

# Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)

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# The Linear Regression Model

The multiple linear regression model:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

where:

- ▶  $y$  is the dependent variable (vector of observations),
- ▶  $X$  is the  $n \times K$  matrix of independent variables,
- ▶  $\beta$  is the  $K \times 1$  vector of parameters to be estimated,
- ▶  $\varepsilon$  is the  $n \times 1$  vector of disturbances (errors).

# OLS Estimator

The OLS estimator of  $\beta$  minimizes the sum of squared errors:

$$S(\beta) = (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) \quad (2)$$

Taking the first-order condition:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta} = -2X'y + 2X'X\beta = 0 \quad (3)$$

Note the exogeneity condition :  $X'(y - X\beta) = 0$

► GMM uses this

Solving for  $\beta$ :

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y \quad (4)$$

# Variance-Covariance Matrix of OLS Estimator

The variance of the OLS estimator is given by:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \text{Var}[(X'X)^{-1}X'\varepsilon] \quad (5)$$

Using the property  $\text{Var}(Ax) = A\text{Var}(x)A'$ , we get:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = (X'X)^{-1}X'\text{Var}(\varepsilon)X(X'X)^{-1} \quad (6)$$

Since  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 I_n$ , we obtain:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

The standard errors of the estimates are:

$$SE(\hat{\beta}) = \sqrt{\sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}} \quad (8)$$

# Assumptions of OLS

1. Linearity: The model is linear in parameters.
2. Full Rank (No Perfect Multicollinearity):  $X$  has full column rank.
3. Exogeneity (Zero Conditional Mean):  $E[\varepsilon|X] = 0$ .
4. Homoskedasticity (Constant Variance):  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$  for all  $i$ .
5. No Autocorrelation (Independence of Errors):  $\text{Cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .
6. Normality (for Inference):  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$ .

Note: Assumptions 1–4 constitute the **Gauss-Markov assumptions**, ensuring the OLS estimator is **BLUE** (Best Linear Unbiased Estimator). Adding the **normality assumption** results in the **Classical Linear Model (CLM) assumptions**, which are necessary for valid hypothesis testing.

## Does This Variance Satisfy the CRLB?

The likelihood function for  $y \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$  is:

$$L(\beta, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)\right).$$

The log-likelihood function:

$$\ell(\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta).$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $\beta$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X'(y - X\beta).$$

# Fisher Information and the CRLB

The negative expectation of the Hessian (second derivative):

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} X'X.$$

The Fisher Information Matrix is:

$$I(\beta) = \mathbb{E} \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} X'X.$$

By the Cramér-Rao Lower Bound (CRLB), the covariance matrix of any unbiased estimator  $\tilde{\beta}$  satisfies:

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}) \geq I(\beta)^{-1} = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}.$$

Conclusion: The OLS estimator attains this bound, meaning its variance satisfies the CRLB.

# MLE Estimation of $\hat{\beta}$ given $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$

Log-Likelihood Function

$$\log L(\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta).$$

First-Order Condition

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \beta} = X'y - X'X\beta = 0.$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y.$$

The Maximum Likelihood estimator of  $\beta$  coincides with the OLS estimator.



## Simulating Data for $y = X\beta + \epsilon$ in Python

```
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm
np.random.seed(1234)
n, k = 100, 3
X = np.random.randn(n, k) # Random predictors
X = np.hstack([np.ones((n, 1)), X]) # With intercept
beta = np.array([1.5, -2.0, 0.5, 1.0])
epsilon = np.random.randn(n)
y = X @ beta + epsilon
model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit()
print(model.summary())
```

# OLS Regression Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	P-value
Constant	1.6094	0.101	15.973	0.000
X1	-2.0181	0.087	-23.323	0.000
X2	0.3736	0.110	3.406	0.001
X3	0.9388	0.115	8.155	0.000

- ▶  $R^2 = 0.868$ , Adjusted  $R^2 = 0.864$
- ▶ F-statistic: 210.2 ( $p < 0.0001$ )
- ▶ Observations: 100
- ▶ Interpretation: An increase in  $X_1$  is associated with a decrease in  $y$  by 2.0181 units, *ceteris paribus*.

# Hypothesis Testing

## Testing $H_0 : \beta_k = 0$ (individual significance test)

- ▶ Test statistic:

$$t_k = \frac{\text{Estimate} - \text{Hypothesized value}}{\text{Standard Error}} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{SE(\hat{\beta}_k)} \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Follows a  $t(n - K)$  distribution.
- ▶ Degrees of freedom is  $df = n - K$  where  $n$  is the sample size and  $K$  is the number of estimated parameters, and  $k=1,2,\dots,K$ .

# Calculating p-values in OLS

- ▶ The p-value is the probability of observing a test statistic as extreme as  $t_k$ , assuming the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \beta = 0$  is true.
- ▶ Or, p-value is the smallest level of significance where the null hypothesis can be rejected.
- ▶ For a two-tailed test:

$$p = 2 \times (1 - CDF_t(|t_k|, df))$$

where CDF is the cumulative distribution function of the  $t$ -distribution.

Decision Rule:

- ▶ If  $p < \alpha$ , reject  $H_0$  (typically  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).
- ▶ If  $p \geq \alpha$ , fail to reject  $H_0$  (insufficient evidence).

# The Wald Test

- ▶ The Wald test is used to test linear restrictions on regression coefficients.
- ▶ It evaluates whether a set of parameters  $H_0 : R\beta = r$  holds.
- ▶ Commonly used in hypothesis testing for nested models.

## General Hypothesis:

$$H_0 : R\beta = r, \quad H_1 : R\beta \neq r$$

where:

- ▶  $R$  is a  $q \times k$  restriction matrix.
- ▶  $r$  is a  $q \times 1$  vector.

# Wald Test (Contd.)

## Wald Statistic:

$$W = (R\hat{\beta} - r)'[R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - r)$$

- ▶  $\hat{\beta}$  is the OLS estimate.
- ▶  $R(X'X)^{-1}R'$  captures the covariance of restrictions.
- ▶ Under  $H_0$ ,  $W \sim \chi_q^2$ , where  $q$  is the number of restrictions.
- ▶ Reject  $H_0$  if  $W > \chi_q^2(\alpha)$  at significance level  $\alpha$ .

# Wald Test Example

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$$

**Hypothesis:**

$$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0 \quad (\text{No effect of } X_2 \text{ and } X_3)$$

**Step 1: Define  $R$  and  $r$**

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 2: Compute Wald Statistic**

$$W = (R\hat{\beta} - r)'[R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1}(R\hat{\beta} - r)$$

**Step 3: Compare with  $\chi^2_2$  critical value**

- ▶ If  $W > \chi^2_2(\alpha)$ , reject  $H_0$ .
- ▶ Otherwise, fail to reject  $H_0$ .

## Wald Test Example (Contd.)

```
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm
np.random.seed(1234)
n = 100
X = np.random.randn(n, 3)
X = sm.add_constant(X)
beta = np.array([1.5, -2.0, 0.5, 1.0])
eps = np.random.randn(n)
y = X @ beta + eps
model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit()
R = np.array([[0, 0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 0, 1]])
r = np.array([0, 0])
model.wald_test((R, r))
```

- ▶ The test statistic is compared to a  $\chi^2$  critical value.
- ▶ A low p-value indicates rejection of  $H_0$ .



# Likelihood Ratio Test

Test for Nested Models:  $\Lambda = -2(\ell_0 - \ell_1)$

- ▶  $\ell_0$  = Log-likelihood of restricted model.
- ▶  $\ell_1$  = Log-likelihood of full model.

Test Statistic:

$$\Lambda \sim \chi_{df}^2, \quad df = \text{difference in parameters.}$$

Hypothesis:

- ▶  $H_0$  : Restricted model is sufficient.
- ▶  $H_1$  : Full model significantly improves fit.

Reject  $H_0$  if  $\Lambda$  is large (p-value  $< 0.05$ ).

▶ MLE distribution

# Lagrange Multiplier (LM) Test

Test if a restricted model is significantly different from an unrestricted model.

$$LM = S(\hat{\theta}_0)'I(\hat{\theta}_0)^{-1}S(\hat{\theta}_0)$$

- ▶  $S(\hat{\theta}_0)$  is the score function at the restricted estimates.
- ▶  $I(\hat{\theta}_0)$  is the Fisher Information Matrix.
- ▶  $LM \sim \chi^2_{df}$ , where  $df$  is the number of constraints.

Hypothesis Testing:

- ▶  $H_0$  : The restricted model is correct.
- ▶  $H_1$  : The unrestricted model is significantly better.

If  $LM$  is large ( $p < 0.05$ ), reject  $H_0 \rightarrow$  the restricted model is insufficient.

# Goodness of Fit

## Coefficient of Determination ( $R^2$ )

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{SS_{residual}}{SS_{total}} \quad (10)$$

where:

$$SS_{residual} = \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2, \quad SS_{total} = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \quad (11)$$

Adding more predictors to the model reduces  $SS_{residual}$ , or keeps it the same. **Adjusted**  $R^2$  accounts for model complexity:

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{\frac{SS_{residual}}{n-K}}{\frac{SS_{total}}{n-1}} \quad (12)$$

# Log transformations

**1. Log-Lin Model:**  $\log(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \epsilon$

$$\% \Delta y \approx 100 \cdot \beta_1$$

If  $\beta_1 = 0.05$ , a 1-unit increase in  $x$  is associated with a 5% increase in  $y$ .

**2. Log-Log Model:**  $\log(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x) + \epsilon$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{\% \Delta y}{\% \Delta x}$$

Elasticity : If  $\beta_1 = 1.2$ , a 1% increase in  $x$  increases  $y$  by 1.2%.

**3. Lin-Log Model:**  $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x) + \epsilon$

$$\Delta y \approx \beta_1 \cdot 0.01 \cdot \% \Delta x$$

If  $\beta_1 = 2.5$ , a 1% increase in  $x$  increases  $y$  by 0.025 units.

# Violation of the Assumptions

1. **Linearity**: Nonlinear models, supervised machine learning.
2. **Full Rank**: LASSO, clustering or unsupervised learning.
3. **Exogeneity**: Causal models, 2SLS, RDD, TWFE.
4. **Homoscedasticity**: GLS, robust error variance.
5. **No Autocorrelation**: Time series modeling.
6. **Normality**: Other distribution, e.g., Negative Binomial.

# Chapter 2

## **Violation of Homoscedasticity**

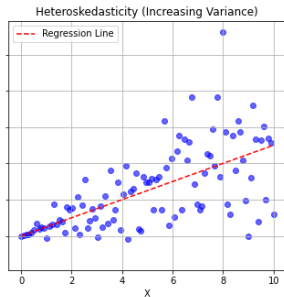
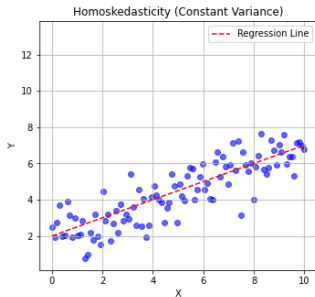
# When the Error Variance is Not Constant

- Heteroskedasticity occurs when the variance of errors ( $\varepsilon$ ) is not constant across observations.
- Standard OLS assumptions require  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon|X) = \sigma^2 I_n$ .
- If violated, OLS estimates remain unbiased and consistent, but no longer BLUE as standard errors and hypothesis tests are unreliable.

Weighted Least Squares (WLS): Assign weights to observations inversely proportional to the variance of their errors.

- ▶ Generalized Least Squares
- ▶ Robust Standard Errors (Huber-White Sandwich Estimator)
- ▶ Clustered Standard Errors (VCE Cluster)

# Homoskedasticity vs. Heteroskedasticity





# Testing for Heteroskedasticity

1. **Breusch-Pagan Test:** Regress squared residuals on explanatory variables.

$$\hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 X_{1i} + \cdots + \gamma_k X_{ki} + u_i$$

- $H_0 : \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \cdots = \gamma_k = 0$  (Homoscedasticity).
- Test Statistic:  $LM = nR^2 \sim \chi_k^2$ .

