

## A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF LOCAL COMPOSITE QUANTILE REGRESSION IN DIFFUSION MODELS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we delve into the realm of Composite Quantile Regression (CQR) for parameter estimation within the context of diffusion models. While CQR has found utility in classical linear regression models and general non-parametric regression models, it has yet to be explored extensively in the domain of diffusion models. The diffusion model we consider operates within the framework of a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (F_t)_{t \geq 0}, P)$ , described by the stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = \beta(t)b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dW_t,$$

where  $\beta(t)$  is a time-dependent drift function,  $\sigma(\cdot)$  and  $b(\cdot)$  are known functions. Notably, this model encompasses several renowned option pricing models and interest rate term structure models, including Black and Scholes (1973), Vasicek (1977), Ho and Lee (1986), and Black, Derman, and Toy (1990), among others.

Our exploration of CQR in diffusion models seeks to provide a robust framework for estimating regression coefficients in scenarios with intricate dynamics. By extending CQR to this domain, we aim to enhance our understanding of parameter estimation in diffusion models and contribute valuable insights to financial modeling and related fields.

**Keywords:** Composite Quantile Regression, Diffusion Models, Parameter Estimation, Financial Modeling, Stochastic Differential Equation.

### 1. Introduction

Composite quantile regression (CQR) is proposed by Zou and Yuan (2008) for estimating regression coefficients in classical linear regression models. More recently, Kai et al. (2010) considers a general non-parametric regression models by using CQR method. However, to our knowledge, little literature has researched parameter estimation by CQR in diffusion models. This motivates us to consider estimating regression coefficients under the framework of diffusion models. In this paper, we consider the diffusion model on a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (F_t)_{t \geq 0}, P)$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad dX_t = \beta(t)b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t)dW_t,$$

$\beta(t)$   $W_t$  is the standard Brownian motion.  $b(\cdot)$  and  $\sigma(\cdot)$  are known

where  $\beta(t)$  is a time-dependent drift function and functions. Model (1.1) includes many famous option pricing models and interest rate term structure models, such as Black and Scholes (1973), Vasicek (1977), Ho and Lee (1986), Black, Derman and Toy

(1990) and so on.  $\beta(t)$

We allow being smooth in time. The techniques that we employ here are based on local linear fitting (see Fan and Gijbels (1996)) for the time-dependent parameter. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we propose the local linear composite quantile regression estimation for the drift parameter and study its asymptotic properties. The asymptotic relative efficiency of the local estimation with respect to local least squares estimation is discussed in Section 3. The proof of result is given in Section 4.

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## 2. Local estimation of the time-dependent parameter

$\{X_{ti}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad t^1 \leq t^2 \leq \dots \leq t^{n+1}$ . Denote

Let the data be equally sampled at discrete time points,

$Y_{ti} = X_{ti} - 1 \leq X_{ti} \leq W_{ti} - 1 \leq W_{ti}$ , and  $i = ti - 1 \leq ti$ . Due to the independent increment property of Brownian motion

$W_{ti}, \Delta Y_{ti}$  are independent and normally distributed with mean zero and variance  $\Delta t$ . Thus, the discretized version of the model (1.1) can be expressed as

$$(2.1) \quad Y_{ti} = \Delta Y_{ti} + b(X_{ti}) \Delta t + \Delta Z_{ti}$$

$\Delta Z_{ti} \sim N(0, \Delta t)$ . The first-order discretized

where are independent and normally distributed with mean zero and variance approximation error to the continuous-time model is extremely small according to the findings in Stanton (1997) and Fan and Zhang (2003), this simplifies the estimation procedure.

Suppose the drift parameter  $b(t)$  to be twice continuously differentiable in  $t$ . We can take  $b(t)$  to be local  $t_0$ , we use the approximation linear fitting. That is, for a given time point

$$(2.2) \quad b(t) \approx b(t_0) + b'(t_0)(t - t_0)$$

for  $t$  in a small neighborhood of  $t_0$ . Let  $h$  denote the size of the neighborhood and  $K(\cdot)$  be a nonnegative weighted function.  $h$  and  $K(\cdot)$  are the bandwidth parameter and kernel function, respectively. Denoting  $\Delta t = t - t_0$  and

$\Delta Y_{ti} \approx b'(t_0) \Delta t$ , (2.2) can be expressed as

$$(2.3) \quad b(t) \approx b(t_0) + b'(t_0)(t - t_0)$$

$b(t)$

Now we propose the local linear CQR estimation of the drift parameter. Let

$k$

$$\Delta Y_{ti} = Y_{ti} - Y_{t_0}$$

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$\Delta Y_{ti}$

following the local CQR technique,  $b(t)$  can be estimated via minimizing the locally weighted CQR loss

