STAT30040 Homework 7

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Problem 1

(a)

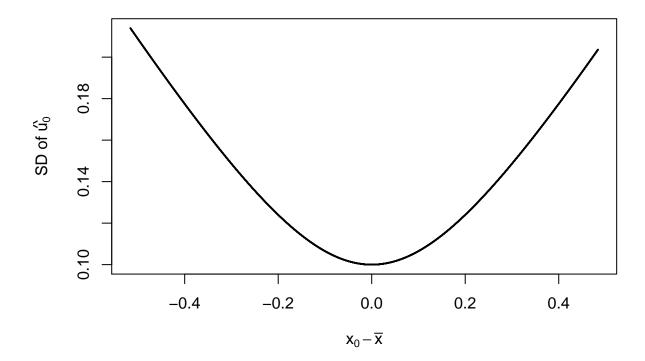
$$Var(\hat{\mu}_0) = Var(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0) = Var(\hat{\beta}_0) + x_0^2 Var(\hat{\beta}_1) + 2x_0 Cov(\hat{\beta}_0, \, \hat{\beta}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n} + x_0^2 - 2x_0 \bar{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \left(\frac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + n\bar{x}^2}{n} + x_0^2 - 2x_0\bar{x} \right) = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{\bar{x}^2 + x_0^2 - 2x_0\bar{x}}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)$$

(b)

$$SD(\hat{\mu}_0) = \sqrt{Var(\hat{\mu}_0)} = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

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sigma=1; n=100
x = runif(100,0,1)
SXX = sum((x-mean(x))^2)
u = seq(0,1,by=0.0001) - mean(x)
sd = sigma * sqrt(1/n + u^2/SXX)
plot(sd~u, xlab=expression(x[0] - bar(x)), ylab=expression(paste("SD of ",hat(u[0]))), cex=0.1)
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(c)

Since
$$E(\hat{\mu}_0) = E(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_0 = \mu_0$$
 and $Var(\hat{\mu}_0) = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)$

Thus under the assumption of normality, we have the following distributions:

$$(1)\hat{\mu}_0 \sim N\left(\mu_0, \, \sigma^2\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)\right), \, \text{hence } \frac{\hat{\mu}_0 - \mu_0}{\sigma\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$(2)\frac{RSS}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-2}$$

(3) These two distributions are independent

So from these three points, we can obtain:

$$\frac{\frac{\hat{\mu}_0 - \mu_0}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}}}{\sqrt{\frac{RSS}{\sigma^2} / (n-2)}} \sim t_{(n-2)}$$

Plug in $\hat{\sigma} = \frac{RSS}{n-2}$, we get:

$$\frac{\hat{\mu}_0 - \mu_0}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{n}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \sim t_{(n-2)}$$

Therefore, a $1 - \alpha = 95\%$ confidence interval for μ_0 is:

$$\hat{\mu}_0 \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, (n-2)} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

where $\hat{\sigma} = \frac{RSS}{n-2}$

Problem 2

(a)

Since the e_0 is independent of the original observations and has the variance σ^2 , so we have:

$$Var(\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0) = Var(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_0 - e_0) = Var(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0) + Var(e_0)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) + \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right)$$

Comparing with $\hat{\mu}_0$ in problem 1, we have: $Var(\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0) - Var(\hat{\mu}_0) = \sigma^2$

(b)

Since
$$E(\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0) = E(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_0 - e_0) = 0$$
 and $Var(\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0) = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}\right)$

Thus under the assumption of normality and that e_0 is normally distributed, we have the distribution of $\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0$:

$$\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0 \sim N \left(0, \, \sigma^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right) \right)$$

So $\frac{\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0}{\sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \sim N(0, 1)$, since $\frac{RSS}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-2}^2$ and these two distributions are independent, we can

obtain that:

$$\frac{\frac{\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0}{\sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}}}{\sqrt{\frac{RSS}{\sigma^2} / (n - 2)}} \sim t_{(n-2)}$$

