1/m_1}}, & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)_{1/m_1}} < \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \\
\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)^{2/m_2}}, & \text{in other situations}
\end{array} \right. \quad (3)$$

$$u_{ji} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)^{1/m_2}}, & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)_{1/m_2}} \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \\
\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{d_{ji}}{\varepsilon_{ki}} \right)^{2/m_2}}, & \text{in other situations}
\end{array} \right. \quad (4)$$

Step 4: When the $v_{Lj}$ and $v_{Rj}$ are indicated the centers that obtained by using $m_1$ and $m_2$ respectively Eq. (5) is used to type-reduction for set centers.

$$v_j = \frac{v_{Lj} + v_{Rj}}{2}, \quad j = 1, ..., c \quad (5)$$

Step 5: Type-reduction process is also performed for membership degrees with Eq. (6).

$$u_{ji} = \frac{\pi_{ji} + u_{ji}}{2}, \quad j = 1, ..., c; \quad i = 1, ..., n \quad (6)$$

Step 6: Type-reduction process performed for objective functions of weighted sets with Eq. (7).

$$J(U, v) = \frac{J_{m_1}(U, v) + J_{m_2}(U, v)}{2} \quad (7)$$
Step 7: If \(\|v_{L(t)} - v_{L(t-1)}\| < \varepsilon\) and \(\|v_{R(t)} - v_{R(t-1)}\| < \varepsilon\) the iteration is ended. In other case it returns to Step 2.

3. Robust Regression Methods

In the case of an outlier in the data set, the resulting regression model moves away from observations other than the outlier by the effect of the outliers. Residues of observations other than outliers are increased. In Robust analysis, it is assumed that these deviations do not significantly affect the performance of the algorithm [18]. In the case of Robust regression analysis with outlier, parameter estimation that is less affected by the Least Square Method (LSM) is obtained [19]. In this study, estimations were obtained by using M methods from Robust methods. The M method minimizes the function of the residues rather than minimizing the sum of the squares of the residuals. Regression coefficients are obtained by the minimizing the sum.

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho\left(\frac{y_i - \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{ij}\beta_j}{d}\right) \tag{8}
\]

Huber's \(\rho\) function is defined as

\[
\rho(z) = \begin{cases} 
\frac{z^2}{2} & |z| \leq k \\
|z| & |z| > k 
\end{cases} 
\tag{9}
\]

\[
d = \frac{\text{median}|r_i - \text{median}(r_i)|}{0.6745}
\]

where \(k\) is called tuning constant and \(k\) is set at 1.5. Sometimes the numerator of \(d\) is called the median of the absolute deviations (MAD) [20].

Hampel \(\Psi\) function is defined as

\[
\Psi(z) = \begin{cases} 
|z| & 0 < |z| \leq a \\
asgn(z) & a < |z| \leq b \\
a(\frac{c - |z|}{c - b}) \text{sgn}(z) & b < |z| \leq c \\
0 & c < |z|
\end{cases} 
\tag{10}
\]

\[
\text{sgn}(z) = \begin{cases} 
+1 & z > 0 \\
0 & z = 0 \\
-1 & z < 0
\end{cases}
\]
Constant values are selected as $a = 1.7$, $b = 3.4$ and $c = 8.5$ in general [21].

Andrews (sinus estimate) $\Psi$ function is defined as

$$\Psi(z) = \begin{cases} 
\sin(z/k) & |z| \leq k\pi \\
0 & |z| > k\pi 
\end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where if the scale is known, $k = 1.339$ requires a premium of 5% otherwise $k = 1.5$ or $k = 2.1$ [19].

Tukey’s two weighted estimate, $\Psi$ function is defined as

$$\Psi(z) = \begin{cases} 
z(1 - (z/k)^2)^2 & |z| \leq k \\
0 & |z| > k 
\end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where if the scale is known, $k = 4.685$ implies a premium of 5% otherwise $k = 5$ or $k = 6$ [19, 20].

4. PARAMETER ESTIMATION BASED ON TYPE-2 FUZZY LOGIC WHEN DATA SET HAS OUTLIER

The general purpose of the regression analysis is to determine the mathematical structure of the functional relationship between the dependent variable $Y$ and independent variables $X_1, \ldots, X_p$. Determination of the mathematical structure is carried out by estimating regression coefficients ($\beta$).