2. **White Test:** Like Breusch-Pagan but includes squares and interactions of  $X$ . More general but requires a large sample.
3. **Goldfeld-Quandt Test:** Sort data by  $X$ , split into low and high  $X$  groups (dropping the middle), estimate residual variances  $s_{\text{small}}^2$  and  $s_{\text{large}}^2$ .  $H_0 =$  Homoscedasticity.
  - Test Statistic:  $F = \frac{s_{\text{large}}^2}{s_{\text{small}}^2} \sim F$ .

# Generalized Least Squares (GLS)

Given the original model:  $Y = X\beta + e$ , GLS applies the transformation:  $Y^* = PY$ ,  $X^* = PX$ ,  $e^* = Pe$ , where  $P$  is a transformation matrix such that:  $P'P = \Omega^{-1}$  and after the transformation, the transformed error term satisfies:

$$\text{Var}(e^*) = P \cdot \text{Var}(e) \cdot P' = P\Omega P' = I.$$

The transformed model becomes:

$$Y^* = X^*\beta + e^*,$$

which now satisfies the OLS assumptions. The GLS estimator is given by:

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{GLS}} = (X'\Omega^{-1}X)^{-1}X'\Omega^{-1}Y.$$

# Variance of the GLS Estimator

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{GLS}} = (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} Y.$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{\text{GLS}} = \beta + (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} \varepsilon.$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{GLS}}) = \text{Var}[(X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} \varepsilon].$$

Using  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \Omega$ :

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_{\text{GLS}}) = (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1} X' \Omega^{-1} \Omega \Omega^{-1} X (X' \Omega^{-1} X)^{-1}.$$

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# GLS (Contd.)

- ▶ **Efficiency:** GLS is more efficient than OLS when heteroskedasticity or correlation is present, as it produces smaller variances for the parameter estimates.
- ▶ **Generalization:** GLS is applicable to models with complex error structures, such as heteroskedasticity or autocorrelation.

# Difference Between GLS and FGLS

## Generalized Least Squares (GLS):

- ▶ Assumes the error variance-covariance structure ( $\Omega$ ) is known.
- ▶ Transforms to make errors homoscedastic and uncorrelated.
- ▶ The transformed model is estimated using OLS.

## Feasible Generalized Least Squares (FGLS):

- ▶ Unlike GLS,  $\Omega$  is unknown and estimated from the data.
- ▶ Initial estimate (e.g., OLS residuals) to approximate  $\Omega$ .
- ▶ After estimating  $\Omega$ , applies GLS on the transformed model.
- ▶ Iterative procedures (like Cochrane-Orcutt for AR(1) errors) can improve estimates.
- ▶ Not unbiased, but consistent and asymptotically more efficient than the OLS  $\hat{\beta}$  in heteroskedasticity.

# Feasible GLS (FGLS) for Autocorrelation

Model with Autocorrelation

$$\varepsilon_t = \rho\varepsilon_{t-1} + u_t, \quad |\rho| < 1, \quad u_t \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2).$$

Transformation

- To eliminate autocorrelation, transform the model:

$$y_t^* = \beta_0(1 - \rho) + \beta_1 x_{1t}^* + \cdots + \beta_k x_{kt}^* + u_t,$$

where:

$$y_t^* = y_t - \rho y_{t-1}, \quad x_{jt}^* = x_{jt} - \rho x_{j(t-1)}.$$

- After transformation, apply OLS to the transformed model.

# FGLS for known heteroskedasticity

Suppose the error structure is known:

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i | X_i) = \sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 h(X_i),$$

where  $h(X_i)$  is a known function of  $X_i$ .

Transformation:

- ▶ Divide both sides of the regression equation by  $\sqrt{h(X_i)}$ :

$$\frac{y_i}{\sqrt{h(X_i)}} = \beta_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{h(X_i)}} + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j \frac{x_{ji}}{\sqrt{h(X_i)}} + \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\sqrt{h(X_i)}}.$$

- ▶ The transformed model satisfies the homoscedasticity assumption, allowing OLS to be applied efficiently.

# Robust Standard Errors (Huber-White)

Robust Variance-Covariance Matrix:

$$V_{\text{robust}} = (X'X)^{-1}X'\hat{\Omega}X(X'X)^{-1}$$

where:

$$\hat{\Omega} = \text{diag}(\hat{\varepsilon}_i^2).$$

Implementation in Python (Statsmodels):

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit(cov_type='HCO')
print(model.summary())
```

► What is HCO

Note:

- Corrects for unknown heteroskedasticity.
- Standard errors are more reliable for hypothesis testing.



# Steps of Robust Standard Errors

1. Estimate OLS model. Compute  $\hat{\beta}$  and residuals  $\hat{\varepsilon}$ .
2. Compute robust variance. Use  $(X'X)^{-1} \sum X_i' \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 X_i (X'X)^{-1}$ .
3. Extract standard errors. Take square root of diagonal elements of variance matrix.
4. Perform hypothesis testing. Compute  $t$ -statistics using robust SEs.
5. Interpret results. If robust SEs differ from OLS SEs, heteroskedasticity affects inference.

## Clustered Standard Errors (VCE Cluster)

Use when errors are correlated within groups (e.g., individuals within firms, students within schools). Ordinary robust errors assume independence; clustering accounts for group-level dependence. Clustered Variance-Covariance Matrix with clusters  $g$

$$V_{\text{cluster}} = (X'X)^{-1} \left( \sum_{g=1}^G X'_g \hat{\varepsilon}_g \hat{\varepsilon}'_g X_g \right) (X'X)^{-1}$$

Implementation in Python (Statsmodels)

