

PLSC 502 – Fall 2022

Linear Regression I

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Recall that a (real-valued) *random variable* Y is:

$$Y_i = \underbrace{\mu}_{\text{"systematic"}} + \underbrace{u_i}_{\text{"stochastic"}}$$

Note that we typically require that:

$$\text{Cov}(\mu, u) = 0.$$

Allow μ to vary *linearly* with some other variable X :

$$\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$$

so that we get

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i$$

Goals:

- *Point estimates* of β_0 and β_1 (call them $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$)
- Estimates of their *variability* \rightarrow inference

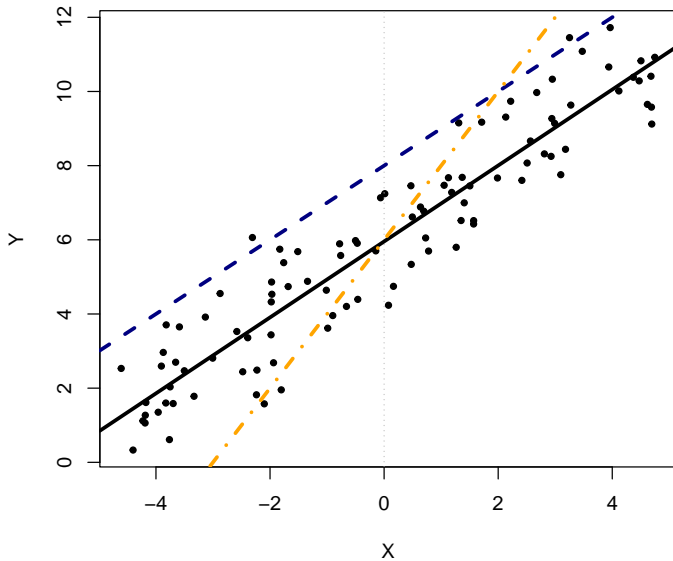
Estimating β_0 and β_1

Suppose we have some estimates $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$. Then:

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_i$$

→ estimated “residuals”:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_i &= Y_i - \hat{Y}_i \\ &= Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i\end{aligned}$$



Key Idea: Select $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ to make the \hat{u}_i s as small as possible.

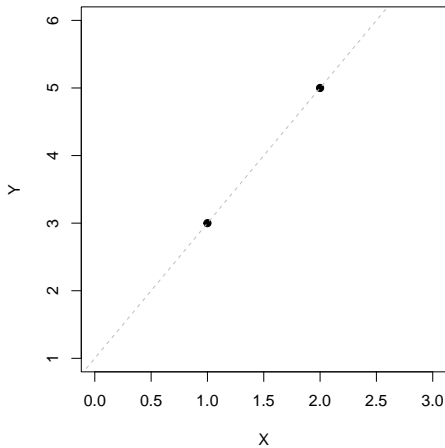
Possibilities:

- Pick $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ so as to minimize $\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i$
- Pick $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ so as to minimize $\sum_{i=1}^N |\hat{u}_i|$ (“MAD”)
- Pick $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ so as to minimize $\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2$ (“least squares”)

→ “ordinary least squares” (“OLS”) regression...

The Simplest Regression In Human History

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> d
  x y
1 1 3
2 2 5
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World's Simplest Regression

Recall:

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_i.$$

So, for $i = 1$

$$\hat{Y}_1 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1(1)$$

and for $i = 2$

$$\hat{Y}_2 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1(2)$$

Means:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}_i &= Y_i - \hat{Y}_i \\ &= 3 - [\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1(1)] \text{ for } i = 1, \text{ and} \\ &= 5 - [\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1(2)] \text{ for } i = 2\end{aligned}$$

Sum of Squared Residuals

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S} &= u_1^2 + u_1^2 \\&= [3 - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1(1)]^2 + [5 - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1(2)]^2 \\&= (9 + \hat{\beta}_0^2 + \hat{\beta}_1^2 - 6\hat{\beta}_0 - 6\hat{\beta}_1 + 2\hat{\beta}_0\hat{\beta}_1) + \\&\quad (25 + \hat{\beta}_0^2 + 4\hat{\beta}_1^2 - 10\hat{\beta}_0 - 20\hat{\beta}_1 + 4\hat{\beta}_0\hat{\beta}_1) \\&= 2\hat{\beta}_0^2 + 5\hat{\beta}_1^2 - 16\hat{\beta}_0 - 26\hat{\beta}_1 + 6\hat{\beta}_0\hat{\beta}_1 + 34\end{aligned}$$

Choose $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ that minimize this...

