# Additive Penalized based Quantile Regression (APQR) for Predictive Analytics for Pandemic Data

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#### Abstract

In present, entire globe facing global challenges due to the pandemic situations raised by the known COVID-2019. Also, this can be impacted to most issues which can includes financial crises, medical emergency, education loss, chronic hunder, migration of people, etc. It can not only threat to the pre-existing people suffered with health issues also to the healthy people who are more conscious towards health. However, there is a necessity to apply a very good statistical analysis over such kind of issues. Moreover, many of the research works towards this problem entire globe. One of the popular techniques to apply statistical analysis to such kind of pandemic data is quantile regression. Need an extension version to the quantile regression to provide solution to the pandemic data analysis. Moreover, it is required to know prior the overall idea of the conditional distribution of a response variable. A penalized based quantile regression utilizes the minimization of the L1 norm to address heterogeneous pandemic data prediction. The study focused on minimization Article History of L1 norm to effectively address such pandemic with additive Article Received: 12 January 2022 penalized model for quantile regression known as APQR. The Revised: 25 February 2022 proposed model can help to find regression coefficients and Accepted: 20 April 2022 control heterogeneity effectively. A numerical study using Publication: 09 June 2022

simulated and real examples demonstrates the competitive performance of the proposed APQR would be helpful and recommended for pandemic data prediction than standard quantile methods.

**Keywords:** Covid-19, Machine Learning, Predictive Analysis, Regression Analysis, Quantile Regression, and Regularization.

### **1.** Introduction

The entire globe across 211 countries is impacted with the issue of Corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19) from January 2020, basically it is and an infection desease caused by the novel corona virus SARS-CoV-2. One of the dangerous task related suck kinds of pandemic COVID-19 transmission involving everyone at high risk of exposure [2-4]. It is reported that in January 2020, more than 7 million COVID-19 cases and 431541 deaths occurred around the world[1]. The disease first was found in the city of Wuhan, China in middle of the year 2019 accordingly. Generally, any people are suffering with the COVD-2019 had symptoms which includes fever cough, breath issue, pneumonia and kidney issue, health failure etc[6-7]. In this paper, focused on mainly India county and necessary data related to address issue of pandemic analysis collected data from the media and social media sites. The complete information related to the pandemic data over India is shown in Figure 1.



#### Figure 1: Pandemic data in India day wise

From the figure 1, it is shown the from 20 March 2020 onwards in India, observed that there is an exponential growth in the daily number of COVID-19 cases. Also it is observed that there few more initiatives also taken by the Indian government to control and prevention of the COVID-2019 situations [8-9]. The complete measures were listed in the Table 1.

Date	Measure				
January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020, to	Initiation of health screenings at both airports				
March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	and border crossings				
February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020-	quarantine policies applied to the people				
March 20th ,2020	coming over different countries				
February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020-	Applying Visa restrictions to covid effected				
March 13th ,2020	counties				
March 5 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Controlling public gathering				
March 11 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Initiation of Border Closure and extensive				
	checks				
March 16 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Controlling of public gathering				
March 18 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	initiation of the restriction towards the Travel to				
	infected countries				
March 20 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Testing for COVID-19				
March22 <sup>nd</sup> ,2020	Suspend of Flights from effected countries				
March22 <sup>nd</sup> ,2020	Train Services Suspension				
March24 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Suspension of Domestic Airplane Operations				
March25 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Lockdown entire country about 21 days				
March25 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Train Services Suspension				
March30 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Improvement in facilities of quarantine/isolation				
April 14 <sup>th</sup> ,2020	Lockdown is extended up to 3 May 2020				
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Lockdown is extended up to 17 May 2020				

Table 1: Total preventive measure initiated by the government of India.



Figure 2. The total number of confirmed cases, Deaths, cured/discharged/migrated and actives on 3rd, June, 2020 in different states of India.

From the Figure 2, it was reported that most of the cases of COVID-19 recorded at state of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Kerela and Telangana. Also, it was seen that the highest deaths were seen in the On Maharashtra, Kerela, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh states accordingly. The complete information related to each state in terms of the total number of confirmed cases, Deaths, cured/discharged/migrated and actives is shown in Figure 2.

The quantile regression is different from the standard regression where it can used to do analysis among groups over the entire distribution of continuous response or specific quantile. It is also understanding the relationship among predictor and response variable outside of the conditional mean. To understand and analyze these kinds of pandemic data, quantile regression is one of the suitable method and it analyses better way among relations. However, to improve the performance of the pandemic analysis regularized version of quantile is the best solution and it produces better results. But the study in addition to regularization also added additive nature to cover the non-liner analysis of pandemic high dimensional covid-19 data. The study in which standard quantile makes utilized penalized technique which can utilize the minimization of the L1 norm to address heterogeneous kind of data analysis. Also, moreover, work also concentrated on the minimization of the L2 norm and it extends the analysis with understanding of complete conditional distribution of the response variable. In addition to penalization technique also included the additive in nature to the quantile regression and it also produce higher results in estimation of response variable. Also, the proposed method APQR is good for outliers in pandemic high dimensional data.

