

## Unbiased Estimation of $\sigma^2$

"secures" unbiasedness

An unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  under the GMM is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \equiv \frac{\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y}}{n - r}, \text{ where } r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}).$$

*idempotent*      *SSE*  
*symmetry*

Because  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X \checkmark (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}^\top (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{y}^\top \boxed{(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)^\top} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} \\ &= \{(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y}\}^\top \{(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y}\} \\ &= \|(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y}\|^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2 \\ &= \text{“Sum of Squared Errors” (SSE).}\end{aligned}$$

# Gauss-Markov Model with Normal Errors (GMMNE)

Suppose

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon},$$

where

- $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the response vector,
- $\mathbf{X}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix of known constants,
- $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is an unknown parameter vector, and
- $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$  for some unknown variance parameter  $\sigma^2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Why? linear transformations of normally distr. RV  
are also normally distributed

The GMMNE is a special case of the GMM.

We have added the assumption  $\epsilon$  is multivariate normal.

The GMMNE implies  $y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$ .

The GMMNE is useful for drawing statistical inferences regarding estimable  $C\beta$ .

Throughout the remainder of these slides we will assume

- the GMMNE model holds,
- $C$  is a  $q \times p$  matrix such that  $C\beta$  is estimable,
- $\underline{\text{rank}(C) = q}$ , and
- $d$  is a known  $q \times 1$  vector.

Specifies what we  
assume under  $H_0$   
about  $C\beta$

These assumptions imply  $H_0: C\beta = d$  is a testable hypothesis.

## The Distribution of $C\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$

In the GMMNE model, it can be shown that  $C\hat{\beta}$  follows a Normal distribution with mean and variance given as follows:

Distribution of  $C\hat{\beta}$

$$X\hat{\beta} \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$$

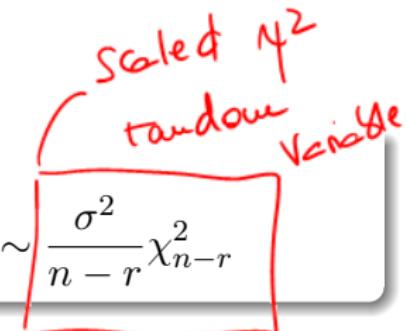
$$C\hat{\beta} \sim N(C\beta, \underline{\sigma^2 C(X^\top X)^{-1} C^\top})$$

The distribution of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is a scaled  $\chi_{n-r}^2$  distribution:

Distribution of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$

$$\frac{(n-r)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-r}^2 \iff \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \frac{\chi_{n-r}^2}{n-r} \iff \hat{\sigma}^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n-r} \chi_{n-r}^2$$

Note that  $C\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  are independent.



## The $F$ -Test ( $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$ )

To test  $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$ , we can use the following statistic

$$\begin{aligned} F &\equiv \frac{(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\widehat{\text{Var}}(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})}{q} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\hat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})}{q} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})}{\hat{\sigma}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$F$  has a non-central  $F$ -distribution with non-centrality parameter

$$\Theta = \frac{(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{d})}{2\sigma^2}$$

and df  $q$  and  $n - r$  df associated with S&E  
↳  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{C})$

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## The $F$ -Test continued ( $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$ )

The non-negative non-centrality parameter

$$\frac{(\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{d})}{2\sigma^2}$$

is equal to zero if and only if  $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$  is true.

If  $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$  is true, the statistic  $F$  has a central  $F$ -distribution with  $q$  and  $n - r$  degrees of freedom ( $F_{q,n-r}$ ).

$$\Theta = 0$$

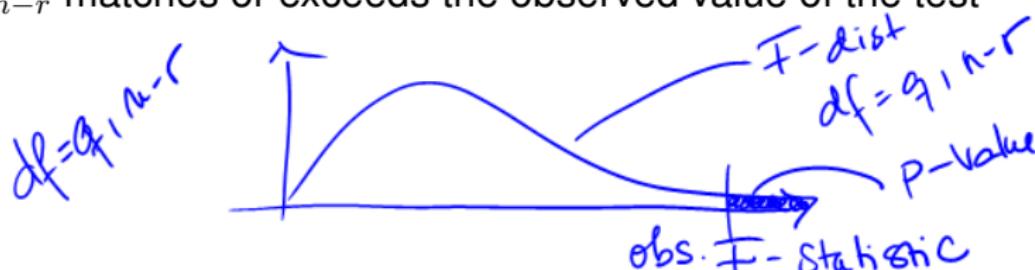
## The $F$ -Test continued ( $H_0 : C\beta = d$ )

use p-values to assess the strength evidence against  $H_0$  and in favor of the alternative  $H_a$ .