For:

$$\hat{S} = 2\hat{\beta}_0^2 + 5\hat{\beta}_1^2 - 16\hat{\beta}_0 - 26\hat{\beta}_1 + 6\hat{\beta}_0\hat{\beta}_1 + 34$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} &= 4\hat{\beta}_0 + 6\hat{\beta}_1 - 16 \\ \frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} &= 6\hat{\beta}_0 + 10\hat{\beta}_1 - 26\end{aligned}$$

So for $\hat{\beta}_1$:

$$\begin{aligned}4\hat{\beta}_0 + 6\hat{\beta}_1 - 16 = 0 &\Rightarrow 2\hat{\beta}_0 = -3\hat{\beta}_1 + 8 \\&\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_0 = -3/2\hat{\beta}_1 + 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}6\hat{\beta}_0 + 10\hat{\beta}_1 - 26 = 0 &\Rightarrow 5\hat{\beta}_1 - 3(-3/2\hat{\beta}_1 + 4) - 13 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow 5\hat{\beta}_1 - 9/2\hat{\beta}_1 + 12 - 13 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\hat{\beta}_1 - 1 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 = 2\end{aligned}$$

And for $\hat{\beta}_0$:

$$\begin{aligned}4\hat{\beta}_0 + 6(2) - 16 = 0 &\Rightarrow 4\hat{\beta}_0 = 4 \\&\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_0 = 1\end{aligned}$$

World's Simplest Regression

So:

$$Y_i = 1 + 2X_i + u_i$$

Note that, in this ($N=2$) case:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= (5 - 3)/(2 - 1) \\ &= 2, \text{ and}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_0 &= -2(2) + 5 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Least Squares with > 2 Observations

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i^2 - 2Y_i\hat{\beta}_0 - 2Y_i\hat{\beta}_1 X_i + \hat{\beta}_0^2 + 2\hat{\beta}_0\hat{\beta}_1 X_i + \hat{\beta}_1^2 X_i^2)\end{aligned}$$

Least Squares with > 2 Observations

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial \hat{\beta}_0} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (-2Y_i + 2\hat{\beta}_0 + 2\hat{\beta}_1 X_i) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial \hat{\beta}_1} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (-2Y_i X_i + 2\hat{\beta}_0 X_i + 2\hat{\beta}_1 X_i^2) \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i) X_i \\ &= -2 \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i X_i\end{aligned}$$

Least Squares with > 2 Observations

Next, set:

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i) = 0$$

and

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_i) X_i = 0$$

... and solve...

Least Squares “Normal Equations”

(Algebra happens...):

$$\sum_{i=1}^N Y_i = N\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^N Y_i X_i = \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^N X_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^2$$

Least Squares: Solutions!

(More algebra...):

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

and

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}$$

The intuition:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\text{Covariance of } X \text{ and } Y}{\text{Variance of } X}$$

Parsing Variation in Y : ANOVA

Note that the “total” variation in Y around its mean \bar{Y} is:

$$SS_{Total} = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

which comprises:

$$\begin{aligned} SS_{Residual} &= \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{u}_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y})^2 \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$SS_{Model} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

