

Chapter 4 Multiple Regression

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Exercise Set A

Problem 7

Yule's regression model for pauperism:

$$\Delta Paup = a + b \times \Delta Out + c \times \Delta Old + d \times \Delta Pop + error$$

can be translated into matrix notation: $Y = X\beta + \epsilon$. We assume that Y_i are the observed values of $X\beta + \epsilon$, that the ϵ_i are iid with mean zero and variance σ^2 , and that ϵ is independent of X . For the metropolitan unions and the period 1871-81:

Part a

What are X and Y ?

Take all of the entries of Table 1.3 and subtract 100 from them. Y is the column vector of Paup, and X is the columns Out, Old, and Pop, with a column of all 1's added on. (I will assume that the 1's column is added to the left of the X 's.)

Part b

What are the observed values of X_{41} ? X_{42} ? Y_4 ?

$X_{41} = 1$, since that's the column of all ones. X_{42} is the Out ratio for Chelsea, which is $21 - 100 = -79$. Y_4 is the Pauper for Chelsea, which is $64 - 100 = -36$.

Part c

Where do we look in $(X'X)^{-1}X'Y$ to find the estimated coefficient of ΔOut ?

In the second entry, since the Out column is right after the Intercept column.

Problem Set B

Problem 14

We have from the equations in Chapter 2 that

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a} &= \bar{y} - \text{slope}\bar{x} \\ \hat{b} &= \text{corr}(x, y) \frac{\text{SD}(y)}{\text{SD}(x)}\end{aligned}$$

In this case, X is

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

so we get that

$$X^T X = \begin{pmatrix} n & \sum X_i \\ \sum X_i & \sum X_i^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We notice that

$$\det(X^T X) = n \sum X_i^2 - (\sum X_i)^2 = n^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^2 - \bar{X}^2 \right) = n^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

and so

$$(X^T X)^{-1} = \frac{1}{n^2 \text{Var}(X)} \begin{pmatrix} \sum X_i^2 & -\sum X_i \\ -\sum X_i & n \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying out $X^T Y$ gives

$$X^T Y = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{Y} \\ \sum X_i Y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

and so

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{n^2 \text{Var}(X)} \begin{pmatrix} \sum X_i^2 & -\sum X_i \\ -\sum X_i & n \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n^2 \text{Var}(X)} \begin{pmatrix} \sum X_i^2 & -\sum X_i \\ -\sum X_i & n \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculating the coefficients,

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum X_i Y_i - \bar{x}\bar{y}}{\text{Var}x} = \frac{\text{Cov}(x, y)}{\text{Var}(x)} = \frac{\text{Corr}(x, y) \text{SD}(y)}{\text{SD}(x)}$$

which matches \hat{b} .