

c-f) Question: the relationship between eigenvalues and testing power.

Answer) Testing  $H_0: C'\beta = a$ .

$$\hat{\beta}|X \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1})$$

$$\text{Then, } C'\hat{\beta}|X \sim N(C'\beta, \sigma^2 C'(X'X)^{-1}C)$$

When we minimize the Variance  $\sigma^2 C'(X'X)^{-1}C$ , (i.e. increase the power)

$$\min_C \frac{C'(X'X)^{-1}C}{C'C} \Rightarrow \text{The solution: arg min}_C \frac{C'(X'X)^{-1}C}{C'C}$$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvector of  $(X'X)^{-1}$  corresponding to the smallest eigen value of  $(X'X)^{-1}$

• Big  $O_p(1)$ , little  $o_p(1)$

(Note)  $\begin{cases} O_p(1) = \text{stochastically bounded} \\ o_p(1) = X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0 \end{cases}$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad o_p(1) + o_p(1) = o_p(1)$$

If  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$ , and  $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$ , then  $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad O_p(1) + O_p(1) = O_p(1)$$

If  $X_n = O_p(1)$  and  $Y_n = O_p(1)$ , then  $X_n + Y_n = O_p(1)$

We know  $|X_n + Y_n| \leq |X_n| + |Y_n|$

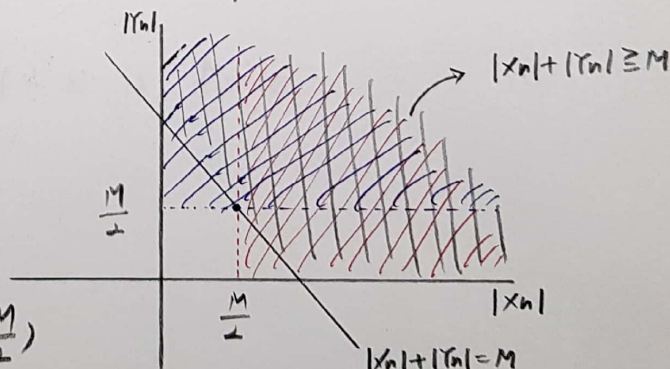
Then,

$$\Pr(|X_n + Y_n| \geq M) \leq \Pr(|X_n| + |Y_n| \geq M)$$

$$\leq \Pr(|X_n| \geq \frac{M}{2}) \cup \Pr(|Y_n| \geq \frac{M}{2})$$

$$= \Pr(|X_n| \geq \frac{M}{2}) + \Pr(|Y_n| \geq \frac{M}{2})$$

Both can be made small by choosing large  $M$ .



$$\textcircled{3} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{op(1) + Op(1) = Op(1)} \\ \underline{op(1) \cdot Op(1) = op(1)} \end{cases}$$

If  $X_n = op(1)$ , then  $X_n = Op(1)$  holds.

(Because  $X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$  implies  $\exists M_\varepsilon > 0: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \{ |X_n| > M_\varepsilon \} < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0.$ )  
 (converges to 0 in probability) (stochastically bounded)

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \begin{cases} \underline{op(1) \cdot op(1) = op(1)} \\ \underline{Op(1) \cdot Op(1) = Op(1)} \end{cases} \quad (\text{By continuous mapping theorem})$$

ex) Let  $A_n = \underset{k \times k}{Op(1)}$  and  $B_n = \underset{k \times 1}{op(1)}$

$$\underset{k \times k}{A_n} \underset{k \times 1}{B_n} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n11} & \dots & a_{n1k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{nk1} & \dots & a_{nk k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ b_{nk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n11} b_{n1} + \dots + a_{n1k} b_{nk} \\ \vdots \\ \underbrace{a_{nk1} b_{n1} + \dots + a_{nk k} b_{nk}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Op(1) \cdot op(1) = op(1)$$

$$\text{and } op(1) + \dots + op(1) = op(1)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} op(1) \\ \vdots \\ op(1) \end{pmatrix} = \underset{k \times 1}{op(1)} \quad \text{if } k \text{ is finite.}$$

exercise) Let  $X_{ni} = op(1)$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ni} = op(1) ?$$

- What do we mean by "good estimator"?

So far conditional unbiasedness. ( $E(\hat{\theta} | X) = \theta_0, \forall \theta_0 \in \Theta$ )

→ This is a kind of difficult one.

We can think of unbiasedness asymptotically.

### ① Asymptotic unbiasedness (weaker concept of unbiasedness)

$$E(\hat{\theta}_n | X_n) \rightarrow \theta_0, \forall \theta_0 \in \Theta$$

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assume  $X_n$  is a deterministic sequence.

$$\text{ex)} \quad \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - X_i' \hat{\beta}_{OLS})^2$$

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 | X_N) = E\left\{ \frac{N-k}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - X_i' \hat{\beta}_{OLS})^2 \mid X_N \right\}$$

$$= \frac{N-k}{N} E(\hat{\sigma}^2 | X_N) = \frac{N-k}{N} \sigma^2 \longrightarrow \sigma^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2$  : Not unbiased, but asymptotically unbiased.