SCOTUS Data, OT1946-2021

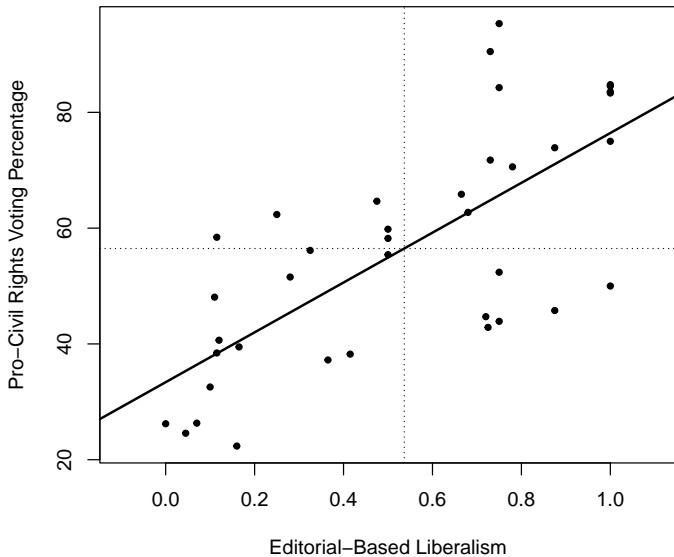
Data from the [Supreme Court Database](#) and the justices' [Segal-Cover](#) scores...

- Y is CivLibs = liberal voting percentage in civil rights & liberties cases
- X is IdeologyScore $\in [0, 1] \rightarrow$ SCOTUS justice liberalism

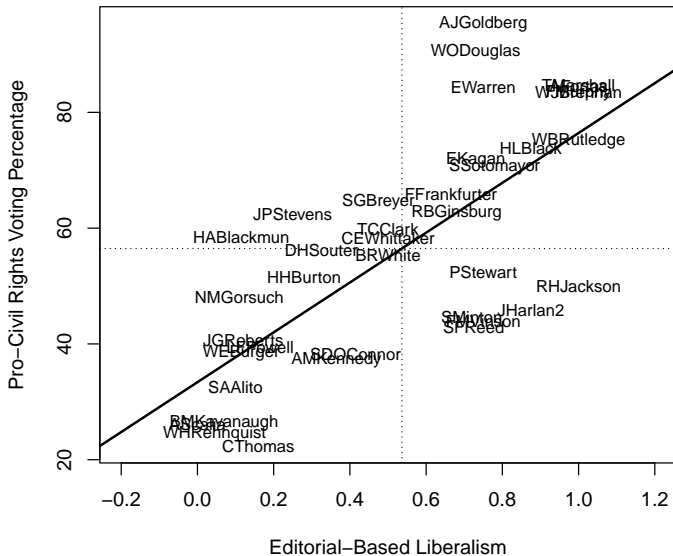
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> describe(SCOTUS,skew=FALSE,trim=0)
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	vars	n	mean	sd	min	max	range	se
justice	1	38	97.37	11.32	78.00	116.00	38.00	1.84
justiceName*	2	38	19.50	11.11	1.00	38.00	37.00	1.80
CivLibs	3	38	56.49	19.94	22.36	95.33	72.97	3.23
Nom.Order*	4	38	19.50	11.11	1.00	38.00	37.00	1.80
Nominee*	5	38	19.50	11.11	1.00	38.00	37.00	1.80
ChiefJustice*	6	4	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
SenateVote*	7	38	17.05	8.23	1.00	25.00	24.00	1.33
IdeologyScore	8	38	0.54	0.33	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.05
QualificationsScore*	9	38	16.45	7.91	1.00	25.00	24.00	1.28
Nominator (Party)*	10	38	7.03	3.72	1.00	13.00	12.00	0.60
Year	11	38	1969.74	24.70	1937.00	2018.00	81.00	4.01