```
import statsmodels.api as sm
model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit(cov_type='cluster',
                        cov_kwds={'groups': cluster_variable})
print(model.summary())
```

- ▶ Adjusts for correlation within clusters.
- ▶ More conservative standard errors than ordinary robust SEs.
- ▶ Often used in panel data and experimental studies.

# Using Robust Regression when homoskedastic

- ▶ **Unbiasedness:** Coefficient estimates ( $\hat{\beta}$ ) remain unbiased.
- ▶ **Efficiency Loss:** Robust standard errors are larger than OLS SEs.
- ▶ **Inference Impact:**
  - ▶  $t$ -statistics decrease.
  - ▶  $p$ -values increase (harder to reject  $H_0$ ).
  - ▶ Confidence intervals widen.
- ▶ **Rule:** Use robust SEs when heteroskedasticity is suspected. The best practice is to present both OLS and robust regression results.

## Chapter 2 Extension

In models with binary dependent variable:  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ , the error term is not heteroskedastic in the traditional sense. However, the variance of  $y$  depends on the predicted probabilities, leading to a form of non-constant variance that is inherent to the model.

► Check Bernoulli and Binomial Distribution

- Linear Probability Model
- Logit Model
- Probit Model

# The Linear Probability Model (LPM)

Probability of  $Y = 1$  is modeled like the OLS:

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = x'\beta$$

- ▶  $E(Y|X) = 0.P(Y = 0|X) + 1.P(Y = 1|X) = x'\beta$ .
- ▶ Estimated using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS).
- ▶  $\beta_j$  represents the change in the probability of  $P(Y = 1|X)$  for a unit change in  $X_j$ .
- ▶ Example:  $\hat{\beta}_j = 0.05$  implies a 1-unit increase in  $X_j$  is associated with an increase in the probability of  $Y = 1$  by 5 percentage points, *ceteris paribus*.

# LPM Issues

## LPM Issues:

- ▶ Predicted probabilities can be outside the  $[0, 1]$  range.  
Because  $0 \leq P(Y = 1|X) = X\beta \leq 1$  not always satisfied.
- ▶ Heteroskedasticity as the error variance depends on  $X$ :

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i|X) = P(Y = 1|X)(1 - P(Y = 1|X)).$$

- ▶  $\varepsilon$  is either  $1 - x'\beta$  if  $Y = 1$  or  $-x'\beta$  if  $Y = 0$ , so  $\varepsilon$  is Binomial instead of normally distributed so standard errors are incorrect unless corrected. Thus,  $t$  and  $F$  tests are invalid.

# LPM Alternatives

Possible solutions:

- ▶ Use robust standard errors to correct for heteroskedasticity.
- ▶ Use Logit or Probit models to ensure probabilities remain between  $[0, 1]$ .
- ▶ Consider truncated LPM where predictions are restricted within bounds.

# The Logit Model

- ▶ **A sigmoid function** produces an S-shaped curve. e.g., the logistic function:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} = 1 - \sigma(-x).$$

- ▶ Properties:
  - ▶ Output range:  $(0, 1)$ .
  - ▶ Smooth and differentiable.
  - ▶ The inverse of the logistic function is the logit
$$\text{logit}(p) = \sigma^{-1}(p) = \ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$
- ▶ Used in logistic regression, neural networks, and probability modeling.



## Logit Model (Contd.)

- ▶ Probability of  $Y = 1$  is modeled using the logistic function:

$$p = P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-X\beta}} = \frac{e^{X\beta}}{1 + e^{X\beta}}$$

- ▶ Gives the log of the odds ratio (odds of  $Y = 1$ ) or the logit:

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = X\beta \quad \text{for } p \in (0, 1)$$

- ▶ Log of odds ratio is linear in parameters in the Logit model.
- ▶ Logit is an example of a Generalized Linear Model (GLM), where the **link function** is the logit function that relates the expected value of  $Y$  to the predictors  $X$ .

## Logit Model (Contd.)

Probability Model:  $p = \frac{e^{X\beta}}{1+e^{X\beta}}$ ,  $1 - p = \frac{1}{1+e^{X\beta}}$

Given  $Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$ , the likelihood function is:

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{Y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1-Y_i}$$

Log-likelihood:  $\ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_i X_i \beta - \ln(1 + e^{X_i \beta})]$ .

First-Order Condition:  $\frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \left[ Y_i - \frac{e^{X_i \beta}}{1+e^{X_i \beta}} \right] = 0$ .

The equation is nonlinear, it is solved using numerical methods.

# Logit Model Example

A Python example

```
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm
np.random.seed(1234)
n = 100 # Sample size
X = np.random.randn(n, 3) # 3 predictors
X = sm.add_constant(X) # Add intercept
beta = np.array([1.5, -2.0, 0.5, 1.0])
log_odds = X @ beta
p = 1 / (1 + np.exp(-log_odds)) # Sigmoid function
y = (np.random.rand(n) < p).astype(int) # Make binary
model = sm.Logit(y, X).fit()
print(model.summary())
```

# Logit Model Estimates

Variable	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	$P >  z $	[95% CI]
Constant	1.2870	0.354	3.639	0.000	[0.594, 1.980]
$x_1$	-2.2326	0.521	-4.285	0.000	[-3.254, -1.211]
$x_2$	0.7849	0.349	2.249	0.024	[0.101, 1.469]
$x_3$	1.1972	0.374	3.198	0.001	[0.463, 1.931]

**Model Fit:** Pseudo  $R^2 = 0.4277$ , Log-Likelihood = -35.432.

- ▶ The intercept represents the log-odds of success ( $Y = 1$ ) when all predictors are zero.
- ▶ A one-unit increase in  $x_1$  decreases the log-odds of success by 2.2326.
- ▶ Log-odds can take any value in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . If log-odds  $> 0$ , then  $P(Y = 1|X) > 0.5$  (more likely to happen) and vice versa.

▶ Learn about Pseudo R squared

# Logit Model Inference

- ▶ No explicit error term: The randomness comes from the Bernoulli-distributed response variable  $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ .
- ▶ Variance estimation for  $\hat{\beta}$ : Based on the Fisher Information Matrix:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = (X'WX)^{-1}, \quad W_i = p_i(1 - p_i).$$

- ▶ t-statistics: Since the model is estimated via Maximum Likelihood:  $t_k = \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{\text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_k)}$  follows a standard normal distribution (not a  $t$ -distribution).
- ▶ p-values: Computed from the normal distribution:

$$p_j = 2 \times (1 - \Phi(|t_k|))$$

where  $\Phi$  is the standard normal CDF.

# Logit Model Assumptions

- ▶ Binary outcome:  $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- ▶ Linearity in log-odds:  $P(Y_i = 1|X_i) = \frac{e^{X_i\beta}}{1+e^{X_i\beta}}$

$$\ln \left( \frac{P(Y_i = 1|X_i)}{1 - P(Y_i = 1|X_i)} \right) = X_i\beta.$$

- ▶ Independence:  $P(Y_1, \dots, Y_n|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Y_i|X_i)$ .
- ▶ No multicollinearity:  $\text{rank}(X) = K$ .
- ▶ Large  $n$  relative to  $K$ .
- ▶ No influential outliers: Check leverage and Cook's distance.
- ▶ Correct specification of the link function and no omitted variables.

# Probability Model (Probit) and Link Function

The probability that  $Y = 1$  given  $X$  is:

$$P(Y = 1|X) = \Phi(X\beta),$$

where  $\Phi(z)$  is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the standard normal distribution:

$$\Phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} dt.$$

**Probit Link Function:**

$$\Phi^{-1}(P(Y = 1|X)) = X\beta.$$

This ensures that probabilities remain between 0 and 1.

# Probit Model Derivation

Given  $Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$ , the likelihood function is:

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Phi(X_i\beta)^{Y_i} [1 - \Phi(X_i\beta)]^{1-Y_i}.$$

$$\ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_i \ln \Phi(X_i\beta) + (1 - Y_i) \ln(1 - \Phi(X_i\beta))].$$

The score function (first derivative of the log-likelihood) is set= 0

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \frac{Y_i - \Phi(X_i\beta)}{\Phi(X_i\beta)} = 0.$$

Solved using numerical methods like Newton-Raphson.



# Probit Model Interpretation

The estimated coefficient  $\hat{\beta}_j$  represents the change in the z-score (standard normal units) per unit change in  $X_j$ :

$$\frac{\partial \Phi^{-1}(P(Y = 1|X))}{\partial X_j} = \beta_j.$$

**Marginal Effects:**

$$\frac{\partial P(Y = 1|X)}{\partial X_j} = \Phi(X\beta)\beta_j.$$

Since  $\Phi(X\beta)$  varies with  $X$ , marginal effects are not constant.

## Probit Model Example

