

Variance Estimation

Lemma 4.1:

Suppose z is a random vector with

$$E(z) = \boldsymbol{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(z) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}.$$

Then $E(z'Az) = \boldsymbol{\mu}'A\boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{tr}(A\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$.

Proof of Lemma 4.1:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{z}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}) &= E(\text{tr}(\mathbf{z}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z})) \\ &= E(\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}')) \\ &= \text{tr}(E(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}')) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}E(\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}')) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}(\text{Var}(\mathbf{z}) + E(\mathbf{z})E(\mathbf{z}')))) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} + \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}')) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}') \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) + \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\mu}'\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}'\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}). \end{aligned}$$



Result 4.2:

Under the GMM, an unbiased estimator of σ^2 is

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{SSE}}{n - r},$$

where $r = \text{rank}(X)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SSE} &= \hat{\varepsilon}'\hat{\varepsilon} = (\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}})'(\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = [(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y}]'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y} \\ &= \text{"Sum of Squared Errors."}\end{aligned}$$

Proof of Result 4.2:

$$\begin{aligned}E(\text{SSE}) &= E(\mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y}) \\&= (E(\mathbf{y}))'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)E(\mathbf{y}) + \text{tr}((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\text{Var}(\mathbf{y})) \\&= (\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{tr}((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)(\sigma^2\mathbf{I})) \\&= (\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{X})\boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{tr}(\sigma^2(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)) \\&= (\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{X})\boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \\&= \sigma^2(n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})) = \sigma^2(n - r).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= E\left(\frac{\text{SSE}}{n-r}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n-r}E(\text{SSE}) = \frac{1}{n-r}\sigma^2(n-r) \\ &= \sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$



The “Regression Sum of Squares” or “Sum of Squares for Regression” is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSR} &= \hat{\mathbf{y}}'\hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y})'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}'_X\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y}. \end{aligned}$$

Find $E(\text{SSR})$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y}) &= (\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_X(\sigma^2\mathbf{I})) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma^2\text{tr}(\mathbf{P}_X) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \sigma^2\text{rank}(\mathbf{P}_X) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + r\sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

Show that the Total Sum of Squares $y'y = SSR + SSE$.

We know $\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$, where $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}(X)^\perp$.

It follows that

$$\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} = (\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}})'(\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}'\hat{\mathbf{y}} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}'\hat{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \text{SSR} + \text{SSE}.$$

Written out more extensively, the argument is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y} &= (\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y})'(\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X' \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X' (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)' \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)' (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} \\ &= \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X) \mathbf{y} = \text{SSR} + \text{SSE}. \end{aligned}$$

Even more simply,

$$SSR + SSE = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{P}_X\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X)\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'(\mathbf{P}_X + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_X))\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{I}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'\mathbf{y}.$$