

ECON207 Session 5

OLS using Matrix Algebra

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Session 5

- A Bit More Matrix Algebra
- OLS estimation of the Simple Linear Regression Model
 - Geometric Intuition: Projections
 - Statistic Properties
 - Completion of Basic Theory
 - Some Applications

Session 5.1

Session 5.1 A Bit More Matrix Algebra

- Differentiation of Matrix Forms
- Application to Optimization

Differentiation of Matrix Forms

Let $f(x)$ be some function of the $n \times 1$ vector x
 e.g., $f(x) = x^T A x$ where A is some $n \times n$ matrix of constants
 This is just a multivariable function $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
 We define

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{df}{dx^T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Differentiation of Matrix Forms

Example: If $y = x^T A x$ where A is $n \times n$ and x is $n \times 1$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (x^T A x) = (A + A^T)x$$

$n = 3$ example:

$$x^T A x = x_1^2 a_{11} + x_2^2 a_{22} + x_3^2 a_{33} + x_1 x_2 (a_{12} + a_{21}) + x_1 x_3 (a_{13} + a_{31}) + x_2 x_3 (a_{23} + a_{32})$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx^T A x}{dx_1} &= 2x_1 a_{11} + x_2 (a_{12} + a_{21}) + x_3 (a_{13} + a_{31}) \\ \frac{dx^T A x}{dx_2} &= x_1 (a_{12} + a_{21}) + 2x_2 a_{22} + x_3 (a_{23} + a_{32}) \\ \frac{dx^T A x}{dx_3} &= x_1 (a_{13} + a_{31}) + x_2 (a_{23} + a_{32}) + 2x_3 a_{33} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{dx^T A x}{dx} = (A + A^T)x$$

If A is symmetric, then $\frac{dx^T A x}{dx} = (A + A^T)x = 2Ax$ (compare $f(x) = ax^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2ax$)

Differentiation of Matrix Forms

Suppose x is $n \times 1$ and $y = f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x) \end{bmatrix}$ (i.e., y is a vector of m different functions)

Then we define

$$\frac{dy}{dx^T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy^T}{dx} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Differentiation of Matrix Forms

E.g.: if $y = f(x) = Ax$ where $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $x^T = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx^T} = \frac{d(Ax)}{dx^T} = A \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy^T}{dx} = \frac{d(x^T A^T)}{dx} = A^T$$

Matrix analogue of the univariate differentiation rule $f(x) = ax \Rightarrow f'(x) = a$

Proof:

- The product Ax is an $m \times 1$ vector whose i -th element is $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k$
- Therefore the (i, j) th element of dy/dx^T is $(\partial/\partial x_j) \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k = a_{ij}$
- This says that $dy/dx^T = A$

Differentiation of Matrix Forms

E.g.: If $y = f(x)$ is a scalar-valued function of an $n \times 1$ vector of variables x , then

$$\frac{d}{dx^T} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx^T} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_1 \partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_2^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_2 \partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_n \partial x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_n \partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x_n^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- This is the Hessian matrix of $y = f(x)$. We usually write $\frac{d}{dx^T} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$ as $\frac{d^2 y}{dx dx^T}$

Matrix Differentiation (Optimization)

Recall when finding min/max of $f(x, y)$:

- Stationary point: (x^*, y^*) such that $f'_x(x^*, y^*) = 0$ and $f'_y(x^*, y^*) = 0$
- If $f(x, y)$ is concave; stationary point is maximum point
- If $v_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + 2v_1 v_2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + v_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} < 0$ for all v_1, v_2 not both zero, then $f(x, y)$ is concave
- If $f(x, y)$ is convex; stationary point is minimum point
- If $v_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + 2v_1 v_2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + v_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} > 0$ for all v_1, v_2 not both zero, then $f(x, y)$ is convex

Matrix Differentiation (Optimization)

The expression

$$v_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + 2v_1 v_2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} + v_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2}$$

is the quadratic form involving the Hessian

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} & \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad v^T H_f v$$

- If Hessian is neg. def., i.e., if $v^T H_f v < 0$ for all $v \neq 0_{2 \times 1}$, then $f(x, y)$ is concave
- If Hessian is pos. def., i.e., if $v^T H_f v > 0$ for all $v \neq 0_{2 \times 1}$, then $f(x, y)$ is convex

Matrix Differentiation (Optimization)

