SMIII lectures

Week 12

The Geometry of Least Squares

- The discussion of linear models so far has been formulated in terms of matrices.
- This is adequate from a computational perspective.
- But there is an important logical gap to be filled.
- We know the same model can be specified with different model matrices.
- For example, when dealing with factors, we can use different constraints and we showed that the models were equivalent.

The Geometry of Least Squares

We need to answer the question:

What is the unique definition of a linear model?

Overview

- In this section, we use concepts of linear algebra and, in particular, vector subspaces to provide a precise specification of the linear model.
- Hypothesis testing and the analysis of variance will be described in terms of linear algebra.
- We will consider only n-dimensional Euclidean space.
- Much of the theory extends to abstract vector spaces, but this is not considered here.

Subspaces

 \mathbb{R}^{\ltimes}

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Vector Addition

$$\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

for

$$oldsymbol{x},oldsymbol{y}\in\mathbb{R}^n.$$

Scalar Multiplication

$$a\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} ax_1 \\ ax_2 \\ \vdots \\ ax_n \end{bmatrix}$$

for

$$a \in \mathbb{R}, \ \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The dot product

The dot product or inner product of two vectors is defined in the usual way.

$$\boldsymbol{x}.\boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{x}^T \boldsymbol{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

The norm

The dot product can be used to define distances, via the **norm**,

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\| = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{x}.\boldsymbol{x}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2},$$

so that the Euclidean distance between two points is

$$\|x - y\|$$
.

Orthogonal vectors

The dot product is also used to define the angle, θ between vectors via the relation

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{x}.\boldsymbol{y}}{\|\boldsymbol{x}\|.\|\boldsymbol{y}\|} = \cos\theta.$$

The vectors x, y are said to be **orthogonal** or **perpendicular** if

$$\mathbf{x.y} = 0.$$

In this case, we write

$$\boldsymbol{x} \perp \boldsymbol{y}$$
.

Definition 12.1: Vector Subspaces

A set

$$\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

is said to be a vector subspace if

$$a\boldsymbol{x} + b\boldsymbol{y} \in \mathcal{M}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Example 1

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \left\{ oldsymbol{x} = egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \ 0 \end{bmatrix} : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}
ight\}.$$

Example 2

Let X be an $n \times p$ matrix and let

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \{ \boldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \boldsymbol{y} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} \text{ for } \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p \}.$$

Definition 12.2: Span

Let

$$\{oldsymbol{x}_1,oldsymbol{x}_2,\ldots,oldsymbol{x}_p\}\subset\mathbb{R}^n$$

be a set of vectors.

The **span** is defined by

$$S\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_p\} = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : y = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + ... + a_px_p\}$$

for

$$a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_p \in \mathbb{R}$$
.

The span,

$$\mathcal{S}\{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p\},\$$

is always a vector subspace.

The vectors

$$oldsymbol{x}_1, oldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, oldsymbol{x}_p$$

is said to span the subspace \mathcal{M} if

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{S}\{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p\}.$$

Basis

Recall that a set of vectors,

$$\{oldsymbol{x}_1,oldsymbol{x}_2,\ldots,oldsymbol{x}_p\}\subset\mathbb{R}^n$$

is said to be linearly independent if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} a_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_p = 0.$$

Definition 12.3

Let

$$\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

be a vector subspace.

A set of linearly independent vectors,

$$\{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p\},\$$

such that

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{S}\{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p\}$$

is said to form a **basis** for \mathcal{M} .

Example 1

The two vectors

$$\left\{oldsymbol{x}_1 = egin{bmatrix}1\\0\\0\end{bmatrix}, oldsymbol{x}_2 = egin{bmatrix}0\\1\\0\end{bmatrix}
ight\}$$

form a basis for \mathcal{M}_1 .

Example 2

If the columns

$$\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p$$

of the matrix, X, are linearly independent, then they form a basis for \mathcal{M}_2 .

Alternative Bases

The basis of a vector subspace is not unique. In our two examples:

• The two vectors

$$\left\{ \boldsymbol{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

form a basis for \mathcal{M}_1 . - For any $p \times p$ invertible matrix, A, the columns of the matrix XA form a basis for \mathcal{M}_2 , provided the columns of X are linearly independent.

Theorem 12.1: Dimension of a subspace

Suppose

$$\{\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_p\}$$

and

$$\{\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{v}_r\}$$

are bases for the vector subspace \mathcal{M} . The r=p.

Definition 12.4

The the vector subspace, \mathcal{M} , is said to have dimension, p, if any basis for \mathcal{M} has p elements.

