# **Linear Regression**

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### Recap: Fitted Values and Residuals in Matrix Form

► Fitted values vector: n × 1 column vector:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y},$$

where  $\mathbf{H} := \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$  is called the **hat matrix**.

▶ Residuals vector: n × 1 column vector:

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \widehat{\mathbf{Y}} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}.$$

### Recap: Hat Matrix

The hat matrix

$$\mathop{\boldsymbol{H}}_{n\times n}:=\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$$

and the matrix

$$\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$$

are  $n \times n$  projection matrices. Meaning that they satisfy:

- Symmetric: H' = H,  $(I_n H)' = I_n H$
- ▶ Idempotent:  $H^2 := HH = H$ ,  $(I_n H)^2 = I_n H$ .

Moreover,  $rank(\mathbf{H}) = 2$ ,  $rank(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H}) = n - 2$  (provided that  $X_i$ s are not all equal).

# LS Estimation: Mean and Variance

### Review: Linear Transformations of Random Vector

If **Z** is an  $r \times 1$  random vector, and **A** is an  $s \times r$  non-random matrix, then

$$\mathbf{W}_{s \times 1} = \mathbf{A}_{s \times r} \mathbf{Z}_{r \times 1}$$

is an  $s \times 1$  random vector with

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{W}\} & = & \mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{AZ}\} = \mathbf{AE}\{\mathbf{Z}\} \\ \\ \sigma^{\mathbf{2}}\{\mathbf{W}\} & = & \sigma^{\mathbf{2}}\{\mathbf{AZ}\} = \mathbf{A}\sigma^{\mathbf{2}}\{\mathbf{Z}\}\mathbf{A}' \end{array}$$

If further **B** is a  $t \times r$  non-random matrix, then

$$Cov(AZ, BZ) = A\sigma^2\{Z\}B'$$

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### LS Estimation: Expectations

LS estimator is unbiased:

$$\mathbf{E}\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{E}\{\mathbf{Y}\} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Expectation of the fitted values:

$$\mathsf{E}\{\widehat{\mathsf{Y}}\} = \mathsf{E}\{\mathsf{X}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\} = \mathsf{X}\mathsf{E}\{\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\} = \mathsf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathsf{E}\{\mathsf{Y}\}$$

Expectation of the residuals:

$$\mathsf{E}\{\mathsf{e}\} = \mathsf{E}\{\mathsf{Y} - \widehat{\mathsf{Y}}\} = \mathsf{E}\{\mathsf{Y}\} - \mathsf{E}\{\widehat{\mathsf{Y}}\} = \mathsf{0}_n$$

### LS Estimation: Variance-Covariance Matrices

Variance-covariance of the LS estimator:

$$\sigma^{2}\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\} = \sigma^{2}\{(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}\} = \left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\right)\sigma^{2}\{\mathbf{Y}\}\left((\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\right)'$$

$$= \sigma^{2}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} = \sigma^{2}\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\overline{X}^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X})^{2}} & -\frac{\overline{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X})^{2}} \\ -\frac{\overline{X}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X})^{2}} & \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i}-\overline{X})^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

What is the covariance between  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ? What happens if

$$\overline{X} = 0.2$$

Variance-covariance of the fitted values:

$$\sigma^{2}\{\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}\} = \mathbf{H}\sigma^{2}\{\mathbf{Y}\}\mathbf{H}' = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{H}$$

Variance-covariance of the residuals:

$$\sigma^{2}\{e\} = (I_{n} - H)\sigma^{2}\{Y\}(I_{n} - H)' = \sigma^{2}(I_{n} - H)$$

Are residuals uncorrelated? Do they have the same variance?

How about the fitted values? What are the covariances

between the residuals and fitted values?

# Simple Regression: Geometric Interpretation

### Some Notations

- Let **1**<sub>n</sub> denote the n-dimensional column vector of ones;
- Let  $\mathbf{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T$  denote the n-dimensional column vector of X values;
- ► The design matrix X for simple regression is formed by these two column vectors:

$$\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{1}_n, \mathbf{x})$$

### Column Space of the Design Matrix

Let col(X) denote the set of linear combinations of the two column vectors of X:

$$\operatorname{col}(X) = \{ \textbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{ there exists } c_0, c_1 \in R, \operatorname{s.t.}, \textbf{v} = c_0 \textbf{1}_n + c_1 \textbf{x} \}.$$

- col(X) is referred to as the column space of the design matrixX.
- ▶ Note that col(X) forms a **linear subspace** of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Projection to col(X) by Hat Matrix

The hat matrix  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$  "orthogonally projects" vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathrm{col}(X)$  in the following sense:

For (any)  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

- ▶ **Hw** ∈ col(X), i.e., we can find two constants  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  ∈ **R** such that  $\mathbf{Hw} = c_0 \mathbf{1}_n + c_1 \mathbf{x}$ .
- $\mathbf{w} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w} \perp \operatorname{col}(X)$ , i.e., for any  $\mathbf{v} \in \operatorname{col}(X)$ ,  $(\mathbf{w} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{w})'\mathbf{v} = 0$ .

