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**TMA4267 Linear Statistical Models V2014 (13)**  
**Multiple linear regression, properties of estimators [3.2-3.4]**

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# Acid rain in Norwegian lakes

Measured pH in Norwegian lakes explained by content of

- $x_1$ :  $SO_4$ : sulfate (the salt of sulfuric acid),
- $x_2$ :  $NO_3$ : nitrate (the conjugate base of nitric acid),
- $x_3$ :  $Ca$ : calcium,
- $x_4$ : latent  $Al$ : aluminium,
- $x_5$ : organic substance,
- $x_6$ : area of lake,
- $x_7$ : position of lake (Telemark or Trøndelag),

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Multiple linear regression (MLR)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 Y & = & X & \beta & + & \varepsilon \\
 n \times 1 & & n \times p & p \times 1 & & n \times 1 \\
 | & & | & | & & | \\
 \text{response} & & \text{design} & \text{parameter} & & \text{error} \\
 & & \text{matrix} & \text{vector} & & 
 \end{array}$$

i) where  $\varepsilon_i$  are i.i.d with  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$ .

ii) And add normality  $\varepsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$ .

Normal equations:  $(X^T X) \hat{\beta} = X^T Y$

Estimator:  $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$

# Multiple linear regression model

$$Y_i = \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \varepsilon_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

Matrix formulation:

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ (n \times 1) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{X} & \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ (n \times p) & (p \times 1) \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \\ (n \times 1) \end{matrix}$$

$$E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{0} \\ (n \times 1) \end{matrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \begin{matrix} \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \\ (n \times 1) \end{matrix}$$

where

- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\sigma^2$  are unknown parameters and
- the design matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  has  $i$ th row  $[x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip}]$ .

## Performing MLR in practice

Numerical note:

The normal equations can in practice be solved by using the QR decomposition of  $X$ . See book p 68-69 for details.

$$X = QR$$

$$(X^T X) b = X^T y \iff R b = Q^T y$$

upper triangular                      orthogonal

solved by  
backsubstitution

R: try out the LIS.r script to analyse acid rain

Main function to use is "lm".

Finding :  $\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.68 \\ -0.32 \\ \vdots \\ 0.09 \end{bmatrix}$

# Least squares estimation

- $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  with  $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{X}$  has full rank  $p \leq n$ .
- The Least Squares Estimate (LSE) of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is given by

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

## Properties of $\hat{\beta}$ (3.3)

First, not assume normality, only assume

$$E(\varepsilon) = 0 \text{ and } \text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}.$$

And,  $Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ ,

$$E(Y) = X\beta \quad \text{Cov}(Y) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

The LS estimator  $\hat{\beta} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_{G} Y = G Y$

1) Observe that  $\hat{\beta}$  is linear in the data  $Y$ .

2) Mean:  $E(\hat{\beta}) = E(GY) = G \underbrace{E(Y)}_{X\beta} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_{\mathbf{I}} X\beta = \beta$

$\hat{\beta}$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\beta$ .

3) Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) &= \text{Cov}(GY) = G \underbrace{\text{Cov}(Y)}_{\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}} G^T \\ &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T]^T \\ &= \sigma^2 \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X (X^T X)^{-1}}_{\mathbf{I}} = \underline{\underline{\sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}}} \\ &= \sigma^2 C^{-1} \quad (\text{book notation}) \end{aligned}$$

# Properties of LS-estimates

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

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta \text{ and } \text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

The matrix  $C = X^T X$  is called the information matrix, and is SPD if  $X$  has full rank.  
(symmetric, positive definite)

Note that in a designed experiment we may ourselves define  $\mathcal{X}$ . In the topic of Design of Experiments (DOE)  $\mathcal{X}$  is designed to be optimal in some sense.

For example  $X$  may be chosen to minimize a function of  $(X^T X)^{-1}$ , e.g. make the variances or covariances small.

We will look at a so-called  $2^k$  experiment, where  $X$  is chosen with orthogonal columns so that  $(X^T X)$  is a diagonal matrix, and thus all  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_j, \hat{\beta}_k) = 0$ .

Best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE) ↙ general matrix

Among all unbiased linear estimator  $\hat{\beta} = BY$

$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$  has the minimum variance in each component

$\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}$  is BLUE.

Proof: page 73 of BF.

# Gauss' LS theorem

- $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  with  $E(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\text{Cov}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$ .
- And  $\mathbf{X}$  has full rank  $p \leq n$ .
- $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{Y}$ .