Extends to functions of many variables $f(x)$ where x is $n \times 1$

- f concave implies stationary pt is max, f convex implies stationary pt is min
- Stationary point: x^* such that $\frac{df(x^*)}{dx} = 0$
 - If $f(x)$ is convex; stationary point is minimum point
 - If $f(x)$ is concave; stationary point is maximum point
- If Hessian is positive definite, then $f(x)$ is convex
- If Hessian is negative definite, then $f(x)$ is concave

How to check for pos./neg. def'ness? We'll consider only a simple case in the next section

Session 5.2

Session 5.2 OLS Estimation of the MLR

- Setting Up the Multiple Linear Regression Model in Matrix Form
- OLS Estimation of the MLR
 - Estimator Formulas
 - Estimator Variance Formulas
 - R^2 and Adjusted- R^2 (same as before)

Setting Up The MLR Model

Population satisfies $E(Y | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k$
i.e.,
 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k + \epsilon$, $E(\epsilon | X_1, \dots, X_k) = 0$
 $X_1, \dots, X_k$ refer to k different regressors, not k obs. of a variable X
Representative iid sample from the population:

$$\{Y_i, X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots, X_{ik}\}_{i=1}^n$$

No perfect collinearity in the sample:
 $c_0 + c_1 X_{i1} + \dots + c_k X_{ik} = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n \iff c_0 = c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$

Setting Up The MLR Model

Sample satisfies
 $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ik} + \epsilon_i$,
 $E(\epsilon_i | X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = 0$
 $E(\epsilon_i^2 | X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = \sigma_i^2$
 $E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j | X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = 0$
for all $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, $i \neq j$
More compactly expressed in matrix form

Setting Up The MLR Model

The equations
 $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ik} + \epsilon_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$
can be written

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & X_{11} & X_{12} & \dots & X_{1k} \\ 1 & X_{21} & X_{22} & \dots & X_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \dots & X_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e., $y = X\beta + \epsilon$
 X_{ij} is i th sample of the j th regressor

Setting Up The MLR Model

The assumption
 $c_0 + c_1 X_{i1} + \dots + c_k X_{ik} = 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n \iff c_0 = c_1 = \dots = c_k = 0$
can be written $Xc = 0_{n \times 1} \iff c = 0_{n \times 1}$ or $Xc \neq 0_{n \times 1} \iff c \neq 0_{n \times 1}$
The assumption
 $E(\epsilon_i | X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$
can be written

$$\begin{bmatrix} E(\epsilon_1 | X) \\ E(\epsilon_2 | X) \\ \vdots \\ E(\epsilon_n | X) \end{bmatrix} = 0_{n \times 1} \iff E(\epsilon | X) = 0_{n \times 1}$$

Setting Up The MLR Model

The assumptions

$$E(\epsilon_i^2 \mid X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = \sigma_i^2 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \mid X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, n, i \neq j$$

can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} E(\epsilon_1^2 \mid X) & E(\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \mid X) & \cdots & E(\epsilon_1 \epsilon_n \mid X) \\ E(\epsilon_2 \epsilon_1 \mid X) & E(\epsilon_2^2 \mid X) & \cdots & E(\epsilon_2 \epsilon_n \mid X) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E(\epsilon_n \epsilon_1 \mid X) & E(\epsilon_n \epsilon_2 \mid X) & \cdots & E(\epsilon_n^2 \mid X) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\text{Var} \epsilon \mid X = E(\epsilon \epsilon^T \mid X) = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2)$$

Setting Up The MLR Model

If the noise terms are homoskedastic, i.e.,

$$E(\epsilon_i^2 \mid X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1k}, \dots, X_{nk}) = \sigma^2 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$

then we have

$$E(\epsilon \epsilon^T \mid X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 I_n$$

which we will assume for now

OLS Estimation of MLR

In matrix form, the MLR is

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon, \quad E(\epsilon \mid X) = 0, \quad E(\epsilon \epsilon^T \mid X) = \sigma^2 I_n$$

For any potential estimator $\hat{\beta}$, define

- Fitted values: $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}$
- Residuals: $\hat{\epsilon} = y - \hat{y} = y - X\hat{\beta}$
- Sum of Squared Residuals $SSR(\hat{\beta})$: $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 = \hat{\epsilon}^T \hat{\epsilon}$

OLS Estimation of MLR

We have

$$\begin{aligned} SSR(\hat{\beta}) &= \hat{\epsilon}^T \hat{\epsilon} = (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= (y^T - \hat{\beta}^T X^T)(y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= y^T y - \hat{\beta}^T X^T y - y^T X \hat{\beta} + \hat{\beta}^T X^T X \hat{\beta} \\ &= y^T y - 2\hat{\beta}^T X^T y + \hat{\beta}^T X^T X \hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