Plug in $\hat{\sigma} = \frac{RSS}{n-2}$, we get:

$$\frac{\hat{Y}_0 - Y_0}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}} \sim t_{(n-2)}$$

Therefore, a $100(1-\alpha)\%$ prediction interval for Y_0 is:

$$\hat{Y}_0 \pm t_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, (n-2)} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x_0 - \bar{x})^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}$$

where $\hat{\sigma} = \frac{RSS}{n-2}$ and $\hat{Y}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_0$

Problem 3

(a)

 α_0 is the intercept term, which represents the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma and zero height value. If setting α_0 to zero, we assume that the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma and zero height value is zero.

 α_1 is the coefficient of continuous predictor x_i (height), which represents the change in the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma for an additional unit (cm) of height. If setting α_1 to zero, we assume that the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma does not depend on the height of that child.

 β_0 is the coefficient of indicator predictor z_i , which represents the amount that the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is higher than that of a child with asthma when they both have zero height value. If setting β_0 to zero, we assume that the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is the same as a child with asthma when they both have zero height value.

 β_1 is the coefficient of the interaction term between x_i and z_i , which represents the amount that the change in the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is higher than that of a child with asthma for an additional unit (cm) of height. If setting β_1 to zero, we assume that the change in the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is the same as a child with asthma for an additional unit (cm) of height.

(b)

