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Assumptions of a Regression Model

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i$$

$$E[e_i] = 0 \quad \text{var}[e_i] = \sigma^2$$

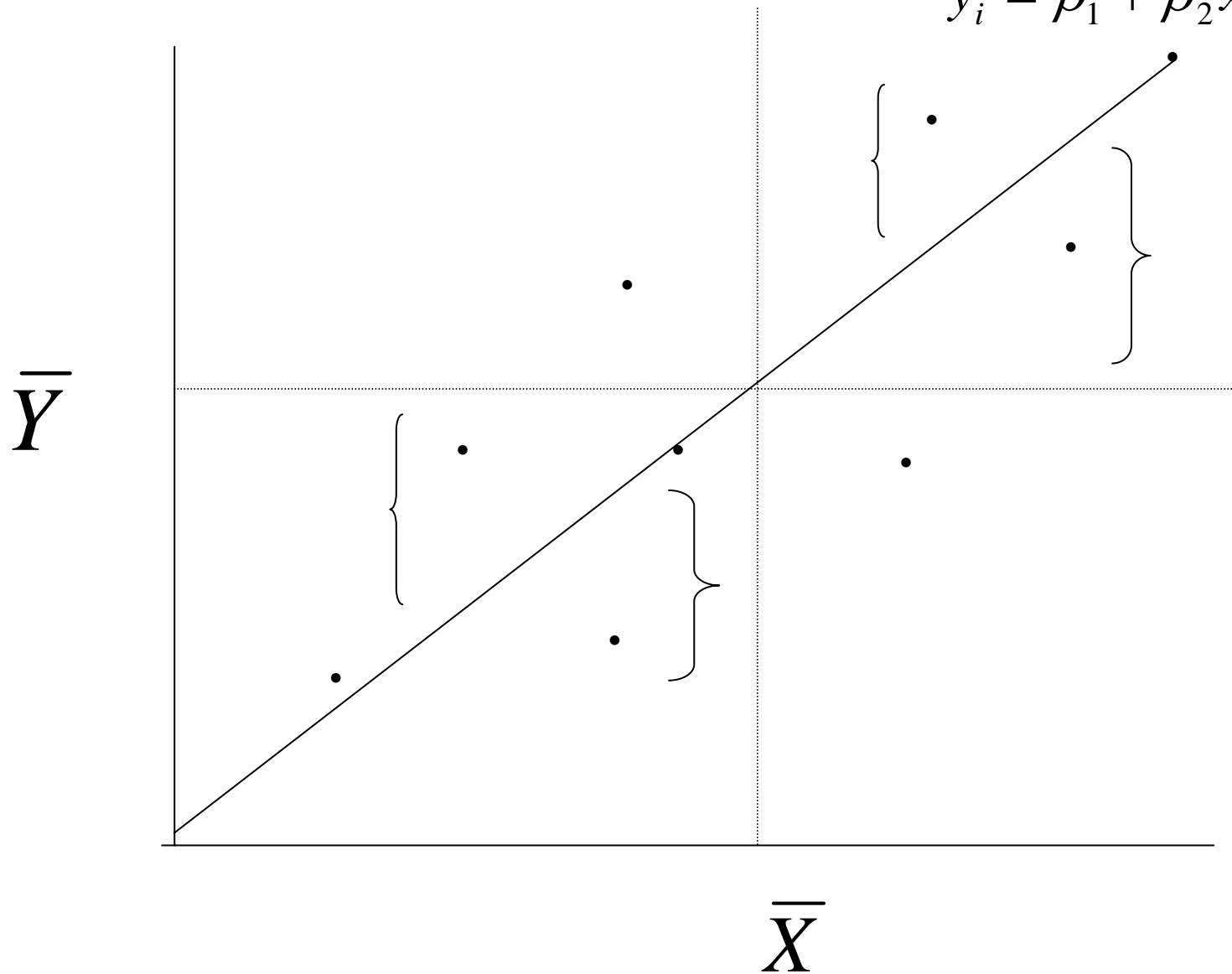
$$\text{cov}(e_i, e_j) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j$$

$$E[e_i x_i] = 0$$

x_i is exogenous, not random

How Regression Can do Better than Means in Prediction ?

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i$$



- The least square line is the line best fits the data set.
- The least square line passes through the average values of variables X and Y;.
- Differences between each observation and the line is represented by error terms .

As some of them are above the line and others below the line positive errors cancel out with the negative errors.

- Each dot in the above graph represents an observation.
- Some observations lie above the least square line and other observations lie below it.

These errors represent missing elements from this relationship.

