Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data

Lecture 2: The Algebra of Least Squares

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This Lecture

- ► Hansen (2022): Chapter 3
- ▶ We introduce the popular least squares estimator.
- ► Most of the discussion will be algebraic, with questions of distribution and inference deferred to later lectures.

Samples

- The sample or dataset is $\{(Y_i, X_i) : i = 1, ..., n\}$, which are realizations of random variables $(Y, X) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^k$.
 - \triangleright Each (Y_i, X_i) is an observation.
 - A dataset is typically organized as a table where each column is a variable and each row is an observation.
- Assume $\{(Y_1, X_1), \dots, (Y_i, X_i), \dots, (Y_n, X_n)\}$ are independently and identically distributed.

Least Squares Estimator

Consider the linear regression

error, not residual

$$Y_i = X_i'\beta + e_i$$

▶ The object of the least square estimator is to minimize

$$\widehat{S}(\beta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i' \beta)^2 = \frac{1}{n} SSE(\beta)$$

where $SSE(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i'\beta)^2$ is called the sum of squared errors function.

- ▶ We define the **least squares estimator** $\widehat{\beta}$ as the minimizer of $\widehat{S}(\beta)$. It is commonly called the **ordinary least squares (OLS)** estimator.
- ▶ Important! The sample estimator $\widehat{S}(\beta)$ is a random feature of a random sample.

Solving for Least Squares with One Regressor

最小化残差平方和

▶ Consider the case where there is only a **scalar** regressor X and a **scalar** coefficient β .

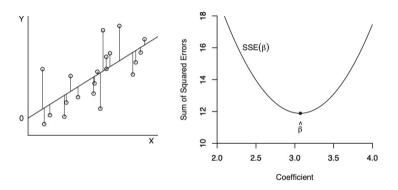
$$SSE(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - X_i \beta)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i^2\right) - 2\beta \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i\right) + \beta^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2\right)$$

lacktriangle The OLS estimator \widehat{eta} minimizes this function. Thus we have

$$\widehat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2}$$

Solving for Least Squares with One Regressor

(a) Deviation from Fitted Line



(b) Sum of Squared Error Function

Figure 3.1: Regression With One Regressor

Solving for Least Squares with Multiple Regressors

▶ Consider the case with multiple regressors and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is a vector.

$$SSE(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i^2 - 2\beta' \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i + \beta' \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i' \beta$$

ightharpoonup The OLS estimator $\widehat{\beta}$ minimizes this function. Thus we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i' \widehat{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i$$

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$$\widehat{\beta} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i\right) = \widehat{Q}_{XX}^{-1} \widehat{Q}_{XY}$$

if we define $\widehat{Q}_{XY} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i$ and $\widehat{Q}_{XX} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i'$

Least Squares Residuals

▶ We define the fitted value $\widehat{Y}_i = X_i'\widehat{\beta}$ and the residual

$$\widehat{e}_i = Y_i - \widehat{Y}_i = Y_i - X_i' \widehat{\beta}$$
 e_i is \beta without hat

▶ The **error** e_i is unobservable while the **residual** \hat{e}_i is an estimator.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \widehat{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \left(Y_i - X_i' \widehat{\beta} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i' \widehat{\beta}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i' \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i X_i' \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i Y_i = 0 \quad \text{vector}$$

▶ When X_i contains a constant, then $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{e}_i = 0$.



Demeaned Regressors

- Write the linear regression with a constant as $Y_i = X_i'\beta + \alpha + e_i$.
- Minimize $SSE(\beta)$ and obtain the first order condition:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(Y_{i} - X_{i}' \widehat{\beta} - \widehat{\alpha} \right) = 0, \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \left(Y_{i} - X_{i}' \widehat{\beta} - \widehat{\alpha} \right) = 0$$

derivate to \beta

Demeaned Regressors

► Subtracting from the second we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \left(\left(Y_{i} - \bar{Y} \right) - \left(X_{i} - \bar{X} \right)' \widehat{\beta} \right) = 0$$

