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# Linear Models Lecture 4: Algebra of Bias

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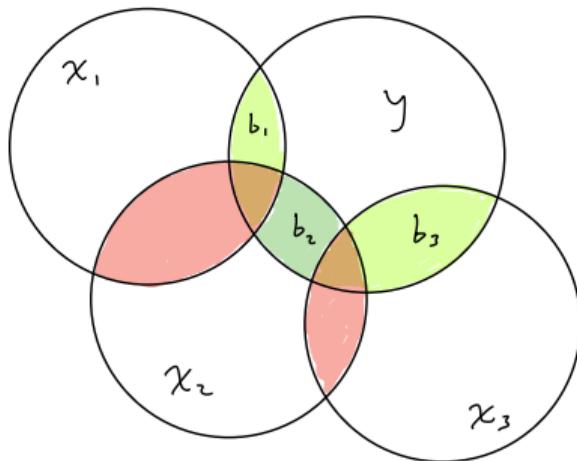
In the next few slides, we will derive the following formula:

$$(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} & -(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_2(\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2)^{-1} \\ -(\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{P}'_1\mathbf{X}_2)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} & (\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{X}_2)^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_1 &= \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1 \\ \mathbf{P}_2 &= \mathbf{X}_2(\mathbf{X}'_2\mathbf{X}_2)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

## Intuition



$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} &= (\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} \\&= \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1}_{\text{variance of } \mathbf{X}_1} - \underbrace{\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{X}_1}_{\text{Projection of } \mathbf{X}_1 \text{ onto the column space of } \mathbf{X}_2} \right)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

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## Result: Formula for Inverse of Partitioned Matrix

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3 mod1b <- lm(education ~ income + women, data = Prestige)
4 eprest <- lm(resid(mod1a)~resid(mod1b))
5 coef(eprest)
6   (Intercept) resid(mod1b)
7   2.445994e-15 4.362425
8   coef(mod0)
9   (Intercept) education income women
0   -7.524222154 4.362424649 0.001172269 -0.012946077
```

## Applications Frisch-Waugh-Lovell (FWL)

- Practical: Plotting data/ coefficients from multivariate regression in 2d.
- Theoretical: Basis for sensitivity tests to evaluate the effects of omitted variables.
- Pedagogical: Improving understanding of the linear model.

## Trace of Projection and Annihilator Matrix

- Recall, the **trace** of a matrix is the sum of the diagonal elements and the sum of the eigenvalues.
- The **rank** of a matrix is the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors.
- The trace of  $\mathbf{P}$  is its rank  $k$ 
  - The projection matrix is **idempotent**:  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^2$ .
  - If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$
  - Applying  $\mathbf{P}$  again:  $\mathbf{P}^2\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}$ , which means that  $\mathbf{P}^2\mathbf{v} = \lambda\lambda\mathbf{v}$ .
  - $\mathbf{P}^2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{v} = \lambda^2\mathbf{v}$ , or  $\lambda = \lambda^2$ . Only true for  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda = 1$ .
  - The eigenvalue 1 corresponds to a direction preserved by the projection, the dimension of the column space of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- $tr(\mathbf{M}) = tr(\mathbf{I}) - tr(\mathbf{P}) = n - k$

## Alternative proof that Trace of Projection is $k$

- Theorem:  $\text{tr} \mathbf{P} = k$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{tr} \mathbf{P} &= \text{tr} (\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}') \\&= \text{tr} ((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}) \\&= \text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_k) \\&= k\end{aligned}$$

## Leverage

- The  $i$ 'th diagonal element of  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $h_{ii} = \mathbf{X}_i'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}_i$  is called the *leverage* of the  $i$ 'th observation.
- $h_{ii}$  ranges between 0 and 1, measures how unusual the  $i^{th}$  observation  $X_i$  is relative to other observations.
- A regression design is called **balanced** when the leverage values are roughly equal.
- Recall, the sum of  $h_{ii} = k$
- A regression is perfectly balanced if  $\max(h_{ii}) = k/n$

## Leave-One-Out Regression

- The Leave-One-Out Regression estimates the projection model excluding an observation  $i$ , repeating for each observation.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} &= \left( \sum_{j \neq i} X_j X'_j \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{j \neq i} X_j Y_j \right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} - X_i X'_i)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} - X_i Y_i) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'_{(-i)} \mathbf{X}_{(-i)})^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{(-i)} \mathbf{y}_{(-i)}\end{aligned}$$

- Where  $\mathbf{X}_{(-i)}$  excludes row  $i$ .
- $\hat{\beta}_{(-i)}$  is not a function of  $i$ , so it can be used for prediction.

$$\tilde{Y}_i = X'_i \hat{\beta}_{(i)}$$

## Leave-One-Out Regression

- Calculating  $\hat{\beta}_{(-i)}$  comes for free from our projection model:

$$\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \hat{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}_i\tilde{e}_i$$

$$\tilde{e}_i = (1 - h_{ii})^{-1}\hat{e}_i$$

- We can define a modified annihilator matrix:

$$\mathbf{M}^* \equiv (\mathbf{I}_n - \text{diag}\{h_{11}, \dots, h_{nn}\})^{-1}$$

Which allows us to rewrite:

$$\tilde{e} = \mathbf{M}^*\hat{e}$$

- We observe the residuals  $\hat{e}$  and we know how much each observation affects the regression, so we can just subtract that out.

## Proof

- We will now derive the formula for  $\hat{\beta}_{(-i)}$  in terms of  $\tilde{e}_i$

$$\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_i X_i')^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - X_i Y_i)$$

$$(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_i X_i')\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_i X_i')(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_i X_i')^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - X_i Y_i)$$

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} - X_i X_i' \hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - X_i Y_i)$$

$$(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} - X_i X_i' \hat{\beta}_{(-i)}) = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - X_i Y_i)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}X_i X_i' \hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \hat{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}X_i Y_i$$

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- We will now prove the relationship between  $\hat{e}_i$  and  $\tilde{e}_i$ .

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$$Y_i - \mathbf{X}'_i\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = Y_i - \mathbf{X}'_i\hat{\beta} + h_{ii}\tilde{e}_i$$

$$\tilde{e}_i = \hat{e}_i + h_{ii}\tilde{e}_i$$

$$\tilde{e}_i - h_{ii}\tilde{e}_i = \hat{e}_i$$

$$\tilde{e}_i = (1 - h_{ii})^{-1}\hat{e}_i$$

## Check your understanding

- For what observation would  $\hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \hat{\beta}$ ?

## Influential observations

- An observation  $i$  is influential if its omission changes the parameter of interest.
- $\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \tilde{e}_i$ .
- Premultiply by  $X_i'$ , and we get that

$$\hat{Y}_i - \tilde{Y}_i = X_i'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \tilde{e}_i = h_{ii} \tilde{e}_i$$

- So  $i$  is influential if  $h_{ii}$  is big and  $|\tilde{e}_i|$  is big.
- This warrants investigation: it could indicate a data entry error, an outlier from a different population, or a genuine extreme case that deserves scrutiny.

## Leave-One-Out in Practice

