

# Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology, Lecture Notes: Multiple Equation Models<sup>1</sup>

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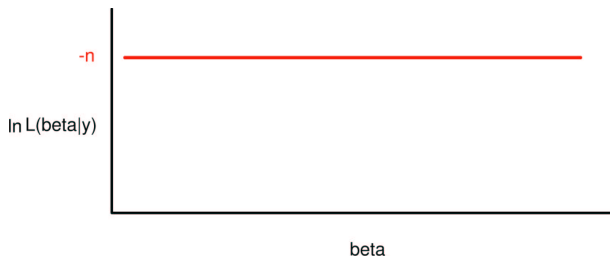
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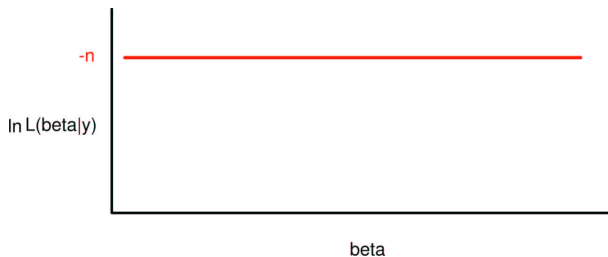
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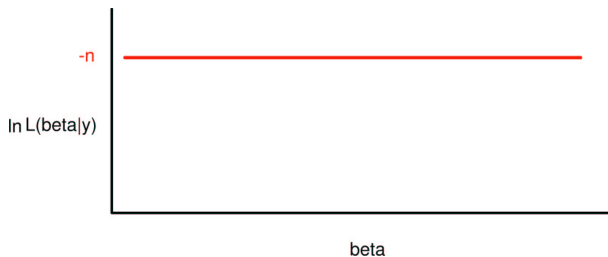


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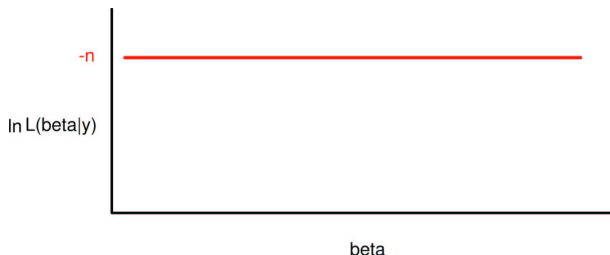
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↪ We've derived collinearity as a problem for point estimates from the likelihood theory of inference

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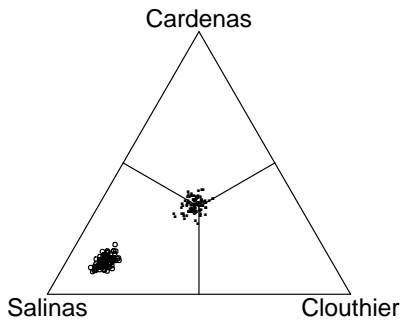
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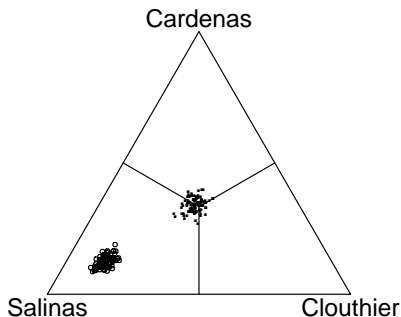
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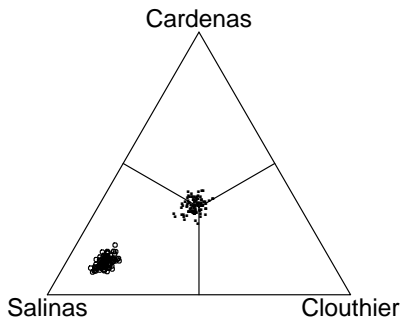
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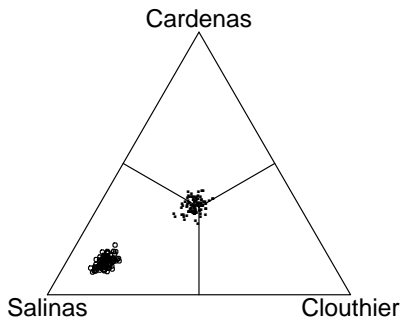




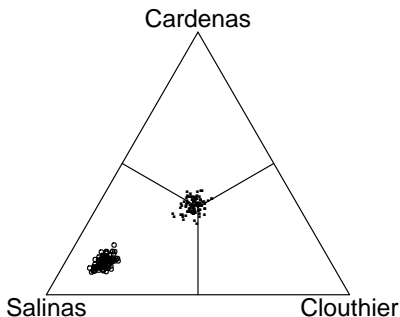


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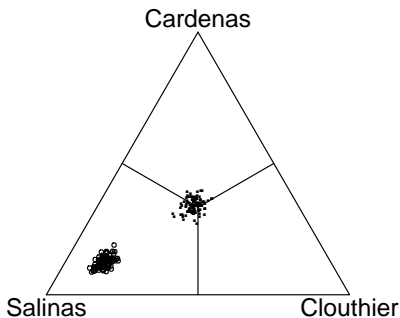




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