

## 6.6 Inferences about Regression Parameters

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The least squares and maximum likelihood estimators in  $\mathbf{b}$  are unbiased:

$$\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{b}\} = \boldsymbol{\beta} \quad (6.44)$$

The variance-covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2\{\mathbf{b}\}$ :

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2_{p \times p}\{\mathbf{b}\} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2\{b_0\} & \sigma\{b_0, b_1\} & \cdots & \sigma\{b_0, b_{p-1}\} \\ \sigma\{b_1, b_0\} & \sigma^2\{b_1\} & \cdots & \sigma\{b_1, b_{p-1}\} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma\{b_{p-1}, b_0\} & \sigma\{b_{p-1}, b_1\} & \cdots & \sigma^2\{b_{p-1}\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.45)$$

is given by:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2_{p \times p}\{\mathbf{b}\} = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \quad (6.46)$$

The estimated variance-covariance matrix  $\mathbf{s}^2\{\mathbf{b}\}$ :

$$\mathbf{s}^2_{p \times p}\{\mathbf{b}\} = \begin{bmatrix} s^2\{b_0\} & s\{b_0, b_1\} & \cdots & s\{b_0, b_{p-1}\} \\ s\{b_1, b_0\} & s^2\{b_1\} & \cdots & s\{b_1, b_{p-1}\} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ s\{b_{p-1}, b_0\} & s\{b_{p-1}, b_1\} & \cdots & s^2\{b_{p-1}\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.47)$$

is given by:

$$\mathbf{s}^2_{p \times p}\{\mathbf{b}\} = MSE(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \quad (6.48)$$