

Multiple Linear Regression (MLR)

- In most applications we will want to use several predictors, instead of a single predictor as in simple linear regression (SLR).
- Data $(y_i, \mathbf{x}_i)_{i=1}^n$, where $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})^t$ with $x_{i1} = 1$.
- Assume

$$y_i = x_{i1}\beta_1 + x_{i2}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{ip}\beta_p + e_i$$

$(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p, \sigma^2)$: the unknown but true parameters,

e_i 's : random errors.

1. The mean function $\mathbb{E}(y_i)$ is linear in the p predictors;
2. The errors e_i 's are uncorrelated with mean 0 and constant variance, i.e., $\mathbb{E}e_i = 0$ and $\text{Cov}(e_i, e_j) = \sigma^2\delta_{ij}$. Sometimes, e.g., for hypothesis testing, we further assume $e_i \text{ iid } \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

Matrix Representation

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \dots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11}\beta_1 + x_{12}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{1p}\beta_p + e_1 \\ x_{21}\beta_1 + x_{22}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{2p}\beta_p + e_2 \\ \dots \\ x_{n1}\beta_1 + x_{n2}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{np}\beta_p + e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2p} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \dots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \dots \\ e_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{X}_{n \times p} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{p \times 1} + \mathbf{e}_{n \times 1}$$

Least Squares Estimation

- Using matrix representation, we can express the MLR model as ^a

$$\mathbf{y}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{X}_{n \times p} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{p \times 1} + \mathbf{e}_{n \times 1}, \quad \mathbf{e} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n).$$

- The LS estimate of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ minimizes

$$\text{RSS} = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^t (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}).$$

^aBy default the intercept is included in the model, then the 1st column of the **design matrix** \mathbf{X} is a vector of all 1's. We further assume that the rank of \mathbf{X} is p , i.e., no columns of \mathbf{X} is a linear combination of the other columns and \mathbf{X} is a tall and skinny matrix ($n > p$.)

Differentiating RSS with respect to β and setting to zero, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \text{RSS}}{\partial \beta} &= -2\mathbf{X}_{p \times n}^t (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{0}_{p \times 1} \\ \implies \mathbf{X}^t (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) &= \mathbf{0} \quad \text{normal equation} \\ \implies (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})\beta &= \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y} \\ \implies \hat{\beta} &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y} \quad (*)\end{aligned}$$

Note that the inverse of the $p \times p$ matrix $(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})$ exists since we assume the rank of \mathbf{X} is p .

Next let's check the equation $(*)$ for SLR.

$$\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \cdots & \cdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n & n\bar{x} \\ n\bar{x} & \sum x_i^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} = \frac{1}{n \sum x_i^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} \begin{pmatrix} \sum x_i^2 & -n\bar{x} \\ -n\bar{x} & n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \cdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n\bar{y} \\ \sum x_i y_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\beta} &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{y} \\
&= \frac{1}{n \sum x_i^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} \begin{pmatrix} \sum x_i^2 & -n\bar{x} \\ -n\bar{x} & n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n\bar{y} \\ \sum x_i y_i \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

So $\hat{\beta}_1$ is given by ^a

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{-n^2 \bar{x} \bar{y} + n \sum x_i y_i}{n \sum x_i^2 - (n\bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x} \bar{y}}{\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2} = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_{xx}}$$

Similarly we can check the calculation for $\hat{\beta}_0$.

$$\text{^a } \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum x_i y_i - n\bar{x} \bar{y} \text{ and } \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(x_i - \bar{x}) = \sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2.$$

- Fitted value

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}_{n \times n} \mathbf{y}_{n \times 1}.$$

$\mathbf{H}_{n \times n}$: hat matrix, since it returns “y-hat.”

- Residuals

$$\mathbf{r}_{n \times 1} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}.$$

- The residuals can be used to estimate the error variance

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n - p} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i^2 = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n - p}.$$

Recall that the LS estimate $\hat{\beta}$ satisfies the normal equations

$$\mathbf{X}^t(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

So $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}$ satisfies:

- $\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$, the cross-products between the residual vector \mathbf{r} and each column of \mathbf{X} are zero; especially, if the intercept is included in the model, we have $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = 0$;
- $\hat{\mathbf{y}}^t\mathbf{r} = \hat{\beta}^t\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{r} = 0$, the cross-product between the fitted value $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and the residual vector \mathbf{r} is zero.

That is, the residual vector \mathbf{r} is **orthogonal** to each column of \mathbf{X} and $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$.

The Hat Matrix

$$\mathbf{H}_{n \times n} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t$$

- Let $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}_{p \times 1}$ be any linear combination of the columns of \mathbf{X} , then

$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$, since

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}.$$

- **Symmetric**: $\mathbf{H}^t = [\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t]^t = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t = \mathbf{H}$.
- **Idempotent**^a: $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^t = \mathbf{H}$.

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t = \mathbf{H}.$$

- **trace**(\mathbf{H}) = p , the number of LS coefficients we estimated.

^aThis property also implies that $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{0}_{n \times n}$.

Goodness of Fit: R-square

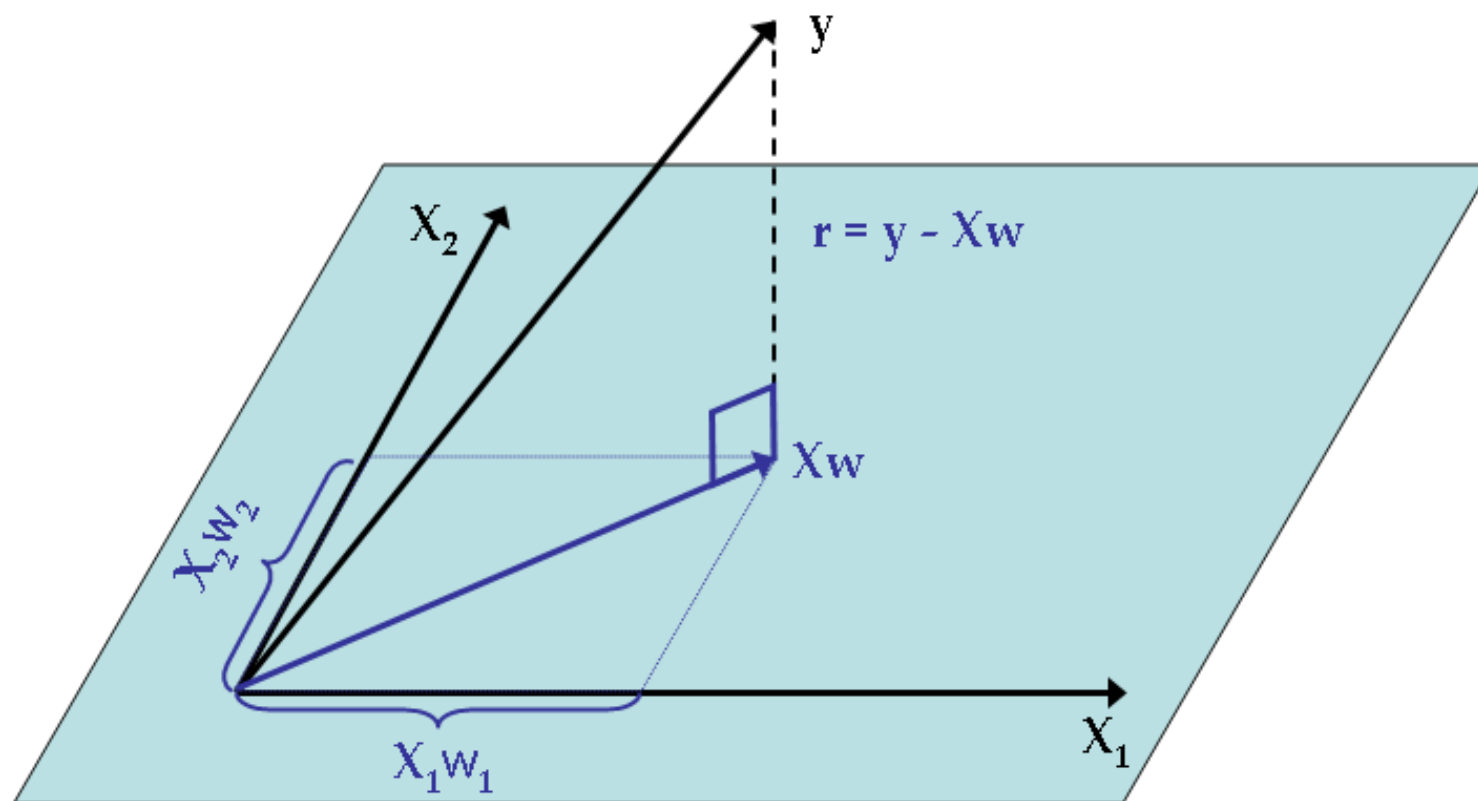
We measure how well the model fits the data via R^2 (fraction of variance explained)

$$R^2 = \frac{\sum(\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2},$$

which is also equal to

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{\text{RSS}}{\text{TSS}}.$$

Geometry Interpretation of LS



- **Estimation space:** columns of \mathbf{X} form a p -dim subspace in \mathbb{R}^n (denoted by $C(\mathbf{X})$), which consists of vectors that can be written as linear combinations of columns of \mathbf{X} , i.e., $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}$ where $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
- **Fitted value:**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}_{n \times n}\mathbf{y}.$$

Finding $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ that minimizes $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|^2$ is equivalent to finding a vector $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ from the estimation space that minimizes $\|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$. Intuitively we know what $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is: it's the **projection** of \mathbf{y} onto the estimation space.

- $\mathbf{H}_{n \times n}$: **projection/hat matrix**. It is symmetric, unique, and idempotent. Especially $\text{tr}(\mathbf{H}) = p$, the dimension of the vector space $C(\mathbf{X})$.

- **Error space**: the $(n - p)$ -dim subspace, denoted by $C(\mathbf{X})^\perp$, which is orthogonal to the estimation space. $(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})$ is the projection matrix of the error space.
- **Residuals**:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}.$$

If the intercept is included in the model, then $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i = 0$. In general,

$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{e}_i X_{ij} = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$, due to the normal equation:

$$\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = 0.$$

The geometric interpretation: \mathbf{r} is the projection of \mathbf{y} onto the error space orthogonal to $C(\mathbf{X})$. So \mathbf{r} is orthogonal to any vector in $C(\mathbf{X})$. Especially, \mathbf{r} is orthogonal to each column of \mathbf{X} .

Recall the Hat/Projection matrix

$$\mathbf{H}_{n \times n} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t$$

- Based on the geometric intuition, we have for any $\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Especially $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}$.

- **Idempotent**: $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^t = \mathbf{H}$. This property can also be understood via the projection idea. For any vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}$.

(Why)

The QR Decomposition (*)

How is the LS estimate $\hat{\beta}$ solved in R? Denote the QR decomposition of \mathbf{X} as

$$\mathbf{X}_{n \times p} = \mathbf{Q}_{n \times p} \mathbf{R}_{p \times p}$$

where \mathbf{Q} is an orthogonal matrix (i.e., $\mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}_p$) and \mathbf{R} is an upper triangular matrix, i.e., all the entries in \mathbf{R} below the diagonal are equal to 0.

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y}$$

$$(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} = (\mathbf{R}^t \mathbf{R})^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{R}^t)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{R} \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{y}$$

The last equation, $\mathbf{R} \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{Q}^t \mathbf{y}$, can be solved pretty easily via [backsolving](#) since \mathbf{R} is an upper triangular matrix.

Gram-Schmidt (*)

One method for computing the QR decomposition is the *Gram-Schmidt* algorithm. Let's work with a matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_{n \times p} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \mid \mathbf{a}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{a}_p],$$

where \mathbf{a}_j denotes the j th column of \mathbf{A} . Then

- $\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1, \quad \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{e}_1}{\|\mathbf{e}_1\|}$
- $\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 - (\mathbf{a}_2^t \mathbf{u}_1) \mathbf{u}_1, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{e}_2}{\|\mathbf{e}_2\|}$
- \dots
- $\mathbf{e}_{k+1} = \mathbf{a}_{k+1} - \sum_{j=1}^k (\mathbf{a}_j^t \mathbf{u}_j) \mathbf{u}_j, \quad \mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{e}_{k+1}}{\|\mathbf{e}_{k+1}\|}$

The resulting QR decomposition is

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \mid \mathbf{a}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{a}_p] = [\mathbf{u}_1 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{u}_p] \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{R}.$$

Use R to Analyze the Savings Data

- Basic command: `lm`
- How to interpret LS coefficients? β_j measures the average change of Y per unit change of X_j , **with all other predictors held fixed**.
- Note that the result from SLR might be different from the one from MLR: SLR suggests that `pop75` has a significant positive effect on `sr`, while MLR suggests the opposite. Such seemingly contradictory statements are caused by correlations among predictors.
- How to handle rank deficiency?

