

# Algebra of OLS

Zhentao Shi

September 22, 2016

We demonstrate the OLS estimator and its algebraic properties

**Generate the data.**

```
n = 20 # sample size
K = 3  # number of paramters

b0 = as.matrix( c(0.5, 1, -1) ) # the true coefficient

X = cbind(1, matrix( rnorm(n * (K-1)), nrow = n ) ) # the regressor matrix
e = rnorm(n,1) # the error term

Y = X %*% b0 + e # generate the dependent variable
```

**OLS estimator**

```
bhat = solve(t(X)%*%X, t(X) %*% Y )
```

Calculate the estimate as  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'Y = 1.7446292, 1.1389028, -1.0903429$ .

**Residual**

The residual  $\hat{e} = Y - X'\beta$ . Verify  $X'\hat{e} = 0$ .

```
ehat = Y - X %*% bhat

print( t(X) %*% ehat )
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] -5.329071e-15
## [2,]  1.942890e-15
## [3,]  4.773959e-15
```

Notice that

- $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 24.4225307$ ,
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = -5.21805e-15$ .

Define  $P_X$  and  $M_X$ , and show  $\hat{e} = M_X Y = M_X e$ .

```
PX = X %*% solve( t(X) %*% X) %*% t(X)
MX = diag(rep(1,n)) - PX
print( cbind( ehat, MX %*% Y, MX %*% e) )
```

```
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]
## [1,]  0.187653869  0.187653869  0.187653869
## [2,]  0.304539430  0.304539430  0.304539430
## [3,] -2.076542407 -2.076542407 -2.076542407
## [4,]  0.510331369  0.510331369  0.510331369
## [5,] -0.142729755 -0.142729755 -0.142729755
## [6,] -1.402221819 -1.402221819 -1.402221819
## [7,] -0.613570376 -0.613570376 -0.613570376
## [8,] -1.738474619 -1.738474619 -1.738474619
## [9,] -1.451860378 -1.451860378 -1.451860378
## [10,]  0.899525924  0.899525924  0.899525924
## [11,]  1.378111735  1.378111735  1.378111735
## [12,]  0.260899210  0.260899210  0.260899210
## [13,]  1.055177120  1.055177120  1.055177120
## [14,]  2.027768795  2.027768795  2.027768795
## [15,] -0.839224006 -0.839224006 -0.839224006
## [16,] -0.004038138 -0.004038138 -0.004038138
## [17,]  0.299225513  0.299225513  0.299225513
## [18,]  0.735293883  0.735293883  0.735293883
## [19,]  0.079347597  0.079347597  0.079347597
## [20,]  0.530787053  0.530787053  0.530787053
```