Then, for any vector  $\mathbf{c}$ , the estimator

$$\mathbf{c}^T\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

of  $\mathbf{c}^T\boldsymbol{\beta}$  has the *smallest possible variance* among all linear estimators that are *unbiased* for  $\mathbf{c}^T\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

## Maximum likelihood estimator of $\sigma$

Assume  $Y_i$  independent  $N(X_i\beta, \sigma^2)$   
row vector of  $X$  matrix

Log-likelihood ↙ lecture 12

$$l(\beta, \sigma^2) = \ln L(\beta, \sigma)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma} = 0 - \frac{n}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) = 0$$

At the likelihood maximum  $\beta = \hat{\beta}$ , so we insert  $\hat{\beta}$  and solve for  $\sigma^2$  to get  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ :

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{(Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta})}$$

SSE  $\leftarrow$  a RV and a statistic

## New notation

error

$$Y = X\beta + \underbrace{\varepsilon}_{\text{error}}$$

$$\hat{Y}_{n \times 1} = X\hat{\beta} \quad \text{is called fitted values}$$

$$e_{n \times 1} = Y - \hat{Y} = Y - X\hat{\beta} \quad \leftarrow \text{called } \underline{\text{residuals}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} \quad SSE = (Y - X\hat{\beta})^T (Y - X\hat{\beta}) = e^T e$$

↑  
sums of squared residuals

## ML estimation of $\sigma$

The MLE for  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - X_i\hat{\beta})^2$$

This may also be written in a slightly different way:

— First, fitted values of  $\mathbf{Y}$ :

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

— The residuals:

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})$$

— and then the Sums-of-squares-of-error:

$$\text{SSE} = \mathbf{e}^T\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})^T(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta})$$

— with leads to

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n}\text{SSE}$$

## Projection matrices

$$\hat{Y} = X\hat{\beta} = \underbrace{X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_H Y = HY$$

<sup>H</sup>  
putting a hat on y  
(in book use  $\hat{y}$  - overboxed)

$$e = Y - \hat{Y} = Y - HY = (I - H)Y$$

Observe:

$$1) \underbrace{H}_{n \times n} H = X \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X}_{I} (X^T X)^{-1} X^T = X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T = H$$

$$2) \text{Homework: } (I - H)(I - H) = (I - H)$$

$$3) H \cdot (I - H) = H - HH = H - H = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
 $A^2 = A$   
idempotent

In general: A linear transformation  $A$  is a projection (into a vector space  $V$ ) if  $A^2 = AA = A$  (idempotent).

$$\text{Then } V = \underbrace{\text{Im}(A)} \oplus \underbrace{\text{Ker}(A)}$$

Image of  $A$   
= subspace spanned  
by the columns of  $A$

direct sum

kernel of  $A$   
= subspace spanned by  
the column vectors  $x$  such that  
 $Ax = 0$ . Also called null space

any vector in  $V$  can be uniquely  
written as a sum of a vector in  $\text{Im}(A)$   
and a vector in  $\text{Ker}(A)$

Also:  $\text{Im}(A) = \text{Ker}(I - A)$  and  $\text{Ker}(A) = \text{Im}(I - A)$

In our case:

$$H = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$$

$$H^T = H$$

$$\text{and } (I-H)^T = (I-H)$$

If a projection matrix  $A$  is symmetric it is also orthogonal. That is,  $A$  is an orthogonal projection.

This means that  $\text{Im}(A)$  and  $\text{ker}(A)$  are orthogonal vector spaces. And, thus are  $\text{Im}(A)$  and  $\text{Im}(I-A)$  orthogonal vector spaces.

Back to  $H, (I-H)$ , MLR:

$\hat{Y} = HY$  is the projection of  $Y$  onto the space spanned by the columns of  $H$ . And,  $HX = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X = X$  so the column space of  $H$  and  $X$  are the same.