height:z1

```
mod = lm(resistance ~ height * z, mydata)
summary(mod)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = resistance ~ height * z, data = mydata)
##
##
   Residuals:
##
       Min
                1Q Median
                                 3Q
                                        Max
   -7.9608 -2.8496 -0.5944
                            1.5739 12.6113
##
##
  Coefficients:
##
##
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 27.51570
                            6.15000
                                      4.474 3.34e-05 ***
## height
               -0.13606
                            0.04921
                                     -2.765
                                             0.00749 **
               -3.70866
                                     -0.284
## z1
                           13.04125
                                             0.77707
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0.093

0.92596

0.12270

0.01145

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## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 4.134 on 62 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1278, Adjusted R-squared: 0.08565
## F-statistic: 3.03 on 3 and 62 DF, p-value: 0.03594
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Answer:

In the model summary, it shows the results of the four t-tests for all the parameters, where the null hypothesis is that their parameter values are zero, respectively.

We can see that α_0 (intercept term) is significant at 0.1% significance level, which means the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma and zero height value is not zero.

 α_1 is significant at 1% significance level, which means the average respiratory resistance of a child with asthma does depend on the height of the child.

 β_0 is not significant, which means there is no significant evidence that the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is different from a child with asthma when they both have zero height value.

 β_1 is also not significant, which means there is no significant evidence that the change in the average respiratory resistance of a child with cystic fibrosis is different from a child with asthma for an additional unit (cm) of height.

To sum up, the t-test results show that the average respiratory resistance of a child does depend on the height of the child, but there is no difference between two diseases when controlling for the height.

(c)

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nmod = lm(resistance ~ height, mydata)
anova(nmod, mod)
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## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: resistance ~ height
## Model 2: resistance ~ height * z
## Res.Df RSS Df Sum of Sq F Pr(>F)
## 1 64 1110.0
## 2 62 1059.7 2 50.358 1.4732 0.2371
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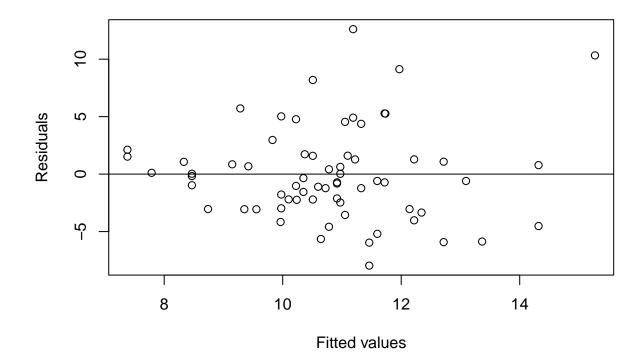
Answer:

 $H_0: \beta_0 = \beta_1 = 0$, this null hypothesis means that the average respiratory resistance of a child is the same for a child with asthma and cycstic fibrosis when controlling for the height of the child.

The p-value of F-test is 0.2371 > 0.05, so we do not reject the null hypothesis. Therefore, there is no significant evidence that the average respiratory resistance of a child is different from a child with asthma and cycstic fibrosis when controlling for the height of the child.

(d)

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plot(residuals(mod)~fitted(mod), xlab="Fitted values", ylab="Residuals")
abline(h=0)
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Answer:

The variance of residuals seem to slightly increase when the fitted value increases, which shows a heteroskedasticity problem. Therefore, the model assumption of constant variance does not hold.

Problem 4

(a)

In the new model: $z_i = u_i \beta_0 + v_i \beta_1 + \delta_i$, where $z_i = \rho_i^{-1} y_i$, $u_i = \rho_i^{-1}$, $v_i = \rho_i^{-1} x_i$, $\delta_i = \rho_i^{-1} e_i$, since ρ_i are know constants, thus z_i is still a random variable conditioning on given data v_i , and the random error term now is δ_i .

And for the random error term, since $E(e_i) = 0$ and $Var(e_i) = \rho_i^2 \sigma^2$, and e_i are independent, thus $E(\delta_i) = E(\rho_i^{-1}e_i) = 0$ and $Var(\delta_i) = Var(\rho_i^{-1}e_i) = \sigma^2$, and δ_i are independent. Therefore, δ_i have mean zero and constant variance and are independent.

As a result, the new model $z_i = u_i\beta_0 + v_i\beta_1 + \delta_i$ satisfies the assumptions of the standard statistical model.

(b)

In the least squares estimation, we want to minimize: $S(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - u_i \beta_0 - v_i \beta_1)^2$

So we set the following derivatives to zero:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_0} = -2\sum_{i=1}^n u_i(z_i - u_i\beta_0 - v_i\beta_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_1} = -2\sum_{i=1}^n v_i(z_i - u_i\beta_0 - v_i\beta_1) = 0$$

Thus we get that the minimizers $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ satisfy:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i z_i = \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i^2 + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i v_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i z_i = \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i v_i + \hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i^2$$

Solving for $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$, we obtain:

$$\hat{\beta}_{0} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} z_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} v_{i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i} z_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} v_{i})^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} y_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i} y_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i})^{2}}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i} z_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} v_{i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} z_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i} v_{i})^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i} y_{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} y_{i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i})^{2}}$$

Since $\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \beta_0^2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 > 0$ and $\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \beta_1^2} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 > 0$, so the $\hat{\beta}_0$ and $\hat{\beta}_1$ are the minimizer for function $S(\beta_0, \beta_1)$.

(c)

In question (b).

$$S(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i - u_i \beta_0 - v_i \beta_1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (\rho_i^{-1} y_i - \rho_i^{-1} \beta_0 - \rho_i^{-1} x_i \beta_1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2 \rho_i^{-2}$$

Therefore, minimizing $S(\beta_0, \beta_1)$ in the question (b) is equivalent to minimizing $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2 \rho_i^{-2}$, which is the weighted least squares criterion.

(d)

Since $Var(z_i) = Var(u_i\beta_0 + v_i\beta_1 + \delta_i) = Var(\delta_i) = \sigma^2$, so we have:

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_{0}) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} Var(z_{i}) + (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} Var(z_{i}) - 2(\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}z_{i}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}z_{i})}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} + \sigma^{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - 2(\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i}) \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i}Var(z_{i})}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$=\frac{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i)^2} = \frac{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^{-2} x_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^{-2} x_i^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i^{-2} x_i)^2}$$

and:

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_{1}) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} Var(z_{i}) + (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} Var(z_{i}) - 2(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})Cov(\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}z_{i}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}z_{i})}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} + \sigma^{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} - 2(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i}) \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i}Var(z_{i})}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_{i}v_{i})^{2}} = \frac{\sigma^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i=1}^{n} \rho_{i}^{-2} x_{i}^{2})^{2}}$$

Problem 5

(a)

The original model is:
$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$
, where $Y \in R^n, X \in R^{n \times p}, \beta \in R^p, \varepsilon \in R^n$, and ε_i 's are independent with mean 0 and $Var(\varepsilon) = \Sigma = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1^2 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \rho_n^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 R^T R$, where $R = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \rho_n \end{bmatrix}$

Now we transform the model into a one: $Z = V\beta + E$, where $Z = R^{-1}Y$, $V = R^{-1}X$, $E = R^{-1}\varepsilon$.

Since R is a constant matrix, thus Z is still a random variable matrix conditioning on given data design matrix V, and the random error matrix now is E.

For the random error matix E, since $E(\varepsilon) = 0$ and $Var(\varepsilon) = \Sigma = \sigma^2 R^T R$, and ε_i 's are independent, thus $E(E) = E(R^{-1}\varepsilon) = 0$ and $Var(E) = Var(R^{-1}\varepsilon) = R^{-1}\sigma^2 R^T R$ (R^{-1})^T = $\sigma^2 I_n$, and e_i 's (the components of E) are independent. Therefore, e_i 's have mean zero and constant variance and are independent.

As a result, the new model $Z = V\beta + E$ satisfies the assumptions of the standard statistical model.

(b)

In the least squares estimation, we want to minimize: $S(\beta) = ||Z - V\beta||^2$

So we set the following derivative to zero:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial ||Z - V\beta||^2}{\partial \beta} = 0$$

Since:

$$||Z-V\beta||^2 = (Z-V\beta)^T(Z-V\beta) = (Z^T-\beta^TV^T)(Z-V\beta) = Z^TZ-\beta^TV^TZ-Z^TV\beta + \beta^TV^TV\beta = Z^TZ-2\beta^TV^TZ+\beta^TV^TV\beta = Z^TZ-2\beta^TV^TZ+\beta^TV^TV\beta = Z^TZ-2\beta^TV^TZ+\delta^TV^TZ+\delta^TV^TV^TZ+\delta^TV^TZ+\delta^TV^TZ+\delta^TV^T$$

So:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta} = \frac{\partial ||Z - V\beta||^2}{\partial \beta} = -2V^TZ + 2V^TV\beta = 0$$

Solving the equation, we obtain:

$$\hat{\beta} = (V^T V)^{-1} V^T Z$$

And since $\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \beta^2} = V^T V > 0$, so the $\hat{\beta} = (V^T V)^{-1} V^T Z$ is the minimizer for the score function $S(\beta)$.

Then plug in $V = R^{-1}X$, $Z = R^{-1}Y$, we get that:

$$\hat{\beta} = ((R^{-1}X)^T R^{-1}X)^{-1} (R^{-1}X)^T R^{-1}Y = (X^T (R^T R)^{-1}X)^{-1} X^T (R^T R)^{-1}Y$$

(d)

Since $Var(Z) = Var(V\beta + E) = Var(E) = \sigma^2 I_n$, so we have:

$$Var(\hat{\beta}) = Var((V^TV)^{-1}V^TZ) = (V^TV)^{-1}V^TVar(Z)((V^TV)^{-1}V^T)^T = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1} = \sigma^2(V^TV)^{-1}$$

Then plug in $V = R^{-1}X$, we get that: $Var(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2((R^{-1}X)^TR^{-1}X)^{-1} = \sigma^2(X^T(R^TR)^{-1}X)^{-1}$