

$$(iii) \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}. \quad \square$$

**COROLLARY** If  $\mathbf{X}$  has rank  $r$  ( $r < p$ ), then Theorem 3.1 still holds, but with  $p$  replaced by  $r$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{X}_1$  be an  $n \times r$  matrix with  $r$  linearly independent columns and having the same column space as  $\mathbf{X}$  [i.e.,  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}_1) = \Omega$ ]. Then  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1'$ , and (i) and (ii) follow immediately. We can find a matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  such that  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{L}$ , which implies that (cf. Exercises 3j, No. 2)

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}_1(\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_1)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_1'\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{X},$$

which is (iii).  $\square$

### EXERCISES 3a

1. Show that if  $\mathbf{X}$  has full rank,

$$(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\hat{\beta} - \beta),$$

and hence deduce that the left side is minimized uniquely when  $\beta = \hat{\beta}$ .

2. If  $\mathbf{X}$  has full rank, prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) = 0$ . Hint: Consider the first column of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

3. Let

$$(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})'(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)' \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\hat{\beta} - \beta),$$

*cross terms  
cancel b/c*

$$\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} \perp (\mathbf{X})$$

where  $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ). Find the least squares estimates of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

4. Consider the regression model

$$E[Y_i] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 (3x_i^2 - 2) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

where  $x_1 = -1$ ,  $x_2 = 0$ , and  $x_3 = +1$ . Find the least squares estimates of  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ . Show that the least squares estimates of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are unchanged if  $\beta_2 = 0$ .

5. The tension  $T$  observed in a nonextensible string required to maintain a body of unknown weight  $w$  in equilibrium on a smooth inclined plane of angle  $\theta$  ( $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ ) is a random variable with mean  $E[T] = w \sin \theta$ . If for  $\theta = \theta_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) the corresponding values of  $T$  are  $T_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), find the least squares estimate of  $w$ .

6. If  $\mathbf{X}$  has full rank, so that  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'$ , prove that  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}) = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$ .

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{P}) \leq \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) \quad \text{b/c } \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X} : \\ \text{rank } \mathbf{P} = \text{rank } \mathbf{X} = p \quad : \\ \therefore \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}' \quad : \\ \therefore \mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{Y} = X \underbrace{(\hat{\beta})}_{\text{by minimality since } \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{C}(X)}$$

7. For a general regression model in which  $\mathbf{X}$  may or may not have full rank, show that

Recall  $\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} \perp \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X}) \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) = 0$ , by minimality since  $\hat{Y} \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$ .

8. Suppose that we scale the explanatory variables so that  $x_{ij} = k_j w_{ij}$  for all  $i, j$ . By expressing  $\mathbf{X}$  in terms of a new matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ , prove that  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$  remains unchanged under this change of scale.

For  $k_j \neq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W} \text{diag}((c))^{-1} \circ \hat{\beta} \mathbf{w} = \hat{\beta} \mathbf{x}$

### 3.2 PROPERTIES OF LEAST SQUARES ESTIMATES

If we assume that the errors are unbiased (i.e.,  $E[\epsilon] = 0$ ), and the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  are linearly independent, then

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}] &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'E[\mathbf{Y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\beta \\ &= \beta, \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

and  $\hat{\beta}$  is an unbiased estimate of  $\beta$ . If we assume further that the  $\epsilon_i$  are uncorrelated and have the same variance, that is,  $\text{cov}[\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j] = \delta_{ij}\sigma^2$ , then  $\text{Var}[\epsilon] = \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_n$  and

$$\text{Var}[\mathbf{Y}] = \text{Var}[\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta] = \text{Var}[\epsilon].$$

Hence, by (1.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\hat{\beta}] &= \text{Var}[(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}] \\ &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\text{Var}[\mathbf{Y}]\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

The question now arises as to why we chose  $\hat{\beta}$  as our estimate of  $\beta$  and not some other estimate. We show below that for a reasonable class of estimates,  $\hat{\beta}_j$  is the estimate of  $\beta_j$  with the smallest variance. Here  $\hat{\beta}_j$  can be extracted from  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{p-1})'$  simply by premultiplying by the row vector  $c'$ , which contains unity in the  $(j+1)$ th position and zeros elsewhere. It transpires that this special property of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  can be generalized to the case of any linear combination  $\mathbf{a}'\hat{\beta}$  using the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2** Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be the least squares estimate of  $\theta = \mathbf{X}\beta$ , where  $\theta \in \Omega = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  may not have full rank. Then among the class of linear unbiased estimates of  $\mathbf{c}'\theta$ ,  $\mathbf{c}'\hat{\theta}$  is the unique estimate with minimum variance. [We say that  $\mathbf{c}'\hat{\theta}$  is the best linear unbiased estimate (BLUE) of  $\mathbf{c}'\theta$ .]