

Econometrics Test Exercise 2

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1. Prove that $E(b_R) = \beta_1 + P\beta_2$.

First we have that $b_R = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T y$, and $y = X_1 b_1 + X_2 b_2 + \epsilon$, replacing one in another we have

$$b_R = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T (X_1 b_1 + X_2 b_2 + \epsilon), \quad (1)$$

distributing the multiplying factor we have

$$b_R = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_1 b_1 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2 b_2 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon. \quad (2)$$

The term $(X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_1 = I$, because $A^{-1} A = I$, so we simplify for

$$b_R = b_1 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2 b_2 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon. \quad (3)$$

The expected value of this equation is given by

$$E(b_R) = \beta_1 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2 \beta_2, \quad (4)$$

as the error ϵ is expected to have 0 mean. Replacing $(X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2$ by P we have

$$E(b_R) = \beta_1 + P\beta_2 \quad \square. \quad (5)$$

2. Prove that $\text{var}(b_R) = \sigma^2(X_1^T X_1)^{-1}$.

We have that $\text{var}(A) = E[(A - E[A])^2] = E[A^2] - E[A]^2$. So we have

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[(b_R - E[b_R])^2], \quad (6)$$

with the equation from previous question we have

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[(b_1 + Pb_2 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon)^2] - (\beta_1 + P\beta_2)^2, \quad (7)$$

which we replace $a = b_1 + Pb_2$ and $c = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon$, now we have

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[a^2 + 2ac + c^2] - \beta_1^2 - P\beta_2^2 - 2\beta_1 P\beta_2. \quad (8)$$

With the linearity of expectation we get

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[a^2] + E[2ac] + E[c^2] - \beta_1^2 - P\beta_2^2 - 2\beta_1 P\beta_2. \quad (9)$$

Replacing back

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(b_R) &= E[(b_1 + Pb_2)^2] + E[2(b_1 + Pb_2)((X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon)] + \\ &\quad E[((X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon)^2] - \beta_1^2 - P\beta_2^2 - 2\beta_1 P\beta_2 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The term $E[2(b_1 + Pb_2)((X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon)] = 0$ as the ϵ has zero mean. We open the other terms

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[b_1^2 + Pb_2^2 + 2b_1 Pb_2] + E[((X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon)^2] - \beta_1^2 - P\beta_2^2 - 2\beta_1 P\beta_2. \quad (11)$$

The first term cancel with the last terms and then

$$\text{var}(b_R) = E[(X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon \epsilon^T X_1 (X_1^T X_1)^{-1}], \quad (12)$$

with $(X_1^T X_1)^{-1} (X_1^T X_1) = I$ and $E[\epsilon^2] = \sigma^2$ we have

$$\text{var}(b_R) = \sigma^2 (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} \quad \square. \quad (13)$$

3. Prove that $b_R = b_1 + Pb_2$.

By (1.) we have

$$b_R = b_1 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2 b_2 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon. \quad (14)$$

and

$$b_R = b_1 + Pb_2 + (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T \epsilon. \quad (15)$$

the product between the vector ϵ leads to a vector of zeros, as it scale terms to cancel themselves (zero mean), so

$$b_R = b_1 + Pb_2 \quad \square. \quad (16)$$

4. Argue that the columns of the (2×3) matrix P are obtained by regressing each of the variables 'Age', 'Educ', and 'Parttime' on a constant term and the variable 'Female'.

The Female and constant term, X_1 , have dimensionality (500×2) those three variables, X_2 , has dimensionality (500×3) , for the regression equation we have

$$P = (X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T X_2 \quad (17)$$

As X_1^T has dimensionality (2×500) , the dimensionality of $(X_1^T X_1)^{-1}$ is (2×2) now $(X_1^T X_1)^{-1} X_1^T$ has dimensionality (2×500) , and as X_2 have dim equal (500×3) we get P with dim equal (2×3)

5. Determine the values of P from the results in Lecture 2.1.

Results are reported in Table 1.

	Age	Educ	Parttime
Constant	40.05	2.26	0.20
Female	-0.11	-0.49	0.25

Table 1: Caption

6. Check the numerical validity of the result in part (4.).

Regressing the data in R we have

```
## Call:
## lm(formula = LogWage ~ Female + Age + Educ + Parttime, data = df)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.73843 -0.15752 -0.00406  0.16491  0.77868
```

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##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  3.052685   0.055334  55.168  <2e-16 ***
## Female      -0.041101   0.024711  -1.663   0.0969 .
## Age          0.030606   0.001273  24.041  <2e-16 ***
## Educ         0.233178   0.010660  21.874  <2e-16 ***
## Parttime    -0.365449   0.031571 -11.576  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2452 on 495 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.704, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7016
## F-statistic: 294.3 on 4 and 495 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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And the values

```
##              Age      Educ  Parttime
## Constant  40.0506329  2.2594937  0.1962025
## Female    -0.1104155 -0.4931893  0.2494496

##      [,1]
## b1  4.73
## b2 -0.25
```

so it is valid.