Tutorial 2: Bayesian Estimation of Linear Regression Models

Exercise 3 - Supplemental Material

Result 1: Likelihood function in terms of OLS quantities

Proof:

$$(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = \nu \mathbf{s}^2 + (\beta - \hat{\beta})' \kappa (\beta - \hat{\beta})$$

First of all, let us rewrite $(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$ by summing and subtracting $X\hat{\beta}$:

$$(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = (y - X\beta + X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\beta + X\hat{\beta} - X\hat{\beta})$$

$$= ((y - X\hat{\beta}) - (X\beta - X\hat{\beta}))'((y - X\hat{\beta}) - (X\beta - X\hat{\beta}))$$

$$= ((y - X\hat{\beta})' - (\beta - \hat{\beta})'X')((y - X\hat{\beta}) - X(\beta - \hat{\beta}))$$

which implies that $(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$ yields,

$$(y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta}) - (y - X\hat{\beta})'X(\beta - \hat{\beta}) - (\beta - \hat{\beta})'X'(y - X\hat{\beta}) + (\beta - \hat{\beta})'X'X(\beta - \hat{\beta}) \tag{1}$$

Note that both central terms are equal to zero since the expression $(y - X\hat{\beta})'X$ yields zero by construction, and thereupon its transpose. The reason for that comes from the exogeneity assumption between the explanatory variables and OLS residuals, which can be proved as follows:

$$(y - X\hat{\beta})'X = (y - X(X'X)^{-1}X'y)'X = (y' - (X(X'X)^{-1}X'y)')X$$

$$= (y' - (X'y)'(X(X'X)^{-1})')X = (y' - y'X((X'X)^{-1}X'))X$$

$$= (y' - y'X(X'X)^{-1}X')X = y'X - y'X\underbrace{(X'X)^{-1}X'X}_{=I_K}$$

$$= y'X - y'X = 0$$

Then,

$$(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = \underbrace{(y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})}_{SSR} + (\beta - \hat{\beta})' \underbrace{X'X}_{\kappa} (\beta - \hat{\beta}), \tag{2}$$

where SSR denotes the OLS sum of squared residuals.

Finally, since we define the OLS variance estimator as $s^2 = \frac{1}{\nu} (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})$ such that

$$\nu s^2 = \nu \frac{1}{\nu} \underbrace{(y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})}_{SSR} = SSR,$$

it follows that

$$(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = \nu s^2 + (\beta - \hat{\beta})' \kappa (\beta - \hat{\beta})$$

Result 2: Posterior sum of squared residuals

Solving for $\bar{\nu}\bar{s}^2$ and further simplifying:

$$\bar{\nu}\bar{s}^{2} = \underline{\nu}\underline{s}^{2} + \nu s^{2} + \underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} + \hat{\beta}'\kappa\hat{\beta} - \bar{\beta}'\bar{\kappa}\bar{\beta}$$

$$= \underline{\nu}\underline{s}^{2} + \nu s^{2} + \underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} + \hat{\beta}'\kappa\hat{\beta} - (\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} + \kappa\hat{\beta})'\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\bar{\kappa}\bar{\kappa}^{-1}(\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} + \kappa\hat{\beta})$$

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$$= \underline{\nu}\underline{s}^{2} + \nu s^{2} + \underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} + \hat{\beta}'\kappa\hat{\beta} - \underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\underline{\kappa}\underline{\beta} - 2\underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\kappa\hat{\beta} - \hat{\beta}'\kappa\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\kappa\hat{\beta}$$

$$= \underline{\nu}\underline{s}^{2} + \nu s^{2} + \underline{\beta}'(\underline{\kappa} - \underline{\kappa}\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\underline{\kappa})\underline{\beta} + \hat{\beta}'(\kappa - \kappa\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\kappa)\hat{\beta} - 2\underline{\beta}'\underline{\kappa}\bar{\kappa}^{-1}\kappa\hat{\beta}$$

Result 3: Posterior variance-covariance matrix

Prove that

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Start from $\bar{\kappa}^{-1} = (\underline{\kappa} + \kappa)^{-1} = [\kappa(\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})\underline{\kappa}]^{-1} = \underline{\kappa}^{-1}(\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})^{-1}\kappa^{-1}$. Substitute this into (i) which yields $\underline{\kappa} - (\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})^{-1} \kappa^{-1} \underline{\kappa} = (\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})^{-1}$. Multiply both sides from the right by $(\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})$ which yields $(\underline{\kappa}^{-1} + \kappa^{-1})\underline{\kappa} - \kappa^{-1}\underline{\kappa} = I_k$. Simplifying the left-hand side finally yields $I_k=I_k$ which shows that our claim is correct. Parts (ii) and (iii) can be proved analogously.