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^q \{ [b(X_{ti}) - b(t_0)] + \Delta Z_{ti} \} K_h(t_i - t_0)$$

$t_i - t_0$  where  $h$  and  $K_h$  is a properly selected bandwidth. Denote the minimizer of the locally weighted

$$(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \dots, \hat{\beta}_q, \hat{\beta}_1)'$$

CQR loss (2.4) by  $\hat{\beta}$ . Then, we let

$q$

$$(2.5) \quad \hat{\beta}(t_0) = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2(t - t_0)$$

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We refer to  $\hat{\beta}(t_0)$  as the local linear CQR estimation of  $b(t_0)$ , for a given time point  $t_0$ . To obtain the

$\hat{\beta}(\cdot)$  estimated function, we usually evaluate the estimations at hundreds of grid points.

In order to discuss the asymptotic properties of the estimation, we introduce the following assumptions.

Throughout this paper,  $M$  denotes a positive generic constant independent of all other variables.

$b(\cdot) \in C(\mathbb{R})$

(A1) The functions  $b(\cdot)$  and  $K(\cdot)$  in model (1.1) are continuous.

$K(\cdot) \in C(\mathbb{R})$

(A2) The kernel function  $K(\cdot)$  is a symmetric and Lipschitz continuous function with finite support  $[-M, M]$

$h = h(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(A3) The bandwidth  $h$  and  $F(\cdot)$   $f(\cdot)$

Let  $F(\cdot)$  and  $f(\cdot)$  be the cumulative density function and probability density function of the error,  $g(\cdot)$   $[a, b]$  respectively.  $\tau$  denotes the density function of time, usually a uniform distribution on time interval  $[a, b]$ .

Define

$$\hat{f}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u^j K(u) du, \quad \hat{f}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n u^j K^2(u) du, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad R(q) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q''(k) f(k) f(k') dk$$

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$$q''(k) = \frac{1}{h} \left[ f(k+h) - f(k-h) \right]$$

$k \in F^{-1}([k, k'])$  and  $k' = k + h$  where

$\hat{f}(t_0)$

**Theorem 2.1** Under assumptions (A1)-(A3), for a given time point  $t_0$ , the local CQR estimation from (2.5) satisfies,

$$(2.7) \quad E[\hat{f}(t_0)] = f(t_0) + \frac{1}{2} f''(t_0) h^2 + o(h^2)$$

$$(2.8) \quad Var[\hat{f}(t_0)] = \frac{1}{n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(k) dk + o(n^{-1})$$

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and, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad \sqrt{nh} \{ \hat{f}(t_0) - f(t_0) - \frac{1}{2} f''(t_0) h^2 \} \xrightarrow{L} N(0, \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(k) dk + R(q))$$

$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(k) dk + R(q)$

$\xrightarrow{L}$  means convergence in distribution.

where

### 3. Asymptotic relative efficiency

We discuss the asymptotic relative efficiency (ARE) of the local linear CQR estimation with respect to the local linear least squares estimation (see Fan and Gijbels (1996)) by comparing their mean-squared errors (MSE). From

$\hat{f}(t_0)$ . That is, theorem 2.1, we obtain the MSE

$$(3.1) \quad MSE[\hat{f}(t_0)] = \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{1}{2} f''(t_0)^2 h^4 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(k) dk \right] + o(h^4)$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(k) dk + R(q)$$

We obtain the optimal bandwidth via minimizing the MSE (3.1), denoted by

$$h_{opt}(t_0) = \left[ \frac{1}{n} \frac{R''(q)}{g(t_0)b'(X_{t_0})} \right]^{-\frac{1}{5}} \frac{1}{5}$$

$\hat{\eta}(t_0)$ , denoted by  $\hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0)$ , is The MSE of the local linear least squares estimation of

$$(3.2) \quad MSE[\hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0)] = \frac{1}{n} \frac{[R''(t_0)]^2 h^4}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{h^4} + o(h^4)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{h^4} + o(h^4)$$

and the optimal bandwidth is

$$h_{opt}^{LS}(t_0) = \left[ \frac{1}{n} \frac{R''(q)}{g(t_0)b'(X_{t_0})} \right]^{-\frac{1}{5}} \frac{1}{5}$$

By straightforward calculations, we have, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$MSE[\hat{\eta}(t_0)]$$

Thus, the ARE of the local linear CQR estimation with respect to the local linear least squares estimation is

$$(3.3) \quad ARE(\hat{\eta}(t_0), \hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0)) = \frac{MSE[\hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0)]}{MSE[\hat{\eta}(t_0)]}$$

(3.3) reveals that the ARE depends only on the error distribution. The ARE we obtained is equal to that in Kai el.(2010).

