

# Advanced Econometrics

## Lecture 4: Least Squares Regression (Hansen Chapter 4)

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## Random Sampling

- ▶ The simplest context is when the observations are mutually independent, in which case we say that they are **independent and identically distributed**, or **i.i.d.** It is also common to describe iid observations as a **random sample**.

← 随机抽样假设  
独立同分布

### Assumption

*The observations  $\{(Y_1, \mathbf{X}_1), \dots, (Y_i, \mathbf{X}_i), \dots, (Y_n, \mathbf{X}_n)\}$  are independent and identically distributed.*

- ▶ If you take any two individuals  $i \neq j$  in a sample, the values  $(Y_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$  are independent of the values  $(Y_j, \mathbf{X}_j)$  yet have the same distribution.

## Sample Mean

- ▶ Suppose we have a random sample  $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$  and we want to estimate the population mean  $\mu = \mathbb{E}Y_i$ . The sample mean is  $\bar{Y} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ .
- ▶ The sample mean is a linear function of the observations. Its expectation is:

$$\mathbb{E}\bar{Y} = \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}Y_i = \mu.$$

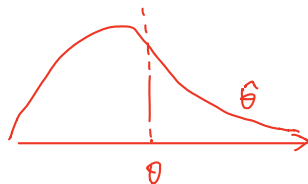
- ▶ An estimator with the property that its expectation equals the parameter it is estimating is called unbiased.

### Definition

An estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  for  $\theta$  is unbiased if  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ .

估计量的期望等于真值.  
称为无偏的.

↓  
是一个有限样本性质



若真值 $\theta$ , 那么观测到离 $\theta$ 很远的  
一个观测值的概率很小.

## Sample Mean

► Write  $Y_i = \mu + e_i$  with  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}(e_i^2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\bar{Y}) &= \mathbb{E}(\bar{Y} - \mu)^2 \\&= \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i\right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e_j\right)\right) \\&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}(e_i e_j) \\&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 \\&= \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(e_i e_j) &= 0 \quad \forall i \neq j \\ \mathbb{E}(e_i^2) &= \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

# 线性回归模型

## Linear Regression Model

### Assumption (*Linear Regression Model*)

The observations  $(Y_i, \mathbf{X}_i)$  satisfy the linear regression equation

$$Y_i = \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = 0$$

The variables have finite second moments

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i^2) < \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{X}_i\|^2 < \infty,$$

and an invertible design matrix

$$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i') > 0.$$

回归模型的几个假设:

①  $Y_i = \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i$  ← 观测不到的解释因素.

$$\textcircled{2} \mathbb{E}(e_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = 0$$

↓

$\text{Cov}(e_i, \mathbf{X}_i) = 0$ .  $e_i$  与  $\mathbf{X}_i$  不相关

$$\textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

# Linear Regression Model

- Heteroskedastic regression:

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma_i^2.$$

异方差

- Homoskedastic regression: the conditional variance is constant.

同方差  $E(e_i^2 | X_i) = \sigma^2 \leftarrow$  常数

## Assumption

*The conditional variance of the error*

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma^2$$

*is independent of  $\mathbf{X}_i$ .*

首先假设同方差。  
即  $\sigma^2$  与  $X_i$  独立。

## 最小二乘估计均值

### Mean of Least-Squares Estimator

- Since the observations are assumed to be iid, then

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}) \stackrel{iid}{=} \mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

- By the conditioning theorem and the linearity of expectations,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i Y_i\right) | \mathbf{X}\right) \\&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'\right)^{-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i Y_i\right) | \mathbf{X}\right) \\&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_i Y_i | \mathbf{X}) \\&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}) \\&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i'\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{1,k} \\ x_{2,1} & \dots & x_{2,k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{n,1} & \dots & x_{n,k} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times k}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}) \stackrel{iid}{=} \mathbb{E}(Y_i | \mathbf{X}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

