Likelihood Ratio Test of a General Linear Hypothesis

Consider the Likelihood Ratio Test of

$$H_0: C\beta = d$$
 vs $H_A: C\beta \neq d$.

Suppose

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

The likelihood function is

$$L(\beta, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)} \quad \text{for } \beta \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ and } \sigma^2 > 0.$$

Note that

$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})},$$

where

$$Q(\beta) = (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$$
$$= ||y - X\beta||^{2}.$$

The parameter space under the null hypothesis $H_0: C\beta = d$ is

$$\Omega_0 = \{ (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) : \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{d}, \sigma^2 > 0 \}.$$

The parameter space corresponding to the union of the null and alternative parameter spaces is

$$\Omega = \{ (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) : \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p, \sigma^2 > 0 \}.$$

The likelihood ratio test rejects H_0 iff

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{\sup_{\Omega_0} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y})}{\sup_{\Omega} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y})}$$

is sufficiently small.

To conduct a significance level α likelihood ratio test, we reject H_0 iff

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{y}) \leq c_{\alpha}$$

where c_{α} satisfies

$$\sup \{ \mathbb{P}(\Lambda(\mathbf{y}) \le c_{\alpha} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) : (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) \in \Omega_0 \} \le \alpha.$$

To find $\Lambda(y)$, we must maximize the likelihood over Ω_0 and Ω .

For any fixed $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, we can find the value of $\sigma^2 > 0$ that maximizes $L(\beta, \sigma^2|\mathbf{y})$ as follows.

Because log is a strictly increasing function, the value of σ^2 that maximizes $L(\beta, \sigma^2|\mathbf{y})$ is the same as the value of σ^2 that maximizes

$$l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) \equiv \log L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}).$$

$$\begin{split} l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ \frac{\partial l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y})}{\partial \sigma^2} &= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{2\sigma^4}. \end{split}$$

Equating to 0 and solving for σ^2 yields

$$\hat{\sigma}^2(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{n}.$$

Furthermore, examination $\frac{\partial l(\beta,\sigma^2|y)}{\partial \sigma^2}$ as a function of σ^2 shows that $l(\beta,\sigma^2|y)$ as a function of σ^2 is increasing to the left of $Q(\beta)/n$ and decreasing to the right of $Q(\beta)/n$.

Thus, for any fixed $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, the likelihood is maximized over $\sigma^2 > 0$ at $Q(\beta)/n$.

Now note that

$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta})|\mathbf{y}) = (2\pi Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})/n)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{n}{2Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}$$
$$= (2\pi eQ(\boldsymbol{\beta})/n)^{-n/2},$$

which is clearly maximized over β by minimizing $Q(\beta)$ over β .

Let $\hat{\beta}$ be any minimizer of $Q(\beta)$ over $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

We know from previous results that $\hat{\beta}$ minimizes $Q(\beta)$ over $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ iff $\hat{\beta}$ is a solution to NE. $(X'X)^-X'y$ is one solution.

Thus, the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 = Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/n = \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\|^2/n,$$

where $\hat{\beta}$ is any solution to the NE.

Recall that $X\hat{\beta} = P_X y$ is the same for all solution to NE.

Thus, $\hat{\sigma}_{\rm MLE}^2$ is the same for any $\hat{\beta}$ that solves the NE.

Note that the MLE of σ^2

$$\begin{split} \hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 &= \frac{Q(\hat{\beta})}{n} = \frac{Q(\hat{\beta})}{n - rank(X)} \frac{n - rank(X)}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y}}{n - rank(X)} \frac{n - rank(X)}{n} \\ &= \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{n - rank(X)}{n}. \end{split}$$

Recall

$$E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \sigma^2.$$

Thus,

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2) = \frac{n - rank(\mathbf{X})}{n} \sigma^2 < \sigma^2.$$

If X is of full-column rank, then

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

is the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of β .