#### 2. Related work:

The most useful method for the statistical analysis used for the prediction in linear regression. However, it is not good for providing proper relation among the response variable in the cumulative distribution. The quantile regression (QR), introduced in the year 1978, and is an extension to the standard linear regression model and it is good for analyzing the conditional distribution of a response variable at proper manner [17]. The method mainly focused on the regressor in distribution at every level of part and good for outliers. Moreover, it has been popular to wide range of application and produced good computation power. But this method first obeys the linear model drawbacks in addition also limit to few issues which can includes crossing of quantile, misspecification, and multicollinearity. To resolve such kind of mentioned issues penalization regression is adapted to the quantile regression and is helps to avoid overfitting, outlier and other issues raised by the linear regression. Number of penalized regression introduced by most of the researchers L1 penality, L2 penality, the elastic net penalty, and etc [11-15]. Introduce additive nature to the quantile regression with the concept of the bootstrapping and is developed and is helps to control smooth error density. [23], proposed quantile based predictive method for the COVID-2019. A to predict the fertility rate among cases raised in the county. Also, it is notice that data in this study is represented in the three-parameter beta (GB3) distribution. A study of adaptive lasso based regression method is applied to real data retrieved form the chile is developed [25]. The study which can identify the infection fatality rate of COVID-2019 based on the index model used to define risks. The advantage of this method is model free variable selection method. [26]

applied bootstrap method to quantile regression to predict Length-of-Stay hospitalized for patient with COVID-19 respectively

#### **3.** Proposed Framework

The study uses initially the quantile regression approach to design the predictive model for the COVID-2019 [16-20] in terms of the different types of cases and the idea is described in this section.

Consider the linear model to represent the COVID-2019 data:

$$Y_i = X_i^T \beta + e_i, i = 1, , n (1)$$

From the equation,  $(Y^*)$  is represented as  $i^{th}$  observation,  $X_i$  is denoted as the  $i^{th}$  independent variable, and the error term is represented as  $e_i$ .

In addition to the linear regression, various other analysis also popular includes exponential, two degree, three degree and fourth degree polynomial for the statistical analysis. The description of these models is given below:

$$Y_{i} = aX_{i}^{T} + bX_{i} + e_{i}, i = 1, ..., n (2)$$
$$Y_{i} = aX_{i}^{T} + bX_{i}^{T} + cX_{i} + e_{i} (3)$$
$$Y = aX_{i}^{T} + bX_{i}^{T} + cX_{i}^{T} + dX_{i} + e(4)$$

where a, b, c, and d are called the parameters of regression analysis. Let consider, a quantile level of interest  $\tau(0,1)$  the conditional  $\tau^{th}$  quantile of  $e_i$  given  $X_i$  is zero. The conditional quantile regression is as follows:

 $Q_{\gamma}(\tau / X) = X^T \beta(\tau) (5)$ 

From (6),  $Q_{\gamma}(\tau/X)$  represented as the  $\tau^{th}$  conditional quantile of the concern response Y for the related X. From the unknown functional, there estimated one parameter  $\beta(\tau)$ . Applying the minimizing objective function the correspond point estimate  $\beta(\tau)$  is determined respectively.

The study [29] suggested that to enhance statistical analysis more further better to adapt bootstrap method to the quantile regression (QR) analysis [21-23]. The bootstrap method, is one the popular method helps to do statistical analysis with few samples not depends on the error terms [27]. The standard deviation of the slope coefficient is determined using the bootstrap re-sampling method [28]. In that method, the standard error is defined using following procedure and is shown in Algorthm 1. A lg orithm1: Bootstrap method for resampling

Step1:Let consider a data  $(Y^*)$ , from each sample (R) is estimated as  $Y^*_{(1)}, Y^*_{(2)}, \dots, Y^*_{(L)}$  by resampling method

Step2 : Next, calculate bootstrapcoefficient ( $\mathbf{b}^*$ )from samples

$$\mathbf{b}_{(1)}^{*}, \mathbf{b}_{(2)}^{*}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{(L)}^{*}$$

Step 3 :Finalerror is estimated from distribution of bootstrapslope

$$\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{E}}(\mathbf{b}^{*}) = \left( \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{k} ((\mathbf{b}_{k}^{*} - \mathbf{b}^{*}(\mathbf{m}))^{2}}_{\mathbf{L} - \mathbf{1}} \right)^{2}, \qquad (6)$$

where  $\mathbf{b}^{*}(m) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{L} \mathbf{b}_{k}^{*}}{L}$  is the mean of all bootstrpae slope coefficiencents