$ARE(\hat{\eta}(t_0), \hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0))$  for some commonly seen error distributions. Table 1 in Kai Table 3.1 displays el.(2010) can be seen as ARE for more error distributions.

**Table 3.1: Comparisons of  $ARE(\hat{\eta}(t_0), \hat{\eta}^{LS}(t_0))$  for the values of  $q$**

Error	$q = 1$ $q = 5$	$q = 9$ $q = 19$	$q = 99$
$N(0,1)$	0.6968 0.9339	0.9659 0.9858	0.9980
Laplace	1.7411 1.2199	1.1548 1.0960	1.0296
$0.9N(0,1)$ $0.1N(0,10^2)$	4.0505 4.9128	4.7069 3.5444	1.1379

From Table 3.1, we can see that the local linear CQR estimation is more efficient than the local linear least squares estimation when the error distribution is not standard normal distribution. When the error distribution is

$N(0,1)$  and  $q \in 1,5,9,19,99$ , the  $ARE(\hat{\beta}(t_0), \hat{\beta}^{LS}(t_0))$  is very close to 1, which demonstrates that the local linear

CQR estimation performs well when the error conforms to the standard normal distribution too.

#### 4. Proof of result

$S_{11} \quad S_{12} \quad S_{22}$

$S_{11} \quad S_{12} \quad S_{22}$

In order to prove theorem 2.1, we first give some notations and lemmas. Let  $S_{21} \quad S_{22}$ , and

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$S_{11} \quad S_{12} \quad S_{22}$

$S_{21} \quad S_{22}$ , where  $S_{11}$  is a  $q \times q$  diagonal matrix with diagonal elements  $f(c_k), k = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ,

$q$

$S_{11} \quad f(c)$

$S_{12} = (f(c_1), f(c_2), \dots, f(c_q))^T$ ,  $S_{21} = S_{12}^T$  and  $S_{22} = \sum_{k=1}^q k^2$ .  $S_{11}$  is a  $q \times q$  matrix with  $(k, k')$  -

$S_{11}(k, k') = \sum_{i=1}^q k_i k'_i$ ,  $S_{12}(k, k') = \sum_{i=1}^q k_i k'_i$ ,  $S_{22}(k, k') = \sum_{i=1}^q k_i^2 k'^2_i$

$S_{21} = S_{12}^T$ ,  $S_{22} = \sum_{i=1}^q k_i^2 k'^2_i$

element, and.

$S_{11} \quad S_{12} \quad S_{22}$

Furthermore, let  $\sqrt{ok} \quad o \quad k \quad \sqrt{1} \quad o \quad u \quad nh \quad (t) \quad to \quad c$

$1 \quad ti \quad to \quad di, k \quad i, k \quad uk \quad ck \quad r \quad i$

and  $nh \quad h$ . Write  $(ti \quad to)$ .

$S_{11} \quad S_{12} \quad S_{22}$

Define  $i, k$  to be  $ti \quad k \quad i, k \quad titi \quad k$ . Let  $n \quad 11 \quad 12$

$1q \quad 1(q \quad 1) \quad w1 \quad (q \quad 1) \quad 1 \quad q \quad \sqrt{n} \quad i, k \quad Kh(ti \quad to) \quad ti \quad to$

$w1k \quad \sqrt{n} \quad i, k \quad Kh(ti \quad to), k \quad 1, 2,$

$nh \quad i \quad 1$ , and  $nh \quad k \quad 1 \quad i \quad 1 \quad h$ .

