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Problem 1

Solve exercise 1,3 and 5 in Problem set 2.

Exercise 1

Show the following equalities hold:

$$1) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i (X_i - \bar{X}_n)$$

Proof:

$$2) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)(Y_i - \bar{Y}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i (Y_i - \bar{Y}_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i (X_i - \bar{X}_n)$$

Proof:

Exercise 3

Consider a regression model that has no intercept term:

$$Y_i = X_i \beta_1 + \epsilon_i, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Derive the least squares estimator for β_1 .

Exercise 5

Let $(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$ be the ordinary least squares estimator of

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + X_i \beta_1 + \epsilon_i, i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The prediction error (i.e, residual) for each i is given by $\hat{e}_i = Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - X_i \hat{\beta}_1$. Show that the sum of the residuals is zero, i.e, $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = 0$.

Problem 2

Show that under Assumptions 1-3 in the L.6 slides, the variance of $\hat{\beta}_{n1}$ is given by X_1, \dots, X_n is given by:

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2}$$

Proof:

Problem 3

In this problem, you calculate the OLS estimators using R. Please obtain your own data by using the following code:

```
set.seed(34)

data <- as.data.frame(state.x77)
data <- data[sample(1:50, 40),]
```

where you need to input the last two digits of your student number for A. Here we use the information of the life expectancy as Y and the illiteracy rate as X. Then answer the following problems.

- 1) We consider the following two models.

Model 1: $Y_i = \beta_0 + X_i\beta_1 + \epsilon_i$

Model 2: $Y_i = X_i\beta_1 + \epsilon_i$

Obtain the OLS estimators for these two models **without using the `lm()` function** and compare the results with those given by the `lm` function.

- 2) For the two models, visually compare the distribution of the data and the lines obtained by OLS as we did in p.16 in the Lecture 6 slides. Discuss which results look more reasonable
- 3) Based on the “more reasonable” model you chose, explain what the estimated value of β_1 implies about the relationship between the illiteracy rate and the life expectancy.