OLS:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}^{ols} &= \arg \min_{\hat{\beta}} SSR(\hat{\beta}) \\ &= \arg \min_{\hat{\beta}} y^T y - 2\hat{\beta}^T X^T y + \hat{\beta}^T X^T X \hat{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

OLS Estimation of MLR

First and second derivatives are

$$\frac{dSSR(\hat{\beta})}{d\beta} = -2X^T y + 2X^T X \hat{\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 SSR(\hat{\beta})}{d\beta d\beta^T} = 2X^T X$$

$$\text{FOC: } \left. \frac{dSSR(\hat{\beta})}{d\beta} \right|_{\hat{\beta}^{ols}} = -2X^T y + 2X^T X \hat{\beta}^{ols} = 0_{(k+1) \times 1} \text{ which implies}$$

$$\hat{\beta}^{ols} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$

- $Xc \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow c \neq 0$ means that $X^T X$ is non-singular, and
- $c^T X^T X c = (Xc)^T (Xc) > 0$ (Hessian is pos. def.) so $\hat{\beta}^{ols}$ minimizes $SSR(\hat{\beta})$

OLS Estimation of MLR

Another way of expressing $\hat{\beta}^{ols}$

Writing

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & X_{11} & X_{12} & \cdots & X_{1k} \\ 1 & X_{21} & X_{22} & \cdots & X_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \cdots & X_{nk} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix}$$

which emphasizes observations.

Note X_{i*} is $1 \times (k+1)$ vector comprising i th observation of all variables (including '1' for the intercept term)

OLS Estimation of MLR

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}^{ols} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*}^T & X_{2*}^T & \cdots & X_{n*}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix} \right\}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*}^T & X_{2*}^T & \cdots & X_{n*}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1}}_{\text{sum of } k \times k \text{ matrices}} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T Y_i}_{\text{sum of } k \times 1 \text{ vectors}} \end{aligned}$$

OLS Estimation of MLR (Quick Summary)

- MLR: $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$, $E(\epsilon | X) = 0$, $Var(\epsilon | X) = E(\epsilon\epsilon^T | X) = \sigma^2 I_n$

- OLS Estimator for β : $\hat{\beta}^{ols} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$

- OLS Fitted values:

$$\hat{y}^{ols} = X \hat{\beta}^{ols} = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = Py \quad \text{where } P = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$$

- OLS Residuals:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\epsilon}^{ols} &= y - \hat{y}^{ols} = y - X \hat{\beta}^{ols} = y - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ &= (I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) y = My \quad \text{where } M = I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T \end{aligned}$$

Where helpful to do so, I will place "ols" marker in subscript instead of superscript

Geometric Perspective

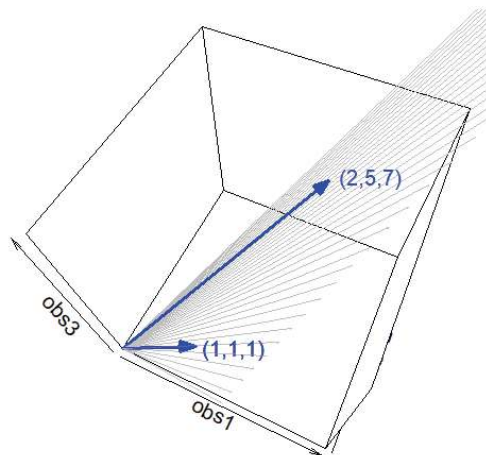
The vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T$ are vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (drawn in blue)

The set of all vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1$$

(using all possible values of $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$)
forms a plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Part of plane shown in grey



Geometric Perspective

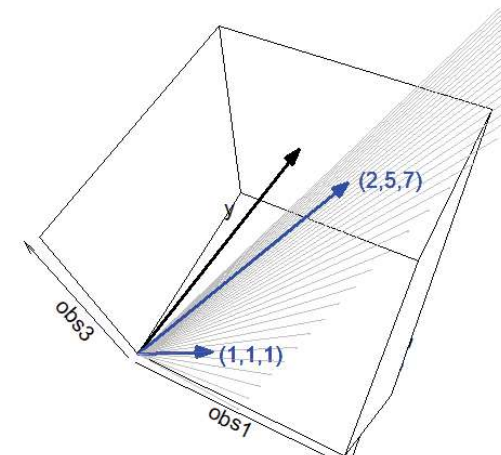
The vector $y = [1 \ 8 \ 4]^T$ is also a vector in $\mathbb{R}^3$ but it does not lie on the grey plane