Review: Mean and Covariance

- The mean of a random vector \mathbf{Z} is a m -by-1 vector with the i -th element equal to $\mathbb{E}(Z_i)$.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{m \times 1} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}Z_1 \\ \dots \\ \mathbb{E}Z_m \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The covariance of \mathbf{Z} is a **symmetric** m -by- m matrix with the (i, j) -th element equal to $\text{Cov}(Z_i, Z_j)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{m \times m} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}) &= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{Z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{Z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^t] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(Z_1) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(Z_1, Z_m) \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \text{Cov}(Z_m, Z_1) & \cdots & \text{Var}(Z_m) \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

- Affine transformations: $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{a}_{n \times 1} + \mathbf{B}_{n \times m} \mathbf{Z}$,

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{W}] = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\mu}, \quad \text{Cov}(\mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{B}^t.$$

Especially, for $W = v_1 Z_1 + \cdots v_m Z_m = \mathbf{v}^t \mathbf{Z}$,

$$\mathbb{E}[W] = \mathbf{v}^t \boldsymbol{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \mu_i,$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = \mathbf{v}^t \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i^2 \text{Var}(Z_i) + 2 \sum_{i < j} v_i v_j \text{Cov}(Z_i, Z_j).$$

Means and Covariances of LS Estimates

Recall our assumption: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{e}$ with

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{Cov}(\mathbf{e}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n,$$

$$\text{that is, } \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \quad \text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n.$$

Under this assumption,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbb{E} \mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}) [(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t]^t \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \sigma^2 \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \\ &= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \quad \text{Cov}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{H};$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{Cov}(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{1}{n-p} \mathbb{E} \mathbf{r}^t \mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{n-p} \text{tr}[\mathbb{E} \mathbf{r}^t \mathbf{r}] = \frac{1}{n-p} \text{tr}[\mathbb{E} \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^t] = \sigma^2$$

- So the LS estimate $\hat{\beta}$ is **unbiased**.
- We can plug-in the estimated error variance $\hat{\sigma}^2$ to obtain the variance estimate of $\hat{\beta}$, i.e.,

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

- We often use the **standard error** of $\hat{\beta}$ in our later inference. For example

$$\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{[(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}]_{11}}.$$

The Gauss-Markov Theorem (*)

- Suppose we are interested in estimating a linear combination of β ,

$$\theta = \sum_{j=1}^p c_j \beta_j = \mathbf{c}^t \beta.$$

For example, estimating any element of β and estimating the mean response at a new value \mathbf{x}^* are all special cases of this setup.

- Naturally, we can form an estimate of θ by plugging in the LS estimate $\hat{\beta}$,

$$\hat{\theta}_{LS} = \mathbf{c}^t \hat{\beta} = \mathbf{c}^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y},$$

which is a **linear**^a and **unbiased** estimator of θ with

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_{LS}) = \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}_{LS} - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{LS}).$$

^aIt is a linear combination of the n data points y_1, \dots, y_n .

- Suppose there is another estimate of θ , which is also linear and unbiased. The following Theorem states that $\hat{\theta}_{LS}$ is always better in the sense that its MSE is always smaller (or at least, not bigger).
- **Gauss-Markov Theorem:** $\hat{\theta}_{LS} = \mathbf{c}^t \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is the **BLUE** (best linear unbiased estimator) of the parameter $\mathbf{c}^t \boldsymbol{\beta}$ for any $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

Proof for the GM Theorem.

Suppose $\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{y} + b$ is a linear unbiased estimator of $\theta = \mathbf{c}^t \boldsymbol{\beta}$. It is easy to compute its variance that is equal to $\sigma^2 \|\mathbf{a}\|^2$.

Since it's unbiased, we have

$$\mathbf{c}^t \boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbb{E} \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{y} + b = \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + b,$$

which holds true for any value of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$. Therefore $b = 0$ and $\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{c}^t$.

Instead of directly computing the variance of the LS estimate $\hat{\theta}_{LS}$, we first find an alternative expression for $\hat{\theta}_{LS}$ which involves \mathbf{a} .

$$\hat{\theta}_{LS} = \mathbf{c}^t \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{a}^t \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{H} \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{a})^t \mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}^t \mathbf{y}.$$

So the variance of $\hat{\theta}_{LS}$ is equal to $\sigma^2 \|\hat{\mathbf{a}}\|^2$, which apparently is smaller.

