

Elements of statistical learning: Chapter 3

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LS estimator

Let \mathbf{X} be an $N \times (p + 1)$ matrix of explanatory variables and \mathbf{y} an $N \times 1$ vector of outputs. Then we know the LS estimator $\hat{\beta}$

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y},$$

[see lecture slides "ESL1" for recap and proof].

The "hat" matrix

As such for the fitted linear model

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'}_H \mathbf{y} \\ &= H\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

where H is commonly referred to as the hat matrix.

H the projection matrix

Let us denote the column vectors of \mathbf{X} by $\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p$ with $\mathbf{x}_0 \equiv 1$.

- These vectors span a subspace of \mathbb{R}^N , also referred to as a column vector of \mathbf{X} .
- We minimize $RSS(\beta) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|^2$ by choosing $\hat{\beta}$, so that the residual vector $\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is orthogonal to this subspace.
- the hat matrix H computes the orthogonal projection, and hence it is also known as the projection matrix.

Variance-covariance matrix

Assumptions

- 1 Observations y_i are uncorrelated have constant variance σ^2
- 2 x_i are fixed (i.e. non-stochastic)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) &= \text{var} [(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}] \\ &= \text{var} [(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)] \\ &= \text{var} [(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})\beta + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon] \\ &= \text{var} [(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \{ (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon[(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon]'\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \{ (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon\epsilon'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \{ (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})\epsilon\epsilon'(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \}\end{aligned}$$

Note that ϵ is the error term and has zero mean and also remember that \mathbf{X} is fixed, and thus

$$\mathbb{E}[aZ] = a\mathbb{E}[Z]$$

where Z is a random variable and a is a constant. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\hat{\beta}) &= \mathbb{E} \{ \epsilon \epsilon' (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} E \{ \epsilon \epsilon' \} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

where σ^2 can be calculated by

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N - p - 1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

thus, assuming the errors are further Gaussian

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

Gauss-Markov Theorem

Least squares estimator of parameter β has the smallest variance among all linear unbiased estimators. Why is the LS estimator unbiased?

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= \mathbb{E}[\hat{\beta}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'(\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\beta + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\epsilon] \\ &= \beta + (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbb{E}[\epsilon] \\ &= \beta\end{aligned}$$



From simple univariate to multiple regressions

Suppose first we have a univariate model with no intercept

$$Y_i = X_i\beta + \varepsilon_i$$

The least squares estimates and residuals are

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}$$

with residuals

$$r_i = y_i - x_i \hat{\beta}$$

which in vector notation can be expressed as

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i y_i = \mathbf{x}' \mathbf{y}$$

which is the inner product between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

Thus, the OLS estimator $\hat{\beta}$ can be expressed as follows

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle},$$

Suppose now that we have p inputs $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p$, which are the columns of the matrix \mathbf{X} and are orthogonal, such that $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_k \rangle = 0$ for all $i \neq j$. When the inputs are orthogonal, the multiple least squares estimates $\hat{\beta}_j$ are equal to the univariate estimates - i.e.

$$\hat{\beta}_j = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle}$$

In other words, the inputs are orthogonal and have no impact on each other's parameters estimates in the model.

Consider the case of an intercept and a single input \mathbf{x} , then the least squares coefficient of \mathbf{x} has the form

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}1, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}1, \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}1 \rangle}$$

The steps of the algorithm can be seen as follows

- 1 Regress \mathbf{x} on 1 to obtain $\bar{\mathbf{x}}1$
- 2 Obtain the residuals $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}1$
- 3 Regress \mathbf{y} on \mathbf{z} to obtain the coefficient $\hat{\beta}_1$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z} \rangle}$$

Step 1 orthogonalizes \mathbf{x} with respect to $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$.

The Gram-Schmidt algorithm

The idea is similar in the presence of more predictors. In the case of two predictors and an intercept, say, $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$.

- 1 First regress \mathbf{x}_1 on $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$ and obtain the residual vector $\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 - \bar{x}_1 \mathbf{1}$
- 2 Then regress \mathbf{x}_2 on $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$ and \mathbf{z}_1 to produce the coefficients $\hat{\gamma}_1$ and obtain the residual vector $\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 - \bar{x}_2 \mathbf{1} - \hat{\gamma}_1 \mathbf{z}_1$
- 3 Regress \mathbf{y} on the residual \mathbf{z}_p to get the estimate $\hat{\beta}_p$.

This algorithm can alternatively be expressed in matrix format. In other words, the second step can be written as follows

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{\Gamma}$$

(**Note:** For a review of QR decomposition and its application to Gram-Schmidt algorithm, [click here](#))

with

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1p} \\ 1 & z_{21} & \cdots & z_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & z_{N1} & \cdots & z_{Np} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} & \bar{x} & \bar{x} & \cdots & \bar{x} \\ & \hat{\gamma}_1 & \hat{\gamma}_1 & \cdots & \hat{\gamma}_1 \\ & & \hat{\gamma}_2 & \cdots & \hat{\gamma}_2 \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & & & \hat{\gamma}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

we then introduce a diagonal matrix \mathbf{D} with j^{th} diagonal entry $D_{jj} = \|z_j\|$,
- i.e.

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \|z_0\| & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \|z_1\| & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \|z_p\| \end{bmatrix}$$

and we express the matrix \mathbf{X} as follows

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{\Gamma}$$

Noting that $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{D}^{-1}$ is $N \times (p+1)$ with orthonormal columns, - i.e. $\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{\Gamma}$ is a $(p+1) \times (p+1)$ upper triangular matrix. Thus, the least squares estimator is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y} &= [(\mathbf{QR})'(\mathbf{QR})]^{-1}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y} \\ & &= [\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}]^{-1}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y} \\ & &= [\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{I}\mathbf{R}]^{-1}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{y} \\ & &= \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} \\ &= (\mathbf{QR})(\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}'\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$