y cannot be written as a linear combination
of the blue vectors

If it did, the points

$$(X_{i1}, Y_i) = (2, 1), (5, 8), (7, 4)$$

would lie in a straight line when plotted on $x-y$ plane



Geometric Perspective

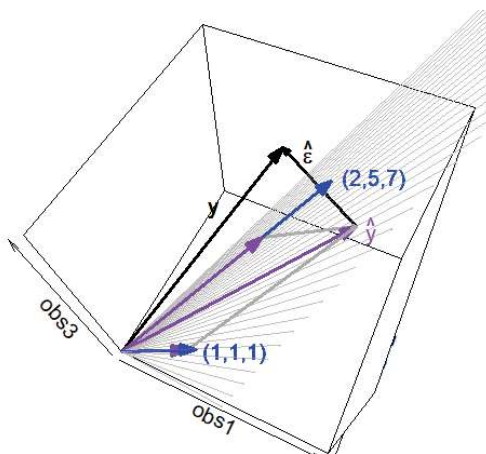
Let $\hat{y}$ be any linear combination of the blue vectors, and $\hat{e}$ be such that

$$y = \hat{y} + \hat{\epsilon}$$

Qn: Which linear combination of the blue vectors makes $\hat{y}$ “closest” to y (in the sense that $\hat{e}$ is as “short” as possible)?

Ans: The linear combination such that $\hat{e}$ is perpendicular to grey plane

- $\hat{e}$ is perpendicular to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$ and to $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T$



Geometric Perspective

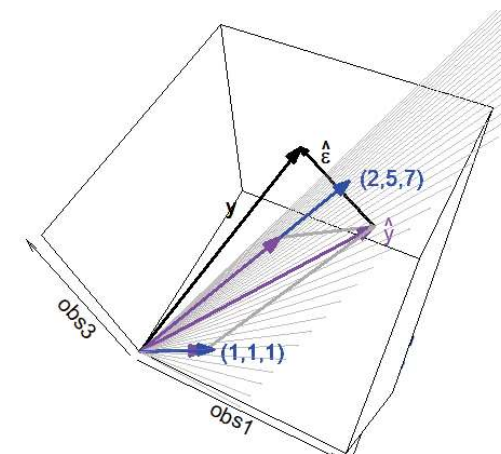
OLS chooses $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ such that

$$\hat{y} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_0 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1}_{\text{in Purple}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\epsilon} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\epsilon}_1 \\ \hat{\epsilon}_2 \\ \hat{\epsilon}_3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{in Black}}$$

are orthogonal (i.e., perpendicular), thereby minimizing

$$\|\hat{\epsilon}\|^2 = \hat{\epsilon}_1^2 + \hat{\epsilon}_2^2 + \hat{\epsilon}_3^2$$

$\hat{y}$ is called the “orthogonal” projection of Y on to the column space of X



Geometric Perspective

Intuition holds for general MLR case

$$y = X\hat{\beta} + \hat{\epsilon}$$

where y is $n \times 1$ vector, X is $n \times (k + 1)$ matrix whose columns space a $k + 1$ dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Cannot draw pictures in n -dimensions!

Nonetheless, OLS minimization solution shows that $\|\hat{\epsilon}\|$ is minimized when $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}^{ols}$, which makes $\hat{y}$ and $\hat{\epsilon}$ orthogonal

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}^{ols} = \underbrace{X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T}_{\text{Projection Matrix}} y$$

Session 5.4

Session 5.4 Properties of OLS Estimators

- Unbiasedness under basic assumptions
- Standard errors under homoskedasticity and heteroskedasticity
- Best linear unbiasedness under homoskedasticity
- t-tests, F-tests

OLS Estimator Properties: Unbiasedness

- OLS estimator $\hat{\beta}^{ols}$ is unbiased:

$$\hat{\beta}^{ols} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (X\beta + \epsilon) = \beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}^{ols} \mid X) = \beta + E((X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon \mid X) = \beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T E(\epsilon \mid X) = \beta$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) = \beta$$

But remember points about causal interpretation

- you have estimated $E(Y | X) = X\beta$
- causal interpretation of coefficient **only** if you have included all relevant determinants of Y
- assuming no issues such as simultaneity, sampling problems, misspecification

OLS Estimator Variance (Homoskedasticity Case)

