

Python Code Documentation

Function

EAS_VAR

Description

Performs graph selection for a vector autoregression model of order 1. Graph selection is taken to mean selecting the active/inactive components of the transition matrix. See the reference for further details.

Usage

EAS_VAR(\mathcal{Y} , \mathcal{X} , steps, burnin, p_o =None, N =None, weights=None)

Arguments

- \mathcal{Y} :** A $p \times n$ NumPy array of time-series values (increasing in time from left to right over the columns).
- \mathcal{X} :** A $p \times n$ NumPy array of lagged time-series values (increasing in time from left to right over the columns).
- steps:** The number of MCMC steps.
- burnin:** The number of initial *steps* to discard.
- p_o :** Upper bound on the number of predictors in the true model. Default is $\min\{p^2, n\}$.
- N :** The number of importance samples used to estimate $E(h(\beta_M))$ within the pseudo-marginal MCMC. Default is 200.
- weights:** The weights used for proposing which components to make active or inactive as the MCMC samples index sets $G \subset \{1, \dots, p^2\}$. Default is to use squared coefficient estimates from elastic net, via the `ElasticNetCV` function from the ‘`sklearn.linear_model`’ Python module, added by one tenth of the minimum squared coefficient estimate from elastic net if the elastic net estimates a nonempty model, else the weights are uniform.

Values

- chain:** A $(steps - burnin) \times p^2$ NumPy array containing the MCMC sample path (or trace) over index sets G , after *burnin* number of steps.

- postSample:** A NumPy array containing the indices (in each row) for every G visited in the MCMC sample path.
- postProbs:** A list containing the relative frequencies for which each of the index sets G in *postSample* was visited in the MCMC sample path.
- AcceptRatio:** The number of MCMC steps in which a proposed index set G was accepted.
- d*: The d parameter value used in the h -function (see reference).

References

J P Williams, Y Xie, and J Hannig (2019+). The EAS approach for graphical selection consistency in vector autoregression models. *Submitted*.