

Regression Analysis

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 - Linear Regression: Overview
 - Ordinary Least Squares (OLS)
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 - Mean and Covariance of Least Squares Estimates
 - Distribution Theory: Normal Regression Models

Multiple Linear Regression: Setup

Data Set

- n cases $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- 1 Response (dependent) variable

$$y_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- p Explanatory (independent) variables

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \dots, x_{i,p})^T, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Goal of Regression Analysis:

- Extract/exploit relationship between y_i and \mathbf{x}_i .

Examples

- Prediction
- Causal Inference
- Approximation
- Functional Relationships

General Linear Model: For each case i , the conditional distribution $[y_i | x_i]$ is given by

$$y_i = \hat{y}_i + \epsilon_i$$

where

- $\hat{y}_i = \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \beta_2 x_{i,2} + \dots + \beta_{i,p} x_{i,p}$
- $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p)^T$ are p regression parameters (constant over all cases)
- ϵ_i Residual (error) variable (varies over all cases)

Extensive breadth of possible models

- Polynomial approximation ($x_{i,j} = (x_i)^j$, explanatory variables are different powers of the same variable $x = x_i$)
- Fourier Series: ($x_{i,j} = \sin(jx_i)$ or $\cos(jx_i)$, explanatory variables are different sin/cos terms of a Fourier series expansion)
- Time series regressions: time indexed by i , and explanatory variables include lagged response values.

Note: *Linearity* of \hat{y}_i (in regression parameters) maintained with non-linear x .

Steps for Fitting a Model

- (1) Propose a model in terms of
 - Response variable Y (specify the scale)
 - Explanatory variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p (include different functions of explanatory variables if appropriate)
 - Assumptions about the distribution of ϵ over the cases
- (2) Specify/define a criterion for judging different estimators.
- (3) Characterize the best estimator and apply it to the given data.
- (4) Check the assumptions in (1).
- (5) If necessary modify model and/or assumptions and go to (1).

Specifying Assumptions in (1) for Residual Distribution

- Gauss-Markov: zero mean, constant variance, uncorrelated
- Normal-linear models: ϵ_j are i.i.d. $N(0, \sigma^2)$ r.v.s
- Generalized Gauss-Markov: zero mean, and general covariance matrix (possibly correlated, possibly heteroscedastic)
- Non-normal/non-Gaussian distributions (e.g., Laplace, Pareto, Contaminated normal: some fraction $(1 - \delta)$ of the ϵ_j are i.i.d. $N(0, \sigma^2)$ r.v.s the remaining fraction (δ) follows some contamination distribution).

Specifying Estimator Criterion in (2)

- Least Squares
- Maximum Likelihood
- Robust (Contamination-resistant)
- Bayes (assume β_j are r.v.'s with known *prior* distribution)
- Accommodating incomplete/missing data

Case Analyses for (4) Checking Assumptions

- Residual analysis
 - Model errors ϵ_i are unobservable
 - Model residuals for fitted regression parameters $\tilde{\beta}_j$ are:

$$e_i = y_i - [\tilde{\beta}_1 x_{i,1} + \tilde{\beta}_2 x_{i,2} + \cdots + \tilde{\beta}_p x_{i,p}]$$

- Influence diagnostics (identify cases which are highly 'influential'?)
- Outlier detection

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Ordinary Least Squares Estimates

Least Squares Criterion: For $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p)^T$, define

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\beta) &= \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - \hat{y}_i]^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (\beta_1 x_{i,1} + \beta_2 x_{i,2} + \dots + \beta_p x_{i,p})]^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ordinary Least-Squares (OLS) estimate $\hat{\beta}$: minimizes $Q(\beta)$.

