

Regression, 2.4

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Suppose we have these assumptions for a straight-line regression through the origin:

i) Y is related to x by simple linear regression model $Y_i = \beta x_i + e_i$ ($i=1, \dots, n$) (i.e., $E(Y|X=x_i) = \beta x_i$)

ii) The errors e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n are independent.

iii) The errors have a common variance σ^2

iv) The errors are normally distributed with mean 0 and variance σ^2

Since the regression model is conditional in X we can assume that the values of predictors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are known fixed constants.

Our task is to show the following :

a) The least square estimate of β is: $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

We know $RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2$ in order to

minimize the residual sum of square (RSS) we can derive it with respect to β so,

$$\frac{\partial RSS}{\partial \beta} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i) x_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i x_i - \beta x_i^2) = 0$$

Therefore:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

b) Under the above assumption I want to show $E(\hat{\beta}|X=x_i) = \beta$

From the previous exercise I know $\hat{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$, so by replacing it in

the formula:

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \mid X = x_i\right) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot E(Y_i \mid X = x_i) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (\beta x_i) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$\cdot \beta \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = \beta$$

c) I want to show that $var(\hat{\beta}|X=x_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$

Again like the previous exercise we know

$$var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \mid X = x_i\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^2} \cdot var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \mid X = x_i\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^2} \cdot var(y_i \mid X = x_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

d) I want to indicate that $\hat{\beta}|X \sim N\left(\beta, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}\right)$

Under the assumption iv we know the errors are normally distributed and $Y_i = \beta x_i + e_i$, $Y_i|X$ is normally distributed. since $\hat{\beta}|X$ is a linear combination of y_i 's, so $\hat{\beta}|X$ is normally distributed.