That is, we can improve (still unbiased, but with smaller variance) any linear estimator $\mathbf{a}^t \mathbf{y}$ by using $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ as the new weights on the n data points \mathbf{y} .

For example, suppose we want to estimate the mean of y_i 's where

$$y_1, \dots, y_n \text{ iid } \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2).$$

We can view this setting as a linear regression model with just the intercept μ .

What's the corresponding projection matrix \mathbf{H} ?

There are many unbiased linear estimators of μ , e.g., y_1 , or $(y_1 + y_2)/2$.

$$y_1 = \mathbf{c}_1^t \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{c}_1^t = (1, 0, \dots, 0).$$

$$(y_1 + y_2)/2 = \mathbf{c}_2^t \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{c}_2^t = (1/2, 1/2, 0, \dots, 0).$$

You'll find that

$$\mathbf{c}_0 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{c}_2 = \frac{1}{n}(1, \dots, 1)^t$$

and

$$\mathbf{c}_0^t \mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{n}(y_1 + \dots + y_n)$$

is the LS estimate of μ , the intercept. The LS estimator is better than the other two, since it uses all information in the data which is relevant to μ (therefore it has the smallest variance).

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Recall the normal assumption for the linear regression model $y_i = \mathbf{x}_i^t \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i$ ($i = 1 : n$) with e_i iid $\sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, that is,

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n).$$

Under this assumption,

$$\text{Likelihood} = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}) \propto \left(\frac{\text{RSS}}{n} \right)^{-\frac{n}{2}}.$$

The MLE of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ = LS Estimate of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Distributions of LS Estimates

Recall the assumption for the linear regression model: $\mathbf{y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_n)$. So any affine transformation of \mathbf{y} is normally distributed^a; the mean and variance are computed before.

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{y} \quad \sim \quad N_p(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^t\mathbf{X})^{-1}),$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y} \quad \sim \quad N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{H}),$$

$$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y} \quad \sim \quad N_n(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})).$$

Note that

$$\mathbb{E}\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{H}\mathbb{E}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) = \mathbf{H}\sigma^2\mathbf{H}^t = \sigma^2\mathbf{H}$$

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{r}) = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})^t = \sigma^2(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})$$

^aThey are also **jointly** normal.

- Although \mathbf{r} is a n -dim vector, it always lies in a subspace of dim $(n - p)$.

It behaves like $N_{n-p}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{n-p})$, so we have

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}\|^2}{n - p} \sim \sigma^2 \frac{\chi_{n-p}^2}{n - p}.$$

- We can show that $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and \mathbf{r} are uncorrelated, since they are in two orthogonal spaces. Then plus the joint normal assumption, we conclude that they are **independent**.

Hypothesis Testing for One Predictor

- Test $H_0 : \beta_j = c$ versus $H_a : \beta_j \neq c$.^a
- The t-test statistic

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - c}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - c}{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{[(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}]_{jj}}} \sim T_{n-p} \text{ under } H_0.$$

- $p\text{-value} = 2 \times$ the area under the T_{n-p} dist more extreme than the observed statistic t .
- The p -value returned by the R command `lm` corresponds to testing $\beta_j = 0$.

^aThe test result may vary depending what other predictors are included in the model.

We've learned various t -tests in class and each seems to have a different degree of freedom. How can I find out the correct df for a t -test?

All t -tests we've encountered so far involve an estimate of the error variance σ^2 . The df of a t -test is determined by the denominator of $\hat{\sigma}^2$.

- $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$. To test $\theta = a$, we have

$$\frac{\hat{\theta} - a}{\text{se}(\hat{\theta})} = \frac{\bar{Z} - a}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2/n}} \sim T_{n-1}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_i (Z_i - \bar{Z})^2}{n-1}.$$

- For SLR, to test $\beta_1 = c$, we have

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - c}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - c}{\hat{\sigma}/\sqrt{S_{xx}}} \sim T_{n-2}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n-2}.$$

- For MLR with p predictors (including the intercept), to test $\beta_j = c$,

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - c}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - c}{\hat{\sigma} [(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}]_{jj}} \sim T_{n-p}, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{RSS}}{n-p}.$$

F-test and ANOVA Table

Source	df	SS	MS	F
Regression	$p - 1$	FSS	$FSS/(p - 1)$	$MS(\text{reg})/MS(\text{err})$
Error	$n - p$	RSS	$RSS/(n - p)$	
Total	$n - 1$	TSS		

The test statistic $\frac{MS(\text{reg})}{MS(\text{err})} \sim F_{(p-1), n-p}$ under

$$H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \cdots = \beta_p = 0.$$

Compare Nested Models

A working example: savings data.