Under homoskedasticity $Var(\epsilon\epsilon^T \mid X) = \sigma^2 I_n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Var(\hat{\beta}^{ols} \mid X) &= Var(\beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon \mid X) \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Var(\epsilon \mid X) X (X^T X)^{-1} \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (\sigma^2 I_n) X (X^T X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} X^T I_n X (X^T X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

but must estimate σ^2

OLS Estimator Variance (Homoskedasticity Case)

Unbiased estimator of σ^2 is $\widehat{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{n-k-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,ols}^2 = \frac{\hat{\epsilon}_{ols}^T \hat{\epsilon}_{ols}}{n-k-1}$

Proof: $\hat{\epsilon}_{ols} = My$ where $M = I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$

note that

- $MX = (I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T)X = X - X = 0_{n \times (k+1)}$
- M is symmetric (Exercise!)
- M is idempotent, i.e., $MM = M$ (Exercise!)

Therefore $\hat{\epsilon}_{ols} = My = M(X\beta + \epsilon) = M\epsilon$ and

$$\hat{\epsilon}_{ols}^T \hat{\epsilon}_{ols} = (M\epsilon)^T M\epsilon = \epsilon^T M^T M\epsilon = \epsilon^T MM\epsilon = \epsilon^T M\epsilon$$

OLS Estimator Variance (Homoskedasticity Case)

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\epsilon}_{ols}^T \hat{\epsilon}_{ols} | X) &= E(\epsilon^T M\epsilon | X) \\ &= E(\text{trace}(\epsilon^T M\epsilon) | X) \quad \text{because } \epsilon^T M\epsilon \text{ is a scalar} \\ &= E(\text{trace}(\epsilon\epsilon^T M) | X) \\ &= \text{trace}(E(\epsilon\epsilon^T M) | X) \quad \text{since trace is a sum} \\ &= \text{trace}(E(\epsilon\epsilon^T | X)M) = \text{trace}(\sigma^2 I_n M) = \sigma^2 \text{trace}(M) \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{trace}(I_n - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) = \sigma^2 (\text{trace}(I_n) - \text{trace}(X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T)) \\ &= \sigma^2 (n - \text{trace}((X^T X)^{-1} X^T X)) = \sigma^2 (n - \text{trace}(I_{k+1})) \\ &= \sigma^2 (n - k - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $E\left(\frac{\hat{\epsilon}_{ols}^T \hat{\epsilon}_{ols}}{n-k-1} \mid X\right) = \sigma^2$, which implies $E\left(\frac{\hat{\epsilon}_{ols}^T \hat{\epsilon}_{ols}}{n-k-1}\right) = \sigma^2$

OLS Estimator Variance (Heteroskedasticity Case)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}^{ols} | X) &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \text{Var}(\epsilon | X) X (X^T X)^{-1} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*}^T & X_{2*}^T & \cdots & X_{n*}^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Heteroskedasticity-Robust Estimator Variance-Covariance Matrix: replace σ_i^2 with $\hat{\epsilon}_{i,ols}^2$

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_{i,ols}^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1}$$

OLS (Best Linear Unbiased, under Homoskedasticity)

We have shown that $\hat{\beta}^{ols}$ is unbiased

It is also “linear”

- A linear estimator is one with the form $\tilde{\beta} = Ay$
- Each $\tilde{\beta}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji} Y_i$
- OLS estimator is $\hat{\beta}^{ols} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_A y$

Now we show: OLS estimators are BLU (they have the smallest variance among all linear unbiased estimators)

Session 5.5

Session 5.5 Empirical Example

- Estimate Multiple Linear Regression using earnings.csv data

$$100\ln(earn) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ + \beta_2 educ^2 + \beta_3 height + \beta_4 male + \beta_5 \ln(wexp) + \beta_6 \ln(wexp)^2 + \beta_7 \ln(tenure) + \beta_8 \ln(tenure)^2 + \beta_9 age + \beta_{10} age^2 + \epsilon$$

- Everything computed twice
 - Using formulas derived in this session
 - Using existing R functions and packages

```
library(tidyverse)
library(car) # using linearHypothesis()
library(sandwich) # using vcovHC()
library(lmtest) # using coeftest()
```