Notes: " $\in$ " is read as "belongs to"; " $\perp$ " is read as "is orthogonal to".

What is **HX**? What is **H1**<sub>n</sub>, **Hx**? What is **Hv** for  $\mathbf{v} \in \operatorname{col}(X)$ ?

### Optional Reading: Proof of the Projection Properties of H

- ▶ By definition of **H**,  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{w}$ . Now, let  $\mathbf{c} := (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{w}$  (which is a 2 × 1 vector). We can see  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{c} = c_0\mathbf{1}_n + c_1\mathbf{x}$ , where  $c_0, c_1$  are the 1st and 2nd elements of the vector  $\mathbf{c}$ .
- By definition of col(X), for (any) v ∈ col(X), we can find a 2 × 1 vector c such that v = Xc. So (w - Hw)'v = (w - Hw)'Xc=w'(I<sub>n</sub> - H)Xc. Note that, (I<sub>n</sub> - H)X = X - HX = X - X = 0<sub>n×2</sub>. So (w - Hw)<sup>T</sup>v = 0.

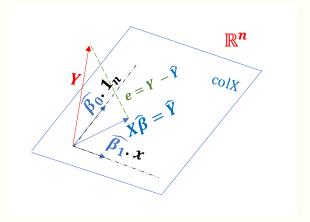
### Fitted Values and Residuals

- ► The fitted values vector  $\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y} = \hat{\beta}_0 \mathbf{1}_n + \hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{x}$  belongs to  $\operatorname{col}(\mathbf{X})$ .
- ▶ The residuals vector  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}$  is orthogonal to col(X).
- ▶ Also note that,  $\mathbf{1}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \operatorname{col}(X)$ .
- Therefore:

$$\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{1}_n \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 0$$
  
 $\langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i e_i = 0$   
 $\langle \mathbf{e}, \widehat{\mathbf{Y}} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i e_i = 0$ 

### Geometric Interpretation of Regression

Figure: To regress Y onto X is to "orthogonally project" the response vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  onto the column space of the design matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ 



# Sums of Squares: Matrix Form

### **Error Sum of Squares**

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i^2$$

can be expressed in matrix form as:

$$SSE = \mathbf{e}'\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})'(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}.$$

It can be shown that:

- I<sub>n</sub> − H is a projection matrix.
- rank( $\mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{H}$ ) = n 2 = df(SSE).

### Total Sum of Squares

SSTO = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i^2 - n(\overline{Y})^2$$

can be expressed in matrix form as:

$$SSTO = \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{Y} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{J}_n\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}'\left(\mathbf{I}_n - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}_n\right)\mathbf{Y},$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_n$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix of ones. It can be shown that:

- ▶  $I_n \frac{1}{n}J_n$  is a projection matrix.
- rank $(\mathbf{I}_n \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}_n) = n 1 = df(SSTO).$

### Regression Sum of Squares

$$SSR = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\widehat{Y}_i - \overline{Y})^2$$

can be expressed in matrix form as:

$$SSR = (\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} - \overline{\mathbf{Y}})'(\widehat{\mathbf{Y}} - \overline{\mathbf{Y}}), \qquad \overline{\mathbf{Y}} := \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J}_n \mathbf{Y}$$
$$= \mathbf{Y}' \left( \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J}_n \right)' \left( \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J}_n \right) \mathbf{Y}$$
$$= \mathbf{Y}' (\mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J}_n) \mathbf{Y}$$

It can be shown that:

- ►  $\mathbf{H} \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{J}_n$  is a projection matrix.
- $ightharpoonup rank(\mathbf{H} \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{J}_n) = 1 = df(SSR).$

### Review: Matrix Trace Operation and Properties

- ▶  $\mathbf{M} = (m_{ij})$  is an  $s \times s$  square matrix, its trace is the summation of its diagonal elements:  $\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{i=1}^{s} m_{ii}$ . Specifically, a scalar c may be viewed as a 1 × 1 square matrix, and  $\operatorname{Tr}(c) = c$ .
- ▶ Trace is a linear operator: For two square matrices **A** and **B** (of the same dimension) and a scalar c:  $Tr(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = Tr(\mathbf{A}) + Tr(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $Tr(c \cdot \mathbf{A}) = c \cdot Tr(\mathbf{A})$ .
- Consequently, for a random (square) matrix A:
  E(Tr(A)) = Tr(E(A)).
- ▶ If **A** is an  $s \times t$  matrix and **B** is a  $t \times s$  matrix, then Tr(AB) = Tr(BA).