**Lemma 4.1** Under assumption (A1)-(A3), minimizing (2.4) is equivalent to minimizing the following term:

$q \quad n \quad i^*, k \quad Kh(ti \quad to) \quad q \quad n \quad i^*, k \quad Kh(ti \quad to)(ti \quad to) \quad q$

$L_n(\cdot) \quad uk \quad v \quad B_{n,k}(\cdot)$

$k \quad 1 \quad i \quad 1 \quad k \quad 1 \quad i \quad 1 \quad k \quad 1$

$I \quad Z \quad c \quad d$

$b(X) \quad (X) \quad W \quad (w, w, w, w / )$

$\frac{1}{n} \quad T \quad S_n \quad (W_n^*)^T \quad op(1)$

$\frac{2}{n} \quad (u, u, u, u)$

$\frac{1}{n} \quad q$  with respect to, where

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$\frac{1}{n} \quad q$

$$\frac{1}{n} \quad X_i \quad \sqrt{nh}$$

$$\sqrt{nh}$$

$$h \sqrt{nh}$$



approximation to  $\hat{g}_n(t)$  holds uniformly for  $t \in [t_0, t_0 + \delta]$ . Thus, we have

$$\sup_{t \in [t_0, t_0 + \delta]} |\hat{g}_n(t) - b(X_{t_0}) - S_{n-1} W_n^*| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

$$\overline{X_t} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ti}$$

Define  $\bar{X}_{ti} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_{tik}$  and  $W_n = (w_{11}, w_{12}, \dots, w_{1q})^T$  with  $w_{1k} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{X}_{ti} K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0)$ ,  $\phi_k(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \phi(\frac{t}{h})$ , and  $\phi_k(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \phi(\frac{t}{h})$ .

By using the central limit theorem and the Cramer-Wald theorem, we have

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{W_n - E(W_n)}{\sqrt{(q-1) \times (q-1) \text{Var}(W_n)}} \xrightarrow{L} N(0, I)$$

Notice that  $\text{Cov}(\bar{X}_{ti}, \bar{X}_{tj}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) K_h(t_j - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_j - t_0)$  and  $\text{Cov}(\bar{X}_{ti}, \bar{X}_{tj}) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . We have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_j(t_i - t_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_{kj}(t_i - t_0)$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = g(t_0). \quad W \sim N(0, g(t_0))$$

Thus,  $\hat{g}_n(t) \xrightarrow{p} g(t_0)$ . Combining the result (4.1), we have  $\hat{g}_n(t) \xrightarrow{L} g(t_0)$ . Moreover, we have

$$\text{Var}(w_{1k} - w_{1k}^*) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \text{Var}(\bar{X}_{ti})$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) [F(c_k) - F(c_k)] \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0)$$

And

$$\text{Var}(w_1(q-1) - w_1(q-1)^*) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \text{Var}(\bar{X}_{ti})$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \max_k [F(c_k) - F(c_k)] \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_h(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0) \phi_k(t_i - t_0)$$

$$\text{Var}(w_n^* - w_n) \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

Therefore, (1). Using Slutsky's theorem yields  $w_n \xrightarrow{L} N(0, g(t_0))$ .

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \gamma^t \left( S E(W_n) - L N(o, \frac{1}{2}) S(S) g(t_0) b(X_t) g(t_0) b(X_t) \right)$$
$$\frac{bias(\hat{t}_O) \leq 1}{g(t_0)b(X_{t_0})} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \frac{eqT \leq 1(S_{11}) \leq 1E(W_1 * n) q b(X_{t_0}) k \leq 1 q nh}{g(t_0)b(X_{t_0})}$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \square_1 \square(Xto) \square^q ck \square_{-1} \square(Xto) \square^n Ki \square_{q1} \square \square F(ck \square di, kb(Xto)) \square F(ck) \square \square, q b(Xto) k \square_1 q \\ & nh q(to) b(X to) i \square_1 k \square_1 f(ck) \square \square \square(X ti) \square \square \text{ where} \end{aligned}$$

$q$   
 $c$   $\square$   $o$   
 $z$   $\square$   $k$ , and

$$\frac{q}{F(c_k)} \cdot \frac{1}{F(c_k)} \cdot \frac{d_{i,kb}(Xi)}{(1 - op(1))} \cdot \frac{rb_i(Xi)}{q} \cdot f(c_k) \cdot X(t)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{\theta}_i(X_i) - \theta_0(X_i) \right)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_i(t) + o_p(1). \quad \text{Since}$$

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 $\square K_i \quad i \quad t_i \square 0 \quad 0 \quad t_0 \square_2 h^2(1 \square_{OP}(1))$ . We have  
 $nh \, i \square_1 \square(X \, t_i) \quad 2 \square(X \, t_0)$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{bias}(\hat{\square}(t_0)) \square \square''(t_0) \square_2 h^2 \square_{OP}(h^2). \quad \text{and} \quad \square^2(X)$$



$\overline{\overline{\text{This completes the proof.}}}$

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