

Problem Set 5

Econometrics

3a.

```
b <- matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 1), nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
print(b)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]  1.0  0.5  0.5
## [2,]  0.5  1.0  0.5
## [3,]  0.5  0.5  1.0
```

3b.

```
A <- eigen(b)
b_sqrt <- A$vectors %*% diag(sqrt(A$values)) %*% t(A$vectors)
print(b_sqrt %*% t(b_sqrt))
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]  1.0  0.5  0.5
## [2,]  0.5  1.0  0.5
## [3,]  0.5  0.5  1.0
```

3c.

```
sample_size <- 1000
m <- 3
n <- 3

matrices <- list()
squared_matrices <- list()

for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  matrices[[i]] <- matrix(rnorm(m * n), nrow = m, ncol = n) %*% b_sqrt
  squared_matrices[[i]] <- matrices[[i]] %*% matrices[[i]]
}

print(Reduce("+", squared_matrices) / sample_size)
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
## [1,] 1.0083058 0.5149988 0.5255522
```

```
## [2,] 0.5540523 1.1312695 0.6216438
## [3,] 0.4160094 0.5057503 1.0157482
```

It is close to the variance covariance matrix of b . This is because the variance covariance matrix of b is the expected value of the squared matrices. Which is the operation that was carried out when we take $x'x/n$.

3d.

```
y_matrices <- list()
beta_unprocessed <- list()

for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  y_matrices[[i]] <- matrix(rnorm(m * 1), nrow = m, ncol = 1)
  beta_unprocessed[[i]] <- solve(squared_matrices[[i]]) %*% matrices[[i]] %*% y_matrices[[i]]
}

print(Reduce("+", beta_unprocessed) / sample_size)

##           [,1]
## [1,] -2.472855
## [2,]  4.065781
## [3,]  1.906288
```

3e.

```
I <- diag(3)
beta_hat_unprocessed <- list()

m_projection <- function(x) {
  inv_square <- solve(t(x) %*% x)
  return(I - (x %*% inv_square %*% t(x)))
}

matrix_projection <- function(x, m, y) {
  inv <- solve(t(x) %*% m %*% x)
  return(inv %*% t(x) %*% m %*% y)
}

for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  matrix <- matrices[[i]]
  x_1 <- matrix[, 1]
  x_2 <- matrix[, 2:3]

  m_2 <- m_projection(x_2)
  beta_hat_unprocessed[[i]] <- matrix_projection(x_1, m_2, y_matrices[[i]])
}
```

```
print(Reduce("+", beta_hat_unprocessed) / sample_size)
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] -2.472855
```

3f.

```
x_1_beta_unprocessed <- list()
```

```
for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  matrix <- matrices[[i]]
  x_1 <- matrix[, 1]
  squared_matrices <- x_1 %*% x_1

  x_1_beta_unprocessed[[i]] <- squared_matrices %*% x_1 %*% y_matrices[[i]]
}
```

```
print(Reduce("+", x_1_beta_unprocessed) / sample_size)
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] 0.2410196
```

```
b <- matrix(c(1, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1, 0.5, 0.0, 0.5, 1), nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
A <- eigen(b)
b_sqrt <- A$vectors %*% diag(sqrt(A$values)) %*% t(A$vectors)
```

```
sample_size <- 1000
```

```
for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  matrices[[i]] <- matrix(rnorm(m * n), nrow = m, ncol = n) %*% b_sqrt
  y_matrices[[i]] <- matrix(rnorm(m * 1), nrow = m, ncol = 1)
  beta_unprocessed[[i]] <- solve((matrices[[i]] %*% matrices[[i]]), matrices[[i]] %*% y_matrices[[i]])
}
```

```
for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  matrix <- matrices[[i]]
  x_1 <- matrix[, 1]
  x_2 <- matrix[, 2:3]

  m_2 <- m_projection(x_2)
  beta_hat_unprocessed[[i]] <- matrix_projection(x_1, m_2, y_matrices[[i]])
}
```

```
print(Reduce("+", beta_unprocessed) / sample_size)
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] -1.400054
```

```
## [2,] 2.965809
## [3,] -2.394401

print(Reduce("+", beta_hat_unprocessed) / sample_size)
```

```
##           [,1]
## [1,] -1.400054
```

For the first b matrix, the `beta_1` is different from `beta_hat_1`. This is because of the OLS omitting the effects of `x_2` and `x_3`.

For the second b matrix, the `beta_1` is the same as `beta_hat_1`. This is because there is no covariance between `x_1` with `x_2` and `x_3`, which means that there is no relation between the `x_1` variables and the other two. Therefore, the OLS will not overestimate the effects of `x_1` even when we omit the other two variables.

4a.

```
sample_size <- 100
x_1_and_2 <- list()

norm_transform <- function(x, ro = 0.9) {
  mu <- c(0, 0)
  sigma <- matrix(c(1, ro, ro, 1), nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
  return(t(x) %*% chol(sigma) + mu)
}

for (i in 1:sample_size) {
  x_1_and_2[[i]] <- norm_transform(matrix(rnorm(2 * 1)))
}
```

4b.

```
mc_simulate <- function(x_1, x_2, sample_size = 100) {
  y <- list()

  for (i in 1:sample_size) {
    y[[i]] <- x_1[[i]] + x_2[[i]] + rnorm(1)
  }

  b_hat <- summary(lm(unlist(y) ~ unlist(x_1) + unlist(x_2)))$coefficients["unlist(x_1)"]
  b_tilde <- summary(lm(unlist(y) ~ unlist(x_1)))$coefficients["unlist(x_1)", c("Estimate", "Std. Error", "t value", "Pr(>|t|)", "1% Lwr.", "1% Uppr.", "5% Lwr.", "5% Uppr.")]
  return(c(b_tilde[1] - b_hat[1], b_tilde[2] - b_hat[2]))
}

x_1 <- lapply(x_1_and_2, function(x) x[1])
x_2 <- lapply(x_1_and_2, function(x) x[2])
```

```
print(mc_simulate(x_1, x_2))
```

```
## Estimate Std. Error  
## 0.7737578 -0.1519909
```

4c.

```
experiment <- 1000  
  
temp <- array()  
coef_diff <- array()  
se_diff <- array()  
  
for (i in 1:experiment) {  
  temp <- mc_simulate(x_1, x_2)  
  coef_diff[i] <- temp[1]  
  se_diff[i] <- temp[2]  
}  
  
print(mean(coef_diff))
```

```
## [1] 0.9276041
```

```
print(mean(se_diff))
```

```
## [1] -0.1482568
```

Dropping the estimator will cause the bias to increase and the standard errors to decrease. This is because the estimator is now biased, as it is not taking into account the correlation between the two variables. The standard errors are lower because the model is now simpler, and therefore the standard errors are lower.

4d.

```
for (i in 1:sample_size) {  
  x_1_and_2[[i]] <- norm_transform(matrix(rnorm(2 * 1)), 0)  
}  
  
x_1 <- lapply(x_1_and_2, function(x) x[1])  
x_2 <- lapply(x_1_and_2, function(x) x[2])  
  
for (i in 1:experiment) {  
  temp <- mc_simulate(x_1, x_2)  
  coef_diff[i] <- temp[1]  
  se_diff[i] <- temp[2]  
}  
  
print(mean(coef_diff))
```

```
## [1] -0.02801218
```

```
print(mean(se_diff))
```

```
## [1] 0.0421717
```

The bias is lower for the second experiment, both in terms of its coefficients and standard errors. This is because the first experiment has a correlation between the two variables, which results in the model overestimating the effects of x_1 as a movement in x_1 will result in a movement in x_2 .