```
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm
from scipy.stats import norm # Import normal CDF
np.random.seed(1234)
n = 100 # Sample size
X = np.random.randn(n, 3) # 3 predictors
X = sm.add_constant(X) # Add intercept
beta = np.array([1.5, -2.0, 0.5, 1.0])
z = X @ beta
p = norm.cdf(z) # Normal CDF for Probit
y = (np.random.rand(n) < p).astype(int) # Make binary
model = sm.Probit(y, X).fit()
print(model.summary())
z_mean = np.dot(X.mean(axis=0), beta_hat)
phi_mean = norm.pdf(z_mean)
print(phi_mean * beta_hat[1]) #marginal_effect_x1
```

# Probit Regression Summary

Variable	Coef.	Std. Err.	z-value	P>  z
const	2.0205	0.519	3.894	0.000
x1	-3.7412	0.968	-3.863	0.000
x2	0.8548	0.348	2.458	0.014
x3	1.5706	0.464	3.388	0.001

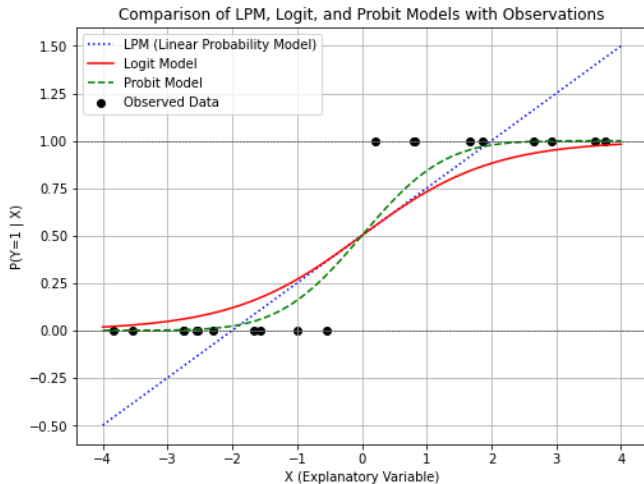
**Interpretation of  $\hat{\beta}_1$ :** A one-unit increase in  $x_1$  is significantly associated with 3.7412 unit decreases in the z-score or probit index of  $y$ .

**Marginal Effects Interpretation:** A one-unit increase in  $x_1$  is associated with a decrease in the predicted probability of  $P(Y = 1)$ , evaluated at the mean of  $X$ , by -0.0664 or 6.6 percentage points.

# Probit Model Assumptions

- ▶ Binary dependent variable:  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- ▶ Probability modeled as  $P(Y = 1|X) = \Phi(X\beta)$ , where  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the CDF of the standard normal distribution.
- ▶ Linear in parameters with the link function:  $X\beta$  enters linearly.
- ▶ Error term follows a standard normal distribution:  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ .

# Comparison of Popular Models for Binary Y



# Latent Variable Approach

Assume an unobservable latent variable  $y^*$  follows the regression model:

$$y^* = b_0 + X'b + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon | X \sim U(-a, a).$$

The probability of observing  $y = 1$  is:

$$P(y = 1 | X) = P(y^* > 0 | X) = P(b_0 + X'b + \varepsilon > 0 | X).$$

Note that the latent variable  $y^*$  is not binary, but the observed variable  $y$  is binary.

## LPM from Latent variable

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = P(\varepsilon > -b_0 - X'b \mid X).$$

Using the uniform CDF:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = 1 - F_{\varepsilon|X}(-b_0 - X'b).$$

Since  $F_{\varepsilon|X}(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon+a}{2a}$ , we get:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = \frac{b_0 + a}{2a} + \frac{X'b}{2a}.$$

This is the Linear Probability Model:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = \beta_0 + X'\beta.$$

where:

$$\beta_0 = \frac{b_0 + a}{2a}, \quad \beta = \frac{b}{2a}.$$

# Logit from Latent variable

If  $\varepsilon \sim \text{Logistic}(0, 1)$ , the logistic CDF is:

$$F_{\varepsilon|X}(\varepsilon) = \frac{e^{\varepsilon}}{1 + e^{\varepsilon}}.$$

Then:

$$P(y = 1 | X) = 1 - F_{\varepsilon|X}(-b_0 - X'b).$$

Substituting the logistic CDF:

$$P(y = 1 | X) = \frac{e^{b_0 + X'b}}{1 + e^{b_0 + X'b}}.$$

This is the logit model:

$$P(y = 1 | X) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + X'\beta)}}.$$



# Probit from Latent variable

If  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ , the normal CDF is:

$$F_{\varepsilon|X}(\varepsilon) = \Phi(\varepsilon).$$

Then:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = 1 - F_{\varepsilon|X}(-b_0 - X'b).$$

Using the normal CDF:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = \Phi(b_0 + X'b).$$

This is the probit model:

$$P(y = 1 \mid X) = \Phi(\beta_0 + X'\beta).$$

# Miscellaneous

# Projection in OLS

In OLS, the residuals are given by:

$$e = y - X\hat{\beta} \quad (13)$$

Substituting  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ :

$$e = y - X(X'X)^{-1}X'y \quad (14)$$

Defining the **residual maker** matrix:

$$M = I - X(X'X)^{-1}X' \quad (15)$$

The residuals can be expressed as:

$$e = My \quad (16)$$

## Projection in OLS (contd.)

The fitted values from the regression:

$$\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} = X(X'X)^{-1}X'y \quad (17)$$

Define the **projection matrix** or hat matrix:

$$P = X(X'X)^{-1}X' \quad (18)$$

Note:  $X(X'X)^{-1}X' = I$  only if  $X$  is a square, full-rank invertible matrix. Thus,

$$\hat{y} = Py \quad (19)$$

where  $P$  projects  $y$  onto the column space of  $X$ .

# Properties of Projection Matrices

The projection matrix  $P$  and the residual maker matrix  $M$  satisfy:

- ▶  $P^2 = P$  (idempotent)
- ▶  $M^2 = M$  (idempotent)
- ▶  $P + M = I$
- ▶  $PM = 0$  (orthogonal)

These properties ensure that the residuals are orthogonal to the fitted values:

$$e' \hat{y} = y' M' P y = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$y = P y + M y = \text{projection} + \text{residual} \quad (21)$$

# Bernoulli and Binomial Distributions

**Bernoulli Distribution:** e.g., Flipping a coin with probability  $p$  for head.  $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$

$$P(Y = y) = \begin{cases} p, & y = 1, \\ 1 - p, & y = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$E(Y) = p, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = p(1 - p).$$

