

# HW9

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$$Y = 1\alpha + X\beta + \epsilon$$

With  $X$  as a full column rank matrix and assume  $1^T X = 0_p$

## Exercise 1

$$\begin{aligned} E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\hat{\beta} - \beta||] &= E_{Y|\beta\phi}[(\hat{\beta} - \beta)^T(\hat{\beta} - \beta)] \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{tr}[(X^T X)^{-1}] \text{ Note } (X^T X) = U\Lambda U^T \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{tr}[(U\Lambda U^T)^{-1}] \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{tr}[(U^T U \Lambda)^{-1}] \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{tr}[(\Lambda)^{-1}] \\ &= \sigma^2 \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 2

We are given that  $p(\alpha, \phi) \propto \phi^{-1}$  and  $\beta|g, \phi \sim N(0_p, g\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1})$ .

$\beta|Y, \phi \sim N(\frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta} + \frac{1}{1+g}0_p, \frac{g}{1+g}\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1}) = N(\frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta}, \frac{g}{1+g}\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1})$ . Thus,  $\tilde{\beta} = E_{\beta|Y,g}[\beta|Y, g] = \frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta}$

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## Exercise 3

We know that  $\tilde{\beta} = \frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta}$ . We know that the following will follow a normal distribution, and so we find the expectation and variance of the given values.

$$E[\tilde{\beta}|Y, g] = E[\frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta}] = \frac{g}{1+g}E[\hat{\beta}] = \frac{g}{1+g}\beta$$

$$\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}|Y, g] = \text{Var}[\frac{g}{1+g}\hat{\beta}] = \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\text{Var}[\hat{\beta}] = \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1}$$

Thus, the sampling distribution of  $\tilde{\beta}|Y, g, \phi \sim N(\frac{g}{1+g}\beta, \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1})$

## Exercise 4

This is clearly biased. The definition of bias is  $E[\hat{\theta}|\theta_T] - \theta_T = 0$  or in other words  $E[\hat{\theta}|\theta_T] = \theta_T$ . According to our model,  $E[\tilde{\beta}|Y, g] - \beta = \frac{g}{1+g}\beta - \beta$ , which is clearly not zero. Thus this values is the bias.

## Exercise 5

$E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\tilde{\beta} - \beta||] = E_{Y|\beta\phi}[(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)^T(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)]$ . Note that this is a quadratic form. The expectation of a quadratic form is as follows  $E[y^T A y] = \text{tr}[A\Sigma] + \mu^T A \mu$  where  $y \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$ . Now in our case,  $y = \tilde{\beta} - \beta \sim (\frac{g}{1+g}\beta, \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\phi^{-1}(X^T X)^{-1})$ .

Thus for our case,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\tilde{\beta} - \beta||] &= E_{Y|\beta\phi}[(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)^T(\tilde{\beta} - \beta)] = \text{tr}[A\Sigma] + \mu^T A \mu \\ &= \text{tr}[\frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}(X^T X)^{-1}\phi^{-1}] + [\frac{g}{1+g}\beta - \beta]^T [\frac{g}{1+g}\beta - \beta] \\ &= \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\sigma^2 \text{tr}[(X^T X)^{-1}] + \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}\beta^T \beta \\ &= \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\hat{\beta} - \beta||] + \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}||\beta||^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}(g^2 E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\hat{\beta} - \beta||] + ||\beta||^2) \end{aligned}$$

This is clearly a function with the desired arguments.

$$\begin{aligned} (\frac{g}{1+g}\beta - \beta)^T(\frac{g}{1+g}\beta - \beta) &= \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}\beta^T \beta - 2(\frac{g}{1+g})\beta^T \beta + \beta^T \beta \\ &= (\frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2} - 2(\frac{g(1+g)}{(1+g)^2}) + \frac{(1+g)^2}{(1+g)^2})\beta^T \beta \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}\beta^T \beta \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}||\beta||^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 6

The posterior mean can have a smaller loss than the MLE when estimating  $\beta$ . Note that in our case,  $E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\tilde{\beta} - \beta||] = \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2}E_{Y|\beta\phi}[||\hat{\beta} - \beta||] + \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}||\beta||^2$ , and it is important to note that  $(1 - \frac{g}{1+g})^2 = (\frac{1+g}{1+g} - \frac{g}{1+g})^2 = \frac{1}{(1+g)^2}$ . We now designate two arbitrary values for the MSE of the OLS and for  $\beta$ . Now, in this case, our Bayes estimator is uniformly better than our preset MSE of the OLS, which we designated as 3. If we look at the plot, our posterior MSE has a lower value on all values of  $\frac{g}{1+g}$ .