Le Scatterplot



Le Labeled Scatterplot



```
> # Betas:

> Beta1 <- with(SCOTUS, (sum((IdeologyScore - mean(IdeologyScore)) *
+                           (CivLibs - mean(CivLibs))) /
+                           sum((IdeologyScore - mean(IdeologyScore))^2)))
> Beta1
[1] 43.04

> Beta0 <- with(SCOTUS, mean(CivLibs) - (Beta1 * mean(IdeologyScore)))
> Beta0
[1] 33.39
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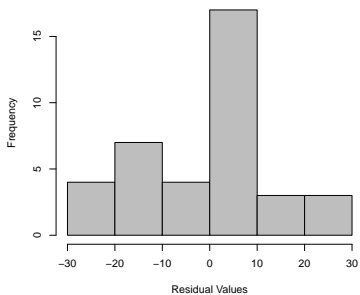
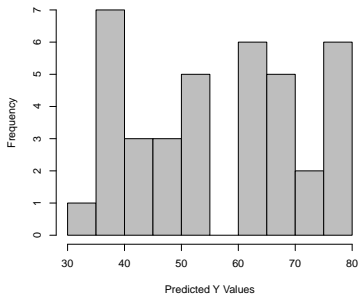
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> SCOTUS$Yhats <- with(SCOTUS, Beta0 + Beta1*IdeologyScore)
> SCOTUS$Uhats <- with(SCOTUS, CivLibs - Yhats)

> # Y itself:
> describe(SCOTUS$CivLibs)
  vars  n mean    sd median trimmed  mad   min   max range skew kurtosis   se
X1    1 38 56.49 19.94  55.78   56.33 23.07 22.36 95.33 72.97 0.15    -1.03 3.23

> # Predicted Ys:
> describe(SCOTUS$Yhats)
  vars  n mean    sd median trimmed  mad   min   max range skew kurtosis   se
X1    1 38 56.49 14.35  58.46   56.63 18.67 33.39 76.43 43.04 -0.11    -1.46 2.33

> # Residuals:
> describe(SCOTUS$Uhats)
  vars  n mean    sd median trimmed  mad   min   max range skew kurtosis   se
X1    1 38   0 13.84   2.46   -0.06 11.18 -26.43 29.66 56.09 -0.08    -0.59 2.24
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\hat{Y} and \hat{u} Plots



What's a “typical” residual?

Note that because

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i = 0$$

it's also true that:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\hat{u}} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i}{N} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Consider instead:

$$\text{“Residual Standard Error” (RSE)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \hat{u}_i^2}{N-1}\right)}$$

Sums of Squares, RSE, etc.

```
> # Sums of squares:
>
> TotalYVar <- with(SCOTUS, sum((CivLibs - mean(CivLibs))^2))
> TotalYVar
[1] 14707

> TotalUVar <- with(SCOTUS, sum((Uhats)^2))
> TotalUVar
[1] 7086

> TotalModelVar <- with(SCOTUS, sum((Yhats - mean(CivLibs))^2))
> TotalModelVar
[1] 7621

> RSE <- with(SCOTUS, sqrt(TotalUVar / (nrow(SCOTUS)-2)))
> RSE
[1] 14.03
```

Estimating $\hat{\beta}$ via lm

```
> fit<-lm(CivLibs~IdeologyScore,data=SCOTUS)
> summary(fit)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = CivLibs ~ IdeologyScore, data = SCOTUS)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-26.433	-10.587	2.460	7.858	29.655

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	33.389	4.354	7.669	4.44e-09	***
IdeologyScore	43.044	6.917	6.223	3.51e-07	***

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Residual standard error: 14.03 on 36 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.5182, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5048

F-statistic: 38.72 on 1 and 36 DF, p-value: 3.505e-07

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> anova(fit)
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Analysis of Variance Table

Response: CivLibs

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
IdeologyScore	1	7621.4	7621.4	38.723	3.505e-07 ***
Residuals	36	7085.5	196.8		

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Inference

Linear model:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i$$

OLS estimators:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{X}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X}) Y_i}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}\end{aligned}$$

Variation in $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$

$\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ are *random variables*...

- Q: Where does their variation come from?
- A: From the *stochastic* variation in Y ...
- ...that is, from u .

Next question: What does the random variation in Y “look like”?