 $\mathbf{b}^*$  = bootstrap OLSestimateof coefficient L = No.of iterations / repetetions  $\mathbf{b}^*_k$  = tthe slope coefficient from the bootstrapped sample  $Y^*_{(k)}$ 

Another robust method is called The Quantile Regression (QR) used for statistical analysis. In QR method, relationship among independent (X) and dependent (Y) variables are estimated based on the conditional mean function, E(Y | X). The OLS minimizes the squared errors  $(S_{SE})$  with the estimation of the conditional quantile function,  $Q_{f(Y|X)}$  [22]. Moreover, such method can determine the slope coefficient will minimize error using the objective function and is defined as:

$$\mathbf{Q}_{f}(\mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\mathbf{Y}_{i} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{X}|$$

(7)

Where,  $\beta$  is the slope coefficient, corresponding quantile values is denoted as q and number of observations is denoted as N and is described in Eq(7). is the number of observations. The method also minimizes the sum of absolute errors  $S_{AE}$ . Hence, with all above observations QR is also robust to the outlier [23].

By adding above two methods proposed method is determined combining both QR and bootstrap. The proposed method is derived advantages of both methods which can fit for large samples and robust to the error. Some of the related work related to this Bootstrap based QR is known as BQR is enhancement to QR and good for outlier.

The Lasso penalized linear regressions method does not have the selection consistency. To overcome this limitation, Zou (2006) proposed the adaptive Lasso penalized linear regressions method which enjoys the selection consistency. The adaptive Lasso penalized methods can shrink the estimates of the parameters of unimportant covariates to 0 as the sample size  $n \rightarrow \infty$  thus, removing all the unimportant covariates automatically and yielding sparse estimation results.

$$Q_{f}(\mathbf{b}_{L}^{*}) = \mathbf{b}_{L}^{*} = \arg\min\left\{\frac{1}{2n}\left\|Y_{*,L} - X^{T}\mathbf{b}_{K}\right\|_{2}^{2} + \mu_{L}\sum_{j=1}^{p}W_{Lj}\left|\mathbf{b}_{K,j}\right|\right\}$$
(8)

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The tuning parameters  $\mu_L$  with L = 1,...,d are chosen by the cross-validation method. By solving the minimization problem eq (), we obtain a sparse estimate of  $\beta$ .

### 4. Experimental Results and Discussion'

#### 4.1. Data set:

Now, the study, consider the COVID-19 data collected from the different web sources and compared performance using APQR model. The method is compared with linear, standard quantile regression respectively. To analyze and provide statistical and predictive analysis, total five data sets were collected from the different states of India. The states includes Telangana, Kerala, Delhi , Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nādu. For all these five data sets applied statistical and predictive analysis in the further sections detailly. Each data set consider the common variables and complete details about variables is shown in Table 2.

Notation	Variable Names					
	(As of 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020)					
N <sub>C</sub>	Number of positive cases					
N <sub>D</sub>	Number of deaths					
H <sub>Gdp</sub>	Health expenditure by					
	government (% of GDP)					
H <sub>Gexp</sub>	Current expenditure by					
	Government Health expenditure					
P <sub>65p</sub>	Above age 65 population					
B <sub>SL</sub>	Least services of sanitization					
	facility					

Table 2. Data and its Variables

From the Table 3, the individual values of all the 5 data sets shown detail. It is shown that few of the variables are measured in terms of the metrics and remaining are per cent. According to the study of data from the Table, it is retaining that Kerala is the highest effected place compared to other states. However, Telangana is identified as lower risk state for the COVID-2019.

Variable	Telangana	Kerala	Delhi	Andhra Pradesh	Tamilnadu
N <sub>C</sub>	113	637581.6	14645.5	7322.7	10902.7
N <sub>D</sub>	0	91940.5	912.9	456.5	679.6
H <sub>Gdp</sub>	0.179	14.36	3.62	1.81	2.69
H <sub>Gexp</sub>	4.586	202.54	50.97	25.49	37.95
P <sub>65p</sub>	0.931	37.89	9.54	4.77	7.10
B <sub>SL</sub>	9.455	305.64	76.92	38.46	57.26

Table 3. Sample States consider into the study

Study also done statistical analysis over the five data sets defined by the individual data sets. It is shown that analysis in the Table 4 & 5 ,provided the basic statistical analysis which includes max, min, average values of each individual elements in the data set.

