

Project 1

a.3. This means that $y_i \sim N(x_i \beta, \sigma^2)$

Show that $E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$

We know that we can express $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$
 $\Rightarrow \langle (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \rangle$ factor $(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ is a matrix of constants, thus we can write

$$\langle (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \rangle = (X X^T)^{-1} X^T \langle Y \rangle$$

again, we write $Y = X \hat{\beta} + \varepsilon$, and $\langle X \hat{\beta} + \varepsilon \rangle$

$$= X \langle \hat{\beta} \rangle + \langle \varepsilon \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow (X X^T)^{-1} X^T (X \langle \hat{\beta} \rangle + \langle \varepsilon \rangle)$$

$$= \underbrace{(X X^T)^{-1} X^T X}_{\mathbb{1}} \beta + (X X^T)^{-1} X^T \underbrace{\langle \varepsilon \rangle}_0 = \mathbb{1} \beta = \beta$$

This result means that the estimator of the regression is unbiased.

a.3) For this derivation, we use the following

$$Var(A B) = A Var(B) A^T$$

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 stochastic matrix
 not stochastic matrix

$$\text{Now } \Rightarrow Var(\hat{\beta}) = Var((X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y)$$

$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$ is non stochastic matrix, while Y is a stochastic

$$\Rightarrow Var(\hat{\beta}) = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Var(Y) [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T]^T$$

We also use the following relations:

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T \quad \text{and} \quad (A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$$

$$\text{Then } [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T]^T = (X^T)^T (X^T X^{-1})^T = X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow Var(\hat{\beta}) = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T (\sigma^2 \mathbb{1}) X (X^T X)^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \cancel{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X} (X^T X)^{-1} = \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}$$