

**5th problem set,**

Suppose  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n \sim \text{i. i. d. } N(0, \sigma^2)$ , and for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we have  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$ . (Capital “Y” and lower-case “x”; the former is random; the latter is constant.) This model can be written as

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim N_n(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

or as

$$Y \sim N_n(X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n).$$

1. Find the entries in the matrix  $X$ .
2. Let  $H = X(X'X)^{-1}X'$ . Show that if  $u$  is in the column space of  $X$ , then  $Hu = u$ , and if  $u$  is orthogonal (i.e., at right angles) to the column space of  $X$ , then  $Hu = 0$ . A HINT is in a footnote<sup>1</sup>.

3. Fill in the blanks:

$$(X'X)^{-1}X'Y \sim N_?(?, ?).$$

What is  $(X'X)^{-1}X'Y$  an unbiased estimator of? ( $X$  and  $Y$  are “observable.”)

4. Use the result of #3 to find an unbiased estimator  $\widehat{\beta}_1$  of the slope  $\beta_1$ . Write this estimator in the form

$$\widehat{\beta}_1 = [\text{some row vector (specify and simplify!)}] Y.$$

Fill in the blanks:

$$\widehat{\beta}_1 \sim N_?(?, ?).$$

5. Use the result of #4 to find a 90% confidence interval for the slope  $\beta_1$ , assuming (unrealistically) that  $\sigma$  is known. I.e., we want

$$\Pr(\text{some statistic} < \beta_1 < \text{some statistic}) = 0.9.$$

6. First some notation:

$$\varepsilon = Y - X\beta = (\text{unobservable}) \text{ vector of “errors,”}$$

$$\widehat{\varepsilon} = Y - X\widehat{\beta} = (\text{observable}) \text{ vector of “residuals.”}$$

Show that  $\widehat{\varepsilon} = (I - H)Y$ . Use the result, and the identity

$$\text{cov}(AU, BV) = A(\text{cov}(U, V))B' \quad (A, B \text{ are constant})$$

to find  $\text{cov}(\widehat{\varepsilon}, \widehat{\beta}_1)$ . From the result, and the joint normality of these two random variables, draw a conclusion about the nature of the dependence between them.

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<sup>1</sup>A vector  $u$  is in the column space of  $X$  if and only if  $u = Xa$  for some vector  $a$ .

7. From #2 we conclude that  $H$  represents the orthogonal projection onto the column space of  $X$ . Use that fact and some facts discussed in class to find the distribution of

$$\frac{\|\widehat{\varepsilon}\|^2}{\sigma^2}$$

and to show this is independent of  $\widehat{\beta}_1$ .

8. Use the results of (4), (6), and (7) to find a 90% confidence interval for  $\beta_1$ , i.e., two statistics satisfying

$$\Pr(\text{statistic} < \beta_1 < \text{statistic}) = 0.9.$$