

**Example 1:** Derive the least squares estimator formula for estimation of regression coefficients in case of the following regression function:

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{3i} + u_i.$$

It is a trivariate regression model, i.e. a model with three explanatory variables, which contains the constant term ( $x_{1i} = 1, \forall i$ ). ■

**Example 2:** We have data available for variables  $y$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ . We observe each variable eight times, as shown in the table below.

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$y_i$	2	2	1	5	-4	1	4	1
$x_{2i}$	1	2	0	-1	1	-1	-2	0
$x_{3i}$	-1	-1	2	-4	3	0	2	-1

Estimate the partial regression coefficients for this particular example, if the regression function is of the following form:

$$y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{3i} + u_i.$$

Perform the calculation with the use of matrix algebra; first manually, and then also in Stata software (the programming code is given in Stata Do file `estimation-commands.do`).

**Computer printout of the results in Stata:**

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. matrix y=(2\2\1\5\ -4\1\4\1)
. matrix list y

y[8,1]
      c1
r1     2
r2     2
r3     1
r4     5
r5    -4
r6     1
r7     4
r8     1

. matrix X=(1,1,-1\1,2,-1\1,0,2\1,-1,-4\1,1,3\1,-1,0\1,-2,2\1,0,-1)
. matrix list X

X[8,3]
      c1  c2  c3
r1     1   1  -1
r2     1   2  -1
r3     1   0   2
r4     1  -1  -4
r5     1   1   3
r6     1  -1   0
r7     1  -2   2
r8     1   0  -1
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. matrix XX=(X)'*X
. matrix list XX

symmetric XX[3,3]
      c1  c2  c3
c1      8
c2      0  12
c3      0   0  36

. matrix Xy=(X)'*y
. matrix list Xy

Xy[3,1]
      c1
c1      12
c2     -12
c3     -27

. matrix XXinv=invsym(XX)
. matrix list XXinv

symmetric XXinv[3,3]
      c1          c2          c3
c1      .125
c2          0  .08333333
c3          0          0  .02777778

. matrix b=XXinv*Xy
. matrix list b

b[3,1]
      c1
c1      1.5
c2      -1
c3     -.75

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