

4.2) OLS Gauss-Markov Theorem

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Tables, Graphics, and Figures from:

Hansen (2018). **Econometrics**. Ch 4.1 to 4.7.

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

$$\{(y_1, x_1), \dots, (y_n, x_n)\}$$

**Independent and Identically
Distributed (iid)**

Unbiasedness of OLS

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'(X\beta + \epsilon)$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'X\beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}|X) = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'E(\epsilon|X)$$

Consistency of OLS

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + (N^{-1}X'X)^{-1}N^{-1}X'\epsilon$$

$$plim\hat{\beta} = \beta + (plimN^{-1}X'X)^{-1}(plimN^{-1}X'\epsilon)$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \beta \text{ if } plimN^{-1}X'u = 0$$

Variance of Error Term (ϵ)

$$\text{Var}(\epsilon|X) = E(\epsilon\epsilon'|X)$$

$$\text{(i)} \quad E(\epsilon_i^2|X) = \sigma_i^2$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad E(\epsilon_i\epsilon_j|X) = E(\epsilon_i|X)E(\epsilon_j|X) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(\epsilon|X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Variance of Least Squares Estimator

$$\hat{\beta} - \beta = (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}|X) &= E[(\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\hat{\beta} - \beta)'|X] \\ &= E[(X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon\epsilon'X(X'X)^{-1}|X] \\ &= (X'X)^{-1}X'[\text{Var}(\epsilon|X)]X(X'X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

If $\text{Var}(\epsilon|X) = I_n\sigma^2$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}|X) &= \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}X'X(X'X)^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Gauss-Markov Theorem

$$\tilde{\beta} = Cy \text{ and } A = (X'X)^{-1}X'$$

$$D = C - A \text{ or } C = D + A$$

$$\tilde{\beta} = (D + A)y$$

$$\tilde{\beta} = D(X\beta + \epsilon) + \hat{\beta}$$

If $\tilde{\beta}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ are unbiased, $DX = 0$

$$\tilde{\beta} - \beta = D\epsilon + \hat{\beta} - \beta$$

$$\tilde{\beta} - \beta = (D + A)\epsilon$$

OLS is the Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE)

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}|X) = (D + A)\text{Var}(\epsilon|X)(D' + A')$$

$$\sigma^2(DD' + AD' + DA' + AA')$$

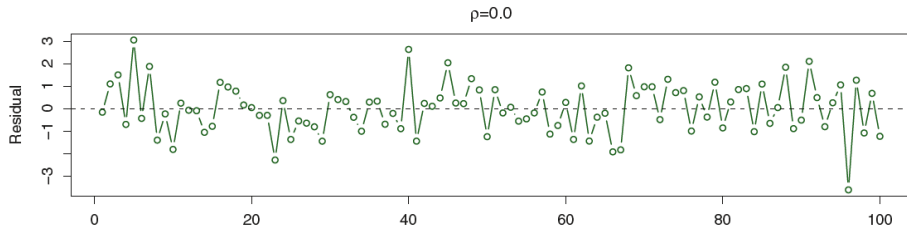
$$DA' = DX(X'X)^{-1} = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}|X) = \sigma^2(DD' + (X'X)^{-1})$$

$$\geq \text{Var}(\beta|X)$$

Uncorrelated Error Terms

$$\text{Cov}(\epsilon_t, \epsilon_s | X) = 0, \text{ for all } t \neq s$$



Correlated Error Terms