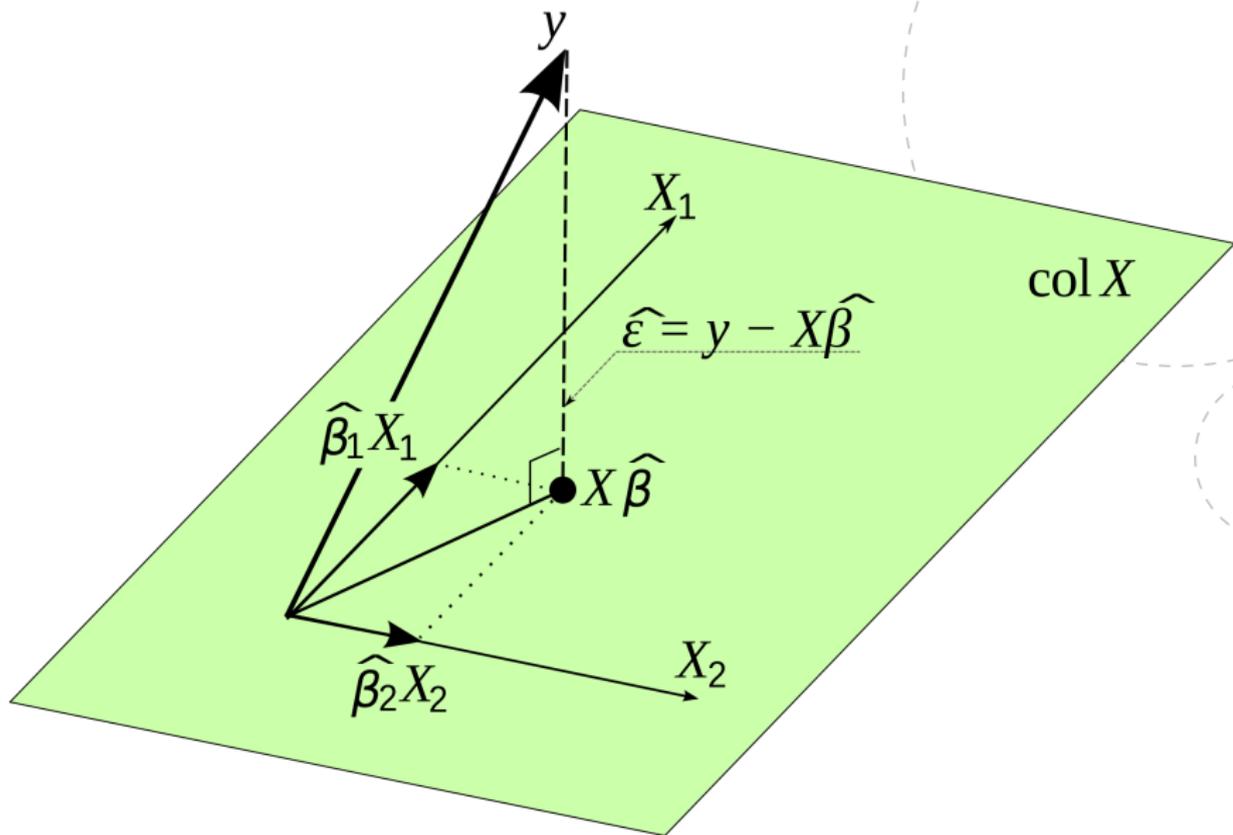
Further:  $e = (I-H)Y$  is the projection of  $Y$  onto the space orthogonal to the space spanned by the columns of  $H$ .

# Geometry of Least Squares

- Mean response vector:  $E(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X}\beta$
- As  $\beta$  varies,  $\mathbf{X}\beta$  spans the model plane of all linear combinations. I.e. the space spanned by the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$ : the column-space of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- Due to random error (and unobserved covariates),  $\mathbf{y}$  is not exactly a linear combination of the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- LS-estimation chooses  $\hat{\beta}$  such that  $\mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}$  is the point in the column-space of  $\mathbf{X}$  that is closest to  $\mathbf{y}$ .

## Geometry of Least Squares (cont.)

- The residual vector  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{Y} - \hat{\mathbf{Y}}$  is perpendicular to the column-space of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- Multiplication by  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$  projects a vector onto the column-space of  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- Multiplication by  $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T$  projects a vector onto the space perpendicular to the column-space of  $\mathbf{X}$ .



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:OLS\\_geometric\\_interpretation.svg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:OLS_geometric_interpretation.svg)

# Properties of symmetric projection matrices

A projection  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix is idempotent,  $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$ . A symmetric projection matrix is orthogonal.

1. The eigenvalues of a projection matrix are 0 and 1.
2. The rank of a symmetric matrix (actually: a diagonalizable quadratic matrix) equals the number of nonzero eigenvalues of the matrix. Should be known from previous courses.
3. (Combining 1+2). If a  $(n \times n)$  symmetric projection matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has rank  $r$  then  $r$  eigenvalues are 1 and  $n - r$  are 0.
4. The trace and rank of a symmetric projection matrix are equal:  $tr(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ .