

Prove that $E(\hat{\beta}_2) = \beta_2$.

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

We'll use the fact that

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Pop. model: $y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + u_i$

↳ plug in to slope estimator:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \hat{\beta}_2 &= \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + u_i)}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})\beta_1 + \sum (x_i - \bar{x})x_i\beta_2 + \sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\ &= \frac{\beta_1 \cancel{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})} + \beta_2 \sum (x_i - \bar{x})x_i + \sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

Shown $\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0$

$$\sum (x_i - \bar{x})x_i = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})x_i &= \sum x_i^2 - \bar{x} \sum x_i \\ &= \sum x_i^2 - \bar{x} \sum x_i - \bar{x} \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) \\ &= \sum x_i^2 - 2\bar{x} \sum x_i + \sum \bar{x}^2 \stackrel{=0}{=} \\ &= \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \hat{\beta}_2 = \beta_2 + \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Take expectations:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\beta}_2) &= \beta_2 + E\left(\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})u_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum E(x_i - \bar{x})u_i \end{aligned}$$

$$E(u|x) = 0 \Rightarrow E(u) = 0$$

$$E(u|X)=0 \Rightarrow E(u)=0$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\beta_2) &= \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(0) \\ &= \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Derive $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2)$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \beta_2 + \frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \text{var}\left(\beta_2 + \frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i\right)$$

$$= \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)^2 \text{var}\left(\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) u_i\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)^2 \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \text{var}(u_i)$$

Random sampling

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)^2 \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sigma^2$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$