An assumption:

$$u_i \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Implies:

$$\text{Var}(Y|X, \beta) = \sigma^2$$

so:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \text{Var} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X}) Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right] \\&= \left[\frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]^2 \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \text{Var}(Y) \\&= \left[\frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]^2 \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \sigma^2 \\&= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0) \text{ and } \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)$$

Similarly:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0) = \frac{\sum X_i^2}{N \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sigma^2$$

and :

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sigma^2$$

Note that:

- $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0)$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \propto \sigma^2$
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_s)$ increases as Y gets “noisier” ...
- $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0)$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \propto -\sum(X_i - \bar{X})$
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_s)$ decreases with greater variation in X ...
- $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0)$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \propto -N$
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_s)$ decreases as N gets larger...
- $\text{sign}[\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1)] = \text{sign}(\bar{X})$
 \hookrightarrow The covariance between $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ is signed by the mean of X

The Gauss-Markov Theorem

*“Given the assumptions of the classical linear regression model, the least squares estimators are the **minimum variance estimators** among the class of unbiased linear estimators. (They are BLUE).”*

Imagine:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$$

Rewrite:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X}) Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}.$$

k are “weights”:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum k_i Y_i$$

with $k_i = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$.

Alternative (non-LS) estimator:

$$\tilde{\beta}_1 = \sum w_i Y_i$$

Unbiasedness requires:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tilde{\beta}_1) &= \sum w_i E(Y_i) \\ &= \sum w_i (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i) \\ &= \beta_0 \sum w_i + \beta_1 \sum w_i X_i \end{aligned}$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_1) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum w_i Y_i\right) \\&= \sigma^2 \sum w_i^2 \\&= \sigma^2 \sum \left[w_i - \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} + \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]^2 \\&= \sigma^2 \sum \left[w_i - \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]^2 + \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Gauss-Markov (continued)

Because $\sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]$ is a constant, $\min[\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_1)]$ minimizes

$$\sum \left[w_i - \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]^2.$$

Minimized at:

$$w_i = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}.$$

implying:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_1) &= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \\ &= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1) \end{aligned}$$

Gauss-Markov Requirements

For the Gauss-Markov theorem to hold, it must be the case that:

1. $E(u) = 0$
2. $\text{Cov}(X, u) = 0$
- 3a. $\text{Var}(u) = \sigma^2 \forall i$
- 3b. $\text{Cov}(u_i, u_j) = 0$
4. $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{X}) = k$
5. $u \sim \text{i.i.d. } N(0, \sigma^2)$

(...don't sweat these too much for now...)

BLUE vs. BUE:

- OLS has been BLUE since about 1821 (see, e.g., [Plackett 1949](#)).
- [Hansen \(2022\)](#): OLS is “BUE” – most efficient among *all* unbiased estimators, linear or otherwise...
- Challenged by others; resolved by [Portnoy \(2022\)](#): Any unbiased estimator *must* be linear (so “BLUE” = “BUE”).
- A pretty good nontechnical discussion of all this by Paul Allison is [here](#).

If $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, then:

$$\hat{\beta}_0 \sim N[\beta_0, \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0)]$$

and

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sim N[\beta_1, \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)]$$

Means:

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\hat{\beta}_1} &= \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)}} \\ &= \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1)}{\text{s.e.}(\hat{\beta}_1)} \\ &= \sim N(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

A Small Problem...

$$\sigma^2 = ???$$

Solution: use

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum \hat{u}_i^2}{N - k}$$

Gives:

$$\widehat{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2},$$

and

$$\widehat{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0)} = \frac{\sum X_i^2}{N \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \hat{\sigma}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{\text{s.e.}}(\hat{\beta}_1) &= \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}_1)} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}} \\
 &= \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

implies:

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{\hat{\beta}_1} &\equiv \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1)}{\widehat{\text{s.e.}}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1)}{\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}} \\
 &= \frac{(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1) \sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}{\hat{\sigma}} \\
 &\sim t_{N-k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Predictions and Variance

Point prediction:

$$\hat{Y}_k = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_k$$

Y_k is unbiased:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{Y}_k) &= E(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_k) \\ &= E(\hat{\beta}_0) + X_k E(\hat{\beta}_1) \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_k \\ &= E(Y_k) \end{aligned}$$