- We start with the full model.
- Suppose we want to test a theory that savings is independent of age, so we fit a **reduced model** (i.e., remove the two columns corresponding to pop15 and pop75 from the design matrix).

- How can we compare the results of the two fitted models? More specifically, how would we test the following hypotheses:

H_0 : The reduced model suffices (age not needed).

H_a : The full model is required.

In matrix notation, partition $\mathbf{X}_{n \times p} = (\mathbf{X}_1_{n \times (p-q)}, \mathbf{X}_2_{n \times q})$.

The corresponding partition of the regression parameter is $\boldsymbol{\beta}^t = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^t, \boldsymbol{\beta}_2^t)$, where $\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$ is $(p - q) \times 1$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_2$ is $q \times 1$.

This partition is used to test

$$H_0 : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 = \mathbf{0}, \text{ i.e., } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \text{error},$$

$$H_a : \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}, \text{ i.e., } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \text{error}.$$

The test statistic is then

$$F = \frac{(\text{RSS}_0 - \text{RSS}_a)/q}{\text{RSS}_a/(n-p)} \sim F_{q,n-p} \text{ under } H_0.$$

- Numerator: variation in the data not explained by the reduced model, but explained by the full model.
- Denominator: variation in the data not explained by the full model (i.e., not explained by either model), which is used to estimate the error variance.
- Reject H_0 , if F -stat is large, that is, the variation missed by the reduced model, when being compared with the error variance, is significantly large.

- **Example 1.** The default F -test returned by `lm()`.

$$H_0 : \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{1}_n \alpha + \text{error}$$

$$H_a : \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_{n \times p} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{error}$$

- **Example 2.** The F -test which is equivalent to the t -test ($H_0 : \beta_j = 0$).

$$H_0 : \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}[, -j] \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \text{error}$$

$$H_a : \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{error}$$

where $\mathbf{X}[, -j] = \mathbf{X}$ without the j -th column and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is $(p - 1) \times 1$.

- **Example 3.** Test $H_0 : \beta_2 = \beta_3$. (See Sec 3.2.4.)

$$H_0 \quad : \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_1 \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \text{error},$$

$$H_a \quad : \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{error}.$$

where \mathbf{X}_1 , a $n \times (p - 1)$ matrix, is almost the same as \mathbf{X} but replaces the 2nd and 3rd columns of \mathbf{X} by one column, their sum, and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is $(p - 1) \times 1$.

In this example, \mathbf{X}_1 is not a sub-matrix of \mathbf{X} . But it's clear that the estimation space spanned by \mathbf{X}_1 is a subspace of the estimation space spanned by \mathbf{X} , since each column of \mathbf{X}_1 is either a column from \mathbf{X} or a linear combination of columns of \mathbf{X} .

Permutation Test

Steps for hypothesis testing:

1. Form a test statistic $g(\text{data})$,^a which tends to take **extreme** values under the alternative hypothesis H_a .
2. Evaluate the test statistic on the observed data, denoted by g_0 .
3. Find the distribution of $g(\text{data})$, when data are generated from H_0 , and then calculate

$$p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}\left[g(\text{data}) \text{ is more extreme than the observed } g_0 \mid \text{data} \sim H_0\right].$$

The **normal assumption** for linear regression is used at step 3. **What if the assumption does not hold?**

^aA statistic is a function defined on the data.

Monte Carlo Method

- Suppose the pdf (or pmf) of a r.v. Y does not have a simple form, therefore it's not easy to calculate $\mathbb{E}Y$.
- But suppose it's easy to write a short R script to generate such a r.v.
- So we can obtain an approximation of $\mathbb{E}Y$ as follows: generate $N = 1000$ samples from this distribution, Y_1, \dots, Y_N , and then

$$\mathbb{E}Y \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i.$$

That is, population mean \approx sample mean (assume the sample size is large).

