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1 Basic testing

1. Paired t-test Observations A_i, B_i paired, then $Z_i = A_i - B_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, test $\mathcal{H}_0 : \mu = 0$.

$$t = \frac{\bar{z}}{s_z / \sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1} \quad \text{under null} \quad \text{where} \quad s_z^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - \bar{z})^2.$$

2. Non parametric test, eg sign test, permutation test

\mathcal{H}_0 is symmetric about 0.

3. Unpaired

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \bar{y}}{s \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}} \quad \text{where} \quad s^2 = \frac{1}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

2 Least Squares Basics

2.1 Basic assumptions and what goes wrong

If suspect another feature may be important that's not included, can introduce bias.

1. Plot residual versus new feature ω
2. Plot residual against the residual of $\omega \sim X$, ie predict the new feature with existing features (added variable plot)
3. Add to regression and test goodness of fit

Another tool is **log-transforming**.

2.2 Heteroskedasticity

If we use OLS instead, we get the wrong variance estimate, but our estimate is still unbiased. Will generally make the CI too narrow if we use homoskedastic errors.

Detection:

1. Plot $\hat{\epsilon}_i$ versus X_i if a single predictor. If structure, bad.
2. Plot $\hat{\epsilon}_i$ versus $\hat{\epsilon}_{i-1}$ to check for correlation

See generalized least squares solution.

2.3 Non-normality

For mild non-normality, usually CLT saves the day. See Art section 16.3 for requirements.

To detect, use QQ plot: plot order statistics $\hat{\epsilon}_{(i)}$ versus normal quantiles.

2.4 Outliers

Outliers – violate normality assumption if really far.

Detection, we might naively look at $|\hat{\epsilon}_i|$ but this isn't great since all of our $\hat{\epsilon}_i$ are deflated in presence of outlier. Better idea is finding large $\frac{\hat{\epsilon}_{(-i)}}{s_i}$ where s_i is standard deviation with the i -th left out. But issues if more than one outlier or computational issues.

See "masking", "swamping" outlier issues.

Another potential idea is 'least trimmed means' which only minimizes residuals of the best 80% of residuals – non convex.

2.5 LS Estimator derivation

Least squares derivation:

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min \|y - X\beta\|^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\iff X\hat{\beta} = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(X)}(y) \quad (2)$$

$$\iff y - X\hat{\beta} \perp \text{range}(X) \quad (3)$$

$$\iff \langle Xv, y - \hat{y} \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \quad (4)$$

$$\iff X^T(y - \hat{y}) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\iff X^T X \hat{\beta} = X^T y. \quad (6)$$

If X is not full rank, then $\hat{\beta}$ is not necessarily unique, but \hat{y} is.
Unbiased:

$$\mathbb{E}\hat{\beta} = \mathbb{E}(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = \beta$$

Covariance:

$$\text{Cov}\hat{\beta} = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} X^T X (X^T X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}$$

2.6 Hat Matrix

Facts:

1. $\text{range } X = \text{range } H$
2. $\text{range}(I - H) = \text{range } H^\perp = \ker H$ (projection onto orthogonal complement of X)
3. $H(I - H) = 0$ (orthogonality)
4. $X \perp I - H$, ie $X^T(I - H) = (I - H)X = 0$

3 OLS Residuals and Canonical Change of Basis

Uses:

1. Estimate σ
2. Assess adequacy of model (homoskedasticity, distribution)

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\|y - \hat{y}\|^2}{n - 2},$$

1. Columns of X are orthogonal to residuals
2. predictions vector is orthogonal to the residuals.
3. If intercept, then residuals sum to 0
- 4.

3.1 Canonical Change of Basis

4 Distributions and testing

Fact 1 (Independence of $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$)

Independence of $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$:

Proof.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta} \\ Y - \hat{Y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \\ I_n - H \end{pmatrix} Y \sim \mathcal{N}((\beta, 0)^T, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 (I - H) \end{pmatrix})$$

□

Only relies on normality of errors. We get the same result though as long as $\text{Cov}\epsilon = \sigma^2 I$.

From the above we also get that $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta} \perp \hat{\epsilon} = y - \hat{y}$. "The residuals are independent of the predictions".

Fact 2 (Distribution of $\hat{\sigma}^2$)

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \|y - \hat{y}\|^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \chi_{n-p}^2.$$

Related to canonical change of basis.