### **Deriving Expectation of SSE**

Note that: 
$$SSE = Tr(SSE) = Tr(\mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y})$$
, so

$$\begin{split} E(SSE) &= E\left(\mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{Y}'(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y})\right) = E\left(\mathrm{Tr}((\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}')\right) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}\left(E((\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}')\right) = \operatorname{Tr}\left((\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})E(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}')\right) \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}\left((\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})(\sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}_{n} + \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}')\right) \\ &= \sigma^{2}\operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H}\right) + \operatorname{Tr}\left((\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\right) \\ &= (n - 2)\sigma^{2} \end{split}$$

The last equality is because 
$$Tr(I_n - H) = Tr(I_n) - Tr(H) = n - 2$$
 and  $(I_n - H)X = X - HX = X - X = 0$ . Why?

#### Can you derive E(SSR) and E(SSTO) in a similar fashion? @Jie Peng 2025. This content is protected and may not be shared, uploaded, or distributed.

## Optional Reading: Eigen-decomposition of Projection

### **Matrices**

- A projection matrix **P** can be decomposed as **P** = QΛQ<sup>T</sup>, where Q is an orthogonal matrix formed by **P**'s eigenvectors and Λ is a diagonal matrix consisting of its eigenvalues.
- ► Moreover, **P**'s eigenvalues are either 1 or 0.
- Consequently, the number of its nonzero eigenvalues equals its trace equals its rank.
- In simple linear regression:

$$rank(\mathbf{H}) = tr(\mathbf{H}) = 2$$
,  $rank(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H}) = tr(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H}) = n - 2$ 

# Optional Reading: Sampling Distribution of SSE under Normal Error Model

▶  $I_n - H$  is a projection matrix with rank  $n - 2 \Longrightarrow$  its spectral decomposition looks like:

$$\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Q},$$

where  $\Lambda = \text{diag}\{1, \dots, 1, 0, 0\}$  and **Q** is an orthogonal matrix.

 $ightharpoonup (I_n - H)X = 0 \Longrightarrow$ 

$$\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

Let  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ , then

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} z_{i}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} z_{i}^{2}.$$

where  $\lambda_i$  is the *i*th diagonal element of  $\Lambda$  and we have  $\lambda_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-2$  and  $\lambda_i = 0$  for i = n-1, n.

Moreover

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{E}\{\epsilon\} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \sigma^{2}\{\mathbf{z}\} = \mathbf{Q}\sigma^{2}\{\epsilon\}\mathbf{Q}^{T} = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Q}^{T} = \sigma^{2}\mathbf{I}_{n}$$

So under Normal error model,  $z_i$ s are i.i.d.  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

► Thus, by the definition of chi-squares distributions,

SSE ~ 
$$\sigma^2 \chi^2_{(n-2)}$$
.

### Confidence Interval for $\sigma^2$

Under the Normal error model, a  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ -confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$  is :

$$\left[\frac{SSE}{\chi^2(1-\alpha/2;n-2)}, \frac{SSE}{\chi^2(\alpha/2;n-2)}\right]$$

 $\lambda^2(1-\alpha/2; n-2)$  and  $\lambda^2(\alpha/2; n-2)$  are the  $(1-\alpha/2)100\%$ percentile and  $(\alpha/2)100\%$  percentile of the chi-squares distribution with n-2 degrees of freedom.

How to derive a  $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ -confidence interval for the error standard deviation  $\sigma$ ? What is a 95% confidence interval for the

error variance in the "Heights example"?

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### Optional Reading: Deriving C.I. for $\sigma^2$

This is through the pivotal quantity:

$$\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2}$$

and the fact that it follows  $\chi^2_{(n-2)}$  distribution since  $SSE \sim \sigma^2 \chi^2_{(n-2)}$ .

# Probability Density Curves of $\chi^2$ Distributions