- Similarly we can approximate

$$\mathbb{E}f(Y) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(Y_i).$$

For example, $\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}Y^2 - (\mathbb{E}Y)^2$ and $\mathbb{P}(Y > a) = \mathbb{E}I(Y > a)$ where $I(\cdot)$ is an indicator function.

- Back to the testing for linear regression: if we can generate data from H_0 (here we don't need the normal assumption), and then we can calculate the p -value using the Monte Carlo method.

```
> fstats = numeric(4000);  
> for(i in 1:4000){  
+   newsavings=savings;  
+   newsavings[,c(2,3)]=savings[sample(50),c(2,3)];  
+   ge = lm(sr ~., data=newsavings);  
+   fstats[i] = summary(ge)$fstat[1]  
+ }  
> length(fstats[fstats > summary(fullmodel)$fstat[1]])/4000  
[1] 0.004
```

CI and PI

- A $(1 - \alpha)$ CI for β_j is given by

$$\left(\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j) \right) = \left(\hat{\beta}_j \pm t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{[(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}]_{jj}} \right)$$

where $t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)}$ is the $(1 - \alpha/2)$ percentile of the student T-dist with $(n - p)$ degree-of-freedom.

- We are also interested in obtaining an **estimate** $\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{x}^*] = \mu^* = (\mathbf{x}^*)^t \boldsymbol{\beta}$, as well as a **prediction** for a future observation y^* at \mathbf{x}^* .
- The Gauss-Markov theorem tells us that the BLUE of μ^* is

$$\hat{\mu}^* = (\mathbf{x}^*)^t \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{x}^*)^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{y}.$$

This is just a linear transformation of \mathbf{y} , so we can easily derive its variance, and find its standard error.

$$\text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}^*)^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}^*}.$$

- A CI for μ^* is given by

$$\left(\hat{\mu}^* - t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*), \hat{\mu}^* + t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) \right).$$

- Also $\hat{y}_* = (\mathbf{x}^*)^t \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ provides a point prediction for a future observation of y_* at \mathbf{x}_* . In order to find a prediction interval (PI), we need to consider the variance due to $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ in addition to the variance associated with a new observation, which is σ^2 .
- The standard error ^a of prediction is

$$\text{se}(\hat{y}^*) = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + (\mathbf{x}^*)^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}^*}.$$

- A $(1 - \alpha)$ PI for a new observation y_* at x_* is given by

$$\left(\hat{y}^* - t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{y}^*), \hat{y}^* + t_{n-p}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{y}^*) \right).$$

^aNote that no matter how large the sample size becomes, the width of a PI, unlike a CI, will never approach 0.

- Write $\mathbf{x}_{p \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{z} \end{pmatrix}$ where \mathbf{z} denotes the measure of the $(p - 1)$ predictors (without the intercept).
- Write $\hat{\Sigma}_{(p-1) \times (p-1)} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{z}_i - \bar{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbf{z}_i - \bar{\mathbf{z}})^t$, which is the **sample covariance** of the $(p - 1)$ predictor variables.
- Then

$$\mathbf{x}_*^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_* = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}})^t \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}}),$$

which is the so-called **Mahalanobis distance** from \mathbf{x}_i to the center of the center of the data $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ (the sample mean).

The point estimation and prediction at \mathbf{x}_* are the same, but the associated MSEs are different

$$\text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}^*)^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_*} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}})^t \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}})}$$

$$\text{se}(\hat{y}^*) = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + (\mathbf{x}^*)^t (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_*} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}})^t \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}^* - \bar{\mathbf{z}})}$$

- $\text{se}(\hat{y}^*)$ has an extra 1. When the sample size n goes to infinity, $\text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) \rightarrow 0$, but $\text{se}(\hat{y}^*) \rightarrow \sigma^2$.
- Errors are not the same at all \mathbf{x}^* : smaller when \mathbf{x}^* is near $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ in the Mahalanobis distance.
- Errors are not the same for all samples (of the same sample size n): samples whose \mathbf{x} values are more spread (i.e., the eigen-values of $\hat{\Sigma}$ are large) have smaller errors.