Variability:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{Y}_k) &= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_k) \\ &= \frac{\sum X_i^2}{N \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sigma^2 + \left[\frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right] X_k^2 + 2 \left[\frac{-\bar{X}}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \sigma^2 \right] X_k \\ &= \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} + \frac{(X_k - \bar{X})^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{Y}_k) = \sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} + \frac{(X_k - \bar{X})^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]$$

means that $\text{Var}(\hat{Y}_k)$:

- Decreases in N
- Decreases in $\text{Var}(X)$
- Increases in $|X - \bar{X}|$

Standard error of the prediction:

$$\widehat{\text{s.e.}(\hat{Y}_k)} = \sqrt{\sigma^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} + \frac{(X_k - \bar{X})^2}{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \right]}$$

→ (e.g.) confidence intervals:

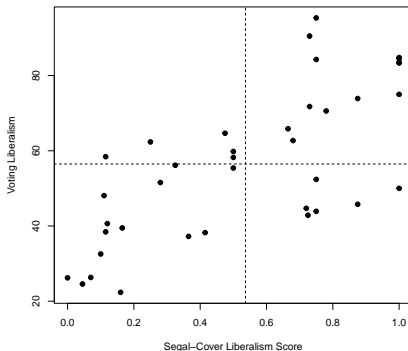
$$95\% \text{ c.i.}(\hat{Y}_k) = \hat{Y}_k \pm [1.96 \times \widehat{\text{s.e.}(\hat{Y}_k)}]$$

Example: SCOTUS Liberalism

```
> with(SCOTUS, describe(CivLibs))
  vars  n mean   sd median trimmed  mad  min  max range skew kurtosis   se
X1     1 38 56.49 19.94  55.78   56.33 23.07 22.36 95.33 72.97 0.15   -1.03 3.23

> with(SCOTUS, describe(IdeologyScore))
  vars  n mean   sd median trimmed  mad min max range skew kurtosis   se
X1     1 38 0.54 0.33   0.58   0.54 0.43   0  1  1 -0.11   -1.46 0.05
```

Scatterplot of SCOTUS Voting and Liberalism Scores



Example, Continued

```
> SCLib<-lm(CivLibs~IdeologyScore,data=SCOTUS)
> summary(SCLib)    # regression
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = CivLibs ~ IdeologyScore, data = SCOTUS)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-26.43	-10.59	2.46	7.86	29.66

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	33.39	4.35	7.67	4.4e-09	***
IdeologyScore	43.04	6.92	6.22	3.5e-07	***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 14 on 36 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.518, Adjusted R-squared: 0.505

F-statistic: 38.7 on 1 and 36 DF, p-value: 3.51e-07

Example, Continued

```
> anova(SCLib)      # ANOVA
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: CivLibs

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
IdeologyScore	1	7621	7621	38.7	3.5e-07 ***
Residuals	36	7086	197		

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta})$:

```
> vcov(SCLib)
```

	(Intercept)	IdeologyScore
(Intercept)	18.96	-25.67
IdeologyScore	-25.67	47.85

95 percent c.i.s:

```
> confint(SCLib)
```

	2.5 %	97.5 %
(Intercept)	24.56	42.22
IdeologyScore	29.02	57.07

99 percent c.i.s:

```
> confint(SCLib,level=0.99)
```

	0.5 %	99.5 %
(Intercept)	21.55	45.23
IdeologyScore	24.23	61.85

```
> SEs<-predict(SCLib,interval="confidence")
> SEs
      fit   lwr   upr
1  71.05 64.43 77.67
2  64.60 59.28 69.91
3  62.01 57.06 66.97
.
.
<rows omitted>
.
.
36 64.81 59.46 70.17
37 38.12 30.57 45.68
38 36.40 28.39 44.41
```

A Plot, With CIs

Scatterplot of SCOTUS Voting and Ideology Scores, along with Least-Squares Line and 95% Prediction Confidence Intervals