Empirical Example

```
dat <- read_csv("data\\earnings2019.csv", show_col_types=FALSE) %>%
  mutate(learn100 = 100*log(earn), educsq = educ^2, lwexp = log(wexp), lwexp2 = log(wexp)^2,
         ltenure=log(tenure), ltenure2=log(tenure)^2, agesq = age^2)
y <- dat %>% select(learn100) %>% as.matrix()
X <- dat %>% mutate(intercept = 1) %>%
  select(c(intercept, educ, educsq, height, male, lwexp, lwexp2, ltenure, ltenure2, age, agesq)) %>%
  as.matrix()
XTX <- t(X)%*%X # (X'X)
XTXinv <- solve(XTX) # (X'X)^{-1}
XTy <- t(X)%*%y # X'y
betahat <- XTXinv %*% XTy # beta estimate
yhat <- X%*%betahat # fitted value
ehat <- y - yhat # residuals
n <- nrow(X); kplus1 <- ncol(X); df <- n - kplus1 # n - k - 1
SST <- sum((y - mean(y))^2); SSE <- sum((yhat - mean(yhat))^2); SSR <- sum(ehat^2)
s2hat <- SSR/df
betavar <- s2hat*XTXinv
betase <- sqrt(diag(betavar))
tstats <- betahat/betase
pvals <- pt(abs(tstats), df=df, lower.tail=FALSE)*2
R2 <- 1 - SSR/SST; AdjR2 <- 1 - (SSR/df)/(SST/(n-1))
```

Empirical Example

Result using lm() function

```
mdl1 <- lm(learn100 ~ educ + educsq + height + male
          lwexp + lwexp2 + ltenure + ltenure2 + age + agesq,
          sum1 <- summary(mdl1); sum1$coef %>% round(5)
          cat("\nR2:", sum1$r.squared,
              " Adj.R2:", sum1$adj.r.squared)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	81.12348	37.53689	2.16117	0.03073
educ	-15.26088	4.81587	-3.16887	0.00154
educsq	1.00645	0.17185	5.85653	0.00000
height	1.34326	0.26387	5.09054	0.00000
male	18.07162	2.14105	8.44054	0.00000
lwexp	-1.58201	2.71219	-0.58330	0.55972
lwexp2	-0.22626	0.77976	-0.29016	0.77170
ltenure	5.22349	2.66119	1.96284	0.04972
ltenure2	2.31435	0.76945	3.00781	0.00264
age	5.82374	0.47516	12.25627	0.00000
agesq	-0.06125	0.00517	-11.84342	0.00000

R2: 0.303907 Adj.R2: 0.3024965

Result via direct computation

```
results <- cbind(betahat, betase, tstats, pvals)
colnames(results) <- c("Estimate", "Std. Error",
                      "t values", "Pr(>|t|)")
results %>% round(5)
cat("\nR2:", R2, " Adj.R2:", AdjR2)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t values	Pr(> t)
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Empirical Example: Var-Cov under Homosked. (self-calc.)

```
options(width=400); round(betavar,3) # VAR-COV UNDER HOMOSKEDASTICITY
```

	intercept	educ	educsq	height	male	lwexp	lwexp2	ltenure	ltenure2	age	agesq
intercept	1409.018	-154.411	5.479	-3.632	15.606	1.019	0.115	-3.887	1.708	-4.886	0.050
educ	-154.411	23.193	-0.825	-0.110	1.009	-0.360	0.076	0.215	-0.099	0.104	-0.001
educsq	5.479	-0.825	0.030	0.004	-0.033	0.014	-0.002	-0.010	0.004	-0.004	0.000
height	-3.632	-0.110	0.004	0.070	-0.385	-0.016	0.003	0.009	-0.002	-0.004	0.000
male	15.606	1.009	-0.033	-0.385	4.584	0.081	-0.020	-0.077	-0.002	0.038	0.000
lwexp	1.019	-0.360	0.014	-0.016	0.081	7.356	-1.988	-0.108	0.004	-0.136	0.002
lwexp2	0.115	0.076	-0.002	0.003	-0.020	-1.988	0.608	0.010	0.006	0.020	0.000
ltenure	-3.887	0.215	-0.010	0.009	-0.077	-0.108	0.010	7.082	-1.935	-0.120	0.002
ltenure2	1.708	-0.099	0.004	-0.002	-0.002	0.004	0.006	-1.935	0.592	0.012	0.000
age	-4.886	0.104	-0.004	-0.004	0.038	-0.136	0.020	-0.120	0.012	0.226	-0.002
agesq	0.050	-0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.002	0.000	-0.002	0.000

```
betavar %>% diag %>% as.matrix %>% t %>% sqrt %>% round(3) # STANDARD ERRORS
```

	intercept	educ	educsq	height	male	lwexp	lwexp2	ltenure	ltenure2	age	agesq
[1,]	37.537	4.816	0.172	0.264	2.141	2.712	0.78	2.661	0.769	0.475	0.005