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \ldots + \beta_p X_p + \varepsilon \quad (13)$$

The least square method is one of the important methods used to estimate the parameters of the linear regression model that given by Eq. (13). The important assumptions to use this method; that error terms related to the model should have normal distribution with zero-averaged and fixed variance. This assumption is expressed mathematically with $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. Estimators of the regression coefficients denoted by $\hat{\beta}$ and determinate by,

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y. \quad (14)$$

The estimators of the dependent variable $Y$ is shown as $\hat{Y}$ and determined by

$$\hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta}. \quad (15)$$

The error for the linear regression model that expressed as the difference between observation values $Y$ and estimation values $\hat{Y}$ is given by,
\[ \varepsilon = (Y - \hat{Y}). \] (16)

In classical regression analysis, the observations that make up the dataset belong to a single class. If the data set has different distributions in regression analysis, different methods should be used in parameter estimation, other than classical methods. These methods do not have to provide the necessary assumptions to use the classical method. If the data set has different distributions, fuzzy methods are among the methods that do not require the assumptions of classical regression.

First step of fuzzy regression analysis is to determine the different clusters for the data set and the other is to obtain the degrees of membership to be used in the prediction process.

In the process of separating data with different distributions into clusters, fuzzy clustering algorithms suitable for distribution are used. With fuzzy clustering algorithms, the degree of membership is determined for each cluster. These membership degrees are used to weight the data. Parameters of the regression model are determined to have a minimum error using data that weighted by fuzzy membership degree.

Using the type-2 fuzzy clustering process, the algorithm proposed for parameter estimation of the regression model for data weighted by membership degrees given by the following steps,

Step 1: Beginning values given as; \( c \): number of sets, \( m \): fuzzifier indexes of the first and second sets, \( U \): matrix showing the degrees of membership and \( \varepsilon \): termination criterion, are determined.

Step 2: Set centers are calculated using \( U \) matrix and fuzzifier indexes \( m \);

\[ v_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^m x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{ji}^m}, \quad j = 1, ..., c. \] (17)

Step 3: Objective function that depend on membership degree and set centers is calculated by,

\[ J(U, v) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{c} u_{ji}^m \|x_i - v_j\|^2. \] (18)

Step 4: Membership degrees of each set are updated with,

\[ u_{ji} = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{c} \left( \frac{\|x_i - v_j\|}{\|x_i - v_k\|} \right)^{2/m}}. \] (19)

Step 5: Set centers and objective function are updated with Eq. (17) and Eq. (18) by use the new membership degrees.
Step 6: If the difference between the membership degree in $t^{th}$ step and the membership degree in $(t - 1)^{th}$ step is smaller than $\varepsilon$ stops. It means that the optimal membership degrees and center are calculated.

Step 7: The membership degrees obtained from Eq. (19) are used to cluster the data set. $m_1$ and $m_2$ fuzzifier indexes are calculate and set centers based on fuzzifier indexes are calculated with Eq. (2) given in Section (2). Objective functions values that according to these centers are calculated by using Eq. (1) that given in Section (2).

Step 8: To reduce the type of fuzziness type-reduction applied to the set centers by use the Eq. (5) and, objective function value calculated by use the Eq. (7) given in Section (2).

Step 9: To clustering that use type-2 fuzzy logic, membership degrees determined by Eq. (3) and Eq. (4), and type-reduction operation is applied to the membership degree by Eq. (6).

Step 10: After the center value in $t^{th}$ step and in $(t - 1)^{th}$ step is calculated, the difference between them is determined. If the difference is less than termination criterion $\varepsilon$ for existing sets the optimal center and membership degree achieved.

Step 11: Estimate the linear regression model’s parameters are realized by using membership degree as weight with obtained from type-2 fuzzy clustering [6].