Omitted variables

Measurement errors

Misspecification

Choose

$\beta_1 \beta_2$ that Minimised the Sum of Error Square
Or best fits the data

$$e_i = Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_i$$

$$S = \sum_i e_i^2 = \sum_i (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_i)^2$$

$$\left(-e_i^2 \right) > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_1} = 2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_i)(-1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_2} = 2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 x_i)(-x_i) = 0$$

Normal Equations and Estimators

$$\sum_i y_i = N\beta_1 + \beta_2 \sum_i x_i$$

$$\sum_i x_i y_i = \beta_1 \sum_i x_i + \beta_2 \sum_i x_i^2$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{N \sum_i x_i y_i - \sum_i x_i \sum_i y_i}{N \sum_i x_i^2 - \left(\sum_i x_i \right)^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{[Total variation]} = \text{[Explained variation]} + \text{[Residual variation]} \\
 \text{df} = \text{T-1} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{K-1} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{T-K-1}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(y_i) &= \sum_i [y_i - \bar{y}]^2 = \sum_i [(y_i - \hat{y}_i + \hat{e}_i)]^2 \\
 &= \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + \sum_i \hat{e}_i^2 + 2 \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \hat{e}_i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(y_i) = \sum_i (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sum_i \hat{e}_i^2$$

$$\therefore \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \hat{e}_i = 0$$

Coefficient of determination

$$1 = \frac{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = \frac{\sum (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} + \frac{\sum \hat{e}_i^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = R^2 + (1 - R^2)$$

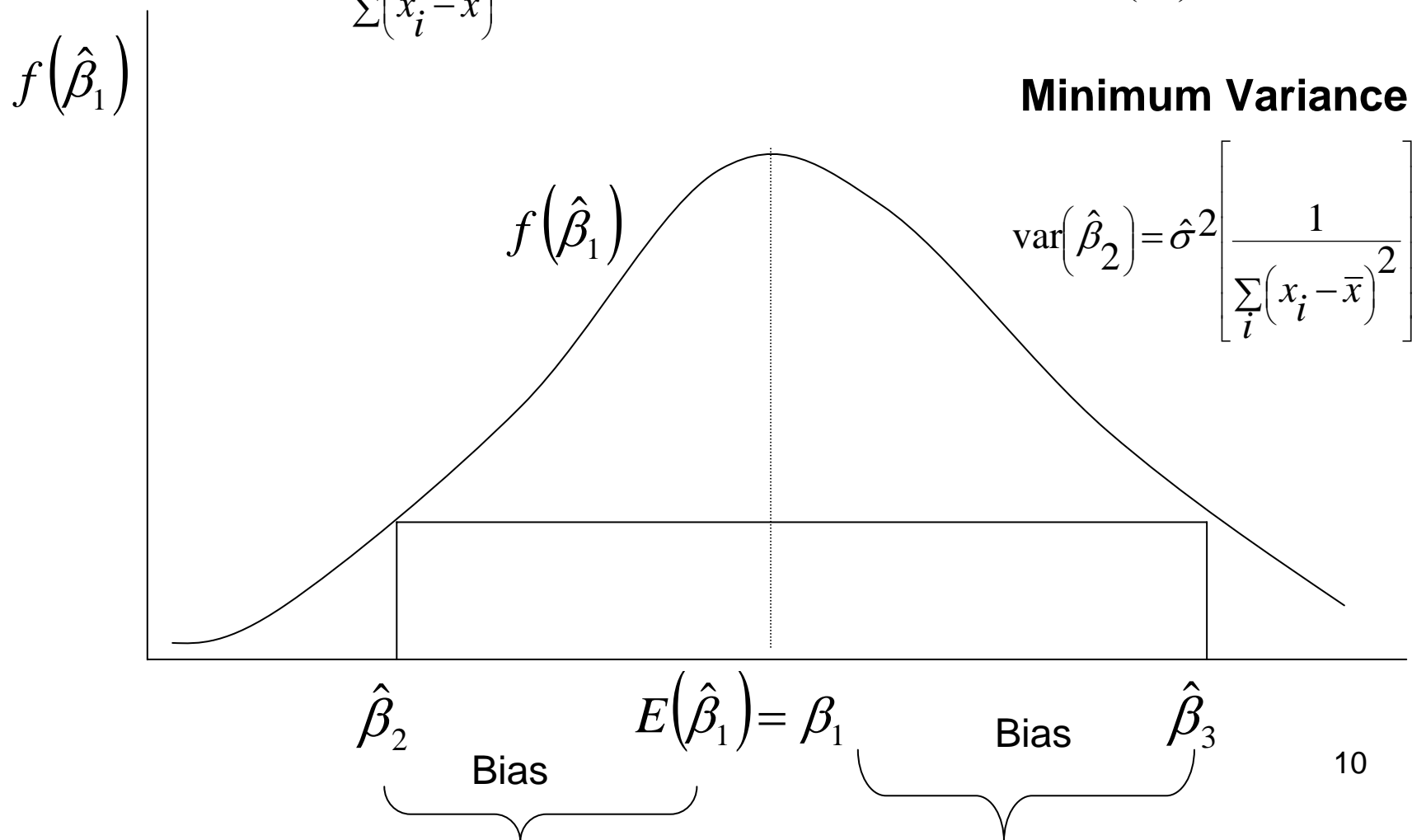
$$R^2 = \frac{\sum (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad 0 \leq R^2 \leq 1$$