Fact 3 (F-Test)

F-test. Let full model have $p = p_1 + p_2$ predictors and reduced model have p_1 predictors (Eg. $p_1 = 1$, $p_2 = p - 1$ in the case when reduced is just intercept).

$$\frac{\|\hat{y} - \hat{y}_{reduced}\|^2 / p_2}{RSS / (n - p_1 - p_2)} \sim F_{p_2, n - p_1 - p_2}$$

Note that $F_{1, n-p} = t_{n-p}^2$ and equivalent to below. See Qualls notes section 2.6 for derivation.

Fact 4 (T-test)

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_i - \beta_i}{\widehat{SE}(\hat{\beta}_i)} \sim t_{n-p}, \quad \text{where use estimate } \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-p} \|y - \hat{y}\|^2,$$

so in testing $\beta_j = 0$:

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{\sqrt{[(X^T X)^{-1}]_{jj} \text{RSS}/(n-p)}}.$$

More generally, for testing $\mathcal{H}_0 : v^T \beta = 0$:

$$\frac{v^T \hat{\beta}_j}{\sqrt{[v^T (X^T X)^{-1} v] \text{RSS}/(n-p)}} \sim t_{n-p}.$$

Definition 5 (R^2)

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\|y - \hat{y}\|^2}{\|y - \bar{y}\|^2}.$$

5 Generalized Least Squares

Whitening idea to get into nice least squares world. Sec 7.2 in coaching notes. [Look back at 2013 Q 4b](#)

6 Singular X

If $\text{rank}(X) < p$, then \hat{y} is unique but $\hat{\beta}$ is **not**- take a vector in the null space of X and add to $\hat{\beta}$.

Ways to cope:

1. Restrict to **estimable** functions of β
2. Introduce **side-conditions** on β
3. Reparametrize to full rank model

Note that any acceptable way to cope will give:

1. The same estimates of estimable functions
2. The same predictions \hat{y} . As a result, $s^2 = \text{RSS}/(n-p)$ is the same.

Think about it- not changing the column space of X . We project onto column space of X . Gives us a $\hat{\beta}$ that satisfies the normal equations. Rencher 12.3a (pg 309) tells us $\lambda^T \hat{\beta}$ is invariant under choice of $\hat{\beta}$ satisfying normal equations.

6.1 Estimability

Eg if neither $\hat{\beta}_1$ nor $\hat{\beta}_2$ are uniquely determined, but $\hat{\beta}_2 - \hat{\beta}_1$ is. Q: For $c \in \mathbb{R}^p$, for which c is $c\hat{\beta}$ uniquely determined? Want:

$$1) X\beta' = X\beta'' \implies c\beta' = c\beta''$$

equivalently, find c s.t.

$$X\beta = 0 \implies c\beta = 0$$

Definition 6 (Estimability)

$c\beta$ **estimable** if any of the following:

1. $c\hat{\beta}$ uniquely determined by $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}$ (even if $\hat{\beta}$ not unique)
2. $X\beta = 0 \implies c\beta = 0$
3. $c \in \text{row}(X)$
4. $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $a^T X = c$
5. \exists **linear unbiased estimate** of $c\beta$, ie $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $E_{\beta}(a^T y) = c\beta$

Theorem 7 (Gauss Markov)

Every estimable $c\beta$ has a **unique**, unbiased, linear estimate which has minimum variance within this class. The estimate is $c\hat{\beta}$, where $\hat{\beta}$ is any OLS estimate.

(Assumes homoskedastic noise)

Proof. (Sketch). Fix c estimable. Exists some $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $Ea^T y = c\beta$. Then write $a = a^* + (a - a^*)$ where $a^* = \text{Proj}_{\text{range } X}(a)$. Then $(a^*)^T X = a^T X = c$, show minimum variance:

$$\text{Var}(a^T y) = a^T \text{Cov } y a = \sigma^2 \|a\|^2 = \text{Var}[(a^*)^T y] + \sigma^2 \|a - a^*\|^2$$

then show $(a^*)^T y = c\beta$

□

Fact 8 (Gauss Markov Assumptions)

Gauss Markov requires no distributional assumptions, just first and second moments of errors.

6.2 Side Conditions

We don't want to just remove one of the features even if its linearly dependent, because then would change interpretation; eg, treatment effects. Instead of imposing $\beta_1 = 0$ (removing a feature), impose something like $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 0$.