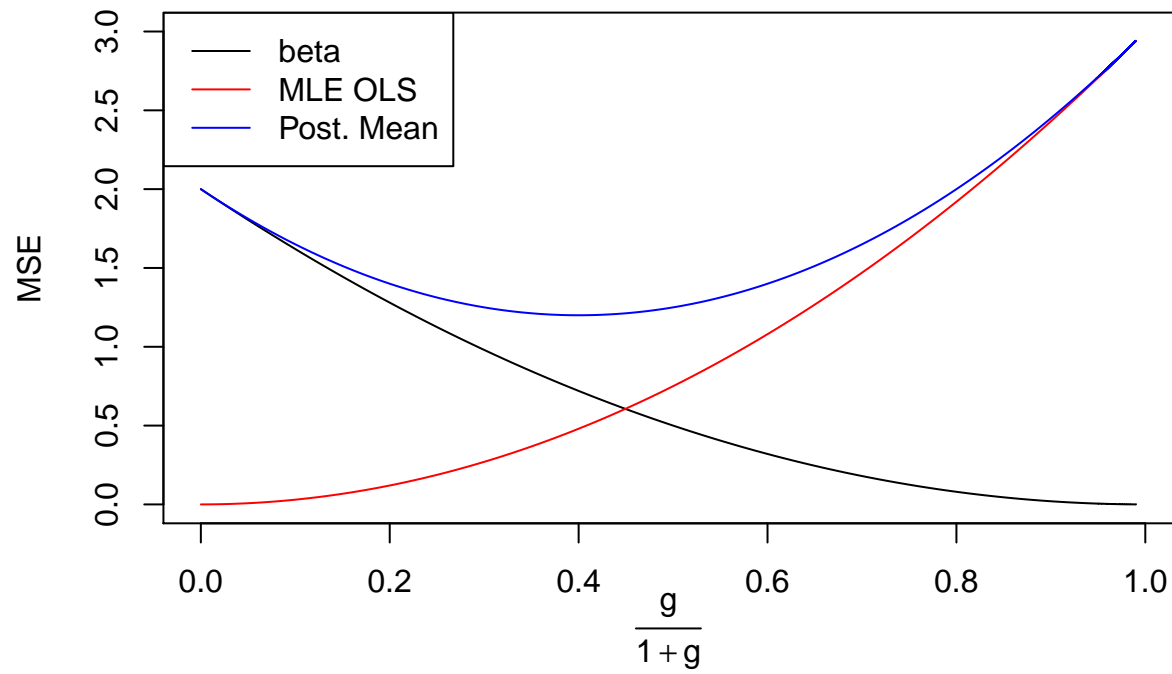
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mse.ols = 3
beta.2 = 2

g = seq(0,100, by = .01)

x.axis = g/(1+g)

beta.weight = (1/(1+g)^2) * beta.2
mse.ols = (g^2 / (1+g)^2) *mse.ols
total.weight = beta.weight + mse.ols

