

consistent estimate of  $\beta$  if and only if the smallest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  tends to infinity. This condition on the smallest eigenvalue is a mild one, so that the result has wide applicability. Eicker also proves a theorem giving necessary and sufficient conditions for the asymptotic normality of each  $\beta_j$  (see Anderson [1971: pp. 23–27]).

### EXERCISES 3b

1. Let  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), where  $E[\varepsilon] = 0$  and  $\text{Var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$ . Find the least squares estimates of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ . Prove that they are uncorrelated if and only if  $\bar{x} = 0$ .

2. In order to estimate two parameters  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  it is possible to make observations of three types: (a) the first type have expectation  $\theta$ , (b) the second type have expectation  $\theta + \phi$ , and (c) the third type have expectation  $\theta - 2\phi$ . All observations are subject to uncorrelated errors of mean zero and constant variance. If  $m$  observations of type (a),  $m$  observations of (b), and  $n$  observations of type (c) are made, find the least squares estimates  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\hat{\phi}$ . Prove that these estimates are uncorrelated if  $m = 2n$ .

3. Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be a random sample from  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ . Find the linear unbiased estimate of  $\theta$  with minimum variance.

4. Let

$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{I}_n \Theta + \varepsilon, \text{ BLUE}_i, \bar{Y} \text{ biased}$$

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_{i1} - \bar{x}_1) + \beta_2(x_{i2} - \bar{x}_2) + \varepsilon_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

where  $\bar{x}_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}/n$ ,  $E[\varepsilon] = 0$ , and  $\text{Var}[\varepsilon] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$ . If  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is the least squares estimate of  $\beta_1$ , show that

$$\text{var}[\hat{\beta}_1] = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_i (x_{i1} - \bar{x}_1)^2 (1 - r^2)},$$

where  $r$  is the correlation coefficient of the  $n$  pairs  $(x_{i1}, x_{i2})$ .

### 3.3 UNBIASED ESTIMATION OF $\sigma^2$

We now focus our attention on  $\sigma^2$  ( $= \text{var}[\varepsilon_i]$ ). An unbiased estimate is described in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.3** If  $E[\mathbf{Y}] = \mathbf{X}\beta$ , where  $\mathbf{X}$  is an  $n \times p$  matrix of rank  $r$  ( $r \leq p$ ), and  $\text{Var}[\mathbf{Y}] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$ , then

$$S^2 = \frac{(\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\theta})'(\mathbf{Y} - \hat{\theta})}{n - r} = \frac{RSS}{n - r}$$

BLUE terms are uncorr when design cols  
are ortho! Then  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}$  so  $\beta$  is a rotation  
of  $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  is  
a white-noise  
scale.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{By 3.11, } \text{var}[\hat{\beta}] = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1},$$

Conclusion follows  
by using block matrix inv  
so inspect  
the  $11$ -th  
entry.