

Assume $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$. using MLE, derive estimator for β and σ^2 .

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

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

Provided that $X^T X$ is invertible:

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

$$\frac{\partial L(\beta, \sigma^2 | Y)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = 0$$

Solve for MLE:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right) &= \frac{1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ n\hat{\sigma}^2 &= (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta})}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \frac{SSR}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \begin{cases} \hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{(Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta})}{n} \end{cases}$$