Linear Models

Linear Models

Consider data $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ and the statistical model,

$$y = \eta + e$$

where e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n are such that

$$E(\mathbf{e}) = 0$$
 and $Var(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2 I$.

A model of the form,

$$M: \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{M}$$

where $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a linear model.

Linear Models

A linear model is specified at the most fundamental level by the subspace \mathcal{M} . In practice, linear models can be specified by a model matrix, X, such that

$$\eta \in \mathcal{M} \Leftrightarrow \eta = X\beta$$
.

That is, where the columns of X form a basis for \mathcal{M} .

We have seen previously examples where the same model can specified with different model matrices. In general two models of the form

$$\eta = X\beta$$
 and $\eta = X^*\beta^*$

will be equivalent when the columns of X and X^* are bases for the same subspace \mathcal{M} .

The projection matrix

In the matrix treatment of the linear model, the projection matrix

$$P = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$$

plays a key role.

P can also be defined as a projection operator on the underlying subspace without reference to a model matrix.

This is an important result because it implies that the projection P obtained from X and X^* is the same.

Definition 12.5 Orthogonal Complement

The **orthogonal complement** of the vector subspace \mathcal{M} is the set

$$\mathcal{M}^{\perp} = \{ \boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \boldsymbol{v} \perp \boldsymbol{x} \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathcal{M} \}.$$

Theorem 12.2

If \mathcal{M} is a vector subspace of dimension p, then \mathcal{M}^{\perp} is a vector subspace of dimension n-p.

Example

Let \mathcal{M}_1 be as previously.

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \left\{ oldsymbol{x} = egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \ 0 \end{bmatrix} : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}
ight\}.$$
 $\mathcal{M}_1^{\perp} = \left\{ oldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : oldsymbol{v}.oldsymbol{x} = 0 ext{ for all } oldsymbol{x} = egin{bmatrix} x_1 \ x_2 \ 0 \end{bmatrix}
ight\}.$

$$v.x = x_1v_1 + x_2v_2 = 0$$
 for all $x_1, x_2 \Leftrightarrow v_1 = v_2 = 0$.

That is,

$$\mathcal{M}_1^\perp = \left\{ oldsymbol{v} = egin{bmatrix} 0 \ 0 \ v_3 \end{bmatrix} : v_3 \in \mathbb{R}
ight\} = \mathcal{S} \left\{ egin{bmatrix} 0 \ 0 \ 1 \end{bmatrix}
ight\}$$

and dim $(\mathcal{M}_1^{\perp}) = 1 = 3 - 2$ as required.

Orthogonal Projection

Let $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a vector subspace.

It can be proved that every $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be expressed **uniquely** as

$$y = u + v$$
 where $u \in \mathcal{M}, v \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$.

Definition 12.6

The orthogonal projection P on the subspace \mathcal{M} is the linear mapping $P: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathcal{M}$ defined by

$$Py = u$$
.

Note I - P is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M}^{\perp} .

Example

Let $\mathcal{M}_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be as before and let P be the orthogonal projection.

Consider

$$oldsymbol{y} = egin{bmatrix} y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

The unique decomposition of

$$y = u + v$$

is

$$oldsymbol{u} = egin{bmatrix} y_1 \ y_2 \ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_1 ext{ and } oldsymbol{v} = egin{bmatrix} 0 \ 0 \ y_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_1^{\perp}.$$

The orthogonal projection is

$$P\boldsymbol{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 12.3 The least squares property

Let P be the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M} and consider $\boldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\boldsymbol{w} \in \mathcal{M}$. Then

$$\|y - w\|^2 \ge \|y - Py\|^2$$

with equality if and only if w = Py.

Proof

$$||y - w||^{2} = ||y - Py + Py - w||^{2}$$

$$= ||(u + v - u) + (u - w)||^{2}$$

$$= ||v + (u - w)||^{2}$$

$$= ||v||^{2} + ||u - w||^{2} + 2v.(u - w)$$

$$= ||v||^{2} + ||u - w||^{2}$$

$$= ||y - Py||^{2} + ||Py - w||^{2}$$

$$\geq ||y - Py||^{2}$$

$$= \text{ if and only if } Py = w.$$

Theorem 12.4 The normal equations

The linear mapping P is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M} if and only if

$$P\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } \mathbf{y} - P\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$$

for all $\boldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Note, the conditions

$$Py \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } y - Py \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are called the **normal equations**.

Proof

Recall the orthogonal projection is defined by

$$Py = u$$

where y = u + v is the unique decomposition such that $u \in \mathcal{M}$ and $v \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$.

Hence, if Py satisfies the normal equations, it follows from uniqueness that Py = u.

Conversely, if we take Py = u, it follows immediately that the normal equations are satisfied.