**Binomial Distribution:** e.g., Flipping  $n$  coins with  $k$  heads.  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$P(Y = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$$E(Y) = np, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = np(1 - p).$$

# Pseudo $R^2$ (McFadden's $R^2$ )

## Formula:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\ell(\hat{\beta})}{\ell(\beta_0)}$$

where:

- ▶  $\ell(\hat{\beta})$  = Log-likelihood of the fitted model.
- ▶  $\ell(\beta_0)$  = Log-likelihood of the null (intercept-only) model.

## Interpretation:

- ▶  $R^2 \approx 1 \rightarrow$  Model has strong explanatory power.
- ▶  $R^2 \approx 0 \rightarrow$  Model performs similarly to a null model.

▶ [Go back to Logit](#)

# Asymptotic Normality of MLE

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I(\theta_0)^{-1})$$

where:

- ▶  $\theta_0$  is the true parameter.
- ▶  $I(\theta_0)$  is the Fisher Information Matrix:

$$I(\theta_0) = -E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right].$$

Why is MLE normal?

- ▶ Central Limit Theorem (CLT): The score function sums to normality.
- ▶ Law of Large Numbers (LLN): Fisher information stabilizes variance.



# Score Function in Maximum Likelihood Estimation

The score function is the first derivative of the log likelihood that measures the sensitivity of the log-likelihood function:

$$S(\theta) = \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

MLE First-Order Condition:  $S(\hat{\theta}) = 0 \Rightarrow$  MLE solution.

Example: Normal Distribution has a score function that is asymptotically normal if you use the sample mean for  $\mu$ .

$$\ell(\mu) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu)^2$$

$$S(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu).$$

Fisher Information:  $\text{Var}[S(\theta)] = I(\theta) = -E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$ .

Key Property:  $E[S(\theta)] = 0$ .

# Why Is the LRT Statistic Chi-Square?

## Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT) Statistic:

$$\Lambda = -2(\ell_0 - \ell_1) \sim \chi_{df}^2$$

### Idea:

- ▶ The log-likelihood function is approximated by a quadratic form.
- ▶ The score function (gradient of log-likelihood) is asymptotically normal.
- ▶ The difference in log-likelihoods follows a sum of squared normal variables.

### Wilks' Theorem:

$$-2(\ell_0 - \ell_1) \sim \chi_{df}^2 \quad (\text{asymptotically})$$

# Probability Limit (plim)

- ▶ Probability Limit (plim) is the limit in probability of a sequence of random variables.
- ▶ Denoted as:

$$\text{plim} X_n = c \quad \text{if for any } \varepsilon > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - c| > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$$

- ▶ It is closely related to the Law of Large Numbers.

# Properties of plim

- ▶ Linearity:

$$\text{plim}(aX_n + bY_n) = a\text{plim}(X_n) + b\text{plim}(Y_n)$$

- ▶ Product Rule:

$$\text{plim}(X_n Y_n) = \text{plim}(X_n) \cdot \text{plim}(Y_n) \quad \text{if both plims exist}$$

- ▶ Inverse Property:

$$\text{plim}\left(\frac{1}{X_n}\right) = \frac{1}{\text{plim}(X_n)} \quad \text{if } \text{plim}(X_n) \neq 0$$

- ▶ Continuous Mapping: If  $g(\cdot)$  is continuous,

$$\text{plim}(g(X_n)) = g(\text{plim}(X_n))$$

## Key Result: plim of $\frac{1}{n}X'X$

- ▶ Consider the matrix  $X$  of observations with dimensions  $n \times k$ .
- ▶ The sample second-moment matrix is:

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X$$

- ▶ By the Law of Large Numbers:

$$\text{plim} \left( \frac{1}{n}X'X \right) = Q$$

- ▶  $Q$  is the population second-moment matrix, defined as:  
 $Q = E[X'X]$  if the data are independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.)

# Intuition Behind the Result

- ▶ The matrix  $\frac{1}{n}X'X$  sums up information from  $n$  observations.
- ▶ If the observations are i.i.d. and well-behaved (finite variance, etc.), the Law of Large Numbers applies.
- ▶ Intuition:

$$\frac{1}{n}X'X \rightarrow E[X'X] = Q \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- ▶  $Q$  captures the population structure of the explanatory variables.

# Applications of plim and $Q$

- ▶ Asymptotic Properties of OLS: - The OLS estimator for  $\beta$  involves  $(\frac{1}{n}X'X)^{-1}$ . - Its asymptotic behavior depends critically on the matrix  $Q$ .
- ▶ Econometric Consistency: - Consistency of estimators relies heavily on plim properties.
- ▶ Variance-Covariance Matrices: - As  $n$  grows,  $\frac{1}{n}X'X$  converges to  $Q$ , simplifying asymptotic variance calculations.

# Types of Heteroskedasticity Correction

HC0, HC1, HC2, and HC3 are different types of heteroscedasticity-consistent (HC) covariance matrix estimators used in linear regression. They calculate robust standard errors when error term variance is not constant (heteroscedasticity).

- ▶ **HC0**: Original White estimator; can be unreliable in small samples.
- ▶ **HC1**: Corrects for degrees of freedom for small samples.
- ▶ **HC2**: Adjusts based on leverage points.