## Mean of Least-Squares Estimator

- Using matrix notation,

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}(Y_i \mid \mathbf{X}) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{e} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}(e_i \mid \mathbf{X}) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}(e_i \mid \mathbf{X}_i) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

- By the conditioning theorem and the linearity of expectations,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \mid \mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{E}\left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}\right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$



## Mean of Least-Squares Estimator

- Since  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{e}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{e})) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta} + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e}.\end{aligned}$$

- By the conditioning theorem and the linearity of expectations,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \mathbf{X}) &= \mathbb{E}\left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{e} \mid \mathbf{X}\right) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{e} \mid \mathbf{X}) \\ &= \mathbf{0}.\end{aligned}$$

# Mean of Least-Squares Estimator

## Theorem

*In the linear regression model and i.i.d. sampling*

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\beta} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \beta$$

- ▶ The conditional distribution of  $\hat{\beta}$  is centered at  $\beta$ .
- ▶ Applying the law of iterated expectations,

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\beta}) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(\hat{\beta} \mid \mathbf{X})) = \beta$$

- For any  $r \times 1$  random vector  $\mathbf{Z}$ , define the  $r \times r$  covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\mathbf{Z}) &= \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z}))(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z}))') \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}') - (\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z}))(\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z}))' .\end{aligned}$$

- For any pair  $(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{X})$ , define the conditional covariance matrix

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{Z} \mid \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z} \mid \mathbf{X}))(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Z} \mid \mathbf{X}))' \mid \mathbf{X}) .$$

- Define

$$\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} = \text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \mid \mathbf{X}) ,$$

the conditional covariance matrix of the LS estimators.

## Variance of Least Squares Estimator

- The conditional covariance matrix of the error  $e$  is

$$\text{Var}(e | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}(ee' | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{D}.$$

The  $i^{th}$  diagonal element of  $\mathbf{D}$  is

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma_i^2$$

while the  $ij^{th}$  off-diagonal element of  $\mathbf{D}$  is

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i e_j | \mathbf{X}) \stackrel{iid}{=} \mathbb{E}(e_i | \mathbf{X}_i) \mathbb{E}(e_j | \mathbf{X}_j) = 0.$$

The first equality holds because of independence of the observations.

- Thus  $\mathbf{D}$  is a diagonal matrix with  $i^{th}$  diagonal element  $\sigma_i^2$ :

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbb{E}(ee' | \mathbf{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} h(x_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & h(x_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & h(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$h(x_i) = \mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | x_i) = \sigma_i^2 \quad (\text{异方差})$$

$$\sim \sigma^2 \quad (\text{同方差}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$$

→ 异方差的方差-协方差矩阵  
如果同方差,  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \dots = \sigma_n^2 = \sigma^2$

# Variance of Least Squares Estimator

- In the special case of homoskedasticity,

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2$$

and we have  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}_n \sigma^2$ .

- For any  $n \times r$  matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X})$ ,

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}) = \text{Var}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{e} | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}.$$

- We write  $\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{Y}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$  and thus

$$\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}} = \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \sigma_i^2.$$

- In the special case of homoskedasticity,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}_n \sigma^2$ , so

$$\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2.$$

$$\text{Var}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}) = \text{Var}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{x}\beta + \mathbf{A}'\mathbf{e} | \mathbf{X})$$

$$= \text{Var}(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{e} | \mathbf{X})$$

$$= \mathbf{A}' \underbrace{\text{Var}(\mathbf{e} | \mathbf{X})}_{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1' \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 \mathbf{x}_1' \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{x}_n' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sigma_1^2 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1' + \dots + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n'$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1' \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n' \end{bmatrix}$$

# Variance of Least Squares Estimator

## Theorem

*In the linear regression model and i.i.d. sampling*

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\hat{\beta}} = \text{var}(\hat{\beta} | \mathbf{X}) &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} = \sigma^2 \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}}_{\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