Matrix Notation

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & \cdots & x_{1,p} \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & \cdots & x_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n,1} & x_{n,2} & \cdots & x_{n,p} \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving for OLS Estimate $\hat{\beta}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} \text{ and}$$

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 = (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})^T (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

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

OLS $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ solves $\frac{\partial Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_j} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, p$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial Q(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - (x_{i,1}\beta_1 + x_{i,2}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{i,p}\beta_p)]^2 \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2(-x_{i,j})[y_i - (x_{i,1}\beta_1 + x_{i,2}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{i,p}\beta_p)] \\ &= -2(\mathbf{X}_{[j]})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{X}_{[j]} \text{ is the } j\text{th column of } \mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

Solving for OLS Estimate $\hat{\beta}$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_1} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial \beta_p} \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{[1]}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) \\ \mathbf{X}_{[2]}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_{[p]}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) \end{bmatrix} = -2\mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)$$

So the OLS Estimate $\hat{\beta}$ solves the **“Normal Equations”**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) &= \mathbf{0} \\ \iff \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \hat{\beta} &= \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \\ \implies \hat{\beta} &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

N.B. For $\hat{\beta}$ to exist (uniquely)

$(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})$ must be invertible

$\iff \mathbf{X}$ must have Full Column Rank

(Ordinary) Least Squares Fit

OLS Estimate:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_p \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \quad \text{Fitted Values:}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \hat{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1,1}\hat{\beta}_1 + \cdots + x_{1,p}\hat{\beta}_p \\ x_{2,1}\hat{\beta}_1 + \cdots + x_{2,p}\hat{\beta}_p \\ \vdots \\ x_{n,1}\hat{\beta}_1 + \cdots + x_{n,p}\hat{\beta}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$$

Where $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$ is the $n \times n$ "Hat Matrix"

(Ordinary) Least Squares Fit

The Hat Matrix \mathbf{H} projects R^n onto the column-space of \mathbf{X}

Residuals: $\hat{\epsilon}_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\epsilon}_1 \\ \hat{\epsilon}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\epsilon}_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{H})\mathbf{y}$$

Normal Equations: $\mathbf{X}^T(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{X}^T\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \mathbf{0}_p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

N.B. The Least-Squares Residuals vector $\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$ is orthogonal to the column space of \mathbf{X}

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Vector-Valued Random Variables

Random Vector and Mean Vector

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix} \quad E[\mathbf{Y}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_Y = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{bmatrix}$$

where

- Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n have joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$
- $E(Y_i) = \mu_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Covariance Matrix

- $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma_{ii}, i = 1, \dots, n$
- $\text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j) = \sigma_{ij}, i, j = 1, \dots, n$

$\Sigma = \|\sigma_{ij}\|$: $(n \times n)$ matrix with (i, j) element σ_{ij}

Vector-Valued Random Variables

Covariance Matrix

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1,1} & \sigma_{1,2} & \cdots & \sigma_{1,p} \\ \sigma_{2,1} & \sigma_{2,2} & \cdots & \sigma_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{n,1} & \sigma_{n,2} & \cdots & \sigma_{p,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem. Suppose

- \mathbf{Y} is a random n -vector with $E(\mathbf{Y}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_Y$ and $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{\Sigma}_{YY}$
- \mathbf{A} is a fixed $(m \times n)$ matrix
- \mathbf{c} is a fixed $(m \times 1)$ vector.

Then for the random m -vector: $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}$

- $E(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{A}E(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}_Y$
- $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{\Sigma}_{ZZ} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Sigma}_{YY}\mathbf{A}^T$

Vector-Valued Random Variables

Random m -vector: $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}$

Example 1

- Y_i i.i.d. with mean μ and variance σ^2 .
- $\mathbf{c} = 0$ and $\mathbf{A} = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$. ($m = 1$)

Example 2

- Y_i i.i.d. with mean μ and variance σ^2 .
- $\mathbf{c} = 0$ and $\mathbf{A} = [1/n, 1/n, \dots, 1/n]^T$. ($m = 1$)

Example 3

- Y_i i.i.d. with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

- $\mathbf{c} = 0$ and $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \cdots 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \cdots 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \cdots 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Vector-Valued Random Variables

Quadratic Form

- \mathbf{A} an $(n \times n)$ symmetric matrix
- \mathbf{x} an n -vector (an $n \times 1$ matrix)

$$\begin{aligned} QF(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}) &= \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_i A_{ij} x_j \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. Let \mathbf{X} be a random n -vector with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$. For fixed $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A}

$$E[\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}] = \text{trace}(\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

(trace of a square matrix is sum of diagonal terms).

Example: If $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$, then $E[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2] = (n-1)\sigma^2$

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T$
- $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

Vector-Valued Random Variables

Theorem. Let

- \mathbf{X} be a random n -vector with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.

