

Consider the simple linear regression set-up with the assumptions stated in class.

1. Show that

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \beta_1, \frac{\sigma^2}{SS_{XX}} \right)$$

2. For a fixed value  $x$  of the explanatory variable, let  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$ . Show that

$$\hat{y} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \beta_0 + \beta_1 x, \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{SS_{XX}} \right) \sigma^2 \right)$$

Note that the variance of  $\hat{y}$  is higher for  $x$  values further away from  $\bar{x}$ , that is the fit is more precise in the centre of the dataset.