

Chapter 1

Professor Hira Lal Koul's Contribution to Statistics

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Professor Hira Koul received his Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1967 under the supervision of Professor Peter Bickel. He has the unique distinction of being the first doctoral student of Professor Bickel. True to his training at Berkeley, in the initial years of his research career, he focused on developing asymptotic theory of statistical inference. He pioneered the approach of *Asymptotic Uniform Linearity* (AUL) as a theoretical tool for studying properties of the empirical process based on residuals from a semiparametric model. This approach has been widely employed by several authors in studying the asymptotic properties of tests of composite hypotheses, and has been a particularly powerful tool for deriving limit laws of goodness-of-fit tests. At around the same time, he also developed the theory of weighted empirical processes which played a fundamental role in the study of asymptotic distribution of robust estimators (e.g., Rank-based estimators and M -estimators) in linear regression models. An elegant account of the theory of weighted empirical processes for independent as well as dependent random variables is given in his monographs on the topic (Koul (1992, 2002)).

He has made significant contributions to several different areas of Statistics, including Asymptotic theory of efficient estimation, Bootstrap, Long-range dependence, Measurement Error, Robustness, Sequential Analysis, Survival Analysis, Nonlinear Time series, among others. In all his work, a common thread has been the

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use of rigorous mathematical arguments to derive useful statistical theory for estimation and testing. Here we highlight some of his major contributions to selected issues and problems to give a glimpse of the breadth and impact of his research. Building on his work on empirical processes, he developed asymptotic theory of minimum distance estimation in semi-parametric models. He also initiated the use of weighted empirical processes and repeatedly demonstrated its usefulness in studying limit distributions of classes of robust estimators, particularly the M - and R -estimators in regression models and in complex time series models. Starting in the 1980s, jointly with Professors V. Susarla and J. van Ryzin, he initiated the study of regression models in the presence of censoring and introduced the celebrated *Koul–Susarla–van Ryzin estimator* of the regression parameters in their 1980 *Annals of Statistics* paper. In contrast to its competitors, the Koul–Susarla–van Ryzin estimator is explicitly defined and easy to compute, which made it a popular choice among practitioners. Professor Koul further continued his work on censored data by establishing the Local Asymptotic Normality (LAN) property and results on asymptotic efficient estimation in semiparametric models.

Starting in the late 1980s, Professor Koul developed an interest in time series and Econometrics. He has made fundamental contributions to nonparametric and robust inference under complex temporal dependence structures, notably under long range dependence (LRD). In addition to developing asymptotic distributional theory for classes of robust estimators under LRD, jointly with Professor D. Surgailis, he derived higher order asymptotic expansions for M -estimators, which provided critical information into the structure of the successive smaller order terms. More recently, together with his long time collaborators Professors L Giraitis and D. Surgailis, he proved a Central Limit Theorem for periodogram based statistics under LRD requiring a weak Lindeberg-type condition. This is a highly effective tool for investigating asymptotic properties of such statistics, one that is bound to be used by researchers working with time series under LRD for years to come. The recent monograph, Koul, Giraitis and Surgailis (2013) gives an authoritative and detailed account of the statistical inference for time series under LRD, and contains many of Professor Koul's important results on the topic.

Many of Professor Koul's publications appeared in top-tier statistics journals. Given below is a chronological list of his publications to date.

Books:

1. *Weighted Empirical and Linear Models*. (1992). Lecture Notes-Monograph Series, 21, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Hayward, California.
2. *Weighted Empirical Processes in Dynamic Nonlinear Models*. 2nd Edition. (2002). Lecture Notes Series in Statistics, 166, Springer, New York, N.Y., USA.
3. *Large Sample Inference For Long Memory Processes* (2013). Imperial College Press. London, UK. (with L. Giraitis and D. Surgailis).

Papers:

1. Asymptotic behavior of the Wilcoxon type condence regions for the multiple linear regression. (1969). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **40** 1950–1979.
2. A class of ADF tests for the subhypotheses in the multiple linear regression. (1970). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **41** 1273–1281.
3. Some convergence theorems for ranks and weighted empirical cumulatives. (1970). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **41** 1768–1773.
4. Asymptotic normality of random rank statistics. (1970). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **41** 2144–2149.
5. Asymptotic behavior of a class of condence regions based on ranks in regression. (1971). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **42** 466–476.
6. Some asymptotic results on random rank statistics. (1972). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **43** 842–859.
7. Asymptotic normality of signed rank statistics. (1972). *Z. Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie, Verw. Geb.* **22** 293–300. (with R. G. Staudte, Jr.)
8. Weak convergence of weighted empirical cumulatives based on ranks. (1972). *Ann. Math. Statist.* **43** 832–841. (with R.G. Staudte, Jr.)
9. The Bahadur eciency of the Reimann-Vincze statistics. (1974). *Studia Scientiacarum Mathematicarum Hungarica* **9** 399–403. (with M.P. Quine)
10. Asymptotic normality of H-L estimators based on dependent data. (1975). *J. Inst. Statist. Math.* **27** 429–441.
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12. L^1 - rate of convergence for linear rank statistics. (1976). *Ann. Statist.* **4** 771–774. (with R.V. Erickson)
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15. A class of tests for new better than used. (1978). *Can. J. Statist.* **6** 249–471.
16. Testing for new is better than used in expectation. (1978). *Communications; Statist. Theory Meth.* **A7** 685–701.
17. Weighted empirical processes and the regression model. (1979). An invited paper for *J. of the Indian Statist. Assoc.* **17** 83–91.
18. Asymptotic tests of composite hypothesis for nonergodic type stochastic processes. (1979). *J. of Stoch. Proc. and Application* **9(3)** (with I.V. Basawa).
19. Some weighted empirical inferential procedures for a simple regression model. (1980). *Colloq. Math. Soc. Janos Bolyai* **32** 537–565.
20. Testing for new better than used in expectation with incomplete data. (1980). *J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.* **75** 952–956. (with V. Susarla).
21. A simulation study of some estimators of regression coefficients using censored data (1980). In *Proceedings of the annual meeting, American Statistical Association.* (with V. Susarla and J. Van Ryzin).
22. Regression analysis with randomly right censored data. (1981). *Ann. Statist.* **9** 1276–1288. (with V. Susarla and J. Van Ryzin).
23. A limit theorem for testing with randomly censored data. (1981). In *Survival Analysis, IMS Lecture Notes* **2** 189–205. (with V. Susarla).
24. Multi-step estimation of regression coecients in a linear model with censored survival data. (1981). In *Survival Analysis, IMS Lecture-Notes Monograph Series* **2** 85–100. (with V. Susarla and J. Van Ryzin).
25. Least square regression analysis with censored survival data. (1982). In *Topics in Applied Statistics* 151–165. (Eds: Chaubey, Y.P. & Dwivedi). T.D. Marcel Dekker, N.Y. (with V. Susarla and J. Van Ryzin).
26. Asymptotically minimax tests of composite hypotheses for nonergodic type processes. (1983). *J. of Stoch. Proc. & Applications* **14**. (with I.V. Basawa).

27. Minimum distance estimation in a linear regression. (1983). *Ann. Statist.* **11** 921–932. (with T. Dewet).
28. Adaptive estimation in regression. (1983). *Statistics and Decisions* **1** 379–400. (with V. Susarla).
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30. LAN for randomly censored linear regression. (1984). *Statistics and Decision, Supplement Issue* **1** 17–30. (with W. H. Wang).
31. Test of goodness-of fit in linear regression. (1984). *Colloq. Math. Soc. János Bolyai* **45** 279–315.
32. Minimum distance estimation in multiple linear regression model. (1985). *Sankhya, Ser. A* **47** 57–74.
33. Minimum distance estimation in linear regression with unknown error distribution. (1985). *Statist. and Probab. Letters* **3** 1–8.
34. On a Kolmogorov-Smirnov type aligned test in linear regression. (1985). *Statist. & Probab. Letters* **3** 111–115. (with P.K. Sen).
35. Minimum distance estimation and goodness-of fit tests in first order autoregression. (1986). *Ann. Statist.* **14** 1194–1213.
36. An estimator of the scale parameter for the rank analysis of linear models under general score functions. (1987). *Scand. J. Statist.* **14** 131–143. (with G. Sievers and J. McKean).
37. Efficient estimation of location with censored data. (1988). *Statistics and Decisions* **4** 349–360. (with A. Schick and V. Susarla).
38. Large sample statistics based on quadratic dispersion. (1988). *Int. Statist. Rev.* **56** 199–219. (with I. V. Basawa).
39. Minimum distance estimation of scale parameter in the two sample problem: Censored and Uncensored Data. (1989). In *Recent Developments in Statistics and Their Applications* 117–134. (Eds—J. Klein and J. Lee). Freedom Press. (with S. Yang).
40. A quadraticity limit theorem useful in linear models. (1989). *Probab. Theory and Relat. Fields.* **82** 371–386.
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45. A weak convergence result useful in robust autoregression. (1991). *J. Statist. Planning and Infer.* **29** 291–308.
46. M -estimators in linear regression models with long range dependent errors. (1992). *Statist. and Probab. Letters* **14** 153–164.
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55. Auto-regression quantiles and related rank-score processes. (1995). *Ann. Statist.* **23** 670–689. (with A.K. Md. Ehsanes Saleh).
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57. Asymptotics normality of Regression Estimators with long memory errors. (1996). *Statist. and Probab. Letters* **29** 317–335. (with L. Giraitis and D. Surgailis).
58. Asymptotics of some estimators and sequential empiricals in non-linear time series. (1996). *Ann. Statist.* **24** 380–404.
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