

1. $\sum_k \hat{Y}_k(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ for any \mathbf{x} as long as there is an intercept in the model. We assume that \mathbf{x} is a column vector.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k \hat{Y}_k(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{1}'_{K \times 1} [(1, \mathbf{x})' \hat{B}]'. \\ &= \mathbf{1}'_{K \times 1} \hat{B}'(1, \mathbf{x}). \\ &= [\hat{B} \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1}]'(1, \mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\hat{B} \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1} = (X'X)^{-1} X'Y \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1}.$$

Then

$$Y \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1} = \mathbf{1}_{N \times 1} \implies \hat{B} \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1} = (X'X)^{-1} X \mathbf{1}_{N \times 1}.$$

Recall $(X'X)^{-1}(X'X) = I$. This implies that

$$(X'X)^{-1} X \mathbf{1}_{N \times 1} = \mathbf{e}_1.$$

Then

$$[\hat{B} \mathbf{1}_{K \times 1}]'(1, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{e}_1'(1, \mathbf{x}) = 1.$$

2. Fisher's problem amounts to maximizing

$$\max_{\mathbf{a}} \frac{\mathbf{a}' B \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{a}' W \mathbf{a}}.$$

Proof: Let $\mathbf{y} = W^{1/2} \mathbf{a}$. Then

$$\frac{\mathbf{a}' B \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{a}' W \mathbf{a}} = \frac{\mathbf{y}' W^{-1/2} B W^{-1/2} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y}}.$$

Consider

$$\frac{\mathbf{y}' W^{-1/2} B W^{-1/2} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y}} = \frac{\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right)' W^{-1/2} B W^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right)}{\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right)' \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right)}.$$

But $\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right)' \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} \right) = 1$ so without loss of generality, we can assume $\mathbf{y}' \mathbf{y} = 1$ and simply maximize

$$\mathbf{y}'W^{-1/2}BW^{-1/2}\mathbf{y}$$

subject to this constraint.

Let $A = W^{-1/2}BW^{-1/2}$ and note that it is symmetric. By the Spectral Decomposition Theorem, there exists an orthogonal matrix P and diagonal matrix D such that

$$\mathbf{y}'A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'PDP'\mathbf{y},$$

where $D = \text{Diag}(\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_p)$ and P is composed of the eigenvectors of A .

Then let $\mathbf{x} = P'\mathbf{y}$ which implies that

$$\mathbf{y}'PDP'\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}'D\mathbf{x} = \sum_i \lambda_i x_i^2.$$

Thus,

$$\max_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{y}'A\mathbf{y} = \max_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_i \lambda_i x_i^2.$$

Now consider

$$\sum_i \lambda_i x_i^2 \leq \sum_i \lambda_{\max} x_i^2 = \lambda_{\max}.$$

Note the last equality holds because $\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} = 1$ implies $\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x} = 1$.

Suppose $\lambda_{\max} = \lambda_k$ and take $\mathbf{y} = e_k$. Then

$$\sum_i \lambda_{\max} x_i^2 = \lambda_{\max},$$

which implies given what we just showed that

$$\max_{\mathbf{y}} \sum_i \lambda_i x_i^2 = \lambda_{\max}.$$

By what we just showed above this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{y}'W^{-1/2}BW^{-1/2}\mathbf{y} &= \max \text{eigenvalue}\{W^{-1/2}BW^{-1/2}\} \\ &= \max \text{eigenvalue}\{W^{-1}B\}. \end{aligned}$$