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FYS-STK4155: Applied Data Analysis and Machine Learning

Analytical Exercises

Expectation values for ordinary least squares expressions:

(I.) Show that the expectation value of \mathbf{y} for a given element i is

$$\mathbb{E}(y_i) = \sum_j x_{ij}\beta_j = \mathbf{X}_{i,*} \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Solution:

Recall that we can describe our model \mathbf{y} by a function $f(\mathbf{x}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ where $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$. The function $f(\mathbf{x})$ can be interpreted as some matrix \mathbf{X} times a non-random scalar $\boldsymbol{\beta}$. Thus is the expectation value of y_i ¹

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(y_i) &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i)}_{=0} \\ &= \mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta}\end{aligned}$$

Which is what we wanted to show. ■

(II.) Show that

$$\text{Var}(y_i) = \sigma^2$$

Solution:

By direct calculation of the variance we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(y_i) &= \mathbb{E}[(y_i^2 - \mathbb{E}(y_i))^2] = \mathbb{E}(y_i^2) - (\mathbb{E}(y_i))^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i)^2) - (\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta})^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta})^2) + \mathbb{E}(2\epsilon_i\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i^2) - (\mathbf{X}_{i,*}\boldsymbol{\beta})^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i^2) = \sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

Which is what we wanted to show. ■

¹By convention of notation used in the description of the exercise $\mathbf{X}_{i,*}$ is supposed to define the sum over all values k in row i of the matrix \mathbf{X}

(III.) Show that for the optimal parameters $\hat{\beta}$ in OLS that

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$$

Solution:

By definition we have that the optimal parameters $\hat{\beta}$ for OLS is given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$$

which then yields an expectation value of

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\beta}) &= \mathbb{E} \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} \right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \beta \\ &= \beta. \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used the fact that \mathbf{X} is a non-stochastic variable and that the $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X}\beta$. Hence can we observe that the OLS estimator is unbiased. ■

(IV.) Show that the variance for $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

Solution:

Let $\phi = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$ such that we can write $\hat{\beta} = \phi \mathbf{Y}$. Then by calculating the variance we have that

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \text{Var}(\phi \mathbf{Y}) \tag{1}$$

$$= \phi \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) \phi^T \tag{2}$$

$$= \phi \text{Var}(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon) \phi^T \tag{3}$$

$$= \phi \sigma^2 \phi^T \tag{4}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \right)^T \right) \tag{5}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \right) \tag{6}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \tag{7}$$

which is what we wanted to show. ■

Expectation values for Ridge regression

(I.) Show that

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta^{\text{Ridge}}] = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \beta^{\text{OLS}}.$$

By the definition of ridge regression we know that the optimal parameters are given by

$$\tilde{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}.$$

Hence would accordingly the expectation value yield

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\tilde{\beta}) &= \mathbb{E}\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}\right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon_i) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\beta \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\beta^{\text{OLS}}. \end{aligned} \quad \boxed{\text{By results of Ordinary Least Squares}}$$

Meaning $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\beta}] \neq \beta^{\text{OLS}}$ for any $\lambda > 0$ and concludes what we wanted to show. ■

(II.) Show also that the variance is

$$\text{Var}[\beta^{\text{Ridge}}] = \sigma^2 [\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \{[\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}]^{-1}\}^T.$$

Solution:

By definition of the variance for a random stochastic variable we have that

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}) = \mathbf{A} \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{A}^T$$

where $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$. Hence

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}) = \mathbf{A} \text{Var}(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon_i) \mathbf{A}^T \tag{8}$$

$$= \mathbf{A} \sigma^2 \mathbf{A}^T \tag{9}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T ((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T)^T \right) \tag{10}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \right)^T \tag{11}$$

$$= \sigma^2 [\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \{[\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}]^{-1}\}^T \tag{12}$$

which is what we wanted to show. ■

Appendix:

More detailed calculations:

Transpose of Matrix product:

Let $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ then

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T.$$

Used in (6) and (11).

Variance Identity:

Let $\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\phi \mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{E}\{[(\phi \mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\phi)(\mathbf{X} \phi \mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\phi \mathbf{X}))]^T\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{[\phi \mathbf{X} - \phi \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X})][\phi \mathbf{X} - \phi \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X})]^T\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{[\phi(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}))][\phi(\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}))]^T\} \\ &= \phi \mathbb{E}\{[\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X})][\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X})]^T\} \phi^T \\ &= \phi \mathbf{X} \phi^T \end{aligned}$$

Used at (2) and (9).

(4) Want to show that $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^T) = \mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T + \sigma^2 I_{n \times n}$.

Remember that we can model \mathbf{y} by $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$ where $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$. This implies that for each component y_i we have that $y_i = X_{i,*}\beta_i + \epsilon_i$ where each ϵ_i has variance σ^2 . Thus for the full model the ϵ is simply a diagonal matrix with its variance along the main diagonal, hence $\sigma^2 I_{n \times n}$ by factorisation. By utilising this fact we then have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^T) &= \mathbb{E}\left((\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)^T\right) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T + \mathbf{X}\beta\epsilon^T + \epsilon\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T + \epsilon^2\right) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T\right) + \mathbb{E}\left(\mathbf{X}\beta\epsilon^T\right) + \mathbb{E}\left(\epsilon\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T\right) + \mathbb{E}\left(\epsilon^2\right) \\ &= \mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T + 0 + 0 + \sigma^2 I_{n \times n} \\ &= \mathbf{X}\beta\beta^T\mathbf{X}^T + \sigma^2 I_{n \times n}. \end{aligned}$$

Which is what we wanted to show. ■