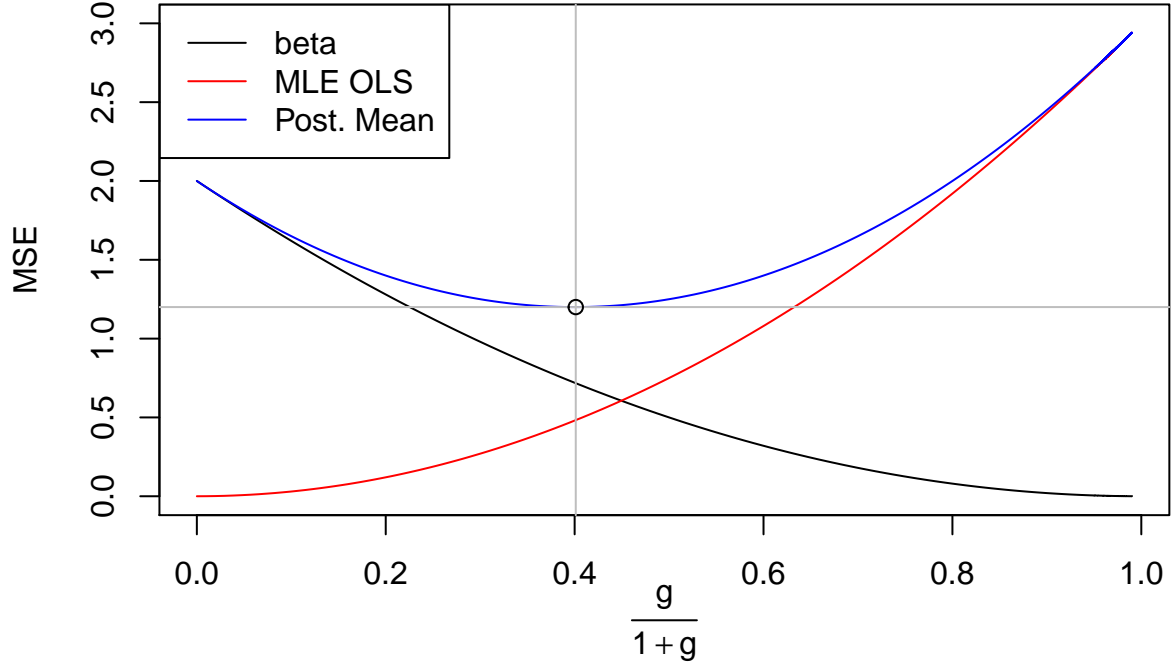
plot(x.axis,beta.weight, type = "l", ylim = c(0,3), ylab = "MSE", xlab = expression(frac(g,1+g)))
lines(x.axis,mse.ols, type = "l",col = "red")
lines(x.axis,total.weight, type = "l" , col = "blue")
legend("topleft", c("beta","MLE OLS", "Post. Mean"), col = c("black", "red", "blue"), lty = c(1,1,1))
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### Exercise 7

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min.mse = min(total.weight)
g.min = g[which.min(total.weight)]
x.place = g.min / (1+g.min)

plot(x.axis,beta.weight, type = "l", ylim = c(0,3), ylab = "MSE", xlab = expression(frac(g,1+g)))
lines(x.axis,mse.ols, type = "l",col = "red")
lines(x.axis,total.weight, type = "l" , col = "blue")
abline(v = x.place, col = "grey")
abline(h = min.mse, col = "grey")
points(x.place,min.mse)
legend("topleft", c("beta","MLE OLS", "Post. Mean"), col = c("black", "red", "blue"), lty = c(1,1,1))
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In our case, the value of  $g$  that minimizes our Bayes estimator is 0.67. Analytically, we find that the value for  $g$  that will minimize this function with respect to  $\frac{g}{1+g}$  is  $g = \frac{\|\beta\|^2}{MSE_{OLS}} = \frac{\|\beta\|^2}{E_{Y|\beta\phi}[\|\hat{\beta} - \beta\|]}$ . With this  $g$  value, our  $MSE_{Bayes}$  should always be lower than the  $MSE_{OLS}$ .

Let  $x = \frac{g}{1+g}$ ,  $b = \|\beta\|^2$ , and finally  $c = MSE_{OLS}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g^2}{(1+g)^2} E_{Y|\beta\phi}[\|\hat{\beta} - \beta\|] + \frac{1}{(1+g)^2} \|\beta\|^2 &< MSE_{OLS} \\ x^2 c + (1-x)^2 b &< c \\ x^2 c + b - 2bx + bx^2 - c &< 0 \\ (b+c)x^2 - 2bx + (b-c) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now this equation has the roots,  $\frac{b \pm c}{b+c}$ , which means that  $x \in (\frac{\|\beta\|^2 - MSE_{OLS}}{\|\beta\|^2 + MSE_{OLS}}, 1)$ , which means that  $MSE_{bayes} < MSE_{OLS}$

Also, note to find the maximal  $g$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2c + (1-x)^2 b &= 0 \\ x^2 c + b - 2bx + bx^2 &= 0 \\ (b+c)x^2 - 2bx + b &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{b}{b+c} \\ \frac{g}{1+g} &= \frac{\|\beta\|^2}{\|\beta\|^2 + MSE_{OLS}} \end{aligned}$$

We can see that the optimal  $g = \frac{||\beta||^2}{MSE_{OLS}}$