Empirical Example: Var-Cov under Homoskedasticity with lm()

```
options(width=400); round(vcov(mdl1),3) # VAR-COV UNDER HOMOSKEDASTICITY lm()

      (Intercept)      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
(Intercept) 1409.018 -154.411  5.479 -3.632 15.606  1.019  0.115  -3.887  1.708 -4.886  0.050
educ        -154.411  23.193 -0.825 -0.110  1.009 -0.360  0.076  0.215 -0.099  0.104 -0.001
educsq       5.479   -0.825  0.030  0.004 -0.033  0.014 -0.002 -0.010  0.004 -0.004  0.000
height      -3.632   -0.110  0.004  0.070 -0.385 -0.016  0.003  0.009 -0.002 -0.004  0.000
male        15.606   1.009 -0.033 -0.385  4.584  0.081 -0.020 -0.077 -0.002  0.038  0.000
lwexp       1.019   -0.360  0.014 -0.016  0.081  7.356 -1.988 -0.108  0.004 -0.136  0.002
lwexp2      0.115   0.076 -0.002  0.003 -0.020 -1.988  0.608  0.010  0.006  0.020  0.000
ltenure     -3.887   0.215 -0.010  0.009 -0.077 -0.108  0.010  7.082 -1.935 -0.120  0.002
ltenure2    1.708   -0.099  0.004 -0.002 -0.002  0.004  0.006 -1.935  0.592  0.012  0.000
age         -4.886   0.104 -0.004 -0.004  0.038 -0.136  0.020 -0.120  0.012  0.226 -0.002
agesq       0.050   -0.001  0.000  0.000  0.000  0.002  0.000  0.002  0.000 -0.002  0.000

vcov(mdl1) %>% diag %>% as.matrix %>% t %>% sqrt %>% round(3) # STANDARD ERRORS

      (Intercept)      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
[1,]      37.537  4.816  0.172  0.264  2.141  2.712  0.78  2.661  0.769  0.475  0.005
```

Empirical Example: Het-Robust Var-Cov (self-calculated)

```
options(width=400);
varhat_HCO <- XTXinv%*%t(X)%*%diag(as.vector(ehat^2))%*%X%*%XTXinv; round(varhat_HCO,3)

      intercept      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
intercept 1345.536 -144.697  5.136 -3.296 14.791 -2.703  1.435 -10.416  3.477 -5.957  0.063
educ      -144.697  22.049 -0.785 -0.163  0.932  0.350 -0.173  0.829 -0.232  0.163 -0.002
educsq     5.136   -0.785  0.028  0.006 -0.028 -0.012  0.007 -0.032  0.009 -0.006  0.000
height    -3.296   -0.163  0.006  0.071 -0.382 -0.022  0.008  0.006 -0.001 -0.006  0.000
male      14.791   0.932 -0.028 -0.382  4.563  0.076 -0.048  0.098 -0.053  0.075 -0.001
lwexp     -2.703   0.350 -0.012 -0.022  0.076  8.468 -2.300 -0.121  0.041 -0.208  0.002
lwexp2    1.435   -0.173  0.007  0.008 -0.048 -2.300  0.705  0.029 -0.008  0.034 -0.001
ltenure   -10.416  0.829 -0.032  0.006  0.098 -0.121  0.029  7.554 -2.077 -0.030  0.001
ltenure2  3.477   -0.232  0.009 -0.001 -0.053  0.041 -0.008 -2.077  0.639 -0.022  0.000
age       -5.957   0.163 -0.006 -0.006  0.075 -0.208  0.034 -0.030 -0.022  0.266 -0.003
agesq     0.063   -0.002  0.000  0.000 -0.001  0.002 -0.001  0.001  0.000 -0.003  0.000

varhat_HCO %>% diag %>% as.matrix %>% t %>% sqrt %>% round(3) # STANDARD ERRORS

      intercept      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
[1,]      36.682  4.696  0.168  0.266  2.136  2.91  0.84  2.748  0.8 0.516 0.006
```

Empirical Example : Het-Robust Var-Cov (using packages)

```
• Can use hccm() from car package or vcovHC() function from sandwich package

options(width=400); varhat_HCOa = vcovHC(mdl1,type="HCO"); round(varhat_HCOa,3) # HET-ROBUST VAR

      (Intercept)      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
(Intercept) 1345.536 -144.697  5.136 -3.296 14.791 -2.703  1.435 -10.416  3.477 -5.957  0.063
educ      -144.697  22.049 -0.785 -0.163  0.932  0.350 -0.173  0.829 -0.232  0.163 -0.002
educsq     5.136   -0.785  0.028  0.006 -0.028 -0.012  0.007 -0.032  0.009 -0.006  0.000
height    -3.296   -0.163  0.006  0.071 -0.382 -0.022  0.008  0.006 -0.001 -0.006  0.000
male      14.791   0.932 -0.028 -0.382  4.563  0.076 -0.048  0.098 -0.053  0.075 -0.001
lwexp     -2.703   0.350 -0.012 -0.022  0.076  8.468 -2.300 -0.121  0.041 -0.208  0.002
lwexp2    1.435   -0.173  0.007  0.008 -0.048 -2.300  0.705  0.029 -0.008  0.034 -0.001
ltenure   -10.416  0.829 -0.032  0.006  0.098 -0.121  0.029  7.554 -2.077 -0.030  0.001
ltenure2  3.477   -0.232  0.009 -0.001 -0.053  0.041 -0.008 -2.077  0.639 -0.022  0.000
age       -5.957   0.163 -0.006 -0.006  0.075 -0.208  0.034 -0.030 -0.022  0.266 -0.003
agesq     0.063   -0.002  0.000  0.000 -0.001  0.002 -0.001  0.001  0.000 -0.003  0.000

varhat_HCOa %>% diag %>% as.matrix %>% t %>% sqrt %>% round(3) # STANDARD ERRORS

      (Intercept)      educ educsq height      male      lwexp      lwexp2      ltenure      ltenure2      age      agesq
[1,]      36.682  4.696  0.168  0.266  2.136  2.91  0.84  2.748  0.8 0.516 0.006
```

Session 5.6

Session 5.6 Asymptotic Properties of OLS Estimators

- Consistency
- Asymptotic Normality
- Theory behind Heteroskedasticity-Robust Standard Errors

Asymptotic Properties of OLS Estimators

Recall

- Khinchine's LLN: If $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ iid, $E(Z_i) = \mu < \infty$, then $\overline{Z} \xrightarrow{p} \mu$.
- Lindeberg-Levy CLT: $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ iid, $E(Z_i) = \mu$ and $Var(Z_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$, then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{Z} - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$$

- if $\mu = 0$, then

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{Z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \xrightarrow{d} \text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2).$$

Asymptotic Properties of OLS Estimators

Multivariate versions of these rules

If $\{Z_i\}_{i=1}^n$ iid vectors of random variables with $E(Z_i) = 0$ and $Var(Z_i) = \Omega$, for all i , then

$$\overline{Z} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i = \begin{bmatrix} (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{1i} \\ (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ki} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{p} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_k \end{bmatrix} = \mu$$

$$\sqrt{n} \bar{Z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i = \begin{bmatrix} (1/\sqrt{n}) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{1i} \\ (1/\sqrt{n}) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ (1/\sqrt{n}) \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ki} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} \text{Normal}_k(0, \Omega)$$

Asymptotic Properties

To talk about **limiting distributions**, we have to scale $\hat{\beta}$. Use

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}^{ols} - \beta) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T \epsilon_i \right)$$

Our assumptions and the CLT imply

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*} \epsilon_i \xrightarrow{d} \text{Normal}_{k+1}(0, S)$$

therefore

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}^{ols} - \beta) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1}}_{\xrightarrow{p} \Sigma_{xx}^{-1}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T \epsilon_i \right)}_{\xrightarrow{p} \text{Normal}_{k+1}(0, S)} \xrightarrow{d} \text{Normal}_{k+1}(0, \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} S \Sigma_{xx}^{-1})$$

Asymptotic Properties

That is, $\hat{\beta}^{ols}$ is consistent, with asymptotic variance $Avar(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) = \Sigma_{xx}^{-1} S \Sigma_{xx}^{-1}$. This result justifies the approximation

$$Var(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) \approx (1/n)\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}S\Sigma_{xx}^{-1}.$$

An obvious estimator for Σ_{xx} is

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{xx} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{i*}^T X_{i*} = \frac{1}{n} X^T X$$

Some additional assumptions (see advanced econometrics textbooks) guarantee

$$\hat{S} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \xrightarrow{p} S.$$

Asymptotic Properties

This allows us to consistently estimate the asymptotic variance of $\hat{\beta}$ by

$$\widehat{Avar}(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1}$$

and justifies the use of

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{Var}_{HC0}(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) &= \frac{1}{n} \widehat{Avar}(\hat{\beta}^{ols}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\epsilon}_i^2 X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i*}^T X_{i*} \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Roadmap

- (Previous) Session 1: Statistics Review
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