

Lecture 5: Multivariate Regression

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_K X_K + U$$

$$= \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_k + U$$

$$= X' \beta + U$$

Omitted variable bias

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + U$$

(long)

$$Y = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 X_1 + V$$

(short)

$$X_2 = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 X_1 + \varepsilon$$

(aux)

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + U$$

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 (\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 X_1 + \varepsilon) + U$$

$$Y = (\beta_0 + \beta_2 \gamma_0) + (\beta_1 + \beta_2 \gamma_1) X_1 + (U + \beta_2 \varepsilon)$$

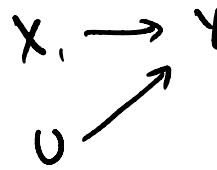
new
constant
 α_0

new
slope

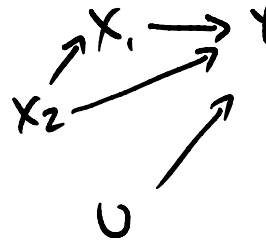
$$\alpha_1 = \beta_1 + \underbrace{\beta_2 \gamma_1}_{\text{OVB}}$$

new
error

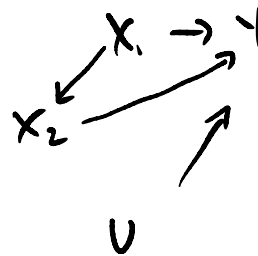
$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + U$$



$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + U$$



- confounding
- X_2 is a confounder



- mediating
- X_2 is a mediator

Linear combinations of coefficients

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + U$$

$$a\hat{\beta}_1 + b\hat{\beta}_2 \mapsto a\beta_1 + b\beta_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[a\hat{\beta}_1 + b\hat{\beta}_2 | X] &= a^2 V[\hat{\beta}_1] + b^2 V[\hat{\beta}_2] + 2ab \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) \\ &= a^2 \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 + b^2 \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_2}^2 + 2ab \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2} \end{aligned}$$

null: $\beta_1 = \beta_2 \Rightarrow \beta_1 - \beta_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -1$

$$V[\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}_2] = \underbrace{\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2}_{SE[\hat{\beta}_1]^2} + \underbrace{\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_2}^2}_{SE[\hat{\beta}_2]^2} - 2\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2} \leftarrow ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \beta_0^U + \beta_1^U X_1 + U \\ Y &= \beta_0^R + \beta_1^R X_1 + U \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[\hat{\beta}_1^U - \hat{\beta}_1^R] &= SE[\hat{\beta}_1^U]^2 + SE[\hat{\beta}_1^R]^2 + \cancel{2\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1^U, \hat{\beta}_1^R}} \\ SE[\hat{\beta}_1^U - \hat{\beta}_1^R] &= \sqrt{VC} \end{aligned}$$

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1^U - \hat{\beta}_1^R}{SE}$$

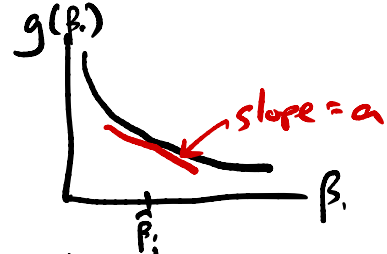
Interaction:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{age} + \beta_2 \text{urban} + \beta_3 \text{age} \times \text{urban}$$

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diff: $\hat{\beta}_1^U - \hat{\beta}_1^R$

Non-linear functions of coeffs

$$g(\beta_1, \beta_2) = \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \quad \text{or} \quad g(\beta_1) = \frac{1}{\beta_1} \quad \leftarrow$$



Delta method: 1st-order Taylor approximation

$$\begin{aligned} V[a\hat{\beta}_1 + b\hat{\beta}_2 | X] &= a^2 V[\hat{\beta}_1] + b^2 V[\hat{\beta}_2] + 2ab \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) \\ &= a^2 \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 + b^2 \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_2}^2 + 2ab \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2} \end{aligned}$$

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