```
library(carData)
mod <- lm(prestige ~ education +
           income + women, data=Prestige)
# Leverage values
h <- hatvalues(mod)
which.max(h) # highest-leverage obs
# Studentized residuals
rst <- rstudent(mod)
# Flag: |rstudent| > 2
Prestige$flag <- abs(rst) > 2
```

- `hatvalues()` returns the diagonal of  $\mathbf{P}$ .
- `rstudent()` gives  $\tilde{e}_i/\hat{\sigma}_{(-i)}$ : the leave-one-out residual scaled by its SE.
- Both high leverage *and*  $|rstudent| > 2$  warrants investigation.

High leverage + large residual = investigate. It may be a data error, an outlier, or the most interesting observation in your dataset.

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## What is Bias?

- Formally, an estimator is unbiased if the expectation of the conditional distribution of our estimator is the true parameter.
- We will discuss an "unbiased" estimator next week, which will assume we have correctly specified our model.
- What to do if we might not have correctly specified our model?

## How do we choose $\mathbf{X}$ ?

- What to include? Include control variables that are 1) predictive of the outcome and 2) determined prior to the treatment.
- Common examples: racial composition of a county, gender of a respondent, distance to the ocean.
- What should the functional form be? Logs, levels or differences?

## Theoretical Framework: Factory Closures and Voting Behavior

- **Observation:** A local factory closure is visible evidence that trade may harm the local economy.
- **Mechanism:** Voters interpret a closure as an indication that trade liberalization negatively affects their community.
- **Prediction:** Exposure to a factory closure increases the likelihood of voting for a protectionist candidate.
- **Moderating Factor:** The effect of a factory closure depends on the *industrial composition* of the region—areas with a higher share of trade-dependent industries are more affected.

## Econometric Model Specification

- **Outcome Variable:**  $Y_i$  = Indicator for voting protectionist (e.g., 1 if yes, 0 otherwise)
- **Key Predictor:**  $\text{Closure}_i$  = Indicator for a factory closure in region  $i$
- **Control Variable:**  $\text{IndComp}_i$  = Measure of industrial composition in region  $i$
- **Interaction:**  $\text{Closure}_i \times \text{IndComp}_i$  captures how the impact of closures varies with industrial structure

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta \text{Closure}_i + \gamma \text{IndComp}_i + \delta (\text{Closure}_i \times \text{IndComp}_i) + \epsilon_i$$

- $\beta$ : Baseline effect of a factory closure on voting behavior.
- $\gamma$ : Direct effect of industrial composition on voting.
- $\delta$ : Differential effect of a closure when industrial composition favors exposure

## Tools to address bias

- Preregistration: eg OSF.io, to defining the entire data-collection and data-analysis protocol ahead of time
- Pre-publication replication, preregistered protocol for a followup.
- Training and test split: fixing the specification on a subset of the data, testing on the remaining data.

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## Unpacking the Bias

$$\underbrace{(\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_2)}_{\text{Imbalance of } X_2 \text{ w.r.t. } X_1. \text{ Partial impact of } X_2 \text{ on } Y} \quad \hat{\beta}_2$$

- $\hat{\beta}_2$  reflects the causal effects of  $X_2$  as well as any spurious associations between  $\mathbf{X}_2$  and  $Y$ .
- $(\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_2)$  are the coefficients of a regression of  $\mathbf{X}_2$  on  $\mathbf{X}_1$ , which is to say, how well does treatment predict confounders?
- Cinelli and Hazlett (2020) call this "impact"  $\hat{\gamma}$  times "imbalance"  $\hat{\delta}$
- The problem is that  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  are multivariate, so this is difficult to sign.

## Reparameterizing in terms of partial $R^2$

- Cinelli and Hazlett (2020) propose studying omitted variables using  $R^2$  as a metric.
- Suppose the full linear regression is as follows:

$$Y = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \mathbf{e}$$

- $\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1$  is the projection matrix onto  $\mathbf{X}_1$ .
- $\mathbf{M}_1 = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}'_1\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}'_1$  is the residual maker for  $\mathbf{X}_1$ .
- In general the partial  $R^2$  measures the proportion of the variance in  $Y$  that is uniquely explained by a set of predictors  $\mathbf{X}_2$  after accounting for  $\mathbf{X}_1$ .

## Formula for $R^2$ with one variable

$$R_{Y \sim Z}^2 = \frac{SSR}{TSS} \quad (\text{definition (1) of } R^2)$$

$$= \frac{\text{var}(\hat{Y})}{\text{var}(Y)} \quad (\text{SSR is variance explained})$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\text{var}(e)}{\text{var}(Y)} \quad (\text{since } \text{var}(Y) = \text{var}(\hat{Y}) + \text{var}(e))$$

$$= \text{corr}(Y, \hat{Y})^2 \quad (\text{definition (2) of } R^2)$$

$$= \text{corr}(Y, Z)^2 \quad (\hat{Y} \text{ is linear prediction from } Z)$$

## Example in R

```
library(carData)
attach(Prestige)
mod <- lm(prestige ~ education)
summary(mod)$r.square
# [1] 0.7228007
var(predict(mod)) / var(prestige)
1 - var(resid(mod)) / var(prestige)
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## Cinelli Hazlett (2020) formulation

We model  $Y = \hat{\beta}_1 D + e$ , so  $\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(D, Y)}{\text{var}(D)}$ .

