

STATS 3001 / STATS 4101 / STATS 7054
Statistical Modelling III
Tutorial 3
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QUESTIONS:

1. The purpose of this tutorial is to derive the maximum likelihood estimates for the multiple regression model. It is intended partly to help with understanding the derivation of the Box-Cox profile likelihood.

Consider the multiple regression model

$$\mathbf{Y} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

where E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n are independent with

$$E_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

- (a) Show that the model can be expressed equivalently as

$$Y_i \sim N(\mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)$$

independently for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ where \mathbf{x}_i^T is the i th row of X .

- (b) Write down the log-likelihood function, $\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2; \mathbf{y})$.
(c) Show that for any value of $\sigma^2 > 0$ the log-likelihood is maximized with respect to $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ by the ordinary least squares estimate $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$.
(d) Hence show that the maximum likelihood estimate for σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{RSS(\mathbf{y})}{n}$$

where the residual sum of squares (RSS) is defined by

$$RSS(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mathbf{x}_i^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2.$$

- (e) If c is a scalar then show that

$$RSS(c\mathbf{y}) = c^2 RSS(\mathbf{y}).$$