▶ Then we find

$$\widehat{\beta} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \left(X_i - \bar{X}\right)'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \left(Y_i - \bar{Y}\right)\right)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(X_i - \bar{X}\right) \left(X_i - \bar{X}\right)'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(X_i - \bar{X}\right) \left(Y_i - \bar{Y}\right)\right)$$

homework

Model in Matrix Notation

▶ The *n* linear equations $Y_i = X_i'\beta + e_i$ make a system of *n* equations.

$$Y_1 = X'_1 \beta + e_1$$

 $Y_2 = X'_2 \beta + e_2$
 \vdots
 $Y_n = X'_n \beta + e_n$

Define

$$m{Y} = \left(egin{array}{c} Y_1 \ Y_2 \ dots \ Y_n \end{array}
ight), \quad m{X} = \left(egin{array}{c} X_1' \ X_2' \ dots \ X_n' \end{array}
ight), \quad m{e} = \left(egin{array}{c} e_1 \ e_2 \ dots \ e_n \end{array}
ight)$$

Y and **e** are $n \times 1$ vectors and **X** is an $n \times k$ matrix.

Model in Matrix Notation

 \triangleright The system of n equations can be compactly written in the single equation

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{e}$$

▶ Sample sums can be written in matrix notation.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}X'_{i} = X'X, \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}Y_{i} = X'Y$$

▶ Therefore the least squares estimator can be written as

$$\widehat{eta} = \left(oldsymbol{X}' oldsymbol{X}
ight)^{-1} \left(oldsymbol{X}' oldsymbol{Y}
ight)$$

- ▶ Then we have $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\widehat{\beta} + \widehat{\mathbf{e}}$ and $\mathbf{X}'\widehat{\mathbf{e}} = 0$.
- ▶ The sum of squared error criterion is $SSE(\beta) = (\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X}\beta)$



Projection Matrix

- Projection matrix: $P = X (X'X)^{-1} X'$
- $PY = X (X'X)^{-1} X'Y = X\widehat{\beta} = \widehat{Y}$
- Properties of the projection matrix:
 - 1. PX = X
 - 2. P is symmetric (P' = P).
 - 3. P is idempotent (PP = P).
 - 4. tr P = k.
 - 5. The eigenvalues of P are 1 and 0.
 - 6. **P** has k eigenvalues equalling 1 and n k equalling 0.
 - 7. $\operatorname{rank}(\boldsymbol{P}) = k$
- ightharpoonup Consider an example $oldsymbol{P}=\mathbf{1}_n\left(\mathbf{1}_n'\mathbf{1}_n
 ight)^{-1}\mathbf{1}_n'=rac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n\mathbf{1}_n'$

$$\mathbf{PY} = \mathbf{1}_n \left(\mathbf{1}_n' \mathbf{1}_n \right)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_n' \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{1}_n \bar{\mathbf{Y}}$$

Annihilator Matrix

- Annihilator Matrix: $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'$
- $MY = Y PY = Y X\widehat{\beta} = \widehat{e}$
- Properties of the annihilator matrix:
 - 1. **MX** = 0 X完全拟合自身
 - 2. M is symmetric (M' = M).
 - 3. M is idempotent (MM = M).
 - 4. tr M = n k.
- Consider the case $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{1}_n (\mathbf{1}'_n \mathbf{1}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{1}'_n$, we have the demeaned value of Y_i .

lacktriangle An alternative expression for the residual vector: $\hat{m{e}} = m{M} m{Y} = m{M} (m{X} eta + m{e}) = m{M} m{e}$

误差和残差的关系

Estimation of Error Variance

- lacktriangle Besides eta, another parameter we are interested in is the error variance $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}[e^2]$.
- A natural estimator for σ^2 is $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$. 和P值有关
 - \blacktriangleright However, this is infeasible as e_i is not observed.
- ▶ The feasible estimator is $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2$.
- ▶ In matrix notation, $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} e' e$ and

$$\widehat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{e}}'\widehat{\mathbf{e}} = n^{-1}\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e} = n^{-1}\mathbf{e}'\mathbf{M}\mathbf{e}$$
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► An interesting implication is that

► This shows that the feasible estimator is numerically smaller than the idealized estimator.