*In the homoskedastic linear regression model and i.i.d. sampling*

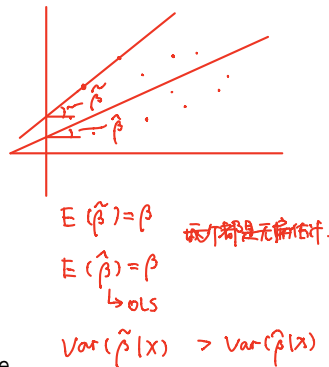
$$V_{\hat{\beta}} = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

# 高斯马科夫定理

## Gauss-Markov Theorem

- ▶ Now consider the class of estimators that can be written as  $\tilde{\beta} = A'Y$ , where  $A$  is an  $n \times k$  matrix depending only on  $X$ .
- ▶ The LS estimator is the special case:  $A = X(X'X)^{-1}$ .
- ▶ The Gauss-Markov theorem says that the LS estimator is the best choice among linear unbiased estimators when the errors are homoskedastic, in the sense that the least-squares estimator has the smallest variance.



# Gauss-Markov Theorem

- For any linear estimator  $\tilde{\beta} = A'Y$  we have

$$\mathbb{E}(\tilde{\beta} | X) = A' \mathbb{E}(Y | X) = A'X\beta$$

so that  $\tilde{\beta}$  is unbiased if and only if  $A'X = I_k$ . Furthermore,

$$\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) = \text{Var}(A'Y | X) = A'DA = A'A\sigma^2.$$

- The best unbiased linear estimator is obtained by finding the matrix  $A_0$  satisfying  $A_0'X = I_k$  such that for any other matrix  $A$  satisfying  $A'X = I_k$  then  $A'A - A_0'A_0$  is positive semi-definite.

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{E}(\tilde{\beta} | X) = \mathbb{E}(A'Y | X)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(A'(X\beta + e) | X)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(A'X\beta | X) + \mathbb{E}(A'e(X))$$

$$= A'X\beta + A'\underbrace{\mathbb{E}(e(X))}_{=0}$$

$$= A'X\beta = \beta$$

$\therefore A'X = I_k$  才有  $\tilde{\beta}$  是无偏的.

最小二乘的  $A = (X'X)^{-1}X'$

显然满足  $A'X = I_k$

$\Rightarrow$  最小二乘  $\tilde{\beta}$  是无偏的.

$\tilde{\beta}$  是最小二乘估计.  $\tilde{\beta}$  是任意一个线性估计



$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{3} \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} - \tilde{\beta} | X) &\geq 0 && \text{Gauss-Markov Theorem} \\
 &= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X) + \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) - \underbrace{\text{cov}(\hat{\beta}, \tilde{\beta} | X)}_{= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X)} - \underbrace{\text{cov}(\tilde{\beta}, \hat{\beta} | X)}_{= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X)} \\
 &= \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) - \underbrace{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X)}_{= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) \geq \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$$

Theorem

In the homoskedastic linear regression model and i.i.d sampling, if  $\tilde{\beta}$  is a linear unbiased estimator of  $\beta$  then

$$\text{var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) \geq \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}.$$

► The theorem is limited because the class of models is restricted to homoskedastic linear regression and the class of potential estimators is restricted to linear unbiased estimators.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_1 | X) &\text{ vs. } \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1 | X) \\
 &= \text{Var}(e_1' \tilde{\beta} | X) && = \text{Var}(e_1' \hat{\beta} | X) \\
 &= e_1' \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) e_1 && = e_1' \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X) e_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta}_1 | X) - \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1 | X) = e_1' (\text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) - \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X)) e_1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{所有线性估计中最小方差}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}, \tilde{\beta} | X) &= \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X) \\
 &= E((\hat{\beta} - E(\hat{\beta} | X))(\tilde{\beta} - E(\tilde{\beta} | X))' | X) \\
 &= E((\hat{\beta} - \beta)(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)' | X) \\
 &= E((X'X)^{-1} X' e e' A | X) \\
 &= (X'X)^{-1} X' E(e e' | X) A \\
 &= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} X' A \xrightarrow{\sigma^2 I_n} \sigma^2 I_n \\
 &= \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} \xrightarrow{\sigma^2 I_n} \sigma^2 I_n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a. } \tilde{\beta} &= A' Y = A' (X\beta + e) \\
 &= \underbrace{A' X \beta}_{= \beta} + A' e
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b. } \hat{\beta} &= (X'X)^{-1} X' Y \\
 &= \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X' e
 \end{aligned}$$

