

Linear Regression

~~Assume~~

y_i = dependent variable for the i^{th} observation

x_{ij} = j^{th} explanatory variable for i^{th} obs.

these are r.v.'s

A1 Linearity

each obs $y_i = x_{i1}\beta_1 + x_{i2}\beta_2 + \dots + x_{ik}\beta_k + \epsilon_i \quad i=1, \dots, n$

in matrix notation
$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

$$n \times 1 \quad n \times k \quad k \times 1 \quad n \times 1$$

but neither β nor ϵ is observed

Note: this is more versatile than it seems. Suppose the model is

~~$y = \epsilon A x \beta$~~
 $y = \epsilon A x \beta$
 $\log y = \log \epsilon + \log A + \beta \log x$

This is now in the desired form (called loglinear form or constant elasticity)

semilog: $\ln y_t = x_t' \beta + \epsilon_t$

A2 Strict exogeneity

$E(\epsilon_i | X) = 0 \quad \forall i$

equiv

$E(\epsilon_i | x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$

x doesn't convey info about expected value of ϵ
~~orthogonal/unrelated to~~ ϵ

if the $1, \dots, n$ are t -s obs, this says the error is unrelated to all past and future regressors

Note that most regressions have a constant term

Implications of A2

unconditional $E(\epsilon_i) = 0$ by law of iterated expectations
 $E(\epsilon_i) = E_x[E(\epsilon_i | X)] = E_x[0]$
 $= E_x[0]$

error term is orthogonal to all regressors - own and others

(2) $E(X_{jk} \epsilon_i) = 0 \quad \forall i, j = 1, \dots, n \quad k = 1, \dots, K$

Pf.

~~By law of iterated expectations $E(\epsilon_i | X_{jk}) = E[E(\epsilon_i | X)] | X_{jk}] = 0$~~

~~$E(\epsilon_i | X_{jk}) = 0$ by strict exogeneity~~

$E(X_{jk} \epsilon_i) = E[E(X_{jk} \epsilon_i | X_{jk})]$ by law of iterated exp.

$= E[X_{jk} E(\epsilon_i | X_{jk})]$ by linear cond'l exp

$= 0$ by strict exogeneity

Since $E(\epsilon_i) = 0$, this also means $Cov(X_{jk}, \epsilon_i) = 0$

Ex. failure of strict exogeneity

A2(1)

$y_i = \beta y_{i-1} + \epsilon_i$

Suppose ~~$E(y_{i-1} \epsilon_i) = 0$~~

$E[y_{i-1} \epsilon_i] = 0$

Then

$E[y_i \epsilon_i] = E[(\beta y_{i-1} + \epsilon_i) \epsilon_i]$

$= E[\underbrace{\beta y_{i-1} \epsilon_i}_0 + \underbrace{\epsilon_i^2}]$

$= E[\epsilon_i^2] > 0$ in gen

and y_i is the regressor for obs $i+1$, \Rightarrow violates (A2)

A3 X has full column rank (rank K)

\Rightarrow columns of X are linearly indep

\Rightarrow at least K observations

Ex. \otimes collinearity

$R_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 CEO\text{salary}_i + \beta_2 CEO\text{bonus}_i + \beta_3 CEO\text{totalincome}_i + \epsilon_i$

where $\text{salary} + \text{bonus} = \text{total income}$

Define $\beta'_1 = \beta_1 + a$

$\beta'_3 = \beta_3 - a$

so $\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3$

$\beta'_2 = \beta_2 + a$

this works also

underid'd

$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$ but σ^2 not observed. what to do?

Recall that

$$e = My = M(X\beta + \epsilon) = M\epsilon$$

$$\text{so } e'e = e'M\epsilon$$

$$\text{Now } E(e'e | X) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j | X)$$

because M is a fn of X

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n m_{ii} \sigma^2$$

$$= \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n m_{ii}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \text{trace}(M)$$

