PO12Q: Introduction to Quantitative Political Analysis II

Week 3 - Worksheet Solutions



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Regression

- a. There is a positive relationship between life expectancy and per capita GDO, meaning that longer life expectancies (higher levels of health) are expected to lead to higher levels of per capita GDP (wealth)
 - b. It is a sample, as there are more than those countries represented in most of the regions.
 - c. The regional regression line would adapt to that particular subset of observations, so change both intercept and slope
 - d. There is a curve suggested in this plot, so a quadratic regression line (second order polynomial) would be better (we will cover this in Week 9)

Matrices

1. Entries.

a.
$$A_{22} = 8$$

b.
$$A_{31} = 14$$

d.
$$B_{24} = 3$$

f.
$$\boldsymbol{C}_{21} = 31$$

2. Dimensions.

•
$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$

•
$$\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$$

•
$$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

• $\mathbf{B}' \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$

•
$$CB \in \mathbb{R}^{2\times 4}$$
.

3. Transpose **B**.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 8 & 12 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{B}' = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 1 \\ 8 & 5 \\ 12 & 15 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



4. Product defined? (and dimensions if defined)

a. **AB**: not defined
$$(3 \times 3 \text{ with } 2 \times 4)$$

b. **BA**: not defined
$$(2 \times 4 \text{ with } 3 \times 3)$$

c. **AC**: not defined
$$(3 \times 3 \text{ with } 2 \times 2)$$

d. CA: not defined
$$(2 \times 2 \text{ with } 3 \times 3)$$

e. **BC**: not defined
$$(2 \times 4 \text{ with } 2 \times 2)$$

5. Vector-matrix products.

With
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 8 & 3 \\ 14 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 4 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 8 & 3 \\ 14 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 13 \end{bmatrix}.$$

6. Calculate D where CB = D.

$$D = CB = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 22 \\ 31 & 19 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 8 & 12 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 & 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 347 & 310 & 630 & 116 \\ 422 & 343 & 657 & 119 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Linear combination with identity.

$$3\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}_3 = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 8 & 3 \\ 14 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 12 & 33 \\ 18 & 22 & 9 \\ 42 & 21 & 25 \end{bmatrix}.$$

8. Determinant

Generally we calculate the determinant with

$$\det\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc,$$

Here, we have a = 25, b = 22, c = 31, d = 19 for **C**. Therefore

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) = 25 \cdot 19 - 22 \cdot 31 = 475 - 682 = -207.$$

9. Inverse of C.

For
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$.

Here a = 25, b = 22, c = 31, d = 19, so ad - bc = -207 and

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-207} \begin{bmatrix} 19 & -22 \\ -31 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{19}{207} & \frac{22}{207} \\ \frac{31}{207} & -\frac{25}{207} \end{bmatrix}.$$

10. Solve Cx = b.

Using C^{-1} we can solve for x: $x = C^{-1}b$.

• For
$$\boldsymbol{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{19}{207} & \frac{22}{207} \\ \frac{31}{207} & -\frac{25}{207} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{85}{207} \\ \frac{106}{207} \end{bmatrix}.$$

• For
$$\boldsymbol{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{19}{207} & \frac{22}{207} \\ \frac{31}{207} & -\frac{25}{207} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{26}{69} \\ -\frac{17}{69} \end{bmatrix}.$$

11. Difference between $C^{-1}b$ and bC^{-1} .

With
$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (a 2 × 1 column) and $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 22 \\ 31 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$, we have $\mathbf{C}^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$.

• $C^{-1}b$ is defined: (2 × 2 times 2 × 1 gives a 2 × 1 column vector), and equals the unique solution to Cx = b:

$$\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-207} \begin{bmatrix} 19 & -22 \\ -31 & 25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{19}{207} & \frac{22}{207} \\ \frac{31}{207} & -\frac{25}{207} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{85}{207} \\ \frac{106}{207} \end{bmatrix}.$$

• bC^{-1} is not defined because the inner dimensions do not match: $(2 \times 1)(2 \times 2)$ has $1 \neq 2$.

Note: If you instead interpret **b** as a row vector $\mathbf{b}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, then $\mathbf{b}' \mathbf{C}^{-1}$ is defined and yields a 1×2 row:

$$\boldsymbol{b}'\boldsymbol{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{19}{207} & \frac{22}{207} \\ \frac{31}{207} & -\frac{25}{207} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{112}{207} & \frac{97}{207} \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the "difference" is both existence (only the left product is defined for a column \boldsymbol{b}) and shape (column vs row), illustrating that matrix multiplication is order-sensitive.