# 回归残差

## Residuals

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y &= \hat{Y} + \hat{e} \\
 &= PY + MY \\
 MY &= M(X\beta + e) \\
 &= \underbrace{MX\beta}_{=0} + Me \\
 &= Me \\
 \therefore \hat{e} &= Me
 \end{aligned}$$

- The residuals:

$$\hat{e} = Me$$

where  $M = I_n - X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ .

- We compute

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{e} | X) = \mathbb{E}(Me | X) = M\mathbb{E}(e | X) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{e} | X) = \text{Var}(Me | X) = M\text{Var}(e | X)M = MDM.$$

- Under the assumption of conditional homoskedasticity,

$$\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | X_i) = \sigma^2 \text{ and } \text{Var}(\hat{e} | X) = M\sigma^2.$$

; 这一定是最小的。

定义最小二乘估计是最小的、最优的

$$D^{-1}Y \text{ on } D^{-1}X = \text{Var}(\tilde{\beta} | X) - \text{Var}(\hat{\beta} | X)$$

( $D = E(ee' | X)$ ) 需要假设D是已知的。

# 误差估计

## Estimation of Error Variance

- The method of moments estimator (MME) of  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}(e_i^2)$  is the sample average of the squared residuals:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2.$$

- Observe

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{e}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{e}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} \mathbf{e}')$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\sigma}^2 | \mathbf{X}) &= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} \mathbf{e}' | \mathbf{X})) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{M} \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{e} \mathbf{e}' | \mathbf{X})) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{D}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}(e_i^2) = \text{Var}(e_i)$$

↓ 矩估计

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2$$

估计不出来用  $\hat{e}_i$  替换  $e_i$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{e}' \hat{\mathbf{e}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} (\mathbf{M} \mathbf{e})' (\mathbf{M} \mathbf{e})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{e}' \mathbf{M}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} \quad \text{M是对称且幂等}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{e}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{M}' \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{e}' \mathbf{M} \mathbf{e})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{e} \mathbf{e}') \quad [\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})]$$

$$[\mathbb{E}(\text{tr}(\mathbf{X})) = \text{tr}(\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}))]$$

## Estimation of Error Variance

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) = n - k$$

- Under the homoskedasticity assumption  $\mathbb{E}(e_i^2 | \mathbf{X}_i) = \sigma^2$  so that  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}_n \sigma^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\hat{\sigma}^2 | \mathbf{X}) &= \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}(\mathbf{M} \sigma^2) \\ &= \sigma^2 \left( \frac{n - k}{n} \right).\end{aligned}$$

- To obtain an unbiased estimator is by rescaling the estimator:

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n - k} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2.$$

Now  $\mathbb{E}(s^2 | \mathbf{X}) = \sigma^2$  and  $\mathbb{E}(s^2) = \sigma^2$ .

## Covariance Matrix Estimation Under Homoskedasticity

- ▶ Under homoskedasticity, the covariance matrix takes the relatively simple form  $\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0 = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2$  which is known up to the unknown scale  $\sigma^2$ .
- ▶ The classic covariance matrix estimator:

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^0 = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} s^2.$$

- ▶  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^0$  is conditionally unbiased for  $\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}$  under homoskedasticity:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^0 \mid \mathbf{X}) &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbb{E}(s^2 \mid \mathbf{X}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2 \\ &= \mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This was the dominant covariance matrix estimator in applied econometrics for many years, and is still the default method in most regression packages.