- For fixed $p \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$$

- For fixed $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{B}

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{X}$$

Then the cross-covariance matrix of \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{Z} is

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{B}^T$$

Example: If \mathbf{X} is a random n -vector with

mean $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mu\mathbf{1}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$.

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T$
- $\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}$

Solve for \mathbf{Y} , \mathbf{Z} and $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z})$

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Least Squares Estimate

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_p \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$$

- Mean:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= E(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}) \\ &= \mathbf{A} E(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &= (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

- Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) &= \mathbf{A} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{A}^T \\ &= \mathbf{A} (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A}^T = \sigma^2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T \\ &= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Normal Linear Regression Models

Distribution Theory

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= x_{i,1}\beta_1 + x_{i,2}\beta_2 + \cdots + x_{i,p}\beta_p + \epsilon_i \\ &= \mu_i + \epsilon_i \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n\}$ are i.i.d $N(0, \sigma^2)$.

$\implies [Y_i \mid x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \dots, x_{i,p}, \beta, \sigma^2] \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$,
independent over $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Conditioning on \mathbf{X} , β , and σ^2

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon, \text{ where } \epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \epsilon_n \end{pmatrix} \sim N_n(\mathbf{0}_n, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

Distribution Theory

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{pmatrix} = E(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y} \mid \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 & & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$$

That is, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{i,j} = \text{Cov}(Y_i, Y_j \mid \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \sigma^2 \times \delta_{i,j}$.

Apply Moment-Generating Functions (MGFs) to derive

- Joint distribution of $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^T$
- Joint distribution of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)^T$.

MGF of \mathbf{Y}

For the n -variate r.v. \mathbf{Y} , and constant n -vector $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_n)^T$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{t}) &= E(e^{\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{Y}}) = E(e^{t_1 Y_1 + t_2 Y_2 + \dots + t_n Y_n}) \\
 &= E(e^{t_1 Y_1}) \cdot E(e^{t_2 Y_2}) \dots E(e^{t_n Y_n}) \\
 &= M_{Y_1}(t_1) \cdot M_{Y_2}(t_2) \dots M_{Y_n}(t_n) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{t_i \mu_i + \frac{1}{2} t_i^2 \sigma^2} \\
 &= e^{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mu_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,k=1}^n t_i \Sigma_{i,k} t_k} = e^{\mathbf{t}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

Multivariate Normal with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

MGF of $\hat{\beta}$

For the p -variate r.v. $\hat{\beta}$, and constant p -vector $\boldsymbol{\tau} = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_p)^T$,

$$M_{\hat{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = E(e^{\boldsymbol{\tau}^T \hat{\beta}}) = E(e^{\tau_1 \hat{\beta}_1 + \tau_2 \hat{\beta}_2 + \dots + \tau_p \hat{\beta}_p})$$

Defining $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$ we can express

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\hat{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) &= E(e^{\boldsymbol{\tau}^T \hat{\beta}}) \\
 &= E(e^{\boldsymbol{\tau}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{Y}}) \\
 &= E(e^{\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{Y}}), \text{ with } \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\tau} \\
 &= M_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{t}) \\
 &= e^{\mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

MGF of $\hat{\beta}$

For

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\hat{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) &= E(e^{\boldsymbol{\tau}^T \hat{\beta}}) \\ &= e^{\boldsymbol{t}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{t}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{t}} \end{aligned}$$

Plug in:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{t} &= \mathbf{A}^T \boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu} &= \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma} &= \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n \end{aligned}$$

Gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{t}^T \boldsymbol{\mu} &= \boldsymbol{\tau}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ \boldsymbol{t}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{t} &= \boldsymbol{\tau}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T [\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n] \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\tau}^T [\sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}] \boldsymbol{\tau} \end{aligned}$$

So the MGF of $\hat{\beta}$ is

$$M_{\hat{\beta}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = e^{\boldsymbol{\tau}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\tau}^T [\sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}] \boldsymbol{\tau}}$$

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

Marginal Distributions of Least Squares Estimates

Because

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

the marginal distribution of each $\hat{\beta}_j$ is:

$$\hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, \sigma^2 C_{j,j})$$

where $C_{j,j} = j$ th diagonal element of $(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$

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