What if there is regression of  $Y$  on  $D$  and there is a single omitted variable  $Z$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{\text{bias}} &= (\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_1)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'_1 \mathbf{X}_2) \hat{\beta}_2 \\ &= \left( \frac{\text{cov}(D, Z)}{\text{var}(D)} \right) \left( \frac{\text{cov}(Z^{\perp D}, Y^{\perp D})}{\text{var}(Z^{\perp D})} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Lets write this in terms of  $D$  and two new formalisms for the disturbance:  $Z^{\perp D}$  the part of  $Z$  not predicted by  $D$ , and  $Y^{\perp D}$  the part of  $Y$  not predicted by  $D$ .

## Cinelli Hazlett (2020) – Part 1: Model Setup

We start with the regression model:

$$Y = \hat{\beta}_1 D + e, \quad \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\text{cov}(D, Y)}{\text{var}(D)}.$$

Now consider the case where a variable  $Z$  is omitted from the regression of  $Y$  on  $D$ . The omitted variable bias is given by:

$$\widehat{\text{bias}} = \frac{\text{cov}(D, Z)}{\text{var}(D)} \cdot \frac{\text{cov}(Z^{\perp D}, Y^{\perp D})}{\text{var}(Z^{\perp D})}.$$

**Note:** The first fraction reflects how  $D$  and  $Z$  co-move, while the second captures the effect of  $Z$  on  $Y$  once  $D$ 's influence is removed.

## Cinelli Hazlett (2020) – Part 2: Covariance to Correlation Conversion

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## Cinelli Hazlett (2020) – Part 3: Final Bias Expression

Combining the two unpacked terms, we obtain:

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Rearranging, this becomes:

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Replacing partial  $R^2$ :

$$|\widehat{\text{bias}}| = \sqrt{\left( \frac{R_{D \sim Z}^2 R_{Y \sim Z|D}^2}{1 - R_{D \sim Z}^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{sd}(Y^{\perp D})}{\text{sd}(D)} \right)}.$$

## What Does the Bias Formula Tell Applied Researchers?

- The bias depends on two quantities, both expressed as partial  $R^2$ :
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## Example: Simulation Setup for Sensitivity Analysis

### Simulation Design:

- Generate  $N$  observations with treatment  $D$ , observed confounder  $Z$ , and outcome:

$$Y = \beta_D D + \beta_Z Z + e, \quad e \sim N(0, 1).$$

- We first show that omitting  $Z$  biases the estimate of  $\beta_D$ .
- Then we include  $Z$  and ask: how robust is our estimate to *additional* unobserved confounders?

## Step 1: Simulate Data and Compare Models

```
1 set.seed(123)
2 N <- 1000; beta_D <- 2; beta_Z <- 3
3 D <- rbinom(N, 1, 0.5); Z <- rnorm(N)
4 Y <- beta_D * D + beta_Z * Z + rnorm(N)
5
6 # Naive model (omitting Z) -- biased
7 coef(lm(Y ~ D))           # beta_D != 2
8
9 # Full model (including Z) -- unbiased
10 model_full <- lm(Y ~ D + Z)
11 coef(model_full)          # beta_D ~ 2
```

The naive model is biased because  $Z$  is correlated with both  $D$  and  $Y$ . The full model recovers the true effect—but what if there were *another* confounder we could not observe?

## Step 2: Running the Sensitivity Analysis

```
library(sensemakr)

# Sensitivity analysis on the FULL model
sensitivity <- sensemakr(model_full, treatment = "D",
                           benchmark_covariates = "Z")
summary(sensitivity)
plot(sensitivity)
```

**Key question:** How strong would an *unobserved* confounder need to be—relative to the observed confounder  $Z$ —to explain away the estimated effect of  $D$ ?

## Interpreting the Sensitivity Analysis Output

### Key Diagnostics:

- **Robustness Value:** The minimum strength (in terms of partial  $R^2$ ) that an unobserved confounder must have with both the treatment and outcome to fully explain away the estimated effect.
- **Benchmark Comparison:** Using the observed  $Z$  as a benchmark helps gauge whether such a confounder is plausible. If an omitted variable would need to be  $3\times$  stronger than  $Z$ , the result is likely robust.
- **Contour Plot:** Visualizes all combinations of  $R^2_{D \sim U|X}$  and  $R^2_{Y \sim U|D,X}$  that would reduce the estimated effect to zero.