

## **MOOC** Econometrics

## Training Exercise M.1

## Questions

1. Consider the model

$$y = Xb + e$$

with

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 15.1 \\ 7.9 \\ 4.5 \\ 12.8 \\ 10.5 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 25.5 & 1.23 \\ 1 & 40.8 & 1.89 \\ 1 & 30.2 & 1.55 \\ 1 & 4.3 & 1.18 \\ 1 & 10.7 & 1.68 \end{pmatrix},$$

and b a  $3 \times 1$  vector, and e a  $5 \times 1$  vector. Calculate the values of the vector e for

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 23 \\ 0.1 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ -0.2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- 2. The vector *e* contains the unexplained part of the model. We like the unexplained part to be small, with which we mean that each element of the vector *e* is close to zero. You can measure the distance of an element to zero by its absolute value, or by its square. Which of the two candidates for the vector *b* gives the smallest unexplained part for the two distance measures?
- 3. Let A be a  $(p \times q)$  matrix, u a  $(1 \times p)$  vector, and v a  $(q \times 1)$  vector. What dimensions does  $d = u \cdot A \cdot v$  have? Write the result in sigma notation (i.e., with  $\sum$ ).
- 4. Find a simplified expression without parentheses for  $(A+I)^2$ , with A a  $(p \times p)$  matrix, and I the  $(p \times p)$  identity matrix.

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