Analysis of Variance

- Use projection and annihilator matrix, we can write $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{PY} + \mathbf{MY} = \hat{\mathbf{Y}} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}$
- ► This decomposition is orthogonal, that is

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}'\widehat{\mathbf{e}} = (\mathbf{PY})'(\mathbf{MY}) = \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{PMY} = 0$$

PM=0

ightharpoonup Subtracting \bar{Y} from both sides, we obtain

$$\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{1}_n \bar{Y} = \widehat{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{1}_n \bar{Y} + \widehat{\mathbf{e}}$$

Analysis of Variance

This decomposition is also orthogonal when **X** contains a constant, as

$$(\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{1}_n \overline{\mathbf{Y}})' \widehat{\mathbf{e}} = \widehat{\mathbf{Y}}' \widehat{\mathbf{e}} - \overline{\mathbf{Y}} \mathbf{1}_n' \widehat{\mathbf{e}} = 0$$

It follows that

前提是X包含常数项,此时有\sum e i=0,即1 n\ hat{e i}

$$\left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{1}_n \bar{Y} \right)' \left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{1}_n \bar{Y} \right) = \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{Y}} - \boldsymbol{1}_n \bar{Y} \right)' \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{Y}} - \boldsymbol{1}_n \bar{Y} \right) + \widehat{\boldsymbol{e}}' \widehat{\boldsymbol{e}}$$
 or

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(Y_i - ar{Y}
ight)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\widehat{Y}_i - ar{Y}
ight)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{e}_i^2 \, extsf{SSR}$$

▶ This is commonly called the analysis-of-variance formula for least squares regression.

> $SSE?(\hat{Y_i}_{-\infty}) - \inf\{Y_i\})$,这两 个square相等,因为Y=\hat{Y}+e i, 而\overline {Y}=\sum Y. 逐步展开即可

Analysis of Variance

A commonly reported statistic is the coefficient of determination or **R-squared**:

$$R^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\widehat{Y}_{i} - \bar{Y})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \bar{Y})^{2}} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{e}_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_{i} - \bar{Y})^{2}}$$

- ▶ It is often described as "the fraction of the sample variance of Y which is explained by the least squares fit".
- ightharpoonup One deficiency with R^2 is that it increases when regressors are added to a regression so the "fit" can be always increased by increasing the number of regressors.

为何随着解释变量的增加而R^2不减?总平方和不变而残差平方和变小。\beta_n=0作为一种约束,体现变量的增减

Regression Components

▶ Partition $X = [X_1 \ X_2]$ and $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$. The regression model can be written as

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}_1 \beta_1 + \mathbf{X}_2 \beta_2 + \mathbf{e}$$

So that

$$\left(\widehat{eta}_1, \widehat{eta}_2\right) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{eta_1, eta_2} \mathsf{SSE}\left(eta_1, eta_2\right)$$

where

$$SSE(\beta_1, \beta_2) = (\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1\beta_1 - \boldsymbol{X}_2\beta_2)'(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1\beta_1 - \boldsymbol{X}_2\beta_2)$$

Let's first focus on β_1 . The solution can be written as

$$\widehat{\beta}_1 = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\beta_1} \left(\min_{\beta_2} \mathsf{SSE} \left(\beta_1, \beta_2 \right) \right) \, \frac{ \ \text{记} \setminus \mathsf{overline} \{ Y \} = Y - X _ i \setminus \mathsf{beta} _ 1 }{\mathsf{fa}}$$

▶ The inner expression $\min_{\beta_2} SSE(\beta_1, \beta_2)$ minimizes over β_2 while holding β_1 fixed.

