

Exercises week 37 - Markus Bjørklund

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1 Exercise 1

Our original assumption is that \mathbf{y} is given by

$$\mathbf{y} = f(x) + \epsilon, \quad (1)$$

where $f(x)$ is a continuous function and ϵ is Gaussian distributed. Now, we approximate this function $f(x)$ by $f(x) \approx \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\beta$, such that

$$\mathbf{y} \approx \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon, \quad (2)$$

or

$$y_i \approx \sum_j X_{ij}\beta_j + \epsilon_i = \mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta + \epsilon_i. \quad (3)$$

Now, if we take the expectation value of this, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[y_i] &\approx \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta] + \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_i] \\ &= \mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta, \end{aligned}$$

because \mathbf{X} and β are assumed to be non-stochastic variables (enforced by design), and $\epsilon = 0$ by the properties of a normal distribution with zero mean.

For the variance, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[y_i] &= \mathbb{E}[(y_i - \mathbb{E}[y_i])^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[y_i^2 - 2y_i\mathbb{E}[y_i] + \mathbb{E}[y_i]^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta + \epsilon_i)^2 - 2(\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta + \epsilon_i)\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta + (\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta)^2 + 2\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta\epsilon + \epsilon^2 - 2(\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta)^2 - 2\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta\epsilon + (\mathbf{X}_i \cdot \beta)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\epsilon^2] \\ &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

For the expectation value of $\hat{\beta}$, we note that since \mathbf{X} is non-stochastic, the inverse $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ and product with \mathbf{X}^T is also non-stochastic, so

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} [\hat{\beta}] &= \mathbb{E} [(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbb{E} [\mathbf{X}\beta] + \mathbb{E} [\epsilon]) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}\beta \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= \beta\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the variance of $\hat{\beta}$, given by

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var} [\hat{\beta}] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\hat{\beta} - \mathbb{E} [\hat{\beta}] \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [\hat{\beta}^2 - 2\hat{\beta}\beta + \beta^2]\end{aligned}$$

Now let's do some intermediate, simplifying calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \tilde{\mathbf{y}} + (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \\ &= \beta + (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\beta}^2 = \beta^2 + 2\beta (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon + \left[(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right]^2$$

$$-2\hat{\beta}\beta = -2\beta^2 - 2\beta (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon$$

Putting it all together we get

$$\begin{aligned}
Var [\hat{\beta}] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\beta^2 + 2\beta (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon + \left[(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right]^2 - 2\beta^2 - 2\beta (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon + \beta^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \right)^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \mathbb{E} [\epsilon^2] \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \sigma^2 \\
&= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

assuming that all compounds of \mathbf{X} are non-stochastic and the product $(\mathbf{X}^T)^2 = \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ is properly defined (the notation might be a bit sloppy shorthand, but simplifications like $\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \right)^2 = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ using $(\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_2 \cdots \mathbf{A}_n)^T = \mathbf{A}_n^T \cdots \mathbf{A}_2^T \mathbf{A}_1^T$ and $(\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_2 \cdots \mathbf{A}_n)^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_n^{-1} \cdots \mathbf{A}_2^{-1} \mathbf{A}_1^{-1}$ are a recurring theme, which corresponds to “normal algebra”).

2 Exercise 2

Before we start, we note that the same arguments apply to non-stochastic variables, now including ridge parameter λ and the identity matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E} [\hat{\beta}^{\text{Ridge}}] &= \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{\text{pp}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \right] \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{\text{pp}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{y}] \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{\text{pp}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbb{E} [\mathbf{X} \beta] + \mathbb{E} [\epsilon]) \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{\text{pp}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbb{E} [\beta] \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{\text{pp}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \beta
\end{aligned}$$

For the variance,

$$\begin{aligned}
Var \left[\hat{\beta}_{\text{Ridge}} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\hat{\beta}_{\text{Ridge}} - \mathbb{E} \left[\hat{\beta}_{\text{Ridge}} \right] \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \beta \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X} \beta) \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right) \left((\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \right)^T \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \epsilon \epsilon^T \mathbf{X} \left\{ (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \right\}^T \right] \\
&= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbb{E} [\epsilon^2] \mathbf{X} \left\{ (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \right\}^T \\
&= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \left\{ (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_{pp})^{-1} \right\}^T
\end{aligned}$$