

Properties of $\hat{\beta}$

$$\hat{\beta} = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T}_{C} Y \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{RV} \end{array}$$

C
= constants

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

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon \quad \begin{array}{l} E(\epsilon) = 0 \\ \text{Cov}(\epsilon) = \sigma^2 I \end{array}$$

Find $E(\hat{\beta})$ and $\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta})$:

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E(CY) = C E(Y) = \underbrace{(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X}_{I} \beta = \underline{\underline{\beta}}$$

unbiased

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}) = \text{Cov}(CY) = C \underbrace{\text{Cov}(Y)}_{\sigma^2 I} C^T$$

$$= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \sigma^2 I [(X^T X)^{-1} X^T]^T$$

$$= \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1} \underbrace{X^T X (X^T X)^{-1}}_I$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1}}}$$

$X^T X$ is symmetric
 $(X^T X)^{-1}$ is symmetric