Theorem 12.5 Symmetry and Idempotence

Consider an $n \times n$ matrix, P. The mapping $P\mathbf{y}$ is the orthogonal projection on the range of P if and only if $P = P^2 = P^T$.

Proof

Suppose P is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M} .

Observe that Pu = u for all $u \in \mathcal{M}$.

Hence P(Py) = Py for all $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so that

$$(P - P^2)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$$
 for all $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow P = P^2$.

Now consider

$$m{y}_1 = m{u}_1 + m{v}_1, \; m{y}_2 = m{u}_2 + m{v}_2 \; ext{where} \; m{u}_1, m{u}_2 \in \mathcal{M}, \; m{v}_1, m{v}_2 \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$$

and observe

$$u_1^T y_2 = u_1^T u_2 = y_1^T u_2 \Rightarrow y_1^T P^T y_2 = y_1^T P y_2$$
 for all $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Hence, $P = P^T$.

Conversely, suppose $P = P^2 = P^T$ and let \mathcal{M} be the range of P.

To show that Py satisfies the normal equations, we need to check that $y - Py \in \mathcal{M}^{\perp}$.

Suppose $w \in \mathcal{M}$. We need to show

$$(\boldsymbol{y} - P\boldsymbol{y})^T \boldsymbol{w} = 0.$$

Since $\boldsymbol{w} = P\boldsymbol{w}$, we obtain

$$(\boldsymbol{y} - P\boldsymbol{y})^T \boldsymbol{w} = (\boldsymbol{y} - P\boldsymbol{y})^T P \boldsymbol{w} = \boldsymbol{y}^T (I - P^T) P \boldsymbol{w} = 0$$

as required.

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The matrix formulation

Consider the matrix formulation,

$$y = \eta + e$$

such that E(e) = 0 and $Var(e) = \sigma^2 I$, and consider the linear model

$$\eta = X\beta$$

where X an $n \times p$ matrix with linearly independent columns.

- Have seen previously that $P = X(X^TX)^{-1}X^T$ is symmetric and idempotent.
- Moreover the range of P is the column space of X, or the linear subspace \mathcal{M} .
- Least squares estimation is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M} .

Test of Hypotheses and ANOVA

Consider vector subspaces

$$\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

such that $p_0 = \dim(\mathcal{H}) .$

Consider the linear model

$$M: \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{M}$$

and the hypothesis

$$H_0: \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{H}$$
.

The ANOVA table

The analysis of variance table is

Source	SS	DF	MS	F-ratio
$H_0 \ vs \ M$	$\ (P-P_0)\boldsymbol{y}\ ^2$	$p-p_0$	$MS_H = \frac{\ (P-P_0)\mathbf{y}\ ^2}{p-p_0}$	$F = \frac{MS_H}{MS_E}$
Residual	$\ (I-P)\boldsymbol{y}\ ^2$	n-p	$MS_E = \frac{\ (\tilde{I} - \tilde{P})\boldsymbol{y}\ ^2}{n-p}$	
Total	$ (I - P_0)\boldsymbol{y} ^2$	$n-p_0$	-	

} \end{center}

where P is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{M} and P_0 is the orthogonal projection on \mathcal{H} .

The expected mean squares

The key to understanding ANOVA lies in the expected value of the mean square entries. Suppose the model \mathcal{M} holds.

We have

$$E(\|\mathbf{Y} - X\hat{\beta}\|^2) = E(\|(I - P)\mathbf{Y}\|^2) = (n - p)\sigma^2$$

so that

$$E(MS_E) = \sigma^2.$$

The expected mean squares

Consider now the hypothesis sum squares.

$$||(P - P_0)\mathbf{Y}||^2 = ||((P - P_0)(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\eta}) + (P - P_0)\boldsymbol{\eta}||^2$$

= $||((P - P_0)(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\eta})||^2 + ||(P - P_0)\boldsymbol{\eta}||^2$
+ $2\boldsymbol{\eta}^T(P - P_0)(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\eta})$

Since $P - P_0$ is the orthogonal projection on the vector subspace, $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{H}$,

$$E(\|(P - P_0)(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\eta})\|^2) = (p - p_0)\sigma^2.$$

Since η is a constant,

$$E(\|(P - P_0)\boldsymbol{\eta}\|^2) = \|(P - P_0)\boldsymbol{\eta}\|^2.$$

$$E(\boldsymbol{\eta}^T(P-P_0)(\boldsymbol{Y}-\boldsymbol{\eta})) = \boldsymbol{\eta}^T(P-P_0)E(\boldsymbol{Y}-\boldsymbol{\eta}) = 0$$

Hence

$$E(MS_H) = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{p - p_0} ||(P - P_0)\eta||^2.$$

The expected mean squares

Observe that $H_0: \eta \in \mathcal{H}$ is true if and only if $(P - P_0)\eta = \mathbf{0}$

Hence $\delta^2 = \frac{1}{p-p_0} \|(P-P_0)\boldsymbol{\eta}\|^2$ is a measure of the magnitude of any departure from H_0 .