(defn of trace for square matrix)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trace}(M) &= \text{trace}(I - P) = \text{trace}(I) - \text{trace}(P) \\ &= n - \text{trace}(P) \end{aligned}$$

by linearity of trace

$$\text{trace}(P) = \text{trace}(X(X'X)^{-1}X')$$

$$= \text{trace}((X'X)^{-1}(X'X))$$

$$= \text{trace}(I_k) = k$$

$$\text{trace}(AB) = \text{trace}(BA)$$

$$\text{so } E(e'e | X) = \sigma^2 \cdot (n - k)$$

$$E(S^2) = \frac{e'e}{n - k} \quad E(S^2) = \sigma^2$$

(also unbiased unconditionally)

$$\text{and } \widehat{\text{var}}(\hat{\beta} | X) = S^2 (X'X)^{-1}$$

In order to conduct inference, we need a dist'n for $\hat{\beta}$

(A5) normal errors

$$\underline{\epsilon} | X \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I) \Rightarrow \hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1})$$

why does this work?

ϵ, X are indep

note that we got the mean and var above. Add normality and were done

(A4) Spherical error variance

$$\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i^2 | X) = \sigma^2 \quad \forall i$$

homoskedasticity

$$\text{cov}(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_j | X) = 0$$

no c-s or t-s correlation

or equiv.

$$E[\varepsilon\varepsilon' | X] = \sigma^2 I$$

In experimental sciences, X is fixed or deterministic

In social sciences, X is often stochastic as well. So we

view (y, X) as a ~~set of~~ r.v.'s

That's why we condition on X here.

If X is fixed, then

$$(A2): E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$$

$$(A4): E(\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j') = \sigma^2 I$$

Sometimes we'll suppress the | X, but don't forget it's always there
ε's must be uncorr'd w/ even ~~the~~ regressor

Now back to the OLS problem in matrix form

$$\hat{\beta}_{OLS} = \underset{\beta}{\text{argmin}} (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta) \quad (\text{now SSR})$$

~~FOC~~

$$y'y - \beta'X'y - y'X\beta + \beta'X'X\beta$$

$$y'y - 2\beta'X'y + \beta'X'X\beta$$

FOC

$$\partial/\partial\beta = 0$$

~~$$-2y'X + 2\beta'X'X$$~~

$$-2X'y + 2X'X\hat{\beta} = 0$$

by (A2), (X'X)⁻¹ exists, so

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}(X'y)$$

Define $e = y - X\hat{\beta}$

$$\begin{aligned} X'(y - X\hat{\beta}) &= 0 \\ X'e &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

sample orthogonality

Projection

$$\begin{aligned}
e &= y - X\hat{\beta} \\
&= y - X(X'X)^{-1}X'y \\
e &= (I - X(X'X)^{-1}X')y \\
&= M y
\end{aligned}$$

symmetric, idempotent
M is called the residual-maker $My = e$
or the annihilator, as $MX = 0$

(if you regress X on X , you get a perfect fit) ↗

Define Fitted value $\hat{y} = X\hat{\beta}$

Then

$$\hat{y} = y - e = (I - M)y = X(X'X)^{-1}X'y = P y$$

P is a projection matrix (also symmetric and idempotent)

P and M are orthogonal ($PM = MP = 0$)

$$PX = X$$

$$\text{so } y = \underbrace{Py}_{\text{projection}} + \underbrace{My}_{\text{residual}}$$

note also that

$$e'e = y'M'y = y'My = y'e = e'y$$

Goodness of Fit

idea: magnitude of SSR depends on its units

want to scale by total variation in $y \equiv SST = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y} + e_i)^2 \\
&= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{y}_i - \bar{y})^2}_{SSR} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2}_{SSE}
\end{aligned}$$

SST

SSR

SSE

) these make up an analysis of variance

So as long as there's an intercept $R^2 \in [0, 1]$

$$\text{Def } R^2 \equiv \frac{SSR}{SST} = 1 - \frac{SSE}{SST}$$

give simple intuition

R^2 never goes down when you add a variable

Pf (outline)

SSE stays the same if the old coeffs stay the same, new coef = 0
can only improve from there, ~~if~~ ^{weaker} lower SSE $\Rightarrow R^2 \uparrow$ weaker

Adjusted R^2 (\bar{R}^2) provides a penalty for each new variable

Def
$$\bar{R}^2 = 1 - \frac{n-1}{n-k} (1 - R^2)$$

Note:

\bar{R}^2 declines if the |t-stat| on a new variable < 1

\bar{R}^2 can even be negative (see above w/ no explanatory power of regressors)