Independent variable is weight by membership degree

$$X_{W_i(\text{Type-2})} = u_{ij(\text{Type-2})}x_j, \quad i = 1, \ldots, c; \quad j = 1, \ldots, n$$  \hspace{1cm} (20)

and model parameters are obtained by,

$$\hat{B}_{i(\text{Type-2})} = (\left(x_ju_{ij(\text{Type-2})}\right)^\prime x_j)^{-1}\left(\left(x_ju_{ij(\text{Type-2})}\right)^\prime Y_j\right),$$

$$\quad i = 1, \ldots, c; \quad j = 1, \ldots, n_i. \hspace{1cm} (21)$$

The estimated values are calculated by,

$$\hat{Y}_{i(\text{Type-2})} = X_{W_i(\text{Type-2})}\hat{B}_{i(\text{Type-2})}, \quad i = 1, \ldots, c.$$  \hspace{1cm} (22)

Step 12: Error related to the models measured as

$$\varepsilon_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_i} (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{n}. \hspace{1cm} (23)$$

The model that has the smallest error is used as estimated linear regression model.
5. Application

In this application, which will be discussed to determine the effectiveness of the proposed algorithm to obtain the linear regression model the dataset contains a dependent and an independent variable and set has 61 pairs of observations. Scatter chart of the data that are shown in Figure 1.

As can be seen from Figure 1, there are five outliers in the dataset. Observation values, estimation values for the all related methods and the error amounts related to the estimations are given in Table 1. In Table 2, models generated by the parameters obtained using related methods and the amount of error calculated from the models.

A graph of error for the models obtained using the relevant methods are shown in Figure 2.

6. Results and Discussion

As a result, estimations that obtained with determined of fuzzy parameters in proposed algorithm for parameter estimation, and the results obtained by robust regression methods in the literature are compared. As a result of the seven methods examined, error amounts were obtained. The errors amount belonging to these
| X  | Y  | Type 1 - | Type 2 - |
|----|----|----------|----------|
| 1  | 1  | 4.3849  | 4.5611  |
| 1.5| 2  | 4.5040  | 4.7445  |
| 2  | 3  | 4.6202  | 4.8357  |
| 2.5| 4  | 4.7015  | 4.9169  |
| 3  | 5  | 4.7702  | 4.9743  |

Table 1. Predictions values for related method and error values of related predictions

| X  | Y  | Huber - | Hampel - |
|----|----|---------|----------|
| 4  | 0.5| 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 5  | 0.5| 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 1  | 1  | 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 1.5| 2  | 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 2  | 3  | 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 2.5| 4  | 3.9181  | 3.9086  |
| 3  | 5  | 3.9181  | 3.9086  |

Error

| Type 1 - | 4.2857  |
|----------|---------|
| Type 2 - | 4.2760  |
Figure 2. Error amount graph belonging to data.

Table 2. Linear regression models and errors

| Methods           | Models                          | Errors           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Least Square Method | \( \hat{Y} = 1.1909 + 0.8119X \) | \( \epsilon_{LSM} = 4.7141 \) |
| Type-1 Fuzzy Clustering | \( \hat{Y}_1 = 3.5395 - 0.0920X_{1j} \) \( \hat{Y}_2 = 9.3577 - 0.0414X_{2j} \) | \( \epsilon_{Type-1} = 4.2887 \) |
| Type-2 Fuzzy Clustering | \( \hat{Y}_1 = 2.9495 + 0.1848X_{1j} \) \( \hat{Y}_2 = 9.3152 - 0.0601X_{2j} \) | \( \epsilon_{Type-2} = 4.2767 \) |
| Huber Method       | \( \hat{Y} = 0.1462 + 0.9414X \) | \( \epsilon_{Huber} = 5.0208 \) |
| Hampel Method      | \( \hat{Y} = 0.0564 + 0.9585X \) | \( \epsilon_{Hampel} = 5.0646 \) |
| Tukey Method       | \( \hat{Y} = 0.3949 + 1.0162X \) | \( \epsilon_{Tukey} = 5.4003 \) |
| Andrews Method     | \( \hat{Y} = 0.2010 + 0.9416X \) | \( \epsilon_{Andrews} = 4.9785 \) |

methods are obtained that LSM is 4.7141, type-1 fuzzy clustering is 4.2887, type-2 fuzzy clustering is 4.2767, Huber method is 5.0208, Hampel method is 5.0646, Tukey method is 5.4003, Andrews methods is 4.9785. As can be seen from the results, the model with the lowest error is the model obtained from type-2 fuzzy clustering. It can be said that if there are outlier observations in the data set, the method that using type-2 fuzzy clustering can be preferable as an effective method.

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