

Technical Note 20.3

To obtain the Standard Errors of b_1 , b_0 , \hat{Y}_j , and e_j (Note that we assume here that X , the predictor, is a fixed-effect variable that is measured without error – so that if the usual assumptions are satisfied, $Var(Y_i) = \sigma_e^2$.)

(1) From Technical Note 20.1, we know that b_1 can be expressed as $b_1 = \sum_i f_i Y_i$

where $f_i = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{SS_X}$.

Therefore, $Var(b_1) = Var\left(\sum_i f_i Y_i\right) = Var(f_1 Y_1 + f_2 Y_2 + \dots + f_N Y_N)$ assuming independence

$$= Var(f_1 Y_1) + Var(f_2 Y_2) + \dots + Var(f_N Y_N)$$

$$= f_1^2 \sigma_1^2 + f_2^2 \sigma_2^2 + \dots + f_N^2 \sigma_N^2$$

$$= \sigma_e^2 (f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \dots + f_N^2) \quad \text{assuming homoscedasticity}$$

$$= \sigma_e^2 \sum_i f_i^2$$

Now, because $f_i = \frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{SS_X}$,

$$\begin{aligned} Var(b_1) &= \sigma_e^2 \sum_i f_i^2 = \sigma_e^2 \sum_i \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{(SS_X)^2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_e^2}{SS_X} \quad \text{because } SS_X = \sum_i (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \end{aligned}$$

so the estimated standard error is

$$SE(b_1) = \frac{s_{Y.X}}{\sqrt{SS_X}}$$

(2) To find the standard error of b_0 , we start with $b_0 = \sum g_i Y_i$. If we can assume independence

and homoscedasticity, $Var(b_0) = \sigma_e^2 \sum_i g_i^2$. Substituting $g_i = \frac{1}{N} - \frac{\bar{X}(X_i - \bar{X})}{SS_X}$ and simplifying,

we have $Var(b_0) = \sigma_e^2 \left(\frac{1}{N} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{SS_X} \right)$, so that $SE(b_0) = s_{Y.X} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} + \frac{\bar{X}^2}{SS_X}}$

(3) Similarly, we can show that $SE(\hat{Y}_j) = s_{Y.X} \sqrt{h_{jj}}$.

From Note 20.1,

$$\hat{Y}_j = \sum_i h_{ij} Y_i \quad \text{where} \quad h_{ij} = \frac{1}{N} + \frac{(X_j - \bar{X})(X_i - \bar{X})}{SS_X}$$

Then

$$Var(\hat{Y}_j) = Var\left[\sum_i h_{ij} Y_i\right] = \sigma_e^2 \sum_i h_{ij}^2$$

But it can be shown that $\sum_i h_{ij}^2 = h_{jj}$ (just expand and simplify to see that this is true). Therefore,

$$Var(\hat{Y}_j) = \sigma_e^2 h_{jj}$$

and so

$$SE(\hat{Y}_j) = s_{Y.X} \sqrt{h_{jj}}$$

(4) Finally, to show that $SE(e_j) = s_{Y.X} \sqrt{1 - h_{jj}}$, we begin with

$$e_j = Y_j - \hat{Y}_j = Y_j - \sum_i h_{ij} Y_i$$

so

$$Var(e_j) = Var(Y_j) + Var\left[\sum_i h_{ij} Y_i\right] - 2Cov\left[Y_j, \sum_i h_{ij} Y_i\right]$$

The first term on the right of the equation is equal to σ_e^2 . The second term is equal to $h_{jj} \sigma_e^2$

from (3) above. The last term is equal to $-2h_{jj} \sigma_e^2$ because $Cov(Y_j, Y_j) = \sigma_e^2$

and $Cov(Y_j, Y_{j'}) = 0$ for $j \neq j'$. Therefore,

$$Var(e_j) = \sigma_e^2 (1 - h_{jj})$$

and

$$SE(e_j) = s_{Y.X} \sqrt{1 - h_{jj}}$$