Computational note: if you're rolling your own in Matlab, careful w/ $(X'X)^{-1}$. if one variable is million, another is 1000 then $(X'X)^{-1}$ can be ill-conditioned

scale or use a pkg. or in Matlab use $b = X \backslash y$

Properties of the OLS estimator

A1-A3 $\Rightarrow E(\hat{\beta} | X) = \beta$ unbiased

A1-A4 $\Rightarrow \text{var}(\hat{\beta} | X) = \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}$

A1-A4 $\Rightarrow \hat{\beta}$ is BLUE

unbiasedness

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= (X'X)^{-1} X'y = (X'X)^{-1} X'(X\beta + \epsilon) \\ &= \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X'\epsilon \\ E(\hat{\beta} | X) &= \beta + E[(X'X)^{-1} X'\epsilon | X] \\ &= \beta + (X'X)^{-1} X' E[\epsilon | X] \\ &= \beta \end{aligned}$$

also unconditionally unbiased

$$E(\hat{\beta} | X) = \beta$$

$$E[E(\hat{\beta} | X)] = \beta$$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$$

(b) $var(\hat{\beta} | X) = var(\hat{\beta} - \beta | X)$ β not random

$$= var((X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon | X)$$

$$= (X'X)^{-1}X' var(\epsilon | X) X(X'X)^{-1}$$

$$= (X'X)^{-1}X' \sigma^2 I X(X'X)^{-1}$$

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

(c) $\hat{\beta}$ efficient (BLUE)

Consider another estimator $b = Cy$ that's linear in y

Define $D \equiv C - (X'X)^{-1}X'$

Then $b = (D + (X'X)^{-1}X')y$

$$= D(X\beta + \epsilon) + \hat{\beta}$$

~~$E(b | X) = DX\beta + DE(\epsilon | X) + E(\hat{\beta} | X)$~~

for this other estimator to be unbiased, $DX\beta = 0 \Rightarrow DX = 0$

~~$E(b | X) = DX\beta + DE(\epsilon | X) + E(\hat{\beta} | X)$~~

~~$b - \hat{\beta} = D\epsilon + (\hat{\beta} - \beta)$~~

now $var(b) = var[D + (X'X)^{-1}X'\epsilon | X]$

$$= (D + (X'X)^{-1}X') var(\epsilon | X) (X(X'X)^{-1} + D')$$

$$= \sigma^2 [DX(X'X)^{-1} + DD' + (X'X)^{-1} + (X'X)^{-1}X'D']$$

$DX = 0$

$$= \sigma^2 [DD' + (X'X)^{-1}]$$

$$\geq \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1} \text{ because } DD' \text{ is p.s.d.}$$

Test $\beta_k = c$

If we knew σ^2 , then we'd use a z-statistic

$$z_k = \frac{\beta_k - c}{\sqrt{(\sigma^2(X'X)^{-1})_{kk}}} \leftarrow \text{the } kk^{\text{th}} \text{ element} \sim N(0,1)$$

Thm Under (A1)-(A5),

$$t_k = \frac{\beta_k - c}{\sqrt{[s^2(X'X)^{-1}]_{kk}}} \sim t_{n-k}$$

pf. see Greene or Hayashi

Linear hypotheses

$$H_0: R\beta = r \quad (R, r \text{ constant})$$

ex. $\beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 - \beta_3 = \beta_4 \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thm Under (A1)-(A5), with $\text{rank}(R) = r^*$

$$F \equiv \frac{(R\hat{\beta} - r)' [R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\hat{\beta} - r)'}{s^2} / r^* \sim F_{r^*, n-k}$$

Pf. see Hayashi

basic idea $\text{var}(\hat{\beta} | X) = \sigma^2(X'X)^{-1}$
 $\text{var}(R\hat{\beta} | X) = \sigma^2 R(X'X)^{-1}R'$
 $E(R\hat{\beta}) = r \quad \text{under } H_0$

quadratic form $X \sim N(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$(X - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) \sim \chi^2_k$$

$$(R\beta - r)' [\sigma^2 R(X'X)^{-1}R']^{-1} (R\beta - r) \sim \chi^2_{r^*}$$

replace σ^2 w/ s^2 and get an F instead

Note: the t-test is a special case of the F test

$$F_{1, n-k} = T^2_{n-k}$$