

$$= \frac{a^T}{(a^T(X^T X)^{-1}a)^{1/2}} \left[\text{Cov}\left(\frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}, \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}\right) + \text{Cov}\left(\frac{\hat{\beta}_1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}, \frac{-\hat{\beta}_2}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}\right) + \text{Cov}\left(\frac{-\hat{\beta}_1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}, \frac{\hat{\beta}_2}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}\right) + \text{Cov}\left(\frac{-\hat{\beta}_1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}, \frac{-\hat{\beta}_2}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}\right) \right] \frac{b}{(b^T(X^T X)^{-1}b)^{1/2}}$$

It has already been shown in part (b)

that $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are independent.

MSE is also independent of $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$.

Also notice that $a^T\beta_1$ and $b^T\beta_2$ are fixed linear combinations, i.e. constant.

Thus we have that each of the above covariances are equal to 0.

$$= \frac{a^T}{(a^T(X^T X)^{-1}a)^{1/2}} (0 + 0 + 0 + 0) \frac{b}{(b^T(X^T X)^{-1}b)^{1/2}} = 0$$

Thus, $\text{Cov}(T_1, T_2) = 0$ and thus the individual confidence intervals are independent, since the t-variables are jointly distributed.

Another way to show this:

$$\text{Cov}(T_1, T_2) = E[(T_1 - E[T_1])(T_2 - E[T_2])^T] =$$

$$= E[T_1 T_2^T - T_1 E[T_2]^T - E[T_1] T_2^T + E[T_1] E[T_2]^T]$$

where

$$E[T_1] = E\left[\frac{a^T \hat{\beta}_1 - a^T \beta_1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE} \cdot a^T(X^T X)^{-1}a}}\right] = \frac{a^T}{(a^T(X^T X)^{-1}a)^{1/2}} E\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{MSE}}}\right) (E[\hat{\beta}_1] - E[\beta_1])$$

$$= \frac{a^T}{(a^T(X^T X)^{-1}a)^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma} (\beta_1 - \beta_1) = 0$$

$$E[T_2] = \frac{b^T}{(b^T(X^T X)^{-1}b)^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma} (E[\hat{\beta}_2] - E[\beta_2]) = 0$$

Then the above reduces to $E[T_1 T_2^T] \implies$