## Covariance Matrix Estimation Under Homoskedasticity

- If the estimator  $\hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0$  is used, but the regression error is heteroskedastic, it is possible for  $\hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0$  to be quite biased for

$$V_{\hat{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}. \quad \leftarrow \text{真实的方差、协方差矩阵.}$$

- eg. ► Suppose  $k = 1$  and  $\sigma_i^2 = X_i^2$  with  $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 0$ .

$$\frac{V_{\hat{\beta}}}{\mathbb{E}(\hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0 | \mathbf{X})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^4}{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2} \simeq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X_i^4)}{(\mathbb{E}(X_i^2))^2}.$$

假设了  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(X_1^2, \dots, X_n^2)$

⇒ 如果异方差, 用原来的公式是错误的.

- If  $X_i$  is normally distributed, this ratio is 3. The true variance  $V_{\hat{\beta}}$  is three times larger than the expectation of the homoskedastic estimator  $\hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^0$ .

# 异方差协方差矩阵估计

## Covariance Matrix Estimation Under Heteroskedasticity

- The general form is

Stata 默认的形式  $\longrightarrow$  
$$\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D} &= \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2) \\ &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}' | \mathbf{X}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D} &= \begin{pmatrix} \overset{=\sigma_1^2}{\mathbb{E}(e_1^2 | X_1)} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \overset{=\sigma_2^2}{\mathbb{E}(e_2^2 | X_2)} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \overset{=\sigma_n^2}{\mathbb{E}(e_n^2 | X_n)} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_n^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- If  $e_i^2$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  are observed, we can construct an unbiased estimator for  $\mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^{ideal} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' e_i^2 \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

# Covariance Matrix Estimation Under Heteroskedasticity

► Compute

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left( \hat{V}_{\hat{\beta}}^{ideal} \mid \mathbf{X} \right) &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \mathbb{E}(e_i^2 \mid \mathbf{X}) \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \sigma_i^2 \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}.\end{aligned}$$



# Covariance Matrix Estimation Under Heteroskedasticity

- A feasible version:

怀特  $\longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^W = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \hat{e}_i^2 \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}.$

$e_i$  换成  $\hat{e}_i$  就可以算方差.

This is known as the White covariance matrix estimator.

$$E(\hat{e}_i^2 | \mathbf{X}) = E(\zeta_i' e e' \zeta_i | \mathbf{X})$$

- Under homoskedasticity,

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^W | \mathbf{X}) = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' \mathbb{E}(\hat{e}_i^2 | \mathbf{X}) \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$= \zeta_i' / n E(e e' | \mathbf{X}) / n \zeta_i$$

$$= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' (1 - h_{ii}) \sigma^2 \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 / \zeta_i' / n \zeta_i$$

$$= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2 - (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i' h_{ii} \sigma^2 \right) (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (\zeta_i' \zeta_i - h_{ii})$$

$$< (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2 = \mathbf{V}_{\hat{\beta}}.$$

$$= \sigma^2 (1 - h_{ii})$$

$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{\hat{\beta}}^W$  is biased towards 0.

怀特估计量一定是有偏的. 且一定是向 0 单方向有偏.

## Measures of Fit

$R^2$  30-2 都算非标准的。  
不好 0-1

- ▶ A commonly reported measure of regression fit is the regression  $R^2$ :

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\hat{\sigma}_Y^2}.$$

1. 分子分母都有偏。  
2. 没有调整过自由度。

- ▶  $R^2$  can be viewed as an estimator of the population parameter

$$\rho^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(\mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} = 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_Y^2}.$$

- ▶  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_Y^2$  are biased estimators. The adjusted  $R^2$  uses unbiased versions:

$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{s^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_Y^2} = 1 - \frac{(n-k)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i^2}{(n-1)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}.$$

1. 调整后  $\bar{R}^2$ , 调整了分子分母的自由度。  
2. 调整后分子分母都无偏了。

- ▶  $R^2$  cannot be used for model selection, as it necessarily increases when regressors are added to a regression model.