Like Parameters R-Square is also a random variable.

Linear, Unbiasedness and Minimum Variance Properties of an Estimator (BLUE Property)

Linearity: $\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})Y_i}{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \sum w_i Y_i$

Unbiasedness $E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1$



Multiple Regression Analysis

Two explanatory variables

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{1,i} + \beta_2 X_{2,i} + e_i$$

A multiple regression Model with k explanatory variables

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{1,i} + \dots + \beta_k X_{k,i} + e_i$$

Wage determination model

$$w = f(S, A, A^2, T, G, L, \varepsilon)$$

Profit

$$\pi = \pi(p, a, a^2, P_c, y, i, w, \varepsilon)$$

Investment

$$I = I(r, w, sk, t, D, P, \varepsilon)$$

Money demand

$$\frac{M}{P} = \frac{M}{P}(i, Y, c, E)$$

Derivation of Normal Equations in a Multiple Regression Analysis

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_1} = 2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{1,i} - \beta_3 X_{2,i}) (-1) = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_2} = 2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{1,i} - \beta_3 X_{2,i}) (-X_{1,i}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \beta_3} = 2 \sum (Y_i - \beta_1 - \beta_2 X_{1,i} - \beta_3 X_{2,i}) (-X_{2,i}) = 0$$

Thus normal equations are

$$\sum_i Y_i = N\beta_1 + \beta_2 \sum_i X_{1,i} + \beta_3 \sum_i X_{2,i} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_i X_{1,i} Y_i = \beta_1 \sum_i X_{1,i} + \beta_2 \sum_i X_{1,i}^2 + \beta_3 \sum_i X_{1,i} X_{2,i} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_i X_{2,i} Y_i = \beta_1 \sum_i X_{2,i} + \beta_2 \sum_i X_{1,i} X_{2,i} + \beta_3 \sum_i X_{2,i}^2 \quad (4)$$

Algebraic Method

It is easier to solve this system in a deviation form defining deviation from

the mean $\sum_i x_{1,i} = \sum_i (X_{1,i} - \bar{X}_1) = 0$; $\sum_i x_{2,i} = \sum_i (X_{2,i} - \bar{X}_2) = 0$;

$$\sum_i y_i = \sum_i (Y_i - \bar{Y}_i) = 0$$

$$\sum_i x_{1,i} y_i = \beta_2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 + \beta_3 \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \quad (3')$$

$$\sum_i x_{2,i} y_i = \beta_2 \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} + \beta_3 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \quad (4')$$

In order get value of β_3 eliminate β_2 by multiplying the (3') by

$\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i}$ and (4') by $\sum_i x_{1,i}^2$

$$\hat{\beta}_3 = \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i} y_i - \sum_i x_{2,i} y_i \sum_i x_{1,i}^2}{\left(\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \right)^2 - \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2}$$

Algebraic Derivation of Parameters

Use value of the $\hat{\beta}_3$ in equation (3') to get value of $\hat{\beta}_2$

$$\sum_i x_{1,i} y_i = \hat{\beta}_2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 + \hat{\beta}_3 \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \quad (3')$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} y_i}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2} = \hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} y_i}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2} - \left[\frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i} y_i - \sum_i x_{2,i} y_i \sum_i x_{1,i}^2}{\left(\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \right)^2 - \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2} \right] \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{2,i} y_i - \sum_i x_{1,i} y_i \sum_i x_{2,i}^2}{\left(\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \right)^2 - \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2}$$

The values of $\hat{\beta}_3$ and $\hat{\beta}_2$ can be used to find the value of $\hat{\beta}_1$.

