

$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) = 0$ and thus, $\hat{\beta}_1$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ are independent.

Another way to show this:

$$\text{Cov}[\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2] = E[(\hat{\beta}_1 - E[\hat{\beta}_1])(\hat{\beta}_2 - E[\hat{\beta}_2])^T]$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}_1] &= E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T Y] = E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T (X\beta + \varepsilon)] \\ &= E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T ([W \ Z] \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} + \varepsilon)] = E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T (W\beta_1 + Z\beta_2 + \varepsilon)] \\ &= E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T W\beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T Z\beta_2 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon] \\ &= E[\beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon] \quad \text{Since } W^T Z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[\beta_1] + E[(W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon] = \beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T E[\varepsilon] \\ &= \beta_1 \quad \text{since } E[\varepsilon] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}_2] &= E[(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T (W\beta_1 + Z\beta_2 + \varepsilon)] \\ &= E[(Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T W\beta_1 + \beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \varepsilon] \\ &= E[\beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \varepsilon] \\ &= \beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T E[\varepsilon] = \beta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $E[\hat{\beta}_1] = \beta_1$ and $E[\hat{\beta}_2] = \beta_2$ (unbiased estimators when $W^T Z = Z^T W = 0$)

Then we have,

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) = E[(\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1)(\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2)^T] = E[\hat{\beta}_1 \hat{\beta}_2^T - \hat{\beta}_1 \beta_2^T - \beta_1 \hat{\beta}_2^T + \beta_1 \beta_2^T]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{From above we see that } \hat{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \\ \hat{\beta}_2 = \beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \varepsilon \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[(\beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon)(\beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \varepsilon)^T - (\beta_1 + (W^T W)^{-1} W^T \varepsilon)\beta_2^T - \\ &\quad - \beta_1(\beta_2 + (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T \varepsilon)^T + \beta_1 \beta_2^T] \end{aligned}$$

$$= E[\beta_1 \beta_2^T + \beta_1 \varepsilon^T Z (Z^T Z)^{-1}]$$