We have

$$\begin{split} \sup_{\Omega} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) &= L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \hat{\sigma}_{\text{MLE}}^2 | \mathbf{y}) \\ &= (2\pi e Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/n)^{-n/2}. \end{split}$$

If we let $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ denote the minimizer of $Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ over $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ satisfying $C\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{d}$, then

$$\sup_{\Omega_0} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y})
= L(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) / n | \mathbf{y})
= (2\pi e Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) / n)^{-n/2}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{split} \Lambda(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{(2\pi e Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/n)^{-n/2}}{(2\pi e Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/n)^{-n/2}} \\ &= \left[\frac{Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}\right]^{-n/2}. \end{split}$$

Now note that

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{y}) \leq c_{\alpha} \iff \left[\frac{Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}\right]^{-n/2} \leq c_{\alpha}
\iff \frac{Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})} \geq c_{\alpha}^{-2/n}
\iff \frac{Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})} - 1 \geq c_{\alpha}^{-2/n} - 1
\iff \frac{Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})} \geq c_{\alpha}^{-2/n} - 1.$$

$$\iff \frac{[Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]/q}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/(n-r)} \ge \frac{n-r}{q}(c_{\alpha}^{-2/n} - 1),$$

where

$$q = rank(\mathbf{C})$$
 and $n - r = n - rank(\mathbf{X})$.

Example:

Suppose

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$
,

where

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim N(\boldsymbol{0}, \sigma^2 \boldsymbol{I}).$$

Furthermore, suppose $rank(X_{n \times n}) = p$. Partition

$$X = [X_1, X_2]$$
 and $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{eta}_1 \ oldsymbol{eta}_2 \end{bmatrix},$

where X_1 is $n \times p_1$ and β_1 is $p_1 \times 1$.

Suppose we wish to test $H_0: \beta_2 = \mathbf{0}$.

 $H_0: \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ is a GLH $H_0: C\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{d}$ with

$$C = [\mathbf{0}_{q \times p_1}, \mathbf{I}_{q \times q}]$$
 and $d = \mathbf{0}_{q \times 1}$,

where

$$q = p - p_1$$
.

This GLH is testable because C has rank Q and $C\beta$ is estimable due to full-column rank of X.

$$\begin{split} Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= \min\{Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) : \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{d}\} \\ &= \min\{\|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|^2 : \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p \ni \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \boldsymbol{0}\} \\ &= \min\{\|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1\|^2 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1}\} \\ &= \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}_1\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_1\|^2 = \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{X}_1}\boldsymbol{y}\|^2 \\ &= \|(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{X}_1})\boldsymbol{y}\|^2 = \boldsymbol{y}'(\boldsymbol{I} - \boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{X}_1})\boldsymbol{y} \\ &= \mathrm{SSE}_{\mathrm{Reduced}}. \end{split}$$

$$Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\|^2$$

$$= \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}\mathbf{y}\|^2$$

$$= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}})\mathbf{y}\|^2$$

$$= \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}})\mathbf{y}$$

$$= SSE_{Full}.$$

The DF for SSE_{Full} is

$$DF_F = rank(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) = n - p.$$

The DF for $SSE_{Reduced}$ is

$$DF_R = rank(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{X_1}) = n - p_1.$$

$$DF_R - DF_F = p - p_1 = q.$$

We have shown that, in the general case, the likelihood ratio test (LRT) of

$$H_0: \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$$

rejects for sufficiently large

$$\frac{[Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})-Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]/q}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/(n-r)}.$$

In this example,

$$\frac{[Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]/q}{Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})/(n-r)} = \frac{[\text{SSE}_{\text{Reduced}} - \text{SSE}_{\text{Full}}]/(DF_R - DF_F)}{\text{SSE}_{\text{Full}}/DF_F},$$

which should look familiar.

We now show that for a testable GLH

$$H_0: \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d},$$

the GLT statistic

$$F = \frac{(C\hat{\beta} - d)'(C(X'X)^{-}C')^{-1}(C\hat{\beta} - d)/q}{\hat{\sigma}^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{[Q(\tilde{\beta}) - Q(\hat{\beta})]/q}{Q(\hat{\beta})/(n - r)}.$$

Thus, the GLT is equivalent to the LRT.

Note that

$$Q(\hat{\beta})/(n-r) = y'\left(\frac{I-P_X}{n-r}\right)y$$

= $\hat{\sigma}^2$.