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{Y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{X}_1 - \hat{\beta}_3 \bar{X}_2$$

Matrix Approach

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N & \sum_i X_{1,i} & \sum_i X_{21,i} \\ \sum_i X_{1,i} & \sum_i X_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i X_{1,i} X_{2,i} \\ \sum_i X_{21,i} & \sum_i X_{1,i} X_{2,i} & \sum_i X_{2,i}^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i Y_i \\ \sum_i Y_i X_{1,i} \\ \sum_i Y_i X_{2,i} \end{bmatrix}$$

$X'X$ $X'Y$

$$= (X'X)^{-1} X'Y$$

Using Cramer's Rule for Deriving the Slope Parameters

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_2 \\ \hat{\beta}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i y_i x_{1,i} \\ \sum_i y_i x_{2,i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i y_i x_{1,i} & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i y_i x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\sum_i y_i x_{1,i} \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \sum_i y_i x_{2,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \right)^2} \quad (19)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i y_i x_{1,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i y_i x_{2,i} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\sum_i y_i x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \sum_i y_i x_{1,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \right)^2} \quad (20)$$

Variance and Covariance of Estimated OLS Parameters

$$\text{cov}(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(\beta_1) & \text{Cov}(\beta_1, \beta_2) & \text{Cov}(\beta_1, \beta_3) \\ \text{Cov}(\beta_1, \beta_2) & \text{var}(\beta_2) & \text{Cov}(\beta_2, \beta_3) \\ \text{Cov}(\beta_1, \beta_3) & \text{Cov}(\beta_2, \beta_3) & \text{var}(\beta_3) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\text{Cov}(\beta) = (X'X)^{-1} \sigma^2$$

This is also true for the deviation form

$$\text{Cov}(\beta) = (x'x)^{-1} \sigma^2 .$$

In this matrix, diagonal elements are variances and off-diagonal elements are corresponding covariance.

Using the property of a symmetric matrix we can write

the variance and covariance of $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_3$.

Estimators of Variance and Covariance of the OLS Estimators

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \frac{\left| \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \right| \hat{\sigma}^2}{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i}}$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_3) = \frac{\left| \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \right| \hat{\sigma}^2}{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i}}$$

$$\text{covar}(\hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\beta}_3) = \frac{\left| \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \right| \hat{\sigma}^2}{\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}x_{2,i}}$$

In order to get the variance of $\hat{\beta}_1$ we need to solve 3 by 3 inverse for $(x'x)^{-1}$ matrix.

Mutlicollinearity

$$\hat{\beta}_3 = \frac{\sum_i y_i x_{2,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 - \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \sum_i y_i x_{1,i}}{\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 - \left(\sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \right)^2} \quad (7.11)$$

- consequences:

Here x_1 is constant, x_2 and x_3 are explanatory variables. Further assume that x_2 and x_3 are perfectly correlated: $x_{2,i} = \lambda x_{1,i}$. Then (7.10) and (7.11) become as following:

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\lambda^2 \sum_i y_i x_{1,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 - \lambda^2 \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i y_i x_{1,i}}{\lambda^2 \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \right)^2 - \lambda^2 \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \right)^2} = \frac{0}{0} = \infty \quad (7.12)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_3 = \frac{\lambda \sum_i y_i x_{1,i} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 - \lambda \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \sum_i y_i x_{1,i}}{\lambda^2 \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \right)^2 - \lambda^2 \left(\sum_i x_{1,i}^2 \right)^2} = \frac{0}{0} = \infty \quad (7.13)$$

This is the proof of the fact that when two variables are exactly correlated to each other¹⁹ the least square procedure completely breaks down.

Breakdown of OLS Estimation In Case of Multicollinearity in Matrix

$$\sum x_1^2 = \sum (X_1 - \bar{X}_1)^2 = \sum X_1^2 - N\bar{X}_1^2 = 21.25 - 5 \times (1.94)^2 = 2.432$$

$$\sum x_2^2 = \sum (X_2 - \bar{X}_2)^2 = \sum X_2^2 - N\bar{X}_2^2 = 531.25 - 5 \times (9.7)^2 = 60.8$$

$$\sum x_1 x_2 = \sum (X_1 - \bar{X}_1)(X_2 - \bar{X}_2) = \sum X_1 X_2 - N\bar{X}_1 \bar{X}_2 = 106.25 - 5(1.94)(9.7) = 12.16$$

In the presence of multicollinearity $|X'X| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sum_i x_{1,i}^2 & \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \\ \sum_i x_{1,i} x_{2,i} & \sum_i x_{2,i}^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2.432 & 12.16 \\ 12.16 & 60.8 \end{vmatrix} = 147.86 - 147.68 = 0$$

