

Unbiased Estimation of σ^2

"Secures" unbiasedness

An unbiased estimator of σ^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 (circled $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X$) *SSE* (circled numerator) *symmetry* (arrow from $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X$ to \mathbf{y}^\top)

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

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

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 ϵ is multivariate normal.

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

The GMMNE is useful for drawing statistical inferences regarding estimable $\mathbf{C}\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

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,
- $\text{rank}(C) = q$, 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 $C\hat{\beta}$

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

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

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

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

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

Scaled χ^2
random
variable

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

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

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

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

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

$$\theta = \frac{(C\beta - d)^T [C(X^T X)^{-1} C^T]^{-1} (C\beta - d)}{2\sigma^2}$$

and df q and $n - r$.

$\hookrightarrow \text{rank}(C)$

df associated with SSE

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

The non-negative non-centrality parameter

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

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

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

$\theta = 0$

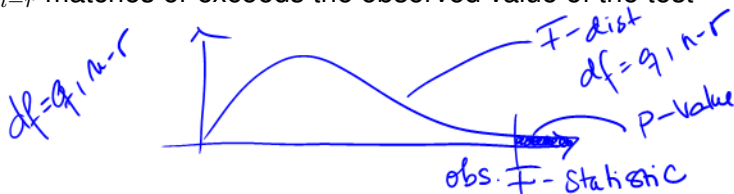
The F -Test continued ($H_0 : C\beta = d$)

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 $\text{df} = n - r$.

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 $H_0 : c^\top \beta = d$, 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 $c^\top \beta \neq d$.

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 $\mathbf{c}^\top \beta$

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

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

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

mind as long as we have a sufficiently large sample estimate \pm (distribution quantile) \times (estimated standard error)

size, the smallest difference between $\mathbf{c}^\top \beta - d$ 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 $H_0 : C\beta = d$

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

Rank(C)

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