To summarise

$$E(MS_H) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & \text{if } H_0 \text{ holds} \\ \sigma^2 + \delta^2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The F-statistic

The F-statistic is the ratio

$$F = \frac{MS_H}{MS_E}.$$

- When H_0 is true, we would expect the F-statistic to be close to 1.
- When H_0 is not true, we expect the F-statistic to exceed 1.
- The greater the departure from H_0 , the larger we expect F-statistic to be.

This explains the logic of the F-test, where H_0 is rejected only for large values of the F-statistic.

It can also be proved that the null distribution of the F-statistic is $F_{p-p_0,n-p}$ but this is beyond the scope of the course.

Example

Consider the one-way layout with

r groups and n_k observations in group~k for $k = 1, \ldots, r$.

The usual model and hypothesis are

$$M: \eta_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i \text{ and } H_0: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \ldots = \alpha_r = 0.$$

The underlying subspaces can be specified by their bases.

In particular, \mathcal{M} is the r dimensional subspace with basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Obs} & v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_r \\ (1,1) & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ (1,2) & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (1,n_1) & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ (2,1) & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ (2,2) & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (2,n_2) & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (r,1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ (r,2) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (r,n_r) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

 \mathcal{H} is the 1-dimensional space spanned by 1.

It can be shown that the corresponding ANOVA table is (as usual)

Source	SS	DF
Between Groups	$\sum_{i=1}^{r} n_i (y_{i\bullet} - y_{\bullet \bullet})^2$	r-1
Within Groups	$\sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - y_{i\bullet})^2$	n-r
Total	$\sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - y_{\bullet \bullet})^2$	n-1

The mean-square entry for the within-group sum of squares is just σ^2 and for the between-group sum of squares we have,

$$MS = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{r-1} \sum_{i=1}^r n_i (\eta_{i\bullet} - \eta_{\bullet\bullet})^2.$$

Taking $\eta_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i$ we find

$$\eta_{i\bullet} = \mu + \alpha_i$$
 and $\eta_{\bullet\bullet} = \mu + \bar{\alpha}$

where

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{r} n_i \alpha_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{r} n_i}.$$

These calculations are often presented in the extended ANOVA table:

Source	SS	DF	E(MS)
Between Groups	$\sum\nolimits_{i=1}^{r} {n_i (y_{i\bullet} - y_{\bullet \bullet})^2}$	r-1	$\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{r-1} \sum\nolimits_{i=1}^r n_i (\alpha_i - \bar{\alpha})^2$
Within	$\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - y_{i\bullet})^2$	n-r	σ^2
Groups			
Total	$\sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - y_{\bullet \bullet})^2$	n-1	

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Geometry of generalised least squares

Geometry of generalised least squares

Generalised least squares also has a geometrical interpretation.

The same theory applies but instead of using the standard inner product (dot product)

$$oldsymbol{x}_1.oldsymbol{x}_2 = \langle oldsymbol{x}_1, oldsymbol{x}_2
angle = oldsymbol{x}_1^T oldsymbol{x}_2$$

to define angle and distance, we use

$$\langle oldsymbol{x}_1, oldsymbol{x}_2
angle_* = oldsymbol{x}_1^T V^{-1} oldsymbol{x}_2$$

Geometry of generalised least squares

The orthogonal* projection

$$P = X(X^TV^{-1}X)^{-1}X^TV^{-1}$$

is idempotent, i.e. $P^2 = P$.

However, symmetry is generalised to the self-adjoint property,

$$\langle P\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2 \rangle_* = \langle \boldsymbol{x}_1, P\boldsymbol{x}_2 \rangle_*$$

Geometry of generalised least squares

It can be checked that

$$P \boldsymbol{y} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathcal{L}} \| \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{\eta} \|_*^2$$

where \mathcal{L} is the column space of X and

$$\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_*^2 = \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle_* = \boldsymbol{x}^T V^{-1} \boldsymbol{x}.$$

Geometry of generalised least squares

Finally, the definition of

Px = v

from the decomposition

 $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{v} + \boldsymbol{w}$

with

 $oldsymbol{v} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } oldsymbol{w} \in \mathcal{L}^{\perp}$

is the same.

The only difference is that the space \mathcal{L}^{\perp} is orthogonal with respect to the * inner product.