Fact 9 (Estimability and Side Conditions)

Side conditions must be in terms of **non**-estimable functions; ie, constrain the thing we can't estimate uniquely

Let $H \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times p}$ set of side conditions, ie require $H\beta = 0$.

Theorem 10 (Side Conditions, ie when \exists unique $\hat{\beta}$ satisfying conditions)

$X\hat{\beta} = \hat{y}$, $H\beta = 0$ has exactly one solution for any $\hat{y} \in \text{range } X$ iff:

1. $\text{row } H \cap \text{row } X = \emptyset$ (side conditions not in row space, ie $\vec{h}_i \beta$ is not estimable)
2. $\text{row } H \oplus \text{row } X = \mathbb{R}^p$, ie $\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ H \end{pmatrix} = p$

Ie: enough conditions to span the space (part 2), but not too many (part 1), so that we can still solve $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}$

Corollary 11 (Side conditions make components of β estimable)

If we satisfy the above, then uniqueness from the side conditions β^h has estimable components, where $\beta = \beta^h + \beta^x$ where $\beta^h \in (\text{row } H)^\perp$, $\beta^x \in (\text{row } X)^\perp$.

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One idea for incorporating constraints is let C_0 be constraints such that $C_0\beta = 0$, with $C_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times p}$ then let

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

so that $C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ full rank. Write

$$X\beta = XC^{-1}C\beta = X_1^*\beta_1^* \quad \text{where } \beta_1^* = C_1\beta \in \mathbb{R}^s$$

We can **transform** a rank-deficient $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ to a full rank $X_1^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$, so that all the components of β_1^* are estimable.

6.3 ANOVA

Strats: if you don't know what $\hat{\alpha}$ should be with certain constraint, easiest to differentiate to find optimal $\hat{\alpha}$.

Also, can solve with a different constraint or drop the redundant column if estimating an estimable quantity if that simplifies calculations. Idea is that $\hat{\beta}$ is different but $c^T \hat{\beta}$ is the same regardless of choice if $c^T \beta$ estimable.

7 Least Squares Computations

First assume X full rank. Find a Q orthogonal ($\{x_1, \dots, x_p\} \mapsto \{q_1, \dots, q_p\}$ ONB, then form Q based on completing the ONB of \mathbb{R}^n). such that:

$$Q^T X = R = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{R}_{p \times p} \\ 0_{n-p \times p} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then with $Q^T y = y^*$,

$$\|y - X\beta\|^2 = \|Q^T y - Q^T X\beta\|^2 = \|y_1^* - \tilde{R}\beta\|^2 + \|y_2^*\|^2.$$

Since X full rank, then \tilde{R} is surjective, so can make the first term 0.

Ie, $X = QR$!

If X **not** full-rank, write $X = QRS^T$. Q takes the p columns and finds ONB. Then S^T takes the resultant rows and finds a r dimensional ONB. Yields:

$$\|y - X\beta\|^2 = \|Q^T y - RS^T \beta\|^2$$

$$\text{Let } Q^T y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^* \in \mathbb{R}^r \\ y_2^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n-r} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\iff \|y - X\beta\|^2 = \|y_1^* - \tilde{R}\beta_1^*\|^2 + \|y_2^*\|^2$$

Again make first term 0 since rank $\tilde{R} = r$.

Fact 12 (Why QR?)

QR decomposition is useful for the above, since if we can compute it efficiently, it's easy to solve an upper triangular system and we don't have to instantiate $X^T X$.

7.1 Householder Transforms

Definition 13 (Householder Transforms (HHT))

Any matrix $Q = I - uu^T$ with $\|u\|_2 = 1$ is a HHT.

Fact 14 (Properties of HHT)

Some properties:

1. Symmetric
2. Orthogonal
3. u is eigen vector with value -1
4. All elements of $\{u\}^\perp$ are e-vectors with value 1 (ie, invariant subspace)

Fact 15 (Existence of HHT s.t $a \mapsto b$)

For any pair of vectors a, b of same length, \exists HHT that transforms $a \rightarrow b$. Namely,

$$u = \frac{b - a}{\|b - a\|}$$

Our goal here is to transform X via orthogonal matrix to get upper triangular R .

Fact 16 (QR Decomposition via HHT)

Recipe:

1. If necessary, permute the columns of X st first $r = \text{rank } X$ are linearly independent (Permutation matrices are orthogonal)
2. Let Q_1 be HHT that takes $x_1 \mapsto \|x_1\|e_1$
3. Then Q_1X has first column all 0's except first entry.
4. Repeat for the submatrix that is not yet upper diagonal.
5. $QX = Q_p \dots Q_1X = R$

7.2 Given's Rotation

7.3 Gram-Schmidt

Fact 17 (Orthogonal Predictors in OLS)

If predictors are orthogonal:

$$\hat{\beta}_j = \frac{\langle y, x_j \rangle}{\|x_j\|^2},$$

since $X^T X$ is diagonal.

Note this is analogous to if we just have a single predictor x and do regression through the origin. Orthogonal predictors lets us just do regression separately for each predictor.

Further, if Q are orthonormal predictors, then $\hat{\beta} = Q^T y$.

The idea here is to convert predictors into orthogonal predictors, solve easy OLS, then convert back.

GS: $q_i = x_i - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{\langle x_i, q_k \rangle}{\|q_k\|^2} q_k$, then $e_i = q_i / \|q_i\|$. In matrix form:

$$X = \tilde{Q}_{n \times p} \tilde{R}_{p \times p},$$

could complete the basis to get a full QR decomp.

Fact 18 (Gram Schmidt/OLS connection)

If we first calculate coefficients $\hat{\beta}^*$ of y on $\{q_i\}_{i \leq p}$, then

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = \tilde{R} \hat{\beta}^* = \tilde{R} Q^T y.$$

The idea is we can solve the easy problem in the orthogonalized coordinates, then **convert back using the upper diagonal matrix from the Gram-Schmidt process**.

Nice trick is since \tilde{R} has 1 on diagonal, then for the *last* OLS coefficient,

$$\hat{\beta}_p = \hat{\beta}_p^* = \frac{y^T q_p}{\|q_p\|^2} \quad \text{where } q_p = x_p - \sum_{i < p} \frac{\langle x_p, q_i \rangle}{\|q_i\|^2} q_i = x_p - \text{Proj}_{\text{span } x_{(-p)}}(x_p).$$

In general, the coefficient for each x_j is the coefficient in a simple regression of y on x_j , but then adjusted for x_{-j} : we can always just reorder and get the same solution.

7.4 Modified Gram Schmidt

Better numerical stability than regular GS.

7.5 SVD

$$X = U_{n \times n} D_{n \times p} V_{p \times p}^T = U_{n \times r} D_{r \times r} V_{r \times p}^T$$

Example 19 (Given $\{x_i\}_{i \leq n}$, find best fitting hyperplane)

$$\min_{\alpha_0, \gamma_i, V : V^T V = I} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - (\alpha_0 + V \gamma_i)\|^2$$

We can just solve by the 305c style PCA low rank approx

$$\|X_{n \times p} - \Gamma_{n \times p} V_{p \times p}^T\|_F^2$$

where $\Gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)^T$

Example 20 (Errors in Variables Regression with SVD)

Model:

$$y_i = z_i^T \beta + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma_\epsilon^2)$$

but instead of z_i , we actually observe

$$x_{ij} = z_{ij} + e_{ij}, \quad e_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma_E^2)$$

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i - z_i^T \beta}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} + \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_{ij} - z_{ij})^2}{\sigma_E^2}$$

If $\sigma_\epsilon^2 = \sigma_E^2$, then def $X^* = [y : X]$, $B = [\beta : I]$, then minimize $\|X^* - ZB\|_F^2$, ie just a low rank approximation.

7.6 Updating/Downdating LS Computations

Fact 21 (Woodbury Inversion)

$$(A + uv^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}u(I + v^T A^{-1}u)^{-1}v^T A^{-1}$$

Suppose we've computed LS fit and want to **update** the fit using a new point. New $(X^T X)^{-1}$:

$$(X^T X + x_{n+1} x_{n+1}^T)^{-1}$$

Update $\hat{\beta}$ using Woodbury.

Can use the same trick for downdating (ie LOO fit); $(X^T X - x_i x_i^T)^{-1}$. Idea that $X^T y = X_{(-i)}^T y_{(-i)} + x_i y_i$.

8 Model Selection (ESL Ch7)

9 Regularization (Ridge, Lasso)

9.1 Ridge

Ridge objective:

$$\hat{\beta}_{ridge} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2 = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T y$$

Degrees of freedom:

$$df = \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\sigma_j^2}{\sigma_j^2 + \lambda} \quad \text{where } \sigma_j \text{ are singular values of } X.$$

9.2 Lasso

Lasso objective:

$$\hat{\beta}_{lasso} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$$

10 GLMs

$\eta = g(\mu)$ where $\mu = EY$.

Typical thing is $y_i \sim f_{\mu_i}$.

11 Bootstrap

11.1 Confidence intervals

How to construct a confidence interval, estimate standard deviation, etc but don't know much about distribution. Key idea is that we're going to resample from our dataset **with replacement**. N datapoints in the sample, then we sample N samples with replacement.

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_\theta, \quad \text{want to estimate } \theta.$$

If I have an estimate $\hat{\theta}$, can I give a confidence interval for θ ?

1. For $b = 1, \dots, B$, sample $x_1^{(b)}, \dots, x_n^{(b)}$ uniformly with replacement.
2. Compute $\hat{\theta}^{(b)}$

Now we have a collection $\{\hat{\theta}^{(b)} - \hat{\theta}\}$, can get quantiles of these empirical differences. Gives $\hat{q}_{\alpha/2} \hat{q}_{1-\alpha/2}$.

$$\hat{C} = [\hat{\theta} - \hat{q}_{1-\alpha/2}, \hat{\theta} - \hat{q}_{\alpha/2}].$$

Can show that empirical distribution $\hat{\theta}^{(b)} - \hat{\theta}$ is "close" to distribution of $\hat{\theta} - \theta$ under some conditions on $\hat{\theta}$.

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11.2 Testing

In a composite null, parametric setup.

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_\theta \text{ for some } \theta \in \Theta_0$$

1. Choose test statistic $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.
2. Use consistent estimator $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{P} \theta$ under P_θ .
3. Sample $X_1^{(b)}, \dots, X_n^{(b)} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_{\hat{\theta}}$
4. Compute $T^{(b)}$
5. Check if T is in the top α quantile of $\{T, T^{(1)}, \dots, T^{(B)}\}$.

11.3 Block bootstrap

Split data into k blocks. Create the blocks such that any dependency happens within block. For each bootstrap sample b , sample k blocks with replacement. Take the entire block at a time.

¹The "percentile" bootstrap just looks at $\theta \in [\tilde{q}(\alpha/2), \tilde{q}(1 - \alpha/2)]$ where \tilde{q} is quantiles of just the bootstrapped $\hat{\theta}$. This interval is

$$C \in [\hat{\theta} + \hat{q}_{\alpha/2}, \hat{\theta} + \hat{q}_{1-\alpha/2}],$$

so equal in the case of symmetric \hat{q} .

11.4 Bootstrap for Regression

Check this ???

Also **bootstrapped residuals** which leads to no invertibility issues.

12 EM

Want to know how to identify these problems and approach for solving.

When to use. Scott will literally tell you to derive the E and M step. For the older ones, it doesn't tell you to. You should look for: **Mixture models** (ie latent variable in disguise). Wishful thinking– "if I knew x, I could calculate y", and vice versa.

Example 22 ($X_i \sim \pi_0 N(0, 1) + (1 - \pi_0) N(\mu, 1)$)

We'd like to estimate π_0 and μ . Our instinct is to do maximum likelihood but there's non-concavity (??). The natural latent variable to introduce is $z_i = 1$ [index i is a non-null]. Then $z_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bern}(1 - \pi_0)$ and $x_i | z_i = 0 \sim N(0, 1)$, and $x_i | z_i = 1 \sim N(\mu, 1)$.

Recipe 23 (EM Recipe)

To do

1. Find a latent variable
2. Write complete log likelihood $p(x, z; \theta)$ – include latent and observed.
3. Probably compute posterior
4. E-step: Compute expected log likelihood wrt posterior $\tilde{\ell}(\theta, \theta^{(t)}) = \mathbb{E}_{q^{(t)}} \ell(\theta; x, z)$. Ie under $q = p_{\hat{\theta}^{(t)}}(z|x)$.
5. M-step: arg max the expected log joint $\ell(\theta, \hat{\theta}^{(t)})$.