- ▶ **HC3**: Adjusts more conservatively for leverage, preferred for small samples.



# HC0: The Original White Estimator

- ▶ HC0 is the original heteroscedasticity-consistent estimator.
- ▶ It uses residuals squared without any adjustments for sample size or leverage.
- ▶ Formula:

$$\hat{V}_{HC0} = (X'X)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 x_i x_i' \right] (X'X)^{-1}$$

- ▶ Can be biased in small samples.

# HC1: Degrees of Freedom Correction

- ▶ HC1 adjusts HC0 by incorporating a degrees-of-freedom correction.
- ▶ Formula:

$$\hat{V}_{HC1} = \frac{n}{n-p} (X'X)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\varepsilon}_i^2 x_i x_i' \right] (X'X)^{-1}$$

- ▶ Commonly used in Stata.

## HC2: Leverage Adjustment

- ▶ HC2 modifies HC0 to account for leverage points.
- ▶ Each residual is adjusted by dividing by  $(1 - h_{ii})$ .
- ▶ Formula:

$$\hat{V}_{HC2} = (X'X)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_i^2}{1 - h_{ii}} x_i x_i' \right] (X'X)^{-1}$$

- ▶ Useful when leverage points may distort variance estimates.

## Note: What are Leverage Points

Leverage points (are extreme predictor values) that measure how much influence an observation has on the fitted regression model. They are derived from the **hat matrix**  $H = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$  showing variation in  $X$  in a row over all variations in  $X$ . (Recall that  $E(X'X)$  is the 2nd raw moment).

- ▶ The leverage of the  $i$ -th observation is the  $i$ -th diagonal element of  $H$ :

$$h_{ii} = X_i(X'X)^{-1}X_i'$$

- ▶  $h_{ii}$  ranges between 0 and 1, with higher values indicating greater influence.
- ▶ A point is considered high-leverage if:  $h_{ii} > \frac{2K}{n}$  where  $K$  is number of predictors (including the intercept) and  $n$  is sample size ( $K/n$  is the mean leverage).

High-leverage points can disproportionately affect model estimates, making robust standard errors essential.

## HC3: Conservative Leverage Adjustment

- ▶ HC3 further adjusts for leverage by dividing by  $(1 - h_{ii})^2$ .
- ▶ More conservative adjustment compared to HC2.
- ▶ Formula:

$$\hat{V}_{HC3} = (X'X)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\epsilon}_i^2}{(1 - h_{ii})^2} x_i x_i' \right] (X'X)^{-1}$$

- ▶ Preferred option in small samples due to better bias correction.

# When to Use Which Estimator?

- ▶ **Large Samples:** HC0 or HC1 typically suffice as sample size increases.
- ▶ **Small Samples:** HC2 or HC3 are recommended for more reliable results.
- ▶ HC3 is often considered the best all-rounder due to its conservative leverage adjustments.

## HC4: Recent Development [Cribari-Neto, 2004]

HC4 adjusts the penalty dynamically based on sample size and leverage. It is particularly effective in small samples with influential points.

- ▶ Formula:

$$\hat{V}_{HC4} = (X'X)^{-1} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}_i^2}{(1 - h_{ii})^{\delta_i}} x_i x_i' \right] (X'X)^{-1}$$

- ▶ Where:

$$\delta_i = \min \left\{ 4, \frac{nh_{ii}}{\sum_{j=1}^n h_{jj}} \right\}$$

- ▶ Explanation:

- ▶  $\hat{\varepsilon}_i$ : Residual for observation  $i$
- ▶  $h_{ii}$ : Leverage of the  $i$ -th observation
- ▶  $\delta_i$ : Penalty that grows with leverage and shrinks with sample size

# Understanding p-values

- ▶ We construct the distribution based on: If  $H_0$  were true, what would have been the **expected** variation in the data.
- ▶ A p-value measures how extreme the observed data is in that distribution, **assuming that  $H_0$  is true**.
- ▶ So, p-values do not measure the probability that the null hypothesis  $H_0$  is true or false.
- ▶ For example, a p-value of 0.03 means that if  $H_0$  (e.g., homoskedasticity) were true, we would observe a test statistic as high as the one calculated (e.g., Calculated  $\chi^2 = nR^2 = 12.11$ ) or higher in approximately 3 out of 100 samples (3% of the time) purely by chance.
- ▶ Therefore, if  $p = 0.03 < 0.05$ , we reject  $H_0$  at the 5% significance level; but if we require a 1% level ( $p < 0.01$ ), we fail to reject  $H_0$  because  $0.03 > 0.01$ .



# Numerical Optimization: Introduction to BFGS

- ▶ BFGS stands for **Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno** algorithm.
- ▶ It is a **quasi-Newton method** for solving unconstrained optimization problems.
- ▶ BFGS uses an approximation of the **inverse Hessian matrix** to find the minimum.
- ▶ It is widely used because it is efficient and does not require calculating the Hessian directly.

$$\min_{\beta} f(\beta)$$

where  $f(\beta)$  is a twice-differentiable function.

# BFGS Mechanism

## ► Gradient Descent Step:

$$\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t - \alpha_t H_t \nabla f(\beta_t)$$

where:

- $\nabla f(\beta_t)$  = Gradient of the objective at iteration  $t$ .
- $H_t$  = Approximation of the inverse Hessian.
- $\alpha_t$  = Step size (often chosen using line search).

## ► Updating the Inverse Hessian Approximation:

$$H_{t+1} = H_t + \frac{\Delta x_t \Delta x'_t}{\Delta x'_t \Delta g_t} - \frac{H_t \Delta g_t \Delta g'_t H_t}{\Delta g'_t H_t \Delta g_t}$$

