

## Multiple Linear Regression

### Part I: Practice Questions

You do not need to submit these questions.

1. Setup the  $\mathbf{X}$  matrix and  $\beta$  vector for each of the following regression models. Assume  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ .

(a)  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i1} X_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$

Design Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{11}x_{12} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{21}x_{22} \\ 1 & x_{31} & x_{31}x_{32} \\ 1 & x_{41} & x_{41}x_{42} \end{pmatrix}$$

Beta vector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)  $\log Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$

Design Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} \\ 1 & x_{31} & x_{32} \\ 1 & x_{41} & x_{42} \end{pmatrix}$$

Beta vector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Compute the trace of the hat matrix.

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{H}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{I}_p) = p$$

3. Consider the following regression model

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{1}_n \beta + \epsilon$$

Compute the least squares estimator of  $\beta$  and compute the corresponding hat matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ .

We will obtain the LS estimators by minimizing  $\|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{1}_n\beta\|^2$ . Taking the derivative with respect to  $\beta$  and setting equal to 0, we have that

$$-2\mathbf{1}_n^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{1}_n\beta) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{1}_n\beta$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{1}_n)^{-1}\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{Y}$$

Observe here that

$$(\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{1}_n) = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = n \Rightarrow (\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{1}_n)^{-1} = \frac{1}{n}$$

Also,

$$\mathbf{1}_n^T\mathbf{Y} = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

which leads to

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \bar{Y}$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) = 0$$

Let  $\mathbf{Y}$  be the column vector of the responses and  $\mathbf{r}$  the column vector of the residuals. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i(Y_i - \hat{Y}_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{Y}_i r_i = \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^T \mathbf{r} \\ &= (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y})^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{Y} \\ &= \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\mathbf{H}$  is symmetric and idempotent.

5. Consider the multiple regression model

$$Y_i = \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$  are uncorrelated, with  $\mathbb{E}(\varepsilon_i) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ . Assuming that  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent normal random variables, state the likelihood function and obtain the maximum likelihood estimators of  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ .

This is regression through the origin for the MLR case. So, we have:

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2})^2$$

We take derivatives with respect to  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , and set equal to zero. So,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial RSS}{\partial \beta_1} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2}) X_{i1} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial RSS}{\partial \beta_2} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2}) X_{i2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i = \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 + \beta_2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i = \beta_1 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} + \beta_2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 \end{cases}$$

If we write the system in matrix format, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving with respect to  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2})^2} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 & -\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} \\ -\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} & \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving with respect to  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  we obtain the desired estimators:

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} X_{i1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2})^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} Y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2} X_{i1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i2}^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n X_{i1} X_{i2})^2}$$

Assuming that  $\varepsilon_i$  are independent normal random variables, state the likelihood function and obtain the maximum likelihood estimators of  $\beta_1$ , and  $\beta_2$ . Are these the same as the least squares estimators?

Assuming that the errors are normally distributed, the likelihood function can be written as

$$L(\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

The log-likelihood, thus, becomes

$$\ell(\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma^2) = \log L(\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2})^2$$

Taking derivatives with respect to  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma^2$  yields:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_1} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2}) X_{i1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_2} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2}) X_{i2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_1 X_{i1} - \beta_2 X_{i2})^2}{\sigma^4}$$

Solving the first two equations, we obtain the estimators for  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ , which are the same as the LS estimators. Substituting these in the third equation, we obtain an estimator for the variance  $\sigma^2$ .

## Part II: Homework Questions – to be submitted

1. Setup the  $\mathbf{X}$  matrix and  $\beta$  vector for each of the following regression models. Assume  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ .

(a)  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \beta_3 X_{i1}^2 + \varepsilon_i$

Design Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{11}^2 \\ 1 & x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{12}^2 \\ 1 & x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{13}^2 \\ 1 & x_{41} & x_{42} & x_{14}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Beta's vector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b)  $\sqrt{Y_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 \log_{10} X_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$

Design Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \log_{10} x_{12} \\ 1 & x_{21} & \log_{10} x_{22} \\ 1 & x_{31} & \log_{10} x_{32} \\ 1 & x_{41} & \log_{10} x_{42} \end{pmatrix}$$

Beta's vector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Consider the Simple Linear Model:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i,$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\varepsilon_i \sim IID(0, \sigma^2)$ . Suppose that the value of the predictor  $x_i$  is replaced by  $cx_i + d$ , where  $c, d$  are some non-zero constant. **Show** how are  $\hat{\beta}_0$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_1$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ ,  $R^2$  and the t-test of  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$  affected by this change. *Justify your answer.*

We will denote the transformed variable with a subscript or superscript  $c$ , e.g.  $X_c = cX + d$ .

### (1) Slope Coefficient

$$\hat{\beta}_1^c = \frac{S_{X_c Y}}{S_{X_c X_c}}$$

We have

$$S_{X_c X_c} = \sum_i (cx_i + d - \bar{x}_c)^2 = \sum_i (cx_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_j cx_j)^2 = c^2 S_{XX}$$

$$S_{X_c Y} = \sum_i (cx_i - \bar{x}_c)(y_i - \bar{y}) = c \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = c S_{XY}$$

So,

$$\hat{\beta}_1^c = \frac{1}{c} \hat{\beta}_1$$

## (2) Intercept

$$\hat{\beta}_0^c = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1^c(c\bar{x} + d) = \bar{y} - \frac{1}{c} \hat{\beta}_1(c\bar{x} + d) = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} - \hat{\beta}_1 \frac{d}{c} = \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \frac{d}{c}$$

## (3) Estimated $\sigma^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}_c^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_i r_{i,c}^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i^c)^2$$

Observe that

$$\hat{y}_i^c = \hat{\beta}_0^c + \hat{\beta}_1^c x_i^c = \hat{\beta}_0 - \frac{d}{c} \hat{\beta}_1 + \frac{1}{c} \hat{\beta}_1 (cx_i + d) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

which means that

$$\hat{\sigma}_c^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2$$

## (4) Coefficient of Determination $R^2$

Recall that

$$R_c^2 = r_{X_c Y}^2 = r_{XY}^2 = R^2$$

## (5) $t$ Test Statistic

The  $t$  test statistic is

$$t_c = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1^c}{se(\hat{\beta}_1^c)} = \frac{\frac{1}{c} \hat{\beta}_1}{\frac{1}{c} se(\hat{\beta}_1)} = t$$

- Obtain the maximum likelihood estimators in a simple linear regression model with normal error terms.

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) &= \log L(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i))^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi - n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i))^2 \end{aligned}$$

To maximize the log-likelihood, we take the derivatives with respect to  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\sigma^2$  and we set them equal to 0. This yields the following estimators:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta}_1 &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \\ \hat{\beta}_0 &= \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i))^2\end{aligned}$$

4. Show that  $Cov(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})$ .

$$Cov(\mathbf{r}) = Cov(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = Cov(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})Cov(\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\sigma^2$$

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

$$(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta + \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) \\ &= ((\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) - \mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta}))^T((\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) - \mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta})) \\ &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) - (\mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta}))^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) \\ &\quad - (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T \mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta}) + (\mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta}))^T \mathbf{X}(\beta - \hat{\beta}) \\ &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)\end{aligned}$$

The cross product terms vanish due to orthogonality.