Joint Confidence Region

Just as we can use estimated standard errors and t -stats to form confidence intervals for a single parameter, we can also obtain a $(1 - \alpha) \times 100\%$ confidence region for the entire vector β . In particular

$$\beta - \hat{\beta} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}).$$

Thus, the quadratic form

$$\frac{(\beta - \hat{\beta})^t \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} (\beta - \hat{\beta})}{p \hat{\sigma}^2} \sim F_{p, n-p}.$$

Then we can construct a $(1 - \alpha) \times 100\%$ confidence region for β to be all the points in the following ellipsoid

$$\frac{(\beta - \hat{\beta})^t \mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X} (\beta - \hat{\beta})}{p \hat{\sigma}^2} < F(\alpha; p, n - p),$$

where $F(\alpha; p, n - p)$ is defined to be the point such that

$$\mathbb{P} \left[F_{p, n-p} > F(\alpha; p, n - p) \right] = \alpha.$$

Simultaneous CIs/PIs

- Consider a simple linear regression $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + e_i$.
- Given a new value x^* , the $(1 - \alpha)$ CI for $\mu^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x^*$ is

$$I(x^*) = \left(\hat{\mu}^* \pm t_{n-2}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) \right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\hat{\mu}^* = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x^*, \quad \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*) = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x^* - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}.$$

- Suppose we are interested in CIs at multiple points (x_1^*, \dots, x_m^*) . Using formula (1), we can form CIs at the m points, $I(x_1^*), \dots, I(x_m^*)$.

- We know that

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\mu_i^* \in I(x_i^*)\right] = (1 - \alpha),$$

where $\mu_i^* = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i^*$ is the value on the regression line at x_i^* . This is the **point-wise** coverage probability and formula (1) gives the **point-wise** CI.

- What about the simultaneous coverage probability?

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\mu_i^* \in I(x_i^*), \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m\right] = ???$$

Bonferroni Correction

Let A_k denotes the event that the k th confidence interval covers μ_k^* with

$$\mathbb{P}(A_k) = (1 - \alpha).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(\text{ All CIs cover the corresponding } \mu_k^* \text{'s}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cdots \cap A_m) \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(A_1^c \cup A_2^c \cdots \cup A_m^c) \\ &\geq 1 - \mathbb{P}(A_1^c) - \cdots - \mathbb{P}(A_m^c) \\ &= 1 - m\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

- Suppose $I_\alpha(x_k^*)$ is the $(1 - \alpha)$ CI at x_k^* , where $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. To make sure the simultaneous coverage probability is 95%, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}(\mu_k^* \in I_\alpha(x_k^*) \text{ for all } k = 1 : m) = 95\%,$$

we need to set $\alpha = 5\%/m$, which is known as the **Bonferroni correction**.

- Similarly, suppose $I_\alpha(x_k^*)$ is the $(1 - \alpha)$ PI at x_k^* , where $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. To make sure the simultaneous coverage probability is 95%, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}(y_k^* \in I_\alpha(x_k^*) \text{ for all } k = 1 : m) = 95\%,$$

we need to set $\alpha = 5\%/m$.

Confidence Band

- Ideally we would like to construct a simultaneous confidence band (i.e., $m = \infty$) cross all x^* 's. **Scheffé's Theorem** (1959): Let

$$I(x) = \left(\hat{r}(x) - c\hat{\sigma}, \hat{r}(x) + c(x)\hat{\sigma} \right),$$

where

$$\hat{r}(x) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x, \quad c(x) = \sqrt{2F(\alpha, 2, n-2)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}}.$$

Then

$$\mathbb{P} \left[r(x) \in I(x) \text{ for all } x \right] \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

- Can we construct a simultaneous prediction band? **No.**

Confidence bands are always wider than point-wise CIs? For SLR, at a location x^* , we have

$$\text{band} \quad : \quad \hat{\mu}^* \pm \sqrt{2F(\alpha, 2, n-2)} \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*)$$

$$\text{interval} \quad : \quad \hat{\mu}^* \pm t_{n-2}^{(\alpha/2)} \text{se}(\hat{\mu}^*).$$

Assume $\alpha = 5\%$, you can check which one is bigger,

$$\sqrt{2F(\alpha, 2, n-2)}, \quad \text{or} \quad t_{n-2}^{(\alpha/2)} = \sqrt{F(\alpha, 1, n-2)}?$$

In fact, for any α , we have

$$t_m^{(\alpha/2)} = \sqrt{F(\alpha, 1, m)} < \sqrt{kF(\alpha, k, m)}.$$