Residual Components

Examine the inner minimization problem. This is simply the least squares regression of $Y - X_1\beta_1$ on X_2 . This has solution

$$\operatorname*{argmin}\mathsf{SSE}\left(\beta_{1},\beta_{2}\right)=\left(\boldsymbol{\mathit{X}}_{2}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{\mathit{X}}_{2}\right)^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{\mathit{X}}_{2}^{\prime}\left(\boldsymbol{\mathit{Y}}-\boldsymbol{\mathit{X}}_{1}\beta_{1}\right)\right)$$

- lacksquare Residuals equal to $m{M}_2 (m{Y} m{X}_1 eta_1)$, where $m{M}_2 = m{I}_n m{X}_2 (m{X}_2' m{X}_2)^{-1} m{X}_2'$
- So the minimized value is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_2} \mathsf{SSE}\left(\beta_1, \beta_2\right) &= \left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1 \beta_1\right)' \boldsymbol{M}_2 \boldsymbol{M}_2 \left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1 \beta_1\right) \\ &= \left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1 \beta_1\right)' \boldsymbol{M}_2 \left(\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1 \beta_1\right) \end{aligned}$$

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Residual Components

► Then we have

$$egin{aligned} \widehat{eta}_1 &= \operatorname*{argmin}_{eta_1} \left(oldsymbol{Y} - oldsymbol{X}_1 eta_1
ight)' oldsymbol{M}_2 \left(oldsymbol{Y} - oldsymbol{X}_1 eta_1
ight) \ &= \left(oldsymbol{X}_1' oldsymbol{M}_2 oldsymbol{X}_1
ight)^{-1} \left(oldsymbol{X}_1' oldsymbol{M}_2 oldsymbol{Y}
ight) \end{aligned}$$

By a similar argument we find

$$\widehat{eta}_2 = \left(\mathbf{X}_2' \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{X}_2 \right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{X}_2' \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{Y} \right)$$

where
$$\mathbf{\textit{M}}_{1} = \mathbf{\textit{I}}_{n} - \mathbf{\textit{X}}_{1} \left(\mathbf{\textit{X}}_{1}^{\prime}\mathbf{\textit{X}}_{1}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{\textit{X}}_{1}^{\prime}.$$

Residual Regression

► Taken from the previous slide,

$$egin{aligned} \widehat{eta}_2 &= \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{M}_1 extbf{X}_2
ight)^{-1} \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{M}_1 extbf{Y}
ight) \ &= \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{X}_2
ight)^{-1} \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{e}_1
ight) \ &= \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{X}_2
ight)^{-1} \left(extbf{X}_2' extbf{e}_1
ight) \ &= extbf{m} \wedge ext{K} extbf{E} exttt{J} ext{H} extbf{#}, ext{DOLS} ext{G} ext{H} extbf{X} ext{S} \end{aligned}$$

where $m{X}_2 = m{M}_1 m{X}_2$ and $m{\widetilde{e}}_1 = m{M}_1 m{Y}$. 正交矩阵乘Y即Y对x_1作0LS估计的残差项

- ▶ Frisch-Waugh-Lovell (FWL) Theorem. In $Y = X_1\beta_1 + X_2\beta_2 + e$, the OLS estimator of β_2 and the OLS residuals \hat{e} may be computed via the following algorithm:
 - 1. Regress Y on X_1 , obtain residuals \widetilde{e}_1 ;
 - 2. Regress X_2 on X_1 , obtain residuals X_2 ; k个变量k个回归,残差项矩阵
 - 3. Regress \widetilde{e}_1 on $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}_2$, obtain OLS estimates $\widehat{\beta}_2$ and residuals $\widehat{\mathbf{e}}$.
- Can we obtain same results in two step? 双重差分中使用

Leverage Values

判断异常值

The leverage values for the regressor matrix X are the diagonal elements of the projection matrix $P = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$. Since

$$\boldsymbol{P} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1' \\ X_2' \\ \vdots \\ X_n' \end{pmatrix} (\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \cdots & X_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- The leverage values are $h_{ii} = X_i' (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i$. It measures how unusual the i^{th} observation X_i is relative to the other observations in the sample. (Think about a dummy regressor which takes the value 1 for only one observation in the sample.)
- Properties:
 - 1. $0 \le h_{ii} \le 1$.
 - 2. $h_{ii} \ge 1/n$ if X includes an intercept.
 - 3. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} h_{ii} = k$.

- ► There are a number of statistical procedures residual analysis, jackknife variance estimation, cross-validation, two-step estimation, hold-out sample evaluation which make use of estimators constructed on sub-samples.
- ▶ Of particular importance is the case where we exclude a single observation and then repeat this for all observations. This is called **leave-one-out (LOO)** regression.

扔掉第i 个观测值

Specifically, the leave-one-out estimator of the regression coefficient β is the least squares estimator constructed using the full sample excluding a single observation i.

$$\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \left(\sum_{j \neq i} X_j X_j'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{j \neq i} X_j Y_j\right)$$

$$= \left(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} - X_i X_i'\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{Y} - X_i Y_i\right)$$

$$= \left(\mathbf{X}'_{(-i)} \mathbf{X}_{(-i)}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}'_{(-i)} \mathbf{Y}_{(-i)}$$

- ▶ The leave-one-out predicted value for Y_i is $\widetilde{Y}_i = X_i'\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)}$.
- ▶ The leave-one-out residual, prediction error, or prediction residual is $\widetilde{e}_i = Y_i \widetilde{Y}_i$.

- ▶ **Theorem:** The leave-one-out estimator and prediction error equal $\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \widehat{\beta} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \widetilde{e}_i$ and $\widetilde{e}_i = (1 h_{ii})^{-1} \widehat{e}_i$.
- Define

$$egin{aligned} m{M}^* &= \left(m{I}_n - \operatorname{diag}\left\{ h_{11},..,h_{nn}
ight\}
ight)^{-1} \ &= \operatorname{diag}\left\{ \left(1 - h_{11}
ight)^{-1},..,\left(1 - h_{nn}
ight)^{-1}
ight\} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{e}} = \boldsymbol{M}^* \widehat{\boldsymbol{e}}$

▶ One use of the prediction errors is to estimate the out-of-sample mean squared error:

$$\widetilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \widetilde{e}_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - h_{ii})^{-2} \widetilde{e}_i^2$$

This is known as the sample mean squared prediction error.

Prove the theorem:

$$\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_iX_i')^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} - X_iY_i)$$

▶ Multiply by $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} - X_iX_i')$. We obtain

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

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

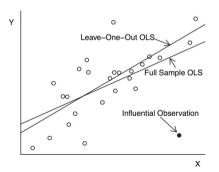
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$$\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = \widehat{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \left(Y_i - X_i' \widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} \right) = \widehat{\beta} - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \widetilde{e}_i$$

- ► Then $X_i'\widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = X_i'\widehat{\beta} X_i'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}X_i\widetilde{e}_i = X_i'\widehat{\beta} h_{ii}\widetilde{e}_i$
- ▶ Then we obtain $\widetilde{e}_i = \widehat{e}_i + h_{ii}\widetilde{e}_i$

Influential Observations

- ► Another use of the leave-one-out estimator is to investigate the impact of influential observations, sometimes called **outliers**.
- We say that observation i is influential if its omission from the sample induces a substantial change in a parameter estimate of interest. $\widehat{\beta} \widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}X_i\widetilde{e}_i$



Influential Observations

Two way to measure the impact of influential observation:

$$\widehat{\beta} - \widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \widetilde{e}_i$$

$$\widehat{Y}_i - \widetilde{Y}_i = X_i' \widehat{\beta} - X_i' \widehat{\beta}_{(-i)} = X_i' (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} X_i \widetilde{e}_i = h_{ii} \widetilde{e}_i$$

- ▶ Two indices:
 - 1. DFBETA: The ratio of the changes of coefficient to the coefficient's standard error
 - 2. Influence = $\max_{1 \le i \le n} \left| \widehat{Y}_i \widetilde{Y}_i \right| = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \left| h_{ii} \widetilde{e}_i \right|$
- ▶ If an observation is determined to be influential what should be done?
 - 1. Take a close look at the data, to see whether the observation is incorrectly measured;
 - If it is measured correctly, you can use other specification to model the observation or just delete it. However, the way you deal with data should be reasonable and transparent.