

MULTIPLE LR: ESTIMATION

parameters to estimate : β_1, \dots, β_p } $\Rightarrow \Theta = \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^+$ parameter space
 σ^2

Similarly to the case of a simple linear model, the ML estimators are the same that we obtain using the OLS (minimize the sum of squares of the residuals),

$y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$ independent for $i=1, \dots, n$

$\mu_i = X\beta = \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}$

likelihood:

$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - \mu_i)^2\right\}$
 $= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_i)^2\right\}$

$l(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_i)^2$

as before, $\mu_i = \underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}$

$\sum_i (y_i - \mu_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta})^2 = (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta})^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta}) = S(\underline{\beta})$
 sum of squares

for fixed σ^2 , maximizing the likelihood is equivalent to minimizing $S(\underline{\beta})$,

independently of the value of σ^2

$\Rightarrow \hat{\underline{\beta}} = \underset{\underline{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} S(\underline{\beta})$

notice that $S(\underline{\beta}) = (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta})^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta}) = \underline{y}^T \underline{y} - \overbrace{\underline{y}^T X \underline{\beta}}^{1 \times 1} - \overbrace{\underline{\beta}^T X^T \underline{y}}^{1 \times 1} + \underline{\beta}^T X^T X \underline{\beta} = \underline{y}^T \underline{y} - 2\underline{y}^T X \underline{\beta} + \underline{\beta}^T X^T X \underline{\beta}$

Recall: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} \underline{a}^T \underline{\beta} = \underline{a}$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} \underline{\beta}^T A \underline{\beta} = 2A\underline{\beta}$

to find $\hat{\underline{\beta}}$ we need to solve $\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} S(\underline{\beta}) = 0$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} S(\underline{\beta}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} (\underline{y}^T \underline{y} - 2\underline{y}^T X \underline{\beta} + \underline{\beta}^T X^T X \underline{\beta}) = 0 - 2X^T \underline{y} + 2X^T X \underline{\beta}$

$-2X^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta}) = 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \underline{x}_1^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta}) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_p^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta}) = 0 \end{cases}$

"normal equations"

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{\beta}} S(\underline{\beta}) = 0 \Rightarrow X^T X \underline{\beta} = X^T \underline{y}$

To solve the equation I need $X^T X$ to be nonsingular (invertible) \rightarrow ok since we required X with full rank

$\Rightarrow \hat{\underline{\beta}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$ critical point \rightarrow is it a minimum?

Hessian: $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \underline{\beta} \partial \underline{\beta}^T} S(\underline{\beta}) = 2X^T X \Big|_{\underline{\beta} = \hat{\underline{\beta}}} = 2X^T X$ has to be positive definite

Recall: \underline{a} is positive definite if $\forall \underline{a} \neq \underline{0}, \underline{a}^T \underline{a} > 0$

does it hold for $X^T X$?

$\underline{a}^T X^T X \underline{a} = (X\underline{a})^T (X\underline{a}) \geq 0$ and it is $= 0 \iff X\underline{a} = \underline{0}$

since we required X to have full rank $\Rightarrow X\underline{a} = \underline{0} \iff \underline{a} = \underline{0}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{a}^T X^T X \underline{a} > 0 \Rightarrow 2X^T X$ is positive definite

$\Rightarrow \hat{\underline{\beta}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \underline{y}$ is the minimum of $S(\underline{\beta})$
 and the ML estimate

ESTIMATE of σ^2

$l(\theta) = l(\underline{\beta}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta})^T (\underline{y} - X\underline{\beta})$

$l(\hat{\underline{\beta}}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} l(\hat{\underline{\beta}}, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}}) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{(\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})}{n} = \frac{\underline{e}^T \underline{e}}{n}$

the estimator (r.v.) $\hat{\sigma}^2(\underline{Y}) = \frac{(\underline{Y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T (\underline{Y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})}{n} = \frac{\underline{E}^T \underline{E}}{n}$

is biased: $IE[\hat{\sigma}^2(\underline{Y})] = \frac{n-p}{n} \sigma^2 \rightarrow$ the unbiased estimator is $\hat{S}^2 = \frac{(\underline{Y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T (\underline{Y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})}{n-p} = \frac{n}{n-p} \hat{\sigma}^2(\underline{Y})$
 ($n - \#$ columns of X)

Remarks

• the normal equations are $\begin{cases} (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T \underline{x}_1 = 0 \rightarrow \underline{e}^T \underline{x}_1 = 0 \\ \vdots \\ (\underline{y} - X\hat{\underline{\beta}})^T \underline{x}_p = 0 \rightarrow \underline{e}^T \underline{x}_p = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{e}^T X = 0$

• if we include the intercept $\underline{x}_1 = \underline{1}$
 $\underline{e}^T \underline{x}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{e}^T \underline{1} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{e} = 0$