Thus, to test  $H_0 : C\beta = d$ , we compute the test statistic  $F$  and compare the observed value of  $F$  to the  $F_{q,n-r}$ -distribution.

If  $F$  is so large that it seems unlikely to have been a draw from the  $F_{q,n-r}$ -distribution, we reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $C\beta \neq d$ .

The  $p$ -value of the test is the probability that a random variable with distribution  $F_{q,n-r}$  matches or exceeds the observed value of the test statistic  $F$ .



The  $t$ -Test ( $H_0 : \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = d$ ) for estimable  $\mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$     q=1

$\mathbf{c}^\top$  is a row vector,

d is a scalar

The test statistic

$$t \equiv \frac{\mathbf{c}^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - d}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\mathbf{c}^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}} = \frac{\mathbf{c}^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - d}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{c}^\top (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{c}}}.$$

$t$  has a non-central  $t$ -distribution with non-centrality parameter

$$\frac{\mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} - d}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \mathbf{c}^\top (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{c}}}$$

and df =  $n - r$ .

## The $t$ -Test (continued)

The non-centrality parameter

$$\frac{\mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} - d}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 \mathbf{c}^\top (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{c}}}$$

is equal to zero if and only if  $H_0 : \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = d$  is true.

If  $H_0 : \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = d$  is true, the statistic  $t$  has a central  $t$ -distribution with  $n - r$  degrees of freedom ( $t_{n-r}$ ).

## The $t$ -Test (continued)

large values of  $t$  compared to what we should see under  $H_0$  are evidence

Thus, to test  $H_0 : \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = d$ , we compute the test statistic  $t$  and compare the observed value of  $t$  to the  $t_{n-r}$ -distribution. *against  $H_0$*   
*and in favor of  $H_a$*

If  $t$  is so far from zero that it seems unlikely to have been a draw from the  $t_{n-r}$ -distribution, we reject  $H_0$  and conclude  $\mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \neq d$ .

The  $p$ -value of the test is the probability that a random variable with distribution  $t_{n-r}$  would be as far or farther from 0 than the observed value of the  $t$  test statistic.

## A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ Confidence Interval for Estimable $c^\top \beta$

allows us to judge the practical value of a statistically significant difference, keep in

A  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for estimable  $c^\top \beta$  is given as

$$c^\top \hat{\beta} \pm t_{n-r, 1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 c^\top (X^\top X)^{-1} c}$$

kind as long as we

have a sufficiently large sample

estimate  $\pm$  (distribution quantile)  $\times$  (estimated standard error)

size, the smallest difference between

$c^\top \beta - d$  can be made statistically significant!

## Form of the $t$ Statistic for Testing $H_0 : \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = d$

$$t = \frac{\text{estimate} - d}{\text{estimated standard error}} = \frac{\text{estimate} - d}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\text{estimator})}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 &= \frac{(\text{estimate} - d)^2}{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\text{estimator})} \\ &= (\text{estimate} - d) \left[ \widehat{\text{Var}}(\text{estimator}) \right]^{-1} (\text{estimate} - d) / 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Revisiting the $F$ Statistic for Testing $H_0 : \mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{d}$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (\underline{\text{estimate}} - \underline{\mathbf{d}})^\top [\widehat{\text{Var}}(\text{estimator})]^{-1} (\underline{\text{estimate}} - \underline{\mathbf{d}})/q \\ &= (\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\widehat{\text{Var}}(\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})/q \quad \text{rank } (\mathbf{C}) \\ &= (\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\widehat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})/q \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})^\top [\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\top]^{-1} (\mathbf{C}\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \mathbf{d})/q}{\widehat{\sigma}^2} \end{aligned}$$

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