Table 4. Descriptive Statistics of Variables							
Variable	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Standard			
				deviation			
N <sub>C</sub>	113	637581.59	134113.06	281498.54			
N <sub>D</sub>	0.00	91940.45	18797.88	40889.33			
H <sub>Gdp</sub>	0.18	14.36	4.53	5.64			
H <sub>Gexp</sub>	4.59	202.54	64.31	79.14			
P <sub>65p</sub>	0.93	37.89	12.04	14.79			
B <sub>SL</sub>	9.46	305.64	97.55	118.96			

Table 4. Descriptive Statistics of Variables

Table 5. Statistical	analysis: Slo	pe Equation Test
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Variables	<b>Dependent variable:</b> N <sub>C</sub> Vs Independent variables (H <sub>Gdp</sub> , P <sub>65p</sub> , B <sub>SL</sub> )							
	$\tau_{(0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.90)}$		$\tau_{(0.25, 0.50, 0.75)}$		$\tau_{(0.75,0.90)}$			
	F-statistic	p-value	F-statistic	p-value	F-statistic	p-value		
H <sub>Gdp</sub>	0.84	0.46	0.01	0.92	0.13	0.87		
P <sub>65p</sub>	0.95	0.41	0.03	0.86	1.23	0.29		
B <sub>SL</sub>	0.53	0.64	0.17	0.67	0.33	0.71		

Observe from the linear regression, only one of the coefficients  $H_{Gdp}$  is only significant. However, by applying the quantile regression, except the  $H_{Gdp}$  all the remaining are significant. Hence, the result is shown that lower quantile of cases occurred in the states which are providing excellent expenditure towards public health. For example, consider the Kerala district which can put higher expenditure and it helps to reduce the mortality rate or health risk.

## 4.2. Performance measures

The measure of difference between the original and the predicted values over n number of samples and is defined as:

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (O_i - P_i)^2}{n - (k - 1)}$$
(9)

The MAPE, is one of the popular statistic benchmark tool to find the best accuracy in terms of the error rate and is defined as relative difference among the true and predictive values and is defined as:

$$MSE = \frac{100}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \frac{O_i - P_i}{O_i} \right|$$
(10)

How model is liked to explain the total variance in the data is described by the two statistical tools known as  $R^2$  and adjusted  $R^{*2}$  and their ranges always between 0 to 1, i.e.,  $0 \le R^2 \le 1$  and are defined as:

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (O_{i} - P_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (O_{i} - Mean_{i})^{2}} \text{ and } R^{*2} = R^{2} - \frac{(1 - R^{2})k}{n - (k + 1)}$$
(11)

#### 4.3. **Predictive Analytics:**

The study also, focused on the predictive analytics over covid-2019 data about the different states of the India. Major special focus is done on the state Tamil Nadu.

States	Linear regression (LR)			Qunatile Regression			APQR		
					(QR)				
Telangana	0.7098	0.7879	0.5871	0.8621	0.8602	0.4256	0.9995	0.9995	0.2422
Kerala	0.6007	0.5969	0.787	0.9615	0.9611	0.6724	0.9995	0.9995	0.9099
Delhi	0.751	0.7474	0.6213	0.9191	0.9179	0.5327	0.9989	0.9988	0.6465
Tamilnadu	0.973	0.9727	0.3035	0.6939	0.6903	0.2763	0.9959	0.9957	0.5506
Andhra Pradesh	0.7422	0.7403	0.4205	0.5945	0.5915	0.3852	0.9747	0.9737	0.2781

#### Table 6. Comparison of proposed with linear and quantile regression model



Fig 3. Comparison of positive cases actual results with proposed AQAR for training the COVID-19 data in TN State



Fig 4. Comparison of number of deaths actual results with proposed AQAR for training the COVID-19 data in TN State

From the figure 3 to 5, and Table 6 It is shown that proposed method is performing better in terms of predictive analysis compared to the linear and quantile regression. Also, it is retained that predictive values computed from the different days is more closed to the actual values.



Fig5. Comparison of health expenditure by the government actual results with proposed AQAR for training the COVID-19 data in TN State

The overall analysis is done in terms of the three variable which includes Number of cases, Number of deaths and Health expenditure done by government to control and manage Covid-2019. From the all the three variable the proposed retain the close value. Therefore, the proposed method is very useful for future prediction of the COVID-2019 outbreak to the next coming days from the current date.

## **5** Conclusion

One of the popular techniques to apply statistical analysis to such kind of pandemic data is quantile regression. Need an extension version to the quantile regression to provide solution to the pandemic data analysis. Moreover, it is required to know prior the overall idea of the conditional distribution of a response variable. A penalized based quantile regression utilizes the minimization of the L1 norm to address heterogeneous pandemic data prediction. The study focused on minimization of L1 norm to effectively address such pandemic with additive penalized model for quantile regression known as APQR. The proposed model can help to find regression coefficients and control heterogeneity effectively. A numerical study using simulated and real examples demonstrates the competitive performance of the proposed APQR would be helpful and recommended for pandemic data prediction than standard quantile methods.

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