$\hat{\sigma}_{OLS}^2$  : unbiased (It is shown as a specific parameter)

### ② Consistency (Weak consistency, strong consistency)

$$\left( \hat{\theta}_n \text{ is weakly consistent} \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta_0, \forall \theta_0 \in \Theta \right)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_n \text{ is strongly consistent} \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \theta_0, \forall \theta_0 \in \Theta$$

→ We need to check consistency in increasing sample size  $n$ .

→ Suppose two estimators are consistent.

In that case, their speeds to converge to  $\theta_0$  would be different, so that the "convergence rate" is also an important property as an estimator.





### ③ Convergence rate

If  $r_n \cdot (\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) = O_p(1)$ , then an estimator has convergence rate  $\frac{1}{r_n}$  ( $r_n \rightarrow \infty$ )

Typically,  $r_n = \sqrt{n}$  (not always)  
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This is usually used for parametric / cross-section data cases.

→ Convergence rate only show how fast the convergence is.

If  $O_p(1)$  has a distribution, then  $\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0$  also converges in the distribution.

Note If  $r_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) = O_p(1)$  and  $r'_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) = O_p(1)$ , and  $\frac{r_n}{r'_n} \rightarrow 0$ , then the rate is at least  $r'_n$ .

### ④ Convergence in Distribution

$r_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} Z$  (a random variable)

( $r_n$  is the best rate)

→ Let  $\hat{\theta}_n$  be consistent and  $r_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) = O_p(1)$ .

Then,  $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta_0$  and  $r_n$  is the convergence rate.

However, we cannot know to measure the inaccuracy of  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .

Thus, we can check its accuracy through the variance of  $Z$ .

→ Suppose  $r_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} Z$  hold, and  $\equiv \{r'_n\}$ .

$$r'_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) = \underbrace{\left(\frac{r'_n}{r_n}\right)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0 \text{ or } \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty}} \cdot \underbrace{r_n(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)}_{\xrightarrow{d} Z}$$

0 or  $\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(Because they are deterministic)

Therefore, this result is used to evaluate the errors we make by using  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .

- If we have two estimators that converge with different rate, then the one that converges faster is the better estimator.
- If two estimators converge at the same rate, then the one which has the smaller inaccuracy measure (typically variance) is the better estimator.

Ex) Typically,  $\sqrt{n} (\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_1^2)$

$$\sqrt{n} (\hat{\theta}_{2n} - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma_2^2)$$

then if  $\sigma_1^2 < \sigma_2^2$ , then we say  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is more efficient than  $\hat{\theta}_{2n}$ .  
and  $\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2}$  is the relative efficiency of the first estimator.

Ex+)

Consider estimation of  $E(X)$  by  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$

$$\text{Var} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sigma_x^2$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sigma_1^2$$

Suppose  $\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_x^2} = 2$  and assume that  $\exists$  sample size  $\frac{N}{2}$

$$\text{Then } \text{Var} \left( \frac{1}{\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{N}{2}} X_i \right) = \frac{1}{\frac{N}{2}} \cdot \sigma_x^2$$

At the viewpoint of sample size problem,

"2" means sample size of  $\hat{\theta}$  is double more than  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ .

# Asymptotic Properties of the OLS estimator.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= (X'X)^{-1}X'Y = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i (x_i'\beta + u_i) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\beta + \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i u_i \\ &= \beta + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i x_i'\right)^{-1}}_{:=A_N} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i u_i}_{:=B_N}\end{aligned}$$

By Kolmogorov's SLLN.

①  $k$ -th element of  $A_N$  is  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ki} x_{ki} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E(x_{ki} x_{ki})$  Under iid

Therefore,  $A_N \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E\{x_i x_i'\}$  (Because each element converges to  $E(x_{ki} x_{ki})$  for each  $k, l$ )  
 $(\Rightarrow A_N^{-1} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E\{x_i x_i'\}^{-1}) \dots (*)$

②  $k$ -th element of  $B_N$  is  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ki} u_i \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E(x_{ki} u_i)$   
 $= E(E(x_{ki} u_i | x_i))$   
 $= E(x_{ki} \cdot \underbrace{E(u_i | x_i)}_{=0}) = 0$   
 (Since  $x_{ki}$  is constant)  $\parallel 0$

Therefore,  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ki} u_i \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0$

From  $(*)$ ,  $A_N^{-1} = O_p(1)$ , and  $B_N = o_p(1)$ . Therefore,  $O_p(1) \cdot o_p(1) = o_p(1)$

$\hat{\beta} = \beta + o_p(1)$ , therefore, this shows strong consistency of OLS estimator.

## \* Important assumptions

① iid sampling

②  $E(x_i x_i')$  is invertible

③  $E(u_i | x_i) = 0$

(We need  $E(x_i u_i) = 0$ )

To show asym. property of OLS estimator,  
 we don't need  $X'X$  is invertible,  
 but need  $E(x_i x_i')$  is invertible.

For consistency, Homoskedasticity is not important.