Recall that the Hessian matrix is a square matrix of second-order partial derivatives of a scalar-valued function.

- $\Delta x_t = \beta_{t+1} - \beta_t$
- $\Delta g_t = \nabla f(\beta_{t+1}) - \nabla f(\beta_t)$

# Advantages of BFGS

- ▶ Efficient and fast convergence for moderately-sized problems.
- ▶ Does not require computation of the full Hessian matrix.
- ▶ Works well when the function is smooth and differentiable.
- ▶ Commonly used in machine learning and econometrics.

# GMM for OLS Estimation

The Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) can be used to estimate OLS coefficients by utilizing the condition:

$$E[X_i \varepsilon_i] = E[X_i(y_i - X_i' \beta)] = 0$$

Moment Conditions

$$g_n(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i(y_i - X_i' \beta)$$

In matrix notation, the sample moment conditions are  $k \times 1$

$$g_n(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} X'(y - X\beta)$$

Objective Function

$$Q_n(\beta) = g_n(\beta)' W g_n(\beta)$$

with  $W$  as a  $k \times k$  weighting matrix. For OLS,  $W = I$  (identity).

Minimize  $Q_n(\beta)$  to get:  $\hat{\beta}_{GMM} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$

► Go back to OLS

# What can be the optimal weighting matrix $W = W^*$ ?

Note that, the mean of the moment conditions is  $E(g) = 0$ . If we choose  $W = [\text{Var}(g)]^{-1}$ , then  $Q$  becomes like  $Z^2$ . Thus, under some regularity conditions,

$$Q \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(\text{df}),$$

where  $\text{df} = \text{Number of moments} - \text{Number of parameters}$ .

Thus, the optimal weighting matrix in GMM is the inverse of the variance-covariance matrix of the moment conditions:

$$W^* = [\text{Var}(g)]^{-1}.$$

Because this minimizes the asymptotic variance of the GMM estimator, making it efficient.

## Example of $W^*$ in OLS

For OLS, the moment conditions are:  $g = \frac{1}{n}X'(y - X\beta)$ .

The mean of  $g$  is  $E(g) = 0$

The variance-covariance matrix of  $g$  is:  $\text{Var}(g) = \frac{1}{n^2}X'\text{Var}(y - X\beta)X$ .

Under homoskedasticity,  $\text{Var}(y - X\beta) = \sigma^2 I_n \Rightarrow \text{Var}(g) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2}X'X$ .

Thus, the optimal weighting matrix is:  $W^* = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n^2}X'X\right)^{-1} = \frac{n^2}{\sigma^2}(X'X)^{-1}$ .

Key intuition:

- ▶  $Q$  measures how well sample moments match  $H_0 : E[g] = 0$ .
- ▶  $Q$  is a quadratic form in standardized moments, leading to  $\chi^2$ .
- ▶ Note that for OLS we have  $k$  regressors and  $k$  moment conditions so  $df = 0$ . OLS is exactly identified.
- ▶ If Number of moments  $>$  Number of parameters  $\Rightarrow$  the model is over-identified (example, instrumental variables or additional restrictions).
- ▶ If Number of moments  $<$  Number of parameters  $\Rightarrow$  the model is under-identified (more unknown parameters than equations).

# Regularity Conditions for GMM

The following conditions ensure GMM estimators are consistent, asymptotically normal, and that  $Q \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2$ :

1. **Valid moments:**  $E[g(X_i, \beta)] = 0$ .
2. **Identification:** Unique solution at  $\beta = \beta_0$ .
3. **Smoothness:**  $g(X_i, \beta)$  is continuously differentiable in  $\beta$ .
4. **Finite moments:**  $E[g(X_i, \beta)g(X_i, \beta)'] < \infty$ .
5. **CLT:**  $\sqrt{n}g_n(\beta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Sigma)$ .
6. **Consistent  $W$ :**  $W_n \xrightarrow{p} W^* = [\text{Var}(g)]^{-1}$ .
7. **Compact parameter space:**  $\beta \in \Theta$ .
8. **Rank condition:**  $G = E \left[ \frac{\partial g(X_i, \beta)}{\partial \beta} \right]$  has full rank at  $\beta_0$ .
9. **Uniform LLN:** Uniform convergence of sample moments.
10. **No perfect multicollinearity:** among regressors/instruments.

These ensure  $Q = g'Wg \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(\text{df})$  under  $H_0 : E[g] = 0$ .

# Why don't we use GMM for OLS $\hat{\beta}$

- ▶ Under classical assumptions OLS is BLUE and more efficient.
- ▶ OLS is linear but GMM is more flexible based on moments.
- ▶ OLS has closed form solution, GMM is numerical so computationally intensive.
- ▶ GMM can be more efficient when heteroskedasticity or autocorrelation is present ( $W \neq I$ ).



# Conclusion to Lecture 1

With the labs posted on GitHub ([github.com/Badruddoza](https://github.com/Badruddoza)), we learned the derivation and implementation from scratch of the estimator  $\hat{\beta}$  in a linear model using the following approaches:

- ▶ Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)
- ▶ Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)
- ▶ Generalized Method of Moments (GMM)

We also explored the theory and practical applications of:

- ▶ Heteroskedastic errors (GLS and FGLS)
- ▶ The Linear Probability Model (LPM)
- ▶ The Logit Model
- ▶ The Probit Model

In the next lecture, we will discuss the violation of a critical OLS assumption:  $E(\varepsilon|X) = 0$ .