

Chapter 9 Multicollinearity

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(1) Nature of Multicollinearity

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- ▶ Related to ass. (d) **No exact linear relationship among X variables.**

(1) Nature of Multicollinearity

① Perfect Collinearity(완전공선성)

- There exists an exact linear relationship among all or several X's.
- ▶ There exists constants $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k) \neq 0$ such that $\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \dots + \lambda_k X_k = 0$ ($X_1 = 1$).
 - ▶ $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$ Not all of them are zero simultaneously.
- ▶
$$X_k = -\frac{1}{\lambda_k}(\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \dots + \lambda_{k-1} X_{k-1}) = a_1 X_1 + \dots + a_{k-1} X_{k-1}.$$

(Examples)

- (a) X_{2i} : annual income, X_{3i} : monthly income, $X_{2i} = 12X_{3i}$ for all i .
- (b) X_t : export, M_t : import, B_t : trade balance, $B_t = X_t - M_t$ for all t .

② High Multicollinearity: Highly correlated but not perfectly.

► $X_{ki} = a_1 X_{1i} + \cdots + a_{k-1} X_{k-1i} + v_i$, v_i : random error.

(Example)

| X_2 | X_3 | X_3^* |
|-------|-------|---------|
| 10 | 50 | 52 |
| 15 | 75 | 75 |
| 18 | 90 | 97 |
| 24 | 120 | 129 |
| 30 | 150 | 152 |

$$\gamma_{23} = 1, \quad \gamma_{23^*} = 0.98$$

(Examples)

① GDP vs. GNI

② 경상수지 vs. 무역수지

③ 근로소득 vs. 종합소득

(Notes)

- (a) If two variables move together in systematic way (GDP and GNP), we can not identify each variable's effect.
- (b) If two variables are highly correlated, then 'other variables are constant' are not well satisfied.

(2) Problems of Multicollinearity

① Perfect collinearity makes the coefficient indeterminate.

(Example) $y_i = b_1 + b_2 X_i + b_3 Z_i + e_i$

$$b_2 = \frac{S_{xy}S_z^2 - S_{zy}S_{xz}}{S_x^2 S_z^2 - S_{xz}^2}. \quad \text{If } X_i = \lambda Z_i, \text{ then } b_2 = \frac{0}{0}.$$

(Example) $y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + \beta_3 Z_i + \varepsilon_i$

If $X_i = \lambda Z_i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + \beta_3 \lambda X_i + \varepsilon_i \\ &= \beta_1 + (\beta_2 + \beta_3 \lambda) X_i + \varepsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

So, LS of y on $(1, X)$ yields $(\hat{\beta}_1, \widehat{\beta_2 + \lambda \beta_3})$ not $(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)$.

② Perfect collinearity makes the variance infinite.

(Example) $y_i = b_1 + b_2 X_i + b_3 Z_i + e_i$

Since $V(b_2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 (1 - \gamma_{XZ}^2)}$, if $X_i = \lambda Z_i$, ($\gamma_{XZ}^2 = 1$), $V(b_2) = \infty$.

③ High multicollinearity \Rightarrow variance(or standard error) of the coefficient \uparrow

► Estimated coefficients are unstable to small changes in sample.

• High multicollinearity \Rightarrow t-ratio \downarrow , C.I. wider.

\Rightarrow difficult to reject $H_0 : \beta_j = 0$.

► In fact, X_j is an important variable($\beta_j \neq 0$),

but high multicollinearity makes it as unimportant($\beta_j = 0$).

④ High R^2 , F-statistics but low t-ratio's.

► High multicollinearity do not provide enough information to estimate separate effects.

⑤ Accurate forecasting.

(3) Detection of High Multicollinearity

► The problem is the degree of multicollinearity not its existence.

① High R^2 but few significant t-ratio's.

② Pairwise correlation coefficients among X's.

③ R^2 from auxiliary regression: LS of X_j on other X's.

► $X_{ji} = a_1 + a_2 X_{2i} + \cdots + a_{k-1} X_{ki} + v_i$, get R^2 .

(4) Remedy of High Multicollinearity

- ① Drop one of the variables.
- ② Transformation of the data.
- ③ Ridge regression
- ④ Principal component