Thus, it remains to show

$$Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = (\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d})'(\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}).$$

From 3.10, we know that $\tilde{\beta}$ is leading subvector of solution to RNE.

Theorem 6.1:

If $C\beta=d$ is testable and \widetilde{eta} is the leading subvecctor of a solution to the RNE

$$\begin{bmatrix} X'X & C' \\ C & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b} \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})' X' X (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$
$$= (C\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d})' (C(X'X)^{-}C')^{-1} (C\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}).$$

Proof of Result 6.1:

First show that

$$Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})' X' X (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}).$$

$$\begin{split} Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \\ &- (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} - 2\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \\ &- \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} + 2\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \\ &= 2(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \end{split}$$

$$= 2(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta})'X'X\hat{\beta} + \tilde{\beta}'X'X\tilde{\beta} - \hat{\beta}'X'X\hat{\beta}$$

$$= \hat{\beta}'X'X\hat{\beta} - 2\tilde{\beta}'X'X\hat{\beta} + \tilde{\beta}'X'X\tilde{\beta}$$

$$= (\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta})'X'X(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta}).$$

Now let $\tilde{\lambda}$ denote the trailing subvector of the solution to RNE whose leading subvector is $\tilde{\beta}$; i.e., suppose

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is solution to RNE.

Show
$$X'X(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \boldsymbol{C}'\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$$
.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} X'X(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}-\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) & = & X'X\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}-X'X\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \\ & = & X'y-(X'y-C'\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}) \\ & = & C'\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}. \end{array}$$

Now show

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = (\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}).$$

$$X'X(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta}) = C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

$$\implies C(X'X)^{-}X'X(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta}) = C(X'X)^{-}C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

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$$\implies C(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta}) = C(X'X)^{-}C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

$$\implies C\hat{\beta} - C\tilde{\beta} = C(X'X)^{-}C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

$$\implies C\hat{\beta} - d = C(X'X)^{-}C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

$$\implies C(X'X)^{-}C'\tilde{\lambda}$$

$$\implies (C(X'X)^{-}C')^{-1}(C\hat{\beta} - d) = \tilde{\lambda}.$$

We have established

(1)
$$Q(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) - Q(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})' \boldsymbol{X}' \boldsymbol{X} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$

(2)
$$X'X(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \boldsymbol{C}'\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}$$

(3)
$$\tilde{\lambda} = (C(X'X)^{-}C')^{-1}(C\hat{\beta} - d).$$

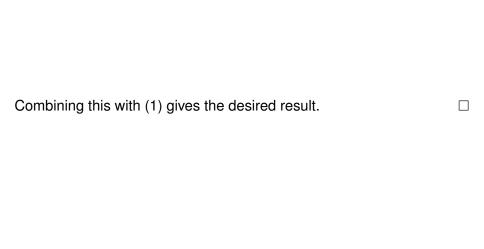
Use these results to finish the proof.

Combining (2) and (3) gives

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{C}'(\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-}\mathbf{C}')^{-1}(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d}).$$

Multiplying on left by $(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta})'$ gives

$$\begin{split} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'\boldsymbol{C}'(\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}) \\ &= (\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{C}\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})'(\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}) \\ &= (\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d})'(\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}). \end{split}$$



Corollary 6.4:

Suppose $C\beta = d$ is testable, and suppose $\hat{\beta}$ is a solution to the NE.

Then the leading subvector of a solution to the RNE with constraint

$$C\beta = d$$

can be found by solving for b in the equations

$$X'Xb = X'y - C'(C(X'X)^{-}C')^{-1}(C'\hat{\beta} - d).$$

Proof of Corollary 6.4:

In the proof of Theorem 6.1, we showed

$$\begin{bmatrix} X'X & C' \\ C & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X'\mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = (\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{X}'\boldsymbol{X})^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}).$$

Thus

$$X'X\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + \boldsymbol{C}'\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = X'\boldsymbol{y} \Longleftrightarrow X'X\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = X'\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{C}'(\boldsymbol{C}(X'X)^{-}\boldsymbol{C}')^{-1}(\boldsymbol{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{d}).$$