Heteroskedasticity

- LS assumption: variance of e_i is constant $\text{var}[e_i] = \sigma^2$ for

every i th observation, $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right]$ but it is

possible that

$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma^2 x_i$$

Causes: Learning, growth, improved data collection, outliers, omitted variables;

Autocorrelation

Assumption behind the OLS

$$\text{cov}(e_i, e_j) = 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j$$

Autocorrelation exists when

$$\text{cov}(e_i, e_j) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } i \neq j$$

$$e_i = \rho e_{i-1} + v_i \quad v_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

ρ correlation coefficient between -1 and 1

Linearity of the OLS Estimators

Linear regression model: $Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i$

Linearity of estimator $\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

Proof: $\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})Y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \sum w_i Y_i$;

$w_i = \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = a$ is a constant Y is the only random

variable.

Since $\hat{\beta}_2$ is linear the $\hat{\beta}_1$ is also linear. $\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}$.

Unbiasedness of the Intercept Parameter

- $E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \beta_1$

Proofs:

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1) = E(\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}) = E\left[\frac{\sum_i y_i}{n} - \frac{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \bar{x} \right]$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sum \left[\frac{1}{n} - \bar{x} w_i \right] E(y_i) = \sum \left[\frac{1}{n} - \bar{x} w_i \right] E(\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i)$$

or

$$E(\hat{\beta}_1) = \sum_i \left[\frac{1}{n} - \bar{x} w_i \right] (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i) = \left[\beta_1 - \beta_1 \bar{x} \sum_i w_i + \beta_2 \frac{\sum_i x_i}{n} \right]$$

$$= \beta_1$$

where $w_i = \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$

Unbiasedness of the Slope Parameter

- $E(\hat{\beta}_2) = \beta_2$

Proof:

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \sum w_i y_i = \sum w_i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i)$$

- $E(\hat{\beta}_2) = E[\sum w_i y_i] = E[\sum w_i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i)]$ Since
 $= E[\sum w_i \beta_1 + \beta_2 \sum w_i x_i + \sum w_i e_i] = \beta_2$
 $\sum w_i \beta_1 = \beta_1 \sum w_i = 0; \quad \sum w_i e_i = 0$

Variance of the Intercept Parameter

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 - E(\hat{\beta}_1) = (\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}) - (\bar{y} - \beta_2 \bar{x})$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1 = (\bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_2 \bar{x}) - (\bar{y} - \beta_2 \bar{x}) \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_1 - \beta_1 = -\bar{x}(\hat{\beta}_2 - \beta_2)$$

$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_1) = \bar{x}^2 \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2)$: Since \bar{x}^2 is a constant the estimate of variance of $\hat{\beta}_1$ has the minimum variance if $\hat{\beta}_2$ has the minimum variance.

Variance of the Slope Parameter

- $$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right]$$

It was proved above that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\beta}_2) &= E[\sum w_i y_i] = E[\sum w_i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i)] \\ &= E[\sum w_i \beta_1 + \beta_2 \sum w_i x_i + \sum w_i e_i] = \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = E[E(\hat{\beta}_2) - \beta_2]^2 =$$

$$E[\sum w_i e_i]^2 = \left[\sum w_{ii}^2 E(e_i)^2 \right] = \hat{\sigma}^2 \frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Linear and Unbiased Alternative Estimator

Let there be another estimator b_2 which is also linear and unbiased

$$b_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

Proof: $b_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})Y_i}{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} = \sum k_i Y_i; k_i = w_i + c_i$

$$\begin{aligned} b_2 &= \sum k_i Y_i = \sum k_i E(\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i) \\ &= \sum (w_i + c_i) E(\beta_1 + \beta_2 x_i + e_i) \\ &= E[\beta_1 \sum w_i + \beta_2 \sum w_i x_i + \sum w_i e_i + \beta_1 \sum c_i + \beta_2 \sum c_i x_i + \sum c_i e_i] \end{aligned}$$

Unbiasedness requires that $\sum c_i = 0$ $\sum c_i x_i = 0$

$$b_2 = \beta_2 + \sum (w_i + c_i) e_i$$

Proof of the Minimum Variance of the OLS Estimator

$$b_2 = \beta_2 + \sum (w_i + c_i) e_i$$

$$\text{var}(b_2) = E(b_2 - \beta_2)^2 = E\left[\sum (w_i + c_i) e_i\right]^2$$

$$\text{var}(b_2) = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right] + \hat{\sigma}^2 \sum c_i^2$$

Thus the variance of this alternative estimator bigger than the

variance of the OLS estimator $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2) = \hat{\sigma}^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \right]$.

$$\text{var}(b_2) > \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_2)$$

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