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FORECASTING

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Note: If you fall for the dummy variable trap, $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})$ is a singular matrix.

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- This ignores any errors in \mathbf{x}^* .
- 95% prediction intervals assuming normal errors: