

Show  $E[\hat{\beta}] = \beta$  for OLS.

For OLS, we have

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

Our linear model says:

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad (2)$$

Substitute  $y$  in expression (1)

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

We notice that

$$(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X = I$$

$$\hat{\beta} = I\beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon$$

Taking the expectation:

$$E[\hat{\beta}] = E[\beta + (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \epsilon]$$

$$E[\hat{\beta}] = E[\underbrace{\beta}_{\text{Deterministic}} + 0]$$

Expected value of 0, so it makes the whole expression vanish.

$$\underline{E[\hat{\beta}] = \beta}$$